

### Dedication



This year we dedicate the 2010 Annual Report to all of our Town Auditors over the years who have proudly served and most recently retired – Joyce Lawrence, Barbara Allaire, Skeeter Austin.

Based on their own recommendation, changes to Stowe's Charter this past year eliminated the elected positions of Town Auditors. Historically, local auditors audited town financial records and prepared the town's annual report. Independent certified public accountants are now hired to conduct the audit.

Stowe's auditors over the years have given countless hours of dedicated service to their town and have set the standard in providing valuable information about Stowe through their annual reports.

We thank them all for their service to the Town of Stowe.

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Village of Stowe Luigi Licioni 1931 Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Gift of the Estate of Mrs. George P. Douglas



OUR THOUGHTS and PRAYERS go to the MEN and WOMEN and their families who continue to SERVE OUR COUNTRY, both overseas and here in this country.

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#### **ELECTED**

Town Moderator: Term expires 2011Leighton C. Detora
Town Clerk Term expires 2011
Treasurer Term expires 2011
Selectboard: Term expires 2011 Lawrence F. Lackey Term expires 2011 Francis X. Aumand III Term expires 2012 Cornelius Van Dyke Term expires 2012 Norman Williams III Term expires 2013 Adam Davis
Listers: Term expires 2011Leo V. Clark Term expires 2012Ellen Thorndike Term expires 2013Paul E. Percy
School District Moderator Term expires 2011Leighton C. Detora
School Directors:  Term expires 2011
Justices of the Peace: All terms expire January 31, 2013 Peter J. Beck

## **APPOINTED**All Terms Expire April 30th of the year

Cemetery Commissioners: Term expires 2011 Donna Adams Term expires 2011 Leigh Tabor, Sr. Term expires 2012 Joy Fagan Term expires 2013 Judy Demeritt Term expires 2013 George von Trapp
Library Trustees:  Term expires 2011
Recreation Commissioners:  Term expires 2011
Development Review Board:  Term expires 2011
Planning Commission:  Term expires 2011

Conservation Commission:
Term expires 2011
Term expires 2011
Term expires 2012
Term expires 2012
Term expires 2013
Term expires 2013Richard Hennessey
Historic Preservation Commission:
Term expires 2011Robert Lawlor
Term expires 2011
Term expires 2012
Term expires 2012
Term expires 2012
Term expires 2013Barbara Baraw
Term expires 2013
Stowe Electric Utility Commissioners:
Term expires 2011
Term expires 2012
Term expires 2013 Arthur Lloyd
Town Manager
Executive Assistant and Clerk to SelectboardSusan H. Moeck
Town Clerk & Collector of Delinquent TaxesAlison A. Kaiser
Treasurer/Finance ManagerKarla R. Spaulding
Assistant Finance Manager &
HR Coordinator
Assistant Finance Manager Linda Kelly
Assistant Town Clerks Jenny Willingham & Gary Anderson
Assistant Treasurer
Deputy Registrars
Director of Planning Tom Jackman
Zoning Director
Acting Zoning Administrator Tom Jackman
Secretary to Recreation, CemeteryBarbara S. Allaire Commissions and Development Review Board

Public Works Director	Harry Shepard
Public Works Assistant	Clifford Johnson
Highway Superintendent	Stephen J. Bonneau
Road Commissioner	Charles Safford
Road Crew: Larry Foster, John Allen, Eric Bates Jasson Wells, Greg Adams and Russell Luce.	s, Melvin Wells, Joe Martin,
Town Mechanic	Alan Shatney
Fire Chief	Mark Sgantas
First Assistant Chief	John Schnee
Second Assistant Chief	Mark Walker
Captains	Kyle Walker & Ed Andrus
Fire Director	Wendall Mansfield
Police Chief	Kenneth Kaplan
Patrol Sergeant: Steve Stewart; Patrol Corporals Merriam; Patrol Division: Christopher McHugh, M Whitcomb, Bruce Emerson, David Knight, Kyle Animal Control: Elizabeth Rankin; Executive Technology Officer: Darron Tabor.	Michael Dougherty, Frederick Walker, Christopher Rogers;
Part-Time Officers: David Anderson, Matthew Pierce Reid, David Selby, Edward Stewart, Zygmuntowicz.	Andrews, Francis Gonyaw, Joseph Mitchell and Jon
Wastewater Superintendent Chief Plant Operator Plant Operator Plant Operator Lead Lab Technician	Bryan LongeMark StirewaltJesse Wilkesman
Chief Water Plant Operator	Michael Mandigo Allen Ross
Parks & Receation Director	Tori Faye
Parks Superintendent	

Electric Department: General Manager Plant Superintendent/1st Class Lineman Controller AP Clerk/Administrative Assistant Customer Service	Jerry Wilson Pat Householder Lilli Burgess
Billing Clerk Billing Clerk/Payroll 2nd Class Lineman 1st Class Lineman 1st Class Lineman	Diane DarlingSilas PowerNorman Griffith
Utility Worker Meter Reader Meter Reader	Debbie Adams
EMS Interim Director	Larry (Duke) RhodesJonathan Thereault
Library: Interim Director	Julie Pickett
Library Assistant, Circulation Library Assistant, Technical Services Children's Library Circulation	(vacant)
Library/Art Center Custodian	Peter Smith
Akeley Memorial Building/Public Safety Facility Cu	
Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District Supervisor	Willie Noyes
Health Officer	
State Public Health Veterinarian	Robert Johnson, DVM
Grand Juror	Mark Kolter
Agent to Convey Real Estate	Charles Safford
Fence ViewersSusan Moeck, Buc	d McKeon, William Kelk
Tree Warden	Charles T. Lusk
Town Fire Warden	Mark Walker

Deputy Fire Warden	Kyle Walker
Appraiser for the Board of Listers	Thomas Vickery
Town Service OfficerRevere	end Bruce Comiskey
Lamoille County Planning Commission Reps	Arnie Ziegel,
Tom Jackman,Vice Chair	
LCPC Transportation Advisory Committee	Tom Jackman
LECP Lamoille Emergency Planning Committee	Neil Van Dyke
Alternate	Derek Libby
Stowe Transit Advisory Committee- Tom Jackman, Ric Apple, Ed Stahl, Sheri Baraw, Neil Van Dyke.	chard Marron, Robert
Green Mountain Transit Agency Rep	Tom Jackman
Stowe Land Trust Rep	Tom Jackman
Green Mountain Byway Steering Committee Co-Chair .	Tom Jackman
Green Up Day CoordinationStowe Conser	rvation Commission
Emergency Management Coordinator	Neil Van Dyke
E 9-1-1 Address Contact PersonLawro	ence (Duke) Rhodes

#### Do you know ...

#### the Town of Stowe website has valuable information about Our Town...

How much will it cost to permit a new home and what do I need? What are the proposed plans for the new rink? How do I obtain a

Passport and picthe budget for jects? Who works Department? What Stowe Free Library When is Kids Night will the ice be I get one of those



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Main St? What happens when PD "arrests" my dog? What zoning district do I live in and what does that mean? What is a Town Manager form of government? When is the next Selectboard meeting and what did they say at the last one? Where is Karla's office? How can I pay my taxes online and when are they due? What can you do on the Mayo Farm? What do I need to get a marriage license? When is the next highway project and how can I bid on it? What volunteer opportunities are available?

Search us out today & get the answers...

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#### OFFICIAL WARNING AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTING TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT MARCH 1, 2011

The inhabitants of the Town of Stowe who are legal voters in Town Meeting and in School District Meeting of said Stowe, respectively, are hereby notified and warned to vote by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at the Stowe High School Gym. The polls shall open at seven o'clock in the morning, (7:00 a.m.), and shall close at seven o'clock in the evening, (7:00 p.m.), during which time the following articles are to be acted upon:

Article 1: To elect a Moderator of the Town Meetings and Moderator

of the School District Meetings, respectively.

Australian Ballot

Article 2: To elect all Town officers as required by law, to wit:

a. One Selectboard member for a three (3) year term.

b. One Selectboard member for a two (2) year term.

c. One Town/School District Clerk for a three (3) year term. d. One Town/School District Treasurer for a three (3) year term.

e. One Town Lister for a three (3) year term.

Australian Ballot

Article 3: To elect all School Directors of the Stowe Town School

District:

a. One for a term of three (3) years.b. One for a term of two (2) years.

Australian Ballot

Article 4: Shall the voters of the Stowe School District approve a budget

with a total expenditure of ten million one hundred twentyone thousand two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$10,121,275) for the support of its schools for the fiscal year beginning July

1, 2011?

Australian Ballot

Article 5: Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Stowe in an

amount not to exceed six million five hundred thousand

dollars (\$6,500,000) be issued for the purpose of final planning, design and construction of a new ice rink? Australian Ballot

Article 6:

Shall four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) of unexpended proceeds of the Town's Series 2009 Electric Department improvement bonds be used as matching funds for a grant to fund an electric system "smart metering project", the total estimated cost of which is nine hundred thousand dollars (\$900,000)?

Australian Ballot

ATTEST:

The Selectboard, Town of Stowe, Vermont, dated this 24th day of January, 2011.

LAWRENCE F. LACKEY NORMAN WILLIAMS, III ADAM DAVIS CORNELIUS VAN DYKE FRANCIS X. AUMAND, III ATTEST:

The School Directors, Stowe School District, Vermont, dated this 24th day of January, 2011

C. CAMERON PAGE DONALD R. POST TERRENCE K. DWYER RICHARD BLAND SUSAN SEGAL

# OFFICIAL WARNING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING STOWE VERMONT MARCH 1, 2011

The inhabitants of the Town of Stowe who are legal voters in Town Meeting and in School District Meeting of said Stowe, respectively, are hereby notified and warned to meet in Town Meeting and School District Meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at the Stowe High School Building Auditorium, beginning at eight o'clock in the morning, (8:00 a.m.), to act upon the following questions:

#### **SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING:**

Article 1: Will the School District in School District Meeting vote to accept the annual reports of the School Directors as presented?

Article 2: Will the School District in School District Meeting vote to authorize the School Directors to borrow money to pay current expenses and debts of said District, in anticipation of the collection of taxes and returns from the State for such purposes, and if so, provide that the same shall be done by notes of the District?

Article 3: Will the School District in School District Meeting vote to pay its School Directors and other elected officials for the ensuing fiscal year, and if so, the amount?

Article 4: Will the School District, in School District Meeting, authorize the Stowe School Board to establish a reserve fund for the purpose of defraying future educational expenses utilizing all carry forward exceeding the amount of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) budgeted in the revenue projection for carry forward in the 2011-2012 school year budget?

Article 5: To do other business that may legally come before said meeting.

#### **TOWN MEETING:**

Article 1: Will the Town in Town Meeting vote to appropriate nine million two hundred ninety nine thousand one hundred twenty four dollars (\$9,299,124) to pay expenses identified in the "FY 12 Proposed Town Operational Budget"?

Department	Budget Request
Accounting	\$ 262,557
Administration	\$ 377,445
Akeley Memorial Bldg	\$ 149,125
Cemetery	\$ 12,672
Cultural Campus	\$ 40,764
Debt Management	\$ 844,636
Elections	
Emergency Management	\$ 5,316
EMS	\$ 384,293
Equipment Reserve Fund	\$ 370,000
Fire	\$ 227,239
General Government	\$ 557,631
Highway	\$1,698,581
Insurance	\$ 196,829
Library	\$ 507,281
Listers	\$ 121,424
Mountain Rescue	\$ 22,707
Parks, Buildings, Grounds	\$ 696,328
Planning	\$ 121,564
Police	\$ 1,567,694
Public Works	\$ 281,796
Recreation	\$ 431,269
Solid Waste	\$ 550
Street Lights	\$ 55,520
Town Clerk	\$ 239,491
Zoning	\$ 123,713
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$
9,299,124	*

Article 2: Will the Town in Town Meeting vote to appropriate five hundred sixty nine thousand dollars (\$569,000) for capital projects identified in the "FY 12 Proposed Capital Budget"?

Requested Expenditures	Expense
Helen Day Renovations Phase 3 (mechanical/electrical)	\$ 250,000
Cemetery Road Culvert Replacement	\$ 150,000
Mountain Road Village Sidewalk Final Design	\$ 60,000
Community Event Field design and permitting	\$ 14,000
Adams Camp Mountain Bike Trail Development	\$ 15,000
Bridge St Bridge Reconstruction Design	\$ 20,000
LED Street Light Project	\$ 60,000
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS:	\$ 569,000

Article 3: Will the Town in Town Meeting vote to appropriate sixty three thousand nine hundred ninety seven dollars (\$63,997) to pay for those community services identified in the "FY 12 Proposed Community Services Budget"?

Central VT Adult Ed	\$ 3	3,500
Cntrl VT Comm Action	\$	500
Central VT Council Aging	\$ 3	3,000
Clarina Howard Nichols Center	\$ 2	2,500
Green-Up Day	\$	200
Habitat for Humanity	\$	500
LCNRCD	\$	100
Lamoille Eco Dev Corp	\$ 3	3,000
Lamoille Home Health Assoc.	\$ 13	3,017
Lamoille Housing Partnership	\$	250
Lamoille Family Center	\$ 3	3,000
Lamoille Food Share	\$ 5	5,000
LC Court Diversion	\$ 1	,250
LC Mental Health	\$ 5	5,000
Meals on Wheels (LENS)	\$ 2	2,000
Maple Leaf Farm	\$ 2	2,475
N Country Animal League	\$ 1	,000
Northern VT RC&D	\$	75
RCT	\$ 2	2,200
Out & About	\$ 1	,000
Retired Senior Vol Prgm	\$	660
Stowe American Legion	\$	350
Stowe Historical Society	\$ 4	1,000
Stowe Land Trust	\$ 6	5,000
Stowe Youth Baseball/Softball	\$ 2	2,000
VT Association for the Blind	\$	500
VT Center for Ind Lvng	\$	420
VT Children's Aid Society	\$	500
Total	\$ 63	3,997

Article 4: Will the Town in Town Meeting adopt the provisions of Title 32 VSA Section 3840 providing for the exemption of real estate from taxation for an additional period of five years to a portion of property owned and used by Mystic Lodge 56, Free and Accepted Masons?

Article 5: Will the Town in Town Meeting vote to increase the disabled veteran's exemption amount from \$10,000 of appraisal value to \$40,000 of appraisal value in accordance with 32 VSA Section 3802(11C) effective April 1, 2012 tax year?

Article 6: Will the Town in Town Meeting vote to pay its Selectboard members and other elected officials for the ensuing fiscal year, and if so, the amount?

Article 7: Will the Town in Town meeting vote to raise money on its Grand List for the fiscal year of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 to pay debts and current expenses of the Town, and if so, provide for fixing of the amount thereof, the time and manner in which the same shall be payable?

Article 8: Will the Town in Town Meeting vote to accept the annual reports of the several Town officers as presented?

Article 9: Will the Town in Town Meeting authorize the Selectboard to expend all unexpended FY11 general funds to pay for debts and current expenses of the Town for the fiscal year of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012?

Article 10: To do other business that may legally come before said meeting.

ATTEST: ATTEST:

The Selectboard, Town of Stowe,
Vermont, dated this 24th day of
January, 2011.

The School Directors,
Stowe School District,
Vermont, dated this 24th
day of January, 2011.

LAWRENCE F. LACKEY

NORMAN WILLIAMS, III

ADAM DAVIS

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DONALD R. POST

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RICHARD BLAND

SUSAN SEGAL

# TOWN & SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION NOTICE TO VOTERS

Here is some basic information about the Town and School District Meeting. If you have other questions, ask your Town Clerk (802)253-6133 or call the Secretary of State's office at (800) 439-8683.

**REGISTER TO VOTE!** Go to your Town Clerk's office. You must apply by 5:00 pm Wednesday, February 22, 2011, if you want to vote in the Town and School District Meeting. Check to make sure your name appears on it. **NO PARTY REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY!** You don't have to tell anyone which party you favor.

The only time you will be asked to affiliate with a party will be at the primary elections. You will be asked to choose a party ballot to establish a slate for the general election.

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE!** If you will be out of town on Town and School District Meeting Day, are ill or disabled, (or if you reside in an institution, are in school or the military), apply at your Town Clerk's office by 4:30 p.m. February 28, 2011.

**SAMPLE BALLOTS WILL BE POSTED!** You can see the ballot ahead of time. Sample ballots will be posted no later than **SATURDAY**, **FEBRUARY 19, 2011**.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS

#### Check-In:

- 1. Go to an entry checklist table.
- Give your name and residence, if asked, to the election official in a clear, audible voice.
- 3. Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

#### **Enter:**

- 1. Enter within the guardrail and do not leave until you have voted.
- 2. An election official will hand you a ballot.
- 3. Go to a vacant booth.

#### **Mark Your Ballot:**

Darken the oval to the right of the choice you want to vote for. Follow the directions on the ballot as to how many persons to vote for (EXAMPLE: "Vote for not more than two.)

#### Write-Ins:

To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "Write-In" lines on the ballot. Also darken the oval to the right of the name you have written in so that it may be tallied.

#### **Check-Out:**

- 1. Go to the exit checklist table.
- 2. Give your name to the election official in a clear, audible voice.
- 3. Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

#### **Vote, then Exit:**

- 1. Deposit your ballot in the "Voted Ballots" box or the Vote Tabulator.
- 2. Leave the voting area by passing outside the guardrail.

#### WHAT TO DO IF:

YOU ARE NOT ON THE CHECKLIST: If your name has been dropped from the checklist and you think it was in error, explain it to your Town Clerk and ask that your name be put back on.

If the problem isn't cleared up to your satisfaction, have the Town Clerk, Board of Civil Authority, or other election officials call an immediate meeting of the members of your local Board of Civil Authority who are present at the polls. They should check thoroughly and correct any error.

If you are still not satisfied, call the Secretary of State's office at (800) 439-8683.

YOU SPOIL YOUR BALLOT: Ask an election official for another. Three ballots are the limit.

YOU ARE DISABLED, VISUALLY IMPAIRED OR CANNOT READ: Have a friend tell an election official. A ballot may be brought out to your car by two officials if you so choose to vote there.

#### IT IS ILLEGAL TO:

- 1. Knowingly vote more than once, either in the same town or in different towns.
- 2. Try to tell another person how to vote once you are inside the building where voting is taking place.
- Mislead the Board of Civil Authority as to your or another person's eligibility to vote.
- 4. Show your marked ballot to others so as to let them know how you voted.
- 5. Make a mark on your ballot which would identify it as yours.

#### PLEASE DO NOT:

- 1. Socialize in the voting area, especially when others are in the process of voting.
- Bring in or leave brochures, buttons or other campaign materials in the polling place.

#### ANNUAL MEETING "FY 12 FAST FACTS"

- Net FY'12 Budget: The net budget increases from \$7,015,212 in FY'11, an increase of \$116,629 or 1.66%.
- *Tax Rate*: The proposed net budget increase represents a projected increase in the tax rate from .3511 to .3569 (.0058 or 1.66%). For every \$100,000 in property value, this represents an increase in municipal taxes of \$5.80.
  - At .3569 for every \$100,000 in assessed value your town (non-school property taxes) would be \$356.90. For a home valued at \$500,000 the town property taxes would be \$1,784.50.
- *Grand List*: For budgeting purposes, the Grand List has been projected to stay the same as in FY'11 at \$19,982,181. One cent on the tax rate raises \$199,821.81 in property taxes.
- *Fund Balance*: The General Fund had a fund balance of \$1,125,905.77 as of June 30, 2010. Of this amount, \$76,859.80 is reserved for inventory, prepaid expenses and old age assistance leaving \$1,049,045.97. Of this amount, the Board appropriated \$636,733 of the surplus to offset FY'11 taxes, which leaves \$412,313 available in FY'12 (assuming the FY'11 budget comes in on line). The FY'12 budget proposes to apply this entire amount to offset the tax rate.
- *Employment Levels*: The proposed budget eliminates a Detective position in the Police Dept (-\$118,812 pay and benefits) and a Truck Driver/Laborer position in the Highway Dept (-\$64,959 pay and benefits) through attrition. It also eliminates an Engineering Assistant position in the Public Works Dept (-\$35,042 pay) and adds a full-time Engineer/Project Manager (+\$84,302 pay and benefits).
- *Pay*: Employees who fall under the Personnel Regulations or the IBEW Agreement are scheduled to receive a 1.5% pay increase, plus any step increase they may be eligible for. The cost of living for these employees is tied to the change in the CPI-U from October 2009 to October 2010.
  - The Police are scheduled to receive a 1.6% increase, plus any step increase they may be eligible for. The Police Association Contract ties their cost of living increase to the change in the CPI-U from December 2009 to December 2010.
- Capital Fund: The capital fund is budgeted to be funded in FY'12 with \$539,000 in local option taxes, plus \$30,000 in incentives from Efficiency Vermont for the LED Streetlight Project. Current Selectboard policy directs Local Option Tax Revenues to be deposited directly into the capital fund, not the general fund operating budget.

Capital projects include: Helen Day Renovations Phase 3 \$250,000; Cemetery Road Culvert Replacement \$150,000; Mountain Road Village Sidewalk Final Design \$60,000; Community Events Field Design & Permitting \$14,000; Adams Camp Mountain Bike Trail Development \$15,000; Bridge St. Bridge Reconstruction Design \$20,000; LED Streetlight Project \$60,000.

- *Paving*: The plan is to apply for a Class 2 Highway Paving Grant to repave Mayo Farm Road, with 3' paved shoulders for bike lanes, in its entirety. If the grant is awarded, the plan is to redirect money towards paving projects on South Hollow Road.
- **Equipment Fund**: The Equipment Fund is funded through a \$370,000 transfer from the general fund operating budget to the equipment reserve fund. Eliminating a vehicle(s) will not necessarily reduce the amount of transfer required and may impact money available for future year's equipment purchases. The following pieces of equipment are scheduled to be replaced through the Equipment Fund in FY'12:

Highway wheeloader (\$135,000) Highway 6-wheel dump (\$170,000) Parks 72" exmark mower (\$13,000) Parks snow machine and groomer (\$17,000 snow machine 10 year replacement cycle) Police full-size SUV (\$35,000) Police full-size SUV (\$35,000)

# TOWN OF STOWE COMPARATIVE BUDGET SUMMARY SHEET

				TOTAL OP!	Æ	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	틸	rures						
		FY 09				FY 10			_	FY 11	Œ	FY 12	FY 11 - FY 12	FY 11 - FY 12
Department	_	Adopted		FY 09	_	Adopted		FY 10	ĕ	Adopted	Bac	Budget	\$ Change	% Change
		Budget		Actual		Budget		Actual	8	Budget	Rec	Request	(Decrease)	(Decrease)
Accounting	s	232,891	\$	231,706	\$	257,654	\$	244,103	\$	256,932	\$	262,557	\$ 5,625	2.19%
Administration	\$	343,103	\$	300,324	\$	351,381	\$	353,994	\$	344,070	\$	377,445	\$ 33,375	9.70%
Akeley Memorial Building	\$	139,747	\$	130,549	\$	138,759	\$	134,055	\$	132,233	\$	149,125	\$ 16,892	12.77%
Auditors	\$	39,732	\$	40,291	\$	36,615	\$	34,543	\$	37,990	\$	-	\$ (37,990)	-100.00%
Capital	\$	1,037,871	\$	1,869,456	\$	651,140	\$	787,067	\$	289,000	\$	269,000	\$ (20,000)	-3.40%
Cemetery	\$	17,419	\$	7,287	\$	17,275	\$	9,017	\$	19,970	\$	12,672	\$ (7,298)	.36.54%
Community Affairs	\$	61,340	\$	60,278	\$	60,032	\$	60,032	\$	62,497	\$	63,997	\$ 1,500	2.40%
Conservation	\$	15,200	\$	7,262	\$	15,200	\$	9,475	\$	14,100	\$	-	\$ (14,100)	-100.00%
Cultural Campus	\$	25,115	\$	27,911	\$	34,727	\$	29,588	\$	40,152	\$	40,764	\$ 612	1.52%
Debt Management	\$	840,209	\$	690,810	\$	1,094,476	\$	1,028,019	\$	937,417	\$	844,636	\$ (92,781)	%06.6- (
Elections	\$	7,664	\$	7,224	\$	3,488	s	2,432	\$	959'9	\$	2,699	\$ (3,957)	-59.45%
Emergency Management	\$	2,750	\$	2,618	\$	2,678	s	2,967	\$	2,629	\$	5,316	\$ 2,687	102.19%
EMS	\$	329,413	\$	329,963	\$	355,100	s	342,480	s	371,198	\$	384,293	\$ 13,095	3.53%
Equipment Reserve Fund	\$	-	\$	•	\$	370,000	s	370,000	s	370,000	\$	370,000	\$	0.00%
Fire	\$	276,021	\$	256,115	\$	247,899	\$	204,452	\$	223,102	\$	227,239	\$ 4,137	1.85%
General Government	\$	560,849	\$	559,095	\$	559,115	\$	258,990	\$	572,445	\$	557,631	\$ (14,814)	-2.59%
Highway	\$	1,513,871	\$	1,384,972	\$	1,551,413	\$	1,420,835	\$ 1	1,722,174	\$ 1,6	1,698,581	\$ (23,593)	-1.37%
Historic Preservation	s	6,700	\$	1,385	\$	5,400	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	#DIV/0i
Insurance	\$	143,889	\$	162,546	\$	173,957	\$	179,527	\$	193,028	\$	196,829	\$ 3,801	1.97%
Library	s	447,719	\$	460,390	\$	481,731	\$	479,153	\$	476,504	\$	507,281	\$ 30,777	6.46%
Listers	8	115,013	↔	128,441	ક્ક	119,784	s	118,719	\$	120,147	\$	121,424	\$ 1,277	1.06%
Mountain Rescue	8	16,897	↔	16,054	ક્ક	16,940 \$	ક્ક	17,456 \$	<b>6</b>	20,261	\$	22,707	\$ 2,446	12.07%
Parks	8	675,360	↔	624,036	ક્ક	664,209	s	625,904	\$	681,394	\$	696,328	\$ 14,934	2.19%
Planning	\$	102,106	\$	94,975	\$	105,841	\$	111,335	\$	109,576	\$	121,564	\$ 11,988	10.94%
Police	s	1,572,152	\$	1,510,799	\$	1,599,103	\$		\$ 1	1,622,483	\$ 1,5	567,694	\$ (54,789)	
Public Works - Administration	8	215,681	↔	190,293	ક્ક	229,590	ક્ક		\$	227,088	\$	281,796	\$ 54,708	24.09%
Recreation	8	432,658	↔	418,524	ક્ક	439,736	ક્ક	395,266	\$	417,682	\$	431,269	\$ 13,587	3.25%
Solid Waste	8	550	↔	550	ક્ક	550	ક્ક	550	\$	550	\$	550	\$	0.00%
Street Lights	ક	56,284	↔	44,961	ક્ક	46,943	ક્ક	53,106	\$	50,504	\$	55,520	\$ 5,016	9.93%
Town Clerk	ક્ક	248,503	છ	247,550	ક્ર	267,616	8	222,866	\$	250,281	\$	239,491	\$ (10,790)	4.31%
Zoning	\$	191,746	↔	138,023	ક	168,788	s	124,962	\$	126,305	\$	123,713	\$ (2,592)	-2.05%
EXPENDITURE TOTAL: \$ 9,694,836	↔	9,694,836	↔	9,944,388		\$ 10,067,137	€	9,687,763	6 \$	9,998,367	\$ 9,5	9,932,121	\$ (66,246)	%99'0- (

TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES

				פואוס	j	IOLAL OFENALING REVENUES		22						
		FY 09				FY 10			FY 11		FY 12	₹1	FY 11 - FY 12	FY 11 - FY 12
Department		Adopted		FY 09	`	Adopted		FY 10	Adopted		Budget	\$ C	\$ Change	% Change
		Budget		Actual		Budget	,	Actual	Budget		Request	(Dec	(Decrease)	(Decrease)
Accounting	\$	120,450	\$	34,659	\$	111,070	\$	72,113	\$ 35,125	5	66,190	\$	31,065	88.44%
Administration	\$	379,800	\$	546,270	\$	471,945	\$	•	\$ 473,366	\$ 9	540,527	\$	67,161	14.19%
Akeley Memorial Building	\$	2,500	\$	2,500	\$	2,500	\$	2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 0	-	\$	(2,500)	-100.00%
Auditors	\$	7,500	\$	9,959	\$	7,200	s	7,071	\$ 7,000	\$ 0		\$	(7,000)	-100.00%
Capital	\$	554,400	\$	1,046,839	\$	545,218	\$	937,894	\$ 589,000	\$ 0	900,695	\$	(20,000)	-3.40%
Cemetery	\$	1,200	\$	1,185	\$	1,200	\$	510	\$ 1,200	\$ 0	1,200	\$	•	0.00%
Conservation	\$	5,000	\$	23,718	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 0		\$	(5,000)	-100.00%
Cultural Campus	\$	1,200	\$	1,981	\$	1,200	\$	1,766	\$ 1,200	\$ 0	1,200	\$	•	0.00%
Debt Management	\$	125,000	\$	216,098	\$	125,000	\$	•	\$	\$ -		\$	•	#DIV/0i
EMS	\$	256,841	\$	281,453	\$	253,374	s	206,356	\$ 257,154	\$	, 208,416	\$	(48,738)	-18.95%
Fire	\$	5,500	\$	1,711	\$	1,000	\$	3,034	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	120	\$	(250)	-25.00%
General Government	\$	34,000	\$	34,000	\$	35,700	\$	35,700	\$ 35,700	\$ 0	35,700	\$	-	0.00%
Highway	\$	183,865	\$	177,512	\$	166,365	\$	183,929	\$ 173,365	5 \$	181,865	\$	8,500	4.90%
Historic Preservation	\$	3,000	\$	-	\$	2,000			\$	-	-	\$	-	#DIV/0!
Library	\$	34,800	\$	39,403	\$	34,800	\$	37,327	\$ 30,300	0 \$	30,300	\$	-	0.00%
Listers	\$	27,800	\$	41,271	\$	28,800	\$	28,746	\$ 28,800	\$ 0	, 29,700	\$	900	3.13%
Mountain Rescue	\$	750	\$	-	\$	750	\$	-	\$ 20	\$ 009	250	\$	(250)	-50.00%
Parks	\$	169,165	\$	169,741	\$	166,665	\$	154,604	\$ 159,990	0 \$	167,210	\$	7,220	4.51%
Planning	\$	1	ક	-	8		s	1,500	\$ 1,500	0	5 7,000	\$	5,500	366.67%
Police	\$	134,010	\$	133,454	\$	128,251	\$	156,421	\$ 127,838	8	129,419	\$	1,581	1.24%
Public Works - Administration	\$	44,000	\$	44,000	\$	44,000	\$	44,000	\$ 44,000	0 \$	44,000	\$	-	0.00%
Recreation	\$	144,104	\$	140,579	\$	147,804	\$	153,265	\$ 150,327	7 \$	155,165	\$	4,838	3.22%
Surplus Carried Forward	\$	368,100	\$	-	\$	566,811	\$	-	\$ 636,733	3	412,313	\$	224,420)	-35.25%
Town Clerk	\$	152,510	\$	-	\$	157,485	\$	162,867	\$ 175,175	5	, 175,700	\$	525	0.30%
Zoning	\$	68,971	\$	37,174	\$	54,378	\$	44,358	\$ 46,382	2	44,375	\$	(2,007)	-4.33%
REVENUE TOTAL: \$ 2,824,466	↔	2,824,466	\$	2,983,507	↔	3,058,516 \$		2,238,961	\$ 2,983,155	\$ 22	3,800,280	\$	(182,875)	-6.13%

TOWN GRAND LIST         \$ 19,068,099         \$ 19,982,413         \$ 19,068,099         \$ 19,982,181         \$ 19,982,181           TOWN TAX RATE         \$ 0.3468         \$ 0.3651         \$ 0.3566         \$ 0.3571         \$ 0.3569	NET BUDGET	\$ 6,8	370,370	\$	3,960,881	\$ 7,0	108,621	\$ 7	448,802	\$ 7,015,212	\$ 7	,131,841	\$ 1	116,629	1.66%
TE 0.3468 \$ 0.3651 \$ 0.3506 \$ 0.3906 \$ 0.3511 \$ 0	TOWN GRAND LIST	\$ 19,8	310,000	\$ 15	9,068,099	\$ 19,5	992,413	\$ 19,	068,099	\$ 19,982,181	\$ 19	,982,181	\$	•	0.00%
	TOWN TAX RATE	\$	0.3468	\$	0.3651	\$	0.3506	\$	0.3906		\$	0.3569	\$	0.0058	1.66%

Revised 1/31/2011

#### STOWE 5-YEAR EQUIPMENT FUND

DEPT	VEHICLE	MAKE	PURCHASE YEAR	REPLACEMENT VALUE	LIFE	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15
FIRE	1800 GAL TANKER W2	FREIGHTLINER	2008	\$220,000	30					
FIRE	SILVERADO UTILITY TRUCK	CHEVY	2003	\$32,000	15					
FIRE	REEL TRUCK 4X4 E2 **	INTERNATIONAL	1981	\$500,000	30					
FIRE	4X4 TRUCK W/PUMP E3	INTERNATIONAL	1986	\$200,000	30					
FIRE	AERIAL LADDER TRUCK T1***	SUTPHEN	1991	\$300,000	30					
	2574 TANKER TRUCK W1	INTERNATIONAL	1994	\$200,000	30					
	PUMPER TRUCK E1	AMERICAN LAFRANCE	2001	\$350,000	30					
FIRE	16 RESCUE 1 R1	INTERNATIONAL	1996	\$300,000	30					
	WHEELOADER 1	CATERPILLAR	1996	\$135,000	15		\$ 135,000			
	WHEELOADER 2	JOHN DEERE	2000	\$150,000	15					\$ 150,000
	DUMP - 7600 6 WHEELER	INTERNATIONAL	2000	\$170,000	12		\$ 170,000			
	DUMP - 7600 6 WHEELER	INTERNATIONAL	2003	\$170,000	12			ļ		\$ 170,000
	DUMP - 7600 TANDEM	INTERNATIONAL	2004	\$170,000	12			ļ	<u> </u>	
	DUMP - 7600 TANDEM	INTERNATIONAL	2005	\$170,000	12					
	DUMP - 7600 TANDEM	INTERNATIONAL	2007	\$170,000	12					
HIGHWAY	DUMP - 7600 TANDEM	INTERNATIONAL	2009	\$170,000	12					
	DUMP - 7600 TANDEM	INTERNATIONAL	2010	\$170,000	12				<u> </u>	
	GRADER	JOHN DEERE	1996	\$215,000	25				-	
	772D MOTORGRADER	JOHN DEERE	2005	\$215,000	25					
HIGHWAY	F-350 PICKUP (SHOP)	FORD	2008	\$35,000	10					
HIGHWAY	F-550 1.5 TON DUMP TRUCK	FORD	2011	\$70,000	10	\$ 70,000			<u> </u>	
HIGHWAY	F-350 PICKUP (VILLAGE)	FORD	2004	\$35,000	10				\$ 35,000	
HIGHWAY	F-250 FOREMAN'S PICKUP	FORD	2011	\$35,000	5	\$ 35,000				
HIGHWAY	763-SKID STEER LOADER	BOBCAT	1999	\$34,000	10					
	5600 TURBO WORK MACHINE	BOBCAT	2007	\$40,000	10					
HIGHWAY	EXCAVATOR EW17D	VOLVO	2001	\$180,000	16					
	F-550	FORD	2011	\$85,000	25	\$ 85,000				
MTN RES	CREW CAB 4WD PICKUP		2003	\$35,000	15					
PARKS	KUBOTA TRACTOR	KUBOTA	2010	\$32,000	15					
PARKS	72" EXMARK MOWER	EXMARK	2010	\$13,000	6					
	72" EXMARK MOWER	EXMARK	2011	\$13,000	6	\$ 13,000				
	72" EXMARK MOWER	EXMARK	2006	\$13,000	6		\$ 13,000			
PARKS	BOBCAT UTILITY	BOBCAT	2008	\$20,000	10					
	SKID STEER BOBCAT	BOBCAT	2008	\$25,000	10					
	F-350 PICKUP - STAFF 1	FORD	2006	\$30,000	10					
	F-350 PICKUP - STAFF 2	FORD	2006	\$30,000	10					
-	F-350 PICKUP - STAFF 4	FORD	2008	\$30,000	10					
	F-350 DUMP - STAFF 5	FORD	2007	\$35,000	12					
	F-350 PICKUP - STAFF 6	FORD	2005	\$30,000	10				ļ	\$ 30,000
	F-350 DUMP - SEASONAL	FORD	1992	\$35,000	12			\$ 35,000		
	ZAMBONI	ZAMBONI	2008	\$85,000	18					
	SNOWMACHINE & GROOMER	SKANDIC SWT		\$17,000	10		\$ 17,000			
	UNMARKED CRUISER	CHEVY	2003	\$27,000	10			\$ 27,000		
	SPECIAL EVENTS SMALL SUV	FORD	2003	\$32,000	6					
	ACO SMALL SUV	TOYOTA	2009	\$27,000	7					
	CHIEF SMALL SUV	FORD	2009	\$27,000	10					
	SUPERVISORS SMALL SUV	CHEVY	2011	\$32,000	4	\$ 32,000				\$ 32,000
	PATROL 1 FULL SUV	CHEVY	2010	\$35,000	4				\$ 35,000	
	PATROL 2 FULL SUV	GMC	2006	\$35,000	4		\$ 35,000			
-	PATROL 3 FULL SUV	FORD	2011	\$35,000	4	\$ 35,000				\$ 35,000
	PATRUL 4 FULL SUV	FORD:	2808 · · ·	\$35,000	···		\$ 35,000		1	
	F-450 ROAD AMBULANCE	FORD	2011	\$155,000	8				\$ 155,000	
RESCUE	F-450 ROAD AMBULANCE	FORD	2003	\$155,000	8	\$ 155,000		L	L	
l			Total Fleet Value:	\$5,559,000						
l					al Expense:		\$ 405,000	\$ 62,000		\$ 417,000
l				Beginning Fu			\$ 86,821	\$ 51,821	\$ 359,821	\$ 504,821
1					nd Transfer:		\$ 370,000	\$ 370,000	\$ 370,000	\$ 370,000
	y, will be subject to separate voter	approval given its expense			er Revenue:	,	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
*** - Will be	purchased as a used vehicle			Ending Fu	nd Balance:	\$ 86,821	\$ 51,821	\$ 359,821	\$ 504,821	\$ 457,821

Rotation of used Police vehicles, passed down to other departments:	LIFE CYCLE	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15
Admin SUV (replace every 4 years)	4		X			
Recreation SUV (replace every 4 years)	4	х				Х
Police Special Events SUV (replace every 4 years)	4		X			
Rescue SUV (replace every 4 years)	4				Х	

Rotation of used Highway Foreman's F-250 pick-up, passed down within the department:

Highway Parts Pickup (replace every 5 years)

<sup>\*</sup>A printout of the projected Equipment Fund through fiscal year 2038 is available at the Town offices or on the Town of Stowe website www.townofstowevt.org.

#### SELECTBOARD REPORT

The past year has been one in which a number of projects have been completed and plans for advancing other projects have been settled.

In the spring , Stowe's fire, emergency medical, police and mountain rescue organizations moved into the new Public Safety Building. Owing to the efforts of many, the project was completed under budget. In November, voters approved reallocation of \$700,000 of the remaining bond proceeds toward much needed reconstruction of the Town vault, planned for the 2011 construction season. The cupola on the Akeley Memorial Building will also be reconstructed this construction season, preserving the historic integrity of our town landmark. The West Branch School House, now situated next to the Helen Day Art Center and Stowe Free Library, is ready to host the Stowe Historical Society. A long-planned sidewalk was constructed from Weeks Hill Road to the Rusty Nail, making the lower Mountain Road safer for pedestrians.

Planning for a number of other enhancements to municipal facilities advanced in the past year. In May, the Selectboard adopted a new master plan for the Memorial Park recreation complex. A new ice arena, if approved by voters at Town Meeting, will be the centerpiece of the Park. A location for the skateboard park has been identified, and a new multi-purpose recreation center to replace the David Gale Center is envisioned. The Selectboard expresses its gratitude to the Recreation Commission and volunteer members of the Memorial Park Steering Committee for developing a consensus master plan that can accommodate the community's evolving recreation interests while respecting the original intent of the donors of the Memorial Park property.

Several other events during the past year are notable milestones. The bond issued in 1990 to purchase the Mayo Farm has been paid off, and the 235 acres acquired are being well used. The new Stowe Vibrancy Inc. completed an active year of sponsoring events in Stowe Village. The nascent "Rec Path Grooming Group" has brought attention to the Rec Path's potential for nordic skiing. Both organizations are bringing new energy and vitality to the town. Stowe Land Trust conserved yet another parcel, Kirchner Woods, for the use and enjoyment of residents and visitors for many years to come. They also replaced the bridge at the conserved Adams Camp property across the Ranch Brook. And Stowe Mountain Resort opened its new performing arts center, strengthening Stowe as a premier resort destination by enhancing cultural arts in the region.

While State Education taxes continue to comprise the much larger share

of overall property tax bills, the Selectboard has been mindful of the burden that property taxes impose, particularly during in difficult economic times. Due in large part to the Town Manager's leadership and a hard-working group of department heads, the Selectboard is able this year to propose a net General Fund budget for Fiscal Year 2012 is a modest 1.7% higher than in Fiscal Year 2011 – an increase roughly equal to the rate of inflation over the par year – even as contractual wage rates, benefit costs and other expenses have risen, and as the substantial debt service for the new Public Safety Building is rolled into the budget.

The Town, especially over the last thirty years, has built, improved or acquired a substantial number of facilities – the Helen Day, the Ski Museum, Jackson Arena, extended sidewalks, the Mayo Farm, expanded and modernized sewer and water treatment facilities, a fire and rescue building, a police station, and now a new consolidated Public Safety, to name just a few. The more infrastructure the Town builds, the more it will need to eventually repair, rebuild or replace. This point is driven home by the deterioration of the Helen Day only 30 years after renovation, the Akeley building cupola and the roof and the Jackson Arena all buildings originally donated to the town.

Other rehabilitation projects, such as reconstruction of several highway bridges, may also require significant investment in future years. With the Selectboard's support, the Town Manager and Public Works staff are putting in place the processes to systematically survey and monitor the Town's infrastructure, so that the fiscal demands of future capital projects can be forecast. While the voters must ultimately choose the best balance between publicly-owned amenities and tax burden, the need to maintain what we have may temper our capacity to add new municipal programs and amenities.

In spite of a world-wide economic recession, Stowe remains a great place to live and has bright prospects for the future. We thank you for the opportunity to set the direction of the Town's municipal government during the past year.

Respectfully submitted, Larry Lackey, Chair Norm Williams, Vice Chair Adam Davis Neil Van Dyke Paco Aumand

#### **CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT**

The Stowe Cemetery Commission has five members: Donna Adams, Chair, Leigh Tabor, Vice Chair, George von Trapp, Treasurer, Joy Fagan and Judy Demeritt. We owe thanks to Barbara Allaire who is dedicated to providing secretarial support, and Bruce Godin, Superintendent of Cemeteries who directs the Parks and Recreation crew in the maintenance of the town's seven cemeteries including opening for burials, installation of cornerposts, and supervising various contractors who work in the cemeteries.

In reviewing the current Rules and Regulations, the commission added new language for larger/taller monuments to insure public safety and the longevity of memorials and their foundations. After discussion with the Select Board we decided to prohibit dogs in the cemeteries.

New information kiosks have been added to Riverbank, Old Yard and West Branch cemeteries. The commission designed brochures outlining current Rules and Regulations, and guidelines for location of plants around memorials, and also brochures containing historical information for each cemetery. We will continue to add maps and new information in the coming year.

Since many of the older monuments were placed without foundations, the Parks and Recreation staff continues to restore old monuments as they have time between mowing and trimming, especially in Old Yard. It is necessary to contract with memorial dealers for major restoration work that is necessary in our historic cemeteries and that continues to be a focus of the commission.

Several trees in Riverbank Cemetery have been removed since their age and condition dictates that they are in danger of falling. We will be replacing them in the future.

Pat Haslam's book, "The Annotated Cemetery Book II, Stowe, Vermont 1798-1915: Four Record Books" is for sale at Bear Pond Books, thanks to the generosity of its proprietor. We are also working on contacting other state libraries, historical societies and genealogical organizations as well as updating the website to encourage the sale of this resource book.

The garage at Riverbank was converted to a new home for the two Victorian hearses that were donated to the Town of Stowe by the Stafford family. There is a viewing window and small parking area next to the historic White House. A plaque has been designed and will be installed in the future along with informational brochures. The restoration of the hearses remains on hold due to financial and time constraints.

We welcome the public to our monthly meetings.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Adams

#### 2009 CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

2010 was another active and enjoyable year for the Stowe Conservation Commission. Below is a summary of the year's activities.

#### **Stowe & Waterbury Recreation Guide**

Working with the Recreation Commission, Waterbury Conservation Commission and Green Mountain Byway Committee, the Commission developed a comprehensive recreation map and guide for Stowe and Waterbury. The guide is free of charge and showcases all the recreational opportunities that are available in the area. It is available at the Stowe Area Association, Town Hall among other locations.

#### Conservationist of the Year Award

At the annual Town Meeting the Commission presented its Conservationist of the Year award to Leslie Gauff and Barbara Gameroff in appreciation of their "Green Space" column, which appears weekly in the Stowe Reporter. The column addresses issues related to energy conservation, the environment and health.

#### **Green-up Day**

For the third year the Commission coordinated the town's Green-Up Day. Once again, we would like to give special thanks to the Sunset Grille & Tap Room for hosting the event. The restaurant provides us with a warm and welcoming gathering space for everyone who participate in the event. We look forward to continuing this effort and invite everyone to join us on Saturday, May 7, 2011.

#### Sterling Forest Catamount Trail Bridge Replacement

The Commission supported the replacement of a deteriorated pedestrian bridge along the Catamount Trail in Sterling Forest. The Commission provided the funding for materials and the work was completed by volunteers on National Trails Day. The next National Trails day will be on Saturday, June 4, 2011. We will be working with the Stowe Mountain Bike Club and Stowe Land Trust on a trail work event for that day.

#### Moscow Recreation Field Invasive Plant Species Control

This past fall the Commission completed the second phase of a knotweed eradication project along the bank of the Little River at the Moscow Recreation Field. We will be working with the Lamoille County Natural Resource Conservation District this spring to re-plant the bank with natural

plant species. We will also work with the Stowe Elementary School in an effort to eradicate mustard garlic, another invasive species that is spreading on the property

#### **Macutchan Forest**

The Commission completed a partial clearing of the overlook in Macutchan Forest to open up the view to Mt. Mansfield and purchased a new picnic table for the overlook.

#### **Adams Camp Trail Development**

The Commission participated in a successful VT Recreational Trails grant application that was used to hire the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps to begin work on a new mountain bike trail system on the Adams Camp property. The Stowe Mountain Bike Club provided additional volunteer and professional labor to complete the construction of a state-of-the-art 2-mile long trail that connects Ranch Brook Rd. to the Haul Rd. The Commission also contributed funds to the construction of a new bridge across Ranch Brook to access the property. The project was spearheaded by Stowe Land Trust and the bridge was completed at the end of November, just in time for the cross country ski season. Conservation Commission members in 2010 included:

Danielle Fitzko, Chair, Marina Meerburg, Vice-chair, David Jaqua, Bruce Harmon, Robert Fahey, Richard Hennessey, Richie Conte, Jason Kirchick and newest member M.E. Lawlor

Respectfully submitted, Tom Jackman, *Planning Director* 



Adams Camp Bridge Ribbon Cutting

#### COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES

Appointed by the Selectboard, the Collector of Delinquent Taxes' sole responsibility is to collect past due Town and School taxes listed on the Town Treasurer's Warrant following the installment due dates in August, November, February and May of each year. The following chart shows the delinquent amount immediately following the deadline.

In order to offset the cost of collecting delinquent taxes and in order to stimulate timely payment, Title 32 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated and Chapter 9 of the Town Charter provide for interest charges to be assessed against all delinquent accounts. These revenues are turned over to the Town's General Fund.

The Town of Stowe follows a firm, consistent and fair policy of collecting delinquent taxes. All taxes are required to be in the hands of the Treasurer by the deadline. Postmarks by the appropriate due date are acceptable.

Delinquent taxes are billed monthly, and every effort is made to accommodate people who try to satisfy their obligation. The Town's policy is to send all accounts with any portion due, one year or more, in arrears to the Town Attorney for tax sale. Although this may seem harsh to some, experience has shown that those few accounts that remain delinquent after one year will be paid only if the Town follows this avenue. After all, the collection of delinquent taxes has a direct bearing on the Town's financial condition. In most tax sale cases, full payment is made before the tax sale actually becomes final.

Respectfully submitted,
ALISON A. KAISER
Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Remaining Delinquent Amount as of 6/30/2010	08 08	0\$ 0\$ 0\$	09 09 09 9	\$0 \$0 \$1 \$19,803	\$27,022 \$79,719 \$115,482 \$207,661
% Delinquent of Total Billed	7.28% 5.32% 5.40% 4.78% 5.70%	7.27% 4.86% 6.67% <u>5.70%</u> 6.12%	6.38% 5.69% 5.33% 5.38% 5.70%	8.02% 5.20% 4.56% 5.38% 5.79%	7.97% 4.24% 6.15% 6.12%
Delinquent Warrant Amount	\$475,931 \$347,954 \$352,831 \$312,657 \$1,489,374	\$547,841 \$366,319 \$502,642 <u>\$429,663</u> \$1,846,464	\$524,530 \$468,141 \$438,369 <u>\$442,640</u> \$1,873,680	\$737,845 \$477,905 \$419,119 \$495,186 \$2,130,056	\$784,705 \$417,130 \$605,426 \$602,405 \$2,409,667
Amount <u>Billed</u>	\$6,537,364 \$6,537,364 \$6,537,364 \$6,537,364 \$26,149,457	\$7,538,556 \$7,538,556 \$7,538,556 \$7,538,556 \$30,154,226	\$8,223,116 \$8,223,116 \$8,223,116 \$8,223,116 \$32,892,464	\$9,195,822 \$9,195,822 \$9,195,822 \$9,195,822 \$36,783,288	\$9,842,981 \$9,842,981 \$9,842,981 \$9,842,981 \$39,371,923
Warrant Date	August, 2005 November, 2005 February, 2006 May, 2006 TOTAL	August, 2006 November, 2006 February, 2007 May, 2007 TOTAL	August, 2007 November, 2007 February, 2008 May, 2008 TOTAL	August, 2008 November, 2008 February, 2009 May, 2009 TOTAL	August, 2009 November, 2009 February, 2010 May, 2010 TOTAL

TOTAL OUTSTANDING DELINQUENCIES AS OF 6/30/2010

\$449,687

#### 2010 REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

In FY'10 the Development Review Board reviewed and issued decisions for 17 subdivisions, 21 conditional uses, and 8 Ridgeline and Hillside Overlay projects.

There have been several Board membership changes. Charles Lusk resigned after many years of dedicated service. Michael Beugnies joined the Board in December 2010. Residents are encouraged to let the Town Manager know of their potential interest in serving on the Board if vacancies occur.

Administratively, Richard Baker continues to serve as the Zoning Administrative Officer. As the Administrative Officer Rich helps applicants get ready for the Board's review, prepares warnings and agendas, writes draft decisions, and provides technical assistance to the Board. Once again this year, Barbara Allaire has served as the Board's secretary. We appreciate her many years of continued service.

The many evening meetings and countless volunteer hours of the Board are invaluable to the community and are greatly appreciated.

BRIAN LEVEN, Chair Stowe Development Review Board

LYNN ALTADONNA MICHAEL BEUGNIES PETER COLLOTTA DREW CLYMER MICHAEL DIENDER BRIAN LEVEN DOUGLAS WHITE

#### TOWN OF STOWE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT 394 MOUNTAIN ROAD, P.O. BOX 190 TEL: (802) 253-7215

During the past year, the Stowe Electric Department, (SED) continued to maintain reliable electric service at a reasonable cost. Some of the actions taken to that end are outlined below.

In April 2010, after due consideration, SED moved the administrative office to leased space on Old Farm Road, Plans are under way to sell the previously purchased property and recover our costs incurred for that project.

With a view toward achieving low rates and maximizing service, the Electric Commission and SED explored various available options, including a possible merger with other local utilities or the sale of SED to an investor owned utility. After careful consideration and commissioning a report from an independent electric utility consulting firm, it was recommended to the Select Board that SED remain a local "at cost" power provider at this time

SED has decommissioned older substations to improve the efficiency and reliability of the electrical distribution system. Our four current substations are all in excellent condition and all meet the National Electrical Safety Codes, ensuring our ratepayers consistent power in the years to come. SED has also undertaken eight capital equipment projects which will further enhance our reliability, including the expansion of the Wilkins substation, upgrades and improvements on Maple Street and Pucker Street, the Notchbrook area, Weeks Hill, West Hill and Stowe Hollow, and ongoing upgrades and replacement of aging equipment. These efforts and the investment in the components of the 115KV line which was energized last November were financed by the debt authorized by the voters in November 2008. The projects completed to date have come in under budget as well.

SED continues to work toward the implementation of "smart meters", which will enable ratepayers to conserve energy and reduce their cost through the more efficient use of electricity and reduction of peak power consumption. While much progress has been made, there is a great deal of work remaining to ensure that the SED ratepayers receive the best value with the least inconvenience. Much of this cost is to be borne by a grant of \$895,000 from the federal government

SED welcomes and encourages environmentally viable power and local sources. We have contracts for power from the local hydroelectric facility at Moscow Mills, the larger hydro producers at Niagara and St. Lawrence, New York and are in the process of renewing our contract for power from Hydro Quebec. We have no contracts in place with the regional nuclear power generator and purchase no energy from that source. We have seven customers on

line with solar net metering, one more in process, and one local farm which is in progress to produce "cow-power" or manure to energy.

SED also implemented a more efficient software system to provide the ratepayers with faster and more comprehensive customer service, and increase the efficiency and effectiveness of its administrative staff.

SED continues to provide support services to Hyde Park, for which it receives fair compensation. SED continues to explore all avenues which will give the most consistent energy and service at the most affordable cost to its ratepayers. We thank all of our customers for their support this past year.

Respectfully submitted, ELLEN L. BURT General Manager



# DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

We are a unique service as we are one of only a handful that provide service to a single community and have both volunteer and paid staff. We continue to provide 24 hour 7 days a week coverage. At least half of that coverage has been at a Paramedic level. Volunteer EMS providers have provided roughly 21,900 of hours of

level. Volunteer EMS providers have provided roughly 21,900 of hours of coverage in the past year for an estimated savings of \$262,800 to the town taxpayers. During the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm we strive to schedule a paid Paramedic that complements the volunteer crew. This allows us to provide a more advanced level of care within the community. During the hours of 6:00 pm and 6:00 am we have a volunteer crew that responds to calls and we rely on mutual aid services to provide Paramedics.

Currently we have 44 members (38 volunteers and 6 paid staff). In FY 10 we ran 575 calls. We continue to bill for our service and this returned 60% of our operating budget in FY 10. We currently gain 40 % of our budget from tax dollars. In our budget 74.07 % is for personnel costs and 25.93 % is for operations. With these figures it costs the town of Stowe \$595.62 per call. Our recovery is roughly \$358.88 per call with the remaining \$236.73 per call being requested for allotment from the town. With coming changes in the Medicare system, we anticipate a 3.5 - 4% reduction in our reimbursement from Medicare next year which means that our income projections have decreased significantly. On the expense side, we anticipate with the passing of Vermont Act 142 there will be a significant increase in the amount of training dollars due to a doubling of the amount of hours required for an EMT (currently 36 being increased to 72 per two years). This is substantial when you consider the number of people involved (44 X 36 = 1,584 hours per two years).

Thanks to the other Emergency and Non-Emergency services that have responded to our calls for help over the years and assisted our agency with the completion of our mission to provide treatment and transportation to the sick and injured.

Please join me in thanking all those responders that have made the commitment to put in the many hours (approximately ~690 hours per year - that is 1/3 of a full time job!) that it takes to respond to emergencies in the community. If at any time you have questions or comments, please call our non-emergency number at 253-9060.

Respectfully,

JON R. BOUFFARD, BS, FP-C, CCP-C

#### STOWE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Stowe Fire Department is completing its 105th year of service to the town of Stowe.

I would personally like to thank my assistant Chiefs, Captains, Lieutenants, firefighters and junior firefighters for their hard work and dedication to the fire service. To my officers, each with their own gifts and talents I extend my appreciation in their efforts to keep us running as professionally and smoothly as possible. To all our members, balancing full time jobs, families, responding to calls, keeping their training skills up and helping in the daily activities of the department, Stowe Fire Department is a truly wonderful hard working organization.

For the period 1/1/09 - 12/31/09, the department responded to 214 calls, the following is a break down:

Fires-18 (chimney, structure and electrical) Wild land fires- 6
Motor vehicle accidents - 23
Hazardous conditions- 18
Medical assist- 3
Fire alarm activation- 104
Carbon monoxide- 19
Good intent- 15
Mutual aid fires- 8 (neighboring towns)

The department has settled into its new quarters and it's good to be back home. We have been involved with the Fire Prevention program with the schools and parents. This year we had a special open house at the station for fire prevention week. The department, through a state grant installed a dry hydrant in Nebraska valley, an added water source. The association remains active with the wounded warrior program nationally. The department continues to build the junior program to train and ready our future firefighters.

The department wishes to thank the town for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted, MARK SGANTAS, *Chief* 

#### HELEN DAY ART CENTER

School Street, PO Box 411, Stowe, VT 05672, 802 253 8358
<a href="https://www.helenday.com">www.helenday.com</a> Gallery Hours:
<a href="https://www.helenday.com">Wednesday –Sunday 12:00-5:00 during exhibits</a>.

Helen Day Art Center's mission is to enhance the human experience through the visual arts.

2010 was a banner year for our exhibitions program, welcoming *Wafaa Bilal*, an Iraqi-American artist to the galleries for a solo exhibition in the winter, a show which attracted numerous visitors to view it and to the public programs. It was also chosen a s "Critic's Pick" in *Art Forum*, the premier international art magazine. Another highlight was the *Habitat for Artists* project, sited at the entrance to the recreation path.

This temporary artist studio was used by 16 regional artists over 8 weeks. The project makes the creative process visible to the public, and integrates the community and public dialogue into the artwork. *Exposed* outdoor sculpture exhibition celebrated its nineteenth year this summer and fall, gracing the village, the recreation path and parts of the Mountain Road with artwork.

2010 was the fourth year of our revived arts education program and featured over 60 classes for youth and adults. We connected with over 300 enrollees and made scholarships to many to ensure that the Arts are open to everyone. Highlights included Digital Photography 101 with Paul Rogers; Halloween Costume Design, Printmaking, Marbelizing, and Ceramic Circus with Natasha Bogar; Mixed Media with Liz Kauffman; Japanese Woodblock Printing with Alex Angio; and Dry-fit Stonewall Building with Craig Royce.

The Annual Student Art Show was once again a joyous assault on our eyes with great artwork by Stowe students and Thatcher Brook Elementary students.

Community Events included the Taste of Stowe Arts Festival, the Halloween "Paint with light" video projection and the Festival of Trees and Light, the Giving Tree and the Member Art Show. Each of these was a tremendous success this year.

We inspired our community in 2010 through exhibitions, arts education, public programs, and special events with tremendous support from our Board of Trustees, staff, community volunteers and the numerous sponsors, donors and members who make what we do possible. Thank you!

We are very proud of our accomplishments in 2010 and all that we have contributed to the community. Don't miss one inspirational moment; visit the Helen Day Art Center in 2011!

Yours,

#### 2010 HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Stowe Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) performs design review for exterior alterations, demolition and relocation of historic buildings and for any development within the Stowe Historic Overlay District (SHOD). In addition, the SHPC promotes town projects that foster historic preservation. The Commission celebrated ten years of service this year. It is proud of its record of helping promote development that is aesthetically compatible with the existing historic character of the Stowe Village and Lower Village and with other historic buildings outside of the SHOD.

In 2010, the Commission reviewed 22 applications. Richard Baker, Zoning Director, serves as staff to the SHPC for design review. Tom Jackman, Planning Director, serves as staff to the SHPC for town historic preservation projects.

In 2008, the SHPC initiated its new Preservation Design Review Award program that recognizes property owners for outstanding stewardship of their historic buildings. Since the initiation of the awards program, the Commission has honored eleven property owners who each received a bronze plaque with the approximate construction date of the building.

In 2010, Tim Meehan resigned from the Commission after many years of dedicated service. Robert Lawlor joined the Board in December 2010.

Respectfully Submitted, Sam Scofield, Chair

Tim Meehan Barbara Baraw Sarah McLane Chris Carey Lucinda B. McKechnie Gordon Dixon Robert Lawlor

#### STOWE FREE LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

Stowe residents are big supporters of their public library. They understand that whether they use the library, as hopefully they do, or not, the library stands as a symbol of self-education and learning opportunities. The motto of our library that greets people overhead as they enter says it all: "To Welcome....to Inspire....To Enrich the Mind."

A review of services and usage over the past year reveals the importance of the library in the lives of our citizens and visitors. There were 2,235 visits in the average week or an annual 116, 220 visits. Registered adult cardholders number 5,808 while 713 children under age 14 hold cards. It must be noted that some cardholders are from neighboring towns and are willing to pay an annual fee to use our library. Another impressive statistic is the 99,331 library items that were borrowed last year. In addition, program attendance rose to 4,215 people. In a typical week, 300 people use the library computers to access the Internet, email, create word documents, etc. Many people now bring their own laptops to utilize our WiFi system.

The Children's Library hosted many activities during the 2009 "Be Creative @ your Library" summer reading program. Storyteller Tom Stamp kicked off the summer with musician Rik Palieri. Children came to a teddy bear sleepover, a story hour with a Vt. Lake Monsters baseball player, and a magic show. Young adults attended a Japanese manga drawing class and an anime film festival held in conjunction with the Helen Day Art Center. During the winter holidays, the Beatrix Potter Doll House arrived from the Vermont Department of Libraries and was on display in the children's library. Also in 2009, Children's Librarian Julie Pickett became a member of the Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award committee, the oldest children's choice award program in the country.

It is especially rewarding to announce the completion of Phases 1 and 2 of the Capital Construction Project for the Helen Day Memorial Building.

Stephanie Chase, our Library Director for the past 3 years, resigned in October 2010 to accept a new job in Portland, Oregon. Stephanie should be credited for major changes in our automated computer system and streamlining audio services at our library by creating the Green Mountain Library Consortium, a network of over 30 Vermont libraries.

Many thanks for the generosity of the following: The Copley-Munson Fund, the Graham Family Poetry Fund, the Winnie Bell Learned Grant, The Summer Reading Program Performer Grant, the LSTA Resource Sharing Grant, and many individual donors.

Thanks go to our hard-working staff, dedicated Board, and the generous Friends group to continue Stephanie's good work in making the Stowe Free Library one of the best libraries in the state. Finally, all of us on the library team appreciate the continued strong support of the Stowe community.

Charlotte Maison Kastner, Interim Library Director

#### STOWE FREE LIBRARY TRUSTEE'S REPORT

The Library Trustees had a busy and productive year; here are the high-lights:

- We approved the 2010-2015 Long Range Plan, highlighting the areas of Programs and Services, Library Collection, Space Needs, and the everchanging and all-important Technology. Our thanks to those patrons who offered their input through focus and online surveys last year.
- Nancy Stead and Trisha Fong ended their terms on the board and we
  welcomed new board members Stefi Clymer and David Bryan. Longtime chair and treasurer, Dick Johannesen ceded the gavel to Jo Sabel
  Courtney, incoming chair, and the ledger to Meg Kauffman, our new
  treasurer. The commitment and service that Dick offered the library can't
  be understated, and we thank him for many years of service.
- The Trustees accepted the resignation of Library Director Stephanie Chase with regret. Stephanie accepted a position at the Multnomah County Library in Portland, Oregon and left us at the end of October. We were fortunate that former Stowe Free Library Director, Charlotte Maison Kastner was available to serve as the interim director. A committee comprised of trustees Stefi Clymer and Jo Sabel Courtney; Town Manager Charles Safford; Human Resources Coordinator Susanne Gann, and Charlotte Maison Kastner, was formed, and the search for a new director commenced immediately. The committee's intention was to have the new director in place by mid-January.
- The library sponsored two OSHER lectures. Funding was made possible through the Sandra Fearons bequest.
- The trustees worked with Northern Architects of Burlington to explore maximizing and enhancing the library interior to meet the expanding needs of our patrons. The new director will implement this project.

Our Long Range Plan, library policies, and an abundance of other information is available on our website, stowelibrary.org. (Did you know you could also browse our entire library AND put a hold on books and DVDS online?)

The Library Trustees wish to express their gratitude to the staff for their dedication and professionalism, to our invaluable volunteers, to the enormously supportive Friends of the Stowe Free Library, and to all of our patrons.

Respectfully Submitted, Jo Sabel Courtney, Chair David Bryan, Co-Chair Phyllis Thibault, Secretary Richard J. Johannesen, Jr Meg Kauffman, Treasurer Stefi Clymer Frits Momsen

Our Mission: To welcome, to inspire, to enrich the mind

#### THE FRIENDS OF THE STOWE FREE LIBRARY

The Friends of Stowe Free Library, through membership, donations, fundraising and volunteer efforts, continues to help provide materials and programs for the Library.

This year's summer Book Sale was again successful, despite construction and weather problems that resulted in a shorter sale. The Annual Plant Sale, held in late May, was a great fundraiser, as well as an opportunity for local gardeners to purchase plants at a great price and share gardening knowledge and expertise.

The Friends' contributions to the Library this year supported the Baby and Toddler Story Hour, provided daily passes to region-wide museums for Library members and assisted with the purchase of DVD's. New this year, the Friends held a series of talks titled "In Your Own Backyard." The series featured local speakers on topics ranging from edible landscaping to the history and building of stone walls.

We want to extend our appreciation to our many members, volunteers and contributors who have made our support to the Library possible.

Respectfully submitted, Dee Reever, President Friends of Stowe Free Library



Teen Night at Stowe Free Library

#### STOWE FREE LIBRARY INCOME SUMMARY FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2010

Book Sale Share from Friends	
Copier Fees	1,469
Registration Fees	4,920
Material Replacement	813
Bank Account Interest	316
Donations	1,844
Endowment Income-Realized	13,200
Other Income	120
Income before Grants	\$33,682
Total Grant Income	\$3,100
STOWE FREE LIBRARY ASSETS	
JUNE 30, 2010	
CASH	
CASH Checking Account	\$3,359
Development Account (Incl. 2 unrestricted bequests)	64.867
Cash Drawer	75
Cash Drawer Total Cash Accounts	\$68,301
ENDOWMENT FUNDS	
Montanari Fund	
Restricted. Income to be used for books, materials and supplies.	
Principal can only be used by agreement with Selectboard.	
Sentinel Balanced Fund	\$326,714
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Susan W. Downer and Mrs. A. H. Slayton Fund	
Unrestricted. Income can be used as desired. Principal should	
remain untouched. Union Bankshare Common Stock	¢121 200
Fidelity Short-term Bond Fund	14,022
10ta1	\$146,021
Rogers and Emily Adams Fund	
Restricted. Can be used for books and materials only,	
specifically not for furniture and maintenance. Principal can	
be drawn down to \$200. Designed as a receptacle for other gifts	š.
Fidelity Asset Manager: 20%	\$13,578
Doris Houston Fund	
Restricted. Income to be used for library expenses. Principal	
to remain untouched.	
Dodge & Cox Relenced Fund	\$20,122
Dodge & Cox Balanced Fund	2 6 A D
Total	\$32,772
Total Endowment Funds	\$519,085

#### STOWE BOARD OF LISTERS

Stowe has started a reappraisal of all properties which will be done for the 2012 grand list. As of March meeting 2011, approximately one third of the residential properties will have been re-inspected. Tim Morrissey, who is a Vermont licensed real estate appraiser and who worked as the Town Appraiser from 1996 to 2003, is doing the inspections. The areas of the town that have been inspected include: Route 100, north and south, and the side roads and developments, West Hill and Sterling Valley, Moscow, Shaw Hill, River Road, and Nebraska Valley. The North Hill and Gold Brook neighborhoods should be started by the March meeting date. After that, the Stowe Hollow area will be done. It is expected that by summer the Mountain Road, Weeks Hill and west will begin having the inspections done. Before an area is started, a letter is sent to the property owners informing them of the start of inspections. The commercial and condominium properties have been started and are being done by Tom Vickery.

Stowe is currently around 95% of fair market value. The average range in ratios is from 85% to 110%. The purpose of the reappraisal is to tighten this range. The 2005 reappraisal was done when the real estate market was rising (peaked in 2006) and everything would sell – it was a seller's market. The market has since declined over the past two years. This market is much more discriminating which has resulted in properties with more deferred maintenance and functional problems not selling as well as in 2005. These are the properties over 100% of fair market value. The reappraisal will correct this problem and tax burdens on these properties should be lessened as these values will decrease. Some other properties may see an increase in value (those in the 85% range).

Property owners have been very good about allowing inspections. Approximately 95% of the properties have had interior inspections in the areas covered. If any property in these areas has not been inspected, the owner should contact the office for an inspection. A property owner has the right to deny an inspection. The town has the obligation to set a value that is fair to the property owner and fair to the other property owners in the town. This office has always tried to be understanding of a refusal, but, at the least, would like to conduct an outside visual inspection to make sure our measurements are correct. It behooves the property owner to go over our measurements and to talk to Tim or Tom.

This is a very important project for the town and for the property owners. It ensures equity in taxes. With the current tax policy of Act 68, an inequitable grand list can adversely affect all the property taxpayers in the town.

Stowe Board of Listers: Ellen Thorndike, Paul E. Percy and Leo V. Clark

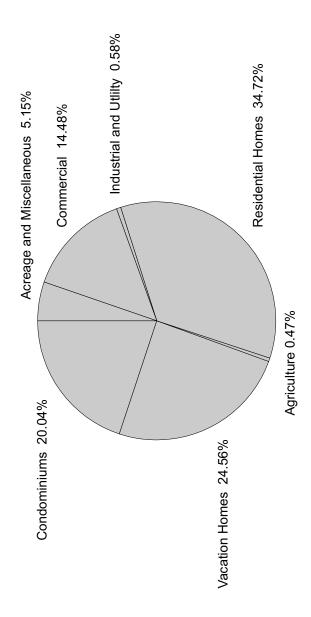
Year to Year Comparison of Grand List Totals, Budgets and Tax Rates

YEAR	GRAND LIST	GRAND LIST	RATIO TO	TOWN	SCHOOL TAX RAISED	SCHOOL TAX RAISED	TAX RATE	TAX RATE
1977	132,917,100		100%	630,833	1,288,000		1.44	
1978	138,127,700		%26	676,826	1,256,963		1.40	
1979	143,687,400		88%	787,407	1,339,167		1.48	
1980	150,217,500		83%	941,864	1,446,595		1.59	
1981	157,978,100		78%	1,034,756	1,540,286		1.63	
1982	173,020,100		%02	1,200,892	1,809,990		1.74	
1983	182,434,800		%59	1,311,392	1,842,100		1.73	
1984	327,917,100		100%	1,690,226	2,095,170		1.16	
1985	340,685,500		%26	1,707,190	2,272,500		1.17	
1986	362,297,300		95%	2,006,031	2,387,000		1.22	
1987	383,100,000		%08	2,270,215	2,779,815		1.32	
1988	403,015,000		%02	2,570,285	3,159,634		1.43	
1989	426,135,700		%29	2,850,687	3,508,586		1.50	
1990	437,801,000		64%	2,976,547	3,993,591		1.60	
1991	446,500,300		%59	3,036,078	4,378,404		1.67	
1992	452,171,300		%59	3,079,764	4,603,450		1.70	
1993	461,886,200		64%	3,140,826	4,849,805		1.73	
1994	469,544,100		64%	3,145,945	5,071,076		1.75	
1995	480,519,700		%89	3,073,667	5,110,876		1.704	
1996	743,047,600		100%	3,470,728	5,292,400		1.179	
1997	754,068,800		%86	3,564,544	5,330,900		1.178	
1998	746,664,300		%26	3,403,415	7,893,032		1.513	
1999	763,519,500		%96	3,481,112	8,441,295		1.562	
2000	787,212,900		83%	3,732,303	8,712,858		1.577	
2001	816,277,400		%88	3,860,228	9,286,024		1.611	
2002	842,922,200		82%	4,629,625	10,125,159		1.750	
2003	852,293,300		73%	5,175,631	11,260,846		1.9104	
2004	294,701,666	578,982,773	64%	5,648,150	6,115,942	12,162,692	2.7209	2.7463
2005	545,798,515	1,215,950,084	100%	5,963,286	6,154,970	14,102,588	1.4653	1.4974
2006	547,831,800	1,271,743,000	%96	5,974,533	7,162,353	17,008,290	1.6395	1.6695
2007	540,551,500	1,359,506,800	%68	6,308,143	7,458,530	19,215,269	1.7107	1.7443
2008	522,063,200	1,451,267,200	85%	6,870,370	7,789,183	22,218,901	1.8388	1.8778
2009	542,931,100	1,449,557,600	82%	7,008,620		23,777,093	1.9358	1.9963
2010	542,119,200	1,449,638,100	83%	7,100,615	8,463,023	23,827,701	1.9176	2.0002
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Grand List not fall below 80% of FMV or it must do a reappraisal. For this reason most towns will do a reappraisal every 7 to 10 years. The year 2004 up shows Homestead and Non Homestead Grand List, taxes collected & tax rates to reflect Act 68.

# DISTRIBUTION OF 2010 GRAND LIST

# TAX ASSESMENT



#### PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Providing excellent programs and facilities for the community to enjoy continues to be our focus and staff works every day to make that happen. Our annual events, Kids Kaos, Easter Egg Hunt and Family Night in the Park were busy with family fun. July 4th saw record attendance with super weather, live music from Steel Rail Bluegrass, and great fireworks. Our first annual Welcome to Winter in early December featured an Open House at the Rec Center and free skating at Jackson Arena. The Hyde Cup, our hockey tournament for all levels, had over 100 players join in the fun.

The afterschool Creative Learning Program, Vacation Camps and monthly Kids' Night Out were all well attended. We've added monthly Teen Nights to the roster offering activities, such as, Glow-in-the- Dark Capture the Flag, Dodgeball and Swim Nights. New this fall are monthly socials for the Active Generation 55+ (younger folks welcome too!) with coffee, snacks and an opportunity to visit and explore all the Rec Center has to offer. With the addition of a pool table and Wii, there is plenty to enjoy. Adult Pick-Up Sports are gaining in popularity with Floor Hockey, Soccer and Basketball meeting weekly.

Summer Rec continues to offer a quality day camp program with plenty of options to enrich each child's experience. New this year was the opportunity to stay on campus on Big Trip Days if the off-site excursion was not of interest. This provided for a full Monday thru Friday experience for all campers. Our new weekly Red Cross Swim Lesson Club at the Waterbury Pool was also well received.

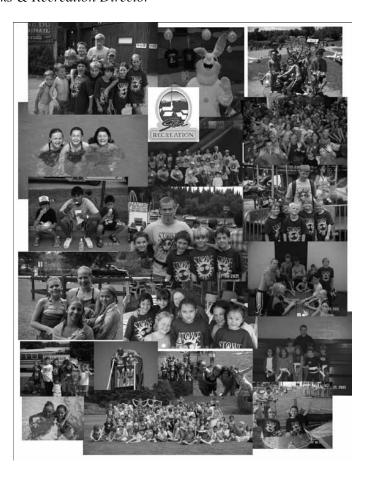
The new face in the Rec office is Jess Viens, replacing Brian Kaplan who is pursuing a new career in nursing. Jess had worked with Summer Rec which allowed for a smooth transition. In November, Dave Mandigo resigned his position in Parks after many years of service. Julie Lettieri, our CLP Afterschool Instructor accepted a full-time job with the Stowe Elementary School and we are actively working to fill this 20-hour per week position. Our sincere thanks go to Julie, Brian and Dave for their contributions and commitment to the community. We wish them well.

In facilities, the Gale Center and the front area of Jackson Arena are no longer leaking having gotten new membrane roofs in September. The interior of the Gale Center was painted prior to summer and hand-me-down office furniture from the Police Department improved our work areas and storage. Parks staff, after caring for winter ice at Jackson, spent a busy summer maintaining playing fields, open spaces and cemeteries. Additionally, they added the maintenance of the streetscapes, flower gardens and hanging baskets to their responsibilities.

The Memorial Park Master Plan was finalized in early spring and involved many hours of thoughtful consideration and creativity from our consultant, the staff, the Project Advisory Committee and interested community members. A huge thank you goes to all who gave input to the future of this wonderful park. The full plan is available at the Rec Center or can be viewed on the Town website.

A monthly e-newsletter is available with information about upcoming events at Parks & Rec. If interested, let us know at recreation@townofstow-evermont.org. In the meantime, a BIG THANK YOU to the dedicated staff and to the community for their support of recreation in Stowe.

Respectfully, MARGE MCINTOSH Parks & Recreation Director



#### PARKS BUILDINGS & GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

This past year the Parks crew took over the duties of maintaining the green strips in the village as well as other areas throughout the town. They also maintained the flowerbeds and all the flowers throughout the town, which include sites on the Recreation Path, village streets, ski museum, and overall about 15 different sites. This was a challenge that we loved doing and hope to improve upon in the future.

The Parks staff is involved with many functions throughout the town which include approximately 250 acres a week in mowing at the Cemeteries, Recreation Path, athletic fields, events fields, polo fields, quiet path, school grounds, lining athletic fields and many other duties related to grounds. Our list of duties continues to grow each year.

Jackson Arena has started to see more activity in ice use from different groups from women's hockey, men's hockey, youth hockey, co-ed hockey, Vermont Star's select hockey, and general hockey. This year once again Octoberfest was held at the rink.

I would like to take the time to thank all staff members - Mike Manning, Steve Demeritt, Tony Whitaker and the summer crew of Austin Mandigo, Casey Sherwin, Jack Bent, Molly Hayden, Katie Bizzari, Dan Moeck. Dave Mandigo retired this year after working for the Town of Stowe for 18 years. Many thanks to a dedicated staff and their hard work.

In closing The Parks Department want to thank all the taxpayers who support our efforts in making your Parks safe and enjoyable.

## BRUCE GODIN Parks Superintendent



Summer Parks Crew – Tony, Mike, Jack, Austin, David, Steve, Dan, Bruce, Molly, Casey, Katie

#### PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

In 2010 the Planning Commission assumed the role as the Town's capital advisory committee, providing input to the Town Manager on Stowe's 5-Year Capital Budget and Program. The Commission reviewed all proposed capital projects for compliance with the Stowe Town Plan and prioritized projects that either promote economic development or improve public safety. The Commission also began a comprehensive review of the Stowe Subdivision Regulations, which should be completed sometime this spring or summer. The Planning Commission consists of the following members: Chuck Baraw, Chair, Jacque Shiner, Vice-chair, Paul Percy, Paul Reed, Howard Levine, Billy Adams and Chuck Ebel.

Stowe's Planning Director provides staff support to the Planning Commission and Conservation Commission (see Conservation Commission report). He also represents the Town on the following boards of directors:

- Lamoille County Planning Commission (Vice-Chair)
- Green Mountain Transit Agency (GMTA)
- Stowe Land Trust

In addition, the Planning Director serves on the following standing committees:

- Lamoille County Transportation Advisory Committee (Chair)
- Green Mt. Byway Steering Committee (Co-chair)
- Smuggler's Notch Partnership
- Lamoille County Brownfields Steering Committee
- Stowe Transit Advisory Committee
- Stowe Development Committee
- Stowe Land Trust Lands Committee (Chair)
- Stowe Land Trust Stewardship Committee (Chair)
- LCPC Plan & Project Review Committee (Chair)
- LCPC Regional Plan Committee (Chair)
- Stowe Vibrancy Design Committee

# Aside from working directly with the Planning and Conservation commissions, the Planning Director's work in 2010 included:

- Providing GIS mapping services
- Serving as acting Zoning Administrator
- Designation of the Green Mt. Byway
- Participating in the preparation of a National Scenic Byways grant application
- Serving as the liaison between town and Stowe Mt. Bike Club

- Working with GMTA to improve the Rte. 100 Commuter
- Working with GMTA/CCTA to develop one regional public transportation provider
- Serving as Town contact for Stowe CAN
- Securing funding for phase 1 and 2 Brownfields assessment for the Village Substation
- Completing the design and printing of the Stowe & Waterbury Recreation Guide
- Securing a \$20,000 VT Recreation Trails grant for Adams Camp trail construction
- Overseeing 3-weeks of a Vermont Youth Conservation Corps trail work in Adams Camp
- Participating in trail development of Kirchner Woods for use as a public park
- Overseeing the knotweed eradication project on the Moscow Recreation Field
- Participating in the development of the Little River Corridor Management Plan
- Working with volunteers to replace a Catamount Trail bridge in Sterling Forest
- Working with volunteers to complete Catamount Trail and Upper Gorge Trail erosion control work in Sterling Forest

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Jackman, Planning Director



#### STOWE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The year ending 2010 was a busy and exciting year for the Stowe Police Department. The calls for service were on average with previous years totaling around 4,500. We have seen an influx of calls relating to fraud and identity theft. We are urging everyone to keep personal information secure and not to give it out unless you know it is safe.

Throughout the year we were utilizing a temporary facility until the new Public Safety Complex was completed. In late May we completed the move into the new facility and we are grateful to all for the support we received. The new facility provides us with much needed space as well as technology allowing us to serve your needs and ensure the safety of the entire community.

One of our longest tenured employees, Detective Sergeant Edward Stewart, retired in late 2010. We wish to thank Ed for his longstanding service to the Town and wish him well in his new endeavors. Ed plans to remain with the department as a part-time officer so we will still have him around to utilize his expertise.

We look forward to continuing service at the highest possible level and appreciate the continued support of the community. We look forward to seeing you in the upcoming year and welcome any thoughts or suggestions on how we can improve on the service we provide to you.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Stowe Police Department.

FREDERICK WHITCOMB

Patrolman

#### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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The Department of Public Works consist of a full time director and a part time assistant and is responsible for the oversight of the Highway and Sewer Departments, the supervision of the Water Department, the planning and administration of capital projects as directed by the Town Manager and, providing technical assistance to other Town Departments. Justin Rabidoux, the previous director, resigned the position in January 2010. The writer assumed the duties of director in April 2010.

The Highway Department consists of 10 full time employees lead by Superintendent Steve Bonneau and is responsible for the maintenance and repair of 94 miles of Town Highways, approximately 1/3 paved and 2/3 gravel. In addition, the Highway Department maintains sidewalks and municipal parking areas and provides support service to other Town Departments, including the maintenance of Town vehicles and equipment. Regular maintenance activities include winter operations, spring clean-up, roadside mowing, gravel road grading, dust control and cleaning of the highway storm drainage systems and facilities. The 2010 paving program included overlays of portions of Weeks Hill, Cape Cod and West Hill Roads and because of the favorable bidding climate, we were able to add the reconstruction of Park Place. We also continued with the creation of sand suitable when mixed and processed for our winter maintenance needs, as part of the annual gravel processing. This has resulted in considerable savings to the Town. We hope to continue this process as long as the naturally occurring bank run resource remains available at the Town's gravel pit on Nebraska Valley Road. Assistance and support was also provided to a private contractor hired by the Town in the reconstruction of a portion of River Road where a problematic embankment slope failure was permanently repaired. In 2011, if approved by the voters, we propose to replace severely deteriorated culverts under Cemetery Road and to begin planning for either the replacement of the fuel storage tank at the Highway Garage or the implementation of other approaches for providing for diesel fuel for our larger Town vehicles and equipment.

The Sewer Department consists of 5 full time employees lead by Superintendent Greg Lewis and is responsible for the maintenance, operation and repair of our wastewater treatment plant and collection system which consists of approximately 19 miles of sewer pipe and 3 sanitary sewer pump

stations. Our primary functional purpose of achieving water pollution control by meeting our discharge permit requirements has been achieved. Our plant and successful operations regularly exceed these minimum requirements and we produce a high quality effluent. This year we completed the incorporation of our collection system into our Operations, Management and Emergency Response Plan and have commenced with the planning of the replacement of the emergency power generator at our Lower Village Pump Station. Major goals for 2011 include the replacement of this generator and, if approved by the Sewer Commission, planning for the for the rehabilitation and upgrades of the Lower Village Pump Station, which is a major collection system component that is over 30 years old and functionally obsolete.

The Water Department consists of 2 full time employees lead by Chief Operator Mike Mandigo and is responsible for the maintenance, operation and repair of the municipal water system that supplies, treats and distributes approximately 385,000 gallons per day to over 1300 customers. Our system supply is from 2 groundwater sources producing high quality raw water requiring minimal treatment. Our distribution system consists of approximately 18 miles of water pipe, 8 storage tanks and 7 pump stations. Due to our long term investment and accompanying debt obligations, the department operates under an anticipated annual deficit that is currently projected to be eliminated in 2017. Identified items requiring future considerations of the Department, Town Manager and Water Commission include replacement of the water main between the Edison Hill storage tank and well field, increased storage capacity at the Spruce Peak reservoir, replacement or lining of a main in South Main Street, increasing our permitted raw water supply capacity and incorporating emergency power generation capabilities at more of our pump stations.

Respectfully Submitted, HARRY SHEPARD, PE Director of Public Works





River Road Embankment Repair by Stowe Highway

# STATUS OF EXISTING CAPITAL PROJECTS JANUARY 2011

**Polo Field Shelter:** Intended to provide shelter during inclement weather at Polo Recreation Fields. It has not been designed. Tied into the Events Field improvements that are awaiting Mayo Farm Conceptual Master Plan approval.

**Field K Improvements**: This money was set aside to develop up to six recreation fields. However, wetlands and other permitting issues will not enable us to develop this number of fields. Some of the money has been spent developing a natural resource assessment of the entire mayo farm and a conceptual master plan to put the town in position to obtain permit approval for further improvements to the Events Field and to try to obtain permission to build one more recreation field on K.

Lower Village / Maple Street Sidewalks: This was a federal earmark to build sidewalks on Maple Street (from Main Street to the Shaw's parking driveway entrance) and in the Lower Village (from Sylvan Park Road (north) to River Road) to connect to the existing sidewalk network. There is not enough money currently set aside to complete the projects and the design is subject to state / federal approvals, processes and requirements, which introduce a number of challenges to the project. The state / federal government may not approve the widths of curb cuts the property owner's would like in order to continue unlimited parking in front of their homes. The Lower Village Sidewalk will require relocation of utilities and pedestrian crossing issues need too be resolved. This project will require further deliberation with the Selectboard in the near future to determine if they still want to proceed with them. Once the Selectboard accepts the conceptual plans the Town is obligated to proceed with the project or refund the federal money spent to date.

**Skate Park:** \$100,000 was set aside to construct a new skate park in Memorial Park with the remainder of the money to come from private donations. The Memorial Park Master Plan calls for it to be located where the tennis courts are currently located. This would require moving the tennis courts behind the maintenance shed. This is likely to cost \$300,000 + and is not considered an ideal location. An alternative would be to explore widening the footprint of the Jackson Arena site. No analysis or cost estimates have been done to explore the feasibility of doing so. The priority of the Recreation Commission is to build a new ice arena. This may not advance for several years.

Village Streetscape Enhancements: This money was set aside to implement enhancements to the streetscape (e.g. trash / recycling cans, signs and textured crosswalks). All work is done except for the recycling cans and the textured crosswalks. The recycling cans should be done in the spring. Staff will recommend before the close of the fiscal year that the textured crosswalks

become part of the Main Street Sidewalk Reconstruction Project and that the Village Streetscape Enhancement Project get closed out before the end of this fiscal year.

**Akeley Cupola:** The architectural design documents are substantially complete and the Public Works Director is preparing bid documents for release, so that it can be constructed off-site over the winter and installed in the spring of 2011.

Adams Camp Trails: This phase is <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> complete and additional funding is proposed in the capital program to continue trail development. This phase is scheduled for completion in the spring.

**Mayo Farm Road Bike Lanes:** This money was set aside to widen Mayo Farm Road as part of the paving of the road to create bike lanes. The Town applied for a class 2 highway paving grant in FY10, but it wasn't received, so it was decided to apply again in FY'11. If it is not received, the intent is to proceed with local money in the 2011paving program.

**Quiet Path Bridge**: The Public Works Director is in the process of preparing design, permit and contract documents with the goal of bidding in the Spring 2011 and construction in the summer 2011. This schedule is conditioned upon securing the required permits by spring 2011.

**Rec Path Lighting:** The money was set aside to light the shared use path from the Rusty Nail to Cape Code Road. The Selectboard approved based on the Planning Commission's recommendation adding streetlights to the backside of the utility poles to light the sidewalk for the majority of the path where utility poles are in proximity to it. For the other section, gas lamp style fixtures are recommended. Staff is pursuing property owner permission to install an easement through the Rusty Nail Property. The town will be able to install the lights when and if property owner permission is obtained.

**Pond Street Sidewalk:** Survey is complete and DPW proposed to complete the design, specifications and contract documents for bidding and construction this winter. A decision needs to be made on the material to use. The Planning Commission is recommending gray concrete on the side roads in the village. This will be a topic on a future Selectboard agenda. If a decision is made in a timely manner, this project should be in a position to be constructed in the spring/summer of 2010 and closed out by the end of FY12.

**Akeley Building Vault:** The Public Works Director is in the process of preparing Contract Documents for bidding purposes for construction during 2011.

**Public Safety Facility:** As of this writing, we are in the process of commissioning the building in order to independently verify the mechanical / electrical systems are working as intended. Also, we are implementing further

sound proofing measures in the police interview rooms. The project should be in position to be closed out by the end of the fiscal year. Once closed out the Selectboard / voters can decide what to do with any remaining money.

**Village Staircase:** This project is to install a staircase between the Recreation Path Parking Lot and the Stafford Building to provide convenient access between Main Street and the Recreation Path Parking Lot. The property is in transition. Once ownership issues are settled, the town intends to approach the property owner to try and obtain necessary access easements. Until then, the project is on-hold

#### Completed projects in 2010:

HDAC Phase 2 (Porch Renovations)
Historical Society Building
Rink Business Plan
Gale Center Roof Repair
Jackson Lobby Roof Repair
Adams Camp Trail Phase I
Miller Brook Bridge Replacement
River Road Bank Stabilization
Public Safety Facility (see above)
Memorial Park Master Plan
Natural Resources Assessment – Mayo Farm & Memorial Park



#### STOWE MOUNTAIN RESCUE



Stowe Mountain Rescue responded to 30 incidents in 2010

Injured hikers: 12 Lost Skiers: 5

Other lost subjects: 4
Technical rescues: 2
Injured snowmobilers: 1
Misc. calls for assistance: 2

Standby or cancelled before arrival: 4

Details of all of our missions can be found on our website at www.stowe-mountainrescue.org

In 2010 we also received a grant from Vermont Homeland Security for a new cab & chassis for our rescue truck which in addition to replacing our 1986 chassis also gives us towing capacity for our second trailer. The Town also appropriated funds to replace the "box" on the vehicle, so the team will have a complete new rescue truck delivered in the spring of 2011.

The team was very excited to move into the new Public Safety Facility in 2010, and wants to express our appreciation to the community for their ongoing support.

Neil Van Dyke, Team Leader Doug Veliko, Training Officer

Ed Stewart
Derek Libby
Chris Anderson
Graham Govoni
Dennis Reinhardt
Marc Couper
Tim Burdick
Greg Speer
Tracy Eykelhoff
Todd Westervelt



#### **TOWN CLERK**

The Town Clerk's Office is a leading point of contact for people with questions about our community. Whether it's how to get theater tickets, property tax questions or how to research your real estate records, we are always willing and able to assist.

Services remain the same as in years past – fish & game licensing, vehicle registration renewals, issuance of marriage licenses, dog licensing and passport services. We are pleased to also be offering passport photos right here in the office, providing for greater convenience as the citizen need increases. Fraud prevention measures are being established by the US Department of State which will affect passport issuance offices. If you're thinking of applying for a passport, please contact us at 253-6133 to see how you may be affected by these changes.

Permanent record storage has been and will continue to be our main focus. In our office you can find real estate records from the earliest residents to present day. All of these records must be preserved, maintained and available for public viewing. Late in 2008, we installed a new digital records system allowing people to search and view present day records from the public access computer located in the office. We are in the process of expanding that system to include all recorded maps (approximately 5,000) into a searchable database.

During the next six months we will be operating out of a temporary location in the Public Safety Building while vault construction is underway at the Akeley Memorial Building. We will continue to offer the full range of services currently available, but will be completely closed April 4-8, 2011 to allow for the move. Thank you in advance for your patience during this time.

We are constantly looking for ways to improve service and accessibility to information. Above all, we remain committed to serving our citizens to the best of our abilities.

Respectfully Submitted,

ALISON A. KAISER, Town Clerk JENNY WILLINGHAM, Assistant Town Clerk GARY ANDERSON, Assistant Town Clerk

#### DOG LICENSES

Dog licenses and tags are available at the Town Clerk's office Monday thru Friday from 8:00 to 4:30. All dogs that are more than six months old must be registered in accordance with the provisions of the Stowe Dog Ordinance. A person keeping a dog contrary to license provisions of the Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. The deadline for licensing is April lst. A copy of the rabies certificate and alteration should be provided at the time of licensing. 779 dogs were licensed in 2010.

On or Before April 1st.	FEE
Spayed/Neutered	\$10.50
Un-Altered	\$14.50
After April 1st	
Spayed/Neutered	\$12.50
Un-Altered	\$18.50

**KENNEL PERMITS** Grant an owner of two or more dogs the <u>right to</u> <u>do business</u>. The fee is \$10.00 and does not provide license(s) for the dogs. Kennel Permits must be displayed on the owners premises. All other licensing fees listed above do apply.

SPECIAL LICENSES - Issued for non-neutered dogs only that are kept for owner's breeding purposes (not for sale). The fee is \$31.00 for up to ten dogs. Additional dogs over 10, cost \$3.00 each.



#### 2010 REPORT OF THE ZONING DIRECTOR AND HEALTH OFFICER

In 2010 the Zoning Administrator issued 166 zoning permits that included construction of 18 new single-family dwellings. This is similar to 2009 construction. In addition, staff assistance to the Development Review Board was provided for 46 applications involving conditional uses, subdivisions and Ridge and Hillside Overlay reviews. Staff assistance was also provided to the Stowe Historic Preservation Commission who reviewed 22 applications involving historic renovations.

Major new commercial projects approved this year and currently under construction include:

- A new office/retail/apartment building at 504 Mountain Road (next to Partridge Inn)
- New medical office buildings at 1250 Waterbury Road

Major new commercial and non-residential projects that were completed and opened this year include:

- Stowe Barn office/retail/apartment building at 1940 Mountain Road
- Stowe Medical Center addition at 1878 Mountain Road
- Conversion of the Fosters building at 4968 Mountain Road into 24 apartments
- Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center
- Phase 2 of Stowe Mountain Lodge
- Mt Mansfield Ski Club renovation and addition

The national economic downturn has continued to affect construction at Stowe. The size and scope of the projects have generally been less than years previous to 2008 although some commercial construction is taking place as noted above. Typically the number of permits issued previous to 2008 was approximately 200 to 250 permits per year compared to 166 in 2010. The 18 new single-family house permits issued in 2010 is slightly higher than 2009 (15 houses), 2008 (11 houses) and 2007 (16 houses). However, the number of new homes is significantly less than the average of 40 houses built per year in the 1990's and early 2000's.

A zoning permit is required for any development project involving:

- New buildings (except certain smaller accessory buildings)
- Building additions
- Porches, decks, ponds, pools
- Accessory apartments
- Projects that increase sewage flow (i.e. new bedrooms)
- Projects that increase the gross floor area

- Changes in driveway locations
- · Major grading
- Changes in use
- Fences and walls in the Stowe Historic District (SHOD)
- Facade alterations if in the Stowe Historic District (SHOD) and for historic buildings
- Projects in the Ridge Hillside Overlay District (RHOD)

The Stowe Zoning Department is available to assist you with your development approvals. Assistance includes review of existing property zoning records, review of applicable regulations, and guidance regarding other approvals that may need to be obtained. A preliminary project review is available and can save time and costs before proceeding with final design work. The Stowe Zoning Ordinance and Development Application are available at the Zoning Office and at http://www.townofstowevt.org/.

#### RICHARD BAKER

Zoning Director Health Officer PO Box 216 Stowe VT 05672 802-253-6141 rbaker@townofstowevermont.org

#### PLANNING & ZONING FEE SCHEDULE Last Revised: 1/1/10

AdministrativeFee
Copy of Zoning/Subd. Regulations (Paper) (free to download from
Stowe website):
Zoning Maps – Color: \$12.00
Photocopies: (black & white)
Photocopies: (color)\$1.00/page
Application Fee – Permitted Uses
Construction, Renovations, Additions & Alterations
(heated/enclosed spaces):\$.18 per ft2
Porches, Decks, Garages, Sheds, or other unenclosed
or unheated space(s):\$.12 per ft2
Pools, Tennis Courts, Ponds, non-exempt agricultural
structures or similar unenclosed structures:
Minimum Permit Application Fee for all Permitted Use
Categories
Sign Permits\$50.00
Additional Recording Fee for Permit (set by state law)\$10.00
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Final Plat Application (Base Fee)	\$200.00
Final Plat Application (additional fee per unit or lot if	
preliminary layout was not required):	\$100.00
Minor Subdivision - Lot Line Adjustment	\$75.00
Additional Recording for decision notice	
and permit (set by state law)	\$20.00
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Final Plat Recording Fee (per map page) (set by state law)	
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Final Plat Recording Fee (per map page) (set by state law)	\$15.00
Final Plat Recording Fee (per map page) (set by state law) Certificate of Occupancy	\$15.00 \$30.00



Stowe Mountain Rescue in action.

#### CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION IN STOWE

~~Local Partnerships in Learning~~

Stowe adults and teens seeking help with learning basic reading, writing, math, computer operation and English as another language may receive that help through a free program of instruction provided by Central Vermont Adult Basic Education. Students enrolled in the program also have the opportunity to study for their high school equivalency exam (GED) or to pursue other options for achieving a diploma.

Students and teachers meet in classes, one-to-one, and/or small group sessions to complete an individual learning program which suits the requirements of each student. Instruction ties together basic literacy and math skills with practical interest areas. Helping children with homework, budgeting, filling out forms and applications, learning computer skills, studying for a driver's permit or a Commercial Driving License, preparing for a job or college, reading work related texts or writing reports are just a few of the many reasons why people enroll in CVABE programs.

Fifteen residents of Stowe became CVABE students last year and volunteers from the community helped make the free service locally accessible to everyone.

For more information about Central Vermont Adult Basic Education services, please contact:

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education

Morrisville Learning Center

52 Portland St.—PO Box 478

Morrisville, VT 05661

(802) 888-5531

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education Administrative Office 46 Washington St.—Suite 100 Barre, Vermont 05641 (802) 476-4588

For information about CVABE's learning sites and services located throughout Lamoille, Washington, and Orange Counties, please call CVABE headquarters in Barre,

(802) 476-4588 or visit www.cvabe.org



#### FALL 2010 REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF STOWE

Since 1965, the Central Vermont Community Action Council has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. We work with families to build better lives and to create thriving local communities. This year, Community Action served 16,182 people in 8,876 Vermont households through Head Start and Early Head Start, micro business development, financial education, food and nutrition resources, housing counseling, tax preparation, emergency family supports including food shelves and Crisis Fuel, home Weatherization, green jobs training and more.

Program and services accessed by 145 Stowe families with 276 residents include:

- 122 households with 227 people were provided with emergency services, including food, heating and housing assistance, as well as referrals to other community resources to address critical needs.
- When their family couldn't afford groceries, 91 adults and children accessed enough food for 2,151 meals through our food shelves.
- 37 households with 104 family members sought housing assistance through our Family Housing Partnership program.
- 48 households with 112 family members were able to keep heating their homes with help from our Crisis & Supplemental fuel programs.
- 40 households received professional, free tax preparation and filing, ensuring the full benefit of refunds, credits and rebates which were due. \$20,286 in tax refunds helped those families stretch their budget, build savings or invest in their families and communities.
- 1 household was able to resolve an IRS tax controversy with help from our Low Income Taxpayer Clinic.
- 8 children participated in Head Start and Early Head Start programs that supported 15 additional family members.
- 4 homes were weatherized at no charge—making them warmer and more energy efficient for 5 families with 10 people, including 1 senior.
- 2 people found and maintained reliable transportation with support from the Vermont Car Coach, including help purchasing a car.
- 4 people attended classes or met one-on-one with a financial counselor to be better able to manage and grow family finances.

- 5 entrepreneurs received counseling and technical assistance on starting or growing a business.
- 2 women received training, counseling and technical assistance from the Vermont Women's Business Center to pursue dreams of business ownership.
- 4 people started saving towards an asset that will provide long-term economic security.
- 1 person attended training through Vt Green to gain job skills for the green economy; 1 person received industry credentials or certification and 3 people obtained a job in the green sector.

# Community Action thanks the residents of Stowe for their generous support this year!

Sarah Phillips Development Manager



#### CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

Information and Resources for Seniors

### REPORT OF SERVICES TO THE TOWN OF STOWE

OCTOBER 1, 2009 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

One call to our Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 can connect an older central Vermonter or a concerned family member with essential services that support an elder in remaining independent. For more than thirty years, Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) has helped elders in leading healthy, meaningful and dignified lives in their homes and communities. We provide a network of programs and services to help make this a reality for older residents of Stowe.

Among the services provided directly by or under contract with CVCOA are information and assistance; community and home delivered meals; health insurance counseling; transportation to essential destinations; family caregiver support and respite grants; mental health services; legal services; companionship; food stamp and fuel assistance outreach; and help with household tasks. Our sponsored programs include Senior Companions and Neighbor to Neighbor AmeriCorps.

Older residents of Stowe often require the services of a case manager to assess their specific needs, develop an individualized care plan, and to connect them with public benefits programs and other community and state resources. The CVCOA Case Manager for Stowe is Penny Walker-Reen, who can be reached at 802/888-2505. CVCOA served 100 residents of Stowe in fiscal year 2009-10.

Central Vermont Council on Aging is a private nonprofit organization. There is no charge to elders and their families for services provided. All programs and services are made possible by local communities, state and federal funds, and private donations. CVCOA recognizes and appreciates the valuable support for older central Vermonters provided by the Town of Stowe.

Margaret Harmon CVCOA Development Coordinator 802/229-0624

#### LAMOILLE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Lamoille Community Connections, formally known as Lamoille County Mental Health, has always strived to provide the highest quality services and support to our community to enhance independence and quality of life. This past year we have focused our energy on strengthening our services for people with developmental disabilities, adults with severe and persistent mental illness and supporting children, youth and their family's. We have been collaborating with our community partners to improve the delivery of services and new programs such as; Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, Youth in Transition, Children's Integrated Services and Creative Workforce Solution. These two areas will continue to be high on our list of priorities for the coming year.

Over the past year we provided services to 101 people from Stowe. This number reflects an unduplicated number of individuals who were seen but does not reflect the number of services. In addition we have maintained a 24 hour 365 day a year Emergency Crisis response team that works with local police, EMT, Copley Hospital ER, Lamoille Valley school districts and other providers. This is the only full time emergency crisis response service in the region.

Your continued contribution and support is always valued but is more important than ever as state revenues have gone down and funding of services has been reduced. In these times, the people at the local level must do what we can to support our families and friends who find themselves in need. Our commitment to you is that when there is need we will be there.

Sincerely, Savi Van Sluytman Executive Director

#### LAMOILLE COMMUNITY FOOD SHARE, INC.



Lamoille Community Food Share is a locally funded, volunteer powered non-profit corporation. Our mission is to help support and improve the physical well-being of individuals who might otherwise go hungry. To this end, we provide supplement food, free of charge, in a supportive environment, striving to offer healthy choices within our budget. We help all those who ask, but our main service area consists

of the towns of Eden, Elmore, Hyde Park, Morristown, Stowe and Wolcott.

Through November of 2010 we have experienced a 22% increase in family visits over the same period in 2009- 96% over 2007. So far this year 59 Stowe families have visited the pantry. This represents 107 adults and 56 children. 29 of the families had at least one family member who was working but they still could not make ends meet. We appreciate the help we have received in the past and look forward to continuing support from our friends and neighbors in Stowe.

Board of Directors: Sara Babcock Caroline Ballard Frank Helker Ken Kleinman Karen Loh Jack Morrissey Brian Norder Jan Tichansky Ellen Waldman

> P.O. Box 173, Morrisville, VT 05661 Phone/Fax: (802) 888-6550 E-mail: lcfoodshare@gmail.com Web: lcfoodshare.org



# LAMOILLE COUNTY COURT DIVERSION RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAMS, INC.

Lamoille County Court Diversion Restorative Justice Programs, Inc. (LCCDRJP) is a non-profit organization in Hyde Park with a primary focus of keeping young people out of the criminal justice system.

Last year LCCDRJP assisted *over* 700 people through nine closely linked programs. The range of programs at LCCDRJP is broad – from prevention-oriented services like mentoring, and after school therapeutic recreation programs; to early intervention services such as the truancy project and a program for children impacted by a parent's incarceration. In the JOBS and youth development programs, youth ages 16 to 21 with disabilities or who are aging out of the foster care system get needed supports so they can transition to adulthood successfully and access employment. The court diversion and underage drinking intervention programs served over 300 adjudicated youth and adults using a cost-saving and effective restorative justice approach.

LCCCRJP receives funding from a variety of sources: state and local grants and contracts, town appropriations, individual donations, foundation grants, and the Lamoille County United Way. LCCDRJP is a lean and efficient organization – with an administrative cost of under 9% – and nearly every dollar received goes directly to supporting the citizens of the Lamoille Valley region. Your town's support is greatly appreciated.

Of those served who reside in Lamoille County, the total for all programs at LCCDRJP by town is as follows:

Belvidere (3) Cambridge (78) Eden (37) Hyde Park (75) Johnson (189) Lake Elmore (3) Morristown (221) Stowe (65) Waterville (28) Wolcott (32)

Carol Maloney and Heather Hobart Co-Directors, LCCDRJP, Inc.

# LAMOILLE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION 2010 TOWN REPORT

The Lamoille County Planning Commission is an organization serving the municipalities of Lamoille County. The Commission has been providing planning and development assistance to communities for over forty years. LCPC is governed by appointed representatives from each town and village as well as five County Directors. Stowe is currently represented on the Board of Directors by Arnold Ziegel and Tom Jackman, and on the Transportation Advisory Committee by Tom Jackman.

The Commission provides municipal assistance in the following areas:

- municipal plan and bylaw updates and community development technical assistance
- geographic information services, including mapping
- transportation and natural resource planning and related project development services
- grant application writing and grant administration
- emergency response planning
- access to local planning documents and regulations at www.lcpcvt. org

This year, the Commission supported the efforts of Stowe by conducting a parking study in the Village of Stowe; updating the Riverbank Cemetery map for the Stowe Cemetery Commission; conducting traffic counts and a bicycle and pedestrian survey; providing technical assistance on planning and zoning issues; completing the Green Mountain Byway management plan, which resulted in a VT Byway designation; inventorying current town highway conditions; providing project management services for the Smugglers' Notch Scenic Highway; completing a feasibility study and conceptual designs for the Barnes Camp Visitor Center; completing a transportation planning analysis of the future conditions of the Route 100 corridor; providing GIS mapping services for fire hydrant infrastructure; calculating land use statistics for a grant application; creating an updated Road Map; and providing brownfields assistance to the Stowe Electric Department.

The Commission also sponsors regional planning programs, provides a forum for inter-municipal cooperation, and participates in state regulatory proceedings for projects that have impact across municipal boundaries.

The Commission has no regulatory or taxing authority; however, each year we request an appropriation from our member towns in support of local and regional planning activities and to help offset costs and provide local matching funds needed for state and federal funding. Our request is based

on 50% of the 2000 Equalized Grand List and 50% of the 2000 Census population for each town's percentage of the countywide request. For 2011, the Board voted to maintain the countywide appropriation at \$20,000.

Your continued support for local and regional planning is greatly appreciated. Remember, we are your resource -- please call on us for assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, recreation, mapping, or data needs. For more information, please visit our office at the Demars Building, 52 Portland Street, Second Floor, in Morrisville, contact your municipal representatives, call us at (802) 888-4548, or visit our website www.lcpcvt.org. (Prepared by Bonnie Waninger, Executive Director)



Annual Hyde Cup at Jackson 6 teams 84 adult players

#### LAMOILLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

In 2010 the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department Communications Center answered 7783 9-1-1 calls for the county and during high call volume events throughout the state. In 2009 there were 7866 calls, in 2008 there were 7382 calls and in 2007 there were 5336 calls. The Enhanced 9-1-1 Board has continued allocating \$90,000 per year to the Communications Center in return for answering 9-1-1 calls from outside of the county when other 9-1-1 centers become too busy. When Lamoille's dispatch becomes overwhelmed other 9-1-1 centers provide us with call taking assistance.

The new dispatch center construction is now complete. In 2010 the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department received notification from the Vermont Communications Board (VCOMM) that the department had been awarded a Federal Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$342,741.40 to be used to purchase the first responder base radios needed to comply with the federal narrowband mandate. The department also received \$130,672.00 to construct a new tower in the Davis Hill area. The Sheriff's Advisory Board authorized the use of the E 9-1-1 allocation to pay for a required twenty percent match.

The dispatch center's calls for service in 2010 included:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Police service	13,869	10,930
(including LCSD, Morristown, Stowe Police	e & Hardwick Departr	nents)
Rescue/Ambulance Service	2,859	2,702
Fire Service	901	795
Total Calls Dispatched	17,629	14,427

The partnership between the Lamoille County Towns and Hardwick and Greensboro is working smoothly.

The Lamoille County Sheriff's Department's Patrol division serving Hyde Park, Johnson and Wolcott responded to 3515 calls for service in 2010. Last year the department assigned a detective to the Lamoille County State's Attorney's Office for the newly formed Sexual Investigations/ Domestic Violence Unit. This position is funded through a grant and is not reflected in the patrol budget. The unit investigated 134 cases and made 22 arrests in 2010 and is a valuable resource to the county. In addition to sexual assault

and domestic violence the Sheriff's Department continues to be concerned with the increased illicit use of prescription drugs in the county. The Lamoille County Sheriff's Department remains focused on the prevention of all illicit drug use.

The quality of life in Lamoille County would be greatly diminished without the dedication of our first responders. Please support them whenever you can.

Respectfully, Roger M. Marcoux Jr. Lamoille County Sheriff



Mud Season!

## LAMOILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



Stowe continues to be the recreation, entertainment and hospitality center of

Lamoille County and attracts a great deal of interest in our region as a place to locate and grow a business. We work with your Town Administration and Planning Department to support your priorities for the expansion of your tax base and employment growth. We then deliver relevant services directly to your business community by partnering with Local, State and Federal agencies responsible for supporting and educating business.

During 2010 we had involvement in numerous activities in your community.

As a key member of the Lamoille Workforce Investment Board we review employer education programs applying for state funding. Through the WIB we also assisted in the establishment the Lamoille County Human Resource Managers Forum and continue as an active member of its steering committee. Three major employers in Stowe are charter members of the forum and continue to be active in the monthly meetings. This professional knowledge sharing benefits hundreds of employees in your community through the development of best practice policies. The accredited career readiness program at the Morrisville CCV campus which the WIB helped to bring to the area continues to graduate particiapants.

The Vermont Small Business Development Center (VtSBDC), an affiliate partner operates out of our office in Morrisville. Our assigned Area Business Advisor, Dave Rubel has done many direct consultations with local existing businesses and individuals interested in opening or expanding a business in Stowe. He continues to offer a ranges of services to businesses of all sorts. The VtSBDC offers a formal program entitled "Starting your Own Business" which helps potential entrepreneurs take better understand what it takes to start a business in Vermont. About 70% of the businesses assisted by Dave are existing businesses, not start-ups.

We actively monitor legislative proposals that affect the general business climate and bring witnesses to Montpelier to give testimony where appropriate. We also co-sponsor a legislative breakfast series during the legislative session.

**Lamoille Economic Development Corporation** thanks the Stowe staff and governing body for its professional help and we will work diligently to earn your continued financial support.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board by John Mandeville, Executive Director

Joe Allen,	Jim Black	Brice Simon	Dana Wildes	Gary Nolan
Stowe	Stowe	Morrisville	Morrisville	Morrisville
Chuck Hogan,	Joe Ingram	Dave Hallquist	Bob Richardson	
Cambridge	Wolcott	Hyde Park	Cambridge	



# LAMOILLE FAMILY CENTER REPORT TO THE TOWN OF STOWE

For thirty-five years the Lamoille Family Center has affirmed the right of all children to grow up in an environment that enables them to become healthy adults by encouraging, educating and celebrating families. With your support, families continue to have access to home visits, playgroups, parent education, child care resource and referral, youth services, emergency assistance, high quality child care, and many other services provided by our thirty two staff.

The demand for Family Center services continues to grow. In fiscal year 2010, more than 1,600 children, youth, parents and caregivers throughout the Lamoille Valley received home visits, participated in playgroups, attended parent education classes, received Reach Up services, and engaged in monitored parent-child contact, including 199 individuals from Stowe. In addition:

- 6 families from Stowe participated in the Holiday Project receiving toys, games, books, and stocking stuffers
- 44 Stowe residents received emergency assistance including funding for rent and fuel and goods such as diapers, clothing and furniture
- Dozens of Stowe families and child care providers received child care support services including assistance with applying for Child Care Financial Assistance, referral to regulated programs, professional development for child care staff, and participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program

Support through volunteer time, donation of goods and services, and financial contributions remain vital to the sustainability of the Lamoille Family Center. We could not do this work without you. We invite you to stop by for a visit, meet some of our staff, and see a glimpse of what happens each day at the Family Center.

Scott Johnson, Executive Director Lamoille Family Center 480 Cadys Falls Road Morrisville, VT 05661 sjohnson@lamoillefamilycenter.org 802-888-5229 ext.124

# LAMOILLE HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE

When community members think about Lamoille Home Health and Hospice, we hope they think about our loyal staff and volunteers, and our excellent patient/client care. We all need to think about how lucky we are to live in such a wonderful place where people care about people. Our loyalty to you is ongoing and we at Lamoille Home Health are faithful to our commitment to provide the best healthcare possible to our community. We feel privileged to have the opportunity to care for those who are in need and we take our responsibility of delivering the best care achievable very seriously.

We are a not-for-profit home care agency; our job is to deliver healthcare services to people in their homes. We are governed by a volunteer community Board of Directors who give their time to assure that we serve Lamoille County residents with appropriate and high quality care. The following list shows you our visits to Stowe residents in fiscal year '10.

Nursing:	1,412
Physical Therapy:	518
Occupational Therapy:	61
Medical Social Worker:	32
Licensed Nursing Assistant:	753
Personal Care Attendant:	713
Case Manager:	30
Total Visits:	3,519

And what do we do at these visits? Anything from teaching a new diabetic how to give an insulin injection to grocery shopping for an elder! The tasks are as varied as the people we visit – from basic housekeeping, to caring for newborns, to helping a child or young adult recover from injuries sustained in a skiing or automobile accident; to helping the recipient of a hip or knee replacement get back on their feet, to helping the debilitated patient who needs support and encouragement, or helping the end of life patient remain in the comfort of their home. We very often enter people's lives during times of challenge and change. Our goal is to work with patients and their caregivers to assure that their lives are the best they can be.

We could not do this work without your support and encouragement. The endorsement of the community means a lot to us.

Sincerely,

Kathy Demars, RN Executive Director

# LAMOILLE HOUSING PARTNERSHIP, INC.



In December 2008, LHP completed the construction of 28 <u>permanently</u> affordable rental apartments and 8 condominiums in Stowe's Lower Village. These apartments and homes fill a housing need for seniors and local working families. If re-sold at any point in the future, three of the condominium homes will remain <u>permanently</u> affordable for moderate-income homebuyers in Stowe pursuant to the grant subsidies

provided by LHP.

In the Fall of 2010 and into the Spring and Summer of 2011, Lamoille Housing Partnership is renovating three affordable rental apartments it owns in Stowe on Pucker Street to help overall improve energy efficiency in these units. A significant part of maintaining long-term affordability to residents of Stowe living in these apartments is to keep utility costs to a minimum.

Your town's contribution helps us in our mission and strengthens the entire Lamoille Valley community.

# **General Information – LHP:**

The Lamoille Housing Partnership (LHP) is a nonprofit, HUD-affiliated, community-based affordable housing development organization (CHDO), one of only 12 in the State of Vermont that perform similar functions in their respective communities.

LHP's mission is to provide safe, decent, affordable rental and owner-occupied housing for residents of the Lamoille Valley area, including the residents of Hardwick in Caledonia County.

LHP was formed in 1991 to work in partnership with homeowners, land-lords, area residents, local businesses, community agencies, and municipal and town governments, to ensure that *permanently* affordable housing was an ongoing resource for the Lamoille Valley community. LHP has created or preserved approximately 240 *permanently* affordable residences and helped 16 families purchase a home in the County.

LHP, in partnership with a sister organization in Barre, VT (Central Vermont Community Land Trust, through its "Neighbor Works Homeownership Center"), offers homeownership counseling services, education, and direct assistance to existing and prospective homeowners. LHP seeks to identify areas of need within the communities it serves and partner with other organizations in an effective way to bring about effective housing-related solutions.

Over the past year, LHP commenced the redevelopment of the former Vermont Electric Co-op site (a contaminated "brownfield" site) into 28 affordable rental units for families and seniors living in Johnson. Also, in Morrisville and Stowe, LHP is redeveloping 16 units of existing housing it owns, and renovating the units to be more energy efficient and sustainable over the longer term.

LHP remains committed to its vision to live in a community where all individuals recognize and support the necessity of affordable community housing and ensure that no one will be without a decent place to live, regardless of income.

Your town's contribution helps us in this mission and strengthens our entire community by providing *permanently* affordable housing options for area residents, which is a great investment in strengthening your own community.

Sincerely,

Thomas Barnes Executive Director Lamoille Housing Partnership

# Maple Leaf Farm

# Maple Leaf Farm - From Addiction to Recovery

Maple Leaf Farm is one of the oldest, continuously operating residential substance abuse programs in the country. We offer medically monitored detoxification and residential treatment programs to men and women in a serene setting in the foothills of Mt. Mansfield. Maple Leaf Farm is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Services, is licensed by the State of Vermont, and operates as a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization. In this past fiscal year, July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, 764 men and women spent 12,781 days addressing their substance abuse issues at Maple Leaf Farm.

No one is ever turned away from treatment at Maple Leaf Farm, regardless of financial circumstances. Over 82% of patients treated last year were covered by Vermont Medicaid. Medicaid reimburses us at a rate that is less than the actual cost of providing care. We rely on tertiary income sources such as the United Way, grants, town appropriations and donations to make up the difference so that we may continue providing our essential services to everyone who asks for our help. An appropriation from the Town of Stowe directly benefits another member of your community seeking recovery.

Bill Young, *Executive Director* Maple Leaf Farm

10 Maple Leaf Road Underhill VT 05489 www.mapleleaf.org wyoung@mapleleaf.org 899-2911 ext. 206

# MEALS ON WHEELS OF LAMOILLE COUNTY

Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County is a private, non-profit organization that has the mission of helping to enable seniors and individuals with disabilities to remain in their own homes and communities for as long as possible by providing nutritious meals through home delivered meals and community meal sites. These programs are provided to individuals who face food insecurity which can include the following: recent hospital or nursing home discharge, illness, inability to prepare own food due to physical/mental limitations, not getting proper nutrition in their diet, lack of transportation to get to the grocery store, and/or not having enough funds to purchase food. Our program delivers meals to the homes of recipients Mondays through Fridays with frozen meals available for the weekend. Senior community meal sites are offered at 4 locations in the county throughout the week. Meals on Wheels serves all of Lamoille County.

During our last fiscal year, October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010, Meals on Wheels provided a record number of meals to a record number of recipients. We served a total of 44,230 meals to 525 recipients (29 of these individuals are residents of Stowe, and they received a total of 3,979 meals – 21.8% more meals than over the previous fiscal year). This was our 3rd record year in a row for number of meals and recipients. With the current state of the economy, and the push for more community based care, we expect that this trend of serving more meals will continue as our services become even more important and necessary for the seniors in our community.

Funding for our program comes from numerous sources, including government contracts (46%), United Way (5%), Town Appropriations (6%), client donations (15%), Vermont Center for Independent Living (5%), and private contributions, grant writing, fundraising and other miscellaneous sources (23%). Our major funding sources are not growing at the same rate as our program growth, making the support of your community that much more important in helping to ensure that all seniors who are in need of a nutritious meal receive that meal.

On behalf of the staff, Board of Directors, volunteers and recipients of Meals on Wheels, I would like to thank the residents of all Lamoille County towns for your ongoing support. For more information on our services or to become a volunteer, please call 888-5011.

Respectfully Submitted, BRYNN EVANS, Executive Director

# NORTH COUNTRY ANIMAL LEAGUE

## **BACKGROUND**

North Country Animal League has been a vital part of the Stowe community, finding homes for over 8131 of cats, kittens, dogs, and puppies since its inception. Originally organized as Lamoille County Humane Society, a non-profit 501(c)(3), the name was changed in 1996 to North Country Animal League and the organization became a limited access shelter – from that time forward no animals have been euthanized to make space for other animals waiting to come in; animals are euthanized only for extreme aggression and terminal illnesses.

The mission of NCAL is to promote compassionate and responsible relationships between humans and animals through education and adoptions, spay/neuter programs, support of cruelty prevention, and sheltering of homeless animals. NCAL puts a priority on taking in local strays, then ownersurrenders. And when there is room the organization helps a limited number of out-of-state rescue groups.

NCAL believes that animal welfare is a community issue but it is also a global issue and that by working together the pet over-population crisis can be mitigated. North Country Animal League is a passionate advocate of spay/neuter programs – every animal adopted from NCAL is spayed or neutered before it goes to its forever home. In addition, two low cost spay/neuter clinics were offered to the public in 2010, resulting in the spaying or neutering of 60 non-shelter animals.

# **STATISTICS**

# (YTD, October 31, 2010)

Adoptions
Strays4
Owner surrenders:
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Main reasons for owner surrender
20% Allergic
20% Moved or were moving
20% Couldn't afford
20% Fighting with resident animals
20% Behavioral issues
Average shelter visitors monthly
Adoptions:481+
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Hits on the Petfinders website:
Volunteer hours (not including fostering)

#### **FUNDING**

Funding for all operation and pet adoption center expenses came from town allocations, grants, donations, bequests, adoptions, and events – no state or federal monies were received. Fund and friend raising events which allowed NCAL to share its mission and vision, and at the same time encourage social awareness philanthropy, included Menagerie – a Dinner Dance with silent & live auctions, and Pedal 4 Paws – a Bike Ride for the Animals, and participation in the Octoberfest parade.

#### EDUCATION & OUTREACH PROGRAMS

North Country Animal League's Humane Education Program is designed to teach children about compassion and kindness to all living beings. A member of our staff continues our humane education programs including the READ program: An NCAL staff member and our therapy dogs go into numerous area schools where children sign up to read to the dogs for 15 minutes. The dogs are wonderful listeners and are very non-judgmental, helping those with reading problems to be less inhibited when reading aloud. Each child who learns about the humane treatment of animals is a walking ambassador for kindness to all living beings. NCAL's staff also gives presentations on bite prevention and basic care to school and community groups, like the Girl and Boy Scouts, 4-H, birthday parties and classrooms on these topics: each an opportunity to bring discovery and learning about the care and feeding of and respect for all kinds of animals to school children

North Country Animal League has woven itself into the fabric of Stowe's community in many ways. NCAL hosts several Open House events each year – an opportunity for everyone to tour the shelter, share some refreshments, and hear an engaging animal-related story. Many groups come to the shelter to learn about animal care and to see how NCAL cares for and finds homes for our orphaned animals. Periodically, NCAL hosts a story hour for children and their parents. The book read is about an animal. Often the type of animal is present for the reading. Children learn how to be gentle with the animals and ask many questions about their care.

Another important service NCAL offers is the availability of our canine and feline behavior specialists who work with problem pet behaviors to help keep healthy dogs in their homes. This service has dramatically reduced the number of surrenders over the years.

Social service participants and their caregivers learn valuable life skills working around the animals and in the shelter – they are mentored while here by dedicated and caring staff. Outreach to various community organizations including Boy and Girl Scouts, results in an even greater number of Vermont residents being exposed to compassionate and responsible relationships between humans and animals.

North Country Animal League is proud to serve the Stowe community as a shelter for homeless pets, as an adoption service, as a resource for animal control officers, as a helpline for pet owners, and as an education facilitator.

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Respectfully Submitted by: Mary Jackson, Trustee President December 2010

# NORTHERN VERMONT RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT (RC&D) COUNCIL REPORT

The Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) helps to bring together the technical, financial and administrative resources for towns with natural resource conservation and rural and community development issues. We are here to serve your community. We coordinate and facilitate assistance to town governments, fire departments, watershed groups and nonprofit organizations in the eight counties of central and northern Vermont. By bringing together help from our extensive network of resources, we can focus technical and financial resources on your specific needs. We access technical assistance and some staff through the U.S. Department of Agriculture but private sources make up most of our budget. The Council is a self-supporting 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. In 2010, working with our partner towns and organizations, we secured and administered over \$820,582 for natural resource conservation, public safety, and community development projects.

Our current projects include rural fire protection through the dry hydrant grant program, water quality improvement work through the portable skidder bridge free loan and education program, natural resources education through the High School Envirothon and 5th grade Vermont Forests Forever programs, watershed restoration work and roads management grants through the Better Backroads grant program. Do you have a project or program that could use some assistance to "make it happen"? Over the years the Northern Vermont 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 Beth Ann Finlay our RC&D Coordinator at (802) 828-4595.

# OUT AND ABOUT

Out and About is a vital part of the community in the Lamoille county area. Our non-profit center provides assistance and support to both the participants of our program and their caregivers. We provide a safe, warm, caring environment for adults, who are socially isolated and/or functionally impaired, to go during the day to socialize and make new acquaintances through activities and art-based programs. The goal of our organization is to help our participants maintain their independence and quality of life so they may remain at home or in the care setting of their choice for as long as safely possible.

Our center is respectful that each person in an individual and we will help to foster each person's strengths and overcome their weaknesses to the best of our ability through individualized care plans. The plans of care address medical issues, diet, mobility and socialization among many other things.

If you are interested in our services or know someone who may be please call us, (802) 888-7045 and set up an appointment for a tour of our facility.

# **OUR SERVICES**

# Home-cooked meals and snacks

We provide a light breakfast, lunch and snack. Our nutritional program is based on the USDA daily recommendations for adults. We make every attempt to accommodate required dietary restrictions.

# Nursing services

We have a registered nurse on site daily to provide skilled nursing care. This care can include medication administration, wound care, nail care, vital signs assessment, weight monitoring, diabetic care and teaching.

#### Personal care

We have aides to assist with personal care. This care can include assistance with ambulation and transfers, incontinence care, toileting, showering, dressing, and eating.

# Socialization and Activities

We offer a variety of activities that promote socializing and give time for independent discussion among participants. The activities are therapeutic-based to promote mental stimulation and maintain client abilities. We also promote having fun.

# Caregiver Respite

We offer a safe, fun and caring environment for your loved one to go giving families or caregivers the opportunity to do errands, maintain a job, or just have a break with out worry.

# Art Program

We staff a professional artist two days a week. The artist gives one on one instruction that is individualized to each participant and their abilities.

> Out and About Adult Day Service 11 Court Street Morrisville, Vermont 05661 (802) 888-7045

Open Mon. thru Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm



Raiders vs Wolves at Jackson

# RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION, INC.



492 Bay Street, Suite 1 Phone: 748-8170, Fax 748-5275 St. Johnsbury, VT 05819 www.rideRCT.org



"The Ruby in the Kingdom"

RCT has been providing service in your community for over nineteen years and RCT must reach out again for community support in order to maintain the quality of service that is needed for the members of our community.

RCT is a nonprofit corporation providing transportation to the elderly and people with disabilities through a volunteer service. Between all of our programs, RCT provides over 205,000 rides per year. Most of these rides are provided with our volunteer drivers that are reimbursed \$0.50 per mile for the use of their vehicles.

RCT's volunteer drivers transport people to student education programs, adult-day service facilities, senior meal sites and necessary medical treatments such as, dialysis, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, physical therapy, special medical needs and other appointments. We currently have people using our services for transportation to medical appointments throughout the Northeast Kingdom, Burlington, VT, Hanover, NH and other medical facilities.

RCT has provided residents of Stowe with 3,597 trips accumulating approximately 146,320 miles over the past year.

With level funding from the state for over twelve years and the increasing request for our transportation services, RCT is respectfully requesting your help. We hope you will be able to assist us with this request and we look forward to continuing our service that is needed by the members in your community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Respectfully,

DAVID A. TOWLE *Operations & Safety Manager* 







"Volunteers getting things done in Central Vermont and the Northeast Kingdom"

RSVP and VOLUNTEER CENTER FOR CENTRAL VERMONT AND NORTHEAST KINGDOM is part of a Nationwide Program for people who want to help meet community needs through meaningful use of their skills, knowledge and talents in volunteer service.

Stowe was able to benefit from RSVP services in two ways during the 2009-2010 fiscal year. The RSVP Coordinator involved seventeen residents of Stowe in volunteer service to area non-profit organizations. Those organizations were: Meals on Wheels Program of Lamoille County and the Osher Lifelong Learning programs. In addition to involving these volunteers, RSVP made available insurance, transportation reimbursement, recognition and training.

The volunteers provided over 291 hours of services to the above-mentioned organizations, and helped expand or continue the valuable services that were provided to the residents of Lamoille County. The Lamoille Valley Osher group featured 16 classes on topics ranging from Politics to Religion and History to Opera. In Stowe alone volunteers have provide an equivalent of \$5,330 in services to the area.

RSVP also sponsored the Bone Builders program which is designed to prevent and slow the onset of osteoporosis in older citizens. RSVP means having volunteers in elementary schools, hospitals, nursing homes, chambers of commerce, libraries and bookmobiles, meal sites, adult education, transportation programs, county law enforcement, helping with Wood Warms, the court systems and building ramps for those in need.

We are proud of the work that these volunteers contributed, and are pleased to help make Lamoille County a better place for its residents.

Anyone wishing to know more about RSVP, or wanting to become a volunteer, should call Dan Noyes at 888-2190, visit our website at www. voluteervt.com, or stop in to see us at our donated office in the Lamoille View Apartments in Morrisville.

Respectfully submitted, J. GUY ISABELLE Director



# STOWE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2010 began with the West Branch Schoolhouse/ St. John's in the Mountains Church sited comfortably at its new site-90 School Street. We started packing our collection, visiting other museums; planning lay-

outs for our new home. With water, sewer, electrical and propane lines in place and the building secured to the foundation, in March the West Branch Schoolhouse was transferred to the town. We could not have moved the building without the financial support from the townspeople and friends. Since then, thanks to Jon Hanson's knowledge of construction, the regular construction meetings with Russ Colvin- clerk of the works, Chris Careyarchitect and Charles Safford-town manager, went very well. The new wing was constructed and the interior prepared for the next phase by Patterson and Smith. The Summit Catamount team with John Unger as supervisor, has replaced windows, walls, installed stairs, treads, trim boards and flooring, and coordinated the painting. Chuck's Heating and Plumbing installed the heating system and Stan Ingersol the electrical system according to the drawings by Pearson Associates. The issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy is anticipated before the end of the year. We will be spending most of the winter preparing for an early spring move.

Through a grant from the Arthur Dana Foundation, we began a long awaited oral history "STOWE SPEAKS". Amanda Kunhert-a family and personal historian and members of the committee are conducting interviews. Amanda then prepares CD's on which the interview is broken into themes and tracks. Our first interview was with Helen Beckerhoff, a 66 year resident of Stowe before she moved to New York state.

Jan Griffiths, a retired innkeeper, is continuing, "Where's that Lodge or Inn" a project started by Helen. Jan has visited most of the inns and lodges, inviting the owners to share memorabilia, brochures and other identifying items. Curiosity got to her and she joins those of us who love to scour the land records to learn about properties and people throughout Stowe's history.

Chuck Dudley, a resident of the "Churchill House" has expanded his Land record and genealogy search about his home and the Churchill family to all the National Register Houses in the Village Historic District. All this work and photo images are being entered into a database that shall be very useful to researchers of the future.

Our own genealogist, Pat Haslam and Barbara Sorkin are preparing a book, estimated publishing date 2011, about Pioneers of Skiing in Stowe. Pat and Barbara Baraw continue to field questions from folks searching ancestors in Stowe. Sometimes we find answers. Recently, Dr. John Gale and his

daughter Judith returned to Stowe for a visit and added to our Gale family collection.

Our History Expo 2010, at Tunbridge, exhibited focused on the fourteen of nineteen District Schoolhouses that were moved between 1878 and 2010. Chuck created a power point presentation about the West Branch move. An oversized map of Stowe illustrating from where to where the various buildings were moved was displayed. The beginning date and closure date of each with photos of most then and now were added. Eight volunteers answered questions and discussed the moves. Every two years there is an opportunity to join us at this fun weekend.

We have a gap in our team due to the passing of Edward Rhodes, former president, vice president and curator/educator at the time of death. We need help with the curatorial efforts especially as we prepare to move to our new headquarters.

At SHS annual meeting, Vermont Historical Society premiered "Montpelier-Silent–VT State Guard" a digitized,1943 silent movie of the State Guard training at the Moscow CCC camp and other places. It was an exciting collaboration including local speakers, central Vermont musicians accompanying the changing scenes, and the hospitality of the Faith Bible Church in Moscow.

Our web site has a new look, <u>www.stowehistoricalsociety.org</u>. Our new email is <u>info@stowehistoricalsociety.org</u>. In addition to our continuing projects, our big move and grand opening we will be sponsoring our Second biannual Yard Sale, early in June.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA BARAW, President



Historical Society Building at its new home



Stowe Historical Society Building (West Branch Schoolhouse) squeezing onto to School St!

# STOWE LAND TRUST

Stowe Land Trust (SLT) celebrates 23 years dedicated to conserving significant scenic, recreational, and productive farm and forestland for the benefit of the greater Stowe community. We celebrate our success thanks to the tremendous support of our Board of Directors, staff, community volunteers and especially our members and donors who make our work possible. Thank you!

This year, SLT focused on improving and enhancing public access to many of its conserved properties. SLT hired Preserve Land Works and Sustainable Trail Works in late 2009 to design and build 3+ miles of new trail on the Kirchner Woods property. Early this spring the professional trail builders, volunteers and a crew from the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) completed this enjoyable new trail network on Taber Hill Rd.

Wiessner Woods also benefitted from professional trail work. Timber and Stone, LLC and volunteers transformed the entrance to the property creating a pleasant and welcoming user experience. SLT was able to involve youth groups from VYCC, the Laraway School and Blessed Sacrament Bible Camp in these and several other stewardship projects this year.

The marquee public access project was the rebuilding of the Adams Camp bridge. Since its conservation in 2006, the Adams Camp property has become an integral part of the Vermont Ride Center, a mountain bike trail network extending from Waterbury to Stowe. The bridge has enhanced access to the Adams Camp land not only for skiers and mountain bikers, but for all those who enjoy the outdoors. SLT received broad financial support from our members and partners; and benefited from cooperation with Trapp Family Lodge, the Stowe Mountain Bike Club, the Stowe Nordic Outing Club, and the Town, who donated the steel bridge beams. Thanks to Salvas Inc. for the excellent work! The improved access to the Adams Camp property trails will contribute to the economic vitality of our tourism-based economy for years to come.

SLT also hired Cushman Design Group to conduct a comprehensive assessment of needed restoration for the amazing 1930's Moravian cabin located on SLT's Mill Trail property adjacent to Bingham Falls. Sketches, floor plans and cost estimates were developed that will help SLT to eventually open this building for the public to experience a little piece of what "old Stowe" provided to early visitors.

One of the more fun ways SLT worked to connect people and the outdoors was to partner on the Stowe Trail Race Series. Races were held on trails in Ranch Valley at Stowe Mountain Resort, at Trapp Family Lodge, and on the extensive trail network behind the Golden Eagle Resort. It was great way

to expose the public to conserved lands and highlight the tangible benefits of land protection. Other programs included a wildflower walk at Wiessner Woods and a mountain bike ride in Sterling Town Forest. SLT's goal through its outreach and education is to maintain the understanding of the importance and benefits of conserved land – particularly among young people where an increasingly indoor-oriented lifestyle threatens to erode the relevance of open space.

Finally, in 2010 SLT was awarded national Accreditation, achieving one of the highest distinctions in land conservation today. Our Accredited status means that SLT has met national standards for conducting land protection transactions and providing stewardship to our 28 conserved properties.

SLT would like to thank Lainie Nichols for her service as Board Chair for the past two years. Thanks also to Elizabeth Squier, Andrew Woods, Ashley Sargent and Keith Thompson who rotated off the SLT board. A very special thanks to one of our longest-serving retiring board members, Gerry Griffin, who has been with SLT since 1996.

Stowe Land Trust P.O. Box 284 www.stowelandtrust.org

HEATHER M. FURMAN Stowe, VT 05672 Executive Director (802) 253-7221

# THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING TOWN OF STOWE SUMMARY REPORT

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

In FY '10 (10/1/09-9/30/10) VCIL responded to over **1,550** requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **535** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and assisted **315** households with financial and/or technical assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. We provided **255** individuals with assistive technology and delivered meals to **485** individuals through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we now have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Orleans, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our Peer Advocate Counselors are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During FY '10, **9** residents of **Stowe** received services from the following programs:

- •Home Access Program (HAP)
- Meals on Wheels Program (MOW) (over \$600 spent on peers)
- •Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF)
- •Information, Referral and Assistance (I,R &A)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at:

1-800-639-1522, or, visit our web site at www.vcil.org.



"Sound of Music" at Akeley Theatre





Akeley Cupola Removal

# **VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS 2010 OVERVIEW**

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that is owned by its member municipalities and directed by a 13-member Board of Directors comprised of municipal officials from across the state elected by the membership.

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 145 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 more than 3,000 inquiries for assistance from municipal officials. Our Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) conducted 19 workshops and 18 on-site training sessions that attracted more than 1,500 people. MAC distributed almost 430 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 nearly 1,000 other electronic documents currently accessible to the general public. MAC has also retained the services of professionals in municipal finance, administration, and policing to provide consulting advice to towns.
- 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, enhancing
  local voter authority in governance decisions, land use discussions, and
  securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs.
  Municipalities will face significant challenges again in the 2011 legislature,
  assuring that state fiscal woes are not shifted to local governments and
  property taxpayers.
- 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 2009 for \$50 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services. Other pooled purchasing opportunities exist in such areas as assuring that towns are able to obtain road salt for winter highway maintenance at an affordable price and in adequate quantities.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, visit the VLCT website at <a href="https://www.vlct.org">www.vlct.org</a>.

# TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT AUDIT REPORT JUNE 30, 2010

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# Independent Auditor's Report

Selectboard Town of Stowe P.O. Box 730 Stowe, Vermont 05672

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 the Town of Stowe, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010, which collectively comprise the Town of Stowe, Vermont's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Stowe, Vermont's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the Electric Fund which is a major fund and forty-four percent (44%), twenty-three percent (23%) and eighty-four percent (84%), respectfully, of the assets, net assets and revenues of the business-type activities. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Electric Fund, is based on the report of the other auditors.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 and the report of the other auditors provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, based on our audit, and the report of other auditors, 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 the Town of Stowe, Vermont, as of June 30, 2010 and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Town of Stowe, Vermont

Information included under Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is 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 methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming our opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Stowe, Vermont's basic financial statements. The combining non-major fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. These schedules have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

January 28, 2011 Montpelier, Vermont Vt Lic. #92-000180

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# TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

Our discussion and analysis of the Town of Stowe, Vermont's financial performance provides an overview of the Town's financial activities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010. The Town of Stowe Electric Fund has been audited separately as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010 and is incorporated into this report. Their financial statements are included in the Town Report.

This document has been prepared for the sixth year as part of the implementation of Statement No. 34 of the Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB 34). GASB 34 has made significant changes to the content and format of our financial statements. The key changes are the inclusion of the Government-wide financial statements on the full accrual basis including the cost of capital assets and the related depreciation. These changes are intended to present the Town's financial reports on the same basis as the private sector. Please read it in conjunction with the Town's financial statements which begin in Exhibit A.

#### Financial Highlights

Government-Wide (Exhibits A and B)

• The Town's assets exceeded liabilities on June 30, 2010 by \$36,333,707 (net assets). Of this amount, \$14,805,541 represents governmental activities and \$21,528,166 represents our water, sewer and electric departments (business funds). Of these amounts, \$2,890,576 of general government funds and \$9,159,320 of business funds are unrestricted net assets and may be used to meet the Town's future obligations.

Fund Financial Statements (Exhibits C and D)

- The fund balance of the governmental funds decreased by \$5,148,871 in FY 10. The decrease can be attributed to the capital outlay of the public safety building.
- The General Fund balance decreased (\$139,892). The General Fund balance at the end of FY 10 was \$1,125,907. Of this amount, \$76,860 is reserved for specific projects or inventories and not available for current expenditures.
- The Capital Fund balance increased by \$150,826 in FY 10. The total amount in this fund
  at year-end was \$475,171 and is designated for future projects such as sidewalk
  replacement, building improvements and bridge improvements.
- The Public Safety Building Fund accounts for the construction of the new Public Safety Building. \$95,448 of investment and other income was received and \$5,402,988 was expended, resulting in a decrease in fund balance of (\$5,307,540). The fund balance at the end of FY 2010 was \$966,067. Of this amount, \$700,000 was approved by the voters to be used for the Akeley Vault Renovation.

- The Water Fund ended the fiscal year with a net asset balance of \$1,217,697 an increase of \$211,274.
- The Sewer Fund ended the fiscal year with a net asset balance of \$15,376,950, a decrease of \$324,080.
- The Electric Fund ended the fiscal year with a net asset balance of \$4,933,519, an increase of \$822,453.

## Overview of the Town's Financial Statements

The annual financial report consists of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements.

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

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

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the Town's net assets changed during the fiscal year. The *statement of activities* is on the full accrual basis (i.e. all changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows) whereas the *statement of revenues*, *expenditures and changes in fund balance of governmental funds* is on a modified accrual basis (i.e. revenue is recognized when it becomes measurable and available as net current assets and expenditures are recognized when the related liability is incurred). Thus in the *statement of activities*, revenues and expense are reported for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods, (e.g. uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave.)

Both of the government-wide financial statements combine information from governmental funds (which are supported primarily by tax dollars) with information from enterprise funds which are supported by user fees and charges (*business-type activities*). The governmental activities of the Town of Stowe include general government, public works, public safety, community development, cemeteries and culture and recreation.

The government-wide financial statements can be found in Exhibits A and B of this report.

**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 has two types of funds: governmental funds and proprietary funds. The proprietary funds of the Town are Enterprise Funds (business activities). These cover our water, sewer and electric departments. Fund financial statements can be found in Exhibits C through I of this report.

**Notes to the financial statements.** The notes provide additional information that is necessary for an understanding of the information in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements follow the basic financial statements in this report.

**Other Information.** In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain *supplementary information*. This supplementary information includes combining statements for various funds and budgetary comparison statements for funds other than the Town's General Fund. The supplementary information can be found immediately following the notes to the financial statements in schedules 1 through 6.

#### **Government-wide Financial Analysis**

### Town of Stowe, Vermont's Statement of Net Assets

	Governmental Activities	I	Business-type Activities		Total	
	FY2010 I	FY 2009	FY2010	FY 2009	FY2010	FY2009
Current and Other Assets	\$5,366,136	\$10,779,356	\$34,622,079	\$32,667,279	\$39,988,215	\$43,446,635
Capital Assets	\$19,492,760	\$14,017,136	\$34,372,070	\$34,349,882	\$53,864,830	\$48,367,018
Total Assets	\$24,858,896	\$24,796,492	\$68,994,149	\$67,017,161	\$93,853,045	\$91,813,653
Current Liabilities	\$844,412	\$1,235,997	\$2,508,484	\$3,344,592	\$3,352,896	\$4,580,589
Long-term Liabilities	\$9,208,943	\$9,859,575	\$44,957,499	\$42,854,050	\$54,166,442	\$52,713,625
Total Liabilities	\$10,053,355	\$11,095,572	\$47,465,983	\$46,198,642	\$57,519,338	\$57,294,214
Net Assets						
Invested in capital assets, net of						
Related Debt	\$11,017,760	\$11,151,863	\$12,368,84	6 \$10,303,20	9 \$23,386,606	\$21,455,072
Restricted	\$897,205	\$820,818	\$1	0 \$0	\$897,205	\$820,818
Unrestricted	\$2,890,576	\$1,728,239	\$9,159,32	0 \$10,515,31	0 \$12,049,896	\$12,243,549
Total Net Assets	\$ <u>14,805,541</u>	\$ <u>13,700,920</u>	\$ <u>21,528,16</u>	6 \$ <u>20,818,519</u>	\$ <u>36,333,707</u>	\$ <u>34,519,439</u>

As stated above, net assets exceeded liabilities by \$36,333,707 at the end of fiscal year 2010. In future years, this number can be used as a way to calculate whether or not the financial condition of the Town is improving or deteriorating.

The largest portion of the Town's net assets is in its investment in capital assets. (64.4%). These assets are used to provide services to its citizens (e.g. land, buildings, equipment, and infrastructure). These assets are not available for future spending.

A portion of net assets is sewer connection loans receivables. The remaining net assets (\$2,175,515) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations. Some of the amounts included in unrestricted net assets have been designated by management for particular purposes (e.g. capital projects and equipment purchases).

At the end of fiscal year 2010, the Town of Stowe has positive balances in all three categories of net assets for the entire government and all individual funds except for the Water Fund that had an unrestricted deficit of (\$1,215,497).

# Town of Stowe, Vermont Statement of Activities

	Governmental Activities		Busine Activ		Total		
	FY2010 FY2009			FY2010 FY2009		FY2009	
Revenues	1 1 2 0 1 0	112007	1 12010	1 12005	FY2010	112007	
Program Revenues							
Charges for Services	\$1.091.416	\$1,037,316	\$12,646,964	\$12,448,119	\$13,738,380	\$13,485,435	
Operating Grants &	. , ,	, , ,	, ,, ,, ,,	. , .,	, .,,,	, ,	
Contributions	\$214,518	\$363,040	\$0	\$0	\$214,518	\$363,040	
Capital Grants &							
Contributions	\$406,092	\$194,163	\$136,132	\$889,843	\$542,224	\$1,084,006	
General Revenues							
Property Taxes	\$7,016,489	\$6,878,050	\$0	\$0	\$7,016,489	\$6,878,050	
Penalties & Interest on Delinquent				\$0			
Taxes	\$142,438	\$118,292	\$0	\$0	\$142,438	\$118,292	
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$51,484	\$59,866	\$0	\$0	\$51,484	\$59,866	
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Local Option Tax	\$543,543	\$536,577	\$0	\$0	\$543,543	\$536,577	
Investment Earnings	\$222,499	\$348,362	\$267,506	\$165,462	\$490,005	\$513,824	
General State Grants	\$323,604	\$175,051	\$0	\$0	\$323,604	\$175,051	
LCP Equity Dividends	\$0	\$0	\$1,795,200	\$0	\$1,795,200	\$0	
Net Loss on Sale of Land/Equip	\$0	\$0	(\$146)	\$69,458	(\$146)	\$69,458	
Other Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$72,429	\$1,185,916	\$72,429	\$1,185,916	
Total Revenues	\$10,012,083	\$9,710,717	\$14,918,085	\$14,758,798	\$24,930,168	\$24,469,515	
Expenses							
Governmental activities							
General Government	\$2,058,188	\$2,099,323	\$0	\$0	\$2,058,188	\$2,099,323	
Public Safety	\$2,714,728	\$2,553,631	\$0	\$0	\$2,714,728	\$2,553,631	
Public Works		\$1,994,095	\$0	\$0	\$2,196,600	\$1,994,095	
Culture and Recreation		\$1,638,142	\$0	\$0	\$1,594,980	\$1,638,142	
Cemeteries	\$11,597	\$9,931	\$0	\$0	\$11,597	\$9,931	
Community Development	\$0	\$750,836	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$750,836	
Interest on Long-Term Debt	\$364,369	\$404,898	\$0	\$0	\$364,369	\$404,898	
Business-type activities							
Water	\$0	\$0	\$835,862	\$862,433	\$835,862	\$862,433	
Sewer	\$0	\$0	\$1,712,005	\$1,632,829	\$1,712,005	\$1,632,829	
Electric	\$0		\$11,627,571	\$10,883,281	\$11,627,571	\$10,883,281	
Total Expenses	\$8,940,462	\$9,450,856	\$14,175,438	\$13,378,543	\$23,115,900	\$22,829,399	
Transfers	\$33,000	\$33,000	-\$33,000	-\$33,000	\$0	\$0	
Change in net assets	\$1,104,621	\$292,861	\$709,647	\$1,347,255	\$1,814,268	\$1,640,116	
Net assets - Beginning of Year	\$13,700,920	\$13,408,059	\$20,818,519	\$19,471,264	\$34,519,439	\$32,879,323	
Net assets - End of Year	\$14,805,541	\$13,700,920	\$21,528,166	\$20,818,519	\$36,333,707	\$34,519,439	

**Governmental activities:** Governmental activities increased the Town's net assets by \$1,104,621 in FY 10. The Town added \$5,475,624 to its inventory of capital assets net of current year depreciation (funded with \$406,092 of capital contributions). Major additions included construction of the Public Safety Building, a ten wheel dump truck, Library/Helen Day Art Center repairs and Mountain Road sidewalk construction.

**Business-type activities:** Business-type activities increased the Town's net assets by \$709,647.

## Financial Analysis of Major Funds

#### General Fund

The General Fund balance decreased by \$139,892 during the year. The total fund balance at year-end was \$1,125,907. Of this amount, \$76,860 is restricted for inventory and old age assistance expenses. There is \$636,733 designated to reduce property taxes in fiscal year 2011, leaving the remaining \$412,314 as unrestricted and can be used for future expenses and other projects.

Revenues were less than expected by (\$124,833). The decrease is due primarily to Interest Income coming in under budget projections and property tax adjustments.

Expenditures were \$551,752 under budget. This was primarily due to the Administration, Town Clerk, Finance, Zoning, Police, Fire, Highway, Public Works, Cemetery, Recreation/Parks, Conservation and Debt under spending their budgets.

#### Capital Fund

The Capital fund had a fund balance of \$475,171. This Fund balance increased \$150,826. The Fund was funded with \$543,543 of local option taxes, \$283,207 of grants and \$105,922 in tax dollar subsidies. The increase in fund balance is due to the incompletion of certain capital projects.

#### **Public Safety Building Fund**

The Public Safety Building had a fund balance of \$966,067. This fund balance decreased 5,307,540, due to the construction of the Public Safety Facility.

#### Water Fund

The Water Fund had operating income of \$318,732 but an increase in net assets of \$211,274. The operating income was due primarily to revenues in excess of expenses.

#### Sewer Fund

The Sewer Fund had an operating loss of (\$382,713) and a decrease in net assets in the amount of (\$324,080) \$557,462 of this loss was attributable to depreciation.

#### Electric Fund

The Electric Fund had operating income of 209,217 and an increase in net assets of \$822,453.

#### Capital Asset Administration

The Town of Stowe's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2010 totaled \$19,492,760 (net of depreciation). These assets include land, buildings and building improvements, roads and bridges, vehicles, machinery, equipment, antiques and furniture.

Major capital asset transactions during the year included the following additions:

Ten Wheel Dump Truck
Kubota Tractor
Mt Road, Maple Street and Lower Village Sidewalks
Police Cruisers
Memorial Park Master Plan
Akeley Cupola
Mountain Bike Master Plan
Historical Building
Miller Brook Bridge
Helen Day Renovation
Public Safety Facility – In Progress

Capital assets disposed of during the year included the following deletions:

Sold or Traded:
Generators
'Old' Police/Fire/Rescue Station
Mower
Kubota Tractor
Bobcat
Pick-up with Plow

#### **Debt Administration**

As of June 30, 2010, long-term debt of governmental activities of the Town of Stowe was \$8,475,000. As of June 2009, the debt was \$9,138,880. During the year, the Town paid off \$663,880 in older bonds and notes.

The Business type activities had bonds and notes outstanding with a total principal debt of \$44,839,054. At the beginning of the fiscal year there was \$42,746,673 in outstanding debt. During the year, the Electric Department borrowed \$4,000,000 for electrical upgrades and took out a \$1,035,830 note for investment purchases. There was reduction in the amount of \$2,943,449 from bonds and notes payable.

#### **Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates**

- The Town of Stowe historically has seen a 2-3% increase in its Grand List each year, but is projecting a zero percent growth this year.
- Health insurance rates increased an average of 4.9% from 2009 to 2010 calendar year with an additional 7.5% increase budgeted from 2010 to 2011 calendar year. All employees are paying a portion of their health care premiums.
- The cost of heating fuel and diesel is anticipated to decrease from FY 10 to FY 11, estimating a 15% increase over the prices as of 10/31/2008 at the time of budget development.

These factors were taken into consideration in preparing the fiscal year 2011 budgets. The General Fund expense budget for FY11 is \$9,409,367, which resulted in a decrease of 1.1%. Budgeted revenues are \$1,757,422, which was a 9.7% decrease, due mainly to the Interest Income decreasing.

With the recession continuing, although improving, FY11 will be a very challenging budget year for the Town.

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town of Stowe, Vermont's financial condition. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Town Manager's Office or the Finance Office.

Exhibit A

#### TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS JUNE 30, 2010

<u>ASSETS</u>		Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	
Cash	\$	2,481,993	\$ 2,582,097	\$ 5,064,090	
Investments	Ψ	2,163,857	0 2,302,037	2,163,857	
Receivables (Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles)		867,160	2,744,033	3,611,193	
Loans Receivable		0	7,160,077	7,160,077	
Internal Balances		(222,334)	222,334	0	
Inventories, Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets		75,460	511,043	586,503	
Restricted Cash		0	750,000	750,000	
Investment in Associated Companies		0	20,822,112	20,822,112	
Fair Value of Interest Rate Swap		0	(174,306)	(174,306)	
Deferred Charges		0	4,689	4,689	
Capital Assets		-	.,	.,	
Land		4,117,834	51,370	4,169,204	
Construction in Progress		7,757,192	440,998	8,198,190	
Antiques		62,000	0	62,000	
Other Capital Assets, (Net of		,		,	
Accumulated Depreciation)	_	7,555,734	33,879,702	41,435,436	
Total Assets	_	24,858,896	68,994,149	93,853,045	
LIABILITIES					
Accounts Payable		661,431	1.000,453	1,661,884	
Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable		40,203	5,294	45,497	
Other Accrued Expenses		0	81,089	81,089	
Deferred Revenue		99,891	590,944	690,835	
Accrued Interest Payable		42,887	130,704	173,591	
Line of Credit		0	700,000	700,000	
Noncurrent Liabilities:		Ü	700,000	700,000	
Due within One Year		595,000	1,505,295	2,100,295	
Due in More than One Year		8,613,943	43,452,204	52,066,147	
Bue in More than one Teal	_	0,015,745	43,432,204	32,000,147	
Total Liabilities	_	10,053,355	47,465,983	57,519,338	
NET ASSETS					
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt		11,017,760	12,368,846	23,386,606	
Restricted		897,205	0	897,205	
Unrestricted	_	2,890,576	9,159,320	12,049,896	
Total Net Assets	\$ 14,805,541		\$ 21,528,166	\$36,333,707	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Exhibit B

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

	Total	\$ (1,647,520) (2,334,487) (1,621,590) (1,621,590) (1,262,192) 1,722 (364,369)	(7,228,436)	211,274 (357,435) (1,246,181)	(1,392,342)	(8,620,778)	7,016,489 142,438 543,543 513,544 323,604 490,005 1,795,200 (146) 72,429 10,435,046 1,814,268 34,519,439 8,36,333,707
Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets	Business-Type Activities	9	0	211,274 (357,435) (1,246,181)	(1,392,342)	(1,392,342)	0 0 0 0 0 267,506 11,795,200 72,429 72,429 72,429 73,600 700,647 700,647
Net	Governmental Activities	\$ (1,647,520) (2,334,487) (1,621,590) (1,262,192) 1,722 (364,365)	(7,228,436)	0 0 0	0	(7,228,436)	7,016,489 142,438 545,443 51,484 222,604 222,604 223,604 233,000 1,104,621 1,104,621 13,700,520 8,333,067
	Capital Grants and Contributions	\$ 0 17,511 388,581 0	406,092	110,854 25,278 0	136,132	\$ 542,224	
Program Revenues	Operating Grants and Contributions	\$ 37,113 3,344 170,271 3,790 0	214,518	0 0 0	0	\$ 214,518	
	Charges for Services	\$ 373,555 359,386 16,158 328,998 13,319	1,091,416	936,282 1,329,292 10,381,390	12,646,964	\$ 13,738,380	Revenues: strong Taxes alters and Interest and Interest and Interest strong and Interest begins Dividends refless on Sale of Land Equipment are Revenues for a Revenues for and General Revenues and Transfers in Net Assets sets – July 1, 2009 sets – July 1, 2009
	Expenses	\$ 2,058,188 2,714,728 2,196,600 1,594,980 11,597 364,369	8,940,462	835,862 1,712,005 11,627,571	14,175,438	\$ 23,115,900	General Revenues: Propury Taxes Poundury Taxes Poundury and Interest Poundury and Interest Poundury and Interest Poundury and Interest General Sint Grants General Sint Grants LCP Equiv Dividents Gain/Less on Sale of Land Equipment Other Revenues Transfers Total General Revenues and Transfers Net Assets - July 1, 2009 Net Assets - June 30, 2010

Total Business-Type Activities

Total

Total Governmental Activities

Business-Type Activities: Water Sewer Electric

Functions/Programs:
Governmental Advivities:
General Government
Public Safety
Public Safety
Culture and Recreation
Cemerus
Interest

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Exhibit C

#### TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2010

ASSETS	General Fund	Capital Fund	Public Safety Building Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Cash	\$ 2,401,275	\$ 0	\$ 3	\$ 80,715	\$ 2,481,993
Investments Receivables (Net of Allowance for	0	0	1,336,250	827,607	2,163,857
Uncollectibles)	596,892	267,768	0	2,500	867,160
Due From Other Funds	0	456,608	521	566,916	1,024,045
Prepaid Expenses	3,861	0	0	0	3,861
Security Deposits Inventory	0 64,799	0	6,800 0	0	6,800 64,799
inventory	04,799				04,799
Total Assets	\$ 3,066,827	\$ 724,376	\$ 1,343,574	\$ 1,477,738	\$ 6,612,515
<u>LIABILITIES</u>					
Liabilities:					
Accounts Payable	\$ 143,652	\$ 139,312	\$ 377,507	\$ 960	\$ 661,431
Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	40,203	0	0	0	40,203
Due To Other Funds Deferred Revenue	1,244,174 512,891	109,893	0	2,205 0	1,246,379 622,784
Defende Revenue	312,691	109,893			022,764
Total Liabilities	1,940,920	249,205	377,507	3,165	2,570,797
Fund Balances:					
Reserved for					
Inventory and Prepaid Expenses	68,660	0	0	0	68,660
Other Purposes Unreserved, Reported In	8,200	0	966,067	889,005	1,863,272
General Fund	1,049,047	0	0	0	1,049,047
Special Revenue Funds	0	ů	ů	484,747	484,747
Capital Projects Funds	0	475,171	0	100,821	575,992
Total Fund Balances	1,125,907	475,171	966,067	1,474,573	4,041,718
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 3,066,827	\$ 724,376	\$ 1,343,574	\$ 1,477,738	
Amounts Reported for Governmental					
Capital Assets Used in Governmental Reported in the Funds.	Activities are not Fin	ancial Resources and, The	erefore, are not		19,492,760
Other Assets are not Available to Pay are Deferred in the Funds.		522,893			
Long-Term and Accrued Liabilities a Current Period and, Therefore, are No					(9,251,830)
Net Assets of Governmental Activitie	s				\$ 14,805,541
THE PERSON OF CONTINUENT ACTIVITIES	-				- 11,000,0 TI

Exhibit D

#### TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

	General Fund	Capital Fund	Public Safety Building Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds	
Revenues:						
Property Taxes	\$ 6,845,489	S 0	\$ 0	S 0	\$ 6,845,489	
Penalties and Interest	142,438	0	0	0	142,438	
Local Option Tax	0	543,543	0	0	543,543	
Intergovernmental Revenues	578,133	283,207	0	36,693	898,033	
Charges for Services	829,433	0	0	49,856	879,289	
Investment Income	53,381	5,222	77,940	85,956	222,499	
Licenses and Permits	242,315	0	0	0	242,315	
Donations	0	0	0	4,210	4,210	
Other Revenue	13,050	0	17,508	2,335	32,893	
Total Revenues	8,704,239	831,972	95,448	179,050	9,810,709	
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General Government	2,057,233	0	0	20,461	2,077,694	
Public Safety	2,110,975	0	133,771	1,812	2,246,558	
Public Works	1,731,709	99,471	0	0	1,831,180	
Culture and Recreation	1,489,328	20,303	0	16,713	1,526,344	
Cemeteries	9,017	0	0	187	9,204	
Capital Outlay	57,428	667,294	5,269,217	291,882	6,285,821	
Debt Service:						
Principal	663,880	0	0	0	663,880	
Interest	364,139	0	0	705	364,844	
Total Expenditures	8,483,709	787,068	5,402,988	331,760	15,005,525	
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues						
Over Expenditures	220,530	44,904	(5,307,540)	(152,710)	(5,194,816)	
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):						
Proceeds from Sale of Equipment	0	0	0	12,945	12,945	
Transfers In	115,500	105,922	0	376,000	597,422	
Transfers Out	(475,922)	0	0	(88,500)	(564,422)	
Total Other Financing						
Sources/(Uses)	(360,422)	105,922	0	300,445	45,945	
Net Change in Fund Balances	(139,892)	150,826	(5,307,540)	147,735	(5,148,871)	
Fund Balances - July 1, 2009	1,265,799	324,345	6,273,607	1,326,838	9,190,589	
Fund Balances - June 30, 2010	\$1,125,907	\$ 475,171	\$ 966,067	\$ 1,474,573	\$ 4,041,718	

Exhibit E

# TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT 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, 2010

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (Exhibit B) are different because:

Net change in fund balances - total government funds (Exhibit D)	\$	(5,148,871)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets (\$6,285,821) is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense (\$694,425). This is the amount by which capital		
outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.		5,591,395
The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets		
(i.e., sales, trade-ins, donations and disposals) is to increase net assets		(115,771)
The issuance of long-term debt (\$0) (e.g., bonds, leases) provides current financial		
resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term		
debt (\$663,880) consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither		
transaction, however, has any effect on net assets. This amount is the net		
effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.		663,880
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources		
are not reported as revenues in the funds. This amount reflects the increase in		
deferred revenues over last year.		126,761
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of		
current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in		
governmental funds. This amount represents the increase in balances of these		
expenditures over last year.	_	(12,773)
Change in net assets of governmental activities (Exhibit B)	\$	1,104,621

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#### TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Tax Revenue	\$ 7,008,621	\$ 6,845,489	\$ (163,132)
Administration	444,945	653,961	209,016
Wireless Lease	27,000	34,227	7,227
Town Clerk	157,485	162,867	5,382
Auditors School Report	1,700	1,571	(129)
Audit - Water and Sewer	5,500	5,500	0
Accounting	21,070	21,215	145
Conservation - Timber and Mayo Rental	5,000	5,000	0
Fire	1,000	3,034	2,034
Highway Department	166,365	183,929	17,564
Listers' Office	1,500	1,446	(54)
Town of Waterbury Lister Contract	27,300	27,300	0
Rescue / EMS	254,124	200,276	(53,848)
Culture Campus Telephone	1,200	1,766	566
Library	34,800	37,327	2,527
Planning/Zoning	56,378	47,485	(8,893)
Police Department	128,251	156,421	28,170
Cemetery	1,200	510	(690)
Public Works Administration	46,500	46,500	0
Parks and Recreation	314,469	307,869	(6,600)
Interest	90,000	50,882	(39,118)
Trolley	35,700	35,700	0
Debt Management and Interest	125,000	0	(125,000)
Total Revenues	8,955,108	8,830,275	(124,833)
Expenditures:			
Administration	351,381	322,333	29,048
Elections	3,488	2,432	1,056
Town Clerk	267,616	222,866	44,750
Town Auditors	36,615	34,543	2,072
Health/Zoning	168,788	124,962	43,826
Listers' Office	119,784	118,719	1,065
Treasurer/Finance	257,654	244,104	13,550
Planning	105,841	102,954	2,887
Historic Preservation	5,400	3,586	1,814
Police Department	1,599,103	1,578,068	21,035
Fire Department	247,900	204,452	43,448
Rescue Squad	372,040	359,937	12,103
Emergency Management	2,678	2,967	(289)
Equipment	370,000	370,000	0
Highway	1,551,413	1,420,835	130,578
Public Works	229,590	188,803	40,787
Akely Memorial Building	138,759	134,055	4,704

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# TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
F (G I)			
Expenditures:/(Cont'd)	¢ 24.525	d 20.500	A 5120
Cultural Campus	\$ 34,727	\$ 29,588	\$ 5,139
Street Lights	46,943	53,106	(6,163)
Solid Waste	550	550	0
Cemeteries	17,275	9,018	8,257
Community Affairs	60,032	60,032	0
General Government	559,115	558,990	125
Recreation & Grounds	1,103,941	1,021,170	82,771
Library	481,731	479,153	2,578
Conservation Commission	15,200	9,475	5,725
Debt Management	1,094,476	1,028,019	66,457
Insurances	173,957	179,528	(5,571)
Capital Outlay Transfer	105,922	105,922	0
Total Expenditures	9,521,919	8,970,167	551,752
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues			
Over Expenditures	\$ (566,811)	(139,892)	\$ 426,919
Fund Balance - July 1, 2009		1,265,799	
Fund Balance - June 30, 2010		\$ 1,125,907	

Exhibit G

#### TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS PROPRIETARY FUNDS JUNE 30, 2010

	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Electric Fund	Total
ASSETS				
Current Assets:				
Cash	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,582,097	\$ 2,582,097
Other Receivables (Net of Allowance for				
Uncollectible Accounts)	80,786	132,633	1,600,640	1,814,059
Unbilled Receivables	58,972	81,496	565,668	706,136
Loans Receivable - Current Portion	23,000	597,200	0	620,200
Accrued Interest Receivable	0	0	223,838	223,838
Prepaid Expenses	0	0	4,000	4,000
Deposits	272,530	103,550		376,080
Inventory Due from Other Funds	8,479 0	13,003 1,816,681	109,481 0	130,963 1,816,681
Total Current Assets	443,767	2,744,563	5,085,724	8,274,054
N	·	·	·	
Noncurrent Assets: Restricted Cash	0	0	750,000	750,000
Loans Receivable - Long-Term Portion	153,272	6,386,605	750,000	6,539,877
Investment in Associated Companies	155,272	0,500,005	20,822,112	20,822,112
Fair Value of Interest Rate Swap	0	0	(174,306)	(174,306)
Deferred Charges	0	0	4,689	4,689
Capital Assets				
Land	8,647	42,723	0	51,370
Construction in Progress	0	0	440,998	440,998
Buildings and Building Improvements	0	15,584,232	265,238	15,849,470
Machinery and Equipment	147,408	509,875	1,445,349	2,102,632
Distribution/Collection Systems	11,049,988	10,874,533	7,845,733	29,770,254
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(1,729,591)	(6,649,625)	(5,463,438)	(13,842,654)
Total Noncurrent Assets	9,629,724	26,748,343	25,936,375	62,314,442
Total Assets	\$ 10,073,491	\$ 29,492,906	\$ 31,022,099	\$ 70,588,496
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities:				
Accounts Pavable	\$ 56,461	\$ 56,691	\$ 887,301	\$ 1,000,453
Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	1,643	3,651	0	5,294
Other Accrued Expenses	0	0	81,089	81,089
Due To Other Funds	1,594,347	0	0	1,594,347
Accrued Interest Payable	107,336	0	23,368	130,704
Line of Credit	0	0	700,000	700,000
Notes Payable - Current Portion	0	0	26,812	26,812
General Obligation Bonds Payable - Current Portion	476,922	846,561	155,000	1,478,483
Total Current Liabilities	2,236,709	906,903	1,873,570	5,017,182
Noncurrent Liabilities				
Accrued Compensated Absences Payable	52,749	55,648	10,048	118,445
Deferred Revenue - Noncurrent Portion	0	0	765,250	765,250
Deferred Revenue - Interest Rate Swap	0	0	(174,306)	(174,306)
Notes Payable - Noncurrent Portion	0	0	19,709,018	19,709,018
General Obligation Bonds Payable - Noncurrent Portion	6,566,336	13,153,405	3,905,000	23,624,741
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	6,619,085	13,209,053	24,215,010	44,043,148
Total Liabilities	8,855,794	14,115,956	26,088,580	49,060,330
NET ASSETS				
The All Control of March 1971	2 422 10 1	(2(1,772	2.572.000	12.260.011
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt Unrestricted/(Deficit)	2,433,194 (1,215,497)	6,361,772 9,015,178	3,573,880 1,359,639	12,368,846 9,159,320
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Total Net Assets	1,217,697	15,376,950	4,933,519	21,528,166
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 10,073,491	\$ 29,492,906	\$ 31,022,099	\$ 70,588,496

Exhibit H

#### TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Electric Fund	Total
Operating Revenues:				
Charges for Services	\$ 936,282	\$ 1,329,292	\$ 10,381,390	\$ 12,646,964
Total Operating Revenues	936,282	1,329,292	10,381,390	12,646,964
Operating Expenses:				
Administrative	77,480	145,869	793,328	1,016,677
Power	0	0	7,951,414	7,951,414
Distribution and Collection	339,131	1,008,674	1,049,079	2,396,884
Taxes	0	0	143,900	143,900
Depreciation and Amortization	200,939	557,462	234,452	992,853
Total Operating Expenses	617,550	1,712,005	10,172,173	12,501,728
Operating Income/(Loss)	318,732	(382,713)	209,217	145,236
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):				
Investment Income	0	33,355	234,151	267,506
Loss on Sale of Land/Equipment	0	0	(146)	(146)
Connection Fees	110,854	25,278	0	136,132
LCP Equity Dividends	0	0	1,795,200	1,795,200
Other Income/(Expenses)	0	0	72,429	72,429
Interest Expense	(218,312)	0	(1,455,398)	(1,673,710)
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expens	es) (107,458)	58,633	646,236	597,411
Net Income/(Loss) Before Transfers	211,274	(324,080)	855,453	742,647
Transfers	0	0	(33,000)	(33,000)
Change in Net Assets	211,274	(324,080)	822,453	709,647
Net Assets - July 1, 2009	1,006,423	15,701,030	4,111,066	20,818,519
Net Assets - June 30, 2010	\$ 1,217,697	\$ 15,376,950	\$ 4,933,519	\$ 21,528,166

Exhibit I

#### TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Electric Fund	Total
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Receipts from Customers and Users	\$ 910,683	\$ 1,290,720	\$ 9,983,671	\$ 12,185,074
Payments for Purchased Power	0	0	(7,951,414)	(7,951,414)
Payments to Suppliers	(166,409)	(683,751)	(1,212,825)	(2,062,985)
Payments for Interfund Services Payments for Wages and Benefits	(47,000) (185,677)	(47,000) (443,686)	(797,906)	(94,000) (1,427,269)
Payment for Taxes	0	0	(143,900)	(143,900)
Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operating Activities	511,597	116,283	(122,374)	505,506
Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities:				
Other Receipts(Payments)	0	0	87,679	87,679
Transfer to Other Funds	0	0	(33,000)	(33,000)
Increase/Decrease in Due To/From Other Funds	450,739	211,393	0	662,132
Net Proceeds/(Repayment) of Line of Credit	0	0	700,000	700,000
LCP Equity Dividends	0	0	1,795,200	1,795,200
Other Interest Paid	(19,153)	0	0	(19,153)
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	431,586	211,393	2,549,879	3,192,858
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities:				
Payments Received on Loans Receivable	20,675	596,469	0	617,144
Receipt of Connection Fees	172	2,598	0	2,770
Proceeds from Sale of Land/Equipment	0	0	168,050	168,050
Proceeds from Long-Term Debt	0	0	4,000,000	4,000,000
Repayment of Bond Anticipation Note	0	0	(1,600,000)	(1,600,000)
Purchase of Deferred Charges	0	0	(4,795)	(4,795)
Payment of Deposits	(272,530)	(103,550)	0	(376,080)
Acquisition and Construction of Capital Assets	(14,950)	(9,986)	(1,158,059)	(1,182,995)
Principal Paid on General Obligation Bonds	(471,887)	(846,562)	(25,000)	(1,343,449)
Interest Paid on General Obligation Bonds	(204,663)	0	(147,949)	(352,612)
Interest Paid on Notes Payable	0	0	(1,284,081)	(1,284,081)
Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities	(943,183)	(361,031)	(51,834)	(1,356,048)
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Cash Flows From Investing Activities:				
Receipt of Interest & Dividends	0	33,355	33,072	66,427
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	0	33,355	33,072	66,427
Net Increase in Cash	0	0	2,408,743	2,408,743
Cash - July 1, 2009	0	0	923,354	923,354
Cash - June 30, 2010	\$0	S0	\$ 3,332,097	\$ 3,332,097
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income/(Loss) to Net Cash Provided by/(Used) Operating Activities:				
Operating Income/(Loss)	\$ 318,732	\$ (382,713)	\$ 209,217	\$ 145,236
Depreciation and Amortization	200,939	557,462	234,452	992,853
(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	(25,599)	(38,572)	(397,719)	(461,890)
(Increase)/Decrease in Prepaid Expenses	0	0	26,368	26,368
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventory	0	(2,353)	(2,981)	(5,334)
Increase/(Decrease) in Deferred Revenue	0	0	(384,472)	(384,472)
Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	14,877	(23,067)	212,848	204,658
Increase/(Decrease) in Accrued Payroll	610	1,017	(60,703)	(59,076)
Increase/(Decrease) in Other Accrued Expenses	0	0	40,616	40,616
Increase/(Decrease) in Compensated Absences Payable	2,038	4,509	0	6,547
Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operating Activities	\$ 511,597	\$ 116,283	\$ (122,374)	\$505,506

Non-cash activity:

The Electric Fund acquired Stock by Issuing Debt for \$1,035,830.

 $The \ Electric \ Fund \ Disposed/Sold \ Capital \ Assets \ with \ a \ Cost \ of \$192,647 \ and \ Accumulated \ Depreciation \ of \$24,451 \ for \$168,050.$ 

The Sewer Fund Disposed of Capital Assets with a Cost and Accumulated Depreciation of \$62,437.

The Town of Stowe, Vermont (herein the "Town") operates under a Manager/Selectmen form of government and provides the following services as authorized by its charter: public safety (police and fire), highways and streets, sanitation, health and social services, community/economic development, recreation, public improvements, planning and zoning, water, sewer, electric and general administrative services.

The financial statements presented herein do not include agencies which have been formed under applicable state laws or separate and distinct units of government apart from the Town of Stowe.

#### I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies adopted by the Town of Stowe (the "Town") conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governmental entities. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing accounting and financial reporting principles. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies employed in the preparation of these financial statements.

#### A. The Financial Reporting Entity

This report includes all of the funds of the Town of Stowe, Vermont. The reporting entity consists of the primary government; organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable; and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that their exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Component units are legally separate organizations for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. The primary government is financially accountable if it appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing body and it is able to impose its will on that organization or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or burdens on the primary government. The primary government may be financially accountable if an organization is fiscally dependent on the primary government. Based on these criteria, there are no entities that should be combined with the financial statements of the Town.

#### **B.** Basis of Presentation

The accounts of the Town are organized and operated on the basis of fund accounting. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a separate set of self-balancing accounts which comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

The basic financial statements of the Town include both government-wide statements and fund financial statements. The focus of the government-wide statements is on reporting the operating results and financial position of the Town as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Town's finances. The focus of the fund financial statements is on reporting on the operating results and financial position of the most significant funds of the Town and present a shorter-term view of how operations were financed and what remains available for future spending.

Government-wide Statements: The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the primary government, the Town. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of activities between funds. These statements distinguish between the governmental and business-type activities of the Town. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Town's governmental activities and for each segment of the Town's business-type activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function or segment. Program revenues include (a) charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements: The fund financial statements provide information about the Town's funds, including fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category – governmental and proprietary – are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

The Town reports on the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – This is the Town's main operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Town, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Capital Fund – This fund accounts for the general capital expenditures of the Town.

Public Safety Building Fund – This fund accounts for the construction of the new public safety building.

The Town reports on the following major enterprise funds:

Water Fund – This fund accounts for the operations of the Water Department of the Town.

Sewer Fund – This fund accounts for the operations of the Wastewater Department of the Town.

Electric Fund – This fund accounts for the operations of the Electric Department of the Town. The Town Electric Department is a municipally-owned utility providing retail electric power to the residents of the Town and surrounding communities.

Proprietary fund operating revenues, such as charges for services, result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the fund. Exchange transactions are those in which each party receives and gives up essentially equal values. Nonoperating revenues, such as subsidies and investment earnings, result from nonexchange transactions or ancillary activities.

#### C. Measurement Focus

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. This means that all assets and liabilities associated with the operation of these funds (whether current or noncurrent) are included on the balance sheet (or statement of net assets). Equity (i.e., net total assets) is segregated into invested in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted net assets; and unrestricted net assets. Operating statements present increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total assets.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus. This means that only current assets and current liabilities are generally reported on their balance sheets. Their reported fund balances (net current assets) are considered a measure of available spendable resources, and are segregated into reserved and unreserved amounts. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of available spendable resources during a period.

#### D. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time the liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flow takes place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the Town gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations. On the accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Local option taxes collected and held by the State at year-end on behalf of the Town are also recognized as revenue. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental funds are reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined, and "available" means the amount is collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The Town considers all revenues reported in governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty days after year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, certain compensated absences and other long-term liabilities which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated or are funded with expendable available financial resources.

General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the Town funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net assets available to finance the program. It is the Town's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, followed by general revenues. Expenditure driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and other grant requirements have been met.

The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements follow Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and Interpretations and Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinions; and Accounting Research Bulletins, issued on or before November 30, 1989; unless those pronouncements conflict with GASB pronouncements. As permitted under Statement of Governmental Accounting Standards No. 20, the Town has elected not to apply FASB Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989.

The Electric Department is under the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the Vermont Public Service Board (VPSB) with respect to rates and accounting practices. In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 71 "Accounting for the Effects of Certain Types of Regulations," the Electric Department records certain assets and liabilities in accordance with the economic effect of the rate making process. As such, regulators may permit incurred costs or benefits, typically treated as expenses or income by unregulated entities, to be deferred and expensed or benefited in future periods. Costs are deferred as regulatory assets when the Electric Department concludes that future revenue will be provided to permit recovery of the previously incurred cost. Revenue may also be deferred as regulatory liabilities that would be returned to customers by reducing future revenue requirements. The Electric Department analyzes the evidence supporting deferral, including provisions for recovery in regulatory orders, regulatory precedent, other regulatory correspondence and legal representations.

#### E. Use of Estimates

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

#### F. Assets, Liabilities and Equity

#### 1. Cash

Most cash received by the Town is placed in the custody of and invested by the Town Treasurer who is elected. The exception to this is that the Electric Fund and Library Endowment Fund collect and invest cash. The Town considers all short-term investments of ninety (90) days or less to be cash equivalents.

Excess cash of individual funds are shown as due from other funds and excess cash withdrawals are shown as due to other funds. Interest income is allocated based on the due to/from other funds balances.

#### 2. Investments

The Town invests in investments as allowed by State Statute. Investments with readily determinable fair values are reported at their fair values on the balance sheet. Unrealized gains and losses are included in revenue.

#### 3. Receivables

Receivables for all funds, except the Electric Department Fund, are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts for the estimated losses that will be incurred in the collection of the receivables. The estimated losses are based on the judgment of management and a review of the current status of existing receivables. The Electric Department Fund does not provide an allowance for doubtful accounts but utilizes the direct write-off method for all uncollectible accounts based on management's judgment. The Electric Department has determined that any uncollectible receivables would be immaterial to the Department.

Transactions between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements that are outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as due to/from other funds". Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances". The majority of the internal balances is the result of the pooling of cash.

#### 4. Unbilled Receivables and Revenue Recognition

The Electric Department does all the billing for the Water, Sewer and Electric Funds. The Department reads approximately half of the meters around the 1st of the month and the balance around the 15<sup>th</sup>. Revenues have been recognized through the end of the accounting period by providing for unbilled revenues from the reading date through the end of the accounting period.

#### 5. Inventories and Prepaid Expenses

Inventory quantities are determined by physical count and are valued at the lower of cost or market. Inventory is recorded as an expenditure or in certain cases, for the Electric Fund, capitalized at the time the individual item is utilized. Inventories in the General Fund consist of gravel and materials. Inventories in the Proprietary Funds consist of fuel, materials and parts held by the individual departments for repairs and additions to equipment and utility plant.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs that are applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid expenses.

Inventories and prepaid expenses of governmental funds in the fund financial statements are offset by a fund balance reserve which indicates that they do not constitute "available spendable resources" even through they are a component of net current assets.

#### 6. Capital Assets

Capital assets are reported at actual cost or estimated historical cost based on appraisals or deflated current replacement cost if purchased or constructed. Contributed assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at the time received. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase for proprietary fund capital assets is reflected in the capitalized value of the asset constructed, net of any interest earned on the invested proceeds during the same period. Interest is not capitalized during the construction phase of capital assets used in governmental activities. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the assets' lives are not capitalized. The Town has elected to not report major general infrastructure assets retroactively.

Capital assets reported in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are depreciated in order that the cost of these assets will be charged to expenses over their estimated service lives, generally using the straight-line method of calculating depreciation.

Capitalization thresholds (the dollar values above which asset acquisitions are added to the capital asset accounts) and estimated useful lives of capital assets are as follows:

	Capitalization		Estimated
	Th	reshold	Service Life
Land and Easements	\$	1,000	Not Depreciated
Antiques		1,000	Not Depreciated
Buildings and Building Improvements		5,000	40 Years
Land Improvements		5,000	50 Years
Machinery and Equipment		5,000	8-20 Years
Processing Facilities		5,000	50 Years
Infrastructure		15,000	30-50 Years
Water, Wastewater and Electric Distribution			
and Collection Systems		15,000	60-100 Years

Capital assets are not reported in the governmental fund financial statements. Capital outlays in these funds are recorded as expenditures in the year they are acquired.

The Town does not capitalize its library books because they are considered a collection.

#### 7. Investments in Associated Companies

The Stowe Electric Department (SED) recognizes income from its affiliates in which SED has ownership interests. This ownership includes investment in common and preferred stock of Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc. (VELCO) and membership units of VT Transco, LLC (Transco). These investments are recorded at cost and, because these are not publicly traded, market values are not readily determinable.

#### 8. Compensated Absences

It is the policy of the Town of Stowe to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused annual leave up to one thousand forty (1,040) hours and up to forty (40) hours of comp time for hourly employees. These amounts are pro-rated for part-time employees. It is also the policy of the Town of Stowe to allow salaried employees to accumulate up to one thousand five hundred sixty (1,560) hours of annual leave. Police officers can accumulate up to one thousand three hundred and thirty six (1,336) of hours of annual leave and up to one hundred twenty (120) hours of comp-time. Payments for unused compensated absences in the governmental funds are recorded as expenditures in the year they are paid.

The Electric Department allows employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits. Employees may, depending upon level and length of service, be paid for various amounts of their unused leave upon termination or retirement.

#### 9. Long-term Liabilities

Long-term liabilities include bonds payable and other obligations such as notes payable, capital leases payable and compensated absences. Long-term liabilities are reported in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. Governmental fund financial statements do not include any long-term liabilities as those statements use the current financial resources measurement focus and only include current assets and liabilities on their balance sheets.

#### 10. Fund Equity

Fund balances and net assets are classified based upon any reservations/restrictions that have been placed on those balances or any tentative plans management may have made for those balances. Reservations of fund balances and restrictions of net assets represent amounts that cannot be appropriated or are legally restricted for a specific purpose by a grant, contract, or other binding agreement. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change. Undesignated fund balances are available for future appropriations.

### II. EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOVERNMENTAL FUND AND GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS

Governmental Fund financial statements are presented using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting, while government-wide financial statements are presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. These differences in the measurement focus and basis of accounting lead to differences between the governmental fund financial statements and the government-wide financial statements as follows:

Long-term revenue differences arise because governmental funds report revenues only when they are considered "available", whereas government-wide statements report revenues when they are earned. Long-term expense differences arise because governmental funds report expenditures (including interest) using the modified accrual basis of accounting, whereas government-wide statements report expenses using the accrual basis of accounting.

Capital-related differences arise because governmental funds report capital outlays as current period expenditures, whereas government-wide statements report depreciation as an expense. Further, governmental funds report the proceeds from the sale of capital assets as an other financing source, whereas government-wide statements report the gain or loss from the sale of capital assets as revenue or expense.

Long-term debt transaction differences arise because governmental funds report bond proceeds as other financing sources and principal payments as expenditures, whereas government-wide statements report those transactions as increases and decreases in liabilities, respectively.

#### A. Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and the Statement of Net Assets

The differences between the governmental funds balance sheet and government-wide statement of net assets are as follows:

	_	Balance Sheet	Long-term Revenues/ Expenses	_	Capital Related Items		Long-term Debt Transactions	Elimination of Interfund Balances	Statement of Net Assets
ASSETS									
Cash	\$	2,481,993 \$	0	\$	0	\$	0 \$	0 \$	2,481,993
Investments		2,163,857	0		0		0	0	2,163,857
Receivables		867,160	0		0		0	0	867,160
Due from Other Funds		1,024,045	0		0		0	(1,246,379)	(222,334)
Other Current Assets		75,460	0		0		0	0	75,460
Capital Assets	_	0	0		19,492,760	_	0	0	19,492,760
Total Assets	_	6,612,515	0	_	19,492,760		0	(1,246,379)	24,858,896
LIABILITIES									
Accounts Payable		661,431	0		0		0	0	661,431
Accrued Payroll and									
Benefits Payable		40,203	0		0		0	0	40,203
Due to Other Funds		1,246,379	0		0		0	(1,246,379)	0
Deferred Revenue		622,784	(522,893)		0		0	0	99,891
Accrued Interest Payable		0	42,887		0		0	0	42,887
Noncurrent Liabilities	_	0	733,943		0	_	8,475,000	0	9,208,943
Total Liabilities	_	2,570,797	253,937		0		8,475,000	(1,246,379)	10,053,355
NET ASSETS									
Invested in Capital Assets		0	0		19,492,760		(8,475,000)	0	11,017,760
Other		4,041,718	(253,937)		0		0	0	3,787,781
Total Net Assets	\$_	4,041,718 \$	(253,937)	\$_	19,492,760	\$	(8,475,000) \$	0 \$	14,805,541

### B. Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances and the Statement of Activities

The differences between the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances and government-wide statement of activities are as follows:

		Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances	Long-term Revenues/ Expenses	Capital Related Items	Long-term Debt Transactions	Reclassifications and Elimination of Interfund Activity	Statement of Activities
REVENUES							
Property Taxes	\$	6,845,489 \$	171,000 \$	0 \$	0 \$	0 \$	7,016,489
Penalties and Interest		142,438	0	0	0	0	142,438
Local Option Tax		543,543	0	0	0	0	543,543
Intergovernmental Revenues		898,033	(47,239)	152,613	0	(628,319)	375,088
Charges for Services		879,289	3,000	0	0	209,127	1,091,416
Operating Grants and							
Contributions		0	0	0	0	214,518	214,518
Capital Grants and Contributions		0	0	0	0	406,092	406,092
Investment Income		222,499	0	0	0	0	222,499
Licenses and Permits		242,315	0	0	0	(242,315)	0
Other Revenues		37,103	0	0	0	(37,103)	0
Sale of Equipment		12,945	0	(12,945)	0		0
Transfers from Other							
Funds	-	597,422	0	0	0	(564,422)	33,000
Total Revenues		10,421,076	126,761	139,668	0	(642,422)	10,045,083
EXPENDITURES							
General Government		2,077,694	6,614	7,880	0	(34,000)	2,058,188
Public Safety		2,246,558	4,619	463,551	0	0	2,714,728
Public Works		1,831,180	(20,591)	430,011	0	(44,000)	2,196,600
Culture and Recreation		1,526,344	22,606	46,030	0	0	1,594,980
Cemeteries		9,204	0	2,393	0	0	11,597
Capital Expenditures		6,285,821	0	(6,285,821)	0	0	0
Debt Service		1,028,724	(475)	0	(663,880)	0	364,369
Transfers to Other Funds		564,422	0	0	0	(564,422)	0
Total Expenditures		15,569,947	12,773	(5,335,956)	(663,880)	(642,422)	8,940,462
Net Change for the Year	\$	(5,148,871) \$	113,988 \$	5,475,624 \$	663,880 \$	0 \$	1,104,621

#### III. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

#### A. Budgetary Information

Budgets are approved at the annual Town Meeting in March. Any budget changes require voter approval. There were no budget amendments during the year.

#### **B.** Budgeted Deficit

The Town budgeted a current year's deficiency in the General Fund of \$566,811 in order to utilize a portion of the previous year's surplus. This is reflected as a budgeted deficiency of revenues over expenditures on Exhibit F.

#### C. Separate Financial Statements

The Town has issued separate financial statements for the Electric Fund. Additional disclosures pertaining to this fund can be found in the separately issued financial statement.

#### IV. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

#### A. Cash and Investments

The Town's cash and investments as of June 30, 2010 consisted of the following:

	-	Amount
Cash		
Cash on Hand	\$	2,615
Deposits with Financial Institutions	-	5,061,475
Total Cash	-	5,064,090
<u>Investments</u>		
Certificate of Deposit, Union Bank, Interest		
at 1.9%, Due July 1, 2010		1,336,250
Cash Equivalents with Broker		28,987
Mutual Funds - Holdings in Stocks & Bonds		594,078
Common Stock	_	204,542
Total Investments	_	2,163,857
Restricted Cash		
Deposits with Financial Institutions	-	750,000
Total Cash and Investments	\$_	7,977,947

#### **Custodial Credit Risk**

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of failure of the counter-party (e.g. broker-dealer) to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in possession of another party. The Town does not have any policy to limit the exposure to custodial credit risk. The Town's mutual funds and cash on hand are not exposed to custodial credit risk. The common stock is in the name of the Town. The table below presents the custodial credit risk of the Town's deposits with financial institutions.

	Book Balance	Bank Balance
Insured - FDIC Uninsured, Uncollateralized, Secured by Mortgage	\$ 822,223	\$ 834,947
Loans Held by the Bank but not in the Name of the Town	6,064,274	6,683,796
Uninsured, Uncollateralized	290,215	355,294
Total	\$	\$ 7,874,037
Deposits are comprised of the following:		
Cash with Financial Institutions	\$ 5,811,475	
Cash Equivalents with Broker	28,987	
Certificate of Deposit - Investments	1,336,250	
Total	\$_7,176,712	

The difference between the book and bank balances is due to reconciling items such as deposits in transit and outstanding checks. Due to higher cash flows at certain times during the year, the amounts of uninsured, uncollateralized cash was much higher than at year end.

#### **Credit Risk**

Generally, credit risk that is the risk an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization such as Standard and Poor's or Moody's rating services. These organizations look at a number of factors in order to evaluate the risk of an obligation and rate the risk. The rating allows investors to make informed buying and selling decisions. The Town's cash equivalents with the broker, common stock and certificate of deposit are exempt from the credit risk analysis. The Town's mutual funds are open-ended and, therefore, are also excluded from the credit risk analysis.

#### **Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. The Town does not have any policy to limit its exposure to interest rate risk.

Information about the sensitivity of the fair values of the Town's investments to market interest rate fluctuations is provided by the following table that shows the distribution of the Town's investments by maturity. When available, mutual funds are shown at their weighted average maturity. The Town's certificate of deposit is not subject to interest rate risk disclosure.

	-	Less Than	1 to 2	2 to 3	Not	
Investment Type		1 Year	Years	Years	Available	Total
Mutual Funds	\$	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 594,078 \$	594,078
Total	\$_	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 594,078 \$	594,078

#### **Concentration of Credit Risk**

The Town does not have any limitations on the amount that can be invested in any one issuer. The Town does not have any investment in any one issuer, other than mutual funds, that represent more than 5% of total investments.

#### **Restricted Cash**

There is one cash account of the Electric Department that is restricted as to use. The restricted cash is held at Citizens Bank. They received \$750,000 from Spruce Peak as a contribution in aid of construction towards the 115kV Project. The \$41,440 of interest earned on this certificate of deposit is unrestricted.

#### B. Receivables

Receivables at June 30, 2010, as reported in the statement of net assets, net of applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	-	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	_	Total
Delinquent Taxes Receivable	\$	449,687	\$ 0	\$	449,687
Penalties and Interest Receivable		39,227	0		39,227
Tax Sale Receivable		37,100	0		37,100
Grants Receivable		196,657	0		196,657
Accounts Receivable		123,534	642		124,176
Ambulance Receivables		37,955	0		37,955
Billed Revenues		0	1,808,998		1,808,998
Unbilled Revenues		0	706,136		706,136
Accrued Interest Receivable		0	223,838		223,838
Accounts Receivable - Sewer					
Reserve Fees		0	8,419		8,419
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts		(17,000)	(4,000)	_	(21,000)
	\$	867,160	\$ 2,744,033	\$	3,611,193

#### C. Loans Receivable

#### **Governmental Activities**

During 2008, the Town issued a \$735,000 loan receivable to Sylvan Woods Housing Limited Partnership to assist in constructing low income housing. This money was from proceeds of a State grant. Interest accrues at 2% per year. The note and interest is deferred until November, 2036. The note is secured by the Land and Building.

Note Receivable	\$ 735,000
Accrued Interest Receivable	29,400
Total	764,400
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Loans/Interest	<u>(764,400)</u>
Reported Value at June 30, 2010	\$ <u> </u>

#### **Business-Type Activities**

The Town has nineteen (19) outstanding sewer loans totaling \$69,766 to homeowners in the Sylvan Park Development. Homeowners were assessed a hook-on fee which the Town is financing for them. Each loan is billed quarterly with interest at 2%. The Town also has ninety-eight (98) outstanding sewer loans totaling \$6,914,039 to homeowners and businesses in the Mountain Road Development for hook-on fees which the Town is financing for them. These loans are assessed a \$21.60 per quarter administration fee or, in some cases, a 1% administration fee per quarter of the quarterly payment. Loan terms vary from 4 to 20 years. The Town has determined that all loans are collectible as they have a lien on the home or business thus no allowance for doubtful loans is needed. The Town has seventeen (17) outstanding loans totaling \$176,272 in the Water Department. Homeowners were assessed a hook-on-fee which the Town is financing for them. Each loan is billed quarterly with an administrative fee of 1% per quarter of the quarterly payment. Total loans receivable at June 30, 2010 is \$7,160,077. The Town estimates that \$620,200 will be collected during fiscal year 2011 and the remainder of \$6,539,877 in future years.

An analysis of the change in notes receivable is as follows:

_	Balance July 1, 2009	 Additions	Deletions	_	Balance June 30, 2010
\$	7,643,859	\$ 133,362	\$ 617,144	\$	7,160,077

#### D. Investment in Associated Companies

Stowe Electric Department (SED) accounts for investments in associated companies at cost because they are not publicly traded and market values are not readily determinable. The following are the investment amounts at June 30, 2010.

	Shares/Units	_	Cost
VELCO - Class C Preferred Stock	981	\$	1.472
VELCO - Class B Common Stock	2.078	Ф	207,800
VELCO - Class C Common Stock	1.487		148,700
VT Transco, LLC - Class A - Membership Units	900,423		9,004,230
VT Transco, LLC - Class B - Membership Units	1,145,991	_1	11,459,910
Total		\$_2	20,822,112

#### E. Deferred Charges

Deferred charges consist of the following as of June 30, 2010:

SED deferred charges include bond issuance costs that were incurred in the financing of the 1987 and 1992 bonds with the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank. These costs are amortized over a period of twenty years.

	Amortization	Current	Unamortized
	Period	<b>Amortization</b>	Balance
Bond Issuance Costs	20 Years	\$ <u>242</u>	\$ <u>4,689</u>

#### F. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2010 was as follows:

		Beginning Balance	Increases		Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities	-	Datatice	 Hicreases	-	Decreases	 Daranec
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:						
Land and Easements	\$	4,117,834	\$ 0	\$	0	\$ 4,117,834
Construction in Progress		2,225,685	5,865,193		333,686	7,757,192
Antiques		62,000	0		0	62,000
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	-	6,405,519	 5,865,193		333,686	 11,937,026
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:						
Buildings and Building Improvements		4,044,512	531,178		533,390	4,042,300
Land Improvements		765,830	9,607		1,775	773,662
Infrastructure		2,234,864	16,804		0	2,251,668
Machinery and Equipment	_	5,592,529	361,411	_	311,768	5,642,172
Totals		12,637,735	919,000		846,933	12,709,802
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:						
Buildings and Building Improvements		1,665,795	92,239		287,076	1,470,958
Land Improvements		223,526	21,055		851	243,730
Infrastructure		381,342	190,869		0	572,211
Machinery and Equipment	_	2,755,455	390,262	_	278,548	 2,867,169
Totals		5,026,118	694,425		566,475	5,154,068
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated		7,611,617	224,575		280,458	7,555,734
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$	14,017,136	\$ 6,089,768	\$	614,144	\$ 19,492,760

D. 1	Beginning Balance	Increases	_	Decreases	 Ending Balance
Business-Type Activities					
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:					
Land	\$ 51,370	\$	\$		\$ 51,370
Construction in Progress	539,529	90,067	_	188,598	440,998
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	590,899	90,067		188,598	 492,368
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:	15 000 510	20.750		0	15.040.450
Buildings and Processing Facilities	15,820,712	28,758		0	15,849,470
Machinery and Equipment	2,000,050	191,166		88,584	2,102,632
Distribution and Collection Systems	28,875,152	895,102	_	0	29,770,254
Totals	46,695,914	1,115,026		88,584	47,722,356
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:					
Buildings and Processing Facilities	3,446,331	332,115		0	3,778,446
Machinery and Equipment	1,729,676	92,321		86,888	1,735,109
Distribution and Collection Systems	7,760,924	568,175		0	 8,329,099
Totals	12,936,931	992,611		86,888	 13,842,654
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	33,758,983	122,415		1,696	33,879,702
Business-Type Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$ 34,349,882	\$ 212,482	\$	190,294	\$ 34,372,070

#### Depreciation was charged as follows:

Governmental Activities:		Business-Type Activities:		
General Government	\$ 7,880	Water	\$	200,939
Public Works	430,011	Sewer		557,462
Public Safety	208,111	Electric	_	234,210
Cemeteries	2,393		_	
Culture and Recreation	46,030			
Total Depreciation		Total Depreciation		
Expense - Governmental		Expense - Business-		
Activities	\$ 694,425	Type Activities	\$	992,611

#### G. Interfund Balances and Activity

The composition of interfund balances at June 30, 2010 is as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	Due from Other Funds	Due to Other Funds			
General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 1,244,174			
Capital Fund	456,608	0			
Public Safety Building Fund	521	0			
Other Governmental Funds	566,916	2,205			
Sewer Fund	1,816,681	0			
Water Fund	0	1,594,347			
Total	\$ 2,840,726	\$ 2,840,726			

Interfund transfers during the year ended June 30, 2010 were as follows:

Transfer From	Transfer To	Amount	Purpose
General Fund	Capital Fund	\$ 105,922	Annual Contribution
General Fund	Equipment Fund	370,000	Annual Contribution
Trolley System Fund	General Fund	35,700	Annual Subsidy
Cemetery Fund	General Fund	7,000	Annual Contribution
Mayo Fund	General Fund	2,000	Annual Contribution
Library Fund	General Fund	34,800	Annual Contribution
Electric Fund	General Fund	33,000	Annual Contribution
Sterling Forest Fund	General Fund	3,000	Annual Contribution
Library Endowment Fund	Library Fund	6,000	Annual Contribution
Total		\$597,422	

#### H. Deferred Revenue

Deferred Revenue in the General Fund consists of \$407,000 of delinquent property taxes and penalty and interest on those taxes and \$6,000 of ambulance fees not collected within sixty (60) days after year-end as these would not be available to liquidate current liabilities. Deferred Revenue also includes \$4,172 of prepaid tax revenue, \$84,843 of summer program revenue, \$9,551 police revenue, \$200 of fire revenue and \$1,125 of rink revenue received in advance for fiscal year 2011. The revenue will be recognized as amounts are collected, expenses are incurred for the grants and as services are provided. Total Deferred Revenue in the General Fund is \$512,891.

Deferred Revenue in the Capital Fund consists of \$109,893 of grant revenue not collected within sixty (60) days after year-end as these would not be available to liquidate current liabilities. Total Deferred Revenue in the Capital Fund is \$109,893.

On September 23, 2005, SED entered into an agreement with Spruce Peak Realty, LLC ("SPR"). SPR requires an additional firm electric load for expansion of its facilities and represents a portion of the additional capacity capability that the Lamoille County (LC) 115KV project will provide SED and its surrounding areas. SPR has agreed to provide \$2,100,000 toward SED's allocation of LC 115KV project costs from VT. Transco LLC ("Transco"). An initial contribution of \$750,000 received in 2005 has been recorded as deferred revenue and will be amortized to revenue over the initial ten year service period of the project. The Electric Department also has \$15,250 of additional proceeds that are deferred until certain capital expenses occur. The total deferred revenue in the Electric Fund is \$765,250.

As discussed in Note V I, the Electric Department has recorded \$(174,306) of deferred revenue which is the cumulative gain/(loss) from changes in the interest rate swap contracts' fair value.

#### I. Long-term Liabilities

The Town issues general obligation bonds to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities and to refund prior issues. General obligation bonds have been issued for both general governmental and proprietary activities. Bonds are reported in governmental activities if the debt is expected to be repaid from general governmental revenues and in business-type activities if the debt is expected to be repaid from proprietary fund revenues. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the Town. New bonds generally are issued as 10 to 20 year bonds.

The Town has other notes payable to finance various capital projects through local banks.

The State of Vermont offers a number of no-interest revolving loan programs to utilize for predetermined purposes. The Town has borrowed money from the Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund for water and sewer projects.

It is the policy of the Town of Stowe, Vermont to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused benefits. The accrual for unused compensated absences time, based on current pay rates, is recorded in the government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund financial statements.

Long-term liabilities outstanding as of June 30, 2010 were as follows:

Governmental Activities:	Beginning Balance	<u>Addi</u>	<u>tions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	Ending Balance
Bond Payable - Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Tri-Centennial Acquisition, \$35,000 Due Annually on December 1 through 2002, and \$30,000 Annually Thereafter through 2015, Various Interest Rates Ranging from 4.8% to 5.85%, Due Semi-Annually on June 1 and December 1	\$210,000	\$	0	\$ 30,000	\$180,000
Bond Payable - Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Library Expansion, \$30,000 Due Annually through December, 2013, Various Interest Rates Ranging from 4.89% to 5.666%, Due Semi-Annually on June 1 and December 1	150,000		0	30,000	120,000
Bond Payable - Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Mayo Farm Acquisition, \$70,000 Due Annually through 2010, Various Interest Rates Ranging from 4.125% to 5.415%, Due Semi-Annually on June 1 and December 1	140,000		0	70,000	70,000
Bond Payable - Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Sunset Rock Land Purchase, Fire Pumper Truck and Ice Rink Improvements, \$70,000 Due Annually through 2019, Various Interest Rates Ranging from 6.8% to 7%, Due Semi-Annually on June 1	245 000		0	70.000	175 000
and December 1	245,000		0	70,000	175,000

Beginning Balance	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	Ending Balance
\$340,000	\$ 0	\$ 30,000	\$310,000
40,000	0	10,000	30,000
325,000	0	25,000	300,000
475,000	0	25,000	450,000
	<u>Balance</u> \$340,000 40,000	Balance       Additions         \$340,000       \$         40,000       0         325,000       0         475,000       0	Balance         Additions         Deletions           \$340,000         \$ 0         \$ 30,000           40,000         0         10,000           325,000         0         25,000           475,000         0         25,000

Bond Payable - Vermont Municipal	Beginning Balance	Additions	<u>Deletions</u>	Ending Balance
Bond Bank, Public Safety Building, \$360,000 Due Annually on November 15 through 2028, Various Interest Rates Ranging from 1.9% to 4.650%, Due Semi-Annually on May 15 and November 15	\$7,200,000	\$ 0	\$360,000	\$6,840,000
Note Payable - Chittenden Bank, Roadside Mower, \$20,000 Due August 18, 2008 plus Interest, and \$13,880 Due and Paid on August 19, 2009 plus Interest, Various Interest Rates Ranging from				
3.28% to 3.95%	13,880	0	13,880	0
Total Governmental Activities	\$ <u>9,138,880</u>	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u>663,880</u>	\$ <u>8,475,000</u>
Business-Type Activities:				
Water Bond Payable - State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, 0% Interest, \$125,820 Due Annually, Due December, 2021	\$1,509,838	\$ 0	\$ 125,820	\$1,384,018
Water Bond Payable - State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, 3% Interest, \$215,568 including Interest Due Annually through 2025	2,707,773	0	134,335	2,573,438
Water Bond Payable – State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, 0% Interest, \$18,273 Due Annually through April, 2024	274,102	0	18,273	255,829
Water Bond Payable – Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Water Upgrade, \$160,000 Due Annually through 2022, Various Interest Rates Ranging from 1.55% to 5.0%, Due Semi-Annually on June 1 and December 1	2,240,000	0	160,000	2,080,000
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Note Payable – Key Bank Natio Association, Electric Capital Improvements, Principal Due in	ı Full		_	nning ance	<u>4</u>	Additions	Deletions		Ending Balance
December 30, 2018, Interest Ra Hedge to Fix Interest Rate at 6. Requiring Annual Interest Payn of \$1,309,000	6%	\$18,70	00,	000	\$	0	\$ 0		\$18,700,00
Bond Payable – Vermont Munic Bond Bank, Electric Upgrades, Principal Payments of \$135,000 through 2038 and then One (1) of \$85,000 in 2039, Semi-Annu Interest Due June 1 and Decemi Various Interest Rates Ranging 1.31% to 3.41% Due November	Annua ) Paymer al ber 1, from			0	4,	000,000	0		4,000,000
Note Payable – Union Bank, Ele Investment Purchases, Interest a Quarterly Principal and Interest Payments of \$23,267.65, due February, 2030	at 6.5%	,		0	1	035,830	0		1,035,830
Total Business-Type Activities		\$ <u>42,74</u>	46,		_	035,830	\$ 2,943,449	9	5 <u>44,839,054</u>
Changes in all long-term liabilit	ies duri	ng the	yea	ar were	as	follows:			
	Begin: Balar	-	_	Addition	<u>s</u>	Reductions	 Ending Balance		Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities									
General Obligation Bonds	9,125	,000	\$		0 \$	650,000	\$ 8,475,000	\$	595,000
Note Payable		,880			0	13,880	0		0
Compensated Absences Total Governmental Activities	720	,695	_	13,24	8	0	 733,943		0
Long-term Liabilities	9,859	,575	\$_	13,24	<u>8</u> \$	663,880	\$ 9,208,943	\$	595,000
Business-type Activities									
General Obligation Bonds Payable	22,446	,673	\$	4,000,00	0 \$	1,343,449	\$ 25,103,224	\$	1,478,483
Notes Payable	18,700	,000		1,035,83	0	0	19,735,830		26,812
Bond Anticipation Note	1,600	,000			0	1,600,000	0		0
Compensated Absences	107	,377	_	11,06	8	0	 118,445		0
Total Business-type Activities Long-Term Liabilities	42,854	,050	\$_	5,046,89	<u>8</u> \$	2,943,449	\$ 44,957,499	\$	1,505,295

Compensated Absences are paid by the applicable fund where the employee is charged.

Debt Service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Year Ending		Governmental Activities				Business-7	уре	Activities
June 30,		Principal	_	Interest		Principal		Interest
2011	\$	595,000	\$	341,292	\$	1,505,295	\$	1,729,443
2012	•	525,000	•	320,653	-	1,512,149	•	1,713,110
2013		520,000		301,441		1,519,623		1,695,711
2014		510,000		281,761		1,507,043		1,678,511
2015		480,000		262,569		1,514,876		1,660,787
2016-2020		2,255,000		1,037,384		26,297,297		6,043,316
2021-2025		2,075,000		575,404		6,436,082		906,170
2026-2030		1,515,000		216,930		3,246,689		481,308
2031-2035		0		0		675,000		250,433
2036-2040	-	0	_	0		625,000		79,075
Total	\$	8,475,000	\$_	3,337,434	\$	44,839,054	\$	16,237,864

The short-term debt activity during the year was as follows:

Beginning Balance	\$	0
Proceeds of Line of Credit – Electric Department \$2,000,000 Authorized, Interest at 2%, Matures January 18, 2011	_70	00,000
Ending Balance	\$ 70	00.000

#### J. Restricted Net Assets

The restricted net assets of the Town as of June 30, 2010 consisted of the following:

#### Governmental Activities:

Restricted for Old Age Assistance by Donations Restricted for Underground Utility Poles or Work	\$	8,200
On Recreation Paths by Donations		50,845
Restricted for Cemetery Fund by Trust Agreements		319,074
Restricted for Library Endowment by Trust Agreements		519,086
Total Governmental Activities	_	897,205
Total Restricted Net Assets	\$	897,205

#### K. Reserved Fund Balances

The reserved governmental fund balances of the Town as of June 30, 2010 consisted of the following:

#### General Fund

Reserved for Inventory and Prepaid Expenses	\$	68,660
Reserved for Old Age Assistance Expenses		
By Donation	_	8,200

Total General Fund 76,860

#### Capital Project Funds:

Reserved for Public Safety Building Construction	
By Bond Proceeds	966,067

#### Special Revenue Funds:

Reserved for Underground Utility Poles or Work	
On Recreation Paths by Donations	50,845

#### Permanent Funds

Reserved for Cemetery Fund by Trust Agreements	319,074
Reserved for Library Endowment by Trust Agreements	519,086
Total Permanent Funds	838,160
Total Reserved Governmental Fund Balances	\$ <u>1,931,932</u>

#### L. Designated Fund Balances/Retained Earnings

The designated governmental fund balances of the Town as of June 30, 2010 consisted of the following:

#### Governmental Funds:

#### General Fund:

Designated to Reduce Property Taxes
Raised in Fiscal Year 2011 \$ 636,733

6,983,805

\$6,983,805

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Special Revenue Funds:	
Designated for Trolley System	\$ 76,750
Designated for Mayo Farm	12,996
Designated for Recreation Path	7,864
Designated for Transportation Expenses	3,038
Designated for Police DEA Expenses	4,836
Designated for Conservation	
Reserve and Trails and Greenways	676
Designated for Library Expenses	67,072
Designated for Appraisal Expenses	201,659
Designated for Sterling Forest Expenses	12,918
Designated for Records Preservation Expenses	96,938
Total Special Revenue Funds	484,747
Capital Projects Funds:	
Designated for Capital Projects	475,171
Designated for Equipment Purchases	100,821
Total Capital Projects Funds	575,992
Total Governmental Funds	\$ <u>1,697,472</u>
Proprietary Funds:	
Sewer Fund: Designated for Investment in Long-Term Notes Receivable	\$ <u>6,983,805</u>

The unrestricted deficit in the Water Fund of \$1,215,497 will be funded in future years with additional revenues.

**Total Designated Retained Earnings** 

Total Sewer Fund

#### V. OTHER INFORMATION

#### A. Retirement Plans

The Town, except the Electric Department, offers its employees a defined contribution pension plan. This plan is administered by the Town. The Town contributes 10.6% of gross salary to the plan. All investments are self-directed by the employees. The total payroll for the year, excluding the Electric Department, was \$3,819,026 while covered payroll was \$1,230,786. Pension expense was \$130,463. There are two employees who have chosen to be covered under the Electric Department's pension plan. The Town's expense for these two employees is \$8,594.

Certain employees are covered under the State of Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement Plan (VMERS), a defined benefit program. The system requires that both the Town and employee contribute to the plan, which provides retirement, disability and death benefits. The Town has entered into Plan B which requires employees to contribute 4.5% of gross wages while the Town contributes 5.0%. The Town has elected to contribute both shares to the plan. The Town has also entered into Plan C which requires employees to contribute 9% of their gross salary and the Town contributes 6%, however, the Town actually contributes 10.6% and the employee contributes 4.4%. The Town has also entered into Plan D which requires employees to contribute 11% of their gross salary and the Town contributes 9.5%, however the Town actually contributes 10.6% and the employee 9.9%. Effective October 1, 2008, all new hires of unionized employees are covered under the VMERS Plan B and old unionized employees had the option to move over.

The Town of Stowe pays all costs accrued each year for the plan. The premise of this plan is to provide a retirement plan covering municipal employees at a uniform state-wide contribution rate based upon an actuarial valuation of all State of Vermont municipal employees. Activity in this plan is done in the aggregate, not by municipality. Due to the nature of this pension plan, net assets available for benefits as well as the present value of vested and nonvested plan benefits by municipality are not determinable.

The covered payroll for the VMERS Plan was \$2,163,759. Pension expense for the year, including the amount paid on behalf of the employees, was \$216,586.

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

The Town also offers its employees a choice of section 457 deferred compensation plans through the International City/County Management Association's "ICMA" Retirement Corporation, the State of Vermont and Morgan Stanley. The plans permit employees to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency. The Town has no liability for losses under these plans but does have the duty of due care that would be required of an ordinary prudent investor. All of the investments are self directed by each employee. The Town provides a matching contribution up to 2.5% to this plan for department heads only. Total contributions to this plan for the year ended June 30, 2010 were \$20,330.

The Electric Department offers to it's employees, and two Town employees, a Defined Contribution Plan under IRC Section 401(a) which covers all of the present employees. This Plan is administered by an outside thirty party. Employees with one or more years of service and who have attained the age of 18 are eligible for participation. All active members are immediately vested at 100%. All Electric Department's union employees receive 10.6% of their pay. There are three non-union employees who received different contribution amounts. The Department contributed 11.6% of gross pay for the Controller and Superintendent and 15% of gross pay for the General Manager. Total covered payroll for the Electric Department for the year ended June 30, 2010 was \$797,906 and contributions by the Department were \$79,900.

# **B.** Property Taxes

The Town is responsible for assessing and collecting its own property taxes as well as education taxes for the State of Vermont. The tax rate is set by the Board based on the voter approved budget, the estimated grand list and the State education property tax liability. Property taxes were levied in July and were payable in four (4) installments on August 10, November 10, February 10 and May 10. Interest at 2% is assessed on all unpaid balances immediately following each installment payment and then 2% on the first of each month thereafter. The tax rate for 2010 is as follows:

	Residential	Non-Residential
Town Education	.3560 <u>1.5798</u>	.3560 <u>1.6403</u>
Total	\$ <u>1.9358</u>	\$ <u>1.9963</u>

# C. 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 through the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund, Inc. 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 coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. The Town must remain a member for a minimum of one year and may withdraw from the Fund after that time by giving sixty days notice. Fund underwriting and ratesetting policies have been established after consultation with actuaries. Fund members are subject to a supplemental assessment in the event of deficiencies. If the assets of the Fund were to be exhausted, members would be responsible for the Fund's liabilities.

The Town of Stowe is also a member of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Unemployment Insurance Trust. The Unemployment Trust is a nonprofit corporation formed to provide unemployment coverage for Vermont municipalities and is owned by the participating members. The agreement does not permit the Unemployment Trust to make additional assessments to its members.

# D. Related Party Transactions

One of the Selectboard members is on the Board of Directors of the Union Bank where the Town does a majority of their banking. The Town does, however, utilize a competitive bidding process when borrowing or investing large sums of money.

# E. Operating Leases

The Town has entered into several leases for equipment. The leases have various terms and expiration dates. The estimated future minimum lease payments for the next five (5) years approximate \$61,196 per year.

SED leases its office building. The lease, which expires December 31, of each year provides for an annual rent of \$28,000. On May 1, 2010, SED moved its office building and secured a new 24 month lease with monthly rent of \$4,000.

# F. Commitments

The SED entered into a management agreement with a neighboring local municipal utility whereby it provides finance, administration, municipal accounting and management services relating to the day to day operations, and representation of the utility with the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority. Either party to the agreement has the option to terminate the agreement with 90 days notice for any reason. Total management fees received for the year ending June 30, 2010 was \$63,000.

# G. Regulatory Proceedings

On August 22, 2008, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued an order resolving issues associated with the cost allocation between participating utilities related to construction of the 115kV Lamoille County Project. The order provides SED with a fixed cap on its share of the specific facility project cost, requires SED to purchase and hold for ten years \$18,700,500 of VT Transco, LLC equity, and eliminates SED from any risk on the dividends to be paid on the equity which are to be applied to pay the debt service on the loan incurred to purchase the equity. Dividends in excess of the debt service requirements on the equity loan will be contributed to the project cost. The order requires the equity to be repurchased from SED, at par, in ten years. The loan to purchase the equity will be a non-amortizing loan due in full in ten years and will be paid with the proceeds from the equity sale at that time. The fixed annual charge to SED for the project specific facility operating costs will be \$1,100,000 for the ten year period. On December 30, 2008, both the loan and the equity purchase took place and are reflected in these financial statements.

# H. Purchase Power Contracts and Services

SED's energy and capacity requirements are provided through a variety of contract obligations. Prior to October 2008, Vermont Public Power Supply Authority (VPPSA) executed and administered power contracts on behalf of SED with the ISO – New England power market. VPPSA operated on an agency basis to perform these services pursuant to a Central Dispatch Agreement and a Master Supply Agreement. The fees charged for these services were included in the membership fees.

In 2008, SED became a direct member of the ISO – New England power market. SED has also entered into a service contract with Energy New England, LLC to administer and execute power contracts with the ISO – New England power market as SED's agent. The effective date of the change in SED's power contract administration was October 1, 2008.

A brief summary of the major power supply contracts as of June 30, 2010 held by SED is as follows:

# Hydro Quebec:

SED has the following entitlements to Hydro Quebec power:

Firm Commitment	Kilowatts	Term
Schedule B	2,288	1995-2015
Schedule C-1	1,075	1990-2012
Schedule C-2	128	1992-2012
Schedule C-3	38	1995-2015

Kilowatt quantities above include the Washington Electric Cooperative (WEC) share of Schedule C power assumed by SED in May 1990, totaling 681kW, with terms expiring between 2012 to 2015.

# **New York Power Authority:**

The New York Power Authority ("NYPA") provides power to the utilities in Vermont under two contracts. SED's share of the first contract is a 9 kW entitlement to the Robert Moses Project (a.k.a. St. Lawrence). The contract for St. Lawrence currently extends through April 30, 2017. SED's share of the second contract, the Niagara Project, has been an average of 480 kW. Effective September 1, 2007, the Niagara contract was renewed through September 1, 2025 with an entitlement of 481kW.

### VEPPI:

SED receives power from independent power projects (IPP's) through a state mandated arrangement administered by the Rule 4.100 appointed purchasing agent. In 2007, there were twenty IPP generation resources in Vermont of which nineteen were hydro and one was wood fired. At the end of January, 2008, one of the hydro resources expired. Vermont Electric Power Producers, Inc. assigns power to all Vermont utilities under Vermont Public Service Board ("PSB") Rule 4.100 based on a pro-rata share of electric sales (updated annually).

SED's share of VEPPI allocated power is currently (for November, 2008 to October, 2009) 1.24%. Contracts between VEPPI and its constituent power producers begin to terminate in 2008 while the last VEPPI contract is scheduled to end in 2020.

# Stony Brook:

SED has entered into a Power Sales Agreement with the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC) for 1.66% (approximately 5,832 kW) of MMWEC's Stony Brook Project, an operating fossil fuel plant. MMWEC, a public corporation of Massachusetts, is a coordination and planning agency for the development of the bulk power supply requirements of its members and project participants. The Power Sales Agreement for the project requires each participant to pay its share of MMWEC's costs related to the project which includes debt service on bonds issued by MMWEC to finance the project, plus 10% of debt service to be paid into a reserve and contingency fund.

# Phase 1 Hydro-Quebec Interconnection:

SED has entered into contracts with Vermont Electric Power Company (VELCO) to participate in Phase I of the Hydro-Quebec interconnection, a 450 KVHVD transmission line directly connecting the Hydro - Quebec electric system with ISO-NE at the Comerford Generating Station. Under these agreements, SED provided capital for the cost of construction through purchase of VELCO Class C preferred stock and will provide support for the operation of the line. SED is entitled to a portion of the benefits and has an obligation for a corresponding portion of the costs associated with Phase I.

# McNeil Project:

The McNeil wood-fired generating facility is located in Burlington, Vermont. The facility has a normal generating capability of 50,000 kW and a maximum generating capability of 53,000 kW. SED's entitlement to McNeil is provided through an agreement with the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority and is expected to be available through the life of the unit. SED expects the generation to be mostly composed of wood, but gas and oil can be used to fuel the unit if available and if pricing is appropriately set.

SED has agreements with VPPSA to purchase a portion of the power produced by the facility. SED is committed to purchase 14.2% (approximately 1,353 kW) of VPPSA's joint ownership share of the McNeil Facility's output (this number is net of the SED's sale of a share of McNeil output to Washington Electric Cooperative), and is obligated for a share of operating costs and of VPPSA's debt service costs related to McNeil. The sale of McNeil to WEC ended on May 31, 2008 and at that time SED's joint ownership share of McNeil increased to 15.8%. The bonds related to McNeil mature in 2015.

The McNeil wood-fired plant was retrofitted in 2008 to make it eligible to generate Connecticut Class I Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs). The project was financed via a VPPSA line of credit to fund their share, and thus SED's share, of the capital project. The line of credit will be paid down using the revenue generated from the REC sales. It is anticipated that the line of credit will be fully repaid in approximately two years. At that time, SED's payments for its McNeil entitlement will be reduced by their entitlement share of the REC sales.

# **Highgate Project:**

Under the Highgate Project Transmission Services Agreement as re-allocated in 1997, SED has agreed to purchase a 12.59% share of the capacity in VPPSA's share of Highgate Converter Facilities, located in Highgate, Vermont

### Market Contracts:

SED's portfolio contains market contracts from a variety of counterparties. Thirty-four percent of SED's resource kilowatt-hours for the fiscal year were market contracts. The contracts include products for different periods, such as on peak, off peak and around the clock hours.

In 2004, SED also entered into a contract for a capacity-only product. The contract started January 1, 2006 and expired December 31, 2009.

# Sources of Energy

The percentages of energy (kWh) acquired for the year ended June 30, 2010 was as follows:

				% of Total	Termination
Resource		(MWH)	kWh's	Resources	Date
Niagara	\$	2,706	\$ 2,706,135	4.10%	9/1/2025
St. Lawrence		80	79,540	0.10%	4/30/2017
Moscow Mills		0	0	0.00%	Life of Unit
HQ Schedule B		14,433	14,432,765	21.70%	10/31/2015
HQ Schedule C-1		6,776	6,776,290	10.20%	10/31/2012
HQ Schedule C-2		807	806,810	1.20%	10/31/2012
HQ Schedule C-3		242	242,090	0.40%	10/31/2015
VEPPI Hydro & Ryegate		4,440	4,439,664	6.70%	Various Dates
McNeil		7,618	7,618,464	11.50%	Life of Unit
Stony 1A/1B/1C		3,309	3,309,241	5.00%	Life of Unit
Market Contracts - VPPSA	1	11,209	11,208,804	16.90%	Exp. Varies
Market Contracts - ENE		22,792	22,792,439	34.30%	Exp. Varies
ISO Energy Net Interchang	ge	(7,953)	(7,953,343)	(12.10%)	
Totals	\$	66,459	\$ 66,458,899	100.00%	

SED has 5 market contracts purchased through VPPSA for delivery between 2009 and 2011. Details regarding the annual deliveries can be found in the chart below:

VPPSA Contracts	Trade Date	Expiration Date	_	2009	_	2010	_	2011	Total
Contract - 1	03/03/2006	\$ 12/31/2009	\$	3,066,000	\$	0	\$	0	\$ 3,066,000
Contract - 2	05/14/2007	12/31/2010		4,406,280		4,406,280		0	8,812,560
Contract - 3	05/16/2007	12/31/2010		468,784		474,432		0	943,216
Contract - 4	09/25/2007	02/28/2011		237,216		474,432		468,784	1,180,432
Contract - 5	09/25/2007	06/30/2011	_	2,181,998	_	4,327,440	-	2,145,442	8,654,880
Total			\$	10,360,278	\$	9,682,584	\$	2,614,226	\$ 22,657,088

On January 20, 2009, SED entered into a market contract with FPL Energy Power Marketing, LLC (FPL) to purchase power for February through December, 2009. This purchase will reduce SED's exposure to the spot market and price volatility. FPL has recently changed their name to NextEra Energy Power Marketing, LLC.

# I. Interest Rate Swaps

The SED uses derivatives to manage risks related to interest rate movements. Interest rate swap contracts designated and qualifying as cash flow hedges are reported at fair value. SED documents its risk management strategy and hedge effectiveness at the inception of and during the term of each hedge. SED's interest rate risk management strategy is to stabilize cash flow requirements by maintaining interest rate swap contracts to convert variable-rate debt to a fixed rate.

SED has entered into an interest rate swap agreement with a major financial institution to exchange variable interest rate obligations at three month LIBOR for fixed rate obligations without the exchange of the underlying principal amounts, in order to manage interest rate exposures.

As of June 30, 2010, SED had a swap agreement outstanding with a notional amount of \$18,700,000 expiring August, 2018 with a fixed interest rate of 6.60%. The cumulative gain/(loss) of \$(174,306) from changes in the swap contract's fair value is recorded in "deferred revenue" and "fair market value of interest rate swap".

The swap agreements were issued at market terms so they had no fair value at inception. The carrying amount of the arrangement has been adjusted to their fair value at June 30, 2010, which results in an asset for the fair value of the net payments forecasted under the swap. The asset is classified as long-term since management does not intend to settle it during the current operating year.

# J. Subsequent Events

On November 2, 2010, the Town of Stowe's voters approved borrowing \$910,000 for the purpose of acquiring additional equity ownership interest in Vermont Transco, LLC.

### K. Other

At the March, 2005 Town meeting, the voters authorized the Town to borrow the lesser of \$2,000,000 or 50% of the estimated renovation costs to the Jackson Ice Arena. This cannot be done until the Town has raised the other fifty percent (50%) in private matching funds.

# L. Concentration of Revenue

The Electric Departments largest customer represents approximately 17.5% of operating revenue and 6.3% of accounts receivable.

# M. Leases

The Town leases space on its Public Safety Building to three cell phone companies who installed antennas on them. The lease terms end at various dates and have renewal options. Future guaranteed lease payments for the next five years are estimated to be as follows:

2011	\$40,000
2012	40,000
2013	55,000
2014	55,000
2015	55,000

# TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT COMBINING BALANCE SHEET NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2010

		Special Revenue Funds		Capital Projects Fund - Equipment Fund	: 	Permanent Funds		Total
<u>ASSETS</u>								
Cash Investments Grants Receivable Due From Other Funds	\$	67,957 0 2,500 466,095	\$	0 0 0 100,821	\$ 	12,758 827,607 0	\$ 	80,715 827,607 2,500 566,916
Total Assets	\$	536,552	\$	100,821	\$	840,365	\$_	1,477,738
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES								
Liabilities:								
Accounts Payable Due To Other Funds	\$	960 0	\$ 	0	\$	0 2,205	\$	960 2,205
Total Liabilities	_	960	_	0	_	2,205	_	3,165
Fund Balances:								
Reserved		50,845		0		838,160		889,005
Unreserved - Designated	_	484,747	_	100,821	_	0	_	585,568
Total Fund Balances	_	535,592	_	100,821	_	838,160	_	1,474,573
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	536,552	\$	100,821	\$	840,365	\$	1,477,738

# TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

		Special Revenue Funds	ĵ	Capital Projects Fund - Equipment Fund	I	Permanent Funds		Total
Revenues:								
Intergovernmental	\$	36,693	\$	0	\$	0	\$	36,693
Charges for Services		39,382		0		10,474		49,856
Investment Income		8,236		0		77,720		85,956
Donations		4,210		0		0		4,210
Other	_	0	_	0	_	2,335	-	2,335
Total Revenues	_	88,521	_	0	_	90,529	-	179,050
Expenditures:								
General Government		20,461		0		0		20,461
Public Safety		0		1,812		0		1,812
Culture and Recreation		16,713		0		0		16,713
Cemeteries		0		0		187		187
Capital Outlay		0		291,882		0		291,882
Interest Expense	_	0	_	705	_	0	_	705
Total Expenditures	_	37,174	_	294,399	_	187	_	331,760
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues								
Over Expenditures	_	51,347	_	(294,399)	_	90,342	-	(152,710)
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):								
Proceeds from Sale of Equipment/Vehicles		0		12,945		0		12,945
Transfers In		6,000		370,000		0		376,000
Transfers Out	_	(75,500)	_	0	_	(13,000)	_	(88,500)
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	_	(69,500)	_	382,945	_	(13,000)	_	300,445
Net Change in Fund Balances		(18,153)		88,546		77,342		147,735
Fund Balances - July 1, 2009	_	553,745	_	12,275	_	760,818	_	1,326,838
Fund Balances - June 30, 2010	\$_	535,592	\$	100,821	\$	838,160	\$_	1,474,573

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT COMBINING BALANCE SHEET SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS JUNE 30, 2010

	Trolley System Fund	Mayo Fund	Recreation Path Fund	Transportation Fund	Police DEA Fund	Conservation Reserve and Trails & Greenways Fund
ASSETS						
Cash Due From Other Funds Receivables	\$ 0 76,750	\$ 0 10,559 2,500	\$ 0 7,864 0	3,038	\$ 0 4,836	0 \$
Total Assets	\$ 76,750	\$ 13,059	\$ 7,864	\$ 3,038	\$ 4,836	\$ 676
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	BALANCES					
Liabilities: Accounts Payable	0	\$ 63	0	0	0	0
Total Liabilities	0	63	0	0	0	0
Fund Balances: Reserved Unreserved-Designated	0 76,750	0 12,996	0 7,864	3,038	0 4,836	0 0 929
Total Fund Balances	76,750	12,996	7,864	3,038	4,836	929
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 76,750	\$ 13,059	\$ 7,864	\$ 3,038	\$ 4,836	\$ 676

Schedule 3

Total	\$ 67,957 466,095 2,500	\$ 536,552	096 S	50,845 484,747 535,592	\$ 536,552
Winter Fund	\$ 0 0	\$ 50,845	0 0	50,845	\$ 50,845
Records Preservation Fund	\$ 0 96,938	\$ 96,938	0 0	96,938	\$ 96,938
Sterling Forest Fund	\$ 0 12,918	\$ 12,918	0 0	12,918	\$ 12,918
Appraisal Fund	\$ 0 201,659	\$ 201,659	0 0	201,659	\$ 201,659
Library Fund	\$ 67,957 12 0	8 67,969	897	0 67,072 67,072	\$ 62,969

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

Schedule 4

Total	\$ 36,693 39,382 8,236 4,210	88,521	20,461 16,713	37,174	51,347	6,000	(69,500)	(18,153)	553,745	\$ 535,592
Winter Fund	\$ 0 0 845 0	845	0 0	0	845	0 0	0	845	50,000	\$ 50,845
Records Preservation Fund	\$ 0 10,536 1,749	12,285	19,447	22,947	(10,662)	0 0	0	(10,662)	107,600	\$ 96,938
Sterling Forest Fund	\$ 0 0 253 0	253	0 1,000	1,000	(747)	(3,000)	(3,000)	(3,747)	16,665	\$ 12,918
Appraisal Fund	\$ 35,577 0 3,019 420	39,016	1,014	1,014	38,002	0 0	0	38,002	163,657	\$ 201,659
Library Fund	\$ 0 26,336 328 3,630	30,294	8,000	8,000	22,294	6,000	(28,800)	(6,506)	73,578	\$ 67,072

# TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT COMBINING BALANCE SHEET PERMANENT FUNDS JUNE 30, 2010

	Cemetery Fund	Library Endowment Fund	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash Investments	\$ 12,758 308,521	\$ 0 519,086	\$ 12,758 827,607
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 321,279	\$ 519,086	\$ 840,365
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALAN	<u>ICES</u>		
Liabilities:			
Due To Other Funds	\$ 2,205	\$0	\$2,205
Total Liabilities	2,205	0	2,205
Fund Balances:			
Reserved	319,074	519,086	838,160
Total Fund Balances	319,074	519,086	838,160
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 321,279	\$ 519,086	\$ 840,365

# TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES PERMANENT FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

	Cemetery Fund	Library Endowment Fund	Total
Revenue:			
Investment Earnings	\$ 9,287	\$ 68,433	\$ 77,720
Burials	4,550	0	4,550
Sale of Lots	5,924	0	5,924
Miscellaneous	2,335	0	2,335
Total Revenue	22,096	68,433	90,529
Expenditures:			
Cemeteries	187	0	187
Total Expenditures	187	0	187_
Excess of Revenue			
Over Expenditures	21,909	68,433	90,342
Other Financing Sources/(Uses): Transfers Out	(7,000)	(6,000)	(13,000)
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	(7,000)	(6,000)	(13,000)
Net Change in Fund Balances	14,909	62,433	77,342
Fund Balance - July 1, 2009	304,165	456,653	760,818
Fund Balance - June 30, 2010	\$ 319,074	\$ 519,086	\$ 838,160

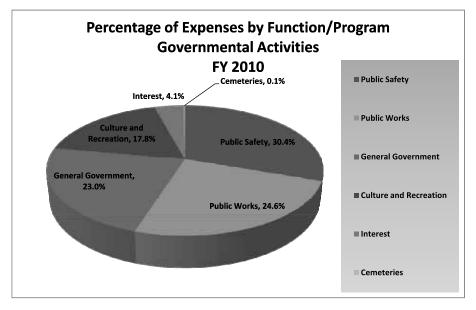
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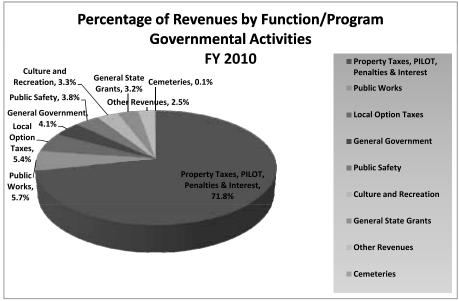
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Ending Fund Balance:

### TOWN OF STOWE, VT EQUIPMENT FUND FISCAL YEAR 2010

DEPT	VEHICLE	MAKE	YEAR	REPLACEMENT VALUE	LIFE CYCLE	FY 10 BUDGET	FY 10 ACTUAL
FIRE	1800 GAL TANKER W2	FREIGHTLINER	2008	\$220,000	30		
FIRE	SILVERADO UTILITY TRUCK	CHEVY	2003	\$32,000	15		
FIRE	REEL TRUCK 4X4 E2 **	INTERNATIONAL	1981	\$500,000	30		
FIRE	4X4 TRUCK W/PUMP E3	INTERNATIONAL	1986	\$200,000	30		
FIRE	AERIAL LADDER TRUCK T1***	SUTPHEN	1991	\$300,000	30		
FIRE	2574 TANKER TRUCK W1	INTERNATIONAL	1994	\$200,000	30		
FIRE	PUMPER TRUCK E1	AMERICAN LAFRANCE	2001	\$350,000	30		
FIRE	16 RESCUE 1 R1	INTERNATIONAL	1996	\$300,000	30		
HIGHWAY	WHEELOADER 1	CATERPILLAR	1998	\$135,000	15		
HIGHWAY	WHEELOADER 2	JOHN DEERE	2000	\$150,000	15		
HIGHWAY	DUMP	INTERNATIONAL	2008	\$170,000	12		
HIGHWAY	DUMP W/PLOW	FORD	1998	\$170,000	12	170,000	158,54
HIGHWAY	DUMP	STERLING	1999	\$170,000	12		
HIGHWAY	DUMP	INTERNATIONAL	2000	\$170,000	12		***************************************
HIGHWAY	7600 6 WHEELER	INTERNATIONAL	2003	\$170,000	12		
HIGHWAY	7600 TANDEM	INTERNATIONAL	2004	\$170,000	12		
HIGHWAY	7600 DUMP TRUCK	INTERNATIONAL	2005	\$170,000	12		
HIGHWAY	GRADER	JOHN DEERE	1996	\$215,000	25	<u> </u>	
HIGHWAY	772D MOTORGRADER	JOHN DEERE	2005	\$215,000	25		
			1997	\$35,000	10		
HIGHWAY	F-350 PICKUP	FORD FORD	1999	\$70,000	10		
HIGHWAY	F-550 1.5 TON DUMP TRUCK	FORD	2004	\$35,000	10		
HIGHWAY	F-350 PICKUP			<del> </del>			
HIGHWAY	F-350 FOREMAN'S PICKUP	FORD	2006	\$35,000	5	25.000	29,518
HIGHWAY	763-SKID STEER LOADER	BOBCAT	1999	\$34,000	10	35,000	29,510
HIGHWAY	5600 TURBO WORK MACHINE	BOBCAT	2007	\$40,000	10	-	
HIGHWAY	EXCAVATOR EW17D	VOLVO	2001	\$180,000	16		
MTN RES	K-30 RESCUE		1986	\$25,000	25		
MTN RES	CREW CAB 4WD PICKUP		2003	\$35,000	12		
PARKS	KUBOTA TRACTOR	KUBOTA	1991	\$32,000	15	32,000	30,394
PARKS	72" EXMARK MOWER	EXMARK	2004	\$13,000	6	13,000	12,34
PARKS	72" EXMARK MOWER	EXMARK	2005	\$13,000	- 6		
PARKS	72" EXMARK MOWER	EXMARK	2006	\$13,000	6		
PARKS	BOBCAT UTILITY		2008	\$20,000	10		
PARKS	SKID STEER BOBCAT		2008	\$25,000	10		
PARKS	F-350 PICKUP - STAFF 1	FORD	2006	\$30,000	10		
PARKS	F-350 PICKUP - STAFF 2	FORD	2006	\$30,000	10		
PARKS	F-350 PICKUP - STAFF 4	FORD	2008	\$30,000	10		
PARKS	F-350 DUMP - STAFF 5	FORD	2007	\$35,000	12		
PARKS	F-350 PICKUP - STAFF 6	FORD	2005	\$30,000	10		
PARKS	F-350 DUMP - SEASONAL	FORD	1992	\$35,000	12		
PARKS	ZAMBONI	ZAMBONI	2008	\$85,000	18		
POLICE	DETECTIVE SMALL SUV	CHEVY	2003	\$27,000	10		
POLICE	SPECIAL EVENTS SMALL SUV	FORD	2003	\$32,000	6		
POLICE	ACO SMALL PICK UP	TOYOTA	2008	\$27,000	7		1,811
POLICE	CHIEF SMALL SUV	FORD	2008	\$27,000	10	27,000	20,75
POLICE	SUPERVISORS SMALL SUV	CHEVY	2005	\$32,000	4	,555	
POLICE	PATROL 1 FULL SUV	CHEVY	2005	\$35,000	4	35,000	32,327
		GMC	2005	\$35,000	4	33,000	32,321
POLICE	PATROL 2 FULL SUV		2006	\$35,000	4		
POLICE	PATROL 3 FULL SUV	FORD	2007	\$35,000	4	<del></del>	
POLICE	PATROL 4 FULL SUV	FORD				<b>  </b>	
RESCUE	F-450 ROAD AMBULANCE	FORD	2002	\$155,000	8		
RESCUE	F-450 ROAD AMBULANCE	FORD	2003	\$155,000	8	L	
		То	tal Fleet Vali				
				Beginning Fur			12,27
				General Fun		370,000	370,000
					cpenditure:	312,000	293,694
					quipment:	-	12,945
				intere	st Income:	•	(705





# TOWN OF STOWE SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS

Bonds, Bond Anticipation, Date of Maturity Interest Balance	of MaturityIn	terest Balance	D 040		+	B	Balance	0100000
Notes Payable:	Issue	Date	Kate		//1/2009			6/30/2010
Fire Truck/Sunset/Rink Imp	7/22/1999	12/1/2019	Variable	↔	245,000	-70,000	\$	\$175,000
Mayo Farm	8/1/1990	12/1/2010	Variable	S	140,000	-70,000	\$	\$70,000
Library Expansion	7/15/1993	12/1/2013	Variable	S	150,000	-30,000	\$	\$120,000
Tri Centennial:	8/4/1995	12/1/2015	Variable	S	210,000	-30,000	\$	\$180,000
Water Expansion	12/15/1998	12/15/2021	0.00%	S	1,509,838	-125,820	\$	\$1,384,018
Sewer Improvements	12/1/1998	12/15/2017	0.00%	S	461,957	-51,329	\$	\$410,628
Sewer Improvements	7/15/1996	1/1/2020	0.00%	S	1,242,600	-103,550	\$	\$1,139,050
Water Improvements	6/27/2001	7/1/2005	3.00%	S	2,707,773	-134,335	\$	\$2,573,438
Bingham, Garage, Water Bld	12/1/2001	12/1/2021	Variable	S	340,000	-30,000	❖	\$310,000
Sewer Note	4/1/2002	4/1/2014	%0	S	13,141,971	-691,683	S	\$12,450,288
Salt Shed Building Bond	12/1/2002	12/1/2012	Variable	S	40,000	-10,000	❖	\$30,000
Water Upgrade Bond	12/1/2003	12/1/2022	Variable	S	2,240,000	-160,000	\$	\$2,080,000
Water Bond	4/1/2005	4/1/2024	0.00%	S	274,102	-18,273	\$	\$255,829
Water-Sunset Hill	11/1/2006	11/1/2025	3.00%	S	783,432	-33,459	\$	\$749,973
Ladder Trk/Nichols Ease	12/1/2004	12/1/2024	Variable	S	325,000	-25,000	\$	\$300,000
Adams Camp Mem Eng Bond	7/26/2007	12/1/2027	Variable	S	475,000	-25,000	\$	\$450,000
Roadside Mower	7/1/2007	8/17/2007	3.95%	S	13,880	-13,880	\$	<del>\$</del>
Electric Improvements Bond	7/29/1992	12/1/2012	6.56%	S	85,000	-25,000	\$	\$60,000
Electric Bond Ant	12/18/2009	8/13/2009	2.45%	S	1,600,000	-1,600,000	❖	-
Electric Capital Imp	12/30/2008	12/30/2018	%09'9	S	18,700,000	0	\$	\$18,700,000
Public Safety Building Bond	7/22/2008	5/15/2028	Variable	S	7,200,000	-360,000	❖	\$6,840,000
Electric Bond-Upgrades	7/21/2009	11/15/39	4.66%		<del>\$</del>	0 \$4,000,000	,000	\$4,000,000
Electric Note-Electric Invest.	12/29/2009	12/30/2020	6.50%		<del>\$</del>	0 \$1,035,830	,830	\$1,035,830
TOTALS				<del>⊗</del>	51,885,553	-3,607,329 \$5,035,830	,830	\$53,314,054

# 2009-2010 SCHEDULE OF TAXES RAISED

Grand	T	: -+	
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Muncipal Grand List \$19,993,814

Total Municipal Grand List \$19,993,814

**Education Grand List:** 

Real Estate-Non Res Homestead \$14,461,223 Real Estate-Homestead Education \$5,396,547 Cable TV \$34,800

Total Education Grand List \$19,892,570

# Taxes Billed:

General Property:

 Real Estate (19,993,814.00 x .3506)
 \$7,009,777.66

 Education-Non Residential (14,461223.00 x 1.6403)
 \$23,720,744.98

 Education-Residential (5,396,547.00 x 1.5798)
 \$8,525,464.85

 Local Agreements-Farmers (19,993,814.00 x .0054)
 \$107,966.91

 Sub-Total
 \$39,363,954.40

VT State Forest & Parks - 1% of Value \$59,437.66 Late Penalty 1% HS-131 \$7,968.71

Total Taxes Billed \$39,431,360.77

Taxes Accounted For as Follows:

General Property \$37,021,693.93 Taxes to Delinquent Collector \$2,409,666.84 Total Taxes Accounted For \$39,431,360.77

# DIVISION OF TAXES

	Taxes Assessed	Tax Rate
Town Assessment	\$7,009,777.66	\$0.351
School Assesment-Homestead	\$85,254,640.85	\$1.640
School Assesment-Non Homestead	\$23,720,744.98	\$1.580
Local Agreements-Farmers Contracts	\$107,966.91	\$0.005
HS-131 Late Penalty	\$7,968.71	



Office of the Selectboard Town Manager P.O. Box 730 67 Main Street Stowe, VT 05672

# TAX RATE CERTIFICATE

# BE IT KNOWN BY ALL PERSONS PRESENT, the Selectboard \

finds the TOWN GRAND LIST to be \$19,982,181 and Town General Fund Tax Rate to be \$.3511 to raise \$7,015,212 for the Town General Fund Taxes and pursuant to VSA Title 17, Section 2264, Title 16, Section 428 and 32 VSA Section 5402 (b)(1), hereby certifies the Tax Rate for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 (FY 11) to be as follows:

# **Homestead Tax Rate:**

\$0.3511 Town General Fund Tax

\$1.5611 State and Local Education Taxes

\$0.0054 Farmers Contracts

\$1.9176 Total Tax Rate

# Non-Residential Tax Rate:

\$0.3511 Town General Fund Tax

\$1.6437 State and Local Education Taxes

\$0.0054 Farmers Contracts

\$2.0002 Total Tax Rate

Given under our hands in Stowe, Vermont this 2nd day of July, 2010 by the Selectboard of the Town of Stowe, Vermont. ATTEST:

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Allen Walls

UNDER SEAL OF THE TOWN, received, filed and recorded this  $2^{nd}$  day of July, 20 8:20 9 m. before me.

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# TOWN OF STOWE SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Harvard, Cornell, Middlebury College, Boston College, University of Rochester, Bates College and University of Michigan are just a few of the elite colleges and universities that granted acceptance to Stowe seniors from the graduating class of 2010. Mind you, this was a class of only 46 students. While acceptance to top-tier universities does not by itself define a school system, it does, undoubtedly, suggest excellence. But other yardsticks are useful in evaluating the quality of Stowe schools. Consider, for instance, the solid performance in the New England Common Assessment tests where Stowe students at all grade levels scored higher in every single category than the average Vermont student. Also, in 2009, our students scored a 3 or better (the benchmark that most colleges establish for granting students credit) on 76% of the Advanced Placement exams taken as compared to 53% nationally.

This excellent reputation of Stowe schools has not gone unnoticed. More and more families are settling in Stowe to take advantage of its schools and we continue to attract more than our share of students from surrounding communities that have no middle or high school of their own. Thus, enrollment in Stowe schools has actually increased by 3.5% from FY '07 to FY '10 unlike the rest of Vermont, where the student population has dropped by 4.4% over the same time frame.

This declining enrollment statewide is at the heart of an effort initiated by the state legislature to reduce costs through a program entitled "Challenges for Change". Through the Department of Education (DOE), school systems statewide are "strongly encouraged" (euphemistically speaking) to cut their budgets. Since the passage of Act 60 in 1997, Stowe has consistently proposed lean budgets. As proof, consider that in 1993, Stowe ranked near the top of some 200 school districts in spending per pupil. In fiscal 2009, Stowe ranked 94th of 274 districts. Stowe schools are now being asked to cut nearly 2.2% from the current budget which would undoubtedly entail the curtailment or outright elimination of certain programs. How this drama between the DOE and Vermont School Boards plays out is uncertain. But one thing is crystal clear: The Stowe School Board is unwavering in its commitment to provide Stowe students with the best education possible at the most economical cost.

Respectfully submitted, Cameron Page, Chair Richard Bland, Terrence K. Dwyer, Don Post, Susan Segal

# STOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLMENTS 2010-2011

Grade	# Students
K	44
1	43
2	33
3	47
4	45
5	58
6	59
7	68
8	63
9	66
10	48
11	61
12	48
	683



Stowe Schoolboard L to R – Terry Dwyer, Cam Page, Susan Segal, Don Post, Richard Bland

Stowe School District Financial Statements For The Year Ended June 30, 2010

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Independent Auditors' Report

To The School Board Stowe School District

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Stowe School District, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010, 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 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, 2010, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Stowe 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. 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, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Stowe School District, Vermont, as of June 30, 2010, 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 and fiduciary fund of Stowe School District, as of June 30, 2010, 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 17, 2011 on our consideration of Stowe 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 5 and 35 through 47 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise Stowe 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.

# Angolano & Company

Angolano & Company Shelburne, Vermont Firm Registration Number 92-0000141

January 17, 2011

Management's Discussion and Analysis For Year Ended June 30, 2010

As management of Stowe Town School District, we offer readers of the Stowe Town School District's financial statement this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Stowe Town School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. The Stowe Town School District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments (Statement 34) for the first time in fiscal year 2004.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The District's spending was \$540,375 under the general fund budget.
- Regular Education expenses were \$371,298 less than anticipated. This is the result of less than budgeted employee salary and benefit costs, instructional materials costs, facilities maintenance costs and short term cash management costs.
- Special Education expenses were \$150,946 less than anticipated due to changes in the Individual Education Plans of the students being served.
- Vocational Education expenses were \$189 less than anticipated.
- Co-curricular Activities costs were \$17,942 more than anticipated.
- The District received \$263,984 more than anticipated in revenues. This was mainly due to unanticipated ARRA funds received, additional tuition revenues and funding for services provided to students in the care of the State.
- The fund balance at June 30, 2010 was \$1,239,077 compared to \$804,618 at June 30, 2009. The fund balance has been placed in a reserve fund by the action of the voters of the Stowe School District of which \$400,000 was authorized by the voters to be used to reduce taxes in the 2010-2011 fiscal year. The remaining \$839,077 will be available to reduce taxes or to defer expenses in future budgets.

### **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Stowe Town School District's basic financial statements. The Stowe Town School District's basic financial statements are comprised of three components 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

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

The Statement of Net Assets presents information on all of the Stowe Town School District's net assets changed during the fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported when the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement.

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the Stowe Town School District that are principally supported by taxes and inter governmental revenues (governmental activities) from functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities of the Stowe Town School District includes general education and administration. The business-type activities of the Stowe Town School District include the Food Service Program. The Combined Balance Sheet for all fund types can be found on page 6 of this report.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For Year Ended June 30, 2010

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 Stowe Town School District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Stowe Town School District can be divided into two categories — governmental funds and proprietary 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 current sources and uses 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 narrower 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. Both the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental fund statements of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provides a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The Stowe Town School District maintains 1 governmental fund, the General Fund. The basic governmental funds financial statement can be found on pages 35-47. Individual fund data for the Proprietary and Fiduciary funds is provided in the form of combining statements elsewhere in this report.

**Propriety Funds** — The Stowe Town School District maintains two types of propriety funds. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The Stowe Town School District uses an enterprise fund to account for its Food Service Program operation.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements. The proprietary fund financial statements provide separate information for the Student Activities fund since it is considered to be a major fund of the Stowe Town School District. The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found on page 12-13 of this report.

# Fiduciary Funds

**Notes to the Financial Statements** – The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 14-34.

### Other Information

Stowe Town School District's Statement of Assets can be found on page 6 of the audit.

As of June 30, 2010, the Stowe Town School District is able to report positive balances in both categories of net assets, both for the government-wide as a whole and business-type activities.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For Year Ended June 30, 2010

# Analysis of the Stowe Town School District's Operations -

<u>Governmental Activities</u>: Governmental activities increased net assets by \$481,533 from \$4,226,669 at June 30, 2009 to \$4,708,202 at June 30, 2010. (see page 7)
<u>Business-type Activities</u>: Business-type activities increased net assets by \$13,624 from \$72,080 at June 30, 2009 to \$85,704 at June 30, 2010. (see page 7)

### FINANCIAL ANYALSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FUNDS

**Governmental funds** – The focus of the Stowe Town School District's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Stowe Town School District'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 current fiscal year, the Stowe Town School District's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$1,122,765. \$839,077 of this total amount constitutes reserved but uncommitted funds. 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 offset taxes in FY2011, to the capital project fund or to be used for restricted and unrestricted grant activities.

**Proprietary funds** — The Stowe Town School District's proprietary fund statements provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

Unrestricted net assets of the proprietary fund are Food Program \$85,704.

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights** - The Stowe Town School District was within its approved spending amount for the year. All major object areas have been reviewed and variances are within acceptable ranges.

### CAPITAL ASSETS

The Stowe Town School District's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type as of June 30, 2010 amounts to \$6,408,732 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, building, equipment, improvements and infrastructure.

Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included the following:

· Facilities Renovations.

### DEBT ADMINISTRATION

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Stowe Town School District had a total bonded debt of \$2,513,250 compared to \$2,703,250 at June 30, 2009. 100% of this amount comprises bonded debt backed by the full faith and credit of the government.

During the fiscal year, the Stowe Town School District's total debt decreased by \$190,000 due to scheduled repayment of principal.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For Year Ended June 30, 2010

# REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

The financial report is designed to provide our citizens, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Stowe Town School District's finances. If you have questions about this report or need any additional information, contact the Stowe Town School District, c/o Lamoille South Supervisory Union, 46 Copley Avenue, Morrisville, VT 05661, or call (802) 888-4541.

# Stowe School District Statement of Net Assets Government-Wide June 30, 2010

EXHIBIT I

	Governmental	Business-Type	
	Activities	Activities	Total
ASSETS:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,194,393	\$ 94,053	\$ 2,288,446
Accounts Receivable - State	9,868	3,106	12,974
Accounts Receivable - Supervisory Union	648	3,100	648
Accounts Receivable - Other	135	30	165
Capital Assets, net (Note 4)	6,406,471	2,261	6,408,732
Total Assets			
Total Assets	8,611,515	99,450	8,710,965
LIABILITIES:			
Accounts Payable - State	107,354		107,354
Accounts Payable - Town	3,562		3,562
Accounts Payable - Supervisory Union	18,138		18,138
Accounts Payable - State LEAs	26,855		26,855
Accounts Payable - Other	164,848	9,165	174,013
Accrued Expenses	600,996		600,996
Deferred Revenue		4,581	4,581
Capital Leases Payable (Note 10)	97,259		97,259
Retirement Incentives Payable (Note 7)	168,051		168,051
Notes Payable	203,000		203,000
Long-Term Liabilities (Note 9):			
Due Within One Year	793,250		793,250
Due in More Than One Year	1,720,000	-	1,720,000
Total Liabilities	3,903,313	13,746	3,917,059
NET ASSETS:			
Investment in Capital Assets, net of related debt	3,795,962	2,261	3,798,223
Restricted for Other Purposes	400,000		400,000
Unrestricted	512,240	83,443	595,683
Total Net Assets	\$ 4,708,202	\$ 85,704	\$ 4,793,906

EXHIBIT II

Statement of Activities Stowe School District Government-Wide

For The Year Ended June 30, 2010

		Program Revenues	evenues	Net and C	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets	nue ssets
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Instructional:						
Direct Services	\$ 5,966,319			\$ (5,966,319)		\$ (5,966,319)
Support Services:	1000			, C		1000
Student Services	995,599			(990,099)		(995,599)
Instructional Services	160,441			(160,441)		(160,441)
General Administrative Services	118,944			(118,944)		(118,944)
Area Administrative Services	769,799			(769,799)		(769,799)
Fiscal Services	155,046			(155,046)		(155,046)
Building Operations and Maintenance	802,898			(802,898)		(802.898)
Transportation	320,301		\$ 106.641	(213,660)		(213,660)
Other Support Services	47,042			(47,042)		(47,042)
Operation of Noninstructional Services:						
Food Services	285,792	\$ 299,416	ı	1	\$ 13,624	13,624
Total	\$ 9,292,148	\$ 299,416	\$ 106,641	(8,899,715)	13,624	(8,886,091)
General Revenues:	::					
Tuition				304,794		304,794
State Revenues 1	State Revenues not Restricted to Specific Programs	ecific Programs		8,509,027		8,509,027
Federal Revenue	Federal Revenues not Restricted to Specific Programs	Specific Programs		426,751		426,751
Grants and Contr	Grants and Contributions not Restricted to Specific Programs	ed to Specific Pri	ograms	50,000		50,000
Investment Earnings	ngs			39,330		39,330
Rentals				3,000		3,000
Refunds and Reimbursements	mbursements			45,326		45,326
Miscellaneous				3,020	1	3,020
Total General Revenues	evenues			9,381,248	1	9,381,248
Excess (Deficie	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenses	Over Expenses		481,533	13,624	495,157
Net Assets - Beginning	ning			4,226,669	72,080	4,298,749
Net Assets - Ending	Ď			\$ 4,708,202	\$ 85,704	\$ 4,793,906

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

### Stowe School District Combined Balance Sheet All Fund Types - Fund Base June 30, 2010

EXHIBIT III

			Proprietary			
	Government	al Fund Type	Fund Type	Fiduciary I	Fund Types	_
	General Fund	Capital Project Fund	Enterprise Fund	Agency Funds	Expendable Trust Funds	Totals (Memorandum Only)
ASSETS: Current Assets: Cash Investments Accounts Receivable - State Accounts Receivable - Supervisory Union Accounts Receivable - Other Total Current Assets  Other Assets: Fixed Assets - net	\$ 2,107,705 9,868 648 135 2,118,356	\$ 86,688 - 86,688	\$ 94,053 3,106 30 97,189	\$ 137,756 	\$ 26,779 2,402,638 - - - 2,429,417	\$ 2,452,981 2,402,638 12,974 648 165 4,869,406
Total Other Assets			2,261			2,261
TOTAL ASSETS  LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITIES:	\$ 2,118,356	\$ 86,688	\$ 99,450	\$ 137,756	\$ 2,429,417	\$ 4,871,667
Liabilities: Accounts Payable - State Accounts Payable - Town Accounts Payable - Supervisory Union Accounts Payable - Other LEAs Accounts Payable - Other Scholarships Payable Accrued Expenses Unearned Revenue Amount Held for Agency Funds Note Payable Total Liabilities	\$ 107,354 3,562 18,138 26,855 164,848 558,522	\$ 203,000 203,000	\$ 9,165 4,581 	\$ 137,756 	\$ 504,125	\$ 107,354 3,562 18,138 26,855 174,013 504,125 558,522 4,581 137,756 203,000 1,737,906
Fund Equity: Fund Balances: Unreserved Reserved Retained Earnings - Undesignated Total Fund Equities	839,077 400,000 - 1,239,077	(116,312)  (116,312)	85,704 85,704		1,925,292 	722,765 2,325,292 85,704 3,133,761
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITIES	\$ 2,118,356	\$ 86,688	\$ 99,450	\$ 137,756	\$ 2,429,417	\$ 4,871,667

# Stowe School District Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Assets Governmental Funds June 30, 2010

\$ 1,122,765

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 11,385,659 Less accumulated depreciation (4,979,188)

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

Bonds Payable (2,513,250) Capital Lease Obligations (97,259)

Accrued liabilities have not been reflected in the governmental fund financial statements:

Vested Vacation Payable (42,474)
Retirement Incentive Payable (168,051)

Net Assets of Governmental Activities \$ 4,708,202

# Stowe 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, 2010

EXHIBIT IV

	(	Sovernr	mental Fund `	Fiduciary Fund Type		
	General Fund		Capital Project Fund	Debt Service Fund	Expendable Trust Funds	Totals (Memorandum Only)
REVENUES: Tuition	\$ 304.7	'Ω/	Tana	T dild	Tunus	\$ 304,794
Investment Income Rentals Services to Other LEAs	34,	48 \$ 00	4,782		\$ 104,317	143,647 3,000 13,750
Donations Realized Gain (Loss) Unrealized Gain (Loss) Forfeited Scholarships			50,000		50,250 26,645 206,210 47,484	100,250 26,645 206,210 47,484
Refunds and Reimbursements Miscellaneous	31,5	76 190	2,030			31,576 3,020
State Federal	8,605,8 426,7	00	9,868			8,615,668 426,751
TOTAL REVENUES	9,421,2	09	66,680	\$ -	434,906	9,922,795
EXPENDITURES: Direct Services Support Services:	5,680,6	74				5,680,674
Students Instructional Staff General Administration	663,4 190,1 118,9	82 44			142,987	663,402 190,182 261,931
Area Administration Fiscal Services Operation and Maintenance of Building Transportation Information Services Construction Services	740,6 155,0 794,6 320,3 33,7	46 23 01	704,131			740,636 155,046 794,623 320,301 33,744 704,131
Debt Service: Interest Charges Principal Retirement Other Outlays	13,2	98	_	85,900 190,000	_	85,900 190,000 13,298
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	8,710,8		704,131	275,900	142,987	9,833,868
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	710,3	59	(637,451)	(275,900)	291,919	88,927
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES): Transfers In Transfers Out	(275,9	00) _	<u></u>	275,900		275,900 (275,900)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	434,4	59	(637,451)	-	291,919	88,927
FUND BALANCE, JULY 1, 2009	804,6	18	521,139	-	1,633,373	2,959,130
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2010	\$ 1,239,0	77 <u>\$</u>	(116,312)	\$ -	\$ 1,925,292	\$ 3,048,057

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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, 2010

Net Changes in fund Balances – total governmental funds

\$(202,992)

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 768,201 Less current year depreciation (219,856)

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.

Repayment of bonds 190,000 Proceeds of capital lease obligations (35,083) Repayment of capital lease obligations 56,432

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:

Vested Vacation Payable Change (26,116)

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.

70,647

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.

(119,700)

Change in Net Assets of Governmental Funds

\$ 481,533

Operating Revenues:

Operating Expenses: Salaries and Benefits Property Services Food and Supplies Property

Retained Earnings, July 1, 2009

Retained Earnings, June 30, 2010

72,080

85,704

EXHIBIT V

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures an Changes in Retained Eamings Proprietary Fund Type - Enterprise Fund Food Program For The Year Ended June 30, 2010		
Operating Revenues: Sales Total Operating Revenues	\$ 235,754	\$ 235,754
Operating Expenses: Salaries and Benefits Property Services Food and Supplies Property Other Depreciation	113,945 5,715 159,611 3,113 2,708 700	
Total Operating Expenses		 285,792

Other	2,708	
Depreciation	700	
Total Operating Expenses	-	285,792
Operating Income (Loss)		(50,038)
Non-Operating Revenue:		
Investment Income	444	
State Sources:		
Lunch Match	2,163	
Child Nutrition Breakfast	1,026	
Child Nutrition Other	410	
Federal Sources:		
Restricted Grants:		
School Breakfast Program	17,445	
School Lunch Program	42,174	
Total Non-Operating Revenue	-	63,662
Net Income (Loss)		13,624

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(10,895)

378

(682)

(50,720)

EXHIBIT VI

Proprietary Fund Type - Enterprise Fund Food Program		
For The Year Ended June 30, 2010		
Cash Flows From Operating Activities: Received From Customers Payments To Employees and Fringe Benefits Payments To Vendors and Supplies Net Cash Used By Operating Activities	\$ 236,102 (124,840) (161,982)	\$ (50,720)
Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities: State Aid Received		62,372
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities: None		-
Cash Flows From Investing Activities: Investment Income		 444
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash		12,096
Cash, July 1, 2009		 81,957
Cash, June 30, 2010		\$ 94,053
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Used By Operating Activities:		
Cash Provided From Operating Activities: Operating Income (Loss) Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Cash Provided (Used) By Operating Activities: Depreciation (Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable - Other	\$ 700 (30)	\$ (50,038)
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable - Other	9,165	

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Statement of Cash Flows

Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Expenses

Increase (Decrease) in Unearned Revenue

Net Cash Provided (Used) By Operating Activities

Total Adjustments

#### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

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

#### Reporting Entity:

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

#### Government - Wide and Fund Financial Statements:

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

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

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

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

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

#### Governmental Fund Types:

- General Fund The general fund is the School District's primary operating fund.
   It accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
- Capital Project Fund The proceeds from long-term debt financing and revenues and expenditures related to authorized construction and other capital asset acquisitions are accounted for in a capital projects fund.
- Debt Service Fund The School District accounts for resources accumulated and payments made for principal and interest on long-term general obligation debt of governmental funds in a debt service fund.

#### Proprietary Fund Types:

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

### Fiduciary Funds (Private Purpose Trust and Agency Funds):

Agency Funds and Trust Funds – The Agency and Trust Funds are used to account for assets held by the School District in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other funds and/or governmental units.

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

- Agency funds are custodial in nature and do not involve measurements of results of operations.
- The Expendable Private Purpose Trust Funds (fiduciary funds) account for assets where both principal and interest may be expended. These are accounted for in essentially the same manner as Governmental Fund Types, using the same measurement focus and basis of accounting.

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

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

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

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

Revenues received from the State are recognized under the susceptible -to-accrual concept. Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenue when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received. Investment earnings are recorded as earned, since they are both measurable and available.

Grant funds are considered to be earned to the extent of expenditures made under the provisions of the grant. Accordingly, when such funds are received, they are recorded as deferred revenues until related and authorized expenditures have been made. If balances have not been expended

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

by the end of the project period, grantors sometimes require the School District to refund all or part of the unused amount.

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

#### Other Accounting Policies:

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents:

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

#### Interfund Receivables and Payables:

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

#### Investments:

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

#### Accounts Receivable:

The accounts receivable balances at year end are from governmental entities, except in the proprietary funds which may have some receivables from individuals, and no allowance for doubtful accounts is considered necessary.

#### Capital Assets:

Capital assets, which include land, buildings, furniture, and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental activities column in the governmental wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the School District as assets with an initial, individual cost of

### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

#### Long-term Debt:

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

#### Budgets:

The School District is required by state law to adopt a budget for the General Fund. The budget is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting which is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). The operating budget is prepared by the School District's administration with direction from the School Board and assistance from the Superintendent and Business Manager of the Lamoille South Supervisory Union and approved by the Stowe School District School Board at a properly warned meeting for presentation to the voters. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures by line item and the means of financing them. The budget is approved by School District Voters at a properly warned annual meeting. The voters vote on the total expense amount and not on the individual line items presented in these financial statements.

#### Encumbrances:

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, and Capital Projects Fund. Encumbrances are not liabilities and, therefore, should not be recorded as expenditures until receipt of material or service. For budgetary purposes, appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end. The School District has elected to treat its encumbrances as liabilities for budgetary control purposes.

#### Net Assets and Fund Balance:

Government - Wide Financial Statements:

When the School District incurs an expense for which it may use either restricted or unrestricted

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

net assets, it uses restricted net assets first unless unrestricted net assets will have to be returned because they were not used. Net assets on the Statement of Net Assets include the following:

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

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

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

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

#### Fund Based Financial Statements:

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

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

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

#### Function and Object Codes:

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

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Memorandum Only Columns:

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

#### NOTE 2 - CASH AND REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS

Cash deposits with financial institutions at June 30th amounted to \$2,452,981. As major revenues are received during the year bank deposits may temporarily exceed insured limits.

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

These four levels of risk are as follows:

Category 1	Deposits which are insured or collateralized with securities held by the School District or by its agent in the School District's name. (repurchase
	agreements)
Category 2	Deposits which are collateralized with securities held by the pledging

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

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

Balances held in each area are as follows:

	Carrying Amount	Bank Balance
- Insured (FDIC) and/or (SIPC)	\$2,004,154	\$2,034,705
- Category 1	0	0
- Category 2	448,757	474,655
- Category 3	0	0
- Category 4	70	0
Total deposits	<u>\$2,452,981</u>	\$2,509,360

#### NOTE 2 - CASH AND REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

Collateralization agreements of \$447,696 are securities held by the bank's trust department or agent in the bank's name. Securities consist of municipal bonds, U.S. Government obligations and U.S. Government Agency Bonds.

#### NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS

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

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

	ı	Cost	Market Value
Securities held by School District registered to			
School District uninsured by SIPC	\$	0	\$ 0
Insured (SIPC) and registered held by dealer/			
broker in School District's name			
Money Market	6	0,612	60,612
Corporate Stock	48	6,107	606,975
Corporate Bonds	98	0,404	973,778
Government Securities	20	3,368	205,298
Mutual Funds	42	8,859	348,103
Certificate of Deposits	20	0,000	207,872
Uninsured, registered held by dealer/broker in			
School District's name		0	0

# NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

		Cost		Market Value
Insured (SIPC) unregistered held by dealer/broker	\$	0	\$	0
Uninsured, unregistered held by dealer/broker		0		0
TOTAL	\$2,30	4 <u>,750</u>	<u>\$2,</u>	402,638

# NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital activity for the School District for the year ended June 30, 2010 was as follows:

	Primary Government .						
	Beginning	•		Ending			
	Balance	Increases	Decreases	Balance			
Governmental activities:							
Capital assets not being depr.							
Construction in Progress	\$1,760,747	\$ 704,131	<u>\$2,464,878</u>	<u>\$</u>			
Total capital assets not							
being depreciated	1,760,747	704,131	2,464,878	0			
Other Capital Assets:							
Land Improvements	25,552	0	0	25,552			
Buildings	3,174,619	0	0	3,174,619			
Building Improvements	4,680,043	2,464,878	0	7,144,921			
Furniture and Equipment	<u>976,497</u>	64,070	0	1,040,567			
Total other capital assets							
at historical costs	8,856,711	<u>2,528,948</u>	0	11,385,659			
Less accumulated depreciation:							
Land Improvements	25,552	0	0	25,552			
Buildings	2,558,868	51,313	0	2,610,181			
Building Improvements	1,300,681	142,899	0	1,443,580			
Furniture and Equipment	<u>874,231</u>	<u>25,644</u>	0	<u>899,875</u>			
Total accum. depr.	4,759,332	<u>219,856</u>	0	4,979,188			
Other Capital Assets, Net	4,097,379	2,309,092	0	6,406,471			
Governmental activities							
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$5,858,126</u>	<u>\$3,013,223</u>	<u>\$2,464,878</u>	<u>\$ 6,406,471</u>			

# NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

	. Primary Government .							
		Beginning Balance Increases Decreases				ases		nding alance
Business -type activities:	Balance				2000			
Furniture and Equipment	\$	57,129	\$	0	\$	0	\$	57,129
Less accum. Depr.		54,168		700		0		54,868
Business -type activities								
Capital Assets, Net	\$	2,961	\$	<u>(700</u> )	\$	0	<u>\$</u>	2,261
Depreciation expense was charged t	to fun	ctions as	follow	s:				
Direct Services							\$19	5,005
Support Services:							4	-,
Students								1,563
Instructional Staff								9,320
General Administration								0
Area Administration								2,446
Fiscal Services								0
Operation and Maintenance	of Pl	ant					1	1,522
Transportation								0
Other Support Services								0
Total governmental	activi	ties depre	ciation	expense			\$219	9,856

## NOTE 5 - ACCRUED VACATION & LEAVE TIME

Accrued vacation and leave time represent vested time earned by employees but not used. If the employee were to leave, this accrued time must be paid. Therefore, it is a liability to the School District at June 30, 2010. Teachers do not receive paid vacations, and are paid only for the number of days they are required to work each year. Administrative and maintenance personnel are granted vacation leave in varying amounts. The School District has a liability for unused vacation that was allowed to be carried forward. No liability is shown in the fund based financial statement. The liability is reported in the Statement of Financial Position as an accrued liability. The amount accrued at year end was \$42,474. Vacation pay is charged to operations when taken by the employee of the School District.

#### **NOTE 6 - SICK LEAVE**

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

Teaching staff earn 14 sick days per year, and may accumulate a maximum of 130 days. Non-teaching staff earn 12 sick days per year, and may accumulate a maximum of 50 days.

#### NOTE 7 - RETIREMENT INCENTIVES

For those full time teachers who have twenty years of teaching experience, ten of which are in the Stowe School District, may be eligible for a retirement incentive. A teacher leaving the district, having met the above criteria, and having notified the Superintendent between February 1 and April 15 of the year in which the teacher elects to resign, shall receive a payment equivalent to 100% of his/her annual teaching salary from the year he elects to resign. The payment will be disbursed in three equal installments on September 5<sup>th</sup> of each year following resignation. In addition, teachers electing early retirement will be allowed to continue membership in the district's group health plan at 80% of the cost of group rate premium for two years. There are four teachers currently receiving payment from the retirement incentive.

Not more than 5% of the district teachers will be granted benefits under this program in one year. The Board has the discretion to decrease the number of teachers benefited to maintain the break even point financially. The Board has the discretion to increase the number of teachers benefited if they judge it to be in the best interest of the school district.

The following is a schedule of the minimum liability to the district:

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011	\$ 88,251
2012	39,900
2013	39,900
Thereafter	0
Total	\$168,051

#### **NOTE 8 – SEVERANCE PAY**

Teachers having taught in the Stowe School district for a minimum of 15 years, but are not eligible for the retirement incentive plan, shall be eligible for severance pay. Any full-time teacher who gives notice by April 15<sup>th</sup> that he or she will not be accepting a contract for the subsequent year will be reimbursed \$100 per year for each year in the district. Payments will be made July 5<sup>th</sup> of the same year. One teacher elected to be paid under this severance payment agreement for a total actual liability to the School District of \$3,700 at June 30, 2010.

### NOTE 9 - LONG-TERM DEBT

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

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

	-	Balance July 1, 2009 Borrowings Retirements					Balance June 30, 2010		
Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, bond payable, interest at 7.00% interest paid semi-annually, principal of \$60,000 due on December 1 <sup>st</sup> of each year until 2012, then originally borrowed \$1,250,000 on July 10, 1991	l	180,000	\$	0	\$	60,000	\$	120,000	
Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, bond payable, interest at 6.11% interest paid semi-annually, principal of \$40,000 due on December 1 <sup>st</sup> of each year until 2012, originally borrowed \$775,000 on July 29, 1992		120,000		0		40,000		80,000	
Chittenden Bank, bond anticipation note payable, \$2,403,250 principal originally due on August 15, 2008 with interest at 3.40% interest. Note									

### NOTE 9 - LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

		Balance July 1, 2009		Borrowings		Retirements		Balance June 30, 2010	
was renewed for \$603,250 on August 19, 2009 at 1.9% and is due on August 19, 2010	\$	603,250	\$	0	\$	0	\$	603,250	
Chittenden Bank, bond anticipation note payable, \$90,000 principal due annually on December 1 <sup>st</sup> with interest at 4.22% due semi-annually, originally borrowed \$1,800,000 on July 22, 2008	_1	<u>,800,000</u>		<u>0</u>	9(	000,0	_1	<u>,710,000</u>	
Total Long-Term Debt	<u>\$2</u>	2,703,250	\$	0	\$190	0,000	<u>\$2</u>	2,513,250	

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

	Principal	Interest	Total
During the year ended June 30, 2011	\$ 793,250	\$ 88,378	\$ 881,628
2012	190,000	67,510	257,510
2013	90,000	61,277	151,277
2014	90,000	58,284	148,284
2015	90,000	55,170	145,170
Thereafter	1,260,000	<u>390,636</u>	1,650,636
Totals	\$2,513,250	\$721,255	\$3,234,505

#### NOTE 10 - CAPITAL LEASES

On July 10, 2008, the Stowe School District entered into a noncancellable lease agreement with Apple Inc. for the lease of various computers and related equipment. This lease agreement qualifies as a capital lease, for accounting purposes and thus, has been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments at the inception of the lease in the general long-term debt account group. The total amount due is \$85,786, to be paid in yearly installments of \$28,595 over 3 years with a buyout at the end of \$0.

The future minimum lease obligations and the net present value of these minimum lease payments are as follows:

#### NOTE 10 - CAPITAL LEASES (CONTINUED)

During the year ended June 30, 2011	\$28,595
Thereafter	0
Total minimum lease payments	28,595
Less amount representing interest	<u>1,938</u>
Present value of minimum lease payments	\$26,657

Interest rate on the capitalized lease is approximately 7.272 percent.

On July 24, 2008, the Stowe School District entered into a noncancellable lease agreement with HP Financial Services for the lease of various computers and related equipment. This lease agreement qualifies as a capital lease, for accounting purposes and thus, has been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments at the inception of the lease in the general long-term debt account group. The total amount due is \$67,875, to be paid in yearly installments of \$22,625 over 3 years with a buyout at the end of \$0.

The future minimum lease obligations and the net present value of these minimum lease payments are as follows:

During the year ended June 30, 2011	\$22,625
Thereafter	0
Total minimum lease payments	22,625
Less amount representing interest	1,469
Present value of minimum lease payments	<u>\$21,156</u>

Interest rate on the capitalized lease is approximately 6.942 percent.

On November 6, 2008, the Stowe School District entered into a noncancellable lease agreement with Deere Credit Inc. for the lease of a JD tractor with snow blower and plow. This lease agreement qualifies as a capital lease, for accounting purposes and thus, has been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments at the inception of the lease in the general long-term debt account group. The total amount due is \$27,831, to be paid in yearly installments of \$5,566 over 5 years with a buyout at the end of \$1.

The future minimum lease obligations and the net present value of these minimum lease payments are as follows:

During the year ended June 30, 2011	\$ 5,566
2012	5.566

#### NOTE 10 - CAPITAL LEASES (CONTINUED)

2013	\$ 5,566
Thereafter	0
Total minimum lease payments	16,699
Less amount representing interest	
Present value of minimum lease payments	<u>\$14,363</u>

Interest rate on the capitalized lease is approximately 7.933 percent.

On August 22, 2009, the Stowe School District entered into a noncancellable lease agreement with Hewlett-Packard Financial Services Company for the lease of various computers and related equipment. This lease agreement qualifies as a capital lease, for accounting purposes and thus, has been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments at the inception of the lease in the general long-term debt account group. The total amount due is \$56,957, to be paid in yearly installments of \$18,986 over 3 years with a buyout at the end of \$0.

The future minimum lease obligations and the net present value of these minimum lease payments are as follows:

During the year ended June 30, 2011	\$18,986
2012	18,985
Thereafter	0
Total minimum lease payments	37,971
Less amount representing interest	
Present value of minimum lease payments	<u>\$35,083</u>

Interest rate on the capitalized lease is approximately 5.441 percent.

#### NOTE 11 - RESERVED FUND BALANCES (Fund Financial Statements)

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

General Fund:

Fiscal Year 10-11 Budget \$ 400,000

Trust Funds:

Scholarships <u>\$1,925,292</u>

#### NOTE 12 – NET ASSETS RESTRICTED (Government - Wide Financial Statements)

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

Net Assets Restricted For Other Purposes:

Fiscal Year 10-11 Budget

\$ 400,000

#### **NOTE 13 - PENSIONS**

#### VERMONT TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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

Required contributions to the system are made by the State of Vermont based upon a valuation report prepared by the System's actuary. TRS is a cost sharing public employee retirement system with one exception: all risks and costs are not shared by the School District but are the liability of the State of Vermont. TRS is funded through state and employee contributions and the School District has no legal obligation for paying benefits. The Vermont State Teachers Retirement System estimates the contributions on behalf of the School District's employees included in the teacher's retirement plan as required by Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 24 to be 7.41% or approximately \$278,051.

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

Contributions by the employees are 3.54% of gross earnings and are withheld pre income tax by the School District. Such withholdings totaled \$131.815 during the year and were paid by the School District to the State of Vermont. The School District has no other liability under the plan. The School District's total payroll for all employees during the year was \$4,920,075, with \$3,723,674 of such amount related to employees covered by the retirement plan.

#### NOTE 13 – PENSIONS (CONTINUED)

#### VERMONT TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CONTINUED)

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

#### VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Employees other than Teachers are eligible to participate in the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System ("VMERS") providing they work a minimum of 30 hours per week for the school year employee or a minimum of 24 hours per week for a calendar year employee. There are three levels of contributions and benefits in the System called Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D. The School District participates in Group A. Normal retirement for Group A members is age 65 and the completion of 5 years of creditable service, or age 55 and completion of 35 years of creditable service. Normal retirement for Group B members is age 62 and the completion of 5 years of creditable service, or age 55 and completion of 30 years of creditable service. Normal retirement for Group C and D members is age 55 and the completion of 5 years of creditable service. A member may receive reduced benefits at age 55 if they have 5 years of service and have made contributions for at least 2.5 years.

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

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

There is a municipal defined contribution plan option with a 5% withholding and a 5% match.

Employee contributions are withheld pre income tax by the School District and are remitted to the State of Vermont. Such withholdings totaled \$21,006 during the year. The School District contributed \$33,609 during the year. The School District's total payroll for all employees during the year was \$4,920,075, with \$840,213 of such amount related to employees covered by the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System.

#### **NOTE 14 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

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

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

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

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

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

#### NOTE 14 - RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

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

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

#### **NOTE 15 - OPERATING LEASES**

On August 9, 2006 the Stowe School District entered into a lease agreement with Symquest Group, Inc. for the lease of a copier. The total amount due is \$52,037, to be paid in monthly installments of \$867.29 over 5 years.

The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under this lease.

During the year ended June 30, 2011	\$10,408
2012	867
Thereafter	0
Total	\$11,275

Total lease payments made this year were \$10,407.

On February 26, 2007, the Stowe School District entered into a lease agreement with Symquest Group, Inc. for the lease of two copiers. The total amount due is \$67,629, to be paid in monthly installments of \$1,127.15 over 5 years.

The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under this lease.

### NOTE 15 - OPERATING LEASES (CONTINUED)

During the year ended June 30, 2011	\$13,526
2012	9,017
Thereafter	0
Total	\$22,543

Total lease payments made this year were \$13,526.

On March 13, 2009 the Stowe School District entered into a lease agreement with Symquest Group, Inc. for the lease of a photocopier. The total amount due is \$27,226, to be paid in monthly installments of \$453.76 over 5 years. The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under this lease.

During the year ended June 30, 2011	\$ 5,445
2012	5,445
2013	5,445
2014	3,631
Thereafter	0
Total	\$19,966

Total lease payments made this year were \$5,445.

#### **NOTE 16 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

On July 1, 2010 the School District borrowed \$1,525,700 from the Union Bank at 1.95% interest in a Tax Anticipation Note. The principal and interest are due at maturity on June 30, 2011.

On August 17, 2010 the School District borrowed \$203,000 from the Union Bank at 1.90% interest in a Grant Anticipation Note. The principal and interest are due at maturity on August 17, 2011.

On July 15, 2010 the School District borrowed \$600,000 from the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank bond payable with interest at 4.34% to be paid semi-annually with principal of \$30,000 due on November 15<sup>th</sup> of each year until 2030.

#### **NOTE 17 - COMMITMENTS**

On April 15, 2010, the School District renewed an agreement with Percy Transportation for contracted bus transportation services through July 31, 2011. The minimum annual cost to the School District for the year ending June 30, 2011 will be \$248,151.

The School District participates in various state and federal grant programs, which are governed by various rules and regulations of the grantor agencies. Costs charged to the respective grant programs are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor agencies; therefore, to the extent that the School District has not complied with the rules and regulations governing the grants, refunds of any money recovered may be required and the collectibility of any related receivable at June 30, 2010 may be impaired. In the opinion of the School District, there are no significant contingent liabilities relating to compliance with the rules and regulations governing the respective grants; therefore, no provision has been recorded in the accompanying combined financial statements for such contingencies.

#### NOTE 18 - RELATED PARTY

The School District has an ongoing financial responsibility to Lamoille South Supervisory Union as defined in GASB 14, paragraph 71. Through Lamoille South Supervisory Union's assessment process, the School District's assessment can be increased to cover a share of any prior year deficits and decreased to share in any prior year surpluses. Separate financial statements on Lamoille South Supervisory Union are available from Lamoille South Supervisory Union.

#### NOTE 19 - CONTINGENCY

Annually, before November 1st, the Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Education notifies each school of its net cost per elementary and/or secondary pupil for the previous school year. If the School District received tuition students from other Vermont School Districts it must determine whether it overcharged the sending District. If it did, it must provide the overcharged District with a credit against current tuition or refund the overcharged amount.

The School District received State construction aid in the past for various projects. In the event that the school building was to be sold, this construction aid would have to be repaid out of the proceeds. The amount of State construction aid received since July 1970 is available only from the State of Vermont who at this time is unwilling to provide the amount to the School District. The amount of State construction aid is thought to be material.

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Variance

	Object	Budget A		Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable)	
REVENUES:						
Tuition:						
Private		\$ -	\$	42,525	\$	42,525
Other LEAs		180,000		258,387		78,387
Prior Year		_		3,882		3,882
Investment Income		29,850		34,548		4,698
Rentals		3,000		3,000		-
Services to Other LEAs		-		13,750		13,750
Insurance Refund		-		5,103		5,103
Prior Year Refunds		-		26,473		26,473
Miscellaneous		-		990		990
State:						
Education Spending Grant		8,092,750		7,816,711		(276,039)
Technical Center		12,425		12,413		(12)
Transportation Aid		99,000		106,641		7,641
Capital Debt Hold Harmless		22,500		22,300		(200)
Driver Education		3,100		2,358		(742)
High School Completion (Act 176)		-		258		258
Mainstream Block Grant		207,800		207,838		38
Intensive Reimbursement		420,000		336,849		(83,151)
Intensive Reimbursement - Prior Year		-		(5,087)		(5,087)
Extraordinar Reimbursement		-		9,933		9,933
Essential Early Education		36,800		36,548		(252)
State Placed Students		-		38,983		38,983
Vocational Transportation		-		20,055		20,055
Federal:						
ARRA Education Spending Grant		-		276,251		276,251
IDEIA-B		50,000		45,939		(4,061)
ARRA IDEIA-B		 		104,561		104,561
TOTAL REVENUES		 9,157,225		9,421,209		263,984
EXPENDITURES: Preschool: Special Education 1200:						
Salaries	100	6,925		429		6,496
Employee Benefits	200	650		119		531
Professional & Tech. Services	300	101,725		68,999		32,726
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	Object		Budget		Actual		vorable avorable)
	Object		Daagot		7 totadi	(0/110	27014510)
Supplies & Materials	600	\$	300	\$	300	\$	
Subtotal			109,600		69,847		39,753
Speech & Audiological Services 2150:							
Professional & Tech. Services	300		750		-		750
Other Services	500		800	_	444		356
Subtotal			1,550		444		1,106
Occupational Therapy Services 2160:							
Professional & Tech. Services	300		6,200		2,762		3,438
Subtotal			6,200		2,762		3,438
Other Student Services 2190:							
Professional & Tech. Services	300		5,600		2,067		3,533
Subtotal			5,600		2,067		3,533
Total Preschool			122,950		75,120		47,830
Elementary:							
Regular Instruction 1100:							
Salaries	100		1,329,300		1,345,924		(16,624)
Employee Benefits	200		413,950		387,061		26,889
Professional & Tech. Services	300		38,550		33,642		4,908
Property Services	400		6,675		3,923		2,752
Other Services	500		8,400		4,721		3,679
Supplies & Materials	600		65,125		44,534		20,591
Property	700		33,375		30,752		2,623
Other	800		750		661		89
Subtotal			1,896,125		1,851,218		44,907
Special Education 1200:							
Salaries	100		191,175		179,118		12,057
Employee Benefits	200		116,225		97,319		18,906
Professional & Tech. Services	300		29,400		38,834		(9,434)
Other Services	500		2,200		1,542		658
Supplies & Materials	600 700		450 -		382 369		68 (369)
Property	700	_					
Subtotal		_	339,450	_	317,564		21,886
Guidance Services 2120:	400		00.00=		00.047		^
Salaries	100		62,625		62,617		400
Employee Benefits	200		13,825		13,662		163

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	Object	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Professional & Tech. Services	300	\$ 7,225	\$ 7,216	\$ 9
Supplies & Materials	600	-	670	(670)
Property	700	575	130	445
Subtotal		84,250	84,295	(45)
Health Services 2130:				
Salaries	100	19,525	19,909	(384)
Employee Benefits	200	3,900	3,856	44
Property Services	400	100	97	3
Other Services	500 600	350	49	(49)
Supplies & Materials	000		741	(391)
Subtotal		23,875	24,652	(777)
Special Education Health Services 2130: Professional & Tech. Services	200	7 475	7.040	0.57
Projectly Property	300 700	7,475 500	7,218 536	257 (36)
Subtotal	700			
		7,975	7,754	221
Psychological Services 2140:	200	40 500	40,400	0
Professional & Tech. Services Supplies & Materials	300 600	16,500	16,492	8
• •	000	1,800	1,771	29
Subtotal		18,300	18,263	37
Speech & Audiological Services 2150:	400	40.075	10.000	(4.45)
Salaries	100	16,075	16,220	(145)
Employee Benefits Professional & Tech. Services	200 300	18,500 27,275	23,761 25,337	(5,261) 1,938
Property Services	400	21,213	(109)	1,938
Other Services	500	550	577	(27)
Supplies & Materials	600	750	247	503
Property	700	7,500	3,963	3,537
Subtotal		70,650	69,996	654
Occupational Therapy Services 2160:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	11,900	18,301	(6,401)
Other Services	500	750	-	750
Supplies & Materials	600	950	142	808
Property	700	750	582	168
Subtotal		14,350	19,025	(4,675)

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	Object	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Other Student Services 2190:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>\$ 16,400</u>	\$ 12,274	<u>\$ 4,126</u>
Subtotal		16,400	12,274	4,126
Curriculum & Instruction 2200:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	13,300	13,292	8
Subtotal		13,300	13,292	8
Library Services 2222:				
Salaries	100	45,425	46,830	(1,405)
Employee Benefits	200	14,550	12,703	1,847
Property Services	400	225		225
Supplies & Materials	600	4,950	5,172	(222)
Property	700	250	235	15
Subtotal		65,400	64,940	460
Board of Education 2310:				
Salaries	100	1,675	1,665	10
Employee Benefits	200	125	132	(7)
Professional & Tech. Services Other Services	300	4,250	7,346	(3,096)
Other Services	500 800	2,850 2,200	1,827 1,889	1,023 311
Subtotal	000			
		11,100	12,859	(1,759)
Supervisory Union Assessment 2321: Professional & Tech. Services	300	06.405	06.400	10
	300	26,425	26,409	16
Subtotal		26,425	26,409	16
Principal's Office 2410:	400	450.050	155 100	(4.0=0)
Salaries	100	153,250	155,128	(1,878)
Employee Benefits Professional & Tech. Services	200 300	44,675 2,000	44,649 177	26 1,823
Property Services	400	20,000	18,404	1,596
Other Services	500	17,200	18,276	(1,076)
Supplies & Materials	600	3,700	3,440	260
Property	700	1,000	1,043	(43)
Other	800	5,750	2,728	3,022
Subtotal		247,575	243,845	3,730
Administrative Services 2420:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	19,175	19,160	15
Subtotal		19,175	19,160	15
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	Object		Budget		Actual	Fav	riance vorable avorable)
Fiscal Services 2520:							
Salaries	100	\$	275	\$	275	\$	_
Employee Benefits	200		25		21		4
Professional & Tech. Services	300		50,900		50,743		157
Other Services	500		500		152		348
Supplies & Materials	600		500		-		500
Other	800	_	625		876		(251)
Subtotal			52,825		52,067		758
Plant Operation 2600:							
Salaries	100		90,525		81,757		8,768
Employee Benefits	200		52,150		36,500		15,650
Property Services	400		60,000		49,353		10,647
Other Services	500		9,700		8,968		732
Supplies & Materials	600		101,000		89,852		11,148
Property	700		2,700		1,013		1,687
Other	800	_		_	932		(932)
Subtotal			316,075	_	268,375		47,700
Transportation 2700:							
Other Services	500		89,500	_	84,164		5,336
Subtotal			89,500		84,164		5,336
Special Ed. Transportation 2700:							
Other Services	500				282		(282)
Subtotal					282		(282)
Information Services 2820:							
Professional & Tech. Services	300		11,250		11,248		2
Subtotal			11,250		11,248		2
Current Interest 5100:							
Other	800		9,950		3,958		5,992
Subtotal		-	9,950		3,958		5,992
Adjustments/Repayments to State 5200:		_	3,000	_	<u> </u>		
Other	800		_		856		(856)
Subtotal	000				856		(856)
Oublotal					000		(000)
Total Elementary			3,333,950	_	3,206,496		127,454

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	Object		Budget		Actual	Fa	ariance avorable favorable)
Secondary:							
Regular Instruction 1100:					== ==0	Φ.	00.000
Salaries	100	\$	1,213,850	\$	1,175,752	\$	38,098
Employee Benefits	200		377,525		324,898		52,627
Professional & Tech. Services	300		33,775		29,428		4,347
Property Services	400		22,150		19,569		2,581
Other Services	500		10,800		5,929		4,871 3,808
Supplies & Materials	600 700		37,675 26,800		33,867 25,823		3,606 977
Property	700 800		6,300		6,206		94
Other	800	_				_	
Subtotal			1,728,875		1,621,472		107,403
Special Education 1200:							
Salaries	100		124,025		108,620		15,405
Employee Benefits	200		68,675		46,940		21,735
Professional & Tech. Services	300		68,250		54,133		14,117
Property Services	400		450		347		103
Other Services	500		550		18,922		(18,372)
Supplies & Materials	600		1,600		1,061		539
Property	700		1,600		1,586		14
Other	800	_	200	_	28		172
Subtotal		_	265,350	_	231,637		33,713
Vocational Education 1300:							
Other Services	500		24,350		24,161		189
Subtotal			24,350		24,161		189
Athletics 1400:							
Salaries	100		90,500		86,525		3,975
Employee Benefits	200		7,325		4,975		2,350
Professional & Tech. Services	300		20,000		24,606		(4,606)
Supplies & Materials	600		10,300		8,412		1,888
Property	700		12,850		11,280		1,570
Other	800		10,000		10,287		(287)
Subtotal			150,975		146,085		4,890
Guidance Services 2120:				_			
Salaries	100		98,650		109,680		(11,030)
Employee Benefits	200		30,575		30,884		(309)
Professional & Tech. Services	300		25,175		24,216		959
Property Services	400		300		823		(523)
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	Object	Budget		Actual	(Uni	avorable)
Other Services	500	\$ 2,000	\$	1,000	\$	1,000
Supplies & Materials	600	100		91		9
Other	800	 1,475	_	1,347		128
Subtotal		 158,275		168,041		(9,766)
Health Services 2130:						
Salaries	100	19,525		19,740		(215)
Employee Benefits	200	3,900		4,199		(299)
Property Services	400	150		323		(173)
Other Services	500	-		57		(57)
Supplies & Materials	600	 500		230		270
Subtotal		 24,075		24,549		(474)
Special Education Health Services 2130:						
Professional & Tech. Services	300	 	_	3,595		(3,595)
Subtotal		 -		3,595		(3,595)
Psychological Services 2140:						
Professional & Tech. Services	300	 18,500		16,792		1,708
Subtotal		 18,500		16,792		1,708
Speech & Audiological Services 2150:						
Salaries	100	3,700		18		3,682
Employee Benefits	200	2,575		88		2,487
Professional & Tech. Services	300	25,350		25,337		13
Supplies & Materials	600	 		147		(147)
Subtotal		31,625		25,590		6,035
Occupational Therapy Services 2160:						
Professional & Tech. Services	300	5,700		9,088		(3,388)
Supplies & Materials	600	 		136		(136)
Subtotal		5,700		9,224		(3,524)
Other Student Services 2190:						
Professional & Tech. Services	300	21,500		7,615		13,885
Subtotal		 21,500	,,,,,,,,,,	7,615		13,885
Curriculum & Instruction 2200:		 				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	13,300		13,292		8
Subtotal		 13,300		13,292		8
Library Services 2222:		 ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	_	,,,,,,,,		
Salaries	100	32,750		33,730		(980)
Employee Benefits	200	6,175		6,035		140
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	Object		Budget		Actual	Fa	'ariance avorable favorable)
Professional & Tech. Services	300	\$	100	\$	76	\$	24
Property Services	400		500		423		77
Supplies & Materials	600		3,600		2,949		651
Property	700		75		182		(107)
Other	800		25				25
Subtotal			43,225		43,395		(170)
Board of Education 2310:							
Salaries	100		1,675		1,665		10
Employee Benefits	200		125		127		(2)
Professional & Tech. Services	300		4,250		7,346		(3,096)
Other Services	500		4,050		2,469		1,581
Other	800	_	2,200		1,889		311
Subtotal			12,300		13,496		(1,196)
Supervisory Union Assessment 2321:							
Assessment	300		26,425		26,409		16
Subtotal			26,425	_	26,409		16
Principal's Office 2410:				_			
Salaries	100		175,125		175,999		(874)
Employee Benefits	200		58,400		56,797		1,603
Property Services	400		5,500		4,232		1,268
Other Services	500		12,000		13,423		(1,423)
Supplies & Materials	600		5,750		6,244		(494)
Property	700		500		1,628		(1,128)
Other	800		6,000		5,929		71
Subtotal			263,275		264,252		(977)
Administrative Services 2420:					-		
Professional & Tech. Services	300		19,175		19,160		15
Subtotal			19,175		19,160		15
Fiscal Services 2520:							
Salaries	100		275		275		_
Employee Benefits	200		25		21		4
Professional & Tech. Services	300		50,900		50,363		537
Other Services	500		500		152		348
Supplies & Materials	600		550		-		550
Other	800		625		876		(251)
Subtotal		_	52,875		51,687		1,188

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	Object		Budget		Actual	Fa	ariance avorable favorable)
Plant Operation 2600: Salaries Employee Benefits	100 200	\$	93,375 48,275	\$	97,770 38,832	\$	(4,395) 9,443
Professional & Tech. Services Property Services Other Services Supplies & Materials	300 400 500 600		78,550 9,500 145,300		826 68,978 9,032 109,115		(826) 9,572 468 36,185
Property Subtotal	700	_	375,000	_	1,433		(1,433) 49,014
Transportation 2700: Other Services	500	•	94,700		89,295		5,405
Subtotal Special Education Transportation 2700:			94,700		89,295		5,405
Other Services Subtotal	500				7,054 7,054		(7,054) (7,054)
Athletic Transportation 2700: Other Services	500		45,000	_	35,043		9,957
Subtotal Information Services 2820:			45,000		35,043		9,957
Professional & Tech. Services Subtotal	300		11,250 11,250	_	11,248 11,248		2 2
Current Interest 5100: Other	800		9,950		3,958		5,992
Subtotal Adjustments/Repayments to State 5200:		_	9,950	_	3,958		5,992
Other Subtotal	800	_		_	284 284		(284) (284)
Total Secondary			3,395,700		3,183,320		212,380
Middle: Regular Instruction 1100:							
Salaries Employee Benefits	100 200		802,875 249,650		757,869 215,789		45,006 33,861
Professional & Tech. Services Property Services	300 400		28,750 11,900		27,177 11,662		1,573

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	Object		Budget		Actual	avorable)
Other Services	500	\$	3,300	\$	3,457	\$ (157)
Supplies & Materials	600		35,950		36,650	(700)
Property	700		26,675		30,231	(3,556)
Other	800	_	2,200		2,995	 (795)
Subtotal		-	1,161,300		1,085,830	75,470
Special Education 1200:						
Salaries	100		169,600		165,320	4,280
Employee Benefits	200		106,350		79,667	26,683
Professional & Tech. Services	300		78,300		63,023	15,277
Property Services	400		1,000		386	614
Other Services	500		675		420	255
Supplies & Materials	600		1,700		3,188	(1,488)
Property	700			_	41	 (41)
Subtotal			357,625	_	312,045	45,580
Athletics 1400:						
Salaries	100		20,000		17,517	2,483
Employee Benefits	200		1,550		625	925
Professional & Tech. Services	300		4,500		2,340	2,160
Supplies & Materials	600		675		78	597
Equipment	730		_		175	(175)
Other	800				80	 (80)
Subtotal			26,725		20,815	5,910
Guidance Services 2120:						
Salaries	100		60,925		50,446	10,479
Employee Benefits	200		20,550		18,419	2,131
Professional & Tech. Services	300		7,225		7,216	9
Property Services	400		500		386	114
Supplies & Materials	600		275		347	(72)
Other	800		50		85	 (35)
Subtotal			89,525	_	76,899	12,626
Health Services 2130:						
Salaries	100		20,125		19,800	325
Employee Benefits	200		4,025		3,905	120
Property Services	400		100		98	2
Other	500		-		57	(57)
Supplies & Materials	600	_	350		536	 (186)
Subtotal		_	24,600	_	24,396	 204
		_		_		 

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Object Budget Actual (Unf	avorable)
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Psychological Services 2140:	
Professional & Tech. Services 300 <u>\$ 18,000</u> <u>\$ 16,492</u> <u>\$</u>	1,508
Subtotal <u>18,000</u> <u>16,492</u>	1,508
Speech & Audiological Services 2150:	
Salaries 100 3,700 6,449	(2,749)
Employee Benefits 200 2,475 669	1,806
Professional & Tech. Services 300 27,150 26,962	188
Property Services         400         500         -           Property         700         2,000         -	500
	2,000
Subtotal <u>35,825</u> <u>34,080</u>	1,745
Occupational Therapy Services 2160:	4 400
Professional & Tech. Services 300	1,139
Subtotal	1,139
Other Student Services 2190:	
Professional & Tech. Services 300 10,036	(10,036)
Subtotal 10,036	(10,036)
Curriculum & Instruction 2200:	
Professional & Tech. Services 30013,30013,292	8
Subtotal 13,300 13,292	8
Library Services 2222:	
Salaries 100 33,750 33,730	20
Employee Benefits 200 6,175 6,028	147
Professional & Tech. Services 300 75 48	27
Property Services 400 175 233	(58)
Supplies & Materials 600 2,600 1,750	850
Property Services 700 50 182	(132)
Other 800	25
Subtotal <u>42,850</u> 41,971	879
Board of Education 2310:	
Salaries 100 1,675 1,669	6
Employee Benefits 200 125 123	2
Professional & Tech. Services 300 4,250 7,346	(3,096)
Other Services 500 5,050 2,336	2,714
Other 800 <u>2,200</u> 1,888	312
Subtotal 13,300 13,362	(62)

# Stowe School District Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual General Fund For The Year Ended June 30, 2010

Schedule 1

				Variance
	Object	Budget	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable)
Supervisory Union Assessment 2321:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	\$ 26,425	\$ 26,409	\$ 16
Subtotal		26,425	26,409	16
Principal's Office 2410:				
Salaries	100	97,125	124,447	(27,322)
Employee Benefits	200	35,825	34,470	1,355
Professional & Tech. Services	300	-	120	(120)
Property Services	400	4,175	2,702	1,473
Other Services	500	8,000	8,726	(726)
Supplies & Materials	600	925	1,391	(466)
Property	700	450	433	17
Other	800	1,700	2,770	(1,070)
Subtotal		148,200	175,059	(26,859)
Adminstrative Services 2420:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	19,175	19,160	15
Subtotal		19,175	19,160	15
Fiscal Services 2520:				
Salaries	100	275	275	_
Employee Benefits	200	25	21	4
Professional & Tech. Services	300	50,900	49,968	932
Other Services	500	500	152	348
Supplies & Materials	600	550	-	550
Other	800	625	876	(251)
Subtotal		52,875	51,292	1,583
Plant Operation 2600:				.,,
Salaries	100	24,625	22,907	1,718
Employee Benefits	200	13,375	10,343	3,032
Professional & Tech. Services	300	-	826	(826)
Property Services	400	56,100	60,618	(4,518)
Other Services	500	9,500	8,930	570
Supplies & Materials	600	140,200	95,631	44,569
Property	700	, -	1,007	(1,007)
Subtotal		243,800	200,262	43,538
Transportation 2700:				
Other Services	500	93,700	97,148	(3,448)
Subtotal	000	93,700	97,148	(3,448)
Jubilitai		93,700	91,140	(3,446)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

# Stowe School District Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual General Fund For The Year Ended June 30, 2010

	Object	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Athletic Transportation 2700:				
Other Services	500	\$ 4,500	\$ 7,315	\$ (2,815)
Subtotal		4,500	7,315	(2,815)
Information Services 2820: Professional & Tech. Services	200	44.050	44.040	0
	300	11,250	11,248	2
Subtotal		11,250	11,248	2
Current Interest 5100: Other	800	9,950	3,958	5,992
Subtotal	000	9,950	3,958	5,992
Adjustments/Repayments to State 5200:		9,900	3,930	5,992
Other	800	_	284	(284)
Subtotal	000	_	284	(284)
				(1101)
Total Middle		2,398,625	2,245,914	152,711
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		9,251,225	8,710,850	540,375
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		(94,000)	710,359	804,359
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES): Transfer to Debt Service Fund		(306,000)	(275,900)	30,100
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER)		(400,000)	40.4.450	221/22
EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES		(400,000)	434,459	834,459
FUND BALANCE, JULY 1, 2009		400,000	804,618	404,618
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2010		\$ -	\$ 1,239,077	\$ 1,239,077

## Stowe School District Statement of Changes in Assets and Liabilities Fiduciary Fund Types - Agency Funds For The Year Ended June 30, 2010

	-	Balance July 1, 2008		Receipts		Disbursements		Balance e 30, 2009
Assets: Cash - Elementary Cash - Secondary	\$	3,179 105,719	\$	64,121 304,534	\$	59,040 280,757	\$	8,260 129,496
Total Assets	\$	108,898	\$	368,655	\$	339,797	\$	137,756
Liabilities: Amount Held for Agency Funds	\$	108,898	\$	368,655	\$	339,797	\$	137,756
Total Liabilities	\$	108,898	\$	368,655	\$	339,797	\$	137,756

#### Stowe School District Combining Balance Sheet Fiduciary Fund Type - Expendable Trust Funds June 30, 2010

	Ac	eorge dams morial	CV Starr Scholarship Fund	С	haritable Fund		Totals
ASSETS: Current Assets: Cash Investments Total Current Assets	\$	240 - 240	\$ 2,402,638 2,402,638	\$	26,539 - 26,539	\$ 	26,779 2,402,638 2,429,417
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	240	\$ 2,402,638	\$	26,539	\$	2,429,417
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES: Liabilities: Scholarship Payable Total Liabilities	\$		\$ 504,125 504,125	\$		<u>\$</u>	504,125 504,125
Fund Balances: Restricted Total Fund Balances		240 240	1,898,513 1,898,513		26,539 26,539		1,925,292 1,925,292
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	\$	240	\$ 2,402,638	\$	26,539	\$	2,429,417

Stowe School District Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Fiduciary Fund Type - Expendable Trust Funds For The Year Ended June 30, 2010

	Α	eorge dams emorial	Daly	. Patrick Memorial Fund		CV Starr Scholarship Fund	(	Community Service Award	C	Charitable Fund		Totals
REVENUES: Investment Income Donations Realized Gain (Loss) Unrealized Gain Forfeited Scholarships				<u> </u>	\$	104,175 50,000 26,645 206,210 47,484	_		\$	142 250	\$	104,317 50,250 26,645 206,210 47,484
TOTAL REVENUES	\$		\$		_	434,514	\$			392	_	434,906
EXPENDITURES: Scholarships/Gifts Fees		212 4		6		130,000 5,633		282		6,850		137,350 5,637
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		216		6		135,633	_	282		6,850	_	142,987
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		(216)		(6)		298,881		(282)		(6,458)		291,919
FUND BALANCES, JULY 1, 2009		456		6	_	1,599,632	_	282		32,997	_	1,633,373
FUND BALANCES, JUNE 30, 2010	\$	240	\$	-	\$	1,898,513	\$	-	\$	26,539	\$	1,925,292



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## REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the School Board Stowe School District

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Stowe School District, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010, which collectively comprise the entity's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 17, 2011. 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.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Stowe School District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Stowe School District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Stowe School District's internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

#### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Stowe School District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of Stowe School District in a separate letter dated January 17, 2011.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the School Board, management, others within the entity, and state and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

#### Angolano & Company

Angolano & Company Shelburne, Vermont Firm Registration Number 92-0000141

January 17, 2011

#### STOWE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT 2011-2012 ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS

Carry Forward		\$400,000
Local Sources: Tuition - Regular Education Earned Interest Rentals	\$206,400 29,850 3,000	\$239,250
State Sources: Capital Debt Reimbursement Transportation Aid Driver Education SPED - Block Grant SPED - Intensive Reimbursement	\$17,000 105,000 3,100 259,400 590,000	\$974,500
Federal Sources: SPED - IDEA-B Subgrant	\$40,000	\$40,000
Sub-total Anticipated Revenues		\$1,653,750
Other State Sources: General State Support Grant Vocational Education Support Grant	\$8,450,200 17,325	\$8,467,525
Total Anticipated Revenues		\$10,121,275

### STOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET RECAP

INSTRUCTION	09-10 Budget	09-10 Actual	10-11 Budget	11-12 Proposed Budget
Regular Education	\$4,786,300	\$4,558,518	\$4,700,500	\$4,857,100
Special Education	1,407,425	1,256,477	1,629,725	1,737,650
Vocational Education	24,350	24,161	33,000	38,975
Student Activities	227,200	209,257	191,825	207,500
Total Instruction	\$6,445,275	\$6,048,413	\$6,555,050	\$6,841,225
SUPPORT SERVICES				
Guidance Services	\$332,050	\$329,234	\$323,975	\$309,100
Health Services	72,550	73,594	74,900	96,800
Curriculum & Instruction Services	39,900	39,877	51,675	52,125
Library Services	151,475	150,305	145,450	144,525
School Board	36,700	39,716	39,700	48,025
Exec. Admin. Services	79,275	79,227	93,000	98,550
School Administration	659,050	683,156	668,650	683,650
Fiscal Services	188,425	166,920	185,825	200,475
Building & Grounds Operations	934,875	794,625	965,925	975,375
Transportation	277,900	270,607	294,325	290,125
Information Services	33,750	33,744	50,775	66,675
Total Support Services	\$2,805,950	\$2,661,005	\$2,894,200	\$2,965,425
Long Term Debt	\$306,000	\$277,324	\$297,000	\$314,625
Total General Fund Expenditures	\$9,557,225	\$8,986,742	\$9,746,250	\$10,121,275

### STOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT Budget Development 2011-2012

_	•			11-12
	09-10	09-10	10-11	Proposed
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
Regular Instruction				
Salaries	\$3,346,025	\$3,279,543	\$3,314,450	\$3,375,750
Employee Benefits	1,041,125	927,748	1,025,750	1,113,375
Prof & Tech Services	101,075	90,247	65,575	75,675
Property Services	40,975	35,154	38,775	39,050
Other Services	22,225	14,107	23,000	23,000
Supplies & Materials	138,775	115,051	140,525	129,875
Property	86,850	86,806	82,875	90,850
Other	9,250	9,862	9,550	9,525
Total Expenses	\$4,786,300	\$4,558,518	\$4,700,500	\$4,857,100
Special Education				
Salaries	\$515,200	\$476,174	\$555,650	\$578,725
Employee Benefits	315,450	248,563	347,550	293,025
Prof & Tech Services	549,200	487,397	606,850	684,550
Property Services	1,950	624	3,000	6,000
Other Services	3,775		· ·	· ·
		28,081	76,950	151,725
Supplies & Materials	9,300	8,534	13,325	13,325
Property	12,350	7,077	26,400	10,300
Other Total Expenses	200 \$1,407,425	\$1,256,477	\$1,629,725	<u>0</u> \$1,737,650
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Vocational Education				
Other Services	\$24,350	\$24,161	\$33,000	\$38,975
Total Expenses	\$24,350	\$24,161	\$33,000	\$38,975
Student Activities				
Salaries	\$110,500	\$104,042	\$89,575	\$99,550
Employee Benefits	8,875	5,600	6,925	7,675
Prof & Tech Services	24,500	26,946	24,475	26,250
Other Services	49,500	42,357	40,975	45,200
Supplies & Materials	10,975	8,490	8,825	8,350
Property	12,850	11,455	11,200	9,850
Other	10,000	10,367	9,850	10,625
Total Expenses	\$227,200	\$209,257	\$191,825	\$207,500
Guidance Services				
Salaries	\$222,200	\$222,742	\$222,100	\$216,800
Employee Benefits	64,950	62,965	62,400	64,800
Prof & Tech Services	39,625	38,648	34,325	22,700
Property Services	800	1,209	800	800
Other Services	2,000	1,000	2,000	2,000
Supplies & Materials	375	•	2,000 825	2,000
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Property		130	<del>-</del>	225
Other	1,525 \$332,050	1,432 \$329,234	1,525 \$323,975	1,525 \$309,100
Total Expenses	φυυΖ,000	ψυ28,234	ψυΖυ,ΘΙΌ	φουθ, 10U

	09-10 Budget	09-10 Actual	10-11 Budget	11-12 Proposed Budget
Health Services Salaries Employee Benefits Prof & Tech Services	\$59,175	\$59,448	\$61,175	\$75,150
	11,825	11,959	12,000	20,175
	0	0	0	0
Property Services Other Services Supplies & Materials Property Other	350	518	550	375
	0	163	0	0
	1,200	1,506	1,175	1,100
	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
Total Expenses	\$72,550	\$73,594	\$74,900	\$96,800
Curriculum & Instruction Services Salaries Employee Benefits Prof & Tech Services Property Services Supplies & Materials Property Total Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	0	0	0	0
	39,900	39,877	51,675	52,125
	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
	\$39,900	\$39,877	\$51,675	\$52,125
Library Services Salaries Employee Benefits Prof & Tech Services Property Services Supplies & Materials Property Other Total Expenses	\$111,925	\$114,290	\$105,975	\$101,825
	26,900	24,765	26,000	29,425
	400	124	175	525
	675	655	675	600
	11,150	9,871	12,025	11,475
	375	600	550	600
	50	0	50	75
	\$151,475	\$150,305	\$145,450	\$144,525
School Board Salaries Employee Benefits Prof & Tech Services Property Services Other Services Supplies & Materials Property Other Total Expenses	\$5,025 375 12,750 0 11,950 0 0 6,600 \$36,700	\$5,000 383 22,037 0 6,631 0 0 5,665	\$5,025 375 14,250 0 11,950 0 0 8,100	\$5,025 450 22,500 0 11,950 0 0 8,100 \$48,025
Executive Admin. Services Prof & Tech Services Total Expenses	\$79,275	\$79,227	\$93,000	\$98,550
	\$79,275	\$79,227	\$93,000	\$98,550

				11-12
	09-10	09-10	10-11	Proposed
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
School Administration				
Salaries	\$425,500	\$455,574	\$425,500	\$432,675
Employee Benefits	138,900	135,916	142,000	143,125
Prof & Tech Services	2,000	297	2,000	2,000
Property Services	29,675	25,338	29,675	29,400
Other Services	37,200	40,425	41,050	44,500
Supplies & Materials	10,375	11,075	11,625	14,650
Property	1,950	3,104	1,650	1,600
Other	13,450	11,427	15,150	15,700
Total Expenses	\$659,050	\$683,156	\$668,650	\$683,650
Fiscal Services				
Salaries	\$825	\$825	\$825	\$900
Employee Benefits	75	63	75	75
Prof & Tech Services	152,700	151,073	150,075	163,950
Other Services	1,500	456	1,500	1,500
Supplies & Materials	1,600	0	1,600	1,500
Other	1,875	2,629	1,900	2,700
Current Interest	29,850	11,874	29,850	29,850
Total Expenses	\$188,425	\$166,920	\$185,825	\$200,475
Buildings & Grounds Operations				
Salaries	\$208,525	\$202,435	\$197,750	\$194,325
Employee Benefits	113,800	85,675	98,275	113,350
Prof. & Tech. Services	0	1,653	0	0
Property Services	194,650	178,949	195,950	230,950
Other Services	28,700	26,930	30,200	30,200
Supplies & Materials	386,500	294,598	440,750	403,550
Property	2,700	3,453	3,000	3,000
Other	0	932	0	0
Total Expenses	\$934,875	\$794,625	\$965,925	\$975,375
Transportation				
Other Services	\$277,900	\$270,607	\$294,325	\$290,125
Total Expenses	\$277,900	\$270,607	\$294,325	\$290,125
·	Ψ211,000	Ψ210,001	Ψ204,020	Ψ230,120
Information Services				
Prof & Tech Services	\$33,750	\$33,744	\$50,775	\$66,675
Total Expenses	\$33,750	\$33,744	\$50,775	\$66,675
Debt Service				
Interest on Debt	\$115,950	\$87,324	\$106,950	\$94,575
Principal on Debt	190,050	190,000	190,050	220,050
Total Expenses	\$306,000	\$277,324	\$297,000	\$314,625
			•	-
Total General Fund Expenditures	\$9,557,225	\$8,986,742	\$9,746,250	\$10,121,275

	Stowe	T198		hattom of same	
	Lamoille	Lamoille South		amount. See note at bottom of page.	base rate for FY2012. See note at bottom of page. 0.87
Expendit	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center	FY2009 \$9,110,050	FY2010 \$9,557,225	FY2011 \$9,746,250	FY2012
atu:	expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	99,110,000	\$9,057,225	\$9,746,250	\$10,121,275
minus					_
	Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget	\$9,110,050	\$9,557,225	\$9,746,250	\$10,121,275
plus	Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	+			
plus	Prior year deficit reduction if not included in expenditure budget	+			
	•	\$9,110,050	\$9,557,225	\$9,746,250	\$10,121,275
	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data Prior year deficit reduction (if included in expenditure budget) - informational data	\$567,800	\$566,400	\$594,400	\$614,600
devenues	Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including	\$1 299 750	\$1,420,650	84 502 850	64 626 760
plus	local Act 144 tax revenues) Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	\$29,249	\$1,429,330	\$1,392,650	\$1,636,750 \$17,000
plus	Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues (negative revenue instead of expenditures)				
minus	All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues	-			
	l otal local revenues	\$1,318,999	\$1,451,850	\$1,611,492	\$1,653,750
	Education Spending	\$7,791,051	\$8,105,375	\$8,134,758	\$8,467,525
	Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	622.98	627.50	638.64	649.70
minus	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil Less net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$12,506.10	\$12,916.93 \$487.65	\$12,737.63	\$13,033 \$484
minus	Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual		- 9407.03	\$440.03	\$404
	public schools for grades the district does not operate for new	.			
minus	Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending	-	-	-	
minus	if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils  Less planning costs for merger of small schools		-		
		threshold = \$13,287	threshold = \$13,984	threshold = \$14,549	threshold = \$14,733
		\$12,506	\$12,917	\$12,738	\$13,033
	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	152.328%	151.181%	149.083%	152.540%
roratin	g the local tax rate				based on \$8,544
	(152.540% x \$0.870)	\$1.3253 based on \$0.87	\$1.3002 based on \$0.86	\$1.2821 based on \$0.86	\$1.3271 based on \$0.870
_		100,000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.00%
Ρ	(100.000% x \$1.33)	\$1.3253	\$1.3002	\$1.2821	\$1.3271
		89.13%	82,30%	82.13%	85.63%
Portio	on of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.327 / 85.63%)	\$1.4869 besed on \$0.87	\$1.5798 based on \$0.66	\$1.5611 based on \$0.880	\$1.5498 besed on \$0.87
district b	elongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax	1	<b>↑</b>	<b>↑</b>	<b>↑</b>
tue to spe	ending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The				$\neg$
	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (152.540% x 1.80%)	2.74% based on 1.80%	2.72% based on 1.80%	2.68% based on 1.80%	2.75% based on 1.80%
	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.000% x 2.75%)	2.74% besed on 1.80%	2.72% based on 1.60%	2.68% based on 1.80%	2.75% based on 1.80%
	Percent of equalized pupils at union 1	-	-		
		-	-		
	plus plus plus plus plus minus minus minus minus plus minus minus minus plus Proratin;	Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any plus Prior year deficit reduction if not included in expenditure budget Gross Act 68 Budget S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data Prior year deficit reduction (if included in expenditure budget) - informational data Prior year deficit reduction (if included in expenditure budget) - informational data Prior year deficit reduction (if included in expenditure budget) - informational data  Revenues  Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)  Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues (negative revenue instead of expenditures)  All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues  Total local revenues  Education Spending per Equalized Pupil Less net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil Less net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual variety of the strength of the district does not operate for new students who mowed to the district after the budget but utilions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who mowed to the district after the budget was passed Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fever equalized pupils  Police Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)  Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment  District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)  Portating the local tax rate  Anticipated district equalized pupils not in a union school district  Portion of actual district equalized pupils not in a union school district  Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.000% x \$1.33)  Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)  Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.327 / 95.63%)  district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax the tolongs to	Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget  plus Prior year deficit reduction if not included in expenditure budget Gross Act 68 Budget  S. U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data Prior year deficit reduction (if included in expenditure budget) - informational data Prior year deficit reduction (if included in expenditure budget) - informational data Prior year deficit reduction (if included in expenditure budget) - informational data Prior year deficit reduction (if included in expenditure budget) - informational data Prior year deficit reduction if included in expenditure budget) - informational data Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues (patient expenditure) - 259,249  Prior year deficit reduction if included in expenditure budget) - informational data Prior year deficit reduction if included in expenditure budget expenditures and prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues (patient expenditure) - 259,249  Prior year deficit reduction (if included in expenditure budget) - informational data Prior year deficit reduction if included in expenditure budget expenditures (patient expenditure) - 259,249  Prior year deficit reduction (if included in expenditure budget expenditure) - 259,249  Prior year deficit reduction (if included in expenditure budget expenditure) - 259,249  Education Spending per Equalized Pupil (patient expenditure) - 259,249  Education Spending per Equalized Pupil (patient expenditure) - 259,249  Education Spending per Equalized Pupil (patient expenditure) - 259,249  Education Spending per Equalized Pupil (patient deficit if deficit is solely attributable to tutions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district does not operated (patient expenditure) - 259,230,250  Prorating the local tax rate  Anticipated district equalized pupils not in a union school district. Portion of	Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget \$9,110,050 \$9,557,225 \$9,557,225 Prior year deficit reduction if not included in expenditure budget Gross Act 68 Budget SJ, 100,050 \$9,557,225 \$9,110,050 \$9,557,225 \$9,557,225 \$9,110,050 \$9,557,225 \$9,110,050 \$9,557,225 \$9,110,050 \$9,557,225 \$9,110,050 \$9,557,225 \$9,110,050 \$9,110,05	Act 144 Expenditures, to be exculted from Education Spending Act 68 locally adopted or warmed budget \$9,110,050 \$9,57,225 \$5,746,250 \$1,740,250

### District Spending Adjustment

	FY11	FY12
Budgeted Expenditures	\$9,746,250	\$10,121,275
Budgeted Available Revenues	\$1,612,650	\$1,653,750
Education Spending	\$8,133,600	\$8,467,525
Equalized Pupils	638.64	649.70
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$12,736	\$13,033
Base Amount	\$8,544	\$8,544
District Spending Adjustment	149.061%	152.540%

## Estimated Homestead Tax Rate

	FY11	FY12
Statewide Equalized Tax Rate	\$0.86	\$0.87
District Spending Adjustment	149.061%	152.540%
Adjusted Equalized Tax Rate	\$1.2819	\$1.3271
Common Level of Appraisal	82.13%	85.63%
Estimated Local Tax Rate	\$1.5608	\$1.5498

## Estimated Non-Homestead Tax Rate

	FY11	FY12
Statewide Equalized Tax Rate	\$1.35	\$1.36
District Spending Adjustment	N/A	N/A
Adjusted Equalized Tax Rate	\$1.35	\$1.36
Common Level of Appraisal	82.13%	85.63%
Estimated Local Tax Rate	\$1.6437	\$1.5882

# Estimated Income Sensitivity Information

	FY11	FY12
Statewide Income Sensitivity %	1.80%	1.80%
District Spending Adjustment	149.061%	152.540%
Local Income Sensitivity %	2.68%	2.75%

## Lamoille South Supervisory Union Revenues

Account		FY 10 Actual		FY 11 Budget		FY 12 Budget
Accessments						
Assessments: Psychological Services						
Elmore	ċ	2,030	\$	2 111	ċ	2,121
Morristown	\$ \$	43,972	\$	2,111 45,744	\$ \$	
Stowe	\$	21,648	\$		\$	45,955
Curriculum & Instruction	Ą	21,040	Ą	22,520	Ş	22,624
Elmore	\$	8,018	\$	9,476	\$	9,355
Morristown	\$	50,130	\$	61,335	\$	64,094
Stowe	\$	39,877	\$	51,614	\$	
Administrative Services	Ş	33,077	Ş	51,614	Ş	52,126
Elmore	\$	1,267	\$	1,512	\$	1 521
Morristown	¢	114,406	\$	134,694	\$	1,521 126,989
Stowe	\$ \$	79,227	\$	92,944	\$	98,540
Fiscal Services	Y	73,227	Ą	32,344	Ą	36,340
Elmore	¢	2,292	\$	2,285	\$	2,369
Morristown	\$ \$ \$	207,006	\$	203,526	\$	197,726
Stowe	¢	143,352	\$	140,439	\$	153,430
Information Services	Y	143,332	Ą	140,433	Ą	155,450
Elmore	\$	6,785	\$	9,311	\$	11,955
Morristown	\$	42,421	\$	60,270	\$	81,907
Stowe	\$	33,744	\$	50,719	\$	66,613
Psych. Services-SPED	Ÿ	33,744	Ţ	30,713	Ą	00,013
Elmore	\$	1,867	\$	1,959	\$	2,168
Morristown	\$	42,008	\$	44,078	\$	48,780
Stowe	\$	49,475	\$	51,913	\$	57,452
Speech & Audiology-SPED	Y	45,475	Y	31,313	Ą	37,432
Elmore	\$	15,284	\$	13,208	\$	12,760
Morristown		95,555	\$	85,496	\$	87,419
Stowe	\$ \$	76,011	\$	71,946	\$	71,096
Admin. Services-SPED	*	, 0,011	~	7 1.75 1.0	7	, 1,050
Elmore	\$	11,558	\$	8,843	\$	9,607
Morristown	\$	72,261	\$	57,239	\$	65,816
Stowe	\$	57,481	\$	48,168	\$	53,527
Essential Early Education	,	,	•	,	*	55,527
Elmore	\$	16,886	\$	16,762	\$	8,800
Morristown	\$ \$	94,295	\$	101,151	\$	52,150
Stowe	\$	65,269	\$	63,687	\$	39,050
Other Revenues:						
Cash Balance	\$	145,000	\$	55,000	\$	63,500
Interest Income	\$	8,893	\$	7,500		7,500
IDEA B - EEE	\$	4,359		7,300		7,300
IDEA B - Flow Through	\$	62,916	\$	64,125	\$	127,625
Title I	\$	15,538	\$	16,200	\$	16,200
Service Fees	\$ \$ \$	47,453	\$	30,000	\$	30,000
Miscellaneous	\$	9,296	\$	-	\$	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	1,687,580	\$	1,633,075	\$	1,698,075

#### Lamoille South Supervisory Union Expenditures

Description		FY 10 Actual		FY 11 Budget		FY 12 Budget
Druch elegical Comit						841
Psychological Services Salaries	\$	40.000	4		_	
Employee Benefits	>	49,373	\$	51,350	\$	51,475
Other Services		16,859		18,500		18,700
Total	\$	66,232	\$	525 70,375	\$	525
	,	00,232	٠,	70,375		70,700
Curriculum & Instruction						
Salaries	\$	77,674	\$	95,025	\$	97,550
Employee Benefits		22,899		32,000		32,525
Other Services Supplies & Materials		1,566		1,500		1,600
Other		112		-		-
Total	\$	102,944	\$	2,000	ć	2,000
7044	<del>-</del> <del>-</del> <del>-</del> -	102,344	ې	130,525	\$	133,675
Executive Admin. Services						
Salaries	\$	238,967	\$	176,275	\$	179,725
Employee Benefits		48,230		46,725		47,450
Prof & Tech Services		37,641		8,200		9,300
Property Services		18,937		18,950		27,400
Other Services		11,522		14,900		14,375
Supplies & Materials		13,879		18,050		11,250
Property Other		3,206		1,750		1,750
Total	\$	4,817	\$	6,800		6,800
Total	->	377,199	Ş	291,650	\$	298,050
Fiscal Services						
Salaries	\$	248,717	\$	261,025	\$	265,025
Employee Benefits		69,449		80,725		81,900
Prof & Tech Services		6,653		7,600		8,050
Property Services		1,800		2,000		3,100
Other Services		1,952		3,250		3,250
Supplies & Materials Property		6,018		3,500		3,500
Other		1,846		1,750		1,750
Total	\$	1,917 338,352	\$	1,400	\$	1,950
Total	<u> </u>	330,332	Ş	361,250	\$	368,525
Information Services						
Salaries	\$	62,463	\$	86,500	\$	111,300
Employee Benefits		20,315		32,400		43,175
Property Services		1,800		1,750		2,850
Other Services		423		750		750
Supplies & Materials		614		2,750		2,750
Property		1,845		1,750		1,750
Other	_	-		2,500		6,000
Total	\$	87,460	\$	128,400	\$	168,575
Psychological Services - SPED						
Salaries	\$	74,081	\$	77,050	\$	77,225
Employee Benefits		24,839		27,600		27,925
Prof & Tech Services		185		1,250		1,250
Other Services		-		350		350
Supplies & Materials		-		1,650		1,650
Total	\$	99,105	\$	107,900	\$	108,400

#### Lamoille South Supervisory Union Expenditures

		FY 10		FY 11		FY 12
Description		Actual		Budget		Budget
Speech & Audiology - SPED						
Salaries	\$	139,740	\$	120,325	\$	120,550
Employee Benefits	•	45,553	,	45,200	,	45,600
Prof & Tech Services		100		1,500		1,500
Other Services		225		1,600		1,600
Supplies & Materials		517		2,025		2,025
Total	\$	186,135	\$	170,650	\$	171,275
Administrative Services - SPED						
Salaries	\$	101,192	\$	89,525	\$	92,100
Employee Benefits	·	38,575	•	34,625	,	35,175
Prof & Tech Services		-		2,000		2,000
Property Services		2,413		2,150		3,000
Other Services		3,485		5,200		5,200
Supplies & Materials		805		3,625		3,625
Property		1,845		1,750		1,750
Other		585		1,100		1,100
Total	\$	148,900	\$	139,975	\$	143,950
Essential Early Education						
Salaries	\$	95,562	\$	100,075	\$	101,150
Employee Benefits		29,669		34,350	•	34,825
Prof & Tech Services				500		500
Other Services		812		1,500		1,500
Supplies & Materials		1,549		2,850		2,850
Property		-		500		500
Other		-		500		500
Total	\$	127,592	\$	140,275	\$	141,825
Speech & Audio Services - EEE						
Salaries	\$	62,375	\$	62,175	\$	62,300
Employee Benefits		19,639		20,975		21,250
Other Services		605		325		750
Supplies & Materials		231		800		800
Total	\$	82,850	\$	84,275	\$	85,100
Administrative Services - EEE						
Property Services	\$	7,000	\$	7,000	\$	7,200
Other Services		151		800		800
Total	\$	7,151	\$	7,800	\$	8,000
Total	\$	1,623,920	\$	1,633,075	\$	1,698,075

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

School: Stowe Elementary School S.U.: Lamoille South S.U.

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

#### FY2010 School Level Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school, enrollment ≥ 200 but <300 (37 schools in cohort)

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)

5 out of 37

	School level data	Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
<b>?</b>	Bennington Elementary School	K - 5	261	17.70	2.00	14.75	130.50	8.85
aller	Park Street School	K - 5	264	24.80	1.00	10.65	264.00	24.80
S	Lothrop School	PK - 6	269	20.07	1.00	13.40	269.00	20.07
5	Stowe Elementary School	K - 5	270	19.25	1.00	14.03	270.00	19.25
ger	Green Street School	K-6	273	25.00	1.00	10.92	273.00	25.00
\$	Marion W. Cross School	K-6	285	24.70	1.00	11.54	285.00	24.70
	Dothan Brook School	K - 5	291	27.60	1.50	10.54	194.00	18.40
A	veraged SCHOOL cohort data		238.68	21.29	1.05	11.21	226.44	20.20

School District: Stowe LEA ID: T198

FY201

Special education expenditures vary substantially from district to district and year to year. Therefore, they have been excluded from these figures. The portion of current expenditures made by supervisory unions on behalf of districts varies grea This year's figures include district assessments to S Doing so makes districts more comparable to each other. The consequence is that THESE FIGURES. ONLY COMPARABLE TO FIGURES USED IN THE SIMILAR FILES FOR FY10 and FY11.

#### FY2009 School District Data

Cohort Description: K - 12 school district

(33 school districts in cohort)

	School district data (local, union, or joint district)	Grades offered in School District	Student FTE enrolled in school district	Current expenditur student FTE EXCL special education of	UDING
4	Rivendell Interstate School District	PK-12	485.37	\$12,566	
Smaller	Williamstown	PK-12	535.96	\$10,152	Curren
	Windsor	K-12	554.13	\$12,389	by a di
	Stowe	K-12	635.07	\$12,338	that dis
Larger	Enosburgh	K-12	640.56	\$10,826	tuitions
	Northfield	PK-12	644.71	\$12,047	other p
v	Winooski ID	PK-12	787.50	\$11,536	educat
Ave	raged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data		818.61	\$11,803	

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

Cohort Rank by FTE

(1 is largest)

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11 Sc	:hool Di	strict Data					Total municipa	al tax rate, K-	12, consisting	
				S	chool district tax r	ate	of prorated member district rates			
				SD	SD	SD	MUN	MUN	MUN	
					Education	Equalized	Equalized	Common	Actual	
			Grades offered	Equalized	Spending per	Homestead	Homestead	Level	Homestead	
			in School	Pupils	Equalized Pupil	Ed tax rate	Ed tax rate	of Appraisal	Ed tax rate	
	LEA ID	School District	District			Use these tax rates to compare towns rates.		These tax rates are not comparable due to CLA's.		
							i			
<b>?</b>	T247	Windsor	K-12	495.95	12,473.32	1.2555	1.2555	0.9742	1.2887	
Smaller	T243	Williamstown	PK-12	546.55	11,708.11	1.1785	1.1785	0.8601	1.3702	
8	T068	Enosburgh	K-12	549.13	10,367.38	1.0435	1.0435	1.0315	1.0116	
	T198	Stowe	K-12	638.64	12,737.63	1.2821	1.2821	0.8213	1.5611	
Larger	T142	Northfield	PK-12	639.88	12,580.25	1.2663	1.2663	0.8024	1.5781	
	T071	Fairfax	PK-12	775.59	10,655.23	1.0725	1.0725	0.9118	1.1762	
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#### Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness 16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2)(K)

School: Stowe Middle/High School S.U.: Lamoille South S.U.

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

#### FY2010 School Level Data

Cohort Description: Junior/Senior high school (22 schools in cohort) Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)

	(22 schools in cohor	:)			10 out of 22			
	School level data	Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
2	Green Mountain UHSD #35	7 - 12	365	31.90	2.00	11.44	182.50	15.95
allei	Hazen UHSD #26	7 - 12	380	36.70	2.00	10.35	190.00	18.35
S	Leland & Gray UHSD #34	7 - 12	387	38.25	2.00	10.12	193.50	19.13
s	Stowe Middle/High School	6 - 12	405	33.25	2.00	12.18	202.50	16.63
ger	Enosburg Middle & High School	6 - 12	456	44.34	3.00	10.28	152.00	14.78
جَ	Randolph UHSD #2	7 - 12	457	44.50	2.00	10.27	228.50	22.25
Ý	Oxbow UHSD #30	7 - 12	459	37.60	1.00	12.21	459.00	37.60
	Averaged SCHOOL cohort data		426.32	39.55	2.03	10.78	209.54	19.44

School District: Stowe LEA ID: T198 Special education expenditures vary substantially from district to district and year to year. Therefore, they have been excluded from these figures.

The portion of current expenditures made by supervisory unions on behalf of districts varies grea This year's figures include district assessments to S Doing so makes districts more comparable to each other. The consequence is that THESE FIGURES. ONLY COMPARABLE TO FIGURES USED IN THE SIMILAR FILES FOR FY10 and FY11.

#### FY2009 School District Data

Cohort Description: K - 12 school district

(33 school districts in cohort)

	School district data (local, union, or joint district)		Student FTE enrolled in school district	Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs		Cohort Rank by FTE (1 is largest) 14 out of 33
4	Rivendell Interstate School District	PK-12	485.37	\$12,566		
aller	Williamstown	PK-12	535.96	\$10,152		expenditures are an effort to an amount per FTE spent
Sm	Windsor	K-12	554.13	\$12,389		rict on students enrolled in
	Stowe	K-12	635.07	\$12,338		rict. This figure excludes
rger	Enosburgh	K-12	640.56	\$10,826		and assessments paid to
į	Northfield	PK-12	644.71	\$12,047		oviders, construction and ent costs, debt service, adult
٧	Winooski ID	PK-12	787.50	\$11,536	education, and community service.	
Aver	aged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data		818.61	\$11,803		

FY2011	Sc	hool D	istrict Data					Total municipa	al tax rate, K-	12, consisting
					S	chool district tax r	ate	of prorated member district rates		
					SD	SD	SD	MUN	MUN	MUN
						Education	Equalized	Equalized	Common	Actual
				Grades offered	Equalized	Spending per	Homestead	Homestead	Level	Homestead
				in School	Pupils	Equalized Pupil	Ed tax rate	Ed tax rate	of Appraisal	Ed tax rate
		LEA ID	School District	District			Use these tax rates to compare towns rates.			nese tax rates are not comparable due to CLA's.
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	1	T247	Windsor	K-12	495.95	12,473.32	1.2555	1.2555	0.9742	1.2887
	Smaller	T243	Williamstown	PK-12	546.55	11,708.11	1.1785	1.1785	0.8601	1.3702
	Ë	T068	Enosburgh	K-12	549.13	10,367.38	1.0435	1.0435	1.0315	1.0116
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#### **EVENTS IN 2010**

#### **JANUARY**

Several local area skiers/boarders bound for the Olympics Stowe Mtn. Resort steps up safety awareness campaign Town budget keeps tax rate flat Memorial Park Plan hits snag over deed restrictions Bradley Rauch volunteers with a group of 7 doctors in Haiti Longtime Stoweite Liliane McAree dies

#### **FEBRUARY**

65<sup>th</sup> annual Stowe Derby held with 642 participants 17 year old Callagy Fahey survives high seas ordeal

Stowe Mtn. Resort rescues 80 people stranded on chairlift due to high winds and ice

Girls' hockey team falls to Rutland in quarter finals

Boys' basketball team lose to Winooski in the playoffs

Division 11 boy's hockey team lose to Missisquoi Valley Union in finals at Gutterson

#### MARCH

Dick Marron and Heidi Scheuermann step down as Selectboard members and replaced by Adam Davis and Neil Van Dyke.

Town budgets of \$9.9 million and school budget of \$9,746,250 pass

Voters approve \$240,000 to replace the cupola on the Memorial Building

Mason Graddock, Stowe hockey player goes to Sweden to play

Ian Anderson, Stowe High Senior, wins Eastern GS title

Stowe's Odyssey of the Mind team wins top honors at Vt. State Championships

Stowe's Electric Dept. considers a big change, including merging or selling

Nordic Relay for Life raises over \$98,000

Memorial Park Plan adopted as

Stowe Land Trust earns accreditation by the Accreditation Commission

#### **APRIL**

Harry Shepard III named Public Works Director for Stowe

Bud Keene wins Olympic Coach award

10 Stowe High School students fly to Nicaragua to help provide supplies and money for developmental help.

Mountain closes April 11<sup>th</sup>

75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mt. Mansfield Ski Patrol celebrated Surprise snow storm of 18"+ fell April 26-27<sup>th</sup>, setting the 1946 Burlington record

Annual Weekend of Hope held

5 year old Aiden Jaremczuk, kindergartner, one of three who wins writing award in the state

Ian Anderson and Luke Grosvenor named valedictorian and salutatorian at SHS

Lester Gockley, who lives in Moscow, received the Pride & Excellence Award in Beijing, China

The Everything Animals 4-H Club won top honors at the N.E. Regional spring showcase

SHS students and teachers travel to Nicaragua for service-learning trip

#### **MAY**

Stowe based Global Challenge awarded grant of \$183,000

Stowe Land Trust acquires 72 acres from estate of Gerard Kirchner

SHS Annual Awards assembly held

Clem Curtis, long time resident of Stowe celebrates his 100th Congratulations, Clem!!!

Odyssey of Mind Team heads for world finals for 5<sup>th</sup> time

Stowe boys Hans Huber and Mac Crawford of Stowe Elementary School participate on the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk

#### **JUNE**

Topnotch Resort taken over by bank & managed by Terra Resort Group

Stowe Auto closes after 33 years in business

Stowe boys tennis team win Title I victory

Bud Keene retires after 2 years as US Snowboarding freestyle coach

Michaela Meehan, Aleks Karosas and Melissa /Bizzari chosen to play in Twin State All Star Hockey Classic to benefit Make-A-Wish Foudnation

Edward Rhodes 62, longtime Stoweite and contributor in many ways to Stowe dies

Diane McCarthy Business Person of the Year

Public Safety Building Open House held June 5<sup>th</sup> with hundreds attending

#### **JULY**

14<sup>th</sup> Adi Yoerg Invitational Tennis Tournament held at Stowe Tennis Club Study shows climate atop Mt. Mansfield is changing incuding nightime temperature changes which are warmer by 3.7 degrees

Record crowds attend the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration

Johannes von Trapp, Lawrence Damon and Hilarty Engisch Klein to be inducted into the Ski Museum Hall of Fame

Neil Van Dyke elected President of the Mountain Rescue Association.

Storm does severe damage in Stowe, especially Maple Street, Rte 100 and Stagecoach Road areas

23<sup>rd</sup> annual Copley Golf Scramble raises \$14,000 for Copley Hospital Stowe High School to have two new scoreboards for field hockey and soccer.

885 participants in the Stowe 8-miler

Haab sisters shine at the Cape Cod Classic Field Hockey tournament New England Association of Fire Chiefs honors Wendall Mansfield

8 Stowe students attend Governor's Institute on Engineering & Mathematical Sciences

#### **AUGUST**

George Woodard, local farmer-actor produces movie "The Summer of Walter Hacks"

Large utilities bidding to purchase Stowe Electric

Ken Squier inducted into Motorsports Hall of Fame of America

Bud Keene rejoins the Mt. Mansfield Ski & Snowboard Club as head coach

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual 4.3 mile race to the Top of Vermont held

Lyme disease spreading and in the Stowe area

Stowe Board of Listers starting a reappraisal of the town, taking place over 2 years

Stowe Land Trust raises money for new Adams Camp bridge

53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Antique and Classic Car Show held at Nichols Field

Stowe Theatre Guild presents "The Sound of Music" to sell out audiences

#### **SEPTEMBER**

Ken Schumann's 14<sup>th</sup> year as Burgermeister. Octoberfest at Jackson Arena raised \$50,000

Injured hiker rescued by Stowe Mountain Rescue team and helicopter

Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center near completion

20<sup>th</sup> Annual British Invasion held with 750 cars at Mayo Farm Events Field

\$2,000,000 Spruce Peak HGTV dream house nearly completed

Lynn Rublee Helen Day Art Center's new education coordinator

Stowe High School looking to have a lacrosse team

Teresa Merelman chosen Realtor of the Year from Lamoille Area Board

Replacement of town vault to be voted on in November

Tom Sequist, new chairman of the VT Ski Museum Board of Directors

Land Trust raises \$ 68,000 for Adams Camp bridge project

#### **OCTOBER**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> Mt. Mansfield had 18" of snow

Capital Source Inc (former TN Associates) and Town agree to a settlement  $10^{\rm th}$  Mountain Soldier statute now at Spruce Peak

Miller Brook bridge project complete

Mackenzie Pratt, Lamoille Union star athlete dies of cancer

St. John's Church bell is reinstalled

Stowe Bike Club holds 32nd awards night with Luke Moore and Donna Smyers Time Trial winners

Senior Days held for boys & Girls Soccer and Field Hockey teams

Former Spruce Pond Inn buildings partially torn down and rebuilt into commercial building

Sgt Jean-Noel Howell gives detailed report on his tour in Afghanistan

#### **NOVEMBER**

Stephanie Chase leaving as Director of Stowe Free Library

Voters approve \$700,000 for vault renovation

Voters approve \$910, 000 bond for Stowe Electric to purchase stock in VT Transco LLC

Shumlin elected Governor

5 year old Christopher Grimes, cancer victim, honored at Shelburne Farm Coach Barn

Stowe Land Trust, one of three in VT to earn new accreditation

SHS girls' cross country team come in fifth in Division 3 state championships

SHS boys' cross country team come in fourth in Division 3 state championships

SHS girls' soccer team lose in semi finals to Rice Memorial 2-1

Stowe Fire Department installs a dry hydrant at 2481 Nebraska Valley Road Ross Francis lands roles on TV

Expansion of Mt. Mansfield Ski and Snowboard Club building opens

Bridget Martin, 14, crowned Miss Vermont Teen USA

Girls' soccer team wins championship, first since 1984 beating Green Mountain Union

Ski slopes open November 24th

#### **DECEMBER**

School Board favors a comprehensive study for consolidation

Stowe Electric will not be sold

Masons, Eastern Star mark 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of community service

Stowe Girls' basketball team cancelled due to lack of interest

Stowe Historic Commission honors Paul & Laura Biron & Virginia Huber for their contribution for the adaptive use of a historic home.

VT Mozart Festival calls it quits

Stowe Swimmers post 57 personal best times at the Upper Valley Aquatic Club Winter Classic held in White River

#### ANNUAL TOWN/SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MARCH 2, 2010 STOWE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM 8:00 A.M.

The Meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m. by Moderator Leighton Detora. Present were 220 of 3,803 total registered voters. Mr. Detora welcomed everyone to the 213<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting by asking everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

He then took a moment to explain the rules of the meeting and the audience was encouraged to speak and make their opinions heard throughout the meeting.

Mr. Marron made the motion, seconded by Don Post, to allow the Superintendent of Schools, Stowe's Town Manager and the Assistant Finance Director to stay within the Town Meeting area to answer questions and be seen while doing so. Richard Kilburn felt that the non-resident officials should be seated in the visitors section. Those officials were introduced. There was no further discussion and the motion **carried.** 

#### **SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING:**

The School Board Members introduced themselves. Cam Page recognized Ashley Tagatac and Susan Segal for their service on the Board.

Cam Page provided a PowerPoint presentation explaining how the School Board arrived at their budgetary decisions and how Stowe's taxpayers will be affected if the budget is approved during the Australian Balloting throughout the day.

Ken Strong asked why the income sensitivity threshold was so high at \$90K and Heidi Scheuermann stated that the number has steadily increased since the program has been in place.

George Merwin asked about the length of teacher contracts and Don Post stated that they do vary with the latest contract being 4 years long.

Kitty Coppock asked how much the cost of the parking lot reconstruction was during the summer of 2009 and also why the new lights in the lot were left on so often? The School Board explained that the reconstruction was done to accommodate safety issues surrounding the school buses and cannot explain why the lights were left on so much during the construction.

Ed Frey asked for a projected Statewide Education rate and Heidi Scheuermann explained that the State Tax Commissioner has recommended a 2.5 cent increase, but budget predictions around the state have decreased which will further affect the tax rate. She added that the Governor's budget proposal would reduce the statewide education rate by 1 cent.

Marina Meerburg thanked the School Board and encouraged voters to support the budget this year. She wondered that because education funding is going to be a continuing problem, are there consolidation plans being considered? Cam Page stated that the Boards of the three school districts are pursuing consolidation options. There are other Legislative proposals being discussed in which cost savings have not yet been determined.

Cliff Johnson raised the concern of the state-wide quality of education and discussion continued about assessment standards.

Heidi Scheuermann explained components of her Legislative re-districting plan where regional becomes local along with the funding mechanism.

Ralph Graner asked about user fees especially for sports programs and Cam Page stated that "pay to play" is specifically prohibited in Vermont, but there are other ways to be creative with funding such as with transportation costs and driver's education programs.

Richard Bland asked about criteria for cutting sports programs and Tracy Wrend explained on behalf of the School Board that cuts were not random, but were decided based on participation and cost.

There was no further discussion.

Article 1: Don Post made the motion, seconded by Ashley Tagatac, to accept the annual reports of the School Directors as presented. There was no discussion and the motion **carried**.

Article 2: Don Post made the motion, seconded by Susan Segal, to authorize the School Directors to borrow money to pay current expenses and debts of said District, in anticipation of the collection of taxes and returns from the State for such purposes and provided that the same shall be done by notes of the District. There was no discussion and the motion **carried.** 

Article 3: Don Post made the motion, seconded by Susan Segal, to pay its School Directors and other elected officials for the ensuing fiscal year as follows:

School Board Directors \$1,000/member per year Moderator \$75/meeting Treasurer \$750/year

There was no discussion and the motion carried.

Article 4: Don Post made the motion, seconded by Susan Segal, to authorize the Stowe School Board to establish a reserve fund

for the purpose of defraying future educational expenses utilizing all carry forward exceeding the amount of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) budgeted in the revenue projection for carry forward in the 2010-2011 school year budget.

Cam Page stated that this reserve is created based on left-overs from the budget estimation from the previous year.

Leigh Tabor asked how much is in the fund right now and Don Post stated that there is over \$400,000.

Sonny Davis stated that he sees this as a slush fund to be used as the School Board sees fit. Cam Page stated that the budget is an estimate with Special Education being a large contributing factor. She added that it is not a slush fund and used purely to lower the tax rate.

Steve Soule asked what happens to the money if the question is voted down. Superintendent Tracy Wrend stated that it does help to reduce taxes. Mr. Marron added that this action only established the fund to reserve the money for next year. Mr. Soule then asked why the School Board could loose control of the money if this is not approved. Cam Page stated that it reduces strategic abilities within the budget if the money is not used to off-set cost.

There were no further questions and the motion **carried.** 

Article 5: To do other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Barbara Baraw asked what the status of sharing teaching resources within the District was and Cam Page stated that is currently done within the Stowe schools but scheduling is difficult when combining with other schools. She added that SEF helped to fund distance-learning programs this year with Michigan State University. The technology affords an opportunity to expand those leaning opportunities.

Helene Martin asked if the income tax is being looked at for education funding and Heidi Scheuermann stated that an increase in the income tax rate would be required to fund education and that would put Vermont's income tax rate over one of the highest rates in the country. The income tax is very volatile and not terribly stable, therefore not a discussion happening in the Legislature. She added that Montpelier is

focusing on school structure at this time.

There being no further business, the School District Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

#### **TOWN MEETING:**

John Schnee presented the Cliff Thompson Public Service Award to Dick Marron

Marina Meerburg presented the Conservationist of the Year Award to Barbara Gameroff and Leslie Gauff for helping to spread the word throughout. Leslie thanked on behalf of both..

Discussion began with Australian Ballot article 5 regarding Charter changes.

George Merwin asked why it was being proposed to delete the position of Auditor and Heidi Scheuermann explained that the Town contracts for a professional audit each year as issues become more complex.

Ed Frey asked which the Conflict of Interest provision was being amended and Heidi explained that it is being addressed through the Ethics policy to guide personnel and volunteers through the decision making processes.

There was no further discussion and action turned toward business of the meeting.

#### Article 1:

Larry Lackey made the motion, seconded by Dick Marron, to appropriate nine million three hundred forty six thousand eight hundred seventy dollars (\$9,346,870) to pay expenses identified in the "FY 11 Proposed Town Operational Budget" as follows:

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	Department	Budget Re	equest
Accounting Administration Akeley Memorial Bldg Auditors Cemetery		\$ 3 \$ 1 \$	56,932 44,070 32,233 37,990 19,970
Conservation		\$	14,100

Cultural Campus	\$ 40,152
Debt Management	\$ 937,417
Elections	\$ 6,656
Emergency Management	\$ 2,629
EMS	\$ 371,198
Equipment Reserve Fund	\$ 370,000
Fire	\$ 223,102
General Government	\$ 572,445
Highway	\$1,722,174
Insurance	\$ 193,028
Library	\$ 476,504
Listers	\$ 120,147
Mountain Rescue	\$ 20,261
Parks, Buildings, Grounds	\$ 681,394
Planning	\$ 109,576
Police	\$ 1,622,483
Public Works	\$ 227,088
Recreation	\$ 417,682
Solid Waste	\$ 550 \$ 50,504 \$ 250,281
Street Lights	\$ 50,504
Town Clerk	\$ 250,281
Zoning	\$ 126,305
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$ 9,346,870

Heidi Scheuermann explained the 3 principles to follow when developing the budget: 1.) assume 0 increase in the Grand List; 2.) no increase in capital spending and 3.) keep the tax rate level. The Town Manager applied all 3 principles while allowing services to continue. The proposed net budget increased by \$6,590 or .09%.

Ken Strong asked about the Town's debt load and Heidi explained Bonds though 2029.

Ed Frey took some time to understand the Town's audit statement.

There was no further discussion and the motion carried.

Article 2: Norm Williams made the motion, seconded by Heidi Scheuermann, to appropriate five hundred eighty nine thousand dollars (\$589,000) for capital projects identified in the "FY 11 Proposed Capital Budget" as follows:

Adams Camp Trails	\$ 10,000
Akeley Building Cupola Design & Construction	\$ 240,000
Miller Brook Bridge replacement match	\$ 15,000
Mayo Farm Rd Lane Expansion	\$ 18,000
Quiet Path Bridge Construction	\$ 70,000
Jackson Arena Lobby Roof Repair	\$ 18,000
Gale Center Roof Repair	\$ 18,000
Helen Day Porch Renovations	\$ 80,000
Jaws of Life	\$ 30,000
Pond Street Sidewalks – replace existing Depot St to Park St	\$ 50,000
Rec Path Lighting (Rusty Nail to Cape Cod Rd) Design/Cons.	\$ 40,000
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS:	\$ 589,000

Dottie Rogers stated that \$70,000 for the Quiet Path bridge seems like a lot of money and wondered how many people would actually use the bridge. Heidi Scheuermann stated that this proposal addresses a safety issue of people walking on the Weeks Hill Road Bridge to access the quiet path. She added that someone left the town \$50k for improvements and the town will be contributing \$20K to complete the project.

Further questions ensued about lighting along the Recreation Path and Heidi explained the need for safety where the sidewalk ends and people are directed to walk on the recreation path near the Rusty Nail.

Marion Baraw asked about the cost for the Akeley cupola design and suggested that it seemed very expensive. Larry Lackey explained that the appropriation includes cost for design which will be very detailed. He added that the Board does not want this project to linger and is moving it forward in this capital budget.

Dick Johannasen asked if projections were holding on the local option tax. Dick Marron stated that there was a slight down-turn in tax receipts last year and this year a conservative estimate has been made. He added that the Town is not forecasting a huge change in revenues.

Kitty Coppock asked if the recreation path uses would be changing if it is becoming a sidewalk and Larry Lackey stated that there are no changes in use, just adding some safety lighting.

Jim Lindenmeyer questioned the cost of the cupola, recreation path lighting, and the need for the quiet path bridge. He then made a **motion to amend** the article, seconded by Helene Martin, to delete \$40,000 from recreation path lighting. Heidi encouraged people to turn down this amendment because this is an important safety issue for not only residents, but visitors who may not come prepared with a flashlight. Arnie Ziegel was also skeptical, but has changed his mind since looking more closely at that area. Helen Martin agreed with the Board's safety rationale, but is concerned that additional lighting could change the Town's energy footprint. Others suggested that there were energy efficiency measures that could be exercised. Marina Meerburg added that local option tax money will be covering this cost. There was no further discussion and the **motion to amend failed.** 

Kathleen Knittle asked where the Miller Brook bridge was and Mr. Marron stated that it is also known as the Cotton Brook bridge in Nebraska Valley.

Charlie Lusk asked about the Akeley Cupola and wondered if the Selectboard was planning to replace it with an exact copy. Mr. Marron stated that the historical intent should be kept.

Robert Demario stated that there are incomplete pieces within this budget such as design and wondered if there will be room for further public comment along the way as projects progress and Heidi stated that Selectboard action is warned on their meeting agendas.

Dave Matthews noted yet another repair cost for Jackson Arena and wondered the status of the overall expansion project. Charles Safford stated that the lobby roof has rotted and cannot wait for repair until the larger project is decided.

Robert Stewart asked about work to be completed on the porch of the Helen Day Art Center and how it relates to the work that was completed this past summer. Heidi explained that this is part of a multi-year project to address a badly neglected building.

Mary Evslin made the **motion**, seconded by Jim Lindernmeyer, to remove \$200,000 from the Akeley Cupola renovation until another year. Larry Lackey stated that while he understands the overall tax burdens, deferring this replacement could only cost more down the road. Discussion continued about the possible use of Tax Increment Financing Districts (TIF) to finance municipal projects and Stowe's Downtown Designation which leads to some funding help. Charles

Safford explained that currently, all local option tax money is allocated directly to the Capital Fund and the public could choose to change that policy. Gar Anderson supported the Selectboard in getting the job done now. Wendall Mansfield **moved the question. The call for the vote to amend failed**.

There was no further discussion and Article 2 as proposed, passed.

Article 3: Paco Aumand made the motion, seconded by Don Post, to appropriate sixty two thousand four hundred ninety seven dollars (\$62,497) to pay for those community services identified in the "FY 11 Proposed Community Services Budget" as follows:

Central VT Adult Ed	\$ 3,500
Cntrl VT Comm Action	\$ 500
Central VT Council Aging	\$ 3,000
Clarina Howard Nichols Center	\$ 2,500
Green-Up Day	\$ 200
LCNRCD	\$ 100
Lamoille Eco Dev Corp	\$ 3,000
Lamoille Home Health Assoc.	\$ 13,017
Lamoille Housing Partnership	\$ 250
Lamoille Family Center	\$ 3,000
Lamoille Food Share	\$ 5,000
LC Court Diversion	\$ 1,250
LC Mental Health	\$ 5,000
Meals on Wheels (LENS)	\$ 2,000
Maple Leaf Farm	\$ 2,475
N Country Animal League	\$ 1,000
Northern VT RC&D	\$ 75
RCT	\$ 2,200
Out & About	\$ 1,000
Retired Senior Vol Prgm	\$ 660
Stowe American Legion	\$ 350
Stowe Historical Society	\$ 3,000
Stowe Land Trust	\$ 6,000
Stowe Youth Baseball/Softball	\$ 2,000
VT Association for the Blind	\$ 500
VT Center for Ind Lvng	\$ 420
VT Children's Aid Society	\$ 500
Total	\$ 62,497

#### The motion passed with no discussion.

Article 4: Dick Marron made the motion, seconded by Heidi

Scheuermann, to authorize the Selectboard to appropriate one hundred forty five thousand dollars (\$145,000) of unallocated capital funds towards the Stowe Historical Society building renovation.

Mr. Marron stated that several years ago, \$150,000 was appropriated to move St. John's Church from its old location which is now on a permanent foundation in front of the Helen Day Art Center and encouraged support to keep this project moving forward. Don Post stated that though it's too late, the building is in an awful location and is not safe for school kids. Jim Lindenmer stated that this is a perfect example of a public/private partnership that doesn't work. Bodo Liewher stated that the Historical Society shouldn't put the burden on the taxpayers and should continue to raise funds. Jo Sabel Courtney asked about staffing and maintenance of the building and what the timeframe would be to complete the work. Heidi stated that the Town will take over ownership of the building and its maintenance, but staffing will be borne by the Historical Society. Charles Safford stated that the funding source will largely determine the timeline as well as the appeal that is currently before the Environmental Court. Charlie Lusk asked if there will be a lease between the Historical Society and the Town which is open-ended in its term. Rick Oden disagreed with those who don't like the looks of the building or its location. He added that the project should be finished now. Ken Strong wondered how much space would be gained within Akeley if/when the Historical Society moved and Mr. Marron stated that was yet to be determined. Susie Connerty wondered if meetings could be held upstairs and Mr. Marron explained the theater use.

Robert Dimario moved the question. The motion carried.

Article 5: Mr. Williams made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lackey, to pay its Selectboard members and other elected officials for the ensuing fiscal year as follows:

\$15,000 Selectboard \$67,201 Town Clerk + Benefits \$2,000 Treasurer \$3,519 Auditors (\$10.25/hr (2 members) \$11.15/hr (1 member) \$750 Listers \$75 Moderator (per meeting)

Barbara Baraw asked what happens if the Auditors position is eliminated? Mr. Lackey stated that there will probably be some money left over in FY11 with the charter change taking effect in July, 2010.

There were no further questions and the motion carried.

Article 6:

Mr. Marron made the motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, to raise money on its Grand List for the fiscal year of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 to pay debts and current expenses of the Town as follows:

That Operational Budget appropriation approved in Article

1: **\$ 9,346,870** 

That Capital Budget appropriation approved in Article 2:

#### \$ 589,000

That Community Services Budget appropriation approved in Article 3: \$ 62,497

That Elected Officials annual wage appropriation approved in Article 4: \$ 88.545

(Note that the \$88,545 for elected officials is included in the Operational Budget and if someone adds the 4 totals above, they will add up to \$88,545 more than the total budget appropriation of \$9,998,367 stated below.)

For a total budget appropriation of \$9,998,367 of which \$7,015,212 is the estimated amount to be raised by taxes on the grand list to defray the indebtedness and current expenses of the Town of Stowe as herein voted. And furthermore, the budget amounts voted are to be appropriated to the agencies and purposes as herein voted, provided that the Selectboard is authorized to transfer money between accounts as justice may require and any unexpended balance at the end of the fiscal year shall be conveyed back into the treasury of the Town.

There was no discussion and the **motion carried**.

Article 7:

Mr. Marron made the motion, seconded by Heidi Scheuermann, to accept the annual reports of the several Town officers as presented. Larry Lackey commended the Auditors on a job well done for their efforts putting the Town Report together. Barbara Allaire thanked everyone for their support.

There was no further discussion and the motion carried.

Article 8:

Norm Williams made the motion, seconded by Larry lackey, to authorize the Selectboard to expend all unexpended FY10 general funds to pay for debts and current expenses of the Town for the fiscal year of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

The motion carried.

Article 9: To do other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Rick Oden asked about the old Creamery Building on the corner of Rt. 100 and Gold Brook Road. Cliff Johnson explained that will be taken care of when the Gold Brook bridge is replaced.

Mary Evslin made the motion, seconded by Don Post, that the Town in Town Meeting, support the VT Telecommunication Authority in it's application to Google for internet service in far reaching areas of the state. The motion carried in support.

Ken Schumann thanked Cliff Johnson for his service during the hiring process for a new Public Works Director.

Paco Aumand thanked Dick Marron and Heidi Scheuermann for all of their years of service on the Selectboard.

Xander Paumgarten wondered about the status of the Jackson Arena project and Heidi stated that people need to participate in the Memorial Park Master Plan which is a significant piece of the plan. Dick Marron encouraged people to make sure that there is no debt load on this rink when the project moves forward. Don Post stated that the group is working on a plan how the rink will be integrated into the community. Susie Connerty likes the charm of the current rink.

Helen Martin asked that West Hill Road be considered for paving.

There was no further discussion and the meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

ALISON KAISER, Town Clerk

# LAMOILLE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FEE SCHEDULE- LRSWMD BOARD APPROVED 7/13/2010 EFFECTIVE 1 SEPTEMBER 2010

Waste Type MSW 45 Gallon bag 30 Gallon bag 15 Gallon bag Scaled [minimum fee \$25] Loose	\$5.00 \$3.50 \$2.00 [\$145.00/ton \$25.00/cu.yd.	Tires _up to _16" \$2.50  [w/rim add \$1 ea.]  Tires _17" to _20" \$5.00  [w/rim add \$1 ea.]  Tires _21" \$8.00  [w/rim add \$1 ea.]  Heavy Truck Tires  Tires, scaled \$35.00 - 45.00  \$165.00/ton
\$	\$.50 \$.25 \$20.00/cu.yd. \$5.00/cu.yd. \$18/barrel \$.50 \$.25 \$20.00/ton \$2.00/cu.yd. \$15.00 \$15.00 \$50.00	Sofa \$8.00 Stuffed Chair each \$3.50 Large mattress and box per piece \$8.00 Twin mattress and box per piece \$5.00 TVs small, medium and large \$5-\$10-\$20 Small Electronics \$2.50 Fluorescent tubes Free to Households \$.07/foot to Businesses Misc. Bulbs and Ballasts \$.50 - \$2.50 Lead acid batteries each \$.50-1.00 Computers per piece \$5.00 Books per 15 gallon bin \$.25 Textiles per 30 gallon bag \$.50 Brush and Stumps \$3.00/cu.yd Concrete, Brick and Mortar\$6.00/cu.yd.

#### Town of Stowe, Vermont

#### IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

- 1. Method of Payment: Currently dated checks should be made payable to TREASURER, TOWN OF STOWE, P.O. Box 730, Stowe, Vermont 05672. Payments mailed from foreign countries may either be paid by check or International Money Order, but must be payable in U.S. DOLLARS drawn on a U.S. bank. Checks not meeting these requirements will immediately be returned to the sender and penalties will be attached if applicable. All checks returned by the bank, for any reason, will cause the payment to be cancelled, any receipt for that payment to be void, and fees, penalties and interest added where applicable. Receipt will be mailed if a stamp is supplied.
- **2.** Taxes/Special Assessments: The tax bill covers taxes and special assessments, if any, for the fiscal year July 1 through June 30. The total of the individual tax amounts shown in the breakdown may not equal the "total amount" because of the lost mill factor in computing each extension.
- **3. Installment Payments/Delinquent Dates:** Taxes on real property are payable in four (4) equal payments. One quarter of the annual tax bill is due on each installment due date -

1st installment 2nd installment 3rd installment 4th installment August 10 November 10 February 10 May 10

Any taxes not paid when due will be deemed delinquent and payable to the collector of delinquent taxes. An additional charge of two percent (2%) of the unpaid taxes will be imposed for each month or fraction thereof as interest on any tax not paid on or before the dates due. If the installment due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the time of delinquency will be on the next business day. POSTMARKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

- **4. Property Ownership/Statements:** Taxes are levied on real property as it exists in the name of the owner of record on the lien date of April 1st, prior to the July 1st tax year start date.
- 5. Property Owner's Responsibility: By law, tax bills are mailed to the owner of record as of April 1st at the address on file with the Assessor's Office on or about July 1st. Failure to receive a bill DOES NOT relieve the taxpayer from the responsibility to pay the taxes when they become due and payable; nor does it relieve the addition of penalties and interest as required by law. The Assessor's Office must be notified in writing of any address changes.
- 6. Transfer of Property: If all or a portion of the taxed property is sold it is the Seller's responsibility to forward the tax bill to the new owner. It is the new owner's responsibility to take note as to when the tax installments are due and payable. The Town Clerk's office is willing to provide a copy of the current year tax bill at no charge.

#### TOWN WAGE REPORT

FTE	Name	<b>Hourly Rate</b>	Years of Service
1.00	Adams, Gregory	\$17.13	5
1.00	Allen, John E.	\$17.66	10
1.00	Bates, Eric	\$16.65	6
1.00	Carder, Megan B.	\$20.45	15
0.50	Crouse, Mary Jane	\$15.87	5
1.00	Demeritt, Steve	\$18.53	6
1.00	Dougherty, Michael	\$22.63	7
1.00	Emerson, Bruce	\$27.41	17
1.00	Faye, Tori	\$21.06	12
1.00	Foster, Larry	\$22.56	32
1.00	Gann, Susanne D.	\$23.49	5
1.00	Hoadley, Robert	\$15.54	3
1.00	Kaplan, Brian	\$17.27	4
1.00	Kaplan, Nancy	\$24.88	27
0.63	Kelly, Linda	\$23.49	5
1.00	Knight, David M.	\$25.59	13
1.00	Longe, Bryan	\$27.12	7
1.00	Luce, Russell S.	\$18.58	6
1.00	Mandigo, David	\$19.66	18
1.00	Mandigo, Michael	\$30.21	23
1.00	Manning, Michael	\$22.94	23
1.00	Martin, Joseph O.	\$18.19	15
1.00	McHugh, Christopher P.	\$27.41	20
1.00	Merriam, Bruce A.	\$30.21	25
1.00	Moeck, Susan H.	\$25.04	12
0.50	Pease, Molly	\$14.74	4
1.00	Pickett, Julie S.	\$24.12	23
1.00	Rankin, Elizabeth	\$18.81	4
1.00	Rhodes, Lawrence	\$20.46	19
1.00	Rogers, Chris B.	\$24.84	13
1.00	Ross, Allen	\$21.88	12
1.00	Shatney, Alan A.	\$26.09	12
0.75	Smith, Marcia	\$17.35	9
0.83	Smith, Peter	\$17.66	29
1.00	Stewart, Edward	\$31.72	33
1.00	Stewart, Steve	\$31.72	25
1.00	Stirewalt, Mark	\$21.24	2
1.00	Tabor, Darron	\$22.78	16
0.90	Thereault, Jonathan	\$17.59	2
1.00	Walker, Kyle	\$20.73	2
1.00	Webster, Edwin	\$30.21	31
1.00	Wells, Jasson	\$16.65	7

1.00	Wells, Melvin	\$20.45	21
1.00	Whitaker, Anthony	\$17.99	2
1.00	Whitcomb, Fred G.	\$24.12	10
1.00	Wilkesman, Jesse	\$21.24	5
1.00	Wilkins-Mandigo, Gwyr	n \$20.46	28
0.75	Willingham, Jenny	\$20.02	2
FTE	Name	Weekly Salary	Years of Service
1.00	Baker, Richard	\$1,254.68	4
1.00	Bonneau, Stephen J.	\$1,384.33	20
1.00	Bouffard, Jon	\$1,142.67	1
1.00	Chase, Stephanie	\$1,088.27	3
1.00	Godin, Bruce L.	\$1,384.33	29
1.00	Jackman, Tom	\$1,254.68	7
1.00	Kaiser, Alison A.	\$1,292.32	16
1.00	Kaplan, Kenneth G.	\$1,526.24	39
1.00	Lewis, Gregory A.	\$1,453.54	30
1.00	McIntosh, Marjorie	\$1,098.72	1
1.00	Safford, Charles	\$1,882.16	3
1.00	Spaulding, Karla	\$1,384.33	23
1.00	Vickery, Thomas	\$1,526.24	7

### TOWN OF STOWE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE WAGE REPORT

FTE	Name	<b>Hourly Rate</b>	Years of Service
1.00	Deborah Adams	\$21.20	9
0.75	Nikki Allen	\$15.76	I
1.00	Liii Burgess	\$20.00	4
1.00	Norman Griffith	\$28.08	0
0.75	Dawn Haslam	\$19.59	11
1.00	Diane Darling	\$21.55	10
1.00	Adam Fortunati	\$22.14	1
1.00	Brian Huffinan	\$28.08	0
1.00	Randall Mandigo	\$28.08	32
1.00	Silas Power	\$22.14	1
1.00	Larry St. Cyr	\$21.20	28
1.00	Susan Tinker	\$18.99	6
1.00	Jerry Wilson	\$30.08	0
FTE	Name	Weekly Salary	Years of Service
1.00	Ellen L. Burt	\$2,200.00	15
1.00	Pat Householder	\$1,323.08	3

Stowe 2010-2011 Grand List Form 411 - (Town code: 621) Main District

(Taxable properties on	lv - Si	ate and Non-tax	status properties a	re not listed below	w)
REAL ESTATE	Parcel	Municipal	Homestead Ed	Non-Resi Ed.	Total Education
Category/Code	Count	Listed Value	Listed Value	Listed Value	Listed Value
Residential I R1	1,096	455,150,200	328,987,300	126,162,900 75,464,900	455,150,200 261,440,800
Residential II R2	311		185,975,900		
Mobile Homes-U MHU	8	147,100	140,900	6,200 736,500	147,100 1,715,700
Mobile Homes-L MHL	12	1,715,700	979,200	,	254,796,000
Seasonal I S1	506	254,796,000	427,600	254,368,400 252,751,400	253,351,400
Seasonal II S2	200	253,351,400	600,000	280,694,100	286,246,700
Commercial C	203	286,246,700	5,552,600 1,121,100	12,240,300	13,361,400
Commercial Apts CA	26	13,361,400 1,642,000	1,121,100	1,642,000	1,642,000
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	8		4,287,000	5,408,600	9,695,600
	914		27,597,600	386,773,600	414,371,200
Other 0 Woodland W	18	4,019,700	27,397,000	4,019,700	4,019,700
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Miscellaneous M	297	102,624,500	493,200	102,131,300	102,024,500
TOTAL LISTED REAL	3,612	2,069,103,700	556,162,400	1,512,941,300	2,069,103,700
P.P. Cable	1	34,800		34,800	34,800
P.P. Equipment	0				
P.P. Inventory	0	0			
TOTAL LISTED P.P.	1	34,800		34,800	34,800
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TOTAL LISTED VALUE		2,069,138,500	556,162,400	1,512,976,100	2,069,138,500
EXEMPTIONS					
Veterans 10K	9	90,000	90,000	0	90,000
Veterans >10K		0			
700024110 72411					
Total Veterans		90,000	90,000	0	90,000
P.P. Contracts	1	34,800			
Contracts Apprv VEPC			-0	0	0
Grandfathered	0	•	0	0	0
Non-Apprv (voted)	8	-	v	·	· ·
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0	0,073,000			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	·				
Total Contracts	9		0	0	0
Farm Stab Apprv VEPC	0	0	0	0	0
Farm Grandfathered	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv(voted)	0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0	0			
Total FarmStab Contr	0	0	0	0	0
Current Use	97	63,140,900	13,953,200	49,187,700	63,140,900
Special Exemptions	5		0	13,642,900	13,642,900
Partial Statutory	4	517,400	0	517,400	517,400
Sub-total Exemptions		70,462,700	14,043,200	63,348,000	77,391,200
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Total Exemptions		70,462,700	14,043,200	63,348,000	77,391,200
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND		19,986,758.00	5,421,192.00	14,496,281.00	19,917,473.00
NON-TAX		NON-TAX PARCELS	ARE NOT INCLUDED ON		13,317,173.00