

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT



COMTU CASCADE PARK

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COMTU CASCADE PARK

The plaque at the entrance to the Park reads: Comtu Cascade Park, a gift of the Moeser Family. It then lists the instrumental donors that through volunteer, in-kind and financial support made this beautiful park a reality.

Created on the site of an eyesore dilapidated building, the pocket park provides a wonderful view of an expansive cascade on the Black River between a series of waterfalls. This Springfield On the Move streetscape improvement project took several years from vision to inception to create, but it is a true example of what the power of volunteer spirit can produce. People of all ages enjoy the Park and photographers and artists have captured the beautiful scene. Several weddings also have taken place here.

Comtu Cascade Park is truly a community place made by the people for the people.

Cover Photo by: Louis Scuitto

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TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD DIRECTORY

GENERAL INFORMATION

Population: 9,078
Size: 31,552 Acres
47 Square Miles
Altitude: 410 Feet

MEETING SCHEDULES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meetings held second and fourth Mondays at 7:00 p.m., Selectmen's Meeting Room, Municipal Office

SCHOOL BOARD

Meeting held second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the High School Library

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

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

SPRINGFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY

Meeting held the second Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m., Huber Building, 80 Main Street.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 5, 2007 - Monday evening Town Meeting at 7:30 p.m., Springfield High School Cafeteria.

March 6, 2007 - Town Meeting Australian Ballot Voting at Riverside Middle School Gymnasium. Polls will be open 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

April 1, 2007 - Dogs must be licensed.

April 5, 2007 - Fourth and final property tax installment due.

August 15, 2007 - First property tax installment due.

October 15, 2007 - Second property tax installment due.

January 15, 2008 - Third property tax installment due.

April 1, 2008 - Dogs must be licensed.

April 15, 2008 - Fourth & final property tax installment due.

TOWN

Municipal Offices:

96 Main Street

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

Tel. No. 885-2104

Department of Public Works:

Fairground Road

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

Tel. No. 886-2208

Springfield Police Department:

Tel. No. 885-2113

Springfield Fire Department:

Hartness Avenue

Fire and Ambulance Emergency

Tel. No. 885-4545

Fire and Ambulance Non-Emergency

Tel. No. 885-4546

Springfield Town Library

43 Main Street

Business Hours:

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

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

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

Tel. No. 885-3108

Parks & Recreation Department:

139 Main Street

Tel. No. 885-2727

Senior Citizen's Center:

139 Main Street

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

Monday - Friday

Tel. No. 885-3933

Sewage Disposal Plant:

Clinton Street

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

Monday - Friday

Tel. No. 885-2854

Transfer Station & Recycling Center:

Fairground Road

Business Hours:

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

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

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

Tel. No. 885-5827

SCHOOLS

Central Offices 885-5141

Athletic Director 885-7905

Elm Hill School 885-5154

Gateway Program 885-3477

Union Street School 885-5155

Park Street School 885-4774

Riverside Middle School 885-8490

Springfield High School 885-7900

Technical Center 885-8300

ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Patrick M. Ankuda 2007

SELECTMEN

Mark A. Blanchard 2007
 Terri Benton 2009
 Mary Helen Hawthorne*2008
 John Hall 2008
 John Swanson 2009

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

James Ball 2008
 Samuel Coleman 2009
 Karen Sherer 2009
 Laura Ryan 2007
 Kenneth Vandenburg* 2007

Jeanice Garfield was appointed to fill unexpired term of Karen Sherer (who resigned) until Town Meeting, March 6, 2007.

LISTERS

Arnold J. Lashua 2009
 Richard A. Moore 2008

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Miranda Bogardus 2007
 Alan Fusonie 2009
 Fredda Kischko 2007
 Alice S. Lohutko 2008
 Bill Mattoon 2007
 Jean Middleton 2008
 John Vorder Bruegge* 2008

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Ernest C. Lamphere 2009
 Jane Waysville 2008
 Lawrence Woolson 2007

Holly Farnsworth was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Lawrence Woolson (who resigned) until Town Meeting, March 1, 2007.

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Scott Page 2007
 Joan Robison 2009
 John N. Swanson 2011
 Tami Thomas 2010
 William Young 2008
 Bonnie L. Reynolds, Ex-Officio

TOWN AGENT

Stephen S. Ankuda 2007

FIRST CONSTABLE

Richard Ripchick 2007

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

(Term expires in February 2007)

Peter Andrews
 Ted Cody
 Alice M. Emmons
 John E. Follett
 Mark J. Greenvall
 Eugene Guy
 Michael J. Knoras
 Ernest Lamphere
 Clint Martin
 Patricia Martin
 Franklin Poole
 Linda Richards
 Steven J. Sysko
 Christina Tetrault
 Robert D. Yoder

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

(2/1/2007-2/1/2009)

Peter Andrews
 Richard Andrews
 Judith Edwards
 Alice M. Emmons
 Dan Gray
 Mark Greenvall
 Tom Hall
 Michael J. Knoras
 Larry Kraft
 Steven J. Matush
 Franklin Poole
 David Shuffleburg
 Steven J. Sysko

Vacancy created by the death of Clinton Martin

STATE REPRESENTATIVE WINDSOR 1-1

Kathy Pellett

WINDSOR 1-2

Alice Emmons
 Cynthia Martin

WINDSOR COUNTY SENATORS

John Campbell
 Richard McCormick
 Alice Nitka

APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PLANNING COMMISSION

Donald Barrett *
 Ronald W. Higgins
 Wilbur Horton, Jr.
 Steven Kraft
 Donald Napsey
 Richard Fenton
 Kelly Ryan
 Richard Filion
 Joseph Husted

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

David Crawford
 Wayne Griffin
 Bruce Johnson *
 Keith Stern

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Estelle Goding
 Charles B. Gulick, III, Alternate
 Herbert Jamison
 Goldie May
 Elsie Putnam
 Theodore Reeves *

AIRPORT COMMISSION

Thomas Hiltley
 Peter MacGillivray
 Floyd Roberts
 Loretta Sparks

CITIZENS' BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lisa Hall
 James Benton
 Douglas Dodge

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Peter Andrews
 Beverly Corey
 Cynthia Gagnier
 Frederic P. Koledo *
 Alan Pinders
 William F. Morlock, III
 Executive Director

APPOINTED OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

TOWN MANAGER

Robert J. Forguites

TOWN CLERK/TREASURER

Bonnie L. Reynolds, CMC

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

Bonnie L. Reynolds, CMC

FINANCE DIRECTOR

Jeffrey A. Mobus

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Linda T. Rousse

POLICE CHIEF

Douglas Johnston

FIRE CHIEF

Russell C. Thompson

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Harry Henderson

PARKS, RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES DIRECTOR

Andrew Bladyka

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Russell S. Moore

CHIEF ASSESSOR

Peter S. Clark

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER DIRECTOR

Terri Emerson

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER AND BOARD OF SELECTMEN

At the Town Meeting in 2006, two incumbent Board members, Paul Putnam and Marie Gelineau, did not seek re-election and two new members, Terri Benton and John Swanson, were elected to replace them. We thank Paul and Marie for their time and efforts and appreciate having Terri and John volunteer to serve on the Board.

In June of 2006, Fire Chief Ernest "Puggy" Lamphere retired after over forty years of service to the Town of Springfield. He has served the town in many capacities. Whenever something needed to be done, Puggy was there to work on it. He still serves as a Trustee of Public Funds and a member of the Board of Civil Authority. We wish him many years of happy retirement and thank him for all he has done for the Town of Springfield.

There was additional positive economic development news in 2006.

The Winstanley family purchased the Fellows Plant in North Springfield. The plant had been empty for several years. The new owners are totally renovating it and present plans will have the plant fully occupied in 2007.

Springfield Regional Development Corporation (SRDC) continues to work on redevelopment of the former Jones & Lamson Plant #1 property. This has been a long process, but it appears that there will be some action in 2007. SRDC is to be commended for not giving up on this project.

Work continues on the elimination of Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO) in town. A project in the Park and Union Street areas is expected to be commenced in the spring of 2007.

There are reports from each of the Department Heads following this report giving more details about the work of their departments. Time should be spent reviewing those reports.

As usual, we thank the many employees and volunteers for all of their efforts to make Springfield a better community.

We also thank the citizens of the town for the support they have given to the Board.

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

Mary Helen Hawthorne, *Chair*
John Hall, *Vice Chair*
Mark Blanchard
Terri Benton
John Swanson

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS 2006

RESOLUTIONS

- 02-13-06 Litigation – Bradley Corliss v. Town of Springfield – settlement
- 04-24-06 Adna Brown Lane changed to Filion Drive
- 05-08-06 House and Senate Resolution – recognizing the professional level of services provided by Vermont firefighters and emergency medical services personnel signed by the Speaker of the House, Gaye Symington, and President of the Senate, Brian Dube.
- 06-19-06 Bond Anticipation Note Renewal – Chittenden Bank – Water/Wastewater Project – \$1,500,000.00
- 06-19-06 Bond Anticipation Note – Chittenden Bank – CSO Project - \$2,000,000.00
- 06-19-06 Capital Equipment Note - Chittenden Bank – Department of Public Works – Loader
- 07-17-06 Litigation Kimberly Eroncig v. William Frank and Walter Morancy

ORDINANCES

- 07-17-06 Amendment of Ordinance 0-87-3 – Amend the definition of Subdivision Article II: Definitions, Section 201, Word Definitions by allowing an exception for construction of not more than two single family dwellings in addition to the existing main farm house on working farms to provide housing for family members who continue to work the farm and for hired hands and/or their families.
- 07-17-06 Amendment of Ordinance 0-86-2 – Amend Springfield Zoning Bylaw, Ordinance 0-86-2, by the Planning Commission, to amend Section 7-104 General Regulations, W. Multiple Structures and Multiple Uses on a lot, adding a new section d. As set forth in the definition of Subdivision, the construction of not more than two single-family dwellings in addition to the existing main farm house on working farms to provide housing for family members who continue to work the farm and for hired hands and/or their families. Lots created shall not be less than two acres in any zoning district and will be retained under the farm or family ownership for a period of not less than five years. Creation of these lots shall require subdivision approval by the Planning Commission, a conditional use permit by the Zoning Board of Adjustment and a zoning permit issued by the Zoning Administrator, as well as any other State or local permits required for subdivision and construction. (See Springfield Subdivision Regulations, Ordinance 0-87-3, Subdivision Article II:

TOWN CLERK

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

A town clerk in any municipality wears many hats! Not only do they serve as the information center for the Town, Vital Records Registrar, Election Administrator and Licensing Agent, they are also responsible for managing all the important records of the Community in which they serve.

Many of these records date back to 1761, the date that the town became incorporated. As technology has changed, so has the method in which we protect these records. Some thirty years ago, the records were taken to the Public Records Division in Montpelier to be microfilmed; to ensure that there was a back-up copy should there ever be a disaster and these precious records be destroyed. Today we are digitizing these documents in-house.

Title searchers coming to our office may view records on a public computer as well as searching the paper records! It is the goal of this Department to have records recreated and indexed to allow for a 40-year search to be available on computer within the next two years.

During the year, many people interested in genealogy visited our office to research their ancestors' records. We prepared many certified copies of vital records during the year for persons who were applying for Social Security; for youngsters registering for kindergarten; for job applicants, etc. There is a definite increase in the number of certified birth records that are issued from this office since 9/11!

We are anticipating drastic changes in the Vital Records Laws in the next few years due to contemplated changes by our federal legislators. Currently, under law, our records are open, and anyone can obtain any vital record without identification. There is the possibility, once these changes are made, that the Vital Records will not be housed locally, but rather in a central location.

We continue to work with the Department of Motor Vehicles. The services we provide include the renewal of motor vehicles, snowmobiles, trailers and boats. The office receives \$3.00 for each renewal processed. If you wish to renew your registration at the Town Clerk's Office, you must have a check or money order made payable to VT DMV in the amount shown on your registration renewal form. We are not allowed to accept cash for the renewal. The \$3.00 processing fee, however, may be cash.

If you did not receive your renewal in the mail, or you have misplaced it, we may be able to help you by using the Express Renewal Service now being provided. Express Renewals can be done by phone and on-line. To take advantage of this service, you must have a credit card, the current registration, and your driver's license. We process the bulk of these renewals at the end of each month when car owners realize that they forgot to mail the renewal in to the Motor Vehicle Department.

Passport applications are processed by the Town Clerk, **by appointment only**, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. The number of passports processed each year continues to increase as not only

Springfield residents but people in the surrounding area become aware that they can actually come to this office to have their passport processed.

As a result of 9/11, people flying into Canada or Mexico must now have a passport. In 2008, they will need a Passport even though they may be driving into these countries.

One of the most frequent requests now comes from school students who, through school programs, are given the opportunity to travel abroad! For more information about applying for a passport, see Page 6.

I have touched on just a few of the services provided by this office. Call our office if you ever have any questions about your community!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen for their continued support of this office. A special thanks to my dedicated Assistant, Jennifer Hasenbuhler. Jennifer's loyalty to this office contributes greatly to the success of the daily operation of the town clerk's office.

Bonnie L. Reynolds, CMC
Town Clerk

ASSESSMENT REPORT

Most of you are fully aware that 2007 will see the new values as a result of the reappraisal. The Assessment Department and the contractor wish to thank one and all for your cooperation in the inspection phase. We will soon be doing a field review so we will be visible slowly driving past all properties.

There will be a booklet of all changes to all properties. We hope this will be helpful to show equity. As most of you know, the market for housing in Springfield has taken a major leap. To some this may be a shock, but the sales are evidence.

Pre-grievance and official grievance hearings will be held after you have received notice of Change of Appraisal and the booklet is available to show entire values for comparison. We would suggest that you set a range of value for your property and if the listed value is in that range we would think that grievance would be a waste of time for all. If you have questions or believe there is a mistake in your value, come to the first grievance to be sure that you will get answers.

Arnold J. Lashua, *Lister*
Richard A. Moore, *Lister*
Peter S. Clark, *Chief Assessor*
Mary Perkins, *Secretary*

PASSPORT APPLICATION INFORMATION SHEET

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

Phone: 802-885-2104

HOURS FOR EXECUTION OF APPLICATIONS

Monday - Friday (Except Holidays)

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

YOU MUST HAVE:

- 1. COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM** – To be signed in the presence of the passport agent at the Town Clerk's Office. Applicants under 18 years of age must have a parent sign the application in the presence of the passport agent also. Applicants under 14 must have both parents' signatures.
- 2. PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP** – We can accept ONLY a CERTIFIED COPY of your birth certificate issued by the Town or City in which you were born. It must have a raised seal from the issuing office. (If you need addresses or telephone numbers to obtain a proper birth certificate, call 885-2104.)
Your OLD PASSPORT also can be used as proof of citizenship.
NATURALIZED CITIZENS MUST bring the original Naturalization Certificate.
- 3. TWO PASSPORT PHOTOGRAPHS** – See back of application for size specifications.
- 4. ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION** – A valid driver's license or a student ID with picture and signature.

PASSPORT FEES

16 years or older (Adult)* 10-year Passport \$67.00

15 years or under *5-year passport \$52.00

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

EXECUTION FEE FOR EACH PASSPORT

The execution fee of \$30.00 may be paid with cash or separate check made payable to Town of Springfield. If Naturalization papers are included, please add additional \$2.65 for certified mail. If you wish to receive your passport by express mail, please submit an Express Mail Envelope with a postage stamp on it.

PROCESS TIME IS 6 WEEKS

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

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

RENEWAL BY MAIL

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

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

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

Office Hours: Monday thru Friday

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

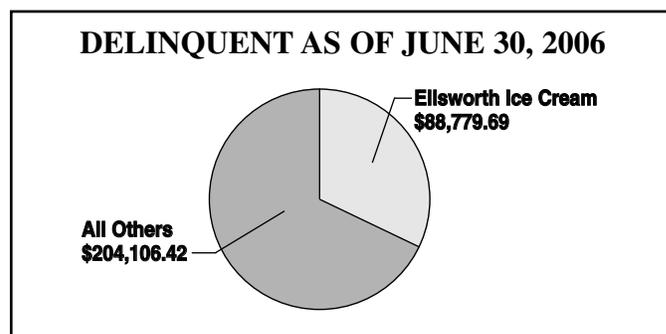
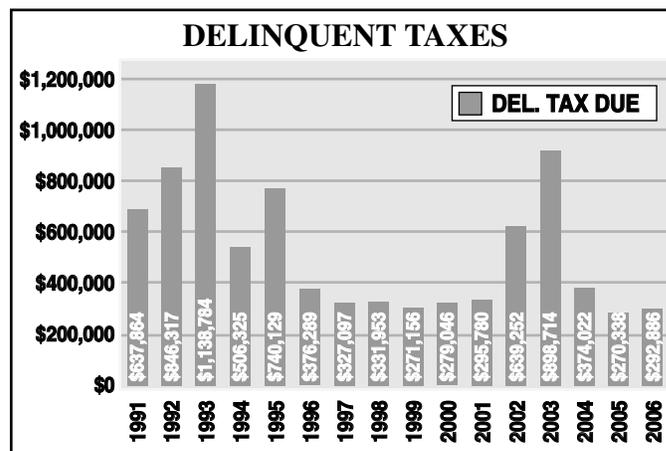
Total delinquency on June 30, 2006, was \$292,886.11. This was a slight increase from the previous year as reflected in the chart below. The increase was the result of personal property taxes that were left unpaid when Ellsworth Ice Cream closed its plant.

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

A tax sale was held on June 30, 2006. The redemption period will expire on June 30, 2007. Presently, there are 3 properties that have not been redeemed. If these properties are not redeemed by the June 30, 2007 date, tax collector's deeds will be issued to the purchasers at sale.

The fourth and final tax due date for the current year's taxes is April 5, 2007. Taxpayers should make every effort to pay as much of their property taxes as possible prior to this date. On April 6, 2007, an 8% collector's fee will be assessed to any property tax unpaid on this date.

Bonnie L. Reynolds
Delinquent Tax Collector



FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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

Property Tax bills are prepared and mailed not later than July 15th. If you have not received your bill by August 1st, please contact us immediately for a new bill as the first due date is August 15th. The tax bills are sent to the property owner(s) as recorded in the land records. If you must send copies of your bill to others (your mortgage company, the IRS, the State of Vermont, etc.), please remember to always keep the original for your records. However, if you do misplace your tax bill, contact our office to obtain a copy. Note that it may take a few days to process your request, especially if you are requesting the bill for a previous year.

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

All Vermont residents who own and occupy their Homestead on April 1, 2007 must complete the HS-122. Please note that only owners of Homestead properties are eligible to make a property tax adjustment claim. This form must be completed each year. This year the form is due April 17, 2007. There is a 1% penalty on the amount due for the school tax for forms filed after the due date. Lastly, late forms will only be accepted until September 4, 2007. After that date, the penalty will be charged, but no other changes will be made, and you will not be eligible to make a property tax adjustment claim.

The HS-122 form can be found in the Vermont Income Tax Booklet. In addition, you may file online at www.vermont.gov. As in prior years with HS-131, you will need the SPAN number for your property and the school tax code. This information is located on your property tax bill. Also on your tax bill, if you filed the HS-131 in 2006, are the Housesite Value, the Housesite Education Tax, the Housesite Municipal Tax, and the Total Parcel Acres. This information is also required for the HS-122.

IMPORTANT: Beginning this year, the State of Vermont will no longer issue checks for the Property Tax Adjustment Claim. The amount of the claim will be directly credited to each individual taxpayer's tax bill, reducing the amount of property taxes paid to the Town.

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

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

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

I want to take this opportunity to recognize Jayne Streeter for her long service to the Town. Jayne started her first tour of duty with the Town in 1962, staying until 1973. At that time, she left us in order to raise her two boys. When the boys were older, Jayne returned to work with the Town in 1987, and has been with us ever since. During this time, Jayne has performed nearly every function in Finance with a dedication and attention to detail that are exemplary. It is with regret that I must announce that Jayne has decided to retire, effective January 31, 2007. I want to thank her for all that she has done and wish her the best in her retirement years. I also thank Jan Rogers and Lois Smith for their continued efforts on behalf of the Town and its taxpayers. I am so fortunate to have worked with such wonderful people.

Jeff Mobus
Comptroller

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BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

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

During Fiscal Year 06, the Annual Town and Town School District Meeting and a Special School District Meeting were held under the direction of the "BCA". Many hours were spent preparing for the elections to be held in the Fall of 2006. The number of voters requesting absentee ballots continues to increase with each election. I would urge any voter, who has a difficult time getting to the polls during the polling hours, to request an absentee ballot.

Voters with disabilities will have the opportunity in the Fall of 2006 to use the new IVS Vote-By-Telephone system. The best feature of this system is that it allows a blind or visually impaired voter to practice using the sample ballot at any time and then practice using the actual ballot in the 20 days prior to the election.

Unfortunately, this will be available for the Primary and General Elections only. For more information on how this telephone system works, please contact the Town Clerk's Office.

The Board of Civil Authority has been extremely fortunate to have very dedicated, talented people serve as Election Officials. Many of these people have been serving in this position for more than twenty years. The professionalism they exhibit during the polling hours is greatly appreciated by the Town Clerk!

The Board of Tax Appeals was not active this past year since there were no appeals received following the Lister's grievances. I expect that this will not be the case in FY07 since the results of the town-wide reappraisal will soon be available.

There were numerous requests for tax abatement received by this Board in FY06.

Bonnie L. Reynolds, Clerk
Board of Civil Authority

NOTICE TO VOTERS

BEFORE ELECTION DAY

VOTER REGISTRATION

Deliver your application to the checklist to your Town Clerk's office no later than 12:00 noon on Monday, February 26, 2007 (or the second Monday before your town meeting), or mail it to the Department of Motor Vehicles with a postmark before the deadline.

EARLY OR ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

You, or a family member on your behalf, may request an early or absentee ballot from your Town Clerk by telephone, mail or e-mail at any time up until 5 p.m. or closing of the Town Clerk's Office on the day before the election March 5, 2007. An authorized person can apply for you to get a ballot only in person or in writing.

You can also go to the Town Clerk's Office and vote your ballot while at the office. Or, you can pick up your ballot at the Town Clerk's Office and take it home to vote. (You cannot pick up a ballot for your spouse or anyone else.)

If you take your ballot or have a ballot sent to you, you must return the ballot to the Town Clerk's Office or to the polling place not later than 7 p.m. the day of the election.

If you are ill or disabled, you can request that a pair of Justices of the Peace deliver a ballot to you. You can request assistance in reading or marking your ballot from the Justices. They must return the ballot to the Town Clerk for you.

SAMPLE BALLOTS POSTED: February 23, 2007

ON ELECTION DAY

- If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, explain the situation to the Town Clerk and ask that it be put back on.
- If the problem isn't cleared up to your satisfaction, have the Town Clerk, a Selectman or other members of the Board of Civil Authority call an immediate meeting of the members of the board who are present at the polls. They should investigate the problem and clear it up.
- If you are still not satisfied, you may take a brief written request to a Superior Court Judge, who will rule on your request before the polls close that day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE for more information.
- If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or can't read, you may bring the person of your choice to assist you or you can request assistance from two election officials.
- If you cannot get from the car into the polling place, two election officials may bring a ballot to your car.

THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED BY LAW:

- Do not knowingly vote more than once, either in the same town or in different towns.
- Do not mislead the board of Civil Authority about your own or another person's eligibility to vote. You can only register to vote and remain on the checklist in the town of your principal dwelling place.
- Do not display any campaign literature, stickers, buttons, etc within the building containing a polling place. However, a voter may bring a small card or paper into the polling place for his or her own use in remembering candidates so long as it is not publicly displayed.
- Do not solicit votes or otherwise campaign within the building containing a polling place.
- Do not interfere with the progress of a voter going to and from the polling place. This includes not socializing in a manner that will disturb other voters.

**DON'T FORGET
THE ANNUAL
TOWN MEETING
ON MONDAY NIGHT
MARCH 5, 2007 AT 7:30 P.M.
WILL BE HELD AT THE
SPRINGFIELD
HIGH SCHOOL
CAFETERIA**

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

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

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

1. The Town of Springfield has been named as a Defendant in a case entitled State of Vermont v. Bradford Oil Company, Inc. regarding the former coal gasification plant, the current location of GoGo Gas on Clinton Street. This is a claim concerning hazardous waste from the former coal gas plant. In the 1960's, Springfield widened Clinton Street and acquired fifteen feet along the highway in front of the former gas plant property. Because the Town currently owns a portion of this property where hazardous waste formerly was generated, the Town has been brought into this lawsuit by Bradford Oil Company seeking contribution toward any cleanup. This matter is pending in Washington County Superior Court.
2. The Town of Springfield has been brought into a suit filed by Eileen Hongisto to undo a tax sale of her property. The suit began by the filing of a Complaint by the purchaser at tax sale to take possession of the property. Ms. Hongisto has brought the Town into the suit in an attempt to reverse the tax sale.

As has been the case for a number of years, the Town of Springfield has had a remarkably successful experience in avoiding litigation. A lot of the credit for that goes to the Town Manager for being proactive, and the Select Board for promptly dealing with many issues that arise over the course of a year. Given the size of our municipality and the services provided, it is inevitable that a number of issues will arise each year and a few will result in litigation.

Stephen S. Ankuda, Esq.
Town Attorney

PERSONNEL DIRECTOR

During 2006 there were some usual and expected changes to the personnel ranks, and some more notable.

Dean "Bucky" Buxton - July 15, 1963 - December 31, 2006. Heavy Equipment Operator/Crew Leader Bucky Buxton retired after 43 years of service to the Town in the Public Works Department. Bucky was the Grader man for many years but also served as a heavy equipment operator, crew leader and maintenance worker throughout his years of service. We will miss his down to earth humor, his live and let live philosophy, and the comforting knowledge that Bucky was "always on the job".

Ernest "Puggy Lamphere" Fire Chief - December 1, 1969- June 30, 2006. Chief Lamphere retired after 37 years of service to the Town in the Fire and Ambulance Department. The Chief worked his way up through the ranks and became Chief in 1980. Puggy loved his work and lived what he loved. His presence is still felt in his service to Springfield citizens in many ways, including Trustee of Public Funds, Justice of the Peace, and as the supporter of many educational and family oriented services. It is a fine testament to Chief Lamphere that the transition from Chief Lamphere to Chief Thompson was carried out without a hitch in services or performance of duty by his men one and all.

Deputy Russell Thompson was promoted to Chief upon Puggy's retirement, Scott Richardson was promoted to Deputy Chief, and George "Bay" Wheeler, Jr. was promoted to fill the Captain's position. Other new hires in the Fire/Ambulance Service include Mark Hadwen and Paul Stagner.

Roland Saulnier - February 5, 1990 - June 30, 2007. Parks and Recreation Maintenance Person, all around buildings and grounds keeper. Roland left actively working at the end of December 2006 and will be officially retired in June of 2007. Roland was a familiar face to all, young and not so young, who participated in activities at the Community Center, the pool, the ball fields, the skating rinks, and the tennis courts. A long time employee of the Public Works Department, Eric White, has been transferred to continue this valuable service for the Parks and Rec Department.

Another familiar face in Parks and Rec, Lawrence "Sonny" Bouchard, served as the Assistant Director in charge of programs from December of 2000 until November of 2006. Matthew McCarthy is the new Assistant Director, and we look forward to a long working relationship with him.

Other changes took place in Public Works, new hire Peter Neronski, and Water & Sewer new hires Thomas Fuller and Harold Jones. We welcome newcomers to Town employment and wish those who are gone the best of luck in new endeavors or the joy of retirement.

Linda T. Rousse
Personnel Director

SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

DEPARTURES, PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Departures:

This year the Springfield Police Department had no departures of personnel.

Promotions:

Gregory Molgano was promoted from patrolman to corporal. We currently have two sergeants' positions that are not filled, and we hope to have them filled in the near future.

Appointments:

During the year we appointed Donald "JR" Garrow from full-time officer's position to a part-time officer's position at his request. JR continues to work as a part-time officer with the department. William Daniels was appointed as a full-time officer and attended the 82nd Basic Training Course for Police Professionals from July to November.

Timothy McNamara and Daniel Deslauriers have been appointed as part-time officers, and Carla Kamel has been appointed as a part-time dispatcher. Carla was previously employed by the department as a full-time dispatcher and was promoted to administrative assistant in 1989 prior to leaving us in 1998. We welcome her back.

Corporal Morancy was assigned an acting sergeant's position in December and is currently going through training for this position.

We currently have two full-time sergeants' positions open in the department which we hope to fill this coming year.

We currently have 15 out of 16 authorized positions filled for full-time certified police officers.

We are continuing to look for part-time dispatchers and officers for the department.

We would like you to meet our new police officers and dispatcher.



Williams Daniels



Daniel Deslauriers



Timothy McNamara



Carla Kamel

TRAINING

Police officers, both part-and full-time, are required to attend training each year to keep their certification. Part-time officers must complete 30 hours of training, and full-time officers must complete 25 hours per year. Mandatory training requirements consist of Firearms, Hazardous Materials Awareness, First Aid and Blood Borne Pathogens.

The Town of Springfield is a Public Safety Answering Point for the E-911 system. Being a PSAP, the dispatchers, both part- and full-time, are required to attend training each year to keep their certification. Each dispatcher must complete training in CPR and Hazardous Materials each year with a total of 16 hours of training.

Other training taken by department members includes, but is not limited to, the following: Narcotics Interdiction, Interacting with People Experiencing a Mental Crisis, FATS Firearms Scenario Training, Stinger Spikes, Kinesic Roadside Interview and Interrogation, Street Crimes Seminar, Criminal Interdiction, First Line Supervisor, Managing Community Policing, Key Elements for Effective School Policing, Electronic Crimes Seminar, Ethical Issues & Decisions in Law Enforcement, Terrorism Awareness, Advanced Call Taking E-9-1-1, Hostage Negotiations and Incident Dispatcher-All Risk/All Hazard, to name a few of the courses.

POLICE DEPARTMENT FUTURE NEEDS

On behalf of the Springfield Police Department, I would like to THANK the following people in making a new police station a reality: The police building committee; Marie Gelineau, Paul Hudson, William Drude and Sandy Richardson.

I would also like to THANK Robert Forguites and the selectpersons; Chairperson Mary Helen Hawthorne, John Hall, Mark Blanchard, Terri Benton and John Swanson for their support for the new police facility and bringing the bond vote to the voters.

MOST OF ALL I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE VOTERS for recognizing the need for a different facility for the police department and then supporting that need. Without you, this would not have become a reality. Once again, thank you for your support.

We are hoping that we will be in the new facility by the end of December of 2007. We are looking forward to working with the different companies and people to make this happen.

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

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

Police Department (Continued)

GRANTS

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

The bullet proof grant is a grant that will save 50% of the cost of a new bullet proof vest for police officers. We purchased three (3) bullet proof vests with a cost savings of approximately \$750.00. We currently are in pretty good shape on keeping our bullet proof vests up to date.

Homeland Security Grant

We purchased eight (8) Non-Tactical Body Armors to place in each of our vehicles out of the 2005 Homeland Security Grant at a cost of \$7,912.00. We also purchased the following equipment out of the 2005 Homeland Security Grant: Battery Back-Up for our repeater system, \$2,650.00; five computers, \$6,750.00; Panasonic Tough book lap tops for four (4) cruisers for the mobile data system, \$39,109.00; APS Voice Recognition, \$15,478.00; and a DLP digital projector, \$1,979.97. This comes to a total cost of \$73,878.00.

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

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

US Department of Justice Block Grant

This grant is currently not being funded.

Technology Grant

The funding for this grant had been earmarked by Senator Jeffords. We received notice that we would be receiving the funding of \$346,317 towards technology. This is a one-time grant. While this was earmarked, I still had to write the grant application for the money.

One of the goals I had for the police department was to put Mobile Data Computers in the vehicles. Now you’re wondering what that accomplishes. The system is up and running as always; there are growing pains that we are overcoming. This is a much slower pace than I had anticipated in getting the system up and running.

We currently have eight vehicles with the Mobile Data System up and running. There are several software packages we are waiting on to see if they are compatible with other software and hardware we have. We have two antenna sites up in the Springfield area with plans on having one more site. This should provide the coverage that we need for our Mobile Data System.

We have had the grant extended to January 2008. We hope

to have this project completed by the end of the summer of 2007.

We did receive two grants from the Governor’s Highway Safety Program. One grant is for seatbelt enforcement in the amount of \$3,203.79, and the other grant is for Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) enforcement in the amount of \$2,600.00.

We also participated in several enforcement campaigns for “Click it ticket” and (DWI) enforcement campaigns. The Governor’s Highway Safety Program does not have the funding to offer police equipment as an incentive to participate in these enforcement campaigns.

We have another grant secured for 2007 which will help pay for the officer’s time for traffic light enforcement in the square. This grant is in the amount of \$5,000.

It appears this program may not be funded in the coming year since federal funding is “drying up” and most of it is being placed in Homeland Security.

We have received a total of \$79,681.00 in outside funding for the police department during the 2006 budget year.

SUMMARY

Our officers continue to be very busy in their daily responses to calls for service. Below is a list of some types of calls for service the officers have responded to:

	2004	2005	2006
Total Complaints	5,693	4,647	5,134
Total Motor Vehicle Complaints	2,587	3,239	3,815
Total traffic tickets issued	604	752	729
Written warnings issued		1,275	1,665
Totals	8,280	7,886	8,949
Assaults	107	66	96
Child abuse	16	12	10
Custodial interference	12	11	3
Sex offenses	47	32	34
Burglary/robbery	70	41	76
Burglary alarms	217	152	192
Theft	264	264	236
Auto Theft	13	12	17
Forgery/fraud/embezzlement	36	32	40
Motor vehicle/ATV complaints	266	288	330
Unlawful mischief	196	153	127
Family domestics	86	84	59
Alarms	12	19	22
Animal problem	291	366	315
Assist – agency	747	404	541
Citizens’ assist	465	220	365
Citizens’ dispute	298	217	223
Lockouts (discontinued service)	8	0	8
Bomb threats	2	3	2
DWI	73	33	75
Driving while license suspended	28	19	39
Property watch	16	26	21
Welfare checks (also 911 hang ups)	141	147	244
VIN verifications	178		180
Traffic accidents - damage	373	323	279
Traffic - injuries	28	25	40
Traffic - fatal	0	0	0
Bad checks	38	26	39

Police Department (Continued)

Fish and game complaints	99	0	0
Fireworks	15	25	22
Phone problems/harassment	92	71	88
Suspicious person/circumstance	437	437	430
Missing person/runaway juvenile	53	54	30
Juvenile problems	195	162	166
Property watch	59	26	20
Noise disturbance	249	111	131
Death investigations	7	10	7

ARREST

2004 Adult 459	Juvenile 95
2005 Adult 431	Juvenile 86
2006 Adult 500	Juvenile 69

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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

To the Men and Women of the Police Department: Thank you for your dedication to the department and the community you serve. Your hard work does not go unnoticed and is very much appreciated. Remember to hold your head up high since you are second to none.

Town Government: CONGRATULATIONS Chief “Puggy” Lamphere on your retirement and CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME ABOARD Fire Chief Russell Thompson. I would like to thank both of you and the Springfield Fire Department for your assistance throughout the year. The use of your facility for training and working on our vehicles is greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to using the new exercise room at the fire station.

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

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

I would like to thank Bob Forguites and Linda Rouse for their support and advice they have given throughout the year since it has been very much appreciated, and to the Board of Selectpersons for understanding the department and the support they have given.

I would also like to thank Lieutenant Mark Fountain and Administrative Assistant David Glidden for their outstanding work and contributions to the Police Department. Without their

dedication and hard work the department would not be where it is today. Thanks again.

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

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

We would like to thank everyone who brought items (food) into the police department during the holiday season. That was very thoughtful, and we appreciate your generosity.

Don’t forget to visit our Web Site at www.springfieldvtpd.org. May the year 2007 be a healthy and prosperous year for everyone!

Douglas S. Johnston
Chief of Police

SPRINGFIELD POLICE ASSOCIATION

Another year has gone by and the Springfield Police Association is happy to announce that we have given out thousands in local and national donations. The following list is just a few of the organizations we have given to throughout the year: Springfield Coalition, Riverside Middle School trip to Washington DC, Pine Street School donation, Trail (special needs children), People to People Ambassador program (School Outreach), Three Rivers Valley Regional business/education partnership, Windsor County Partners, River Valley Tech Center, Springfield Football banquet, Paddle Power (suicide awareness), Connecticut Valley Angels basketball, Santa Claus Club, North Springfield Playground and the Springfield Road Race, to name a few.

The SPA and its members wish to thank once again the Springfield Community and area businesses for their support and donations during our fund raisers which make this all possible. We look forward to serving the community and its patrons in 2007. Please make an effort to come and see us at the Springfield Home Show, and let us know how we can do more for our neighbors and friends. Don’t forget to come and support us at the annual Donkey Basketball game this year, along with one other sporting event this fall. Remember, without your support we can’t support others.

R.Simmons, *SPA President*

FIRE DEPARTMENT

2006 was a year of change for the Springfield Fire Department. On July 1st, I was fortunate to be able to step into a role that had been tended well for many years by retiring Chief Ernest Lamphere. As I write this report I would like to thank all those who have assisted in making my transition smooth and comfortable.

The Springfield Fire Department currently has 37 members. The department is comprised of 12 career fire fighters and 26 on-call firefighters. All career personnel, as well as seven on-call fire fighters who have met station coverage status, are required to have a minimum of five hundred hours of training to earn the necessary state and department level certifications. All career firefighters are trained to a minimum of both a Vermont Fire Fighter II and EMT-Intermediate. On-Call Fire Fighters hold a minimum of a Vermont Fire Fighter I certification or the grandfathered equivalent.

Captain Scott Richardson, a 26 year veteran career fire fighter with our department, was promoted to the position of Deputy Fire Chief in September. Scott's breadth of knowledge, dedication, experience and strong value system continues to serve the town in his new role as part of the administrative team.

On-call Captain Kristi Morris was promoted to the new position of On-Call Assistant Chief. Assistant Chief Morris has epitomized what a dedicated on-call fire fighter should be for over thirty years. Kristi's new position goes beyond operational duties; as part of our administrative team Kristi becomes a formal conduit for the On-call fire fighters.

Our fire department responds to assist our citizens over 2000 times per year. The department provides fire, EMS, rescue and haz-mat response to the operations and decontamination certification levels. Our rescue capabilities expanded this past year with 16 of our members becoming certified to the rope rescue operations level. Over forty thousand dollars in special rescue equipment has been put into service because of grants from Homeland security.

Captains Benton, Foulois and Wheeler, as well as Fire Fighter Sylvester, successfully completed the Vermont Fire Academy Fire Officer I and II course in 2006. This demanding 120 hour course serves as a foundation for the fire officer's growth, both operationally and as a manager.

Captain Foulois, Fire Fighter Thomas and Fire Fighter Adnams have become specialist instructors in Rope Rescue Operations for the Vermont Fire Academy. Fire Fighter Thomas has also become certified as a Vermont State Fire Instructor.

Springfield Fire Department hosted a Vermont Fire Academy live burn, flashover training course which fifteen Fire fighters from Springfield Fire Department attended. Nineteen firefighters attended the Stevens Advanced Drivers Training Course. Two firefighters were sponsored by Young's Propane to attend the 24 hour PGANE Liquefied Propane Gas School at the Massachusetts Fire Academy. Several fire fighters earned their Hazardous Materials Decontamination Certification. Depending on certifications a fire fighter may have between 24 and 96 hours of continuing education requirements each year.

Each year the United States fire service loses over one

hundred fire fighters to job related deaths and hundreds more to injury. These deaths are typically dispersed evenly between career and volunteer fire departments. Greater than fifty percent of these deaths are attributed to heart attacks. The Springfield Fire Department through the combined commitment of the Town Administration, Local Fire Department Bargaining Unit and On-call force, have worked as a cooperative to create a Wellness Program. Captain Sean Foulois and Fire Fighter John Brown have recently received their certification from the IAFF/IAFC, ACE accredited Peer Fitness Trainer course held in Dayton, Ohio. The cornerstone of this wellness program is the training and certification of the Peer Fitness Trainers, built on the foundation of the dedication of the fire fighting force.

In the 1970's there was a national effort to promote the awareness for the need of residential smoke detectors. Most people today are aware of smoke detectors and their role in fire safety. Yet each year, there are troubling statistics which show that smoke detectors were present but inoperative during a number of fires due to the lack of an operational battery. This is especially true for our elderly and disabled population. This problem will continue to grow as our national population continues to age. The Springfield Fire Department would like to assure that our public is safe. If you are in need of assistance to have your residential smoke detector checked or battery replaced, we will help. Call us at 885-4546 and we will schedule a time for a detector check or battery replacement.

Our Fire Department has welcomed some new people and seen the roles of some existing members change. Fire Fighter George "Bay" Wheeler was promoted to Captain. On-call Fire Fighters Mark Hadwen and Paul Stagner were hired to our career staff. Mathew Tufts and Timothy Putnam joined our fire department as on-call members and are currently enrolled in a Fire Fighter I course.

I would like to reintroduce you to the members of the Springfield Fire Department:



Chief
Russell Thompson
Serving Since 1981



Deputy Chief
Scott Richardson
Serving Since 1981



Asst. chief
Kristi Morris
Serving Since 1973



Captain
Daniel Baldwin
Serving Since 1988



Captain
James Benton
Serving Since 1983



Captain
Sean Foulois
Serving Since 2000

Fire Department (Continued)



Captain
George "Bay" Wheeler
Serving Since 1996



FF/EMT-1
John Brown
Serving Since 1994



FF/EMT-1
Aaron Sylvester
Serving Since 1994



FF
Scott Farr
Serving Since 2004



FF/EMT
Thomas Williams
Serving Since 2004



FF
Martin Kidder
Serving Since 1998



FF/EMT-1
John Clafin
Serving Since 1999



FF/EMT-1
Wayne Thomas
Serving Since 2005



FF/EMT-1
Mark Hadwen
Serving Since 1997



FF
Mark Whaley
Serving Since 1988



Safety Officer
Bruce Derosia
Serving Since 1999



FF/EMT
Scott Symonds
Serving Since 2001



FF/EMT-1
Paul Stagner
Serving Since 2004



FF
William Toner
Serving Since 2004



FF/EMT
Janice Bartley
Serving Since 2001



FF
Anthony Moriglioni
Serving Since 2004



FF
Stephen Karaffa
Serving Since 1999



FF
Todd Jackson
Serving Since 2005



FF/EMT
Charles Denofrio
Serving Since 2001



FF
Bruce Merriam
Serving Since 2001

Photos missing: Dispatch assist Mark Morris, Dispatch assist Frank Schippert

While 2006 was a year of change for the Springfield Fire Department, 2007 should be a year of continued progression. I look forward to the coming year and what lies ahead. I have great pride in our organization and the utmost respect for the dedication and talents of our people. We will collectively strive to meet the challenges of the service while continuing to provide our community with our best in fire protection, rescue and emergency medical response.

Russ Thompson
Springfield Fire Chief



FF
Matthew Tufts
Serving Since 2006



FF/EMT
Abe Wilson
Serving Since 2004



FF/EMT
Paul Spicer
Serving Since 2000



FF
Michael Harris
Serving Since 2005



FF/EMT
James Knight
Serving Since 1997



FF
Aaron Vittum
Serving Since 1994



FF/EMT
Thomas Baird
Serving Since 1979



FF
Tim Putnam
Serving Since 2006



FF
Scott Adnams
Serving Since 1997

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

This year the Springfield Department of Public Works completed the phased reconstruction of Fairground Rd. The 2.2 mile portion from Route 11 to the Town Highway Garage was completed over a two year period and cost about \$400,000.

Much of the work was completed by Town crews with assistance from private paving, reclaim, tree removal and blasting crews. Final improvements were completed this fall with seeding and tree and brush removal. This improvement should serve residents and the touring public for many years.

Improvements to Massey Rd. were also continued. This has been a multi year improvement project starting in 2002.



Fairground Road 2004



Fairground Road 2006

With contracted assistance from Gorman Brothers of Albany NY and Gurney Brothers Construction of North Springfield a 1- mile portion from Craigue Hill Rd. to the bridge was cleared, culverts replaced, drainage improved and the surface reclaimed. Gurney Brothers completed all work expected and well below our estimated budget, allowing us to use those dollars elsewhere. Plans are to complete the project by paving in the summer of 2007.

The Town Highway crews, headed by Foreman Bob Verge, assisted the Garden Club and Springfield On The Move with the construction of a new sidewalk and the installation of a lamp pole on Main Street adjacent to the new pocket park. The Director and Operations Supervisor, John Johnson, retrieved a large quartz rock in Weathersfield for placement as the marker in the park. This park is an added improvement to upcoming street improvements planned for the summer of 2007. Good work to all those concerned. It looks nice!

As part of the Town's responsibility under a Federal Grant

to rehabilitate the Stanley Rd. apartment complex, Southview, the Town crews constructed about 750 feet of new concrete sidewalk this fall. The RACLT, the project owner, was responsible for the materials and the Town provided equipment and the manpower. An ongoing evaluation is being undertaken to determine the most effective and efficient method to rehab additional sidewalk throughout Town.

The Department also assisted in the beginning of the revamping of the Recycle Facility. Plans were developed and a new loading dock was constructed, metal bays constructed and new layouts of materials for improved efficiency were undertaken. Other measures are being considered to constantly improve the facility and make it as user friendly as possible. Much of the thanks goes to Selectman Blanchard and fellow Board members for the funding priority and to the facility operator, Dan Farrar, for the ingenuity and enthusiasm that has been employed to implement these improvements. On a recent visit, a senior representative of a large National waste firm commented, "I see hundreds of recycling facilities and this operation is clearly near the top." "I don't see how we could operate this any better or efficiently. You guys are doing Great." Kudos to the operators and to the public that uses this facility. All contribute to make it a successful operation and more improvements are forthcoming.

About 15 failing culverts were replaced at various locations and the failed storm drains on Orchard Lane were replaced. Annually, we attempt to replace as many old and failing culverts as possible given time and budget. If you notice a roadway culvert that you think has outlived its useful life, give us a call and we'll inspect it and place it on a repair schedule if needed. Drainage related repairs remain our most numerous calls from the public for a variety of water related situations. With the very wet summer this activity was busier than usual. And, again with colder temperatures and high groundwater conditions..**WATCH OUT FOR ICE PATCHES!!!** Remember.. there's a reason this Town is called **SPRINGfield!!**

Engineers from Stantec, formerly, Dufresne Henry, and Vt. Agency of Transportation are proceeding with plans for the rehabilitation of Rt. 143, Skitchewaug Trail. A meeting was held earlier this year to gain some consensus on the direction of the improvements. Preliminary designs should be completed soon for review. At this point the construction could take place in 2009/10.

The Department did place a shim on some failing sections of the "Trail" over the Summer as a temporary ride calmer. The State contributed about \$25,000 toward the shim work, which cost about \$50,000. We may need to continue to address temporary pavement shims as dollars get tighter and the cost of pavement increases. We did do several areas this summer as a trial with a borrowed skid box (tow behind old style paving box) from the Town of Rockingham. We were given an old unused skid box by the State AOT District 2 late this summer and intend to use it in several places next season. Over the past 5 years there has been about a 50% hike in the cost of asphalt pavement. So we get less done for the same budgeted dollars. This year the proposed 2007/8 budget begins to address Union and Summer Sts. The CSO work should proceed this summer, and with some weather luck we could begin in street utility improvements early in the summer of 2008. The ensuing budget of 2008/9 must then address the \$400,000 plus costs of rehabilitating these streets.

The major portion, 4200 tons, of the 2006 paving occurred on Fairground Rd. Other paving that occurred during 2006 included Several Utility cuts and a repave of Wall Court which included additional drainage structures. The Department fully recognizes that there remains to be many sections of pavement needing repairs and will address them as budgets and other resources allow. Although we update our paving needs lists annually, we expect to formally update our comprehensive pavement management program this season with assistance from staff at the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning.

We replaced our cemetery/streets 1 ton utility dump truck this year, our 1 ton 4 WD utility dump/plow truck and our old roller with a used much newer roller. We also purchased a mulching blower for seeding and ditch stabilization.

Other work included our bi-annual storm sewers and basin cleaning program, roadside brush and tree removal, rubbish pickup, several gradings of the 55 miles of gravel roads, and significant assistance to other departments, in particular, the Library renovations.

We assisted the Recreation Department with several tasks, including materials delivery, and bicycle path maintenance. And, of course, less we forget, snow and ice control!!!! All of these items were completed while also answering many hundreds of citizens' requests for service. Your Public Works Department was busy and again thanks the Town citizens for being able to serve.

A special person, Dean Buxton, retired in December of 2006 after 46 years of continuous service; a feat few will ever claim at any job. Bucky, as we know him, was a Crew Leader and grader operator. He started with the Department in October of 1960. He has been as dependable as a good clock. I'm amazed at his endurance during long arduous hours of snow plowing operations. His constant good humor and positive attitude have guided many a "NEW GUY" as certainly I was some 8 years ago. He has been referred to as the "Crewless Leader", but if you think about it for a minute that's exactly what he is...he would get it done with or without a crew working with him, and he is a leader; he's proven that to me over and over. Best of luck in retirement to you, Bucky, and may those "pennies from heaven keep falling on you."

Just maybe, now that you are retired, they will be dollar bills!!!!!!!!!! You are now **CREW LEADER EMERITUS, RETIRED.**

I am personally proud of our management, staff and work teams for all that they accomplish. It takes many heads and hands to make these things happen. Many of our crewmembers constantly say, "LET'S 'GIT-'ER-'DUN". We hope we have gotten things done for the citizens of Springfield; if not, call us, we'll put you on one of our many lists of things to get done in the near future.

Harry J. Henderson
Director of Public Works

Members on the Boards of Selectmen from both Chester and Springfield granted generous support to the Recycling Center this year for improvements.

Some, if not all, of the investments made will be repaid and surpassed by cost savings over time.

For example, two bunkers were built to contain scrap metal. The pair cost something close to \$6,000 to construct. The savings will be from the rental fees on two dumpsters, which previously was \$24,000 annually. The bunkers also eliminated the need for an unsafe, and some would say unattractive overflow pile on sight.

A more significant investment was for a skid steer/forklift and loading dock.

Although the Recycling Center remains greatly beholden to the ongoing support from the Department of Public Works, the forklift allows for much more efficient operation overall. Now baled materials can be stockpiled and loaded without taking manpower and equipment away from other important tasks.

Finding storage room for all the recycled materials remains a challenge. However, some progress was made this year. Thanks to the many small contributions at our Second Chance Store, and to all those who donated their redeemable cans and bottles, the Recycling Committee was able to buy building materials for an equipment shed and a large storage trailer.

The trailer will be used to great advantage in the coming year for storage of electronics.

Starting in July 2007 mercury-containing devices (TVs, VCRs, electronics, some toys and appliances, anything with a circuit board) **will not be accepted in landfills or incinerators. The law will require that they be recycled responsibly.** With support from the Northeast Resource Recovery Association, and various other agencies, the Recycling Center will explore and establish an economical yet environmentally sound avenue for disposal of these items.

Our customer base continues to grow, and although all the numbers are not in yet, it seems apparent that due to everyone's efforts the volume of materials being recycled has increased as well. The best example would be with the mixed paper. Historically, on average, ten tons went out every two weeks; throughout 2006 we shipped between eight and ten tons every single week.

The Recycling Center could not function at its current capacity were it not for the core of dedicated volunteers. Many thanks and great appreciation goes out to Andrea, without whom the Second Chance Store could not be maintained, Bertha, who does it all, Hallie and all the rest – thank you.

Concurrently the Recycling Center would be nothing at all were it not for our patrons. Admittedly, there are still those among you who cannot tell aluminum cans from tin, corrugated cardboard from box board – or plastic **"Bottles and Jars only"** from anything else at all. Without these people I suppose we would all have to go get real jobs – so on behalf of the cast and crew, thanks to everyone who has contributed over the years.

Daniel Farrar

SPRINGFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION

STAFF

The end of 2006 brought major changes to the staff of the Springfield Parks and Recreation Department. In November, Sonny Bouchard decided to step down after six years as the Assistant Director, in charge of running all of our youth programs. Roland Saulnier retired in December after 17 years of service as the Maintenance Supervisor at the Recreation Department.

We would like to personally thank these two gentlemen one more time for jobs well done. Both were well known in our community, as is the case with most recreation positions. We will miss Roland for his knowledge of all our facilities, his jack-of-all trades abilities and his penchant for entertaining us with his jokes and stories.

Sonny will be missed for his dedication to the youth of our community in general; he gave long hours to running all of our youth sports programs, maintained the municipal swimming pool beautifully, never complaining about the hours that came with the job. He often took time to work with kids one-on-one or in small groups to help them improve their skills in a specific area, and did so with energy and enthusiasm. The community appreciates Sonny's efforts.

The two people chosen to replace Sonny and Roland both joined the Department in December, and are quickly becoming known to the community.

Our new Assistant Director is Matthew McCarthy. Matt comes to us with a solid background in recreation programming and management, and the right personality for the job. Matt, his wife Shanna, and their son Dylan are North Springfield residents. Eric White is our new Maintenance Supervisor. Rick has transferred from the Springfield Public Works Department. He's a lifelong Springfield resident, who, thanks to his sons Eric and Kyle and his previous position, has a good feel for the needs of the recreation community. Rick, his wife Yvonne, and their boys live in North Springfield as well. Stop by the Community Center anytime and meet the new staff.

In addition to our three full-time employees, we rely heavily on volunteers to run virtually all of our youth and adult programs. Once again, the people of Springfield came through in 2006 when we needed them.

Without the volunteer support for our programs, it would be impossible for us to maintain the quantity and quality of programs that we have. Parents, high school students, high school coaches, and other members of our community have once again stepped up to make our programs succeed. The community is the recreation department, and we are fortunate that Springfield residents keep giving their time and work together to benefit our young people. **A huge thank you to everyone who volunteers!**

PROGRAMS

In the springtime, youth baseball and softball programs dominate the Parks and Recreation landscape, while residents of all ages begin to enjoy the tennis courts, the parks, and the

Toonerville Trail bike and walking path. The skatepark and outdoor basketball courts at Riverside also spring back to life, as do the playgrounds at Riverside and the Commons.

As spring turns into summer with the end of the school year, the municipal pool becomes a busy place, with swim lessons, swim team and open public swimming keeping the lifeguard staff busy from dawn to dusk.

A variety of specific week-long summer camps are offered during the summertime. We currently offer soccer, basketball, field hockey, tennis, crafts, theater, gymnastics, football and karate in different weeks throughout the summer vacation months.

Throw in Wednesday night family track meets at the high school and a couple of youth baseball tournaments at Riverside, and you see that we keep pretty busy in the summertime.

Our Fall offerings include soccer, field hockey and flag football programs for the youth, and many of our indoor adult programs start back up at the Community Center.

It is also an especially busy time on the Toonerville Trail. Our bike and walking path has quickly become one of the most popular and versatile recreation areas in the community. Joggers, walkers, skaters, bikers, moms with strollers, and many others can be seen using the trail from dawn to dusk in fair weather months. Parks and Recreation works in conjunction with Public Works Department and several local service groups to maintain and upgrade the trail.

Rounding out the year, we move inside to run most of our winter programs. We offer many youth basketball programs, as well as wrestling and gymnastics for the kids. We also host many adult programs in the wintertime. Several aerobics classes, line dancing, men's basketball, and Yoga and Tai Chi are all available to the public.

We are always open to new ideas and requests, and we are always looking to expand our program offerings. Stop in and visit us at the Springfield Parks and Recreation Department. The door is open!

Andy Bladyka
Director



SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

The Springfield Senior Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. During these hours the place is “hopping” with many varied programs from cribbage tournaments to strength training classes. There is something for everyone! Anyone age 50 and over is welcome. Visit us and see why our members believe our Center is the best in the state. At the Center you can pick up a monthly bulletin featuring the many programs we offer. We think you’ll be amazed at all that goes on at the Senior Center.

Our members continue to make substantial contributions to the maintenance and operation of the Center with countless volunteer hours and generous monetary donations. Because of the members’ donations of time, talent and money, we have been able to keep our part of the town budget low. More importantly, these donations have served to create a real feeling of family throughout the Center.

The Senior Center continues to contribute to the community by sponsoring a yearly flu clinic, free monthly blood pressure clinics, foot clinics, free Legal Aid clinics, High School scholarship, donation to the Santa Claus Club baskets and the list goes on. Our members are the ones you see donating their time and talents in the schools, the hospital, and at community events. They have given to the community for many years and continue to do so.

Our thanks go to SAPA-TV for videotaping our Wednesday programs. We believe people are learning that senior means experienced – not old. When you see members dancing to “Old Time Rock n’Roll” or “YMCA” you know they are not old! People tell us they can’t wait to be 50 and “party” with the seniors!

In August members took a memorable 10 day trip to the Canadian Rockies. In April they went to Lancaster, PA and in September they were off to Philadelphia and the Brandywine area. In between they took five day trips to places like Indian Head Resort, Isle of Shoals, Hu Ke Lau, Lake Champlain and Chez Josef. In April of 2007 we will be taking a 9 day trip to the Old South, Charleston, Savannah, and Myrtle Beach. Then in July we head to Bar Harbor, Maine and in October it’s off to Quebec. These trips are open to anyone 21 years and over after the active members sign up. We have many people who are not members that travel with us often since they enjoy our group – a rowdy group but a friendly group.

This year we collaborated with Dr. Jeffrey Bell on a play concerning Advance Directives. In November we presented the play to our members and have plans to perform a Saturday matinee in February that will be open to everyone in the community. Dr. Bell (who also is one of the actors) facilitates a discussion after the play which makes people think about these very important issues. Again, we see the seniors working with other community leaders to provide information that enhances the dignity of citizens.

The Center is thankful for the continued support of the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen, and most importantly the citizens of Springfield. We also thank the Parks and Recreation Department, which we work closely with for their support over the past year. It is this support that keeps the Senior Center a vital asset to the community.

The Senior Center family looks forward to another successful and lively year.



Santa Claus and Lee Murray at Christmas Party.

Earl Bonneau, *Chairman*
John Follett, *Vice Chairman*
Barbara Parker, *Secretary*
Dorothy Benham
Joan Matanle
Richard Gorton
Heather Post
Andrew Bladyka
Advisory Committee

Terri L. Emerson
Director



Senior of the Year, Stanley Farrar (sitting). Joan Kempf, Honor Roll; Richard Gorton, Runner-up; Kay Mitchell, Honor Roll.



The Senior Center collaborated on a play with Dr. Jeffrey Bell. Jackie Stankevich, Dave Rorison, Dr. Bell, Dick Gorton, and Walt Stankevich (standing), Bev Abbott and Ellie Johnson (seated).



Judy Bryant, Kay Mitchell, Linda Wilson, Dale O’Brien, Sue Lemire and Theresa Pierce, ready to dance.



The Window Decorators: kneeling—Jackie Stankevich; standing—Walt Stankevich, Dick Gorton, Linda Wilson, Terri Emerson, Judy Bryant and Ellie Johnson.

SPRINGFIELD TOWN LIBRARY

Hours:

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

The continuation of the Library renovations into the second floor non-fiction area highlighted the 2005-2006 year at Springfield Town Library. The renovations began in 2001 with the restoration of the historic stained glass panel in the Flinn Room. It switched into high gear in 2003-2004 when the lobby and first floor got a complete make-over, including a new Public Service Desk, new flooring, lighting and window treatments, an ADA-compliant restroom and front door, a newly-painted interior, and a reorganized floor plan aimed at making the Library's many resources more accessible to all.

This year the Library turned its attention to the second floor, replacing the old, worn carpet and the wood bookshelves and creating a more user-friendly space. New carpet tiles give a warmer, inviting feel and offer greater flexibility to replace smaller, worn sections with new tiles rather than the massive job of replacing the entire carpet at once. The old, red carpet was installed in 1977, and after nearly 30 years of heavy usage was in desperate need of replacement. The bookshelves, too, had come to the end of their useful life. Despite the appeal and "good feel" of solid wood shelving, they were unable to adjust to different size books and the aisles between shelving ranges were too narrow to meet ADA standards. The shelving was too tall for many to reach the top shelf. They stretched nearly to the ceiling, restricting light distribution and making it difficult for patrons to see. The new shelving is shorter, bringing the shelves into easy reach and resulting in a huge improvement in lighting levels while eliminating the need to replace the lights and ceiling tiles. The new shelves allow for wider, ADA-compliant aisles while adding greater shelving capacity, which creates room for expansion and keeps most of the hard-to-see bottom shelves empty.



Out with the old...and in with the new shelves.

Library Board of Trustees

John Vorder Bruegge, <i>Chair</i>	Alice Lohutko
Miranda Bogardus, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Jean Middleton
Fredda Kischko	C. William Mattoon
Alan Fusonie	

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

The second floor renovations were a major undertaking and brought some disruptions in service. The second floor and the Flinn Room were closed to the public for several weeks and the adult non-fiction collection was closed for public browsing during the project, which was done in two phases. Temporary shelving was set up in the Flinn Room, half of the old bookshelves were emptied and the books moved onto the temporary shelves in the Flinn Room. The empty shelves were then dismantled and put into storage, the old carpet was removed and new carpet installed in the open area. Then the new shelves were installed and the books were moved back from the Flinn Room to the new shelves. The whole process was repeated in the second phase, the temporary shelving was removed and both the Flinn Room and second floor were again open to the public. During the lengthy project, Library patrons were remarkably understanding about the disruption and seem very pleased with the results.

The new cream-colored shelves and wider aisles, along with the soothing green carpet and better lighting, bring a brighter, more open and user-friendly feel to the whole second floor. The new shelves also have a more contemporary look, more in keeping with the contemporary architecture of the 1977 addition. They convey a sense of the Library on the cutting edge of information technology rather than a more traditional books-only warehouse. Information technology has become an integral part of our Library services. The computerized Integrated Library System installed in 2004 incorporates the same advanced technology found in larger, urban libraries and makes all of the Library's services more accessible to the community. The Library's web-based catalog can be searched from anywhere, at anytime, by anyone with Internet access. Beyond the Library building, that could be from your home, office, school, even from a web-enabled wireless device. Anyone with a Library card can set up their own personal Library account which allows you to see which items are checked out to you and when they're due back. You can renew them online and place a "hold" on titles you want the Library to put aside for you when they're available. Some patrons like to keep a list of what they've borrowed, so for those who request it the system will save that in their Library account. And if you choose to give the Library an e-mail address, the system will automatically send an e-mail to notify you if a book is due back that day or if it's overdue, or if we're holding an item for you.

The Library offers a wealth of online resources on its www.SpringfieldTownLibrary.org website that go far beyond Google. You'll find accurate, authoritative and up-to-date information from encyclopedias to health and medicine, business and finance, career development and test preparation, literary and legal sources to local, state and federal government sites. For example, the Vermont Online Library, a collection of 18 databases made available through a state contract, includes the full text from thousands of popular magazines and academic journals, newspapers from Vermont, the US and around the

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world, and dozens of authoritative online reference sources. The Library provides free, high-speed Internet access on six public computers, along with Microsoft Office for word processing, database and spreadsheet applications plus several educational games for children.

The Library introduced two new electronic services in FY2005-2006, Wireless Internet access and Internet filtering. Wireless Internet access allows visitors to bring their own laptop computer to the Library where they can log in on any of the Library's many resources or navigate the world wide web. They can save their work directly on their own computer and can work in a quiet, comfortable area away from the busy lobby or Children's Room. This "Wi-Fi" network also reduces some of the demand on the Library's six busy public access computers and lets these users stay online as long as they want. There may even be some use of the Library's Wi-Fi hotspot from outside the Library after closing by people without high-speed access. The Library installed Internet filtering software in Oct., 2005. The filtering software allows the Library to block access to material deemed "harmful to minors" under the Children's Internet Protection Act, including pornographic images and chat rooms where children may become targets of sexual predators. All of the Library's computers are now filtered, but individual workstations in the lobby can be unblocked when requested by anyone 18 years of age or older. Filtering on the three Internet computers in the Children's Room will not be unblocked for anyone.

The Library's public access computers remain in near-constant use. Users are asked to sign a one-time Internet User Contract (with a parent's signature for those under 18 years old), agreeing to abide by the Terms of Use. They sign in at the Public Service Desk and can remain on the computer for 30 minutes, or longer if no one else is waiting. In FY2005-2006, the Library recorded 11,800 separate log-ins, a 12% increase from the previous year. While many of those log-ins come from people who use the Library's computers frequently (some on a daily basis), the high level of use shows that many households in Springfield lack Internet access. The Library is an important link connecting people with the information they need in today's complex world.

Despite the increasing importance of computers and electronic media, however, books and reading remain the central focus at the Library, with a collection of more than 45,000 volumes. At 43,657 loans, books and other print materials (magazines, newspapers, etc.) account for 80% of the 54,216 items loaned during the year. Nearly half of all the other materials loaned (5,065) were audio books on cassette and Compact Disc, indicating that people are still able to enjoy books while commuting to work, exercising or working around the house. Audio books have become an important part of people's "reading" and have the highest "turnover" rate among the varied formats available at the Library. On average, every audio book was borrowed 2.67 times this year, compared to an overall rate of 1.8 loans per volume. Of course, some circulated many more times than the average, while others went out less often.

Library programs focus on books and reading as well, connecting people with books on the program topic and fostering the enjoyment of reading. Children's Librarian Cheryl Cox conducted 167 programs this year, including Story Times for 2 Year Olds, Pre-School Story Hours and After School Discovery Hours along with special events during school holidays and vacations, and classroom visits to the Library. Cheryl also vis-

its pre-school and public school classrooms and delivers children's books to private childcare providers. A total of 2,901 people participated in children's programs at the Library this year. Programming for adults was limited this year following the retirement of Adult Program Coordinator Rosemarie Ratti. The Library hosted a series of 5 programs on "Media Literacy and Public Health," co-sponsored by the Dept. of Health, New Beginnings, Springfield Hospital and the Springfield Prevention Coalition. Harland Whitcomb showed pictures of "Old Springfield" from his collection of glass slides dating back 100+ years., art historian Bob Manning presented a program on "Frida Kahlo and the Mexican Muralists," and the Vermont Community Garden Network held a workshop in March. The Holiday Open House has become an annual event at the Library, with over 250 people crowding into the Library in December, 2005. The Springfield Garden Club decorated the Library for the Holiday Season and the Friends of Springfield Town Library furnished refreshments. Seasonal music was provided by the Comtu Chamber Ensemble (Miranda Bogardus, Kathi Byam and Julie Leever) and Santa Claus came by with toys and candy for the children.

The majority of the Library's programming is funded by the Friends of Springfield Town Library (FOSTL). The annual book sale is their primary fund raising activity, generating about \$4,200 in August 2005. FOSTL President Linda Mattoon resigned due to health concerns in June and Vice-President Janet Tessier stepped in to organize the massive book sale project. It was further complicated by the need to move thousands of donated books three times as storage areas became unavailable. But thanks to the hard work of Janet and everyone involved, the book sale was a great success. The sale draws hundreds of book lovers from near and far every year. Membership contributions and other donations along with smaller fund raising activities make up the rest of FOSTL's income which is then spent on improving Library services. In addition to the \$3,000 spent on Library programs in 2005, FOSTL funded the Book Lease service and other Library materials, and a new digital projector which was used in several programs and for staff trainings. Beyond fundraising, FOSTL provides tremendous support to the Library in many ways, from volunteering to speaking up for the Library or suggesting ways to improve it. The FOSTL Board of Directors spends countless hours sorting, moving and setting up books for the annual sale, planning and hosting Library events, and much more. Many thanks to them and to all the FOSTL members whose generosity and hard work help to make the Library the outstanding community resource it is.

The Library's greatest resource is its dedicated staff who connect people with the books and information they seek, cultivating the power of knowledge and imagination and striving to make every visit to the Library a positive experience. Long-Time Children's Librarian and Adult Program Coordinator Rosemarie Ratti retired in June, 2005 and her steady presence was missed by staff and patrons alike. Library Pages Amy Coonradt and Ethan Katz graduated from Springfield High School and went off to college in the Fall, with Emily Rouse, Mikhaila Janiszyn and later Skyler Purcell taking their place. Tracey Pratt was promoted to Library Clerk in July 2005, Susan Bridgeo joined the staff in April as a Library Aide with responsibility for Adult Programs and Outreach Services, and Kyle Hatt started a summer job at the Library through VSAC. Children's Librarian Cheryl Cox, Technical Services Librarian Jo Coleman, Library Technicians Chris Bloomfield and Tammy Gould, Library Clerks Tracy Obremski and Diane Henry and

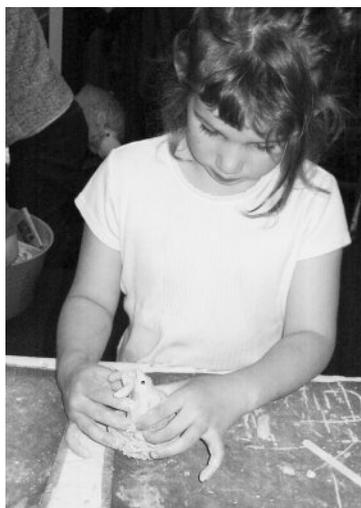
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Library Aide Ellen Morgan, along with DJ Fusonie (formerly with the Library of Congress) who does a great job substituting for staff on short notice, make up the rest of an outstanding Library staff. They are joined by a dedicated core of volunteers. Judy Torney, along with retired Library staff members Patricia Colteryahn, Patricia Day and Patricia Hayden (“The Three Pats”), have been regular volunteers nearly every week while many others have helped out as well.

The Library Board of Trustees is an advisory board elected by the community to ensure the Library serves the needs of its citizens. Library Trustees establish goals to meet those needs and policies that govern Library operations. Alan Fusonie was re-elected to a three year term in March, 2006, joining John Vorder Bruegge (Chair), Miranda Bogardus (Vice-Chair), Bill Mattoon, Fredda Kischko, Jean Middleton and Alice Lohutko as the Library Board of Trustees.

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

Russell S. Moore
Library Director



A young sculptor fashions a bird



Eva and Zini Burlingame examine specimens at a VINS program.

LIBRARY STATISTICS FOR FY2005-2006

HOLDINGS

Books	Adult	Juvenile	Total
July 1, 2005	29,443	14,943	44,386
Added	+ 2,207	+ 1,253	+ 3,460
Withdrawn	- 1,981	- 778	- 2,759
June 30, 2006	29,669	15,418	45,087

Audio Materials

July 1, 2005	2,963	875	3,838
Added	+ 271	+ 166	+ 437
Withdrawn	- 180	- 6	- 186
June 30, 2006	3,054	1,035	4,089

Video Materials

July 1, 2005	372	295	667
Added	+ 257	+ 81	+ 338
Withdrawn	- 19	- 5	- 24
June 30, 2006	610	371	981

Electronic Materials

July 1, 2005	65	56	121
Added	+ 2	+ 0	+ 2
Withdrawn	- 1	- 0	- 1
June 30, 2006	65	56	122

Periodical Subscriptions

Print Format	110	19	129
Electronic Format	6,428	937	7,365
Total	6,538	956	7,494

CIRCULATION

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Printed Materials	26,950	16,707	43,657
Non-Print Materials	7,934	2,625	10,559
Total	34,884	19,332	54,216

PUBLIC ACCESS COMPUTER LOG-INS

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
	7,116	4,684	11,800

REGISTERED BORROWERS

	Adult	Juvenile	Non-Resident	Total
July 1, 2005	2,363	1,129	390	3,882
Added	+ 477	+ 135	+ 47	+ 659
Withdrawn	- 374	- 125	- 13	- 512
June 30, 2006	2,466	1,139	424	4,029
Renewed	771	225	79	1,075

INTER-LIBRARY LOANS

	Borrowed	Loaned	Not-Filled	Total
	740	473	75	1,288

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

SPRINGFIELD PLANNING COMMISSION

The Springfield Planning Commission meets regularly on the first Wednesday of each month. This nine member Commission hears requests for site plan approval, subdivision classification and approval, amendments to the Zoning Regulations, and acts on recommendations from the Design Review Board for changes to properties in the Downtown Design Review District. Current membership includes: Donald Barrett, Chairman; Donald Napsey, Vice Chairman; Ronald Higgins; Wilbur Horton, Jr.; Richard Fenton; Steven Kraft; Kelly Ryan; Joseph Husted; and Richard Filion.

The Commission, with the assistance of the Regional Planning Commission, applied for and received grants to revise the Zoning Regulations as a follow-up to the Town Plan adopted in 2004. This process is nearing completion, and public hearings will be held prior to the amendments being forwarded to the Board of Selectmen.

The Town received a grant to assist the Town, through the Regional Planning Commission, to comply with the new statute relating to "Ancient Roads". The RPC is working with local interested citizens to identify trails and Class IV highways.

The following requests were acted on by the Commission in 2006.

SITE PLAN APPROVALS

RHT&L - Motor Vehicle Sales
Alldredge - Sports Bar
HCRS - Professional Office
Apron Strings Cafe
VERIZON/Town of Springfield Cell Communication
State of VT - Professional Office increase
Blake - Personal Storage
Ullah - Restaurant
Bishop - Fuel Storage and Distribution

SUBDIVISION APPROVALS

Graves 1 lot
Lacross 1 lot
Gover 1 lot
NE Cast in Stone 1 lot
Bishop 1 lot
Robitaille 1 lot
Fenton 1 lot
Lovell 1 lot
Bynorth 1 lot
Benjamin 3 lots

OTHER

Flood Hazard
Review - Cenate
30 Main St., NS
Zoning Amendment, dwellings for working farms

The Commission received and acted on nineteen recommendations from the DRB for changes in the Downtown.

Donald Barrett
Chairman

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment meets regularly on the second Tuesday of each month. This five member Board hears requests for conditional use permits, variances, alteration of non-conforming structures and uses and appeals of actions of the Administrative Officer. Current membership on the Board is: Bruce Johnson, Chairman; David Crawford, Vice Chairman; Keith Stern; and Wayne Griffin. If you are interested in serving on this Board, application for appointment may be acquired by calling the Town Manager's office at 885-2104.

The following requests were acted on by the Board in 2006.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS

Wiese - Home Business
Bynorth - Parcel is 2 Zoning districts
Waldmann - Home Business
Blake - Personal Storage
Morse - Home Business
Priestley - Day Care

VARIANCES

Knight - side set back
Dufresne/Sanford - side and front set backs
Cenate - Rear set back
Lizotte - Rear set back
Irving Oil - Sign size
Coyle - Front and side setbacks
Falvey - Side set back

Bruce Johnson
Chairman

SPRINGFIELD REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

“Great Things Happen Here” — Our branding statement is certainly true in Springfield and the Board and membership of Springfield Regional Development Corporation thank the Selectboard and citizens of the community for their continued support.

It’s been a very busy year and the activity and economic growth will certainly continue in 2007.

Winstanley Enterprises purchased the former Fellows Gear Shaper property in North Springfield in March and immediately began work on a multi-million dollar renovation of the former 360,000 square foot machine tool plant. SRDC has been closely involved with this project in all phases, including the sale, permitting as well as the recruitment and development of tenants for the facility.

This suddenly gave the Springfield area high-quality, immediately available industrial space and that made for a very busy year. Kiosko and Acrylic Design both relocated and expanded into the building, which led to the purchase of the former Kiosko property by Lucas Industries, which will allow for their expansion. At the end of 2006 came the announcement that JELD-WEN has selected 36 Precision Drive (the new name of the former N. Springfield Fellows building) as the location for their planned expansion in 2007. SRDC has been heavily involved in all of this activity.

We continue to be directly involved with discussions about other industrial projects and property in the community, including the former Ellsworth Ice Cream plant in North Springfield, as well as the possible sale and redevelopment of the PVDC property.

The redevelopment of Jones & Lamson Plant 1 is getting closer. In 2006, we reached agreement on a Memorandum of Understanding with the Vermont Department of Historic Preservation which discusses how the property will be reused. In addition, we received conditional approval of an amendment to our Act 250 permit for the property which would allow for us to proceed with the development of plans for demolition of the portions of the property that we are allowed to take down. At this point, we need to complete the last of the environmental assessment work on the site. We have begun the Corrective Action Feasibility Investigation, which addresses the various contaminants and options for remediation. When that is completed, we will develop the Corrective Action Plan and start to actively clean up the property.

Retention and expansion are two of the key objectives of SRDC’s work. We’re a partner with several organizations within the region, as well as the state. Many times, our role is to serve as a matchmaker with available programs and services. We are very pleased to report significant progress in providing resources to our existing businesses in the community. Gary Chabot has joined us as the new case manager for the Small Business Development Center office (housed within SRDC). We have also helped to facilitate resources to businesses in this region from the Vermont Training Program, Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center and Vermont Economic Progress Council, as well as others. We continue to assist area businesses with expansions, training programs, financing and tax credits.

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

SRDC finished with its first ever Marketing initiative which will roll out in 2007. Five area businesses will be showcased in a series of print ads and in a brochure that will be aggressively distributed. Our web site is also in the process of being rebuilt and will be connected to the new state commercial sites inventory web page.

Workforce Development continues to be one of the most important issues for businesses in Southern Windsor County. SRDC remains closely involved in the River Valley Technical Center and Howard Dean Education Center serving on the Board of Directors for both organizations. We also participate in the Workforce Investment Board and continue to work on development of employer specific training to help residents of Springfield obtain the necessary skills to achieve higher wages at area businesses.

Through our affiliation with the Small Business Development Center and the Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center, we have been able to provide assistance to existing businesses and new start-ups. We have continued our popular Technology Grant program which assists small businesses implementing new technologies and technical advancements in their businesses. Our Business Visitation Program continues as well, with a goal of being in contact with at least a dozen businesses each month.

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

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

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

Bob Flint
Executive Director

SOUTHERN WINDSOR COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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

During FY 2006, member towns contributed 2% to the Regional Planning Commission's annual budget of \$865,354. Town dues assessment was based on \$1.00 per person using 2000 census data, which for the Town of Springfield was \$9,078.00. The remaining revenues were derived from federal and state funding sources: Federal funding supported transportation planning activities, the administration of Community Development Block Grants, and the Southern Windsor County Brownfields Reuse Project; State funds were derived from the Agency of Natural Resources for environmental planning, and the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for land use planning and other related activities.

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

In addition to providing ongoing assistance to member towns, the Regional Planning Commission provided technical assistance to the Town of Springfield in land use, transportation, emergency management, housing, and environmental planning. The Regional Planning Commission also assisted the Town of Springfield with amending its Flood Hazard Regulations and developing an Emergency Operation's Plan. In addition to these activities, the Regional Planning Commission staff assisted the Planning Commission with amending their zoning bylaws, and provided information and materials on the Black River water quality assessment program, and the Ancient Roads Program.

The Regional Planning Commission continues to assist the Town with the assessment and remediation of brownfield sites located in Springfield and with the Downtown Sidewalk Reconstruction Project.

Annually, the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Springfield appoints two individuals; a representative and an alternate to serve on the Regional Planning Commission. The RPC board is responsible for developing regional policies, providing Act 200 review of town plans, and facilitating cooperation amongst member towns. In FY 2006, Donald Barrett represented the Town to the Regional Planning Commission and Floyd Roberts was the representative to the Transportation Advisory Committee.

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

GEORGE D. AIKEN RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.

The George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) helps to bring together technical, financial and administrative resources to assist towns with natural resource conservation and rural and community development issues. We are here to serve your community. We coordinate and facilitate assistance to town governments, school districts, fire departments, watershed groups and nonprofit organizations in the six southern Vermont counties. By bringing together help from our extensive network of resources, we can focus technical and financial resources on your specific needs. We get technical assistance and some staff through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, but private and community sources make up most of our budget. The Council is a self-supporting 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization. In 2006 working with our partner towns and organizations, we secured and administered over \$400,000 for natural resource conservation, public safety, and community development projects.

Some current projects include securing wildland fire gear for fire departments, streambank restoration and watershed improvements, helping to develop a park and playground and helping to connect residents with locally grown food. Do you have a project or program that could use some assistance to "make it happen"? Over the years the George D. Aiken RC&D Council has helped many communities and organizations on a variety of projects. We work on a request basis, so the first step is up to you, giving us a call. For information and free consultation call Kenneth Hafner, our RC&D Coordinator, at (802) 728-9526 or email: kenneth.hafner@vt.usda.gov.

SPRINGFIELD ON THE MOVE

Visible green space projects on Main Street occupied much of the time for Springfield On the Move this year. The following is an inventory of activity on our work plan for downtown:

- Two major streetscape improvement projects were completed during the spring and summer of the year. A small park on the site of the former Cannistraci property was the main focus of our work, with the finish elements of Comtu Cascade Park completed. A dedication was held in late September with recognition of the many people who came together as financial supporters, in-kind donors and volunteer workers. Bill Moeser cut the ribbon for his instrumental part in making the project possible. This beautiful park was truly built with volunteer steam.
- An anonymous donor awarded SOM a \$10,000 grant to improve the alleyway between the Bank Block and the Huber Building. A paved walkway, plantings, umbrella tables and chair, artwork and a sculpture made this spot a quiet haven right on Main Street. This project was again primarily a volunteer initiative. Steve Greene, the owner of the Bank Block, and the Springfield Housing Authority cooperated fully in helping to make this project a reality. Dick Hitchcock made the beautiful sign, the Garden Club helped with the plantings and a memorial sculpture honoring Bob “Mac” MacIntyre became part of this project. Although it took all summer, even the pigeon problem was solved.
- SOM initiated a downtown maintenance program. Our liaison coordinated with the Public Works Department, downtown merchants and property owners. This part-time summer maintenance person oversaw Park and Alleyway maintenance. The streets were kept cleaner and trash and shopping carts were put in their appropriate places. Keeping things neat and tidy went a long way in helping to put on a “happy face” on our main downtown corridor. A minimum of vandalism problems can perhaps also be attributed to the presence of a downtown maintenance program. New pole mounted trash receptacles installed on both sides of Main Street helped keep the streets clean and attractive.

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

- Efforts to recruit more retail and to fill downtown storefronts received priority, and these efforts paid off with all spots occupied by the end of the year.
- Again this year SOM co-sponsored Christmas decorating with the Chamber of Commerce. Door wreaths for all downtown properties and plenty of volunteer labor again were our gifts. Downtown looked festive as we opened the holiday season with Santa’s arrival and related festivities even if this year it all happened in the pouring rain.
- A Chamber representative on our Board keeps communication and collaboration at an optimum level. This

year a SOM representative began attending Chamber board meetings.

SOM continues to collaborate with other organizations:

- In a joint project with the Garden Club, the wrought iron planter project flourishes on Main Street. Garden Club members worked hard in overseeing plantings in the Park and Alleyway as well. Per usual the Town Hall gardens were lovely as ever. The plantings looked especially good this year as we had plenty of rain and good weather.
- A collaborative project to expand the Art & Historical Society’s presence downtown and year round was explored at length and, although the time did not prove to be right to make it happen, all parties will continue to work together to see what the future might bring.
- We are always ready to consult with both downtown property owners and with the Planning Commission — more specifically with the Design Review Board when issues surrounding changes to properties or signage in the designated downtown arise. This board has been very active over the past year in reviewing downtown-related improvements, including changes to the Comtu Cascade Park plans and design plans for the Alleyway.
- Thanks to a continuing contribution in his memory by E. Sherburne Lovell’s daughters, the falls at the PVDC dam continue to be lighted in the evening.

Springfield On the Move’s website www.springfieldonthe-move.org is a work in progress and needs to be updated and upgraded. The site links to the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce site. Real attention will be given to this project in early 2007.

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

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

Mary Helen Hawthorne
Executive Director

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that is owned by its member municipalities and directed by a 13-member Board of Directors. VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 147 other municipal entities, including villages and fire districts.

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

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

- Legal, consulting and education services. In the past year, VLCT responded to over 3000 inquiries for assistance from municipal officials. Our Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) conducted 15 workshops that attracted over 1200 people, as well as 15 on-site trainings. MAC distributed more than 200 handbooks to municipal officials and debuted a new, electronic resource library.
- Advocacy representation before the state and federal govern-

ments to ensure that municipalities have the resources and authority to serve their citizens. VLCT is a leader in the education finance debate, in land use discussions, and in securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs.

- Purchasing opportunities to provide needed services at the lowest cost. Examples include municipal employee health insurance and liability coverage for town operations. The VLCT Health Trust represents the most affordable option available to provide health insurance to municipal employees. The value of the VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) to all our members is realized daily as members take advantage of loss prevention training and assistance, as well as reasonable insurance rates. These two trusts, with the addition of the VLCT Unemployment Trust, were responsible in 2006 for \$60 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

During the year 2006, one hundred forty six permits were issued including the following:

- 24 new single family dwellings
 - 2 replace mobile home upgrades
 - 1 apartment
- 37 commercial permits
- 35 additions to homes
- 47 accessory structures

With the adoption of the interim zoning regulations in 2005, allowance was made for the establishment of Accessory Dwellings located within or appurtenant to an **owner occupied single family dwelling** subject to the following:

- a. The property has sufficient wastewater capacity (proof of sufficient capacity is up to the owner) this is especially significant for lots with on-site septic disposal and water supplies
- b. The unit does not exceed 30% of the total habitable floor area of the single family dwelling, and
- c. Applicable set back, coverage and parking requirements as specified in the by-laws are met.

The office of the Administrative Officer is open Monday - Friday - 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Please call 802-885-2104 for information. Protect yourself and get the proper information. I will be glad to answer any questions you have regarding permits, planning and zoning issues, septic systems and E-911 addresses.

Linda T. Rousse
Administrative Officer

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

The Design Review Board consists of five regular members and one alternate. The current make up of the Board is Ted Reeves, Chairman, Herb Jamison, Vice Chairman, Goldie May, Estelle Goding, Elsie Putnam and Charles Gulick, III as an alternate. Regular meeting nights are the third Monday of each month unless otherwise set by the Board.

It is proposed in the revised zoning regulations, soon to be set for public hearing, that more uses in the Downtown will be permitted with a zoning permit issued by the Administrative Officer after discussion and recommendation from the DRB. This will eliminate the need for many public hearings for customary changes in the storefronts in the downtown. The Board will continue to review changes to the appearance of the buildings including signs, painting, roofing, alterations, window and door changes and other maintenance and upkeep proposals. If you own a building in the Designated Downtown Design Review District, **any changes of use and alterations to the outside of your building must come before the Design Review Board.**

Please call the Town Office at 885-2104 and talk to the Administrative Officer to determine if you need to appear before the DRB. A public hearing is not required and the cost of the review is \$7.00 to cover recording of the decision based on the recommendation of the DRB.

Theodore Reeves
Chairman

SPRINGFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY

The public housing units at the Whitcomb and Huber Buildings were almost fully occupied throughout the year, as the occupancy rate was 99.25%. This was exceptional due to the fact that the Authority had 22 units turn over this past year. The current waiting list shows 53 applicants.

Currently, the Authority is being reviewed under the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS). These scores will not be available until the Spring of 2007. In the past, the Authority has always scored as a High Performer per HUD guidelines, and preliminary scores indicate that this will continue.

The Authority was awarded another Capital Fund Grant (CFG) for \$164,399. These funds will be used for the following projects:

Kitchen replacement at the Whitcomb Building,
Repairing the sidewalks at the Huber Building, and
Repairing the sidewalks at the Whitcomb Building.

During the past year, capital funds were used to caulk and seal the exterior of the Huber Building, update the security camera system at the Whitcomb Building, and repair the parking area at the Whitcomb Building.

The Authority also manages 61 section 8 certificates and vouchers. Last year, \$254,564 was paid to local landlords for our section 8 tenants. The lease-up rate for this program was 98.09%. Currently, there are 91 families on the waiting list. The waiting period for local residents is about 6 months.

The Maples, the Rural Development project on South Street, is fully occupied, and there are 31 people on the waiting list. This past year saw an occupancy rate of 99.1%. Also during the past year, we began the process of vinyl floor and carpet replacement in the units. This will continue for the next five years.

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

The Mountain View Apartments had an occupancy rate of 97.7% in 2006, and a waiting list of 37 families. The physical inspection of the property was conducted by the Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) in 2004. The property scored a 97 out of 100. This means that HUD considers the property a high performer. The next inspection is due in 2007. There were no significant capital projects in 2006.

Westview Terrace Apartments had an occupancy rate of 95.6% in 2006. These 58 units of family housing are a part of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program. They service families, which can earn up to 60% of the median income for Windsor County. This project continues to be a valuable asset to the Town by providing people of limited income access to safe, clean, and reasonably priced rental housing. The replacement of two hot water tanks and carpeting in several apartments were the only capital repairs in 2006.

In September of 2004, SHU, with the help of the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB), purchased about 3 and 1/2 acres of land adjacent to Westview. Eight building lots were created. SHU and the SHA have partnered with Springfield Area Habitat for Humanity, Vermont Works for

Women, and the Rockingham Land Trust to build and sell 2 affordable homes. During this past year, the sewer line was upgraded and one home was built and sold to a family of limited income. Habitat plans to have their house completed and sold in the early summer of 2007. The plan is to continue with these and other partnerships to create 5 additional affordable homes.

William F. Morlock, III
Executive Director

Frederic P. Koledo
Chairman

Alan Pinders
Cynthia Gagnier
Beverly Corey

Peter Andrews
Vice-Chairman

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Overall operations of the Town's cemeteries have continued to run quite smoothly during the past year. The sale of new lots in both Oakland and Pine Grove Cemeteries was down from the previous several years. The surveying of new lots in Oakland was started several years ago, and we currently have plenty of lots available in both of the town's cemeteries, as well as St. Mary's Cemetery.

The cemetery crew constantly keeps working on clearing brush on the banks and edges of all the cemeteries, as well as removing dead trees that could be endangering. Several large pine trees were removed in Oakland Cemetery this past year and several others after the first part of 2007 with the mild weather we experienced during the first two weeks of January. The age and condition of the trees were a major concern, and we thought it would be best to remove them before anyone got hurt and also to prevent any possible damage to monuments in those areas.

The full-time cemetery crew during the operating months of April through November only consists of two men, with some additional part-time help during the summer months. They are constantly doing their best to keep up with the mowing and trimming of all the town's cemeteries, as well as other general maintenance and burials. As the sale of new lots and erection of new monuments keeps the workload increasing each year, we hope that everyone understands the situation. We are constantly attempting to keep the cemetery budget in line without the cost of hiring extra men to perform these tasks.

Anyone who is interested in purchasing a cemetery lot in any of the town's cemeteries should contact either William Young or Scott Page at Davis Memorial Chapel at 885-3322. Feel free to call any time.

William F. Young
Chairman

SPRINGFIELD HUMANE SOCIETY, INC.

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

The cat rooms are usually overflowing. Many of the cats we receive are strays that unfortunately no one ever seeks to find. So they are all vaccinated, spayed or neutered, treated for internal and external parasites and tested for FeLV and FIV.

Coming soon will be a new Community Cat Room in which the cats ready for adoption will roam free. All shelters that utilize such areas find adoptions rise and the cats' stress levels drop as they can act like normal cats. Our cats will also be able to access a secure outdoor area so they can enjoy the sun and fresh air whenever they wish (weather permitting, of course).

Our dogs are taken for walks daily thanks to our dedicated dog walking volunteers. This allows them to get out of their kennels and enjoy exercise and fresh air as well as the company of a person. New this year is a program wherein all dogs are assessed for certain behaviors and then inappropriate behaviors are worked on while out of their kennels. Some of our volunteers also help staff with this program designed to make our dogs more adoptable.

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

The Shelter is open Tue-Sat 11-5 and our pets are available to visit 24 hours a day at www.spfldhumane.org.

Tom Browe
Executive Director

NH/VT SOLID WASTE PROJECT

2006 was a busy year, and much progress was made toward the eventual dissolution of the Project operations after the solid waste disposal contract with Wheelabrator ends on June 30, 2007.

As a result of action directed by the Joint Meeting in 2005, the Project voted to sell the Grissom Lane property to the City of Claremont. Subsequently, Wheelabrator Claremont exercised its right of first refusal and the property was transferred to Wheelabrator on February 10, 2006 for a purchase price of \$300,000.

The financials of the Project have continued to show a sufficient reserve to provide distributions to the two Districts once it is dissolved. A final accounting and a final audit will be completed in the fall of 2007 after the close of operations.

On May 4, 2006, after much hard work to resolve open issues with the property and its ongoing stewardship, the Joint meeting approved the transfer of the ash landfill in Newport, NH to the Economic Corporation of Newport, along with the Trust Fund balance of \$1,100,000. The closing for the property was on October 5, 2006. The Project will be issuing the final check for \$200,000 in January of 2007 to ECON per the Purchase and Sale Agreement. The necessary files associated with the landfill should be transferred in January 2007 to ECON and will be accessible to the public.

The tax abatement petition between the Districts and the City of Claremont has been ongoing throughout 2006. Now that final depositions are completed, it is expected that this issue can be resolved in 2007.

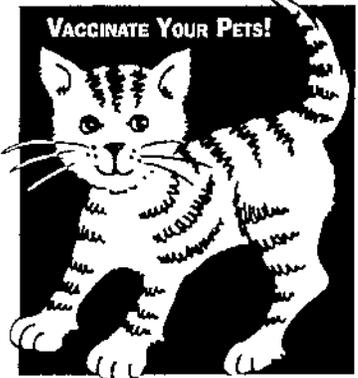
In October of 2006 the Joint Meeting voted to dissolve the Project, effective in 2007, once business is concluded. The Executive Committee was charged with the proper administration of the closing of office operations, distribution of assets, and a proper final accounting. The final Project Budget for 2007 was drafted in late August and adopted by the Joint Meeting.

The Vermont District has contracted with DSM Environmental Services of Ascutney, VT for planning and administrative services while we set up our operation as a separate entity independent from the NH/VT Solid Waste Project. The fiscal year of the District has been changed to a July thru June year to better coincide with the fiscal year of most member towns. Westminster has chosen to leave the District after June 30, 2007. The Districts Solid Waste Implementation Plan has been submitted to VT Dept. of Environmental Services, and approval has not yet been received.

Forrest Randall, *Springfield Solid Waste Representative*
Mary Helen Hawthorn, *Alternate*
Mary Ann Remolador, *Alternate*

RABIES ALERT

Rabies is a disease that can kill animals and people.



- * Vermont law requires rabies shots for all CATS and DOGS.
- * Rabies shots help protect pets and pet owners from rabies.
- * Enjoy wildlife from a safe distance. Remember, rabid animals have been found in all Vermont counties.

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

This year the Mt. Ascutney Region Subcommittee updated the water resources chapter of the *Connecticut River Management Plan*, focusing on the many environmental and economic benefits of keeping floodplains open, shorelands protected from development, and vegetated riparian buffers growing along riverbanks to keep them stable, keep debris off floodplain fields, and to filter pollutants from water running off the land into the river.

The Subcommittee continues to carry out our obligation to provide information and assistance to the states, towns, and local landowners on projects near the river. We encourage towns to consider our *Plan* and to incorporate its recommendations when updating town plans and revising zoning ordinances.

Citizens interested in representing the town should contact the selectmen. The Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. The public is welcome to join our meetings, on the second Tuesday evening of every other month at the Windsor Connection Resource Center. A calendar, advice on bank erosion and obtaining the necessary federal or state permits for work in or near the river, and a summary of the *Connecticut River Management Plan* are on the web at www.crjc.org/localaction.htm.

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

SOUTHERN VERMONT RECREATION CENTER

Building together ...

The Southern Vermont Recreation Center opened December 31, 2006. We are pleased to present this facility to the region. The pool and fitness center are open daily. The hours of operation will increase as staff is hired and trained. The Springfield Swim Team now practices four days each week and Special Olympians twice each week. Information and tours are available whenever the Center is open. We invite everyone to visit.

Statement of Income and Expenses Endowment Fund as established by the Town of Springfield Year ending December 31, 2006

Income:	
Interest from Endowment Fund:	\$55,177.26
Interest accrued:	\$ 32.11
Total	\$55,209.37
Expenses:	
Advertising	\$ 1,699.17
Springfield Taxes:	\$ 4,206.24
Insurance - Partial	\$ 7,611.59
Health Insurance:	\$ 621.48
Utilities & Telephone:	\$15,246.63
Postage & Delivery:	\$ 977.95
Printing & Reproduction:	\$ 130.80
Computer Software	\$ 2,500.00
Office supplies & equipment:	\$ 1,059.03
Dues & Subscriptions:	\$ 1,554.40
Advertising:	\$ 1,699.17
Administration/Contract Fees:	\$15,767.68
Payroll Taxes (Federal & State)	\$ 2,135.23
Total:	\$55,209.37

George W. Lamb, *Chairman*
Board of Directors

CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) have considered issues as wide-ranging as the Alstead flood to climate change and the effects of ice jams. In 2006 CRJC provided \$82,000 in Partnership Program grants for locally-inspired projects, including mapping of Springfield's trails and bike routes, "From Mills to Main Streets on the Connecticut River Byway," a heritage tourism brochure with a focus on Springfield, and expansion of the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum's watershed education program in Springfield and nearby towns.

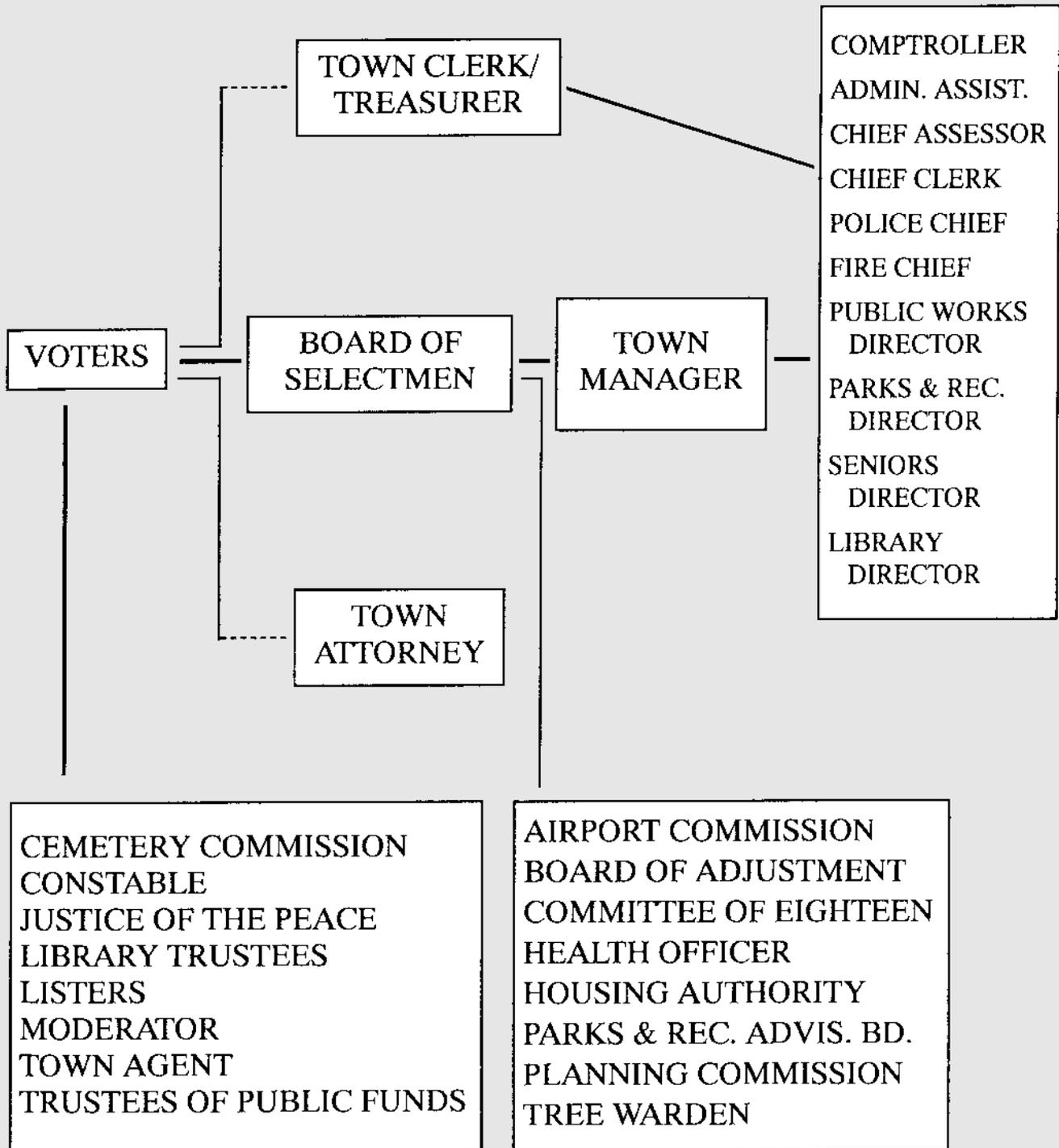
We hosted the Environmental Protection Agency in announcing results of the Connecticut River Fish Contaminant Study, the first whole-river study of its kind, which was requested by CRJC. Results for the Mt. Ascutney Region indicate that PCBs are a threat to fishermen, birds, and mammals that eat Connecticut River fish. Levels of mercury in fish in this area are more of a threat to fish-eating birds and mammals than to humans. Dioxins and DDT breakdown products are also present in fish tissue and are a threat to subsistence fishers but not to recreational anglers. Our web site, www.crjc.org, carries links to this study and to state fish consumption advisories.

CRJC supports efforts to safeguard the valley's natural, agricultural, and historic assets, and are working with businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for tourism through the Connecticut River Byway. In 2006 we created a manual to help local groups prepare engaging heritage tourism-related publications to showcase their communities. Visit the Byway at www.ctrivertravel.net.

Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont to guide growth and development in the watershed, the CRJC are advisory and have no regulatory powers. The Commissions strive to ensure greater public involvement in decisions that affect the river region. We have been grateful for the advice and participation of Ken Bishop of Springfield, Connecticut River commissioner from 2005-6. We welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of each month. Visit our web site for a calendar of events, useful information and links, and our newsletters, *River Valley News* and *Byway News*.

For an electronic copy of this report, please contact Adair Mulligan at 603-795-2104 or adair.mulligan@crjc.org.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE





APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTEER POSITIONS ON TOWN BOARDS

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

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

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Present Employer: _____

Address: (Street) _____

(Town) _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Interested in serving on:

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

REPORTS OF AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE OF VT AND NH

*Homecare, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services
in the Town of Springfield*

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

Other reasons to support these services:

- The VNA & hospice's ability to provide healthcare at home helps keep patients out of emergency rooms and hospitals. Thus the need for town emergency services is reduced.
- Thanks to advances in medical technology, treatments including wound imaging, pain management, chemotherapy, antibiotic and nutrition infusion may now be administered by a home health nurse.
- Family members and other caregivers receive direction and guidance, making their care more effective and less stressful results in significant health, social and emotional benefits for both the patient and caregiver.

Preventative services like the community clinics in Springfield and our therapists' ability to steer their patients away from fall hazards help hundreds of Springfield residents save on their medical bills and enable them to remain a part of their community.

Between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006, VNA & Hospice staff provided 16,860 home visits (a total of 21,420 hours of care) to 467 Springfield residents. These individuals were cared for by our nurses, physical, occupational and speech therapists, medical social workers, home health aides, parent aides, or personal care attendants, and in some cases, our Hospice physician. Trained Hospice volunteers provided additional visits. As a part of our Safe Steps Fall Prevention Program, 127 Springfield residents had their homes "fall proofed" during a Safe Steps home safety visit (Safe Steps is funded through grants and private contributions).

On behalf of the people we serve in your community, thank you for your continued confidence.

Susan H. Larman, BSN, MBA
President and CEO

PRECISION VALLEY FREE CLINIC

The **Precision Valley Free Clinic** (PVFC) is located at 268 River Street, Springfield, Vermont in the offices of Dr. James Cahill and Dr. Robert Johns and became incorporated in the State of Vermont on January 21, 2000.

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

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

Although cases are assessed on an individual basis, services are provided to those who are at or below 200% of Federal Poverty Level. Patients are referred to area providers through an agreement with Springfield Hospital's practice management group, Network Management, and other local providers.

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

Because of the changes that the clinic has gone through since it was designated a non-profit 501 (c) 3 in 2000, the staff and board of directors have decided to operate under the name **Valley Health Connections** to better reflect how services are provided.

The changes have opened up other opportunities to serve the uninsured. In 2006, the clinic assisted patients in obtaining over \$192,000 in free medications. Staff spends a great deal of time assisting patients in enrolling in State and local programs that will provide them on-going health care coverage since many people are unaware of programs that are available to them. The goal is to have people have an on-going relationship with a health care provider so that they can maintain good health. Prevention programs like tobacco cessation and women's health screenings are stressed. The clinic has also offered adult immunizations through a Holt grant and has held annual influenza vaccination clinics.

In year 2006, the Precision Valley Free Clinic's patient services for medical, dental, pharmaceutical assistance, and social service referrals totaled 1,676 to 731 patients. Funds in the amount of \$17,350 were raised to assist in obtaining 198 dental services. 308 of the patients served were Springfield residents.

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

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

Emergency Preparedness: VDH is actively working with local, state and federal agencies to assure a rapid and effective response to public health threats or emergencies. Local health department offices are involved with early identification and investigation of diseases, providing accurate and timely information to the public and health professionals, and collaborating with other agencies during biological, environmental or weather events. VDH assures availability of personnel training, planning regional responses with hospitals and LEPCs, and participation in joint exercises. In an actual event, if needed, your district office could operate clinics to vaccinate, or distribute medications to prevent infection.

Food & Lodging Inspections: National surveys show that more people are eating out more often. Public health sanitarians inspect eating establishments (restaurants, schools, fairs) to decrease the risk of food borne disease outbreaks. The five greatest risks for food borne outbreaks are keeping food too long at improper temperatures, inadequate cooking, contaminated equipment, food from an unsafe source, and poor personal hygiene among food handlers. Inspections include review of a 44-item check list to evaluate food storage, preparation and handling as well as to identify high risk practices that may contribute to illness. For the 38 establishments in Springfield, 44 inspections were completed by a sanitarian during 2005. The most recent inspection scores and results in your area can be found by going to <http://healthvermont.gov/> and selecting "Restaurant Scores" under the "Quick Links" heading.

Reportable Disease Case Investigations: Infectious diseases continue to be a major source of illness, disability and death in the U.S. and Vermont, accounting for 25% of all doctor visits each year. The Health Department investigates all reportable cases of disease such as meningitis, hepatitis, pertussis (whooping cough), and infectious diarrhea to determine their source, recommend treatment and control measures, and prevent further spread of the disease. In 2005, the department investigated 138 cases of disease in Windsor County.

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC): WIC improves the health of pregnant and postpartum women, infants and young children by assuring access to health care, teaching families about good nutritional practices, and providing an individually designed package of nutritious food to eligible individuals. During 2005, 500 women, infants and children living in Springfield received foods as well as health screenings and individualized nutrition education through this program. The average value of foods provided is \$40.00 per person per month.

Town Health Officer Program: Every town in Vermont has a Town Health Officer (THO) who is nominated by the Select Board and appointed by the Commissioner of Health. THOs work on a variety of environmental and health issues, and respond to calls on public health concerns as varied as animal bites, West Nile virus, rental code complaints, and septic systems. VDH supports THOs with training, information and

technical assistance. From July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006, VDH assisted your THO and Springfield residents 22 times.

Vaccine-Preventable Diseases: Vaccine preventable disease rates are at their lowest level ever. In 2005, Vermont recorded reports of 693 cases of varicella disease (chicken pox); 90 cases of pertussis disease (whooping cough); and no reports of measles, mumps, rubella, polio or tetanus. Disease levels are a late indicator of the soundness of the immunization system. Immunization levels are a better indicator for determining whether a problem exists with immunization delivery. Immunization levels for Vermont children, while high, still fall short of the 90 percent coverage goal. During 2005, VDH distributed childhood vaccines to healthcare providers in the Springfield District valued at \$217,167.

West Nile Virus (WNV) Surveillance: WNV is a virus that is spread by mosquitoes, and first appeared in the eastern U.S. in 1999. The virus has since spread across the United States. Each year, from June until cold weather limits mosquito activity, VDH and the Vermont Agency of Agriculture track WNV in dead birds, mosquitoes, and horses in order to monitor the epidemic. Through October, 2006 there were no positive mosquito pools or horses in Vermont. In Windsor County from June-October 20, 2006, there were 64 dead birds reported, with 10 tested and none found to be infected with WNV. There were no probable human cases of WNV reported in Vermont during this season.

If you would like more information about these or other Health Department activities, or if you have a public health concern, please call the Springfield District Office at 802-885-5778, or toll-free at 888-296-8151. Please visit the VDH website at <http://healthvermont.gov/> for information about public health, VDH initiatives, publications, and recent news releases.

SPRINGFIELD FAMILY CENTER

The need for services for low and middle-income families has grown, again, this year. Fortunately, the Family Center's staff and programs have grown to meet those needs.

In 2006 we served 11,130 meals at our community meal site- an increase of 18% over our 2005 statistics. Our food shelf provided groceries 2,110 times to Springfield residents. Twelve per cent of those "food shelf" groceries went to families who were homeless; thirty-eight per cent went to children. In 2005 we provided a total of 1,663 food shelves, and so in 2006 we had a 27% increase in food shelf use.

Our statistics coincide with data that was released by the U.S. Census Bureau in October 2006. That report stated that "Vermont had the largest increase in childhood poverty in the nation, rising from 11.7 percent in 2004, to 15.4 percent in 2005. Vermont has experienced a trend of increasing childhood poverty over the past three years. For the 20,194 Vermont children living in poverty, poor diets and missing meals can mean difficulty concentrating in school, lower test scores and a host of health problems - both physical and developmental. Since 2000, Vermont has also had the largest increase of any state for households suffering from the most severe form of hunger (childhood hunger). Additionally, poverty increased for the entire state in 2005, with 11.5 percent of Vermonters living below the poverty level. This is the third highest increase in the nation."

Homelessness continues to rise with more than 250 households experiencing the loss of safe, affordable housing. Homelessness is defined by three different circumstances.

- No fixed nighttime residence: also known as "couch surfing". In this situation a family is staying with friends or relatives for several days or weeks and then has to move on to inappropriately double-up with another household. This is the most common form of homelessness in Springfield.
- Very substandard housing: in this case, the family has a roof over their heads but may not have heat, electricity or plumbing. They could be living in a camper, tent or a garage.
- Homeless on the street: no roof - at all. They could be sleeping under a bridge or under cardboard behind a store.

To address the rising number of homeless families, we developed the Supported Housing Program (SHP). A staff of three provides case management for homeless or precariously housed families. Since its inception in September, SHP has worked with more than 80 families and has placed 25 families in safe, affordable permanent housing.

In June, we were able to upgrade our dishwasher to a commercial grade model through a grant from the Holt Fund. Through a very generous private donation, we were able to purchase a commercial quality gas stove for our very busy kitchen in August. And because of a combination of USDA Rural Development grant funds and donations from the public after our December 2004 break-in we installed a security system for our facility in October.

Our staff of ten is complemented by more than 500 volunteers who help us carry out our mission to support families to

become economically self-sufficient and socially interdependent.

On behalf of our staff and Board of Directors, I would like to thank all our friends in Springfield for their ongoing support and for the gifts of their time, talent and dollars.

Deborah Luse
Executive Director

COUNCIL ON AGING FOR SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT, INC.

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

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

Information and Assistance – Our Senior HelpLine at 1-800-642-5119 is a toll free number which offers help applying for benefits, assistance with health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance, and many other services. As part of the new Medicare Part D prescription program we have trained staff available by phone, office or home. A total of 769 Springfield residents were assisted with Medicare Part D enrollment this past year.

Senior Nutrition – Home delivered meals are currently provided through a contract with Meals on Wheels of Greater Springfield.

Transportation – Provides door to door accessible transportation. In addition, special arrangements are made for non-Medicaid seniors requiring medical transportation.

Case Management & Advocacy – One-on-one case management enables seniors to access services which help them remain safe at home. Often minimal services can prevent premature institutionalization. Some clients who require nursing home level of care are able to remain at home with family caregivers and trained personal care givers. COASEV served 312 Springfield residents which is estimated as an annual cost of \$312,893.

Care Giver Respite – Through grants we provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia or other chronic diseases.

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

Your town contribution of \$7,500 generated \$42,500 in Federal matching funds to support our activities. We do not charge for any of our services. The support of Springfield citizens is greatly appreciated.

Joyce A. Lemire
Executive Director

MEALS ON WHEELS

The Meals on Wheels Program appreciates your community in its support of the Program which works for your community in making yours one which shows that it cares for the community and all in it. By your concerns you can know that you are doing the best for you and your community.

The Meals on Wheels Program is always attempting to deliver to your people those nourishing meals that sustain and maintain this community. How does it do it?

Firstly, by meeting the standards in quality of the foods; and secondly, by providing the meals to those who qualify in the best way possible; and in the least cost effective way possible. All of which requires much fund raising and a search for donations to make it all work. For instance, the Program operates with only two Coordinators and one supervisor in the kitchen. Of course these people are supplemented by volunteers and donated help. For instance, the delivery volunteers who number about seventy may take meals to the shut-ins and disabled only twice a week. Others then take up the slack on the other three days of deliveries or even one of these days. These volunteers do see that these deliveries are in the best way in servicing the Clients their meals for seven days. On many occasions, the volunteers may be the only person who is in contact with this person on any given day. On other days, the delivery volunteer can get into a problem need by the Client. There are some serious happenings which come into play. There are other volunteers who as waitresses serve the meals to those who are now capable and come to the Congregate Meals Served at the First Congregational Church on Main Street in Springfield daily.

The Meals on Wheels Program is a function of Meals & Wheels of Greater Springfield Incorporated and which has the only responsibility to provide this service. But all of this is made possible by your town of Springfield through the donations to the Program. To this end, the Board of Directors thank you for providing the support needed to do this; the Selectmen, the Administration and in particular the Taxpayers. Thank you all.

Raymond Nymalm, *Chairman*
Meals & Wheels of Greater Springfield Incorporated

NEW BEGINNINGS, INC.

New Beginnings, Inc. has recently completed our 25th year of service to survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Southern Windsor County. We remain available 7 days-a-week/24-hours a day via our hotline, through our office week-days, and in police stations and in Springfield and Mt. Ascutney Hospitals evenings and weekends. We offer education and support in crisis, assistance through the relief from abuse legal process, safe housing, peer support groups, social service advocacy and referrals, and community and school prevention education. Our staff is certified to provide training regarding these difficult issues to police officers and others who serve your community members such as teachers, social workers, daycare providers, business owners, and religious leaders.

During the past fiscal year, our hotline staff provided over 7000 hours of crisis coverage to residents of Springfield and Southern Windsor County. During Fiscal Year 2006 (July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006), our staff and volunteers supported and worked to empower 434 survivors throughout the area, of whom 135 were Springfield residents, 118 females and 17 males. Of the 441 children exposed to parental violence among those 434 homes in Southern Windsor County, 160 children resided in Springfield. Sixty-five non-victims in Springfield contacted us to learn strategies to help a survivor of domestic or sexual violence. Our Youth Program Coordinator was pleased to address issues of anti-bullying, sexual harassment, healthy relationships, internet safety, gender stereotyping, and the media's influence on young people to students in the elementary, middle, and high schools of Springfield, as well as in community-wide events. These presentations and materials are free and available upon the request of teachers, guidance counselors and school nurses.

We wish to thank the voters of Springfield for their continued support of New Beginnings programs. Your Town's financial support demonstrates to all our funding resources, to agencies and systems with which we collaborate, to other citizens, to abusers, and, most importantly, to survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their children that you recognize the value of our work, the seriousness of the issue, and the need to join in the fight to end domestic and sexual violence in Vermont.

Terri A. Fisk
Executive Director

WINDSOR COUNTY COURT DIVERSION

On behalf of our Board of Trustees, Windsor County Court Diversion would like to formally request \$3,900 from the Town of Springfield.

Windsor County Court Diversion offers community based court alternatives and educational programs for juveniles and first time adult offenders. We work for our communities by providing an alternative to the criminal justice system.

Through our community based restorative justice programs, our staff and dozens of volunteers work to restore the harm caused by crime. Our programs hold offenders accountable and work to restore a sense of safety to the community through restitution, letters of apology, research projects, community service and other restorative activities.

Our programs include; Court Diversion, Juvenile Restorative Panel for adjudicated youth, a much lauded Alcohol Safety Program and a Cannabis Program. In the future, we hope to offer additional programs relevant to our communities, such as educational courses related to shoplifting and anger management.

From July 2005 through June 2006, we heard 217 diversion cases and had 260 referrals to our Alcohol Safety Program. Fifty one of these cases were residents of Springfield.

Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to continuing to serve Springfield families, individuals and business owners.

Regina Rice
Executive Director
Windsor County Court Diversion

CONNECTICUT RIVER TRANSIT

What Does CRT Do For You?

1. Who Is CRT? As southeastern Vermont's designated non-profit public transit provider for 30 towns, we coordinate 140,000 rides annually – 35% more riders than last year. About ½ of those are on our handicap- and wheelchair-accessible buses, and ½ on scheduled individual trips. In the past fiscal year, we provided the following to Springfield (I'm using round numbers to make this easier to read):

71,400 boardings on vehicles that stopped in Springfield – including rides **over 300,900 miles** to medical appointments for Springfield's elderly, disabled and/or residents who receive Medicaid – **for 14,700 hours of service, at a cost of \$626,900.**

These figures represent an **increase of 3,200 more boardings** from last year.

2. What Kinds of Transportation Does CRT Provide? We coordinate these services to Springfield and your surrounding towns where you go for work, shopping, and recreation:

- a. Between-town and/or commuter buses to Bellows Falls, Chester, Claremont, NH, Hanover, NH, Lebanon, NH, White River Junction from Park & Ride I-91 Exits 7, 8 & 9, and seasonally 7 days a week to Chester, Ludlow and Okemo. We also transport Springfield residents to VT Human Service Agency programs such as Adult Day.
- b. In-town buses in Bellows Falls, Springfield, and Windsor.
- c. Dial-A-Ride door-to-door service to medical appointments for Springfield residents who are elderly, disabled and/or on Medicaid. When you call us two days prior to qualified appointments, we will send a bus, a van, or a volunteer driver to take you and bring you home.

3. How Do You Benefit? Particularly in the context of America's current oil and gas issues, we impact your environment and economy positively in Springfield and the towns where you go for work, shopping and recreation, by reducing pollution, gas consumption, traffic congestion, and the cost of going to work. Public transportation is particularly appreciated by visitors and by Springfield residents who are commuters, elderly, disabled, shoppers, and those who need transportation to medical appointments.

4. How Is CRT Funded? Government grants and donations provide our \$2 million operating budget. We ask each of the 30 towns we serve for a donation; the amount depends on population and our level of service. **These local donations fulfill the local match in order to access the Federal and State funds.** The total of all the towns' donations equals less than 1% of our budget. This year we are asking Springfield for a donation of \$12,500 – which is \$1,000 more than you donated last year.

5. How Can You Get More Information? Bus schedules are available at your town office, at our website www.crtransit.org, or by calling us in Springfield at 885-5162 or 1-888-869-6287.

Carol Stone
Outreach

GREEN MOUNTAIN RSVP & VOLUNTEER CENTER

Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center recruits people 55 and older and matches them with volunteer jobs at local non-profit and public organizations. Our volunteers offer a wealth of knowledge and experience, and in return receive fulfillment and satisfaction from the work they do.

This year in Windsor County volunteers contributed over 25,000 hours of service to local non-profit and public organizations. There are 62 non-profit worksites in the Springfield area served by GMRSVP volunteers. Among them are the Senior Center, Springfield Hospital, Springfield Meals on Wheels and the Springfield Library, all of which have benefited from their generous contribution of time.

RSVP volunteers are receiving additional Adult Literacy training that will allow expansion of our previous Adult Literacy Program. Volunteers work with Connecticut River Transit to drive those in need to medical appointments. The opportunities to volunteer in Springfield are endless, and we urge you to contact our office at 885-2083 to take part in this powerful experience. Thank you Town of Springfield for your continued generous support of the Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center.

Patricia Palencsar
Executive Director

WINDSOR COUNTY PARTNERS

In our 33rd year of operation, Windsor County Partners continues to help local youth by providing them with adult role models who provide them with the support they need to achieve greater success in life.

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

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

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

SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY BAND

The Springfield Community Band was under the direction of Matthew Burke for our 61st season. We played 13 concerts; 10 in Springfield, one in Ludlow, one in Charlestown, NH and one in Walpole, NH, as well as two parades. Our approximately 40 members were made up from area residents and students from Riverside Middle School and Springfield High School.

We saw several new players in the band this last year, but we would still like to find more. Do you have an instrument sitting in a closet or attic that hasn't been played in years? How about dusting it off and joining us? For more information about joining, please visit our website at www.springfieldband.org.

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

January 1, 2006	
Cash on hand:	\$3,293.18
INCOME:	
Springfield, VT - 10 concerts	\$2,000.00
Out of town concerts	\$1,550.00
Misc.	\$ 114.00
	<u>\$3,664.00</u>
EXPENSES:	
Director	\$865.00
Officers' Salaries	\$250.00
Hired Players	\$100.00
Music	\$227.59
Post Office Box	\$74.00
Equipment (Trailer, speakers)	\$451.52
Band Shirts	\$133.30
Misc expenses	\$273.87
Donation	\$375.00
	<u>\$2,750.28</u>
December 31, 2006	
Cash on hand	\$4,206.90

Karen Bailey
Secretary/Treasurer

SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT REHAB LOAN FUND

The Southeastern Vermont Rehab Loan Fund provides loans to low and moderate income families to make repairs necessary to bring their homes up to code and make them safe places to live. A staff Rehabilitation Specialist inspects your home for health and safety issues and determines what repairs are necessary. Then we help you plan your project by getting quotes from reliable contractors. Finally, we finance the project at a low interest rate or no interest rate loan, depending on your income level. As you repay your loan, your payments are returned to the fund, making them available for future homeowners in need of home repair. For more information, visit www.baclt.org or call BACLT at 802-254-4604 ext 119.

RIGHTFOOT

RightFoot believes that every teen has the opportunity to participate in meaningful activities that instill self-worth, promotes safe, healthy choices, and strengthens the bond between youth-adult and youth-community. This belief nurtures the foundation of responsible, socially competent and civic-minded young adults.

RightFoot, *a step forward for local youth*, is the only youth organization in Springfield that provides prevention and education programs and activities for youth ages 11-17 during out-of-school time. RightFoot strives to meet the needs and interests of the Springfield community at large through the development of a caring and safe environment, quality youth-centered experiential programs and activities, significant collaborations and partnerships with local schools and organizations, and the commitment to meet the needs and interests of all youth served regardless of their circumstances. RightFoot currently has 212 youth members and has served over 650 youth and 1500 community members in the past year through its prevention and education activities and in family events open to the community.

RightFoot has been in existence since 1995, originally established as the Springfield Teen Center when local teens saw a need for a place to spend time with other teens. Youth collaborated with local adults and businesses and made their vision a reality. In October 2002, it became the Boys & Girls Club of Springfield and in August, 2005, the RightFoot Board decided that it was best to separate from Boys & Girls Club of Brattleboro for mission related reasons, thus changing the name to RightFoot, Inc.

The RightFoot will continue to provide after-school programs and activities for youth ages 11-17 at their home base in the Springfield Community Center. Fall programs and activities that will be offered such as: the indoor climbing wall, including weekly climbing wall sessions that incorporate team building, trust, and character and leadership development; basketball games, activities and various types of basketball tournaments; candlepin bowling in their newly renovated bowling alley; photography, theatre; homework help; Game-Room hours with pool, ping-pong, foosball and an occasional tournament; and Computer and Learning Center hours with internet access and strategic computer games. RightFoot will also offer extended hours for Friday Teen Nights, with game-room access, movies, candlepin bowling, rollerblading, tournaments, video gaming, music, and food.

In collaboration with other community partners, RightFoot will continue to provide activities and field trips during school vacations. RightFoot will also continue to provide the critical service of providing a wide variety of healthy activity options for youth during non-school time, a time when youth are statistically at high risk for choosing unhealthy and inappropriate behaviors.

The RightFoot board and staff look forward with excitement to continued growth, and to developing new and innovative programming options to best serve the youth of the Springfield area. If you would like to be involved with RightFoot as a volunteer, or would like more information, please contact them at 802-885-6565 or by email rightfoot_ed@vermontel.net. Thank you to the many businesses and community members that continue to support our efforts and for believing in our youth.

SPRINGFIELD RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CENTER (SRJC)

Our mission is to provide a resource network and physical space to empower local organizations and individuals committed to peacefully resolving conflict. It adheres to a nonviolent and empowering vision of a democratic community where differences are respected. Conflicts are addressed through strategies of open and respectful communication guided by trained community members supported by the Justice Center local and state government.

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

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

SRJC is funded for FY 06-07 by \$13,870 (Re-entry) and \$50,000 (Justice Center) in grant funds applied for by the town of Springfield and funded by the Agency of Human Services/Department of Corrections. The town of Springfield provides fiscal management as an in-kind service. We are located in the Bank Block on Main Street, Suite 208.

Springfield's Justice Center employs one full-time director. Because there is only one staff person there is a large cohort of volunteers; without their dedication and enthusiasm the Justice Center wouldn't exist. Community Advisory Board (CAB) volunteers include: Chairman, Bill Mattoon; Vice Chairman, Nicholas Merrill; Treasurer, Jeff Mobus; Secretary, Erica Shambo; Selectboard Member, John Swanson; Linda Mattoon, Marty Hammond, Francis Schippert, Arthur Houston, Thomas Hunter, Sam Durrant Hunter and Paul Hudson as a resource person. Reparative Board volunteers include: Bill Mattoon, Linda Mattoon, Fred Matthews, Bonnie McPhetres, Steve Matush, Sandra Richardson and Irwin Post. Many, many thanks to all of you! You are the essential piece.

In the past year SRJC volunteers have worked with 39 different community members who offended. We have provided an opportunity for 118 persons affected by crime a chance to tell their story, be heard, and ask for what they need to feel better about the situation. Program participants have provided 544 hours of community service to non-profits serving Springfield residents.

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

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

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

Family Group Conferencing – Serves anyone in the Springfield community involved in a conflict. Conferencing brings all involved parties together in an attempt to facilitate discussion or come to an agreement.

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

Restitution Programs – Require participants to repay those who have been financially harmed by their offenses.

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

The town of Springfield received a Re-Entry grant in the amount of \$13,860 to explore with the community the idea of implementing an Offender Re-entry Program. While some reentry planning is already in place, it is apparent more is needed to serve those affected by crime and to impact the high rates of recidivism. Over the next year Justice Center volunteers will identify gaps in the current services and work with agencies and community members to see how we can work together to change this trend. Ultimately a decision will be made whether or not to pursue funding to aid in implementing agency and community suggestions.

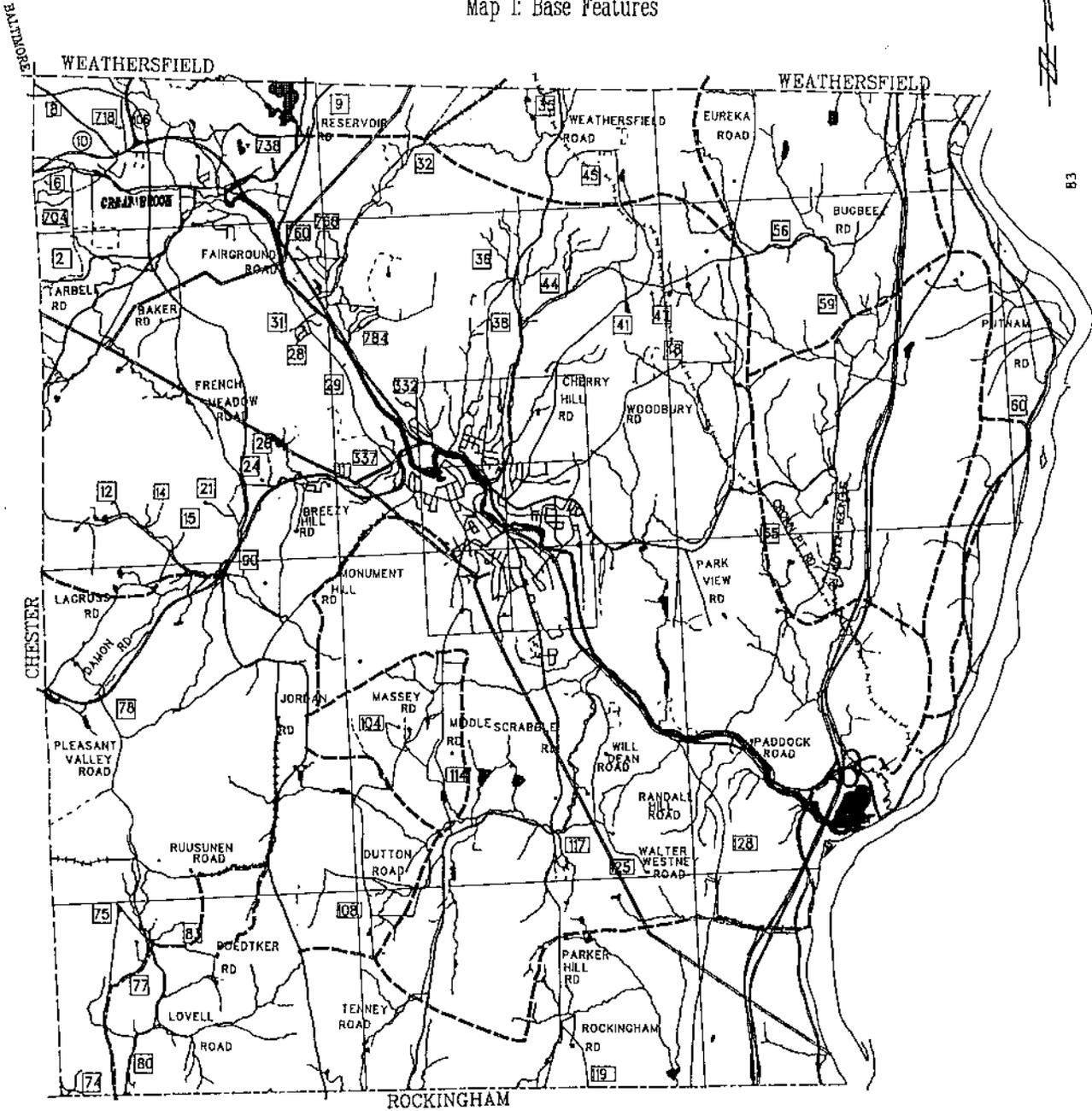
Asset Building Opportunities – such as “Working With Anger” and “Decision Making” are provided to any interested community member.

Springfield's involvement in Restorative Justice began five years ago with the establishment of the JustNow Pre-Charge Program and has grown every year becoming a Justice center two years ago. As we grow the need for volunteers grows as well. If you are interested in helping Springfield be safe and strong, please call or email for more information 885-8707 or springfieldrjc@vermontel.net.

Wendi Lashua Germain
SRJC Director

Town of SPRINGFIELD, Vermont

Map 1: Base Features



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SPRINGFIELD SHEET INDEX



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ROADS & RAILROADS: Vermont ADT Digital Road Conversion Project.
SURFACE WATERS: As shown on USGS 7-1/2' quadrants and those added and confirmed from 1:25,000 infrared photos and 1:50,000 orthophotos.
TOWN BOUNDARIES: Extracted from digital parcel maps.

All above features were located from 1975-78 1:50,000 and 1:25,000 Vermont Orthophotos with survey by the Planning Commission and other town officials. Features not present at time of photography were placed as best possible to relation to other visible facilities.

Extreme care was used during the compilation of this map to insure accuracy. However, due to changing conditions, varied source map scales and the need for reliance on many outside sources, MicroData and the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission cannot accept responsibility for errors or omissions. There are no warranties which accompany this material.

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UTILITY/FACILITY KEY

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

TRANSPORTATION KEY

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

SURFACE WATER

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

INTERNAL AND AUDIT FINANCIAL REPORTS

LONG TERM DEBT REDEMPTION CHART (FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008)

Obligations	Maturity	Interest	Original Amount	Current Balance Outstanding July 1, 2007	Payment Fiscal 2008	Payment Fiscal 2009	Payment Fiscal 2010	Payment Fiscal 2011	Payment Fiscal 2012	Payment Fiscal 2013	Payment After Fiscal 2013	Fiscal 2007-2008 Interest
SCHOOL LONG TERM DEBT												
Renovation Projects	12/01/07	4.526	\$1,585,000	\$155,000	\$155,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,015
TOTAL SCHOOL LONG TERM DEBT			\$1,585,000	\$155,000	\$155,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,015
Balance of Long Term Debt School				\$155,000								
Payment Schedule School					\$155,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,015
Interest on Long Term Debt 2007-08 School												
TOWN LONG TERM DEBT												
Chlorine Contact	10/01/21	3.000	\$325,669	\$274,963	\$14,050	\$14,472	\$14,906	\$15,353	\$15,814	\$16,288	\$184,080	\$7,840
USDA CSO Note	9/28/35	4.125	\$1,050,000	\$1,040,213	\$19,368	\$20,174	\$21,016	\$21,893	\$22,804	\$23,755	\$911,203	\$41,976
CSO Bond 019	10/1/22	0.000	\$982,189	\$739,627	currently being paid by State of Vermont							
CSO Bond 055	9/1/24	0.000	\$1,023,964	\$754,849	currently being paid by State of Vermont							
Loader Note	6/20/07	3.900	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,900
EPA Note	4/1/09	0.000	\$88,000	\$88,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$18,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sewer Treatment Plant	12/1/33	4.500	\$1,784,180	\$1,715,286	\$33,610	\$35,141	\$36,739	\$38,411	\$40,159	\$41,987	\$1,489,239	\$75,368
Aerial Fire Truck	12/01/16	4.422	\$600,000	\$400,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$160,000	\$17,288
TOTAL TOWN LONG TERM DEBT			\$5,954,002	\$5,112,938	\$242,028	\$144,787	\$130,661	\$115,657	\$118,777	\$122,030	\$2,744,522	\$146,372
Balance of Long Term Debt Town				\$5,112,938								
Payment Schedule Town					\$242,028	\$144,787	\$130,661	\$115,657	\$118,777	\$122,030	\$2,744,522	
Interest on Long Term Debt 2007-08 Town												
TOTAL LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS												
Total School and Town			\$7,539,002									
Balance of Long Term Debt School and Town				\$5,267,938								
Payment Schedule School and Town					\$397,028	\$144,787	\$130,661	\$115,657	\$118,777	\$122,030	\$2,744,522	
Interest School and Town												\$153,387
TOTAL PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENTS 2007-2008 FOR SCHOOL AND TOWN LONG TERM DEBT					\$550,415							

SYNOPSIS OF GRAND LIST

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

FIGURES FROM THE PAST

Year		Grand List	Total Tax Rate	Town Tax Rate*	Town Tax Levy	School Tax Rate	School Tax Levy**
2000	Res	2,573,888	3.090	1.466	3,773,320		
	Com	976,555	3.317	1.693	1,653,308		
	Educ	3,306,195				1.624	5,369,261
2001	Res	2,589,048	3.160	1.464	3,790,366		
	Com	911,500	3.507	1.811	1,650,726		
	Educ	3,321,237				1.696	5,632,818
2002	Res	2,610,583	3.350	1.531	3,996,803		
	Com	904,380	3.728	1.909	1,726,461		
	Educ	3,348,283				1.819	6,090,527
2003	Res	2,618,800	3.590	1.575	4,124,610		
	Com	873,280	4.048	2.033	1,775,378		
	Educ	3,330,238				2.015	6,710,430
2004	Res	2,650,255		1.6061	4,256,575		
	Com	864,766		2.088	1,805,631		
	Educ	3,344,344				1.7039	homestead rate
2005	Res	2,672,805		1.668	4,458,239		
	Com	869,219		2.1638	1,880,816		
	Educ	3,362,883				1.882	homestead rate
2006	Res	2,691,417		1.785	4,804,179		
	Com	870,099		2.3121	2,011,756		
	Educ	3,385,997				1.8975	non-homestead rate

*Includes Special Appropriations and County Tax

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

STATEMENT OF TAXES – FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006

TAXES ASSESSED AND BILLED:

	Assessed Value	Grand List (1% of Assessed)	Tax Rate	Total Taxes Assessed and Billed
Residential: Real Estate	\$267,321,500	\$2,673,215.00	1.668	\$ 4,458,922.62
Commercial: Real Estate	\$ 68,031,200	\$ 680,312.00	2.1638	\$ 1,472,059.11
Machinery & Equipment	\$ 18,891,100	\$ 188,911.00	2.1638	\$ 408,765.62
Total Town Taxes				\$ 6,339,747.35
Education	\$336,329,300	\$3,363,293.00 **		\$ 6,342,704.00
TOTAL TAXES ASSESSED AND BILLED:				\$12,682,451.35

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

TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR:		
Current year taxes collected		\$12,389,565.35
Current year taxes delinquent June 30, 2006		\$ 292,886.00
		\$12,682,451.35

TAX COMPUTATION TABLE

BASED ON GRAND LIST OF \$3,561,516

\$0.01 will raise	\$35,615.16
\$0.02 will raise	71,230.32
\$0.03 will raise	106,845.48
\$0.04 will raise	142,460.64
\$0.05 will raise	178,075.80
\$0.06 will raise	213,690.96
\$0.07 will raise	249,306.12
\$0.08 will raise	284,921.28
\$0.09 will raise	320,536.44
\$0.10 will raise	356,151.60
\$1.00 will raise	\$3,561,516.00
Total listed valuation of Real Estate and Personal Property for Taxation	\$356,151,600
One Percent of Total Listed Valuation	\$3,561,516

DELINQUENT TAX CHART

TAX YEAR	Due as of 6/30/06	Due as of 6/30/05	Due as of 6/30/04	Due as of 6/30/03	Due as of 6/30/02
1989	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
1990	0	0	0	135.62	135.62
1991	0	0	0	470.36	470.36
1992	0	0	0	977.51	1,407.71
1993	0	0	0	312.00	312.00
1994	0	0	0	2,250.00	2,250.00
1995	167.32	167.32	802.57	1,840.88	1,840.88
1996	577.60	577.60	2,265.60	5,397.35	5,422.59
1997	597.40	597.40	2,343.20	3,784.31	4,214.44
1998	585.04	585.04	2,363.92	10,295.16	10,472.15
1999	580.92	580.92	3,082.54	9,079.22	9,548.72
2000	599.44	599.44	3,444.80	11,527.24	12,888.68
2001	680.61	739.07	4,120.10	10,528.27	50,178.25
2002	3,482.32	3,482.32	8,592.92	310,483.39	540,110.68
2003	4,159.36	4,213.36	72,593.52	531,632.97	0.00
2004	10,097.78	18,420.96	274,412.44	0.00	0.00
2005	50,970.59	240,374.89	0.00	0.00	0.00
2006	220,387.73				
TOTAL	\$292,886.11	\$270,338.32	\$374,021.61	\$898,714.28	\$639,252.08

If you were a resident of Vermont on January 1, 2005 and occupied your property as of April 1, 2005 AND you filed your HS-131 by April 15, 2006, your tax rate was \$3.76 per \$100 of valuation. If not, your tax rate was \$3.7304.

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

resident	\$75,000	\$750	\$3.760	\$2,80.00
non-resident	\$75,000	\$750	\$3.7304	\$2,797.80

2005-2006

BUDGET TO ACTUAL AT A GLANCE

Revenue Budgeted:	\$7,802,839
Revenue Received:	\$8,075,632
Variance:	\$272,793
Expenditures Budgeted:	\$7,802,839
Expenditures Paid:	\$8,024,432
Variance:	\$221,593
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures:	\$51,200

TAX ANALYSIS PER HUNDRED ASSESSED TAX DOLLARS

	homestead '06-'07	non-homestead '06-'07	homestead '05-'06	non-homestead '05-'06	'04-'05	'04-'05	'03-'04
School							
State	\$1.9750	\$1.9454	\$1.8820	\$1.8975	\$1.7039	\$1.8069	\$1.265
Local							\$0.750
Town & Highway	\$1.7313	\$1.7313	\$1.6121	\$1.6121	\$1.5568	\$1.5568	\$1.524
Special Appropriations	\$0.0420	\$0.0420	\$0.0438	\$0.0438	\$0.0383	\$0.0383	\$0.039
County Tax	\$0.0117	\$0.0117	\$0.0121	\$0.0121	\$0.0110	\$0.0110	\$0.012
	<u>\$3.7600</u>	<u>\$3.7304</u>	<u>\$3.5500</u>	<u>\$3.5655</u>	<u>\$3.3100</u>	<u>\$3.4130</u>	<u>\$3.590</u>

**BUDGET SUMMARY
FISCAL 2007-2008**

OPERATING BUDGETS	04-05 Expended	05-06 Expended	06-07 Budget	07-08 Dept. Head	07-08 Manager	Diff. From 06-07
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 548,049	\$ 571,251	\$ 677,489	\$ 707,608	\$709,158	\$31,669
POLICE	1,141,818	1,202,983	1,288,826	1,325,405	1,332,405	43,579
FIRE/AMBULANCE	895,466	893,014	932,039	966,826	956,826	24,787
PUBLIC WORKS	1,675,413	1,546,317	1,654,530	1,670,125	1,680,975	26,445
PARKS & RECREATION	240,994	248,544	262,955	258,952	260,268	(2,687)
SENIORS	36,692	35,593	38,985	38,985	38,985	—
LIBRARY	369,891	371,925	404,435	431,482	431,482	27,047
FIXED	2,033,246	1,949,807	2,171,221	2,493,690	2,493,690	322,469
REIMBURSABLE	183,819	160,000	185,000	195,000	195,000	10,000
TOTAL OPERATING	\$\$7,125,388	\$6,979,434	\$7,615,480	\$8,088,073	\$8,098,789	\$483,309
TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET		\$ 823,405	\$ 914,500	\$1,095,500	\$ 995,000	\$ 80,500
GRAND TOTAL GROSS APPROPRIATION BUDGET		\$7,802,839	\$8,529,980	\$9,183,573	\$9,093,789	\$563,809

**BUDGET SUMMARY
FISCAL 2007-2008**

	06-07	07-08	Difference	% Difference
Operating Budget	\$7,615,480	\$8,098,789	\$483,309	6.35%
Capital Budget	<u>914,500</u>	<u>995,000</u>	<u>80,500</u>	8.80%
Subtotal	\$8,529,980	\$9,093,789	\$563,809	6.61%
Revenue other than taxes	<u>-\$1,948,275</u>	<u>-\$2,223,135</u>	<u>-\$274,860</u>	14.11%
To be raised by taxes	\$6,581,705	\$6,870,654	\$288,949	4.39%

BUDGETED REVENUES
(other than taxes)
FISCAL 2007-2008

GENERAL	07-08	06-07	05-06	04-05
Fees and interest	100,000	100,000	100,00	100,000
Legal fees on tax sales	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Payments in lieu of taxes	300,000	210,000	170,000	110,000
Readiness to serve	65,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
TOTAL	471,000	376,000	336,000	276,000
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TOWN CLERK				
Licenses, fees and permits	80,000	81,000	75,000	75,000
Dog licenses	6,000	7,000	6,800	7,500
Liquor licenses	2,500	2,400	2,400	2,500
Town licenses	600	600	510	650
Marriage licenses	800	750	650	600
Hunting and Fishing licenses	725	725	725	950
Impound fees	0	0	0	1,000
Motor Vehicle Registrations	2,200	2,800	2,800	2,500
Passports	7,000	6,500	4,500	4,500
TOTAL	99,825	101,775	93,385	95,200
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PUBLIC WORKS				
Lots sold	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Burials	18,550	11,000	11,000	11,000
Interest public funds	10,000	10,000	15,000	15,000
Class I highways	47,000	40,000	30,000	30,000
Class II highways	76,000	76,000	76,000	76,000
Class III highways	140,000	140,000	140,000	140,000
Recycling	40,000	40,000	35,000	25,000
Transfer Station	220,000	222,000	175,000	160,000
C&D	10,000	0	0	0
Chester reimbursement	25,000	25,000	20,000	20,000
TOTAL	589,550	567,000	505,000	480,000

BUDGETED REVENUES

(other than taxes)

FISCAL 2007-2008

Continued

POLICE	07-08	06-07	05-06	04-05
Police reports	3,500	3,000	2,500	2,000
State/local fines	30,000	35,000	35,000	25,000
Alarms and escort fees	2,000	1,500	2,000	1,000
Parking fines and rentals	5,000	6,000	4,000	11,500
Contractual services	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
TOTAL	50,500	55,500	53,500	49,500
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FIRE/AMBULANCE				
Ambulance stand-by/dispatching	17,200	7,200	7,200	7,200
EMS/CD	0	0	0	0
Ambulance	325,000	300,000	240,000	240,000
Fire reports	100	100	100	100
Rental of hall	300	300	300	300
Miscellaneous	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Alarm boxes	14,000	14,000	13,000	13,000
SAFER Grant reimbursement	37,260	0	0	0
Hazardous waste reimbursement	800	800	800	800
TOTAL	395,760	323,500	262,500	262,500
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PARKS & RECREATION				
Receipts	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
TOTAL	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
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LIBRARY				
Fines etc.	2,000	2,500	2,500	2,300
VSAC	1,500	1,000	1,000	1,000
Non-resident Borrowers' fees	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,700
Library Trust Funds	4,000	5,000	5,000	0
TOTAL	9,500	10,500	10,500	6,000
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BUDGETED REVENUES

(other than taxes)

FISCAL 2007-2008

Continued

REIMBURSEMENTS & OTHER	07-08	06-07	05-06	04-05
Reappraisal Fund Transfer	50,000	200,000	0	0
School Treasurer	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Unclassified	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
Invested fund interest	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Equipment fund reimbursement	495,000	172,000	117,000	366,000
Hydro generation	0	0	0	10,000
Paving Reimbursement	0	0	60,000	0
Retaining Walls	0	0	150,000	75,000
Civic Impr. Project reimbursement	25,000	105,000	65,000	50,000
COPS-School Grant	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	602,000	509,000	424,000	533,000
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GRAND TOTALS	2,223,135	1,948,275	1,689,885	1,707,200

PROPERTY TAX DUE DATES

THE TAX PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE JULY 1, 2007-JUNE 30, 2008
FISCAL YEAR IS:

FIRST QUARTER: **AUGUST 15, 2007**

SECOND QUARTER: **OCTOBER 15, 2007**

THIRD QUARTER: **JANUARY 15, 2008**

FOURTH QUARTER: **APRIL 15, 2008**

ANY PAYMENT NOT RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED BY THE DUE DATE
WILL BE SUBJECT TO AN INTEREST CHARGE. ANY 2007-2008 TAX
BALANCE UNPAID ON APRIL 16, 2008, WILL BE ASSESSED A PENALTY
OF 8%.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2006

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen
 Town of Springfield
 Springfield, Vermont

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Springfield, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Springfield, Vermont's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Springfield, Vermont as of June 30, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

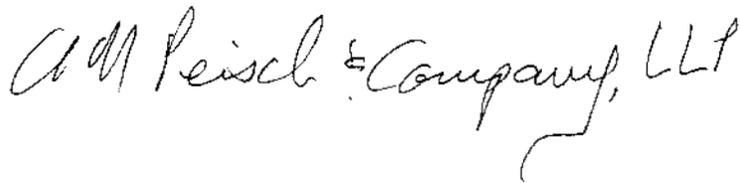
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In accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 21, 2006, on our consideration of Town of Springfield, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 13 and 46 and 47, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

September 21, 2006
Rutland, Vermont
VT Reg. No. 92-0000102

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. M. Reisch & Company, LLC". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed address information.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the Town of Springfield, we offer readers of the Town of Springfield's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town of Springfield for the fiscal year that concluded June 30, 2006. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in our letter of transmittal and the Town's financial statements.

Financial Highlights

- The assets of the Town of Springfield exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$30,537,167 (total net assets). This is an increase of \$2,446,043 over the total net assets of the prior fiscal year. Of the total net assets amount, \$4,211,628 (total unrestricted net assets) may be used by the various funds of the Town to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to its citizens and creditors. This is an increase of \$81,287 over the total unrestricted net assets of the prior fiscal year.
- As of the close of the most recent fiscal year, the Town of Springfield's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$8,214,064, an increase of \$44,432 in comparison with the prior year balance of \$8,169,632. Of this total amount, \$1,616,384 is available for spending at the government's discretion (total unreserved fund balance). Management has designated \$1,097,158 of this unreserved fund balance for specific purposes, leaving \$519,226 in unreserved undesignated fund balance.
- The net assets for the Town of Springfield's proprietary funds increased from \$16,115,620 at the close of the prior year to \$16,156,473 at the close of the most recent fiscal year, an increase of \$40,853.

Overview of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Government-wide Financial Analysis.

**Town of Springfield
Statement of Net
Assets**

June 30, 2006

	Governmental Activities	Business- type Activities	Total
Assets			
Current and other assets	\$ 10,594,156	\$ 3,026,360	13,620,516
Capital assets	5,749,930	21,333,873	27,083,903
Total assets	16,344,086	24,360,333	40,704,419
Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	941,189	81,942	1,023,111
Notes payable		3,500,000	3,500,000
Long-term liabilities	1,022,223	4,621,918	5,644,141
Total liabilities	1,963,392	8,203,860	10,167,252
Net Assets			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt:			
Restricted	5,208,930	13,317,489	18,527,419
Unrestricted	7,700,509	97,611	7,798,120
Total net assets	14,360,694	16,156,473	30,537,167

As noted previously, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Town of Springfield, assets exceeded liabilities by \$30,537,167 at the close of the fiscal year, June 30, 2006. This compares to total net assets of \$28,091,124 as of June 30, 2005. This is an increase of \$2,446,043, or 8.3 %, over the prior year. Most of this increase, \$2,114,399 is due to the increase in the amount invested in capital assets, net of related debt, demonstrating the Town's continued commitment to improving its infrastructure.

Of these net assets, \$18,527,419 (or 60.7% of total net assets) is invested in the Town of Springfield's capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, equipment, and infrastructure). The Town of Springfield uses these capital assets to provide services to its citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending unless the Town opts to reduce the services that it provides and is able to liquidate the assets that are no longer necessary due to this reduction in services. Although the Town of Springfield's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

\$7,798,120 (or 25.5% of total net assets) of the Town of Springfield's net assets represents resources that are subject to external restriction as to how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net assets, \$4,211,628 (or 13.8%), may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to its citizens and creditors. Included in unrestricted net assets are amounts that management has designated for particular purposes, such as capital reserve funds, and reserves for expenditures in future years.

For the year ended June 30, 2006, the Town of Springfield had total liabilities of \$10,167,252. Of this amount, long-term liabilities amounted to \$5,644,141 and \$4,523,111 was in the form of other liabilities. This compares to total liabilities as of June 30, 2005 of \$10,903,809, of which \$4,691,061 were long-term liabilities and other liabilities totaled \$6,212,748.

As of June 30, 2006, the Town of Springfield is able to report positive balances in both categories of net assets, governmental activities and business-type activities. The same situation held true for the prior fiscal year as well.

From the Statement of Activities, the total program revenues, consisting of charges for services (\$3,078,022), operating grants (\$693,225), and capital grants (\$2,775,617) for the government as a whole amounted to \$6,546,864. This amount does not include general revenues. The total amount of expenses was \$17,321,708. This resulted in a deficit of \$10,774,844 before general revenues are included. This compares to the prior year's total revenue of \$8,135,013, with \$2,794,843 in charges for services, \$368,016 in operating grants, and \$4,972,154 in capital grants. The total expenses for the prior year were \$15,968,838.

General revenues for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2006 totaled \$13,220,887, up from \$12,347,516 the prior year. The vast majority of general revenue was received in the form of property taxes, \$12,694,552, up from \$11,848,998 in 2005. Other general revenues include: grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs, unrestricted investment earnings, fees and interest, and other small miscellaneous items. The net of the deficit above of \$10,774,844 and the general revenues of \$13,220,887 is \$2,446,043. This is the increase in net assets for the Town of Springfield for the year. However, there was a recording error (duplicate

listing) in long-term assets last year of \$97,794. Therefore, the increase in net assets from last year's financial statement to this year's statement is \$2,348,249.

There is also a transfer from governmental activities to business-type activities of \$69,000. This amount is transferred to assist in the maintenance of the Pre-Treatment Facility, the storm drains, and the fire hydrants. These activities are properly expensed in governmental activities, though the work is performed by the personnel of the water and sewer department. As this transfer is internal to the government as a whole, it has no effect on the net assets of the town. In addition, there are transfers totaling \$10,522 from the Town's fiduciary funds (held by the Trustees of Public Funds). This amount includes the earnings in both the Library Trust Fund and the Cemetery Trust Fund that is transferred to the Town to support governmental activities. Lastly, there was a transfer of \$25,000 from the Town's economic development funds (in Fund 3) to the Town's Roof Drain account (in Fund 2).

Governmental Activities.

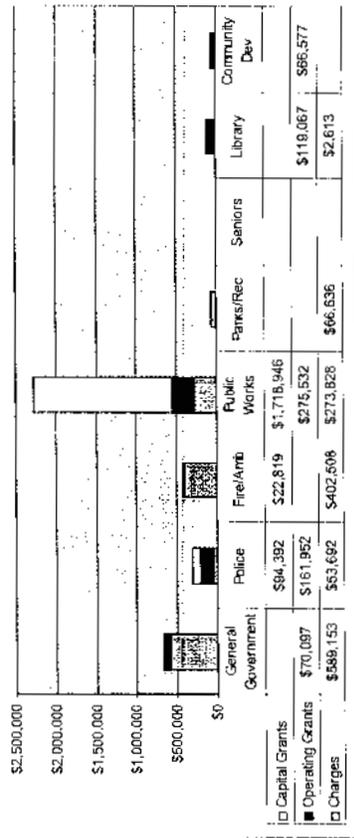
Governmental Activities increased the Town of Springfield's net assets by \$2,405,190 during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2006. The great majority (92%) of this amount is the result of a net increase in capital assets of \$2,212,660. Of the remaining difference, the net assets of the Special Revenue Fund (Grants, Revolving Loans, Civic Improvement Investment Account), which increased \$163,105. In the prior year, the Town of Springfield's net assets increased by \$659,298, which was primarily the result of a net increase in capital assets of \$824,318. This increase was partially offset by a large decrease, \$285,381 in the amount of deferred property taxes and deferred grant revenue. The majority of the balance of the increase is due to the accounting for the repayment of bond and notes principal and the fact that the amount paid out for compensated absences exceeded the amount earned.

Governmental Activities are funded in three ways: charging for services, operating grants, and capital grants. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, the total program revenues for governmental activities were \$3,917,812, up from the prior year's total of \$2,270,422. The total current year charges for services were \$1,388,430. The programs that receive the most revenue for services are General Government (\$589,153, mostly for Payments in Lieu of Taxes, Current Use, Town Clerk fees, and the Readiness to Serve payment from the Correctional Facility), Fire and Ambulance (\$402,508, primarily for Ambulance revenue), and Public Works (\$273,828, a majority of which is due to activity at the transfer/recycling station).

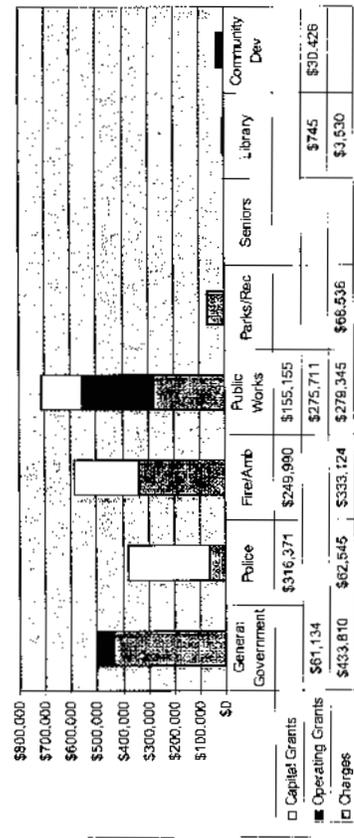
The total revenue received in operating grants for governmental activities was \$693,225. The largest portion of this amount was received from the state for highway maintenance. The total revenue received in capital grants for governmental activities was \$1,836,157. Of this amount the Police Department received \$94,392 from a COPS Technology Grant and a Homeland Security Grant. The Fire Department received \$22,819 in Homeland Security Grants, and Public Works received \$1,718,946 from the state for a 90% reimbursement on the retaining wall along River Street.

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

2006 Governmental Program Revenues



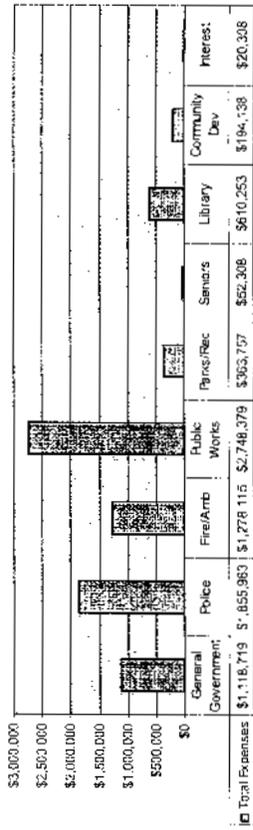
2005 Governmental Program Revenues



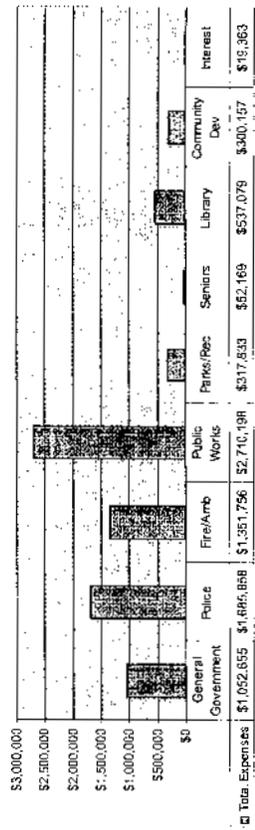
The total expenses for Governmental activities for the year ended June 30, 2006, not including the \$6,342,704 payment to the school district for Education, was \$8,241,940. This compares to the total expenses for Governmental activities for the year ended June 30, 2005, not including the \$5,826,445 payment to the school district for Education, of \$8,027,068. This is an increase of \$214,872.

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

2006 Governmental Program Total Expenses



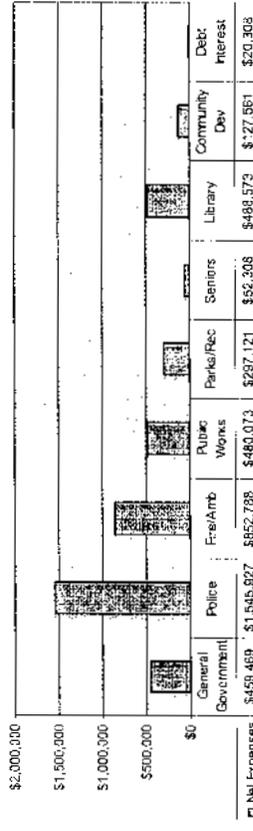
2005 Governmental Program Total Expenses



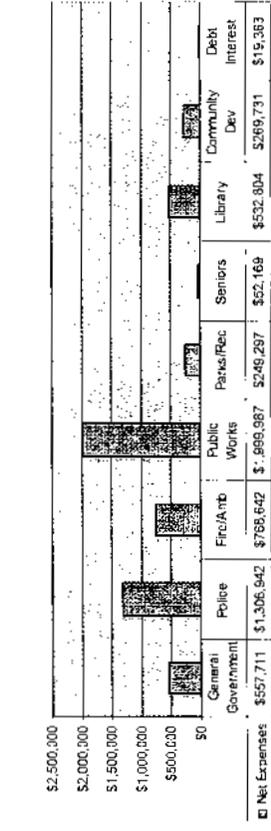
From the Statement of Activities, the total net expense for governmental activities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 was \$10,666,832, down from \$11,583,091 the prior year. After deducting the payment to the school district, the net expense for municipal government operations was \$4,324,128, down from \$5,756,646 in 2005.

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

2006 Governmental Program Net Expenses



2005 Governmental Program Net Expenses



Business-type Activities

Business-type activities increased the Town of Springfield's net assets by \$40,853 during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2006. Though the activity during the year increased net assets, due to a correction of \$62,878 in the prior year, the financial statements show a decrease of \$22,025 in net assets from \$16,178,498 to \$16,156,473. Like prior years, the net assets increased due to the capital contributions from outside sources towards the three major water projects. These capital contributions totaled \$939,460. However, even with these contributions, the net increase due to activity was just \$40,853. The primary reason that net assets did not increase more was depreciation. The total capital assets, net of depreciation, decreased from \$21,909,864 to \$21,333,973. This is a decrease of \$575,981. The total depreciation expense for the year was \$973,354. Unless capital upgrades match the depreciation expense, it can be expected that the decline in net capital assets will continue. Grants towards capital assets, like the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Project, are considered capital contributions.

The program revenues for the business-type activities totaled \$2,629,052. Of this amount, \$1,689,592 was received from charges for services in the water and sewer department. The remaining program revenues, \$939,460, were received in the form of capital grants from the

State of Vermont, the Environmental Protection Agency, and Rural Development as part of the funding packages for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the CSO Project.

The balance of the business-type activities, a decrease of \$898,607, is the result of an operating loss of \$1,047,472 net of a transfer from governmental activities of \$94,000 and unrestricted investment earnings of \$54,865. The depreciation expense, mentioned above, and which is included in the operating loss amount, was \$973,354 accounts for nearly all of the decrease. The total program revenue was \$1,689,592, compared to the prior year's total operating revenue of \$1,613,953. The total operating expenses were \$2,737,064, compared to the prior year total of \$2,115,325.

Governmental Funds

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

At the end of the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2006, the Town of Springfield's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$8,214,064, an increase of \$65,433 in comparison to the prior year. The unreserved fund balance, which is available for spending at the government's discretion, is \$1,616,384. The Town of Springfield has designated \$1,097,158 of this unreserved fund balance for various purposes, including capital reserve funds and expenditures in subsequent periods. The remainder of the fund balance is reserved to indicate that it is not available for new spending because it has already been committed to long-term receivables (\$2,937,931), economic development (\$461,929), and other special purposes (\$3,197,820).

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the Town of Springfield. As of June 30, 2006, the fund balance of the general fund was \$1,674,400. Of this amount, the unreserved, undesignated fund balance was \$519,226, designated fund balance was \$1,055,174, and reserved fund balance was \$100,000.

The fund balance for the Town of Springfield's general fund decreased by \$43,593 during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2006. The primary factors in this decrease are:

- The Town experienced significantly higher health insurance and workers compensation benefit costs.
- The long winter, as well as higher heating fuel per unit costs, led to a shortfall in winter road maintenance and heating fuel budget lines.
- On the good side, the Town budgets for 100% tax collection of current year taxes and does not budget for collection of delinquent taxes with the expectation that these two numbers will offset. Once again, this year the collection of delinquent taxes exceeded the shortfall in current year collections.
- Ambulance Revenue exceeded budgeted expectations.
- The amount that the Town received from the State for the Current Use program exceeded budgeted expectations.

The fund balance for the Town of Springfield's special revenue fund increased by \$169,026. This was due to an increase in the value of the investments, primarily the Civic Improvement Project Investment Account, and an increase in the value of the net receivables. The net receivables consist mostly of the economic and low income housing revolving loans.

Proprietary Funds

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

The total net assets for the water and sewer fund increased from a re-stated \$16,112,677 on June 30, 2005 to \$16,153,530 on June 30, 2006, an increase of \$40,853. Of the total net assets for the fund, \$13,317,489 was invested in capital assets, net of any related debt, \$97,611 was restricted for capital purposes, and the remaining \$2,738,430 was unrestricted fund balance. As mentioned above in the discussion of business-type activities, the primary reason for the increase in the total net assets in the water and sewer fund was the capital contributions received from outside sources for the water projects less the decrease in net value of the capital assets due to depreciation. There is also a Non-major enterprise fund for Solid Waste. The balance of this fund is \$2,943. There was no activity in this fund during the year.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

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

The Town continues to provide its employees with Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance through a group set up by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. The premiums for this group run on a calendar year basis. As a result, the premium for the second half of each fiscal year is unknown at the time that the budgets are determined. This year, due to the increase in the premium, this led to a budgetary shortfall in the health insurance line item of nearly \$40,000.

As mentioned above, the Town traditionally does not budget for delinquent tax collections. The Town bases its tax revenue budget on 100% of current year taxes due. It is expected that the delinquent tax collections will offset the shortfall in current year tax collection. This year the Town was able to collect \$197,000 in delinquent taxes. The shortfall in current year collections was approximately \$107,000. Thus, there was a net addition of \$90,000 in unbudgeted revenues due to tax collection activity. Also in revenues, the Town budgeted \$170,000 for payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT). This revenue comes mainly from the State for state property and the current use program. The actual revenue last year was \$325,000, exceeding budget by \$155,000. As the current use program funding can be reduced, the Town does not budget for this entire amount. Ambulance Revenue also exceeded budget by \$113,000.

The other budgetary areas where there was a significant difference were those related to winter in Vermont. There were 20 "snow events" that required application of winter road materials and response. The budget is based on 14 "snow events," considered a "typical" winter in Vermont. This led to a budgetary shortfall of \$85,000 in the winter road maintenance line. Also, the Town, like its residents, experienced a significant increase in the cost of heating fuel. The heating fuel line items were over budget by nearly \$22,000 (or 65% of the amounts budgeted). Related to the heating costs, both the Town Hall and the Fire Department suffered significant boiler repairs. Finally, in an effort to re-enforce dirt roads and road beds, the summer road maintenance line was over by roughly \$65,000.

The Town of Springfield did not have any significant changes from the original budget and the final budget for the 2006 fiscal year.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets-

The Town of Springfield's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of June 30, 2006 amounts to \$18,527,419 (net of accumulated depreciation and related debt). This is an increase of \$2,114,399 from the June 30, 2005 total of \$16,413,020. Of the current amount, \$5,209,930 is invested in the capital assets for governmental activities and \$13,317,489 is invested in the capital assets of business-type activities. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and improvements, vehicles and equipment, roads and bridges, and water and wastewater distribution and collection systems. This amount does not include infrastructure (roads, bridges, retaining walls, etc.) that was put in place prior to July 1, 2003. As the Town of Springfield had an operating budget of under \$10,000,000 as of July 1, 1999, it was not required to retroactively report infrastructure assets in order to comply with GASB 34. As capital infrastructure work is completed in future years, these assets will be recorded.

Major capital asset events during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2006 include:

- Continuation of the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) project. Now work completed during this fiscal year totaled \$534,825. The total spent on CSO as of June 30, 2006 was \$6,795,651.
- The Town purchased a loader at a cost of \$210,950.
- The Town reclaimed and paved portions of Fairground Road (\$160,500), Eric Street, WCFR Drive, Commonwealth Ave, County Road, Davis St, Grove St, Mineral St, and Gulf St at a total cost of \$259,901.
- The Town (10%) completed the River Street retaining wall project with the State (90%), total cost \$1,819,630. In addition, the North Main retaining wall was removed and replaced with a slope at a cost of \$106,417.
- The Town purchased two new defibrillators at a cost of \$14,359 each.
- The Town Library began carpeting (\$12,000) and shelving (\$23,002) projects.
- The Town purchased a new vehicle for the Police Department at a cost of \$22,293. In addition, the Town put into service new communication and technology equipment at a cost of \$236,980, much of which had been a work in progress the prior year.
- The Town re-enforced the flooring supports at the Community Center (\$51,147).
- Depreciation of all capital assets totaled \$1,401,195.

Debt Administration-

As of June 30, 2006, the Town of Springfield had debt totaling \$8,644,486. The Town of Springfield has three long term water and wastewater projects, the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) project, the Wastewater Treatment Plant project, and the Water project. The Wastewater Treatment Plant project, for which the Town voted to authorize up to a \$4,500,000 bond has been completed with the Town bonding for a final amount of \$1,784,180. The Town has voted to authorize a total of \$11,000,000 in bonds for the remaining two projects (\$7,000,000 for CSO and \$4,000,000 for Water). As bonds are issued at completion of a project, it is necessary to borrow "in anticipation" of these bonds in order to cover the expenses of the projects during construction until the final financing has been obtained. The Town has borrowed \$3,500,000 in the form of Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN). These notes are at 3.90% interest and come due June 15, 2007.

In addition, the Town has a commitment of \$394,223 in accrued compensated absences to its employees in the governmental units. The Town has a further commitment of \$105,434 to its employees in the business-type activities (water and sewer). This is the amount that the Town has set aside to pay employees for accrued sick time when they retire at some point in the future.

The balance of the debt, \$5,144,486, is in the form of signed notes and bonds. Here is a chart of these commitments:

Town of Springfield Long Term Notes as of June 30, 2006

	Maturity	Interest	Original Amount	June 2005 Balance	June 2006 Balance
Chittenden	6/20/2008	3.9	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
EPA	8/31/2009	0	\$88,000	\$0	\$88,000
Fire Truck	12/1/2016	4.422	\$900,000	\$480,000	\$440,000
			Subtotal	\$480,000	\$628,000
USDA-CSO 1	9/28/2035	4.125	\$438,320	\$0	\$434,234
USDA-CSO 2	9/28/2035	4.125	\$137,480	\$0	\$136,199
USDA-CSO 3	9/28/2035	4.125	\$474,200	\$0	\$469,780
RF-3-034	10/1/2021	3	\$325,669	\$288,206	\$274,963
RF-019	9/1/2022	0	\$870,149	\$783,134	\$739,827
RF-055	9/1/2024	0	\$1,023,964	\$794,578	\$754,849
USDA-WWTP	12/1/1933	4.5	\$1,784,180	\$1,738,196	\$1,706,834
			Subtotal	\$3,604,114	\$4,516,486
Total			\$5,841,962	\$4,084,114	\$5,144,486

Governmental:

Water/Sewer:

State has agreed to pay the first \$1,000,000 of payments on these loans.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

- The taxable grand list (total assessed value divided by 100) for the Town of Springfield grew from \$3,542,024 as of June 30, 2005 to \$3,560,424. This is an increase of 0.52%.
- The unemployment rate in Springfield as of June 30, 2006 was 4.7%, up from 4.1% a year earlier. This compares with a rate of 3.3% statewide, down from 3.4%.
- Ellsworth Ice Cream of Vermont which had employed 50-80 people, closed operations.
- The rates of increase in the prices of health insurance, worker's compensation insurance, and education have grown faster than the general inflationary trend.
- Designated capital reserve funds at the end of June 30, 2006 amounted to \$604,619. These funds are available for appropriation to fund capital and equipment purchases as well as a re-appraisal in coming years.
- Under Act 68, there are now different tax rates for Springfield residents than non-residents. Homestead residential properties now pay \$0.0296 more than non-residential properties per \$100 of assessed value.

All of these factors were considered in preparing the Town of Springfield's budget and setting the tax rates for the 2007 fiscal year.

The Town of Springfield approved a general fund budget for the 2007 fiscal year in the amount of \$8,529,900. This represents an increase of \$727,061, or 9.2%, over the approved budget for the previous year. Of the total budgeted amount, \$7,615,480 is budgeted for the operating budget, and increase of \$636,046, or 9.1%, over the operating budget for the previous year. The budget for capital expenditures is \$914,500, an increase of \$91,095, or 11.1%, over the prior year's capital budget. The Town has budgeted for \$477,000 of this amount to be received from the Town's designated reserve funds and other reserved funds in order to minimize the increase in the tax rate due to the Town's planned capital improvements. The combined municipal and school tax rate for Springfield residents for fiscal year 2007 is \$3.76 per \$100 of assessed value. The combined municipal and school tax rate for non-residents is \$3.7304 per \$100 of assessed value. The special commercial tax rate is \$0.5271 per \$100 of assessed value.

It should be noted that the Town of Springfield has received a reappraisal order from the State of Vermont because the Common Level of Appraisal for Springfield had fallen below 80%. The Town of Springfield has contracted with Associates in Municipal Property Tax Assessment, LLC (AMPTA) to do the reappraisal at a cost of \$298,012. The current timetable is for AMPTA to complete all interior inspections by January 20, 2007. Appraisal notices should be sent out by the end of April 2007. There will be a period of "pre-grievance" hearings in May and June when taxpayers can meet with AMPTA to determine how the value for their property was determined. After this, there will be a period when the Listers will hear formal grievances. Upon completion of these grievances, the Grand List will be filed with the State. This schedule allows for tax bills to be sent out in July as is customary.

For the fiscal year 2007, the water rate increased to \$1.49 per 100 cubic feet from \$1.38 and the sewer rate increased to \$4.62 per 100 cubic feet from \$4.27. The increase in the water rate is primarily due to the increase in personnel and benefits, especially health insurance. The increase in the sewer rate is due to the fact that the repayment on one phase of the CSO project has begun. This \$1,050,000 loan is through Rural Development for 30 years at 4.125%. Annual payments are \$61,344.

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

Also in accordance with the Correctional Facility Agreement, the State is paying the first \$1,000,000 on CSO loans. This is in addition to the Rural Development loan mentioned above. The State is currently paying roughly \$82,000 per year on the Town's behalf for these loans. If the rate payers had to pay these loans, the sewer rate would increase about 34 cents per hundred cubic feet of metered usage.

Requests for Information

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

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended June 30, 2006

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Governmental activities:							
General government	\$ 1,118,719	\$ 589,153	\$ 70,097	\$ -0-	(\$ 459,469)		(\$ 459,469)
Police	1,855,963	53,692	161,952	94,392	(1,545,927)		(1,545,927)
Fire and ambulance	1,278,115	402,508	-0-	22,819	(852,788)		(852,788)
Public works	2,748,379	273,828	275,532	1,718,946	(480,073)		(480,073)
Parks and recreation	363,757	66,636	-0-	-0-	(297,121)		(297,121)
Senior citizens	52,308	-0-	-0-	-0-	(52,308)		(52,308)
Library	610,253	2,613	119,067	-0-	(488,573)		(488,573)
Community development	194,138	-0-	66,577	-0-	(127,561)		(127,561)
Education (payment to school district)	6,342,704	-0-	-0-	-0-	(6,342,704)		(6,342,704)
Interest on debt	20,308	-0-	-0-	-0-	(20,308)		(20,308)
Total governmental activities	14,584,644	1,388,430	693,225	1,836,157	(10,666,832)		(10,666,832)
Business-type activities							
Water and sewer fund	2,737,064	1,689,592	-0-	939,460		(\$ 108,012)	(108,012)
Total business-type activities	2,737,064	1,689,592	-0-	939,460	-0-	(108,012)	(108,012)
Total	\$ 17,321,708	\$ 3,078,022	\$ 693,225	\$ 2,775,617	(10,666,832)	(108,012)	(10,774,844)
General revenues:							
Taxes					12,694,552	-0-	12,694,552
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs					9,711	-0-	9,711
Unrestricted investment earnings					244,930	54,865	299,795
Fees and interest					190,832	-0-	190,832
Miscellaneous					15,475	-0-	15,475
Transfers					(83,478)	94,000	10,522
Total general revenues and transfers					13,072,022	148,865	13,220,887
Change in net assets					2,405,190	40,853	2,446,043
Net assets - beginning, as originally reported					12,010,420	16,178,498	28,188,918
Correction in recording of long-term assets					(34,916)	(62,878)	(97,794)
					<u>11,975,504</u>	<u>16,115,620</u>	<u>28,091,124</u>
See accompanying notes.					\$ 14,380,694	\$ 16,156,473	\$ 30,537,167

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
June 30, 2006

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,903,027	\$ 1,232,684	\$ 5,135,711
Investments	2,794,051	-0-	2,794,051
Receivables (net)	3,472,499	1,969,193	5,441,692
Internal balances	272,478	(272,478)	-0-
Inventories	-0-	83,115	83,115
Prepaid expenses	-0-	13,846	13,846
Tax sale real estate	152,101	-0-	152,101
Capital assets:			
Land, improvements, and construction in progress	332,689	488,625	821,314
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	5,417,241	20,845,348	26,262,589
Total capital assets	<u>5,749,930</u>	<u>21,333,973</u>	<u>27,083,903</u>
Total assets	<u>16,344,086</u>	<u>24,360,333</u>	<u>40,704,419</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	941,169	81,942	1,023,111
Notes payable	-0-	3,500,000	3,500,000
Long-term liabilities:			
Due within one year	125,000	147,591	272,591
Due in more than one year	897,223	4,474,327	5,371,550
Total liabilities	<u>1,963,392</u>	<u>8,203,860</u>	<u>10,167,252</u>
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	5,209,930	13,317,489	18,527,419
Restricted for:			
Capital projects	147,763	97,611	245,374
Economic development	4,388,855	-0-	4,388,855
Other purposes	3,163,891	-0-	3,163,891
Unrestricted	1,470,255	2,741,373	4,211,628
Total net assets	<u>\$ 14,380,694</u>	<u>\$ 16,156,473</u>	<u>\$ 30,537,167</u>

See accompanying notes.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2006

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
June 30, 2006

	General	Special Revenue	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,767,809	\$ 1,020,270	\$ 99,386	\$ 2,887,465
Cash - Weathersfield Dam	136,225	-0-	-0-	136,225
Cash - Certificates of deposit	-0-	879,337	-0-	879,337
Investments	-0-	2,794,051	-0-	2,794,051
Delinquent property taxes	292,886	-0-	-0-	292,886
Receivables, net	103,373	2,968,769	-0-	3,072,142
Receivables from other governments	105,489	-0-	-0-	105,489
Due from other funds	385,572	-0-	-0-	385,572
Tax sale real estate	152,101	-0-	-0-	152,101
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,943,455</u>	<u>\$ 7,662,427</u>	<u>\$ 99,386</u>	<u>\$ 10,705,268</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

LIABILITIES:				
Accounts payable	\$ 417,960	\$ 35,353	\$ -0-	\$ 453,313
Accrued payroll and related taxes	147,764	-0-	-0-	147,764
Deferred revenues	364,979	1,075,684	-0-	1,440,663
Due to other funds	-0-	53,710	57,402	111,112
Accrued vacation pay	338,352	-0-	-0-	338,352
Total liabilities	<u>1,269,055</u>	<u>1,164,747</u>	<u>57,402</u>	<u>2,491,204</u>

COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

FUND BALANCES:				
Reserved for:				
Long-term receivables	-0-	2,937,931	-0-	2,937,931
Economic development	-0-	461,929	-0-	461,929
Special purposes	100,000	3,097,820	-0-	3,197,820
Unreserved				
Designated for special purposes	604,619	-0-	-0-	604,619
Designated for future expenditures	450,555	-0-	-0-	450,555
Undesignated	519,226	-0-	-0-	519,226
Unreserved, reported in nonmajor:				
Capital project fund	-0-	-0-	41,984	41,984
Total fund balances	<u>1,674,400</u>	<u>6,497,680</u>	<u>41,984</u>	<u>8,214,064</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 2,943,455</u>	<u>\$ 7,662,427</u>	<u>\$ 99,386</u>	<u>\$ 10,705,268</u>

TOTAL FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS \$ 8,214,064

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

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds. The cost of the assets is \$8,734,939, and the accumulated depreciation is \$2,985,009.

5,749,930

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

Deferred grant revenue \$ 1,075,684
Deferred tax revenue 364,979
1,440,663

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

Bonds and notes payable 628,000
Accrued interest on bonds and notes payable 1,740
Accrued compensated absences 394,223
(1,023,963)

\$ 14,380,694

TOTAL NET ASSETS - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

See accompanying notes.

See accompanying notes.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 Year Ended June 30, 2006

	General	Special Revenue	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Property Taxes	\$ 12,661,953	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,661,953
Less payments to School District	6,342,704	-	-	6,342,704
Net taxes	6,319,249	-	-	6,319,249
Payments in lieu of taxes	388,172	-	-	388,172
Intergovernmental revenue	1,679,858	222,594	-	1,902,452
Collector's fees and interest	111,384	-	-	111,384
Licenses, fees and permits	121,835	58,845	-	180,680
Charges for services	1,063,874	-	-	1,063,874
Investment earnings	53,727	273,825	-	327,552
Hydrogeneration revenue	-	-	-	5,507
Miscellaneous	75,972	135	-	76,107
Other reimbursements	9,968	-	-	9,968
Total revenues	<u>9,829,546</u>	<u>555,399</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,384,945</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current operations:				
Finance and administration	705,637	-	-	705,637
Police	1,198,691	135	-	1,198,826
Fire and ambulance	862,243	-	-	862,243
Public works	1,557,714	-	-	1,557,714
Parks and recreation	248,725	54,375	-	303,100
Senior Citizens	38,091	-	-	38,091
Library	380,567	-	-	380,567
Fixed costs	2,037,153	-	-	2,037,153
Other	197,655	2,878	-	200,533
Special appropriations	166,400	-	-	166,400
Windsor County Tax	46,090	-	-	46,090
Grant expenditures	-	256,880	-	256,880
SVRCF expense	-	68,104	-	68,104
Debt service:				
Interest	20,322	-	-	20,322
Principal	40,191	-	-	40,191
Capital outlay	2,563,184	-	-	2,563,184
Total expenditures	<u>10,062,603</u>	<u>382,372</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,445,035</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(233,117)</u>	<u>173,027</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(60,090)</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Proceeds from issuance of debt	188,000	-	-	188,000
Operating transfers in	70,522	-	-	70,522
Operating transfers out	(69,000)	(25,000)	(60,000)	(154,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>189,522</u>	<u>(25,000)</u>	<u>(60,000)</u>	<u>104,522</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>(43,595)</u>	<u>148,027</u>	<u>(60,000)</u>	<u>44,432</u>
Fund balances, beginning of year, as previously reported	1,717,995	6,328,653	101,984	8,148,632
Correction of long-term note receivable	-	21,000	-	21,000
Fund balances, beginning of year, as restated	<u>1,717,995</u>	<u>6,349,653</u>	<u>101,984</u>	<u>8,169,632</u>
Fund balances, end of year	<u>1,674,400</u>	<u>6,497,680</u>	<u>41,984</u>	<u>8,214,064</u>

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT
OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

TOTAL NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS \$ 44,432

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

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays net of disposals and adjustments (\$2,696,418) exceeds depreciation expense (\$427,841) in the period. 2,268,577

Property taxes and principal payments on notes receivable are recognized on an accrual basis in the statement of net assets, not the modified accrual basis. The deferred property taxes increased \$32,596. The deferred grant revenue revenue increased \$98,540. 131,136

Repayment of bond and notes principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. 40,000

Proceeds of long-term debt issued is recorded as revenue in the governmental funds and as a long-term liability in the statement of net assets (188,000)

In the statement of activities, accrued compensated absences are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used (essentially the amounts actually paid). This year, compensated absences used exceeded the amounts earned by \$47,800. 109,031

Interest on long-term debt in the statement of activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recognized as an expenditure in the funds when it is due, and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the statement of activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due. The decreased interest reported in the statement of activities is because accrued interest on bonds and notes payable decreased. 14

\$ 2,405,190

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

\$ 2,405,190

See accompanying notes.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
June 30, 2006

ASSETS	Water and Sewer Fund	Nonmajor Enterprise Fund	Total Enterprise Funds
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,229,741	\$ 2,943	\$ 1,232,684
Accounts receivable, net	684,220	-0-	684,220
Due from other governments	1,284,973	-0-	1,284,973
Inventory	83,115	-0-	83,115
Prepaid expenses	13,846	-0-	13,846
Due from other funds	11,124	-0-	11,124
Total current assets	<u>3,307,019</u>	<u>2,943</u>	<u>3,309,962</u>
Capital Assets:			
Land	281,434	-0-	281,434
Buildings	15,470,187	-0-	15,470,187
Improvements other than buildings	11,316,572	-0-	11,316,572
Machinery and equipment	1,537,901	-0-	1,537,901
Construction in progress	207,191	-0-	207,191
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(28,813,285)</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>(28,813,285)</u>
Net capital assets	<u>(7,479,312)</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>(7,479,312)</u>
Total assets	<u>24,640,992</u>	<u>2,943</u>	<u>24,643,935</u>

LIABILITIES

Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	37,674	-0-	37,674
Accrued payroll	21,006	-0-	21,006
Accrued interest payable	23,262	-0-	23,262
Due to other funds	283,602	-0-	283,602
Notes payable	3,500,000	-0-	3,500,000
Current portion of long-term obligations	147,591	-0-	147,591
Total current liabilities	<u>4,013,135</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>4,013,135</u>
Accrued compensated absences	105,434	-0-	105,434
Long-term obligations, less current portion	4,368,893	-0-	4,368,893
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>4,474,327</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>4,474,327</u>
Total liabilities	<u>8,487,462</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>8,487,462</u>
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES			
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	13,317,489	-0-	13,317,489
Restricted for capital projects	97,611	-0-	97,611
Unrestricted	2,738,430	2,943	2,741,373
Total net assets	<u>\$ 16,153,530</u>	<u>\$ 2,943</u>	<u>\$ 16,156,473</u>

See accompanying notes.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
Year ended June 30, 2006

	Water and Sewer Fund	Nonmajor Enterprise Fund	Total Enterprise Funds
Operating revenues			
Water Sales	\$ 561,460	\$ -0-	\$ 561,460
Sewer Sales	1,057,491	-0-	1,057,491
Reimbursements	4,837	-0-	4,837
Total operating revenues	<u>1,623,788</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>1,623,788</u>
Operating expenses			
Wages	581,816	-0-	581,816
Administrative expenses	11,383	-0-	11,383
Maintenance expenses	193,746	-0-	193,746
Wastewater expenses	317,450	-0-	317,450
Dewatering and composting expenses	64,753	-0-	64,753
Repairs and maintenance	25,480	-0-	25,480
Fixed charges	321,540	-0-	321,540
Depreciation	973,354	-0-	973,354
Total operating expenses	<u>2,489,522</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>2,489,522</u>
Operating loss	<u>(865,734)</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>(865,734)</u>

Nonoperating revenues (expenses):

Access fee income	65,804	-0-	65,804
Interest income	54,865	-0-	54,865
Interest expense	<u>(247,542)</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>(247,542)</u>
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>(126,873)</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>(126,873)</u>
Income (loss) before contributions and transfers	<u>(992,607)</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>(992,607)</u>
Capital Contributions	939,460	-0-	939,460
Transfers in	94,000	-0-	94,000
Change in net assets	<u>40,853</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>40,853</u>
Total net assets at beginning of year as previously reported	16,175,555	2,943	16,178,498
Correction of an error, recording of fixed asset in a prior year	<u>(62,878)</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>(62,878)</u>
Total net assets at beginning of year as restated	<u>16,112,677</u>	<u>2,943</u>	<u>16,115,620</u>
Total net assets at end of year	<u>\$ 16,153,530</u>	<u>\$ 2,943</u>	<u>\$ 16,156,473</u>

See accompanying notes.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
Year ended June 30, 2006

	Water and Sewer Fund	Nonmajor Enterprise Fund	Total Enterprise Funds
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash received from customers	\$ 1,646,410	\$ -0-	\$ 1,646,410
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(1,422,955)	-0-	(1,422,955)
Cash payments to employees for services	(578,336)	-0-	(578,336)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(354,881)</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>(354,881)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Change in due from/due to other funds	189,585	-0-	189,585
Transfers from other funds	94,000	-0-	94,000
Net repayments of short-term debt	<u>(1,450,000)</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>(1,450,000)</u>
Net cash used in noncapital financing activities	<u>(1,166,415)</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>(1,166,415)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(460,341)	-0-	(460,341)
Interest capitalized on construction of assets	-0-	-0-	-0-
Capital contributions	796,128	-0-	796,128
Proceeds of long-term debt issued	1,050,000	-0-	1,050,000
Principal paid	(94,122)	-0-	(94,122)
Interest paid	<u>(242,389)</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>(242,389)</u>
Net cash provided by capital and related financing activities	<u>1,049,276</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>1,049,276</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>54,865</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>54,865</u>
Interest on investments	<u>54,865</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>54,865</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>(417,155)</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>(417,155)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	<u>1,646,896</u>	<u>2,943</u>	<u>1,649,839</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>\$ 1,229,741</u>	<u>\$ 2,943</u>	<u>\$ 1,232,684</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 865,734</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 865,734</u>

RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Operating loss	(\$ 865,734)	\$ -0-	(\$ 865,734)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation	973,354	-0-	973,354
Provision for losses on receivables	34,000	-0-	34,000
Access fees received from customers	65,804	-0-	65,804
Change in assets and liabilities:			
Increase in receivables	(77,182)	-0-	(77,182)
Increase in inventory	(26,230)	-0-	(26,230)
Increase in prepaid expenses	(13,846)	-0-	(13,846)
Decrease in accounts payable	(448,527)	-0-	(448,527)
Increase in accrued liabilities	3,480	-0-	3,480
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(\$ 354,881)</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>(\$ 354,881)</u>

NONCASH CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Capital related debt payments made by the State of Vermont and included in income as contributed capital - \$43,508.

See accompanying notes.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
June 30, 2006

ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 39,106		
Accounts receivable	2,400		
Investments, at fair value	<u>946,151</u>		
Total assets		<u>987,657</u>	
LIABILITIES			
Due to other funds			<u>1,983</u>
NET ASSETS			
Held in trust for other purposes			<u>\$ 985,674</u>

Private-purpose Trusts

See accompanying notes.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
Year ended June 30, 2006

	Private- purpose Trusts
ADDITIONS	
Contributions	\$ 16,750
Investment earnings:	
Net increase in fair value of investments	4,896
Interest and dividends	32,901
Realized gain on investments	<u>11,256</u>
Total investment earnings	49,053
Less investment expense	<u>(3,147)</u>
Net investment earnings	45,906
Total additions	<u>62,656</u>

DEDUCTIONS

Program disbursements	23,804
Administrative expenses	450
Transfers to Town funds	<u>10,522</u>
Total deductions	<u>34,776</u>
Change in net assets	27,880
Net assets - beginning of year	957,794
Net assets - end of year	<u>\$ 985,674</u>

See accompanying notes.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

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

A. Reporting entity

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

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

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

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

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

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

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

Excluded from the reporting entity:

- Springfield School District
- Springfield Housing Authority
- NH/VT Solid Waste Project

B. Basic Financial Statements - Government-Wide Statements

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

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

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

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

The Town does not allocate indirect costs.

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

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

C. Basic Financial Statements - Fund Financial Statements

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

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

The following fund types are used by the Town:

1. Governmental funds:

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

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

2. Proprietary funds

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

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

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

3. Fiduciary Funds

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

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

D. Basis of accounting

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

1. Accrual

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

2. Modified accrual

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

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

E. Budgets and budgetary accounting

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

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

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

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

Encumbrances

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

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

F. Equity Classifications

Government-wide Statements

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

- a. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt -- Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net assets -- Consists of net assets with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net assets -- All other net assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt."

Fund Statements

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

General Fund balance - Reserved for special purposes

As of June 30, 2006, the reserved for special purposes fund balance represents cash segregated for special purposes:

Weathersfield Dam \$ 100,000

General Fund balance - Designated for special purposes

As of June 30, 2006, the general fund designated for special purposes fund balance represents the following funds:

Ambulance equipment fund	\$ 46,229
Fire equipment fund	194,243
Highway equipment fund	106,257
Parks and recreation equipment fund	55,770
Weathersfield Dam - interest	36,225
Reappraisal	137,798
Records restoration	28,097
	\$ 604,619

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

General Fund balance - Designated for future expenditures

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

Special Revenue Fund - Restricted net assets

The Special Revenue Fund net assets are restricted for Economic Development (\$4,388,855) and Civic Improvements (\$3,163,891) due to the terms of original agreements with granting agencies.

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

G. Cash flows

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

II. Investments

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

I. Inventory

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

J. Compensated absences

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

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

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

K. Fixed assets

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

Governmental activities:

GASB Statement No. 34 required the Town to report and depreciate new infrastructure assets beginning July 1, 2003. Infrastructure assets include roads, bridges, underground pipe (other than related to utilities), traffic signals, etc. These infrastructure assets are likely to be the largest asset class of the Town. Neither their historical cost nor related depreciation has historically been reported in the financial statements. The retroactive reporting of infrastructure is not required for the Town of Springfield.

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

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

Proprietary Fund:

Interest capitalized in the Water and Sewer Fund totaled \$0 on cash flows during the current fiscal year.

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

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

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

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

L. Interfund activity

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

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

Note 2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

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

1. Insured or collateralized with securities held by the Town's agent in the Town's name.
2. Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or the Town's agent in the Town's name.
3. Uncollateralized. (This includes any bank balance that is collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or by its trust department or agent but not in the Town's name).

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

	Cash
	Balances
Insured (FDIC)	\$1,064,784
Collateralized	-0-
Uncollateralized and uninsured	<u>4,797,462</u>
Total bank balances	5,862,246
Reconciling items	(687,429)
Total book balances	<u>\$5,174,817</u>

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

Note 3. Investments

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

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

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

Credit Risk – Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. As of June 30, 2006 the Town's investments in corporate bonds were rated AAA to A by Standard & Poors.

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

The categories of potential custodial credit risk associated with the Town's investments are:

- Category 1 - Insured or registered with securities held by the Town or its agent in the Town's name.
- Category 2 - Uninsured and unregistered with securities held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the Town's name.
- Category 3 - uninsured and unregistered with securities held by the counterparty or by its trust department or agent but not in the Town's name.

All of the Town's \$3,740,203 investment in securities has a Category 2 custodial risk.

Note 3. Investments (Continued)

The Town's investments carried at fair value as of June 30, 2006 are:

Investment Type	Fair Value	Investment maturities in years	
		Less than 1	6-10
U.S. agency bonds	\$1,199,466	\$ 272,464	\$106,177
Corporate bonds	<u>274,905</u>	<u>44,074</u>	<u>230,831</u>
Total fixed income	1,474,370	<u>\$274,464</u>	<u>\$337,008</u>
Common stocks	1,873,920		
Mutual funds	<u>391,912</u>		
Total investments	<u>\$2,265,832</u>		

Note 4. Receivables and Revenues

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

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

Town assessment	\$1.6083
School assessment - Homestead	1.8820
School assessment- Nonresidential	1.8975
Special appropriations	.0438
Windsor County tax	.0121
Abatements and charge-offs	.0038
2005-06 total assessment Town and Homestead School Tax	\$ 3.55
2005-06 total assessment Town and Nonresidential School Tax	\$3.5655

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

Note 4. Receivables and Revenues (Continued)

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

Receivables consisted of the following as of June 30, 2006:

General fund:	Gross Receivable	Allowance for Uncollectibles	Net Receivable
Delinquent property taxes	\$292,886	\$ -0-	\$292,886
Accounts receivable	98,169	47,000	51,169
Interest and collector's fees receivable	52,204	-0-	52,204
Due from other governments	100,000	-0-	100,000
Reimbursable Receivable - Police	5,489	-0-	5,489
Special revenue:			
Interest receivable	77,038	11,923	65,115
Accounts receivable	21,492	14,839	6,653
Long-term receivable	2,937,931	55,770	2,882,161
Water and sewer fund:			
Services billed	256,468	63,000	193,468
Estimated unbilled services	396,868	-0-	396,868
Other accounts receivable	173,884	80,000	92,884
Due from other governments	1,284,973	-0-	1,284,973
Fiduciary Fund			
Accounts receivable	2,400	-0-	2,400

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

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

	July 1, 2005	Addition	Repayment	June 30, 2006
Smokeshire, 4% interest annually, beginning September 1, 2001, payment to commence October 1, 2001. Interest added to principal and amortized over fifteen years beginning September 1, 2001, secured by machinery and equipment.	\$161,679	\$ -0-	\$ 13,348	\$148,331

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

	July 1, 2005	Addition	Repayment	June 30, 2006
Mountain View, 2% interest annually, unpaid interest to be added to principal annually, payable with principal on December 31, 2030; secured by land and buildings.	790,127	15,803	-0-	805,930
SouthView, original terms, \$175,000 bears interest at 2% interest accrued and deferred two years, beginning October, 1994, interest and principal amortized over 28 years; balance of \$102,368 interest free for thirty years, then loan bears interest at 6% and is repaid over the next twenty years; secured by land and buildings.	247,203	50,000	5,577	291,626
Springfield Regional Development Corporation (Robert S. Jones Industrial Complex), 3% interest, payment of principal and interest deferred two years to March, 1997, accrued interest added to principal and amortized over eighteen years beginning March, 1997.	254,417	-0-	23,199	231,218
Springfield Housing Associates (Westview Project), \$400,000 installment note, 3% interest, payment deferred five years to January, 2001, accrued interest and principal will be amortized over fifteen years with a \$350,000 balloon payment due December, 2015. Secured by land and buildings.	431,320	-0-	6,916	424,404

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

	July 1, 2005	Addition	Repayment	June 30, 2006
Rockingham Area Community Land Trust, 1% interest, with no monthly payments for the first 8 years, monthly interest payments of \$137 in years 9 through 20, entire balance and interest due on June 9, 2018 unless certain conditions are met, at which point the entire loan will be forgiven. Secured by land and building.	98,647	-0-	-0-	98,647
Java Stars, Inc., 7.5% interest, monthly payments of \$237, July 2000 through June 2005, secured by subordinate interest in business equipment	17,485	-0-	-0-	17,485
Springfield Fence Company, 2% interest, payment deferred five years to November, 2000, no accrued interest, amortized 20 years beginning December, 2000. Secured by land and buildings.	185,101	-0-	10,355	174,746
Wall Street Housing, 1% interest, 180 installments of \$269 per month beginning December 5, 2004, secured by mortgage on real estate in Springfield.	43,373	-0-	2,811	40,562
Antoniewicz, Byington & Westfall, 5.0% interest, 120 installments of \$237 per month beginning June 8, 2002, secured by 3rd Mortgage on real estate.	25,520	-0-	1,745	23,775
Precision Valley Development Corp., maximum of \$45,000, interest accruing from November 29, 2001, principal and interest due upon sale of Fellows Building or July 1, 2002 if sooner.	15,000	-0-	-0-	15,000

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

	July 1, 2005	Addition	Repayment	June 30, 2006
Precision Valley Development Corp., maximum of \$50,000, interest accruing from November 29, 2001, principal and interest due upon sale of Fellows Building or July 1, 2002 if sooner.	23,285	-0-	-0-	23,285
Vermont Machine Tool Corp., interest at 4%, accumulated interest added to principal, monthly payments of \$4,527 to begin November 2005. All amounts due October 2018	560,655	-0-	-0-	560,655
Springfield Metallurgical Services interest at 5%, monthly payments of \$237, balance of principal and any accrued interest due July 2009	10,505	-0-	2,378	8,127
Morning Dew Real Estate, LLC and NBC Solid Surfaces, Inc., interest at 4%, monthly payments of \$253, balance of principal and interest due April 2013.	20,397	-0-	2,263	18,134
JDS, Inc., interest at 7% monthly payments of \$594, balance of principal and interest due December, 2010.	-0-	30,000	2,551	27,449
Wistol, LLC, interest at 4%, monthly payments of \$184, balance of principal and interest due December, 2010.	-0-	10,000	759	9,241
JBJ Corporation, interest at 4%, monthly payments of \$202, balance of principal and interest due January, 2010.	-0-	20,000	684	19,316
	<u>\$2,884,714</u>	<u>\$ 125,803</u>	<u>\$ 73,586</u>	<u>\$2,937,931</u>

Note 6. Changes in Fixed Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2006 was as follows:

Business-type activities:	Beginning Balance (As Restated)	Net Additions (Deletions)	Ending Balance
Land	\$ 281,434	\$ -0-	\$ 281,434
Wellfields, reservoirs, mains and pipes	5,174,395	6,142,177	11,316,572
Treatment plants and pump stations	15,470,187	-0-	15,470,187
Meters and hydrants	180,306	-0-	180,306
Chlorinating and pumping facilities	289,608	405,000	694,608
Equipment	636,051	26,936	662,987
Construction in progress	6,468,015	(6,260,825)	207,190
Less accumulated depreciation	28,499,996	313,288	28,813,284
Business-type activities capital assets, net	<u>(6,534,218)</u>	<u>(945,095)</u>	<u>(7,479,313)</u>
	\$21,965,778	(\$ 631,807)	\$21,333,971

Governmental activities:

Capital assets not being depreciated:

Land and improvements	\$ 366,189	\$ -0-	\$ 366,189
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Other capital assets being depreciated:

Infrastructure	607,359	2,185,628	-0-	2,792,987
Machinery and equipment	3,891,922	414,054	(213,234)	4,092,742
Buildings and improvements	1,386,285	96,736	-0-	1,483,021
Total other capital assets at historical cost	<u>\$ 885,566</u>	<u>2,696,418</u>	<u>(213,234)</u>	<u>\$ 8,368,750</u>

Less accumulated depreciation for:

Infrastructure	(74,887)	(64,640)	-0-	(139,527)
Machinery and equipment	(1,940,723)	(326,497)	213,234	(2,053,986)
Buildings and improvements	(754,793)	(36,704)	-0-	(791,497)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,770,403)</u>	<u>(427,841)</u>	<u>213,234</u>	<u>(2,985,010)</u>

Other capital assets being depreciated, net

Governmental activities capital assets, net	3,115,163	2,268,577	-0-	5,383,740
	<u>\$3,481,352</u>	<u>\$2,268,577</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$5,749,929</u>

Note 6. Changes in Fixed Assets (Continued)

Depreciation expense:

Depreciation expense was charged to functions as follows:

Governmental activities:	
General government	\$ 2,038
Police	51,053
Fire and ambulance	102,757
Public Works	228,441
Parks and Recreation	11,557
Library	31,993
	<u>\$427,841</u>

Depreciation expense of \$973,354, in the Business-type activities, was charged to the Water and Sewer Fund.

Note 7. Notes Payable

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

Water and Sewer Fund - Bond Anticipation Notes -

The Town has borrowed \$3,500,000 in anticipation of issuing bonds relating to the waste water treatment facility and combined sewer overflow system construction projects. The notes bear interest at 3.90% and are payable on or before June 15, 2007.

	Balance July 1, 2005	Additions	Retirements	Balance June 30, 2006
Water and Sewer Fund	\$4,950,000	\$3,500,000	\$4,950,000	\$3,500,000

Note 8. Deferred Revenues

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

Note 8. Deferred Revenues (Continued)

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

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total
Uncollected property taxes	\$241,613	\$ -	\$ 241,613
Uncollected interest and fees	43,366	14,840	58,206
Act 200 grants	-0-	15,050	15,050
Other grants	8,000	32,105	112,105
Library grant	-0-	24,696	24,696
State of Vermont	-0-	988,994	988,994
	<u>\$364,979</u>	<u>\$1,075,684</u>	<u>\$1,440,663</u>

Note 9. Long-Term Debt

Governmental Type Activities:

	Amount of Issue	Date of Issue	Interest Rate	Date of Final Payment	Town Debt July 1, 2005	Additions	Retire-ments	Town Debt June 30, 2006
EPA loan	\$ 88,000	4/1/06	0.00%	4/1/09	\$ -	\$ 88,000	\$ -	\$ 88,000
Vermont Municipal Bond Bank	600,000	7/26/01	2.80-4.98%	12/1/16	480,000	-0-	40,000	440,000
Chittenden Bank	100,000	6/21/06	3.90%	6/20/07	-0-	100,000	-0-	100,000
Total general obligation debt					480,000	188,000	40,000	628,000
Accrued compensated absences					\$03,254	-0-	109,031	394,223
					<u>\$983,254</u>	<u>\$188,000</u>	<u>\$149,031</u>	<u>\$1,022,223</u>

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

	Principal	Interest	Total
2006 - 2007	\$125,000	\$ 22,740	\$ 147,740
2007 - 2008	125,000	19,288	144,288
2008 - 2009	58,000	15,669	73,669
2009 - 2010	40,000	13,990	53,990
2010 - 2011	40,000	12,264	52,264
2011 - 2016	200,000	33,896	233,896
2016 - 2021	40,000	996	40,996
Thereafter	-0-	-0-	-0-
	<u>\$628,000</u>	<u>\$118,843</u>	<u>\$ 746,843</u>

Interest expense on this debt amounted to \$20,322 for the year ended June 30, 2006.

Note 9. Long-Term Debt (Continued)

Business Type Activities:

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

Purpose	Amount of Issue	Date of Issue	Interest Rate	Date of Final Payment	Town Debt July 1, 2005	Additions	Retire-ments	Town Debt June 30, 2005
VT Muni Bonds								
RF1-019	870,149	9/1/03	0%	9/1/22	\$ 782,134	\$ -	\$ 43,507	\$ 739,627
RF3-034	325,669	10/1/02	3%	10/1/21	288,206	-0-	13,244	274,962
RF1-055	1,023,964	4/15/02	0%	9/1/24	794,578	-0-	39,729	754,849
USDA-Rural								
Development	1,784,180	12/1/03	4.5%	12/1/33	1,738,196	-0-	31,362	1,706,834
USDA-CS01	438,320	9/28/05	4.125%	9/28/35	-0-	438,320	4,086	434,234
USDA-CS02	137,480	9/28/05	4.125%	9/28/35	-0-	137,480	1,281	136,199
USDA-Waste Water Treatment Facility	474,200	9/28/05	4.125%	9/28/35	-0-	474,200	4,420	469,780
					3,604,114	1,050,000	137,629	4,516,485
Accrued Compensated Absences					103,693	1,741	-0-	105,434
					<u>\$3,707,807</u>	<u>\$1,051,741</u>	<u>\$137,629</u>	<u>\$4,621,919</u>

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

	Principal	Interest	Total
2006 - 2007	\$ 147,591	\$ 127,829	\$ 275,420
2007 - 2008	150,236	125,184	275,420
2008 - 2009	152,994	122,425	275,419
2009 - 2010	155,868	119,551	275,419
2010 - 2011	158,865	116,555	275,420
2011 - 2016	843,847	533,250	1,377,097
2016 - 2021	940,090	437,007	1,377,097
2021 - 2026	797,226	322,637	1,119,863
2026 - 2031	657,356	194,254	851,610
2031 - 2036	512,412	45,859	558,271
Thereafter	-0-	-0-	-0-
	<u>\$4,516,485</u>	<u>\$2,144,551</u>	<u>\$6,661,036</u>

Interest expense on this debt amounted to \$107,147 for the year ended June 30, 2006.

Note 10. Interfund Accounts and Activity

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

	Receivables	Payables
General fund	\$385,572	\$ -0-
Special revenue fund	-0-	53,710
Water and sewer fund	11,125	283,602
Capital projects fund	-0-	57,402
Fiduciary fund	-0-	1,983
	<u>\$396,697</u>	<u>\$396,697</u>

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

- \$25,000 From the special revenue fund to the water and sewer fund for roof drain remediation
- \$69,000 From the general fund to the water and sewer fund for hydrants, storm drains, and super fund oversight.
- \$10,522 From the fiduciary fund (Trustees of Public Funds) to the general fund for cemeteries and library
- \$60,000 From the capital projects fund to the general fund for paving

Note 11. Municipal Employees' Retirement System

Substantially all of the employees of the Town of Springfield are covered by the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System which is a cost sharing multiple employer retirement system. Members' contribution rates vary based on the group they belong to. The rates are between 2.5% and 11% of payroll for the 5 different groups. The retirement benefit is equal to from 1.4 percent to 2.5 percent of their final average two, three or five year compensation, depending on the dates of service, for each year of credited service, up to a maximum of 60 percent of the applicable average compensation. The contributions made by the Town and its participating employees were \$225,816 and \$253,009 respectively during the year ended June 30, 2006. Town contributions required and contributed for the years ended June 30, 2005 and 2004 were \$201,899 and \$183,707, respectively.

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

Note 12. Other Required Individual Fund Disclosures

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

- A. Segment information for certain individual Enterprise funds. This requirement is effectively met in this report by Note 13.
- B. Summary disclosures of debt service requirements to maturity for all types of outstanding debt. This requirement is met by Note 9.

Note 12. Other Required Individual Fund Disclosures (Continued)

- C. Summary disclosures of changes in fixed assets by major asset class. This requirement is met by Note 6.
- D. Summary disclosures of changes in general long-term debt. This requirement is met by Note 9.
- E. Individual fund interfund receivable and payable balances. This requirement is met by Note 10.
- F. There are no funds with deficit fund balances.

Note 13. Segment Information for Proprietary Funds

Segment information for the enterprise funds for the year ended June 30, 2006 follows:

	Water and Sewer	Solid Waste Utility	Totals
Condensed Statement of Net Assets			
Assets:			
Interfund receivables	\$ 11,124	\$ -0-	\$ 11,124
Other current assets	3,295,895	2,943	3,298,838
Capital assets	21,333,973	-0-	21,333,973
Total assets	<u>24,640,992</u>	<u>2,943</u>	<u>24,643,935</u>
Liabilities:			
Interfund payables	283,602	-0-	283,602
Other current liabilities	3,729,533	-0-	3,729,533
Noncurrent liabilities	4,474,327	-0-	4,474,327
Total liabilities	<u>8,487,462</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>8,487,462</u>
Net assets:			
Invested in capital assets, net of Related debt	13,317,489	-0-	13,317,489
Restricted	97,611	-0-	97,611
Unrestricted	2,738,430	2,943	2,741,373
Total net assets	<u>\$16,153,530</u>	<u>\$2,943</u>	<u>\$16,156,473</u>
Condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets			
Operating revenues	\$ 1,623,788	\$ -0-	\$ 1,623,788
Depreciation	(973,354)	-0-	(973,354)
Other operating expenses	(1,515,988)	-0-	(1,515,988)
Operating loss	(865,734)	-0-	(865,734)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):			
Access fee income	65,804	-0-	65,804
Interest income	54,865	-0-	54,865
Interest expense	(247,542)	-0-	(247,542)
Capital contributions	939,460	-0-	939,460
Transfers in	94,000	-0-	94,000
Change in net assets	40,853	-0-	40,853
Beginning net assets, as restated	16,112,677	2,943	16,115,620
Ending net assets	<u>16,153,530</u>	<u>2,943</u>	<u>16,156,473</u>

Note 13. Segment Information for Proprietary Funds (Continued)

Condensed Statement of Cash Flows	
Net cash provided (used) by:	
Operating activities	(354,881)
Noncapital financing activities	(1,166,415)
Capital and related financing activities	1,049,276
Investing activities	54,865
Beginning cash and cash equivalents	1,646,896
Ending cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,229,741
	\$ 2,943
	\$ 1,232,684

Note 14. Commitments and Contingencies

Litigation

In the ordinary course of business, the Town is party to miscellaneous litigation matters which in the opinion of the Town officials will not have a material effect on the Town's financial statements.

Superfund Site

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

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

The Town will operate and maintain the pre-treatment plant(s) for 29 years following one year of operation by Textron and Embart. The effluent from the pre-treatment plant will be treated at the sewage treatment facility. In consideration of Springfield's efforts, Embart and Textron have paid the Town \$200,000. The Town is also responsible for oversight costs incurred by the U.S. EPA. A discounted liability of \$197,869, for past oversight costs of \$229,691, was recorded in the long-term debt account group. The costs were to be repaid over 7 years at 0% interest. At June 30, 2006 the balance owed is \$0.

Sewer and Water Capital Projects

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

Note 14. Commitments and Contingencies (Continued)

	Total Estimated Cost	Capitalized To Construction In Progress at June 30, 2006
Combined Sewer Overflow	\$ 8,000,000	\$6,795,651
Water Improvement	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 207,190

The voters have approved the issuance of \$11 million in bonds to cover the Town's share of these projects.

Revolving loan fund agreements

The Town of Springfield has entered into agreements with the State of Vermont Environmental Protection Agency to borrow \$3,800,000 for certain projects. The amount borrowed by the Town of Springfield can only be spent on the project for which the loan is made and any approved amendments. The Town had drawn \$2,033,575 under these agreements at June 30, 2006. Repayment has commenced on one of these loans.

Grants

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

Note 15. Risk Management

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

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

To provide property and casualty coverage, VLCT has established a self-funded insurance program. A portion of member contributions are used to fund a risk management pool and to purchase reinsurance. Contributions in excess of claims

Note 15. Risk Management (Continued)

requirements, reserve fund requirements, reinsurance and administrative costs are returned to participants. Pooling agreement allows for additional assessments to its members when a deficit exists.

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

Note 16. Additional Federal Reports

Reports required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations* have been issued under separate cover and should be read in conjunction with the report in the financial statements when considering audit results.

Note 17. Prior Period Adjustments

The beginning net assets of the Special Revenue fund have been restated to reflect a prior period adjustment to increase a loan receivable from Rockingham Area Community Land Trust for their Southview property. During the current fiscal year the Town discovered an updated note, dated September 22, 1992 which reflected additional amounts lent to the borrower. The beginning net assets of the Water and Sewer Fund and the Governmental Capital Assets have also been restated to reflect a prior period adjustment relating to a recording error whereby a capital asset had been recorded in both funds.

Note 18. Reclassification

Certain amounts presented in the 2005 financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND
Year Ended June 30, 2006**

	Budgeted Amounts	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Positive (Negative)
REVENUES			
Local:			
Property taxes	\$ 6,112,954	\$ 6,105,029	(\$ 7,925)
Payments in lieu of taxes	230,000	388,172	158,172
Collector's fees and interest	106,000	111,065	5,065
Licenses, fees and permits	93,385	109,718	16,333
Concessions	14,000	13,350	(650)
Public works	626,000	535,041	(90,959)
Police	53,500	87,323	33,823
Fire and ambulance	262,500	405,850	143,350
Parks and recreation	5,000	7,791	2,791
Library	10,500	6,442	(4,058)
Interest on invested funds	30,000	53,728	23,728
Other reimbursements	-	9,968	9,968
Hydro generation revenues	-	5,507	5,507
Equipment reimbursement	182,000	58,231	(123,769)
Paving reimbursement	60,000	60,000	-
Miscellaneous revenue	17,000	18,416	1,416
Total local	7,802,839	7,975,632	172,793
Proceeds from equipment sale	-	100,000	100,000
Other appropriations raised by taxes:			
Special appropriations	166,400	166,400	-
Windsor County Tax	46,090	46,090	-
Total revenues	8,015,329	8,288,122	272,793
EXPENDITURES			
Finance and administration	571,251	575,318	(4,067)
Police	1,202,983	1,184,572	18,411
Fire and ambulance	893,014	974,945	(81,931)
Public Works	1,546,317	1,719,595	(173,278)
Parks and recreation	248,544	247,656	888
Senior Citizens	35,593	38,061	(2,468)
Library	371,925	378,775	(6,850)
Fixed costs	1,949,807	2,059,087	(109,280)
Reimbursable services - Other	160,000	228,543	(68,543)
Capital expenditures	823,405	617,880	205,525
Total budget subtotal	7,802,839	8,024,431	(221,592)
Other appropriations:			
Special appropriations	166,400	166,400	-
Windsor County Tax	46,090	46,090	-
Total expenditures	8,015,329	8,236,921	(221,592)
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51,200

See accompanying note to budgetary comparison schedule.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
NOTE TO BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
Year Ended June 30, 2006

Note A - Explanation of differences between budgetary inflow and outflows and GAAP revenues and expenditures

Sources/inflows of resources:	General Fund
Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "available for appropriation" from the budgetary comparison	\$8,288,122
<i>Differences - budget to GAAP:</i>	
Revenues received for restricted purposes not included in budgeted revenues	44,594
Adjustment to revenue from changes in receivables not recognized for budgetary purposes	(5,718)
Grant revenues are recorded for budgetary purposes as reductions in expense	57,621
Justice Center grant was recognized as revenue in the general fund for budgetary purposes and in the special revenue fund for GAAP purposes	(33,503)
Town does not record State payments made for capital construction projects as revenue for budgetary purposes	1,637,668
Contributed general fixed assets are not recorded as revenue for budgetary purposes.	5,295
Value received for trade-ins on capital assets acquired are netted against the related expense for budgetary purposes	64,220
Town records reimbursements received from other funds as revenues for budgetary purposes and as operating transfers in for GAAP purposes	(60,000)
Town records proceeds from long-term debt as revenue for budgetary purposes and as other financing sources for GAAP purposes	(100,000)
Amounts received from the Springfield Trustees of Public Funds are considered revenues for budgetary purposes and operating transfers in for GAAP purposes	(10,522)
Reimbursement contributions from designated funds recorded as revenue for budgetary purposes	(<u>58,231</u>)

Total revenues as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances - governmental funds

\$9,829,546

Uses/outflows of resources:

Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "total expenditures" from the budgetary comparison schedule

\$8,236,921

Differences - budget to GAAP:

Additions to designated funds are recorded as expenditures for budgetary purposes

(373,998)

Expenditures from designated funds are not recorded as expenditures for budgetary purposes

154,803

The Town budgets for the current portion of accrued sick time and for vacation time on the cash basis, rather than the modified accrual basis

6,176

Grant revenues are recorded for budgetary purposes as reductions in expense

57,621

Justice Center grant was recognized as expenditures in the general fund for budgetary purposes and in the special revenue fund for GAAP purposes

(33,503)

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
NOTE TO BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
Year Ended June 30, 2006

Costs financed and paid directly by the U.S. EPA for the Town Superfund site are not recognized as expenditures for budgetary purposes

88,000

Contributed general fixed assets are not recorded as capital outlay expenditures for budgetary purposes.

5,295

Cost of capital assets acquired is recorded net of the amounts allowed for trade-ins for budgetary purposes

64,220

Town does not record State payments made for capital construction projects as expenditures for budgetary purposes

1,637,668

Town records required payment of local match for construction project on the cash basis for budgetary purposes rather than the modified accrual basis

288,460

Transfers to other funds are outflows of budgetary resources but are not expenditures for financial reporting purposes

(69,000)

Total expenditures as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances - governmental funds

\$10,062,663

REPORTS OF SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

According to the Springfield School District mission statement, "The Springfield Schools will empower individuals to think, learn, and act intelligently; to develop self-worth; and to conduct themselves with integrity and concern for others."

Thus, the mission of the Springfield District is to not only ensure that students gain appropriate education skills; but to ensure that they become creative, positive, intelligent, ethical and concerned members of the Springfield and the world communities. Our district's mission is extremely important as we join with the town of Springfield to help re-define the town's present and create its future.

Educational research shows that positive educational change best occurs when the local community joins with their schools in an effort to improve the quality of the educational experience for the betterment of its children. Any systemic educational change can occur more smoothly and effectively with the cooperation of an understanding and supportive community. I feel extremely fortunate to be working with a community that evidences so much concern, interest, and understanding of its schools.

Thus, I want to commend the Springfield community for its continuing interest, perceptive knowledge and total commitment to the children, staff and programs provided by the district. This interest and commitment to the educational community is underscored by the recent passage of a \$32,813,766 dollar bond to renovate our three elementary schools. The passage of this bond by the citizens of Springfield will not only allow our students to move confidently into the future but also will drive the rejuvenation of the town and region.

The district is involved in state and national assessment programs that help us to pinpoint areas that need continued improvement and to point out areas in which the district is excelling. These results are used by district personnel to develop in-service programs to target and eliminate areas of concern. These assessment results are explained in a concise and clear manner in the district's 2005-2006 School Report and document the educational advances that our children are making. This School Report also provides information to the community concerning such important topics as drop out rates, college acceptance rates, school budget, school volunteers, and program descriptions. We will be distributing copies of the 2005-2006 School Report to all interested community members. Please call the district office at 885-5141, extension 30, to request a copy of this informative report.

Dr. Rose Rooth
Superintendent of Schools
The Springfield Board of School Directors

DIRECTOR OF FISCAL SERVICES

The annual audit of the financial records of the Springfield School District for the 2005 - 2006 school year was in its final stages of completion as of the date this narrative was written. Selected pages from that audit appear elsewhere in this Annual Town School District Report. Those pages include a Management Discussion and Analysis which is designed to provide a narrative introduction and overview of the school district's financial activities for the 2005 - 2006 fiscal year. If anyone wishes to review the audit report in its entirety, they may contact Steve Hier at 885-5141, x14.

The Springfield School District ended the year with a surplus of \$ 213,561. Revenues were \$ 135,038 less than budgeted primarily due to lower state reimbursements for Special Education expenses because those expenses were less than budgeted. Expenditures were \$ 348,599 under budget, primarily due to those lower than budgeted Special Education expenses.

The RVTC ended the year with a surplus of \$ 10,627. Revenues were \$ 75,367 less than budgeted, primarily due to a decrease in New Hampshire tuition students. Expenditures were \$ 85,994 less than budgeted, primarily due to lower than projected physical plant costs, fringe benefits, and program operating expenses.

Steven Hier
Director of Fiscal Services

PARK STREET SCHOOL

Last year we piloted the NECAP or New England Common Assessment Program. This is a test given to 3rd-5th graders in reading, writing and math throughout the states of Vermont, New Hampshire and Rhode Island. I am proud to say Park Street students made adequate yearly progress. The teachers have analyzed the data carefully because it is always helpful to look at student needs and student performance to make changes and improvements in their instruction. Not everyone learns in the same way, so we continue to look at types of instruction that correspond to the children's learning styles.

The elementary and middle school principals met throughout the year with the school and town librarians to make plans for a summer bookmobile. We used grant money to rent a van, purchase books for K-8 students and create a schedule to get books into the hands of children during the summer months. Children signed out books at 6 different stops each week and when they arrived on bikes from their neighborhoods, we supplied book bags so they could get the books safely back home. Our first summer was a tremendous success. We rewarded each child who had returned all of their books on the last day with a coupon for a free meal at Friendly's. Thank you to Friendly's for supporting our summer reading program!

I attended a conference on bullying and harassment to receive any updated laws and information regarding this topic. We take these problems very seriously at Park Street and work with families to eliminate the problem and heal the harm that it causes. Please contact me at anytime if your child experiences

Springfield School District (Continued)

any difficulty. We want to keep children in school and help those children who cause these problems get the help they need.

I invite you to visit our school. We have so many wonderful programs happening every day. Our PTA continues to sponsor events like visiting authors, book fairs, trips to the Hopkins Center in Hanover, a Harvest Dance, and Make-It and Take-It Night. We also offer the LEAP Program to parents who need child care before school, after school and during school vacations. LEAP provides enriching experiences for children during the school year and throughout the summer. The 21st Century Grant continues to provide after school tutoring, homework support and a variety of clubs and activities. Again this year, Park Street is fortunate to have many volunteers and lunch mentors. We are always trying to find ways to support children so they will have a positive experience in elementary school.

ELM HILL SCHOOL

Elm Hill is a small community k-5 school of about 120 students. What Elm Hill lacks in numbers it makes up for in spirit, community and commitment.

Children that attend Elm Hill are offered a variety of learning opportunities. Our Kindergarten and first grade teachers “loop” with their students, meaning they are with them for two years. This allows teachers and students to really get to know each other, therefore providing a richer learning experience. It also cuts down on the usual lost time at the beginning of each school year normally used to get to know the students. Second to fifth grade classrooms are set up in multiple age grouping. This is a wonderful environment to allow for learning and teaching on yet another level.

Math instruction is presented by grade level. We currently use a standards based program (Mathland) that teaches children how to think about math. Children learn how to manipulate numbers and problem solve. Our math program goes beyond memorizing algorithms.

Children are placed in “buddy groups” at the beginning of the year. These small groups have students from every grade in them and throughout the year they participate in activities in their buddy groups. This is yet another way for students to interact socially within the school community.

Elm Hill is full of talented and dedicated professionals. Our technology teacher continues to help students produce a monthly news show that can be seen on SAPA TV. This year we have added POD casting as a way to share our school with the community. Our district and school web page has recently been updated and it can be seen at [http://. Springfieldvtehs.learningnetworks.com](http://Springvtehs.learningnetworks.com).

Our kindergarten and first grade use the Waterford Program. Waterford is a research based supplemental Language Arts program that allows students to work at their own level. Computers are used at all grade levels to support the curriculum. Our NECAP scores showed that our third through fifth grade students made yearly adequate progress as required by the government.

In May we hosted Union Street fifth graders for a “lunch

in the park” (it ended up being lunch inside because of weather). Students were entertained by Fiddlesticks from the Vermont Symphony Orchestra. It gave the fifth graders a chance to interact with the peers they were going to be with in sixth grade.

This summer we hosted a week long Camp Invention. Camp Invention is a summer science camp that offers children grades 1-5 to experience such things as aerodynamics, invention and design, as well as creating carnival rides that are safe. We had 22 participants from Springfield and surrounding communities.

This fall we celebrated with an all school (homemade) feast. We sat down as a building with some invited special guests and broke bread together. Many of our activities could only happen with the support of our PTA. They not only provide man/woman power for things like all school feast but they fund raise to pay for things like transportation for our ski program. This year we received a grant that has allowed us to expand our downhill ski program to a Winter Opportunities for Wellness. We are offering swimming, bowling, snowshoeing, downhill skiing, and country skiing for students as deemed age appropriate.

Our school nurse used part of a Wellness grant to host a wellness celebration this fall. It included demonstrations, a variety of healthy snacks, as well as opportunities for children and their families to “think” healthy. We are a Tooth Tutor School, meaning we offer a contact for parents who will assist them in finding a dentist and creating a permanent “dental home” for students. We continue to offer an opportunity for students who do not have a regular dentist the chance to have their teeth cleaned by a dental hygienist.

Our school counselor offers programs that range from conflict resolution to student council.

Many of our teachers volunteer their time to work with students in the 21st Century after school programs that offer a cornucopia of mini electives. We average 45 children a week in the 21st century programs. The LEAP program continues to offer a safe before and after school alternative for children. In LEAP they can have a snack, get homework done, play, or work on a special project.

It is impossible to speak of all the great things happening within our building. All one has to do is spend a Monday morning at all school meeting or visit our Pod cast to get a small taste of the great things happening at Elm Hill.

We have a dedicated group of parents that support the school in a variety of ways. Many of our parents and grandparents spend time in the classroom volunteering.

It is this combination of parents, staff and students that makes Elm Hill such a great school.

We are entering an exciting time at Elm Hill as we prepare to “camp” at a new site while our building is being renovated. No matter where we are located we take our Elm Hill spirit with us and look forward to the adventure ahead. Thank you to our community for the support they have given us over the past year!

Jonni Nichols
Principal

UNION STREET SCHOOL

One of the three Kindergarten through fifth grade elementary schools in Springfield, the Union Street School has a committed staff dedicated to maximizing the learning opportunities available to every child. Our school embraces the belief that children can reach their academic and social/emotional potential if they are held to high standards and provided with a safe, inclusive, stimulating environment in which to learn.

All of the teaching staff and one hundred percent of the support staff at Union Street are recognized as achieving the highly qualified status as set forth by the No Child Left Behind Act. Students receive a rigorous academic program in the core areas of Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies and Science. Our students participate in statewide, as well as local assessments. Beginning in grade two, students participate in state wide developmental assessments in reading and math. Students in grades three, four and five are assessed using the newly developed New England Common Assessment in language arts and mathematics with an additional assessment in writing given to our fifth grade students only.

The Responsive Classroom approaches begun in 1998 continue to be implemented at Union Street. This initiative promotes a positive school climate, teaching the skills of cooperation, assertiveness, responsibility, empathy and self control, and integrating academic and social skills into the daily routine of the classroom. Activities engaging the whole school, All School Meeting each Monday, for example, have been established to support our community building efforts. An open invitation to join us on any Monday morning during the school year is open to family or community members.

The Bridge Kindergarten Program, located at the Union Street School, is a district wide regular education program specifically designed for students entering the Springfield School District. The specific purpose of the program is to assist students in learning the necessary skills and behaviors needed to be successful without disrupting the learning environment of others. The Bridge Kindergarten allows children to have a positive association with school, incorporating active parent involvement with a high frequency of participation and individual attention due to small class size.

Union Street offers a number of programs which supplement the core subjects and benefit and enrich our students. We have a strong music program including a 3,4,5 chorus, which performs twice during the school year, and instrumental lessons which are available to all fifth graders. A weekly art program exhibits the work of every student at the Miller Art Center in May of each school year and a physical education program occurs twice a week and offers cross country skiing for all students and a downhill ski program open to fifth grade students. All students receive guidance and health lessons throughout the year, teaching problem solving, conflict resolution, friendship skills, personal safety and personal hygiene skills. A dental hygienist visits our school twice during the school year and provides an examination and cleaning to students who participate.

In addition, Union Street receives funding through grants which allows us to offer enrichment opportunities during and

after school. The Okemo Arts Grant and the Nature Museum at Grafton allow us to continue the Connecticut River Watershed Program with fourth and fifth grade. The 21st Century Grant funds our after school activities such as tutoring and homework club, Kids Lit and Kids Science, Chinese cooking, sewing, video club and an outdoor adventure group.

The Union Street School continues to have a strong partnership with parents and community members. A "Let's Do Lunch" program matches students with a mentor, RSVP readers continue our "Books for Breakfast" program and read with individual students weekly, and an active PTA sponsors quality events for students and families throughout the school year and contributes financial support to many school activities. Their support and commitment have allowed us to expand the learning opportunities available to all the students at the Union Street School.

Cheryl Hoffman
Principal

RIVERSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Riverside Middle School enrolled 321 students in grades six, seven and eight during the 2005-06 school year. Our students take classes in the four academic areas of Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies. In addition, students receive Physical Education instruction every other day and one trimester each of Family and Consumer Science, Art and Technology Education. Sixth grade students take a one trimester class in Guidance and in Foreign Language Experience, which introduces Foreign Languages. Our elective courses include Spanish, French, Band, Chorus, and Computers. Algebra I is offered to eighth grade students.

Riverside Middle School also has a variety of classes and services for students who may need extra support. These include Title I reading, Wilson reading, Resource Room support, Speech and Language, and Occupational Therapy. We also have Educational Support teams that meet regularly to help students in need. We also have a support staff consisting of a guidance counselor, student assistance program counselor, mental health clinician and life skills teacher to provide support for students' various needs.

Our school uses the middle school concept of teaming, in which students are assigned a team of academic teachers. These teachers meet each day to discuss student needs, meet with parents, plan curriculum, and other common goals. Our school currently has four academic teams: an eighth grade team, a seventh grade team, a sixth grade team and a cross-grade team of sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

In technology, we have worked very hard to upgrade our resources. Last year we were able to upgrade the library to include a computer lab for research. This year we were able to purchase a second mobile computer lab through grant money for use on our 6th grade wing.

Our Community Building Program has continued to grow. All of our staff is trained in the Olweus Bullying Program to proactively stop bullying in the school. We also have weekly classroom meetings with a common curriculum to teach social skills and talk about bullying, harassment and other themes. We

have continued the tradition of three community building days and month activities in the school per year to build community spirit and a sense of belonging in the school. Riverside Middle School has a rich after school program consisting of athletics, an after school homework café, enrichment activities, clubs, and leadership activities. In addition, there is a mentoring program during lunch.

Riverside Middle School celebrated its 50th anniversary during the past school year. As principal of this school, I am proud of the rich tradition of Riverside in learning, caring and school spirit. We celebrated this milestone by inviting the first principal of Riverside, Mr. John Barry, to speak to our students. We thank all the adults in our community who work so hard to provide these opportunities for our youth, and the community for supporting our school.

Judith Pullinen
Principal

SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

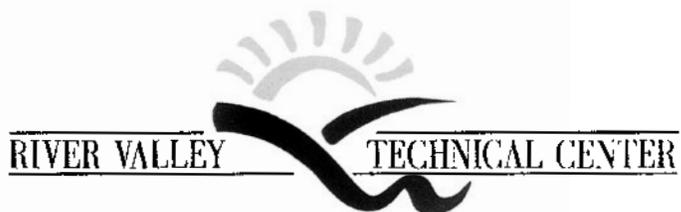
Springfield High School is the flagship of our community representing a source of tradition and pride for alumni, community members, and students. Springfield High School is a comprehensive school with approximately 500 students in grades 9 – 12. The faculty, staff, and students at the high school represent a community of learners and leaders who carry a vision of the future. Together, everyone is working to bring these visions to reality. Springfield High School offers students over 140 different courses to prepare them for graduation. In doing so, we have moved forward in the past year by achieving educational goals that offer several advanced courses that challenge our students as they prepare for post-secondary schools such as: AP English Language and Composition for 11th and 12th graders and English Literature and Composition for 12th graders in the English department, AP Calculus and AP Statistics in the math department, Conceptual Physics and AP Biology in the science department, and AP History and American Studies in the social studies department. These rigorous courses give students first-hand experiences with college-level material. Springfield High School has prepared students to attend prestigious colleges and universities, such as the University of Vermont, Dartmouth, Bates, and Bolton, as well as other fine educational institutions.

The high school is fortunate to have many talented students and teachers. Springfield High School provides multiple opportunities for extra-curricular activities. A strong community spirit is represented in our sporting events, school plays, arts festivals, art displays at local art galleries and other student – centered activities. Our athletic department offers approximately 48 different sports in varsity, jr. varsity, girls and boys, which include but are not limited to: football, cross-country, soccer, basketball, field hockey, hockey, skiing, track, golf and tennis to name a few. This year, the field hockey coach, Joy Benson, was initiated into the N.E. Women Hall of Fame, and our field hockey team made it to the state finals. In football, the rival trophy called “The Trophy” came back to Springfield from Bellows Falls, 4 seniors made the South senior football team for the famous North - South football game, and our

coach Mike Hatt was assigned as the head coach for the South team, and in cross-country the girls took 3rd in the state finals. We are very proud of our athletic teams and their accomplishments.

In other extra-curricular activities, Springfield High School continues to produce a superior student-generated newspaper known as the *Green Horn*. Our newspaper offers its readers a wide variety of articles that investigate issues which cause us to think and learn more about our world. Additionally, the newspaper staff produces a live news program every Friday morning.

Overall, in the continuing efforts of Springfield High School to meet its mission statement, Springfield High School is committed to developing life-long learners who are capable and confident, who contribute to their community, and who succeed in an ever-changing global society. In order to achieve our mission statement, Springfield High School is striving to improve discipline, foster continuous growth towards excellence in each student by setting high expectations, increasing management efficiency and effectiveness, providing professional development opportunities for all, and helping each student understand how to function in a multi-cultural, interdependent world.



“Educating Today’s Students For Tomorrow’s Careers”

RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER

The River Valley Technical Center (RVTC) is proud to serve the region encompassing Bellows Falls Union High School, Black River Union High School, Green Mountain Union High School, Fall Mountain Regional High School, and Springfield High School. RVTC provides technical education and training to secondary (high-school) students and to adults in search of improving their technical skills. Our seventeen regular day programs prepare students for entry into employment or for further post-secondary education and training. Approximately 40% of our current students come from Springfield High School, with the remaining students coming from the other four high schools in the region. Furthermore, RVTC offers adult evening courses in a wide variety of subject areas during the fall and spring semesters.

The River Valley Technical Center is one of several partners located within the Howard Dean Education Center. Our other partners include the University of Vermont, Community College of Vermont (CCV), Vermont Interactive Television Network, Three River Valley Business Education Partnership, and the Springfield School District, which also hosts the operations of Springfield Public Access Television (SAPA). RVTC,

in association with its Dean Center partners, is committed to providing the best possible educational services to the citizens and employers of this region.

Programs at RVTC use state-of-the-art technology and are aligned with national skill standards. Many of our programs offer industry-recognized credentials and/or dual credit for high school and college. RVTC has also been identified as a leader in delivering technical education in innovative ways. For example, our Electronics/Audio Engineering program offers both on-site and distance-learning options. As a result, we have students who “attend” RVTC daily from as far away as northern New Hampshire through web-based technology and remote laboratories. We intend to expand our distance-learning offerings next year to include the Tourism & Lodging Management program.

For the past several years, RVTC has operated under a rather unique governance structure through special legislation that allowed for experimental, or “pilot,” governance models at selected technical centers. Comprised of representation from our sending schools and the business community, the RVTC Governing Board has managed the center with the agreement of the Springfield School Board. However, the legislation that allowed the pilot governance structure has now sunset. As a result, either the voters in the region must establish the River Valley Technical Center as a regional school district with its own school board, or the technical center must revert to a

“regional advisory board” model. Under the latter model, the Springfield School Board would be RVTC’s governing board, and the sending-school and business representatives would serve only in an advisory capacity. (Among Vermont’s fifteen regional technical centers, two operate as regional school districts and thirteen operate with regional advisory boards.)

The plan that has been developed by the current RVTC Governing Board proposes that the River Valley Technical Center become a regional school district. The new governance plan was presented to the Vermont State Board of Education last fall and will be voted upon by Australian ballot in all of the town school districts within the region on Town Meeting Day (March 6, 2007). The majority of votes cast in the region will determine whether or not the River Valley Technical Center School District is to be established effective July 1, 2007. (Note: Four of the high schools that send students to RVTC have endorsed this plan while the Springfield School Board opposes the plan and instead favors the regional advisory model.)

The staff of the River Valley Technical Center welcomes all members of the community to learn more about the opportunities we offer. Visit with us at rvtc.org or give us a call at 885-8300.

Carl Mock
Director

The entire school district audit report is over 100 pages long. In an effort to control printing costs and the size of this document, only the following financial statements have been included in the Town Report: the Independent Auditors Report, the Management Discussion and Analysis, the Government-Wide Statements, and the Fund Statements with some supplemental information. Anyone interested in viewing the complete audit report should contact the Central Office directly at 60 Park Street, Springfield, Vermont, 05156 or by telephone at 885-5141.

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Independent Auditors' Report

To The School Board
Springfield School District

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Springfield School District, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. We have also audited the financial statements of each of the School District's nonmajor governmental, nonmajor enterprise, and fiduciary funds presented as supplementary information in the accompanying combining and individual fund financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Springfield School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Springfield School District, Vermont, as of June 30, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each nonmajor governmental, nonmajor enterprise, and fiduciary fund of Springfield School District, as of June 30, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position and cash

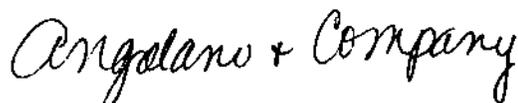
flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 24, 2006 on our consideration of Springfield School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 6 and 39 through 99 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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



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SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
Springfield, Vermont

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the year ended June 30, 2006

Introduction

This discussion and analysis of the Springfield School District's financial performance provides a narrative introduction and overview of the school district's financial activities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 (FY06). This should be used in conjunction with the financial statements contained in the audit. This is a relatively new audit requirement under Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement # 34 (GASB34).

Financial Statements

This annual audit consists of a series of financial statements, notes, and schedules. They are organized so that the reader can understand the school district both as a financial whole and as a group of operating funds. Exhibits I and II present the district as a financial whole by looking Government-Wide at net assets and activities for the year. These are new schedules as of FY03 under GASB34. Exhibits III through VI are the traditional Fund Financials, audit statements which provide information about the major funds operated by the district. These exhibits detail the activity for the year in those funds and what remains for future spending.

Government-Wide Financials

Exhibits I and II are prepared similar to private sector companies, including all the assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting. Under this basis of accounting, all of the current year's revenues and expenses are reported when earned or incurred regardless of when cash is paid or received. Under GASB34 the Government-Wide financials are divided into two kinds of activities. Governmental Activities include the district's programs and services such as instruction, support services, and building operation and maintenance. Business-Type Activities include those services provided on a fee for goods and services basis to recover all of the expenditures of the goods and services provided such as the district's Food Service program.

Exhibit I, the Statement of Net Assets, reports all that the district owns (assets) and owes (liabilities). The difference between assets and liabilities is called Net Assets. In turn, Net Assets is divided between what is invested in capital assets and not readily accessible for other purposes and what is Unrestricted and available for future use.

Exhibit II, the Statement of Activities, reports on changes in the district's Net Assets from one year to another. The change in Net Assets is important because it identifies whether the financial position of the district has improved or diminished. This statement first reports all direct expenses for each functional activity or program. It then reports deducted outside resources or program revenues as a direct reduction to arrive at each programs net cost to the district. General district revenues are then deducted to show the change in Net Assets caused by the year's activities

Fund Financials

All of the district's activities are reported in governmental funds which focus on how monies flow into and out of those funds and the balances left, if any, at fiscal year end for future spending as authorized. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can be readily converted to cash.

The Governmental Funds provide a detailed short-term view of the district's general operations and the basic services it provides. This information helps determine whether there are more or less financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance education and other programs. Governmental Funds do not report capital assets because such assets will be used in operations rather than converted to cash and therefore are not spendable.

The Proprietary Funds account for the district's ongoing activities that are similar to those found in the private sector.

The Fiduciary Funds are those for which the district serves a trustee. The district is responsible for ensuring that assets in these funds are used for their intended purposes and cannot use these assets to finance the general operations of the district. Student activity and scholarship funds are examples of Fiduciary Funds.

The Account Groups are used to record the unmatured principal of the district's long term debt. They are dissimilar to funds in that they do not account for sources used and balances of expendable financial resources

Condensed Financial Information – Government-Wide Financials

Table 1 summarizes the district's Net Assets at June 30, 2006 and the change from Net Assets at June 30, 2005. This gives us a perspective on the district as a whole.

Table 1
 Net Assets at June 30, 2006 and Change from June 30, 2005
 (In thousands of dollars)

Governmental Activities

	FY05	FY06	CHANGE
ASSETS			
Current and Other Assets	\$ 1,792	\$ 2,481	\$ 689
Capital Assets (net)	<u>2,520</u>	<u>2,592</u>	<u>72</u>
Total Assets	4,312	5,073	761
LIABILITIES			
Current and Other Liabilities	646	934	288
Long-Term Liabilities	<u>465</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>- 155</u>
Total Liabilities	1,111	1,244	133
NET ASSETS			
Invested in Capital Assets (Net)	2,055	2,283	228
Unrestricted	<u>1,146</u>	<u>1,546</u>	<u>400</u>
Total Net Assets	\$ 3,201	\$ 3,829	\$ 628

Business-type Activities

	FY05	FY06	CHANGE
ASSETS			
Current and Other Assets	\$ 342	\$ 477	\$ 135
Capital Assets (net)	<u>24</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Assets	366	504	138
LIABILITIES			
Current and Other Liabilities	26	29	3
Long-Term Liabilities	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Liabilities	26	29	3
NET ASSETS			
Invested in Capital Assets (Net)	24	27	3
Unrestricted	<u>316</u>	<u>448</u>	<u>132</u>
Total Net Assets	\$ 340	\$ 475	\$ 135

For FY06, district Net Assets for Governmental Activities increased by \$ 628,099 or 19.6% (compared to a 23.5% increase in FY05). The major factors influencing this increase in Net Assets were the net combined operating surpluses of \$ 224,188 in the General Fund, the investment in capital assets of \$ 381,429 (mostly in the form of capital projects renovating and repairing buildings), and the accumulated depreciation on capital assets of \$ 303,227. Additional details on these items are given later in this report.

For FY06, Net Assets for Business-Type Activities increased by \$ 135,020 or 39.7% (compared to a 24.2% increase in FY05). The major factor influencing this decrease in Net Assets was the growth of \$ 88,691 in accumulated carryover for the regional special education collaborative administered by the district due to higher than anticipated enrollment.

Table 2 lists both the total cost and the net cost of Governmental Activities for the district. Net cost is the amount after deducting grants and other contributions and revenues that directly offset those services. It reflects the cost of these services that is supported by tax revenues, other local revenues such as tuition, and unrestricted state grants and entitlements.

Table 2
Summary of FY06 Cost of Governmental Activities
(In thousands of dollars)

	Total Cost	Net Cost
Instructional Services	\$ 12,088	\$ 11,727
Support Services	7,831	7,134
Other	<u>31</u>	<u>31</u>
Total	\$ 19,950	\$ 18,892

Some 90.5% of the cost of the district's Governmental Activities was funded through local revenues and unrestricted state grants and entitlements, as compared to 86.8% in FY05. State sources provided 90.7% of this funding. Since all education property taxes are now considered state revenue, this number includes what was previously referred to as local property tax revenue. Other local revenues provided the remaining 9.3%. The most significant other local revenue was tuition revenue from students residing in other towns but attending school in Springfield.

Condensed Financial Information – Fund Financials

In total, the Governmental Funds of the district received \$ 22,265,400 in revenue. This reflects a net increase in revenues of 5.6% from FY05. State grants increased by a total of \$ 795,278, driven by a \$ 707,900 increase in state education aid. Total Governmental Funds expenditures were \$ 21,881,331, a 3.4% increase from FY05 mainly due to increases in the local budget.

These increases in revenue and expenditure in FY04 thru FY06 follow slight decreases in both in FY03 which were due to the phase out of \$ 2.85 million in federal Department of Labor grants supporting the River Valley Technical Center (RVTC) and the Howard Dean Education Center (HDEC).

The district's General Fund includes most activities involving the annual appropriated operating budget. The district's budget is prepared according to the requirements of Vermont law and school district policy and procedures. The operating budget contains proposed expenditures and estimated revenues anticipated to cover the operations of the school district for the year.

The General Fund reflects the combined operations of the Springfield School District and the RVTC. The RVTC is a regional school hosted by the Springfield School District. As such, the entire revenue and expenditure streams of the RVTC must be included in the district's budget and General Fund but accounted for separately within that fund.

District policy allows the superintendent to transfer unencumbered budgetary funds among budgeted accounts. All such budget transfers in excess of \$ 1,000 are reported to the school board.

For the General Fund, actual revenues were \$ 19,544,249 and fell short of estimated revenues by \$ 102,925. The major variations from estimated revenues included \$ 92,161 in additional interest income, \$ 186,380 less in state Special Education reimbursements (due to lower than budgeted Special Education expenses), and \$ 61,095 less in RVTC New Hampshire tuitions (due to a decline in the number of tuition students from New Hampshire).

General Fund expenditures and other financing sources were \$ 19,356,642. This was under the budgeted expenditures by \$ 398,006. Of this amount, \$ 258,000 came from lower than budgeted Special Education costs.

The General Fund had a net operating surplus of revenues over expenditures for FY06 in the amount of \$ 224,188. This compares to a net operating surplus of \$ 203,125 in FY05. The components of this net surplus have been discussed in the preceding paragraphs. This amount will be used to offset the expenditures of the FY08 budget. Of this combined amount, \$ 10,627 accrued to the RVTC and the balance of \$ 213,561 accrued to the district.

The Capital Projects Fund includes the activities associated with the reserve funds established by the voters and the capital projects funded through the school budget. The voters have established reserve funds for vehicle replacement, roofing, capital projects, and the HDEC facility improvement.

The fund balance in the Capital Projects fund grew in FY06 by \$ 70,394. This was due to projects funded in FY06 but not completed by the end of the year.

The Expendable Trust Fund includes the activities of gifts and donations made to the district and scholarship funds administered by the district. In FY06 the fund balance of this fund increased by \$ 10,746 due primarily to receipt of funds for the North Springfield Recreation Committee and the creation of a new scholarship fund.

Capital Assets

As required under GASB34, the district is reporting its capital assets as part of the financial statements. The district has researched and documented the historical costs of the various assets owned by the district and applied appropriate charges against the cost to record depreciation. In total, the value of the district's capital assets increased in FY06 due to the completion of capital projects to renovate and refurbish our buildings. Beginning in FY04, the school budgets have included approximately \$ 500,000 each year to be directed toward capital needs as outlined in the district's Ten Year Capital Plan

Long-Term Debt

At June 30, 2006 the district had \$ 310,000 principal left outstanding on one 1997 bond issue for building renovations. The final payment on that bond will occur in FY08. Bond principal and interest are being paid from the General Fund. The final payment on a 1989 bond issue was made in FY05.

Current Issues

As with many other Vermont schools, the Springfield School District has been experiencing a decline in student enrollment. From FY92 to FY06 enrollment declined from 1,947 to 1,399, some 28.2%. This decline has leveled off in grades K-7. Projections show that Springfield High School will see a declining enrollment over the next three or four years as larger classes graduate and smaller classes enter the school. However, enrollment projections based on recorded births to Springfield residents five years prior project an increase of 40 students in the incoming Kindergarten class in FY09. Local day care and preschool facilities have helped to verify these projections by reporting increases in their enrollments. Under Vermont's education funding system, increases or decreases in enrollment directly affect state revenue for school operations.

Over the past sixteen years, the district has kept its spending for regular education at an average annual rate of increase of 3.3% which is slightly higher than the inflationary increase of 2.8% over the same time. This was possible due to a great extent to the decline in enrollment. However, special education costs (8.4%) and expenditures for the River Valley Technical Center (6.4%) have exceeded the inflationary trend. During the same period, the local school property tax rate has increased by an annual average of 2.9%.

The district passed a bond issue for \$ 32.8 million in November 2006 to upgrade and repair its three elementary schools. During the FY08 fiscal year Elm Hill and Union Street Schools will be renovated and expanded. During FY09 Park Street School will be renovated. It is anticipated that repayment of the bonded indebtedness will begin with the FY10 budget

Contact for Further Information

This financial report is designed to provide citizens, taxpayers, and creditors with a general overview of the district's finances and to reflect the district's accountability for the monies it receives. Questions about this report or additional financial information needs should be directed to Steven Hier, Director of Fiscal Services, Springfield School District, 60 Park St., Springfield, Vermont, 05156 or at 802-885-5141, ext. 14.

Springfield School District
Statement of Net Assets
Government-Wide
June 30, 2006

EXHIBIT I

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
ASSETS:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,397,482	\$ 455,424	\$ 2,852,906
Accounts Receivable - State	49,311		49,311
Accounts Receivable - Other LEAs	1,195		1,195
Accounts Receivable - Other	3,763	12,829	16,592
Prepaid Expenses	29,300		29,300
Inventory		8,277	8,277
Capital Assets, net (Note 5)	<u>2,592,500</u>	<u>27,165</u>	<u>2,619,665</u>
Total Assets	<u>5,073,551</u>	<u>503,695</u>	<u>5,577,246</u>
LIABILITIES:			
Accounts Payable - Other	544,302	1,861	546,163
Deposits Payable		24,500	24,500
Accrued Expenses	31,568	301	31,869
Accrued Interest Payable	937		937
Deferred Revenue	261,269	2,032	263,301
Retirement Incentives Payable	96,403		96,403
Long-Term Liabilities (Note 10):			
Due Within One Year	155,000		155,000
Due in More Than One Year	<u>155,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>155,000</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>1,244,479</u>	<u>28,694</u>	<u>1,273,173</u>
NET ASSETS:			
Investment in Capital Assets, net of related debt	2,282,500	27,165	2,309,665
Restricted for Capital Projects	600,521		600,521
Restricted for Other Purposes	522,964		522,964
Unrestricted	<u>423,087</u>	<u>447,836</u>	<u>870,923</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 3,829,072</u>	<u>\$ 475,001</u>	<u>\$ 4,304,073</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Springfield School District
Statement of Activities
Government-Wide
For The Year Ended June 30, 2006

EXHIBIT II

	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Instructional:						
Direct Services	\$ 12,087,870		\$ 381,072	\$(11,726,798)	\$ -	\$(11,726,798)
Support Services:						
Student Services	1,826,026		295,361	(1,530,665)	-	(1,530,665)
Instructional Services	820,433		103,784	(716,649)	-	(716,649)
General Administrative Services	383,187		70,822	(312,565)	-	(312,565)
Area Administrative Services	1,587,152		61,886	(1,525,266)	-	(1,525,266)
Fiscal Services	344,343		7,388	(336,954)	-	(336,954)
Building Operations and Maintenance	2,246,885		2,500	(2,244,165)	-	(2,244,165)
Transportation	480,323		127,536	(352,787)	-	(352,787)
Other Support Services	143,430		28,103	(115,327)	-	(115,327)
Operation of Noninstructional Services:						
Enterprise Fund Services	2,894,363	3,029,383			135,020	135,020
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	31,071	-		(31,071)	-	(31,071)
Total	<u>\$ 22,844,763</u>	<u>\$ 3,029,383</u>	<u>\$ 1,058,253</u>	<u>(18,892,147)</u>	<u>135,020</u>	<u>(18,757,127)</u>
General Revenues:						
Tuition				1,346,170	-	1,346,170
State Revenues not Restricted to Specific Programs				17,878,335	-	17,878,335
Private Revenues not Restricted to Specific Programs				114,371	-	114,371
Investment Earnings				135,513	-	135,513
Rentals				24,801	-	24,801
Refunds and Reimbursements				183,983	-	183,983
Miscellaneous				10,725	-	10,725
Total General Revenues				<u>18,493,898</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,493,898</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenses				601,751	135,020	736,771
Net Assets - Beginning				3,200,973	339,981	3,540,954
Prior Period Adjustment				26,348	-	26,348
Net Assets - Ending				<u>\$ 3,829,072</u>	<u>\$ 475,001</u>	<u>\$ 4,304,073</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Springfield School District
 Combined Balance Sheet
 All Fund Types - Fund Base
 June 30, 2006

EXHIBIT III

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Types			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Enterprise Funds	Agency Funds	Expendable Trust Funds	Nonexpendable Trust Funds	
ASSETS:								
Current Assets:								
Cash	\$ 1,177,107	\$ 519,854	\$ 600,521	\$ 455,424	\$ 103,578	\$ 127,818		\$ 3,084,300
Investments						12,613		12,613
Accounts Receivable - State	8,435	38,878						48,311
Accounts Receivable - Other LEAs	1,195							1,195
Accounts Receivable - Other	3,131	632		12,829		15,007		31,599
Due From Other Funds				68,247			\$ 45,820	112,067
Inventory				8,277				8,277
Refund Deposit	29,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,300
Total Current Assets	1,220,168	580,382	600,521	542,777	103,578	155,438	45,820	3,328,662
Other Assets:								
Fixed Assets - net	-	-	-	27,165	-	-	-	27,165
Total Other Assets	-	-	-	27,165	-	-	-	27,165
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,220,168	\$ 580,382	\$ 600,521	\$ 569,942	\$ 103,578	\$ 155,438	\$ 45,820	\$ 3,355,827
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY:								
Liabilities:								
Accounts Payable	\$ 529,082	\$ 15,210		\$ 1,861				\$ 546,153
Accrued Expenses	8,003	5,874		301				13,978
Deposits Payable				24,500				24,500
Due To Other Funds				66,247		\$ 45,820		112,067
Deferred Revenue	88,748	172,521		2,032				263,301
Amount Held for Agency Funds	-	-	-	-	\$ 103,578	-	-	103,578
Total Liabilities	625,843	193,405	\$ -	94,941	103,578	45,820	\$ -	1,063,585
Fund Equity:								
Fund Balances:								
Unreserved	538,318							538,318
Reserved	58,007	488,957	600,521			109,618	45,820	1,278,823
Retained Earnings:								
Undesignated				67,483				67,483
Designated				407,518				407,518
Total Fund Equity	594,325	488,957	600,521	475,001	-	109,618	45,820	2,282,242
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 1,220,168	\$ 580,382	\$ 600,521	\$ 569,942	\$ 103,578	\$ 155,438	\$ 45,820	\$ 3,355,827

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Springfield School District
 Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Assets
 Governmental Funds
 June 30, 2006

Fund Balances – total governmental funds \$ 1,661,803

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of
 Net Assets are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial
 resources and therefore are not reported in the
 governmental funds:

Governmental capital assets	12,580,951
Less accumulated depreciation	(9,988,451)

Bonds payable and contractual obligations have not been
 included in the governmental fund financial statements.

Bonds Payable	(310,000)
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Accrued liabilities have not been reflected in the governmental
 fund financial statements:

Career Change Program Payable	(17,891)
Retirement Incentive Payable	(96,403)

Interest is accrued on outstanding debt in the government-wide
 financial statements, whereas in the governmental fund
 financial statements as interest expenditure is reported
 when due.

(937)

Net Assets of Governmental Activities \$ 3,829,072

Springfield School District
 Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
 and Changes in Fund Balances
 All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds - Fund Base
 For The Year Ended June 30, 2006

EXHIBIT IV

	Governmental Fund Types				Fiduciary	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Project Fund	Debt Service Fund	Expendable Trust Funds	
REVENUES:						
Tuition	\$ 1,346,170					\$ 1,346,170
Special Education	74,250					74,250
Technical Center	73,546					73,546
Student Activities	2,500					2,500
Investment Income	127,161		\$ 8,352		\$ 2,499	138,012
Rentals	24,801					24,801
Indirect Costs	6,968					6,968
Donations					25,653	25,653
Refunds & Reimbursements	22,683					22,683
Administrative Fees	895					895
Other Fees		\$ 3,141				3,141
Miscellaneous	10,091					10,091
Private/Local		473,431			70,975	544,406
State	17,855,184	286,026	49,123			18,190,333
Federal	-	1,801,951	-	-	-	1,801,951
TOTAL REVENUES	19,544,249	2,564,549	57,475	\$ -	99,127	22,265,400
EXPENDITURES:						
Direct Services	11,571,264	1,740,289			46,463	13,358,016
Support Services:						
Students	1,555,732	430,204			14,397	2,000,333
Instructional Staff	731,245	103,784			12,885	847,914
General Administration	349,216	70,622			5,400	425,238
Area Administration	1,538,572	61,886				1,600,458
Fiscal Services	336,954	7,389			5,700	350,043
Operation & Maintenance of Building	2,197,598	2,500				2,200,098
Transportation	472,325	2,260			2,241	476,826
Other Support Services	88,612	22,319			3,485	114,416
Construction Services	27,170		274,681			301,851
Debt Service:						
Interest Payment				18,639		18,639
Principal Payment				155,000		155,000
Other Outlays	26,715	5,784	-	-	-	32,499
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	18,895,403	2,447,037	274,681	173,639	90,571	21,881,331
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	648,846	117,512	(217,206)	(173,639)	8,556	384,069
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
Transfers In		636,067	287,600	173,639	2,189	1,099,495
Transfers Out	(461,239)	(636,067)	-	-	-	(1,097,306)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	187,607	117,512	70,394	-	10,745	386,258
FUND BALANCE, JULY 1, 2005	380,370	349,445	530,127	-	98,873	1,358,815
Prior Period Adjustment	26,348	-	-	-	-	26,348
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2006	\$ 594,325	\$ 466,957	\$ 600,521	\$ -	\$ 109,618	\$ 1,771,421

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Springfield School District
 Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of
 Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
 For The Year Ended June 30, 2006

Net Changes in fund Balances – total governmental funds	\$ 401,861
Amount reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
<p style="margin-left: 40px;">Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is depreciated over their estimated useful lives:</p>	
Expenditures for capital assets	381,429
Less current year depreciation	(303,227)
<p style="margin-left: 40px;">Bond proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of Net Assets. Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets.</p>	
Bond proceeds	0
Repayment of bonds	155,000
<p style="margin-left: 40px;">Expense reported in the Statement of Activities does not require the use of current financial resources and is therefore not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:</p>	
Accrued Interest Change	616
Vested Vacation Payable Change	36,851
<p style="margin-left: 40px;">When recognizing the sale of capital assets, the governmental funds report the total proceeds of the sale. Only the gain or loss on the sale is reported on the Statement of Net Assets.</p>	
	(5,465)
<p style="margin-left: 40px;">Current year payments on liabilities for the voluntary exit program (early retirement, etc.) are reported as expenditures in Governmental fund financial statements and as a reduction in debt in the government-wide financial statements.</p>	
	39,037
<p style="margin-left: 40px;">Current year granting of voluntary exit programs (early retirements, etc.) are not reported as expenditures in governmental fund financial statements and are reported as an expense and debt in the government-wide financial statements.</p>	
	<u>(78,003)</u>
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Funds	<u>\$ 628,099</u>

Springfield School District
Combining Balance Sheet
Proprietary Fund Type - Enterprise Funds
June 30, 2006

Schedule 8

	Food Program	Enterprise Fund	Totals
ASSETS:			
Current Assets:			
Cash	\$ 126,699	\$ 328,725	\$ 455,424
Accounts Receivable - Other	1,825	11,004	12,829
Due From Other Funds		66,247	66,247
Inventory	<u>8,277</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,277</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>136,801</u>	<u>405,976</u>	<u>542,777</u>
Other Assets:			
Fixed Assets - net	<u>27,165</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,165</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>27,165</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,165</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 163,966</u>	<u>\$ 405,976</u>	<u>\$ 569,942</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY:			
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,861		\$ 1,861
Accrued Expenses		\$ 301	301
Deposits Payable	24,500		24,500
Due To Other Funds	66,247		66,247
Deferred Revenue	<u>2,032</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,032</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>94,640</u>	<u>301</u>	<u>94,941</u>
Fund Equity:			
Retained Earnings:			
Undesignated	67,484		67,484
Designated	<u>1,842</u>	<u>405,675</u>	<u>407,517</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>69,326</u>	<u>405,675</u>	<u>475,001</u>
TOTAL LIABILITES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 163,966</u>	<u>\$ 405,976</u>	<u>\$ 569,942</u>

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Springfield School District
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenses,
and Changes in Retained Earnings
Proprietary Fund Type - Enterprise Funds
For The Year Ended June 30, 2006

Schedule 9

	Food Program	Enterprise Fund	Totals
Operating Revenues:			
Sales	\$ 264,150	\$ 49,403	\$ 313,553
Fees		333,384	333,384
Program Revenue		410,626	410,626
Athletic Gate Receipts		12,697	12,697
Tuitions		1,679,315	1,679,315
Adult Tuitions		8,350	8,350
Summer School Tuition		2,350	2,350
Other	1,332	5,390	6,722
Total Operating Revenues	265,482	2,501,515	2,766,997
Operating Expenses:			
Salaries and Benefits	3,515	1,885,612	1,889,127
Contracted Services	222,493	293,032	515,525
Repairs and Maintenance	859	4,250	5,109
Facility Rental		21,800	21,800
Advertising/Printing/Postage	1,821	12,200	14,021
Insurance	3,997		3,997
Management and Administrative	13,332		13,332
Transportation		13,242	13,242
Vehicle Expense	5,070	8,435	13,505
Food and Supplies	247,873	100,815	348,688
Utilities		27,502	27,502
Equipment	1,422	12,431	13,853
Depreciation	1,623		1,623
Other	-	13,039	13,039
Total Operating Expenses	502,005	2,392,358	2,894,363
Operating Income (Loss)	(236,523)	109,157	(127,366)
Non-Operating Revenue (Loss):			
Investment Income	939		939
State Sources:			
Restricted Grants:			
Lunch Match	5,816		5,816
Child Nutrition Breakfast	1,258		1,258
Federal Sources:			
Restricted Grants:			
School Breakfast Program	41,829		41,829

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Springfield School District
 Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenses,
 and Changes in Retained Earnings
 Proprietary Fund Type - Enterprise Funds
 For The Year Ended June 30, 2006

Schedule 9

	Food Program	Enterprise Fund	Totals
School Lunch Program	\$ 185,950		\$ 185,950
Commodities	<u>26,594</u>	-	<u>26,594</u>
Total Non-Operating Revenues	<u>262,386</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>262,386</u>
Net Income (Loss)	25,863	109,157	135,020
Retained Earnings, July 1, 2005	<u>43,463</u>	<u>296,518</u>	<u>339,981</u>
Retained Earnings, June 30, 2006	<u>\$ 69,326</u>	<u>\$ 405,675</u>	<u>\$ 475,001</u>

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Springfield School District
Combining Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund Type - Enterprise Funds
For The Year Ended June 30, 2006

Schedule 10

	Food Program	Enterprise Fund	Totals
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:			
Received From Customers	\$ 264,714	\$ 2,498,071	\$ 2,762,785
Payments to Employees and Fringe Benefits	(3,515)	(1,885,311)	(1,888,826)
Payments to Vendors and Suppliers	<u>(494,854)</u>	<u>(506,746)</u>	<u>(1,001,600)</u>
Net Cash Used By Operating Activities	<u>(233,655)</u>	<u>106,014</u>	<u>(127,641)</u>
Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities:			
State Aid Received	261,447		261,447
Payments From (To) Other Funds	<u>100,144</u>	<u>(100,144)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Cash Used By Noncapital Financing Activities	<u>361,591</u>	<u>(100,144)</u>	<u>261,447</u>
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities:			
Purchase of Fixed Assets	<u>(4,455)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,455)</u>
Net Cash Used By Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(4,455)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,455)</u>
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:			
Investment Income	<u>939</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>939</u>
Net Cash Provided By Investing Activities	<u>939</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>939</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash	124,420	5,870	130,290
Cash, July 1, 2005	<u>2,279</u>	<u>322,855</u>	<u>325,134</u>
Cash, June 30, 2006	<u>\$ 126,699</u>	<u>\$ 328,725</u>	<u>\$ 455,424</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Used By Operating Activities:			
Cash Provided From Operating Activities:			
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (236,523)	\$ 109,157	\$ (127,366)
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Cash Provided (Used) By Operating Activities:			
Depreciation	1,623		1,623
(Increase) Decrease in Accts Receivable - Other	(1,035)	(3,444)	(4,479)
(Increase) Decrease in Inventory	152		152

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Springfield School District
 Combining Statement of Cash Flows
 Proprietary Fund Type - Enterprise Funds
 For The Year Ended June 30, 2006

Schedule 10

	Food Program	Enterprise Fund	Totals
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	\$ 1,861		\$ 1,861
Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Expenses		\$ 301	301
Increase (Decrease) in Deferred Revenue	267	-	267
Total Adjustments	<u>2,868</u>	<u>(3,143)</u>	<u>(275)</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) By Operating Activities	<u>\$ (233,655)</u>	<u>\$ 106,014</u>	<u>\$ (127,641)</u>

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Springfield School District
Statement of Changes in Assets and Liabilities
Fiduciary Fund Type - Agency Funds
For The Year Ended June 30, 2006

Schedule 11

	Balance July 1, 2005	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance June 30, 2006
Assets:				
Cash - Student Activities	\$ 46,524	\$ 152,803	\$ 168,788	\$ 30,539
Cash - Student Activities - Park Street	3,435	9,992	9,160	4,267
Cash - Student Activities - Riverside	25,153	57,529	58,864	23,818
Cash - Student Activities - Tech Center	<u>41,388</u>	<u>109,934</u>	<u>106,370</u>	<u>44,952</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 116,500</u>	<u>\$ 330,258</u>	<u>\$ 343,182</u>	<u>\$ 103,576</u>
Liabilities:				
Amount Held for Agency Funds	<u>\$ 116,500</u>	<u>\$ 330,258</u>	<u>\$ 343,182</u>	<u>\$ 103,576</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 116,500</u>	<u>\$ 330,258</u>	<u>\$ 343,182</u>	<u>\$ 103,576</u>

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ESTIMATED REVENUES
FY08 Proposed Budget
1/11/07

Revenue Source	ACTUAL FY05	ACTUAL FY06	BUDGETED FY07	ESTIMATED FY08	Difference
TOTAL BUDGET (inc. Grants)	\$20,966,290	\$21,840,380	\$23,170,071	\$24,803,538	7.05%
LESS OTHER REVENUES					
State Aid - RVTC	\$829,188	\$905,224	\$970,516	\$1,013,509	\$42,993
State Aid - Special Education	\$1,940,055	\$1,942,575	\$2,209,351	\$2,576,282	\$366,931
State Aid - Pupil Transportation	\$130,895	\$125,276	\$133,344	\$136,586	\$3,242
State Aid - Construction (30%)	\$0	\$0	\$108,180	\$0	-\$108,180
State Reimbursements - RVTC	\$437,411	\$469,551	\$503,706	\$515,404	\$11,698
State Reimbursements - Driver Ed.	\$9,434	\$11,543	\$9,600	\$10,500	\$900
State and Federal Grants	\$2,361,102	\$2,188,663	\$2,018,168	\$1,964,528	-\$53,640
Tuitions (K-12)	\$783,091	\$908,826	\$925,750	\$947,174	\$21,424
Tuitions (RVTC)	\$405,023	\$411,821	\$460,679	\$557,284	\$96,605
Tuitions (Special Education)	\$56,500	\$74,250	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Tuitions (RVTC IEP Svcs)	\$73,065	\$73,486	\$75,941	\$84,750	\$8,809
Interest Income	\$56,257	\$127,161	\$70,000	\$150,000	\$80,000
Rentals	\$21,627	\$24,801	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$0
Athletic Gate Receipts	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
Criminal Justice Academy Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$3,922	\$8,517	\$4,595
Program & Misc. Rev. (RVTC)	\$122	\$1,950	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$35,740	\$64,264	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
Prior Year Surplus (SSD)	\$230,106	\$97,251	\$191,619	\$213,561	\$21,942
Prior Year Surplus (RVTC)	\$6,323	\$10,223	\$26,175	\$10,627	-\$15,548
TOTAL OTHER REVENUES	\$7,378,439	\$7,439,365	\$7,796,451	\$8,278,222	\$481,771
RVTC State Aid Flow Thru	\$464,583	\$454,008	\$444,250	\$460,000	\$15,750
Education Spending Revenue	\$13,239,107	\$13,947,007	\$14,929,370	\$16,065,316	\$1,135,946
TOTAL	\$13,703,690	\$14,481,815	\$15,373,628	\$16,525,316	\$1,151,696

The following estimated tax rates are calculated BEFORE reappraisal. Once the reappraisal has been completed the Common Level of Appraisal will increase and the tax rate will decrease.

Estimated Equalized Pupils	1,457.11	1,406.11	1362.94	1346.06	-1.2%
Education Spending Per Pupil	\$9,405	\$10,242	\$11,280	\$12,277	8.8%
Common Level of Appraisal	85.23%	79.64%	74.02%	60.39%	-18.4%
Estimated Residential School Tax Rate*	\$1.7039	\$1.8820	1.975	\$2.365	19.8%
Change from prior year	-\$0.311	\$0.1781	\$0.093	\$0.390	
Percentage Change	10.8%	10.5%	4.9%	19.8%	
Estimated Non-Residential School Tax Rate*	\$1.807	\$1.8975	1.9454	\$2.302	18.3%
Change from prior year	-\$0.208	\$0.0906	\$0.0479	\$0.356	
Percentage Change	-10.3%	5.0%	2.5%	18.3%	

* FY08 calculations based on a base education tax rate of \$.90 for residential property and \$ 1.39 for non-residential property.

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
 FY08 PROPOSED BUDGET
 Enrollment Projections
 1/11/07**

Grade Level	FY06 Actual	FY07 Projected	FY07 Actual	FY08 Projected	Change
K	100	89	96	96	
1	92	99	96	94	
2	101	94	91	99	
3	94	102	101	91	
4	100	94	99	101	
5	94	104	105	104	
TOTAL K-5	581	582	588	585	-3
6	99	97	99	106	
7	100	99	102	99	
8	126	101	107	104	
TOTAL 6-8	325	297	308	309	1
9	145	154	144	134	
10	134	144	124	141	
11	135	123	118	110	
12	109	143	109	109	
TOTAL 9-12	523	564	495	494	-1
TOTAL K-12	1429	1443	1391	1388	
FROM FY07 ACTUAL					-3
FROM FY07 PROJECTED					-55

**Springfield School District
FY08 Proposed Budget Summary
1/11/07**

BUILDING or DEPARTMENT	FY07 NOV 1st	FY08 REQUESTED	DOLLAR CHANGE	%AGE CHANGE
K-5	\$3,669,299	\$3,883,274	\$213,975	5.83%
Riverside	\$2,293,279	\$2,418,408	\$125,129	5.46%
High School	\$4,517,461	\$5,095,868	\$578,407	12.80%
Special Education	\$3,899,938	\$4,383,690	\$483,752	12.40%
Buildings & Grounds	\$2,270,782	\$2,400,494	\$129,712	5.71%
Capital Plan*	\$520,665	\$567,953	\$47,288	9.08%
Central Offices	\$833,160	\$912,205	\$79,045	9.49%
Debt Service	\$166,238	\$158,759	-\$7,479	-4.50%
Other	\$1,039,464	\$956,201	-\$83,263	-8.01%
Technical Center	\$1,941,617	\$2,062,158	\$120,541	6.21%
ORIGINAL TOTAL*	\$21,151,903	\$22,839,010	\$1,687,107	7.98%
Grants**	\$2,018,168	\$1,964,528	-\$53,640	-2.66%
REVISED TOTAL	\$23,170,071	\$24,803,538	\$1,633,467	7.05%
Technical Education	\$1,941,617	\$2,062,158	\$120,541	6.21%
Special Education	\$3,899,938	\$4,383,690	\$483,752	12.40%
Regular Education	\$14,789,683	\$15,825,209	\$1,035,526	7.00%
Capital Plan	\$520,665	\$567,953	\$47,288	9.08%
Grants	\$2,018,168	\$1,964,528	-\$53,640	-2.66%
TOTAL	\$23,170,071	\$24,803,538	\$1,633,467	7.05%
Special Article	\$470,000			
Budget Article	\$24,333,538			

* Includes any special article for capital projects which may be eligible for 30% state.

**As of FY06, the state requires anticipated grants be included. These have no impact on the tax rate.

Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by DOE

District: **Springfield**
 County: **WindSOR**

LEA: **T193**
 S.U.: **Springfield**

Expenditures

	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008
1. Budget (local budget, excluding special programs reported in line 3, full tech expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$18,605,188	\$21,850,794	\$23,170,071	\$24,333,538
2. Special revenue program expenditures (federal dollars, restricted grants, etc. - included in FY06-FY08 budgets)	\$18,605,188	\$21,850,794	\$23,170,071	\$24,333,538
3. Locally adopted or warned budget (including federal dollars)				
4. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	\$470,000
5. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
6. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
7. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
8. Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget	\$18,605,188	\$21,850,794	\$23,170,071	\$24,803,538
9. No union high school assessment	-	-	-	-
10. No union elementary or junior high school assessment	-	-	-	-
11. Prior year deficit reduction if not included in budgets	\$18,605,188	\$21,850,794	\$23,170,071	\$24,803,538
12. Gross Act 68 Budget				
13. S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
14. Prior year deficit reduction (if included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-

Revenues

15. Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$4,901,497	\$7,449,779	\$7,796,451	\$8,278,222
16. Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
17. Special program revenues for federal programs (if not included in FY05 budget; included in FY06-FY08 budgets)	-	-	-	-
18. Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues	-	-	-	-
19. Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues	-	-	-	-
20. Total local revenues	\$4,901,497	\$7,449,779	\$7,796,451	\$8,278,222
21. Education Spending (Act 68 definition)	\$13,703,691	\$14,401,015	\$15,373,620	\$16,525,316
22. Equalized Pupils	1,457.11	1,406.11	1,362.94	1,346.06

Education Spending per Equalized Pupil

23. Less eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$9,405	\$10,242	\$11,280	\$12,277
23a. Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	56.74	169.62	-	-
24. Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$9,405	\$10,242	\$11,280	\$12,277
25. District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	138,305%	146,835%	153,885%	158,700%
26. Anticipated homestead tax rate, equalized	\$1,452	\$1,498	\$1,462	\$1,428
27. Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	85.23%	79.58%	74.02%	60.39%
28. Estimated homestead tax rate, actual	\$1,704	\$1,882	\$1,975	\$2,365
29. Household Income Percentage for income sensitivity	2.63%	2.72%	2.77%	2.86%
30. Final figures are subject to Legislative approval.				

The projected base education spending amount of \$7,736 is subject to Legislative approval. To technically comply with current law, the Commissioner of Taxes recommended a 5 cent reduction in the base education homestead tax rate. The income percentage cap is therefore 1.80%. Final figures are subject to Legislative approval.

SUMMARY OF THE MARCH 6 AND 7, 2006 ANNUAL TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Springfield and Town of Springfield School District met at the Springfield High School Cafeteria in said Town on Monday, March 6, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. (7:30 o'clock in the afternoon) to act upon all matters which may be voted upon by acclamation and not otherwise to be voted by ballot, following which all articles to be voted by Australian Ballot on March 7, 2006, were discussed, and then adjourned to the Riverside Middle School Gymnasium at 8:00 a.m. (8:00 o'clock in the forenoon) on March 7, 2006, to vote by ballot for Town and Town School District Officers, for all appropriations to be voted by ballot, and all other items of business to be voted by ballot. There were 96 voters in attendance at the meeting on Monday, March 6, 2006 and 1,698 casting ballots on March 7, 2007. There were 172 absentee ballots cast.

ARTICLE 1: The salary of the Moderator was set at \$50.00 per meeting for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: Town Officers and Town School District Officers were elected by Australian Ballot as shown in the listing in the front of this report.

ARTICLE 3: Voted to receive and act on reports of the Town Officers, Town School District Officers and Committees.

ARTICLE 4: Voted to pay each Selectman the sum of FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00) to help defray the costs and expenses incurred in serving the Town in that office.

ARTICLE 5: Voted to appropriate the sum of EIGHT MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY NINE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$8,529,980.00) for the budget of the Town for salaries, incidental and necessary Town expenses, including highways, and for the purposes for which the law requires appropriations, and for which a Town may legally vote.

ARTICLE 6: Voted to deny the exemption from the grand list, for the purpose of calculating the town tax only, the first SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$75,000.00) of the appraised value of a new building, exclusive of land, land improvements, water or wastewater systems, used exclusively as a primary residence, single family home or a working farm building provided such buildings are constructed or put in process of construction during the twelve months following the date of voter approval. The duration of such exemption shall be for three (3) years, provided such building qualifies as the owner's homestead for municipal tax purposes or a working farm building

ARTICLE 7: Voted to give the Board of Selectmen the authority to spend unanticipated funds such as grants and gifts.

ARTICLE 8: Voted a salary for each School Board member of FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00).

ARTICLE 9: Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, subject to the direction and approval of the Board of School Directors, to borrow money to meet the requirements of the Town School District for the ensuing year, and also authorize the Town Treasurer, subject to the approval of the Board of School Directors, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes rated to meet the requirements of the Town School District for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 10: Voted to deny the approval of a school budget amount of TWENTY THREE MILLION, SEVENTY SIX THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$23,076,257.00) to support its schools for the year beginning July 1, 2006.

ARTICLE 11: Voted to appropriate an amount of THREE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$360,600.00) for roofing, asbestos abatement, and walkway repair projects throughout the District. There is a potential of 30% state aid reimbursement for these projects.

ARTICLE 12: Voted to appropriate the sum of FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$58,000.00) to help support the home health care and hospice care of patients in their homes by staff and volunteers of the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of VT and N H. The VNA provides care for all ages, regardless of ability to pay.

ARTICLE 13: Voted to appropriate the sum of SEVEN THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$7,500.00) for the support of Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. for services to Seniors and their families, such as case management, information and assistance, and other related services.

ARTICLE 14: Voted to appropriate the sum of FORTY THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$40,000.00) to the Springfield Family Center to assist with the cost of providing a free meal daily, a free food shelf, and other services related to hunger and homelessness in the Springfield community.

ARTICLE 15: Voted to appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$3,300.00) to the Green Mountain RSVP and Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community through volunteer service.

ARTICLE 16: Voted to appropriate the sum of FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) to help support services to victims of domestic and sexual violence and prevention education in schools and communities by New Beginnings, Inc.

ARTICLE 17: Voted to appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) to the Community Band for ten (10) outdoor concerts.

ARTICLE 18 Voted to appropriate the sum of SEVEN THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$7,800.00) to assist with the cost of operating the Meals on Wheels program that provides hot and cold congregate and home delivered meals and other nutritional needs to the qualified residents of Springfield daily.

ARTICLE 19: Voted to appropriate the sum of TEN THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) to help support outpatient, mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc.

ARTICLE 20: Voted to appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) to help support the Precision Valley Free Clinic to help the uninsured access health care.

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ARTICLE 21: Voted to appropriate the sum of EIGHT HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$800.00) for Windsor County Partners for youth mentoring services provided to children in Windsor County, Vermont.

ARTICLE 22: Voted to appropriate the sum of FIVE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$5,300.00) for the continued operation of the Windsor County Court Diversion Program.

ARTICLE 23: Voted to appropriate the sum of ELEVEN THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$11,500.00) to Connecticut River Transit, Inc., the lower Connecticut-River Valley designated nonprofit public transit agency in Windham and South Windsor Counties.

ARTICLE 24: Voted to appropriate the sum of SIX THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$6,000.00) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Springfield in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services.

ARTICLE 25: Voted to instruct the Governor, State Representatives and Senators to oppose:

- any use of the State Education Fund for purposes that are outside the law's original intent to "make payments to school districts and supervisory unions for the support of education";
- the shifting of existing State General Fund expense obligations to the Education Fund; and
- the reduction of any existing State General Fund revenue support to the Education Fund.

ARTICLE 26: No other business was done under this Warning.

Attest: Bonnie L. Reynolds, CMC
Town Clerk

RESULT OF SPECIAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Springfield School District met at the Riverside Middle School Gymnasium in said Town on Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at 8:00 a.m. (8:00 o'clock in the forenoon) to vote by Australian Ballot on the following article:

ARTICLE 1: Voted to approve a school budget amount of TWENTY TWO MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$22,809,471.00) to support its schools for the year beginning July 1, 2006.

Attest: Bonnie L. Reynolds
Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR MARCH 5 AND 6, 2007 ANNUAL TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Springfield and Town of Springfield School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Springfield High School Cafeteria in said Town on Monday, March 5, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. (7:30 o'clock in the afternoon) to act upon all matters which may be voted upon by acclamation and not otherwise to be voted by ballot, following which all articles to be voted by Australian Ballot on March 6, 2007, will be discussed, and then to adjourn to the Riverside Middle School Gymnasium at 8:00 a.m. (8:00 o'clock in the forenoon) on March 6, 2007, to vote by ballot for Town and Town School District Officers, for all appropriations to be voted by ballot, and all other items of business to be voted by ballot.

ARTICLE 1: To set the salary of the Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To elect the following Town Officers and Town School District Officers for the ensuing year:

Moderator	Trustee of Public Funds
Selectmen	Cemetery Commissioner
School Directors	Town Agent
Library Trustees	First Constable

(By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 3: To receive and act on reports of the Town Officers, Town School District Officers and Committees.

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town pay each Selectman the sum of FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00) to help defray the costs and expenses incurred in serving the Town in that office? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of NINE MILLION, NINETY THREE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$9,093,789.00) for the budget of the Town for salaries, incidental and necessary Town expenses, including highways, and for the purposes for which the law requires appropriations, and for which a Town may legally vote? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend such grant monies, gifts, or bequests which may be received by the Town of Springfield in accordance with the terms of said grants, gifts, or bequests?

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town School District vote a salary for each School Board member of FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00)? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town School District authorize the Town Treasurer, subject to the direction and approval of the Board of School Directors, to borrow money to meet the requirements of the Town School District for the ensuing year,

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and also authorize the Town Treasurer, subject to the approval of the Board of School Directors, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes rated to meet the requirements of the Town School District for the ensuing year?

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town School District approve a school budget amount of TWENTY FOUR MILLION, THREE HUNDRED THIRTY THREE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$24,333,538.00) to support its schools for the year beginning July 1, 2007? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town School District appropriate an amount of FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$470,000.00) for heating system replacement and underground fuel oil tank removal at Riverside Middle School? There is a potential of 30% state aid reimbursement for these projects. (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town School District authorize the Board of School Directors to enter into a ten (10) year lease for the Southview School with the Springfield Community Players? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Springfield School District vote to establish the River Valley Technical Center School District as described in the Governance Planning Committee Report approved by the Vermont State Board of Education on September 19, 2006? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of SIXTY TWO THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$62,000.00) to help support the high quality home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH? Care is provided regardless of ability to pay. (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$8,000.00) for the support of Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. for help to support Seniors and their families, who are trying to remain at home and not be placed in a nursing home? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

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ARTICLE 22: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of FIVE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$5,300.00) for the continued operation of the Windsor County Court Diversion Program? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 23: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of TWELVE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$12,500.00) to Connecticut River Transit, Inc., the lower Connecticut-River Valley designated nonprofit public transit agency in Windham and South Windsor Counties? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

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ARTICLE 25: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) to support programming by the Springfield Prevention Coalition, whose common objective is to keep our youth drug-free, engaged in healthy activities and provided with opportunities for leadership and personal growth? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 26: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of FOUR THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS

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(\$4,600.00) to Rockingham Area Community Land Trust to assist Springfield in responding to the housing needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 27: Shall the town appropriate the sum of TWELVE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$12,500.00) to RightFoot ~ a step ahead for local youth, ages 11 to 17 (formerly Boys and Girls Club of Springfield) to help support after school and vacation activities and “to inspire and empower all youth to discover their strengths and use them to engage effectively in the community and in their lives”? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 28: To do any other business that can be legally done under this Warning.

Dated this 26th day of January, 2007 at Springfield, County of Windsor and State of Vermont.

Mary Helen Hawthorne,

Chair

Terri Benton

Mark Blanchard

John Hall

John Swanson

Board of Selectmen

Town of Springfield

Kenneth Vandenburg,

Chair

James Ball

Samuel Coleman

Jeanice Garfield

Laura Ryan

Board of School Directors

Springfield School District