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## DEDICATION

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### DEDICATED TO ZELDA C. LAVANWAY

This year the Selectboard dedicates the Town Report to Zelda LaVanway for her selfless service to the Town of Fayston.

Zelda has been a large part of the Fayston Cemetery Commission since 1995. As such, she keeps records of each of the three Town Cemeteries, arranges for burials and negotiates grounds keeping contracts. She goes beyond what is “necessary” to what is respectful such as when she, and often time family members, place flags on soldiers graves for Memorial Day.

Zelda has also been a part of the Fayston Historical Society for many years. She has been a major force in getting the cabinets and display cases installed for the Historical Society at the Municipal Town Hall. As an example of her desire to depict history in all its glory, her granddaughter, Jodi, told us about a time when Zelda asked her to create a lifelike person to sit on a snow roller at a historical fair display in order to capture the real image of that time.

We also understand that Zelda, on a personal level, loves genealogy and family tradition. This captures the essence we see in Zelda with her dedication and devotion in making sure we treat those that die with respect while never forgetting their histories.

Thank you Zelda – for everything you do for the Town of Fayston.

*Photo courtesy of Barb LaVanway*

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## AN INVITATION

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### TO ALL CITIZENRY AND OTHER INTERESTED PEOPLE

The registered voting residents of the Town of Fayston welcome any interested Fayston landowner or winter residents to our annual town meeting to be held at the Fayston Elementary School on Tuesday, March 3, 2009. The meeting will be called to order at 9:30 A.M. A break in the proceedings will be made at approximately Noon for a shared potluck lunch.

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

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

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

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## WARNING OF TOWN MEETING - MARCH 3, 2009

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The legal voters of the Town of Fayston are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Fayston Elementary School on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 9:30 A.M. to transact the following business:

- Article 1.** To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing. David Jones' term expires.
  - Article 2.** To elect a Town Clerk for the year ensuing. Virginia Vasseur's term expires.
  - Article 3.** To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers for the year 2008.
  - Article 4.** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of general revenue and with short term notes fund the Capital Budget.
  - Article 5.** Shall the Town pay the Board of Selectmen's expenses, and if so, how much?
  - Article 6.** To assess a time of payment of several taxes (PROPERTY TAXES ARE DELINQUENT ON NOVEMBER 1).
  - Article 7.** To elect a Treasurer for the year ensuing. Patti Lewis' term expires.
  - Article 8.** To elect a Selectman for a three year term. Jared Cadwell's term expires.
  - Article 9.** To elect a Lister for a three year term. Fred Spencer's term expires.
  - Article 10.** To elect a Second Constable for a one year term. Allen Tinker's term expires.
  - Article 11.** To elect a Tax Collector for a one year term. Virginia Vasseur's term expires.
  - Article 12.** To elect a Cemetery Commissioner for a three year term. Krietta Phillips' term expires.
  - Article 13.** To elect a Trustee of Public Money for a three year term. Ronald Graves, Jr.'s term expires.
  - Article 14.** To elect a Grand Juror for a one year term. David Jones' term expires.
  - Article 15.** To elect a Town Agent for a one-year term. David Olenick's term expires.
  - Article 16.** Shall the voters authorize a sum of money to pay debts, if any, and expenses of the Town of Fayston for the year ending December 31, 2009?
  - Article 17.** Shall the voters authorize the Selectmen to set the necessary tax rate after the Grand List has been completed and lodged in the Office of the Town Clerk?
  - Article 18.** Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$8,550.00 to the Joslin Memorial Library for the year 2009?
  - Article 19.** Shall the Town of Fayston engage the Washington County Sheriff's Department from April 1, 2009 until December 31, 2009 for an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00?
  - Article 20.** Shall the voters exempt alternate energy sources from real and property taxation per VSA Title 32? Taxation and Finance *Chapter 125: Exemptions* 3845. Alternate energy sources?
  - Article 21.** Shall the Town vote to start next year's Town Meeting at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon at the Fayston Elementary School?
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**Article 22. To transact any other business which may properly come before the meeting?**

Selectboard;

Robert Vasseur  
Robert Vasseur, Chair

Jared Cadwell  
Jared Cadwell

Edward Read  
Edward Read

Dated this 27 day of January, 2009, at Fayston, Vermont

Virginia Vasseur  
Virginia Vasseur, Fayston Town Clerk

Received and recorded this 29 day of January 2009.

*Photos courtesy of Chris Dodge*



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## MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING MARCH 4, 2008

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10:20 A.M.

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

Carol Hosford would be allowed to address the Town after the first article was read to give a legislative update unless there was opposition from the body. None was heard.

A change in procedure from last year was that registered voters had checked in at the door and been given an orange tag that was to be pinned to their clothing so that voters could be immediately recognized by the moderator as those allowed to speak (non registered voters would need a majority vote by the body to speak) and also eliminate the need for additional check ins should articles go to paper ballot.

Lunch would be provided by the PTO and would be served approximately at noon.

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

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

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

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

**Article 3. To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers for the year 2007.**

Arthur Williams made a motion to hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers for the year 2007, duly seconded by Virginia Vasseur. No further discussion, so moved by voice vote in the affirmative, motion carried.

Jared welcomed all and reviewed the Selectboard Report (page 12 of Town Report). An invitation to the public to come forward to volunteer on one of the Town Boards was given. He noted the replacement of a plow truck expected to happen in 2008. He noted the need for a new fire pump truck which Jack Corliss then addressed on behalf of the fire department. Jared spoke of the Town owned Chase Brook Parcel across from the Fayston Elementary School and the fact that the Natural Resources Committee is now working with Town owned land for recreational and educational purposes/programs. There was some discussion about Fayston's current CLA level and near future re-appraisal. Lastly Jared honored Michael Quenneville for his 30 plus years of service to the Town and asked that everyone stand with a round of applause. Everyone wholeheartedly did and further several people spoke of the appreciation they had for Michael and his abilities and dedication to the job and also their concern for the Town roads after his retirement.

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

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

Robert noted that the Town has had to borrow monies in the recent past and this article allows the Selectboard to do so.

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

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

Ann Day made a motion that the Town pay the Selectboard's expenses in the amount of \$750.00 each, duly seconded by Freddie Graves. There was discussion about if this is enough. The Selectboard replied that is what they had budgeted and suggested it remain that amount.

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

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

Arthur Williams made a motion to continue the Delinquent tax date of November 1<sup>st</sup>, duly seconded by Robert Vasseur.

There followed discussion about delinquent taxes, who collects them, the 8% penalty charged and whether that fee is determined by statute or not. As no counsel was present it was agreed that the statute would be looked into further for a clearer understanding.

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

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

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

**Article 8. To elect a Selectman for a three year term. Edward Read's term expires.**

Hanne Williams nominated Edward Read. So moved by voice vote in the affirmative. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Edward Read elected to Selectboard for a three-year term.

**Article 9. To elect a Lister for a three year term. Augusta Graves's term expires.**

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

**Article 10. Shall the Town vote to fill the office of constable by appointment of the Selectboard rather than by election, in accordance with State statutes, Title 17 V.S.A. Section 2651a.**

Arthur Williams made the motion, duly seconded by Jared Cadwell.

Discussion followed about moving the election process of First Constable to an interview process through the Selectboard. The reason for the request from the Selectboard is that with an interview and appointment process they will be better able to ascertain an individual's qualifications and willingness to participate in some training that would enable the First Constable to have broader functions than currently allowed. Several people questioned costs, need and benefits.

Leo Cohen made a motion to amend the original motion to: Shall the Town vote to fill the office of constable by appointment of the Selectboard rather than by election in accordance with State statutes, Title 17 V.S.A. Section 2651a for a period of two years. After which it will be revisited in the form of an article on that years Town Meeting Warning. Duly seconded by Arthur Williams. No further discussion, so moved by voice vote in the affirmative, motion carried.

**Article 11. To elect a First Constable for a one year term. David Cain's term expires.**

PASSED ON THIS ARTICLE DUE TO PREVIOUS ARTICLE.

**Article 12. To elect a Second Constable for a one year term. Allen Tinker's term expires.**

Doug Mosle nominated Casey Murphy.  
Virginia Vasseur nominated Allen Tinker.

Question was asked if training was required of the second constable and the answer is no. Candidates were asked to stand by way of introduction. Rick Rayfield asked for a hand vote.

Allen Tinker had the nomination. So moved by hand vote in the affirmative. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Allen Tinker elected as Second Constable for a one-year term.

**Article 13. To elect a Tax Collector for a one year term. Virginia Vasseur's term expires.**

Freddie Graves nominated Virginia Vasseur.

There followed discussion about the differences between the title of Tax Collector vs. Delinquent Tax Collector and

how the Town came to have those positions combined. Robert Vasseur explained that the Town had voted several years ago to have the taxes collected by one tax collector rather than the Treasurer and Delinquent Tax Collector and that that person (in this case Virginia Vasseur) was paid for that position through the delinquent tax fees.

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

**Article 14. To elect a Cemetery Commissioner for a three year term. Zelda LaVanway's term expires.**

Tom Bisbee nominated Zelda LaVanway. So moved by voice vote in the affirmative.

Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Zelda LaVanway elected as Cemetery Commissioner for a three-year term.

**Article 15. To elect a Trustee of Public Money for a three year term. Judi Dimario's term expires.**

Robert Vasseur nominated Judi Dimario. So moved by voice vote in the affirmative.

Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Judi Dimario elected as Trustee of Public Money for a three-year term.

**Article 16. To elect a Grand Juror for a one year term. David Jones' term expires.**

Freddie Graves nominated David Jones. So moved by voice vote in the affirmative. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. David Jones elected as Grand Juror for a one-year term.

**Article 17. To elect a Town Agent for a one-year term. David Olenick's term expires.**

Nancy Mongeur nominated David Olenick. Question was asked what the Town Agent did. Jared explained that the Town Agent was responsible for signing any deeds to land (such as the Chase Brook Parcel) and indeed had been hugely beneficial in that particular circumstance. The Town Agent did not get involved with the other legal matters that were shown in the budget. So moved by voice vote in the affirmative. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. David Olenick elected as Town Agent for a one-year term.

**Article 18. Shall the voters authorize a sum of money to pay debts, if any, and expenses of the Town of Fayston for the year ending December 31, 2008?**

Ed Read then proceeded to discuss the larger differences in budget vs. actual last year as well as increases this year. There was much discussion again about the delinquent tax collector role and fees and suggestions were made as to reducing the 8% delinquent tax fee, having multiple payments throughout the year vs. one in November, allowances for those in greatest need and tax credits. The Selectboard does not support tax credits as this gives the benefit to those most able to pay while forcing the rest to pick up the difference. It was also noted that one could pay their taxes at anytime throughout the year if it helped with their own budgeting plans. It was also noted again that the financial savings that Michael Quenneville has afforded the Town for many years in his off the clock work and resourcefulness is of concern for not only 08 budget but in the future as well.

Arthur Williams made a motion to move the question. Moderator asked him to reconsider as Ed Read was not completely finished with explaining the budget and the bottom line. Arthur Williams agreed to reconsider the question.

There followed a question and answer period regarding the figures on page 47 of the Town report. It was noted that the Town needed to vote on the entire budget and not just the revenue needed to be raised after revenue estimates from other sources to the Town. Comment was made that the Town needed to remember that while the municipal budget certainly has gone up this year that it is still a very small portion of ones over all tax bill where most of the taxes raised went for education.

Hanne Williams made the motion to authorize the sum of \$924,052.00 to pay debts, if any, and expense of the Town of Fayston for the year ending December 31, 2008, duly seconded by Reed Henry. No further discussion, so moved by voice vote in the affirmative, motion carried.

**Article 19. Shall the voters authorize the Selectmen to set the necessary tax rate after the Grand List has been completed and lodged in the Office of the Town Clerk?**

Robert Vasseur made a motion, duly seconded by Ann Day. No further discussion, so moved by voice vote in the affirmative, motion carried.

**Article 20. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$8,500.00 to the Joslin Memorial Library for the year 2008?**

Freddie Graves made a motion to authorize the sum of \$8,500.00 to the Joslin Memorial Library for the year 2008, duly seconded by Jennifer Howard.

Question was asked as to the total budget of the library which was answered in the amount of \$55,000.00 and to the amount Fayston contributed last year which was answered \$7,250.00.

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

**Article 21. Shall the voters adopt a policy that the municipal building no longer be used by the public for classes, functions or events but rather be used strictly as office and meeting space?**

Freddie Graves made the motion, duly seconded by Holiday Rayfield.

Discussion followed about the costs and benefits of having the space used by Town staff and Boards only vs. closing one of the only public spaces in Fayston. Several people saw it solely as a scheduling problem.

No further discussion, motion defeated by voice vote. Motion did not carry.

**Article 22. Shall the voters of the Town of Fayston resolve to support the “10 by 10” carbon reduction initiative, as proposed by the Mad River Valley based group Carbon Shredders, through active participation in the “10 by 10” program? This participation would include calculating current CO2 footprint and using tools made available for free by Carbon Shredders, and pledging a 10% reduction in energy usage and CO2 emissions by 2010. This resolution would pledge participation by the Town institutions and facilities within the restrictions of the town’s resources.**

Freddie Graves made the motion, duly seconded by Ann Day.

Gaelen Brown, while not a voter of the Town of Fayston, was allowed to speak by a show of hands in the affirmative. He briefly explained the mission of the Carbon Shredders and the tools available to accomplish their goals. There is to be an informational meeting on this issue March 19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm and the Big Picture Theater and all were welcome.

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

**Article 23. Shall the voters of the Town of Fayston support the implementation of full bike lanes on Route 100 from Bragg Hill Road in Waitsfield to Warren Village when it is repaved, currently scheduled for 2010. Safety, health and wellness, recreation and tourism are all benefits of the state fulfilling the requirements of Vermont Statutes Chapter 19 Section 2310(a) and (b) that states “it is the policy of the state to provide paved shoulders on major state highways with the intent to develop an integrated bicycle route system.**

Freddie Graves made the motion, duly seconded by Jennifer Howard.

Question was asked if any of this was within the Town of Fayston to which the answer was no. Question was asked if there would be any cost to the Town and the answer was no.

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

**Article 24. Shall the Town vote to start next year’s Town Meeting at 10:00 o’clock in the forenoon at the Fayston Elementary School?**

Patti Green-Swift made the motion, duly seconded by Sue Jefferys.

Discussion followed as some suggested since the meetings seem to be running longer than in the past that they begin earlier

Patti Martley made a motion to amend the article to read shall the Town vote to start next year’s Town Meeting at 9:00 o’clock in the forenoon at the Fayston Elementary School, duly seconded by Russ Beilke.

More discussion followed with Raymond Schenk making an amendment to the amendment that would begin the

meeting at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, duly seconded by Nancy Mongeur.

No further discussion, so moved by voice vote in the affirmative, motion carried.  
Thereby defeating the 1<sup>st</sup> amendment and original article.

**Article 25. To transact any other business which may properly come before the meeting?**

Mary O'Leary spoke briefly on behalf of the Fayston Natural Resource Committee noting that a public meeting would seem be held for more information on the Ancient Roads project. In the meantime there was a map in the hall that she encouraged everyone to look at and let them know if there were comments on the currently marked ancient roads or any that they were aware of that were unmarked.

Allen Tinker spoke briefly on Emergency Management.

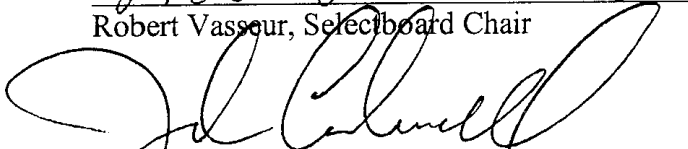
Mimi Miller spoke briefly regarding the Police Advisory Committee and encouraged participation in that group.

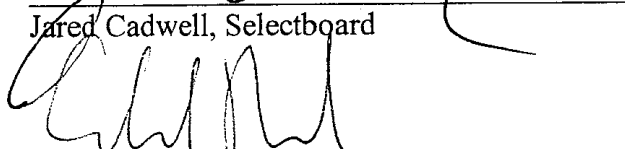
Augusta Graves made a motion to adjourn, duly seconded by Leo Cohen. No further discussion, so moved by voice vote in the affirmative, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patti Lewis


  
Robert Vasseur, Selectboard Chair

  
Jared Cadwell, Selectboard

  
Edward Read, Selectboard

  
David Jones, Moderator

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2008, at Fayston, Vermont

  
Virginia Vasseur, Fayston Town Clerk

Received and recorded this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008.



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## TOWN OFFICIALS ELECTED AT TOWN MEETING

Selectman	Robert Vasseur, Chair	496-2384	175 Kew-Vasseur Road	Fayston	3 year	2010
Selectman	Edward Read	496-3052	P.O. Box 848	Waitsfield	3 year	2011
Selectman	Jared Cadwell	496-3295	P.O. Box 691	Waitsfield	3 year	2009
Town Clerk	Virginia Vasseur	496-2454 x 21	866 N. Fayston Rd.	North Fayston	1 year	2009
Town Treasurer	Patti Lewis	496-2454 x 23	866 N. Fayston Rd.	North Fayston	1 year	2009
Tax Collector	Virginia Vasseur	496-2454	866 N. Fayston Rd.	North Fayston	1 year	2009
School Director	Susan Daley	496-6008	973 Center Fayston Road	North Fayston	2 year	2009
School Director	Bob Lockett	496-2653	1444 German Flats Road	Fayston	2 year	2010
School Director	Michael Riddell, Chair	496-2070	1508 Bragg Hill Road	Fayston	3 year	2011
School Director	Jean Wry	496-9797	52 Mansfield Road	Fayston	3 year	2010
School Director	Russ Beilke	406-3224	P.O. Box 501	Waitsfield	2 year	2009
Union School Director	Freddie Graves	496-4644	439 Big Basin Road	North Fayston	3 year	2010
Lister	Augusta Graves	496-3230	P.O. Box 936	Waitsfield	3 year	2011
Lister	Fred Spencer	496-2426	1912 Mill Brook Road	Fayston	3 year	2009
Lister	Tony Egan	496-3927	589 Glen View Road	Fayston	3 year	2010
Second Constable	Allen Tinker	496-4013	700 Rankin Road	Fayston	1 year	2009
Cemetery Commissioner	Krietta Phillips	496-6731	P.O. Box 12	Waitsfield	3 year	2009
Cemetery Commissioner	Zelda LaVanway	496-4201	2913 N. Fayston Rd.	North Fayston	3 year	2011
Cemetery Commissioner	Tom Bisbee	496-2784	930 Dunbar Hill Road	Fayston	3 year	2010
Trustee of Public Money	Debbie Jones	496-2106	P.O. Box 88	Waitsfield	3 year	2010
Trustee of Public Money	Judy DiMario	496-3367	P.O. Box 617	Waitsfield	3 year	2011
Trustee of Public Money	Ronald Graves, Jr.	496-4644	439 Big Basin Road	North Fayston	3 year	2009
Grand Juror	David Jones	496-2106	P.O. Box 88	Waitsfield	1 year	2009
Town Agent	David Olenick	496-2267	P.O. Box 25	Waitsfield	1 year	2009
Moderator	David Jones	496-2106	P.O. Box 88	Waitsfield	1 year	2009

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Road Foreman	Stuart Hallstrom	496-4726	524 Sharpshooters Road	North Fayston	1 year	2009
Assistant Town Clerk	Patti Lewis	496-2454 x 23	866 No. Fayston Road	North Fayston	1 year	2009
Selectboard Assistant	Patti Lewis	496-2454 x 23	866 No. Fayston Road	North Fayston	1 year	2009
Zoning Administrator	Patti Greene-Swift	496-2454 x 25	866 No. Fayston Road	North Fayston	1 year	2009
First Constable	Raymond Munn	496-3582	P.O. Box 544	Moretown	1 year	2009
Dog Catcher	Michael Quenneville	496-8827/2190	866 No. Fayston Road	North Fayston	1 year	2009
Fence Viewer	Jared Cadwell	496-3295	P.O. Box 691	Waitsfield	1 year	2009
Fence Viewer	Ed Read	496-3052	P.O. Box 848	Waitsfield	1 year	2009
Fence Viewer	Kevin Wry	496-9797	52 Mansfield Road	Fayston	1 year	2009
Shingle Inspector	Larry Garrard	496-4175	P.O. Box 545	Waitsfield	1 year	2009
Tree Warden	Michael Quenneville	496-8827	866 No. Fayston Rd.	North Fayston	1 year	2009

Service Officer	Nicole Migneault	496-2083	3685 No. Fayston Road	North Fayston	1 year	4/14/09
Health Officer	Susan Hale	496-9413	190 German Flats Road	Fayston	1 year	4/14/11
Energy Coordinator	Gary Belknap	496-3346	1376 N. Fayston Road	Fayston	1 year	2009
Emergency Management	Allen Tinker	496-4013	700 Rankin Road	Fayston	1 year	2009
Fire Warden	Bob Lockett	496-2653	1444 German Flats Road	Fayston	5 year	2009
Planning Commission	David Koepele	583-1799	3400 Ctr. Fayston Rd.	Fayston	4 year	2012
Planning Commission	Laura Kingsbury	496-2200	P.O. Box 1476	Waitsfield	4 year	2009
Planning Commission	Geoff Slater	496-6793	116 Pine Tree Lane	Fayston	4 year	2009
Planning Commission	Fred Gilbert	496-3615	1702 Ctr. Fayston Rd.	N. Fayston	4 year	2010
Planning Commission	Shayne Jacquith	496-7915	P.O. Box 1337	Waitsfield	4 year	2010
Planning Commission	Nancy Spencer Smith	496-5713	1868 Bragg Hill Road	Waitsfield	4 year	2011
Planning Commission	Vacancy				4 year	2011
Planning Commission	Polly McMurtry, Altern.	496-2922	2807 N. Fayston Rd.	Fayston	1 year	2009
Planning Commission	Chuck Martel, Altern.	496-5932	713 Randall Road	N. Fayston	1 year	2009
Develop. Review Board	Kevin Wry	496-9797	52 Mansfield Road	Fayston	1 year	2009
Develop. Review Board	Al Molnar	496-7441	P.O. Box 148	Waitsfield	2 year	2009
Develop. Review Board	Michael Quenneville	496-2190	353 Murphy Road	N. Fayston	2 year	2009
Develop. Review Board	Chuck Martel	496-5932	713 Randall Rd.	N. Fayston	3 year	2010
Develop. Review Board	Jonathon Shea, Chair	496-7038	4296 Ctr. Fayston Rd.	N. Fayston	3 year	2010
Natural Resource Comm.	Ky Koitzsch	496-5784	P.O. Box 953	Waitsfield	3 year	2010
Natural Resource Comm.	Jane Lazorchak	496-2101	396 Mill Brook Road	Fayston	3 year	2010
Natural Resource Comm.	Mary O'Leary	496-6445	P.O. Box 511	Waterbury	2 year	2009
Natural Resource Comm.	Peter Forbes	496-5690/5685	700 Bragg Hill Road	Fayston	2 year	2009
Natural Resource Comm.	Stellan Wollmar	496-3428	P.O. Box 1567	Waitsfield	1 year	2011
Natural Resource Comm.	Ned Kelley	496-9420	576 Smith Road	N. Fayston	1 year	2011
Natural Resource Comm.	Patti Greene-Swift	496-6816	152 Moulton Road	Fayston	1 year	2011
MRVPD	Jared Cadwell	496-3295	P.O. Box 691	Waitsfield	1 year	2009
MRVPD	Ed Read/Alternate	496-3052	P.O. Box 848	Waitsfield	1 year	2009
Recreation District	John Stokes	496-2170	916 Phen Basiin Road	Fayston	3 year	2011
	Ken Felderman			Fayston	3 year	2009
	Lisa Koitzsch	496-9419	P.O. Box 953	Waitsfield	At Large	
Cntrl. Vt. Reg. Planning	Nancy Spencer Smith	496-5713	1868 Bragg Hill Road	Waitsfield	1 year	2009
TAC	Vacancy				1 year	
Police Advisory Comm.	Mimi Miller	496-4530	German Flats	Waitsfield	1 year	2009
Camel's Hump	Doug Wilson	496-3836	1169 Kew Vasseur Road	Fayston	1 year	2009
Solid Waste Rep.	Robert Vasseur	496-2384	175 Kew-Vasseur Road	Fayston	1 year	2009
Solid Waste Rep.	Jared Cadwell/Alternate	496-3295	866 N. Fayston Rd.	North Fayston	1 year	2009

## ELECTED AT GENERAL ELECTION

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



## SELECTBOARD REPORT 2008

The Selectboard consists of three elected members of the Fayston voting public. Bob Vasseur, Chair, has served on the board for over 50 years; Jared Cadwell, member, has served for 15 years; and Ed Read, member, has served for 9 years. Consistent with the oversight and management duties of the Selectboard in previous years, this past year's work consisted of administrative and financial management of the town's finances and clerical work, management of the town road crew, liaison with the town's appointed judicial and advisory boards (Planning Commission, Development Review Board, Listers, Natural Resources Committee, Mad River Valley Planning District, Central Vermont Solid Waste District, Mad River Valley Recreation District, Vermont League of Cities and Towns). Highlights of this past year's activities and projects are as follows:

- 1) Successful transition of Road Crew management from Michael Quenneville to Stuart Hallstrom.
- 2) Engagement of legal counsel to resolve Crean Subdivision on Slide Brook Road.
- 3) Engagement with Central Vermont Humane Society to handle abandoned dogs/critters.
- 4) Collaboration with Natural Resources Committee to execute next stages of Chase Brook Management Plan and to resolve Ancient Road designations.
- 5) Collaboration with Warren and Waitsfield Selectboards on funding requests from various worthy Valley and regional agencies.
- 6) On-going funding cooperation with Town of Waitsfield for Fayston-Waitsfield Fire Department, Bragg Hill/Center Fayston/Airport Road/and North Fayston Road upkeep, and the Joslin Library Fund.
- 7) Continued restoration of Town Land Records in Town Vault.
- 8) Designation of Chase Brook Parcel as an official Town Forest (Thank you, Natural Resources Committee)
- 9) Approval of 2008 Town Plan (Thank you, Planning Commission)

The Selectboard asks that taxpayer's attention be paid to the Capital Budget for 2009. The truck/equipment storage facility for the Fayston-Waitsfield Fire Department will require a new roof in five years time. The Selectboard has adjusted the Capital Budget to increase allocations for the Fire Department. In addition, taxpayers should know that we will be putting out a bid for a new pick-up truck as the current truck is ten-plus years old and becoming too costly to maintain. Finally, we appreciate folk's patience with winter road maintenance while we awaited delivery of the new dump/plow truck.

We look forward to seeing many of you at Town Meeting!

Sincerely,  
Robert Vasseur, Chair  
Jared Cadwell, Member  
Ed Read, Member  
Patti Lewis, Selectboard Assistant



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## PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT- 2008

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The year of 2008, for the Planning Commission, represented the end of a long journey experienced by many commissioners over many years. The Town Plan has finally been completed and approved. In August the PC held a public meeting on the Town Plan, and in October the Select Board approved the plan. It has been a long and arduous task but in the end it was worth the effort. We now have a document that is comprehensive and intuitive, a guide for Fayston's future. We have very recently received a long and glowing review from the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission.

Since September we have concentrated our efforts toward rewriting our Zoning and Subdivision Regulations. So, if any residents or taxpayers of Fayston have any feedback for this process please feel free to contact us. This document was thoroughly rewritten in 2004 in conjunction with Burnt Rock Associates so we are hoping for a streamlined process.

We have reorganized our boards by replacing the Zoning Board of Adjustment with the Development Review Board. The DRB now does all the Subdivision and Conditional Use Applications, we are working closely with them to create a comprehensive regulatory document.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Wry, Chair

Geoff Slater

Shane Jaquith

Laura Kingsbury

Fred Gilbert

Polly McMurtry

David Koepele

Chuck Martel

Nancy Spencer-Smith

## LISTERS REPORT TOWN MEETING 2009

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During the 2008 year there were well over 100 Town permits granted however we reviewed and followed up on only about 60. While our transfer returns were close to 100 the valid transfers (transfers that qualify for cla and cod consideration) were about 32. This may be a sign of our economy.

In 2009 we will start the reappraisal for the 2010 Grand List. Letters have already been sent to the owners of condominiums and we will be sending letters to our vacation and residential property owners over the next 8-10 months. If you have any questions about our process please call our office at 802-496-2454x24. During the next 12 to 14 months we will be making calls to set up appointments. If you have a property manager or care taker that you would like to have show your property please drop us a note with a name and how to contact the person so we have this on file when speaking to that individual.

We understand flexibility will be necessary on both sides to make this process as easy and smooth possible.

In December we received our equalization study from the State. Our CLA dropped from 76.28 % to 72.14 % and the COD changed from 18.75 to 16.72. December 2003 our CLA was 72.48 and our COD was 22.21.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted

Board of Listers

Augusta Graves

Fred Spencer

Tony Egan

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## 2008 ZONING & PLANNING REPORT

The Zoning & Planning Administrator worked closely with the Development Review Board to review a total of 9 subdivision and 6 Conditional Use applications, and associated Mylars. Additionally, the Zoning Administrator reviewed 72 Zoning Permits for new buildings, additions, State issued wastewater systems, certificates of occupancy, and certificates of wastewater for a grand total of 87 permits reviewed in 2008.

Type of Zoning Permit:	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Subdivision & amendments	9	16	13	12	17	7	5
Single-family homes	5	10	13	17	18	20	28
Additions/Other structures	43	35	31	37	60	54	41
Wastewater Permits	12	11	24	25	32	28	25
Certificates of Occupancy	12	23	28	26	42	50	35
Conditional Use	6	11	11	10	28	17	19

The Zoning Administrator's responsibility is to attend to all zoning permit activities, enforce the zoning regulations, keep detailed records of permit activity, and provide guidance to permit applicants. The Zoning Administrator also provides administrative support to the Planning Commission for town plan and land use regulation work, and the Development Review Board for all Conditional Use and Subdivision applications. The Zoning Administrator is also charged with interpreting the Land Use Regulations for the Town of Fayston. **Please note: the Town of Fayston has a new approved Town Plan (October 2008) and amended Land Use Regulations (as of October 14, 2008). The new Town Plan and Land Use regulations supersede all previous versions.**

The State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Wastewater Management Division implements the statewide wastewater permit program. The town continues to require that a Certificate of Occupancy be applied for once a new wastewater system is constructed. The Certificate of Occupancy is applied for through the Zoning & Planning office, and forms can be obtained at the office, by mail, or by visiting the Fayston Town website [www.faystonvt.com](http://www.faystonvt.com) and looking under permits in the left column.

Fayston Zoning Permits are required for all new buildings, additions, decks, sheds, barns, garages, accessory buildings, home occupations, accessory apartments, ponds, subdivisions, and other uses detailed in the Fayston Land Use Regulations (2008). Applications, minutes of public hearings, zoning regulations, agendas, and notices of decisions are all available at the town office and at [www.faystonvt.com](http://www.faystonvt.com). Residents with questions are encouraged to contact the Zoning Administrator on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Tuesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Patricia Greene-Swift  
 Fayston Zoning and Planning Administrator  
 802-496-2454 ext. 25  
[faystonzoning@madriver.com](mailto:faystonzoning@madriver.com)



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## TOWN CLERK

### INFORMATION & STATEMENT OF FEES COLLECTED 2008

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LIQUOR LICENSES	\$900.00
DOG LICENSES (NET OF STATE FEES)	\$991.00
MARRIAGE/CU LICENSES (NET OF STATE FEES)	\$179.00
RECORDING/SEARCH/FEES/COPIES	\$21,697.89

**TOTAL FEES COLLECTED** **\$23,767.89**

Please remember all owners or keepers of domestic dogs, ferrets and wolf-hybrids who are 6 months of age or older must obtain a license on or before April 1, 2009. To obtain a license the animal must have a valid rabies vaccination and a copy of the certificate filed with the town clerk. If you license by mail, please enclose a self-addressed envelope.

DOG LICENSE FEES	NEUTERED	UNNEUTERED
On or before April 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$7.00	\$11.00
After April 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$10.00	\$16.00

PLEASE NOTE AFTER APRIL 1, 2009 DOG FEES WILL INCREASE BY \$1.00 PER STATE MANDATE.

#### VITAL RECORDS

BIRTHS	8
DEATHS	3
MARRIAGES	7
CIVIL UNIONS	0

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

1. By April 1, 2009, all dogs over 6 months must be registered.
2. Taxes are due 30 days after the bills go out and delinquent November 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. Office closed for holidays and educational classes.

#### QUESTION FOR 2009

**Q. Why file a HS-122 (Homestead Declaration) form?**

**A. “For the purposes of education funding, all real property is classified as either homestead or non-residential. A statewide education tax is imposed on these two classes of property at different rates. 32 V.S.A. Chapter 135. The basis for this classification is the Homestead Declaration. Any property that is not a homestead is non-residential property.” (Taken from the Vt. Department of Taxes website at <http://www.state.vt.us/tax/pvr.shtml>)**

This is also the only mechanism with which to receive a tax adjustment if you qualify.

Contact information for questions: Taxpayer Services Division: 802-828-2865 or email [schooltax@state.vt.us](mailto:schooltax@state.vt.us).

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## CEMETERY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

The Fayston Cemetery Commission is happy to report a very quiet year. Our interments were for 2008. Those being one full burial and one cremation in South Fayston. There were two gravestones placed and two lots sold in South Fayston and one gravestone placed in North Fayston.

The Commission would greatly appreciate information regarding persons using the South Fayston cemetery for a race track. Thus thoughtlessly leaving ruts, tracks, and trash in the final resting place of our family, friends, and ancestors.

### EXPENSES CASH

Lot Openings	\$ 300.00
Grounds Care	\$5000.00
Memorial Flags	\$ 48.00
Perpetual Care	\$ 375.00
Northfield Savings Bank (CD)	<u>\$2500.00</u>
	<b>\$8223.00</b>

### CASH EXPENSES

Lot Openings	\$ 300.00
CD	\$3200.00
Interest on CD	\$ 95.82
Monies from Investments	\$4500.00
Lot Sales	<u>\$ 660.00</u>
	<b>\$8755.82</b>

### ASSETS

Checking Acct. Balance	\$ 772.00
CD in Northfield Savings Bank	\$2500.00
Perpetual Care Acct.	\$35,897.00
Restricted Acct.	<u>\$69,674.00</u>
	<b>108,843.00</b>

Respectfully,  
Krietta Phillips  
Tom Bisbee  
Zelda LaVanway



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## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2008

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As this year's town report goes to press, Fayston has once more been spared any major calamity, catastrophe or community emergency. You will be happy to know that your select board is ready and prepared to respond to any emergency and to summon any assistance needed to successfully meet the demands of any situation.

You can assist our elected leaders by keeping a vigilant eye on the infrastructure of our town and reporting anything that seems amiss, out-of-order or that poses a potential danger in severe conditions. Note dead trees near power lines that might fall during high winds, trees that may be close to power lines and be a danger if loaded with ice. Keep an eye on culverts that may be blocked or frozen; in short, report any situation to the town that could create an emergency for your neighborhood or community.

Keep yourself and your family ready to respond to an extreme situation that might last for several days. Food, clothing, shelter and a manual can opener are the essentials. If you can carry on successfully for a maximum of four days without assistance, organized response efforts by the town, emergency management, the Red Cross and others can pay attention to critical areas that need immediate and substantial help.

It is a good plan to identify a person outside of Vermont for family contacts in the event that you are separated during an emergency. This takes no time at all to decide upon and can be a great relief if your family can not contact each other directly.

Nothing is as reassuring during an emergency as the ability to communicate with others to find out what is going on and what to expect in the immediate future. Stock a battery powered AM FM radio in your emergency kit and identify any resources around your home that would enable you to be in touch with others: family radio handheld sets or old citizens band radio equipment. A weather radio to receive reports from the National Weather Service can also be a boon to morale.

Neighbors looking out for neighbors in a time of difficulty are a natural for Vermonters and your awareness of anyone in your community with special needs or requirements is crucial information for town officials during a wide spread or prolonged emergency.

If you use a cell phone, it is wise to list as one of your contacts a person by the name of "ICE". It means "In Case of Emergency" and lets first responders know right away who to contact on your behalf. You may wish to have several: ICE-1, ICE-2, etc.

Respectfully submitted by Allen A. Tinker  
Emergency Management Coordinator for Fayston



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## FAYSTON NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT

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Submitted for inclusion in the 2008 Town Report

Jane Lazorchak

The Fayston Natural Resources Committee (FNRC) has been underway and working in the community on cultural and natural diversity issues for two years now. Working closely with the Select Board, the FNRC focused our work this past year on two main areas: completing our research on ancient roads in Fayston and the management of Chase Brook Town Forest.

The FNRC began work on researching and inventorying Fayston's ancient roads as one of our first tasks back in 2007 as requested by the Select Board. As we reported last year, many of these historic roads were created years ago during the formation of our towns. In some cases, these ancient roads were ways to pass across town from one farm to another. A great deal of uncertainty currently exists about these roads because many are not depicted on town highway maps, and they have not been used for many years now. Some exist only as paths through the woods and some not at all. Neither the towns nor the property owners whose land contains an ancient road have a clear understanding about the legal status of these roads. As a result, the state passed legislation requiring towns to evaluate which roads are still being used in some fashion and to choose which roads they want to retain. All roads that are not identified as a priority by the town to keep will be "thrown-up" or discontinued in 2015.

As a hilly town lacking a large road network, the Select Board and the Natural Resources Committee decided that we would evaluate these roads from a recreational and scenic perspective and not as potential new transportation corridors. Old maps, such as Beers Atlas, Scott, and H.F. Walling can be helpful first steps in determining the existence of ancient roads. These resources, as well as parcel maps, helped Patti Lewis provide the Committee with a list of 16 potential ancient roads distributed across the town that were thought to have recreational value. Through field exploration, local knowledge and landowner contacts, the Committee evaluated these roads to determine if they still exist and if they are being utilized. The Committee met with the Select Board in 2007 to discuss their findings and to propose next steps to engage the public around this topic. The Committee continued this work with the Select Board this past year to finalize a list of ancient roads that the FNRC recommends that the town support as trail corridors. The next step is to hold a public hearing to discuss which roads have been proposed and to hear the community's ideas and concerns around this issue.

The FNRC has also been heavily engaged in developing better outreach around and a management plan for the Chase Brook Forest. A catalyst for this work was Fayston being chosen to participate in a State Wildlife Grant (SWG) received by the Northern Forest Alliance (NFA). The SWG grant received by the Northern Forest Alliance is targeted specifically at piquing Vermonters' interest in the wildlife species identified in the Wildlife Action Plan and to empower them to implement conservation strategies that will benefit these species in their town. Fayston was chosen for this project because it has a town-owned forest likely to support SGCN — the Chase Brook Forest across from the Fayston Elementary School — and because the town has displayed a community-wide interest in restoring and conserving wildlife on town lands and adjacent public and private lands. It is the intent that the activities that take place in Fayston as part of this project will spark similar activities on adjacent private lands and an interest in the restoration and conservation of the targeted SGCN in neighboring towns.

First, we teamed up with a subset of the community's youth. The Fayston School principal and Winter Activities Program leader proposed utilizing two Thursday afternoon sessions of this already-existing program for this activity. This is the winter ski program, but they offer an alternative for kids who would rather not ski, and spend the afternoon doing a variety of outdoor activities. Since they already traditionally do various wildlife and tracking-related sessions, and they have some open sessions still to fill, this seemed like the perfect fit! The hope was that the kids would connect with the members of the community and of Fayston Natural Resource Committee who are able to make these sessions, learn from and with them, and zero in on a species that resonate for everyone together. Several community naturalists and experts came along on the walks, including the Director of the Friends of the Mad River, the head the Mad Birders group, and several others.

After a second field trip touring the woods, the children were instrumental in a group decision-making process that helped to choose a species the Natural Resources Committee hoped the town would rally around. Kids suggested different species they had learned about over the course of the two outings — thereby nominating them to the slate of "adoption prospects." All of the nominees had to be on the state's list of "Species of Greatest Conservation Need" — wildlife with declining populations; wildlife that are threatened or potentially threatened; and, wildlife

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that are so little known in the state that experts cannot yet ascertain their status.

Contenders suggested by the kids included the wood thrush, northern goshawk, black bear, mink, spotted salamander, and riffle snaketail dragonfly. Each species garnered an impassioned group of devotees – both kids and adults alike — who after learning a bit more about their species then tried to persuade the others to “come on over” (leaving their originally chosen species and, having been swayed, join forces behind one of the others). In the end, the mink managed to garner the most appeal — and the slogan, “think mink” was thus born right there on the spot! Additional outcomes from these walks on the Fayston Chase Brook Forest were the kids giving an all-school presentation about the walks and choosing the mink, and this past fall the whole school going out to the forest ad doing a nature writing exercise.

After the field trips, there was to be a facilitated gathering supported by wildlife experts at which those attending would help to choose a conservation strategy to implement on its town forest to benefit the targeted SGCN. Upon choosing the mink as the species for Fayston, Kim Royar from Fish and Wildlife Department was invited to lead a walk and give a presentation on furbearers in Vermont’s forests and on minks in particular. About 30 people attended the walk and talk, including several kids from the Fayston School who had been involved with choosing the mink. Following this event, members of the FNRC compiled a list of conservation strategies discussed by the group on the field walk and during the presentation.

Another goal of this project is to initiate the inclusion of these strategies into a community-determined plan that features restoration and conservation strategies that will benefit the mink, as well as other wildlife species that use Chase Brook Town Forest. We are now in the process of rewriting the plan for the Chase Brook Forest and will be looking toward the community for input along the way. The FNRC is working on implementing several of the conservation strategies chosen by the community, including adding those that are appropriate to the revised management plan for the Forest. Strategies related to protecting and/or enhancing mink habitat that are already being implemented or being considered include:

- Receiving an official designation of the Chase Brook Forest as a Town Forest by the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, & Recreation;
- Conducting regular guided walks in the Chase Brook Forest, including one we did this past fall of forest and wetland types and one this winter focused on tracking;
- Working with town mowing crew, et al to maintain viable riparian buffer on town forest (less mowing)
- Identifying landowners along Brook in order to discuss maintaining the buffer and wood debris in the Brook;
- Working with towns to plan ahead for fixing “perched culverts” or installing design that enables fish passage when roads (German Flats, SB North, etc.) are repaved;
- Emphasizing importance of this parcel in connecting Slide Brook area with Camel’s Hump Howe Block to enable crossing of wildlife;
- Mapping natural communities and habitat types in Forest;
- Initiating regular monitoring of mink population w/community; and
- Continuing to issue press releases on walks and other efforts to enhance riparian habitat; and
- Continuing to work with school on adopting the mink as school mascot (rather than the “tiger”).

The FNRC expects to continue to work diligently on the development of the Chase Brook Management Plan in the coming year so we invite interested residents to get involved. In other activities the Committee set a number of other priorities to focus on in the upcoming months. Priorities include: 1) Meeting collaboratively with the Warren and Waitsfield Conservation Commissions; 2) Evaluating the natural heritage inventory recently completed in Fayston by Arrowood and considering how to further this initial work; and 3) Providing continued public education and outreach on our town’s natural resources. An important goal of the FNRC is to be a resource for the residents of Fayston, and to this end, we have begun to provide periodic updates and informal educational articles in the Valley Reporter. We invite interested residents to visit the Town of Fayston website to review minutes from our meetings, attend an FNRC meeting, or to contact us with any ideas, concerns, or information that would help us meet our objectives.

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



**FOTHERGILL SEGALE & VALLEY  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

**COMPILATION REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2008**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**AS OF 2009**

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

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# TOWN OF FAYSTON

## PROFIT & LOSS BUDGET VS. ACTUAL JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 2008

	Jan - Dec 08	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	Budget 09
<b>Income</b>					
<b>INCOME</b>					
4000 - Town Taxes	733,742.85	774,293.00	-40,550.15	94.76%	
4010 - State Aid Highway	65,262.09	66,000.00	-737.91	98.88%	65,000.00
4015 - Green Mountain Valley School	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	100.0%	4,000.00
4020 - Liquor licenses	900.00	1,000.00	-100.00	90.0%	900.00
4025 - Marriage licenses	179.00	300.00	-121.00	59.67%	200.00
4035 - Dog licenses	991.00	1,200.00	-209.00	82.58%	1,000.00
4039 - 1% Penalty - HS 131	81.42	500.00	-418.58	16.28%	0.00
4040 - Other income	10,872.73	2,000.00	8,872.73	543.64%	2,000.00
4041 - Hall rental	2,050.00	1,500.00	550.00	136.67%	2,000.00
4042 - Fees	21,697.89	20,000.00	1,697.89	108.49%	20,000.00
4043 - Permits-EW	335.00	300.00	35.00	111.67%	300.00
4048 - Zoning-fees	8,219.40	12,200.00	-3,980.60	67.37%	8,000.00
4049 - Zoning-fines	7,500.00				0.00
4050 - Waitsfield road work	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	100.0%	4,000.00
4052 - Delinquent tax interest	13,161.30	8,000.00	5,161.30	164.52%	10,000.00
4054 - Delinquent tax penalties	18,575.82				0.00
4065 - Interest-CD	3,420.09	3,000.00	420.09	114.0%	3,500.00
4075 - Interest - General Fund	14,736.90	10,000.00	4,736.90	147.37%	10,000.00
4550 - Fines	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%	0.00
4700 - Current Use	20,001.00	18,000.00	2,001.00	111.12%	20,000.00
4805 - PILOT	15,732.40	12,000.00	3,732.40	131.1%	15,000.00
<b>Total INCOME</b>	<b>945,458.89</b>	<b>939,293.00</b>	<b>6,165.89</b>	<b>100.66%</b>	<b>165,900.00</b>
4999 - Fund Balance Prior Yr.	-15,240.56	-15,241.00	0.44	100.0%	36,834.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>930,218.33</b>	<b>924,052.00</b>	<b>6,166.33</b>	<b>100.67%</b>	<b>202,734.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>					
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>					
5305 - Pound	2,100.00	2,000.00	100.00	105.0%	2,200.00
5320 - Legal					
0701 - Trahan Pond Appeal	1,951.00				
0702 - Morris Subdivision	429.00				
5314 - Kuegel Subdivision	886.50				
5315 - Kolitch - Subdivision	8,074.25				
5316 - Crean - Subdivision	9,623.00				
5317 - Zoning & Planning	1,835.45				
5320 - Legal - Other	527.50	30,000.00	-29,472.50	1.76%	30,000.00
<b>Total 5320 - Legal</b>	<b>23,326.70</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>	<b>-6,673.30</b>	<b>77.76%</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>
5321 - Consulting	370.00	1,500.00	-1,130.00	24.67%	1,000.00
5322 - Audit expense	4,600.00	5,500.00	-900.00	83.64%	5,500.00
5323 - Fire Warden	300.00	300.00	0.00	100.0%	300.00
5325 - Public Safety	130.00				1,000.00
5335 - MRV Solid Waste Alliance	2,366.00	2,400.00	-34.00	98.58%	2,500.00
5340 - Contingency & miscellaneous	483.75	1,000.00	-516.25	48.38%	500.00
5910 - Leagues of Cities & Towns	1,538.00	2,000.00	-462.00	76.9%	1,600.00
5920 - Loan Interest	0.00	600.00	-600.00	0.0%	600.00
<b>Total ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>35,214.45</b>	<b>45,300.00</b>	<b>-10,085.55</b>	<b>77.74%</b>	<b>45,200.00</b>
<b>BENEFITS</b>					
5050 - Hospitalization	51,920.59	50,200.00	1,720.59	103.43%	68,400.00
5055 - Retirement	11,771.77	13,100.00	-1,328.23	89.86%	13,100.00
5060 - Taxes - payroll	18,867.71	22,300.00	-3,432.29	84.61%	22,300.00
5065 - Uniforms	2,753.43	2,600.00	153.43	105.9%	2,600.00
5066 - Dental	5,494.26	5,600.00	-105.74	98.11%	5,900.00
<b>Total BENEFITS</b>	<b>90,807.76</b>	<b>93,800.00</b>	<b>-2,992.24</b>	<b>96.81%</b>	<b>112,300.00</b>
<b>ELECTIONS</b>					

## TOWN OF FAYSTON

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	6005 · Election clerks	2,045.00	3,300.00	-1,255.00	61.97%	1,000.00
	6010 · Supplies	2,752.80	3,300.00	-547.20	83.42%	1,000.00
	6015 · Town Report	4,200.33	4,100.00	100.33	102.45%	4,300.00
	<b>Total ELECTIONS</b>	<b>8,998.13</b>	<b>10,700.00</b>	<b>-1,701.87</b>	<b>84.1%</b>	<b>6,300.00</b>
	<b>FIRE</b>					
	5380 · Waitsfield contract	28,640.27	28,500.00	140.27	100.49%	27,200.00
	<b>Total FIRE</b>	<b>28,640.27</b>	<b>28,500.00</b>	<b>140.27</b>	<b>100.49%</b>	<b>27,200.00</b>
	<b>HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT</b>					
	5090 · Blades	5,091.75	5,000.00	91.75	101.84%	5,000.00
	5095 · Diesel	33,666.66	27,000.00	6,666.66	124.69%	35,000.00
	5100 · Repairs	7,416.16	15,000.00	-7,583.84	49.44%	12,000.00
	5105 · Gasoline	5,063.40	4,500.00	563.40	112.52%	5,000.00
	5110 · Oil	3,202.16	1,200.00	2,002.16	266.85%	1,500.00
	5115 · Other parts	4,280.57	5,000.00	-719.43	85.61%	5,000.00
	5120 · Rental	3,500.00	5,000.00	-1,500.00	70.0%	5,000.00
	5125 · Tires	1,440.07	2,500.00	-1,059.93	57.6%	5,000.00
	<b>Total HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>63,660.77</b>	<b>65,200.00</b>	<b>-1,539.23</b>	<b>97.64%</b>	<b>73,500.00</b>
	<b>HIGHWAY GARAGE</b>					
	5130 · Electricity	223.85	1,000.00	-776.15	22.39%	500.00
	5135 · Heat	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%	0.00
	5140 · Maintenance and repairs	2,420.23	3,000.00	-579.77	80.67%	3,000.00
	5150 · Telephone	1,293.20	1,000.00	293.20	129.32%	1,100.00
	<b>Total HIGHWAY GARAGE</b>	<b>3,937.28</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>	<b>-2,062.72</b>	<b>65.62%</b>	<b>4,600.00</b>
	<b>HIGHWAY SALARIES</b>					
	5170 · Salaries	116,304.29	135,000.00	-18,695.71	86.15%	135,000.00
	<b>Total HIGHWAY SALARIES</b>	<b>116,304.29</b>	<b>135,000.00</b>	<b>-18,695.71</b>	<b>86.15%</b>	<b>135,000.00</b>
	<b>HIGHWAY SUPPLIES</b>					
	5070 · Calcium	7,972.00	10,000.00	-2,028.00	79.72%	8,000.00
	5075 · Sand	10,000.00	7,500.00	2,500.00	133.33%	10,000.00
	5080 · Other supplies	452.34	1,000.00	-547.66	45.23%	1,000.00
	5085 · Salt	30,852.82	22,000.00	8,852.82	140.24%	30,000.00
	<b>Total HIGHWAY SUPPLIES</b>	<b>49,277.16</b>	<b>40,500.00</b>	<b>8,777.16</b>	<b>121.67%</b>	<b>49,000.00</b>
	<b>INSURANCE</b>					
	5400 · Property and Casualty	12,624.00	12,424.00	200.00	101.61%	14,530.00
	5405 · Extra Liability	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.0%	500.00
	5410 · Public Officials	1,881.00	1,881.00	0.00	100.0%	2,163.00
	5430 · Workers' comp	11,497.73	10,568.00	929.73	108.8%	11,079.00
	5435 · Employment Practices	1,025.00	1,025.00	0.00	100.0%	1,214.00
	5440 · VLCT Unemployment	872.00	872.00	0.00	100.0%	640.00
	<b>Total INSURANCE</b>	<b>28,399.73</b>	<b>27,270.00</b>	<b>1,129.73</b>	<b>104.14%</b>	<b>30,126.00</b>
	<b>MUNICIPAL BUILDING</b>					
	5450 · Cleaning	1,893.29	1,800.00	93.29	105.18%	1,900.00
	5452 · Mowing	360.00	500.00	-140.00	72.0%	0.00
	5455 · Electricity	2,451.79	2,200.00	251.79	111.45%	2,500.00
	5460 · Heat	5,625.50	4,800.00	825.50	117.2%	5,600.00
	5465 · Other	263.10	1,000.00	-736.90	26.31%	500.00
	5470 · Maintenance	22,121.30	30,000.00	-7,878.70	73.74%	7,500.00
	5475 · Telephone	2,561.05	3,000.00	-438.95	85.37%	3,000.00
	<b>Total MUNICIPAL BUILDING</b>	<b>35,276.03</b>	<b>43,300.00</b>	<b>-8,023.97</b>	<b>81.47%</b>	<b>21,000.00</b>
	<b>OFFICE</b>					
	5600 · Computer expenses	3,172.75	3,000.00	172.75	105.76%	3,200.00
	5605 · Equipment purchase	1,000.00	3,000.00	-2,000.00	33.33%	3,000.00
	5610 · Listers-expenses	853.17	1,500.00	-646.83	56.88%	1,500.00
	5611 · 911 Wages	109.00	1,100.00	-991.00	9.91%	500.00

# TOWN OF FAYSTON

## PROFIT & LOSS BUDGET VS. ACTUAL JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 2008

		Jan - Dec 08	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	Budget 09
	5612 · Tax Mapping	1,685.00	2,000.00	-315.00	84.25%	1,200.00
	5615 · Selectmen	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00	100.0%	2,250.00
	5625 · Postage	1,689.23	2,000.00	-310.77	84.46%	2,000.00
	5630 · Equipment rental	3,036.60	3,000.00	36.60	101.22%	3,100.00
	5635 · Supplies	4,454.34	5,000.00	-545.66	89.09%	4,800.00
	5650 · Seminars/dues	2,735.00	2,400.00	335.00	113.96%	2,800.00
	<b>Total OFFICE</b>	<b>20,985.09</b>	<b>25,250.00</b>	<b>-4,264.91</b>	<b>83.11%</b>	<b>24,350.00</b>
	<b>PLANNING</b>					
	5700 · Advertising	1,174.49	1,500.00	-325.51	78.3%	1,000.00
	5705 · CVRPC	1,189.40	1,190.00	-0.60	99.95%	1,200.00
	5706 · FNRC					1,000.00
	5710 · ZA Exp/Misc	139.19	500.00	-360.81	27.84%	600.00
	5711 · Planning-supplies	1,487.76	400.00	1,087.76	371.94%	1,500.00
	5712 · Planning-postage	168.16	400.00	-231.84	42.04%	200.00
	5714 · MRVPD	19,100.00	19,100.00	0.00	100.0%	19,100.00
	5715 · Town Plan	809.81	4,000.00	-3,190.19	20.25%	2,000.00
	5720 · Planning/DRB Resources	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%	0.00
	5730 · Computer Equipment	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%	1,500.00
	5830 · Zoning Administration	20,146.96	20,800.00	-653.04	96.86%	20,800.00
	5840 · ZA Asst. 1	663.75	2,000.00	-1,336.25	33.19%	1,000.00
	<b>Total PLANNING</b>	<b>44,879.52</b>	<b>52,890.00</b>	<b>-8,010.48</b>	<b>84.85%</b>	<b>49,900.00</b>
	<b>SALARIES</b>					
	5805 · Clerk/tax collector	41,080.00	41,100.00	-20.00	99.95%	41,100.00
	5810 · Treasurer/Assistant TC	41,080.00	41,100.00	-20.00	99.95%	41,100.00
	5812 · Selectboard Assistant	5,247.05	5,300.00	-52.95	99.0%	5,300.00
	5815 · Listers	12,002.16	18,000.00	-5,997.84	66.68%	18,000.00
	5816 · Salary - Reappraisal	0.00				0.00
	5826 · Delinquent tax collector	18,575.82				0.00
	5835 · Administrative Asst.	51.75				0.00
	<b>Total SALARIES</b>	<b>118,036.78</b>	<b>105,500.00</b>	<b>12,536.78</b>	<b>111.88%</b>	<b>105,500.00</b>
	<b>TAXES</b>					
	5900 · Joslin Memorial Library	8,550.00	8,500.00	50.00	100.59%	8,550.00
	5905 · FES Usage					20,000.00
	5925 · Washington County	39,542.00	39,542.00	0.00	100.0%	33,450.00
	5930 · Donations	16,180.00	16,330.00	-150.00	99.08%	16,200.00
	5935 · Recreation District	12,500.00	12,500.00	0.00	100.0%	12,500.00
	<b>Total TAXES</b>	<b>76,772.00</b>	<b>76,872.00</b>	<b>-100.00</b>	<b>99.87%</b>	<b>90,700.00</b>
	<b>TRANSFERS</b>					
	5346 · Transfer to State Education	4,194.00				
	8001 · Transfer-road retreatment	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	100.0%	50,000.00
	8002 · Transfer-equipment	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00	100.0%	60,000.00
	8003 · Transfer-bridge	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00	100.0%	3,000.00
	8004 · Transfer-fire equipment	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	100.0%	15,000.00
	8006 · Transfer to road construction	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	100.0%	20,000.00
	8008 · Transfer re-appraisal reserve	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.0%	5,000.00
	8012 · Transfer to Town Garage Reserve	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.0%	0.00
	8013 · Transfer Record Restoration	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	100.0%	10,000.00
	<b>Total TRANSFERS</b>	<b>172,194.00</b>	<b>168,000.00</b>	<b>4,194.00</b>	<b>102.5%</b>	<b>163,000.00</b>
	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>893,383.26</b>	<b>924,082.00</b>	<b>-30,698.74</b>	<b>96.68%</b>	<b>937,676.00</b>
	<b>Net Income</b>	<b>36,835.07</b>	<b>-30.00</b>	<b>36,865.07</b>	<b>-122,783.57%</b>	<b>-734,942.00</b>
	\$1,416,356.00 to Fayston School					
	\$975,522.00 to Harwood School					
	\$1,046,864.00 to State Education 12/1/08					

		Jan - Dec 08	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	Budget 09
	\$1,046,864.00 to State Education 6/1/09**					
	** 2nd Pmt to St. MAY be \$948,674.00					
	** Per Audit & State Tax Adjustments					

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## FAYSTON CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM 2009 - 2014

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### PURPOSE:

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

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

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

### PROCESS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM:

#### 1. Identification of Capital Projects

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

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

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

#### 2. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

In order to determine Fayston's capacity to finance future capital expenditures, a financial analysis of the Town's expenditures and revenues was developed. Trends in expenditures, both operating and capital since 2003, were studied. Types of expenditures — roads, schools, fire and police, and general administration — were broken out to identify where growth is occurring. Changes in the grand list, tax rate, and other sources of revenue were also analyzed.

Based on past trends, as adjusted, projections were made of the Town's future revenue base and operating expenditures to the year 2014. Capital project costs and grand list growth (the major revenue base) are given in today's dollar. Debt service already committed to by the Town was factored into the projections, as well. A tax rate was applied to the projected grand list to estimate future revenues. By subtracting projected operating costs, an estimate of revenue available for capital expenditures was derived. These calculations are contained in the Appendix.

#### 3. BUDGET AND PROGRAM

Capital projects were programmed according to the expected timing of their need. The method of funding for the projects (outright purchase, short term notes, reserve fund, etc.) was based on municipal financial practices and the ability of the budget to absorb expenditures. In other words, if a project would result in a major increase in the tax rate for one year, phasing of the expenditure either by funding through a note, depreciation account, or reserve fund was proposed. The result is a more even distribution of annual expenditures by the municipality and a more stable tax rate.

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### **Adoption of the Capital Budget and Program:**

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

### **Process for Use and Updating a Capital Budget and Program:**

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

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

### **Format for the Capital Budget and Program:**

The chart on the following page represents the Fayston Capital Budget and Program for the period 2009- 2014. The chart lists Capital Projects which is a list of the Town's anticipated capital needs, including various road equipment, road and bridge improvements, town buildings, and reserve accounts. A cost is listed for each item in columns representing the years within the program period. A total dollar amount for capital expenditures is provided by year. Contributions to Depreciation Accounts and Reserve Funds present the timing and amount of proposed "deposits" to reserve funds for various anticipated capital projects.

The capital projects for 2009 in the Town Report will show the NET total amount of capital expenditures proposed and represent the year's capital expenditures, minus revenues taken from existing reserve funds, plus revenues deposited in reserve funds.



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## TOWN OF FAYSTON FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

	<u>2003</u>		<u>2004</u>		<u>2005</u>		<u>2006</u>		<u>2007</u>		Budget <u>2008</u>
REVENUE											
GRAND LIST		1,496,154		2,607,326		2,664,312		2,750,633		2,818,728	2,855,775
TAX RATE		2.40		1.61/1.67		1.66/1.58		1.734/1.672		1.7795/1.7684	2.008/2.0629
TAX REVENUE	\$	3,589,972	\$	4,230,198	\$	4,255,752	\$	4,671,015	\$	5,017,336	5,767,464
STATE AID - TOWN		70768		72316		65289		65509		83530	84000
STATE AID-REAPPRAISAL		0		0		0		10963		11058	0
FEDERAL/STATE-SCHOOL		333676		295602		339383		208483		194709	211695
OTHER - TOWN		107210		106353		128766		105525		96617	81000
OTHER - SCHOOL		22000		22000		22000		22000		50677	50849
FAYSTON ED FUND		200000		0		0		0		0	0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	4,323,626	\$	4,726,469	\$	4,811,190	\$	5,083,495	\$	5,453,927	\$ 6,195,008
EXPENDITURES - OPERATING											
ROADS		194335		199329		231998		206276		247275	246700
POLICE & FIRE		19244		20837		19530		19455		20273	28500
GENERAL ADMN		332511		353457		341756		367551		395833	427962
PLANNING		46514		46009		42611		46464		56659	52890
DEBT SERVICE		0		0		0		0		0	0
TOWN TOTAL	\$	592,604	\$	619,632	\$	635,895	\$	639,746	\$	720,040	\$ 756,052
SCHOOL - ELEM.		1001631		1084293		1250372		1336381		1446820	1538587
HARWOOD		981064		990927		1224001		1131678		1076731	1128414
DEBT SVCE - ELEM		55886		54080		51540		48938		46642	44347
SCHOOL TOTAL		\$2,038,581		\$2,129,300		\$2,525,913		\$2,516,997		\$2,570,193	\$2,711,348
TOTAL OPERATING - BOTH	\$	2,631,185	\$	2,748,932	\$	3,161,808	\$	3,156,743	\$	3,290,233	\$ 3,467,400
CAPITAL											
TOWN		139000		142000		154000		155000		160000	168000
SCHOOL		0		0		0		0		28677	28849
TOTAL OPERATING & CAPITAL	\$	2,770,185	\$	2,890,932	\$	3,315,808	\$	3,311,743	\$	3,478,910	\$ 3,664,249
LONG TERM DEBT											
TOWN		0		0		0		0		0	0
SCHOOL		300,000		265000		230000		181062		134420	99420
TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT		300,000		265000		230000		181062		134420	99420
Payment to State Education Fund	\$	967,229	\$	1,077,654	\$	1,352,969	\$	1,676,631	\$	2,011,957	2414348
										estimated	

## FAYSTON CAPITAL PROJECTS

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>PURCHASES &amp; EXPENSES</b>						
TOWN:						
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	20000	20000	20000	20000	20000	20000
ROAD RETREATMENT	50000	50000	50000	50000	50000	50000
EQUIPMENT RESERVE	60000	60000	60000	60000	60000	60000
FIRE EQPT RESERVE	15000	15000	15000	15000	15000	15000
BRIDGE RESERVE	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000
HIGHWAY GARAGE	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOWN RECORDS RESTORATION	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000
REAPPRAISAL	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000
<b>TOTAL TOWN CAPITAL</b>	<b>\$163,000</b>	<b>\$163,000</b>	<b>\$163,000</b>	<b>\$163,000</b>	<b>\$163,000</b>	<b>\$163,000</b>

**FIVE YEAR TREND ANALYSIS**  
COMPOUND ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE

**REVENUE**

GRAND LIST	2.5% (2004 to 2008)
TAX RATE	3.5% (2004 to 2008)
TOTAL TAX REVENUE	7.0% (2004 to 2008)
FED/STATE AID	-6.5%
OTHER REVENUE	0.5%
TOTAL REVENUE	7.0%

**OPERATING EXPENDITURES**

ROADS	4.5%
POLICE & FIRE	8.0%
GENERAL ADMN/PLANNING	5.0%
SCHOOLS	6.0%
SCHOOL DEBT SERVICE	-4.0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5.5%
Payment to St. Ed'n. Fund	20.0%

**STABLE TAX RATE**  
of \$2.00

**PROJECTED REVENUE FIVE YEAR TREND**

COMPOUND ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE

2008 budget as base

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
GRAND LIST	\$2,927,169	\$3,000,349	\$3,075,357	\$3,152,241	\$3,231,047	\$3,311,823
TAX RATE	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
TAX REVENUE	\$5,854,339	\$6,000,697	\$6,150,715	\$6,304,483	\$6,462,095	\$6,623,647
FED/STATE	276,475	258,504	241,701	225,991	211,301	197,567
OTHER REVENUE	138,441	145,364	152,632	160,263	168,276	176,690
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$6,269,255</b>	<b>\$6,404,565</b>	<b>\$6,545,048</b>	<b>\$6,690,736</b>	<b>\$6,841,672</b>	<b>\$6,997,904</b>

**PROJECTED OPERATING EXPENDITURES**

COMPOUND ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE

2008 Budget as base

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
ROADS	257,802	269,403	281,526	294,194	307,433	321,268
POLICE & FIRE	30,780	33,242	35,902	38,774	41,876	45,226
GEN'L ADMN/PLANNING	504,895	530,139	556,646	584,479	613,703	644,388
SCHOOLS	2,874,029	3,046,471	3,229,259	3,423,014	3,628,395	3,846,099
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>3,667,505</b>	<b>\$3,879,255</b>	<b>\$4,103,333</b>	<b>\$4,340,461</b>	<b>\$4,591,407</b>	<b>\$4,856,980</b>
BALANCE FOR CAPITAL,						
DEBT SVCE & STATE	\$2,601,750	\$2,525,310	\$2,441,715	\$2,350,275	\$2,250,266	\$2,140,924
TOWN CAPITAL	163,000	163,000	163,000	163,000	163,000	163,000
DEBT SERVICE/SCHOOL	42,573	40,870	39,235	37,666	36,159	34,713
<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>	<b>\$2,396,177</b>	<b>\$2,321,440</b>	<b>\$2,239,480</b>	<b>\$2,149,609</b>	<b>\$2,051,106</b>	<b>\$1,943,211</b>

Projected Payment to State

Education fund	\$ 2,897,218	\$ 3,476,661	\$ 4,171,993	\$ 5,006,392	\$ 6,007,670	\$ 7,209,204
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Surplus/Deficit at \$1.78 tax	(\$501,041)	(\$1,155,222)	(\$1,932,514)	(\$2,856,783)	(\$3,956,564)	(\$5,265,994)
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Tax rate to fully fund budget	\$ 2.17	\$ 2.39	\$ 2.63	\$ 2.91	\$ 3.22	\$ 3.59
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## GENERAL/CAPITAL FUND BUDGET 2009

	BUDGET 2008	ACTUAL 2008	BUDGET 2009
<b>GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR 2009</b>			
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$45,300.00	\$35,214.45	\$45,200.00
BENEFITS	\$93,800.00	\$90,807.76	\$112,300.00
ELECTIONS	\$10,700.00	\$8,998.13	\$6,300.00
FIRE	\$28,500.00	\$28,640.27	\$27,200.00
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	\$65,200.00	\$63,660.77	\$73,500.00
HIGHWAY GARAGE	\$6,000.00	\$3,937.28	\$4,600.00
HIGHWAY SALARIES	\$135,000.00	\$116,304.29	\$135,000.00
HIGHWAY SUPPLIES	\$40,500.00	\$49,277.16	\$49,000.00
INSURANCE	\$27,270.00	\$28,399.73	\$30,126.00
MUNICIPAL BUILDING	\$43,300.00	\$35,276.03	\$21,000.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$25,250.00	\$20,985.00	\$24,350.00
PLANNING	\$52,890.00	\$44,879.52	\$49,900.00
OFFICER SALARIES *1	\$105,500.00	\$118,036.78	\$105,500.00
TAXES	\$76,842.00	\$76,772.00	\$90,700.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$756,052.00</b>	<b>\$721,189.17</b>	<b>\$774,676.00</b>
<b>CAPITAL FUND BUDGET FOR 2009</b>			
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
ROAD RETREATMENT	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
FIRE EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$15,000.00
BRIDGE RESERVE	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$3,000.00
HIGHWAY GARAGE RESERVE	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
REAPPRAISAL	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
TOWN RECORD RESTORATION	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$168,000.00</b>	<b>\$168,000.00</b>	<b>\$163,000.00</b>
<b>GENERAL &amp; CAPITAL FUND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$924,052.00</b>	<b>\$889,189.17</b>	<b>\$937,676.00</b>
*1 - Actual incl. del tax \$18,575.82 (08)			



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Patti Lewis

## TOWN REPORT - REVENUE ESTIMATES

	A	B	C	D
		ESTIMATE 2008	ACTUAL 2008	ESTIMATE 2009
1				
2				
3	STATE AID - HIGHWAY	66,000.00	65,262.09	65,000.00
4	*STATE AID - REAPPRAISAL		*11,086.50	
5	CURRENT USE	18,000.00	20,001.00	20,000.00
6	INTEREST GENERAL FUND & CD	10,000.00	18,156.99	10,000.00
7	INTEREST DELINQUENT TAX	8,000.00	13,161.30	10,000.00
8	PILOT (PMT IN LIEU OF TAXES)	12,000.00	15,732.40	15,000.00
9	WAITSFIELD ROAD WORK	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
10	LICENSES (DOG/LIQUOR/MARRIAGE)	2,500.00	2,070.00	2,100.00
11	PERMITS (EW & ZONING)	12,500.00	8,554.40	8,300.00
12	FEES (RECORDING/COPIES)	20,000.00	21,697.89	20,000.00
13	MISCELLANEOUS (HS 131 Penalty/Other Income/Hall Rental/Zoning Fines)	8,000.00	20,504.15	7,500.00
14	GMVS	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
15				
16	TOTAL ABOVE REVENUE	165,000.00	193,140.22	165,900.00
17				
18	FUND BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	-15,241.00	-15,241.00	36,834.00
19				
20	TOTAL REVENUE	149,759.00	177,899.22	202,734.00
21				
22	TOTAL REVENUE NEEDED (Capital and General)	924,052.00		937,676.00
23				
24	TAXES NEEDED TO BE RAISED (Line 22 - Line 20)	774,293.00		734,942.00
25				
26	*Designated Only For Reappraisal Expense			

## FIXED ASSETS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>					
MUNICIPAL BUILDING & LAND (6.7AC)	\$575,100.00	\$575,100.00	\$575,100.00	\$575,100.00	\$575,100.00
N. FAYSTON & AIRPORT ROADS (.10AC)	\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00
TOWN GARAGE & LAND (7.2AC)	\$293,700.00	\$293,700.00	\$293,700.00	\$293,700.00	\$293,700.00
GRAVEL PIT & CAMP (40.6AC)	\$324,900.00	\$324,900.00	\$324,900.00	\$324,900.00	\$324,900.00
BASSETT HILL ROAD (12.4AC)	\$56,100.00	\$56,100.00	\$56,100.00	\$56,100.00	\$56,100.00
MILL BROOK ROAD STORE (1AC)	\$38,600.00	\$38,600.00	\$38,600.00	\$38,600.00	\$38,600.00
MILL BROOK ROAD (.30AC)	\$15,800.00	\$15,800.00	\$15,800.00	\$15,800.00	\$15,800.00
HENRYS WAY (7.5AC)	\$73,200.00	\$73,200.00	\$73,200.00	\$73,200.00	\$73,200.00
SCHOOL (7AC)	\$1,307,300.00	\$1,307,300.00	\$1,307,300.00	\$1,307,300.00	\$1,307,300.00
GERMAN FLATS ROAD (.25AC)	\$14,100.00	\$14,100.00	\$14,100.00	\$14,100.00	\$14,100.00
GERMAN FLATS ROAD (73.34AC) CHASE BKOOK			\$170,800.00	\$170,800.00	\$170,800.00
CEMETERIES (3)					
TOTAL	\$2,708,400.00	\$2,708,400.00	\$2,879,200.00	\$2,879,200.00	\$2,879,200.00
<b>ROAD DEPARTMENT</b>					
2006 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK			\$100,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$81,000.00
2002 MACK TRUCK	\$58,320.00	\$56,300.00	\$50,670.00	\$45,603.00	\$41,042.70
1999 MACK TRUCK	\$32,400.00	\$30,400.00	\$27,360.00	\$24,624.00	\$22,161.60
1995 MACK TRUCK	\$22,680.00	\$21,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2004 GRADER	\$32,400.00	\$130,000.00	\$117,000.00	\$105,300.00	\$94,770.00
2003 LOADER	\$88,200.00	\$85,000.00	\$76,500.00	\$68,850.00	\$61,965.00
2001 CHEVROLET PICKUP	\$12,150.00	\$10,500.00	\$9,450.00	\$8,505.00	\$7,654.50
2000 BACKHOE	\$51,840.00	\$49,600.00	\$44,640.00	\$40,176.00	\$36,158.40
MISC. TOOLS & EQUIPMENT	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
TOTAL	\$307,990.00	\$392,800.00	\$435,620.00	\$393,058.00	\$273,752.20

## DONATIONS

BATTERED WOMEN'S SERV & SHELTER	\$300.00
BOY/GIRL CLUB WASHINGTON COUNTY	\$100.00
CENTRAL VT. COUNCIL ON AGING	\$500.00
CTRL. VT. COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCL	\$100.00
CTRL. VT. COMMUNITY LAND TRUST	\$250.00
CTRL. VT. CRIME STOPPERS	\$0.00
CTRL. VT. HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE	\$1,000.00
CTRL. VT. ECONOMIC DEVELOP. CORP.	\$200.00
FAMILY CTR. OF WASHINGTON COUNTY	\$100.00
GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT AGENCY	\$600.00
GREEN UP VERMONT	\$100.00
MAD RIVER SENIORS	\$6,000.00
MAD RIVER VALLEY HC, INC.	\$5,000.00
MRV PUBLIC ACCESS TV - CHANNEL 44	\$1,000.00
N. VT. RESOURCE CONS. & DEVELP. COUN	\$0.00
PEOPLE'S H&W CLINIC	\$100.00
RETIRED & SENIOR VOL. PROGRAM	\$200.00
SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISES TEAM	\$100.00
VT. ASSOC. BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED	\$300.00
VT. CTR. FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING	\$100.00
VT. TRAILS & GREENWAYS COUNCIL	\$0.00
WASHINGTON COUNTY DIVERSION PROG	\$150.00

### TOTAL

**\$16,200.00**



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## WAITSFIELD-FAYSTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department continues to operate under agreement of the Towns of Waitsfield and Fayston, with a 60% - 40% cost sharing arrangement. The Department responded to 81 calls in 2008.

### Calls by type:

Structure fire	1	Dumpster Fire	1
Wires down, assist GMP	5	Oil furnace leak	1
Mutal Aid – given	4	Gas or Propane leak	2
Chimney fire	5	Fire alarm/smoke	17
Vehicle fire	2	CO detector	4
Grass fire	2	Water rescue	1
Good intent call, no fire	15	Mutual Aid – received	2
Motor vehicle accident	17	Gas Odor	1

The Fire Department participated in trainings for sexual harassment, traffic control, C.P.R., infectious diseases, DART landings, an 8-hour course on building construction, hazardous materials, and an exercise at the Mad River Ski Lodge.

### Calls by town:

Waitsfield calls	58.02%
Fayston call	35.80%
Warren calls	4.94%
<u>Moretown calls</u>	<u>1.23%</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### Officers for 2008 were:

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Delbert Palmer, Chief

### Active Firefighters:

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

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## MAD RIVER VALLEY HEALTH CENTER, INC.

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

The Health Center has now been open for almost 3 years. Over the past year the volunteer Board has:

- Collaborated with several Valley organizations, to bring the following health related programs to our Community: parenting education classes, flu shot clinics, the Valley Walk & Roll Festival, Safe Routes to School, walking and running courses, and the Kids' Fun Run at the Mad Dash.
- Promoted long-term financial stability through debt management and collection of 89% of pledged donations.
- Worked to ensure that rental space continues to be fully leased.
- Completed the new North Entrance, to improve handicap and ambulance access to the building.

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

- A modern, community owned health center in keeping with the character of the Valley
- A custom designed medical office space leased to a variety of healthcare providers including family practice, mental health services, physical therapy, massage therapy and alternative health providers. The building provides improved privacy and confidentiality and is fully accessible by the disabled and Mad River Valley Ambulance
- An active and growing resource for a wide variety of Community Health Education services and work shops

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

Thank you.

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



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## MAD RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE SERVICE ( MRVAS)

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

With over 60 members, MRVAS operates with four disciplines: Medical Team (comprised of First Responder/ Emergency Care Attendants, Emergency Medical Technicians – Basic and Advanced), Dispatchers, Drivers, and Rescue personnel, all volunteers from valley communities:

- Fayston — 16
- Moretown — 2
- Waitsfield — 23
- Warren — 16

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

During the past year MRVAS responded to a total of 420 calls that were transported:

- Fayston — 85 (23 ski calls)
- Moretown — 41
- Waitsfield — 135
- Warren — 159 (23 ski calls)

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

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

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

Brian P. Lavery  
President, MRVAS

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

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

We also could not survive without our very dedicated corps of community volunteers who so generously give of their time to deliver Meals on Wheels or serve lunch every Tuesday and Thursday at our congregate meals site at Evergreen Place. In the year of 2008 we served a total of 5,271 meals to seniors either at Evergreen Place or to Meals on Wheels recipients in the community.

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

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

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



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## MAD RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

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The Mad River Valley Planning District was created to carry out a program of planning directed toward the physical, social, economic, fiscal, environmental, cultural and aesthetic wellbeing of the Towns of Fayston, Waitsfield and Warren. In its twenty-fifth year the Planning District welcomed Joshua Schwartz as its Executive Director and revived its commitment to the Valley Towns, inter-municipal projects, and coordinated development.

Following is a summary of the Mad River Valley Planning District projects and initiatives during 2008.

### **SELECTBOARD FUNDING FORUM**

The Planning District organized a Three Town Selectboard Meeting in November to provide an opportunity for groups and organizations to present their annual funding requests. Participants included – MRV Solid Waste Alliance (John Malter), MRV Health Center (Sue Frechette & Chuck Martell), MRV Seniors (Valerie Hale & Helmut Hietzker), MRV Recreation District (Ken Felderman), GMTA (Chris Cole, Tawnya Kristen, Steve Gladczuk, & Margo Wade), VTrans (Nancy Rice), and Central Vermont Humane Society (J. Schwartz for Marcia Bellas). In addition, Peter Laskowski provided an update on the Mad River Community Police Association, Inc. This meeting proved to be an effective way for Valley groups to present their funding requests and for the three Selectboards to talk about Valley issues.

### **CONTINUING WORK FROM 2007**

**Mad River Byway:** Route 100 and Route 17 within the Valley were included in the Mad River Byway designation of the National Byway Program at the end of 2007, making the routes eligible for federal grant dollars for signage, kiosks, trail enhancements, and possible easements to assist the completion of the Mad River Path. The Planning District's ED served on the Byway Steering Committee, developing kiosk and interpretive signs to be placed in key locations along the corridor. Signage and kiosks will be erected in 2009. A grant request was submitted in conjunction with the Town of Warren to develop a welcome center on Route 100.

**Forest Wildlife Community Project:** The Planning District continued to serve as a key partner in this planning initiative, focused on creating a coordinated approach to wildlife and forestland conservation through assisting in conservation efforts across town boundaries and providing mapping data, planning information, and guidance that could benefit landowners and local conservation planning efforts. The project developed numerous landowner education workshops, a Natural Resources Values Forum, and a summit in the fall. This project was made salient due to the existence of quality wildlife maps for Fayston, Waitsfield, and Warren (funded through Wildlife Habitat and Natural Resources Grants in 2007 and 2008).

**Kingsbury Community Farm:** 2008 marked the year in which the Vermont Foodbank was selected as the next owner of this prominent farm, combining agricultural production with community and educational uses. Since 2007, the Planning District's ED served on a committee with representatives from the Vermont Land Trust, the Friends of the Mad River, the Warren Conservation Commission, the Mad River Path Association, Yestermorrow, the Mad River Valley Housing Coalition, and the Localvores in making a community purchase of the Kingsbury Farm. The project has been made possible as a result of extensive community input from Valley residents and organizations. Fundraising efforts are ongoing, with a finalized purchase by the Vermont Foodbank slated for spring 2009.

### **MAD RIVER PATH**

The completion of the Mad River Path continues to be a high priority of the Planning District. The Planning District's ED has been attending Path Board meetings to offer assistance, especially in regards to working on specific properties and finding funding sources for the Village path and Warren sections. In conjunction with the Path Association and the Town of Warren, the Planning District applied for \$100k to purchase a key parcel in the Town of Warren through VTrans' Transportation Enhancement Grant program. Awards are expected in 2009. In addition, ED is currently playing a role in the Path's strategic planning process.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

The Planning District has served as a liaison between the Valley and VTrans for the launch of their new carpool/vanpool program, entitled Go Vermont. The Planning District hosted a community meeting in August and the ED is working with residents and businesses to increase ridership options. The Planning District also serves on the Mad River Valley Transportation Advisory Committee, which participates in the planning of the Mad Bus transportation service.

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## **MAD RIVER VALLEY HOUSING COALITION**

The Coalition has been meeting regularly throughout the year to implement strategies in the Mad River Valley Housing Study. In 2008 the Coalition has focused on housing awareness, an Accessory Apartment program, and a potential Land Bank program. The Coalition received funding (a \$1000 grant from CVCLT and a \$500 contribution from MRVPD) to develop Valley-specific accessory housing information and related programs, to be released in 2009.

## **ENERGY SELF-SUFFICIENCY**

The Planning District continues to work with Efficiency Vermont, Yestermorrow, Town Energy Committees, Carbon Shredders, and VFN's Energy Group and others to coordinate conservation and energy related activities. The Planning District partnered with these organizations to develop a Valley Weatherization workshop in the fall and has received funding to organize community volunteers to directly install low-cost energy saving measures in homes within the Valley. The Planning District ED also serves as a member of the Central Vermont Regional Energy Network.

## **VALLEY FUTURES NETWORK**

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

## **REGIONAL ACTIVITIES**

The Planning District ED served on the Central Vermont Brownfields Committee (Warren received two grants for the Town Garage area and the old Town Dump) and the Central Vermont Collaborative and Housing Partnership, which works to bring affordable housing to the area and assists with legislation to benefit housing. In addition, the ED served on the Central Vermont Community Land Trust's Board of Trustees.

## **2009 ACTIVITIES**

The Planning District will continue to focus its energies towards the completion of the Mad River Path, increased transit options, inter-town collaboration and education, creation of work force housing, energy initiatives, support of sustainable agriculture, update and review data trends, and providing planning support to its member towns. The Director is also involved in VEDA (The Valley Economic Development Association), the Community Local Government/Rural Resource Commission, and the Mad River Watershed Conservation Partnership.

## **BUDGET**

The Planning District is funded through contributions from its member towns and Sugarbush Resort. This year's funding request is \$19,100 from each funder, an amount which has remained unchanged for eight years. MRVPD activities are overseen by a seven voting member Steering Committee, consisting of a Selectboard member and Planning Commissioner from each Town and a representative from the Chamber of Commerce. Representatives from Sugarbush and the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) serve ex-officio. Meetings are open to the public and are usually held the third Thursday of each month at the General Wait House in Waitsfield at 7pm. The Executive Director, Joshua Schwartz, can be reached at 496-7173 or [mrvpd@madriver.com](mailto:mrvpd@madriver.com). Additional information may be found at the Planning District's new website: [www.mrvpd.org](http://www.mrvpd.org).

### **Mad River Valley Planning District Steering Committee**

Jared Cadwell (Fayston), Chair	Burt Bauchner (Warren)	Jim Halavonich (MRV Chamber)
Jim Sanford (Warren), Vice Chair	Brian Parker (Waitsfield)	Jason Lisai (Sugarbush)
Chuck Martel (Fayston)	Steve Shea (Waitsfield)	Laurie Emery (CVRPC)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joshua Schwartz, Executive Director

## MAD RIVER VALLEY RECREATION DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT SUBMISSION

Since its inception in 1993 the Mad River Valley Recreation District (MRVRD) has evolved into an organization that provides financing and additional support to assist new and existing recreation programs within the membership towns of Fayston, Warren and Waitsfield. MRVRD distributes funds upon review and approval of a submitted proposal and budget.

MRVRD funded a number of exciting projects this year, which included the yearly support of the Skatium and the Mad River Path Association. MRVRD provided funding to Mad River Park to help maintain the soccer and lacrosse fields and to lease the field for public use. MRVRD contributed to Open Hearth for the creation of their nature walk, to the Vermont Mountain Biking organization for their work on trails in Camel Hump State Forest, to the Mad Bike Project to help get it jump started, and to the Waitsfield School for work on their community playground.

MRVRD is requesting funds for the fiscal year 2009 in the amount of \$12,500 from each contributing town, which is the same amount as last year. We received requests in excess of \$35,000 for the year and expect more requests to come during the summer months.

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

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

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

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Beginning Balance (Jan. 1, 2008)	\$46,599.88
Income:	
Funding from towns	\$37,500.00
Interest	\$157.06
Total Income	\$37,657.06
Expenditures:	
Brooks Field	\$313.33
Fertilizer for Mad River Park	\$747.40
Mad Bike Project	\$2,000.00
Mad River Park	\$3,000.00
Mad River Path	\$7,250.00
Mad River Soccer	\$1,435.00
Open Hearth	\$2,080.00
Skatium	\$8,290.00
Vermont Mountain Biking	\$4,700.00
Waitsfield Playground	\$4,700.00
Phone	\$108.94
PO Box	\$49.00
Advertising	\$63.84
Website Work	\$55.00
Total Expenditures	\$34,792.51
Ending Balance (Dec. 31, 2008)	\$49,464.43
Projected Grants for 2008	\$45,000.00

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## MAD RIVER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE

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January 7, 2009

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

During 2008, the Alliance held two Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day events at the Harwood Union High School in Duxbury on May 10, 2008 and on October 4, 2008. A total of 355 households participated in the events this year which represents 6.7% of our population. We collected over 1,970 gallons, 2,227 pounds, 4,108 feet of fluorescent bulbs at the two events. Residents within the Alliance communities are able to bring all their waste pesticides **and** up to 10 additional gallons of hazardous waste to each event for disposal at no charge. **If you have waste mercury containing products such as: thermometers or thermostats; medical or scientific instruments; switches; lamps; batteries or other mercury containing waste you can dispose of these products at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Events.** The Alliance will swap your mercury fever thermometer for a digital thermometer at no charge at these events. Remember that latex paint is not a hazardous waste and will not be accepted. You can mix latex paint with kitty litter to solidify it and dispose of the mixture in your garbage. We are again planning two collection day events in 2009 at Harwood Union High School. They are scheduled for May 9 and October 3, 2009.

Over 1,142 gallons of used crankcase oil was collected within the Alliance at our Used Oil Collection Tanks during 2008. The tanks are located in Waitsfield at the Earthwise Transfer Station and at the Moretown Landfill, Inc.. As an Alliance resident, you can bring up to 5 gallons of used crankcase oil to either of these sites at a cost of fifteen cents per gallon at the Earthwise Transfer Station and fifty cents per gallon at the Moretown Landfill, Inc. for proper disposal. A car and truck oil filter crusher is also available for Alliance residents at the Moretown Landfill, Inc. at a cost of seventy five cents per filter.

The Alliance continues to work with the Association of Vermont Recyclers to provide educational programs, workshops and theater productions promoting reduction, reuse, recycling, environmentally preferable products and healthy homes. Programs were held in Duxbury, Fayston, Moretown and Waterbury in 2008. The Alliance collected over 8.98 tons of books, tapes, CDs, DVDs, records, computer software and video recycling program with Got Books, Inc. through August of 2008. Due to rising fuel costs Got Books stopped servicing northern Vermont sites. Efforts are being made to replace this service. Soft cover books can be recycled with all the other single stream resources.

**Visit our web site at [madriverrma.org](http://madriverrma.org). You will find information on solid waste issues on this web site.**

The twelfth truckload sale of compost bins was successful with the distribution of 72 compost bins and 36 kitchen collectors. It is estimated that each compost bin can compost 650 pounds of garden and kitchen waste annually. This means rich soil to add to your garden and less waste to go to the landfill. We will hold our Thirteenth Compost Bin Sale this spring. We also promoted a Green Cone Sale to encourage on site digestion of all kitchen waste. The Alliance held two car and pickup truck tire and metal collection events at the Moretown Landfill, Inc. and at the Earthwise Transfer Station during 2008. A total of ~ 2,090 tires and ~11 tons of metal were collected during these events. We are planning to hold a spring tire and metal collection in conjunction with Green Up Day on May 2, In the fall, the Alliance will not hold a tire and metal collection but will coordinate with the organizers of the Wheels for Warmth Program in Middlesex to encourage participation in this program . Publicity on this event will come out in the fall.

**The Moretown Landfill , Inc. provides Alliance residents with the opportunity to bring their recyclables to the facility at no charge. This is done as part of the arrangement between the Alliance and the Moretown Landfill, Inc. for being the “host district” for the facility.** Single stream recycling is a reality in the Alliance. You can bring your mixed paper, glass bottles and jars, metal cans and **plastics #1 through #7**, except for plastic film wrap and bags and beaded styrofoam for recycling. The recyclables are taken to the Chittenden County Materials Recovery Facility for processing. The Casella Earthwise Transfer Station and Moretown Landfill, Inc. also participated in the free disposal of roadside litter during the Green Up Day celebrations. The Alliance continues an electronic waste collection and recycling program and this year approximately 13.12 tons of computer systems, printers, televisions and VCRS were collected. This is an on going program at the Moretown Landfill, Inc.. The Alliance is a member of the Northeast Resource Recovery Association which helps us market some recyclable commodities such as tires, propane cylinders and other materials. The Alliance is also a member of the Product Stewardship Institute(PSI). As a stakeholder in the PSI we work with other entities to reduce the environmental and health impacts of a variety of consumer products. This is accomplished by looking at the life cycle impacts of products and their packaging. Things like energy and materials consumption, emissions during manufacturing, toxicity, worker safety and waste disposal are among the issues reviewed. The objective of product stewardship is to rethink the way things are created in order to have more sustainable products in the future. We are also a member of the Vermont Product Stewardship Council which provides a local focus to stewardship issues.

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

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

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

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# MAD RIVER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE BUDGET REPORT

INCOME	Budget 2008	Actual 2008	Acct Rec	Budget 2009
Town Assessments Per Capita Based on 2 2006 Population (\$2.00)				
Duxbury (1339)	2,682	2,682		2,678
Fayston (1251)	2,366	2,366		2,502
Moretown (1727)	3,390	3,390		3,454
Waitsfield (1710)	3,372	3,372		3,420
Warren (1746)	3,394	3,394		3,492
Waterbury (5243)	10,276	10,276		10,486
Subtotal Assessments:	25,480	25,480		26,032
MLF Education	22,930	16,879	6,051	24,048
Subtotal Education Income	22,930	16,879	6,051	24,048
Household Hazardous Waste:				
MLF HHW	13,680	13,680		15,921
Ag. Pest. Grant	3,384	911	4,576	3,911
Small Quantity Generators	1,500	2,585	152	3,000
DEC SWIP HHW Grant	8,796	4,455	4,455	8,910
Subtotal HHW Income:	27,360	21,631	9,183	31,742
Miscellaneous Income:				
Compost Bins	3,276	2,643		3,276
Tires	5,000	6,328	260	6,000
Electronic Waste	1,950	3,010		4,000
Subtotal Misc. Income	10,226	11,981	260	13,276
Total Income:	85,996	75,971	15,494	95,098
EXPENSES:				
Administration:				
Administration: 667 Hours	21,560	19,273		23,695
Travel/Office	3,286	3,541		3,615
Insurance	1,200	1,095		1,200
Solid Waste Manager Association	200	200		200
Subtotal Administration:	26,246	24,109		28,710
Education:				
Administration: 375 Hours	11,935	10,379		13,125
Conference	600	600		600
Product Stewardship Institute				225
Subtotal Education	22,430	20,038		24,048.00
Household Hazardous Waste:				
Administration: 267 Hours	8,505	7,087		9,345
Travel/Office	3,155	2,629		3,997
HHW Contractor	15,700	18,726		18,500
Subtotal HHW:	27,360	28,442		31,842
Misc. Expenses:				
Equipment Maintenance	100	310		150
Tire Collection	5,000	6,380		4,260
Electronic Waste	2,160	5,313		3,000
Compost Bins	2,700	3,078		3,088
Subtotal Miscellaneous:	9,960	15,081		10,498

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## MRVTV- MAD RIVER VALLEY TELEVISION

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

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

MRVTV first went on air in February 2000 with one show. We now program two channels with 12 to 16 hours of community events and meetings daily, with a bulletin board of community messages during the remaining time. Anyone with appropriate training on the equipment, which MRVTV provides, can use the station and equipment in accordance with MRVTV standards. MRVTV also has a studio available for tapings and accepts prepared programs for broadcast.

Waitsfield Cable funds MRVTV as required by state and federal regulations. Cable subscribers see a 5% PEG access surcharge on their cable bills. Waitsfield Cable also provided start up funds for equipment and organizational fees. Additionally, each year the towns of Fayston, Waitsfield and Warren have granted MRVTV sponsorships funds.

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

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



*Photo courtesy of  
Chris Dodge*

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## THE MAD RIVER WATERSHED CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP 2008 REPORT

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The Mad River Watershed Conservation Partnership is a coalition of the Mad River Valley Planning District, Vermont Land Trust and the Friends of the Mad River. The mission of the Conservation Partnership is to identify critical conservation resources and assist willing landowners, organizations and communities in protecting and strengthening the Mad River Valley's watershed, ecological health, rural character, recreational opportunity and community vitality.

In 2008, the Conservation Partnership focused on the following projects:

**Moretown Forestland Protected:** In April 2008, the Vermont Land Trust received a conservation easement on 81 acres of forestland located east of the School and owned by the Town of Moretown and the Moretown School District. Identified as an important deer wintering area, the land is used by children for educational programs and features public recreational trails for hiking, biking and skiing.

**Gateways to the Mad River Valley - A Two Farm Campaign:** The Conservation Partnership is currently working to conserve and renew two highly scenic Valley farms: the 20.2 acre Kingsbury Farm on the Warren/Waitsfield line near the green bridge and the 102 acre Bruce Farm on Route 100B in Moretown, .5 miles from Route 2. The conservation of these farms by the Vermont Land Trust will help protect the scenic, agricultural, and ecological values of the land and increase locally-grown food.

**The Kingsbury Farm:** Following the Vermont Land Trust's purchase of the Kingsbury Farm in November 2007, the Conservation Partnership worked with a local advisory committee to solicit ideas for future uses of the farm and identify prospective buyers. In June 2008, the Vermont Foodbank was selected to be the next owner of the farm. The sale and transfer of the farm is projected for March 2009, pending final fundraising. The Vermont Land Trust is currently looking for donors to complete this unique project: the first Foodbank-owned farm in Vermont. The public will be welcome to volunteer on the farm to help the Foodbank fight hunger and enjoy an extension of the Mad River Path along the river.

Grants from the Warren Conservation Reserve Fund and the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board provided early funding. We thank the Kingsbury family for helping transform their family farm into such a valuable community resource.

**The Bruce Farm- Moretown:** The Conservation Partnership is also working to conserve and renew the 102 acre Bruce Farm located on Route 100B in Moretown. This historic farm includes significant frontage along the Mad River, prime agricultural soils and forestland. Purchase by new farmers who plan to establish a farmstand featuring produce, poultry, eggs, and grass-fed beef is slated for March 2009 pending successful local fundraising.

**Please join the Mad River Watershed Conservation Partnership in the "Two Farm Campaign" to establish new sources of locally-grown food in the Mad River Valley.** Visit the Vermont Land Trust at [www.vlt.org](http://www.vlt.org) to learn more or contact Liza Walker at 496-3690. Contributions can be sent to VLT, 8 Bailey Avenue, Montpelier, VT 05602. Please note that your gift is for the Mad River Fund. Gifts are tax deductible. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted by:

Liza Walker, Mad River Valley Director, Vermont Land Trust

Joshua Schwartz, Executive Director, Mad River Valley District

Caitrin Noel, Coordinator, Friends of the Mad River

Jared Cadwell, Chair, Mad River Valley Planning District Steering Comm.

Kinny Perot, President, Friends of the Mad River

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## MAD RIVER VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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*serving the Mad River Valley and surrounding communities.*

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Year ending December 31, 2008

Submitted by: Susan Klein, Executive Director

The Mad River Valley Chamber of Commerce is comprised of a voluntary partnership of business and professional people whose mission is to:

- work together to encourage and represent responsible business activity to make the Mad River Valley a better place for everyone to live and work
- to retain existing non tourist businesses and attract new such businesses in order to improve the economic well being of the Valley, while preserving the rural character of the area and to
- promote the Mad River Valley as a year round destination vacation area in harmony with the environment and the unspoiled rural resources of the community.

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2008 INCLUDE:

**Winter/Spring 08:** A 7-8 minute feature segment on weddings was filmed in the Valley for airing on The Learning Channel, Women's Entertainment network and 20 cable affiliates in key markets. The thirty minute program featured the Mad River Valley as the sole destination.

The chamber offered area events the opportunity to apply for events grants. \$12,000 was awarded to area events.

The chamber launched its annual business survey. Results of the survey helped to shape not only the Board of Directors' all day retreat, it helped shape the new structure of the chamber.

Director, Susan Klein was appointed to the board of directors of the Vermont Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives. Bimonthly meetings present professional development, program and networking for chamber directors.

**Summer 08:** Organization of 60<sup>th</sup> annual July 4 Parade and Festivities in Warren. The General Wait House visitor center was busy as the summer wore on and moved into fall. The Green Mountain Opera Festival and Vermont Festival of the Arts generated excellent public relations and press as well as generating foot traffic in the visitor center.

**Fall/Winter 08:** The chamber's annual meeting was held in Warren Village. The chamber held public meetings and the reorganization of the chamber's structure to one that invites participation at committee/project level to members and their employees.

Hiring of hmc2 Agency to handle the chamber's marketing and promotions, with significant emphasis on [www.madrivervalley.com](http://www.madrivervalley.com)

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Sugarbush Festival of Lights had our community bedecked and bejeweled with dazzling lighting displays. After the wind wreaked havoc with several displays over the course of several days, over \$6000 was donated to local non profits by Win Smith and Sugarbush for several of the display entries.

The community sponsorship marketing program continues funding the lion's share of marketing in the Mad River Valley. For individuals or businesses seeking information on chamber membership and its benefits, please visit the chamber at the General Wait House at 4061 Main Street in Waitsfield. The office is open 24 hours for restroom and brochure rack access. The office is staffed M-F 8am-5pm, with a volunteer staffing the office most Saturday mornings.

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

Friends of the Mad River (FMR) is a private, non-profit organization committed to protecting, improving and enhancing the ecological, recreational, and community values of the Mad River and its watershed. FMR has been working on issues relating to the Mad River and its watershed since 1990 and continues to provide a voice for the river in many different capacities. Many thanks to our Mad River Valley members for eighteen years of support.

### **2008 ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDE:**

**Mad River Watch** This past summer marked the twenty-third successful season of river watching and testing. Each year, volunteers collect water samples every other week from June through August at thirty-seven sites on the Mad River and its tributaries. In 2008 data was collected on water temperature and pH, and samples were tested for *E. coli* bacteria. In addition, seventeen sites were sampled for phosphorus and turbidity. MRW results are published in the Valley Reporter and FMR website and also displayed on FMR signs at popular swimming holes.

**New Website Launched** In April 2008, FMR completed a major overhaul of our website. Key features of the new site include a media center, watershed resource center, events calendar, and search capabilities. The media center provides access to photos, videos and archived newsletters. The watershed resource center is a compilation of relevant publications and reports about the Mad River.

**River Corridor Planning** In 2008 FMR secured a grant from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to implement recommendations put forth in the Upper Mad River Corridor Plan. Completed in January 2008 with input from a variety of stakeholders, the Plan outlines practical recommendations for corridor protection and improvement and includes an analysis of Fluvial Erosion Hazards. This analysis provides important information to residents and towns about the risk of flooding and erosion related losses. Many thanks to the DEC for their continued support.

**Dana Hill Better Backroads Project** Dana Hill is a steep gravel road in Waitsfield. Due to the road grade and other factors, a significant amount of roadbed material erodes each year, especially during spring snowmelt. The small tributary to Mill Brook adjacent to the road receives this polluted run off, resulting in water quality degradation. In addition, the erosion is costly to repair each year. FMR partnered with the DEC's Watershed Initiative Program, the Town of Waitsfield, and landowners on Dana Hill Road to address the problems. The roadwork was completed in 2008, with generous funding from the State of Vermont Better Backroads Program and the National Wildlife Federation.

**Outreach and Education** As in past years, FMR sponsored an educational display during two Saturdays at the Waitsfield Farmer's Market. This year's booth featured a fantastic water table model, loaned to FMR by the DEC. It demonstrates how rivers move and react to changes, showing how the Mad River works.

*Didymosphenia geminata* (a.k.a Didymo or Rock Snot) is a nuisance alga discovered in the Mad River in July 2008. FMR worked to disseminate information about preventing the spread of Didymo to tributaries and upstream locations by posting additional signs at access points, writing newspaper articles, including information at the Waitsfield Farmer's Market booth, and through our website ([www.FriendsoftheMadRiver.org](http://www.FriendsoftheMadRiver.org)). FMR has secured funding from the Lake Champlain Basin Program to conduct a watershed wide outreach program in 2009 to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

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

**Community partnerships** FMR continued its work with watershed towns and partner organizations including work on the Kingsbury Community Farm project; the Forest, Wildlife and Communities project; with Planning and Conservation Commissions from Waitsfield and Warren; and with the Mad River Watershed Conservation Partnership.

**Fundraising to Protect the Mad River** This year FMR secured funds from the DEC to support the implementa-



tion of projects outlined in the Upper Mad River Corridor Plan. With your help we also raised matching funds for an educational outreach project related to aquatic invasive species. As in previous years, we were awarded a laboratory services grant from the DEC to strengthen and expand our Mad River Watch program. Thank you for your generous and continued support!

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

Website: [www.FriendsoftheMadRiver.org](http://www.FriendsoftheMadRiver.org)

Phone: 496-9127

Email: [friends@madriver.com](mailto:friends@madriver.com)

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

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Directors:

Kinny Perot, Warren

Jack Byrne, Moretown

Elizabeth Walker, Duxbury

Mary Gow, Warren

John "Sucosh" Norton, Warren

Brian Shupe, Waitsfield

Kari Dolan, Waitsfield

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Shayne Jaquith, Fayston

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## WAITSFIELD LIBRARY 2008 REPORT/2009 REQUEST FOR FUNDS

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### Joslin Memorial Library

#### Report to the Town of Waitsfield, January 2009

We enjoyed a groundswell of visitors to the library in 2008. With people doing all they can to save money during this economic downturn, more and more people are borrowing rather than buying their books and audio books.

It's been really interesting to see what people have checked out over the past year. There are lots of requests for "escape fiction" and lighter reading, and, as always, best sellers by popular authors. All of which makes sense as people feel the crunch of the economy and other daily stresses – it can be a great relief to lose oneself in a book. All in all, circulation numbers are up for us: in 2007, 12,977 items were checked out of the library. That jumped to 14,010 items checked out in 2008 – an impressive increase!


Family usage of the library is also up. Despite the rainy weather over the summer, we had a good turnout for our children's summer reading program. Our Children's Librarian Stacy Werner and volunteers continue to carry out interesting programs for kids during the rest of the year.

As always, our public computers are a great draw to residents of the Valley, visiting skiers, and those who are just passing through and want to quickly check their email or look something up on the Internet. Laptop users seeking wireless access have been using the library in increasing numbers.

Downloadable audio is a new offering, giving patrons free 24-hour access to over 1,000 audio books online. This is a great supplement to our collection of audio books on tape and CD that are always in high demand.

During hard times it's important to remember that Vermont libraries are fantastic examples of cost-effectiveness – we pool our resources throughout the state by sharing books and other items with each other, and libraries just seem capable of doing a lot of things with a little bit of money. We are incredibly fortunate to have an enthusiastic group of library volunteers, and a generous and supportive Board of Trustees who make all this possible. Thank the community for your gifts of money, interest, and time.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jessica Joyal, Librarian



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

## Town of Fayston

Date Prepared: 6/24/2008

### Homestead Education Tax Rate Calculation

Fiscal Year 2009

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

Base homestead tax rate	\$0.87	
Base spending amount	\$8,210	
Excess spending threshold	\$13,287	
Average statewide education spending per equalized pupil	\$11,548	
Common level of appraisal for Fayston	76.28%	Actual Homestead Tax Rate

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



1. Education spending per equalized pupil	\$12,919.91	
2. Net offsets for excess spending calculation	\$428.51	
3. Amount over excess spending threshold if any	\$0	
4. Education spending per equalized pupil plus any excess for tax rate	\$12,919.91	
5. District spending as a percent of base spending amount	157.37%	
6. District equalized tax rate equals line 5 times base rate	\$1.3691	
7. Percent of equalized pupils at town school district	55.61%	
8. Equalized tax rate from school district	<b>\$0.7614</b>	
9. Actual tax rate attributable to district	(\$0.7614 / CLA: 76.28%)	<b>\$0.9982</b>

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

10. Education spending per equalized pupil	\$11,834.88	
11. Net offsets for excess spending calculation	\$512.87	
12. Amount over excess spending threshold if any	\$0	
13. Education spending per equalized pupil plus any excess for tax rate	\$11,834.88	
14. District spending as a percent of base spending amount	144.15%	
15. District equalized tax rate equals line 14 times base rate	\$1.2541	
16. Percent of equalized pupils at union school district	44.39%	
17. Equalized tax rate from school district	<b>\$0.5567</b>	
18. Actual tax rate attributable to district	(\$0.5567 / CLA: 76.28%)	<b>\$0.7298</b>

Sum of equalized tax rates from school districts

**\$1.3181**

#### Sum of actual tax rates from school districts:

You should see this rate on your tax bill. ⇒

**\$1.7280**

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

### Town of Fayston

#### Education Tax Rates

**Non-Residential: 1.5434     Homestead: 1.5545**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **BATTERED WOMEN'S SERVICES AND SHELTER**

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

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

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

Our services include:

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

## **CENTRAL VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (CVCAC)**

Since 1965, the Central Vermont Community Action Council, Inc. has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. CVCAC's programs and services assist families working toward creating better lives and to improve the overall quality of community life. This year, CVCAC served 14,923 individuals in 7,801 central Vermont households through Head Start/Early Head Start, Community Economic Development programs, Family & Community Support Services, including emergency food and Crisis Fuel, and home Weatherization assistance.

Program and services accessed by 2 Fayston families with 4 residents this past year include:

- 1 household with 2 individuals were provided with emergency services, including food from our food shelves, as well as referrals to other community resources to address critical needs.
- 1 household with 2 family members used our Crisis Fuel program and were able to continue heating their homes.

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

## CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

### *Report of Services to the Town of Fayston*

October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008

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

CVCOA requests town funding to support its case management department in assessing clients' needs, developing individualized care plans, and connecting them with public benefits programs and other community and state resources. The case manager for Fayston is Don Brown (802/476-0116). In FY 2008, CVCOA served six older residents of Fayston.

Other services provided directly or under contract include community and home delivered meals; food stamp outreach; transportation to essential destinations; legal services; health insurance counseling including Medicare Part D; companionship; assistance with household tasks; nutrition education; caregiver support services; support for senior center activities; and mental health services. CVCOA involves community volunteers by sponsoring programs such as Neighbor to Neighbor Ameri-Corps, Senior Companion, and Home Share of Central Vermont.

**Call the Senior Help Line at 1-800-642-5119 for more information.** CVCOA recognizes and appreciates the valuable support for older Central Vermonters provided by the Town of Fayston.

## CENTRAL VERMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation (CVEDC) provides a suite of programs and services that include assisting existing businesses, assisting businesses planning an expansion; promoting our region to those businesses considering relocation to Vermont, and working on improving the infrastructure necessary for economic growth in Vermont. CVEDC has and will continue to work in partnership with all the Central Vermont municipalities, and community stakeholders to advance those initiatives identified by the Town of Fayston as important to their residents and the economic well-being of the community. In addition the issues of workforce development, telecommunications and housing remain top priorities for CVEDC.

CVEDC is focusing on the issue of our telecommunications infrastructure. In order for our businesses to remain competitive in the global marketplace, telecommunications in Central Vermont must be strengthened. Our infrastructure must extend into our rural communities in order to maintain our viability, preserve our landscape and retain the next workforce generation. This past year CVEDC applied for and received a \$50,000.00 USDARural Business Enterprise Grant to implement wireless telecommunications infrastructure in the rural communities of our region. This initiative, which is currently underway, is the first of its kind conducted by a regional development corporation in partnership with a wireless service provider.

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

Also this year, CVEDC initiated a program of quarterly tours in Central Vermont with staff for our U.S. Congressional Delegation. Staff members for Congressman Welch, Senator Leahy and Senator Sanders tour different municipalities and businesses within our region to better understand both our strengths and challenges.

The housing shortage continues to be an issue in Central Vermont. The demand for housing exceeds the supply and our area employers report that their employees are having difficulty finding affordable housing. This challenge spans both the rental and ownership markets and all price-points. Working with our region's partners including the Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce, Community Action, the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission and the Central Vermont United Way, a Collaborative was formed to address this issue as well as other pressing issues that impact economic development. After a year of work, the Collaborative has created material and information to assist communities to identify future sites for housing development in their municipalities and ways to proactively address this issue.

## CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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

The Commission also focused on implementing goals contained in the Regional Plan and the Regional Transportation Plan. CVRPC completed work on updating both Plans, including the regional housing distribution plan contained in the Housing element of the Regional Plan. The Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee continued to evaluate the regional inter-modal transportation needs and problems and make recommendations to the State Transportation Agency on projects that should be included in the Agency's five year capital program. CVRPC maintains a standing Act 250 committee that reviews projects of regional significance. During 2008, the Committee reviewed a range of projects, including major commercial retail, highway improvements, and housing development and subdivisions. CVRPC continues to work on the development of regional and local pre-disaster mitigation plans, population and housing growth projections, and review and approval of town plans as required by statute. CVRPC also completed assessments on three brownfield sites in the Region and is looking for additional commercial/industrial sites that may be contaminated and would qualify for a brownfields assessment. As an outgrowth of the Central Vermont Economic Collaborative and the affected municipality, CVRPC completed the analysis of undeveloped parcels in proximity to existing sewer infrastructure to see if a greater housing density would be feasible.

CVRPC assisted the Town with fluvial erosion hazard mapping, pre-disaster mitigation planning and mapping, Act 250 project review, review and approval of the Town Plan, the Route 100 byway study and implementation, zoning bylaw assistance, provided affordable housing information, provided administrative assistance to the Mad River Resource Management Alliance (formerly the Solid Waste Alliance), and administrative and planning assistance to the Mad River Valley Planning District.

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

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

Susan M. Sinclair, Executive Director  
Nancy Spencer Smith, Commissioner



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## CENTRAL VERMONT HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE

**FAYSTON    January 14, 2009**

Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice (CVHHH) is a 98-year-old not-for-profit Visiting Nurse Association governed by a local voluntary Board of Directors. Serving the residents of 23 Central Vermont towns in the comfort and privacy of their own homes, CVHHH is committed to providing comprehensive, high-quality home health and hospice care to all Central Vermonters regardless of their ability to pay, geographic remoteness or complexity of health care needs. The agency also promotes the general welfare of local community members with long term care and health promotion activities including flu and pneumonia vaccinations, health screenings, foot care clinics, international travelers' health and caregiver support. In addition to direct patient care, our hospice program offers comprehensive bereavement services and volunteer training. In 2007, CVHHH provided over \$453,400 in "charitable care" – care for which CVHHH was not reimbursed by Medicare, Medicaid, third party private insurance, or patient/family payment. This care was made available to those individuals and families who were unable to pay for needed services – those who were uninsured or underinsured.

### CVHHH Services to Residents of Fayston January 1 – December 31, 2008

<b>Program</b>	<b># of Visits</b>
<b>Home Health Care</b>	
Skilled and High-Technology Nursing	151
Home Health Aide Service	149
Physical Therapy	89
Occupational Therapy	9
Speech Therapy	17
Medical Social Service	11
<b>Hospice Care</b>	
Bereavement	3
<b>Long Term Care</b>	
Case management	47
Aide and Attendant Care	715
<b>Maternal Child Health</b>	4
<b>TOTAL VISITS</b>	<b>1,195</b>
<b>TOTAL PATIENTS</b>	<b>21</b>

Town funding will help ensure CVHHH continues these services in Fayston through 2009 and beyond. For more information contact Judy Peterson, President/CEO, or Barbara Butler, Community Relations and Development Director, at 223-1878.



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## GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT AGENCY

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

### ELDERLY AND DISABLED SERVICE

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

**For FY08, GMTA provided Medicaid and Elderly and Disabled transportation service to 4 Fayston residents totaling 92 trips equaling 2,677 miles.** Compared to FY07 service for 3 Fayston residents, totaling 25 trips equaling 1,352 miles.

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

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

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

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

### MAD BUS SERVICE

GMTA provides service to the Mad River Valley through the Mad Bus winter ski season route operations. The numerous Mad Bus routes, all being free of charge except for the SnowCap Commuter, serve those who visit or reside in the Mad River Valley that seek alternative transportation to work, play or shop.

For FY08, the Mad Bus ridership went up by 6%, (52,193 in FY08 versus 49,165 in FY07), with specific increase in the following routes:

- ↑ 38.83% Saturday Evening Service
- ↑ 24.84% Mountain Condos
- ↑ 37.87% Access Road
- ↑ 10.06% Harwood Freeride Shuttle

This growth clearly demonstrates the increasing initiative to incorporate alternative transportation into work and play travel needs. For the upcoming FY09 season, we have re-designed select routes to offer greater service and accommodation where needed. In addition to improving current operations, we will begin operating the **new Warren Shuttle** service to provide faster service to Lincoln Peak than previously offered.

## FUNDING

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

## GMTA BOARD MEMBER

In FY06, GMTA established our first locally appointed Board of Directors. One of our active officers is Margo Bullock Wade, a well-respected member of the Mad River Valley community. We are very grateful for Margo's ongoing board participation and her dedication in supporting the mission of GMTA. We look forward to our continuing collaboration in supporting the Mad River Valley area transportation needs, along with the needs of all communities throughout Central Vermont.

Please contact GMTA for additional information at 802-223-7BUS or [www.gmtaride.org](http://www.gmtaride.org).

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

## PEOPLE'S HEALTH & WELLNESS CLINIC

553 North Main Street • Barre, VT 05641 • Telephone (802) 479-1229  
*Serving the Uninsured and Underinsured of Central Vermont*

The Mission of the People's Health & Wellness Clinic is to provide primary health care and wellness education to uninsured and underinsured central Vermont residents who could not otherwise afford these services. Patients must have household income at or below 300% of the federal poverty level.

In calendar year 2008, we provided a total of 1,329 visits to 587 central Vermont residents. Fayston residents visited our Clinic 7 times.

We assist with lab referrals and diagnostic testing costs, provide free pharmaceuticals, and assist with enrollment in health programs such as VHAP, Catamount Health Care, Ladies First, prescription drug assistance programs, and smoking cessation and diabetes education classes. Over 60 volunteers of both traditional and alternative medicine provided their clinical services free of charge.

The Clinic is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. plus evening clinics Mondays and Thursdays. Patient hours vary and are by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, please call 479-1229.

Thank you for continuing to support the efforts of the People's Health & Wellness Clinic.

Sincerely,  
 Peter D. Youngbaer, Director



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 Chris Dodge*



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## VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED

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In Vermont today, over 10,500 residents are blind or visually impaired. Vision problems can complicate an individual's ability to perform daily tasks, stay mobile inside and outside the home, and enjoy leisure activities. Additionally, Vermont's rural nature makes it less likely for those with visual impairments to encounter others who face similar challenges, and thus create feelings of isolation and a sense that they are not understood.

During fiscal year 2008, VABVI served 1,147 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont, including 26 children and 122 adults from Washington County.

Since 1926, VABVI, a nonprofit organization, has diligently pursued our mission of enabling Vermonters with vision problems, whether blindness or impairment, to achieve and maintain independence. We are the only private agency in Vermont to offer a complete range of services to visually impaired residents—and at no cost to the client.

Services include Rehabilitation (adapting daily living tasks to allow those with low vision to live independently); Orientation and Mobility (providing white cane and guide dog instruction, allowing individuals to navigate through their home and community independently); Assistive Technology (adaptive aids allow clients to successfully perform most activities they desire); Social Networking (improving social skills and providing a support network); and Statewide Transportation (volunteer drivers provide rides to medical appointments, grocery stores and for personal visits).

VABVI has four offices statewide, located in Murlington, Brattleboro, Montpelier and Rutland. For more information about VABVI's services, or to volunteer, please contact us at 1-800-639-5861, email [general@vabvi.org](mailto:general@vabvi.org) or visit us on the web at [www.vabvi.org](http://www.vabvi.org).

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## THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

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

In FY '08 VCIL responded to over **2,000** requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information and referral and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided peer counseling to **367** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and assisted **264** households with financial and/or technical assistance to make their bathrooms and entrances accessible. We provided **229** individuals with assistive technology and we delivered meals to **583** individuals through our Meals On Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier with three regional offices in Bennington, Windham and Chittenden Counties. Our Peer Advocacy Counselors are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During FY '08, VCIL provided direct services to Vermont residents utilizing the following programs/services:

- Information & Referral (I&R)
- Peer Advocacy & Community Outreach (PAC)
- Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF)
- Home Access Program (HAP)
- Meals on Wheels (MOW)

All programs and services will continue to be available to the residents of **Fayston** throughout FY '09.

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

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## WASHINGTON COUNTY DIVERSION PROGRAM FY 2008

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### WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

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

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

### OUR GOALS:

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

### IN FY 08 (JULY 1, 2007 - JUNE 30, 2008):

- **We received 218 referrals to Diversion and 431 referrals to ASP, for a total of 649 clients served in the period.**
- **Our clients performed 8433 hours of community service to various non-profit organizations in this county, including the Red Cross, Central Vermont (CV) Food Bank, CV Hospital, the United Way, Washington County Youth Service Bureau, CV Humane Society, and local faith organizations and school systems.**
- **Restitution paid back to crime victims totaled \$22,252.00, while donations to charities amounted to \$5,432.00, which comes to \$27,684 for the year.**

### FUNDING

As a community based, non-profit program and United Way Agency in FY 08, Diversion got 50% of its funds from the Attorney General's office; 35% from client fees, 5% from the United Way and the remaining 10% from other local sources like towns and cities. Our total cost per case last year was about \$280.00 for each of 649 referrals. That is hundreds of dollars less per case than any alternative where the offender goes to court.

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

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## 2008-09 REPORT FROM THE WASHINGTON WEST CENTRAL OFFICE

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### A Year of Administrative Searches

Dr. Richard Moser was hired in June 2008 to serve as Interim Superintendent of the Washington West Supervisory Union for the 2008-09 school year. Dr. Moser's responsibilities have included general oversight and supervision of all schools within the supervisory union, as well as facilitating four administrative search activities.

The pending retirement of Roberta Barone, Principal of the Moretown Elementary School, and Richard Schattman, Principal of the Waitsfield Elementary School, have resulted in the development of a search process to replace each administrator by July 1, 2009. At the time of this writing, both positions have been filled with experienced administrators who happen to be Fayston residents. Kaiya Korb has accepted a contract offer for the Waitsfield principalship, and Debbie Lesure for the Moretown principalship. Search committee members, including the chairs of each search committee, Wrenn Compere and John Schmeltzer, are very pleased with the outcome of each search process. We welcome Kaiya and Debbie to the Washington West Supervisory Union. At the same time we congratulate the two departing principals on their retirement and thank them for their years of outstanding service to the Moretown and Waitsfield Elementary Schools.

A third principal, Ken Page, is also retiring from his work as Principal of Crossett Brook Middle School. The search process includes the organization of a search committee comprised of administrators, teachers, board members, and parent/community representatives. The search process is expected to conclude in late February with the hiring of a new principal/district coordinator. The position will include middle school principal responsibilities, as well as PK-8 oversight of the Waterbury/Duxbury School District. The Washington West School Community also congratulates Ken on his retirement and offers a sincere thank you for his commitment and professional service to the Crossett Brook Middle School.

A final search process has been designed to identify a new superintendent for our supervisory union. Similar to the other search processes, a search committee of approximately fifteen members has been formed to conduct the search. The committee is chaired by Missy Siner-Shea, Chair of the Waitsfield School Board, and facilitated by our interim superintendent, Dick Moser. The Washington West Board anticipates a final selection for a new superintendent by March 1, 2009.

Therefore, the 2009-10 school year will bring significant change in our supervisory union. A new superintendent and three new principals, along with our existing staff, will help set a new direction for our schools, one that captures all the positive elements of our existing program and promotes continuous improvement and success for the years ahead.

### Focusing and Coordinating Improvement Efforts

Significant strides have been made across WWSU to establish goals that guide improvement efforts in our local schools. In support of this community-by-community work, school board members and administrators in Washington West have established a common vision and mission to guide the work we do across our schools and communities, and to support the 2116 students who attend WWSU schools:

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

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

- Develop a foundation in mathematical content and understanding that they can use throughout life.

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

### **Data-Driven Decision Making**

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

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

### **Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment, and Professional Development**

Nearly three hundred PreK-12 administrators, teachers, and para-educators participate collaboratively in professional development opportunities eight times throughout the year for the second year of implementation. Much of the work focuses on mathematics, writing, and civic engagement; some groups address instructional improvement strategies that connect all three goal areas. Additional opportunities have been added this year to continue to support science, fine arts, and other areas of critical content. This work enhances additional professional and student learning opportunities, embedded in classroom practice, and is carefully designed, implemented, and evaluated with a focus on increasing student success.

Work continues to strengthen curriculum, instruction, and assessment, including the use of local, classroom, and more formative assessments to improve student learning. This year, “common” assessments will again be administered to students across WWSU schools in mathematics. Similar opportunities will be added to inform writing, science, and service learning.

WWSU is in its third year of a three-year partnership with the KIDS Consortium in Lewiston, Maine. “KIDS” provides funding, professional development, networking, and other resources to support service learning work with students and our community. The number of student-initiated projects is increasing with the help of mini-grants from the WWSU grant. One such project is *Speak Out for Understanding*, in which Harwood Union High School students with and without disabilities explore challenges and celebrations of unique student experiences within inclusive school communities. Resulting in student-led presentations and DVD documentation, this project continues to receive multiple local, statewide, and national recognition and awards. Students and faculty will make a presentation and receive the National Youth Leadership Award at the National Service Learning Conference in Nashville, Tennessee in March of 2009.

Once again this year, WWSU schools received a BEST grant from the Department of Education to support efforts in “Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports.” This will enable faculty and staff from three schools to address more effectively the increasing behavioral needs of students, to track and use data more thoroughly, and to network and learn from peers from other schools.

Programs continue to embrace and develop our common definition of effective instruction, using the PATHWISE model. Qualified mentors are supporting twelve new teachers in induction this year. Every administrator in WWSU has been trained in Framework Observation and is implementing the program. All teachers have had the opportunity to participate in the Introduction to the Framework.

Our new WWSU science NECAP scores were among the best in the state! We all have a long way to go, but we are continuing to provide opportunities for teachers to develop units and assessments, aligned with both curriculum and grade expectations, that foster deep understandings of science concepts for all students.

### **Special Education**

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

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

This year a server was installed at the Central Office which houses all of our data as well as special education paperwork, making remote access possible and making data more secure. We have also been working with Michael Giangreco from UVM (funded through a Federal Grant) in our middle and high schools to increase the time our special education students spend with highly qualified teachers and special educators.

Currently, WWSU serves 294 students in special education from ages 3 through 21. This represents 13.89% of our total student population pre-school through age 21, which is lower than the statewide average. Annually, our count of students served in special education (age 3-21) has remained between 301-320 students. Students between birth and 3 years old are evaluated by the local school districts and served collaboratively between the Family Infant Toddler Program and local school districts.

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

### **Business and Finance**

FY 2009 has been an uncertain environment for school finance and budgets. Managing financial resources has been challenging due to the wide swing in energy costs, unpredictable special education costs, maintenance needs, and decreasing revenue sources.

Given the current economic climate, the future is even less certain. Further declines in revenues, and in some schools pupil enrollment, point to further reductions in future budgets.

FY 2010 represents the sixth year of Act 68, and the introduction of Act 82. Although FY 2010 proposed expenditure increases in the district ranged from 2.2% to 4%, property tax rates continue to be driven substantially upward by changes in the CLA and range from 0% to 12.4%.

The Washington West Budget for FY 2010 reflects a 2.9% increase over FY 2009. Goals for next year include a commitment to effectively managing all financial resources and reductions and identifying opportunities for economic efficiencies including district wide initiatives and use of technology.

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**Washington West Supervisory Union  
Summary Budget**

	<b>FY2006-07</b>	<b>FY2007-08</b>	<b>FY2008-09</b>	<b>FY2009-10</b>	
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	
<b>Expenditures</b>					
<b>General</b>					
Salaries	237,121	239,684	253,505	266,116	5.0%
Benefits	65,367	71,115	79,166	76,504	-3.4%
Contracted Services and Operating Costs	83,845	114,562	106,739	101,461	-4.9%
<b>Total General</b>	<b>386,333</b>	<b>425,361</b>	<b>439,410</b>	<b>444,082</b>	<b>1.1%</b>
<b>Special Education</b>					
Salaries	90,351	92,942	95,312	101,705	6.7%
Benefits	23,431	26,015	27,310	28,242	3.4%
Contracted Services and Operating Costs	5,190	5,776	3,960	3,960	0.0%
<b>Total Special Education</b>	<b>118,972</b>	<b>124,733</b>	<b>126,582</b>	<b>133,907</b>	<b>5.8%</b>
<b>Business Office</b>					
Salaries	75,280	78,075	81,393	82,500	1.4%
Benefits	20,598	22,377	24,077	27,672	14.9%
Contracted Services and Operating Costs	5,806	5,870	6,200	6,200	0.0%
<b>Total Business Office</b>	<b>101,684</b>	<b>106,322</b>	<b>111,670</b>	<b>116,372</b>	<b>4.2%</b>
<b>Fiscal Services</b>					
Salaries	144,403	147,951	157,477	165,314	5.0%
Benefits	51,479	56,911	63,795	65,387	2.5%
Contracted Services and Operating Costs	6,538	8,778	8,500	8,500	0.0%
<b>Total Fiscal Services</b>	<b>202,420</b>	<b>213,639</b>	<b>229,772</b>	<b>239,201</b>	<b>4.1%</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>809,409</b>	<b>870,056</b>	<b>907,434</b>	<b>933,561</b>	<b>2.9%</b>
<b>Revenue</b>					
Interest	26,256	12,164	3,000	3,000	0.0%
Other Revenue	18,875	17,623	18,000	18,000	0.0%
Fund Balance	25,569	18,390	32,552	344	-98.9%
Assessments	771,261	822,223	853,882	912,217	6.8%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>841,961</b>	<b>870,400</b>	<b>907,434</b>	<b>933,561</b>	<b>2.9%</b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>32,552</b>	<b>344</b>			

Assessments by School District (Based on prior years ADM)

						<i>FY 08 adm</i>
Fayston	\$ 39,283	\$ 40,272	\$ 46,135	\$ 51,892	12.5%	112.40
Moretown	\$ 55,384	\$ 61,107	\$ 61,241	\$ 61,494	0.4%	133.20
Waitsfield	\$ 58,100	\$ 64,811	\$ 68,829	\$ 64,680	-6.0%	140.10
Warren	\$ 51,466	\$ 53,024	\$ 50,412	\$ 61,587	22.2%	133.40
Waterbury-Duxbury Union #45	\$ 256,714	\$ 273,117	\$ 291,418	\$ 307,028	5.4%	665.04
Harwood Union HS #19	\$ 310,314	\$ 329,892	\$ 335,847	\$ 365,536	8.6%	791.77
<b>Total Assessments</b>	<b>\$ 771,261</b>	<b>\$ 822,223</b>	<b>\$ 853,882</b>	<b>\$ 912,217</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>1,975.91</b>

The Washington West Supervisory Union audited Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2008 are available at the WWSU offices in Waitsfield, Vermont or by calling 802-496-2272, extension 117.



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## HARWOOD UNION BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS REPORT

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Harwood Union 2009 Update

January 25, 2009

Well we are certainly in a different place than last year! With these uncertain times the Harwood board and the administration have kept our spending increases to the minimum. The Board recommends a budget for the 2009/10 school year of \$12,276,171, a 3.6 percent increase above the 2008/09 budget. However, this number is artificially high because it reflects a change in accounting practices that requires the board to include both interest expense and interest income as line items in the budget instead of simply netting them out. As a result, a \$105,000 increase in interest expense appears in the budget this year even though it has no impact on taxpayers because it is offset by \$105,000 in interest income. Absent this accounting change, the proposed increase in yearly expenditures is a more modest 2.7%.

We were able to accomplish this, in large part to a restructuring of our delivery of special education services. We have reduced 5 Para professionals and a half time dance position (the dance teacher is moving). We have added 2 special education teachers and we have refined the travel situation for these students. The coming years will be more challenging as we have declining enrollments. Painful reductions will be necessary.

Our wood chip plant is running and keeping our school very comfortable. We are hoping to join in the state contract for wood chips next year, to buy at a better rate and save even more! The electrical changes we instituted over the summer with the help of Efficiency Vermont are right on track to save us \$7500 dollars this year even adding the new building. In addition to the electrical upgrades we did buckets of painting and finished or put a dent in many of the projects on our list. We have included the \$75,000 special article in the budget this year and will continue to do so in the future although we may change the number as we will be better able to assess our needs with the long term maintenance plan we are working on. We have already submitted some information to the Department of Education for shovel ready work that the new stimulus package may provide. Keep your fingers crossed!

Join us at an event or a board meeting! (Events are more fun.)

Freddie Graves

496-4644

rafile@wcvt.com

*Photo courtesy of John Williams*



*Photo courtesy of Chris Dodge*



## WARNING OF 2009 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FAYSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

The legal voters of the Town of Fayston School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Fayston Elementary School on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2009, at 1:00 PM, to transact the following business:

Article 1: To elect a moderator for the year ensuing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Article 9: To vote a sum of money to pay debts, if any, and expenses of the Town School District, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

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

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

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

Mike Riddell, Chair	<u>M. Riddell</u>	Date	<u>1/20/09</u>
Susan MacLean-Daley, Clerk	<u>Susan MacLean-Daley</u>	Date	<u>1/20/09</u>
Robert Lockett	_____	Date	_____
Jean Wry	_____	Date	_____
Russell Beilke	<u>Russell Beilke</u>	Date	<u>1-20-9</u>

Received and recorded this 29 day of January 2009.

Virginia Vasseur  
Virginia Vasseur, Fayston Town Clerk

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

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February 28, 2009

The legal voters of Union High School District No. 19 (Harwood Union High School), consisting of the Town School Districts of Duxbury, Fayston, Moretown, Waitsfield, Warren, and Waterbury, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Harwood Union High School Library on Saturday, February 28, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. in the morning to act upon the following business to wit:

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

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

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

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

**ARTICLE V:** To authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money by the issuance of short term notes to pay debts and expenses, of the District, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, in anticipation of and pending receipt of revenues.

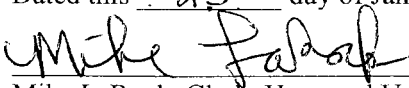
**ARTICLE VI:** To authorize the Board of School Directors to employ a public accountant to audit the financial affairs of the School District and prepare the Annual Financial Report.

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

The meeting will then be recessed to March 3, 2009, (Town Meeting Day), for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot at the usual polling places in the member districts on the following business, said ballots being brought to the Harwood Union High School cafeteria, following the closing of polls in the members districts, where they will be commingled and counted.

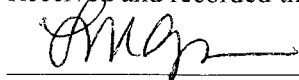
**ARTICLE VIII:** Shall the voters of the Harwood Union High School District appropriate \$12,276,171 necessary for the support of its school for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009? (Australian ballot)

Dated this 23 day of January, 2009, at Duxbury, Vermont.



Mike LaRock, Clerk, Harwood Union Board of School Directors

Received and recorded this 23 day of January, 2009.



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

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## MINUTES OF THE FAYSTON TOWN SCHOOL MEETING 2008

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MINUTES OF THE FAYSTON TOWN SCHOOL MEETING 2008  
MARCH 4, 2008 AT 1 PM

*Approved – 3/6/08*

David Jones called the meeting to order at 1:40 PM. The delay in the time was due to a longer morning session.

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

David Jones turned the meeting over to Michael Riddell for nomination of a school moderator.

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

Motion by Hanne Williams, and duly seconded by Ann Day, that the name David Jones be placed in nomination.

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

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

Chris Dodge, Principal, presented a slide show of the FES students involved in their many day-to-day, and special activities. This was produced by John Williams, set to music, and very well received.

Chris Dodge presented the Principal's report, using a PowerPoint presentation, covering current assessment scores, which were excellent, initiatives and action plan items including mathematics, the school environment (Responsive Classroom), school safety, and implementing the PATH Wellness program, (Vermont Education Health Initiative Wellness Program). Additional points of interest included, the automation of the library, the PTO-funded mobile laptop unit, numerous cultural events, and the ever-increasing use of the building for community and athletic activities. Staff and student achievements, and volunteer and community involvement were recognized. As a special note of interest, Fayston was chosen as one of four schools (out of over 250), to showcase their implementation of the Responsive Classroom program, at Amherst, Massachusetts. Justina Boyden was thanked for her tireless efforts in keeping the school's new website current and informational. And, Carla Lewis and Jean Joslin were recognized for their many years of service to the Fayston Elementary School and its students. The question was raised in regard to any correlation between the assessment scores and socio-economic background. Chris Dodge indicated he would seek any available information on this topic. Various comments, primarily positive, were received from the floor.

Michael Riddell discussed what the School Board is, the roles and responsibilities; the Washington West Supervisory Union; FES, and its staff; and an overview of the building and its history, including various additions. He reminded the voters that the budget allows for the following:

-A high-quality education for our children

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- Fiscal responsibility
- A safe and attractive building/grounds

Reports accepted as presented.

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

Motion by Hanne Williams, and duly seconded by Rick Rayfield, that they so be authorized.

Carried by voice vote.

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

Motion by Kevin Wry, and seconded by Ann Day, that they are each paid \$750.00 in expenses.

Carried by voice vote.

Article 5: To elect a School Director for a three year term. Michael Riddell's term expires.

Motion by Jane Hobart that the name Michael Riddell be placed in nomination.

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

Article 6: To elect a School Director for a two year term; Robert Lockett's term expires.

Motion by Carolyn Bauer, that the name Robert Lockett be placed in nomination.

Carried unanimously, by voice vote. Robert Lockett elected School Director for a term of two years.

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

Motion by Scott Daley, that the name Nicole Belknap be placed in nomination.

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

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

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Carried by voice vote.

Article 9: To vote a sum of money to pay debts, if any, and expenses, of the Town School District, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

Jean Wry gave a brief overview of the budget differences ('08 to '09), including the affects of the CLA, and the differences in the town report due to the Small School Grant amount being higher than anticipated, prior to the motion.

Motion by Hanne Williams, and duly seconded by Ellen Gonnet, that the sum of \$1, 582,934. be voted for the purpose. Jean Wry then continued the presentation of the budget for the year 2008-2009.

Discussion ensued. Questions were asked by the community, and fielded by the board and the principal. Several citizens had concerns for the annually increasing budget; whether there was in fact a need for a unified Master Contract (which is currently in place), transportation, the expense of benefits, both for full-time and support staff, and for the future of FES. The School Board members were "challenged to a reduction, a re-evaluation." A few individuals spoke in favor of the efforts of the Board. One citizen called for a paper ballot. David Jones advised that six additional voters would have to stand for a paper ballot to ensue. More than six joined the original citizen.

The Board of Civil Authority presented voters with ballots. The votes were cast, and counted.

The motion was carried, by a vote of 40 to 23, with 1 blank ballot, in the amount of \$1,582,934.

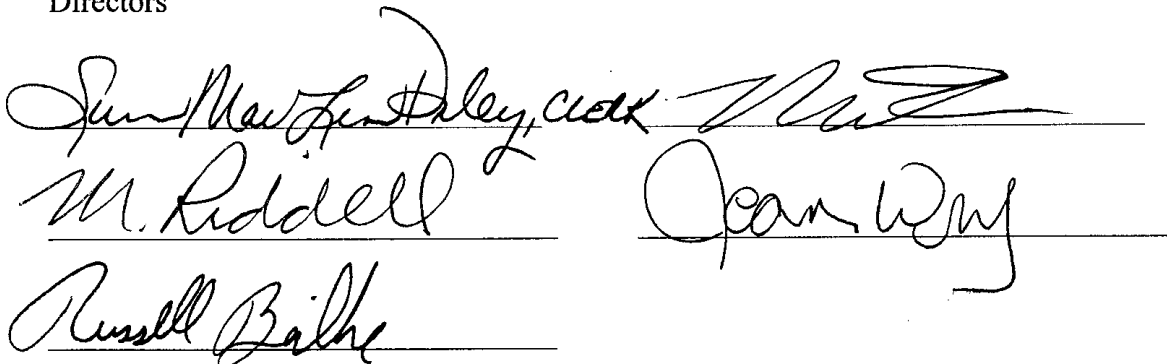
Article 10: To discuss any other business, which may properly come before the meeting.

There was none.

Motion to adjourn by Hanne Williams, was duly seconded by Freddie Graves.

Carried unanimously, by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM.

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

  
Susan MacLean Daley, Clerk  
M. Riddell  
Russell Balke  
Jean Wry

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## FAYSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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Dear Fayston Families:

It is difficult to believe that another year has passed since I last had the opportunity to write about the many wonderful academic, cultural and social learning opportunities taking place here at the Fayston School. It's a busy time, to be certain.

Our school continues to be the center of this community. We enjoy hosting cultural events both during the school day and after hours for the enjoyment and education of our students and the greater community. From student performances such as our Winter Celebration of the Arts, band and chorus concerts and Artist-in-Residence performances, to dramatic and musical productions by local and regional artists, the building is constantly alive with culture. During non-performance evenings, the facility accommodates adult basketball, volleyball and other athletic groups in the gym, as well as community meetings in other rooms. Physical Education club activities are offered to students two days a week after school. This group, too, utilizes our space.

As you can see, the school is busy year-round, day and night. We invite you to join us for whichever activities peak your interest. Please check out our school newsletter ([www.faystonschool.org](http://www.faystonschool.org)) for a week-by-week calendar of school events. The School Board and I have a clearly articulated goal that the building shall be accessible for activities, community events and meetings that follow the guidelines outlined in our Building Use Agreement. Please contact the school if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you.

We are pleased with the continued success of the Open Hearth at Fayston After-School Program. This partially grant-funded program provides enriching after-school activities for children age five and above. In addition to recreational time, homework time, arts, crafts and more, most recently, the program explored the issue of homelessness and raised \$200 for the Committee on Temporary Shelter to help combat the problem of homelessness. As well, the after-school children continue to forge relationships with groups outside the school, such as the folks at the local senior citizen's center. Additionally, the program's summer camp offers a variety of engaging recreational activities both on site and in the community. Hot days include swimming and outside games, while rainy days sport the occasional film and popcorn, cooking project, or artistic endeavor.

Every year, we are blessed with more and more parent and community volunteers who share their time and expertise with our children. Over forty adults, for example, are currently volunteering to organize and run our Winter Sports Program. Volunteers work throughout the school to read with children, organize and present the Four Winds environmental education program, chaperone field trips, assist classroom teachers with special projects and bring together many school-wide events such as field day. While it would be nearly impossible to list every volunteer here, please know that your efforts do not go unnoticed. On behalf of the children, we appreciate all you do for the Fayston School. For those of you that might be interested, there are countless ways to share your time and knowledge with our children — from committee work to direct student assistance. Please give me a call to explore the options.

Our school continues to appreciate a great deal of support from the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO). This is another great way for community members and families to be part of the school. Through fundraising, the PTO helps pay for laptop computers, library books, a new art kiln and much, much more. There are ways to participate that will fit every schedule. Contact PTO President Eric Friedman at [PTO@Faystonschool.org](mailto:PTO@Faystonschool.org).

Our teachers continue to participate in frequent, high-quality professional development in order to refine their skills and stay informed of best practices. One Wednesday afternoon each month, professional (and some instructional support) staff meet at Harwood for ongoing training in an area they have chosen. Writing, mathematics, civic engagement and technology are common topics, but many subjects are offered to meet the needs of all teachers. It is exciting to watch these dedicated folks bring new ideas back to our school for implementation.

Professional development also abounds during our Winter Sports Program time. As volunteers head to the mountain with our students, this year, the staff will be taking a look at Differentiated Instruction – strategies for helping all children succeed by adjusting instruction to meet individual needs. While we work hard to meet everyone's individual needs now, this increased training will allow us to further our efforts.

Several after-school committees also continue to meet in order to address school needs. The Safety Committee continues work on our Emergency Plan and has recently purchased a cardiac defibrillator that will be accessible for all groups using the building. Our Wellness Committee, facilitated by School Nurse Betty McCaffrey, is working to support the teaching of health and safety standards. A group of staff, community members, families and the School Board is working to complete our school Mission and Vision. These and other committees are a great way to participate in your school's growth. Please contact us for more information.

Our school has a number of exciting initiatives under way. Please read on to learn more. As always, thank you for supporting

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the Fayston Community's children.

Respectfully,  
Chris Dodge, *Principal*

## SCHOOL ACTION PLAN

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Every Vermont school is required to have an Action Plan that is revised each year. The goal of these plans is to use data to identify areas where we can improve upon. Our school Action Plan this year focuses on three main topics: mathematics, school climate and wellness. As you will see in the plan below, we have outlined a goal, assessment methods and educational strategies for each of the three focus areas. We continue to successfully work our way through these strategies as the year goes on. Specific progress for most of these goals is available in the assessment section of this report.

### FAYSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2008-2009 ACTION PLAN

#### MATHEMATICS GOAL

Fayston Elementary School students will meet or exceed all Grade Level Expectations in mathematics in all areas: skills, concepts, procedures and problem-solving.

#### METHODS OF ASSESSMENT:

1. NECAP assessments in grade 3-6
2. School-wide (K-6) mid-year and end-of-year skills assessments
3. Trimester progress reports (K-6)
4. A portfolio of work samples and informal/formative ongoing assessments
5. District-Wide Common Assessments (when available)

#### EDUCATIONAL STRATEGIES:

1. Staff will attend math-themed meetings that support the F.E.S. and WWSU math goals.
2. The staff will select one strand from the mathematics Focal Points for in-depth discussion throughout the year.
3. The staff will work collaboratively to review the revised Investigations program and create a list of gaps between the program and Grade Expectations, as well as a curriculum map that outlines which units are to be taught at each grade level.
4. Whole-staff time will be allotted to share and process school-based and other mathematics assessments.
5. A group will be formed to explore strategies for providing additional math instruction to students who are not meeting the standards.
6. Staff will support and encourage students in striving for an 80 percent or higher on all math work.

#### SCHOOL CLIMATE GOAL

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

#### METHODS OF ASSESSMENT:

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

#### EDUCATIONAL STRATEGIES:

1. Maintain a School Safety Committee that meets monthly and includes parents, staff and the community. The primary goal of this committee is to create, maintain and review a school crisis plan.
  2. As of 3/8/07, staff will be trained in Responsive Classroom. All new staff members will have two years from their date of hire to complete the training. The principal may, at his discretion, approve extensions to these deadlines.
  3. C.A.R.E.S. (cooperation, assertiveness, responsibility, empathy and self-control)(with picture representations) will be posted and taught/practiced in each classroom and throughout the building.
  4. Continue positive promotion of school in the media.
  5. Additional Responsive Classroom support, courses and workshops will be supported with release time and professional development funds.
  6. Weekly meetings between the counselor and principal to discuss issues related to school climate.
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7. Responsive Classroom format Morning Meetings in every classroom every day. To the extent possible, all adults will attend a Morning Meeting.
8. Student, staff and family climate surveys are used to assess and plan for a continued positive learning environment.
9. Students and staff will engage in activities that promote mutual respect.
10. Staff will follow the teacher language guidelines detailed in the book, *The Power of Our Words*.
11. Whole-staff time will be allotted to discuss student issues.
12. 2008-2009 Responsive Classroom focus: (1) Promoting positive adult and child behaviors at whole-school performances and (2) How will we address students need additional behavioral support in addition to Responsive Classroom?

## WELLNESS GOAL

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

## METHODS OF ASSESSMENT:

1. Meetings are warned and minutes taken and distributed to the school community to document the team's work.
2. Ninety percent attendance by core team members and other key stakeholders at meetings.

## EDUCATIONAL STRATEGIES:

1. The school nurse will facilitate and coordinate this committee with support from the principal.

# GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FAYSTON SCHOOL

## CURRENT AND HISTORICAL ENROLLMENT

School Year	PK 3&4 year olds	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Total
05-06	16	15	12	12	18	15	15	9	112
06-07	14	9	15	13	13	20	15	17	116
07-08	16	12	10	19	12	16	22	15	122
08-09	27	13	16	12	20	15	19	23	145

The average class size is 17 students, up an average of three students per classroom over last year. Collective enrollment in our four-year-old preschool through sixth grade increased by 22 students from 112 to 134. Three-year olds attending preschool through the WWSU Preschool Partnership at other preschools, but on our Fayston School roster, is currently 14.

## SPECIAL SERVICES AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2008

Students with Individualized Education Plans: 14  
 Pending Special Education Evaluations: 2

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

## 504 Plans: 7

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

**Act 117 Plans:**

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

**Current EST Caseload with Act 117 Plans: 23**

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

**LENGTH OF THE SCHOOL DAY AND SCHOOL YEAR**

Student School Year: 180 Days

Length of Teacher Year: 190 Days

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

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

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

Staff: 7.75 hours per day

**STAFFING**

Professional Staff: 17 (11 FTE)

Para-Educators: 9 (6.44 FTE)

Administrator: 1

Admin. Asst.: 1

Hot Lunch Chef: 1

Lunch Asst: 1

Custodian: 1 (.5 FTE)

Director of Maint. 1

Nurse: 1 (.30 FTE)

**FACULTY AND STAFF**

Name	Alma Mater	Credentials	Position
<b>PROFESSIONAL STAFF</b>			
Beth Abbott-Koch	VT College of Norwich	BA Ed.	Pre-K/K Teacher
Carolyn Adams	SUNY / Crane School of Music	BA Music Ed.	Music Teacher
Doug Bergstein	UVM / Lesley College	BS (Business), M.Ed.	5/6 Teacher
Justina Boyden	UVM	BA Ed. / M.Ed. Special Ed.	1/2 Teacher
Nancy Coombs	JSC / Trinity	BA, Special Ed.	Special Educator
Sharon Cote	Boston U. / UVM	BS, MS Comm. Disorders	Speech / Language
Jean Goldhammer	Univ. of NE / JSC	BS	1/2 Teacher
Erin Koch	UVM / Boston College	BS Ed., M.Ed.	3/4 Teacher
Carla Kotas Lewis	Univ. of Nebraska / UVM	BA, M.Ed.	3/4 Teacher
Nicole Krotinger	UVM	BA, English MS, Counseling	Counselor & Family Support Coordinator
Erika Lindberg	Boston Univ. / St. Michael's Coll.	BA, French Language & Lit. / Ed.	French Teacher
Betty McCaffrey	St. Vincent's/Hunter College/ Pace Univ.	BSN, MS Nursing	School Nurse
Nora McDonough	Union Institute & Univ.	M.Ed. Art	Art Teacher
Martin Patterson	UVM / U. Mass	BS, K-12 PE AD, Turf Mgt.	P.E. Teacher
Robin Twombly	Vermont College	BA	Librarian
Cristal Vasseur	UVM / JSC	BA Ed. Psych.	5/6 Teacher
Mary Jane Wright	U. of Denver / SUNY New Paltz / UVM	BS Psych., M.Ed., CAGS, Lit./Language Arts	Literacy Teacher

**SUPPORT STAFF**

Michele Ballard	Johnson and Wales	AS, BS, Hotel Restaurant / Hospitality Mgt.	Inst. Asst.
Tracey Clements			PK Asst.
Bonnie Hanna			Behavior Int.
Lisa Hodgson	CCV	AD, Bus. Mgt.	Inst. Asst.
Mary Hoyne	Univ. of New Brunswick	BA, Office Mgt.	PK Asst.
Bill Johnson			Custodian
Cheryl Joslin	Newbury College	AS	Food Svc. Mgr.
Jean Joslin	UVM	BS	Inst. Asst.
Leah Maurice	UVM	5 <sup>th</sup> Yr. Cert., Ed.	In-House Sub
Linda Moulton			Inst. Asst.
Leslee Torsell	Penn. State University	BS, Recreation and Parks	Inst. Asst.
Arthur Washington			Asst. Chef
Ted Withey			Dir. of Maint.

**ADMINISTRATION**

Chris Dodge	JSC / UVM	BA Ed., BA Art Ed., MA Counseling, CAGS School Admin.	Principal
Caroline Schober			Admin. Asst.

**SCHOOL BOARD**

Michael Riddell, Chair	Jean Wry
Susan MacLean-Daley, Clerk	Bob Lockett
Russell Beilke	

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

**ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE***A Word About Assessments*

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

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

*The New England Common Assessment Program*

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

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

The Grade Level Expectations provide specific benchmarks for Vermont's Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities. They provide guidance for the design of local curriculum, instruction and assessment. Specifically, they address

student expectations in math, reading and writing skills required for state assessments. In addition, other areas of the general curriculum are governed by the GLE's. More information on the Grade Level expectations is available at: [http://www.state.vt.us/educ/new/html/pubs/framework.html#grade\\_expectations](http://www.state.vt.us/educ/new/html/pubs/framework.html#grade_expectations) or by speaking to your child's teacher.

## SPRING 2008 NECAP SCIENCE ASSESSMENT RESULTS

*Students scoring proficient or proficient with distinction – 94 %*

*Students scoring partially proficient – 6%*

*\* Administered at grade 4*

### **2006-2007 SCHOOL YEAR NECAP RESULTS**

*Students who scored proficient or proficient with distinction.*

	<u>Math</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Writing</u>
Grades 3-6	91%	75%	71%
State Avg.	63%	70%	48%

### ***The Developmental Reading Assessment***

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

#### D.R.A. Results

	04-05	05-06	06-07	07-08
Achieved the Standard				
Or Achieved the Standard				
With Honors	75%	85%	83%	84%

### ***The Handwriting Without Tears Assessment***

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

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

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

### ***Gates-MacGinitie Reading Test, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition***

This school initiative was implemented to monitor each student's reading vocabulary development, particularly his or her reading comprehension and reading fluency for grades three through six. The assessment that we administer is the Gates-MacGinitie Reading Test, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition.

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

#### September 2008 Gates-MacGinitie Reading Test Results

	<u>Grade 3</u>	<u>Grade 4</u>	<u>Grade 5</u>	<u>Grade 6</u>
Scored Average or Above Average	12/19 (63%)	13/14 (93%)	17/18 (94%)	19/23 (83%)

FAYSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2009-2010 BUDGET PROPOSAL

	2007-2008 BUDGET	2007-2008 ACTUAL	2008-2009 BUDGET	2009-2010 PROPOSED	PERCENT CHANGE
<u>REGULAR EDUCATION</u>					
Salaries	456,708	497,258	522,898	534,502	
Benefits & Staff Development	160,799	159,486	196,706	188,944	
Contracted Services	37,438	31,020	29,591	70,589	
Materials and Equipment	32,050	31,679	35,550	39,550	
TOTAL REGULAR EDUCATION	686,995	719,443	784,745	833,585	6.2%
<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION &amp; ESSENTIAL EARLY ED</u>					
Salaries	105,807	101,570	110,613	97,908	
Benefits & Staff Development	20,154	17,774	29,990	36,613	
Spec. Ed. Contracted Services	47,300	21,286	20,300	20,300	
Materials and Equipment	3,000	1,836	3,000	3,000	
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	176,261	142,466	163,903	157,821	-3.7%
<u>COMPENSATORY EDUCATION</u>					
Salaries	40,152	40,976	43,151	45,775	
Benefits & Staff Development	4,740	4,946	5,215	5,378	
TOTAL COMPENSATORY EDUCATION	44,892	45,922	48,366	51,153	5.8%
<u>GUIDANCE SERVICES</u>					
Salaries	8,125	6,930	8,666	9,494	
Benefits & Staff Development	961	749	1,037	1,057	
Contracted Services & Supplies	1,000	357	1,000	500	
TOTAL GUIDANCE SERVICES	10,086	8,036	10,703	11,051	3.3%
<u>HEALTH SERVICES</u>					
Salaries	11,828	12,786	12,628	13,410	
Benefits & Staff Development	1,509	1,589	1,651	1,667	
Contracted Services & Supplies	700	1,256	700	700	
TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	14,037	15,631	14,979	15,777	5.3%
<u>SPEECH SERVICES</u>					
Salaries	36,746	42,119	39,249	41,671	
Benefits & Staff Development	14,250	15,813	15,236	15,082	
Contracted Services & Supplies	1,000	681	1,000	750	
TOTAL SPEECH SERVICES	51,996	58,613	55,485	57,503	3.6%
<u>IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION</u>					
In-service	6,000	5,331	6,000	6,000	
TOTAL IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION	6,000	5,331	6,000	6,000	0.0%
<u>EDUCATION MEDIA</u>					
Salaries	22,577	22,249	23,313	23,860	
Benefits & Staff Development	7,878	7,318	8,355	8,188	
Materials & Equipment	21,000	20,765	21,200	22,100	
TOTAL EDUCATIONAL MEDIA	51,455	50,332	52,868	54,148	2.4%
<u>BOARD EXPENSE</u>					
	12,000	12,020	12,000	12,000	0.0%
<u>WASH. WEST GENERAL ASSESSMENT</u>					
	24,832	24,854	28,657	31,740	10.8%
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>					
Salaries	93,825	95,169	99,489	102,282	
Benefits & Staff Development	21,660	22,281	27,538	29,217	
Postage, Supplies & Equipment	3,400	2,754	3,300	3,800	
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	118,885	120,204	130,327	135,299	3.8%
<u>FISCAL SERVICES</u>					
Business Management	5,266	5,259	5,811	6,612	
Payroll & Accounting Services	10,174	10,159	11,975	13,602	
Audit	2,750	2,700	2,750	2,833	
TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES	18,190	18,118	20,536	23,047	12.2%

FAYSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2009-2010 BUDGET PROPOSAL

	2007-2008		2008-2009	2009-2010	PERCENT
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED	CHANGE
<b><u>MAINTENANCE</u></b>					
Salaries	48,110	44,812	48,630	37,938	
Benefits & Staff Development	13,122	10,018	17,363	6,507	
Building Supplies & Operations	89,700	113,099	99,867	114,040	
<b>TOTAL MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>150,932</b>	<b>167,929</b>	<b>165,860</b>	<b>158,485</b>	<b>-4.4%</b>
<b><u>DAILY TRANSPORTATION</u></b>	<b>77,259</b>	<b>74,809</b>	<b>41,158</b>	<b>42,804</b>	<b>4.0%</b>
<b><u>DEBT SERVICE</u></b>					
Principal	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	
Interest	11,642	11,642	9,347	7,051	
Debt Interest - (Short Term)	-	18,717	-	10,500	
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>46,642</b>	<b>65,359</b>	<b>44,347</b>	<b>52,551</b>	<b>18.5%</b>
<b><u>FOOD SERVICE</u></b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>TOTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COSTS</b>	<b>1,493,462</b>	<b>1,532,067</b>	<b>1,582,934</b>	<b>1,645,964</b>	<b>4.0%</b>
Fayston Special Article	28,677	28,677	28,849	13,631	-52.8%
<b>VOCATIONAL TUITION</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Total Fayston Elementary School</b>	<b>\$ 1,522,139</b>	<b>\$ 1,560,744</b>	<b>\$ 1,611,783</b>	<b>\$ 1,659,595</b>	<b>3.0%</b>
Harwood Union Assessment (including HU Special Articles)	1,076,731	1,067,901	-	-	
<b>Total Fayston Request</b>	<b>\$ 2,598,870</b>	<b>\$ 2,628,645</b>	<b>\$ 1,611,783</b>	<b>\$ 1,659,595</b>	<b>3.0%</b>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>					
<b>Local Revenue</b>					
Town Rental	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	
Interest on Investments	2,000	50,184	2,000	12,500	
Miscellaneous	-	113	-	-	
<b>Prior Year Fund Balance</b>	<b>28,677</b>	<b>28,677</b>	<b>28,849</b>	<b>13,631</b>	
<b>State Revenue</b>					
Special Education Reimbursement	85,329	76,317	79,234	67,277	
Transportation Reimbursement	33,554	31,660	34,767	33,290	
Mainstream Block Grant	27,774	27,774	33,244	35,356	
EEE Grant	10,738	1,907	11,927	12,503	
Small School Grant	21,400	42,567	46,358	24,436	
<b>Federal Revenue</b>					
IDEA-B Grant	15,914	18,323	18,323	18,516	
IDEA-B Grant-Preschool	-	107	-	-	
<b>Subtotal Local, State and Federal Revenues</b>	<b>245,386</b>	<b>297,629</b>	<b>274,702</b>	<b>237,509</b>	<b>-13.5%</b>
<b>Education Spending Grant</b>	<b>\$ 2,353,484</b>	<b>\$ 2,344,654</b>	<b>\$ 1,337,081</b>	<b>\$ 1,422,086</b>	<b>6.4%</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 2,598,870</b>	<b>\$ 2,642,283</b>	<b>\$ 1,611,783</b>	<b>\$ 1,659,595</b>	<b>3.0%</b>

**The Fayston School District's audited Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2008 are available online at [www.faystonelementary.org](http://www.faystonelementary.org), at the WWSU offices in Waitsfield, Vermont or by calling 802-496-2272, extension 116.**

FAYSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2009-2010 BUDGET PROPOSAL

	2008-2009 BUDGET	2009-2010 PROPOSED	PERCENT CHANGE
<b><u>Education Tax Rates</u></b>			
<b><u>Fayston Elementary School:</u></b>			
Equalized Pupils	103.49	111.11	
<b>Education Spending per Pupil (PK-6)</b>	<b>\$ 12,920</b>	<b>\$ 12,799</b>	-0.9%
Base Education Spending per Pupil	\$ 8,210	\$ 8,544	
District Spending Adjustment	157.369%	149.801%	
Base Homestead Education Tax Rate**	\$ 0.87	\$ 0.86	
<b>Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (PK-6)</b>	<b>\$ 1.369</b>	<b>\$ 1.288</b>	
% of Fayston students at Fayston Elementary School	55.61%	58.46%	
Portion of District Equalized Homestead Rate to be assessed by town	\$ 0.761	\$ 0.753	
<b><u>Harwood Union School District:</u></b>			
Equalized Pupils (Fayston 7-12)	82.61	78.95	
<b>Education Spending per Pupil (7-12)</b>	<b>\$ 11,835</b>	<b>\$ 12,162</b>	2.8%
Base Education Spending per Pupil	\$ 8,210	\$ 8,544	
District Spending Adjustment	144.153%	142.346%	
Base Homestead Education Tax Rate**	\$ 0.87	\$ 0.86	
<b>Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (7-12)</b>	<b>\$ 1.254</b>	<b>\$ 1.224</b>	
% of Fayston students at Harwood Union	44.39%	41.54%	
Portion of District Equalized Homestead Rate to be assessed by town	\$ 0.557	\$ 0.508	
<b><u>Combined (PK-12):</u></b>			
Equalized Pupils (PK-12)	186.10	190.06	2.1%
<b>Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (Combined PK-12)</b>	<b>\$ 1.318</b>	<b>\$ 1.261</b>	-4.3%
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	76.28%	72.14%	
<b>Estimated Homestead Property Tax Rate**</b>	<b>\$ 1.728</b>	<b>\$ 1.748</b>	1.2%
Base Homestead Income Rate	1.80%	1.80%	
<b>Actual Homestead Income Rate</b>	<b>2.73%</b>	<b>2.64%</b>	-3.3%
Base Non-Residential Education Tax Rate**	\$ 1.360	\$ 1.350	
<b>Non-Residential Education Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$ 1.783</b>	<b>\$ 1.871</b>	4.9%
Combined Equalized Tax Rate for FY2010-11 is calculated by adding the proportionate share (based on equalized pupils) of the equalized homestead tax rate for each school district			

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

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

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

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

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

#### FY2008 School Level Data

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

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)  
35 out of 44

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller >	Elm Hill School	K - 5	120	8.90	1.00	13.48	120.00	8.90
	Saxtons River Elementary School	K - 5	121	10.90	1.00	11.10	121.00	10.90
	Lincoln Community School	K - 5	121	10.60	1.00	11.42	121.00	10.60
	<b>Fayston Elementary School</b>	<b>PK - 6</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>10.60</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>11.51</b>	<b>122.00</b>	<b>10.60</b>
< Larger	Weatherfield Elem. School	K - 4	123	7.00	1.00	17.57	123.00	7.00
	Ludlow Elementary School	K - 6	123	14.19	1.00	8.67	123.00	14.19
	Samuel Morey Elementary	K - 5	126	12.63	1.00	9.98	126.00	12.63
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data			142.18	12.88	1.00	11.04	141.86	12.85

School District: Fayston  
LEA ID: T075

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

In prior years, these figures were limited to districts' own current expenditures. The portion of current expenditures made by supervisory unions on behalf of districts varies greatly. This year's figures include district assessments to SUs. The advantage is that districts are more comparable to each other. The consequence is that THESE FIGURES ARE NOT COMPARABLE TO FIGURES USED IN PRIOR YEARS.

#### FY2007 School District Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school district, FY2007 FTE ≥ 100 but < 200  
(34 school districts in cohort)

Grades offered in School District  
Student FTE enrolled in school district  
Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs

Cohort Rank by FTE (1 is largest)  
33 out of 34

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

Smaller >	Salisbury	K-6	101.80	\$12,145
	<b>Fayston</b>	<b>PK-6</b>	<b>103.17</b>	<b>\$10,732</b>
< Larger	Whittingham	PK-5	103.55	\$11,515
	Fletcher	PK-6	105.39	\$11,378
	Cavendish	PK-6	112.05	\$10,923
Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data			137.55	\$11,391

Current expenditures are an effort to calculate an amount per FTE spent by a district on students enrolled in that district. This figure excludes tuitions and assessments paid to other providers, construction and equipment costs, debt service, adult education, and community service.

#### FY2009 School District Data

LEA ID School District		Grades offered in School District	School district tax rate			Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates		
			SD Equalized Pupils	SD Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	SD Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	MUN Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	MUN Common Level of Appraisal	MUN Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
Smaller >	T043 Cavendish	PK-6	103.21	15,295.37	1.7028	1.4600	1.0045	1.4733
	T075 Fayston	PK-6	103.49	12,919.91	1.3691	1.3181	0.7628	1.7280
< Larger	T211 Underhill ID	K-4	103.51	12,265.99	1.2998	1.2238	-	2.4426
	T197 Stockbridge	PK-6	107.32	11,710.91	1.2410	1.2410	0.9880	1.2561
	T099 Huntington	PK-4	108.89	13,051.53	1.3830	1.2570	0.9611	1.3079

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

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

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