

*Town of
Springfield, Vermont*



Annual Report • Fiscal Year 2005

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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 6, 2006 - Monday evening Town Meeting at 7:30 p.m., Springfield High School Auditorium

March 7, 2006 - Town Meeting Australian Ballot Voting at Riverside Middle School Gymnasium. Polls will be open 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

April 1, 2006 - Dogs must be licensed.

April 5, 2006 - Fourth and final property tax installment due.

April 8, 2006 - Trout Season opens.

August 15, 2006 - First property tax installment due.

September 12, 2006 - Primary Election Day
 Polls will be open 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

October 5, 2006 - Second property tax installment due.

October 7-29, 2006 - Deer Archery Season.

November 4-5, 2006 - Vermont Youth Deer Weekend.

November 7, 2006 - General Election Day. Polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

November 11-26, 2006 - Deer Firearm Season.

January 5, 2007 - Third property tax installment due.

April 1, 2007 - Dogs must be licensed.

April 5, 2007 - 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		TOWN AGENT	
Patrick M. Ankuda	2006	Stephen S. Ankuda	2005
SELECTMEN		FIRST CONSTABLE	
Mark A. Blanchard	2007	Richard Ripchick	2006
Marie B. Gelineau	2006		
Mary Helen Hawthorne*	2008	JUSTICES OF THE PEACE	
John Hall	2008	(Term expires in February 2007)	
Paul Putnam	2006	Peter Andrews	
SCHOOL DIRECTORS		Ted Cody	
George McNaughton	2006	Alice M. Emmons	
Laura Ryan	2007	John E. Follett	
Kenneth Vandenburg*	2007	Mark J. Greenvall	
James Ball	2008	Eugene Guy	
Jean Willard	2006	Michael J. Knoras	
LISTERS		Ernest Lamphere	
Arnold J. Lashua	2006	Clint Martin	
Richard A. Moore	2008	Patricia Martin	
LIBRARY TRUSTEES		Stephen J. Matush	
Miranda Bogardus	2007	Franklin Poole	
Alan Fusonie	2006	Linda Richards	
Fredda Kischko	2007	Steven J. Sysko	
Alice S. Lohutko	2008	Christina Tetrault	
Bill Mattoon	2007	STATE REPRESENTATIVE	
Jean Middleton	2008	WINDSOR 1-1	
John W. Vorder Bruegge	2008	Kathy Pellett	
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS		WINDSOR 1-2	
Ernest C. Lamphere	2006	Alice Emmons	
Jane Waysville	2008	Clint Martin	
Lawrence Woolson	2007	WINDSOR COUNTY SENATORS	
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS		John Campbell	
Scott Page	2007	Matt Dunne	
Joan Robison	2009	Peter Welch	
John N. Swanson	2006		
Tami Thomas	2010		
William Young	2008		
Bonnie L. Reynolds, Ex-Officio			

APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PLANNING COMMISSION	PRECISION VALLEY DEVELOPMENT CORP.
Donald Barrett *	Ralph Jacobs *
Ronald W. Higgins	Matthew Alldredge
Wilbur Horton, Jr.	Bruce Pirnie
Steven Kraft	John Graves
Donald Napsey	John Hall
Richard Fenton	Forrest Randall
Kelly Ryan	Thomas Bishop
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT	Jean Willard
David Crawford	Mary Helen Hawthorne
Wayne Griffin	Robert Forguites
Bruce Johnson *	Robert Flint
Keith Stern	Gary Holt
DESIGN REVIEW BOARD	HOUSING AUTHORITY
Estelle Goding	Peter Andrews
Herbert Jamison	Beverly Corey
Goldie May	Cynthia Gagnier
Theodore Reeves *	Frederic P. Koledo *
Elsie Putnam	Alan Pinders
Charles B. Gulick, III, Alternate	William F. Morlock, III
AIRPORT COMMISSION	Executive Director
Thomas Hiltley	
Peter MacGillivray	
Floyd Roberts	
Loretta Sparks	

APPOINTED OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

TOWN MANAGER	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	PARKS, RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES DIRECTOR
Robert J. Forguites	Linda T. Rouse	Andrew Bladyka
TOWN CLERK/TREASURER	POLICE CHIEF	LIBRARY DIRECTOR
Bonnie L. Reynolds, CMC	Douglas Johnston	Russell S. Moore
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	FIRE CHIEF	CHIEF ASSESSOR
Bonnie L. Reynolds, CMC	Ernest C. Lamphere	Peter S. Clark
FINANCE DIRECTOR	PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR	SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER DIRECTOR
Jeffrey A. Mobus	Harry Henderson	Terri Emerson

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER AND BOARD OF SELECTMEN

After the March 2005 Town Meeting, the Springfield Board of Selectmen remained unchanged. Paul Putnam, a former member of the Board, was elected to fill the remaining year of Douglas Richards' term. John Hall, also a former Board member, was elected to a three year term. The Town was fortunate that both Paul and John were willing to again serve on the Board.

Positive things continue to happen in town:

During the past year, construction was completed on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade. As with any project of that size, small problems appear when it is fully operational. These problems have been few and have not had an effect on the smooth operation of the facility. We thank Forcier Aldrich & Associates for their design and engineering work on the facility; Pizzagalli Construction for their help in putting the designs into reality; and those who helped finance the project - the Environmental Protection Agency, the State of Vermont and the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development. It is a facility that we are proud of.

Work continues on the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Project. Another phase of the project was completed this past year, and it is anticipated that an additional phase will be started in the current year.

Design work is nearing completion on repairs to downtown sidewalks and the replacement of the traffic signals at the intersection of Main, Park and Summer Streets. It is anticipated that construction will commence on this project this year.

The much anticipated reconstruction of Route 143 is now in the planning and design stage. This project is being done by the Vermont Agency of Transportation. Actual reconstruction work is still a couple years away.

After several months of renovations, Black River Produce has brought life to the former Idlenot Dairy Plant in North Springfield. The facility now serves as the distribution center for Black River Produce. It is a good use for a building that has been under-utilized for several years. We welcome Black River Produce to town.

Construction has started on the Southern Vermont Regional Recreation Foundation's swimming facility. While this is not a town project, it will be a welcome change to a vacant area of Clinton Street. The swimming facility is expected to be in operation this year.

As has been reported for the last couple years, Springfield Regional Development Corporation (SRDC) continues their efforts to rehabilitate the former Jones & Lamson Plant #1. They have had a number of problems to overcome in making this project happen. Progress is being made.

A number of businesses in town have either made renovations, or have renovations planned for the near future. These are all good economic signs and an indication of their belief in the future of Springfield.

Springfield continues to be fortunate to have citizens willing to volunteer their services for the betterment of the Town, whether it is to improve the looks of downtown with flowers and plants, to improve the facilities at the Community Center and recreational areas in Town, to help at the Library or the

Recycling Center or to pick up a disposed of candy wrapper or paper cup. All of them make Springfield a better place, and we thank all of the many unnamed people for their efforts.

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

Mary Helen Hawthorne, *Chair*
Paul A. Putnam, *Vice Chair*
Mark A. Blanchard
Marie M. Gelineau
John Hall

MAJOR ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RESOLUTIONS

- 1-24-05 Vermont Community Development Grant - Southview
- 5-23-05 Authorization given to Town Manager to bid on property on behalf of Town of Springfield at Tax Sale in June and to authorize Town Attorney to prepare necessary papers for Tax Sale
- 6-20-05 Authorization - Town Account - Fire Department Equipment Fund - Bonnie Reynolds as signatory
Bond Anticipation Note Renewals - Chittenden Bank - water/wastewater projects
Litigation - authorization for VLCT to negotiate settlement in matter of Keus v. Town
Bank Account Resolution - New Bank Account for Justice Center Grant
- 9-12-05 CSO Project Bonds and Loans
- 10-10-05 Naming of two Town Streets:
Waterford Lane
Adna Brown Lane
- 10-10-05 Southeastern Vermont Revolving Loan Fund - designation of Brattleboro Area Community Land Trust to handle funds
- 11-07-05 Authorization given to Town Manager to bid on property on behalf of Town of Springfield at tax sale in December and authorization for Town Attorney to conduct the tax sale
- 12-12-05 Litigation - authorization for VLCT to negotiate settlement in matter of Vanacore v. C. Newton and W. Frank

ORDINANCES

- 9-12-05 Interim Zoning Regulations for the Town of Springfield - adopted

TOWN CLERK

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

The Town Clerk's Office continues to be a hub of activity. The staff in the Town Clerk's Office provided many services to the residents of Springfield during FY'05.

All documents pertaining to property in the Town of Springfield are recorded in this office. The past several years have shown a marked increase in the number of documents received for recording, due in part, to the lower interest rates being offered.

In an on-going effort to preserve and protect the valuable records that are housed in the Town Vault, a large number (some of them dating back to the early 1800's) were converted to images that were then mastered to CD-ROM(s). To date more than 2,000 maps, the Selectmen's Minutes, Town Acts, all Village Records, property transfer returns, and mobile home bills of sale are now available on CD-ROM(s).

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.

We continue to work with the Department of Motor Vehicles. The services we provide include the renewal of motor vehicle, snowmobile, trailer and boat registrations. 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 vehicle 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. One of the most frequent requests now comes from school students who, through school programs, are given the opportunity to travel abroad!

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
Town Clerk

PASSPORT APPLICATION INFORMATION SHEET

**SPRINGFIELD TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
96 MAIN STREET, SPRINGFIELD, VT 05156
Phone: 885-2104 Fax: 885-1617**

HOURS FOR EXECUTION OF APPLICATIONS
Monday thru Friday (except Holidays)
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and 1:30 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.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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

Property Tax bills are prepared and mailed no later than July 15th. If you have not received your bill by August 1st, please contact us immediately for a new bill since 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 tax year.

Please note that 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 different for residents than it is for non-residents. People who are Vermont residents as of January 1, 2006 and who own and plan to occupy their homestead on April 1, 2006 must complete a Declaration of Vermont Homestead (Form HS-131). This form must be completed each year. In addition, you must file the Declaration of Vermont Homestead in order to be eligible for either an Education Property Tax Payment (Prebate) or a Homeowner Property Tax Rebate. This form is due April 18, 2006. 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 July 15, 2006. After that date, the penalty will be charged, but no other changes will be made.

All you need to complete the HS-131 is the SPAN number for your property and the school tax code. This information is located on your property tax bill. You can also obtain this information by calling the Finance Department. If you do not have this Homestead Declaration form, it is included in the Vermont income tax booklet as well as at the Town Clerk's Office. It is also possible to file online at www.vermont.gov.

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 since it often takes time to deal with the insurance companies, the patient may not receive the bill for several months after the service.

In closing, I want to thank Jayne Streeter, Jan Rogers, and Lois Smith for all that they do throughout the year so that the Finance Department is able to provide the residents of Springfield with the high quality service that they deserve.

Jeff Mobus
Comptroller

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

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

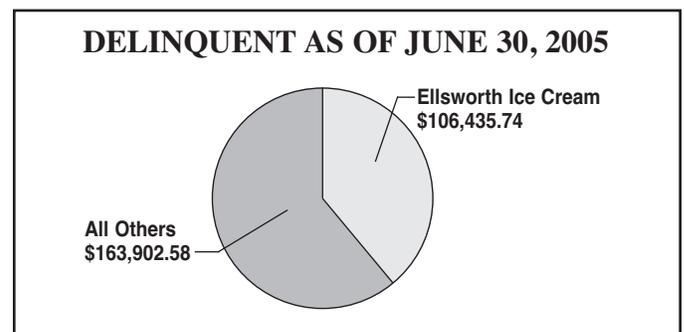
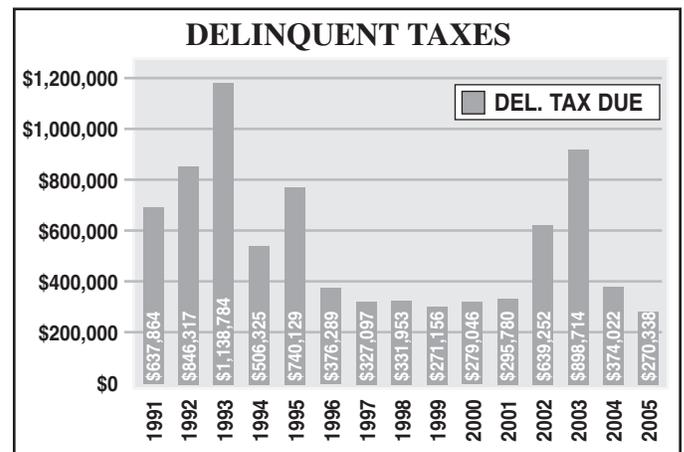
Total delinquency on June 30, 2005, was \$270,338.32. This was a marked decrease from the previous year as reflected in the chart below.

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 27, 2005. The redemption period will expire on June 27, 2006. Presently, there are 17 properties that have not been redeemed. If these properties are not redeemed by the June 27, 2006 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, 2006. Taxpayers should make every effort to pay as much of their property taxes as possible prior to this date. On April 9, 2006, an 8% collector's fee will be assessed to any property tax unpaid on this date.

Bonnie L. Reynolds
Delinquent Tax Collector



TOWN ATTORNEY

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

This report does not include any review of routine matters nor the numerous opinions rendered to the Selectboard 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. Hopefully this will be the last time that I report on a suit filed in Windsor County Superior Court entitled "*Peter John Korbet, Susan Curran Korbet v. Town of Springfield, Terrance G. Litchfield, Pamela J. Batchelder, Francis X. Berube, Jr. and Pamela J. Kimball*" to determine the status of an old road that intersects Carley Road that accesses land owned by Korbet. The Town was a party due to the old road being at some point in the past a Town road. The Court ruled that this was a discontinued town road and this decision became final in 2004. Some disputes remained among the private parties as to the location of the access of the private rights of way to the Town highway. These disputes now appear to be resolved.

2. The Town was named Defendant in a suit filed in Windsor Superior Court entitled "*Ryan Murphy v. Town of Springfield and Springfield School District*" claiming damages for injuries which occurred on town recreational apparatus. This suit was defended and the Town was dismissed as a party on April 11, 2005.

3. The Town was named Defendant in a suit in Windsor Superior Court entitled "*Hathaway v. Town of Springfield*". Mr. Hathaway claims damages because of what he claimed was some improper signage warning of road construction work off Litchfield Street. While lighting a cigarette, Mr. Hathaway did not notice a large hole by a corresponding dirt pile and came to a stop at the top of the dirt pile damaging his van. Mr. Hathaway claimed both loss of possessions in the van and personal injury. This matter was dismissed in 2005 due to Mr. Hathaway not providing all necessary information as ordered by the Court.

4. On July 13, 2005, the case of Donald Coon v. Town of Springfield, its Constable Richard Ripchick and others was defended and settled. The Town's share was limited to its \$500 deductible through the PACIF Program through the Vermont League of Cities and Towns.

5. Springfield Police Officer William Frank was sued in the matter entitled "*Theresa A. Vanacore v. Charles I. Newton and William Frank*" in Federal Court on June 16, 2005. This was a claim for use of excessive force and malicious prosecution and false arrest, among other damages. This matter was defended and settled through the self insurance pool through the Vermont League of Cities and Towns with the Town paying its \$500 deductible.

6. Springfield Police Officer Walter Morancy was sued in the matter entitled "*Bradley Corliss v. Walter Morancy*" in Federal Court by Complaint filed on or about September 1, 2005. This is a claim for use of excessive force and false arrest.

This matter is being defended through the self insurance pool through the Vermont League of Cities and Towns.

As is evident from the brevity of this report, the Town Manager along with the Select Board continue to be successful in dealing with the many controversies that arise each year in a straight-forward and non-litigious manner. Concerning law enforcement claims regardless of the training, experience, and due care by the officers in interacting with the public, some claims are inevitable and are to be expected.

Stephen S. Ankuda
Town Attorney

PERSONNEL DIRECTOR

In 2005 four members of the work force retired. Roger Kelly, Maintenance Worker III (1986-2005); Rosemarie Ratti, Library Technician (previously Children's Librarian) 1977-2005); Barry Stevens, Fire Captain and EMT (1978-2005), and Hallie Whitcomb, Recycling Coordinator (1991-2005).

Each of these individuals brought to the Town their individual talents and expertise. The following remarks cannot begin to cover their contributions to the Town of Springfield throughout their years of dedicated service. We wish them all long years of good health and family enjoyment.

Roger Kelly joined the Town Public Works Department on January 27, 1986 as a truck driver. On July 25, 1988, he was promoted to Maintenance Worker II, heavy equipment operator. Roger will be remembered for his consistent good mood, always there when the weather was bad, always had a joke and he had a great rapport with the public having grown up in Springfield.

Rosemarie Ratti, Ro to her colleagues, began her career in Springfield as a part time Library Aid on September 5, 1977. In 1986 she was promoted to Library Technician and in 1989 to Children's Librarian. In 2004 Ro stepped down as Children's Librarian and continued to work as a Library Technician until her retirement. Many of the local school children will remember the special programs Ro presented during their school years and the special books she chose with them in mind. As a Librarian, Ro was always looking forward to providing the best service possible to the public.

Barry Stevens hired on as a Fireman on June 5, 1978 when the Fire Station was still in the Town Hall. In 1980 Barry was promoted to Floating Lieutenant and in 1985 he was promoted to Captain. Along the way he earned EMT status and became Deputy Chief in 1986. In 1995 Barry chose to return to the rank of Captain/EMT and served in that position until his retirement. Barry invented a chimney snuffer to put out chimney fires and was depended upon to share his electrician's knowledge on behalf of the Town while he maintained the local alarm system for many years.

Hallie Whitcomb didn't exactly hire on right away when she began to serve the Town as a volunteer with the local recy-

Personnel Report (Continued)

clinging group. In response to the high cost of disposing of household solid waste, the local recycling group began the process of helping the public separate their waste, found vendors to purchase the recycled materials, and worked tirelessly with the solid waste district and the Town. On December 11, 1991 Hallie was hired as a part time recycling attendant, but her knowledge and contributions were recognized by the Public when the position for Director of the Recycling Center opened on July 1, 1996 and she was appointed. Today, we don't think about solid waste without thinking about recycling and that change in our perceptions is due to the tremendous effort that Hallie Whitcomb put into helping create the very busy facility many of us visit each week.

To our current workforce, thanks for all you do and keep up the good work.

Linda T. Rousse
Personnel Director

ASSESSMENT REPORT

The shoe has finally dropped after eighteen years of relative quiet. The state has mandated a reappraisal for the town.

The town has hired the firm of AMPTA to do a complete inspection and reappraisal of all property. They are sending postcards to all properties on the Grand List informing residents when they will be in their area. The listers and the contractor want to thank you in advance for your cooperation in this endeavor.

Of special note is the fact that we will be using a 2006 manual, not the 1980 manual that we used in 1983 and 1988. Thus, even if you were appraised this year, you will be done again for 2007, and the value will most likely go up to match the market conditions that exist at present.

The listers will be a significant part of the reappraisal and welcome your visit to our office on the third floor to answer questions or address concerns.

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

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

The Board of Civil Authority for the Town of Springfield consists of the Justices of the Peace, the Selectboard, 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 05, the Primary and General Elections, the Annual Town and Town School District Meeting, and a Special School District Meeting were held under the direction of the "BCA". The number of voters requesting absentee ballots increased dramatically due primarily to the Secretary of State's efforts to promote early voting. An area of concern during the Presidential Election in November was having the absentee ballots reach our servicemen in different parts of the world in time for them to cast their vote and have the ballot returned in time to be counted. I am sure this is a problem that will receive a great deal of attention on the state and federal level prior to the next presidential election!

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 by this Board following the Listers' grievances.

There were 13 requests for tax abatement that were acted on by this Board in FY05

Bonnie L. Reynolds
Clerk

DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

ON MONDAY NIGHT
MARCH 6, 2006
AT 7:30 P.M.
WILL BE HELD AT THE
SPRINGFIELD
HIGH SCHOOL
CAFETERIA

POLICE DEPARTMENT

DEPARTURES, PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Departures:

This year the Springfield Police Department had departures of two part-time officers, Officer Kathleen “Kiki” Knoras, and Donald “JR” Garrow and part-time Dispatcher David Parmenter.

Promotions

We are currently going through a promotion process to fill a Corporal’s position in the police department, and we still have one Sergeant’s position vacancy.

Appointments

During the year we appointed Donald “JR” Garrow from part-time officer’s position to a full-time officer’s position with the department. JR is part-time certified and is working as a full-time officer. He is scheduled to attend the full-time officers’ basic training course in 2006.

Officer Francis Schippert was transferred from patrol division to the Detective Division as a Juvenile Detective.

We currently have one full-time Sergeant’s position 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 will be looking to fill 2-3 part-time officers’ positions within the department to supplement the full-time officers and one part-time dispatcher to supplement the full-time dispatchers.

We would like you to meet our new full-time officer.



Donald “JR” Garrow

TRAINING

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

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 training.

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

Time Management and Organizational Skills, Spillman

Mobile “Rover” Program (for mobile data systems in vehicles), Incident Management Unified Command, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Emergency Management Director Training, National Incident Management System (NIMS), Sexual Assault Seminar, Vermont School Crisis Training Workshop, Interpersonal Violence Update, and VCIC Crime Statistics.

POLICE DEPARTMENT FUTURE NEEDS

The most important need the police department has is the relocation of the police department facility. We do not have enough storage room or work space to efficiently work in. I have concerns about possible violations concerning adult and juvenile offenders in the facility at the same time.

The building committee reviewed the proposed bids for the needs assessment for a police facility. Nimitz, Berryhill, Figiel Architects (NBF) of Rutland, Vermont was picked by the committee and approved by the Select board to complete the needs assessment work.

We are currently working together to perform the needs assessment for the police department with the goal of having bonding proposals to the public either this spring or next fall.

We are also looking at ways to improve our radio communications for our main frequency. There are still some “dead” spots that are of concern, and we are working towards eliminating them. We also have experienced interference from a New Hampshire Law Enforcement Agency who has been using the same frequency as our main radio system for their mobile data system. The FCC had issued them a temporary License to operate on that frequency, and we are hopeful that the FCC will issue a different frequency for them to operate their mobile data system off of.

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 bulletproof grant is a grant that will match 50% of the cost of a new bulletproof vest for police officers. We only had to purchase one (1) bulletproof vest with a cost savings of \$250.00. We currently are in pretty good shape on keeping our bulletproof vest up to date.

HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT

With this grant we were able to obtain additional equipment that we probably would not be able to obtain through the budget process. The Homeland Security Grant we have approves obtaining the following equipment: One antenna site for our mobile data, three more computers for mobile data in the cruisers, software for Automatic vehicle locator and running the mobile data, Non-Tactical Armor Vest, pagers for all the officers with one-year support, and Live Scan & Mug Shot system w/one-year support. The total amount of the grant is \$133,378.00.

US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BLOCK GRANT

This grant is currently not being funded. Out of the 2004 grant we had purchased three (3) Taser guns and upgraded three radar units so they will be able to interface with the computer systems in the vehicles.

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. Since 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 Multiple Data Computers in the vehicles. Now you're wondering what that will accomplish. The system is up and running as always, but there are growing pains that we are overcoming. This is a much slower pace than I have anticipated in getting the system up and running.

We currently have four 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 2007. We hope to have this project completed by the end of the summer of 2006.

We also had several donations to the department. The Springfield Police Association, VFW and Elks Club donated monies which allowed us to purchase two Taser guns and supplies for the Taser guns. We thank these organizations for their contributions to our department for a total of \$1,800.00

We did receive two grants from the Governor's Highway Safety Program. One grant is for seatbelt enforcement in the amount of \$1,000.00 and the other grant is for Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) enforcement in the amount of \$4,500.00.

We also participated in several enforcement campaigns for "Click it ticket" and (DWI) enforcement campaigns which qualified us for additional equipment. This equipment consisted of one digital mobile vision camera system for the cruisers, two radars and one set of stinger spikes that we have received so far for a total of \$6,500.00 and with the last two campaigns we have an additional \$4,700.00 to purchase equipment when the award notifications come out. Participating in these programs allows us the opportunity to obtain equipment without the burden of going to the local taxpayers.

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

We have received a total of \$152,128.00 in outside funding for the police department during the 2005 budget year.

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

Below is a list of some types of calls for service the officers have responded to:

	2003	2004	2005
Total Complaints	5,888	5,693	4647
Total Motor Vehicle Contacts	3,453	2,587	3239
Total Traffic tickets issued		604	752
Written warnings issued			1275
Totals	9,341	8,280	7886
Assaults	143	107	66
Child Abuse	8	16	12
Custodial Interference		12	11
Sex Offenses	23	47	32
Burglary/Robbery	60	70	41
Burglary Alarms	231	217	152
Theft	223	264	264
Auto Theft	6	13	12
Forgery/Fraud/Embezzlement	28	36	32
Motor Vehicle/ATVComplaints	214	266	288
Unlawful Mischief	264	196	153
Family Domestic	86	86	84
Alarms	231	12	19
Animal Problem	347	291	366
Assist-Agency	597	747	404
Citizens Assist	140	465	220
Citizens Dispute	194	298	217
Lockouts (Discontinued Service)	142	8	
Bomb Threats	3	2	3
DWI		73	33
Driving While License Suspended		28	19
Property Watch	67	16	26
Welfare Checks	155	141	147
VIN Verifications	221	178	
Traffic Accidents-Damage	276	373	323
Traffic-Injuries	26	28	25
Traffic-Fatal	0	0	0
Bad Checks	23	38	26
Fish and Game Complaints		99	
Fireworks		15	25
Phone Problem/Harrassment		92	71
Welfare Checks/E911 Hangups	155	286	234
Suspicious Person/Circumstance		437	437
Missing Person/Runaway Juvenile		53	54
Juvenile Problems		195	162
Property Watch	67	59	26
Noise Disturbance		249	111
Death Investigations		7	10

ARREST

2003	Adult 539	Juveniles 70
2004	Adult 459	Juveniles 95
2005	Adult 431	Juveniles 86

Police Department (Continued)

SPRINGFIELD POLICE ASSOCIATION

Again another year has passed and the Springfield Police Association is happy to report that we have given over \$7,600 away in donations.

The Springfield Family Center, YMCA, Windsor County Partners, Springfield Parks and Recreation Department and the Springfield Santa Claus Club are just a few of the recipients. The only way this was possible was through the generous giving from the Springfield residences and businesses.

The SPA hopes to continue to help the Springfield area in giving back to the community as much as possible to make this a better place to live. The SPA looks forward to bringing new shows in the coming year for your enjoyment. On behalf of the Springfield Police Association, from all of us to all of you, THANK YOU for another great year.

See you all at the Donkey Ball Game YA!!

Robert A Simmons
President, Springfield Police Association

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 your families causing you to miss family events. Both the officers and dispatchers provide a very important service to the community, and you should be proud of what you do and how you do it.

TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT: Thank you for your dedication to the department and the community you serve. Your hard work does not go unnoticed and is very much appreciated. Remember to hold your head up high, as you are second to none.

TOWN GOVERNMENT: I would like to thank Chief "Puggy" Lamphere and the rest of the Springfield Fire Department for their assistance throughout the year. The use of their facility for training and working on our vehicles is greatly appreciated. I would also like to take this time to wish Chief Lamphere a happy and healthy retirement, one that he so greatly deserves after 40 plus years of service to this community. He will be greatly missed by all. Thanks again "Puggy" and have a great retirement!!!!!!

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

To the Municipal Hall Staff, finance department, Town Clerk's Office, Town Manager's Office, thanks for assisting us throughout the year and answering our questions, processing insurance claims, preparing paychecks, and looking up 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 which has been very much appreciated. To the board of

Select persons for understanding the department and for the support they have given.

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

I would also like to thank my wife Karen for understanding the long hours that I often put in, and yes, I will get to the "honey do" list.

CITIZENS: To the citizens of the Town of Springfield for your continued support of the police department. It is important that you get involved and we work together as a team to solve crime in Springfield. Together 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.

Douglas S Johnston
Chief of Police

FIRE DEPARTMENT

It is on a somewhat sad note that I write this, my last town report, since I will be retiring from the fire department on June 30, 2006. Again, this year was very busy with 1,425 ambulance calls and 509 fire calls. This is a lot of calls for such a small department.

During 2005 we received a Homeland Security Grant which enabled us to purchase a lot of rescue equipment and more self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBA's). We were also very fortunate to have an individual donate a new trailer that allows us to carry all of the equipment.

When I leave the department in June, I will do so knowing that we have the most modern equipment and well-trained firefighter/medics in the area who are able to handle any situation. At the "changing of the guard", whomever it will be, you, the citizens, can expect to receive the same excellent service that has been given over the last 26 years. God has blessed me with a department of the highest caliber. Two of the men working with me when I was Chief have gone on to become chiefs of even larger departments: Douglas Brent, Chief of the South Burlington Fire Department, and John Wood, former Chief of the Hartford Fire Department and now Commissioner of the Fire Bureau, Berlin, VT.

Many changes have taken place in the department over the last 26 years since I have been Chief. We have purchased 3 fire pumpers, 1 tower truck, a line truck, and a utility truck with a 5 man cab. We have also purchased and replaced 9 ambulances during that time. The newest turnout gear is in place which is much lighter and more durable for the men. We have replaced SCBA's and have the best breathing equipment possible. During the past few years we have purchased a Station Cascade Unit enabling us to fill our own air tanks after a fire. We also

Fire Department (Continued)

own a portable Cascade unit so that we can fill air tanks at the scene of a fire.

In 1983 we built a Training Center at the rear of the station where the men can receive training and hone their skills in fire-fighting and rescue work. Education has progressed from the old 45-hour State course to a Nationally recognized Firefighter II course. Our ambulance training has progressed from Advanced First Aid to Emergency Medical Technician Training and now EMT-I.

A new 60KVW Generator is in place for the station. This gives us the capability of continuing to function as a command center in the case of a large power outage. Our Communication Center is updated with new radios, computers, and paging systems. We are able to Simulcast various departments with the same message. We have also gone from a low-band to a high-band frequency which allows us to communicate without interference from other departments.

New radios have been installed in all of the trucks and ambulances, as well as portable radios issued to key men. Pudding Hill is the site of a repeater which gives us the ability to communicate with trucks in areas previously unreachable. All in all, I am very proud of the changes and progress made during the years since I have been Chief.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Citizens

I would like to start out thanking you, the citizens of Springfield, for your help during the last 26 years. This department would not be able to function with such professional standards without your moral support and financial backing through the budgets. I will never forget the kindnesses and care you have shown by bringing coffee, food, and water to large fire scenes and emergency incidents. Please continue to help in these ways, and I urge you to come to the department to meet the men who serve you and inspect the equipment you have provided.

Finance

Jeff Mobus, Jayne Streeter, Jan Rogers, and Lois Smith, thank you for all of the years of service to us in making sure that the ambulance bills were sent out and accounted for, keeping track of the revenues of both fire and ambulance, making sure our payroll is accurate and out on time, and keeping track of our Homeland Security Grants and Fire Act Grants.

Town Clerk

Bonnie Reynolds and Jennifer Hasenbuler, through the years when I needed information located in the vault, you never hesitated to help me. I have never been to your department when I didn't find a smile on your faces and a helping hand. Bonnie, the many years that we have worked on elections have all been memorable. I'm hoping that we can still work together at the Polls. Thank you both for being friends, as well as coworkers.

Personnel

Linda Rousse, thank you for all the help over the years with different community health issues. Working with you many times on firefighter contracts has proven your expertise in articulating the wording so that both the men and the Town could endorse them. When it came to personnel issues within the department, you were there to guide me. Thank you, Linda, I am going to miss our conversations.

Listers

Arnie Lashua and Mary Perkins, you two have been invaluable when I was looking for land or building owners in town. There were many times when you dropped what you were doing to help me finish a project.

Town Manager

Bob Forguites and Patti Page, thank you. Bob, I want to thank you for being my supervisor and always being fair and honest with me. When problems needed to be resolved and I needed guidance, you were there. Thank you, also, for your work with the department contracts which were accepted by both administration and the men. Though we didn't always agree, I appreciated the time and effort you gave to the fire department budgets.

Patti, even though we have had only a few years working together, I thank you for all of your help. It was so pleasant to go into your office and see a smile on your face.

Police Department

Chief Douglas Johnston and Lt. Mark Fountain, I want to thank you both and all of your men for the assistance given over the years. The helping hands you have all extended during various emergencies will never be forgotten.

I will miss the discussions and camaraderie found around the kitchen table. It can be said that we are two emergency services that work well together.

Dispatchers, your dedication and professionalism has made our services respond more quickly and effectively. Your updates while we were enroute to emergencies have helped us to be ready to handle any situation. The Town can feel safe knowing that you are taking care of all 911 calls. Also, thank you for backing us up and taking over the dispatching while we were responding to an emergency.

Highway

Thank you for all the times you were there to plow and sand the roads so that we could make it to an emergency. Davey and Randy, we want to thank you for keeping our trucks and ambulances in good mechanical condition – ready to respond. Vicky, I have known you for many years, and you were always willing to lend a hand, and I appreciate what you have done for us.

Water Department

Jeff Strong and Alex Greer, the department and I want to thank you for all of the times that we have called you to come out and help us with hydrant water flow problems. Thank you, also, for all of the years that you have taken care of the fire hydrants so they were functioning and available.

Fire Department (Continued)

Fire Department

It is hard for me to decide where to begin, but to the Regulars with whom I work every day, I thank you for your support. We have built a bond through the years so that when one of us hurts, we all hurt. You have never hesitated to do what I have asked. Your training and expertise in the fields of fire and ambulance have been recognized by the whole community. I am proud to have been your Chief, and in some cases, mentor, over the years. I am going to miss all of you and will cherish the memories. Please continue to call and stop by often when you're in the neighborhood.

Callmen, thank you for all of your devotion and support to the department. You have augmented us so many times that many of you blend right in as regular firefighters. I would ask you to keep up your dedication and support of the department.

Wives of the Men, you truly are the "wind beneath their wings". For the many hours and times that you have had your plans interrupted because of a fire or emergency, thank you. This will never be forgotten. I pray for the safety and care of the firefighters every day. Please continue to support your loved ones in their service.

Tom Hiltley, thank you so much for the many years of dedication and service to the department, not only as Chaplain, but as a friend. The counseling and consoling of the men has been invaluable. I will miss the coffee time with you, Fred and Brad. You are truly God's servants.

Hallie, my wife, thank you for all of the times you have helped me, the many hours you have put in to work on projects, and the advice you have gently given. Your dedication, love, and support will always be cherished. As it has been said, "behind every good man there is a good woman" and you are certainly that. I love you.

Betty Ellis, thank you for working at the Fire Department, keeping our records straight, and the handling of fire permits. You are a friend to all of us.

Gerald Bradway, I cannot thank you enough for all of the work that you have done for me throughout the years. Your knowledge and ability on computers is legendary. As I retire let's not lose the friendship we have built.

If I have missed anybody or have forgotten things that have been part of these 36 years in the department, I am sorry. I pray that God will bless each and every one of you and your families.

Ernest C. "Puggy" Lamphere
Fire Chief

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Construction, Paving and Road Repairs

The Department of Public Works began a two year phased rehabilitation of about 2.5 miles of Fairground Rd. over the 2005 summer season. Ditches were reestablished and stabilized, culverts replaced, ledge was removed and about 9,000 feet of the existing paved surface was recycled in place to create additional road base. A base course of pavement was applied. Expectations are to continue this project to the Town garage with a final pavement course on the entire segment in 2006.

In cooperation with the Water and Wastewater Divisions, rehabilitation of Eric St. was completed. New water and sewer lines were installed, new culverts, road base and paving was done.



Fairground Road Reconstruction

Paving overlays were completed on Commonwealth Ave., Davis St., Grove St., Mineral St., Gulf St. and County Rd. The intersection of Park St., Ridgewood Drive and Eric St. also received a pavement overlay. Miscellaneous paving and spot pavement repairs occurred on Massey Rd., Skitchewaug Trail and WCFR Drive. Portions of Summer Hill St., Poplar St., Hartness Ave., Reed St., Park St., Pine St. and Wall St. were also overlaid with pavement as part of the CSO project. North Main St. was reconstructed and paved as part of the River St. and North Main St. retaining wall project. A significant amount of pothole patch repair was also done in many locations.

The road surface capital improvement plan was again revised based on updated prevailing conditions of roads and streets. There are currently 12 priority paving and road rehabilitation projects on the department's capital plan. These projects include the continuation of Fairground Rd., Massey Rd., Park St., Union St., Spencer Hollow Rd., Carley Rd., South St. Extension, Woodbury Rd., the end of Eureka Rd., Crague Hill Rd., and Walker Rd. Each of these road projects requires differing rehabilitation methods due to the stage of disrepair and overall current condition. Pavement overlays are very short lived on most of the road segments and most will require more than simple pavement overlays. Summer St. and Rt. 143 to Rt. 5 are in the preliminary design phase as a State project. Work

Department of Public Works (Continued)

is anticipated in about 2009 or 2010, again based on available State funding at that time. As conditions continue to deteriorate on this road, we anticipate the spot repairs and patching will need to continue. Rt. 143 is a major project that may require between \$4 and \$5 million with the Town being responsible for up to 10%. To fund these current 13 priority projects, we will need about \$3 million including our local share of the Rt. 143 project. Our annual appropriation for paving and road reconstruction has averaged about \$250,000 per year over the past 5 years. Unfortunately, and as this plan and level of funding indicates, many roads and streets need attention at the same time with limited financial resources. Some will have to be deferred and undoubtedly, each year as deterioration of other road conditions continue, more needed projects will make the capital plan needs list.

We are exploring private contracting for major road rehabilitation. It has become apparent that the use of Town forces to do reconstruction requires such a dedicated effort that other responsibilities are often deferred. In order to address road and street capital improvements, we will require a significant increase in local capital funding and resources of private contractors.

Other major projects pending include the rehabilitation of the Paddock bridge which was closed this summer. This is a State project that will be 100% funded by State resources. This cost is expected at about \$1.5 to \$2 million. This work should proceed within the next 2 years. We await final design of bridge replacement on the Harry Hills bridge within the next 4 years depending on the available State funding levels. A special Federal funding is also soon expected of \$1 million for rehab of the Community Center bridge on Main St.

Construction on traffic lighting and sidewalk improvements in the Main St. area should begin in the 2006 season. This is a \$1 million project. The Department will also be assisting with some sidewalk and rail repairs as part of the mini-park restoration project on Main St.

The spring of 2006 will mark the completion of the River St. retaining wall project. Once the wall has been completely anchored, staining and sealing of the concrete will be completed. In 2006 we hope to have River St. unobstructed with the completion of this work.

We completed an inventory and condition report on all town culverts this year with the assistance of the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission. The significant benefit of this plan, and with updating of our current pavement and road condition plan, the Town will be eligible for up to 10% additional State funding on qualifying State matching funded transportation projects. The reality of these inventory plans is that it requires some local funding responsibilities to begin addressing the identified deficiencies prior to failures. I refer to this program as the State's "carrot and stick" program.

There were 550 culverts inventories. Many have been installed for over 40 years. About 10% of them fall in a major disrepair category. 75% are in degrees of fair condition and about 15% have been reinstalled within the past 15 years and are in good condition.

Combined Storm Overflow Removal Project

The fourth contract to construct the new storm drain system was completed this summer in the areas of Summer St., Summer Hill, Wall St., Poplar St., Dell Rd., Hartness Ave., Woolson Ave., Park St., and Pine St. Two more contracts remain to complete the CSO separation work. This work is in the vicinity of Union, Mt. Vernon, Center, Herrick, Foster Ave., Myrtle Street and areas of Elm, Earl, Douglas, Mary, and Mark St. and are upcoming in the final contracts. It was originally anticipated that the multi-phased project would be completed by the end of 2005 in order to meet compliance schedules; however, the Town has requested an extension of at least 1 year to complete the final project. It is expected that some portions of this contract will also include portions of the water improvement project on Union and Park St. As a side note, and as many people have asked, "when will something be done to the conditions on Park and Union St.?" We will need to defer surface improvements until the CSO and water improvements are completed on these streets.

Water Improvements

The water improvement project engineering and design is completed for the low pressure improvements. Currently, we are having the design plan reviewed to determine the cost and functional effectiveness of the plan. We expect some construction on parts of the water improvements to be completed in conjunction with CSO contract work to eliminate duplication of work in the Union St. and Park St. area. After final review of the plans, we hope to proceed to construction on other components of the water improvement project.

Retirements

This year two long time Public Works employees have retired: Roger Kelley and Hallie Whitcomb.

Roger operated equipment in the highway division for over 19 years and Hallie served as the Recycle/Transfer Facility Coordinator for 11 years. We applaud their contributions and efforts. The Department thanks both for dedicated service and wishes them both happy days in retirement.

Harry Henderson
Director of Public Works

RECYCLING CENTER / TRANSFER STATION

Should anyone ever see fit to write a history of Springfield's Recycling Center, surely 2005 would end a chapter. After many years of service Hallie Whitcomb stepped back and handed the reins, as well as the snows and blistering sun, to a new site coordinator. The community owes Hallie a debt of gratitude for her dedication above and beyond the call of duty. The Center would not be what it is today were it not for her. Many thanks Hallie, and best wishes for your new endeavors.

Appreciation must also go to the many people who chose to use and support the Recycling Center. An individual may easily become discouraged in the face of reports on global warming, climate change or other man made disasters and ask themselves, "what can just one person do?" They may rest assured that through individual efforts there have been many benefits realized and significant positive environmental impact gained.

According to information compiled by the Northeast Resource Recovery Association, thanks to our customers, Springfield recycled over nine thousand pounds of aluminum soda cans, which in turn saved enough energy to power a television for more hours than anyone should ever want to watch. We recycled close to fifty tons of paper. This would equal more than eight hundred trees. Our customers also conserved 230,000 pounds of coal by recycling their scrap metal. Another benefit of recycling is that it extends the life of area landfills. The slower they fill up with valuable resources the longer we have until a new one may want to open in your or my back yard. So you see through individual action, collectively we can make a difference.

With tremendous support from the Dept of Public Works, the Recycling Center continued to function and evolve into a more efficient site. However, much work remains to be done. Significant improvements are on the drawing board such as a loading dock, increased storage capacity and steps to maintain site compliance with state regulations. This would include an improved storm water runoff system and some type of roof over the containers on the ramp.

An ongoing goal is to increase our customer base and volume of materials reclaimed. One way to achieve this may be to make recycling easier to do. A step in that direction was taken in November with the consolidation of four paper types into a single stream. This system makes it easy for our customers to get it right and also saves well over \$500 worth of labor and equipment cost every month.

It would be impossible to increase or even maintain our current level of production without the support of our cast and crew. Their reliability, collective wisdom and sense of humor have made the transition to this job much easier. Their overall performance reflects well on the center, the Department of Public Works and the Town of Springfield in general. I look forward to working with them and our customers in the coming years.

Daniel Farrar

Coordinator, Springfield Recycling Center

SPRINGFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION

The Springfield Parks and Recreation Department continues to strive to provide a diverse variety of programs and activities for all members of the community.

From kindergarten soccer and tots' gymnastics to partnering with senior citizens to host the Green Mountain Senior games, our goal is to literally offer something for everyone in the way of recreation and leisure activities.

One of the most important and most difficult aspects of running the Recreation Department is maintaining and upgrading our existing facilities. We are constantly reaching out to the business community and to individuals to assist us in this area, and the community always seems to come through in support of recreation. 2005 brought us two more shining examples of this generosity.

Community Center Bowling Alley

The Community Center Candlepin bowling alley has been restored, repaired, and reopened! The recreation department, in conjunction with the Boys and Girls Club, Marie Gelineau's mentoring program, and the Precision Valley School (formerly Choices), had initially begun some painting, cleaning, and repairs to improve the 6-lane bowling alley in the basement of the Community Center. Then, in February 2005, Springfield resident Tracy Johnson approached us looking for a community project for his Leadership Southeastern Vermont group. Tracy and his group took over.

They enlisted A.C. Cook to install new lighting, Blish Flooring to sand and refinish the lanes, and raised money to improve the bowling alley in many other areas. The local Elks, Moose, and VFW clubs all made significant financial contributions, as did several individuals. Bowling balls were donated by several Springfield residents as well. The lanes are now vastly improved and back in use on a regular basis.

Freedom Park

A neighborhood group initially approached the town requesting that some upgrades be made to Freedom Park. This effort eventually evolved into a community project similar to the Commons Park upgrade of 2002. Dufresne-Henry accepted the project as their Live, Work, and Play Committee project for 2005. DH and NBC countertops worked with the rec. dept. to plan and design the effort, enlisting many other businesses and service groups along the way. With great help from Gurney Bros., Springfield Fence, and our own Public Works Dept., much has been accomplished.

We've put in a basketball court, a sand volleyball court, a horseshoe pit, and repaired and replaced stairs. We also fixed the long slide and salvaged the swing set with a combination of new and repaired parts. All other playground equipment that was installed in 1977 or earlier has been removed due to deterioration. We need to finalize the project by installing a new playground. The committee has already fundraised over \$5,000.00 toward this, and it is also addressed in the 2006-2007 budget. Others that contributed materials and labor to Freedom Park's restoration include Lovejoy Tool, Bibens, Hancor, and Greg Brown Masonry. Many other local businesses and individuals made cash donations to Freedom Park, and we appreciate each one.

Individual Volunteers

Another area of the Parks and Recreation Dept. that relies

heavily on volunteers is youth coaching. Without the volunteer support for our youth sports programs, it would be impossible for us to maintain the number of programs and quality of programs that we have. We'd like to dedicate some space here to those who've volunteered in more than one season in the past year. Springfield people like A.J. and Chari McAllister, Ruth Haskell, John Brady, Paul Kendall, Kurt Rushton, Vic Baskevich, Darren Fontaine, Rich Stillings, Don Stein, Don Thomas, and John Blais are all folks who have volunteered repeatedly. We even have high school students like Katie White, Michelle Pinter-Petrillo, and Carley Ward who take the time to give back to the local kids, in both soccer and basketball seasons.

There are many, many more who coach their children and others, and we truly appreciate how each of them helps to make our programs succeed. The Parks and Recreation Dept. belongs to the community, and we're all in it together.

Town Pool

In the spring of 2005 extensive repairs were made to our municipal pool. The Dept. of Public Works teamed with Parks and Rec. employees to remove many areas of chipped or loose concrete from the bottom of the pool. Those areas were sealed with new material and repainted. The project was successful as leakage became minimal this season, greatly improving a situation that had caused difficulties for a couple of years.

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.

This past summer we once again partnered with the Springfield Senior Citizens to host the Green Mountain Senior games for southeastern Vermont. It was a lot of fun and a very successful, enjoyable two-day event as over 60 seniors participated in the games. Events included a mile walk, golf chipping, cribbage, basketball shooting, softball throw, softball hitting, Frisbee throw, and shuffleboard. We may host the event again in the near future.

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

It's 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 the 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, Tae Kwon-Do 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!

Another great year of fellowship for the members of the Springfield Senior Center has come and gone. The Senior Center is located at 139 Main Street (in the Community House) and open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. throughout the year. Anyone 50 years and over is always welcome. Our motto is "Enter as strangers....leave as friends".

This year we would like to thank Springfield taxpayers and explain how our members give back to the community. Did you know that many years ago Eleanor Hilliard (the first senior center director) started a group called the Knit Wits? This group continues today under the direction of co-chairmen Dorothy Benham and Hazel Gorsky. The group consists of many active members and others in the community who like to knit/crochet. They donate mittens and hats to the Santa Claus Club, shawls to the nursing homes in the area, baby hats, booties and sweaters to David's House, toe socks to the Springfield Hospital, and many knitted items to the Family Center. Did you know the Senior Songsters under the direction of co-directors Julie Kiniry, Karen Adnams and Bob Mitchell entertain at adult day centers, nursing homes, and other senior centers in the area? The songsters, about 21 of them, spread joy through music! Did you know that the Senior Center hosts the flu clinic for the Visiting Nurse Association every year? Members volunteer to sign people in, help them with the paperwork and make sure everything runs smoothly for the nurses administering the shots. Did you know that the Senior Center runs a free blood pressure clinic every first Wednesday of the month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. under the direction of Anna Beth Herold, retired Springfield Hospital nurse? This service is open to all in the community - you do not need to be a member to participate. Did you know that the Senior Center using money that they raised (not taxpayer money) donates to the Family Center for Holiday Baskets every year and that they also donate a scholarship to a Springfield High School senior each year? Did you know that the Ceramics department of the Senior Center donates three items each year to the Rotary Penny Sale? Did you know we host a monthly foot clinic that is open to the community? Did you know we host AARP Tax Preparers in February, March and April each year to give people 50 and over access to free tax preparation? These are just a few of the ways the Senior Center gives back to the community.

Each year the Senior Center holds two fundraisers, a Spring Fling Attic Sale and a Christmas Bazaar. We also receive many donations in memory of members who have passed away. Besides these funds members continue to make substantial contributions to the maintenance and operation of the Center with generous monetary donations and many, many volunteer hours. Members of the Senior Center working together to support their center have created a real "family feeling" throughout the center.

Some of the fundraising money is used to subsidize trips for active members. In 2005 twenty-six members went to Alaska for 13 days and in 2006 we will be going to the Canadian Rockies for 10 days. In 2005 we also took a 9-day Nova Scotia trip and a 3-day Cape Cod trip. We also took five one-day trips for luncheon shows. We have many non-members who call to see what we are taking for trips each year since they enjoy traveling with our group. They feel we are a friendly and fun loving group to travel with - and our prices are right!

Senior Citizens Center (Continued)

The Senior Center continues to be a resource for the community regarding senior services. We receive hundreds of calls from seniors and/or their family asking where to go for help in the community. We give them the appropriate phone number for the agency to call to get their needs met. We also receive calls from families who now have a parent or parents living here and wondering how to get them involved in the community - bring them to the senior center!

We want the taxpayers of Springfield to know we appreciate their support. It is through the continuing support of the Town of Springfield and the efforts and talents of the seniors that the Senior Center remains a vital asset of the community. We thank you for this support and look forward to another exciting year.

Eleanor Johnson, *Chairman*
 Earl Bonneau, *Vice-Chairman*
 Barbara Parker, *Secretary*
 Dorothy Benham
 Joan Matanle
 John Follett
 Heather Post
 Lawrence "Sonny" Bouchard
Advisory Committee

Terri L. Emerson, *Director*



Stanley and Shirley Farrar decorate the outside of the Senior Center for the Christmas holiday.



Dave Rorison, Linda Wilson and Julie Kiniry dress as the Three Stooges for the Halloween Party.



Springfield Senior Songster's Christmas Party.



Bob Mitchell with Mrs. Claus (Marilyn Comstock) at the Christmas Party.



Shirley Farrer, Senior of the Year 2005, Richard Gorton, Honor Roll, Joan Kempf, Runner-Up



Judy Benjamin, Dot Stearns, Charlotte White, Carol Hakey, Cathy Donahue and Mary Swanson having laughs on our Nova Scotia trip.



Jackie Stankevich, Walt Stankevich, Terri Emerson and Charlie Phelps.



Cleo Faye is introduced by Julie Kiniry, Songster's Director, before his solo.

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

FY2004-2005 brought the dawn of an entirely new era at the Springfield Town Library. The year saw the biggest changes in over a century, revolutionizing the way the Library delivers library and information services to the community and bringing it to the forefront of the information age.

A computerized “Integrated Library System” was installed in August, 2004 to manage all of the circulation transactions (loans, overdue notices, fines, reserves/holds, etc.), replace the card catalog with a web-based online catalog, generate catalog records and integrate acquisitions and serials with all of these functions. You can search the Library’s new online catalog from any of the 10 public access computers in the Library, or on any computer with Internet access at home, school, work or anywhere by visiting the Library’s website, www.SpringfieldTownLibrary.org.

With the online catalog, you can find books by entering an author, title, subject, keyword or phrase, or browse by call number, subject or other access points. Now, you can find things even if you don’t know the full title or the exact spelling. The new catalog will also tell you if the book you’re looking for is on the shelf or checked out, even when it’s due back. And for most titles, an image of the book cover is displayed along with a brief description and book reviews. You can set up your own personal Library account which allows you to see what 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. And for those who want to keep track of what they’ve read, the system allows you to save the list of every item you’ve borrowed. Of course, the Library values patron confidentiality, so that list is only visible to the patron and only saved at the patron’s request. It’s a whole new, exciting world of expanded access to library and information services!

That expanded access now allows patrons to search the Library’s extensive subscription databases. NewsBank’s Access World News, for example, provides the full text from over 1,600 newspapers in the U.S. and around the world, including Vermont newspapers from Bennington, Brattleboro, Burlington, Barre-Montpelier and Rutland. The Library also has full-text access to hundreds of magazines and scholarly journals through the Vermont Online Library and EBSCO’s Magazine Articles database. From the Library’s web site, patrons can check for new titles at the Library and search listings of best-sellers or award-winning books. Library patrons can locate accurate and up-to-date Health Information from reliable sources, search through Business, Finance and Employment information, Encyclopedia Britannica and World Book Encyclopedia online, local, state and federal government sites, or connect to local organizations. Dozens of free practice tests are available online through the Library, from fire, police and nursing exams through the GED, college entrance and graduate school exams.

To incorporate the new technology, the Library completed an extensive renovation and reorganization project this year, the

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

first major work inside the Library since the Flinn Room renovation in 1989 and the first changes in the lobby area since the 1978 addition opened a generation ago. The project creates a thoroughly new look as you enter the lobby. The old Reference Desk and Circulation Desk were consolidated into one Public Service Desk, allowing more efficient use of staff and improved service to the public. This new front desk was designed to accommodate two computer workstations for staff to perform these new online services. The Public Service Desk was constructed locally by Kiosko/Great Brook Furniture, with a spectacular marble countertop from NBC Solid Surfaces.



The new Public Service Desk is dedicated in memory of long-time Library Trustee Marjorie K. Lovell.

In addition to the Library’s new Public Service Desk, the main floor was completely reorganized. The New Books, Large Print Books and Audio & Video collections were relocated to make them more visible and accessible to the public and make room for 5 additional public access catalog computers. The electrical and telecommunications infrastructure was expanded, new flooring, lighting, shelving, benches and window treatments were added. A new power assisted front door and reconstructed, handicapped-accessible unisex restroom, along with improvements to the elevator, helped the Library comply with newer standards. A fresh coat of paint on the walls, ceiling, doors and trim throughout the building completed the transformation.

The Library held a Grand Opening on December 3, 2004 to celebrate the new computerized library system and the renovation project. Demonstrations of the online catalog and tours of the renovations were provided, and the new Public Service Desk was dedicated in memory of long-time Library Trustee Marjorie K. Lovell. The Springfield Garden Club decorated the Library for the Holiday Season and the Friends of Springfield Town Library furnished refreshments for over 300 people, the largest crowd in the Library in anyone’s memory! 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. It was a true community celebration of the Library’s transformation.

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Implementing this Integrated Library System was an enormous and painstaking project. Led by Technical Services Librarian Jo Coleman, the Library staff put in countless hours preparing bibliographic records to be entered into a computer database. The staff also attached the barcode labels generated during this lengthy process to the matching book or other material in the Library's collection of over 40,000 items. The database and 4,200 patron records were then installed on a Data Server which manages the Circulation and Cataloging functions. A separate Web Server manages the flow of information through the Library's network on a high-speed (100 Mbps) Digital Subscriber Line.

Library automation has impacted staffing patterns in other ways as well. Cataloging is now done online and records are downloaded to our catalog. We no longer print out catalog cards and don't have to file them in the card catalog. The library staff doesn't have to manually count, sort and file cards for each item we loan, nor search for that card when the item returns. Overdue notices are now printed in a matter of minutes instead of the hours it took to determine which items were late and type each one individually. Library staff now spend more time providing direct services to our patrons. Outreach Services and programming for both adults and children have benefitted from the additional time. Outreach Services include a Book Delivery service to people who cannot get to the Library, including shut-ins, nursing home residents and disabled patrons, home-based child care providers who cannot transport all of the children to the Library, and others. Children's Librarian Cheryl Cox also delivers books and programming to other child care facilities.

At the same time, the Integrated Library System requires staff time to operate and maintain. Along with all the benefits, it adds a new level of complexity requiring technical skills for all Library staff not previously needed. It also requires greater expertise to manage the new system and keep it running smoothly. Fortunately, the Library already had someone with that expertise in Library Technician Christopher Bloomfield who does an excellent job maintaining the system, troubleshooting problems that occasionally arise, and improving the functionality of the system.

Despite these two major projects, the Library was able to maintain or expand existing service to the community. The number of books and other items loaned during the year increased nearly 10%, from 46,274 in FY2004 to 50,581 in FY2005. Even though the total number of people entering the Library this year fell off somewhat due to construction and closing the Library for 8 days, the number of people visiting the Library during a "normal" week increased from 746 in FY2004 to 792 in FY2005. The use of our public access computers decreased from 12,140 to 10,548 in that same time period, again resulting from the disruption over the busy summer weeks. We began issuing new Library cards to patrons as their old card expired. 3,882 new cards with barcodes for scanning into the computer system were issued during the year while 954 registered borrowers were deleted. 5,578 new books and other items were added to the Library catalog during the year compared to 2,277 the previous year. Library staff responded to 1,456 requests for assistance in using the Library compared to 1,300 the previous year. At the same time, the number of books patrons asked the Library to borrow from other libraries through the Inter-Library Loan system increased 23%, from 488 in FY2004 to 602 in FY2005, while the Library loaned 225 books to other libraries.

The Library presented 228 programs for children and adults attended by 3,841 people. In addition to the traditional story times for Toddlers and Pre-School children and the Discovery Hours for school-age children, special events included a guest appearance by beloved children's musician Gary Rosen, storyteller Priscilla Howe and "The Great Scot" magician. Children's Librarian Cheryl Cox experimented with an early afternoon "Story Time for Non-Nappers" and continued last year's new services for young adults at the middle school and high school level. The Teen Advisory Council helped plan activities for their age group (grades 6 - 9) while older teens (age 16 and up) joined a Young Adult Summer Reading Club featuring book discussions led by Nancy Means Wright and graphic novelist Phil Crawford. Cheryl introduced a Mother-Daughter Book Club with a discussion of *Ella Enchanted in August* and *Jacob Have I Loved* in November. Services for this "Teens and 'Tweens" age group have been limited in the past, but Cheryl is making progress in attracting this often hard to reach population.

Programming for adults also helped attract teens with the book discussion series "Karen Hesse for Young and Old." The Library held programs on avoiding investment fraud, a living history performance by Robert Cheney as basketball creator James Naismith, and Bob Manning presented "The Neolithic World of Stone." The spring book discussion series on "Blue Collar America" featured four books on issues facing working Americans. The Library once again hosted the Citizens' Forum series on Monday afternoons, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, SAPA TV and WNBX.

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 \$3,500 in August 2004. 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 \$2,500 spent on Library programs in 2004, FOSTL funded the Book Lease service and other Library materials, furniture repairs, a newsletter and landscaping. 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. Led by President Linda Mattoon, 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 make the Library the outstanding community resource it is.

The Library experienced a major change in personnel this year. Rosemarie "Ro" Ratti retired in June, 2005 after 28 years of dedicated service to the community. Ro began her Library career in 1977 as a part-time Library Clerk and over the years did just about every job at the Library, but it is as Children's Librarian for 15 years that most people will remember her. She introduced thousands of children to the joy of books and reading, and worked closely with teachers, school librarians and child care providers in fostering children's welfare.

Ro always kept foremost her goal of providing the best possible library services to the community and served as a great role model for the rest of the Library staff, which includes Children's Librarian Cheryl Cox, Technical Services Librarian Jo Coleman, Library Technicians Chris Bloomfield and Tammy Snide, Library Clerks Tracy Obremski and Diane Henry, and Library Aides Ellen Morgan and Tracey Pratt. Patricia Augustinovich joined the staff in June, 2005, while high school Pages Amy Coonradt and Ethan Katz along with DJ Fusonie (formerly with

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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. Janet Tessier and 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. Jean Middleton and John Vorder Bruegge were elected to three year terms in March, 2005, joining Bill Mattoon (Chair), Fredda Kischko (Vice-Chair), Alan Fusonie, Miranda Bogardus 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 an exciting new future as it enters a new era in the information age.

Russell S. Moore
Library Director



Children enjoy working on a craft at Discovery Hour.



Long-time children's librarian, Rosemarie "Ro" Ratti, retired after 28 years of dedicated service to the community.

LIBRARY STATISTICS FOR FY2004-2005

HOLDINGS

Books	Adult	Juvenile	Total
July 1, 2004	27,484	13,450	40,934
Added	+ 3,149	+ 1,819	+ 4,968
Withdrawn	- 1,190	- 326	- 1,516
June 30, 2005	29,443	14,943	44,386

Audio Materials

July 1, 2004	2,808	788	3,596
Added	+ 290	+ 88	+ 378
Withdrawn	- 135	- 1	- 136
June 30, 2005	2,963	875	3,838

Video Materials

July 1, 2004	280	168	448
Added	+ 103	+ 129	+ 232
Withdrawn	- 11	- 2	- 13
June 30, 2005	372	295	667

Electronic Materials

July 1, 2004	64	56	120
Added	+ 1	+ 0	+ 1
Withdrawn	- 0	- 0	- 0
June 30, 2005	65	56	121

Periodical Subscriptions

Print Format	110	19	129
Electronic Format (Not Duplicated)	1,893	10	1,903
Total	2,003	29	2,032

CIRCULATION

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Printed Materials	25,848	17,067	42,915
Non-Print Materials	6,266	1,400	7,666
Total	32,114	18,467	50,581

PUBLIC ACCESS COMPUTER LOG-INS

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
	6,606	3,942	10,548

REGISTERED BORROWERS

	Adult	Juvenile	Non-Resident	Total
July 1, 2004	2,575	1,275	361	4,211
Added	+ 437	+ 140	+ 48	+ 625
Withdrawn	- 649	- 286	- 19	- 954
June 30, 2005	2,363	1,129	390	3,882
Renewed	651	198	55	904

INTER-LIBRARY LOANS

	Borrowed	Loaned	Not-Filled	Total
	602	225	51	878

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 is: Donald Barrett, Chairman; Donald Napsey, Vice Chairman; Ronald Higgins; Wilbur Horton, Jr.; Richard Fenton; Steven Kraft and Kelly Ryan. The Commission is short a couple of members. If you are interested in serving on this Commission, application for appointment may be acquired by calling the Town Manager's office at 885-2104.

Special thanks to Molly Sinclair and Susan Space for their service to the Town and the Planning Commission. We wish them well in their new endeavors. Welcome back to Richard Fenton after several years off the Commission and welcome to new member Kelly Ryan.

The Commission, with the assistance of the Regional Planning Commission, applied for and received a grant for \$8,000 to revise the Zoning Regulations as a follow-up to the Town Plan adopted in 2004.

Twelve requests for subdivision resulted in 14 new parcels. Two subdivision requests were held over to be completed in 2006. Subdivisions were approved for Drinker, Stern, Smith, Graham, Rogers, Stillman, LaCross, Anderson, Bishop, Graham and Berube.

In 2005, the Commission considered twenty-eight requests for site plan approval. Some notable changes in 2005 included the enlargements of the MARKO building and the Kiosko building in the North Springfield Industrial Park, the establishment of a new wood processing business for Stephen Kraft in the Industrial Park. A new building was approved for Lincoln Street, Inc. on River Street, support for Rice Oil to revitalize a property at the I-91 interchange, enlargement of Jake's South Street market, relocation of the Kiel Law Firm, new businesses in the Furman's building and the Woolson Block, a new hangar at the airport, and the removal of HoJo's Restaurant with a new entrance. VERIZON requested two site additions, the Springfield Housing Authority building and the SBA tower on Skitchewaug Trail.

Other activities were approved for Tim Blake, Todd Morse, Joe Cerniglia, Glenn Olney, Mike Woychosky, Deb Craigue, Parent Child Center, Turning Point Recovery Center, Robert Sumner, and Dan Matulonis.

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

The Commission considered several requests for zoning changes including the Chapter 117 mandatory changes that went into effect on September 1, 2005. The Board of Selectmen adopted interim zoning in September incorporating the changes required.

Three requests came to the commission from citizens for zoning amendments. A request to change the density requirements for the residential districts was received and the Commission drafted an amendment including a number of certain specifications for single family, two-family and multi-family use. The proposal was forwarded to the Board of Selectmen with a recommendation for approval. The Board of Selectmen declined to carry through with the proposed amendment. Two other requests were made to return areas once zoned for two acre development to that designation, one on the Pleasant Valley Road and one on the Connecticut River Road. The Commission declined to forward the requests to the Board of Selectmen choosing to review these areas when a comprehensive review of the Zoning Regulations is carried out over the next year.

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.

During 2005, the Zoning Board of Adjustment acted on twelve requests for conditional use permits, thirteen requests for variances and four non-conformance issues. All of the variances were related to residential properties concerning accessory structures or replacement of dwellings. Two variance requests were denied. There were no appeals of decisions of the Administrative Officer.

Zoning Regulations require that the ZBA establish who has party status in a proceeding warned for public hearing. If you do not participate in some way in the public hearing, you might not be able to appeal a decision made by the Board if you feel it adversely affects you.

Bruce Johnson
Chairman

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 2005, member towns contributed 3% to the Regional Planning Commission's annual budget of \$738,530.00. Town dues assessment was based on \$1.00 per person using 2000 census data, which for the Town of Springfield was \$9,078.00. The remaining revenues were derived from federal and state funding sources: Federal funding supported transportation planning activities, the administration of Community Development Block Grants, and the Southern Windsor County Brownfields Reuse Project; State funds were derived from the Agency of Natural Resources for environmental planning, and the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for land use planning and other related activities.

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

In addition to providing ongoing technical assistance to member towns, in the last year, the Regional Planning Commission assisted the Town of Springfield with amending their zoning bylaws to be in conformance with changes to the law. The SWCRPC worked with the Planning Commission on completing their Capital Budget and Program. The Regional Planning Commission continues grant writing and grant administration support to the Town. The Regional Planning Commission continues to assist the Springfield Regional Development Corporation and the Springfield Chamber of Commerce in their efforts to support existing businesses and to facilitate attracting new businesses to Springfield. The Regional Planning Commission is assisting the Town with the assessment and remediation of brownfield sites located in Springfield. The Regional Planning Commission continues to assist the Town 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 2005, Donald Barrett represented the Town to the Regional Planning Commission and Floyd Roberts was the representative to the Transportation Advisory Committee.

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Are you an INTERESTED PARTY? For each public hearing, the Planning Commission or ZBA must determine who has party status. If you do not participate in some way, you would not generally be able to appeal a decision of these boards as they relate to requests you feel have a direct impact on you.

During the year 2005 one hundred forty nine permits were issued. Most of these permits did not require a public hearing or other review. However, 74 public hearings and/or design reviews were made. Nineteen permits were granted for new single family dwellings.

SELLING OR REFINANCING? - If you plan to sell your property or refinance during 2006, remember, it is important to have your permits in place. Replacement of septic systems, other than replacing a tank, require a permit from the Town through the year 2007. After 2007, changes will be handled by the State. If you have elected to rebuild or construct a new disposal area for your septic without a permit, you will most likely delay your closing. For most sales or refinances, a request is made to the Town for a copy of all permits issued on a property since 1973. Your disclosure of information regarding your property will automatically lead to permit questions for septic systems, additions, accessory structures, etc. Protect yourself from delays in closing or loss of a sale by acquiring your permits as needed.

The office 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

SPRINGFIELD REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

“Great Things Happen Here” Our new 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.

We have been very active on a number of fronts this past year and the stage is set for continued economic growth in 2006.

Black River Produce completed its purchase of the former Idlenot Dairy and moved its distribution facility to that location in May. This project was a partnership with SRDC, the Chamber and the Town of Springfield all playing important roles in helping to bring this important property back to life.

We have been directly involved with discussions on several properties in the community. Catamount Infill Group, LLC was the successful bidder (twice) at the auction for the former Parks & Woolson property and we have been working closely with them as they work on their redevelopment plans for this portion of Springfield. In addition, we assisted in the reuse of the former REHAU with the expansion of Vermont Timberworks, as well as occupancy of their previous location. We also continue to be involved with other commercial/industrial property discussions as well.

One major industrial project is the former Jones & Lamson Plant 1, which is owned by SRDC. We have made a significant amount of progress on this project in recent months. Environmental testing was completed on the site this year and plans for remediation are in the process of being prepared. In addition, the SRDC Board recently approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Vermont Department of Historic Preservation, which will allow the project to proceed to the Act 250 process.

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. We have seen an increase in the caseload for the Small Business Development Center office (housed within SRDC) of 106% and contracts from the Vermont Training Program for this area have increased seven-fold since last year.

We continue to assist area businesses with expansions, training programs, financing and tax credits. Some of these businesses include NBC Solid Surfaces, Acrylic Designs, Lucas Industries, PCM-Image-Tek and others. We are currently in conversation with other Springfield businesses to assist them with possible expansion plans.

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 new Southern Windsor County Incubator project.

Recently, we completed the development of our first Marketing Plan, which will provide improved resources to help

our existing businesses as well as attract new companies to our region. We will roll out the “Great Things Happen Here” brand as well as redesign our web site (including a GIS-based component to showcase available commercial/industrial properties in the region).

Workforce Development remains 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 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 were also successful in obtaining funds to continue our Technology Grant program to assist 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

SPRINGFIELD ON THE MOVE

Springfield On the Move made a good deal of visible progress this year in improving Main Street.

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

- The \$300,000 Transportation Enhancement Grant award for the River Walk, written by SOM on behalf of the Town, was terminated because of an inability to obtain an easement from PVDC during the grant implementation horizon.
- Springfield On the Move made significant strides this past year in improving the Main Street streetscape. Efforts to create a small park on the site of the former Cannistraci property were the main focus of our work. Decorative fencing, site work, plantings and landscaping, including construction of a small stonewall, as well as benches and trash receptacles, were accomplished. Finish work will continue when weather permits.
- A very successful fundraising auction of painted Adirondack chairs was held in July. Local artists of all ages and talents decorated fifty chairs with proceeds supporting the building of Comtu Cascade Park - the name given to the pocket park. Board members Jessica Larivee and Bonny Andrews spearheaded a comprehensive direct mail campaign that raised nearly \$8,000. Additionally, all board members supported the campaign at the \$1,000 level with in-kind or cash contributions to secure the necessary funding for the park project.
- SOM provided input to the Town on the desirable streetscape elements to be included in the work on Main Street that is being funded by the million-dollar federal transportation grant awarded nearly three years ago. Construction on new traffic signals and sidewalks/streetscape work will begin in the spring.

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 only two spots currently remaining unoccupied.
- 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.
- A joint effort to address landlord concerns and problems with vandalism in downtown continued as we worked to find solutions.
- A Chamber representative on our Board keeps communication and collaboration at an optimum level.

SOM continues to collaborate with other organizations:

- In a joint project with the Garden Club, the wrought iron planter project continues on Main Street. New pole mounted trash receptacles will be installed this spring to help keep the streets a bit tidier.
- We continue to work with the Art & Historical Society and with the Tree Committee on downtown projects.

- 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 the pocket park plans.
- Thanks to a contribution in his memory by E. Sherburne Lovell's daughters and the additional gifts of other citizens, the falls at the PVDC dam continues to be lighted in the evening.
- Our focus in the coming year will be to initiate a downtown maintenance program. A liaison will coordinate with the Public Works department, downtown merchants and property owners.

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

Our interested and active broad-based membership is key to the successful revitalization of downtown Springfield because with only a half-time employee, much of our work is done by our dedicated volunteers. A hearty "thank you" is always due to those volunteers.

Financial support, a good partnership with the Town and a generous donation of volunteer time, make SOM the viable, energetic organization that is needed to spearhead revitalization efforts in our downtown.

Mary Helen Hawthorne
Executive Director

PRECISION VALLEY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Precision Valley Development Corporation(PVDC) continued to face many challenges in 2005, as it maintained stewardship of the original Fellows Corp. complex at 100 River Street.

Declining tenancy/revenues, coupled with the demands of an aging physical plant and increasing fuel costs, called the question of sustainability with even greater voice than in past years. In an effort to address these difficulties, maintain operation for our tenants, and support 100-plus jobs, a new building management arrangement was established through the auspices of Connecticut River Development Corporation. This arrangement, and the dedicated maintenance efforts of Ted Foster, have kept the facility successfully on-line.

Undoubtedly, positive long-term prospects for the facility lie in discovering new sources of significant capital. As the market now stands, demand for manufacturing space is weak, facility competition is strong and "venture capitalism" is extremely selective. It is with great hope that PVDC supports recent signs of development interest in Springfield.

As 2006 begins, PVDC looks back on over two decades of successfully supporting business and jobs in Springfield and will seek decisions fostering the greatest good for the community.

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, alternate. Regular meeting nights are the third Monday of each month unless otherwise set by the Board.

The Board reviews changes to the outside of buildings in the Downtown Design Review District. New signs are the most common requests made to the DRB. There are standards as to size and coverage for signs in all zoning districts; however, the DRB also looks at the proposed sign to determine if it suits the building's style, as well as the scale of the sign and how it fits on the building.

Other projects included:

- D&D Horse and Tack/Carl Durfee's Family Clothing and Footwear at 35 Main Street;
- Robert Mather, owner of 115 Main Street, carried out a project with new siding, windows and new covered entrance which was a great improvement to the downtown;
- Springfield on the Move came to the Board for the establishment of a mini-park at 10 River Street overlooking the falls, and the Board is looking forward to seeing the completed project;
- Chris Mason and Jessica Larivee have made several appearances for improvements to the Bakery Building and the associated structures on Main Street;
- Toshia Filion bought 18-20 Valley Street, moved her Real Estate Office to 18 Valley Street, and
- Video Time moved from River Street to 20 Valley Street.

If you own a building in the Designated Downtown Design Review District, **any changes to the outside of your building must come before the Design Review Board.** These changes include any exterior alterations, painting, window changes, roofing and the erection of any business signs. Please call the Town Office at 885-2104 and talk to Linda Rouse, 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 PC decision based on the recommendation of the DRB.

Theodore Reeves
Chairman

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

The George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) helps to bring together the technical, financial and administrative resources for 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 sources make up most of our budget. The Council is a self-supporting 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization. In 2005 working with our partner towns and organizations, we secured and administered over \$517,000 for natural resource conservation, public safety, and community development projects.

Some current projects include developing watchable wildlife tourism, stream bank restoration and watershed improvements, helping to develop an agricultural museum and helping to connect residents with locally grown food. In Springfield we provided a \$4,000.00 better backroads grant through the Southern Windsor Regional Planning Commission and \$362.15 to the fire department for the purchase of wildland fire gear. We also serve as the fiscal agent for the North School Recreation Park project in North Springfield. 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.hafuer@vt.usda.gov.

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 99.63%. This was exceptional due to the fact that the Authority had 23 units turn over this past year. The current waiting list shows 41 applicants.

This past year, the Authority scored a 96 out of 100 in the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS). This makes the Authority a High Performer per HUD guidelines.

The Authority was awarded another Capital Fund Grant (CFG) for \$182,609. These funds will be used for the following projects:

- Caulking the exterior of the Huber Building,
- Repairing the sidewalks at the Huber Building,
- Updating the security camera system at the Whitcomb Building, and
- Repairing the sidewalks and parking lot at the Whitcomb Building.

During the past year, capital funds were used to replace all the bathtubs at the Huber Building and update the security camera system at the Huber Building.

The Authority also manages 61 Section 8 certificates and vouchers. Last year, \$255,805 was paid to local landlords for our Section 8 tenants. The lease-up rate for this program was 96.17%. Currently, there are 52 families on the waiting list. The waiting period for local residents is about 5 months.

The Maples, the Rural Development project on South Street, is fully occupied, and there are 23 people on the waiting list. This past year saw an occupancy rate of 99.09 %. 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 95.46 % in 2005, and a waiting list of 17 families. The physical inspection of the property was conducted by the Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) in 2004. The property scored 97 out of 100. This means that HUD considers the property a high performer. The next inspection is due in 2007. This past year, all the windows were replaced with energy efficient vinyl case-ment windows at the cost of \$199,000.

Westview Terrace Apartments had an occupancy rate of 96.14% in 2005. 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. Three hot water tanks and carpeting in several apartments were completed as capital items in 2005.

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, Northern New England Tradeswomen Association, and the Rockingham Land Trust to build and sell 2 affordable homes. Over the next 3 years, our 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*
Peter Andrews, *Vice-Chairman*

Alan Pinders
Cynthia Gagnier
Beverly Corey

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 Cemetery and Pine Grove Cemetery, were 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 cemeteries, as well as St. Mary's Cemetery.

The cemetery crew constantly keeps working on cleaning 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, as well as 2 large weeping willow trees in Pine Grove Cemetery this past year. 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 preventing any possible damage to monuments in those areas.

The full-time cemetery crew during the operating months of April thru November only consists of 2 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 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 cemeteries, including St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, should contact William Young at the Davis Memorial Chapel at 885-3322. Feel free to call anytime.

William F. Young
Chairman

SPRINGFIELD HUMANE SOCIETY

The Springfield Humane Society, founded in 1941, takes in approximately 500 homeless companion animals each year. The majority of our animals are cats and dogs, but we also occasionally house small mammals such as rabbits, ferrets, and guinea pigs.

While only a few of our stray cats are claimed by owners, the majority of our dogs make it home. Both would find it easier if owners not only had collars and tags on their pets, but also utilized microchipping as a method of identification. Those not claimed are placed for adoption and we have an 85% adoption average. On average, our daily population is 12 dogs and 30-40 cats and kittens, with one or more small mammals.

We've recently started utilizing our big multi-purpose room as a Doggy Playroom, with one at a time coming in to play ball or get a tummy rub. Spending time with them in this manner provides us with additional information concerning temperament and gives us a better idea of the house manners they already have and those that need improvement. We are also utilizing this space to introduce dogs to potential adopters, removing the stress of the kennel environment when a dozen dogs are vying for attention. Staff and volunteers are dedicating more time to walking the dogs, giving them outdoor time in the play yard, and beginning basic leash and obedience training.

Prior to adoption, our cats are tested for FIV/Feleuk and receive a distemper vaccine and are checked for fleas and ear mites. We are thankful for the donors to our spay/neuter program, allowing us to have as many animals as possible spayed or neutered prior to adoption. Dogs are now receiving a distemper shot when they arrive at the shelter and are also checked and treated for parasites.

The agency receives no state or federal funds and is financed almost exclusively by private donations. We hold multiple fundraisers throughout the year, including our annual Walk in May, which is the perfect opportunity for us to visit with all our former canine boarders and is a great time for cat owners to wear their cat's photo as they walk to raise funds helping more animals. We could not operate without the support of the community.

Our shelter animals are available for viewing on the web at www.shs.petfinder.com and we are open to the public Wednesday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. Please visit!

GREEN UP DAY, MAY 7, 2005 THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY

Thirty-five years strong, "Green Up Day" is a special day when Vermonters clean and spruce up their communities. We were the first state in our nation to designate a day for such cleaning of the entire state. Working together, we can keep our unique Green Up spirit growing for Vermont.

Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization that works to enhance our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and educating about the benefits of a litter free environment.

Well over 15,000 Vermonters participated in Green Up Day 2005, using over 35,000 Green Up bags, collecting hundreds of tons of trash, piles of mixed metals and tires. Green Up Vermont continued providing widespread promotional support in excess of \$25,000. We also held a special appreciation celebration at Shelburne Farms in honor of all who have helped for many years.

The success of Green Up for Vermont depends upon two essential ingredients. One is the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups who volunteer to make it all possible; and two, the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont.

With your town's help, we can continue our unique annual Vermont tradition of taking care of our beautiful landscape and promoting civic pride so our children grow up with Green Up.

Careful use of resources minimizes Green Up's costs. The State appropriates funds that cover about 10 percent of our budget. The rest comes from gifts from towns, individuals and businesses. These funds pay for supplies including the thousands of Green Up trash bags, promotion and services of two part-time employees. We ask your community to contribute, according to population, to keep Green Up growing for Vermont.

www.greenupvermont.org
greenup@greenupvermont.org

Mark your calendars. May 6, 2006 is the next scheduled "Green-Up Day"! Get your boots, grab your gloves, invite a few friends and come join us in your community to make Vermont even GREENER!



NH/VT SOLID WASTE PROJECT

Springfield, Vermont is a member of the 14 town Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District (Vermont District). This Vermont District joined 15 New Hampshire towns, the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District (NH District), forming the NH/VT Solid Waste Project (Project). The two Districts jointly purchased real estate for the incinerator site in Claremont, NH and an ash landfill site in Newport, NH. A staff was employed and an office set up.

In 1987 the Project entered into a 20 year waste disposal contract with the Wheelabrator waste to energy incinerator in Claremont. That contract expires on June 30, 2007 giving the member towns the opportunity of finding suitable solid waste disposal possibilities. The political difficulties of working together as a bi-state disposal cooperative have created an atmosphere of tension and discord between the members. The Districts are in the process of selling their jointly held real estate assets in anticipation of the dissolution of the Project when the contract with Wheelabrator expires.

The Vermont District has been working on plans to set up its own office and management structure and a plan to deal with the member towns' solid waste management issues. An office and staff for the Vermont District either with a consulting firm or an individual employee is being considered with a goal of having professional leadership in place by June 2006. This would give the district a year of professional management assistance to find and contract with a waste disposal firm. The financial support for this developmental process is being met by assessing member towns a fee based on the average annual tonnage of solid waste each town disposes of. It is anticipated that future costs will be supported through a tipping fee surcharge once a disposal system is in place.

Waste reduction through recycling and reuse programs is a part of the Solid Waste Implementation Plan that the District is working on. The District has submitted a plan to the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources for their review and approval.

Forrest Randall, *Springfield Solid Waste Representative*
Hallie Whitcomb, *Alternate*
Mary Helen Hawthorne, *Alternate*

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

This year the Mt. Ascutney River Subcommittee updated the Recreation chapter of our *Connecticut River Management Plan*, taking a close look at river access, riverfront recreational development, swimming, fishing, boating, and area trails. A new water quality assessment conducted for us by the State of New Hampshire indicates that the water in the Springfield area is once again safe for swimming and other recreation. We have now begun work on revising and updating the water resources chapter of our plan.

The Subcommittee continues to carry out our legal obligation to provide information and assistance to the states, towns, and local landowners on projects near the river. We encourage all towns in our region to review our current *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*, and to incorporate its recommendations as they update town plans and revise their zoning ordinances, particularly for shoreland protection. Heavy rains can send sediment from land clearing and removal of riverside vegetation into tributaries, demonstrating the critical importance of giving rivers and streams enough room.

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

Kurt Staudter
Springfield representative

CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions have considered issues as wide-ranging as all-terrain vehicles and recreational use of the river to the Connecticut River Birding Trail and archeological discoveries in the valley. 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, preferring instead to ensure greater public involvement in decisions that affect the river region.

With the support of the four US Senators from the two states, the Commissions were able to provide \$85,000 in Partnership Program grants for locally-inspired projects, including an assessment of the Black River in Springfield and neighboring towns and an educational exhibit in Windsor on the role of the Connecticut River in the town's history.

CRJC supports efforts to safeguard natural, agricultural,

and historic assets of the valley, and are working with businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for tourism through the Connecticut River Byway. We brought Governors Jim Douglas of Vermont and John Lynch of New Hampshire together for a tour of the river region, including Springfield, and through our efforts, the 500 miles of state-designated roadway have been named a National Scenic Byway. CRJC provides coordination for the Byway effort. Visit the Byway at www.ctrivertravel.net.

We welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of each month. Visit our web site at www.crjc.org for a calendar of meetings, useful information and links, and our newsletters, River Valley News and River Byway News.

Ken Bishop
Connecticut River Commissioner

VLCT 2005 ACTIVITIES REPORT

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.

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 local governments. VLCT provides the following services to its member cities and towns to serve and strengthen the ability of municipal officials to provide quality services at affordable costs:

- Training, municipal assistance, and publications. In the past year, VLCT responded to more than 2928 telephone and e-mail inquiries. Our Municipal Assistance Center and Group Services staffs provided over 29 workshops and small group training sessions attended by 1300 municipal officials. VLCT distributed more than 400 copies of local government publications and distributed more than 2500 hard copies or electronic mail versions of VLCT's *Weekly Legislative Report* to municipal officials each week during the legislative session.
- Advocacy representation before the state and federal governments to ensure that municipalities have the resources and authority to serve their citizens. VLCT is a leader in the education finance debate, in land use discussions and in securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs.
- Purchasing opportunities to provide needed services at the lowest cost. These include an array of municipal insurance programs, among many others. Examples of how this saves local taxpayer dollars are the securing of 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 VLCT PACIF to all our members is realized daily as members take advantage of loss prevention training and assistance, as well as reasonable insurance rates. Combined, the three VLCT insurance pooling operations are responsible for over \$50 million in municipal tax dollars.

All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 146 other municipal entities including villages and fire districts. Membership dues are \$.77 per capita plus a \$500 service fee per year.

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.

SOUTHERN VERMONT RECREATION CENTER FOUNDATION, INC.

The Southern Vermont Recreation Center indoor walking track is once again open to the public, at no charge, for winter walking/jogging. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Our fund raising efforts continue. We have received more than \$100,000 in new Foundation grants over this last year. Additionally, we were notified in September that we received an Economic Impact Initiative grant from the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Division, in the amount of \$137,500. This grant will help offset the cost of the therapy pool construction.

Construction of this new health and recreation facility began in June 2005. At the time of this writing, the concrete work for the basement and pools is complete. The concrete crew will return in the spring to put the floors in. The main swimming pool is formed and the gunnite has been sprayed. Work is now in progress on the therapy and wading pool areas. The plumbing and electrical crews will begin work soon. Please stop by the site or visit our website (www.springfieldrecenter.com) regularly to watch construction progress.

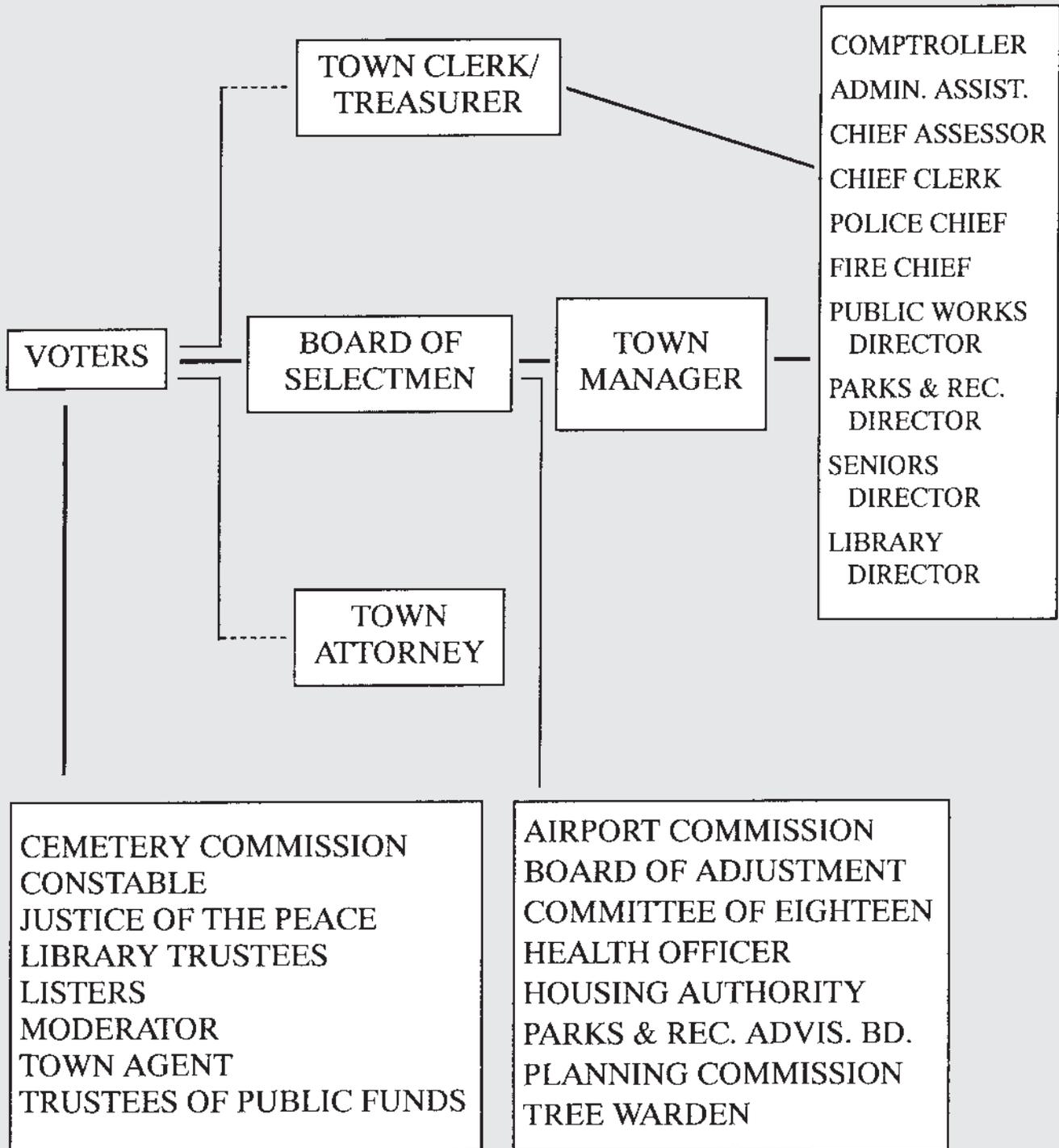
Finally, the Foundation opened its first business office in donated space in the Bank Block building. The office is staffed mornings, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., four days per week, by our Coordinator, Sharon Ayer. The office can be reached by phone (885-2564) or by email (reccenter@springfieldvt.com).

Statement of Income and Expenses Endowment Fund as established by the Town of Springfield Year ending December 31, 2005

Income:	
Interest from Endowment Fund:	\$49,879.15
Interest accrued	\$ 22.51
Subtotal:	\$49,901.66
Expenses:	
Springfield Taxes/Water & Sewer	\$ 5,311.31
Insurance	\$ 3,265.82
Utilities (electric & phone)	\$ 2,177.14
Maintenance	\$ 115.00
Bank Service Charges	\$ 58.00
Office Supplies & equipment	\$ 3,310.99
Dues and Subscriptions	\$ 149.95
Advertising	\$ 204.90
Administration/Consultant	\$ 6,146.44
Payroll Taxes (Federal & State)	\$ 1,373.72
Subtotal:	\$22,113.27
Balance	\$27,788.39

George W. Lamb
Interim Chairman
Board of Directors

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 VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE

*Home Care, Hospice and Family 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.

Town funding ensures that the following medically necessary and supportive services are provided to all citizens, including the uninsured and under-insured:

- Skilled clinical care and support during times of injury, short-term or chronic illness, or recovery from surgery or accidents. The most common conditions under our care are congestive heart failure, emphysema, diabetes, vascular disease, muscle disorders, and joint replacement.
- Nursing and physician care for pain and symptom management during terminal illness. Also addresses the psychosocial, emotional, spiritual, and financial concerns for patients, their families and their caregivers.
- Assistance to young families at risk. We help fathers and/or mothers who want to be more effective parents and care for newborns and children who have chronic illnesses requiring long-term support and care.
- Community wellness clinics including blood pressure, foot care, and flu vaccines

VNA & Hospice provided the following services in Town of Springfield this past year: (7/1/04-6/30/05)

Hospice Program		Family Support Services	
Patient families served	30	Families served	1
Volunteer visits	60	Individuals served	6
Volunteer hours	207	Home direct service hours	3
		Fatherhood dads served	1
Maternal Child Health Program		Nutrition/Food Programs	
Children served	98	CSFP clients	1
Home visits	488		
Home Care Program		Fall Prevention Program**	
Patients served Home Visits*	295 18,986	Home visits, March-Aug:	125

*Includes Nursing Care, Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy, Medical Social Workers, Home Health Care or Homemaker Services

**A new VNA & Hospice program funded by private contributions with the intent to prevent senior citizen injuries in the home and resulting hospitalizations.

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

Susan H. Larman
BSN, MBA President and CEO
VNA & Hospice of VT and NH

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.

Although cases are assessed on an individual basis, care is 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.

Since the inception of the clinic, a weekly clinic staffed by volunteer nurses, volunteer doctors or mid-level practitioners, and a grant funded physician assistant have been held on Thursday evenings to provide episodic care. As of January 2005, all patients are being referred directly to local health care providers for episodic, specialty, and primary care. Special clinics are held for adult immunizations and women’s health on-site.

In year 2005, the Precision Valley Free Clinic’s patient visits for medical, dental, pharmaceutical assistance, and social service referrals totaled 1,717. A total of \$164,877 of free medication was procured for patients through a pharmacy voucher program, samples and other pharmacy programs. Funds in the amount of \$21,214 were raised to assist in obtaining dental services. 643 services were provided to 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 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 of disease entities, investigating disease sources, 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 planning of and participation in joint exercises. In an actual event, if needed, your district office could operate vaccination clinics or clinics to distribute medications to prevent infection. Staff at the Springfield District Office continues to plan, exercise and evaluate local preparedness levels in collaboration with a variety of community partners.

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 checklist to evaluate food storage, preparation and handling as well as to identify high risk practices that may contribute to illness. Of the 45 establishments in Springfield, 44 inspections were completed by a sanitarian during 2004. For the most recent inspection scores and results in your area, please go to www.healthvermonters.info and select "Program List." Then scroll down to "Division of Health Protection" and select "Restaurant Inspection Scores."

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 control measures (including current treatment standards) and prevent further spread of the disease. In 2004, the department investigated 115 cases of disease in Windsor County.

Special Supplemental Nutrition Education 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 2004, 496 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, 2004- June 30, 2005, VDH assisted your THO and Springfield residents 25 times.

Vaccine-Preventable Diseases: Vaccine-preventable disease rates are at their lowest level ever. In 2004, there were Vermont reports of one case of mumps, 180 cases of pertussis, and no reports of measles, rubella, polio or tetanus. Proper vaccination protects children and adults against many diseases, saves health care costs, and minimizes sick leave from school or work. Immunization levels for Vermont children, while high, still fall short of the 90% coverage goal. During 2004, VDH distributed childhood vaccines to healthcare providers in the Springfield District valued at \$191,520.

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 to the west coast of 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. As of September 8, 2005, there have been 20,892 mosquitoes collected, of which 18,842 were tested. No mosquito pools have tested positive for WNV so far this season, and one WNV -positive horse from Orange County was reported to VDH. In Windsor County from June-September 8, 2005, there have been 56 dead birds reported, with 21 tested, and none found to be infected with WNV. There have been no probable human cases of WNV reported during this time period in Vermont.

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

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. COASEV staff, along with seniors and other community members, develop, advocate, coordinate and assure access to services which enhance the quality of their lives in Springfield. To accomplish this mission in Springfield we provide direct services as those listed below, as well as work collaboratively with other organizations in Springfield.

- **Information and Assistance** - through the Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 - Providing resources, tips, applications for benefits, and assistance with health insurance information. The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) provides assistance in selecting the appropriate prescription drug program as part of the new Medicare Part D.
- **Senior Nutrition** - Home delivered meals are currently provided through a contract with Meals on Wheels of Greater Springfield.
- **Transportation** - Providing door to door accessible transportation. In addition, special arrangements are made for non-Medicaid seniors requiring medical transportation.
- **Case Management** - Providing one-on-one case management to those wishing to stay in their community and by managing Choices for Care (formerly the Medicaid Waiver program) which provides nursing homelike care. With self-neglect referrals we assist the individual to become aware of and access services thus regaining control of their lives. COASEV currently provides these services to 295 Springfield residents at an annual cost of \$255,765.
- **Advocacy** - Assisting with accessing a wide array of benefits such as fuel assistance, food stamps, telephone lifeline, tax rebates, Supplemental Security Income, and Senior Companions. These services are provided through home visits.
- **Care Giver Respite** - Through grants we are able to provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia and other chronic diseases.
- **Planning** - for seniors is accomplished by working with legislators, other agencies, and the communities we serve.
- **Successful Aging Initiatives** - Providing a series of small community grants for groups and organizations to create and expand their programs.

Your town contribution of \$7,500 generates \$42,500 in Federal matching funds. Services are provided at no cost, but participants are encouraged to make anonymous, voluntary contributions. The support of Springfield citizens, as well as that of the hundreds of volunteers and dedicated staff, make these services possible.

Joyce A. Lemire
Executive Director

SPRINGFIELD FAMILY CENTER AT WHITE ACRES

This has been a very busy year for us on several fronts: client services have increased, staff members have decreased, and the continued renovation of our facility is moving forward at a fast pace.

This is the fourth year we have been in our new facility at White Acres and USDA Rural Development has continued to provide funds for restoration of our property. Our beautiful Colonial Revival style front porch has been restored to its original beauty, and we are near completion of the restoration of a similar rear porch. A handicapped bathroom equipped with a handicapped accessible shower is also nearly completed. Persons who are homeless need the shower. Our parking lot has been outfitted with colonial-style pole lamps. Also, with Rural Development funds, we were able to purchase a new cargo van to replace our 12-year-old pick-up truck.

The increased costs of heating fuel and gasoline created great stress on our budget, and by September we had to reduce staff by 1.5 full-time positions. As our clients experienced the same budgetary stress, demand for our services skyrocketed. Our faithful volunteers, who provided 44% of our services this year, enabled us to meet the increased needs of our neighbors in Springfield. Thank you volunteers!

As I reviewed the statistics we track about our clients, I noted a few trends:

- **Financial:** Participation in the Family Center Food Club has decreased by 50% in the last five years while use of the Emergency Food Shelf has increased, over the same period, by 164%. The Food Club is a program that requests a donation of \$10 for which you receive a \$50 value of first quality groceries. The Food Shelf is a free service. Today, our clients just aren't able to expend that \$10 for Food Club, and are using the Food Shelf more frequently. We saw exactly the opposite in 2001 before 9/11: use of the Food Shelf was declining as low-income Springfield residents had that \$10 to participate in the Food Club.
- **Education:** 42% of the heads of household have graduated from high school; 13% obtained a GED; 12% have attended college, however 31% have less than a twelfth-grade education.
- **Transportation:** 80% have a working vehicle or regular access to a vehicle. 13% walk to appointments and to purchase groceries. 7% use our local bus and/or pay to ride in a cab.
- **Nutrition:** 15% of the heads of household tell us they are not able to prepare daily meals - either because of a lack of skill or the impediment of a disability. 20% report that they do not have a kitchen in which to prepare meals.

Why financial support from the Springfield community is important:

1. Estimated value for the groceries distributed from our Emergency Food Shelf in 2005 = \$66,520. Children ate 32% of those food shelf groceries.
2. Estimated value for the meals consumed at our daily community meal site in 2005 = \$94,590. 30% of those meals were served to senior citizens.
3. Springfield dollars also leverage the following list of

Springfield Family Center (Continued)

services and programs: homeless prevention and assistance services help with financial needs; provides referrals to landlords and other agencies for households that are homeless or precariously housed; as available we give furniture and household items to families in need, particularly those re-establishing themselves after homelessness; we provide family holiday turkey baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas, assist with Community Dinners at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter; provide on-site employment training for adults and senior citizens; provide exercise and nutrition education to adults and children; the "Back to School Program" supplies shoes/ socks/underwear to children; "Welcome to the World" baby basket program provides low-income mothers with baby items and emergency services information; Summer Lunch Program feeds low-income children during the summer. We are one of three designated "Day Shelters" in the State of Vermont. As a Day Shelter, in addition to the above services, we provide shower and laundry facilities for homeless families and use of our phone for those families to make contact with their family, employers and potential landlords. We are the Salvation Army Welfare Office for Springfield. As Director, I am the Town Service Officer empowered to act on behalf of the Department of Children and Families when they are closed to provide emergency services to families. In Town emergencies, we are designated to provide food and beverages to emergency responders, such as the fire department, police department and other rescue teams.

Many thanks to everyone who supported our programs and services through donations of time, supplies and dollars. And special thanks to the Family Center Staff and Board of Directors for the hard work they accomplished in 2005.

Deborah Luse
Executive Director

SERVICE STATISTICS

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Households Served (unduplicated)	510	579	1036	1224	1183
Individual Adults Served (unduplicated)	1534	1745	1940	1330	1226
Children Served (unduplicated)	601	680	934	1620	1226
% Veterans	3	6	8	6	9
% Disabled	46	44	44	52	50
% Employed Part or Full time	36	34	30	34	25
% Has Health Insurance	79	73	67	77	64
% Has Phone/Access to Phone	68	73	70	75	81
% Has Car/or Ride	56	60	58	60	56
% Receives Food Stamps	44	72	49	50	45
% Has NO Income	21	19	20	34	18
Homeless Households (duplicated)	201	239	264	235	234
Individuals	490	584	601	695	652
% Children	45	47	44	64	45
% Adults	55	53	56	36	55

% Recidivism	23	25	27	28	30
Food Shelves issued (duplicated)	1030	1244	1463	1640	1663
Meals Served at Daily Community Meal	7800	9115	9353	7781	9459
Commodities to Seniors/Disabled	899	989	1001	936	669
Family Center Food Club (duplicated)	2979	1956	1994	1640	1380
Average # Households Served/month	125	82	84	75	58
Summer Lunch Program/Children Participated	193	72	171	61	42
# Meals Served to Children	2,791	1,327	3,149	1,833	1,375
Thanksgiving/Christmas Turkey Baskets	377	403	420	413	378
# Volunteers (unduplicated)					472
# Volunteer Hours					15,633

**SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT
COMMUNITY ACTION**

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

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

In the community of Springfield we have provided the following services during FY05:

- **Weatherization: 27 homes @ \$107,334.00**
- **Family Services (Outreach): 196 families; 1983 services (including crisis intervention, financial counseling, nutrition education, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services)**
- **Fuel Assistance: 150 assists @ \$34,487.00**
- **Micro Business Development: 20 individuals @ an average cost of \$824 ea.**
- **Individual Development Account: 2 individuals**
- **Head Start services: 35 families**
- **Parent Education: 6 families**
- **A community thrift store, providing low and no-cost clothing, furniture and housewares**

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

We thank the residents of Springfield for their support.

Stephen Geller
Executive Director

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.

RSVP is part of the Corporation for National & Community Service and is a United Way member agency. In July the Green Mountain Chapter of the American Red Cross became our new local sponsor. Our office has merged with Windham and Bennington Counties which gives us added strength and new energy.

Last year 160 volunteers from Springfield contributed over 20,000 hours of service to local non-profit and public organizations. The Springfield Senior Center, Springfield Hospital, Springfield Meals on Wheels and the Springfield Library, to name a few, benefited from their generous contribution of time.

This year, RSVP volunteers are receiving additional Adult Literacy training that will allow expansion of our previous Adult Literacy Program. Our volunteers received recognition from the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation for their hard work of maintaining trails in area state parks. We are now sending volunteers to 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.

Windsor County RSVP Budget FY 2005 - July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005

Revenue	Amount
Federal Grant	\$101,502
State Funding	\$21,545
Towns	\$5,100
United Way	\$4,000
Local Donations	\$4,970
Interest Income	\$1,500
Other Income	\$7,128
In Kind	\$15,480
TOTAL Anticipated Revenue	\$161,225
Expenses	
Salaries	\$87,360
Fringe	\$22,975
Staff Travel	
Local	\$2,615
Long Distance (includes conferences)	\$3,365
Supplies	\$2,500
Contractual Services	
VT \$ to Upper Valley RSVP	\$5,233
RSVP Volunteer Reporter software contract	\$250
Sponsor Administrative Fees (In-Kind)	\$11,550
Computer maintenance	\$900
Other Volunteer Support	
Postage	\$1,450
Telephone	\$1,800
Printing: stationery, newsletters	\$1,700
Rent	\$5,980
Dues	\$260

Subscriptions	\$25
Use of Conference Room (In-Kind)	\$1,000
Volunteer Expenses	
Training	\$1,500
Meals	\$332
Uniforms (bags for volunteers)	\$500
Recognition	\$2,400
Travel	\$2,080
Supplies for volunteers	\$750
Books for Children	\$3,800
Insurance	\$900
TOTAL Expenses for FY 2005	\$161,225

WINDSOR COUNTY PARTNERS

Mentors for Youths

Last year Windsor County Partners supported mentoring partnerships for 37 children throughout the 24 towns in Windsor County, including 14 Springfield residents. Fourteen of these friendships were new. Our corps of Senior Partner volunteer mentors spent over 4,300 hours with area children, providing them with guidance, modeling healthy behaviors, enjoying fun activities and opportunities outside of home and school. Thanks to implementation of our new evaluation program, we can provide data to support the assertion that new Junior Partners felt and exhibited increased confidence, connection, and competence within six months of being matched with their Senior Partners.

With WCP's support, Partnerships engage in healthy behaviors together. Our All-Partner activities continued at a successful monthly frequency with high attendance and group enthusiasm. Junior Partners especially enjoyed the opportunity to socialize and have wholesome fun with peers outside of home and school. We supported 13 All-Partner activities attended by a total of 126 Partners, including: holiday singing at the Cedarcrest Children's Home in Keene, a pool and pizza party, a picnic and trips to Dartmouth College sporting events.

We remain proud of each of our Senior Partners who continue to devote their time, energy, and enthusiasm to supporting the positive development of their Junior Partners. Several were recognized this past year. Of special note, the Vermont Mentoring Partnership presented Board Chair, Joe Rohrer, and his Junior Partner, Damian, the Mentoring Partnership of the Year award at the annual Mentors Make A Difference Conference. Thanks to the commitment and diligent support of each of our Senior Partners the program continues to thrive and enrich the lives of youth in our community.

Our adult volunteers initially commit to meet about three hours each week for a year with a child of the same sex. Many mentoring relationships last three or more years. All our services are free of charge to volunteers, children and families. We continue to grow and work to better serve more of the community's youth.

For information or to volunteer, please contact Mary Beth Heiskell, Executive Director, at (802) 674-5101 or (800) 491-5101 or windsorcountypartners@adelphia.net.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Your Meals on Wheels Program, even in the face of serious obstacles, has succeeded in meeting the current needs of the ever-expanding number of clients.

Though the economy has dented the program, the great support given by the community has made possible a service recognized as an example by many. For instance, by just looking into any account there is an increase to be seen in it. This eye-popping fact becomes even more relevant when you see even new expense accounts added to regular ones. For example, a new transport charge is now in effect for deliveries of foods to our site entirely dependent on how many miles and how much is brought to us. Other than that, all the others just went up like balloons. This makes it hard for the program to work within a tight budget that has little leeway in the first place.

This program is fortunate to be supported by a community knowing the full value of what is done by it. The old values of providing better nutrition to the community just must be made for the seniors and those with disabilities. Comments are heard all over by those who recognize what this program does in providing those confined to their homes getting a visitor with a friendly face with a meal each day; delivering a balanced hot meal to a person who might not be able to get one. And how about those who have a place to go for their balanced noon meal knowing that perhaps this exposure to their neighbors will lighten the daily cares we all have; joining with others under happy circumstances with a musical rendition for them while eating.

The Board of Directors wishes to express their appreciation to the some eighty-five volunteers serving and delivering which makes possible what is done and how well it is done. Thanks and appreciation is also made to our continuing loyal part-time staff of four.

Meals On Wheels of Greater Springfield provides the management for your Meals on Wheels Program and desires to thank the many who make this work of this nutrition program possible; particularly the Taxpayers, Town Officials and those who may be just cheering it all on.

Thank you all.

NEW BEGINNINGS, INC.

In our 25th year of service, New Beginnings, Inc. remains a non-profit agency providing 24-hour crisis and post-crisis services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Southern Windsor County. Whether “Susan” contacts us at 2:00 P.M. or 2:00 A.M., staff and volunteers are ready to address her needs. Susan, having been abused by her partner, may desire to speak with us by telephone to assist her in developing a safety plan for herself and her children. Or when necessary, Susan’s crisis may dictate that our advocate meet with her in the Springfield Police Station or the Hospital to help her apply for a relief from abuse order from the Windsor County Family Court. As part of our advocacy, we ensure that Susan is aware of area resources to meet her goal to remain free from abuse: temporary “shelter”, affordable housing and furnishings, food, clothing, public safety, legal, medical, educational, therapeutic, or peer support. With appropriate education and ongoing encouragement, Susan has an opportunity to become empowered, and she will have a stronger chance of being successful in maintaining her independence from her abuser and in maintaining her and her children’s safety. Additionally, Susan’s children may meet Erica, the Youth Program Coordinator from New Beginnings, while in school or at a community event to explore issues of bullying or healthy relationships, two of the many prevention education programs offered in area schools and in the community.

During the past fiscal year, our hotline staff and volunteers provided many thousands of hours of crisis coverage to residents of Springfield and Southern Windsor County. Our agency saw a slight increase in the number of service users in the region. Four hundred and twenty-seven victims of domestic and/or sexual violence contacted our staff or volunteers, 106 of whom were Springfield residents (both women and men). Of the 342 children exposed to violence among those 427 homes in Southern Windsor County, 102 children resided in Springfield.

We thank the people of Springfield for joining us in our mission to educate and empower survivors and community members to accept nothing less than non-threatening behavior, respect, trust, honesty, shared responsibility, and fairness in any relationship. Those receiving this message will, in turn, set an example for generations to come. We wish you all peace in your lives!

Terri A. Fisk
Executive Director

CONNECTICUT RIVER TRANSIT

Mission Statement:

CRT will provide coordination among public transit providers, human service agencies, employers and the traveling public to create a seamless and integrated public transit system that will: serve the public, support the economy and provide connectivity in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.

Contribution:

As the lower Connecticut-River Valley designated nonprofit public transit agency, we coordinate and provide 109,000 rides annually – about 1/2 on our bus and 1/2 on scheduled individual trips. To provide these services to our 30 surrounding towns, we ask each town for a contribution, to fulfill the local-support match requirements in order to access some of our \$2 million in total funding.

Services

We coordinate the delivery of and provide service to your residents in three forms:

1. Bus. We provide bus service into your town and to surrounding towns in the county connecting to and within Springfield, Windsor, Bellows Falls, Ludlow, and commuter routes into the Upper Valley, Brattleboro and Okemo.
2. Van. With our Dial-A-Ride service, your residents can call us two days prior to qualified appointments for which they need transportation, and we will send a bus, a van, or a volunteer driver to pick them up. The vans are also available to pick up your residents to transport them to VT Human Service Agency programs such as Adult Day. Our buses and vans are handicap- and wheelchair-accessible.
3. Volunteer drivers. As part of the Dial-a-Ride service, we coordinate all Medicaid patients' transportation services, using our buses, our vans, our own volunteers and RSVP volunteers. After screening the volunteer drivers for background checks through resourcing criminal records, DMV driving record checks, Adult Protective Services, and Child Abuse records, we ask to see proof of registration and insurance; we initiate and manage the Medicaid reimbursement paperwork, and reimburse non-taxable mileage to volunteers.

In the past fiscal year:

	Total boardings on the buses that stop in Springfield	Your residents have received services from: CRT Van & Volunteer Drivers
Hours	n/a	2,411
Boardings	39,696	12,639

In 2004, VTrans selected CRT as one of the state's two transportation providers who would develop an innovative, collaborative program to implement coordinated transit initiatives. Our carefully, flexibly, and cost-effectively coordinated plan ensures that all services are open to the general public; we strive to meet the mobility needs of employees, job seekers, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and visitors. This effort has contributed to an 18% increase in riders on dial-a-ride services, with a 7% decrease in the hours required to provide those rides.

Particularly with this year's challenges with fuel costs, public transportation is becoming a more vital part of Vermonters'

everyday lives. This year, we would like to talk with your residents about ways that you want to access more of our services. Do we need to publicize our services more thoroughly? Do you want more transportation options in your town? Would you like us to modify the services we provide? If you have any thoughts about these areas, or if you have any suggestions for effective ways for us to talk with your residents, would you please contact me?

Please contact us if you would like to schedule a ride or want any additional information. We appreciate your ongoing support.

Carol Stone
Outreach

SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY BAND

The Springfield Community Band was under the direction of Tom Heintzelman for our 60th season. We played 13 concerts; 10 in Springfield, one in Ludlow, one in Charlestown, NH and one in Walpole, NH. Our approximately 50 members were made up from area residents and students from Riverside Middle School and Springfield High School. This past year, after many, many years of use, the band "retired" the old trailer and bought a new one. The new trailer will give us more space for equipment and help keep things more organized. We have also made a donation to the Springfield High School band for allowing us to use their percussion equipment for our concerts.

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, 2005	
Cash on hand:	\$5,668.56
INCOME:	
Springfield, VT - 10 concerts	\$2,000.00
Out of town concerts	\$1,250.00
	<u>\$3,250.00</u>
EXPENSES:	
Director	\$665.00
Guest Conductors	\$255.00
Officers' Salaries	\$250.00
Hired Players	\$340.00
Music	\$192.00
Post Office Box	\$70.00
Equipment (Trailer, speakers)	\$3,242.79
Band Shirts	\$253.70
Misc expenses	\$106.89
Donation to SHS Band	\$250.00
	<u>\$5,625.38</u>
December 31, 2005	
Cash on hand	\$3,293.18

Karen Bailey
Secretary/Treasurer

INTERNAL AND AUDIT FINANCIAL REPORTS

BONDED DEBT REDEMPTION CHART (FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007)

Obligations	Maturity	Interest	Original Bonded Amount	Current Balance Outstanding July 1, 2006	Payment Fiscal 2007	Payment Fiscal 2008	Payment Fiscal 2009	Payment Fiscal 2010	Payment Fiscal 2011	Payment Fiscal 2012	Payment After Fiscal 2012	Fiscal 2006-2007 Interest
SCHOOL BONDS												
Renovation Projects	12/01/07	4.526	\$1,585,000	\$310,000	\$155,000	\$155,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$14,031
TOTAL SCHOOL BONDS			\$1,585,000	\$310,000	\$155,000	\$155,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$14,031
Balance of Bonded Debt School				\$310,000								
Payment Schedule School					\$155,000	\$155,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$14,031
Interest on Bonded Debt 2006-07 School												
TOWN BONDS												
Chlorine Contact	10/01/21	3.000	\$ 325,669	\$ 274,963	\$13,641	\$14,050	\$14,472	\$14,906	\$ 15,353	\$15,814	\$186,727	\$ 8,249
Sewer Treatment Plant	12/1/33	4.500	\$1,784,180	\$1,715,286	\$32,148	\$33,610	\$35,141	\$36,739	\$ 38,411	\$40,159	\$1,499,078	\$ 76,830
Aerial Fire Truck	12/01/16	4.422	\$ 600,000	\$ 440,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$ 40,000	\$200,000	\$ 18,840
TOTAL TOWN BONDS			\$2,709,849	\$2,430,249	\$85,789	\$87,660	\$89,613	\$91,645	\$93,764	\$95,973	\$1,885,805	\$103,919
Balance of Bonded Debt Town				\$2,430,249								
Payment Schedule Town					\$85,789	\$87,660	\$89,613	\$91,645	\$93,764	\$95,973	\$1,885,805	
Interest on Bonded Debt 2006-07 Town												\$103,919
TOTAL BONDED INDEBTEDNESS												
Total School and Town			\$4,294,849									
Balance of Bonded Debt School and Town				\$2,740,249								
Payment Schedule School and Town					\$240,789	\$242,660	\$89,613	\$91,645	\$93,764	\$95,973	\$1,885,805	
Interest School and Town					\$117,950							\$117,950
TOTAL PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENTS 2006-2007 FOR SCHOOL AND TOWN BONDED AND LONG TERM DEBT					\$358,739							

SYNOPSIS OF GRAND LIST

	Real Estate	% of G.L.	Inventory	% of G.L.	Machinery Equipment	% of G.L.	Total
1998	323,861,807	89.43%	23,666,950	6.54%	14,624,730	4.04%	362,153,487
1999	326,435,807	90.39%	17,828,650	4.94%	16,895,100	4.68%	361,159,557
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

FIGURES FROM THE PAST

Year	Grand List	Total Tax Rate	Town Tax Rate*	Town Tax Levy	School Tax Rate	School Tax Levy**
1999	Res	2,565,110	2.910	1.375	3,527,026	
	Com	1,001,589	3.083	1.548	1,550,460	
	Educ	3,278,289				1.535
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
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
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
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
2004	Res	2,650,255		1.6061	4,256,575	
	Com	864,766		2.088	1,805,631	
	Educ	3,344,344				1.7039 homestead rate 1.8069 non-homestead rate
2005	Res	2,672,805				
	Com	869,219		2.1638	1,880,816	
	Educ	3,362,883				1.882 homestead rate 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 2004-2005

TAXES ASSESSED AND BILLED:

	Assessed Value	Grand List (1% of Assessed)	Tax Rate	Total Taxes Assessed and Billed
Residential: Real Estate	\$265,025,500	\$2,650,255.00	1.6061	\$ 4,256,574.56
Commercial: Real Estate	\$ 69,212,200	\$ 692,122.00	2.088	\$ 1,445,150.74
Machinery & Equipment	\$ 17,509,100	\$ 175,091.00	2.088	\$ 365,590.01
Total Town Taxes				\$ 6,067,315.30
Education	\$334,434,400	\$3,344,344.00 **		\$ 5,826,445.00
TOTAL TAXES ASSESSED AND BILLED:				\$11,893,760.30

**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		\$11,623,421.98
Current year taxes delinquent June 30, 2005		\$ 270,338.32
		\$11,893,760.30

TAX COMPUTATION TABLE

BASED ON GRAND LIST OF \$3,542,024

\$0.01 will raise	\$35,420.24
\$0.02 will raise	70,840.48
\$0.03 will raise	106,260.72
\$0.04 will raise	141,680.96
\$0.05 will raise	177,101.20
\$0.06 will raise	212,521.44
\$0.07 will raise	247,941.68
\$0.08 will raise	283,361.92
\$0.09 will raise	318,782.16
\$0.10 will raise	354,202.40
\$1.00 will raise	\$3,542,024.00
Total listed valuation of Real Estate and Personal Property for Taxation	\$354,202,400
One Percent of Total Listed Valuation	\$3,542,024

DELINQUENT TAX CHART

TAX YEAR	Due as of 6/30/05	Due as of 6/30/04	Due as of 6/30/03	Due as of 6/30/02	Due as of 6/30/01
1989	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
1990	0	0	135.62	135.62	135.62
1991	0	0	470.36	470.36	884.36
1992	0	0	977.51	1,407.71	1,407.71
1993	0	0	312.00	312.00	411.59
1994	0	0	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,250.00
1995	167.32	802.57	1,840.88	1,840.88	1,840.88
1996	577.60	2,265.60	5,397.35	5,422.59	7,436.82
1997	597.40	2,343.20	3,784.31	4,214.44	4,946.51
1998	585.04	2,363.92	10,295.16	10,472.15	11,400.83
1999	580.92	3,082.54	9,079.22	9,548.72	14,622.87
2000	599.44	3,444.80	11,527.24	12,888.68	48,715.55
2001	739.07	4,120.10	10,528.27	50,178.25	201,727.72
2002	3,482.32	8,592.92	310,483.39	540,110.68	0.00
2003	4,213.36	72,593.52	531,632.97	0.00	0.00
2004	18,420.96	274,412.44	0.00	0.00	0.00
2005	240,374.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	\$270,338.32	\$374,021.61	\$898,714.28	\$639,252.08	\$295,780.46

TAX ANALYSIS PER HUNDRED ASSESSED TAX DOLLARS

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

2004-2005 BUDGET TO ACTUAL AT A GLANCE

Revenue Budgeted:	\$7,567,706
Revenue Received:	\$8,023,715
Variance:	\$456,009
Expenditures Budgeted:	\$7,567,706
Expenditures Paid:	\$7,958,437
Variance:	\$390,731
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures:	\$65,278

If you were a resident of Vermont on January 1, 2004 and occupied your property as of April 1, 2004 AND you filed your HS-131 by April 15, 2005, your tax rate was \$3.55 per \$100 of valuation. If not, your tax rate was \$3.5655.

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

resident	\$75,000	\$750	\$3.550	\$2,662.50
non-resident	\$75,000	\$750	\$3.5655	\$2,674.13

**BUDGET SUMMARY
FISCAL 2006-2007**

OPERATING BUDGETS	03-04 Expended	04-05 Expended	05-06 Budget	06-07 Dept. Head	06-07 Manager	Diff. From 05-06
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 504,983	\$ 548,049	\$ 571,251	\$ 659,321	\$ 677,489	\$106,238
POLICE	1,009,604	1,141,818	2,202,983	1,289,826	1,288,826	85,843
FIRE/AMBULANCE	846,337	895,466	893,014	934,539	932,039	39,025
PUBLIC WORKS	1,392,885	1,675,413	1,546,317	1,685,530	1,654,530	108,213
PARKS & RECREATION	211,110	240,994	248,544	262,955	262,955	14,411
SENIORS	34,825	36,692	35,593	38,985	38,985	3,392
LIBRARY	342,884	369,891	371,925	413,275	404,435	32,510
FIXED	1,823,867	2,033,246	1,949,807	2,163,221	2,171,221	221,414
REIMBURSABLE	156,006	183,819	160,000	185,000	185,000	25,000
TOTAL OPERATING	\$6,322,501	\$7,125,388	\$6,979,434	\$7,632,652	\$7,615,480	\$636,046
TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET			\$ 823,405		\$ 914,500	\$ 91,095
GRAND TOTAL GROSS APPROPRIATION BUDGET			\$7,802,839	\$7,632,652	\$8,529,980	\$727,141

**BUDGET SUMMARY
FISCAL 2006-2007**

	05-06	06-07	Difference	% Difference
Operating Budget	\$6,979,434	\$7,615,480	\$636,046	9.11%
Capital Budget	<u>823,405</u>	<u>914,500</u>	<u>91,095</u>	11.06%
Subtotal	\$7,802,839	\$8,529,980	\$727,141	9.32%
Revenue other than taxes	<u>-\$1,689,885</u>	<u>-\$1,948,275</u>	<u>-\$258,390</u>	15.29%
To be raised by taxes	\$6,112,954	\$6,581,705	\$468,751	7.67%

BUDGETED REVENUES

(other than taxes)

FISCAL 2006-2007

GENERAL	06-07	05-06	04-05	03-04
Fees and interest	100,000	100,00	100,000	100,000
Legal fees on tax sales	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Payments in lieu of taxes	210,000	170,000	110,000	110,000
Readiness to serve	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
TOTAL	376,000	336,000	276,000	276,000
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TOWN CLERK				
Licenses, fees and permits	81,000	75,000	75,000	78,000
Dog licenses	7,000	6,800	7,500	6,000
Liquor licenses	2,400	2,400	2,500	2,500
Town licenses	600	510	650	700
Marriage licenses	750	650	600	500
Hunting and Fishing licenses	725	725	950	950
Impound fees	0	0	1,000	1,000
Motor Vehicle Registrations	2,800	2,800	2,500	2,300
Passports	6,500	4,500	4,500	3,000
TOTAL	101,775	93,385	95,200	94,950
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PUBLIC WORKS				
Lots sold	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Burials	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
Interest public funds	10,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Class I highways	40,000	30,000	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	35,000	25,000	25,000
Transfer Station	222,000	175,000	160,000	140,000
Chester re-imbusement	25,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
TOTAL	567,000	505,000	480,000	460,000

BUDGETED REVENUES

(other than taxes)

FISCAL 2006-2007

Continued

POLICE	06-07	05-06	04-05	03-04
Police reports	3,000	2,500	2,000	2,000
State/local fines	35,000	35,000	25,000	25,000
Alarms and escort fees	1,500	2,000	1,000	1,000
Parking fines and rentals	6,000	4,000	11,500	11,500
Contractual services	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
TOTAL	55,500	53,500	49,500	49,500
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FIRE/AMBULANCE				
Ambulance stand-by/dispatching	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,000
EMS/CD	0	0	0	0
Ambulance	300,000	240,000	240,000	225,000
Fire reports	100	100	100	100
Rental of hall	300	300	300	200
Miscellaneous	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,000
Alarm boxes	14,000	13,000	13,000	12,500
Hazardous waste reimbursement	800	800	800	500
TOTAL	323,500	262,500	262,500	246,300
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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.	2,500	2,500	2,300	2,000
VSAC	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Non-resident Borrowers' fees	2,000	2,000	2,700	2,700
Library Trust Funds	5,000	5,000	0	0
TOTAL	10,500	10,500	6,000	5,700
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BUDGETED REVENUES

(other than taxes)

FISCAL 2006-2007

Continued

REIMBURSEMENTS & OTHER	06-07	05-06	04-05	03-04
Reappraisal Fund Transfer	200,000	0	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	172,000	117,000	366,000	234,800
Hydro generation	0	0	10,000	10,000
Paving Reimbursement	0	60,000	0	0
Retaining Walls	0	150,000	75,000	75,000
Civic Impr. Project reimbursement	105,000	65,000	50,000	0
COPS-School Grant	0	0	0	40,000
TOTAL	509,000	424,000	533,000	391,800
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GRAND TOTALS	\$1,948,275	\$1,689,885	\$1,707,200	\$1,529,250

PROPERTY TAX DUE DATES

THE TAX PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE JULY 1, 2006-JUNE 30, 2007
FISCAL YEAR IS:

FIRST QUARTER: AUGUST 15, 2006

SECOND QUARTER: OCTOBER 5, 2006

THIRD QUARTER: JANUARY 5, 2007

FOURTH QUARTER: APRIL 5, 2007

ANY PAYMENT NOT RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED BY THE DUE DATE
WILL BE SUBJECT TO AN INTEREST CHARGE. ANY 2005-2006 TAX
BALANCE UNPAID ON APRIL 5, 2006, WILL BE ASSESSED A PENALTY
OF 8%.

**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2005**

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The financial statements in the town report for 2005 include the independent auditor’s report, the government-wide financial statements, the fund financial statements, the proprietary fund statements, the fiduciary fund statements and the required supplemental information. In an effort to control costs, management’s discussion and analysis and the notes to the financial statements have been excluded. Anyone who is interested in obtaining a complete audit report for the fiscal year 2005 should contact the Office of the Comptroller, Town of Springfield, 96 Main Street, Springfield, VT 05156. The telephone number is (802) 885-2104. The e-mail address is tosfinance@vermontel.net.

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, 2005, 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, 2005, 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 *Governmental Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 11, 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.

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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.

January 11, 2006
Rutland, Vermont
VT Reg. No. 92-0000102

G.W. Peisach & Company, LLP

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
June 30, 2005

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,928,194	\$ 1,649,839	\$ 5,578,033
Investments	2,726,711	-	2,726,711
Receivables (net)	3,388,053	1,826,187	5,214,240
Internal balances	82,893	(82,893)	-
Inventories	-	56,885	56,885
Tax sale real estate	69,724	-	69,724
Capital assets:			
Land, improvements, and construction in progress	332,689	6,749,450	7,082,139
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	3,204,581	15,160,414	18,364,995
Total capital assets	<u>3,537,270</u>	<u>21,909,864</u>	<u>25,447,134</u>
Total assets	<u>13,732,845</u>	<u>25,359,882</u>	<u>39,092,727</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	739,171	523,577	1,262,748
Notes payable	-	4,950,000	4,950,000
Long-term liabilities:			
Due within one year	40,000	127,199	167,199
Due in more than one year	943,254	3,580,608	4,523,862
Total liabilities	<u>1,722,425</u>	<u>9,181,384</u>	<u>10,903,809</u>
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	3,057,270	13,355,750	16,413,020
Restricted for:			
Capital projects	207,796	72,611	280,407
Economic development	4,312,609	-	4,312,609
Other purposes	3,052,541	-	3,052,541
Unrestricted	1,380,204	2,750,137	4,130,341
Total net assets	<u>\$ 12,010,420</u>	<u>\$ 16,178,498</u>	<u>\$ 28,188,918</u>

See accompanying notes.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended June 30, 2005

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Governmental activities:							
General government	\$ 1,052,655	\$ 433,810	\$ 61,134	\$ -	\$ (557,711)		\$ (557,711)
Police	1,685,858	62,545	-	316,371	(1,306,942)		(1,306,942)
Fire and ambulance	1,351,756	333,124	-	249,990	(768,642)		(768,642)
Public works	2,710,198	279,345	275,711	155,155	(1,999,987)		(1,999,987)
Parks and recreation	317,833	68,536	-	-	(249,297)		(249,297)
Senior citizens	52,169	-	-	-	(52,169)		(52,169)
Library	537,079	3,530	745	-	(532,804)		(532,804)
Community development	300,157	-	30,426	-	(269,731)		(269,731)
Education (payment to school district)	5,826,445	-	-	-	(5,826,445)		(5,826,445)
Interest on debt	19,363	-	-	-	(19,363)		(19,363)
Total governmental activities	<u>13,853,513</u>	<u>1,180,890</u>	<u>368,016</u>	<u>721,516</u>	<u>(11,583,091)</u>		<u>(11,583,091)</u>
Business-type activities							
Water and sewer fund	2,115,325	1,613,953	-	4,250,638		\$ 3,749,266	3,749,266
Total business-type activities	<u>2,115,325</u>	<u>1,613,953</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,250,638</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,749,266</u>	<u>3,749,266</u>
Total	<u>\$ 15,968,838</u>	<u>\$ 2,794,843</u>	<u>\$ 368,016</u>	<u>\$ 4,972,154</u>	<u>(11,583,091)</u>	<u>3,749,266</u>	<u>(7,833,825)</u>
General revenues:							
Taxes					11,848,998	-	11,848,998
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs					4,333	-	4,333
Unrestricted investment earnings					126,719	36,127	162,846
Fees and interest					261,853	-	261,853
Miscellaneous					20,134	-	20,134
Transfers					(19,648)	69,000	49,352
Total general revenues and transfers					<u>12,242,389</u>	<u>105,127</u>	<u>12,347,516</u>
Change in net assets					659,298	3,854,393	4,513,691
Net assets - beginning					11,351,122	12,324,105	23,675,227
Net assets - ending					<u>\$ 12,010,420</u>	<u>\$ 16,178,498</u>	<u>\$ 28,188,918</u>

See accompanying notes.

**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2005**

	General	Special Revenue	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,532,498	\$ 1,906,583	\$ 155,184	\$ 3,594,265
Cash - Weathersfield Dam	133,616	-	-	133,616
Cash - Certificates of deposit	200,313	-	-	200,313
Investments	-	2,726,711	-	2,726,711
Delinquent property taxes	270,338	-	-	270,338
Receivables, net	111,796	2,866,028	-	2,977,824
Receivables from other governments	129,020	-	-	129,020
Due from other funds	200,679	-	-	200,679
Tax sale real estate	69,724	-	-	69,724
	<u>\$ 2,647,984</u>	<u>\$ 7,499,322</u>	<u>\$ 155,184</u>	<u>\$ 10,302,490</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
LIABILITIES:				
Accounts payable	\$ 217,073	\$ 59,806	\$ -	\$ 276,879
Accrued payroll and related taxes	128,362	-	-	128,362
Deferred revenues	252,380	1,057,147	-	1,309,527
Due to other funds	-	53,715	53,200	106,915
Accrued vacation pay	332,176	-	-	332,176
	<u>929,991</u>	<u>1,170,668</u>	<u>53,200</u>	<u>2,153,859</u>
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES				
FUND BALANCES:				
Reserved for:				
Long-term receivables	-	2,863,712	-	2,863,712
Economic development	-	490,221	-	490,221
Special purposes	100,000	2,974,721	-	3,074,721
Unreserved				
Designated for special purposes	500,508	-	-	500,508
Designated for future expenditures	333,605	-	-	333,605
Undesignated	783,880	-	-	783,880
Unreserved, reported in nonmajor:				
Capital project fund	-	-	101,984	101,984
	<u>1,717,993</u>	<u>6,328,654</u>	<u>101,984</u>	<u>8,148,631</u>
	<u>\$ 2,647,984</u>	<u>\$ 7,499,322</u>	<u>\$ 155,184</u>	<u>\$ 10,302,490</u>

See accompanying notes.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
June 30, 2005

TOTAL FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS		\$ 8,148,631
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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 \$6,391,550, and the accumulated depreciation is \$2,854,280.		3,537,270
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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	\$ 1,057,147	
Deferred tax revenue	<u>252,380</u>	1,309,527

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	480,000	
Accrued interest on bonds and notes payable	1,754	
Accrued compensated absences	<u>503,254</u>	(<u>985,008</u>)

TOTAL NET ASSETS - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES		\$ <u>12,010,420</u>
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See accompanying notes.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Year Ended June 30, 2005

	General	Special Revenue	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Property Taxes	\$ 11,971,645	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,971,645
Less payments to School District	5,826,445	-	-	5,826,445
Net taxes	6,145,200	-	-	6,145,200
Payments in lieu of taxes	276,870	-	-	276,870
Intergovernmental revenue	27,229	478,354	-	505,583
Collector's fees and interest	168,808	-	-	168,808
Licenses, fees and permits	115,256	48,153	-	163,409
Charges for services	1,281,932	-	-	1,281,932
Investment earnings	23,237	204,234	-	227,471
Trails and greenways	-	14,946	-	14,946
Hydrogeneration revenue	6,347	-	-	6,347
Miscellaneous	186,589	453	-	187,042
Other reimbursements	14,852	-	-	14,852
Total revenues	8,246,320	746,140	-	8,992,460
EXPENDITURES				
Current operations:				
Finance and administration	576,340	-	-	576,340
Police	1,250,966	453	-	1,251,419
Fire and ambulance	1,045,812	-	-	1,045,812
Public works	1,581,067	-	-	1,581,067
Parks and recreation	234,503	51,770	-	286,273
Senior Citizens	36,779	-	-	36,779
Library	376,518	-	-	376,518
Fixed costs	1,850,913	-	-	1,850,913
Other	181,827	17,920	-	199,747
Special appropriations	144,600	-	-	144,600
Windsor County Tax	41,498	-	-	41,498
Grant expenditures	-	587,697	-	587,697
SVRCF expense	-	100,412	-	100,412
Trails and greenways	-	10,797	-	10,797
Debt service:				
Interest	21,732	-	-	21,732
Principal	128,175	-	-	128,175
Capital outlay	820,364	-	-	820,364
Total expenditures	8,291,094	769,049	-	9,060,143
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(44,774)	(22,909)	-	(67,683)
Other financing sources (uses):				
Operating transfers in	49,352	-	-	49,352
Operating transfers out	(69,000)	-	-	(69,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(19,648)	-	-	(19,648)
Net change in fund balances	(64,422)	(22,909)	-	(87,331)
Fund balances, beginning of year	1,782,415	6,351,563	101,984	8,235,962
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 1,717,993	\$ 6,328,654	\$ 101,984	\$ 8,148,631

See accompanying notes.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT
OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

TOTAL NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	(\$ 87,331)
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 (\$1,189,281) exceeds depreciation expense (\$364,963) in the period.	824,318
Property taxes and principal payments on notes receivable are recognized on an accrual basis in the statement of net assets, not the modified accrual basis. The deferred property taxes decreased \$122,647. The deferred grant revenue revenue decreased \$162,734.	(285,381)
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.	159,348
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.	47,800
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.	<div style="border-top: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 50px;"></div> 544
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	<div style="border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 3px double black; display: inline-block; width: 100px;"></div> \$ 659,298

See accompanying notes.

**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
June 30, 2005**

	Water and Sewer Fund	Nonmajor Enterprise Fund	Total Enterprise Funds
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,646,896	\$ 2,943	\$ 1,649,839
Accounts receivable, net	641,038	-	641,038
Due from other governments	1,185,149	-	1,185,149
Inventory	56,885	-	56,885
Due from other funds	11,115	-	11,115
Total current assets	<u>3,541,083</u>	<u>2,943</u>	<u>3,544,026</u>
Capital Assets:			
Land	281,434	-	281,434
Buildings	15,470,187	-	15,470,187
Improvements other than buildings	5,174,395	-	5,174,395
Machinery and equipment	966,171	-	966,171
Construction in progress	6,468,016	-	6,468,016
	<u>28,360,203</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,360,203</u>
Less accumulated depreciation	(6,450,339)	-	(6,450,339)
Net capital assets	<u>21,909,864</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,909,864</u>
Total assets	<u>25,450,947</u>	<u>2,943</u>	<u>25,453,890</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	486,201	-	486,201
Accrued payroll	19,267	-	19,267
Accrued interest payable	18,109	-	18,109
Due to other funds	94,008	-	94,008
Notes payable	4,950,000	-	4,950,000
Current portion of long-term obligations	127,199	-	127,199
Total current liabilities	<u>5,694,784</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,694,784</u>
Accrued compensated absences	103,693	-	103,693
Long-term obligations, less current portion	3,476,915	-	3,476,915
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>3,580,608</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,580,608</u>
Total liabilities	<u>9,275,392</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,275,392</u>
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES			
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	13,355,750	-	13,355,750
Restricted for capital projects	72,611	-	72,611
Unrestricted	2,747,194	2,943	2,750,137
Total net assets	<u>\$ 16,175,555</u>	<u>\$ 2,943</u>	<u>\$ 16,178,498</u>

See accompanying notes.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
Year ended June 30, 2005

	Water and Sewer Fund	Nonmajor Enterprise Fund	Total Enterprise Funds
Operating revenues			
Water Sales	\$ 501,326	\$ -	\$ 501,326
Sewer Sales	1,066,276	-	1,066,276
Reimbursements	4,297	-	4,297
Total operating revenues	<u>1,571,899</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,571,899</u>
Operating expenses			
Wages	561,412	-	561,412
Administrative expenses	11,517	-	11,517
Maintenance expenses	242,469	-	242,469
Wastewater expenses	269,607	-	269,607
Dewatering and composting expenses	51,965	-	51,965
Repairs and maintenance	5,487	-	5,487
Fixed charges	300,338	-	300,338
Depreciation	590,616	-	590,616
Total operating expenses	<u>2,033,411</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,033,411</u>
Operating loss	<u>(461,512)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(461,512)</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):			
Access fee income	42,054	-	42,054
Interest income	36,127	-	36,127
Interest expense	(81,914)	-	(81,914)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>(3,733)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,733)</u>
Income (loss) before contributions and transfers	(465,245)	-	(465,245)
Capital Contributions	4,250,638	-	4,250,638
Transfers in	69,000	-	69,000
Change in net assets	<u>3,854,393</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,854,393</u>
Total net assets at beginning of year as previously reported	11,595,040	2,943	11,597,983
Correction of an error, recognition of deferred revenue	726,122	-	726,122
Total net assets at beginning of year as restated	<u>12,321,162</u>	<u>2,943</u>	<u>12,324,105</u>
Total net assets at end of year	<u>\$ 16,175,555</u>	<u>\$ 2,943</u>	<u>\$ 16,178,498</u>

See accompanying notes.

**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
Year ended June 30, 2005**

	Water and Sewer Fund	Nonmajor Enterprise Fund	Total Enterprise Funds
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash received from customers	\$ 1,553,014	\$ -	\$ 1,553,014
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(1,034,407)	-	(1,034,407)
Cash payments to employees for services	(550,415)	-	(550,415)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(31,808)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(31,808)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Change in due from/due to other funds	(91,454)	-	(91,454)
Transfers from other funds	69,000	-	69,000
Net cash used in noncapital financing activities	<u>(22,454)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(22,454)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(3,899,509)	-	(3,899,509)
Interest capitalized on construction of assets	(55,894)	-	(55,894)
Capital contributions	4,587,357	-	4,587,357
Principal paid	(115,106)	-	(115,106)
Interest paid	(80,762)	-	(80,762)
Net cash provided by capital and related financing activities	<u>436,086</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>436,086</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Interest on investments	36,127	-	36,127
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>36,127</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,127</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	417,951	-	417,951
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>1,228,945</u>	<u>2,943</u>	<u>1,231,888</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 1,646,896</u>	<u>\$ 2,943</u>	<u>\$ 1,649,839</u>
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Operating loss	\$ (461,512)	\$ -	\$ (461,512)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation	590,616	-	590,616
Provision for losses on receivables	63,000	-	63,000
Access fees received from customers	42,054	-	42,054
Change in assets and liabilities:			
Increase in receivables	(60,939)	-	(60,939)
Increase in inventory	33,730	-	33,730
Increase in accounts payable	(249,754)	-	(249,754)
Increase in accrued liabilities	10,997	-	10,997
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>\$ (31,808)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (31,808)</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, 2005

	Private- purpose Trusts
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 48,006
Accounts receivable	150
Investments, at fair value	<u>920,509</u>
Total assets	<u>968,665</u>
LIABILITIES	
Due to other funds	<u>10,871</u>
NET ASSETS	
Held in trust for other purposes	<u><u>\$ 957,794</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
Year ended June 30, 2005

	Private- purpose Trusts
ADDITIONS	
Contributions	\$ 9,161
Investment earnings:	
Net increase (decrease) in fair value of investments	11,508
Interest and dividends	40,805
Realized loss on investments	(95)
Total investment earnings	<u>52,218</u>
Less investment expense	(5,944)
Net investment earnings	<u>46,274</u>
Total additions	<u>55,435</u>
DEDUCTIONS	
Program disbursements	12,671
Administrative expenses	450
Transfers to Town funds	49,352
Total deductions	<u>62,473</u>
Change in net assets	(7,038)
Net assets - beginning of year	964,832
Net assets - end of year	<u>\$ 957,794</u>

See accompanying notes.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND
Year Ended June 30, 2005

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final	Amounts Budgetary Basis	Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Local:				
Property taxes	\$ 5,860,506	\$ 5,860,506	\$ 5,975,113	\$ 114,607
Payments in lieu of taxes	170,000	170,000	276,870	106,870
Collector's fees and interest	106,000	106,000	168,321	62,321
Licenses, fees and permits	95,200	95,200	104,051	8,851
Cemetaries	14,000	14,000	16,465	2,465
Public works	526,000	526,000	537,588	11,588
Police	49,500	49,500	61,064	11,564
Fire and ambulance	262,500	262,500	296,993	34,493
Parks and recreation	5,000	5,000	5,437	437
Library	6,000	6,000	37,798	31,798
Interest on invested funds	30,000	30,000	27,447	(2,553)
Other reimbursements	-	-	14,852	14,852
Hydro generation revenues	10,000	10,000	6,346	(3,654)
Equipment reimbursement	416,000	416,000	475,484	59,484
Miscellaneous revenue	17,000	17,000	19,886	2,886
Total local	<u>7,567,706</u>	<u>7,567,706</u>	<u>8,023,714</u>	<u>456,008</u>
Other appropriations raised by taxes:				
Special appropriations	144,600	144,600	144,600	-
Windsor County Tax	41,498	41,498	41,498	-
Total revenues	<u>7,753,804</u>	<u>7,753,804</u>	<u>8,209,812</u>	<u>456,008</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Finance and administration	542,881	542,881	548,049	(5,168)
Police	1,099,101	1,099,101	1,141,590	(42,489)
Fire and ambulance	823,734	823,734	895,622	(71,888)
Public Works	1,483,079	1,483,079	1,675,414	(192,335)
Parks and recreation	230,906	230,906	240,994	(10,088)
Senior Citizens	35,117	35,117	36,692	(1,575)
Library	346,048	346,048	369,891	(23,843)
Fixed costs	2,031,340	2,031,340	2,032,971	(1,631)
Reimbursable services - Other	150,000	150,000	183,819	(33,819)
Capital expenditures	825,500	825,500	833,395	(7,895)
Total budget subtotal	<u>7,567,706</u>	<u>7,567,706</u>	<u>7,958,436</u>	<u>(390,730)</u>
Other appropriations:				
Special appropriations	144,600	144,600	144,600	-
Windsor County Tax	41,498	41,498	41,498	-
Total expenditures	<u>7,753,804</u>	<u>7,753,804</u>	<u>8,144,534</u>	<u>(390,730)</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 65,278</u>	<u>\$ 65,278</u>

See accompanying note to budgetary comparison schedule.

**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
NOTE TO BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
Year Ended June 30, 2005**

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

	General Fund
Sources/inflows of resources	
Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "available for appropriation" from the budgetary comparison	\$8,209,813
Differences - budget to GAAP:	
Revenues received for restricted purposes not included in budgeted revenues	34,101
Revenue from changes in receivables not recognized for budgetary purposes	23,226
Grant revenues are recorded for budgetary purposes as reductions in expense	325,944
Amounts received for trade-ins on capital assets acquired are netted against the related expense for budgetary purposes	14,589
Amounts received from the Springfield Trustees of Public Funds are considered revenues for budgetary purposes and operating transfers in for GAAP purposes	(38,481)
Reimbursement contributions from designated funds recorded as revenue for budgetary purposes	(<u>322,872</u>)
Total revenues as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances - governmental funds	<u>\$8,246,320</u>
Uses/outflows of resources	
Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "total expenditures" from the budgetary comparison schedule	\$8,144,535
Differences - budget to GAAP:	
Additions to designated funds are recorded as expenditures for budgetary purposes	(288,299)
Expenditures from designated funds are not recorded as expenditures for budgetary purposes	57,577
The Town budgets for vacation time on the cash basis, rather than the accrual basis	105,748
Cost of capital assets acquired is recorded net of the amounts allowed for trade-ins for budgetary purposes	14,589
Grant revenues are recorded for budgetary purposes as reductions in expense	325,944
Transfers to other funds are outflows of budgetary resources but are not <i>expenditures</i> for financial reporting purposes	(<u>69,000</u>)
Total expenditures as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances - governmental funds	<u>\$8,291,094</u>

Streets of



The "Streets of Springfield" paintings that appear on the Cover and depicted here were created by students in Lisa Murray's advanced art and studio art advanced placement classes at the Springfield High School in the Fall of 2005. Through an Okemo Challenge Grant, Kevin Bubriski, a published photographer, worked with about thirty art students taking digital and black and white photographs; of various locations in Springfield. The students then processed and printed their photographs in the dark room with guidance from Catherine Moore. The photographs were then used as references to create large scale acrylic paintings that were exhibited at the Vault during October, 2005.



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1. Amanda Dailey – Grade 12
2. Svea Gammon – Grade 12
3. Felicia Blumenfeld – Grade 9
4. Katelyn Howard – Grade 12
5. Krystale Barraby – Grade 12
6. Laura Rosengrant – Grade 12
7. Mikhaila Janiszyn – Grade 12
8. Jaclyn Kushton – Grade 12
9. Dan McChesney – Grade 10
10. Keith Bevacqua – Grade 12
11. Stephanie VanAlstyne – Grade 12
12. Neomi Hennessey – Grade 11
13. Shannon Cross – Grade 12
14. Hillary Katz – Grade 12
15. Colin Foster – Grade 10
16. Alexandria Loutrel – Grade 12

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 Springfield District is to not only ensure that students gain appropriate educational skills; but to ensure that they become creative, positive, intelligent, ethical and concerned members of Springfield and the world communities. Our district's mission is extremely important at a time when the Town of Springfield works to re-define its 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. 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. I have never had the good fortune of working with a community that evidenced so much concern, interest, and understanding of their schools. Clearly, any systemic educational change can occur more smoothly and effectively with the cooperation of an understanding and supportive community.

Currently the district is hard at work maximizing the use of existing resources by making plans to renovate existing elementary school buildings. These improvements to the one hundred year old Park Street School and the more than fifty year old Elm Hill and Union Street Schools will enable them to serve the current and future needs of the children of Springfield for many years to come.

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 2004-2005 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 2004-2005 School Report to all interested community members. Please call the district office at 885-5141 extension 16 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 2004 - 2005 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 Town 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 2004 - 2005 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 \$191,619. Revenues were \$104,975 more than budgeted primarily due to increases in tuition students and interest income. Expenditures were \$86,644 under budget primarily due to lower than budgeted Special Education and Precision Valley High School Program costs.

The RVTC ended the year with a surplus of \$11,506. Revenues were \$10,864 more than budgeted, primarily due to an increase in Fall Mountain tuition students. Expenditures were \$642 less than budgeted primarily due to lower than projected physical plant costs.

Steven Hier
Director of Fiscal Services

SPRINGFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Director of Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction

In order to achieve the goals outlined in the district's Long-Range Plan, we are in the process of linking our improvement efforts in curriculum, instruction and assessment. The district has developed a process for renewing its curriculum on a five-year cycle to reflect current research and best practices in education. This process ensures clearly articulated outcomes for children in pre-K through 12 that is coordinated among and between our three elementary schools, middle and high school. In addition, teachers, principals, and the Director of Curriculum are engaged in a process to develop a comprehensive plan for assessing our educational programs. As we continue, our plan will reflect how we will assess students in core academic areas, as well as areas such as communication, thinking and reasoning. One of the two goals developed this year by administrators is to increase critical and analytical thinking skills across the curriculum in ways that subsequently increase test scores as well as overall academic performance.

Information is also being gathered about how well we engage families, the status of our facilities and school climate. This information will be used to modify our curriculum and instruction to better meet the needs of our students.

Springfield School District (Continued)

Student Assessment Information

Much of the information generated as part of our comprehensive assessment plan will be reported in the "Springfield School-Community Profile." This annual publication is distributed widely throughout the community and provides information related to student academic performance, student health and well being, district and programmatic goals.

Last fall, the district administered a new state assessment, the New England Comprehensive Assessment Project (NECAP), to students in grades 3-8. Students were tested in the areas of reading, language arts, and mathematics. The results of these tests will be available in late February and will be published in the School Report. At the high school level students in grade 10 were tested in reading, language arts, and mathematics in April of 2005 using the New Standards Reference Exam (NSRE). The state is in the process of transitioning from the NSRE to the NECAP, and in the fall of '06 eleventh graders state-wide will pilot this test.

For more information on school assessment data, please read the School Report, published in the spring of each year.

Another mechanism for analyzing our assessment information is the Action Planning process that takes place in each school on an annual basis. Each school develops an action plan in which student performance data is reviewed and goals are set for the coming year. Modifications to instructional practices, professional development planning, and continuous student improvement are the outcomes of the Action Planning process.

Promoting Safe & Respectful Schools

A second Administrative Council (AC) goal adopted last fall is a commitment to ensure a safe and respectful school climate throughout the district. This second goal defined by the AC is to promote socialization skills and civility in interactions within the Springfield School District Community. Numerous training activities for staff and students take place every year in an effort to raise the level of understanding around topics such as bullying, harassment, and respectful behavior. District administrators received training on harassment from Pietro Lynn from Vermont School Boards Insurance Trust. The district recently revised its policy entitled "Prevention of Harassment of Students." The district's policy states: "The Springfield School District is committed to providing a safe and supportive school environment in which all students are treated with respect. The district respects and promotes the rights of students and others to speak freely and to express ideas...however, the District does not condone and shall take action in response to behavior that interferes with the learning of students and is not otherwise a protected expression." The revised policy incorporates requirements outlined in state law that re-defines harassment and changes the school district's responsibilities in areas of notifications of patents, procedure, and investigation.

In an effort to expand the district's work in this important area, the Riverside Middle School is presently participating in the Olweus Project. The Olweus program focuses on the prevention of bullying. A group of 15 teachers and staff members have participated in the program. Springfield High has formed

a committee and is compiling data on bullying and harassment in order to develop a comprehensive approach to the prevention of bullying and harassment. The Elementary Schools use the Responsive Classroom model to develop pride and respect in their schools.

For more information on individual school efforts, contact the principal at each school.

Professional Development & Evaluation

Over the next several years the District will put an increasing emphasis on the exploration and development of a comprehensive system for staff development, evaluation, recruitment, retention and mentorship of new teachers. Throughout the past year, the District's teachers and administrators participated in multiple trainings and courses in order to improve teaching and learning.

Building on our strengths and learning new strategies allows us to enact our 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."

Dr. Judith K. Newman

Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

PARK STREET SCHOOL

Last year the elementary schools piloted the NECAP or New England Common Assessment Program. This test is taking the place of the NSRE or New Standards Reference Exam and will be given each fall at the elementary level to students in grades 3-5. The results are expected to be returned to the school in January. Teachers will use these results to improve their instruction which will improve student performance in English Language Arts and Math.

We are very proud of our after school programs. Last year, we continued to use the 21st Century Grant to provide 23 after school enrichment programs to 174 students. Children participated in programs like science, literature, math, computer, tutoring in reading and math, homework club, quilting, running, biking, pottery, microscopes, theater games, safe sitters, origami, cup stacking and video club. Looking at all these programs, 62% were academic. Math achievement scores were collected from the classroom teachers for all students enrolled in tutoring. The results were as follows:

80% of the children increased 1/2 to 1 grade level in math

89% of the children increased 1/2 to 1 grade level in reading/language

92% of the parents felt their child's behavior improved at school

87% of the parents felt their children were more eager to come to school

93% of the parents felt their children were eager to come to after school tutoring

92% of the parents felt there was an improvement in their child's academic performance as a result of the tutoring

100% of the parents reported that the after school tutoring helped to reduce the stress at home

- 100% of the parents felt that students were comfortable with the after school staff
- 71% of the teachers felt that the programs improved the children's participation in class
- 75% of the teachers felt that the children who were in after school programs were now performing at a satisfactory level or better

We want to thank Fran Schwarz for his hard work and dedication. He has spent an enormous amount of time organizing these programs for your children. The 21st Century Grant money offered to us is less each year in the hopes that a district will incorporate the program into their own local budget. It is our hope that you will support the \$40,000 we have put in our local budget to sustain this program. In my opinion, this is one of the most important contributions you could make to Springfield's children.

We continue to provide the LEAP Program which acts as another before and after school enrichment program. Tami Stagner, who coordinates this program, has offered students activities like: cooking club, arts and crafts, computer club, team games, a visit to the Grafton museum, kindermusic, a visit to Stonewall Farm, gymnastics club, visits to the town library, dance club, outdoor activities, bowling, photography club, science fairs, building with wood, sign language club, reading and math enrichment, drama club and so many more. Last year 60 children participated in the LEAP Program during the school year and 225 students participated during the summer. Thank you, Tami, for all that you do for our students.

Our guidance counselor, Jan Rounds, continues to support children in developing their interpersonal skills. She teaches in each of the classrooms throughout the year covering the following topics: respect, empathy, safe/unsafe touch, impulse control problem solving strategies, bullying, peer mediation, and anger and stress management. Jan also provides support to parents. They can use her as a resource at any time during the school year. Jan meets with 3-6 students every day for lunch. Her lunch groups address topics like changing families, managing anxiety, self esteem, anger management, improving friendships and social skills, and grief and loss. Last year Jan was able to meet with 80 different children. Jan also works on the Lunch Mentor Program. Last year she found 27 adults in the community who would have lunch with a child once a week. This 40 minutes a week makes a tremendous difference in a child's behavior and attitude. Thank you to all of you who have participated.

Lastly, we would like to thank last year's PTA officers Nicole Kollman, Sarah Moulton, Alicia Duncanson and Gay Mobus for their hard work. They organize parents so that many exciting experiences can be offered to Park Street Students. Thanks a million.

I love working with parents, the students and the staff at Park Street. Our school is full of dedicated, loving professionals who truly want the best for children.

Elm Hill is a small community k-5 school of about 123 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.

We have added a few new activities this year. In December, we traveled in buddy groups to the different classrooms and learned about holiday traditions and sampled cultural foods. A math night allowed students to show and share with parents and family the many things they have learned in math. We had our first Holiday concert in several years, and we had a full house.

We continue to take advantage of our relationship with the Grafton Science Museum and the Wellborn Ecology Fund. We are in the third year of a three-year grant that provides opportunities for our students to interact with and learn about the environment around them.

Thanks to a generous grant from Okemo, our students enjoyed a performance by the No Strings Marionette Company. Fourth and fifth graders continued the experience by participating in a two-day workshop to create their own puppets. The students then performed for the school during All School Meeting. The Okemo grant also provides the funds for drama productions and the school video news program.

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 as well as maintain and update our school web page (<http://springfield.k12.vt.us/elm/.htm>). Her enthusiasm and help have assured that all classrooms have the support they need to implement technology in their room.

This is especially important in the Kindergarten and first grade that 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 mobile computer lab is in such demand that we are looking into a possible grant to get another one.

We have a new school nurse this year. She has done a wonderful job of getting to know the students. She has written

a grant to educate about nutrition, implemented a daily tooth brushing campaign, and brought in a variety of outside speakers to enhance the health curriculum. Our school counselor offers programs that range from conflict resolution to student council.

We are honored this year to have two teachers recognized for educational excellence in Who's Who Among American Teachers. This is a great honor because these teachers have been chosen by someone in the community.

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.

Our fifth graders are skiing at Okemo again this year. I hope to expand the program next year to include the fourth and third graders.

It is impossible to speak of all the great things happening within our building. All one has to do is spend a Friday afternoon at our school meeting 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 were in attendance during our first semiannual "Elm Hill Pride Day." Volunteers scrubbed, power washed, mopped, weeded, planted and moved furniture until the building shined. The PTA, with the help of the Honor Society, hosted the annual Halloween party. They also hosted the Winter Carnival. Several parents spend time in the classroom volunteering; others do things to improve our building, such as building a new school sign and building a sand table for Mrs. Post's room.

It is this combination of parents, staff and students that makes Elm Hill such a great school. It is important that everyone in the community take a moment to learn about the schools their moneys are supporting. Stop in and visit and see what the next generation is up to.

Jonni Nichols
Principal

UNION STREET SCHOOL

The Union Street School continues to provide a learning environment that addresses the needs of the whole child. Our school embraces the belief that children can reach their academic and social potential if provided with a safe, inclusive and stimulating place to learn. Union Street is now in the ninth year of implementing approaches from the "Responsive Classroom" to create a community of learners encouraging cooperation, assertiveness, responsibility, empathy and self control. Activities engaging the whole school, such as All School Meeting each Monday, have been established to support our community building efforts. Special announcements, guest presenters, individual student recognitions and group singing are a regular part of the meeting. An open invitation is extended to family or community members to join us on any Monday morning during the school year.

The staff at Union Street has worked hard to meet the

requirements for highly qualified status set forth by the No Child Left Behind Act. All of the teaching staff and 86% of our para educators have achieved and are now recognized as highly qualified. The instructional focus is on improving instruction and student learning in reading, writing, math and science. Using data from State and local assessments, our Action Plan outlines specific steps to improve student performance in these areas.

The Bridge Kindergarten Program, located at Union Street, is a district-wide program and is specifically designed for students entering the Springfield School District. The purpose of the program is to assist children in learning the necessary skills and behaviors needed to be successful in their school career. 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. The Bridge kindergarten is a fluid, transitional program with the expectation that all children will transition successfully into a larger, regular classroom.

Union Street School offers a number of programs during and throughout the school year which benefit and enrich our students. Our music program includes a grades 3,4, and 5 chorus, which performs twice during the school year and instructional music lessons are available to all fifth graders. Our physical education program offers a cross country skiing experience for all students and a six-week downhill skiing program at Okemo for fifth grade students. Guidance and health lessons teaching students problem solving, conflict resolution, friendship skills and personal safety and personal hygiene are presented weekly.

Grants have enabled Union Street to offer enrichment opportunities to students during and after school. The Okemo Arts Grant allows us to fund a drama group who produce a student production in the Spring and an after school video club which produces a monthly news show on events happening at our school. The 21st Century Grant has funded an after school tutoring and enrichment program for our students and is now in its third year. Our fourth and fifth grade students have been participating in the Connecticut River Watershed Program. This program has been grant funded in collaboration with the Nature Museum at Grafton.

The students of Union Street School continue to reap the benefits from the many volunteer hours parents, high school students and community members give to our school. Our active PTA sponsors quality events for students and families throughout the year and contributes financial support to many of our school's initiatives. Their support and commitment have allowed us to enhance and enrich the learning opportunities available to all the students at the Union Street School.

Cheryl Hoffman
Principal

RIVERSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

In the 2004-05 school year, Riverside Middle School enrolled 318 students in grades six, seven and eight. Our school uses the team approach to support student learning in all

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areas. There were four academic teams during the last school year: a sixth grade team, a seventh grade team, an eighth grade team, and a seventh/eighth grade team. These teams meet during a team time every day to discuss student needs, meet with parents, plan curriculum and other duties. Our teaching staff consists of highly qualified teachers and paraprofessionals. We hired five new teachers for the 2004-05 school year: Ms. Jez (Grade 7 Social Studies), Ms Szeto (Art), Mrs. Sirotkin (World Languages), Mrs. Mackenzie and Ms. Simon (Special Education).

Riverside Middle School offers students classes in the four academic areas of Math, Science, Social Studies and Language Arts. Qualified students may also take Algebra I during Eighth Grade. We also offer Physical Education, Art, Band and Chorus. During the middle school years, students are also introduced to new curriculum areas, including Family and Consumer Science, Technical Education, Computers and Spanish or French. Our Sixth Grade students also receive instruction in Guidance and are introduced to World Languages through FLEX (Foreign Language Experience). Our teachers have worked hard during the last year to align curriculum with the new grade level expectations as outlined by the Vermont Department of Education. Beginning in October of 2005, students are being tested statewide on these standards.

We provide support for student learning through our computer labs and library. Other academic supports include a Title I Reading Program, Resource Room teachers, and Education Support Team meetings for students who are experiencing difficulty. We also have a strong student support system at Riverside Middle School. We have support staff consisting of a Guidance Counselor, Mental Health Clinicians, School Nurse, and Student Assistance Program counselor who help students in need.

Beyond academics, we also strive to build a healthy school climate in which students are safe and able to learn. We used the Supportive Classroom curriculum and had themes throughout the year to teach students important concepts such as respect, tolerance, and empathy. We also hold three Community Building Days throughout the year to promote school climate. Our students were involved in a number of activities ranging from "Red, White and Blue" competition, to healthy leisure activities, to community service projects. Students also participate in peer mediation programs, lunch groups and adult mentoring programs during their lunch times.

After school, Riverside is buzzing with activity. Our sports teams include football, soccer, cheerleading, cross-country, basketball, baseball, softball, and track. Students can also participate in a variety of clubs and leadership groups including Yearbook, Student Council, Run Girl Run, Vermont Kids Against Tobacco, Math Counts, Peer Mentoring at Elm Hill School, Peer Mediation and others. Our After School Program provides students with Homework Cafe as well as a number of enrichment activities ranging from Video Club, Drama, mountain biking, computer club, dream catchers, quilting, and more.

Our thanks to the many dedicated staff and volunteers who spend many hours making this vibrant learning community possible.

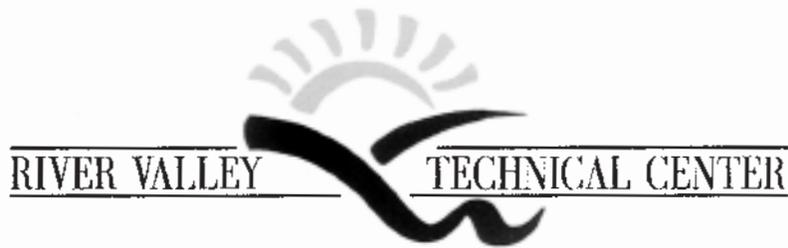
Springfield High School is the flagship of our community representing a source of tradition and pride for alumni, community members, and students. Springfield High School is a comprehensive school with 560 students in grades 9 - 12. The faculty, staff, and students at the high school represent a community 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, and other student - centered activities. Our athletic offerings include football, cross-country, soccer, girls and boys basketball, skiing, track, and tennis. This year, our boys' soccer team made it to the state finals and won the soccer officials' Sportsmanship Award for the state of Vermont. The cross-country team placed 2nd in the Marble Valley League and the boys soccer coach, Paul Kendall, won the Coach of the Year Award. 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.

Dr. Judson Bolles
Interim Principal
Springfield High School



"Educating Today's Students For Tomorrow's Careers"

RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER

Serving the high schools of Springfield, Chester, Bellows Falls, and Ludlow in Vermont and the Fall Mountain region in New Hampshire, the River Valley Technical Center continues to provide secondary technical education and training to high school students and adults. All programs prepare students for entry into employment, and/or programs of study in post-secondary education and training. The Center continues to implement new curriculum and programs that are based upon approved industry and national standards. Programs at the RVTC are available to traditional secondary populations and to adults in search of improving their technical skills. RVTC is offering adult technical education courses in a wide variety of subject areas during the fall and spring semesters. Please call us at 885-8300 if you are interested in learning more about the offerings of our adult education division.

The River Valley Technical Center is the largest occupant of the Howard Dean Education Center that includes the collocation of the University of Vermont, Community College of Vermont, Vermont Interactive Television Network, Three River Valley Business Education Partnership, and is connected to Springfield High School and the Springfield Public Access Television operations.

The Technical Center has been identified as one of the leaders in Vermont for new and innovative delivery of Technical Education. Programs at the Center use state of the art technology that is aligned with national skill standards and in many cases award dual credit for high school and college. During the 2004-2005 school year, the River Valley Technical Center provided programs at three of our sending high schools; our Health Career Academy at Green Mountain Union High School; Travel and Tourism at Black River High School; and Education Career Academy at Bellows Falls Union High School. Using distance education technology and remote laboratories, RVTC has provided access to an increasing number of students in a variety of program areas. Currently there are slightly more than three hundred students from around our service area accessing technical education at RVTC during this school year.

As more and more of our students come from outside of Springfield, (a little over 60% of the students are from outside of Springfield) there is a desire on the part of the sending school districts to have more say in the operation of RVTC. As a result, the current governing board is developing a plan that would allow for that to happen. A plan is being drafted that would create a regional technical education school district that

would govern RVTC. State statute requires a minimum of 60% of the membership of a regional governing board be made up of representatives of the districts that send students to the Technical Center. One of the largest concerns expressed from the Springfield perspective of this governance change is that Springfield would lose control of the Center. That is not an accurate assumption. If the proposal is approved through various steps, Springfield would share control with the other school districts that send students to RVTC. There are many checks and balances throughout the process that will allow for all stakeholders to voice their opinions in relation to this new governance structure. The RVTC governing board is drafting the document, and once approved by that board, it will be sent out to each of the sending school boards, including Springfield, for their comment and approval. Once that step is completed, the plan will be presented to the State Board of Education for their review, comment and approval. Once that is completed, the document will go to each of the twenty plus towns within our service region for their vote. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please call us at 885-8300 and we will do our best to respond to your requests in a timely manner.

RVTC continues to grow and continues to welcome public input in relation to our operation. The staff of the River Valley Technical Center welcomes all members of the community to visit and learn more about the opportunities we create for all. Visit with us at rvtc.org or give us a call at 885-8300.

Bob Bickford
Director

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
 FY07 PROPOSED BUDGET
 Enrollment Projections
 01/10/06**

Grade Level	FY05 Actual	FY06 Projected	FY06 Actual	FY07 Projected	Change
K	90	89	100	89	
1	97	89	92	99	
2	87	98	101	94	
3	107	87	94	102	
4	91	109	100	94	
5	100	94	94	104	
TOTAL K-5	572	566	581	582	1
6	88	103	99	97	
7	119	87	100	99	
8	101	120	126	101	
TOTAL 6-8	308	310	325	297	-28
9	130	118	139	148	
10	153	128	124	134	
11	113	139	146	116	
12	123	104	106	140	
TOTAL 9-12	519	489	515	538	23
TOTAL K-12	1399	1365	1421	1417	
FROM FY06 ACTUAL					-4
FROM FY06 PROJECTED					52

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BUILDING or DEPARTMENT	FY06 NOV 1st	FY07 PROPOSED	DOLLAR CHANGE	%AGE CHANGE
K-5	\$3,546,583	\$3,788,096	\$241,513	6.81%
Riverside	\$2,136,381	\$2,267,109	\$130,728	6.12%
High School	\$4,397,000	\$4,745,803	\$348,803	7.93%
Special Education	\$3,729,386	\$3,999,895	\$270,509	7.25%
Buildings & Grounds	\$1,963,507	\$2,233,275	\$269,768	13.74%
Capital Plan*	\$485,200	\$521,972	\$36,772	7.58%
Central Offices	\$723,164	\$783,422	\$60,258	8.33%
Debt Service	\$173,369	\$166,238	-\$7,131	-4.11%
Other	\$751,874	\$971,262	\$219,388	29.18%
Technical Center	\$1,848,184	\$1,941,617	\$93,433	5.06%
ORIGINAL TOTAL*	\$19,754,648	\$21,418,689	\$1,664,041	8.42%
Grants**	\$2,096,146	\$2,018,168	-\$77,978	-3.72%
REVISED TOTAL	\$21,850,794	\$23,436,857	\$1,586,063	7.26%
Technical Education	\$1,848,184	\$1,941,617	\$93,433	5.06%
Special Education	\$3,729,386	\$3,999,895	\$270,509	7.25%
Regular Education	\$13,691,878	\$14,955,205	\$1,263,327	9.23%
Capital Plan	\$485,200	\$521,972	\$36,772	7.58%
Grants	\$2,096,146	\$2,018,168	-\$77,978	-3.72%
TOTAL	\$21,850,794	\$23,436,857	\$1,586,063	7.26%
Special Article	\$238,500	\$360,600		
Budget Article	\$21,612,294	\$23,076,257		

* Includes any FY07 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.

ESTIMATED REVENUES
FY07 Proposed Budget
1/10/06

Revenue Source	ACTUAL FY04	ACTUAL FY05	CURRENT FY06	ESTIMATED FY07	Difference
TOTAL BUDGET (inc. Grants)	\$19,249,497	\$20,966,290	\$21,850,794	\$23,436,857	7.26%
LESS OTHER REVENUES					
State Aid - RVTC	\$783,943	\$829,188	\$904,617	\$970,516	\$65,899
State Aid - Special Education	\$1,716,866	\$1,940,055	\$2,128,955	\$2,294,317	\$165,362
State Aid - Pupil Transportation	\$132,605	\$130,895	\$125,425	\$133,344	\$7,919
State Aid - Construction (30%)	\$0	\$0	\$71,550	\$108,180	\$36,630
State Reimbursements - RVTC	\$388,356	\$437,411	\$477,822	\$503,706	\$25,884
State Reimbursements - Driver Ed.	\$9,290	\$9,434	\$9,000	\$9,600	\$600
State and Federal Grants	\$2,634,461	\$2,361,102	\$2,096,146	\$2,018,168	-\$77,978
Tuitions (K-12)	\$762,743	\$783,091	\$847,409	\$925,750	\$78,341
Tuitions (RVTC)	\$310,429	\$405,023	\$472,834	\$460,679	-\$12,155
Tuitions (Special Education)	\$52,000	\$56,500	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Tuitions (RVTC IEP Svcs)	\$76,065	\$73,065	\$75,879	\$75,941	\$62
Interest Income	\$29,771	\$56,257	\$35,000	\$70,000	\$35,000
Rentals	\$18,406	\$21,627	\$20,000	\$22,000	\$2,000
Athletic Gate Receipts	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
Criminal Justice Academy Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,922	\$3,922
Program & Misc. Rev. (RVTC)	\$8,581	\$122	\$10,168	\$0	-\$10,168
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$13,154	\$35,740	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
Prior Year Surplus (SSD)	\$4,051	\$230,106	\$97,251	\$191,619	\$94,368
Prior Year Surplus (RVTC)	\$49	\$6,323	\$10,223	\$26,175	\$15,952
TOTAL OTHER REVENUES	\$6,945,270	\$7,378,459	\$7,449,779	\$7,881,417	\$431,638
RVTC State Aid Flow Thru	\$470,610	\$464,583	\$457,500	\$444,250	-\$13,250
Education Spending Revenue	\$0	\$13,239,107	\$13,943,515	\$15,111,190	\$1,167,675
Property Taxes	\$6,710,371	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Aid	\$5,647,914	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$12,828,895	\$13,783,690	\$14,401,015	\$15,555,440	\$1,154,425
Estimated Equalized Pupils		1,457.11	1406.11	1362.94	-3.1%
Education Spending Per Pupil		\$9,405	\$10,242	\$11,413	11.4%
Common Level of Appraisal	87.41%	85.23%	79.64%	74.02%	-7.1%
Actual Residential School Tax Rate*	\$2.015	\$1.7039	1.882	\$2.083	10.7%
Change from prior year	\$0.196	-\$0.3111	\$0.178	\$0.201	
Percentage Change	10.8%	-15.4%	10.5%	10.7%	
Actual Non-Residential School Tax Rate*	\$2.015	\$1.8069	1.8975	\$1.999	
Change from prior year	\$0.196	-\$0.2081	\$0.0906	\$0.102	
Percentage Change	10.8%	-10.3%	5.0%	5.4%	

* FY07 calculations based on pending legislation which would reduce the base education tax rate to \$.99 for residential property and to \$ 1.48 for non-residential property.

Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by DOE

District: **Springfield**
County: **WindSOR**

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	Act 68			Act 68		
	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009
Expenditures						
1. Budget (local budget, excluding special programs reported in line 3, full tech expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$16,615,036	\$18,605,188	\$19,754,648	\$21,058,089		
2. plus Block grant paid by State to tech center in prior years under Act 60	\$470,610	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable		
3. plus Special revenue program expenditures (federal dollars, restricted grants, etc.)	\$2,634,461	\$2,361,102	\$2,096,146	\$2,018,168		
4. Locally adopted or warned budget	\$19,720,107	\$20,966,290	\$21,850,794	\$23,076,257		
5. 1. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	\$360,600		
6. 2. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-		
7. 3. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-		
8. Act 66 locally adopted or warned budget	\$19,720,107	\$20,966,290	\$21,850,794	\$23,436,857		
9. Union school or joint school district assessment	-	-	-	-		
10. Prior deficit reduction if not included in budgets	\$19,720,107	\$20,966,290	\$21,850,794	\$23,436,857		
11. S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-		
12. Prior deficit reduction (if included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-		
Revenues						
15. Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuition, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$4,256,751	\$4,901,497	\$5,353,633	\$5,863,249		
16. plus Capital debt aid	\$5,418	\$2,361,102	\$2,096,146	\$2,018,168		
17. plus Special program revenues (if not included in local budget; included in FY2007)	\$2,634,461	\$2,361,102	\$2,096,146	\$2,018,168		
18. minus Prior deficit reduction if included in revenues	\$6,896,630	\$7,262,599	\$7,449,779	\$7,861,417		
19. Total revenues	\$6,896,630	\$7,262,599	\$7,449,779	\$7,861,417		
20. Fund raising, if any (included in line 15)	\$6,896,630	\$7,262,599	\$7,449,779	\$7,861,417		
21. Education Spending (Act 68 definition)	\$12,823,477	\$13,703,691	\$14,401,015	\$15,555,440		
22. Equalized Pupils	1,509.96	1,457.11	1,406.11	1,362.94		
23. Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$8,493	\$9,405	\$10,242	\$11,413		
24. Less eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	not applicable	56.74	169.62	265		
25. Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable		
25a. Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable		
26. District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	\$1,753	138,305%	146,835%	155,703%		
27. Anticipated homestead tax rate, equalized	based on \$7.19	based on \$0.99	based on \$0.97	based on \$7.30		
28. Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	87.41%	85.23%	79.58%	74.02%		
29. Estimated homestead tax rate, actual	\$2,015	\$1,704	\$1,982	\$2,082		
30. Household Income Percentage for income sensitivity	3.19%	2.63%	2.72%	2.80%		
31. based on 2.0%		based on 1.9%	based on 1.85%	based on 1.80%		

The projected base education spending amount of \$7,330 is subject to legislative approval.

The base education homestead tax rate of \$0.99 and the income percentage cap of 1.80% are based on the recommendation of the Governor's Office and are subject to legislative approval.

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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, 2005, 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, 2005, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Springfield School District'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 *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 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 opinions.

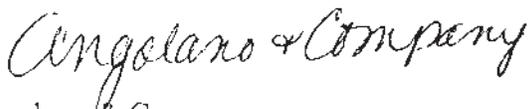
In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Springfield School District, Vermont, as of June 30, 2005, 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, 2005, 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 November 8, 2005 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 grants. 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 on page 5 is 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.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements of Springfield School District taken as a whole. 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 opinions 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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November 8, 2005

SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
Springfield, Vermont

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the year ended June 30, 2005

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, 2005 (FY05). 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 program's 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, 2005 and the change from Net Assets at June 30, 2004. This gives us a perspective on the district as a whole.

Table 1
 Net Assets at June 30, 2005 and Change from June 30, 2004
 (In thousands of dollars)

Governmental Activities

	FY04	FY05	CHANGE
ASSETS			
Current and Other Assets	\$ 1,770	\$ 1,792	\$ 22
Capital Assets (net)	<u>2,188</u>	<u>2,520</u>	<u>332</u>
Total Assets	3,958	4,312	354
LIABILITIES			
Current and Other Liabilities	661	646	- 15
Long-Term Liabilities	<u>705</u>	<u>465</u>	<u>- 240</u>
Total Liabilities	1,366	1,111	- 255
NET ASSETS			
Invested in Capital Assets (Net)	1,483	2,055	572
Unrestricted	<u>1,109</u>	<u>1,146</u>	<u>37</u>
Total Net Assets	\$ 2,592	\$ 3,201	\$ 609

Business-type Activities

	FY04	FY05	CHANGE
ASSETS			
Current and Other Assets	\$ 272	\$ 342	\$ 70
Capital Assets (net)	<u>35</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>-11</u>
Total Assets	307	366	59
LIABILITIES			
Current and Other Liabilities	33	26	-7
Long-Term Liabilities	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Liabilities	33	26	-7
NET ASSETS			
Invested in Capital Assets (Net)	35	24	-11
Unrestricted	<u>239</u>	<u>316</u>	<u>77</u>
Total Net Assets	\$ 274	\$ 340	\$ 66

For FY05, district Net Assets for Governmental Activities increased by \$ 609,443 or 23.5% (compared to a 9.1% increase in FY04). The major factors influencing this increase in Net Assets were the net combined operating surpluses of \$ 203,125 in the General Fund, the investment in capital assets of \$ 608,924 (mostly in the form of capital projects renovating and repairing buildings), and the accumulated depreciation on capital assets of \$ \$277,264. Additional details on these items are given later in this report.

For FY05, Net Assets for Business-Type Activities increased by \$ 66,172 or 24.2% (compared to a 29.1% decrease in FY04). The major factors influencing this decrease in Net Assets were the net depreciation of capital assets by \$ 10,707 and the growth of \$ 125,811 in accumulated carryover for the regional special education collaborative administered by the district due to higher than anticipated enrollments.

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 FY05 Cost of Governmental Activities
(In thousands of dollars)

	Total Cost	Net Cost
Instructional Services	\$ 12,842	\$ 11,237
Support Services	7,538	6,460
Other	<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>
Total	\$ 20,410	\$ 17,727

Some 86.8% of the cost of the district's Governmental Activities was funded through local revenues and unrestricted state grants and entitlements, as compared to 85.9% in FY04. State sources provided 94.9% 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 5.1%. 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 \$ 21,089,236 in revenue. This reflects a net increase in revenues of 7.2% from FY04. State grants increased by a total of \$ 1,581,364, driven by a \$ 1,349,113 increase in state education aid. Total Governmental Funds expenditures were \$ 21,169,593, an 8.4% increase from FY04 mainly due to increases in the local budget.

These increases in revenue and expenditure in FY04 and FY05 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 \$ 18,502,794 and exceeded estimated revenues by \$ 134,033. The major variation from estimated revenues was \$ 95,315 in additional tuition income for the district and the RVTC.

General Fund expenditures and other financing sources were \$ 18,520,911. This was under the budgeted expenditures by \$ 84,277. Of this amount, \$ 52,067 came from a lower than budgeted special education and Precision Valley High School Program costs.

The General Fund had a net operating surplus of revenues over expenditures for FY05 in the amount of \$ 203,125. This compares to a net operating surplus of \$ 157,959 in FY04. The components of this net surplus have been discussed in the preceding paragraphs. This amount, along with \$ 14,669 in surplus remaining from FY04, will be used to offset the expenditures of the FY07 budget. Of this combined amount, \$ 11,506 accrued to the RVTC and the balance of \$ 191,619 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 FY04 by \$ 69,035. This was due to projects funded in FY05 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 FY05 the fund balance of this fund decreased by \$ 78,311 due primarily to the transfer of the Maurice J O'Leary Scholarship Fund from the district to the SHS Alumni Association.

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 FY05 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, 2005 the district had \$ 465,000 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 is experiencing a decline in student enrollment. From FY92 to FY05 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, during FY04 and again in FY05 more ninth and tenth graders than projected were enrolled at the school. Under Vermont's education funding system, increases or decreases in enrollment directly affect state revenue for school operations.

Over the past seven years, the district has kept its spending for regular education at an average annual rate of increase of 3.4% which is slightly higher than the inflationary increase of 2.3% over the same time. This was possible due to a great extent to the decline in enrollment. However, special education costs (9.7%) and expenditures for the River Valley Technical Center (10.1%) have exceeded the inflationary trend. During the same period, the local school property tax rate has increased by an annual average of .5%, due to a substantial increase in state support in FY05.

The district is studying options for the upgrade and/or replacement of its elementary schools. A facility study in 2000 indicated that over seven million dollars of upgrades are necessary for Park St School, Elm Hill School, and Union St School with five million dollars of that needed for Park St School. Two study committees have been created by the Board to work on this issue. Both have completed their work with both recommending that Park St. School no longer be used as an elementary school. At Town Meeting on March 2, 2004 the voters chose among three K-5 building options in a non-binding referendum. Based on that vote, the School Board pursued replacing Park St. School by renovating and expanding Elm Hill and Union St. schools. A March 1, 2005 vote defeated a proposed bond issue to accomplish that. The Board is now developing plans to renovate Park, Elm Hill, Union, and possibly North School. A new facility study is in progress.

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, 2005

EXHIBIT I

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
ASSETS:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,575,629	\$ 325,134	\$ 1,900,763
Accounts Receivable - State	96,460		96,460
Accounts Receivable - Other LEAs	5,391		5,391
Accounts Receivable - Other	77,736	8,350	86,086
Prepaid Expenses	36,969		36,969
Inventory		8,429	8,429
Capital Assets, net (Note 5)	<u>2,519,763</u>	<u>24,333</u>	<u>2,544,096</u>
Total Assets	<u>4,311,948</u>	<u>366,246</u>	<u>4,678,194</u>
LIABILITIES:			
Cash Overdraft	94,274		94,274
Accounts Payable - Other	331,883		331,883
Deposits Payable		24,500	24,500
Accrued Expenses	64,341		64,341
Accrued Post-Retirement Health	3,037		3,037
Accrued Interest Payable	1,553		1,553
Deferred Revenue	96,487	1,765	98,252
Retirement Incentives Payable	54,400		54,400
Long-Term Liabilities (Note 10):			
Due Within One Year	155,000		155,000
Due in More Than One Year	<u>310,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>310,000</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>1,110,975</u>	<u>26,265</u>	<u>1,137,240</u>
NET ASSETS:			
Investment in Capital Assets, net of related debt	2,054,763	24,333	2,079,096
Restricted for Capital Projects	530,127		530,127
Restricted for Other Purposes	456,919		456,919
Unrestricted	<u>159,164</u>	<u>315,648</u>	<u>474,812</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 3,200,973</u>	<u>\$ 339,981</u>	<u>\$ 3,540,954</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, 2005

EXHIBIT II

	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Instructional:					
Direct Services	\$ 12,842,736	\$ 1,606,458	\$(11,236,276)	\$ -	\$(11,236,278)
Support Services:					
Student Services	1,951,456	463,907	(1,487,549)	-	(1,487,549)
Instructional Services	959,543	272,744	(686,799)	-	(686,799)
General Administrative Services	274,059	98,805	(175,254)	-	(175,254)
Area Administrative Services	1,449,680	79,694	(1,369,986)	-	(1,369,986)
Fiscal Services	316,396	21,413	(294,983)	-	(294,983)
Building Operations and Maintenance	1,927,352	2,403	(1,924,949)	-	(1,924,949)
Transportation	468,538	137,134	(331,404)	-	(331,404)
Other Support Services	190,986	612	(190,374)	-	(190,374)
Operation of Noninstructional Services:					
Food Services	536,104	516,445	-	(19,659)	(19,659)
Enterprise Fund Services	2,277,169	2,363,000	-	85,831	85,831
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	29,556	-	(29,556)	-	(29,556)
Total	\$ 23,223,575	\$ 2,879,445	\$(17,727,132)	66,172	\$(17,660,960)
General Revenues:					
Tuition			1,308,004	-	1,308,004
State Revenues not Restricted to Specific Programs			16,834,980	-	16,834,980
Private Revenues not Restricted to Specific Programs			46,716	-	46,716
Investment Earnings			60,806	-	60,806
Rentals			21,627	-	21,627
Refunds and Reimbursements			25,483	-	25,483
Miscellaneous			38,959	-	38,959
Total General Revenues			18,336,575	-	18,336,575
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenses			609,443	66,172	675,615
Net Assets - Beginning			2,591,530	273,809	2,865,339
Net Assets - Ending			\$ 3,200,973	\$ 339,981	\$ 3,540,954

Springfield School District
 Combined Balance Sheet
 All Fund Types - Fund Base
 June 30, 2005

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	\$ 617,405	\$ 428,097	\$ 530,127	\$ 325,134	\$ 116,500	\$ 129,553		\$ 2,146,816	
Investments						12,104		12,104	
Accounts Receivable - State		96,460						96,460	
Accounts Receivable - Other LEAs	5,391			8,350				5,391	
Accounts Receivable - Other	77,736			33,897		3,036		89,122	
Due From Other Funds				8,429			\$ 45,820	79,717	
Inventory								8,429	
Refund Deposit	29,300							29,300	
Prepaid Expenses	7,669							7,669	
Total Current Assets	<u>737,501</u>	<u>524,557</u>	<u>530,127</u>	<u>375,810</u>	<u>116,500</u>	<u>144,693</u>	<u>45,820</u>	<u>2,475,008</u>	
Other Assets:									
Fixed Assets				24,333				24,333	
Total Other Assets				<u>24,333</u>				<u>24,333</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 737,501	\$ 524,557	\$ 530,127	\$ 400,143	\$ 116,500	\$ 144,693	\$ 45,820	\$ 2,499,341	
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY:									
Liabilities:									
Cash Overdraft		\$ 94,274						\$ 94,274	
Accounts Payable	\$ 329,028	2,855						331,883	
Accrued Expenses	9,599							9,599	
Deposits Payable				24,500				24,500	
Due To Other Funds				33,897		\$ 45,820		79,717	
Deferred Revenue	18,504	77,983		1,765				98,252	
Amount Held for Agency Funds					\$ 116,500			116,500	
Total Liabilities	<u>357,131</u>	<u>175,112</u>		<u>60,162</u>	<u>116,500</u>	<u>45,820</u>		<u>754,725</u>	
Fund Equity:									
Fund Balances:									
Unreserved	272,896							272,896	
Reserved	107,474	348,445	530,127			98,873	45,820	1,131,739	
Retained Earnings:									
Undesignated				37,612				37,612	
Designated				302,369				302,369	
Total Fund Equity	<u>380,370</u>	<u>349,445</u>	<u>530,127</u>	<u>339,981</u>		<u>98,873</u>	<u>45,820</u>	<u>1,744,616</u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 737,501	\$ 524,557	\$ 530,127	\$ 400,143	\$ 116,500	\$ 144,693	\$ 45,820	\$ 2,499,341	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Springfield School District
 Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Assets
 Governmental Funds
 June 30, 2005

Fund Balances – total governmental funds \$ 1,259,942

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	12,228,671
Less accumulated depreciation	(9,708,908)

Bonds payable and contractual obligations have not been included in the governmental fund financial statements.

Bonds Payable	(465,000)
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Accrued liabilities have not been reflected in the governmental fund financial statements:

Vested Vacation Payable	(54,742)
Retirement Incentive Payable	(54,400)
Post-Retirement Health Insurance Payable	(3,037)

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.

(1,553)

Net Assets of Governmental Activities \$ 3,200,973

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, 2005

EXHIBIT IV

	Governmental Fund Types				Fiduciary Fund Type	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Project Fund	Debt Service Fund	Expendable Trust Funds	
REVENUES:						
Tuition	\$ 1,178,317					\$ 1,178,317
Special Education	56,500					56,500
Technical Center	73,187					73,187
Student Activities	2,500					2,500
Investment Income	56,257		\$ 4,549		\$ 2,703	63,509
Rentals	21,627					21,627
Indirect Costs	8,910					8,910
Donations					66,788	66,788
Refunds & Reimbursements	16,573					16,573
Administrative Fees	1,058					1,058
Miscellaneous	35,401					35,401
Private/Local	1,789	\$ 334,928	42,600			379,317
State	17,050,673	335,507	8,875			17,395,055
Federal	-	1,790,494	-	-	-	1,790,494
TOTAL REVENUES	18,502,792	2,460,929	56,024	\$ -	69,491	21,089,236
EXPENDITURES:						
Direct Services	11,057,524	1,606,471			49,463	12,713,458
Support Services:						
Students	1,458,724	489,351			91,431	2,039,506
Instructional Staff	698,449	272,744			938	972,131
General Administration	246,171	33,359				279,530
Area Administration	1,373,373	79,694			3,693	1,456,760
Fiscal Services	294,983	21,413				316,396
Operation & Maintenance of Building	1,906,735	2,403				1,909,138
Transportation	456,561	6,239			3,882	466,682
Other Support Services	84,658					84,658
Construction Services	38,297		517,989			556,286
Debt Service:						
Interest Payment				28,720		28,720
Principal Payment				240,000		240,000
Other Outlays	105,716	612	-	-	-	106,328
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	17,721,191	2,512,286	517,989	268,720	149,407	21,169,593
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	781,601	(51,357)	(461,965)	(268,720)	(79,916)	(80,357)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
Transfers In			531,000	268,720	1,605	801,325
Transfers Out	(799,720)	-	-	-	-	(799,720)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(18,119)	(51,357)	69,035	-	(78,311)	(78,752)
FUND BALANCE, JULY 1, 2004	398,489	400,802	461,092	-	177,184	1,437,567
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2005	\$ 380,370	\$ 349,445	\$ 530,127	\$ -	\$ 98,873	\$ 1,358,815

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

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, 2005

Net Changes in fund Balances – total governmental funds \$ (441)

Amount reported for governmental activities in the Statement of
 Activities are different because:

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:

Expenditures for capital assets	608,924
Less current year depreciation	(277,264)

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.

Bond proceeds	0
Repayment of bonds	240,000

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:

Accrued Interest Change	840
Vested Vacation Payable Change	573

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.

36,811

Change in Net Assets of Governmental Funds \$ 609,443

Springfield School District
Notes to Financial Statements
For The Year Ended June 30, 2005

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Springfield School District ("School District") is organized as a public educational district under the applicable laws and regulations of the State of Vermont. It is governed by a Board of School Directors elected by registered voters of the District to provide public education to the School District and grant oversight and administration. Except where noted, the accounting policies conform to generally accepted accounting principles, as applicable to governmental units.

The School District prepares its basic financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and other authoritative sources identified in the Statement on Auditing Standards No. 69 of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; and it complies with the requirements of the appropriate version of the Vermont Department of Education's Handbook for Financial Accounting of Vermont School Systems (The Handbook).

Reporting Entity:

The schoolboard is elected by the public and it has the authority to make decisions, appoint administrators and managers, and significantly influence operations. It also has the primary accountability for fiscal matters. Therefore, School District is a financial reporting entity as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") in its Statement No. 14. There are no component units included within the reporting entity.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements:

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities are government-wide financial statements. They report information on all of the Springfield School District's nonfiduciary activities with most of the Interfund activities removed. *Governmental Activities* include programs supported primarily by Taxes, State funds, grants and other intergovernmental revenues.

The statement of activities demonstrates how other people or entities that participate in programs the School District operates have shared in the payment of the direct costs. The "charges for Services" column includes payments made by parties that purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods or services provided by a given function or segment of the School District. The "grants and contributions" column includes amounts paid by organizations outside the School District to help meet the operational or capital requirements of a given function. If a revenue is not a program revenue, it is a general revenue used to support all of the School District's functions. Taxes are always general revenues.

Interfund activities between governmental funds and proprietary funds appear as due to/due from on the governmental fund balance sheet and proprietary fund statement of net assets and as other

Springfield School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2005

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

resources and other uses on the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance and on the proprietary fund statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net assets. All Interfund transactions between governmental funds and internal service funds are eliminated on the government-wide statements. Interfund activities between governmental funds and fiduciary funds remain as due to/due from on the government-wide statement of activities.

The fund financial statements provide reports on the financial condition and results of operations for three fund categories – governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. Since the resources in the fiduciary funds cannot be used for School District operations, they are not included in the government-wide statements. The School District considers some governmental funds major and reports their financial condition and results of operations in a separate column. The major funds are:

Governmental Fund Types:

- General Fund – The general fund is the School District’s primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
- Special Revenue Funds -- The School District accounts for resources restricted to, or designated for, specific purposes by the School District or a grantor in a special revenue fund. Most federal and some State financial assistance is accounted for in a Special Revenue Fund and sometimes unused balances must be returned to the grantor at the close of specified project periods.
- Capital Project Fund – The proceeds from long-term debt financing and revenues and expenditures related to authorized construction and other capital asset acquisitions are accounted for in a capital projects fund.
- Debt Service Fund – The School District accounts for resources accumulated and payments made for principal and interest on long-term general obligation debt of governmental funds in a debt service fund.

Proprietary Fund Types:

Proprietary Fund – The Proprietary Funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues result from providing goods and services in connection with a proprietary fund’s principal ongoing operations; they usually come from exchange or exchange-like transactions. All other revenues are nonoperating. Operating expenses can be tied specifically to the production of the goods and services, such as materials and labor and direct overhead. Other expenses are non-operating.

Springfield School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2005

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fiduciary Funds (Private Purpose Trust and Agency Funds):

- Agency Funds and Trust Funds – The Agency and Trust Funds are used to account for assets held by the School District in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other funds and/or governmental units.
- Agency funds are custodial in nature and do not involve measurements of results of operations.
 - The Expendable Private Purpose Trust Funds account for assets where both principal and interest may be expended. These are accounted for in essentially the same manner as Governmental Fund Types, using the same measurement focus and basis of accounting. The Nonexpendable Private Purpose Trust Funds account for assets of which the principal may not be expended but must be retained.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation:

The government-wide financial statements use the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as do the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental funds financial statements use the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, only current assets, current liabilities and fund balances are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present net increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses).

The modified accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues in the accounting period in which they become available and measurable and it recognizes expenditures in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable, except for unmatured interest and principal on long-term debt, which is recognized when due. The expenditures related to certain compensated absences and claims and judgments are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. The School District considers all revenues available if they are collectible within 60 days after year end

Revenues received from the State are recognized under the susceptible-to-accrual concept. Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenue when received in cash because they are

Springfield School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2005

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

generally not measurable until actually received. Investment earnings are recorded as earned, since they are both measurable and available.

Grant funds are considered to be earned to the extent of expenditures made under the provisions of the grant. Accordingly, when such funds are received, they are recorded as deferred revenues until related and authorized expenditures have been made. If balances have not been expended by the end of the project period, grantors sometimes require the School District to refund all or part of the unused amount.

The Proprietary Fund Types and Fiduciary Funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus and utilize the accrual basis of accounting. This basis of accounting recognizes revenues in the accounting period in which they are earned and become measurable and expenses in the accounting period in which they are incurred and become measurable. The School District applies all GASB pronouncements as well as the Financial Accounting Standards Board pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless these pronouncements conflict or contradict GASB pronouncements. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the fund Statement of Net Assets. The fund equity is segregated into invested in capital assets net of related debt, restricted net assets, and unrestricted net assets.

Other Accounting Policies:

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

For purposes of the statement of cash flows for proprietary and similar fund-types, the School District considers highly liquid investments to be cash equivalents if they have a maturity of six months or less when purchased.

Interfund Receivables and Payables:

Activities between funds that are representative of lending or borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as "due to/from other funds". All other outstanding balances between funds are also reported as "due to/from other funds".

Investments:

Investments are reported at fair value unless a legal contract exists which guarantees a higher value.

Accounts Receivable:

The accounts receivable balances at year end are from governmental entities, except in the

Springfield School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2005

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

proprietary funds which may have some receivables from individuals and no allowance for doubtful accounts is considered necessary.

Inventory:

Inventories consist of expendable items held for consumption. They are valued at cost on a first-in, first-out basis. In the governmental funds, the cost of inventories is recorded as an expenditure when individual items are purchased. Reported inventories are equally offset by a fund balance reserve to indicate that they do not constitute "available spendable resources" even though they are a component of net current assets.

Prepaid Items:

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future periods. In the fund based financial statements, the cost of prepaid items is recorded as an expenditure when the payments are made. In the government-wide financial statements and the proprietary funds, these items are recorded as prepaid items.

Capital Assets:

Capital assets, which include land, buildings, furniture and equipments, are reported in the applicable governmental activities column in the governmental wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the School District as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Land Improvements, buildings, furniture and equipments of the School District are depreciated using the straight line method over the estimated useful lives with a full year of depreciation taken in the year acquired and none taken in the year of disposal.

Long-term Debt:

In the government-wide financial statements, and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net assets. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources.

Budgets:

The School District is required by state law to adopt a budget for the General Fund. The budget is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting which is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). The operating budget is prepared by the School

Springfield School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2005

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

District's administration with direction from the School Board, and assistance from the Superintendent and Business Manager of the School District and approved by the Springfield School District School Board at a properly warned meeting for presentation to the voters. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures by line item and the means of financing them. The budget is approved by School District Voters at a properly warned annual meeting. The voters vote on the total expense amount and not on the individual line items presented in these financial statements.

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, Special Revenue Funds, and Capital Projects Fund. Encumbrances are not liabilities and, therefore, should not be recorded as expenditures until receipt of material or service. For budgetary purposes, appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end. The School District has elected to treat its encumbrances as liabilities for budgetary control purposes.

Net Assets and Fund Balance:

Government-Wide Financial Statements:

When the School District incurs an expense for which it may use either restricted or unrestricted net assets, it uses restricted net assets first unless unrestricted net assets will have to be returned because they were not used. Net assets on the Statement of Net Assets include the following:

Investment in Capital Assets, net of Related Debt – The component of net assets reports the difference between capital assets less both the accumulated depreciation and the outstanding balance of debt, excluding unspent proceeds, that is directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of these capital assets.

Restricted for Other Purposes – The component of net assets that reports the amount of revenue from a federal, state, or other program in excess of expenditures. These funds are restricted for use of the related federal, state or other program.

Restricted for Capital Projects – The component of net assets that reports the amount of revenue from bond proceeds, grants, and special assessments in excess of expenditures. These funds are restricted for the construction or acquisition of capital assets.

Springfield School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2005

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Unrestricted – The difference between the assets and liabilities that is not reported in net Assets Invested in Capital Assets, net of Related Debt, Net Assets Restricted for Other Purposes, or Net Assets Restricted for Capital Projects.

Fund Based Financial Statements:

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund balances as either a reserved fund balance or an unreserved fund balance.

Reserved Fund Balance – That portion of fund balance which is not available for appropriation or which has been legally segregated for a specific purpose.

Unreserved Fund Balance – Composed of designated and undesignated portions. The undesignated portion of the unreserved fund balance represents that portion of fund balance that is available for budgeting in future periods.

Function and Object Codes:

Function and object codes refer to the account code structure prescribed by the Vermont Department of Education. The Vermont Department of Education requires School District to use these codes in order to insure accuracy in building and maintaining a statewide database for policy development and funding plans.

Memorandum Only Columns:

The total columns are captioned "memorandum only" because they do not represent consolidated financial information and are presented only to make financial analysis easier. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or cash flows in accordance with GAAP. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

NOTE 2 - CASH AND REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS

Cash deposits with financial institutions at June 30th amounted to \$2,146,816. As major revenues are received during the year bank deposits may temporarily exceed insured limits

The cash deposits held at financial institutions and cash on hand can be categorized according to four levels of risk.

These four levels of risk are as follows:

Springfield School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2005

NOTE 2 - CASH AND REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS (CONTINUED)

- Category 1 Deposits which are insured or collateralized with securities held by the School District or by its agent in the School District's name (repurchase agreements).
- Category 2 Deposits which are collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the School District's name.
- Category 3 Private commercial insurance protection for funds in excess of FDIC limits.
- Category 4 Deposits which are not collateralized or insured (includes cash on hand).

The School District uses collateralization agreements to protect deposits not otherwise insured by the FDIC and/or SIPC.

Balances held in each area are as follows:

	Carrying Amount	Bank Balance
- Insured (FDIC) and/or (SIPC)	\$ 118,779	\$ 109,005
- Category 1	0	0
- Category 2	2,027,212	3,178,122
- Category 3	0	0
- Category 4	<u>825</u>	<u>0</u>
Total deposits	<u>\$2,146,816</u>	<u>\$3,287,127</u>

The difference between the book balance and bank balance is due to reconciling items such as deposits in transit and outstanding checks. Due to higher cash flows at certain times during the year, the amount of uninsured and not collateralized cash could have been much higher than at year end.

Collateralization agreements of \$3,178,122 are securities held by the bank's trust department or agent in the bank's name. Securities consist of municipal bonds, U.S. Government obligations and U.S. Government Agency Bonds.

Springfield School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2005

NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS

The School District invests its assets in various entities and/or debt instruments as described below. As noted some are insured by the SIPC (Securities Investor Protections Corporation). If the broker-dealer fails, the SIPC provides protection for customer accounts by returning securities registered in the name of the investor, distributing all remaining customer assets on a pro rata basis, and providing SIPC funds for all remaining claims of each customer up to a maximum of \$500,000, including up to \$100,000 on claims for cash.

Investments of the balance sheets of the School District are stated at cost plus applicable accrued interest. Market values include applicable accrued interest.

	Cost	Market Value
Securities held by School District registered to School District uninsured by SIPC	\$ 0	\$ 0
Insured (SIPC) and registered held by dealer/broker in School District's name Northwest Investors Trust	Unknown	12,104
Uninsured, registered held by dealer/broker in School District's name	0	0
Insured (SIPC) unregistered held by dealer/broker	0	0
Uninsured, unregistered held by dealer/broker	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>\$12,104</u>

NOTE 4 - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES

In compliance with GASB 1300.109 School District does not maintain separate bank accounts for each fund, unless it is required by law, or grant agreement.

Springfield School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2005

NOTE 4 - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES (CONTINUED)

The composition of amounts due to and from other funds as of June 30, 2005 is as follows:

Fund Financial Statements:	Payable Fund	Amount
Receivable Fund		
Enterprise Fund – Food Program	Enterprise Fund - Other Enterprises	\$33,897
Non-expendable Trust Funds:	Expendable Trust Funds:	
Gerry Hubert	Expendable Trusts	11,650
Honuca Yesman	Expendable Trusts	10,000
Grant Scholarship	Expendable Trusts	20,000
Dutton Scholarship	Expendable Trusts	<u>4,170</u>
Total		<u>\$79,717</u>

NOTE 5 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital activity for the School District for the year ended June 30, 2005 was as follows:

	<u>Primary Government</u>			Ending Balance
	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depr.				
Land	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$0	\$ 0
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Other Capital Assets:				
Land Improvements	179,000	83,941	0	262,941
Buildings	10,443,500	0	0	10,443,500
Building Improvements	0	256,353	0	256,353
Infrastructure	0	0	0	0
Furniture and Equipment	884,018	268,630	0	1,152,648
Vehicles	<u>113,229</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>113,229</u>
Total other capital assets at historical costs	<u>11,619,747</u>	<u>608,924</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,228,671</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Land Improvements	129,775	13,149	0	142,924

Springfield School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2005

NOTE 5 – CAPITAL ASSETS (continued)

	<u>Primary Government</u>			Ending Balance
	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	
Buildings	\$ 8,531,735	\$189,029	\$0	\$ 8,720,764
Building Improvements	0	10,254	0	10,254
Infrastructure	0	0	0	0
Furniture and Equipment	714,675	52,342	0	767,017
Vehicles	<u>55,459</u>	<u>12,490</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>67,949</u>
Total accum. depr.	<u>9,431,644</u>	<u>277,264</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,708,908</u>
Other Capital Assets, Net	<u>2,188,103</u>	<u>331,660</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,519,763</u>
Governmental activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 2,188,103</u>	<u>\$331,660</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$ 2,519,763</u>
Business-type activities:				
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 328,800	\$ 0	\$0	\$ 328,800
Less accum. depr.	<u>293,760</u>	<u>10,707</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>304,467</u>
Business-type activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 35,040</u>	<u>\$ (10,707)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$ 24,333</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to functions as follows:

Governmental activities:	
Direct Services	\$214,967
Support Services:	
Students	2,935
Instructional Staff	4,444
General Administration	0
Area Administration	8,835
Fiscal Services	0
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	40,345
Transportation	5,738
Other Support Services	<u>0</u>
Total governmental activities depreciation expense	<u>\$277,264</u>

Springfield School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2005

NOTE 6 - ACCRUED VACATION & LEAVE TIME

Accrued vacation and leave time represent vested time earned by employees but not used. If the employee were to leave, this accrued time must be paid. Therefore, it is a liability to the School District at June 30, 2005. Teachers do not receive paid vacations, but are paid only for the number of days they are required to work each year. Administrative and maintenance personnel are granted vacation leave in varying amounts. The School District has a liability for unused vacation that was allowed to be carried forward. No liability is shown in the fund based financial statement. The liability is reported in the Statement of Financial Position as an accrued liability. The amount accrued at year end was \$43,098. Vacation pay is charged to operations when taken by the employee of the School District.

NOTE 7 - DEFERRED REVENUE

The deferred revenues reported at year end are summarized as following:

Federal funds	\$74,232
State funds	1,970
Other funds	<u>22,050</u>
Total deferred revenues	<u>\$98,252</u>

NOTE 8 - SICK LEAVE

It is the School District's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused sick pay benefits. Such leave benefits do not vest under the School District's policy, accordingly benefits must be used during employment. Since the employees' accumulating rights to receive compensation for future absences are contingent upon the absences being caused by future illnesses and such amounts cannot be reasonably estimated, a liability for unused sick leave is not recorded in the financial statements.

Teaching staff earn 15 sick days per year, and may accumulate a maximum of 135 days. Non-teaching staff earn 12 sick days per year, and may accumulate a maximum of 75 days.

Teachers and administrative staff may accumulate absence days to 135, but no more than 120 of these days may be carried from one year to another. At year-end any accumulated days in excess of 120 will be dropped from the accumulation and the teachers and administrators will be compensated for those excess days as follows:

Springfield School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2005

NOTE 8 - SICK LEAVE (CONTINUED)

Teachers:

First five days	\$10 per day
Second five days	\$15 per day
Third five days	\$20 per day

The liability to the School District at June 30, 2005 for this sick leave buyout was \$11,444.

Upon retirement, teachers with 30 years of service in the District will be compensated for all accumulated absence days at the rate of \$10.00 per day. Four teachers retired with a liability to the district of \$4,780. If all the teachers who are eligible took advantage of this buyout, the contingent liability to the District would be \$23,080.

Upon retirement, support staff with fifteen years of service in the District will be compensated for all accumulated sick leave days at \$10 per day. If all of the support staff took advantage of this buyout, the contingent liability to the District would be approximately \$13,460.

Teachers with perfect attendance for the school year will be paid a \$100 bonus. Two teachers earned the bonus. Part-time teachers will be pro-rated. The accrued liability related to this bonus totaled \$200.

NOTE 9 - RETIREMENT INCENTIVES

Any teacher age 62 or less who retires from the district and who has at least 15 years of seniority in the district, shall be eligible for a \$12,600 early retirement stipend. The early retirement stipend shall be increased to \$13,200 for teachers who retire in 2003-2004 and \$13,800 for teachers who retire in 2004-2005 and after. The stipend would be available in three equal annual installments available after July 1 of the year of retirement and the following two years. The teachers must make application on or before January 1 of the calendar year of retirement and must be of age 62 or less on that same date.

The liability to the District for the 11 teachers who have taken it is as follows:

For the year ending June 30, 2006	\$36,000
2007	<u>18,400</u>
Total	<u>\$54,400</u>

Health Insurance Liability

The Board will provide and contribute to the cost of continued health insurance for any support

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NOTE 9 - RETIREMENT INCENTIVES (CONTINUED)

staff who retires after reaching age 62 and has worked 20 years in the Springfield School District until the retiree reaches age 65. The Board's contribution shall be equal to 50% of the cost of single coverage. One employee retired qualifying for this insurance. Based on the rates for fiscal year 2005, the liability to the district is \$3,037. This has not been adjusted for future increases in health insurance costs.

NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM DEBT

The School District issues general obligation bonds and notes to finance the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities, renovations, and equipment purchases. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the issuing entity. These bonds are generally issued as 5 to 20-year serial bonds with equal amounts of principal maturing each year.

The following is a summary of general obligation bonds & notes:

	Balance July 1, 2004	Borrowings	Retirements	Balance June 30, 2005
Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, bond payable, interest at 6.613% interest paid semi-annually, principal of \$80,000 due on December 1 st . of each year until 2005, originally borrowed \$1,230,000 on June 29, 1989 for ground improvements	\$ 80,000	\$0	\$ 80,000	\$ 0
Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, bond payable, interest at 4.526% interest paid semi-annually, principal of \$155,000 due on December 1 st . of each year until 2007, originally borrowed \$1,585,000 on June 15, 1997 for renovations.	<u>625,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>160,000</u>	<u>465,000</u>
Total Long-Term Debt	<u>\$705,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$240,000</u>	<u>\$465,000</u>

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NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

The annual debt service requirement to maturity for general obligation bonds and notes including interest are as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
During the year ended June 30, 2006	\$155,000	\$18,639	\$173,639
2007	155,000	11,238	166,238
2008	155,000	3,759	158,759
Thereafter	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	<u>\$465,000</u>	<u>\$33,636</u>	<u>\$498,636</u>

NOTE 11 - RESERVED FUND BALANCES (Fund Financial Statements)

Reserved fund balances represent amounts that must be used for specific purposes within that fund and cannot be spent otherwise without prior approval of funding source. Reservations at year end are for the following:

General Fund:

Fiscal FY06 Budget \$107,474

Special Revenue Funds:

Medicaid EPSDT \$ 21,341
Medicaid IEP 325,790
21st Century 2,314
Total \$349,445

Capital Projects Fund:

Vehicle Reserve \$ 46,134
Roofing Reserve 50,625
Other Projects 16,989
Capital Projects Reserve 20,019
Capital Project – 10Yr Plan 109,542
Capital Projects FY05 161,508
HDEC Facility Improvements 125,311
Total \$530,128

Trust Funds:

Scholarships & Awards \$ 98,873

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NOTE 12 - DESIGNATED RETAINED EARNINGS

Designated retained earnings represent amounts that have been set aside for a specific activity or purpose and cannot be spent otherwise without prior approval of the School Board. Designated at year end are as follows:

Food Program:	
Commodities	\$ <u>5,438</u>
Enterprise Fund:	
Adult & Industry Training	\$ 35,775
Building Trades, Inc.	56,865
Culinary Arts	13,132
Graphic Arts	6,013
RVTC Equipment Sales	2,640
Athletic Gate	2,379
ODP - Sped. Collaborative	111,178
ODP Student Activities	1,431
LEAP & Summer Daze	26,743
Aud. Lighting	1,593
Summer School	9,575
Project Adventure	170
Gateway - Sped. Collab.	19,351
Manufacturing Eng.	198
Greenhouse	5,900
RVTC Equipment Rental	659
ODP Donation	320
OT and PT Svcs.	<u>3,009</u>
Total	<u>\$296,931</u>

NOTE 13 – NET ASSETS RESTRICTED (Government-Wide Financial Statements)

Restricted net asset balances represent amounts that must be used for specific purposes and cannot be spent otherwise without prior approval of the funding source. Restrictions at year end are for the following:

Net Assets Restricted For Capital Projects:	
Vehicle Reserve	\$ 46,134
Roofing Reserve	50,625
Other Projects	16,989

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NOTE 13 – NET ASSETS RESTRICTED (Government-Wide Financial Statements)
(CONTINUED)

Net Assets Restricted For Capital Projects (continued):

Capital Projects Reserve	\$ 20,019
Capital Project – 10Yr Plan	109,542
Capital Projects FY05	161,508
HDEC Facility Improvements	<u>125,311</u>
Total	<u>\$530,128</u>

Net Assets Restricted For Other Purposes:

Medicaid EPSDT	\$ 21,341
Medicaid IEP	325,790
21 st . Century	2,314
Fiscal 05-06 Budget	<u>107,474</u>
Total	<u>\$456,919</u>

NOTE 14 – TRANSFERS IN THE FUND BASED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The School District occasionally transfers funds to cover expenditures made in one fund for which the revenues are in another fund. The following transfers were made during the year.

Funds were transferred from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund to cover the following expenditures:

Contract Services	4600-300	\$ 21,443
Repairs	4600-400	341,549
Reserved Fund Balance for vehicle		6,500
Reserved Fund Balance for FY05 Projects		<u>161,508</u>
Total		<u>\$531,000</u>

NOTE 15 - PENSIONS

VERMONT TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

All of the teachers employed by School District participate in the Vermont Teachers' Retirement System ("TRS"), a statewide multiple-employer public employee retirement system covering all teachers in local school districts within the State of Vermont. The Vermont State statutes provide the authority under which benefit provisions and the State's obligation to contribute are established.

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NOTE 15 – PENSIONS (CONTINUED)

VERMONT TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CONTINUED)

Required contributions to the system are made by the State of Vermont based upon a valuation report prepared by the System's actuary. TRS is a cost sharing public employee retirement system with one exception: all risks and costs are not shared by the School District but are the liability of the State of Vermont. TRS is funded through state and employee contributions and the School District has no legal obligation for paying benefits. The Vermont State Teachers Retirement System estimates the contributions on behalf of the School District's employees included in the teacher's retirement plan as required by Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 24 to be 4.24% or approximately \$386,958.

Vesting occurs upon reaching five years of creditable service. Normal retirement requires the employee to be either 62 years of age or have 30 years of service. A member may receive a reduced benefit at age 55 with 10 or more years of service. A member that has 10 or more years of service and leaves teaching before age 55 is entitled to a vested retirement benefit payable at age 62 or a reduced amount at age 55.

Contributions by the employees are 3.54% of gross earnings and are withheld pre income tax by the School District. Such withholdings totaled \$307,211 during the year and were paid by the School District to the State of Vermont. The School District has no other liability under the plan. The School District's total payroll for all employees during the year was \$12,718,480, with \$8,701,844 of such amount related to employees covered by the retirement plan.

Additional information and ten-year historical trend information can be obtained from the separately issued Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Employees other than Teachers are eligible to participate in the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System ("MERS") providing they work more than 30 hours a week for the school year and for not less than a total of 1,040 hours. There are three levels of contributions and benefits in the System called Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D. The School District participates in Groups A&B. Normal retirement for Group A members is age 65 or the completion of 5 years of service, whichever is later. Normal retirement for Group B members is age 62 and the completion of 5 years of creditable service. Normal retirement for Group C and D members is age 55 and the completion of 5 years of creditable service. A member may

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NOTE 15 – PENSIONS (CONTINUED)

VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CONTINUED)

receive reduced benefits at age 55 if they have 5 years of service and have made contributions for at least 2.5 years.

The System is an actuarial reserve, joint-contributory program. Both the members and the School District make contributions to the fund according to the following schedule:

	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
Employees' Contributions (% of gross wages)	2.5%	4.5%	9.0%	11.0%
The School District's contributions (% of gross wages)	4.0%	5.0%	6.0%	9.0%

Employee contributions are withheld pre income tax by the School District and are remitted to the State of Vermont. Such withholdings totaled \$115,941 during the year. The School District contributed \$131,382 during the year. The School District's total payroll for all employees during the year was \$12,718,480, with \$2,669,483 of such amount related to employees covered by the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System.

NOTE 16 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to limited torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters for which the School District carries commercial insurance. There have been no significant reductions in coverage from the prior year. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the School District.

To provide dental insurance to (employees) (member districts) School District decided on July 1, 2002 to stop carrying commercial insurance due to its high cost and high yearly rate increases. School District began covering all claims settlements out of its General Fund resources. Claims expenditures are reported when paid. Claim liabilities are not reported. The losses do not include an estimate of claims that have been incurred but not reported. However, unpaid claims and claim estimates are included in the table below.

No expected future payments were discounted to a present value. No annuities or contracts were purchased to satisfy the claims.

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NOTE 16 - RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

Changes in the reported liability resulted in the following:

Fiscal Year	Beginning of Fiscal Year Liability	Current Year Claims and Changes in Estimates	Claim Payments	Balance at Fiscal Year End
6/30/01	\$ 0	\$188,144	\$161,375	\$26,769
6/30/02	26,769	200,087	212,434	14,422
6/30/03	14,422	213,338	216,582	11,178
6/30/04	11,178	199,479	200,454	10,203
6/30/05	10,203	236,979	237,041	10,141

In addition, Springfield School District is a member of Vermont School Boards Association (Association). The Association has set up two insurance Trust; Vermont School Board Insurance Trust, Inc. (VSBIT) for Workers Compensation, Multi-Line Intermunicipal School Program, and Unemployment Compensation Program, and the Vermont Education Health Initiative (VEHI) for Medical Benefits. VSBIT and VEHI are nonprofit corporations formed to provide insurance and risk management programs for Vermont school districts and is owned by the participating districts. The Trusts are not licensed insurance carriers and members are not protected by the Vermont Insurance Guaranty Association.

To provide insurance coverage, VEHI has established a self-funded fully insured program in conjunction with Blue Cross and Blue Shield (BCBS). A portion of member contributions is used to purchase reinsurance and to fund a reserve required by the reinsurance. Contributions in excess of claims requirements, reserve fund requirements, reinsurance and administrative costs are returned to participants. The pooling agreement does not permit the pool to make additional assessments to its members.

To provide unemployment coverage, VSBIT has established a separate trust of funds from member contributions to pay administrative costs, unemployment claims, and to provide excess reinsurance protection. 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 VSBIT is unable to meet its required obligations, the Program will be terminated with each members assessed their proportionate share of the deficit.

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NOTE 16 - RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

To provide worker's compensation coverage, VSBIT has established a separate trust of funds from member contributions to pay administrative costs and workers compensation coverage. Contributions are based upon formulas applied to payroll expense. At the end of the coverage period, the members will be assessed or refunded any difference between estimated contributions and actual expenses.

Multi-Line Intermunicipal School Program provides coverage for Property; Inland Marine and Boiler & Machinery; Crime; Commercial General Liability; Automobile/Garagekeepers; and Educators legal Liability. Annual contributions are based upon appropriate rates applicable to each Member; such rates are set based on recommendations of a qualified actuary, plus a proportionate share of all operational and administrative cost including excess reinsurance premiums incurred by the trust. In the event that total contributions assessed to and made by all members result in an actual or projected financial deficit and VSBIT is unable to meet its required obligations, the Program will be terminated with each members assessed their proportionate share of the deficit.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of asset and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 17 - OPERATING LEASES

On August 9, 2004 Springfield School District entered into a lease agreement with Imagistics International, Inc. for the lease of a copier. The total amount due is \$13,371, to be paid in monthly installments of \$371.42 over 3 years. The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under this lease.

During the year ended June 30, 2006	\$4,457
2007	4,457
2008	743
Thereafter	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$9,657</u>

Total lease payments made this year were \$4,457.

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NOTE 17 - OPERATING LEASES (CONTINUED)

On August 5, 2004 Springfield School District entered into a lease agreement with Imagistics International, Inc. for the lease of a copier. The total amount due is \$13,698, to be paid in monthly installments of \$380.51 over 3 years. The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under this lease.

During the year ended June 30 2006	\$4,566
2007	4,566
2008	761
Thereafter	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$9,893</u>

Total lease payments made this year were \$3,805.

On December 17, 2004 Springfield School District amended a lease agreement with Imagistics for the lease of several copiers. The total amount due is \$211,305, to be paid in monthly installments of \$4,402.18 over 4 years. The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under this lease.

During the year ended June 30, 2006	\$ 52,826
2007	52,826
2008	52,826
2009	22,012
Thereafter	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$180,490</u>

Total lease payments made this year were \$30,815.

On November 7, 2005 Springfield School District entered into a lease agreement with Rockingham Area Community Land Trust for the lease of an apartment. The total amount due is \$4,560, to be paid in 2 installments of \$2,280 over a year. The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under this lease.

During the year ended June 30, 2006	\$4,560
Thereafter	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$4,560</u>

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NOTE 18 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The school district is in the process of entering into a lease agreement with Springfield Family Center for office and storage space for their Essential Early Education program. The lease will run from August 1, 2005 to July 30, 2006 at a cost to the district of \$6,000.

NOTE 19 - COMMITMENTS

On February 11, 2004 the School District entered into an agreement with Transportation Rentals, Inc. for contracted bus transportation services through June 30, 2006. The contract calls for various costs for different routes, field trips, and activities. The minimum annual cost to the School District for the year ending June 30, 2006 is \$332,165.

On August 3, 2005 the School District entered into an agreement with Café Services to operate, administrate, and manage the food service operation for the school year 2005-2006 and with options through 2011. Café Services will be paid for its cost plus an administrative fee and a management fee. However, the School District is guaranteed a minimum surplus of \$33,891. The minimum cost to operate the food service for fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 will be \$488,338.

The School District participates in various state and federal grant programs, which are governed by various rules and regulations of the grantor agencies. Costs charged to the respective grant programs are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor agencies; therefore, to the extent that the School District has not complied with the rules and regulations governing the grants, refunds of any money recovered may be required and the collectibility of any related receivable at June 30, 2005 may be impaired. In the opinion of the School District, there are no significant contingent liabilities relating to compliance with the rules and regulations governing the respective grants; therefore, no provision has been recorded in the accompanying combined financial statements for such contingencies.

NOTE 20 - CONTINGENCY

Annually, before November 1st, the Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Education notifies each school of its net cost per elementary and/or secondary pupil for the previous school year.

If the School District received tuition students from other Vermont School Districts it must determine whether it overcharged the sending District. If it did, it must provide the overcharged District with a credit against current tuition or refund the overcharged amount.

SUMMARY OF THE FEBRUARY 28 AND MARCH 1, 2005 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 Auditorium in said Town on Monday, February 28th 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 and then adjourned to the Riverside Middle School Gymnasium at 8:00 a.m. (8:00 o'clock in the forenoon) on Tuesday, March 1, 2005 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 77 voters in attendance at the February 28, 2005 meeting and 1,758 voters casting ballots on March 1, 2005. There were 234 absentee ballots cast.

ARTICLE 1: Voted to set the salary of the Moderator at \$50 for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: Town Officers and Town School District Officers elected by Australian Ballot as shown in the listing in the front of the 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 SEVEN MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$7,802,839.00) 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 exempt 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: Denied a school budget appropriation of TWENTY ONE MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY THREE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED NINETY and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$21,773,290.00) to support its schools for the year beginning July 1, 2005.

ARTICLE 11: Voted to appropriate the sum of TWO HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$238,500.00) for roofing, asbestos abatement, paving, walkway and exterior stairs repair, and door and hardware 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 support the home health care and hospice care of patients in their homes by staff and volunteers of the Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire, Inc.

ARTICLE 13: Voted to appropriate the sum of SEVEN THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$7,500.00) toward the support of services to Seniors and their families by the Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. These services include Case Management/Advocacy, Information and Assistance, Senior Van, Successful Aging Programs and other related services.

ARTICLE 14: Voted to appropriate the sum of THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$36,000.00) 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 in the Springfield community.

ARTICLE 15: Voted to appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$3,300.00) to RSVP, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program 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 the work of 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 & Wheels program that provides hot and cold congregate and home delivered meals and other nutritional needs to 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 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.

ARTICLE 21: Voted to appropriate the sum of FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00) to 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 TEN THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) to assist with the cost of operation of Connecticut River Transit, which provides public transportation for the residents in the Town of Springfield.

ARTICLE 24: Voted to appropriate the sum of FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) 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 appropriate the sum of TEN THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) to help support the Springfield Boys & Girls Club.

ARTICLE 26: Voted to appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) to support the activities of Vermont Adult Learning in its work with adults in need of basic reading, writing, math, GED, English language and basic computer literacy skills.

ARTICLE 27: Denied an appropriation in the sum of TWO THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) to support programming by the Springfield Prevention Coalition.

ARTICLE 28: Voted to request the Governor, our State Legislators and Regulatory Agencies to actively support:

- 1) the mandatory labeling of all Genetically Engineered (GE) food;
- 2) legislation that will shift all liability from farmers to the commercial developers of the GE technology for any damages resulting from the growing of GE crops; and
- 3) until there is credible and independent scientific evidence that these products are not harmful to our health, the environment, and the survival of family farms, a moratorium on the further growing of Genetically Engineered crops for commercial use in the State of Vermont; and
- 4) Instruct our town officials to inform our elected representatives in writing of passage of this resolution, to include members of the General Assembly, the Governor and Vermont's federal delegation.

ARTICLE 29: Voted to advise the Select Board, the School Board, the Governor and our State Legislators of the following:

“Whereas the rising cost of health insurance is placing an increasingly unsupportable burden on town and school bud-

gets, the voters of the Town of Springfield call upon the Select Board, the School Board, the Governor and our State Legislators to support and actively work for the creation of a Universal and Comprehensive Health Insurance System which is publicly financed and accountable to the citizens of Vermont, and which will reduce costs by eliminating most current administrative expenses.

ARTICLE 30: No other business was done under this Warning.

The Town Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Attest: Bonnie L. Reynolds
Town Clerk, CMC

RESULT OF SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING - MARCH 1, 2005

Bonnie L. Reynolds, Presiding Officer, called the adjourned Special School District Meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. 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 1,758 ballots cast; 234 were by absentee ballot.

ARTICLE 1: Denied general obligation bonds of the Springfield Town School District in an amount not to exceed Twenty-Four Million, Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$24,800,000) subject to reduction from available construction grants-in-aid and state appropriations (estimated to be \$5,700,000), be issued for the purpose of financing the District's share of making certain public improvements, viz: construction of school building additions and renovations, repairs to the Union Street and Elm Hill School Buildings, such improvements estimated to cost Twenty-Four Million, Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$24,800,000), and the District's bonded indebtedness for such purpose estimated to be Nineteen Million, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$19,100,000).

The Town Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Attest: Bonnie L. Reynolds
Town Clerk, CMC

WARRANT FOR 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 are hereby notified and warned to meet 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, 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 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. (The Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

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 Trustee	First Constable
Lister	

(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 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. (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 vote to exempt 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 construct-

ed 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. (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town give the Board of Selectmen the authority to spend unanticipated funds such as grants and gifts.

ARTICLE 8: 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 9: 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, 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: Shall the Town School District approve 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. (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 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. (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 Town 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 NH. The VNA provides care for all ages, 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 13: Shall the Town 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. (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 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. (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of 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. (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of 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. (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) to the Community Band for ten (10) outdoor concerts. (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town 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. (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of 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. (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) to help support the Precision Valley Free Clinic to help the uninsured access health care. (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of EIGHT HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$800.00) for Windsor County Partners for youth mentoring services provided to children in Windsor County, Vermont. (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 22: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of 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 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. (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 24: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of 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. (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 25: Shall the voters of the Town of Springfield 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: To do any other business that can be legally done under this Warning.

Dated this 27th day of January, 2006 at Springfield, County of Windsor and State of Vermont.

Mary Helen Hawthorne,
Chairperson
Mark Blanchard
John Hall
Paul Putnam
Board of Selectmen
Town of Springfield

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