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

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

PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., 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 3, 2008 - Monday evening Town Meeting at 7:30 p.m., Springfield High School Cafeteria.

March 4, 2008 - Town Meeting Australian Ballot Voting at Riverside Middle School Gymnasium. Polls will be open 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Apri1 1, 2008 - Dogs must be licensed.

April 12, 2008 - Trout Season opens.

April 15, 2008 - Fourth and final property tax Installment due.

August 15, 2008 - First property tax installment due.

September 9, 2008 - Primary Election Day
Polls will be open 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

October 15, 2008 - Second property tax installment due.

Deer Archery Season - October 4-26, 2008

November 4, 2008 - General Election Day. Polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

November 8-9, 2008 - Vermont Youth Deer Weekend.

Deer Firearm Season - November 15-30, 2008

January 15, 2009 - Third property tax installment due.

April 1, 2009 - Dogs must be licensed.

April 15, 2009 - Fourth & final property tax installment due.

TOWN

Municipal Offices:
96 Main Street
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday
Tel. No 885-2104

Department of Public Works:
Fairground Road
Business Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday - Friday
Tel. No 886-2208

Springfield Police Department:
Tel. No. 885-2113

Springfield Fire Department:
Hartness Avenue
Fire and Ambulance Emergency
Tel. No. 885-4545
Fire and Ambulance Non-Emergency
Tel. No. 885-4546

Springfield Town Library
43 Main Street
Business Hours:
Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Tel. No. 885-3108

Parks & Recreation Department:
139 Main Street
Tel. No. 885-2727

Senior Citizen's Center:
139 Main Street
Business Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
Tel. No. 885-3933

Sewage Disposal Plant:
Clinton Street
Business Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday - Friday
Tel. No. 885-2854

Transfer Station & Recycling Center:
Fairground Road
Business Hours:
Monday 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 pm.
Wednesday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tel. No. 885-5827

SCHOOLS

Central Offices 885-5141
Athletic Director 885-7905
Elm Hill School 885-5154
Gateway Program 885-3477
Union Street School 885-5155
Park Street School 885-4774
Riverside Middle School 885-8490
Springfield High School 885-7900
Technical Center 885-8300

ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

MODERATOR
Patrick M. Ankuda 2008

SELECTMEN
Terri Benton 2009
Mark A. Blanchard 2010
John Hall 2008
Mary Helen Hawthorne* 2008
John Swanson 2009

SCHOOL DIRECTORS
James Ball* 2008
Samuel Coleman 2009
Judith Edwards 2009
Jeanice Garfield 2010
Larry Kraft 2010

LISTERS
Arnold J. Lashua 2009
Richard A. Moore 2008

LIBRARY TRUSTEES
Miranda Bogardus 2010
Alan Fusonie 2009
Stephen J. Matush 2010
Jean Middleton 2008
Lisa C. Mobus 2010
William O. Moeser 2008
John Vorder Bruegge* 2008

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS
Ernest C. Lamphere 2009
Jane Waysville 2008
Holly Farnsworth 2010

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS
Scott Page 2012
Joan Robison 2009
John N. Swanson 2011
Tami Thomas 2010
William Young 2008
Bonnie L. Reynolds, Ex-Officio

TOWN AGENT
Stephen S. Ankuda 2008

FIRST CONSTABLE
Richard Ripchick 2008

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE
(Term expires in February 2009)
Peter Andrews
Richard Andrews
Judith Edwards
Alice M. Emmons
Dan Gray
Mark J. Greenvall
Tom Hall
Michael J. Knoras
Larry Kraft
Ernest Lamphere
Betsy Levine
Stephen J. Matush
Franklin Poole
David Shuffleburg
Steven J. Sysko

STATE REPRESENTATIVE WINDSOR 1-1
Kathy Pellett

WINDSOR 1-2
Alice Emmons
Cynthia Martin

WINDSOR COUNTY SENATORS
John Campbell
Richard McCormack
Alice Nitka

* Chairperson

APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PLANNING COMMISSION
Donald Barrett*
Wilbur Horton, Jr.
Richard Fenton
Kelly Ryan
Richard Filion
Joseph Husted
Linda T. Rousse,
Administrative Officer

DOWNTOWN DESIGN COMMISSION
Herbert Jamison
Goldie May
Estelle Goding
Elsie Putnam
Charles Gulick, III

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
Keith Stern*
Donald Napsey
Stephen Kraft
Theodore Reeves

Alternates
Donald Barrett
Wilbur Horton, Jr.

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE
James Benton
Edward Caron
Marilyn Thompson
Lisa Hall
Earl Davis, Jr.

COUNCIL ON AGING
Elwood Bickford

AIRPORT COMMISSION
Peter MacGillivray*
Loretta Sparks
Floyd Roberts
Carol-Lynn Knight
Peter Andrews

HOUSING AUTHORITY
Peter Andrews
Beverly Corey
Cynthia Gagnier
Frederic P. Koledo*
Alan Pinders

William F. Morlock, III
Executive Director

* Chairperson

APPOINTED OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

TOWN MANAGER
Robert J. Forguites

TOWN CLERK/TREASURER
Bonnie L. Reynolds, CMC

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR
Bonnie L. Reynolds, CMC

FINANCE DIRECTOR
Jeffrey A. Mobus

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Linda T. Rousse

POLICE CHIEF
Douglas Johnston

FIRE CHIEF
Russell Thompson

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
Harry Henderson

PARKS, RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES DIRECTOR
Andrew Bladyka

LIBRARY DIRECTOR
Russell S. Moore

CHIEF ASSESSOR
Peter S. Clark

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER DIRECTOR
Terri Emerson

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER AND BOARD OF SELECTMEN

There were no changes in the membership on the Board of Selectmen during the past year. The term of Mark Blanchard expired and he was re-elected for an additional three year term at the 2007 Town Meeting.

In the Summer of 2007, the Town of Springfield attracted the attention of news media world-wide. In connection with the release of "The Simpsons Movie", a nation-wide contest was held to pick the Springfield that would be considered the home of the fictional Simpson Family. Springfield, Vermont was the winner with 15,367 votes, edging out Springfield, Illinois which had 14,634, and on July 21, 2007 the world premier of the movie was held at the Springfield Theater. It was a fun day for the town and gave everyone a chance to celebrate. News media from around the world was in town for the movie premier. Patty Chaffee from the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce and Selectman Mark Blanchard worked hard to make the event happen. Mark even had his head shaved to resemble Homer Simpson! The yellow hand and pink frosted donut, left for the town after the premier, has attracted considerable attention. Plans are being discussed about a location in town for Simpson memorabilia.

There were a number of positive economic development events in Springfield during the past year. The Town of Springfield and Springfield Regional Development Corporation (SRDC), along with the Winstanley Family, worked together to make these changes happen.

- Kiosko moved out of their building in the North Springfield Industrial Park and into the former Fellows building in North Springfield. The former Fellows building was purchased in 2006 and subsequently renovated by the Winstanley Family.
- The Kiosko building was purchased by Lucas Industries, and their pattern making business was moved from Clinton Street.
- In November of 2006, Springfield voters approved funding for the Town's purchase of the former Lucas Industries building on Clinton Street. That building is in the process of being renovated and will become the new location of the Springfield Police Department. It is expected that renovations will be completed in early 2008 and the Police Department will be moving in at that time.
- JELD-WEN, a manufacturer of doors and windows, moved to Springfield in 2007 and opened a manufacturing facility in the Winstanley building.

Infrastructure work continued during the year, including work on the elimination of Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO) in town. Separation of sewer lines and replacement of some water lines occurred in the Park and Union Street areas. Completion of that work is expected in the Spring of 2008. Present plans call for the reconditioning and repaving of Park and Union Streets in 2008.

Each Town Department Head has a report about their department activities following this report. Please take the time to read the reports for more details.

Again, we thank the many employees and volunteers for all their efforts to make Springfield a better community. We need more volunteers and ask citizens to consider serving on one of the various Town Committees.

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

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

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

05-14-07	Resolution/Ordinance – Resolution to amend parking areas pursuant to §12-122 Town of Springfield Code of Ordinances.
09-10-07	Ordinance 2007-1 – Ordinance to amend the Administrative Code - Chapter 4. Animals - Article II. Dogs (including wolf hybrids) Section 4-26 to 4-40
09-10-07	Ordinance – Amendment to 0-86-2 Springfield Zoning Bylaws
09-24-07	Resolution for Municipal Planning Grant

DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENT

The Assessors' Department would like to thank the taxpayers for their patience and demeanor throughout the recent reappraisal process. Since the reappraisal was conducted by an outside firm, we feel as though we were in the background more than we would have liked. However, our aim was to have a fair and equitable grand list, and we believe that has been accomplished. There is still much to be done, and the department will do its best to maintain a current Grand List.

We would like to remind you again that if you have lived in your house as of April 1, 2008, you need to complete an HS-122 attesting you are a resident. In order to get a rebate, you also need to file an HS-144. Both of these forms have to be filed on or before April 15, 2008 **every year**. The forms can be found in the Vermont Income Tax Booklet.

Should you have any questions about the above or the current use on your assessment, the door is always open to the Assessors' Department on the third floor of the Town Office.

Peter Clark, *Chief Assessor*
Arnie Lashua, *Lister*
Richard Moore, *Lister*
Nicole Knight, *Secretary*

TOWN CLERK

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

"Where can I get a copy of my birth certificate?"
"Who will process my passport application?"
"Where can I apply for a marriage license?"
"Where is there a Notary?"
"Where can I get a copy of my deed?"
"Fido needs a dog license, where do I go?"
"I want to take my children fishing, but where can I get a fishing license?"
The answer, of course, the Town Clerk's Office.

Fiscal year '06-'07 was a busy year in this office, primarily because of all the services we provided. In addition to our day-to-day responsibilities, the winter months were spent preparing for the upcoming Town & School District Meeting held in March (Budget Hearings, Warrant and Ballot Preparation, Publication of the Annual Report, Registration of New Voters, Absentee Ballot Preparation and Polling Place Set-up for Election Day). There were days we all would have liked to have had a pair of roller skates! As Election Day drew near, we prayed that everything would pass, because there just was no extra time to prepare for additional Special Meetings.

For it is now Spring, and we must begin to license more than 1,000 dogs before April 1. As we enter the last week in March, we may have been lucky enough to have licensed at least three hundred dogs. This means we're going to need those roller skates again!

Along with the first of April also comes the beginning of fishing season. Now we must prepare for the onslaught of hunters and fishermen who want to get all their licenses for the year (Combination Hunting and Fishing, Archery, Muzzleloader and Turkey) .

Just as we think we might get a breather, the Liquor Inspector arrives with all the alcoholic beverage and tobacco license renewal applications that must be mailed out to the applicants with a note that they must complete the applications and return them to the Town Clerk's Office before-----April 1. These need to be processed and returned to the Liquor Control Board as quickly as possible.

Unfortunately, the School Budget was defeated, which meant finding those extra hours necessary to prepare for another vote to be held at the end of April.

It is now May, and we have licensed almost all of the dogs; having turned over the remaining list of unlicensed dogs to the Constable, the rush for hunting and fishing licenses has slowed down, and the alcoholic beverage licenses have been returned to Montpelier. Again the School Budget is defeated, and we must prepare for yet another vote.

But wait; now it is time to send out license renewal applications to all holders of town licenses, i.e. Eating Places, Taxi Cabs, Taxi Drivers, Drain-Layers, Bowling Alleys, Pool Rooms and Arcades.

Summer arrives, the School Budget has been approved, and there are no further votes scheduled until March, 2008.

The summer months, during odd-numbered years, tend to be quieter because residents are on vacation, and we do not have to prepare for state and federal elections as these are only held on even-numbered years. This gives us time to play catch-up and to work on projects to improve the efficiency of the office.

A major review of the voter checklist was completed and many voters received letters questioning residency. As a result of this review, approximately 100 names were removed from the voter checklist.

September arrives, vacations for most are over, children are back in school and life for everyone seems to speed-up again.

For this office, Fall brought the beginning of months of meetings responding to requests received for tax appeal as a result of the recent reappraisal. The Board of Selectmen, the Justices of the Peace, the Listers and the Town Clerk spent many hours listening to tax appeals, inspecting properties, and writing decisions. The final meeting was held in December. There were only 6 appellants who were dissatisfied with the Board's Decision, and who have appealed to Vermont State Property Valuation and Review.

With the Fall, also came Hunting Season, and all those hunters who did not get their licenses in the Spring, sited-in their rifles, practiced shooting their bows, and came to our office to get their licenses so that they would be prepared for opening day.

In addition to the above, the following services were provided during the year:

Certified Copies of Vital Records	1,867
Cemetery Lots Sold	22
Civil Union Licenses Issued	4
Documents Recorded	2,224
Marriage Licenses Issued	114
Dog Licenses Issued	1,123
Hunting & Fishing Licenses Issued	354
Liquor & Tobacco Licenses	30
Motor Vehicle Renewals	494
Passports Processed	338
Town Licenses Issued	63

This gives you an idea of how we spend our days at "Town Hall"!

The office was very fortunate to have Mary Perkins join our staff as an Assistant Town Clerk in July. Mary has been with the department only six months, but has already completed the Passport Acceptance Training Course and is able to assist in processing passports, as well as having a good understanding of the day-to-day operations of the office.

In December, Vicki Lucius retired from the Department of Public Works after serving the Town for many years. Long-time Assistant Town Clerk Jennifer Hasenbuhler recently left this office to fill Vicki's position as Office Manager of the Public Works Department. Jennifer's caring manner and great sense of humor will be deeply missed by all.

My heartfelt thanks to both Jennifer and Mary for their support and dedication during the past year.

Bonnie L. Reynolds, *CMC*
Town Clerk

PASSPORT APPLICATION INFORMATION SHEET

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

Phone: 802-885-2104

HOURS FOR EXECUTION OF APPLICATIONS
Monday – Friday (Except Holidays)
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and
1:30 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 16 must have both parents' signatures.
2. **PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP –** We can accept ONLY a CERTIFIED COPY of your birth certificate issued by the Town or City in which you were born. It must have a raised seal from the issuing office. (If you need addresses or telephone numbers to obtain a proper birth certificate, call 885-2104.)
   You OLD PASSPORT also can be used as proof of citizenship.
   NATURALIZED CITIZENS MUST bring the original Naturalization Certificate.
3. **TWO PASSPORT PHOTOGRAPHS** See back of application for size specifications.
4. **ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION –** A valid driver's license or a student ID with picture and signature

PASSPORT BOOK FEES

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

PASSPORT CARD FEES

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

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

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

EXECUTION FEE FOR EACH PASSPORT
The execution fee of $25.00 may be paid with cash or separate check made payable to Town of Springfield. If Naturalization papers are included, please add additional $2.65 for certified mail. If you wish to receive your passport by express mail, please submit an Express Mail Envelope with a postage stamp on it.

PROCESS TIME IS 6 WEEKS

THERE IS AN EXPEDITE FEE OF $60.00 IF THE PASSPORT IS NEEDED WITHIN THAT PERIOD OF TIME.
If needed within two weeks, applicant must go to Boston and stand in line, pay expedite fee and document travel plans.

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

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

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

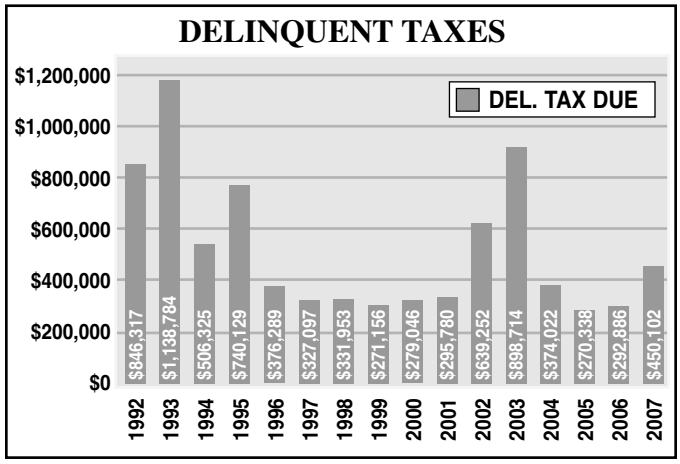
Office Hours: Monday thru Friday
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

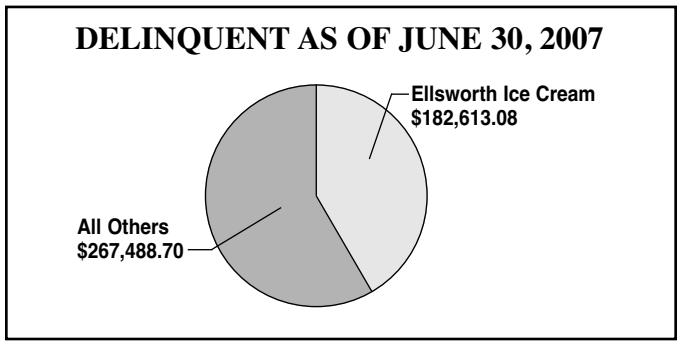
Total delinquency on June 30, 2007, was $450,101.78. This was an increase from the previous year as reflected in the chart below. The increase was the result of personal property taxes that were left unpaid when Ellsworth Ice Cream closed its plant. The total owed by Ellsworth Ice Cream on June 30, 2007 was $182,613.08. Another factor that contributed to the increase was the fact that the tax sale that is usually held prior to June 30th was held on July 18, 2007.

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.

The fourth and final tax due date for the current year's taxes is April 15, 2008. Taxpayers should make every effort to pay as much of their property taxes as possible prior to this date. On April 16, 2008, an 8% collector's fee will be assessed to any property tax unpaid on this date.

Bonnie L. Reynolds
Delinquent Tax Collector





FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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

In the aftermath of the Town-wide Reappraisal, there was a delay in the mailing of the Property tax bills and a revised schedule of due dates for the 07-08 tax year. With the Reappraisal behind us, this year the tax bill will be 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 as the first due date is August 15th. The tax bills are sent to the property owner(s) as recorded in the land records. If you must send copies of your bill to others (your mortgage company, the IRS, the State of Vermont, etc.), please remember to always keep the original for your records. However, if you do misplace your tax bill, contact our office to obtain a copy. Note that since the current tax bills include rebate/prebate information, which the Town of Springfield Select Board has determined to be private, all requests for a duplicate tax bill that show the rebate/prebate information must come from the taxpayer.

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

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

All Vermont residents who own and occupy their Homestead on April 1, 2008 must complete the HS-122. Please note that only owners of Homestead properties are eligible to make a property tax adjustment claim. This form must be completed each year. This year the form is due April 15, 2008. There is a 1% penalty on the amount due for the school tax for forms filed after the due date. Lastly, late forms will only be accepted until September 2, 2008. After that date, the penalty will be charged, but no other changes will be made and you will not be eligible to make a property tax adjustment claim.

The HS-122 form can be found in the Vermont Income Tax Booklet. In addition, you may file online at www.vermont.gov. As in prior years with HS-131, you will need the SPAN number for your property and the school tax code. This information is located on your property tax bill. Also on your tax bill, if you filed the HS-131 in 2007, are the Housesite Value, the Housesite Education Tax, the Housesite Municipal Tax, and the Total Parcel Acres. This information is also required for the HS-122.

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

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

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

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

I want to take this opportunity to introduce our citizens to Dee Richardson, who began working for the Town in June. Dee is responsible for Accounts Payable. Welcome Dee! I also thank Jan Rogers and Lois Smith for accepting additional responsibilities after Jayne Streeter's retirement in January 2007, providing the Town with a seamless transition. These three ladies work diligently for the Town of Springfield and deserve my heartfelt thank you.

Jeff Mobus
Comptroller

REMEMBER!

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BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

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

During Fiscal Year 07, the Annual Town and Town School District Meeting and Two Special School District Meetings were held under the direction of the "BCA". The number of voters requesting absentee ballots continues to increase with each election. I would urge any voter, who has a difficult time getting to the polls during the polling hours, to request an absentee ballot.

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

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

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

The Board of Tax Appeals is preparing for a long and busy Fall as the Reappraisal was finally completed in the Spring, and more than 50 property owners have appealed to this Board.

There were numerous requests for tax abatement received by this Board in FY07.

Bonnie L. Reynolds, *Clerk*
Board of Civil Authority

DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

ON MONDAY NIGHT MARCH 3, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M. WILL BE HELD AT THE SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

NOTICE TO VOTERS

BEFORE ELECTION DAY

VOTER REGISTRATION

Deliver your application to the checklist to your Town Clerk's office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27, 2008, or mail it to the Department of Motor Vehicles with a postmark before the deadline.

EARLY OR ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

You, or a family member on your behalf, may request an early or absentee ballot from your Town Clerk by telephone, mail or e-mail at any time up until 5 p.m. or closing of the Town Clerk's Office on the day before the election March 3, 2008. An authorized person can apply for you to get a ballot only in person or in writing.

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

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

If you are ill or disabled, you can request on or before February 29, 2008 that a pair of Justices of the Peace deliver a ballot to you. You can request assistance in reading or marking your ballot from the Justices. They must return the ballot to the Town Clerk for you.

ON ELECTION DAY

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

THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED BY LAW:

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

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

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

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

1. The Town of Springfield has been named as a Defendant in a case entitled State of Vermont v. Bradford Oil Company, Inc. regarding the former coal gasification plant the current location of GoGo Gas on Clinton Street. This is a claim concerning hazardous waste from the former coal gas plant. In the 1960's Springfield widened Clinton Street and acquired fifteen feet along the highway in front of the former gas plant property. Because the Town currently owns a portion of this property where hazardous waste formerly was generated, the Town has been brought into this lawsuit by Bradford Oil Company seeking contribution toward any cleanup. This matter is pending in Washington County Superior Court.

2. The Town of Springfield has been brought into a suit filed by Eileen Hongisto to undo a tax sale of her property. The suit began by the filing of a Complaint by the purchaser at tax sale to take possession of the property. Ms. Hongisto has brought the Town into the suit in an attempt to reverse the tax sale. In December, 2007 a settlement was reached which gives Ms. Hongisto the opportunity to redeem this property by compensating the purchaser.

3. The Town of Springfield was sued in June, 2007 by the Estate of Virginia Yates over her death on the Connecticut River which at least partially involved the Town of Springfield Fire Department/Rescue Squad. This case has been referred to the Vermont League of Cities and Towns PACIF Program, who has undertaken the defense of the Town.

4. The Town has been placed on Notice of a claim by a Mr. Dalton Allen for injuries he suffered on November 7, 2007 claiming defects in the foot bridge between Pearl Street and the Plaza Shopping Center contributed to his serious injuries. This matter is not in suit but has been referred to the Vermont League of Cities and Towns PACIF Program who has undertaken the adjustment of this claim.

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

Stephen S. Ankuda
Town Attorney

PERSONNEL DIRECTOR

This report is my last report in anticipation of retirement at the end of June, 2008. It has been my privilege to work for the citizens of Springfield for almost 30 years. The time flew by as will the next few months. I have worked with four Town Managers, each with a different management style. Each Manager brought positive attributes to the job that I feel influenced me to do a better job for you. I have worked with wonderful people now working elsewhere, retired or deceased. So many people have demonstrated true long term dedication to their jobs serving Springfield's citizens. I could compile a long list of people and you would know them all, but I would feel bad if my memory failed me by one person. I greatly appreciate the support of Boards of Selectmen in my job as Personnel Director.

Jayne Streeter, Bookkeeper since October 28, 1987 retired January 1, 2007. Jayne participated in all aspects of finance, payables and receivables during those 19 years. We wish her a great retirement, we miss seeing her paintings and other beautiful crafts.

Vicki Lucius, Office Manager for 23 years in Public Works, Water and Wastewater retired at the end of 2007. Vicki came to work at Parks and Recreation on February 28, 1972. Vicki's ability to have instant recall of events, people, places and facts from those years was amazing, and I relied upon her time and again for help with past history and current situations.

Bob Lucius started work for the Water/Sewer Department September 10, 1990 and opted to change jobs in May of 2007. Happy hunting in the years to come.

Catherine Demarco, Dispatcher since August 25, 1996 resigned in July of 2007. Cathe was senior dispatcher during much of her employment and was the person most individuals talked to during daytime working hours. Cathe and her husband are active in local and State Chapters of the VFW, and we wish her enjoyment in those endeavors.

Andrew Brothers, Police Officer since May 25, 2003 came to work as a rookie and left the Department in November of 2007 a full fledged Officer. Good luck.

Diane Henry a Clerk at the Library started work on November 28, 2000 and retired as of August 31, 2007. We wish her a happy and relaxing retirement.

Current long time employees of over 20 years include: Bonnie Reynolds, David Hall, Steven Knapp, Doug Johnston, Jeff Strong, Mike Rushton, Russ Thompson, Scott Richardson, Tammy Gould, Randy Wallace, Lois Smith, Russell Moore, Robert Verge, John Johnson, Chris Bloomfield, Bob Baker and Chris Crowley. All departments are recognized here.

Those employed over 10 years include employees in all departments: Alex Greer, Toby Lizotte, Dan Baldwin, James Benton, Eric White, Steve Ambrose, Dave Glidden, Randy Knight, Mark Fountain Jennifer Hasenbuhler, Roger Griggs, Francis Schippert, Renford (Shorty) Freeman, Brian Dana, Mary Perkins, Kurt Merriman, Larry Sheehan, Jody Small, Bob Forguites, Eric Dubreuil, Rob Simmons, John Brown, Rick Chambers, Andy Bladyka and Jan Rogers.

A special note to recognize some long time part time employees: Arnie Lashua, Lister who works a part of every week day; Peter Clark, Assessor who is in the office two days each week; and Dick Moore Lister who has to fit the Town in around the farm schedule.

Linda T. Rousse
Personnel Director

SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

DEPARTURES, PROMOTIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

Departures:

This year the Springfield Police Department had two full-time departures, Officer Schippert and Officer Brothers, and one part-time Officer Donald Garrow. Cathe DeMarco resigned as a full-time dispatcher and is continuing as a part-time dispatcher with the department.

Promotions:

Gregory Molgano was promoted from Corporal to Sergeant. William Daniels was promoted from Patrolman to Corporal. We currently have one Sergeant's position and two officers' positions that need to be filled.

Appointments:

Claudia Schileman is our Police Social Worker who is assigned to the Springfield Police Department from HCRS to assist the officers when dealing with individuals and families in crisis. She currently is working five (5) hours a week with the Police Department, and we are hoping that her hours will increase in the incoming year.

Matthew Tufts was hired as a part-time dispatcher and is currently in training.

Daniel Deslauriers was hired as a full-time dispatcher.

Patrick Call was transferred from the Patrol Division to the Juvenile Detective slot where he is currently assigned.

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

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 Bourne Pathogens.

The Town of Springfield is a Public Safety Answering Point for the E-9-1-1 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:

Narcotics Interdiction, Interacting with People Experiencing a Mental Crisis, FATS Firearms Scenario Training, Stinger Spikes, Kinesetic Roadside Interview and Interrogation, Street Crimes Seminar, Criminal Interdiction, First Line Supervisor, Managing Community Policing, Key Elements for Effective School Policing, Electronic Crimes Seminar, Ethical Issues & Decisions in Law Enforcement, Terrorism Awareness, Advanced Call-Taking E-9-1-1, Hostage Negotiations, Incident Dispatcher-All Risk/All Hazard to name a few of the courses.

POLICE DEPARTMENT FUTURE NEEDS

Future needs that should be addressed are a School Resource Officer position for our school system. This position is a crucial position and would benefit the community and the school system in handling different situations that have been occurring in the school during the year.

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

We also need to look at adding a drug enforcement officer to the department. The increased activity and seriousness of complaints as a result of this activity is increasing. The position needs to be a full-time position dedicated to drug enforcement.

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

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

GRANTS

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

The bulletproof grant is a grant that will match 50% of the cost of a new bullet proof vest for police officers. We purchased five (5) bullet proof vests with a cost savings of approximately $1,250.00. We currently are in pretty good shape keeping our bulletproof vests up-to-date.

Homeland Security Grant:

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

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

We applied for and received funding for a new UHF and VHF Radio in the amount of $2,750. This new radio will be placed in the police vehicle that the Town of Springfield won.

US Department of Justice Block Grant:

We also received a block grant of $10,000 which was used for technology in the new police facility. This grant has been

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reestablished by the Federal Government under the new name of Justice Assistance Grant.

Technology Grant:

We closed this grant out at the end of calendar year 2007. Due to savings in purchase, we were able to reallocate the savings to put towards the new police station technology. This amount was roughly $51,000.00.

Governor's Highway Safety Grants:

We received a total of $16,900 towards highway enforcement to keep our roads safe. It was broken down as follows:

DUI Year Round Enforcement	$6,500.00
DUI Mobilization	$3,000.00
Click It Ticket	$900.00
Highway Safety Year Round	$6,500.00

The Highway Safety Year Round grant allows us to conduct the "RED MEANS STOP" program that we set up in the Main Street Square. This is to apprehend operators who run the red lights. When this program has been run we have had great success in apprehending violators.

Through our Springfield Highway Safety Program and the grant monies received, the Springfield Police Department participated in the "Vermont Chiefs Challenge" where the Springfield Police Department placed second in our category. This qualified us for – and we received – two prizes, a field breathe tester and hand-held radar. This also qualified us for the Grand Prize of a 2006 Chevrolet Police Package Impala.

There were eight different keys given out to the two top contenders in each of the four categories. These keys were picked by the points that were awarded on the content of the application. The Springfield Police Department had the fewest points and was the last one to pick a key. That day showed us that being last was not a bad thing. Lt. Fountain put the key into the ignition which turned the blue light on indicating the Town of Springfield had won the new vehicle.

This vehicle will help reduce some mileage on our current fleet and be used for the Highway Safety Program. Once we are done with the vehicle, we have to turn it back into Governor's Highway Safety Program.

SUMMARY

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

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

	2005	**2006**	**2007**
Total Complaints	4,647	5,134	5066
Total Motor Vehicle Contacts	3,239	3,815	3,093
Total Traffic tickets issued	752	729	858
Written warnings issued	1,275	1,665	1340
Totals	7,886	8,949	8,159
Assaults	66	96	150
Child Abuse	12	10	7
Custodial Interference	11	3	
Sex Offenses	32	34	11
Burglary/Robbery	41	76	65
Burglary Alarms	152	192	19
Theft	264	236	204
Auto Theft	12	17	9
Forgery/Fraud/Embezzlement	32	40	56
Motor Vehicle/ATV Complaints	288	330	164
Unlawful Mischief	153	127	120
Family Domestics	84	59	53
Alarms	19	22	19
Animal Problem	366	315	306
Assist – Agency	404	541	443
Citizens Assist	220	365	484
Citizens Dispute	217	223	206
Lockouts (Discontinued Service)	0	8	10
Bomb Threats	3	2	3
DWI	33	75	47
Driving While License Suspended	19	39	45
Property Watch	26	21	19
Welfare checks (Also 911 hang ups)	147	244	139
VIN Verifications		180	
Traffic Accidents – Damage	323	279	302
Traffic – Injuries	25	40	29
Traffic – Fatal	0	0	0
Bad Checks	26	39	34
Fish and Game Complaints	0	0	0
Fireworks	25	22	10
Phone Problem/Harassment	71	88	84
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	437	430	361
Missing Person/Runaway Juvenile	54	30	29
Juvenile Problems	162	166	141
Property Watch	26	20	19
Noise Disturbance	111	131	132
Death Investigations	10	7	14

ARREST

2005	Adult 431	Juveniles 86
2006	Adult 500	Juveniles 69
2007	Adult 415	Juveniles 39

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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

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

Town Government: I would like to thank Chief Russell Thompson and the rest of the Springfield Fire Department for

their assistance throughout the year. The use of their facility for training and working on our vehicles is greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to using the new exercise room at the fire station.

To Harry Henderson and the rest of the Highway Department, thank you 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 or processing insurance claims, pay checks, or looking up those dog tags for us.

I would like to thank Bob Forguites and Linda Rousse for their support and the advice they have given throughout the year. It has been very much appreciated. To the Board of Selectpersons, thank you for your understanding and support of the department.

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 of the long hours that I often put in.

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

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

Don't forget to visit our Web Site at www.springfieldvtpd.org. May the year 2008 be a healthy and prosperous year for everyone!

JUST IN CASE YOU HAVE NOT HEARD, WE HAVE MOVED TO OUR NEW LOCATION AT 201 CLINTON STREET. WE HOPE TO SCHEDULE AN OPEN HOUSE TO GIVE THE COMMUNITY AN OPPORTUNITY TO TOUR OUR NEW POLICE STATION. AGAIN THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

Douglas S Johnston
Chief of Police

FIRE DEPARTMENT

2007 was an exciting year for the Springfield Fire Department. In recent years the fire service has been asked to do more; local fire services have expanded their roles within emergency response and preparedness. The interaction of local, state and federal agencies working together in preparedness is on a greater level than ever before. Tragedies such as 9-11 in New York City and Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana brought home the fact that events effect us all and that preparedness is not only for large metropolitan cities. When a disaster strikes anywhere in our nation, the ripples can affect us all.

Planning at all levels is being coordinated and resources are being identified from both the public and the private sectors. Homeland Security has mandated the use of a single National Incident Management System (NIMS) that will expand as an incident escalates and additional levels of government respond. This management system is being taught to all levels of emergency response, support and public and private sector agencies, all of whom will be interacting in times of crisis. Integrated Communication Systems are being created to enable all responding agencies to have the ability to communicate with one another. On all levels, there is a greater commitment to better preparedness and public safety.

The Springfield Fire Department is working within the tiered system to become better prepared for emergencies in our own community as well as to be ready to assist in events throughout our region and state when called upon. Vermont is such a small state that aggregate teams comprised of people from all over the state come together to form specialized response teams. The Vermont Hazardous Materials Response Team is one such specialized team. The Springfield Fire Department currently has two firefighters, Aaron Sylvester and Paul Stagner, who are part of the thirty-five person State Hazardous Materials Team.

Our fire department has twenty-six people trained to the Hazardous Materials Decontamination certification level. We support the Vermont Hazardous Materials Response Team when requested through Vermont Emergency Management. Recently we expanded our role by training in Emergency Worker Radiological Monitoring and Decontamination. This is another way in which we support the State Hazardous Materials Team and Vermont Emergency Management.

Special rescue has been an area of need for most communities in Vermont. Rope Rescue, Confined Space Rescue and Trench Rescue are specialized skills that require specialized equipment, training and resource coordination. The Springfield Fire Department has slowly gained equipment and training over the last few years with the assistance of Vermont Homeland Security. The department has established an eighteen person certified Special Rescue Team. This team currently holds rope rescue certification and will soon add confined space and trench rescue training to their certification levels. This is all part of our coordinated effort to offer a well trained resource for Springfield and beyond. We are fortunate to have three fire department members who are instructors for the Vermont Fire Academy in Special Rescue. Captain Sean Foulois is a Certified Instructor in Rope Rescue as well as a Certified Instructor in Confined Space Rescue. Firefighters

Fire Department (Continued)

Wayne Thomas and Scott Adnams are Certified Rope Rescue Instructors.

The Springfield Fire Department Special Rescue Team is comprised of Assistant Chief Kristi Morris, Captain Dan Baldwin, Captain Jim Benton, Captain Sean Foulois, Captain George Wheeler, Firefighter Aaron Sylvester, Firefighter John Brown, Firefighter John Claflin, Firefighter Wayne Thomas, Firefighter Mark Hadwen, Firefighter Paul Stagner, Firefighter Paul Spicer, Firefighter James Knight, Firefighter Scott Denofrio, Firefighter Aaron Vittum, Firefighter Scott Adnams and Firefighter Matt Tufts.

The Springfield Fire Department is committed to establishing a rural water supply plan which will create four season water supplies in areas outside our municipal water supply system. We have recaptured a dry hydrant in the Dutton District at the Morse Residence. We have also established two new dry hydrants through a Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force Grant Program coupled with the hard work of the Public Works Department and Firefighters. One of the dry hydrants is located on Whitney Road at Carpenter's Pond, and the other is located on LaCross Road at the Pomeroy's Pond. We hope to continue to add year round water supplies to better protect our citizens outside the municipal water supply.

We took delivery of Engine Two in October. The bid was awarded to Descorcie Emergency Products of St Albans, Vermont who distribute for E-ONE Manufacturing of Ocala, Florida. Engine two is equipped with a 1500 gallon per minute pump, Class "A" and Compressed Air Foam Systems (CAFS) and a top mount pump panel for Firefighter safety. The Compressed Air Foam System adds a tool that can expand our available water on scene by at least a 3:1 ratio while helping with quick fire knock down. The purchase of a fire truck is a twenty year investment for a community such as ours. Making a twenty year decision for our community is not taken lightly. The truck was the product of numerous hours of research and hard work by a diligent committee who considered all aspects of function, durability and value for our community. The members of the Engine Two Truck Committee were Assistant Chief Kristi Morris, Captain Sean Foulois, Captain George "Bay" Wheeler, Firefighter Wayne Thomas, Firefighter John Claflin, Firefighter Paul Spicer, Firefighter James Knight, Firefighter Scott Adnams and Firefighter Bill Toner.

Springfield Engine Two

Fire fighting is a dangerous job. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration, as well as most other safety organizations, recognizes and requires that there be a trained, designated crew backing up personnel any time that they enter a hazard area. The exception is when there is a known life hazard or the potential of a life rescue. This ruling is well over a decade old and was initially known as the "Two In, Two Out". The progression of this ruling was to have a standby crew on scene and dedicated to the job of rescuing the rescuers, known as Rapid Intervention Teams (RIT). The role of the Rapid Intervention Team has continued to evolve as case studies continue to define best methods and techniques. We were fortunate to be awarded a Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant which allowed us to purchase firefighter safety equipment as well as equipment specific to RIT functions. The grant also allowed us to contract a nationally known expert trainer, Rick Kolomay, to train our Firefighters in RIT techniques.

Once again we urge our citizens to change their smoke detector batteries twice annually. For those who might have difficulty changing their smoke detectors or batteries, please call the department to schedule a time for us to assist you. SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Personnel Director Linda Rousse for her assistance, candor and sense of humor. We wish you the best in your well deserved retirement.

2007 has been a busy year for the entire fire department. A number of training opportunities that became available primarily through grant funding have demanded more than the usual amount of our members' personal time. This is in addition to call-back for over 2200 responses. While the posted training may have seemed endless throughout the year, our members have committed an enormous amount of time to this organization. I have already personally thanked our members for their dedication to the organization and the community we serve. I would like to also thank the families and loved ones who have been patient and understanding throughout this extremely busy time.

Russell Thompson
Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

At this writing, the winter season of 2007 and 2008 has started with a vengeance. Since November the Department responded to 7 major storms and several smaller events requiring materials be placed on slippery roads. December has been one of our busiest ever also requiring two downtown night snow removal operations. Our staff and equipment has been taxed to the limits thus far this season, and our use of salt and sand has required constant replenishment. We experienced the temporary breakdown of several pieces of operating equipment also during this exceptionally busy period making our job even that much more difficult. It is only because of the dedication, teamwork and ingenuity of a group of talented public works employees that we did complete our mission during these storms.

The costs of maintaining safe travelable streets, roads and sidewalks is escalating dramatically. Because petroleum products play such a significant role in the delivery of our services we are experiencing major cost increases for fuel, asphault, gravel, sand, salt and other materials. We have to this point been able to continue to provide a level of service that our residents have come to expect. We are making every effort to deliver these services in a responsible and efficient manner, but if our citizens are to continue to demand that our roads and streets be safe and travelable within 4 to 6 hours following any storm and that asphalt be black within 24 hours, we will see significant cost increases associated with this demand.

The Department drafted and presented in early November to the Board of Selectmen a 5 year capital improvement plan for road reconstruction and rehabilitation including resurfacing. This plan clearly indicates the significant costs associated with three major projects in the next three years and defers several needed pavement resurfacing projects to years 4 and 5. As I have reported to you in past years, it is critical that road conditions be constantly improved as the lack of good travel surfaces adds significantly to the costs associated with winter maintenance. Keeping this in mind we have proposed to stabilize as many surfaces as possible by adding pavement surface shims until more in depth work can be funded. The cost of ashphalt has now doubled in ten years equating that we now get half as much done with the same amount of dollars as we had 10 years ago.

Portland cement is added to recycled base on South Street Extension.

Asphalt is placed on reconstructed base on South Street Extension.

The three major projects anticipated subject to available funding support are; the rehabilitation of Union and Park St. in 2008, the rehabilitation of Summer St. in 2009, and the 10% share of the rehab of about 3.5 miles of Rt. 143 in 2010 with possible multi year local share funding. We anticipate we will need $400 to $500,000 each of the next 3 years to complete these projects. In this plan an additional $1,000,000 for surface treatment is deferred to years 2011 and beyond.

This summer we undertook two major capital road projects. We completed a multi year funded rehab of a 2.3 mile section of Massey Rd. which included ditching new culverts full depth pavement reclamation and a new paved surface. We also completed a 1.8 mile full reconstruction of South St Extension. The South St. project was somewhat novel in that we added Portland cement to the sub base after the base and surface were ground in place. This process eliminated the need to add a significant additional amount of good base gravel by stiffening the sub base before paving with the cement. This project cost about $350,000 and was about 50% funded through Vermont Agency of Transportation road reconstruction and paving funds for Class 2 roads. Whenever possible we attempt to take maximum advantage of stretching our local road dollars by applying for available State assistance. We also learned that we were approved for about $107,000 for emergency funding of repairs to the Old Connecticut River Rd. At this point we have not determined precisely what those improvements will include.

Planning and design has begun for the rehabilitation of the Main St. Community Center Bridge. It is anticipated that this work will be done in 2009. A modification of traffic flow is expected during construction. Details of a traffic flow plan will be presented possibly in the summer of 2008. The rehabilitation of the Paddock Bridge will begin this summer. It is expected that the Paddock Bridge will be back in service in early 2009.

Also, it is expected that the reduced project scope reconstruction on Rt. 143 will begin in 2009 with possible completion in 2010 or 2011.

Another major contract has been nearly completed on the separation of storm and sanitary sewers in the Union and Park St area. It is expected that final completion will be done in early spring of 2008. There remains one additional CSO project

to be completed in the Elm Hill and North Main St. vicinity. The Town has also addressed some of the roof drain issues by separating significant storm water from flows in the Clinton St. area.

Over the course of the year the Department of Public Works is called on frequently to assist other municipal departments. This year we assisted the Recreation Department with maintenance of the bike path, swimming pool and the community building. We assisted the Police Department with a variety of tasks associated with the new police facility on Clinton St. We assisted the Fire Department with the construction of two new dry hydrants in for rural fire protection. And, we assisted with the logistical support for the filming and ultimate presentation to the Town as THE SIMPSONS HOMETOWN!!!!

Long time office manager, Vicki Lucius, decided to retire at the year-end after serving this Department for 23 years and the Town of Springfield for a total of 36 years having also worked in the recreation department. Vicki has been a key employee in Public Works. She has held much of this operation together for many years providing continuity and administrative support for all highway divisions and water and wastewater divisions. Her experience and background knowledge will be nearly impossible to replace. On behalf of the Department of Public Works, Water and Wastewater Divisions and all of her co-employees, we offer our best wishes in retirement and a well deserved thank you for all of the effort and dedication.

A heartfelt thanks to each and every Department employee. It is these individuals whose dedication makes my job easier.

Harry Henderson
Director of Public Works

RECYCLING CENTER & TRANSFER STATION

The year 2007 brought with it an end to the Vermont/New Hampshire Solid Waste Management District, and an end to a long-term contract with Waste Management and their trash incinerator in Claremont. Most towns on the Vermont side chose to remain united through the negotiation process for a new contract to manage municipal solid waste. Gobin Disposal Systems won a three-year contract that began in July.

For some of our patrons little seemed to have changed; indeed, a number of them continue to toss scrap metal in the area last used for that purpose well over two years ago). Be that as it may. Some did notice a change in the way construction-demolition and bulky waste is managed on the ramp, but they may not have understood why. The reason is because the waste material is no longer going to an incinerator so it need not be separated between non-burnable and burnable. This simplifies the system and will over time save the town a considerable amount of money through a reduction in haul charges.

A second change that many, (I'm not making this up) but not all, noticed was a new trash compactor. I watched a regular customer drive past the new building, past the attendant and scale station, then carry two bags of trash up the steps to the old scale house where they stopped, looked around, and said out loud "something is different". Well, yes. That something is a larger trash compactor that is fed from either side. When two attendants are available, the flow of traffic through the facility is improved. The Recycling Committee was able to provide financial support for this and other projects thanks to your donations of Vermont returnable bottles and cans, as well as through contributions made at Andrea's Second Chance Store. These funds were used to purchase the two new platform scales and much of the building material used to house the new compactor. This is a work in progress, which will become somewhat more aesthetically pleasing when complete.

This building will eventually extend over a second 4-yd. compactor, which was donated to the town by the WinStanley Company in North Springfield. This will save several thousand dollars in operation cost annually. The benefit will come from a reduction in haul charges on the trash compactor boxes, as well as the elimination of the monthly rent and haul charges on the open top dumpster that's used for overflow trash when the current single compactor box gets full. This will also eliminate the snag in traffic flow that develops at that time.

In terms of raw tons, the Recycle side of the facility continues to take second place to Maynard's House of Trash, but we're gaining. Maynard moved around one thousand forty tons of trash this past year. Not including the some 800 cubic yards of scrap metal, the recycle team processed over seven hundred tons of various materials.

Here are just some of the numbers:

- Mixed paper – over one thousand cubic yards (400 tons).
- Cardboard – 252 bales (120 tons)
- Glass – 150 cubic yards (120 tons)
- Tin Cans – 23 tons
- Electronics – 16 tons
- Plastic bottles – 20 tons
- Old Car batteries – 6 tons

The Second Chance Store made a significant contribution to the mission and goals of the Recycling Center. A low aimed estimate on the amount of textiles, books, house ware, toys and furniture removed from the waste stream would be around 16 tons this year alone. This part of the operation would simply not exist without volunteer support from Andrea and Bertha. Many thanks are owed them from our community.

The list of changes on site this year would also include a substantial but insufficient increase in the amount of storage area for recycled material. There may never be enough room for everything, but every little bit helps. And so it is with the collection of recyclable material, every little bit helps. So as always, on behalf of the cast and crew, here's to you our customers without whom we would be bored to tears for much of the time.

Springfield will host a household hazardous waste collection in the spring and again this coming fall, watch local newspapers or SAPA-TV for more info.

Daniel Farrar
Coordinator Springfield Recycling

RECYCLING IN SPRINGFIELD

Residents bring their recycling to the Chester-Springfield Recycling Center and Transfer Station at 135 Fairground Road in Springfield, one mile north of Riverside Junior High School (east side).

Hours of operation: **Monday 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**
Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Phone: **885-5827**

Welcome to the Springfield Recycling Center. We need your help to maintain a pleasant, efficient and safe work environment; your recyclable materials should all be clean and dry.

RECYCLABLES ACCEPTED:

Plastics: Jars and bottles only (They have to have a neck)
Look for the identifying code number (in the recycling triangle) on bottom of container.

Note: Many other plastic items have the same numbers but, due to the manufacturing process, cannot be re-integrated into a new product.

No. 1 PETE Soda bottles, some juice, peanut butter and vegetable oil containers. Only bottles and jars accepted.

No. 2 HPDE Frosted milk and water jugs, white and colored jugs (detergent, bleach). Please no motor oil bottles.

All #1 and #2 containers must be clean and have caps or lids removed; flatten as much as possible.

Mixed paper: Almost anything
Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, office paper, paper bags, egg cartons (non-foam), boxboard (thin, non-corrugated, such as cereal boxes), books (hard covers removed)

Please, no plastic wrappers, waxy soap or frozen food containers, milk or juice cartons, tissue paper, wrapping paper or paper towels.

Corrugated Cardboard: Clean, dry, and flattened out. Please, no waxy produce or greasy pizza boxes.

Brown Paper Bags: Clean, neatly folded bags can be saved for re-use. Wrinkled or torn bags should go in mixed paper bin.

Your Solid Waste District sponsors FREE events twice a year for the collection and safe disposal of household hazardous waste (HHW). Residents and businesses from all member towns may participate. Businesses will be charged a fee and must pre-register. (No pre-registration for residents.) Events for 2008 are scheduled for **Saturday, May 31** and **Saturday, Sepember 27** at the Springfield Recycling Center (9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.). Call 674-9201 for more info, or go on-line to www.vtsolidwastedistrict.org.

Fluorescent Light Bulbs: All fluorescent bulbs (full-size and compact) contain mercury and must be recycled.

A small donation of 25 cents per bulb is requested to offset the cost of handling and transportation. FREE fluorescent bulb recycling is available at Bibens Home Center in North Springfield, 886-2288.

Styrofoam Peanuts: Peanuts should be tightly wrapped in plastic bags.

Fabric: Clean clothes and fabric remnants are accepted in the Second Chance shop. They will be sorted for local use or transferred to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA).

Glass: Clear, green, brown and blue glass bottles and jars - empty, clean with lids removed. No Pyrex, light bulbs, mirrors, headlights, or windshield glass in this area.

Aluminum: Soda and beer cans (uncrushed) aluminum pie plates and foil wrap (rinsed), cat food cans (not all cat food cans are aluminum). *Please check with a magnet, if it sticks, it's not aluminum*.

Tin Cans and Metal Jar Lids: Need not be crushed but, please rinse them out.

Batteries: Automotive and household, Rechargeable batteries.

Effective January 1, 2007, it is illegal to use a lead sinker which weighs one-half ounce or less to fish in Vermont. A lead sinker recycling container is located within the batteries.

Button batteries (in hearing aids, watches, calculators, cameras, etc.) contain mercury and must be recycled. FREE button battery recycling is available at Rite-Aid Pharmacy in Springfield.

Thermostats: Wall thermostats (round in shape or non-digital ones) may contain mercury. If you are remodeling, please bring the thermostats into the transfer station. We have a program to recycle them, sponsored by the Thermostat Recycling Corporation and the State of Vermont.

Compost Pile: Organic lawn and garden waste only. Please do not dump brush, plastic flowers, clay pots, toys, broken window glass, bags of dog and cat residue, or trash of any kind in this area. Unless asked not to, please empty bags of yard waste onto the compost pile.

The Second Chance Shop: Unwanted, but good, usable items may be accepted here - ask an attendant. Electronics and items with cords are discouraged in general, as are imcomplete puzzles, chipped tableware, broken toys; if you don't want it, will anyone else? Proceeds from the sales of items in the shop support your Recycling Center.

ON THE RAMP:

Sofa – $15
Stuffed Chair – $12; **Hide-a-Bed –** $20
Mattress – $20; **Box Springs –** $5 *If taken apart/material separated – $4 each piece*
Carpet – dependson size (e.g., 12'x12' – $10)
Ceramic Sink – $5
Toilet – $8
Electronics – computer systems, radios, televisions and VCRs – 20 cents per pound
Electronics contain a variety of hazardous chemicals and heavy metals; as of July '07 they are banned from landfills and incineration. Please dispose of them responsibly.

Construction and Demolition Waste: Price subject to change depending on disposal costs.

Scrap Metal: Iron, copper, steel, lead scrap (nails, car chains, iron pipe, sheet metal, tire rims), aluminum pots and pans, doors and wondow frames, sheet metal, etc.

Metal may be mixed with *some* rubber, but no wood, fabric, or plastic. Please, no fuel tanks or sealed containers.

Scrap picking is not allowed: However, re-use is; if there is an item you need, please ask an attendant. (A small donation is always appreciated.) Do not climb into the dumpsters or onto the scrap heap.

Appliances: *Refrigerators, freezers, air-conditioners, and dehumidifiers – $15 each (cost of Freon removal)
All refrigerators and freezers must have door(s) removed.
Stoves, washers, dryers, water heaters, microwaves – $5 each
***Freon units accepted April 1–November 1 ONLY**

Tires: Regular tires (up to 17") – $3 each; $5 with rim
Truck tires (17" and over) – $5 each; $7 with rim
Large equipment tires – $20 to $50 each

Propane Tanks: 1 lb. – $1; 20 lbs. – $3; 30 lbs and larger – $20 and up

Buy and sell used materials at great prices by visiting the Vermont Business Materials Exchange (VBMX) website at www.vbmx.org. VBMX is a free service that seeks to reduce waste by promoting the exchange of reusable commercial materials.

The non-profit Springfield Lions Club collects used **eyeglasses and hearing aids** for distribution to the needy in developing nations. All types of eyeglasses and sunglasses, prescription and non-prescription, are acceptable. Reading glasses, too. No eyeglass cases.

The collection boxes are at: The Senior Center in the Community Building, the Springfield Post Office, Dr. Duff's office (bottom of Summer Hill), Lawrence & Wheeler, Dr. Lane's office, and in the Swap Shop at the Recycling Center.

Paint: Empty/dry paint cans go into scrap metal. Covers removed; cans flattened if possible.

Old, no-good, latex paint – If it is dried up, put it in trash – can and all. If it is still liquid, but aged beyond use, mix with sawdust, then dump into a plastic bag and put in regular trash.

Old, no-good, oil-based paint – Oil-based paint is considered a hazardous material. It is unsafe to burn in the incinerator and illegal to put in regular trash. Please store in a safe place until the next household hazardous waste collection (see dates on previous page).

Waste Oil: Locations to check with (the use waste oil):
Howe Motors, Claremont, NH 603-542-5181
Jeff Spur, Route 5, Downers 4 Corners 885-5583
Matulonis Body Shop 885-3884
Please do not mix oil with anything else; bring it in one-gallon milk or water jugs.

Anyone who can use waste oil – let us know.

Drop off old cell phones and used inkjet cartridges at the Transfer Station. The TS will recycle them.

OPEN BURNING:

Springfield has an open buring ordinance and with good reason. Decades ago, most trash consisted of only paper, cardboard, or glass. Today, however, manufacturers use a host of synthetics in packaging, most of which release carcinogenic toxins into the air and soil when burned. Please do your part to protect Vermont's public and environmental health from toxics; talk to your neighbors about the dangers associated with burning trash.

TRANSFER STATION:

Regular trash disposal: ticket system – $11.25 per sheet of 25 (valued at $0.45 per ticket) Trash is weighed One ticket per 4 pounds, with a minimum of 1 ticket per visit.

Purchase tickets at: Springfield Town Offices, 96 Main Street; Jake's South Street Market, Springfield; Jiffy Mart, River Street, Springfield; Main Street Market, North Springfield; Chester Hardware True Value, Main Street, Chester

Prices are based on our vendors' charges and are subject to change.

To receive less national advertising mail, contact the Mail Preference Service, P.O. Box 282, Carmel, NY 10512 or on-line at www.dmaconsumers.org/cgi/offmailing. The organization will charge $1.00 to place your name and home address in a "do-not-mail" file for five years.

SPRINGFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION

THE COMMUNITY CENTER

The Community House; The Club; The Rec Center – It depends on which era you're from.

The huge brown and white building at 139 Main St. is an amazing and versatile building. Serving as a form of recreation center in Springfield since 1919, the Community Center is just that. It continues to house a myriad of diverse programs, people, and opportunities for anyone and everyone, seven days a week, from 7:00 AM-9:00 PM and beyond. An average of 300 people come into the building on weekdays during the cold winter months.

Citizens who haven't been in lately may not realize how important this building is from October to April. Much has changed, but much remains the same as well. In 2007 we had the entire upstairs lobby and gym professionally cleaned and painted, a project that was well overdue. We also painted much of the game room and ladies restroom.

To give the public an idea of our building usage, the following is a listing (probably incomplete) of things that happen and groups who use the old "Community Club".

The Senior Center – Open 8:00 AM-4:00 PM Monday through Friday year round, plus special events: Flu Clinics, free legal aid, foot clinics, taxes prepared (free) for ages 40 and over, and checkbook balancing. The Senior Center averages 75 visitors a day and has well over 200 active members! The Senior Ceramics Shop has classes with over 50 members as well.

The Gym –
- All practices and games for 8 basketball teams grades 3-6
- Intramurals basketball and open gym time for grades 6-8
- Special Olympic basketball program
- Men's basketball for ages 18 and up, 3 times/week
- Adult volleyball
- Church youth groups
- Scout troops
- Children's playgroup (Ages 1-4)
- Morning aerobic classes
- Afternoon aerobics
- Family rollerskating
- Birthday party rentals
- Home-school groups
- Senior fitness programs and open walking time

Moose Room and Room 24 (Upstairs activity rooms)
- Line dancing (3 different classes)
- Cardio cross-training
- Birthday party rentals
- Senior fitness programs
- Police Dept. training sessions
- Community group meetings

Game Room – This includes 4 pool tables, 2 ping pong tables, air hockey, foosball tables, social area with chairs and couches, and board games.
- Open Monday-Friday from 8AM to 3PM to the public (adult use), HCRS, Lincoln St., and other social service agencies; AA Classes (Wed. PM)
- Open Monday-Friday after school hours-free use 3-5:30PM for students (under 10 must be with an adult)
- Rentals-by request only

Bowling Alley – 6 lanes candlepin bowling
- Open Monday-Friday 8AM-3PM to the public and agencies
- Open Monday-Friday 3-5:30PM for students
- Birthday Party Rentals (Fri. & Sat. PM)

VOLUNTEERS AND YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS

2007 was another strong year in terms of participation in our youth sports programs and summer camps. The numbers bear that out:

Programs
- Grades 1-6 basketball: 120
- Grades 2-6 wrestling: 25
- Grades K-7 baseball, softball, t-ball: 300
- Grades K-6 soccer: 160
- Grades 3-6 field hockey: 20
- Grades 3-6 flag football: 45

Total: 670 children

All of these K-6 youth sports programs rely heavily on volunteer coaches to supplement our Parks & Recreation Dept. staff, and once again, the people of Springfield came through in 2007 when we needed them.

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

These are some of the people who volunteered in <u>more</u> than one season in 2007:

Don Thomas	Ruth Haskell	Jeff Locke
Chari McAllister	Don Stein	Tony Stevens
Jon Polidor	John Blais	Darren Fontaine
Mia Millay	Bill Otis	Andy Courchesne
John Brady	Al Reardon	Alan Kinney
Rich Fuller		

Summer Camps
- Football: 15
- Dance: 50
- Tennis (2 weeks): 41
- Gymnastics: 43
- Theatre: 10
- Basketball: 25
- Karate: 25
- Soccer (2 separate camps) 60

Total: 270

Pool
- Swim lesson: 182
- Open Swim: An average of 82 people per day during the summer

MAINTENANCE

The biggest maintenance project of 2007 was the cleaning and painting of the Community Center gym and lobby, as mentioned before. Another big project was the addition of another new neighborhood playground. This one is at the North Springfield recreation area, behind the old North School. The purchase and installation of this playground was funded by the Town's agreement with the Southern Vermont Recreation Center Foundation.

We also had a huge unplanned maintenance project in the spring of 2007. Early on a Sunday morning a broken water main in the street just outside of the building flooded the basement (bowling lanes and ceramic shop) with thousands and thousands of gallons of water. Fortunately, the quick response from our local public works, water and sewer, fire and police departments minimized the damage and we had virtually no permanent effects.

We were also able to achieve some nice improvements to the hiking trails in the Hartness Park. With grant funding from the Vermont Recreation Trails Grant Program and the physical efforts of Eagle Scout candidate Dylan Davis, his grandfather Wayne, Don Whitney, Ray Auger, and Becky Basch of the Southern Vermont County Regional Planning Commission the trails were cleaned up and marked with 14 numbered posts. Three new attractive message boards were installed at the different entrances and stocked with brochures and other user-friendly information.

One more addition to our recreational community was completed in 2007. We now have a nice sand volleyball court at Freedom Park that was well received this summer. Sitting adjacent to the new playground, the volleyball court adds to the family flavor that Freedom Park now offers. We will add some picnic tables and benches soon!

OTHER FACILITIES

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

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

Andy Bladyka
Springfield Parks & Recreation Director

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2007

Have you seen the plaque that reads "Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, chocolate in hand, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming …WOO HOO what a ride!" We believe that fits so many of our members be they in their 50's, 60's or even 90's they are enjoying life to the fullest! That's what makes our senior center stand out – members are ENJOYING LIFE!

Our Senior Center is located in the Community Center at 139 Main Street and we are open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. During these hours the place is buzzing with activities from ceramic classes to strength (yes, lifting weights) training classes, from special Wednesday programs to cards – we have a variety of programs to fit most anyone. Do you like to sing and make people smile? Then join our Senior Songsters under the direction of Julie Kiniry. They travel around Vermont and New Hampshire spreading joy to others. Do you like to knit or crochet? Join our Knit Wits under the direction of Dorothy Benham and Hazel Gorsky. These dedicated members donate their beautiful pieces to the Santa Claus Club, Family Center, Springfield Hospital, Mt. Ascutney Hospital, David's House and more. Did your new grandbaby come home from the hospital with a cute knit bonnet? Probably someone from the Knit Wits group made it! Would you like to get in shape? Join our Tufts University Strong Living strength training classes. We have Tufts certified instructors who twice a week, will teach you how to strengthen your bones. We provide the leg weights and hand weights. We also have an exercise group called Fit and Happy. In this group we use weights plus mats for floor exercises. These groups party twice a year – as we get fit we also enjoy life! Socialization is very important to us all. Lifting weights a little too much? Try shuffleboard for exercise. We have tournaments, championships, banquets and fun. So you get enough physical exercise at home but would love to play cards? We have bridge, cribbage, pinochle and Whist to name a few. Our Wednesday special events can be anything from speakers to music and are open to all. This year we've had Judy Skinner entertaining us with her dance music, local author Gary Richardson, our Songsters, the Silver Country group, Judge Paul Hudson, Santa Claus and more. Pick up a bulletin at the Center and see all the wonderful activities that we have each month.

Do you like to travel? Trips! The members are Roadrunners! We have a great group of travelers. This past year we enjoyed five one-day charter bus trips, two small overnights – one to Bar Harbor in July and one to Old Quebec in October – and one large overnight to the Old South. You do not need to be a member to travel with us. You do need to be 21 years and over though! This last trip Bob Nelson and his son Ken traveled with us and Charmaine Merrow and her daughter Brenda Neronsky. Always great to have family on these trips. What trips will 2008 bring? Well the large trip is an 8-day MacKinac Island trip leaving June 19th. We will also have two small (2-5 days) overnight trips and five one-day trips. Sound good? Call the Center or stop in and say you are interested so you can get more information. After our active members have a chance to sign up it's then open to non-members. But if you are 50 years and over why not become a member. No dues. We just ask that you PARTICIPATE at the Center twice a month for three consecutive months and then you are an active member of the Springfield Senior Center.

Our members working together, contributing countless volunteer hours and generous monetary donations has created a feeling of family throughout the Center. Our center continues to contribute to the community by hosting a yearly flu clinic, free legal clinics, free tax preparation clinics, free blood pressure screening plus donations to the holiday baskets for the needy and a Springfield High School scholarship. Our members are seen volunteering in schools, the hospital and at community events year after year.

The members of the Center are thankful for the continued support of the Springfield taxpayers, the Town Manager, and the Board of Selectmen. It's your support that keeps the Senior Center a vital asset to the community.

The members would also like to thank Andy, Matt and Rick from Parks and Recreation for their support. We work closely with them and feel they are part of our family.

We at the Springfield Senior Center are looking towards a fantastic 2008 as we journey forward!

Betty Perkins and Joan Frazier hug with relief after walking across Montgomery Falls bridge in Quebec!

Earl Bonneau, *Chairman*
John Follett, *Vice Chairman*
Barbara Parker, *Secretary*
Dorothy Benham
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Richard Gorton
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Matthew McCarthy
Advisory Committee

Terri L. Emerson
Director

Dick Gorton 2007 Runner-Up hams it up with Dot Berhan 1977 Senior of the Year who won Vermont Successful Aging Award this year!

The horserace crew: Seated: Kay Mitchell and Hazel Gorsky; Standing: Dick Gorton, Norma Rice, Earl Bonneau, Dave Rorison and Charlotte McFarlin.

SPRINGFIELD TOWN LIBRARY

Hours:

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

Library Board of Trustees

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

After several years of major building renovations, introducing new information technology, and shifting parts of the collection to different areas in the Library, FY2006-2007 saw the Springfield Town Library begin a thorough process of evaluating those changes and the services it provides to our community.

Library Director Russ Moore and Library Trustees John Vorder Bruegge and Alan Fusonie attended a training session in January, 2007 on developing a long-range plan and formed a planning committee to work on this project. The planning committee developed a survey to gather information on how people use the Library, what they like about the Library, and what they want to see changed or improved. The committee received over 300 responses and found a very high level of satisfaction, along with lots of suggestions for further improvement. The planning committee is using those responses and additional feedback, along with a detailed analysis of the Library and the Springfield community to develop a long-range Plan of Service. It's a lengthy process and only just begun in FY2006-2007. When completed, it will include service responses to identified community needs, goals to indicate the desired outcome of those services, objectives to measure progress in achieving those goals, and specific actions the Library will undertake to achieve the desired outcomes.

Despite this shift in emphasis, the Library continued in FY2006-2007 to work towards completing the planned renovations. The project to replace the carpet and shelving on the second floor began in the previous year but extended into the summer of 2006 before it was completed. During that work, the second floor and Flinn Room were closed to the public and the adult non-fiction collection was not available for browsing.

Sofia Gulik and Anna Oncre with a creation frm the "What's the BIG Idea" Block Party.

Once completed, Library patrons were treated to a brighter, more open and user-friendly feel to the extensive collection of non-fiction books on the second floor. In February, 2007 two sections of wood shelving that had been removed earlier were rebuilt, refinished and re-installed on the second floor balcony. These rebuilt shelves help create a well-defined area for the Young Adult collection. They provide four times the shelving capacity as the previous shelves, which were severely overcrowded by this growing collection. The final phase of these renovations, to be accomplished in the summer of 2007, will replace the carpet on the first floor, create more seating in the Reference area, and expand shelving for the popular audio and video collections.

What do all these changes mean and why were they undertaken? Together they represent a thorough remodeling of the Library to bring it into the 21st Century. Since the newest addition opened in 1977, little had been done to the building and it was showing its age. Not only has it created a newer, more user-friendly feel to the Library, these changes have made the collections and services more accessible to the public and built the infrastructure needed to bring 21st Century information technology to the Library and the community.

That's most obvious in the Lobby area, where the card catalog has been replaced with an online computer catalog, loans are transacted on computer, and patrons have free, high-speed Internet access. The Library's web-based catalog is now accessible from anywhere in the world via the Internet and finding what you want is easier with keyword searching. Patrons can keep track of their loans, extend their due date, and place holds (formerly known as reserves) on Library materials. A revised floor plan has brought the Large Print collection to the front of the building, brought a more logical shelving arrangement to the Fiction collection, created more space for the growing audio and video collections, and expanded and improved the Young Adult area. Altogether, these physical changes have made the Library's vast resources more accessible to the community.

These changes also represent a shift in emphasis towards a greater reliance on non-print materials, although print materials (books, periodicals, pamphlets, etc.) remain the primary resource at the Library. Books account for 75% of the items borrowed by nearly 4,000 registered borrowers. However, audio and video materials are borrowed more frequently per item. The Library's 46,711 books accounted for 42,906 loans in FY2006-2007 for a "turnover" rate of .951 per item. By contrast, the 5,536 audio and video items accounted for 13,810 loans and a turnover rate of 2.494 this year. And access to electronic materials such as online periodical articles and e-books has created a huge "virtual library" available to all Library patrons. The Library receives 118 printed magazine and newspaper titles, yet the full text of millions of articles from over11,000 general interest periodicals and 8,000 peer-reviewed, academic journals are available 24 hours, 7 days a week through the Vermont Online Library on the Library web

Springfield Town Library (Continued)

site. Expensive printed reference books, once a mainstay of the Library, are getting replaced by less-costly electronic versions of the same publications which also provide more current information and take up no shelf space. That has allowed the Library to eliminate some shelving in the Reference area and add more seating.

The Library provides online access to standard reference sources like encyclopedias, dictionaries, almanacs and indexes; repair manuals for domestic and foreign cars from 1945 to 2007; business and career resources; federal, state and local government materials; medical, legal and financial resources; and genealogy & family history materials. This vast array of online resources, previously only available in the largest research libraries, is now available free of charge to all Library patrons and the community.

At the same time, our comparatively little library has now become a source of materials for other libraries in Vermont and around the country. Through the Inter-Library Loan network, Springfield Town Library has borrowed thousands of books for patrons over the years that are not in our collection. In FY2001-2002, the Library borrowed 647 books through Inter-Library Loan and loaned 223 books to other libraries. In FY2006-2007, the Library borrowed 625 items while loaning 926! A grant from the Vermont Dep't. of Libraries reimbursed our Library $308 for sharing books via ILL in FY2005 and $586 in FY2006.

With so much information available with just a simple Google search, how do you know you're getting the best answer? Navigating your way through the myriad resources, and finding information that is accurate, authoritative and up-to-date can be a challenge. That's where the Library staff can be of critical help. The Library subscribes to several online databases and reference sources noted for their accuracy and reliability, and provides links to many more web sites that have been vetted for accuracy and currency. In FY2006-2007, the Library staff fielded nearly 2,000 reference transactions and requests for assistance in the information they were seeking. Library staff also help patrons select good books to meet their reading interests with reader's advisory services. They signed in 9,712 patrons on the Library's 6 public access Internet computers and helped countless numbers in finding the right web site, creating and printing out documents, or just learning to use a mouse.

Library programs are another major service offered by the Library. They are designed to focus on books and reading, connecting people with books on the program topic and fostering an enjoyment of reading. Children's Librarian Cheryl Cox conducted 116 programs this year, attended by 2,251 children. Again this year, programs included Story Times for 2 Year Olds, Pre-School Story Hours and After School Discovery Hours along with special programs during school holidays and vacations such as The Great Scot Bardic Magician and a Little House on the Prairie marathon. Summer Reading programs and activities for children and Young Adults proved popular, along with a bookmobile pilot project in collaboration with the school district over the summer. "What's the BIG Idea? Math and Science Learning for Young Children" was an underlying theme through many of Cheryl's programs. Library programs for adults made a strong return this year after a difficult time with limited offerings the year before. Coordinated by Susan Bridgeo, the Library offered 35 programs attended by 439 adults. The Learn to Knit series last winter was especially popular, along with a screening of Al Gore's documentary film An Inconvenient Truth, the Saxtons River Bell Ringers program of Holiday music, and Harland Whitcomb's historic glass slides of old Springfield. A series of programs on health and fitness, literary events, American artists Winslow Homer and Edward Hopper and the bi-monthly Scrabble Club were also held. The annual Holiday Open House was held on Dec. 1, 2006 despite heavy rains which limited attendance. The Friends of Springfield Town Library (FOSTL) with Glenna Richardson decorated the Library and provided delicious baked goods. Music was provided by the Comtu Chamber Ensemble.

The majority of the Library's programming is funded by FOSTL. The annual book sale is their primary fundraising

Jenna Knight measures her block tower against her own height.

Tom Joyce the Magic Man does a magic trick with Sadie Blair.

activity, generating over $4,300 in August, 2006. In addition to the book sale, membership contributions and other donations along with smaller fund raising activities make up FOSTL's annual budget which is spent on improving Library services. FOSTL contributed nearly $3000 for programs, $2,000 for the Book Lease service and other Library materials, and began refurbishing Library seating. It has also agreed to underwrite the costs of conserving and restoring a mural by Stuart Eldredge which will be mounted on the Children's Room walls when completed. We were all saddened by the loss of FOSTL President Ann Williams last winter. Ann worked tirelessly and with great enthusiasm to further the mission of FOSTL and to help the Library better meet the needs of the community. FOSTL paid tribute to Ann's leadership at its annual meeting in April, 2007, which featured Helene Lang portraying Beatrix Potter. Once again, Janet Tessier stepped in to fill the void and helped to make 2007 another successful year. Beyond fundraising, FOSTL provides tremendous support to the Library in many ways, from volunteering to speaking up for and about the Library to suggesting ways to improve it. The FOSTL Board of Directors spends countless hours sorting, moving, setting up books for the book sale (and cleaning up after), planning and hosting Library events, and much more. Many thanks to them once again, and to all the Friends members whose generosity and hard work help make the Library the outstanding community resource it is.

The Library's greatest resource is its dedicated staff, who connect people with the books and information they seek, cultivating the power of knowledge and imagination, and striving to make every visit to the Library a positive and rewarding experience. During the year, Library Clerk Diane Henry went out on extended medical leave and eventually retired. An avid reader, Diane was exceptional in making those reader's advisory suggestions to connect patrons with books they enjoyed. We wish her well in retirement, and good reading. Adult Services Coordinator Susan Bridgeo also left the Library near the end of the year. She developed some innovative programs which brought new people into the Library. Kyle Hatt, a Green & Gold scholar at UVM, spent the summer at the Library as a student assistant at the front desk and working on special projects including the second floor renovation, and former Library Page Ethan Katz returned from Champlain College for the summer. Library Pages Emily Rousse and Cedric Bogardus returned books and other items to their proper places, kept the shelves neat and in good order, and helped out at the front desk and with children's programs when needed. Children's Librarian Cheryl Cox, Technical Services Librarian Jo Coleman, Library Technicians Christopher Bloomfield and Tammy Gould, Library Clerks Tracy Obremski and Tracey Pratt, and Library Aides Ellen Morgan and Pat Augustinowicz, along with Ro Ratti and DJ Fusonie who substitute for staff on short notice, make up the rest of an outstanding Library staff. They are joined by a dedicated core of volunteers, including Judy Torney and retired Library staffers Pat Colteryahn, Pat Day and Pat Hayden ("The Three Pats").

The Library Board of Trustees is an advisory board of seven members elected by the community to ensure the Library serves the needs of its citizens. Library Trustees establish goals to meet those needs and policies that govern Library operations. During FY2006-2007 the Board began the lengthy and challenging task of creating a new long-range plan to guide the Library in the coming years. Alice Lohutko resigned from the Board due to health concerns and in March, 2007 Bill Moeser was elected to fill the remaining year of her term. New Trustees Lisa Mobus and Steve Matush were elected to three year terms, joining John Vorder Bruegge (Chair), Miranda Bogardus (Vice-Chair), Jean Middleton and Alan Fusonie on the Library Board.

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

Russell S. Moore
Library Director

LIBRARY STATISTICS FOR FY2006-2007

HOLDINGS

Books	**Adult**	**Juvenile**	**Total**
July 1, 2006	29,669	15,418	45,087
Added	+ 4,573	+ 1,567	+ 6,140
Withdrawn	- 3,871	- 645	- 4,516
June 30, 2007	30,371	16,340	46,711

Audio Materials	**Adult**	**Juvenile**	**Total**
July 1, 2006	3,054	1,035	4,089
Added	+ 326	+ 72	+ 398
Withdrawn	- 294	- 14	- 308
June 30, 2007	3,086	1,093	4,179

Video Materials	**Adult**	**Juvenile**	**Total**
July 1, 2006	610	371	981
Added	+ 313	+ 147	+ 460
Withdrawn	- 65	- 19	- 84
June 30, 2007	858	499	1,357

Electronic Materials	**Adult**	**Juvenile**	**Total**
	16	1	17

Periodical Subscriptions	**Adult**	**Juvenile**	**Total**
	103	15	118

CIRCULATION	**Adult**	**Juvenile**	**Total**
Printed Materials	26,444	16,462	42,906
Non-Print Materials	10,905	2,905	13,810
Total	37,349	19,367	56,716

REGISTERED BORROWERS

	Adult	**Juvenile**	**Non-Resident**	**Total**
July 1, 2006	2,466	1,139	424	4,029
Added	+ 478	+ 138	+ 87	+ 703
Withdrawn	- 398	- 550	- 14	- 962
June 30, 2007	2,546	727	497	3,770
Renewed	1,864	535	340	2,739

PUBLIC ACCESS COMPUTER LOG-INS

Adult	**Juvenile**	**Total**
5,961	3,751	9,712

INTER-LIBRARY LOANS

Borrowed	**Loaned**	**Not-Filled**	**Total**
625	926	41	1592

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

SPRINGFIELD PLANNING COMMISSION

In September of 2007, at the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the Board of Selectmen adopted an amended Zoning Bylaw which changed the process for development review for the Town. This adoption was the culmination of a two year effort working with Becky Basch of the RPC. This change gives the PC the ability to concentrate it's efforts on planning. Over the last 20 years, the PC has been continually involved in review and update of the Town Plans, followed by update of the zoning bylaws to incorporate changes recommended in the Town Plans. Changes to the zoning bylaws lead to changes in the subdivision regulations. In between, the Planning Commission has worked with the Administration and the RPC to develop a Capital Budget which requires revision and update annually. The Planning Commission is also working toward compliance with the Ancient Roads legislation. In order to keep on track to accomplish these planning processes, the PC has held two meetings each month, one for development review and the other for planning review and amendment.

The PC is an appointed Commission of nine members. Current membership includes: Donald Barrett, Chairman; Wilbur Horton, Jr., Vice Chairman; Richard Fenton; Kelly Ryan; Joseph Husted and Richard Filion. Applications for appointment can be obtained at the Town Manager's office at 96 Main Street, or by calling 802-885-2104.

During 2007, Ronald Higgins, a member appointed in 1997 retired from the Commission. Ron's strength was a voice of reason and moderation tempered with New England common sense. His faithful service to the PC and community is greatly appreciated and he is missed. Stephen Kraft and Donald Napsey transferred to the Development Review Board in October and we wish them well. There are three openings on the Planning Commission. The PC works closely with the Regional Planning Commission and with their assistance, the Town has received a number of grants to assist in the ongoing review of regulations and plans including compliance with the statute on "Ancient Roads". The RPC is continuing to work with local interested citizens to identify trails and Class IV highways to meet this goal.

ACTIONS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION IN 2007 INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

- Bishop Enterprises - Site Plan Diesel Fuel Distributor Spoonerville Rd. Bibens/Wallen subdivision - 1 new parcel on River Street
- Elm Hill School - Site Plan Addition and Renovations
- Union Street School - Site Plan Addition and Renovations
- Eleanor Arno - subdivision - 2 new parcels on Crown Point Rd.
- St. Mary's Parish -Site Plan Professional Offices, Pleasant St.
- Brian Meyette - Site Plan Airport Hangar Airport Road
- Robert & Mabel Barlow - subdivision 1 new parcel on Barlow Road
- Springfield Hospital - Site Plan Professional Office Space
- Dennis & Bonnie McPadden - Planned Residential Development School St., N.S.
- Todd & Belinda Morse - renewal of building permit River St.
- Keith Carey - Site Plan Professional Office River Street
- Town of Springfield - Site Plan Public Safety Building Clinton Street
- Richard Jacobs - Site Plan Professional Office Park Street
- James Ballard - Site Plan Motor Vehicle Sales & Service River Street
- Keith Vandenburgh - Site Plan Professional Office Elm St., N.S.
- Keith Ferguson/Verizon - Site Plan Communication Tower Spencer Hollow Road
- Kenneth Vandenburgh - Site Plan Multifamily dwelling Elm Street, N.S.
- Karen Crowson/Daniel Gray - Site Plan Retail Sales Main Street
- Earl & Julia Buffam - Subdivision 1 new parcel on Valley Street
- Bruce Vukson/Verizon - Site Plan Communication Tower Randall Hill Road
- F. Craig Coleman - Subdivision major boundary adjustment - Brockway Mills Road

Donald Barrett
Chairman

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Development Review Board, previously known as the Zoning Board of Adjustment, meets regularly on the second Tuesday of each month. This five member Board hears all requests for development review beginning in October of 2007. Requests include: conditional use permits, variances, alteration of non-conforming structures and uses, site plan approvals, subdivisions, and appeals of actions of the Administrative Officer. Current membership on the Board is: Keith Stern, Chairman; Donald Napsey, Vice Chairman; Stephen Kraft and Theodore Reeves. Donald Barrett and Wilbur Horton, Jr., from the Planning Commission serve as alternates.

There were three retirements of long time members of the Board in 2007. Each of these individuals have served faithfully, seldom absent, always prepared with the best interest of Springfield in mind when applying the regulations. Nothing stays the same. These individuals will be greatly missed at the table, and it is our hope that in the future they might return to serve again. New members to the DRB include Ted Reeves, transferring from the Downtown Design Commission; Steve Kraft and Don Napsey, transferring from the Planning Commission.

Bruce Johnson, Chairman of the ZBA, a member of the Board for 25 years, resigned in 2007. There aren't words to express sufficient gratitude and respect for his many years of dedicated service to the citizens of this Town. Bruce was fair and open minded. Everyone who wished, was respectfully granted time to speak. The quality and quantity of his work with the local SAPA Television Station is a reflection of his attention to the needs of the ZBA and the Town of Springfield over those 25 years.

David Crawford, Vice Chairman of the ZBA, a member of the Board since Town Meeting of 1991, resigned in 2007. David served as Vice Chairman for most of that time. A busy and respected real estate business owner/agent and long time resident, David brought a broad knowledge of individual properties and ongoing real estate activity to the Board. His business placed him in contact with the public on a daily basis and that professionalism was a tremendous asset to the Board.

Wayne Griffin, a member of the ZBA since Town Meeting of 1999, resigned in 2007. Wayne, a life long resident and property owner in Springfield, joined the Board in 1999. Wayne knew almost everyone who made a request to the Board. Wayne was faithful in attendance, thoughtful and fair to applicants and ever respectful and considerate of people's needs, and always mindful of the charge to the Board to apply the regulations literally.

There is one opening on the DRB at this time. If you are interested in serving on this Board, application for appointment may be acquired by calling the Town Manager's office at 885-2104.

THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS WERE ACTED ON BY THE BOARD IN 2007:

- Matthew Priestley - Conditional Use Day Care Ridgeway Street
- Kenneth Barton - Non-conforming lots, alteration of boundary line
- Brian Rapanotti - Non-conforming structure alteration
- Elm Hill School - Conditional Use alterations & additions
- Union Street School - Conditional Use alterations & additions
- Springfield Housing Authority - Variance for shed Mineral Street
- St. Mary's Parish - Conditional Use Professional Office Pleasant Street
- Lee McNaughton - Non-conforming structure alteration
- Wayne Duquette - Variance shed Woodbury Road
- Springfield Hospital - Conditional Use Professional Office Ridgewood Road
- Town of Springfield - Conditional Use Public Safety Building Clinton Street
- Dennis Sylvester - Variance Garage Fairground Heights
- Alan Batchelder - Variance shed South Street
- Christopher Mason and Jessica Larivee - Variance Signs on riverside Main St.
- Daniel & Howard Hill - Conditional Use accessory dwelling County Road
- Appeal of Administrative Officer Decision - Peter Dawson Union Street
- Appeal of Administrative Officer Decision - Donald and Jean Bishop Wall St.
- Richard Jacobs - Conditional Use Professional Office Park Street
- James Ballard - Conditional Use Motor Vehicle Sales and Service River Street
- Rick Pulsipher - Variance Garage Southridge Street
- Keith Ferguson/Verizon - Conditional Use Comm. Tower Spencer Hollow Road
- Bruce Vukson/Verizon - Conditional Use Comm. Tower Randall Hill Road
- Kenneth Vandenburgh - Conditional Use Professional Office Elm St., N.S.
- Bishop Farms - Non-Conformance separate two primary dwellings on one parcel Skitchewaug Trail
- Arthur Taft - Conditional use Personal Storage #5, Route 106, N.S.
- Martin Taft - Conditional Use Contractor's Yard River Street
- Cynthia Toolin - Subdivision 3 new parcels Eaton Avenue
- Todd and Belinda Morse - Site Plan amend size of approved building River St.
- Kenneth Vandenburgh - Conditional Use multi family dwelling Elm Street, N.S.
- Arthur Taft - Conditional Use Personal Storage #6, Route 106, N.S.
- Jay McClure - Conditional Use Professional Office Summer Street
- James Hagedorn - Site Plan Airport Hangar Airport Road
- Winfield McCann - Variance Garage Main Street, N.S.
- Todd Morse - Variance Signs in General Business Zoning District River St.
- David Crawford - Conditional Use Addition and Motor Vehicle Sales Clinton St.

Keith Stern
Chairman

SPRINGFIELD REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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

We have had a successful 2007 and look forward to more positive developments this coming year.

The redevelopment of the former Fellows Gear Shaper property in North Springfield was completed this past year, culminating in a ribbon cutting with Governor Douglas in October. JELD-WEN began operations in the facility this spring, joining two of our existing businesses, Kiosko and Acrylic Design who expanded their operations by moving to this location. Collectively, those three companies now employ over 350 area residents.

SRDC has worked closely with all of the businesses, as well as with Winstanley Enterprises, to help bring this project to fruition. We continue to work with Winstanley, as well as the tenants of the Industrial Park, to ensure that the businesses we have remain successful in that location as well as looking at how to maximize the usage of property in the Park. That includes working with the new owner of the former Ellsworth Ice Cream plant about possible redevelopment options for that facility.

We also have been involved with PVDC on the marketing of the River Street facility for possible sale and redevelopment.

Progress on the Jones & Lamson Plant 1 project slowed this year with the need for additional environmental assessment. Testing was completed this spring, which allowed the remediation planning process to resume. The Corrective Action Feasibility Investigation was completed this fall and the Corrective Action Plan is currently in draft form and awaiting approval from the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Environmental Protection Agency. Once that is in place, we will be able to resume the permitting process which will lead to remediation and partial demolition of the existing building. We also completed our required historic preservation photo documentation of the property.

Retention and expansion are two of the key objectives of SRDC's work. We're a partner with several organizations within the region, as well as the state. Many times, our role is to serve as a matchmaker with available programs and services. We are very pleased to report significant progress in providing resources to our existing businesses in the community. Gary Chabot has served as the case manager for the Small Business Development Center office (housed within SRDC). We have also helped to facilitate resources to businesses in this region from the Vermont Training Program, Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center and Vermont Economic Progress Council, as well as others. We continue to assist area businesses with expansions, training programs, financing and tax credits. Through our partnership with the River Valley Technical Center, Howard Dean Education Center and Workforce Investment Board, we were involved in helping to obtain five workforce development grants for this region.

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

SRDC rolled out its first marketing effort this year, with a series of print advertisements and a new brochure. Our revamped web site is currently in beta form and will be launched later this year. We have an exciting story to tell and we're proud to talk about our success stories as well as the opportunities available fore development in the community.

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

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

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

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

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

Bob Flint
Executive Director

SOUTHERN WINDSOR COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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

During FY 2007, member towns contributed 3% to the Regional Planning Commission's annual budget of $719,032. Town dues assessment was based on $1.00 per person using 2000 census data, which for the Town of Springfield was $9,078.00. The remaining revenues were derived from federal and state funding sources: Federal funding supported transportation planning activities, the administration of Community Development Block Grants, and the Southern Windsor County Brownfields Reuse Project; State funds were derived from the Agency of Natural Resources for environmental planning, and the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for land use planning and other related activities.

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

In addition to providing ongoing assistance to member towns, the Regional Planning Commission provided technical assistance to the Town of Springfield in land use, transportation, emergency management, housing, and environmental planning. The Regional Planning Commission also assisted the Town of Springfield with applying for a Municipal Planning Grant to update its Subdivision Regulations. The Regional Planning Commission also assisted the Town in receiving approval for its Flood Hazard Regulations from Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) and Vermont Emergency Management (VEM).

The Regional Planning Commission staff assisted the Planning Commission with amending their zoning bylaws, and provided information and materials on the Black River water quality assessment program, and the Ancient Roads Program. The Regional Planning Commission continues to assist the Town with the assessment and remediation of brownfield sites located in Springfield and with the Downtown Sidewalk Reconstruction Project.

Annually, the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Springfield appoints two individuals; a representative and an alternate to serve on the Regional Planning Commission. The RPC board is responsible for developing regional policies, providing Act 200 review of town plans, and facilitating cooperation amongst member towns. In FY 2007, 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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Ascutney, VT 05030
web site: www.swcrpc.org

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

The George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) helps towns, groups and organizations by bringing together the technical, financial and administrative resources to deal with natural resource conservation and rural and community development issues. We are here to serve your community. By bringing together help from our extensive network of resources, we can focus technical and financial resources on your specific needs. We get technical assistance and some staff through the U.S. Department of Agriculture but private and community sources make up most of our budget. In 2007 working with our partners, we secured and administered over $325,000 for natural resource conservation, public safety, and community development projects.

In Springfield we provided two dry hydrant grants totaling $4,252 to improve the water supply for firefighting and a grant for $251 to purchase equipment for fighting forest and grass fires. Do you have a project or program that could use some assistance to "make it happen"? Over the years the George D. Aiken RC&D Council has helped many communities and organizations on a variety of projects. We work on a request basis, so the first step is up to you, giving us a call. For information and free consultation call Kenneth Hafner our RC&D Coordinator at (802) 728-9526 or email: kenneth.hafner@vt.usda.gov.

SPRINGFIELD ON THE MOVE

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

- Comtu Cascade Park received a Vermont Public Space Merit Award. The Governor presented the award at the State House in the spring.
- The Alleyway Project was officially dedicated in June with a special celebration of the memorial sculpture to Robert "Mac" McIntyre made possible by donations from friends.
- SOM continued its downtown maintenance program. Our liaison coordinated with the Public Works department, downtown merchants and property owners. This part-time summer maintenance person oversaw Park and Alleyway maintenance. The streets were kept cleaner and trash and shopping carts were put in their appropriate places. Keeping things neat and tidy went a long way in changing the face of our main downtown corridor.
- Late in the year we held a board retreat facilitated by board member Steve Plunkard. We are now looking at downtown as a whole, rather than a series of projects, and how we can change elements to make overall improvement

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

- Much of our time was dedicated to collaborating with the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce in helping to redevelop space in the Bank Block. With donor and project money, Springfield On the Move helped redevelop space in the Bank Block that is now the site of the Chamber office, rotating gallery space for art and historical exhibits and the new home of *The Simpsons* memorabilia.
- Efforts to recruit more retail and to fill downtown storefronts received priority and these efforts paid off with 90% occupied by the end of the year.
- Again this year SOM co-sponsored Christmas decorating with the Chamber of Commerce. Door wreaths for all downtown businesses/properties and plenty of volunteer labor again were our gifts.
- A Chamber representative on our Board keeps communication and collaboration at an optimum level. An SOM representative continued to attend Chamber board meetings.

SOM continues to collaborate with other organizations:

- Our joint project with the Garden Club, the wrought iron planter project, flourishes on Main Street. Garden Club members worked hard in overseeing plantings in the Park and Alleyway as well. Per usual the Town Hall gardens were lovely as ever.
- SOM continues to explore ways to expand the Art & Historical Society's presence downtown and year round. All parties will continue to work together to see what the future might bring.
- We are always ready to consult with both downtown property owners and with the Planning Commission — more specifically with the Downtown Design Commission when issues surrounding changes to properties or signage in the designated downtown arise.
- The falls at the PVDC dam continue to be lighted in the evening.

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

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

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

Mary Helen Hawthorne
Executive Director

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

Serving and strengthening Vermont Local Government

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

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. All 246 cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 148 other municipal entities, including villages and fire districts.

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

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

- Legal, consulting and education services. In the past year, VLCT responded to over 3,000 inquires for assistance from municipal officials. Our Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) conducted 13 workshops and 25 on-site training sessions that attracted over 1100 people. MAC distributed almost 200 hard copy handbooks to municipal officials but also made all its handbooks available free of charge on our website at our Resource Library.

  The Library also contains over 500 other electronic documents currently accessible to all.
- Advocacy representation before the state and federal governments to ensure that municipalities have the resources and authority they need to serve their citizens. VLCT is a leader in the education finance debate, in land use discussions, and in securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs.
- Purchasing opportunities to provide needed services at the lowest cost. Examples include municipal employee health insurance and liability coverage for town operations. The VLCT Health Trust represents the most affordable option available to provide health insurance to municipal employees. The value of the VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) to all our members is realized daily as members take advantage of loss prevention training and assistance, as well as reasonable insurance rates. These two trusts, with the addition of the VLCT Unemployment Trust, were responsible in 2007 for $46 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

During the year 2007, one hundred sixteen building permits were issued. There were 146 permits issued in 2006. I had expected a surge in permit numbers in the Fall, but that did not happen. With early Winter setting in, the building season was cut short as compared to the three previous years.

16 new single family dwelling permits
2 replace mobile home upgrades
1 accessory dwelling
1 apartment
21 commercial permits
1 temporary permit to relocate Elm Hill School
18 additions to homes
41 accessory structures
12 alterations
3 home business/occupation
1 demolition

Probably the most notable construction this year was the HCRS building on River Street. This is an impressive building constructed on one of the few remaining lots available in the commercial districts. This office space consolidates many services previously located at a number of locations in Springfield and surrounding towns.

Todd and Belinda Morse continue with plans to add a new building at their River Street location in 2008.

Arthur Taft will construct two new self storage buildings on Route 106 planned for completion in 2008.

Verizon received permits for two communication towers, one on Spencer Hollow Road and the other off Randall Hill Road. They also opened a retail space on Main Street. The two towers, plus the one added to 80 Main Street in 2005, along with towers permitted in New Hampshire and other Towns along the I-91 corridor will greatly improve wireless services in the Town.

I am sure it was a surprise to see the "Elm Hill School" sign at the Stantec building on River Street, North Springfield. A temporary permit was issued to house students and teachers during the reconstruction of Elm Hill School. Union Street School also began alterations and additions in 2007.

Two new hangars were approved for the Hartness State Airport. Three hangars have been approved in the last two years. It is great to see this activity.

Springfield Hospital continues to make improvements to their properties on Ridgewood Road with a new entrance and expanded professional office space.

The Town of Springfield made extensive renovations to the "Lucas" building, a/k/a "The White House" to us old timers, at 201 Clinton Street in preparation for relocation of the Springfield Police Department.

The office of the Administrative Officer is open Monday - Friday - 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Please call 802-885-2104 for information. 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

DOWNTOWN DESIGN COMMISSION

The Downtown Design Commission consists of five regular members and one alternate. The current make up of the Commission is Herb Jamison, Vice Chairman, Goldie May, Estelle Goding, Elsie Putnam and Charles Gulick, III. Regular meeting nights are the third Monday of each month unless otherwise set by the Commission. The Board would like to enlist an alternate member to ensure that there is always a quorum available.

Theodore Reeves, Chairman appointed in June of 2004 when the Commission was established resigned in 2007 and transferred to the Development Review Board. Although he is missed on the DDC, his background and work experience is a welcome addition to the DRB.

If you own a building in the Downtown Design Control Overlay District, any changes of use and alterations to the outside of your building must come before the Downtown Design Commission. Depending on the type of change requested, the Commission, after reviewing a proposal, will make a recommendation to the Development Review Board or to the Administrative Officer for approval or denial of requests.

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

ACTIVITY IN 2007 INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

- State of Vermont garage at 100 Mineral Street
- State of Vermont exterior alterations at 100 Mineral Street
- Christopher Mason and Jessica Larivee signs at 5, 7, 9 and 11 Main Street properties and temporary signs on the Parks & Woolson Building on Park Street
- Tapper Law Offices sign 59 Main Street
- Richard Supry - Pet Store Sign at 9 Main Street
- Wireless Solution/Verizon Wireless signs at 33 Main Street
- Karen Crowson/Gray Properties sign for Rusty Rooster 2 Valley St.
- Aster Holdings/Dan Zee 120 Main Street exterior alterations
- Mark Merrow & Tina Goodrich retail sales and sign for 20 Main Street
- Amy Massena, Real Estate Sign for Savings & Loan Building 85 Main Street
- The Boutique Room 59 Main Street Change signs
- Stephen Green new entrance at 56 Main Street, The Bank Block
- Calvary Baptist Church Welcome sign at 156 Main Street
- Jose and Erika Perez Retail Sales and sign for 2 Valley Street

Herbert Jamison
Vice Chairman

SPRINGFIELD HUMANE SOCIETY, INC.

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

In 2007 we took in 462 dogs and cats, 7 rabbits, 1 bird and 1 rat. Of these dogs and cats 252 were strays and 210 were surrendered by their owners. Of the 252 strays were 94 dogs, 7 puppies, 98 cats & 53 kittens. Sadly only 55 strays were claimed by owners – 44 dogs, 4 puppies & 8 cats. Our placement rate was 95%!

It is our policy and practice not to euthanize animals unless veterinarians deem their health too severe to save or if behavior is deemed to be unsafe to be adopted. $13,207.72 was spent on direct health care for the animals. We do everything within our power and limited resources to re-habilitate and find homes for each animal in our care. In 2007 our euthanasia rate, already low for the state, dropped by 75%.

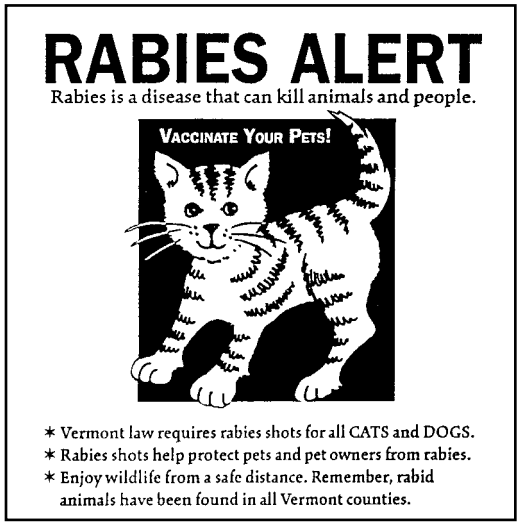
Our new Canine Enrichment Program is designed to enhance the lives of the dogs in our care. Volunteers are assigned a dog to give special attention such as grooming, long walks, sitting and talking and even short car rides. This helps the dogs maintain good mental health while they await that special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

This year we will begin seriously exploring the possibility of replacing our old outdated kennels, which were built in the early 1950's. If anyone is interested in helping with this project, please give us a call. We look forward to having a modern facility that will meet the needs of the animals and people we serve now and into the future.

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

The Shelter is open Tue-Sat 12-5 and our pets are available to visit 24 hours a day at www.spfldhumane.org.

Tom Browe
Executive Director



SPRINGFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY

The public housing units at the Whitcomb and Huber Buildings were almost fully occupied through out the year, as the occupancy rate was 99.45%. This was exceptional due to the fact that the Authority had 15 units turnover this past year. The current waiting list shows 30 applicants.

The Authority was reviewed under the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS). The final score was 99 out of 100. This means the Authority continues to be a High Performer per HUD guidelines.

The Authority was awarded a Capital Fund Grant (CFG) for $178,308.00 at the end of 2006. Those funds were used for the following projects:

- Finishing the parking lot repair at the Whitcomb Building,
- Finishing the repair of the sidewalks at the Whitcomb Building,
- Installation of new storm doors at the Whitcomb Building, and
- Start of the elevator modernization project at the Whitcomb Building.

During 2007, the Authority was given another CFG for $169,759.00. These funds will be used to complete the elevator modernization project and install new locks on the apartments at the Whitcomb Building.

The Authority also manages 61 section 8 certificates and vouchers. Last year, $278,438 was paid to local landlords for our section 8 tenants. The lease-up rate for this program was 99.18 %. Currently, there are 85 families on the waiting list. The waiting period for local residents has increased to about 12 months.

The Maples

The Maples, the Rural Development project on South Street, is fully occupied, and there are 22 people on the waiting list. This past year saw an occupancy rate of 98.9 %. Also, during the past year, we continued the process of vinyl floor and carpet replacement in the units. This will continue for the next four years. In addition, carbon monoxide detectors were installed in each unit.

This year the Authority purchased the Mountain View Apartments from the partnership that has owned them for the past 16 years. Mountain View will still remain a HUD Section 236 property until January of 2014. This development had an occupancy rate of 97.6 % in 2007, and a waiting list of 64 families. The physical inspection of the property was conducted by the Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) this year. The property scored 92 out of 100. This means that HUD considers the property a high performer. The next inspection is due in 2010. There were no significant capital projects in 2007 except for the installation of the carbon monoxide detectors in all units.

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

Westview Terrace Apartments had an occupancy rate of 94.7% in 2007. These 58 units of family housing are a part of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program. They service families, which can earn up to 60% of the median income for Windsor County. This project continues to be a valuable asset to the Town by providing people of limited income access to safe, clean, and reasonably priced rental housing. The replacement of one hot water tank, new carpeting in several apartments, and the placement of carbon monoxide detectors in all units were the only capital repairs in 2007.

In September of 2004, SHU with the help of the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB) purchased about 3 and 1/2 acres of land adjacent to Westview. Eight building lots were created. SHU and the SHA have partnered with Springfield Area Habitat for Humanity, Vermont Works for Women, and the Rockingham Community Land Trust (RACLT) to build and sell affordable homes. During this past year, Habitat completed their home. It is now occupied by a family from their program. The RACLT purchased another lot and placed a house on that lot built by Vermont Works for Women. This house was sold in November to a family of limited income. Currently, SHU has partnered with the River Valley Technical Center (RVTC). The students will build a house which will be placed on a lot in May of 2008.The plan is to continue with these and other partnerships to create 4 additional affordable homes.

William F. Morlock, III
Executive Director

Frederic P. Koledo
Chairman

Alan Pinders
Cynthia Gagnier
Beverly Corey

Peter Andrews
Vice-Chairman

SOUTHERN WINDSOR/WINDHAM COUNTIES SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The **NH/VT Solid Waste Project** was basically dissolved at the end of the 20 year waste disposal contract with Wheelabrator on June 30, 2007. The Project office has been closed and all assets have been disposed of with the exception of the cash balance in the bank account. Litigation with the City of Claremont, NH regarding reimbursement of excess real estate taxes the Project paid is awaiting a ruling by the courts. After a final ruling on that tax case, the cash assets of the project will be distributed proportionately to the two (NH & VT) solid waste districts which made up the Project. The Project will then be officially ended. Public records of the Project will be stored at the municipal offices of Newport, NH. Management once provided for the two districts by the Joint Project must now be provided by the Vermont District alone.

Management of the Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District (the District) is now provided under a contract with the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission, Thomas J. Kennedy, Executive Director. The position of recycling coordinator is filled by Mary T. O'Brien, a part time employee of the District. Information regarding the district and waste disposal and recycling options can be obtained from the web site www.vtsolidwastedistrict.org.

The District has negotiated a contract with Gobin Disposal Systems of Newport, NY to haul and dispose of solid waste collected at the five transfer stations located within the District. Private haulers can also use the disposal site in Newport, NY for trash generated within the District if they so choose. Gobin offers single stream disposal for recyclables.

A Solid Waste Ordinance has been put into effect whereby all solid waste haulers within the District must be licensed, and trucks have a permit. A surcharge of $5.00 per ton has been assessed and will be collected at the trash tipping points to finance the programs of the District.

The District is working with the Vermont Dept. of Environmental Services to finalize a "Solid Waste Implementation Plan". This plan will encompass dealing with municipal solid waste disposal, recycling, special wastes, household hazardous waste, and citizen education. The emphasis of the plan is to reduce the amount of waste put in disposal sites by increasing recycling and reuse of materials; and to protect the environment by providing safe methods for the disposal of hazardous materials.

Forrest Randall, *Springfield Solid Waste Representative*
Mary Helen Hawthorne, *Alternate*
Mark Blanchard, *Alternate*
Mary Ann Remolador, *Alternate*

MT ASCUTNEY REGION RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Mt. Ascutney Subcommittee completed a new and expanded water resources chapter of the Connecticut River Management Plan, focusing on the many environmental and economic benefits of keeping floodplains free of development and vegetated riparian buffers along riverbanks to keep them stable, block debris, shade the water, and filter pollutants from runoff.

The Subcommittee provides information and assistance to the states, towns, and landowners on projects near the river. We encourage towns to consider our plan and to incorporate its recommendations when updating town plans and revising zoning ordinances. We urge all anglers and boaters to clean their gear carefully to avoid spreading Didymo, the newly discovered invasive alga in the Connecticut River.

A second representative is needed. Citizens who wish to represent the town should contact the selectmen. The Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. The public is welcome at our meetings on the second Tuesday evening of every other month at the Windsor Resource Center.

A calendar, more about Didymo, advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work near the river, the *Connecticut River Management Plan* and much more are on the web at www.crjc.org.

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

CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Connecticut River Joint commissions (CRJC) issued a new Riverwide Overview for water resources in the watershed. Look for a presentation in your area in 2008. We won a major grant from EPA that will fund water quality monitoring at Summer Falls, among other projects. We cooperated with Vermont and New Hampshire agencies in responding to the discovery of Didymo in the river, and hosted Governor Jim Douglas for Vermont's Clean and Clear Water Action Day. We also helped guide the new conservation plan for the Conte Refuge, supporting the public's original vision.

In 2007 CRJC considered issues as wide-ranging as the operation of hydro dams on the Connecticut River, silver maple floodplain forest health, mercury emissions, and important bird areas.

CRJC supports efforts to safeguard the valley's natural, agricultural and historic assets, and is working with businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for tourism through the Connecticut River Byway. In 2007 we worked with Windsor, Claremont, Bellows Falls, and other towns on a signage plan for the Byway. Look for signs in 2008 and visit the Byway at www.ctrivertravel.net.

Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont to guide growth and development in the watershed, CRJC is advisory and has no regulatory powers, preferring instead to ensure greater public involvement in decisions that affect the river region. We welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of every other month. Visit our web site for a calendar of events, useful information and links, and our newsletters, *River Valley News and River Byway News*.

SOUTHERN VERMONT RECREATION CENTER

…Building Together…

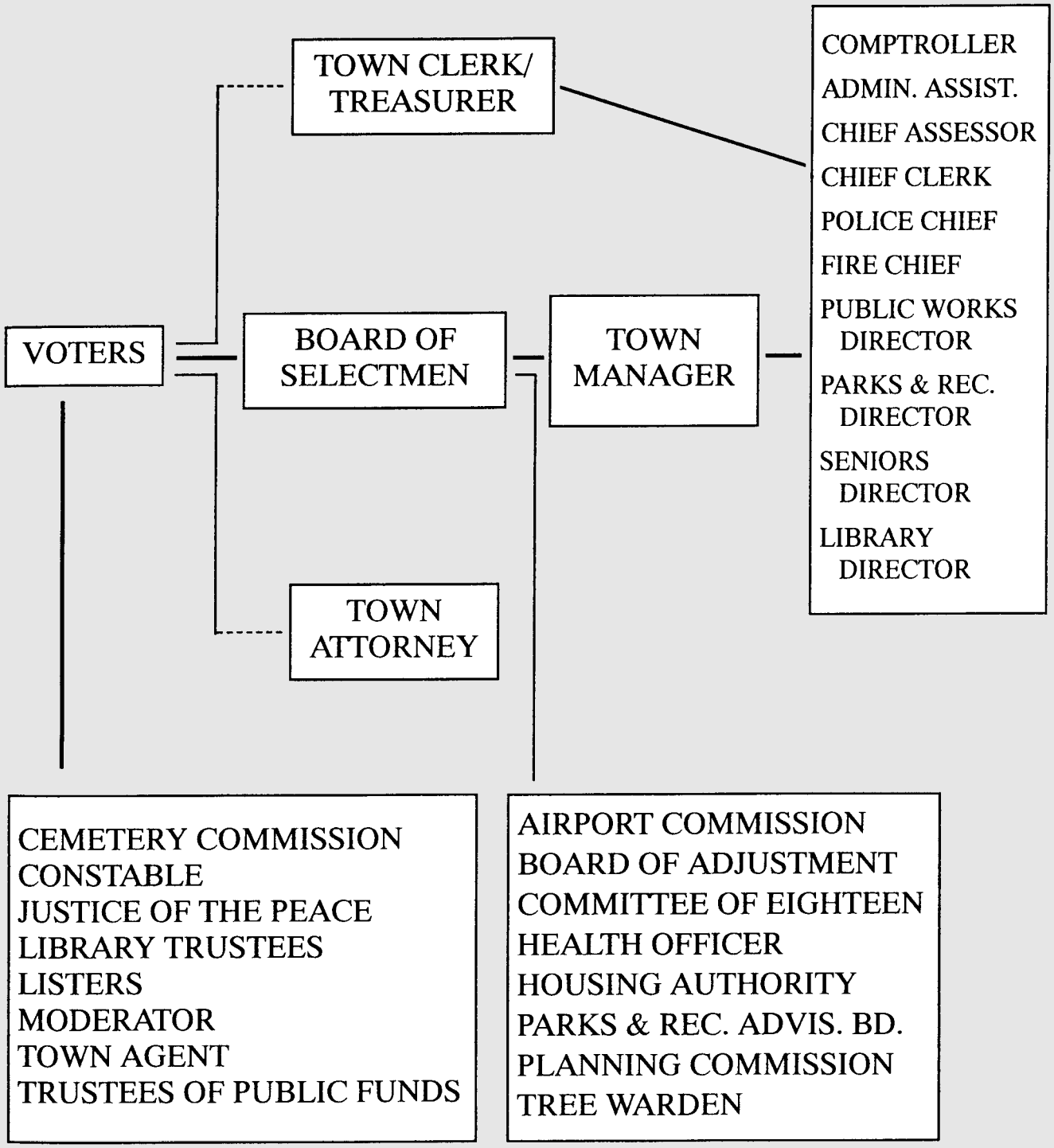
The Southern Vermont Recreation Center celebrated its first anniversary December 31, 2007 with a free splash day for area youth. The Center is now open more than 91 hours each week. Of our 2,160 members, 1,301 are from Springfield – more than 14% of the Springfield population. The Center is home to the SVRC Stingrays Swim Team. Students from the Springfield School District use the facility as part of their wellness curriculum. The therapy pool is used by the Springfield Hospital Physical Therapy Department to provide aquatics therapy for patients. The therapy pool is also open for use by the membership and the general public in the afternoons, evenings, and on the weekend. Scholarships are available to those who may need assistance accessing our programs. We invite everyone to stop in for a tour and information about the Center. For more information, please visit our website (www.myreccenter.org), email info@myreccenter.org, or call us at (802) 885-2568.

Statement of Income and Expenses
Endowment Fund as established by the
Town of Springfield
Year Ending December 31, 2007

Endowment Fund Distributions:	$133,132.11
Expenses Paid By Endowment Fund:	
Staff Salaries:	$67,332.21
Utilities:	$48,951.33
Consumable Supplies:	$11,841.22
Insurance:	$5,007.35
Total Expenses:	$133,132.11

George W. Lamb
Chairman

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: _____

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Present Employer: _____

Address: (Street) _____

(Town) _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Interested in serving on:

( ) Planning Commission
( ) Development Review Board
( ) Citizens Budget Advisory Committee
( ) Airport Commission
( ) Other
( ) Fence Viewer
( ) Surveyor of Wood & Lumber
( ) Weigher of Coal
( ) Housing Authority

REPORTS OF AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE OF VT AND NH

Home Healthcare, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in the Town of Springfield

The VNA & Hospice is a not-for-profit organization providing home healthcare, hospice, and maternal child health services for over 100 years. Recognizing the importance of caring for people in the comfort of their home, our services are provided to all in need, regardless of ability to pay. Last year, the VNA & Hospice provided over 1.9 million dollars in uncompensated care to individuals. The VNA & Hospice, like the local EMS, police and fire departments, is a vital part of the community's safety net. Town funding is only intended to be a "contribution" towards the full cost of services provided to residents.

Supporting home healthcare is a way to control other town expenses. By keeping Springfield residents out of emergency rooms and hospitals and by reducing the need for relocation to nursing homes, our care offers significant savings in the town's emergency services and other medical costs. VNA & Hospice nurses provide health education, local clinics, and comprehensive compassionate care, from before birth through the end of life.

Services provided between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007:

Home Healthcare		**Maternal and Child Health Services**	
Residents Served:	278	Residents Served:	95
Home Visits:	7822	Home Visits:	521
Hours of Service:	6873.76	Hours of Service:	1194.75

Hospice Services		**Long Term Care**	
Residents Served:	31	Residents Served:	55
Home Visits:	1025	Home Visits:	4947
Hours of Service:	968.57	Hours of Service:	7522.48

385 residents participated in the Safe Steps Fall Prevention Program. Additionally, residents made visits to VNA community clinics for foot care, blood pressure screenings, cholesterol testing and flu shots.

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

Mark Hamilton
Interim President and CEO

VALLEY HEALTH CONNECTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

The changes have opened up other opportunities to serve the uninsured. In 2007, VHC assisted patients in obtaining $188,912 in free medications. Staff spends a great deal of time assisting patients in enrolling in State and local programs that will provide them on-going health care coverage since many people are unaware of programs that are available to them. The goal is to have people have an on-going relationship with a health care provider so that they can maintain good health. Prevention programs like tobacco cessation and women's health screenings are stressed. VHC held two influenza vaccination clinics offering 45 free immunizations.

In year 2007, VHC patient services for medical, dental, pharmaceutical assistance, and social service referrals totaled 1942 to 704 patients. Funds in the amount of $19,432 were raised to assist in obtaining 191 dental services. 314 of the patients served were Springfield residents.

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

SPRINGFIELD FAMILY CENTER

This was our thirty-sixth year providing a safety net of services for low and middle-income households in Springfield. It was a year of new challenges and successes.

Poverty resulting in hunger and housing insecurity are issues that drive the daily needs of the 1,404 households that we served last year. Springfield has a high percentage of children living in poverty - 21.9% vs. 13.4% for the State of Vermont (Vermont Agency of Human Services Community Profile 2006). To support those households and assist them to meet their needs, the Family Center provided 12,020 meals, 2158 Food Shelves, and delivered 569 USDA Commodities to residents. Our Housing Program gave support services to 199 families and assisted 49 families in securing permanent housing. The "Summer Lunch at Home" program delivered 3,567 nutritious lunches and educational activities to 97 low-income children while school was in summer recess. Please see Service Statistics below for additional information.

With the increased need for food, our food supply dropped to a dangerously low level and in September we declared a "Food Shelf State of Emergency". Every civic, religious, business and educational organization in Springfield conducted special food drives, raised money and by the end of December our crisis was over – for the moment. With thanks and gratitude to everyone of you, I would like to give a special thank you to three supporters: Matt Aldrich who donated the non-perishable, frozen foods and equipment from the Royal Diner when it closed, Scott Watkins, manager of Shaw's, without whose support the many donations through Shaw's would not have been possible, and Brian Szad, owner of the Main Street Market, who facilitated many, many donations from the community to us.

Unfortunately we are ending 2007 with a reduction in paid staff time due to several reasons. Overall financial donations were less than the year before. Likewise several grants were reduced. And finally we did not get the Venezuelan fuel oil donation we received in the previous heating season. Despite fewer staff hours, we do not expect to reduce our hours of business.

This year demonstrated once more that "Springfield takes care of Springfield". Thank you all for your support of the needs of our low and middle-income families.

Deborah Luse
Executive Director

COUNCIL ON AGING FOR SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT, INC.

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

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

Information and Assistance – Our Senior Help Line at 1-800-642-5119 is a toll free number which offers help applying for benefits, assistance with health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance, and may other services. As part of the new Medicare Part D prescription program we have trained staff available by phone, office or home. A total of 638 Springfield residents were assisted with Medicare Part D enrollment this past year.

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

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

Case Management & Advocacy – One on one case management enables seniors to access services which help them remain safe at home. Often minimal services can prevent premature institutionalization. Some clients who require nursing home level of care are able to remain at home with family caregivers and trained personal care givers. COASECV served 381 Springfield residents which is estimated as an annual cost of $340,233.

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

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

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

Joyce A. Lemire
Executive Director

MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM

It is with pleasure that the Meals on Wheels Program recognizes the joint participation of the Town of Springfield in their full concern for the people here in meeting the basic needs of neighbors, relatives and friends.

What is important is that this joint effort recognizes those recipients we think of as what this community has become from when they were more active in developing the town. For it is they who helped make this a community of interest. They still have a place here with us.

Among those to be thanked for their contribution are the taxpayers, the generous donor supporters, and the Board of Selectmen and other officers at Town Hall. A special thank you to the voters for the recognition afforded the program through their support; it is all of you that make the program the success it really is.

Thank you from those in the program – the recipients, volunteers and staff- for making it all possible.

NEW BEGINNINGS, INC.

Once again, the residents of Springfield joined New Beginnings, Inc. in its efforts to serve survivors of domestic and sexual violence and to provide prevention education within the community and schools. With your support this past year, we remained available 7 days-a-week/24 hours-a-day via our hotline, through our office weekdays, and in police stations and in Springfield and Mt. Ascutney Hospitals evenings and weekends. We offered education and support in crisis, assistance through the relief from abuse legal process, safe housing, peer support groups, social service advocacy and referrals.

During the past fiscal year, our hotline volunteers provided over 6,700 hours of crisis coverage to residents of Springfield and Southern Windsor County. During Fiscal Year 2007 (July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007), our staff and volunteers supported and worked to empower 449 domestic and/or sexual violence survivors throughout the area, 140 of whom were Springfield residents, both women and men. Of the 493 children exposed to violence among those 449 homes in Southern Windsor County, 181 children resided in Springfield. Our Youth Program Coordinator presented programs regarding anti-bullying, healthy relationships, internet safety, and the media's influence on young people to students at Springfield Elementary, Middle and High Schools. For a second year during the LEAP Program, she facilitated a children's empowerment group focusing, with age-appropriate information, on issues of bullying, friendships, personal safety, self-esteem, anger management, and gender stereotyping.

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

Terri A. Fisk
Executive Director

VALLEY COURT DIVERSION PROGRAMS

We would like to inform the Town of Springfield that as of July 1, 2007 Windsor County Court Diversion has changed its name to Valley Court Diversion Programs. This name better reflects the population we serve which often time includes offenders from outside our county's border.

Valley Court Diversion Programs work for communities by providing an alternative to the criminal justice system. Through our community based restorative justice programs, our staff and dozens of volunteers work to restore the harm caused by crime. Our programs hold offenders accountable and work to restore a sense of safety to the community through restitution, letters of apology, research projects, community service and other restorative activities.

Valley Court Diversion Programs has served a total of 90 Springfield residents, ages ranging from 14 to 55 years old. Offenses include underage drinking, possession of marijuana, simple assault, forgery, bad checks, false alarm – bomb threat, petty larceny, furnishing alcohol to a minor, unlawful mischief and many other charges. In addition, the Springfield Police Department, State Police and Windsor County Sheriff arrested 58 individuals who offended in your community and participated in our programs. Those charges include: possession of marijuana, unlawful mischief, underage drinking, disorderly conduct, retail theft, prescription fraud and many others. This speaks volumes of the effectiveness of law enforcement in your community.

Thank you very much for your continued support of our court diversion and alcohol safety programs. Without your support for this alternative to the traditional justice system our courts would be overwhelmed and the cost to taxpayers would be far greater. In closing we would like to invite residents of Springfield to become volunteers on our hearing boards and participate in providing balanced and restorative justice to our communities. You may contact us for further information at 802-295-5078.

Regina Rice
Executive Director

SOUTHERN VERMONT REHAB LOAN FUND

Are you in need of affordable home repairs? The Southeastern Vermont Rehab Loan Fund provides loans to low and moderate income homeowners in Windham and Windsor counties to make repairs necessary to bring their homes up to code and make them safe places to live. A staff Rehabilitation Specialist inspects your home for health and safety issues and determines what repairs are necessary. Then, we help you plan your project by getting quotes from reliable contractors. Finally, we finance the project at a low interest rate loan, depending on your income level. As you repay your loan, your payments are returned to the fund, making them available for future homeowners in need of home repair. For more information or to see if you are eligible, visit www.windhamhousingtrust.org or call Windham Housing Trust at 802-254-4604 ext 119.

SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION

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

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

In the community of Springfield we have provided the following services during FY07:

Family Services (Outreach): 222 families (540 individuals) rec'd 1496 services (including crisis intervention, financial counseling, nutrition education, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services)

Fuel/Utility Assistance: 125 families (375 individuals) rec'd $27,526 in assistance

Housing & Other Assistance: 30 families (76 individuals) rec'd $6,139 in assistance

Weatherization: 100 households (300 individuals) weatherized at a cost of $198,276

Micro-Business Development: 7 families (21 individuals) rec'd services valued at $5,768

Individual Development Accounts: 2 families (6 individuals) rec'd matched savings totaling $800

Tax Preparation: 9 families (27 individuals) rec'd an average of $1,025 each in Earned Income Tax Credits

Thrift Store Vouchers: 52 families & individuals rec'd vouchers for furniture, clothing and housewares, valued at $313

Parent Education: 6 families (18 individuals) rec'd parenting education services

Head Start: 32 families (90 individuals) rec'd early education and comprehensive family support services

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 ongoing support.

Stephen Geller
Executive Director

CONNECTICUT RIVER TRANSIT, INC.

As southeastern Vermont's designated nonprofit public transit provider for 30 towns, we coordinate 157,000 rides annually. About ½ of those are on our handicap- and wheelchair-accessible buses, and ½ on scheduled individual trips. In the past fiscal year, we provided the following to Springfield:

58,981 boardings on buses with stops in Springfield – and **18,687 individual** trips for Springfield residents, including rides to medical appointments for Springfield's elderly, disabled and/or residents who receive Medicaid.

Transportation. We coordinate these services to Springfield and your surrounding towns where you go for work, shopping, and recreation:

1. Between-town and/or commuter buses between Ludlow, Chester, Bellows Falls, Springfield and the Upper Valley. We also transport Springfield residents to VT Human Service Agency programs.
2. In-town buses in Bellows Falls, Springfield, and Windsor.
3. Dial-A-Ride door-to-door service to medical appointments for Springfield residents who are elderly, disabled and/or on Medicaid. When you call us two days prior to qualified appointments, we will send a bus, a van, or a volunteer driver to take you and bring you home.

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

Funding. Government grants and donations provide our $2.5 million operating budget. We ask each of the 30 towns we serve for a donation; the amount depends on population and our level of service. These local donations fulfill the local match in order to access the Federal and State funds. The total of all the towns' donations equals less that 1% of our budget. This year we are asking Springfield for a donation of $12,500.00 – the same amount you donated last year.

Contact us. Bus schedules are available at your town office, at our website www.crtransit.org, or by calling us in Springfield at 885-5162 or 1-888-869-6287.

Please call me with any questions; if you would like to meet with me, please let me know what time would work for you.

Gary Fox
Executive Director

WINDSOR COUNTY PARTNERS

Regular interaction on a sustained basis with a caring, positive adult role model has been proven to make a significant difference in the outcomes of a child's life. Windsor County Partners (WCP), established in 1973, is the only county-wide, community-based mentoring program in our region. Our adult volunteers initially commit to meet about three hours each week for a year. Many mentoring relationships last three or more years. All our services are free of charge to volunteers, children and families. From the data we gather, we know we are having a positive impact on the lives of youth, their families and the adults who mentor them.

Often our Junior Partners are from single-parent homes with limited resources and have been the victims of physical, emotional or sexual abuse. Substance abuse, lack of employment and inadequate education are additional risk factors in many of their lives.

Our overarching goal is to sustain our work with youth to empower them to make healthier life choices. Our program goals are three-fold: 1.) to recruit more mentors; 2.) to provide these mentors with high-quality training opportunities so that they are better equipped to meet the needs of their mentees; and 3.) to provide our mentees with opportunities that help them to realize their potential.

Last year WCP supported mentoring partnerships that reflect over 3,500 hours of learning, friendship, guidance and support. Over the last year, partners have enjoyed meeting with one another to ski, ice skate, pick apples and attend sports events and a whale watch.

In our continual efforts to recruit mentors, we aired several radio advertisements, published ads in 5 local newspapers, and created a WCP "commercial" which was aired on several public access television stations, thanks to a committed volunteer.

Through community collaborations, partners were offered trainings on topics such as drug and alcohol prevention and media influences on self-image.

As funding becomes more challenging, we increasingly depend on town support for our day-to-day operations. We remain extremely grateful for the continued generosity of our community, its donors and mentors. For information or to volunteer, please contact Kathy Kinter, Program Coordinator, at (802) 674-5101 or Kathy@wcpartners.org. Find out more about our programs at www.WCParnters.org.

GREEN MOUNTAIN RSVP & VOLUNTEER CENTER

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

This year in Windsor County volunteers contributed over 31,000 hours of service to local non-profit and public organizations. There are 62 non-profit worksites in the Springfield area served by 113 GMRSVP volunteers. Among them are the Senior Center, Springfield Hospital, Springfield Meals on Wheels and the Springfield Library, all of which have benefitted from their generous contribution of time.

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

Patricia Palencsar
Executive Director

WINDSOR COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES

Windsor County Youth Services offers a range of services for Vermont's Homeless and Runaway Teenagers. Mountainside House and The House at Twenty Mile Stream offer short-term crisis stabilization and emergency shelter for Vermont teens ages 13-18 and a transitional living program is offered at both residences for ages 17-23. W.C.Y.S. is also very proud to provide a school program, licensed by the VT Dept. of Education, to all residents.

In the past 12 years W.C.Y.S. has provided a warm bed, hot meals, support, structure and a Vermont-licensed education to over 1,200 Vermont teenagers. W.C.Y.S. provided housing on over 1,800 occasions in 2007 alone.

W.C.Y.S. is a non-profit organization providing Vermont's Homeless and Runaway Teens with services that include: housing meals, counseling and education. In light of the number of clients we continue to serve, we again hope you will keep us in your town's appropriations for FY2008. An affordable amount is graciously accepted. Thank you for your consideration and generosity in FY 2008.

Andrew Juettner
Executive Director

SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY BAND

The Springfield Community Band was under the direction of Tom Heintzelman for our 62nd season. We played 13 concerts; 10 in Springfield, one in Ludlow, one in Charlestown, NH and one in Walpole, NH as well as 2 parades. Our approximately 40 members were made up from area residents and students from Riverside Middle School and Springfield High School.

This year we had to bid farewell to Tom Heintzelman after 22 years of conducting here in Springfield. We wish him well in his new position in New York.

Springfield Community Band is open to all instrumentalists in Springfield and the surrounding areas. 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, 2007	
Cash on hand:	$4,206.90
INCOME:	
Springfield, VT – 10 concerts	$2,000.00
Out of town concerts	$1,450.00
Misc.	$76.00
	$3,526.00
EXPENSES:	
Director	$795.00
Officer's Salaries	$350.00
Hired Players	$480.00
Music	$207.99
Post Office Box	$84.00
Equipment (Trailer, speakers)	$129.15
Band Shirts	$152.15
Misc expenses	$263.06
Donations	$300.00
	$2,761.35
December 31, 2007	
Cash on hand	$4,971.55

Karen Bailey
Secretary/Treasurer

SPRINGFIELD RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CENTER (SRJC)

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

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

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

SRJC is funded for FY 07 with $25,000 (Re-entry) and $62,500 (Justice Center) in grant funds applied for by the town of Springfield and awarded by the Agency of Human Services/Department of Corrections. The town of Springfield provides fiscal management as an in-kind service. We are located at 7 Morgan Street in Springfield (next to the Turning Point Recovery Center).

Springfield's Justice Center employs one full time director and one temporary staff person. Because there is only one regular full time staff person there is a large cohort of over 20 dedicated volunteers, without their commitment and enthusiasm the Justice Center wouldn't exist. Community Advisory Board (CAB) volunteers include: Chairman, Bill Mattoon; Vice Chairman, Nicholas Merrill; Treasurer, Jeff Mobus; Secretary, Ana Thayer; Selectboard Member, John Swanson; Linda Mattoon, Marty Hammond, Erica Shambo, Atilio Barreda, Thomas Hunter, and Paul Hudson as a resource person. Reparative Board volunteers include: Bill Mattoon, Linda Mattoon, Bonnie McPhetres, Steve Matush, Sandra Richardson and Irwin Post. Many, Many thanks to all of you! You are indispensable.

This brought us an increase of $12,500 in our base funding. Those funds are earmarked and set aside to fund Restorative Justice Programming in the Springfield School District. Five faculty and community members were trained in School Based Restorative Programming at the International Institute of Restorative practices this Fall and have put plans in place to educate faculty members at Riverside Middle School and Springfield High School. The support we have received from the School Board, Superintendent and Principals in both schools has been the key to getting this program under way.

Springfield Restorative Justice Center (Continued)

Here is an idea of what SRJC volunteers and staff have accomplished in the past year:

- Volunteers and staff created a mentor training to train community volunteers to mentor people being released from jail. 10 Mentors have been trained. Our first mentor match was made in November 07.
- A resource manual for the Springfield Community has been created and will be available in February of 08.
- A landlord breakfast was held to open lines of communication and support for people interested in providing housing to people being released from jail.
- 73 referrals for Pre-Charge and Reparative Probation were received in FY 07 an increase of 53% from last year.
- Volunteers donated 1,750 hours equating to $21,000.
- 322 hours of volunteer services were contributive to the community by program participants for a savings of $2,414.00.
- 67.4% of program participants successfully completed the program in FY 07 (some agreements are still in progress). Successful completion means participants completed the collective agreement which included all goals mentioned above.
- 30 persons affected by crime participated in Justice Center programs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

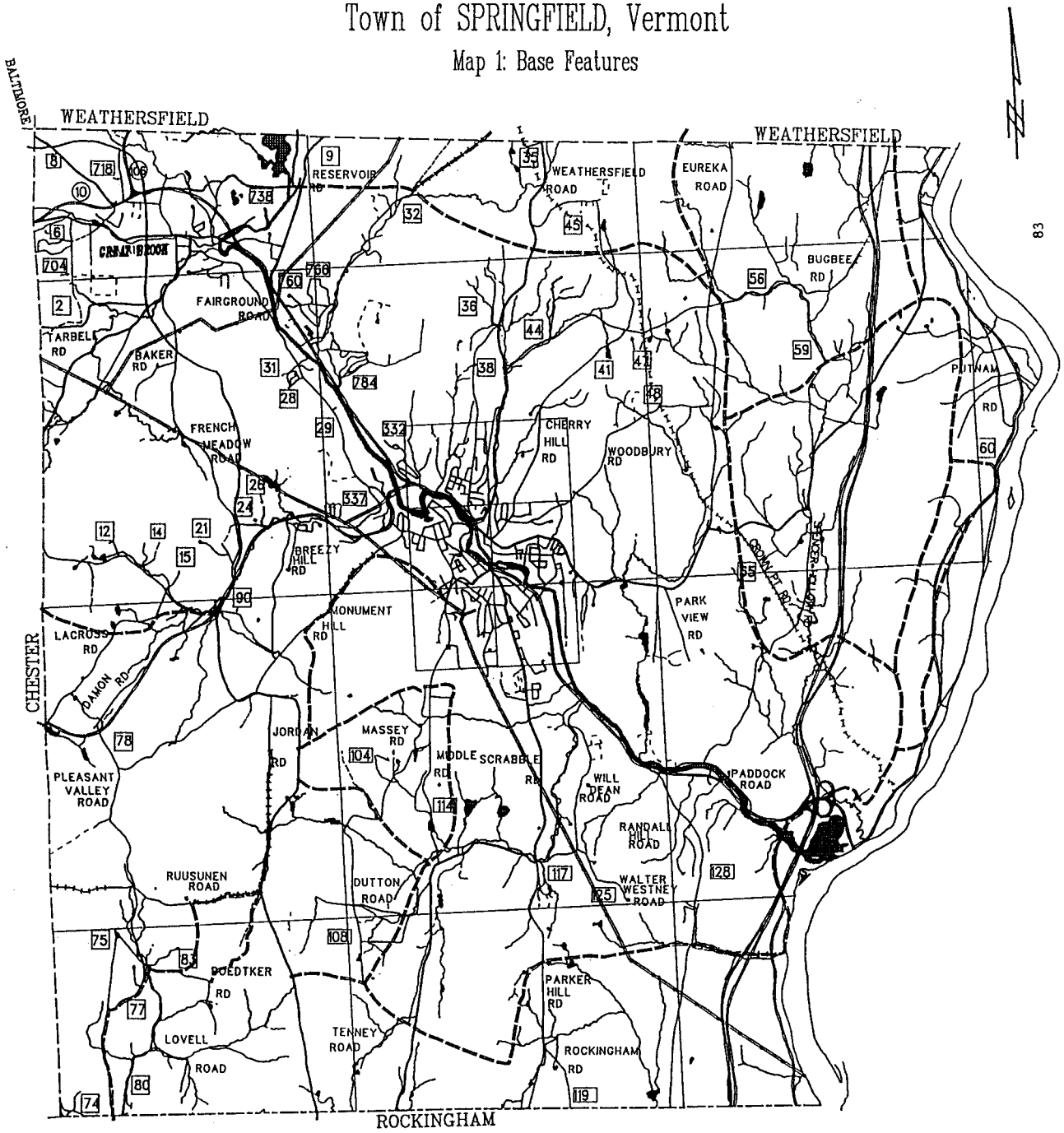
Some of the additional funding the SRJC received this year was used to galvanize the community to support people re-entering the community after incarceration. If people re-enter our community with support and encouragement it has been proven that they will be more successful, thus reducing the chances of recidivism and future crime. Approximately 140 people gathered at three different re-entry events resulting in four committees: the Housing Committee, to work on more accessible housing for people re-entering, The Employment Committee, who is surveying local employers to see what their needs are around hiring people being released from jail. This committee is also creating a Resource Guide for the Springfield area. The fourth committee is the Substance Abuse and Recovery committee which is looking at making more substance abuse programming available.

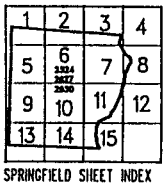
The SRJC has grown a lot this year and will continue to grow. The Legislature and DOC are looking towards communities to gather together to combat the growing number of people housed in our prisons. If you have any questions or would like to be involved please contact us at 802.885.8707 or springfieldrjc@vermontel.net.

Wendi Lashua Germain
SRJC Director

Town of SPRINGFIELD, Vermont

Map 1: Base Features





SPRINGFIELD SHEET INDEX

SCALE 1:50000

0	1	2 KILOMETERS	4
0	1/2	1	2 MILES

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

All above features were located from 1975-76 1:5000 and 1:1250 Vermont Orthophotos with review by the Planning Commission and other town officials. Features not present at time of photography were placed as best possible in relation to other visible facilities.

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UTILITY/FACILITY KEY

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

TRANSPORTATION KEY

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

SURFACE WATER

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

09/27/92

INTERNAL AND AUDIT FINANCIAL REPORTS

LONG TERM DEBT REDEMPTION CHART (FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009)

Obligations	Maturity	Interest	Original Amount	Current Balance Outstanding July 1, 2008	Payment Fiscal 2009	Payment Fiscal 2010	Payment Fiscal 2011	Payment Fiscal 2012	Payment Fiscal 2013	Payment Fiscal 2014	Payment After Fiscal 2014	Fiscal 2008-2009 Interest
SCHOOL LONG TERM DEBT												
Renovation Projects	12/01/07	4.526	$1,585,000	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL SCHOOL LONG TERM DEBT			$1,585,000	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Balance of Long Term Debt School				$0								
Payment Schedule School					$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Interest on Long Term Debt 2008-09 School												
TOWN LONG TERM DEBT												
Chlorine Contact	10/01/21	3.000	$325,669	$247,272	$14,472	$14,906	$15,353	$15,814	$16,288	$16,777	$153,662	$7,418
USDA CSO Note	9/28/1935	4.125	$1,050,000	$1,002,162	$20,211	$21,054	$21,931	$22,845	$23,797	$24,789	$867,535	$41,133
CSO Bond 019	10/1/2022	0.000	$982,189	$652,612	currently being paid by State of Vermont							
CSO Bond 055	9/1/2024	0.000	$1,023,964	$824,226	currently being paid by State of Vermont							
Loader Note	6/20/2007	3.900	$100,000	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
EPA Note	4/1/2011	0.000	$173,000	$103,000	$35,000	$35,000	$33,000	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Sewer Treatment Plant	12/1/2033	4.500	$1,784,180	$1,641,811	$35,491	$37,106	$38,795	$40,560	$42,406	$44,336	$1,403,117	$73,487
Aerial Fire Truck	12/01/16	4.422	$600,000	$360,000	$40,000	$40,000	$40,000	$40,000	$40,000	$40,000	$120,000	$15,669
TOTAL TOWN LONG TERM DEBT			$6,039,002	$4,831,083	$145,174	$148,066	$149,079	$119,219	$122,491	$125,902	$2,544,314	$137,707
Balance of Long Term Debt Town				$4,831,083								
Payment Schedule Town					$145,174	$148,066	$149,079	$119,219	$122,491	$125,902	$2,544,314	
Interest on Long Term Debt 2008-09 Town												$137,707
TOTAL LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS												
Total School and Town			$7,624,002									
Balance of Long Term Debt School and Town				$4,831,083								
Payment Schedule School and Town					$145,174	$148,066	$149,079	$119,219	$122,491	$125,902	$2,544,314	
Interest School and Town					$137,707							$137,707
TOTAL PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENTS 2008-2009 FOR SCHOOL AND TOWN LONG TERM DEBT					$282,881							

SYNOPSIS OF GRAND LIST

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

FIGURES FROM THE PAST

Year		Grand List	Total Tax Rate	Town Tax Rate*	Town Tax Levy	School Tax Rate	School Tax Levy**
2001	Res	2,589,048	3.160	1.464	3,790,366		
	Com	911,500	3.507	1.811	1,650,726		
	Educ	3,321,237				1.696	5,632,818
2002	Res	2,610,583	3.350	1.531	3,996,803		
	Com	904,380	3.728	1.909	1,726,461		
	Educ	3,348,283				1.819	6,090,527
2003	Res	2,618,800	3.590	1.575	4,124,610		
	Com	873,280	4.048	2.033	1,775,378		
	Educ	3,330,238				2.015	6,710,430
2004	Res	2,650,255		1.6061	4,256,575		
	Com	864,766		2.088	1,805,631		
	Educ	3,344,344				1.7039	homestead rate
						1.8069	non-homestead rate
2005	Res	2,672,805		1.668	4,458,239		
	Com	869,219		2.1638	1,880,816		
	Educ	3,362,883				1.882	homestead rate
						1.8975	non-homestead rate
2006	Res	2,691,417		1.785	4,804,179		
	Com	870,099		2.3121	2,011,756		
	Educ	3,385,997				1.975	homestead rate
						1.9454	non-homestead rate
2007	Res	6,556,015	***	1.0946	7,176,214		
	Educ	6,399,537				1.1854	homestead rate
						1.1913	non-homestead rate

*Includes Special Appropriations and County Tax
** Beginning in 2004, there is a split Education tax rate, not a dollar amount to be raised.
*** Due to Reappraisal, the Special Commercial Tax was eliminated and tax rates decreased.

TAX ANALYSIS PER HUNDRED ASSESSED TAX DOLLARS

	homestead '07-'08	non-residential '07-'08	homestead '06-'07	non-residential '06-'07	homestead '05-'06	non-residential '05-'06
School						
State	$1.1854	$1.1913	$1.9750	$1.9454	$1.8820	$1.8975
Local						
Town & Highway	$1.0565	$1.0565	$1.7313	$1.7313	$1.6121	$1.6121
Special Appropriations	$0.0280	$0.0280	$0.0420	$0.0420	$0.0438	$0.4038
County Tax	$0.0101	$0.0101	$0.0117	$0.0117	$0.0121	$0.0121
	$2.2800	$2.2859	$3.7600	$3.7304	$3.5500	$3.5655

STATEMENT OF TAXES – FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007

TAXES ASSESSED AND BILLED:

		Assessed Value	Grand List (1% of Assessed)	Tax Rate	Total Taxes Assessed and Billed
Residential:	Real Estate	$269,141,700	$2,691,417.00	1.785	$ 4,804,179.35
Commercial:	Real Estate	$ 68,052,100	$ 680,521.00	2.3121	$ 1,573,432.60
	Machinery & Equipment	$ 18,922,900	$ 189,229.00	2.3121	$ 437,516.37
Total Town Taxes					$ 6,815,128.32
Education		$338,548,100	$3,385,481.00 **		$ 6,637,409.00
TOTAL TAXES ASSESSED AND BILLED:					**$13,452,537.32**

**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	$13,002,435.32
	Current year taxes delinquent June 30, 2007	$ 450,102.00
		$13,452,537.32

TAX COMPUTATION TABLE

BASED ON GRAND LIST OF $6,564,921

$0.01 will raise	$65,649.21
$0.02 will raise	131,298.42
$0.03 will raise	196,947.63
$0.04 will raise	262,596.84
$0.05 will raise	328,246.05
$0.06 will raise	393,895.26
$0.07 will raise	459,544.47
$0.08 will raise	525,193.68
$0.09 will raise	590,842.89
$0.10 will raise	656,492.10
$1.00 will raise	$6,564,921.00
Total listed valuation of Real Estate and Personal Property for Taxation	$656,492,100
One Percent of Total Listed Valuation	$6,564,921

DELINQUENT TAX CHART

TAX YEAR	Due as of 6/30/2007	Due as of 6/30/2006	Due as of 6/30/2005	Due as of 6/30/2004	Due as of 6/30/2003
1990	0	0	0	0	135.62
1991	0	0	0	0	470.36
1992	0	0	0	0	977.51
1993	0	0	0	0	312.00
1994	0	0	0	0	2,250.00
1995	167.32	167.32	167.32	802.57	1,840.88
1996	577.60	577.60	577.60	2,265.60	5,397.35
1997	597.40	597.40	597.40	2,343.20	3,784.31
1998	585.04	585.04	585.04	2,363.92	10,295.16
1999	580.92	580.92	580.92	3,082.54	9,079.22
2000	599.44	599.44	599.44	3,444.80	11,527.24
2001	680.61	680.61	739.07	4,120.10	10,528.27
2002	650.96	3,482.32	3,482.32	8,592.92	310,483.39
2003	1,157.76	4,159.36	4,213.36	72,593.52	531,632.97
2004	4,660.18	10,097.78	18,420.96	274,412.44	0.00
2005	41,819.35	50,970.59	240,374.89	0.00	0.00
2006	87,706.47	220,387.73	0.00	0.00	0.00
2007	310,318.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	$450,101.78	$292,886.11	$270,338.32	$374,021.61	$898,714.28

If you were a resident of Vermont on January 1, 2007 and occupied your property as of April 1, 2007 AND you filed your HS-131 by April 15, 2007, your tax rate was $2.28 per $100 of valuation. If not, your tax rate was $2.2859.

Example:	Assessed Value x .01 =	Grand List	x tax rate	= Total Tax due
resident	$150,000	$1,500	$2.280	$3,420.00
non-resident	$150,000	$1,500	$2.2859	$3,428.85

2006-2007 BUDGET TO ACTUAL AT A GLANCE

Revenue Budgeted:	$8,529,980
Revenue Received:	$8,776,541
Variance:	$246,561
Expenditures Budgeted:	$8,529,980
Expenditures Paid:	$8,518,804
Variance:	-$11,176
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures:	$257,737

Trustees of Public Funds
June 30, 2007

Values by Fund

	Parker	Cemetary	Library	Campbell Woolson	Stetson	Eureka	Doty	Spfld Impr	Total
6/30/06 Investment	$235,712	$410,386	$248,256	$27,106	$14,841	$13,068	$4,587	$30,557	$984,513
6/30/06 Checking	$1,162	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$1,162
6/30/06 Total by Fund	**$236,874**	**$410,386**	**$248,256**	**$27,106**	**$14,841**	**$13,068**	**$4,587**	**$30,557**	**$985,675**
06/07 Revenue	**$8,724**	**$14,411**	**$8,717**	**$950**	**$505**	**$461**	**$162**	**$1,329**	**$35,259**
06/07 Expenses									
Accounting	$1,174	$2,059	$1,245	$134	$72	$66	$23	$226	$4,999
Relief of Indigents	$3,452	$0	$0	$500	$0	$0	$0	$0	$3,952
Misc	$0	$0	$0	$0	$1,000	$0	$0	$0	$1,000
Transfer to Fund 1	$0	$9,678	$5,855	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$15,533
Misc-Post	$25	$44	$26	$2	$2	$1	$0	$5	$105
Investment Fees	$1,504	$2,630	$1,591	$174	$92	$84	$30	$244	$6,349
Total Expenses	**$6,155**	**$14,411**	**$8,717**	**$810**	**$1,166**	**$151**	**$53**	**$475**	**$31,938**
06/07 Net Operating	**$2,569**	**$0**	**$0**	**$140**	**-$661**	**$310**	**$109**	**$854**	**$3,321**
06-07 Non Oper									
Gain/Loss	$468	$820	$496	$54	$29	$26	$9	$57	$1,959
Cap Gains Distrib	$3,934	$6,883	$4,164	$455	$241	$219	$77	$513	$16,486
Principal Rcpts	$0	$4,950	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$15,331	$20,281
Prin Distrib	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Trustees	-$450	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	-$450
Unreal Gain	$17,817	$31,121	$18,826	$2,057	$1,095	$996	$350	$2,886	$75,148
06/07 Net Non-Op	**$21,769**	**$43,774**	**$23,486**	**$2,566**	**$1,365**	**$1,241**	**$436**	**$18,787**	**$113,424**
6/30/07 by Fund	**$261,212**	**$454,160**	**$271,742**	**$29,812**	**$15,545**	**$14,619**	**$5,132**	**$50,198**	**$1,102,420**
6/30/07 Investment	$258,221	$454,160	$271,742	$29,811	$15,544	$14,619	$5,132	$50,197	$1,099,426
6/30/07 Checking	$2,990	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$2,990

BUDGET SUMMARY
FISCAL 2008-2009

OPERATING BUDGETS	05-06 Expended	06-07 Expended	07-08 Budget	08-09 Dept. Head	**08-09 Manager**	Diff. From 07-08
ADMINISTRATION	$ 575,317	$ 646,447	$ 709,158	$ 717,770	**$714,330**	$5,172
POLICE	1,179,104	1,278,515	1,332,405	1,442,859	**1,394,502**	62,097
FIRE/AMBULANCE	974,945	919,977	956,826	990,590	**989,490**	32,664
PUBLIC WORKS	1,719,213	1,758,044	1,679,975	1,706,267	**1,795,485**	115,510
PARKS & RECREATION	247,656	263,154	260,268	267,028	**267,028**	6,760
SENIORS	38,061	39,271	38,985	39,886	**39,886**	901
LIBRARY	378,775	375,257	431,482	462,515	**464,065**	32,583
FIXED	2,058,968	2,212,590	2,493,690	2,478,486	**2,481,486**	(12,204)
REIMBURSABLE	196,619	195,433	195,000	195,000	**175,000**	(20,000)
TOTAL OPERATING	**$7,368,658**	**$7,688,688**	**$8,097,789**	**$8,280,401**	**$8,321,272**	**$223,483**
TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET			**$ 995,000**	**$1,137,450**	**$1,100,250**	$105,250
GRAND TOTAL GROSS APPROPRIATION BUDGET		**$7,688,688**	**$9,092,789**	**$9,417,851**	**$9,421,522**	**$328,733**

BUDGET SUMMARY
FISCAL 2008-2009

	07-08	**08-09**	**Difference**	**% Difference**
Operating Budget	$8,097,789	$8,321,272	$223,483	2.76%
Capital Budget	$995,000	$1,100,250	$105,250	10.58%
Subtotal	$9,092,789	$9,421,522	$328,733	3.62%
Revenue other than Taxes	-$2,223,135	-$2,106,070	$117,065	-5.27%
To be raised by Taxes	**$6,869,654**	**$7,315,452**	**$445,798**	**6.49%**

BUDGETED REVENUES
(other than taxes)
FISCAL 2008-2009

GENERAL	08-09	07-08	06-07	05-06
Fees and interest	**100,000**	100,000	100,00	100,000
Legal fees on tax sales	**6,000**	6,000	6,000	6,000
Payments in lieu of taxes	**350,000**	300,000	210,000	170,000
Readiness to Serve	**65,000**	65,000	60,000	60,000
TOTAL	**521,000**	471,000	376,000	336,000

TOWN CLERK				
Licenses, fees and permits	**75,000**	80,000	81,000	75,000
Dog licenses	**6,000**	6,000	7,000	6,800
Liquor licenses	**2,500**	2,500	2,400	2,400
Town licenses	**550**	600	600	510
Marriage licenses	**800**	800	750	650
Hunting and Fishing licenses	**600**	725	725	725
Impound fees	**500**	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Registrations	**1,500**	2,200	2,800	2,800
Passports	**8,000**	7,000	6,500	4,500
TOTAL	**95,450**	99,825	101,775	93,385

PUBLIC WORKS				
Lots sold	**3,000**	3,000	3,000	3,000
Burials	**11,000**	18,550	11,000	11,000
Interest public funds	**10,000**	10,000	10,000	15,000
Class I highways	**47,000**	47,000	40,000	30,000
Class II highways	**80,000**	76,000	76,000	76,000
Class III highways	**145,000**	140,000	140,000	140,000
Recycling	**50,000**	40,000	40,000	35,000
Transfer station	**220,000**	220,000	222,000	175,000
C&D	**25,000**	10,000	0	0
Chester re-imbursement	**25,000**	25,000	25,000	20,000
TOTAL	**616,000**	589,550	567,000	505,000

BUDGETED REVENUES
(other than taxes)
FISCAL 2008-2009
Continued

POLICE	08-09	07-08	06-07	05-06
Police reports	**4,000**	3,500	3,000	2,500
State/local fines	**25,000**	30,000	35,000	35,000
Alarms and escort fees	**2,000**	2,000	1,500	2,000
Parking fines and rentals	**12,560**	5,000	6,000	4,000
Contractual services	**10,000**	10,000	10,000	10,000
TOTAL	**53,560**	50,500	55,500	53,500
FIRE/AMBULANCE				
Ambulance stand-by/dispatching	**20,000**	17,200	7,200	7,200
EMS/CD	**0**	0	0	0
Ambulance	**345,000**	325,000	300,000	240,000
Fire reports	**100**	100	100	100
Rental of hall	**300**	300	300	300
Miscellaneous	**1,100**	1,100	1,100	1,100
Alarm boxes	**14,000**	14,000	14,000	13,000
SAFER Grant reimbursement	**37,260**	37,260	0	0
Hazardous waste reimbursement	**800**	800	800	800
TOTAL	**418,560**	395,760	323,500	262,500
PARKS & RECREATION				
Receipts	**5,000**	5,000	5,000	5,000
TOTAL	**5,000**	5,000	5,000	5,000
LIBRARY				
Fines etc.	**2,000**	2,000	2,500	2,500
Collection Cost Recovery	**2,500**	0	0	0
VSAC	**2,000**	1,500	1,000	1,000
Non-resident Borrowers fees	**2,000**	2,000	2,000	2,000
Library Trust Funds	**4,000**	4,000	5,000	5,000
TOTAL	**12,500**	9,500	10,500	10,500

BUDGETED REVENUES
(other than taxes)
FISCAL 2008-2009
Continued

REIMBURSEMENTS & OTHER	**08-09**	07-08	06-07	05-06
Reappraisal Fund Transfer	**0**	50,000	200,000	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	**202,000**	495,000	172,000	117,000
Paving Reimbursement	**0**	0	0	60,000
Retaining Walls	**0**	0	0	150,000
Civic Impr. Project reimbursement	**150,000**	25,000	105,000	65,000
COPS-School Grant	**0**	0	0	0
TOTAL	**384,000**	602,000	509,000	424,000
GRAND TOTALS	**2,106,070**	2,223,135	1,948,275	1,689,885

PROPERTY TAX DUE DATES

THE TAX PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE JULY 1, 2008-JUNE 30, 2009 FISCAL YEAR IS:

FIRST QUARTER: **AUGUST 15, 2008**

SECOND QUARTER: **OCTOBER 15, 2008**

THIRD QUARTER: **JANUARY 15, 2009**

FOURTH QUARTER: **APRIL 15, 2009**

ANY PAYMENT NOT RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED BY THE DUE DATE WILL BE SUBJECT TO AN INTEREST CHARGE. ANY 2008-2009 TAX BALANCE UNPAID ON APRIL 15, 2009, WILL BE ASSESSED A PENALTY OF 8%.

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TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2007

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Springfield
Springfield, Vermont

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Springfield, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, 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, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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In accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 21, 2008, on our consideration of Town of Springfield, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 15 and 53 through 55, 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 21, 2008
Rutland, Vermont
VT Reg. No. 92-0000102

A.M. Peisch & Company, LLP

Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the Town of Springfield, we offer readers of the Town of Springfield's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town of Springfield for the fiscal year that concluded June 30, 2007. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in our letter of transmittal and the Town's financial statements.

Financial Highlights

- The assets of the Town of Springfield exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by $30,364,422 (total net assets). This is a decrease of $172,745 from the total net assets of the prior fiscal year. Of the total net assets amount, $3,273,975 (total unrestricted net assets) may be used by the various funds of the Town to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to its citizens and creditors. This is a decrease of $937,653 from the total unrestricted net assets of the prior fiscal year.
- As of the close of the most recent fiscal year, the Town of Springfield's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of $7,247,460, a decrease of $966,604 in comparison with the prior year balance of $8,214,064. Of this total amount, $963,069 is available for spending at the government's discretion (total unreserved fund balance). Management has designated $1,060,353 of this unreserved fund balance for specific purposes, leaving a negative amount $97,284 in unreserved undesignated fund balance.
- The net assets for the Town of Springfield's proprietary funds decreased from $16,156,473 at the close of the prior year to $15,826,198 at the close of the most recent fiscal year, a decrease of $330,275.

Overview of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Government-wide Financial Analysis.

Town of Springfield
Statement of Net Assets
June 30,2007

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Assets			
Current and other assets	$ 11,752,423	$ 3,265,920	15,018,343
Capital assets	6,762,394	21,293,957	28,056,351
Total assets	18,514,817	24,559,877	43,074,694
Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	791,604	626,668	1,418,272
Notes payable	2,250,000	3,500,000	5,750,000
Long-term liabilities	934,989	4,607,011	5,542,000
Total liabilities	3,976,593	8,733,679	12,710,272
Net Assets			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	6,312,394	13,275,239	19,587,633
Restricted	7,380,203	122,611	7,502,814
Unrestricted	845,627	2,428,348	3,273,975
Total net assets	$ 14,538,224	$ 15,826,198	$ 30,364,422

As noted previously, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Town of Springfield, assets exceeded liabilities by $30,364,422 at the close of the fiscal year, June 30, 2007. This compares to total net assets of $30,537,167 as of June 30, 2006. This is a decrease of $172,745, or 0.6 %, from the prior year. Major factors in this decrease include an increase in the amount of capital assets, net of related debt of $1,060,214, an increase in the bad debt allowance in the Special Revenue Fund of $593,510, and a decrease of $937,653 in the amount of unrestricted assets available.

Of these net assets, $19,587,633 (or 64.5% of total net assets) is invested in the Town of Springfield's capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, equipment, and infrastructure). The Town of Springfield uses these capital assets to provide services to its citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending unless the Town opts to reduce the services that it provides and is able to liquidate the assets that are no longer necessary due to this reduction in services. Although the Town of Springfield's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

$7,502,814 (or 24.7% of total net assets) of the Town of Springfield's net assets represents resources that are subject to external restriction as to how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net assets, $3,273,975 (or 10.8%), may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to its citizens and creditors. Included in unrestricted net assets are amounts that management has designated for particular purposes, such as capital reserve funds, and reserves for expenditures in future years.

For the year ended June 30, 2007, the Town of Springfield had total liabilities of $12,710,272. Of this amount, long-term liabilities amounted to $5,542,000 and $7,168,272 was in the form of other liabilities. This compares to total liabilities as of June 30, 2006 of $10,167,252, of which $5,644,141 were long-term liabilities and other liabilities totaled $4,523,111.

As of June 30, 2007, the Town of Springfield is able to report positive balances in both categories of net assets, governmental activities and business-type activities. The same situation held true for the prior fiscal year as well.

From the Statement of Activities, the total program revenues, consisting of charges for services ($3,390,552), operating grants ($604,655), and capital grants ($522,858) for the government as a whole amounted to $4,518,065. This amount does not include general revenues. The total amount of expenses was $18,971,824. This resulted in a deficit of $14,453,759 before general revenues are included. This compares to the prior year's total revenue of $6,546,864, with $3,078,022 in charges for services, $693,225 in operating grants, and $2,775,617 in capital grants. The total expenses for the prior year were $17,321,708.

General revenues for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2007 totaled $14,281,014, up from $13,220,887 the prior year. The vast majority of general revenue was received in the form of property taxes, $13,455,831, up from $12,694,552 in 2006. Other general revenues include: grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs, unrestricted investment earnings, fees and interest, and other small miscellaneous items. The net of the deficit above of $14,453,759 and the general revenues of $14,281,014 is a negative $172,745. This is the decrease in net assets for the Town of Springfield for the year.

There is also a transfer from governmental activities to business-type activities of $69,000. This amount is transferred to assist in the maintenance of the Pre-Treatment Facility, the storm drains, and the fire hydrants. These activities are properly expenses in governmental activities, though the work is performed by the personnel of the water and sewer department. As this transfer is internal to the government as a whole, it has no affect on the net assets of the town. In addition, there are transfers totaling $15,533 from the Town's fiduciary funds (held by the Trustees of Public Funds). This amount includes the earnings in both the Library Trust Fund and the Cemetery Trust Fund that is transferred to the Town to support governmental activities. To complete a trade of equipment between the highway department and the water department, there was a transfer of $41,137 from Fund 1 to Fund 2. Lastly, there was a transfer of $25,000 from the Town's economic development funds (in Fund 3) to the Town's Roof Drain account (in Fund 2).

Governmental Activities.

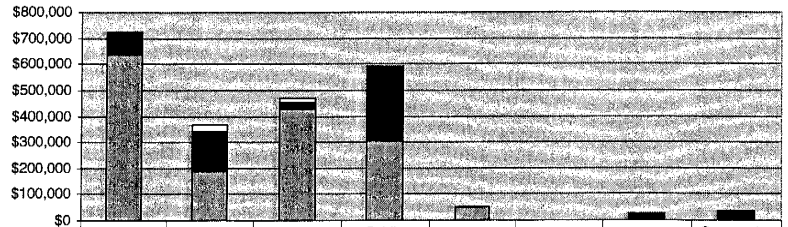
Governmental Activities increased the Town of Springfield's net assets by $157,530 during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2007. Major factors in this increase include the net increase in capital assets of $1,102,464, a decrease in the net assets of the Special Revenue Fund (Grants, Revolving Loans, Civic Improvement Investment Account) of $320,273, and a depreciation expense of $517,443. The majority of the balance of the increase is due to the accounting for the repayment of bond and notes principal and the fact that the amount paid out for compensated absences exceeded the amount earned. In the prior year, the Town of Springfield's net assets increased by $2,405,190, which was primarily the result of a net increase in capital assets of $2,212,660.

Governmental Activities are funded in three ways: charging for services, operating grants, and capital grants. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, the total program revenues for governmental activities were $2,262,462, down from the prior year's total of $3,917,812. The total current year charges for services were $1,617,902. The programs that receive the most revenue for services are General Government ($636,899, mostly for Payments in Lieu of Taxes, Current Use, Town Clerk fees, and the Readiness to Serve payment from the Correctional Facility), Fire and Ambulance ($428,691, primarily for Ambulance revenue), and Public Works ($305,142, a majority of which is due to activity at the transfer/recycling station).

The total revenue received in operating grants for governmental activities was $604,655. The largest portion of this amount was received from the state for highway maintenance. The total revenue received in capital grants for governmental activities was $39,905. Of this amount, the Police Department received $24,905 from a Homeland Security Grant, and the Fire Department received a decontamination shelter valued at $15,000.

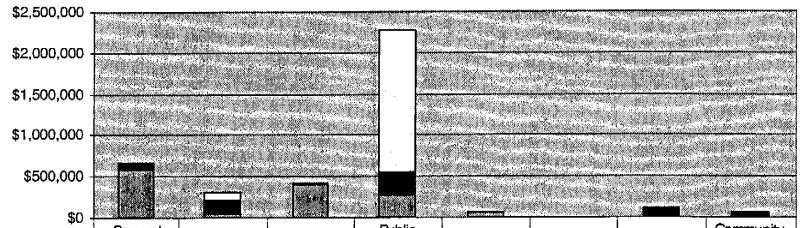
For a complete breakdown of the program revenues in governmental activities and a comparison to the prior year numbers, please see the two charts below.

2007 Governmental Program Revenues



	General Government	Police	Fire/Amb	Public Works	Parks/Rec	Seniors	Library	Community Dev
Capital Grants		$24,905	$15,000	$0				
Operating Grants	$86,251	$153,569	$23,225	$286,974			$21,504	$33,142
Charges	$636,899	$189,945	$428,691	$305,142	$51,463		$5,762	

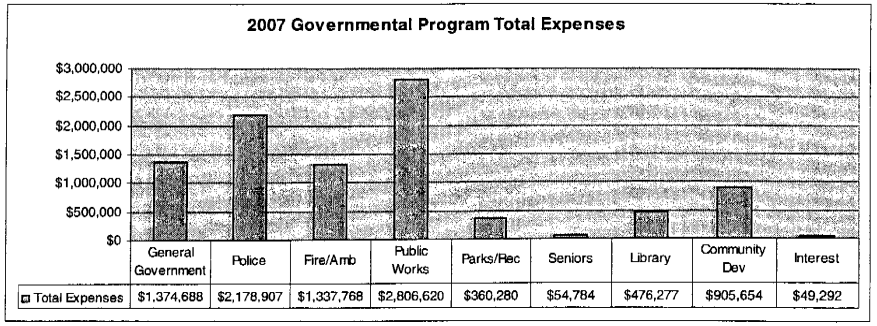
2006 Governmental Program Revenues



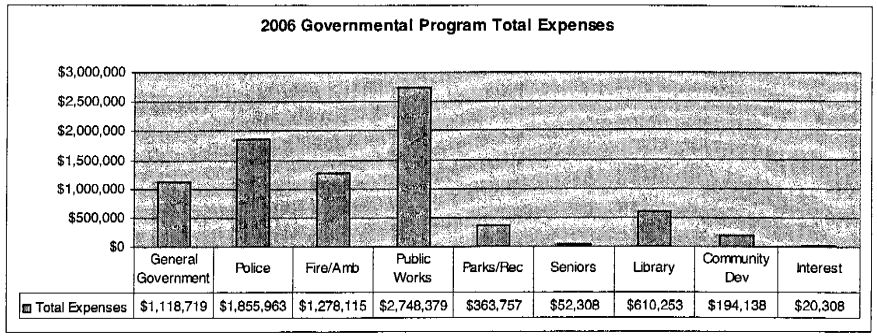
	General Government	Police	Fire/Amb	Public Works	Parks/Rec	Seniors	Library	Community Dev
Capital Grants		$94,392	$22,819	$1,718,946				
Operating Grants	$70,097	$161,952		$275,532			$119,067	$66,577
Charges	$589,153	$53,692	$402,508	$273,828	$66,636		$2,613	

The total expenses for Governmental activities for the year ended June 30, 2007, not including the $6,647,299 payment to the school district for Education, was $9,544,270. This compares to the total expenses for Governmental activities for the year ended June 30, 2006, not including the $6,342,704 payment to the school district for Education, of $8,241,940. This is an increase of $1,302,330.

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



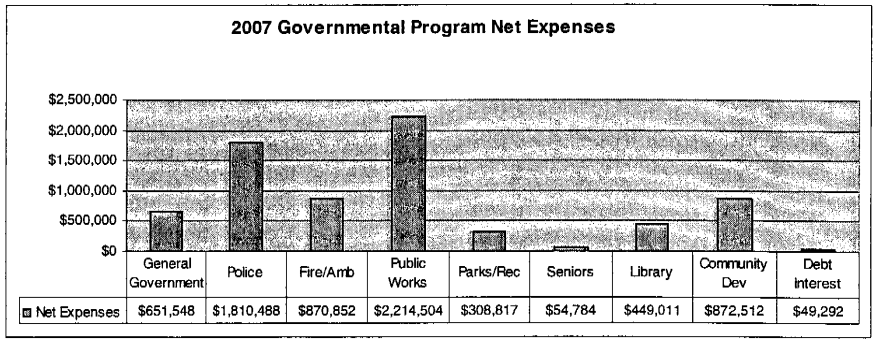
	General Government	Police	Fire/Amb	Public Works	Parks/Rec	Seniors	Library	Community Dev	Interest
Total Expenses	$1,374,688	$2,178,907	$1,337,768	$2,806,620	$360,280	$54,784	$476,277	$905,654	$49,292



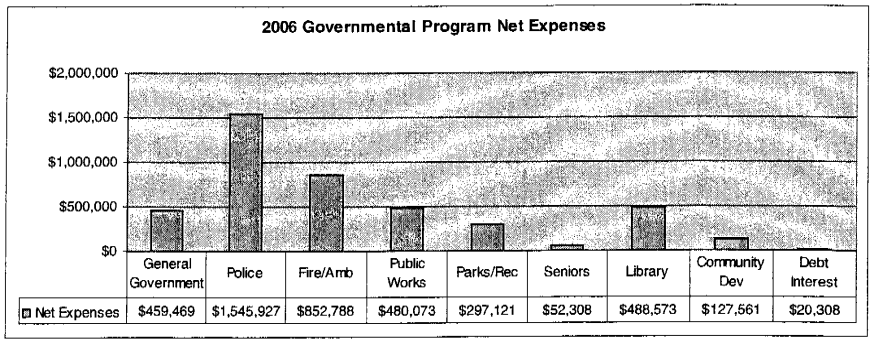
	General Government	Police	Fire/Amb	Public Works	Parks/Rec	Seniors	Library	Community Dev	Interest
Total Expenses	$1,118,719	$1,855,963	$1,278,115	$2,748,379	$363,757	$52,308	$610,253	$194,138	$20,308

From the Statement of Activities, the total net expense for governmental activities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007 was $13,929,107, up from $10,666,832 the prior year. After deducting the payment to the school district, the net expense for municipal government operations was $7,281,808, up from $4,324,128 in 2006.

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



	General Government	Police	Fire/Amb	Public Works	Parks/Rec	Seniors	Library	Community Dev	Debt Interest
Net Expenses	$651,548	$1,810,488	$870,852	$2,214,504	$308,817	$54,784	$449,011	$872,512	$49,292



	General Government	Police	Fire/Amb	Public Works	Parks/Rec	Seniors	Library	Community Dev	Debt Interest
Net Expenses	$459,469	$1,545,927	$852,788	$480,073	$297,121	$52,308	$488,573	$127,561	$20,308

Business-type Activities

Business-type activities decreased the Town of Springfield's net assets by $330,275 during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2007. The net assets decreased even though the Town continued to receive contributions from outside sources towards the three major water projects. These capital contributions totaled $482,953. The primary reason that net assets decreased was depreciation. The total other capital assets (those assets other than land and construction in progress), net of depreciation, decreased from $20,845,348 to $20,042,075. This is a decrease of $803,273. The total depreciation expense for the year was $982,089. Unless capital upgrades match the depreciation expense, it can be expected that the decline in net capital assets will continue. Grants towards capital assets, like the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Project, are considered capital contributions.

The program revenues for the business-type activities totaled $2,255,603. Of this amount, $1,772,650 was received from charges for services in the water and sewer department. The remaining program revenues, $482,953, were received in the form of capital grants from the State of Vermont and USDA Rural Development as part of the funding packages for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the CSO Project.

The balance of the business-type activities, a decrease of $813,228 is the result of an operating loss of $1,007,605 net of a transfer from governmental activities of $135,137 and unrestricted investment earnings of $59,240. The depreciation expense, mentioned above, and which is included in the operating loss amount, was $982,089 accounts for nearly all of the operating decrease. The total operating revenue was $1,772,650, compared to the prior year's total operating revenue of $1,689,592. The total operating expenses were $2,780,255, compared to the prior year total of $2,737,064.

Governmental Funds

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

At the end of the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2007, the Town of Springfield's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of $7,247,460, a decrease of $966,606 in comparison to the prior year. The unreserved fund balance, which is available for spending at the government's discretion, is $963,069. The Town of Springfield has designated $1,060,353 of this unreserved fund balance for various purposes, including capital reserve funds and expenditures in subsequent periods. The remainder of the fund balance is reserved to indicate that it is not available for new spending because it has already been committed to long-term receivables ($2,989,451), economic development (a deficit of $142,447), and other special purposes ($3,437,387).

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the Town of Springfield. As of June 30, 2007, the fund balance of the general fund was $1,021,085. Of this amount, the unreserved, undesignated fund balance was a deficit of $97,284, designated fund balance was $1,018,369, and reserved fund balance was $100,000.

The fund balance for the Town of Springfield's general fund decreased by $653,316 during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2007. The primary factors in this decrease are:

- The Town purchased the former Lucas Industries property on Clinton Street to be the site of the new police facility. The acquisition price and renovations to the property that were completed prior to June 30, 2007 cost $883,864. Due to accounting regulations, the proceeds received from the Bond Anticipation Note ($2,250,000) is not included as revenue. Therefore, the expense noted above affected the fund balance.
- The very mild winter led to a surplus in winter road maintenance budget line.
- Ambulance Revenue exceeded budgeted expectations.
- The amount that the Town received from the State for the Current Use program exceeded budgeted expectations.

The fund balance for the Town of Springfield's special revenue fund decreased by $313,290. This was due to an increase in the value of the investments, primarily the Civic Improvement Project Investment Account, which was offset by an increase in the bad debt allowance in the Special Revenue Fund for long term receivables. These receivables consist mostly of the economic and low income housing revolving loans.

Proprietary Funds

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

The total net assets for the water and sewer fund decreased from $16,153,530 on June 30, 2006 to $15,823,255 on June 30, 2007, a decrease of $330,275. Of the total net assets for the fund, $13,275,239 was invested in capital assets, net of any related debt, $122,611 was restricted for capital purposes, and the remaining $2,425,405 was unrestricted fund balance. As mentioned above in the discussion of business-type activities, the primary reasons for the change in the total net assets in the water and sewer fund were the capital contributions received from outside sources for the water projects less the decrease in net value of the capital assets due to depreciation. There is also a Non-major enterprise fund for Solid Waste. The balance of this fund is $2,943. There was no activity in this fund during the year.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

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

The Town bases its tax revenue budget on 100% of current year taxes due. It is expected that the delinquent tax collections will offset the shortfall in current year tax collection. This year, while the Town was able to collect $147,000 in delinquent taxes, the shortfall in current year collections was approximately $311,000. Thus, there was a net shortfall of $164,000 in revenues due to tax collection activity. Also in revenues, the Town budgeted $210,000 for payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT). This revenue comes mainly from the State for state property and the current use program. The actual revenue last year was $412,000, exceeding budget by $202,000. As the current use program funding can be reduced, the Town does not budget for this entire amount. Ambulance Revenue also exceeded budget by $63,000.

As mentioned previously, the largest unbudgeted expense was incurred with the purchase and initial renovations for the new police facility, $883,864. In addition, the boiler in the Town Garage failed and had to be replaced at an unbudgeted cost of $38,000.

The other budgetary areas where there was a significant difference were those related to winter in Vermont. The very mild winter, the first significant "snow event" that required application of winter road materials and response did not occur until February 13th. This lead to a budgetary surplus of $42,000 in the winter road maintenance line. Also, the Town, like its residents, experienced a significant increase in the cost of heating fuel. The heating fuel line items were over budget by nearly $16,000 (or 40% of the amounts budgeted). In an effort to re-enforce dirt roads and road beds, the summer road maintenance line was over by roughly $32,000. Finally, due to our experience, the Workers' Compensation account was over budget by $43,000.

The Town of Springfield did not have any significant changes from the original budget and the final budget for the 2007 fiscal year.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets-

The Town of Springfield's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of June 30, 2007 amounts to $19,587,633 (net of accumulated depreciation and related debt). This is an increase of $1,060,214 from the June 30, 2006 total of $18,527,419. Of the current amount, $6,312,394 is invested in the capital assets for governmental activities and $13,275,239 is invested in the capital assets of business-type activities. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and improvements, vehicles and equipment, roads and bridges, and water and wastewater distribution and collection systems. This amount does not

include infrastructure (roads, bridges, retaining walls, etc.) that was put in place prior to July 1, 2003. As the Town of Springfield had an operating budget of under $10,000,000 as of July 1, 1999, it was not required to retroactively report infrastructure assets in order to comply with GASB 34. As capital infrastructure work is completed in future years, these assets will be recorded.

Major capital asset events during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2007 include:

- Continuation of the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) project. New work completed during this fiscal year totaled $757,588. The total spent on CSO as of June 30, 2007 was $7,553,239.
- The Town purchased the site for the new police facility at a cost of $825,000 and completed the first $58,864 of renovations.
- The Town reclaimed and paved portions of Fairground Road ($196,104) and Massey Road ($67,243).
- The Town Hall received a new roof at a cost of $73,597.
- The Town purchased two new police patrol cars at a cost of $22,793 each.
- The Town Library completed carpeting ($23,438) and shelving ($25,140) projects.
- The Town purchased two new trucks ($71,102) and a roller ($21,500) for Public Works and a new skid steer ($19,900) for Recycling.
- The Town replace the furnace at the Town Garage ($37,765).
- Depreciation of all capital assets totaled $1,499,532.

Debt Administration-

As of June 30, 2007, the Town of Springfield had debt totaling $10,856,718. The Town of Springfield has three long term water and wastewater projects, the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) project, the Wastewater Treatment Plant project, and the Water project. The Wastewater Treatment Plant project, for which the Town voted to authorize up to a $4,500,000 bond has been completed, with the Town bonding for a final amount of $1,784,180. The Town has voted to authorize a total of $12,000,000 in bonds for the remaining two projects ($8,000,000 for CSO and $4,000,000 for Water). As bonds are issued at completion of a project, it is necessary to borrow "in anticipation" of these bonds in order to cover the expenses of the projects during construction until the final financing has been obtained. The Town has borrowed $3,500,000 in the form of Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN). These notes are at 3.82% interest and come due June 13, 2008. The Town also signed a BAN for $2,250,000 for the new police facility and Town Hall renovations. This note accrues interest at 3.74% and is payable on or before March 6, 2008.

In addition, the Town has a commitment of $346,989 in accrued compensated absences to its employees in the governmental units. The Town has a further commitment of $88,293 to its employees in the business-type activities (water and sewer). This is the amount that the Town has set aside to pay employees for accrued sick time when they retire at some point in the future.

The balance of the debt, $5,106,718, is in the form of signed notes and bonds. Here is a chart of these commitments:

Town of Springfield
Long Term Notes
as of June 30, 2007

		Maturity	Interest	Original Amount	June 2006 Balance	June 2007 Balance
Governmental:						
	Chittenden	6/20/2008	3.82	$100,000	$100,000	$50,000
	EPA	8/31/2012	0	$173,000	$88,000	$138,000
	Fire Truck	12/1/2016	4.422	$600,000	$440,000	$400,000
			Subtotal	$873,000	$628,000	$588,000
Water/Sewer:						
	USDA-CSO 1	9/28/2035	4.125	$438,320	$434,234	$426,450
	USDA-CSO 2	9/28/2035	4.125	$137,480	$136,199	$133,757
	USDA-CSO 3	9/28/2035	4.125	$474,200	$469,780	$461,358
	RF3-034	10/1/2021	3	$325,669	$274,963	$261,321
***	RFI-019	9/1/2022	0	$870,149	$739,627	$696,119
***	RFI-055	9/1/2024	0	$1,023,964	$754,849	$863,955
	USDA-WWTP	12/1/2033	4.5	$1,784,180	$1,706,834	$1,675,758
			Subtotal	$5,053,962	$4,516,486	$4,518,718
			Total	**$5,926,962**	**$5,144,486**	**$5,106,718**

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

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

- The Town completed its reappraisal. As a result, the taxable grand list (total assessed value divided by 100) for the Town of Springfield grew from $3,560,424 as of June 30, 2006 to $6,458,247 for the 2007/2008 fiscal year. This is an increase of 81.4%.
- The Commercial Grand List grew to $115,899,300. This growth was sufficient to eliminate the Special Commercial tax for the 2007/2008 fiscal year, which had been $0.5271/$100 of valuation.
- The unemployment rate in Springfield as of June 30, 2007 was 4.8%, up from 4.7% a year earlier. This compares with a rate of 3.8% statewide, up from 3.3%.
- Winstanley completed the rehabilitation of the former Fellows property in North Springfield. This property houses KIOSKO (which had sold its property to Lucas Industries) and JELD-WEN, a company new to Springfield which currently employs nearly 200.
- The rates of increase in the prices of health insurance, worker's compensation insurance, heating fuel, vehicle fuel, and education have grown faster than the general inflationary trend.
- Designated capital reserve funds at the end of June 30, 2007 amounted to $549,936. These funds are available for appropriation to fund capital and equipment purchases in coming years.

- Under Act 68, there are now different tax rates for Springfield residents than non-residents. Homestead residential properties now pay $0.0059 less than non-residential properties per $100 of assessed value.

All of these factors were considered in preparing the Town of Springfield's budget and setting the tax rates for the 2008 fiscal year.

The Town of Springfield approved a general fund budget for the 2008 fiscal year in the amount of $9,093,789. This represents an increase of $563,809, or 6.6%, over the approved budget for the previous year. Of the total budgeted amount, $8,098,789 is budgeted for the operating budget, and increase of $483,309, or 6.3%, over the operating budget for the previous year. The budget for capital expenditures is $995,000, an increase of $80,500, or 8.8%, over the prior year's capital budget. The Town has budgeted for $570,000 of this amount to be received from the Town's designated reserve funds and other reserved funds in order to minimize the increase in the tax rate due to the Town's planned capital improvements. The combined municipal and school tax rate for Springfield residents for fiscal year 2008 is $2.28 per $100 of assessed value. The combined municipal and school tax rate for non-residents is $2.2859 per $100 of assessed value. The special commercial tax rate no longer exists.

For the fiscal year 2008, the water rate remained level at $1.49 per 100 cubic feet and the sewer rate increased to $4.64 per 100 cubic feet from $4.62. The level water rate and the small increase in the sewer rate demonstrate the Water and Wastewater Department's commitment to keep the cost of water reasonable. However, as the Department begins repayment on subsequent phases of the CSO and Water Pressurization Projects, it is expected that these rates will need to be increased accordingly in the future.

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

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

Requests for Information

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

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
June 30, 2007

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 5,109,637	$ 2,360,523	$ 7,470,160
Investments	3,184,920	-0-	3,184,920
Receivables (net)	3,117,233	1,020,265	4,137,498
Internal balances	230,924	(225,065)	5,859
Inventories	-0-	97,733	97,733
Prepaid expenses	-0-	12,464	12,464
Tax sale real estate	109,709	-0-	109,709
Capital assets:			
Land, improvements, and construction in progress	432,689	1,251,882	1,684,571
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	6,329,705	20,042,075	26,371,780
Total capital assets	6,762,394	21,293,957	28,056,351
Total assets	18,514,817	24,559,877	43,074,694
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	791,604	626,668	1,418,272
Notes payable	2,250,000	3,500,000	5,750,000
Long-term liabilities:			
Due within one year	125,000	150,636	275,636
Due in more than one year	809,989	4,456,375	5,266,364
Total liabilities	3,976,593	8,733,679	12,710,272
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	6,312,394	13,275,239	19,587,633
Restricted for:			
Capital projects	147,730	122,611	270,341
Economic development	3,838,445	-0-	3,838,445
Other purposes	3,394,028	-0-	3,394,028
Unrestricted	845,627	2,428,348	3,273,975
Total net assets	$ 14,538,224	$ 15,826,198	$ 30,364,422

See accompanying notes.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended June 30, 2007

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenues: Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets: Governmental Activities	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets: Business-type Activities	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets: Total
Governmental activities:							
General government	$ 1,374,688	$ 636,899	$ 86,241	$ -0-	($ 651,548)		($ 651,548)
Police	2,178,907	189,945	153,569	24,905	(1,810,488)		(1,810,488)
Fire and ambulance	1,337,768	428,691	23,225	15,000	(870,852)		(870,852)
Public works	2,806,620	305,142	286,974	-0-	(2,214,504)		(2,214,504)
Parks and recreation	360,280	51,463	-0-	-0-	(308,817)		(308,817)
Senior citizens	54,784	-0-	-0-	-0-	(54,784)		(54,784)
Library	476,277	5,762	21,504	-0-	(449,011)		(449,011)
Community development	905,654	-0-	33,142	-0-	(872,512)		(872,512)
Education (payment to school district)	6,647,299	-0-	-0-	-0-	(6,647,299)		(6,647,299)
Interest on debt	49,292	-0-	-0-	-0-	(49,292)		(49,292)
Total governmental activities	16,191,569	1,617,902	604,655	39,905	(13,929,107)		(13,929,107)
Business-type activities							
Water and sewer fund	2,780,255	1,772,650	-0-	482,953		($ 524,652)	(524,652)
Total business-type activities	2,780,255	1,772,650	-0-	482,953		(524,652)	(524,652)
Total	$ 18,971,824	$ 3,390,552	$ 604,655	$ 522,858	(13,929,107)	(524,652)	(14,453,759)
General revenues:							
Taxes					13,455,831	-0-	13,455,831
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs					-0-	-0-	-0-
Unrestricted investment earnings					532,335	59,240	591,575
Fees and interest					215,413	-0-	215,413
Miscellaneous					2,662	-0-	2,662
Transfers					(119,604)	135,137	15,533
Total general revenues and transfers					14,086,637	194,377	14,281,014
Change in net assets					157,530	(330,275)	(172,745)
Net assets - beginning					14,380,694	16,156,473	30,537,167
Net assets - ending					$ 14,538,224	$ 15,826,198	$ 30,364,422

See accompanying notes.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2007

	General	Special Revenue	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 3,029,516	$ 730,145	$ 102,709	$ 3,862,370
Cash - Weathersfield Dam	139,759	-0-	-0-	139,759
Cash - Certificates of deposit	180,357	927,151	-0-	1,107,508
Investments	-0-	3,184,920	-0-	3,184,920
Delinquent property taxes	450,102	-0-	-0-	450,102
Receivables, net	177,309	2,465,021	-0-	2,642,330
Receivables from other governments	24,801	-0-	-0-	24,801
Due from other funds	348,938	21,332	-0-	370,270
Tax sale real estate	109,709	-0-	-0-	109,709
Total assets	$ 4,460,491	$ 7,328,569	$ 102,709	$ 11,891,769
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
LIABILITIES:				
Accounts payable	$ 151,238	$ 18,222	$ -0-	$ 169,460
Accrued payroll and related taxes	184,728	-0-	-0-	184,728
Deferred revenues	422,995	1,068,667	-0-	1,491,662
Due to other funds	21,332	57,289	60,725	139,346
Notes payable	2,250,000	-0-	-0-	2,250,000
Accrued vacation pay	409,113	-0-	-0-	409,113
Total liabilities	3,439,406	1,144,178	60,725	4,644,309
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES				
FUND BALANCES:				
Reserved for:				
Long-term receivables	-0-	2,989,451	-0-	2,989,451
Economic development	-0-	(142,447)	-0-	(142,447)
Special purposes	100,000	3,337,387	-0-	3,437,387
Unreserved				
Designated for special purposes	549,936	-0-	-0-	549,936
Designated for future expenditures	468,433	-0-	-0-	468,433
Undesignated	(97,284)	-0-	-0-	(97,284)
Unreserved, reported in nonmajor:				
Capital project fund	-0-	-0-	41,984	41,984
Total fund balances	1,021,085	6,184,391	41,984	7,247,460
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 4,460,491	$ 7,328,569	$ 102,709	$ 11,891,769

See accompanying notes.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
June 30, 2007

TOTAL FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS		$ 7,247,460
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 $10,085,808, and the accumulated depreciation is $3,323,414.		6,762,394
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	$ 1,068,667	
Deferred tax revenue	422,995	1,491,662
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	500,000	
Accrued interest on bonds and notes payable	28,303	
Accrued compensated absences	434,989	(963,292)
TOTAL NET ASSETS - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES		$ 14,538,224

See accompanying notes.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Year Ended June 30, 2007

	General	Special Revenue	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Property Taxes	$ 13,317,815	$ -0-	$ -0-	$ 13,317,815
Less payments to School District	6,647,299	-0-	-0-	6,647,299
Net taxes	6,670,516	-0-	-0-	6,670,516
Payments in lieu of taxes	483,965	-0-	-0-	483,965
Intergovernmental revenue	32,555	157,533	-0-	190,088
Collector's fees and interest	98,610	-0-	-0-	98,610
Licenses, fees and permits	118,793	40,761	-0-	159,554
Charges for services	1,341,022	-0-	-0-	1,341,022
Investment earnings	108,172	541,846	-0-	650,018
Trails and greenways	-0-	4,386	-0-	4,386
Miscellaneous	33,261	875	-0-	34,136
Other reimbursements	17,109	-0-	-0-	17,109
Total revenues	8,904,003	745,401	-0-	9,649,404
EXPENDITURES				
Current operations:				
Finance and administration	680,245	2,525	-0-	682,770
Police	2,296,190	875	-0-	2,297,065
Fire and ambulance	838,996	-0-	-0-	838,996
Public works	1,595,521	-0-	-0-	1,595,521
Parks and recreation	243,291	41,264	-0-	284,555
Senior Citizens	39,785	-0-	-0-	39,785
Library	370,539	-0-	-0-	370,539
Fixed costs	2,165,411	-0-	-0-	2,165,411
Other	195,803	608,383	-0-	804,186
Special appropriations	160,200	-0-	-0-	160,200
Windsor County Tax	44,771	-0-	-0-	44,771
Grant expenditures	-0-	196,048	-0-	196,048
SVRCF expense	-0-	159,596	-0-	159,596
Debt service:				
Interest	22,729	-0-	-0-	22,729
Principal	90,000	-0-	-0-	90,000
Capital outlay	829,234	-0-	-0-	829,234
Total expenditures	9,572,715	1,008,691	-0-	10,581,406
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(668,712)	(263,290)	-0-	(932,002)
Other financing sources (uses):				
Proceeds from issuance of debt	85,000	-0-	-0-	85,000
Operating transfers in	40,533	-0-	-0-	40,533
Operating transfers out	(110,137)	(50,000)	-0-	(160,137)
Total other financing sources (uses)	15,396	(50,000)	-0-	(34,604)
Net change in fund balances	(653,316)	(313,290)	-0-	(966,606)
Fund balances, beginning of year	1,674,401	6,497,681	41,984	8,214,066
Fund balances, end of year	$ 1,021,085	$ 6,184,391	$ 41,984	$ 7,247,460

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, 2007

TOTAL NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	($ 966,606)
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 ($1,529,910) exceeds depreciation expense ($517,443) in the period.	1,012,467
Property taxes and principal payments on notes receivable are recognized on an accrual basis in the statement of net assets, not the modified accrual basis. The deferred property taxes increased $138,015. The deferred grant revenue revenue decreased $87,017.	50,998
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.	125,000
Proceeds of long-term debt issued is recorded as revenue in the governmental funds and as a long-term liability in the statement of net assets	(85,000)
In the statement of activities, accrued compensated absences are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used (essentially the amounts actually paid). This year, compensated absences used exceeded the amounts earned by $47,234.	47,234
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.	(26,563)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	$ 157,530

See accompanying notes.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
June 30, 2007

	Water and Sewer Fund	Nonmajor Enterprise Fund	Total Enterprise Funds
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 2,357,580	$ 2,943	$ 2,360,523
Accounts receivable, net	704,108	-0-	704,108
Due from other governments	316,157	-0-	316,157
Inventory	97,733	-0-	97,733
Prepaid expenses	12,464	-0-	12,464
Due from other funds	11,135	-0-	11,135
Total current assets	3,499,177	2,943	3,502,120
Capital Assets:			
Land	281,434	-0-	281,434
Buildings	15,470,187	-0-	15,470,187
Improvements other than buildings	11,316,572	-0-	11,316,572
Machinery and equipment	1,649,033	-0-	1,649,033
Construction in progress	970,448	-0-	970,448
	29,687,674	-0-	29,687,674
Less accumulated depreciation	(8,393,717)	-0-	(8,393,717)
Net capital assets	21,293,957	-0-	21,293,957
Total assets	24,793,134	2,943	24,796,077
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	604,069	-0-	604,069
Accrued interest payable	22,599	-0-	22,599
Due to other funds	236,200	-0-	236,200
Notes payable	3,500,000	-0-	3,500,000
Current portion of long-term obligations	150,636	-0-	150,636
Total current liabilities	4,513,504	-0-	4,513,504
Accrued compensated absences	88,293	-0-	88,293
Long-term obligations, less current portion	4,368,082	-0-	4,368,082
Total noncurrent liabilities	4,456,375	-0-	4,456,375
Total liabilities	8,969,879	-0-	8,969,879
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES			
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	13,275,239	-0-	13,275,239
Restricted for capital projects	122,611	-0-	122,611
Unrestricted	2,425,405	2,943	2,428,348
Total net assets	$ 15,823,255	$ 2,943	$ 15,826,198

See accompanying notes.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
Year ended June 30, 2007

	Water and Sewer Fund	Nonmajor Enterprise Fund	Total Enterprise Funds
Operating revenues			
Water Sales	$ 572,015	$ -0-	$ 572,015
Sewer Sales	1,104,330	-0-	1,104,330
Total operating revenues	1,676,345	-0-	1,676,345
Operating expenses			
Wages	556,693	-0-	556,693
Administrative expenses	13,313	-0-	13,313
Maintenance expenses	170,964	-0-	170,964
Wastewater expenses	339,216	-0-	339,216
Dewatering and composting expenses	46,262	-0-	46,262
Repairs and maintenance	88,034	-0-	88,034
Fixed charges	348,037	-0-	348,037
Depreciation	982,089	-0-	982,089
Total operating expenses	2,544,608	-0-	2,544,608
Operating loss	(868,263)	-0-	(868,263)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):			
Access fee income	64,191	-0-	64,191
Gain on disposal of assets	32,114	-0-	32,114
Interest income	59,240	-0-	59,240
Interest expense	(235,647)	-0-	(235,647)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	(80,102)	-0-	(80,102)
Income (loss) before contributions and transfers	(948,365)	-0-	(948,365)
Capital Contributions	482,953	-0-	482,953
Transfers in	135,137	-0-	135,137
Change in net assets	(330,275)	-0-	(330,275)
Total net assets at beginning of year as previously reported	16,153,530	2,943	16,156,473
Total net assets at end of year	$ 15,823,255	$ 2,943	$ 15,826,198

See accompanying notes.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
Year ended June 30, 2007

	Water and Sewer Fund	Nonmajor Enterprise Fund	Total Enterprise Funds
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash received from customers	$ 1,720,648	$ -0-	$ 1,720,648
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(452,667)	-0-	(452,667)
Cash payments to employees for services	(594,840)	-0-	(594,840)
Net cash provided by operating activities	673,141	-0-	673,141
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Change in due from/due to other funds	(47,413)	-0-	(47,413)
Transfers from other funds	135,137	-0-	135,137
Net repayments of short-term debt	-0-	-0-	-0-
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	87,724	-0-	87,724
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(881,309)	-0-	(881,309)
Interest capitalized on construction of assets	(28,650)	-0-	(28,650)
Capital contributions	1,368,533	-0-	1,368,533
Proceeds of long-term debt issued	148,836	-0-	148,836
Principal paid	(63,366)	-0-	(63,366)
Interest paid	(236,310)	-0-	(236,310)
Net cash provided by capital and related financing activities	307,734	-0-	307,734
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Interest on investments	59,240	-0-	59,240
Net cash provided by investing activities	59,240	-0-	59,240
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,127,839	-0-	1,127,839
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	1,229,741	2,943	1,232,684
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	$ 2,357,580	$ 2,943	$ 2,360,523
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Operating loss	($ 868,263)	$ -0-	($ 868,263)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net Cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation	982,089	-0-	982,089
Provision for losses on receivables	8,500	-0-	8,500
Access fees received from customers	64,191	-0-	64,191
Change in assets and liabilities:			
Increase in receivables	(28,388)	-0-	(28,388)
Increase in inventory	(14,618)	-0-	(14,618)
Increase in prepaid expenses	1,382	-0-	1,382
Decrease in accounts payable	566,395	-0-	566,395
Increase in accrued liabilities	(38,147)	-0-	(38,147)
Net cash provided by operating activities	$ 673,141	$ -0-	$ 673,141

NONCASH CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Capital related debt payments made by the State of Vermont and included in income as contributed capital - $83,236.

See accompanying notes.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
June 30, 2007

	Private-purpose Trusts
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 91,582
Investments, at fair value	1,016,697
Total assets	1,108,279
LIABILITIES	
Due to other funds	5,859
NET ASSETS	
Held in trust for other purposes	$ 1,102,420

See accompanying notes.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
Year ended June 30, 2007

	Private-purpose Trusts
ADDITIONS	
Contributions	$ 22,109
Investment earnings:	
Net increase in fair value of investments	75,150
Interest and dividends	51,745
Realized gain on investments	1,959
Total investment earnings	128,854
Less investment expense	(6,454)
Net investment earnings	122,400
Total additions	144,509
DEDUCTIONS	
Program disbursements	11,780
Administrative expenses	450
Transfers to Town funds	15,533
Total deductions	27,763
Change in net assets	116,746
Net assets - beginning of year	985,674
Net assets - end of year	$ 1,102,420

See accompanying notes.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

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

A. Reporting entity

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

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

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

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

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

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

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

Excluded from the reporting entity:

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

B. Basic Financial Statements - Government-Wide Statements

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

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

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

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

The Town does not allocate indirect costs.

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

C. Basic Financial Statements - Fund Financial Statements

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

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

The following fund types are used by the Town:

1. Governmental funds:

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

- **General fund** is the general operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

- **Special revenue fund** is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

- **Capital projects fund** is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by business-type/proprietary funds). The capital projects fund accounts for activities relating to a major paving and sidewalk project.

2. Proprietary funds

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

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

3. Fiduciary Funds

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

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

D. Basis of accounting

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

1. Accrual

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

2. Modified accrual

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

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

E. Budgets and budgetary accounting

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

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

1. Prior to Town Meeting Day, the Town Manager submits to the Board of Selectmen, a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.

2. Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.

3. At the Town Meeting, the first Tuesday in March, the budget is legally enacted by vote of the taxpayers.

4. The Town Manager is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between departments within any fund; however, any revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the Board of Selectmen. The budget is shown as originally passed.

5. Budgetary integration - Formal budgetary integration is used as a management control device during the year for the general fund.

6. Basis of accounting for budgets - Budgets are adopted on the budgetary basis of accounting. This differs from U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in several respects. A summary of the major adjustments necessary to convert from budgetary basis to the GAAP basis for the general fund follows the budgetary comparison schedule.

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

Encumbrances

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

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

F. Equity Classifications

Government-wide Statements

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

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

Fund Statements

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

General Fund balance - Reserved for special purposes

As of June 30, 2007, the reserved for special purposes fund balance represents cash segregated for special purposes:

Weathersfield Dam	$100,000

General Fund balance - Designated for special purposes

As of June 30, 2007, the general fund designated for special purposes fund balance represents the following funds:

Ambulance equipment fund	$ 87,242
Fire equipment fund	245,726
Highway equipment fund	47,388
Parks and recreation equipment fund	67,103
Weathersfield Dam - interest	39,759
Reappraisal	22,538
Records restoration	40,180
	$ 549,936

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

General Fund balance - Designated for future expenditures

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

Special Revenue Fund – Restricted net assets

The Special Revenue Fund net assets are restricted for Economic Development ($3,838,445) and Civic Improvements ($3,394,028) due to the terms of original agreements with granting agencies.

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

G. Cash flows

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

H. Investments

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

I. Inventory

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

J. Compensated absences

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

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

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

K. Fixed assets

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

Governmental activities:

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

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

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

Proprietary Fund:

Interest capitalized in the Water and Sewer Fund totaled $28,650 on cash flows during the current fiscal year.

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

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

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

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

L. Interfund activity

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

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

Note 2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

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

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

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

	Cash Balances
Insured (FDIC)	$ 913,521
Collateralized	-0-
Uncollateralized and uninsured	7,084,389
Total bank balances	7,997,910
Reconciling items	(436,168)
Total book balances	$7,561,742

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

Note 3. Investments

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

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

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

Credit Risk – Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. As of June 30, 2007 the Town's investments in corporate bonds were rated AAA to A by Standard & Poors.

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

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

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

All of the Town's $4,201,617 investment in securities has a Category 2 custodial risk.

Note 3. Investments (Continued)

The Town's investments carried at fair value as of June 30, 2007 are:

Investment Type	Fair Value	Investment maturities in years: Less than 1	1-5	6-10
U.S. agency bonds	$ 994,960	$249,290	$ 524,454	$221,216
Corporate bonds	493,784	-0-	166,585	327,199
Total fixed income	1,488,744	$249,290	$691,039	$548,415
Common stocks	1,774,591			
Mutual funds	938,282			
Total investments	$4,201,617			

Note 4. Receivables and Revenues

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

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

Town assessment	$1.7236
School assessment - Homestead	1.9750
School assessment- Nonresidential	1.9454
Special appropriations	.0420
Windsor County tax	.0117
Abatements and charge-offs	.0077
2006-07 total assessment Town and Homestead School Tax	$3.7600
2006-07 total assessment Town and Nonresidential School Tax	$3.7304

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

Note 4. Receivables and Revenues (Continued)

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

Receivables consisted of the following as of June 30, 2007:

	Gross Receivable	Allowance for Uncollectibles	Net Receivable
General fund:			
Delinquent property taxes	$450,102	$ -0-	$450,102
Accounts receivable	185,419	100,000	85,419
Interest and collector's fees receivable	91,890	-0-	91,890
Due from other governments	24,801	-0-	24,801
Special revenue:			
Interest receivable	134,960	59,617	75,343
Accounts receivable	16,652	-0-	16,652
Long-term receivable	2,989,451	616,425	2,373,026
Water and sewer fund:			
Services billed	296,240	71,500	224,740
Estimated unbilled services	393,347	-0-	393,347
Other accounts receivable	166,021	80,000	86,021
Due from other governments	316,157	-0-	316,157

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

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

	July 1, 2006	Addition	Repayment	June 30, 2007
Smokeshire, 4% interest annually, beginning September 1, 2001, payment to commence October 1, 2001. Interest added to principal and amortized over fifteen years beginning September 1, 2001, secured by machinery, equipment, inventory & intangibles due September 1, 2016.	$148,330	$ -0-	$ 59,997	$ 88,333

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

	July 1, 2006	Addition	Repayment	June 30, 2007
Mountain View, 2% interest annually, unpaid interest to be added to principal annually, payable with principal on December 31, 2030; secured by land and buildings.	805,930	16,119	-0-	822,049
SouthView, original terms, $175,000 bears interest at 2% interest accrued and deferred two years, beginning October, 1994, interest and principal amortized over 28 years; balance of $102,368 interest free for thirty years, then loan bears interest at 6% and is repaid over the next twenty years; secured by land and buildings.	291,626	-0-	5,439	286,187
Springfield Regional Development Corporation (Robert S. Jones Industrial Complex), 3% interest, payment of principal and interest deferred two years to March, 1997, accrued interest added to principal and amortized over eighteen years beginning March, 1997.	231,218	-0-	23,904	207,314
Springfield Housing Associates (Westview Project), $400,000 installment note, 3% interest, payment deferred five years to January, 2001, accrued interest and principal will be amortized over fifteen years with a $350,000 balloon payment due December, 2015. Secured by land and buildings.	424,404	-0-	7,126	417,278

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

	July 1, 2006	Addition	Repayment	June 30, 2007
Rockingham Area Community Land Trust, 1% interest, with no monthly payments for the first 8 years, monthly interest payments of $137 in years 9 through 20, entire balance and interest due on June 9, 2018 unless certain conditions are met, at which point the entire loan will be forgiven. Secured by land and building.	98,647	-0-	-0-	98,647
Java Stars, Inc., 7.5% interest, monthly payments of $237, July 2000 through June 2005, secured by subordinate interest in business equipment	17,485	-0-	-0-	17,485
Springfield Fence Company, 2% interest, payment deferred five years to November, 2000, no accrued interest, amortized 20 years beginning December, 2000. Secured by land and buildings.	174,746	-0-	10,564	164,182
Wall Street Housing, 1% interest, 180 installments of $269 per month beginning December 5, 2004, secured by mortgage on real estate in Springfield.	40,562	-0-	2,839	37,723
Antoniewich, Byington & Westfall, 5.0% interest, 120 installments of $237 per month beginning June 8, 2002, secured by 3rd mortgage on real estate.	23,775	-0-	23,775	-0-
Precision Valley Development Corp., maximum of $45,000, interest accruing from November 29, 2001, principal and interest due upon sale of Fellows Building or July 1, 2002 if sooner.	15,000	-0-	-0-	15,000

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

	July 1, 2006	Addition	Repayment	June 30, 2007
Precision Valley Development Corp., maximum of $50,000, interest accruing from November 29, 2001, principal and interest due upon sale of Fellows Building or July 1, 2002 if sooner.	23,285	-0-	-0-	23,285
Vermont Machine Tool Corp., interest at 4%, accumulated interest added to principal, monthly payments of $4,527 to begin November 2003. All amounts due October 2018	560,655	-0-	-0-	560,655
Springfield Metallurgical Services interest at 5%, monthly payments of $237, balance of principal and any accrued interest due July 2009	8,127	-0-	2,500	5,627
Morning Dew Real Estate, LLC and NBC Solid Surfaces, Inc., interest at 4%, monthly payments of $253, balance of principal and interest due April 2013.	18,134	-0-	2,355	15,779
JDS, Inc., interest at 7% monthly payments of $594, balance of principal and interest due December, 2010.	27,449	-0-	5,377	22,072
Wistol, LLC, interest at 4%, monthly payments of $184, balance of principal and interest due December, 2010.	9,241	-0-	2,034	7,207
JBJ Corporation, interest at 4%, monthly payments of $202, balance of principal and interest due January, 2010.	19,316	-0-	1,688	17,628

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

	July 1, 2006	Addition	Repayment	June 30, 2007
Springfield Housing Unlimited, no interest, $36,000 loan. Principal will be repaid at the rate of $3,000 per lot sold. If 6 lots are sold for individual residential purposes, the remaining loan balance will be discharged. Secured by mortgage on Real Estate.	-0-	36,000	3,000	33,000
Antoniewich, Byington, and Westfall (Lucas Ind.). December 14, 2006 Interest at 4% per year, $150,000 loan. Interest for the first year set at $6,000, then added to the principal with payments of $1,160 to begin January 14, 2008. Secured by second mortgage on borrowers premises.	-0-	150,000	-0-	150,000
	$2,937,930	$ 202,119	$ 150,599	$2,989,450

Note 6. Changes in Fixed Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2007 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Net Additions (Deletions)	Ending Balance
Business-type activities:			
Land	$ 281,434	$ -0-	$ 281,434
Wellfields, reservoirs, mains and pipes	11,316,572	-0-	11,316,572
Treatment plants and pump stations	15,470,187	-0-	15,470,187
Meters and hydrants	180,306	-0-	180,306
Chlorinating and pumping facilities	694,608	-0-	694,608
Equipment	662,988	111,131	774,119
Construction in progress	207,190	763,258	970,448
	28,813,285	874,389	29,687,674
Less accumulated depreciation	(7,479,312)	(914,405)	(8,393,717)
Business-type activities capital assets, net	$21,333,973	($ 40,016)	$21,293,957

Note 6. Changes in Fixed Assets (Continued)

	Beginning Balance	Increase	Decrease	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land and improvements	$ 366,189	$ 100,000	$ -0-	$ 466,189
Other capital assets being depreciated:				
Infrastructure	2,792,987	289,491	-0-	3,082,478
Machinery and equipment	4,092,742	230,014	(230,711)	4,092,045
Buildings and improvements	1,483,021	962,075	-0-	2,445,096
Total other capital assets at historical cost	8,368,750	1,481,580	(230,711)	9,619,619
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Infrastructure	(139,526)	(227,261)	-0-	(366,787)
Machinery and equipment	(2,053,986)	(240,363)	179,038	(2,115,311)
Buildings and improvements	(791,497)	(49,819)	-0-	(841,316)
Total accumulated depreciation	(2,985,009)	(517,443)	179,038	(3,323,414)
Other capital assets being depreciated, net	5,383,741	964,137	(51,673)	6,296,205
Governmental activities capital assets, net	$5,749,930	$1,064,137	$ (51,673)	$6,762,394

Depreciation expense:

Depreciation expense was charged to functions as follows:

Governmental activities:	
General government	$ 3,570
Police	62,734
Fire and ambulance	94,181
Public Works	308,954
Parks and Recreation	14,329
Library	33,675
	$517,443

Depreciation expense of $982,089, in the Business-type activities, was charged to the Water and Sewer Fund.

Note 7. Notes Payable

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

Bond Anticipation Notes -

The Town has borrowed $3,500,000 in anticipation of issuing bonds relating to the waste water treatment facility and combined sewer overflow system construction projects. The notes bear interest at 3.82% and are payable on or before June 13, 2008.

The Town has borrowed $2,250,000 in anticipation of issuing bonds relating to the Police Department facility and Town Hall renovation construction projects. The note bears interest at 3.74% and is payable on or before March 6, 2008.

	Balance July 1, 2006	Additions	Retirements	Balance June 30, 2007
Water and Sewer Fund	$3,500,000	$3,500,000	$3,500,000	$3,500,000
General Fund	-0-	2,250,000	-0-	2,250,000

Interest paid on the Sewer and Water bond anticipation noted totaled $136,112. Of this amount $28,650 was capitalized to construction in progress totaled for the year end June 30, 2007.

Interest expense on the General Fund Bond Anticipation Note was $26,744 in the government-wide statement of activities.

Note 8. Deferred Revenues

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

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

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total
Uncollected property taxes	$350,866	$ -0-	$ 350,866
Uncollected interest and fees	72,129	14,840	86,969
Act 200 grant	-0-	3,724	3,724
Other grants	-0-	55,170	55,170
Library grant	-0-	3,493	3,493
State of Vermont	-0-	991,440	991,440
	$422,995	$1,068,667	$1,491,662

Note 9. Long-Term Debt

Governmental Type Activities:

	Amount of Issue	Date of Issue	Interest Rate	Date of Final Payment	Town Debt July 1, 2006	Additions	Retire-ments	Town Debt June 30, 2007
EPA loan	$ 173,000	4/1/06	0.00%	8/31/12	$ 88,000	$ 85,000	$ 35,000	$ 138,000
Vermont Municipal Bond Bank	600,000	7/26/01	2.80-4.98%	12/1/16	440,000	-0-	40,000	400,000
Chittenden Bank	100,000	6/21/06	3.82%	6/20/08	100,000	-0-	50,000	50,000
Total general obligation debt					628,000	85,000	125,000	588,000
Accrued compensated absences					394,223	-0-	47,234	346,989
					$1,022,223	$85,000	$172,234	$ 934,989

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

	Principal	Interest	Total
2007 - 2008	125,000	21,188	146,188
2008 - 2009	75,000	17,669	92,669
2009 - 2010	75,000	13,990	88,990
2010 - 2011	73,000	12,264	85,264
2011 – 2012	40,000	10,498	50,498
2012 – 2016	200,000	24,394	224,394
Thereafter	-0-	-0-	-0-
	$588,000	$100,003	$ 688,003

Interest expense on this debt amounted to $22,729 for the year ended June 30, 2007.

Business Type Activities:

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

Purpose	Amount of Issue	Date of Issue	Interest Rate	Date of Final Payment	Town Debt July 1, 2006	Additions	Retire-ments	Town Debt June 30, 2007
VT Muni Bonds								
RF1-019	870,149	9/1/03	0%	9/1/22	$ 739,627	$ -0-	$ 43,508	$ 696,119
RF3-034	325,669	10/1/02	3%	10/1/21	274,962	-0-	13,641	261,321
RF1-055	1,023,964	4/15/02	0%	9/1/24	754,849	148,835	39,729	863,955
USDA-Rural Development	1,784,180	12/1/03	4.5%	12/1/33	1,706,834	-0-	31,076	1,675,758
USDA-C501	438,320	9/28/05	4.125%	9/28/35	434,234	-0-	7,784	426,450
USDA-C502	137,480	9/28/05	4.125%	9/28/35	136,199	-0-	2,442	133,757
USDA-Waste Water Treatment Facility	474,200	9/28/05	4.125%	9/28/35	469,780	-0-	8,422	461,358
					4,516,485	148,835	146,602	4,518,718
Accrued Compensated Absences					105,435	-0-	17,142	88,293
					$4,621,920	$ 148,835	$163,744	$4,607,011

Note 9. Long-Term Debt (Continued)

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

	Principal	Interest	Total
2007 - 2008	$ 150,635	$ 124,813	$ 275,448
2008 - 2009	165,609	122,038	287,647
2009 - 2010	168,501	119,146	287,647
2010 - 2011	171,514	116,133	287,647
2011 - 2012	174,654	112,993	287,647
2012 - 2017	925,201	513,034	1,438,235
2017 - 2022	1,026,136	412,098	1,438,235
2022 - 2027	697,678	294,681	992,359
2027 - 2032	691,298	160,312	851,610
2032 - 2037	347,492	23,031	370,522
Thereafter	-0-	-0-	-0-
	$4,518,718	$1,998,279	$6,516,997

Interest expense on this debt amounted to $128,846 for the year ended June 30, 2007.

Note 10. Interfund Accounts and Activity

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

	Receivables	Payables
General fund	$348,938	$ 21,332
Special revenue fund	21,332	57,289
Water and sewer fund	11,135	236,200
Capital projects fund	-0-	60,725
Fiduciary fund	-0-	5,859
	$381,405	$381,405

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

- $25,000 From the special revenue fund to the water and sewer fund for roof drain remediation
- $69,000 From the general fund to the water and sewer fund for hydrants, storm drains, and super fund oversight.
- $15,533 From the fiduciary fund (Trustees of Public Funds) to the general fund for cemeteries and library.
- $25,000 From the special revenue fund to the general fund for playground improvements.
- $41,137 From the general fund to the water and sewer fund for the purchase of a truck.

Note 11. Municipal Employees' Retirement System

Substantially all of the employees of the Town of Springfield are covered by the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System which is a cost sharing multiple employer retirement system. Members' contribution rates vary based on the group they belong to. The rates are between 2.5% and 11% of payroll for the 5 different groups. The retirement benefit is equal to from 1.4 percent to 2.5 percent of their final average two, three or five year compensation, depending on the dates of service, for each year of credited service, up to a maximum of 60 percent of the applicable average compensation. The contributions made by the Town and its participating employees were $247,385 and $274,857 respectively during the year ended June 30, 2007. Town contributions required and contributed for the years ended June 30, 2006 and 2005 were $225,816 and $201,899, respectively.

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

Note 12. Other Required Individual Fund Disclosures

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

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

Note 13. Segment Information for Proprietary Funds

Segment information for the enterprise funds for the year ended June 30, 2007 follows:

	Water and Sewer	Solid Waste Utility	Totals
Condensed Statement of Net Assets			
Assets:			
Interfund receivables	$ 11,135	$ -0-	$ 11,135
Other current assets	3,488,042	2,943	3,490,985
Capital assets	21,293,957	-0-	21,293,957
Total assets	24,793,134	2,943	24,796,077
Liabilities:			
Interfund payables	236,200	-0-	236,200
Other current liabilities	4,277,304	-0-	4,277,304

Note 13. Segment Information for Proprietary Funds (Continued)

Noncurrent liabilities	4,456,375	-0-	4,456,375
Total liabilities	8,969,879	-0-	8,969,879
Net assets:			
Invested in capital assets, net of Related debt	13,275,239	-0-	13,275,239
Restricted	122,611	-0-	122,611
Unrestricted	2,425,405	2,943	2,428,348
Total net assets	$15,823,255	$ 2,943	$15,826,198
Condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets			
Operating revenues	$ 1,676,345	$ -0-	$ 1,676,345
Depreciation	(982,089)	-0-	(982,089)
Other operating expenses	(1,562,519)	-0-	(1,562,519)
Operating loss	(868,263)		
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):			
Access fee income	64,191	-0-	64,191
Gain on disposal of assets	32,114	-0-	32,114
Interest income	59,240	-0-	59,240
Interest expense	(235,647)	-0-	(235,647)
Capital contributions	482,953	-0-	482,953
Transfers in	135,137	-0-	135,137
Change in net assets	(330,275)	-0-	(330,275)
Beginning net assets	16,153,530	2,943	16,156,473
Ending net assets	15,823,255	2,943	15,826,198
Condensed Statement of Cash Flows			
Net cash provided by:			
Operating activities	673,141	-0-	673,141
Noncapital financing activities	87,724	-0-	87,724
Capital and related financing Activities	307,734	-0-	307,734
Investing activities			
Beginning cash and cash Equivalents	1,229,741	2,943	1,232,684
Ending cash and cash Equivalents	$ 2,357,580	$ 2,943	$ 2,360,523

Note 14. Commitments and Contingencies

Litigation

The Town has been named as a third party defendant in a claim concerning hazardous waste located on a property where formerly a coal gas plant was located. Because the Town currently owns a portion of this property where hazardous waste was formerly generated and located, the Town has been brought into this lawsuit. The case has been referred to the Town's insurance carrier to determine the extent of any insurance coverage. The clean-up cost for the hazardous waste located on the adjacent property could be substantial. Accordingly, the Town's proportionate share could be material. As

Note 14. Commitments and Contingencies (Continued)

the likelihood and amount of any liability are unknown at this time, no accrual has been made in the financial statements. In the ordinary course of business, the Town is party to other miscellaneous litigation matters which in the opinion of the Town officials will not have a material effect on the Town's financial statements.

Superfund Site

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

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

The Town will operate and maintain the pre-treatment plant(s) for 29 years following one year of operation by Textron and Emhart. The effluent from the pre-treatment plant will be treated at the sewage treatment facility. In consideration of Springfield's efforts, Emhart and Textron have paid the Town $200,000. The Town is also responsible for oversight costs incurred by the U.S. EPA. A discounted liability of $370,869, for past and current oversight costs of $402,691, has been recorded in the long-term debt account group. The costs are to be repaid at the rate of $35,000 per year at 0% interest. At June 30, 2007 the balance owed is $138,000.

Sewer and Water Capital Projects

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

	Total Estimated Cost	Capitalized To Construction In Progress at June 30, 2007
Combined Sewer Overflow	$ 8,000,000	$7,553,239
Water Improvement	$ 4,000,000	$ 212,860

The voters have approved the issuance of $12 million in bonds to cover the Town's share of these projects. During 2007-07 the Town entered into a contract regarding the combined sewer overflow project which totals $1,939,748. This portion of the project was 36% complete at June 30, 2007.

Note 14. Commitments and Contingencies (Continued)

Police Facility and Town Hall Renovation Projects

The Town's voters have approved $2,250,000 in bonds to finance a new police facility and renovations to the Town Hall. During the year ended June 30, 2007 the Town purchased a location for $825,000. At June 30, 2007, it had entered into contracts concerning the renovations to convert this property to a police facility totaling $1,098,512. The project was 7% complete at June 30, 2007.

Revolving loan fund agreements

The Town of Springfield has entered into agreements with the State of Vermont Environmental Protection Agency to borrow $3,800,000 for certain projects. The amount borrowed by the Town of Springfield can only be spent on the project for which the loan is made and any approved amendments. The Town had drawn $2,182,410 under these agreements at June 30, 2007. Repayment has commenced on these loans.

Grants

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

Note 15. Risk Management

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

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

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

Note 15. Risk Management (Continued)

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

Note 16. Reclassification

Certain amounts presented in the 2006 financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND
Year Ended June 30, 2007

	Budgeted Amounts Original	Budgeted Amounts Final	Actual Amounts Budgetary Basis	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Local:				
Property taxes	$ 6,581,705	$ 6,581,705	$ 6,417,583	($ 164,122)
Payments in lieu of taxes	270,000	270,000	477,758	207,758
Collector's fees and interest	106,000	106,000	87,687	(18,313)
Licenses, fees and permits	101,775	101,775	107,267	5,492
Cemetaries	14,000	14,000	12,185	(1,815)
Public works	543,000	543,000	666,039	123,039
Police	55,500	55,500	80,682	25,182
Fire and ambulance	323,500	323,500	386,760	63,260
Parks and recreation	5,000	5,000	6,316	1,316
Library	10,500	10,500	11,617	1,117
Interest on invested funds	25,000	25,000	116,154	91,154
Other reimbursements	-0-	-0-	17,109	17,109
Hydro generation revenues	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Equipment reimbursement	277,000	277,000	215,461	(61,539)
Reappraisal Funds	200,000	200,000	154,799	(45,201)
Miscellaneous revenue	17,000	17,000	19,123	2,123
Total local	8,529,980	8,529,980	8,776,541	246,561
Proceeds from bond anticipation note	-0-	-0-	2,250,000	2,250,000
Other appropriations raised by taxes:				
Special appropriations	160,200	160,200	160,200	-0-
Windsor County Tax	44,771	44,771	44,771	-0-
Total revenues	8,734,951	8,734,951	11,231,512	2,496,561
EXPENDITURES				
Finance and administration	677,489	677,489	649,119	28,370
Police	1,288,826	1,288,826	2,160,729	(871,903)
Fire and ambulance	932,039	932,039	916,825	15,214
Public Works	1,654,530	1,654,530	1,736,985	(82,455)
Parks and recreation	262,955	262,955	266,044	(3,089)
Senior Citizens	38,985	38,985	39,110	(125)
Library	404,435	404,435	373,772	30,663
Fixed costs	2,171,221	2,171,221	2,227,111	(55,890)
Reimburseable services - Other	185,000	185,000	196,083	(11,083)
Capital expenditures	914,500	914,500	836,891	77,609
Total budget subtotal	8,529,980	8,529,980	9,402,668	(872,688)
Other appropriations:				
Special appropriations	160,200	160,200	160,200	-0-
Windsor County Tax	44,771	44,771	44,771	-0-
Total expenditures	8,734,951	8,734,951	9,607,639	(872,688)
Excess of revenues over expenditures	$ -0-	$ -0-	$ 1,623,873	$ 1,623,873

See accompanying note to budgetary comparison schedule.

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	$11,231,512
Differences - budget to GAAP:	
Revenues received for restricted purposes not included in budgeted revenues	12,084
Adjustment to revenue from changes in receivables not recognized for budgetary purposes	101,316
Grant revenues are recorded for budgetary purposes as reductions in expense	132,879
Contributed general fixed assets are not recorded as revenue for budgetary purposes.	15,000
Value received for trade-ins on capital assets acquired are netted against the related expense for budgetary purposes	14,450
Town records reimbursements received from other funds as revenues for budgetary purposes and as operating transfers in for GAAP purposes	(25,000)
Town records proceeds from bond anticipation note as revenue for budgetary purposes and as a current liability for GAAP purposes	(2,250,000)
Amounts received from the Springfield Trustees of Public Funds are considered revenues for budgetary purposes and operating transfers in for GAAP purposes	(15,533)
Reimbursement contributions from designated funds recorded as revenue for budgetary purposes	(312,705)
Total revenues as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances - governmental funds	$8,904,003
Uses/outflows of resources:	
Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "total expenditures" from the budgetary comparison schedule	$9,607,639
Differences - budget to GAAP:	
Additions to designated funds are recorded as expenditures for budgetary purposes	(362,424)
Expenditures from designated funds are not recorded as expenditures for budgetary purposes	119,546
The Town budgets for the current portion of accrued sick time and for vacation time on the cash basis, rather than the modified accrual basis	70,762
Grant revenues are recorded for budgetary purposes as reductions in expense	132,879
Costs financed and paid directly by the U.S. EPA for the Town Superfund site are not recognized as expenditures for budgetary purposes	85,000
Contributed general fixed assets are not recorded as capital outlay expenditures for budgetary purposes.	15,000
Cost of capital assets acquired is recorded net of the amounts allowed for trade-ins for budgetary purposes	14,450

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
NOTE TO BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
Year Ended June 30, 2007

Town records purchase of equipment for another fund as an expenditure of the fund providing the cash rather than as a transfer to the other fund	(41,137)
Transfers to other funds are outflows of budgetary resources but are not expenditures for financial reporting purposes	(69,000)
Total expenditures as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances - governmental funds	$9,572,715

REPORTS OF SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Springfield School District is a very dynamic organization as are all public schools. Our predominantly new and experienced veteran administration has brought a fresh approach to our school district this year. Each one of our administrators brings a sense of commitment and energy to their school's mission.

Accomplishing the mission means that we must be purposeful in our approach to children, our delivery methods need to be child centered and we must fundamentally view children in a developmental way. We have to recognize that Springfield is a district with very high poverty rates which brings with it all of the associated social problems. Many children depend on the school for meals and for a safe haven. Our high poverty rates, however, do not rule out the fact that we have a large population of children from all backgrounds who are highly motivated, assertive in their quest for a high quality education and who have the desire to attend the very best post-secondary institutions, colleges and universities.

Two factors have affected and will continue to affect the difficulty and dynamics of educating children. The first is the increasing use of advanced technology by children in their daily lives and in learning. The second is the new competitive environment caused by the globalization of our economic and social world. Our students include in their electronic environment individuals from all over the globe. Just open a Face-book account and check where their friends come from. Downloads for I-pods and MP3 players include not just music, but also academic courses from virtual high schools and universities. The challenges to educators and families to adapt and to adopt these changes in a positive way are tremendous. Equally, our students face competition for meaningful work from their peers not only in Springfield, Vermont, or the United States. Our students will be competing on a global level with peers from every corner of the world. We must keep these two things in mind as we form the building blocks of their education.

On a very concrete level our school district is making great strides in the development of and the alignment of our curriculum with state standards and mandates. Our teachers and support staff are being trained in new methods of teaching and the use of new materials. Families are more involved in their children's education through the use of Power School technology which allows them to be in constant contact with their children's teachers and academic programs. Frankly, none of this is inexpensive. However, we must invest in the infrastructure of our school system. That means updating materials, updating the knowledge and skills of our employees and maintaining the continued improvement of the facilities where our children learn.

The quality of the Springfield School District is perhaps the most important factor when young professional and working families consider moving into our town. We need to remain vigilant in working to improve our test scores and the educational opportunities that we provide for our students. All of our schools have developed action plans to do just that. Our budget for next year supports these needs and does so with just the slightest, almost negligible change in taxes. We will continue to strive to achieve the greatest efficiency and effectiveness possible from each dollar we receive. We are aware that the tax rate also, is an important consideration for young families who are thinking of moving into Springfield. As you are only too aware, providing excellent schools while maintaining a reasonable tax rate is a delicate balance.

As your new superintendent, I will continue to strive to make the school district the best it can be and I will continue to act as a leader in our educational venue. The challenges we face as a school district create an opportunity for us to excel. Our students have tremendous potential and we must make sure that not one child is lost to failure. I truly welcome the opportunity to visit with you or your organization to discuss our schools, your dreams and wishes and your ideas on how we can continue to move forward.

Frank S. Perotti, Jr., Ed.D.
Superintendent

DIRECTOR OF FISCAL SERVICES

The annual audit of the financial records of the Springfield School District for the 2006 - 2007 school year was in its final stages of completion as of the date this narrative was written. Selected pages from that audit appear elsewhere in this Annual Town School District Report. Those pages include a Management Discussion and Analysis which is designed to provide a narrative introduction and overview of the school district's financial activities for the 2006 - 2007 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 $ 216,153. Major items contributing to this surplus included additional interest income, a mild winter, and less than budgeted expenditures for substitutes, athletics, driver education, and tuition reimbursements.

The RVTC ended the year with a surplus of $ 27,349. As of July 1, 2007 the RVTC became an independent school district and as such will no longer be directly included in Springfield Town School District budgets.

Steven Hier
Director of Fiscal Services

PARK STREET SCHOOL

Last year Park Street School had a wonderful year. We met adequate yearly progress on the NECAP tests given in grades 3-5. Student's math and reading skills were tested in grades three and four.

Grade five students were given math, reading and writing assessments. Our children are very serious about doing the best job they can.

Teachers worked especially hard with our in-service efforts to improve our learning environment and decrease behavior problems. The teachers decided on monthly themes that were celebrated throughout the year. Themes included friendship, cooperation, respect, honesty, responsibility, empathy, education, forgiveness, safety and caring. Children completed one school-wide activity for their theme each month and participated in daily classroom activities and discussions. Many children performed skits to demonstrate these themes at our Town Meetings. Town meetings are a time when all children gather in our auditorium and are recognized for good citizenship, their writing skills and good sportsmanship in physical education. It is a time when we discuss our monthly theme and sing our school song along with other favorites. We also recognize children for the special things they do to make Park Street a great school.

Other in-service activities that helped build a strong sense of community included having a school T-shirt for all students and staff. We thank the PTA for financially supporting this project. Okemo Mountain paid for the huge sign that we hung on the front of our school that says, "Work Hard and Be Friendly". We want our children to work hard to receive a good education and grow up to be good, caring people.

Next, during our in-service we created a Monday Morning Radio Show. Every Monday, a student speaks on the intercom to welcome all the students back to school. They remind them of our theme for the month and then a group of students from one the classrooms present an activity like a song or poem to emphasize our theme. We end our radio show with our guidance counselor, Jan Rounds, doing school-wide relaxation exercises with all of the children. She tells them no matter how their day started at home, on the bus or during morning recess, they now have the opportunity for a fresh start. The children go through a number of exercises with her that places them in a calmer but stimulated state of mind to begin their day at school. All of this in-service work has made a tremendous difference in the climate of our school. Children are learning in a safe, consistent, and loving atmosphere.

Again, our students participated in many enriching activities throughout the year due to our dedicated PTA and teaching staff. I also want to thank the Elk's Club for giving all of our third grade student's dictionaries that they could use at school or at home. It is a blessing to have community members present us with such a valuable gift.

I would like to invite the community to visit our school. Please stop by to see Springfield's children working hard to become well-educated citizens and observe our teaching staff making that happen.

ELM HILL SCHOOL

Elm Hill is a small community k-5 school of about 125 students. The Elm Hill community is a supportive network of parents, teachers, and community members that work together to provide our students with not only an excellent education but also a nurturing environment and a variety of opportunities to interact with the environment around them.

We have had a very busy year at Elm Hill. The spring was spent planning our move to our temporary quarters in North Springfield. Thanks to many volunteers, we were able to pack up and move our building into storage trailers within a week. We had a smooth transition into the Stantec building and by the middle of August were able to host an Open House that was well attended by the community as well as parents and students.

Our temporary quarters have provided us with many opportunities to go out into the community and interact with our neighbors. We had a Halloween parade though the "real" Stantec building, our fourth and fifth graders visit the folks at Brookwood monthly, we put on our holiday play at the North Springfield Baptist Church, and our neighbor to the back has generously allowed us to use his field to ski, hike and sled. Students have also had the opportunity to access the new playground and skating rink at the North School.

We continue to offer our LEAP and 21st century program before and after school.

This year we began implementing a new district wide math Program as our current one was being discontinued. The *Investigations* Math program approaches mathematical content through investigations that help students develop mathematical thinking, problem solving skills, as well as computational fluency.

We have also begun transitioning into the Handwriting Without Tears Curriculum. We continue to do a video news show and bi monthly Pod cast that is accessible (along with our newsletters) on our web site http: www.springfield.k12.vt.us.org. We are documenting the building project using video and pictures that we then share through our web site and SAPA.

We continue to offer Winter Opportunities for Wellness. We are now including fourth graders in our down hill ski program and offer swimming, bowling, snowshoeing, and X-country skiing for students as deemed age appropriate.

We have a dedicated group of parents that support the school in a variety of ways. Many of our parents and grandparents spend time in the classroom volunteering. Our PTO continues to be very active. This year they hosted a "Breakfast with Santa" at the RMS. They have held a mum sale, child designed note cards, and most recently the Elm Hill T-Shirts.

A school is only as good as the community that surrounds it. It is our community, parents, staff, and students that make Elm Hill such a great school. Thank you for the continued support of Springfield's children.

Jonni Nichols
Principal

UNION STREET SCHOOL

The Union Street School embraces the belief that children can reach their academic and social potential if provided with a safe, inclusive and stimulating place to learn.

Staff and students work together to create a community of learners encouraging cooperation, assertiveness, responsibility,

empathy and self control. This kindergarten through fifth grade school is now in the tenth year of using approaches learned from the "Responsive Classroom" to accomplish this goal. Each week begins with an All School Meeting where all students and staff are present. This is a time when our entire school joins together to share and celebrate their accomplishments and affords our students with the opportunity to present to the school community and the responsibility to participate with appropriate audience skills. Special announcements, guest presenters, student recognition and group singing are a regular part of the meeting. An open invitation is extended to family or community members wishing to join us on any Monday morning.

This year Union Street is the site of a major renovation project which is in progress on all three elementary buildings in Springfield. Each day the students see and hear heavy equipment outside the windows of the classroom and observe the progress being made. While the noise and activity sometimes make it difficult to concentrate, it has provided students with a unique learning opportunity. Students often draw, write about and photograph their observations and responses to the changes, documenting the process from start to finish.

The safety of our students remains a high priority at Union Street. A district wide safety committee has addressed the safety and security of our schools providing recommendations and emergency procedures. With the assistance of the Police and Fire Departments, our school has implemented and practiced emergency drills monthly to insure that students and staff are safe during school hours.

Teaching and support staff are involved in continuous staff development, focusing on improving instruction in the areas of reading comprehension, writing, math and science. In an effort to improve our math instruction, all K-5 teachers are implementing **Investigations**, a new standards based math program. Throughout this school year, teachers will be meeting with Beth Hulbert, a Math consultant, for ongoing training and support, as well as meeting monthly in grade level groups. Union Street continues its partnership with the Grafton Nature Museum, working primarily with our fourth grades enhancing our science curriculum and increasing the Vermont Grade Expectation of scientific exploration. Students are also given weekly lessons in physical education, music, art, guidance, health, and technology as a part of their required course of study. In addition to the core curriculum, our students are offered many extra curricular activities during and after the school day. These include chorus, instrumental lessons and a six week downhill skiing program at Okemo Mountain for fifth graders, and the 21st Century After School Program.

Union Street School continues to reap the benefit from the many volunteer hours parents and community members so generously have donated to our students. Our active PTA sponsors and financially supports programs and events throughout the school year. We sincerely appreciate their commitment to the students of Union Street School.

Cheryl Hoffman
Principal

RIVERSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Riverside Middle School enrolled 315 students in grades six, seven and eight during the 2006-07 school year. Our students took classes in the four core areas of language arts, math, science and social studies. Students also participated in physical education, and received a trimester each of family consumer science, art, and technology education. Sixth grade students had a one trimester guidance class and took foreign language exploratory for another trimester. Our elective courses included Spanish, French, band, chorus, and computer science. Algebra I was also offered to eighth grade students.

As a middle school, we subscribe to middle level philosophy about what constitutes an appropriate education for children aged 10-14. This includes:

- curriculum that is relevant, challenging, integrative and exploratory
- multiple learning and teaching approaches that respond to the diversity of our student body
- assessment and evaluation programs that promote quality learning
- organizational structures such as teaming that support meaningful relationships and learning
- school-wide efforts and policies that foster health, wellness and safety
- multifaceted guidance and support services.

Our Community Building Program continued to grow. All of our staff members were trained in the Olweus Bullying Program to proactively stop bullying in the school. We had weekly classroom meetings in which students met with adult advisors to learn social skills, and to talk about bullying, harassment and other topics of concern to young adolescents. John Halligan, the father of a young man who committed suicide after being subjected to bullying at school, came to speak to our students. This man's courage and pain made a strong impact upon our student body. We also continued the tradition of holding community building days, and our after school program continued to grow, both in the number of offerings and the number of students participating. Since we began the Community Building Program at Riverside, our disciplinary referrals have decreased markedly each year.

We welcomed two new teachers. Both brought creativity and energy to their positions.

Cliff Weyer, hailing from Indiana, joined our staff as the Technology Education Teacher. Marguerite Janizyn became our Art Teacher. If you have not seen the large elephant in our lobby, please stop by. Ms. Janizyn and her students created this during one of her after school classes.

At the end of the year, we said good-bye to two teachers who had been a part of our community for many years. Bill Pond taught science to Riverside eighth graders for 6 years. Pat MaGrosky came to Springfield in 1979 to teach language arts. We congratulate both of them on their retirements. Both have continued to be in our schools, as substitute teachers during the current year.

Judith Pullinen also moved on at the end of the year to take a position as Superintendent in Ludlow. A respected administrator through-out our region, Mrs. Pulinen was the principal at Riverside for six years. She originally came to Springfield to

teach health and human services at the vocational center in 1992.

I am new to both your community and school district. From an "outsider's" perspective, you should know that Springfield is blessed with many resources. We have a cadre of teachers who care about kids and their social, emotional, physical, and academic welfare. These teachers spend much time and effort in planning, working with kids, working with colleagues, and in improving their practice. We also have parents who care about education and support their children's growth. These parents come to meetings, help their children with their homework, support their children's activities, and stay in contact with us. We couldn't do our work without them.

Most impressive, perhaps, are the large numbers of people I see in this building *who have no children in the school*. They are community members who recognize that they have a responsibility to all children. These people come into our schools to work with kids, mentor children, fund and facilitate programs for families and children, and work with us to provide alternative academic supports. These are people who truly recognize that our children's future is indeed our own.

Becky Read
Principal

SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Springfield High School is a comprehensive school with a current enrollment of 527 students in grades 9-12. Students can choose from over 130 courses and can take additional courses at the River Valley Technical Center. We also offer AP courses in Art, English, Mathematics (Calculus and Statistics), and Biology. In addition, our students can take online courses through the Virtual High School. VHS offers hundreds of courses ranging from enrichment AP courses and others that we are unable to provide. We currently have 11 seats taken of the 12 we are allowed per term.

Springfield High School offers many co-curricular and extra-curricular opportunities as well. There are soccer, football, track, cross-country, field hockey, basketball, golf, snowboarding and others. There is an excellent music program with opportunities for band and chorus, madrigal singers, jazz band and others. In addition we have a drama club that performs throughout the year. The Arts Academy program provides another venue for students to expand horizons and look at core subjects from a different perspective. Students have the opportunity to work with visiting artists and display their work in the community.

Springfield High School has an award winning student generated newspaper called the Green Horn. Students investigate and report on a wide range of issues from their perspective. There is also the Green Horn Live which is broadcast on SAPA every Friday morning.

We have many outstanding programs at Springfield High School. We have a staff of dedicated and talented teachers. We have challenges as well. As an identified school under the No Child Left Behind act, primarily because of our drop-out rate of the last couple years, the revival of the alternative program (PVP) is one initiative to address the issue. The staff is analyzing data to identify areas of strengths and concerns and to develop strategies to reinforce our strengths and improve our areas of concern.

Springfield High School will be visited by a team from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) in 2010. There is considerable preparation needed for this event. The staff is working in committees to examine all aspects of the school. Next year the work will intensify as the documentation and evidence will be collected and organized for presentation to the visiting committee.

The challenges we face as a school and community to provide our youth with the skills to compete in the 21'st century will enable us to explore new technologies and incorporate them in our instructional strategies.

Lawrence Wight
Principal

RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER

On July 1, 2007, the River Valley Technical Center School District was formed as a result of a vote last March by the 15 towns in the RVTC service region.

Member districts of this new school district include Bellows Falls Union High School District #27, Black River Union High School District #39, Green Mountain Union High School District #35, and Springfield School District. Voters of these member districts will have the opportunity to vote by Australian ballot on the FY 2009 River Valley Technical Center budget at their town meetings on March 4. The first Annual Report of the new district is available to all voters by contacting the River Valley Technical Center at 802-885-8300, 307 South Street, Springfield, VT 05156

The entire school district audit report is over 100 pages long. In an effort to control printing costs and the size of this document, only the following financial statements have been included in the Town Report: the Independent Auditors Report, the Management Discussion and Analysis, the Government-Wide Statements, and the Fund Statements with some supplemental information. Anyone interested in viewing the complete audit report should contact the Central Office directly at 60 Park Street, Springfield, Vermont, 05156 or by telephone at 885-5141.

SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY09 PROPOSED BUDGET
Enrollment Projections
12/14/07

Grade Level	FY07 Actual	FY08 Projected	FY08 Actual	FY09 Projected	Change
K	96	136	115	106	
1	96	94	96	111	
2	91	99	103	100	
3	101	91	96	104	
4	99	101	107	96	
5	105	104	107	114	
TOTAL K-5	**588**	**625**	**624**	**631**	7
6	99	106	112	110	
7	102	99	102	114	
8	107	104	105	107	
TOTAL 6-8	**308**	**309**	**319**	**331**	12
9	144	134	136	135	
10	124	141	146	135	
11	118	110	115	130	
12	109	109	101	103	
TOTAL 9-12	**495**	**494**	**498**	**503**	5
TOTAL K-12	**1391**	**1428**	**1441**	**1465**	
FROM FY08 ACTUAL					24
FROM FY08 PROJECTED					37

Springfield School District
FY09 Proposed Budget Summary
1/21/08

BUILDING or DEPARTMENT	FY08 NOV 1st	FY09 REQUESTED	DOLLAR CHANGE	%AGE CHANGE
K-5	$3,804,386	$4,061,563	$257,177	6.76%
Riverside	$2,506,338	$2,642,029	$135,691	5.41%
High School	$4,217,201	$4,390,011	$172,810	4.10%
Special Education	$4,344,740	$4,533,371	$188,631	4.34%
Buildings & Grounds	$2,432,700	$2,566,121	$133,421	5.48%
Central Offices	$901,846	$949,660	$47,814	5.30%
Debt Service	$158,759	$0	-$158,759	-100.00%
Other	$1,094,028	$935,588	-$158,440	-14.48%
OPERATING TOTAL	$19,459,998	$20,078,343	$618,345	3.18%
Capital Plan	$561,953	$539,500	-$22,453	-4.00%
New Positions	$0	$674,991	$674,991	NEW
Grants**	$1,894,333	$1,833,525	-$60,808	-3.21%
BUDGET VOTE	$21,916,284	$23,126,359	$1,210,075	5.52%
Riverside Bleachers		$180,000		NEW
RVTC Obligation	$682,975	$636,464	-$46,511	-6.81%
GRAND TOTAL	$22,599,259	$23,942,823	$1,343,564	5.95%

**As of FY06, the state requires anticipated grants be included. These have no impact on the tax rate.

PRELIMINARY

Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by DOE

ESTIMATES ONLY

District: **Springfield** LEA: **T193**
County: **Windsor** S.U.: **Springfield**

			Act 68			Act 130	
	Expenditures		**FY2006**	**FY2007**	**FY2008**	**FY2009**	
1.	**Budget** (local budget, including special programs, full tech expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)		$21,850,794	$23,170,071	$24,378,329	$23,126,359	1.
2.	*plus* Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	+	-	-	-	$180,000	2.
3.	*minus* Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending		-	-	-		3.
4.	**Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget**		**$21,850,794**	**$23,170,071**	**$24,378,329**	**$23,306,359**	4.
5.	*plus* No union high school assessment	+	-	-	-	NA	5.
6.	*plus* No union elementary or junior high school assessment	+	-	-	-	NA	6.
7.	*plus* Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	+	-	-	-	$636,464	7.
8.	*plus* Prior year deficit reduction if **not** included in budgets	+					8.
9.	**Gross Act 68 Budget**		**$21,850,794**	**$23,170,071**	**$24,378,329**	**$23,942,823**	9.
10.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data		-	-	-		10.
11.	Prior year deficit reduction (if included in local budget) - informational data		-	-	-		11.
	Revenues						
12.	Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)		$7,449,779	$7,796,451	$8,198,472	$6,612,887	12.
13.	*plus* Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	+	-	-	-		13.
14.	*minus* Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues	-	-	-	-		14.
15.	*minus* All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues		-	-	-		15.
16.	**Total local revenues**		**$7,449,779**	**$7,796,451**	**$8,198,472**	**$6,612,887**	16.
17.	**Education Spending** (Act 68 definition)		**$14,401,015**	**$15,373,620**	**$16,179,857**	**$17,329,936**	17.
18.	Equalized Pupils		1,406.11	1,362.94	1,344.71	1,386.23	18.
19.	**Education Spending per Equalized Pupil**		**$10,242**	**$11,280**	**$12,032**	**$12,501**	19.
20.	*minus* Less net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	$169.62	-	-		20.
21.	*minus* Less share of SpEd costs in excess of $50,000 for an individual	-	Not applicable prior to school year 2008-2009 (FY2009)				21.
22.	*minus* Less amount of deficit if deficit is solely attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed	-					22.
23.	*minus* Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-					23.
			threshold = $11,347	*threshold = $11,728*	*threshold = $12,594*	*threshold = $13,287*	
24.	*plus* Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	+	-	-	-	-	24.
25.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment		$10,242	$11,280	$12,032	$12,501	25.
26.	**District spending adjustment** (minimum of 100%) ($12,501 / $8,210)		146.835% *based on $6,975*	153.885% *based on $7,330*	155.536% *based on $7,736*	152.266% *based on $8,210*	26.
	Prorating the local tax rate						
27.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (Tax rates were not prorated in FY06 - FY08) (152.266% x $0.85)		$1.498 *based on $1.02*	$1.462 *based on $0.95*	$1.353 *based on $0.87*	$1.294 *based on $0.85*	27.
28.	Percent of Springfield equalized pupils not in a union school district		Not applicable prior to Act 130			100.000%	28.
29.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.000% x $1.29)		Not applicable prior to Act 130			$1.294	29.
30.	**Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)**		79.58%	74.02%	114.16%	107.56%	30.
31.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (Tax rates were not prorated in FY06 - FY08) ($1.294 / 107.56%)		$1.882 *based on $1.02*	$1.975 *based on $0.95*	$1.185 *based on $0.87*	$1.203 *based on $0.85*	31.

If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a **PARTIAL** homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.

32.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (152.266% x 1.80%)	Not applicable prior to Act 130			2.74% *based on 1.80%*	32.
33.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.000% x 2.74%)	2.72% *based on 1.85%*	2.77% *based on 1.80%*	2.80% *based on 1.80%*	2.74% *based on 1.80%*	33.
34.	Percent of equalized pupils at union 1	Not applicable prior to Act 130			-	34.
35.		Not applicable prior to Act 130			-	35.

The projected base education spending amount of $8,210 is subject to Legislative approval.

The Commissioner of Taxes recommended a base education homestead tax rate of $0.85. The income percentage cap is 1.80%. Final figures are subject to Legislative approval.

Prior Years Comparison
Not including Park Plumbing Article

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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 as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, 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, 2007, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Springfield School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Springfield School District as of June 30, 2007, 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, 2007, 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 January 23, 2008 on our consideration of Springfield School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 6 and 40 through 96 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise Springfield School District's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements 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.

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January 23, 2008

SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
Springfield, Vermont

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the year ended June 30, 2007

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, 2007 (FY07). This should be used in conjunction with the financial statements contained in the audit. This is a relatively new audit requirement under Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement # 34 (GASB34).

Financial Statements

This annual audit consists of a series of financial statements, notes, and schedules. They are organized so that the reader can understand the school district both as a financial whole and as a group of operating funds. Exhibits I and II present the district as a financial whole by looking Government-Wide at net assets and activities for the year. These are new schedules as of FY03 under GASB34. Exhibits III through VI are the traditional Fund Financials, audit statements which provide information about the major funds operated by the district. These exhibits detail the activity for the year in those funds and what remains for future spending.

Government-Wide Financials

Exhibits I and II are prepared similar to private sector companies, including all the assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting. Under this basis of accounting, all of the current year's revenues and expenses are reported when earned or incurred regardless of when cash is paid or received. Under GASB34 the Government-Wide financials are divided into two kinds of activities. Governmental Activities include the district's programs and services such as instruction, support services, and building operation and maintenance. Business-Type Activities include those services provided on a fee for goods and services basis to recover all of the expenditures of the goods and services provided such as the district's Food Service program.

Exhibit I, the Statement of Net Assets, reports all that the district owns (assets) and owes (liabilities). The difference between assets and liabilities is called Net Assets. In turn, Net Assets is divided between what is invested in capital assets and not readily accessible for other purposes and what is Unrestricted and available for future use.

Exhibit II, the Statement of Activities, reports on changes in the district's Net Assets from one year to another. The change in Net Assets is important because it identifies whether the financial position of the district has improved or diminished. This statement first reports all direct expenses for each functional activity or program. It then reports deducted outside resources or program revenues as a direct reduction to arrive at each programs net cost to the district. General district revenues are then deducted to show the change in Net Assets caused by the year's activities

Fund Financials

All of the district's activities are reported in governmental funds which focus on how monies flow into and out of those funds and the balances left, if any, at fiscal year end for future spending as authorized. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can be readily converted to cash.

The Governmental Funds provide a detailed short-term view of the district's general operations and the basic services it provides. This information helps determine whether there are more or less financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance education and other programs. Governmental Funds do not report capital assets because such assets will be used in operations rather than converted to cash and therefore are not spendable.

The Proprietary Funds account for the district's ongoing activities that are similar to those found in the private sector.

The Fiduciary Funds are those for which the district serves a trustee. The district is responsible for ensuring that assets in these funds are used for their intended purposes and cannot use these assets to finance the general operations of the district. Student activity and scholarship funds are examples of Fiduciary Funds.

The Account Groups are used to record the unmatured principal of the district's long term debt. They are dissimilar to funds in that they do not account for sources used and balances of expendable financial resources

Condensed Financial Information -- Government-Wide Financials

Table 1 summarizes the district's Net Assets at June 30, 2007 and the change from Net Assets at June 30, 2006. This gives us a perspective on the district as a whole.

Table 1
Net Assets at June 30, 2007 and Change from June 30, 2006
(In thousands of dollars)

Governmental Activities

	FY06	FY07	CHANGE
ASSETS			
Current and Other Assets	$ 2,481	$12,093	$9,612
Capital Assets (net)	2,592	3,969	1,377
Total Assets	5,073	16,062	10,989
LIABILITIES			
Current and Other Liabilities	934	1,248	314
Long-Term Liabilities	310	10,155	9,845
Total Liabilities	1,244	11,403	10,159
NET ASSETS			
Invested in Capital Assets (Net)	3,406	4,193	787
Unrestricted	423	466	43
Total Net Assets	$ 3,829	$ 4,659	$ 830

Business-type Activities

	FY06	FY07	CHANGE
ASSETS			
Current and Other Assets	$ 477	$ 584	$ 107
Capital Assets (net)	27	26	-1
Total Assets	504	610	106
LIABILITIES			
Current and Other Liabilities	29	84	55
Long-Term Liabilities	0	0	0
Total Liabilities	29	84	55
NET ASSETS			
Invested in Capital Assets (Net)	27	26	-1
Unrestricted	448	500	52
Total Net Assets	$ 475	$ 526	$ 51

Current Assets and Long Term Liabilities for Governmental Activities grew substantially because of a $ 10,000,000 bond anticipation note taken in December 2006. This was the first note taken to help finance the K-5 Elementary School Building Bond issue passed in November, 2006.

For FY07, district Net Assets for Governmental Activities increased by $ 830,398 or 21.7% (compared to a 19.6% increase in FY06). The major factors influencing this increase in Net Assets were the net combined operating surpluses of $ 243,502 in the General Fund, the investment in capital assets of $ 1,615,026 (mostly from the K-5 Elementary School Building Bond), and the accumulated depreciation on capital assets of $ 238,650. Additional details on these items are given later in this report.

For FY07, Net Assets for Business-Type Activities increased by $ 50,858 or 10.7% (compared to a 39.7% increase in FY06). The major factor influencing this increase in Net Assets was the growth of $ 39,802 in accumulated carryover for the regional special education collaborative administered by the district due to higher than anticipated enrollment.

Table 2 lists both the total cost and the net cost of Governmental Activities for the district. Net cost is the amount after deducting grants and other contributions and revenues that directly offset those services. It reflects the cost of these services that is supported by tax revenues, other local revenues such as tuition, and unrestricted state grants and entitlements.

Table 2
Summary of FY07 Cost of Governmental Activities
(In thousands of dollars)

	Total Cost	Net Cost
Instructional Services	$ 14,234	$ 12,767
Support Services	8,414	7,725
Other	-43	-43
Total	$ 22,605	$ 20,449

Some 90.6% of the cost of the district's Governmental Activities was funded through local revenues and unrestricted state grants and entitlements, as compared to 90.5% in FY06. State sources provided 90.7% of this funding. Since all education property taxes are now considered state revenue, this number includes what was previously referred to as local property tax revenue. Other local revenues provided the remaining 9.3%. The most significant other local revenue was tuition revenue from students residing in other towns but attending school in Springfield.

Condensed Financial Information – Fund Financials

In total, the Governmental Funds of the district received $ 23,527,475 in revenue. This reflects a net increase in revenues of 5.7% from FY06 and compares to a 5.6% increase the previous year. State grants increased by a total of $ 1,465,353, driven by a $ 981,823 increase in state education aid. Federal revenues fell by $ 302,115. Total Governmental Funds expenditures were $ 24,080,057, a 10.0% increase from FY06. Much of this increase was due to expenditures for the K-5 Building Renovation Bond Issue. When this is factored out, the expenditure increase is 3.8% which compares to an increase of 3.4% in the previous year.

The K-5 Building Renovation Bond Issue ($ 32.8 million) will continue to cause large increases in our annual expenditure rates over the next few years.

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. FY07 is the last year where this will be the case as the RVTC voted to become an independent school district as of July 1, 2007.

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 $ 21,120,924 and fell short of estimated revenues by $ 30,979. The major variations from estimated revenues included $ 124,737 in additional interest income, $ 108,180 less in state construction aid, and $53,966 less in tuition revenue.

General Fund expenditures and other financing sources were $ 20,912,946. This was under the budgeted expenditures by $ 238,957. Of this amount, $ 122,346 came from lower than budgeted physical plant and utility costs.

The General Fund had a net operating surplus of revenues over expenditures for FY07 in the amount of $ 207,978. This compares to a net operating surplus of $ 224,188 in FY06. The components of this net surplus have been discussed in the preceding paragraphs. This amount will be used to offset the expenditures of the FY08 budget. Of this combined amount, $ 42,331 accrued to the RVTC and the balance accrued to the district.

The Capital Projects Fund includes the activities associated with the reserve funds established by the voters, the capital projects funded through the school budget, and the $32.8 million bond vote to renovate and expand Union, Elm Hill, and Park elementary schools. 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 FY07 by $ 9,263,826. This large increase was due to a $ 10 million Bond Anticipation Note taken in December, 2006 to fund future expenditures from that bond issue.

The Expendable Trust Fund includes the activities of gifts and donations made to the district and scholarship funds administered by the district. In FY07 the fund balance of this fund increased by $ 9,002 due primarily to donated funds received.

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 FY07 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. In November, 2006 the voters passed a $ 32.8 million bond issue to renovate and expand Union, Elm Hill, and Park elementary schools.

Long-Term Debt

At June 30, 2007 the district had $ 155,000 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 district also took out a $ 10 million Bond Anticipation Note in December, 2006 to help fund the elementary schools bond issue.

Current Issues

As with many other Vermont schools, the Springfield School District has been experiencing a decline in student enrollment. From FY92 to FY06 enrollment declined from 1,947 to 1,399, some 28.2%. This decline has leveled off in grades K-8. Projections show that Springfield High School will see a declining enrollment over the next three or four years as larger classes graduate and smaller classes enter the school. However, enrollment projections based on recorded births to Springfield residents five years prior project an increase of 40 students in the incoming Kindergarten class in FY08. Local day care and preschool facilities have helped to verify these projections by reporting increases in their enrollments. Under Vermont's education funding system, increases or decreases in enrollment directly affect state revenue for school operations.

Over the past sixteen years, the district has kept it's spending for regular education at an average annual rate of increase of 3.3% which is slightly higher than the inflationary increase of 2.8% over the same time. This was possible due to a great extent to the decline in enrollment. However, special education costs (8.4%) and expenditures for the River Valley Technical Center (6.4%) have exceeded the inflationary trend. During the same period, the local school property tax rate has increased by an annual average of 2.9%.

The district passed a bond issue for $ 32.8 million in November 2006 to upgrade and repair its three elementary schools. During the FY08 and FY09 Elm Hill and Union Street Schools will be renovated and expanded. During FY09 and FY10 Park Street School will be renovated. It is anticipated that repayment of the bonded indebtedness will begin with the FY11 budget

Contact for Further Information

This financial report is designed to provide citizens, taxpayers, and creditors with a general overview of the district's finances and to reflect the district's accountability for the monies it receives. Questions about this report or additional financial information needs should be directed to Steven Hier, Director of Fiscal Services, Springfield School District, 60 Park St., Springfield, Vermont, 05156 or at 802-885-5141, ext. 14.

Springfield School District
Statement of Net Assets
Government-Wide
June 30, 2007

EXHIBIT I

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
ASSETS:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 11,922,002	$ 451,303	$ 12;373,305
Accounts Receivable - State	103,233	42,442	145,675
Accounts Receivable - Other LEAs	10,608		10,608
Accounts Receivable - Other	28,334	81,293	109,627
Prepaid Expenses	29,300		29,300
Inventory		9,049	9,049
Capital Assets, net (Note 5)	3,968,876	25,542	3,994,418
Total Assets	16,062,353	609,629	16,671,982
LIABILITIES:			
Cash Overdraft	54,677		54,677
Accounts Payable - Town	9,890		9,890
Accounts Payable - Other	573,720	50,678	624,398
Deposits Payable		30,277	30,277
Accrued Expenses	27,449	434	27,883
Deferred Revenue	328,950	2,381	331,331
Retirement Incentives Payable	253,197		253,197
Long-Term Liabilities (Note 10):			
Due Within One Year	155,000		155,000
Due in More Than One Year	10,000,000	-	10,000,000
Total Liabilities	11,402,883	83,770	11,486,653
NET ASSETS:			
Investment in Capital Assets, net of related debt	(6,186,124)	25,542	(6,160,582)
Restricted for Capital Projects	9,864,347		9,864,347
Restricted for Other Purposes	514,878		514,878
Unrestricted	466,369	500,317	966,686
Total Net Assets	$ 4,659,470	$ 525,859	$ 5,185,329

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, 2007

EXHIBIT II

	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets: Governmental Activities	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets: Business-Type Activities	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets: Total
Instructional:						
Direct Services	$ 14,234,466		$ 1,467,439	$(12,767,027)		$(12,767,027)
Support Services:						
Student Services	1,936,747		327,193	(1,609,554)		(1,609,554)
Instructional Services	978,960		119,195	(859,765)		(859,765)
General Administrative Services	405,967		58,850	(347,117)		(347,117)
Area Administrative Services	1,651,959		20,634	(1,631,325)		(1,631,325)
Fiscal Services	393,056		6,275	(386,781)		(386,781)
Building Operations and Maintenance	2,262,293		444	(2,261,849)		(2,261,849)
Transportation	556,784		128,675	(428,109)		(428,109)
Other Support Services	227,557		26,997	(200,560)		(200,560)
Operation of Noninstructional Services:						
Food Program	903,010	$ 914,066			$ 11,056	11,056
Enterprise Fund Services	2,250,545	2,290,347			39,802	39,802
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	-	-	43,243	43,243	-	43,243
Total	$ 25,801,344	$ 3,204,413	$ 2,198,945	(20,448,844)	50,858	(20,397,986)
General Revenues:						
Tuition				1,344,525		1,344,525
State Revenues not Restricted to Specific Programs				19,256,431		19,256,431
Investment Earnings				458,982		458,982
Rentals				28,178		28,178
Refunds and Reimbursements				168,363		168,363
Miscellaneous				4,063		4,063
Total General Revenues				21,260,542	-	21,260,542
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenses				811,698	50,858	862,556
Net Assets - Beginning				3,829,072	475,001	4,304,073
Prior Period Adjustment				18,700	-	18,700
Net Assets - Ending				$ 4,659,470	$ 525,859	$ 5,185,329

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Springfield School District
Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Types - Fund Base
June 30, 2007

EXHIBIT III
(page 1 of 2)

	Governmental Fund Types: General Fund	Governmental Fund Types: Special Revenue Fund	Governmental Fund Types: Capital Projects Fund	Proprietary Fund Type: Enterprise Funds	Fiduciary Fund Types: Agency Funds	Fiduciary Fund Types: Expendable Trust Funds	Fiduciary Fund Types: Nonexpendable Trust Funds	Totals (Memorandum Only)
ASSETS:								
Current Assets:								
Cash	$ 1,446,261	$ 611,394	$ 9,864,347	$ 451,303	$ 99,600	$ 143,915		$ 12,616,820
Investments						13,314		13,314
Accounts Receivable - State		103,233		42,442				145,675
Accounts Receivable - Other LEAs	10,608							10,608
Accounts Receivable - Other	28,334			81,293		7,211		116,838
Due From Other Funds				64,990			$ 45,820	110,810
Inventory				9,049				9,049
Refund Deposit	29,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,300
Total Current Assets	1,514,503	714,627	9,864,347	649,077	99,600	164,440	45,820	13,052,414
Other Assets:								
Fixed Assets - net	-	-	-	25,542	-	-	-	25,542
Total Other Assets	-	-	-	25,542	-	-	-	25,542
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 1,514,503	$ 714,627	$ 9,864,347	$ 674,619	$ 99,600	$ 164,440	$ 45,820	$ 13,077,956
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY:								
Liabilities:								
Cash Overdraft		$ 54,677						$ 54,677
Accounts Payable - Town	$ 9,890							9,890
Accounts Payable - Other	534,345	39,375		$ 50,678				624,398
Accrued Expenses	3,871			434				4,305
Deposits Payable				30,277				30,277
Due To Other Funds				64,990		$ 45,820		110,810
Deferred Revenue	145,394	183,556		2,381				331,331
Amount Held for Agency Funds	-	-	-	-	$ 99,600	-	-	99,600
Total Liabilities	693,500	277,608	$ -	148,760	99,600	45,820	$ -	1,265,288

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Springfield School District
Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Types - Fund Base
June 30, 2007

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	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Type		Fiduciary Fund Types		
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Enterprise Funds	Agency Funds	Expendable Trust Funds	Nonexpendable Trust Funds	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Fund Equity:								
Fund Balances:								
Unreserved	$ 771,718	$ (28,574)						$ 743,144
Reserved	49,285	465,593	$ 9,864,347			$ 118,620		10,497,845
Restricted							$ 45,820	45,820
Retained Earnings:								
Undesignated				$ 30,948				30,948
Designated	-	-	-	494,911	-	-	-	494,911
Total Fund Equity	821,003	437,019	9,864,347	525,859	-	118,620	45,820	11,812,668
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	$ 1,514,503	$ 714,627	$ 9,864,347	$ 674,619	$ 99,600	$ 164,440	$ 45,820	$ 13,077,956

Springfield School District
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Assets
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2007

Fund Balances -- total governmental funds	$ 11,122,369
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	14,195,977
Less accumulated depreciation	(10,227,101)
Bonds payable and contractual obligations have not been included in the governmental fund financial statements.	
Bonds Payable	(10,155,000)
Accrued liabilities have not been reflected in the governmental fund financial statements:	
Vested Vacation Payable	(23,578)
Retirement Incentive Payable	(253,197)
Net Assets of Governmental Activities	$ 4,659,470

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, 2007

EXHIBIT IV

	Governmental Fund Types				Fiduciary Fund Type	
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Project Fund	Debt Service Fund	Expendable Trust Funds	Totals (Memorandum Only)
REVENUES:						
Tuition	$ 1,344,525					$ 1,344,525
Special Education	153,545					153,545
Student Activities	2,500					2,500
Investment Income	194,737		$ 264,245		$ 3,676	462,658
Rentals	28,176					28,176
Donations					20,579	20,579
Refunds & Reimbursements	9,973					9,973
Administrative Fees	293					293
Other Fees		$ 2,052				2,052
Miscellaneous	4,063					4,063
Private/Local		299,854			43,733	343,587
State	19,383,110	229,333	43,243			19,655,686
Federal	-	1,499,836	-	-	-	1,499,836
TOTAL REVENUES	21,120,924	2,031,075	307,488	$ -	67,988	23,527,475
EXPENDITURES:						
Direct Services	12,458,019	1,499,429			29,719	13,987,167
Support Services:						
Students	1,608,716	327,193			27,944	1,963,853
Instructional Staff	835,906	119,195			3,185	958,286
General Administration	353,564	58,850				412,414
Area Administration	1,623,863	20,634			1,307	1,645,794
Fiscal Services	376,497	6,275				382,772
Operation & Maintenance of Building	2,220,444	444				2,220,888
Transportation	549,050	1,996			281	551,327
Other Support Services	159,259	9,138				168,397
Construction Services	39,899		1,523,862			1,563,761
Debt Service:						
Interest Payment				11,238		11,238
Principal Payment				155,000		155,000
Other Outlays	41,301	17,859	-	-	-	59,160
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	20,266,508	2,081,013	1,523,862	166,238	62,436	24,080,057
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	854,416	(29,938)	(1,216,374)	(166,238)	5,552	(552,582)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
Bond Proceeds			10,000,000			10,000,000
Transfers In		657,999	460,200	166,238	3,450	1,307,887
Transfers Out	(646,438)	(657,999)	-	-	-	(1,304,437)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	207,978	(29,938)	9,243,826	-	9,002	9,450,868
FUND BALANCE, JULY 1, 2006	594,325	466,957	600,521	-	109,618	1,771,421
Prior Period Adjustment	18,700	-	-	-	-	18,700
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2007	$ 821,003	$ 437,019	$ 9,864,347	$ -	$ 118,620	$ 11,240,989

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Springfield School District
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For The Year Ended June 30, 2007

Net Changes in fund Balances -- total governmental funds	$ 9,460,566
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	1,615,026
Less current year depreciation	(238,650)
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	(10,000,000)
Repayment of bonds	155,000
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	937
Vested Vacation Payable Change	(5,687)
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.	50,001
Current year granting of voluntary exit programs (early retirements, etc.) are not reported as expenditures in governmental fund financial statements and are reported as an expense and debt in the government-wide financial statements.	(206,795)
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Funds	$ 830,398

Springfield School District
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses,
and Changes in Fund Equity
Proprietary Fund Type and Nonexpendable Trust Funds
For The Year Ended June 30, 2007

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	Proprietary Fund Type	Nonexpendable Trust Funds	Totals
Operating Revenues:			
Sales	$ 329,977		$ 329,977
Fees	339,559		339,559
Program Revenue	460,096		460,096
Athletic Gate Receipts	13,298		13,298
Tuitions	679,698		679,698
Adult Tuitions	26,675		26,675
Summer School Tuition	934,967		934,967
Other	35,359	-	35,359
Total Operating Revenues	2,819,629	$ -	2,819,629
Operating Expenses:			
Salaries and Benefits	2,012,366		2,012,366
Professional Services	494,490		494,490
Property Services	30,677		30,677
Contracted Services	72,605		72,605
Food and Supplies	415,318		415,318
Utilities	23,412		23,412
Equipment	99,146		99,146
Depreciation	1,623		1,623
Other	3,918	-	3,918
Total Operating Expenses	3,153,555	-	3,153,555
Operating Income (Loss)	(333,926)	-	(333,926)
Non-Operating Revenue (Loss):			
Investment Income	4,821	3,450	8,271
Donations	2,739		2,739
Private Sources:			
Microsoft Settlement	94,800		94,800
State Sources:			
Restricted Grants:			
Lunch Match	4,083		4,083
Child Nutrition Breakfast	938		938
Federal Sources:			
Restricted Grants:			
School Breakfast Program	44,953		44,953
School Lunch Program	197,543		197,543
Commodities	27,502		27,502

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Springfield School District
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses,
and Changes in Fund Equity
Proprietary Fund Type and Nonexpendable Trust Funds
For The Year Ended June 30, 2007

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Springfield School District
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses,
and Changes in Fund Equity
Proprietary Fund Type and Nonexpendable Trust Funds
For The Year Ended June 30, 2007

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	Proprietary Fund Type	Nonexpendable Trust Funds	Totals
Snack Program	$ 7,405	$ -	$ 7,405
Total Non-Operating Revenues	384,784	3,450	388,234
Income (Loss) Before Transfers	50,858	3,450	54,308
Operating Transfers In (Out)	-	(3,450)	(3,450)
Net Income (Loss)	50,858	-	50,858
Fund Equity, July 1, 2006	475,001	45,820	520,821
Fund Equity, June 30, 2007	$ 525,859	$ 45,820	$ 571,679

Springfield School District
Combined Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund Type and Nonexpendable Trust Funds
For The Year Ended June 30, 2007

EXHIBIT VI
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	Proprietary Fund	Nonexpendable Trust Funds	Totals
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:			
Received From Customers	$ 2,757,291		$ 2,757,291
Payments to Employees and Fringe Benefits	(2,012,233)		(2,012,233)
Payments to Vendors and Suppliers	(1,091,521)	-	(1,091,521)
Net Cash Used By Operating Activities	(346,463)	$ -	(346,463)
Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities:			
State Aid Received	239,982		239,982
Support From Private Sources	97,539		97,539
Support of Other Funds	-	(3,450)	(3,450)
Net Cash Used By Noncapital Financing Activities	337,521	(3,450)	334,071
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities:			
None	-	-	-
Net Cash Used By Capital and Related Financing Activities	-	-	-
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:			
Investment Income	4,821	3,450	8,271
Net Cash Provided By Investing Activities	4,821	3,450	8,271
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash	(4,121)	-	(4,121)
Cash, July 1, 2006	455,424	-	455,424
Cash, June 30, 2007	$ 451,303	$ -	$ 451,303
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Used By Operating Activities:			
Cash Provided From Operating Activities:			
Operating Income (Loss)	$ (333,926)	$ -	$ (333,926)
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Cash Provided (Used) By Operating Activities:			
Depreciation	1,623		1,623
(Increase) Decrease in Accts Receivable - Other	(68,464)		(68,464)

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Springfield School District
Combined Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund Type and Nonexpendable Trust Funds
For The Year Ended June 30, 2007

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	Proprietary Fund	Nonexpendable Trust Funds	Totals
(Increase) Decrease in Inventory	$ (772)		$ (772)
Increase (Decrease) in Accts Payable	48,817		48,817
Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Expenses	133		133
Increase (Decrease) in Deposits Payable	5,777		5,777
Increase (Decrease) in Deferred Revenue	349	-	349
Total Adjustments	(12,537)	$ -	(12,537)
Net Cash Provided (Used) By Operating Activities	$ (346,463)	$ -	$ (346,463)

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SUMMARY OF THE MARCH 5 AND 6, 2007 ANNUAL TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Springfield and Town of Springfield School District met at the Springfield High School Cafeteria in said Town on Monday, March 5, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. (7:30 o'clock in the afternoon) to act upon all matters which may be voted upon by acclamation and not otherwise to be voted by ballot, following which all articles to be voted by Australian Ballot on March 6, 2007, were discussed, and then adjourned to the Riverside Middle School Gymnasium at 8:00 a.m. (8:00 o'clock in the forenoon) on March 6, 2007, to vote by ballot for Town and Town School District Officers, for all appropriations to be voted by ballot, and all other items of business to be voted by ballot. There were 76 voters in attendance at the Monday Evening Meeting. 1,463 people voted by Australian Ballot on Tuesday.

ARTICLE 1: The salary of the Moderator was set at $50.00 per meeting for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: Town Officers and Town School District Officers were elected by Australian Ballot as shown in the listing in the front of this report.

ARTICLE 3: Voted to accept 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 NINE MILLION, NINETY THREE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE and 00/100 DOLLARS ($9,093,789.00) for the budget of the Town for salaries, incidental and necessary Town expenses, including highways, and for the purposes for which the law requires appropriations, and for which a Town may legally vote.

ARTICLE 6: Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend such grant monies, gifts, or bequests which may be received by the Town of Springfield in accordance with the terms of said grants, gifts, or bequests.

ARTICLE 7: Voted a salary for each School Board member of FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS ($500.00).

ARTICLE 8: Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, subject to the direction and approval of the Board of School Directors, to borrow money to meet the requirements of the Town School District for the ensuing year, and also authorized the Town Treasurer, subject to the approval of the Board of School Directors, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes rated to meet the requirements of the Town School District for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 9: Voted to deny the approval of a school budget amount of TWENTY FOUR MILLION, THREE HUNDRED THIRTY THREE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT and 00/100 DOLLARS ($24,333,538.00) to support its schools for the year beginning July 1, 2007.

ARTICLE 10: Voted to appropriate an amount of FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND, and 00/100 DOLLARS ($470,000.00) for heating system replacement and underground fuel oil tank removal at Riverside Middle School. There is a potential of 30% state aid reimbursement for these projects.

ARTICLE 11: Voted to authorize the Board of School Directors to enter into a ten (10) year lease for the Southview School with the Springfield Community Players.

ARTICLE 12: Voted to deny the establishment of the River Valley Technical Center School District as described in the Governance Planning Committee Report approved by the Vermont State Board of Education on September 19, 2006.

ARTICLE 13: Voted to appropriate the sum of SIXTY TWO THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS ($62,000.00) to help support the high quality home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH. Care is provided regardless of ability to pay.

ARTICLE 14: Voted to appropriate the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS ($8,000.00) for the support of Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. for help to support Seniors and their families, who are trying to remain at home and not be placed in a nursing home.

ARTICLE 15: Voted to appropriate the sum of FORTY THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS ($40,000.00) to the Springfield Family Center to assist with the cost of providing a free meal daily, a free food shelf, and other services related to hunger and homelessness in the Springfield community.

ARTICLE 16: Voted to appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS ($3,300.00) to the Green Mountain RSVP and Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community through volunteer service.

ARTICLE 17: Voted to appropriate the sum of SIX THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS ($6,000.00) to help support services to victims of domestic and sexual violence and prevention education in schools and communities by New Beginnings, Inc.

ARTICLE 18: 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 19: Voted to appropriate the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND, and 00/100 DOLLARS ($8,000.00) to assist with the cost of operating the Meals on Wheels program that provides daily hot and cold congregate and home delivered meals and other nutritional needs to the qualified residents of Springfield.

ARTICLE 20: Voted to appropriate the sum of TEN THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS ($10,000.00) to help support outpatient, mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc.

ARTICLE 21: Voted to appropriate the sum of FOUR THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS ($4,000.00) to help support the Precision Valley Free Clinic to help the uninsured access health care.

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 TWELVE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS ($12,500.00) to Connecticut River Transit, Inc., the lower Connecticut-River Valley designated nonprofit public transit agency in Windham and South Windsor Counties.

ARTICLE 24: Voted to appropriate the sum of SEVEN THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS ($7,500.00) 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 TWO THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS ($2,500.00) to support programming by the Springfield Prevention Coalition, whose common objective is to keep our youth drug-free, engaged in healthy activities and provided with opportunities for leadership and personal growth.

ARTICLE 26: Voted to deny the appropriation of the sum of FOUR THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS ($4,600.00) to Rockingham Area Community Land Trust to assist Springfield in responding to the housing needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services.

ARTICLE 27: Voted to appropriate the sum of TWELVE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS ($12,500.00) to RightFoot ~ a step ahead for local youth, ages 11 to 17 (formerly Boys and Girls Club of Springfield) to help support after school and vacation activities and "to inspire and empower all youth to discover their strengths and use them to engage effectively in the community and in their lives".

ARTICLE 28: Voted to adopt the following resolution:

"Whereas George W. Bush and Richard B. Cheney have:

1. deliberately misled the nation about the threat from Iraq in order to justify a war,
2. condoned the torture of prisoners in violation of the Geneva Convention and U.S. law,
3. approved illegal electronic surveillance of American citizens without a warrant, and,

Whereas these actions have undermined our Constitutional system of government, damaged the reputation of America, and threatened our national security,

Therefore, the voters of the town of Springfield call upon the U.S. House of Representatives to investigate these charges and to initiate the process of impeachment for George W. Gush and Richard B. Cheney. This resolution shall be signed by the Town Clerk and forwarded to both the Speaker and the Clerk of the US House of Representatives, and Representative John Conyers of the House Judiciary Committee.

Attest: Bonnie L. Reynolds, *CMC*
Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR MARCH 3 AND 4, 2008 ANNUAL TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Springfield and Town of Springfield School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Springfield High School Cafeteria in said Town on Monday, March 3, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. (7:30 o'clock in the afternoon) to act upon all matters which may be voted upon by acclamation and not otherwise to be voted by ballot, following which all articles to be voted by Australian Ballot on March 4, 2008, 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 4, 2008, to vote by ballot for Town and Town School District Officers, for all appropriations to be voted by ballot, and all other items of business to be voted by ballot.

ARTICLE 1: To elect the following Town Officers and Town School District Officers for the ensuing year:

Moderator	Trustee of Public Funds
Selectmen	Cemetery Commissioner
School Director	Town Agent
Lister	First Constable
Library Trustees	

ARTICLE 2: To receive and act on reports of the Town Officers, Town School District Officers and Committees.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town vote a salary of FIFTY and 00/100 DOLLARS ($50.00) per meeting for the Moderator for the ensuing year? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town increase the salary of each Selectman from the sum of FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS ($500.00) to ONE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED FIFTY and 00/100 DOLLARS ($1,250.00) to help defray the costs and expenses incurred in serving the Town in that office? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of NINE MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY ONE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO and 00/100 DOLLARS ($9,421,522.00) for the budget of the Town for salaries, incidental and necessary Town expenses, including highways, and for the purposes for which the law requires appropriations, and for which a Town may legally vote? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend such grant monies, gifts, or bequests which may be received by the Town of Springfield in accordance with the terms of said grants, gifts, or bequests?

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town School District vote a salary for each School Board member of FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS ($500.00)? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town School District authorize the Town Treasurer, subject to the direction and approval of the Board of School Directors, to borrow money to meet the requirements of the Town School District for the ensuing year, and also authorize the Town Treasurer, subject to the approval of the Board of School Directors, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes rated to meet the requirements of the Town School District for the ensuing year?

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town School District approve a school budget amount of TWENTY THREE MILLION, ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SIX THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED FIFTY NINE and 00/100 DOLLARS ($23,126,359.00) to support its schools for the year beginning July 1, 2008? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town School District appropriate an amount of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS ($180,000.00) for removal and replacement of the gym bleachers at Riverside Middle School? (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 ONE MILLION, SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY THREE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS ($1,673,500.00) for renovations, repairs, and improvements to the bathrooms and plumbing system at Park Street School? (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 SIXTY TWO THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS ($62,000.00) to help support the high-quality home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH? Care is provided regardless of ability to pay. (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS ($8,000.00) for the support of Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. for help to support seniors and their families who are trying to remain at home and not be placed in a nursing home? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of FORTY FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS ($45,000.00) to the Springfield Family Center to assist with the cost of providing a free meal daily, a free food shelf, and other services related to hunger and homelessness in the Springfield community? (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 & 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 SIX THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS ($6,000.00) to help support services to victims of domestic and sexual violence and prevention education in schools and communities by New Beginnings, Inc.? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

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

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS ($8,000.00) to assist with the cost of operating the Meals on Wheels Program that provides daily hot and cold congregate and home delivered meals and other nutritional needs to the qualified residents of Springfield? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of TEN THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS ($10,000.00) to help support out-patient, mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc.? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of FOUR THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS ($4,000.00) to help support the Valley Health Connections to help the uninsured access health care? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of FIVE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS ($5,300.00) for the continued operation of Valley 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 22: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of TWELVE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS ($12,500.00) to Connecticut River Transit, Inc., the lower Connecticut-River Valley designated nonprofit public transit agency in Windham and South Windsor Counties? (By

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

ARTICLE 23: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS ($8,000.00) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Springfield in responding to the emergency needs of the community and to provide all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 24: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of EIGHT HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS ($800.00) to Windsor County Partners, for youth mentoring services provided to children in Windsor County? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 25: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of FOUR THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS ($4,600.00) to Rockingham Area Community Land Trust to assist Springfield in responding to the housing needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 26: To do any other business that can legally be done under this warning.

Dated this 28th day of January, 2008 at Springfield, County of Windsor and State of Vermont.

Mary Helen Hawthorne,
Chair
Terri Benton
Mark Blanchard
John Hall
John Swanson
Board of Selectmen
Town of Springfield

James Ball,
Chair
Samuel Coleman
Judith Edwards
Jeanice Garfield
Larry Kraft
Board of School Directors
Springfield School District

WARNING

RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING OF ANNUAL MEETING (AUSTRALIAN BALLOT) TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2008

(Member districts are Bellows Falls Union High School District #27, Black River Union High School District #39, Green Mountain Union High School District #35, and Springfield School District.)

The legal voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District are hereby warned to meet on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, when the polls will be open to transact business by Australian ballot as follows:

ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District approve the sum of two million, nine hundred sixty-two thousand, one hundred sixty dollars ($2,962,160) to defray current expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and to pay outstanding orders and obligations?

The legal voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District are further warned and notified that an informational meeting will be held concerning the above-listed Australian ballot article on Monday, February 25, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of Springfield High School.

For more information about the proposed 2008-09 budget, please contact the office of the RVTC director at (802) 885-8301. Copies of the RVTC Annual Report are available at the town clerk offices and high schools of the member districts and will be mailed upon request to the office of the RVTC director.

River Valley Technical Center Board of Directors

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David Clark,
BFUHS Rep.; Board Clerk

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Springfield S.D. Representative

Peter Girouard,
BRUHS Representative

Robert Flint,
At-Large Member

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At-Large Member

Diane Mueller,
At-Large Member

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At-Large Member

Dated at Springfield, Vermont, in the County of Windsor, on this 22nd day of January, 2008.

Bonnie Reynolds
Clerk RVTC School District

RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARNING OF ANNUAL MEETING (AUSTRALIAN BALLOT)
TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2008

Voting Locations and Hours

Bellows Falls Union High School District #27

Athens	Athens Elementary School	10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Grafton	Grafton Elementary School	9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Rockingham	Masonic Temple	9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Westminster	Westminster Institute	8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Black River Union High School District #39

Ludlow	Ludlow Town Hall	10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Mount Holly	Mt. Holly Town Office	10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Green Mountain Union High School District #35

Andover	Andover Community Center	8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Chester	Chester Town Hall	9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Cavendish	Cavendish Elementary School	10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Springfield School District

Springfield	Riverside Middle School	8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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