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**WARNING: NOTICE OF GROTON, VERMONT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009**

The Citizens of the Town of Groton, who are legal voters in Town Meeting are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Groton Community Building in Groton Village on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at 10 o'clock in the morning, to act on the following articles, to wit:

**ARTICLE 1** To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.

**ARTICLE 2** To act on the Town Report of the Town Officers as printed for the year ending December 31, 2009.

**ARTICLE 3** To see if, as provided in 17 V.S.A. Section 2646 (16), the Town will vote to elect a Road Commissioner or authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Road Commissioner.

**ARTICLE 4** To elect the following Town Officers as provided for by the Public Laws of Vermont, and citizens to serve on the other committees as herein specified, and to fix their compensations:

Road Commissioner	One year
Selectperson	Three years
Lister	Three years
Auditor	Three years
Library Trustee	Three years
Library Trustee	Three years
Library Trustee	Three years
Cemetery Commissioner	Three years
Collector of Current Taxes	One year
First Constable	Two years
Second Constable	Two years
Town Grand Juror	One year
Town Agent	One year
Town Agent to Convey Real Estate	One year

**ARTICLE 5** To elect by ballot, one School Director to serve on the Board of Unified Union School District #21, for a three (3) year term.

**ARTICLE 6** Shall the Town of Groton set the due date of Friday, October 15, 2010, by 5:00 PM as the deadline for the payment of taxes? (Postmarks are **not** accepted as a timely payment)

**ARTICLE 7** Shall the Town of Groton approve any increase of the annual amount reserved for the restoration and preservation of the Land and Vital records to be based upon the recording fee paid per page as determined by the Vermont Legislature?

**ARTICLE 8** Shall the Town of Groton establish a reserve fund for the FA.S.T. Squad with their fundraising/donation funds?

**ARTICLE 9** Shall the Town of Groton approve the establishment of a reserve fund to be called Computer and Office Equipment Fund in the amount of \$5,000.00?

**ARTICLE 10** What sum of money shall the voters approve to raise by taxation, to be reduced by receipts, state aid and other income, to meet the current expenses and liabilities of the Town General Fund and Highway budget, including any other warned articles so voted at this town meeting, and authorize the Selectmen to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same?

**ARTICLE 11** To transact any other business proper to come before this meeting, this does not include the expenditure of town funds or other business acted upon in the preceding articles.

This will include an update on the Town Hall and Fire Station renovation project.

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Leonard Doscinski, Selectboard Chair    Debra Tinkham, Selectboard    David Spencer,  
Selectboard

Recorded before posting this 30th day of January 2010, at 9:30 a.m.

Linda Nunn, Town Clerk

**WARNING**

**NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE**

**MARCH 2, 2010**

The legal voters of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District are hereby notified and warned to vote, by Australian Ballot, at the polling place and between the hours specified by their municipality on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 to act on the following article.

**ARTICLE 1:** Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$ 616,600.00?

#606,120 *Just*

Signed:

<i>Roster Smith</i>	<i>Janna M. Batchelder</i>
<i>Patricia Rindken</i>	<i>Dr. Dwayne</i>
<i>Genea Perkins</i>	<i>Stephen Pethi</i>
<i>James W. Robley</i>	<i>Dee Drouin</i>
<i>Joel Cape</i>	<i>Steve W. A.</i>
<i>Samuel Jones</i>	<i>Larry Shipp</i>
<i>John Williamson</i>	<i>Neil C. Wise</i>
<i>Mrs. Doyle</i>	<i>Richard N. Blair</i>
<i>Steve Jones</i>	<i>Verna L. Pausard</i>
<i>David Sanders</i>	<i>Paul H. H. H.</i>
<i>Henry Jones</i>	<i>Raymond</i>
<i>Dallard Ebbott</i>	<i>Jay P. Allan</i>
<i>William H. H.</i>	

## **Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District 2009 Report for the Town of Groton**

After a dismal start to the year, the NEKWMD finished 2009 in remarkably strong financial condition. Recycling markets rebounded nicely by December and were nearly as high as before the commodity markets crashed in late 2008. Although the NEKWMD needed to procure a loan of \$42,000 to cover operating expenses in April, a combination of limiting spending and solid surcharge revenues allowed us to end the year with a deficit of only \$260. Spending for the year was \$20,000 less than budgeted, while surcharge revenues actually exceeded projections by a small amount.

The NEKWMD is entering 2010 with a budget of \$606,120. The surcharge on non-recycled waste is increasing in 2010 by \$3.30/ton (17%) from \$19.25 to \$22.55. The increase in the surcharge is due primarily to two factors:

- (1) The NEKWMD Board has decided to eliminate the hauling fee we charge to service recycling drop-off centers throughout the District. This step was taken to allow towns to recycle as much as possible and to allow residents from District towns without facilities to utilize existing facilities without incurring additional costs.
- (2) The NEKWMD Board felt that given the recent volatility in commodity markets our budget relied too heavily on recycling revenues.

Other District fees for electronics, recycling bins, home composters, and tires will remain at their 2009 rates.

The NEKWMD was staffed by seven full-time and three part-time employees in 2009. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principle authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly and sets the direction of NEKWMD policy. The member Towns are also represented through their ability to vote on the NEKWMD budget.

The NEKWMD will continue to promote unit-based pricing for non-recyclable waste. Since fees for NEKWMD membership are based primarily on the amount of waste produced, members have a clear opportunity to control their waste management costs. Costs can decrease as waste generation rates decrease and recycling rates increase.

In 2010, the NEKWMD will be looking to strengthen outreach to schools, businesses and seasonal residents while also promoting greater participation in recycling programs throughout the Northeast Kingdom.

The 37,000 residents of 44 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured that the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion.

### **NEKWMD Executive Committee**

## NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT SUPERVISOR REPORT For the Town of Groton

Groton is a member town in the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District. Our town partners with Ryegate in the operation of a recycling center in East Ryegate. The recyclable material is picked up every other week by the district staff and combined with the other towns at the Lyndonville facility.

The East Ryegate Center is open each Saturday morning from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Pete's Rubbish Removal Service also collects bagged trash. At the center there is no charge to drop off aluminum cans, metal cans, cardboard, paper (newspaper, magazines and other office paper). There is also no charge on fluorescent bulbs, oil & oil filters, wet cell (car) batteries, appliances and scrap metal of any kind. There is a small charge on TV's, computers and other electronics. There is also a charge on tires.

The Hazardous Waste Day for Groton is in the spring. This year the Bulky Waste Days in the spring and the fall were held both in Ryegate and Groton. I want to thank everyone who helped to make these days successful, this means those of you who volunteered which made it worthwhile to open up. There are plans in the works for Bulky Waste to be collected at East Ryegate, when the recycling center is open. Watch for further notice and details.

Take time this year to check out the recycling center. There is more information concerning the recycling center in the lobby of the Community Building. There is a swap shop area in the new building in Ryegate with lots of used stuff to good to throw away. It's clean and organized. Save your money, save our earth. **REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE**

## SUMMARY OF MINUTES FOR 2009 TOWN MEETING

The Citizens of the Town of Groton, who are legal voters, met at the Groton Community Building in Groton Village on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 10 o'clock in the morning, to act on the following articles, to wit:

Representative Chip Conquest is on the Agriculture Committee and gave an update from the various committees. Rep. Conquest touched on information from the Ways and Means Committee, the State budget, S.13 an act relating to improving Vermont's sexual abuse response system along with information concerning dairy farms. Rep. Conquest stated this was only a fraction of the work going on at the Statehouse.

Moderator Wayne Dyer made announcements at the town meeting which officially opened up at 10:05 a.m. The Blue Mountain Union School Budget and Solid Waste voting along with the Senator Bill Doyle's Town Meeting Day Survey are also taking place at the end of the town hall.

The rabies clinic will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the Groton Town Garage. The Town Clerk will be in her office to license animals during those hours.

Pastor Dennis Walton from the Groton Baptist Church offered the prayer.

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Troop 702 led the Flag Salute.

The Boy Scouts of Troop 702 are selling refreshments in the back of the hall.

Moderator Wayne Dyer read the Groton Town Meeting Warning

ARTICLE 1 Wayne Dyer was elected as Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2 The Town Report for 2008 was accepted by voice vote.

ARTICLE 3 It was voted to elect a Road Commissioner.

ARTICLE 4 The following Town Officers were elected:

Brent Smith	Road Commissioner	1 year
Dave Spencer	Selectperson	3 years
Roberta Dana	Treasurer	3 years
Caroline Diggins	Lister	3 years
Peter Lyon	Auditor	3 years
Tirone Dyer	Library Trustee	3 years
Diane Kreis	Library Trustee	3 years
Nancy Aho	Library Trustee	3 years
Deborah Jurist	Cemetery Commissioner	3 years
Roberta Dana	Collector of Current Taxes	1 year
Milton Lamberton	Grand Juror	1 year
Vacant	Town Agent	moved
Vacant	Agent to Convey Real Estate	moved

It was so voted by voice vote that the Selectboard set the compensation of the Town Officers.

ARTICLE 5 Aaron Smith nominated Brenda Powers to serve on the Board of BMU School District #21 for a three (3) year term.

ARTICLE 6 The date of Friday, October 16, 2009, by 5:00 pm was set for deadline to pay property taxes. Passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7 Mary Grant moved to allow the Groton Town Treasurer to borrow monies temporarily From the Town and Highway Reserve funds (excluding Library and Cemetery Reserve Funds) for cash flow purposes within a given year as long as the funds are restored by the end of the year. Passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8 Mary Grant made the motion the Town of Groton appropriate the sum of two thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for Little Rivers Health Care. Passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9 Leonard Doscinski made the motion to approve the increase in the Veterans Property Tax Exemption amount from \$20,000 to \$40,000.00 Roberta explained the education portion would still need to be paid. Passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 10 Roberta Dana moved that the sum of \$673,068.00 is approved by the voters to be raised by taxation, to be reduced by receipts, state aid and other income, to meet the current expenses and liabilities of the Town General Fund and Highway budget, including any other warned articles so voted at this town meeting, and authorize the Selectmen to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same. Dave Spencer made a motion to amend the budget sum and add \$1,800.00 to the sidewalks budget for a snow blower. Amendment passed by voice vote.



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The approval to raise the sum of \$674,868.00 was passed by voice vote (\$673,068.00 + \$1,800.00 = \$674,868.00)

ARTICLE 11 To transact any other business proper to come before this meeting, this does not include the expenditure of town funds or other business acted upon in the preceding articles. This will include an update on the Town Hall and Fire Station renovation project.

Mark Simakaski gave an update on the Planning Commission and the work being done on update the Town Plan.

Diane Kreis explained she had passed the Fall Foliage Chairperson's duties over to Peter Lyon.

Laura (Bing) Page thanked Diane Kreis for all the years of service she had dedicated to the Fall Foliage events.

Roberta Dana thanked the many generous people and organizations for their donations to the food shelf. Brent Smith questioned what the feeling is from the people in the Town of Groton to have a Woodsville Rescue come into Groton. If there was a charge, they aren't asking for money at this time. By straw vote it would pass to have Woodsville Rescue come into Groton.

James Downing thanked the people for purchasing the Police cruiser as it has made a big difference. The cruiser is outside if anyone would like to look it over.

Mary Grant gave an overview on the RCT bus routes, explaining they need to be used more.

Warren Tripp gave an update on what the Building Committee is working on and what the status of the Community Building and Fire Station is.

A motion was made by Charles Bruleigh to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 P.M. Respectfully submitted by Linda L. Nunn

## TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED

Moderator		
	Wayne Dyer	2010
Road Commissioner		
	Brent Smith	2010
Town Clerk		
	Linda Nunn	2011
Town Treasurer		
	Roberta Dana	2012
Selectboard		
	Leonard Doscinski	2010
	Debra Tinkham	2011
	David Spencer	2012
Listers		
	Lisa Lord	2010
	Cheryl Boucher	2011
	Caroline Diggins	2012
Auditors		
	Martha Crown	2010
	Debra Johnson	2011
	Peter Lyon	2012
Union School District #21 Directors		
	Tom Page	2010
	Henry Eaton	2011
	Brenda Powers	2012
Library Trustees		
	Nancy Spencer	2010
	Judy Chandler	2010
	Deborah Orelup	2011
	Susan Gordon	2011
	Mary McLeod	2011

Tirone Dyer	2012
Nancy Aho	2012
Diane Kreis	2012
Cemetery Commission	
Aaron Smith	2010
Tom Gandin	2011
Deborah Jurist	2012
Collector of Current Taxes	
Roberta Dana	2010
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	
Patricia Bouley	2011
First Constable	
Milt Lamberton	2010
Second Constable	
James Downing, Jr.	2010
Town Grand Juror	
Milt Lamberton	2010

## TOWN OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECTBOARD

Agency to Convey Real Estate	
Leonard Doscinski	2010
Health Officer	
Reginald Guertin	2010
Deputy Health Officer	
Sharon Proctor	2010
Fire Chief	
Wayne Knott	2010
Fire Warden	
Wade Johnson, Sr.	2011
Emergency Management Coordinator	
Brent Smith	2010
Fence Viewers	
Terry Dana	2010
E. Charles Frost, Jr.	2010
Kenneth Murray	2010
Inspectors Wood, Lumber, Shingles	
Fred Braman	2010
Robert Dorr	2010
Kenneth Ricker	2010
Town Service Officer	
Linda Nunn	2010
Energy Coordinator	
Vincent E Lazzara	2010
NVDA Representative	
Mary Berlejung	2010
NVDA Alternate	
Mark Simaskaski	2010
Zoning Administrator	
Cheryl Boucher	2010
911 Coordinator	
Brent Smith	2010
Board of Adjustment	
Wayne Dyer	2010
E. Charles Frost, Jr.	2010
Mark Gleicher	2010
Selectboard Secretary	
Linda Nunn	2010

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Animal Control Officer				
Josephine Guertin		2010		
Pound Keeper				
Josephine Guertin		2010		
Northeast Kingdom Solid Waste Supervisor				
Bradley Houghton, Jr.		2010		
Planning Commission				
Matthew Puffer (res.)	2010		Mary Berlejung	2010
Harry Chandler(res.)	2010		Emily Manchester	2010
Mark Simakaski	2011		Aaron Smith	2010
Tree Warden				
Harry Chandler	2010			
Town Agent				
Otterman and Allen	2010			
Weigher of Coal				
Richard Peters	2010			

## APPOINTED BY TOWN CLERK

Assistant Town Clerk		
Roberta Dana	2010	
Carolyn Diggins	2010	

## APPOINTED BY TOWN TREASURER

Assistant Treasurers		
Patricia Bouley	2010	
Linda Nunn	2010	

## APPOINTED BY COLLECTOR OF CURRENT TAXES

Assistant Collector of Current Taxes		
Patricia Bouley	2010	
Linda Nunn	2010	

## TOWN AGENT

Otterman and Allen	2010
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## BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

Selectboard	Justices of the Peace
Debra Tinkham	Linda Nunn
Leonard Doscinski	Charles Bruleigh
David Spencer	Tirone Dyer
	Brent Smith
	Timothy Dailey, Sr.
Town Clerk	
Linda Nunn	

## APPOINTED BY LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Library Trustees		
Altoon Sultan	2010	

## AUDITORS

The auditors would like to thank all members of the Groton Town Staff and Select board for constructively working with us on our 2009 projects.

The auditors met with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns as well as the Vermont State Auditor's Office to determine how we could best serve and strengthen town government. Through these meetings, it was decided to adopt and implement an "Internal Control Checklist for Vermont Towns". This checklist, used by town staff and Select board with auditor's assistance, has provided a template to assess the towns internal control environment for accounting and financial reporting. It also provides guidance in implementing controls where weaknesses are perceived. The work is underway and will continue well into 2010.

The auditors also coordinated the bid and selection process to hire professional auditors as per the funding in the 2009 budget. Using the recommendation from the office of the State Auditor and town staff, 12 firms were selected to solicit request for proposals. The firm selected was Pace and Hawley, LLC located in Montpelier, Vermont. To control spending at the voter approved level, the audit was divided into two sections. Attached is the letter from Pace and Hawley for a summary of this years' task. If approved by the voters in this years' town meeting, the Audit will be completed in 2010.

If anyone is interested in obtaining more detailed information on any of our activities that have taken place and/or are underway this year, the auditors would be pleased to meet and discuss.

Thank you for your support  
Martha Crown, Chair  
Debbie Johnson  
Peter Lyon  
Auditors

**Pace & Hawley, LLC**  
Certified Public Accountants

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The Select Board  
Town of Groton, Vermont

We are in the process of auditing, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Groton, Vermont, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009 (not presented herein), which collectively comprise the Town's basis financial statements. We anticipate our report being available at the Town office by May 31, 2010.

In December of 2009, we performed preliminary procedures to understand the structure of the Town and its related internal controls for the purpose of planning and designing our audit tests. In addition, we completed and documented the required audit planning procedures.

In May of 2010, we will apply these planned audit procedures and any additional tests deemed necessary in order to render an opinion on the financial statements of Town of Groton, Vermont as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009



Montpelier, VT  
January 20, 2010

## SELECTBOARD REPORT 2009

The following gives an overview of the board's activity this past year:

- The Selectboard is pleased that the Planning Commission completed the town plan revision and that the plan was accepted by the voters. With the Planning Commission, the Selectboard has initiated a Waste Water feasibility study and the Planning Commission will be leading that effort.
- As was recommended in the last budget cycle, a town audit was initiated under the direction of the town auditors. Since there was not sufficient funds budgeted for 2009, the Selectboard agreed to split the activity between the 2009 and 2010 fiscal years. The audit has begun and results will be available in 2010.
- Under the direction of the Listers, the property reappraisal is on schedule and has gone well. The results of this effort should provide a new more equitable basis for property taxes in 2010.
- A Finance Policy and a Year End Schedule Policy have been implemented. A detailed inventory of town property was conducted and will be filed by the Treasurer.
- The Town has gone forward with efforts to rebuild Boulder Beach Road. This class two road which carries two to three thousand vehicles in a summer weekend is in very bad condition partially due to the lack of subsurface. Because of safety considerations associated with the "Y" intersection with Route 232, the regional planning commission funded a study of alternative configurations and public input was gathered. The recommendation of changing the intersection to a "T" was accepted, an engineering RFP was issued and the contract was awarded to RSG. Construction hopefully will be completed prior to July of 2010. This project is building on the cooperation of the town, VTrans and Vermont Forest, Parks and Recreation.
- A Budget Committee was formed again this year. Department budgeting has been aided by the new format and detail of the budget inputs which have been provided by the Treasurer.
- There have been a large number of animal issues in our town this past year. These activities always involve the Town Clerk, and often the Animal Control Officer, Constables and the Selectboard.
- Highway equipment breakdowns have been a problem this year. A large number of repairs have been required and finally it was felt that we should go ahead with the purchase of a new dump truck a year earlier than planned. This is being funded from our equipment reserve and a bridge lease into 2010.
- The condition of the Community Building continues to be a concern. The board has implemented monthly cleaning of the gym, kitchen and bathrooms. There was a dead animal problem in the Community Building spring this fall and bottled water had to be used at the Chicken Pie Supper. The Building Committee has been active, although progress has been slow for reasons beyond their control. At the recommendation of the Building Committee, the Selectboard has started negotiations for the purchase of the property owned by the Cilley Estate which is adjacent to the Community Building. Any such purchase would be contingent upon town meeting approval of funding.
- A well-attended town ice cream social was held at Veterans Park at the end of the summer. This was in conjunction with a "Music in the Park" concert.
- As of the end of 2009, the Groton/Ryegate FAST Squad is again part of the fire department and reports to the Groton fire chief. The FAST Squad has been successful in increasing their membership and training this year

The Selectboard wishes to thank the elected and appointed officials along with the many volunteers for their service and support of the town throughout the year. We are a better place because of their efforts.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leonard Doscinski (chairperson), Debra Tinkham, Dave Spencer

# Annual Report Town of Groton, Vermont - 2009

## 2010 GENERAL FUND Town, Cemetery & Highway Budget

	2009 Adopted Budget	2009 Actual Spent	2010 Proposed Budget
<b>Town Expenses</b>			
· Animal Control Expense (1)	1,800.00	1,592.30	1,000.00
· Administration Expenses			
Admin - Treas, Tax Collector & Assts	45,306.00	44,374.65	45,587.00
Admin - Clerk & Assts	39,731.00	36,571.04	40,053.00
Admin-Selectboard	5,502.00	4,589.55	5,436.00
<b>Total Administration Expense</b>	<b>90,539.00</b>	<b>85,535.24</b>	<b>91,076.00</b>
· Auditing Expense	900.00	1,077.12	1,130.00
· Audit, Professional	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,500.00
· Coll of Del Taxes Expenses	2,360.00	2,035.24	2,550.00
· Clock Expense	270.00	212.00	270.00
· Community Building			
Comm Bldg Expense	13,000.00	10,953.26	13,000.00
Comm Bldg Repair	2,500.00	1,750.33	2,500.00
Comm Bldg Improvement Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
<b>Total Community Building Expense</b>	<b>25,500.00</b>	<b>22,703.59</b>	<b>25,500.00</b>
· Computer Expense (4)	2,000.00	1,009.24	2,000.00
· Constables Expense			
First Constable	2,500.00	3,529.38	3,112.00
Second Constable	4,000.00	4,606.56	5,000.00
Insurance (5)	n/a	see insurance	4,043.00
Cruiser - fuel & maint	1,500.00	1,185.78	1,500.00
<b>Total Constables Expense</b>	<b>8,000.00</b>	<b>9,321.72</b>	<b>13,655.00</b>
· County Tax Expense	12,129.00	12,128.49	10,903.00
· Dues			
Dues NVDA	367.00	367.00	367.00
Dues VLCT	1,381.00	1,381.00	1,607.00
<b>Total Dues</b>	<b>1,748.00</b>	<b>1,748.00</b>	<b>1,974.00</b>
· Election Expense	1,200.00	625.64	1,300.00
· Emergency Services			
Ambulance Contract	13,200.00	13,089.60	12,893.00
Emergency Servs Bldg Expenses	6,700.00	5,921.65	7,000.00
Emergency Servs Bldg Improvement Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Emergency Servs Vehicles Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
FAST Expense (2)	12,470.00	3,558.75	12,470.00
Fire Dept Expense	20,000.00	16,891.67	20,000.00
Forest Fire Expense	1,500.00	305.20	1,500.00
Emergency Services Insurance (5)	n/a	see insurance	6,230.00
<b>Total Emergency Services Expense</b>	<b>73,870.00</b>	<b>59,766.87</b>	<b>80,093.00</b>
· Field & Park Expense	1,800.00	1,452.02	2,000.00
· Health Inspector Expense	200.00	0.00	200.00
· Insurance Expense (5)	27,500.00	28,208.00	8,788.00
· Interest Expense	1,000.00	536.46	1,000.00
· Library Expense	22,968.00	21,426.83	23,500.00
· Lister Expense (4)	25,170.00	19,582.05	25,045.00

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## 2010 GENERAL FUND Town, Cemetery & Highway Budget

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	2009 Adopted Budget	2009 Actual Spent	2010 Proposed Budget
· Office Expense (3)(4)	5,500.00	6,933.08	6,000.00
· Planning Expense	1,000.00	616.64	2,250.00
· Professional Fees	2,000.00	1,874.09	2,000.00
· Reappraisal Expense & Reserve	15,000.00	15,000.00	10,000.00
· Recreation Expense	1,350.00	851.21	1,150.00
· Recreation Reserve Fund Expense	500.00	500.00	0.00
· Sidewalk Maint Expense	4,800.00	3,779.30	2,500.00
· Solid Waste			
Recycling Bldg rent	1,500.00	1,125.00	1,500.00
Joint Recycling & Stump dump expense	3,000.00	2,860.39	3,000.00
<b>Total Solid Waste</b>	<b>4,500.00</b>	<b>3,985.39</b>	<b>4,500.00</b>
· Streetlights	6,000.00	5,996.33	6,000.00
· Swim Program Expense	1,800.00	1,650.00	1,800.00
· Town Report Expense	3,571.00	2,979.83	3,625.00
· Tree Warden Expense	200.00	0.00	200.00
· Zoning Expense	2,252.00	1,875.70	2,115.00
Cemetery Maint expense	11,600.00	10,118.39	10,375.00
<b>Appropriations to Agencies</b>			
· Northeast Kingdom ABE Services	200.00	200.00	200.00
· Northeast Kingdom Youth Service	200.00	200.00	200.00
· Umbrella	300.00	300.00	0.00
· Northeastern VT AAA	650.00	650.00	650.00
· River's Reach (WRAP)	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
· Northeast Kingdom Human Services	920.00	920.00	920.00
· Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,350.00
· Rural Community Transportation	550.00	550.00	550.00
· Little River's Health Care	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
<b>Total Appropriations to Agencies</b>	<b>7,370.00</b>	<b>7,370.00</b>	<b>7,070.00</b>
<b>Total Town, Cemetery &amp; Appropriation Expenses</b>	<b>371,397.00</b>	<b>337,490.77</b>	<b>357,069.00</b>

(1) Fees sent to state will be booked against liability acct in 2010

(2) Ryegate contributes \$6000

(3) Fees sent to state and restoration fees will be booked against liability acct in 2010

(4) Would like to reduce these budgets by \$4100 if Office Equipment Reserve Fund is approved

(5) Insurance is now being charged to the appropriate departments

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**2010 GENERAL FUND Town, Cemetery & Highway Budget**

(continued)

	Adopted Budget	Actual Spent	2010 Proposed Budget
<b>Highway Expenses</b>			
· Highway-Chloride	11,000.00	5,307.00	11,000.00
· Highway-Equipment Restricted	46,371.00	46,371.00	47,762.00
· Highway-Garage	7,000.00	6,121.53	7,000.00
· Highway-Gravel	8,000.00	1,143.68	10,000.00
· Highway-Insurance (5)			10,306.00
· Highway-Paving (6)	46,500.00	46,500.00	76,000.00
· Highway-Drainage upgrades	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
· Highway-Projects	2,000.00	8.56	2,000.00
· <b>Highway-Summer Roads</b>			
Wages	51,100.00	31,579.04	32,100.00
OT Wages	500.00	133.15	500.00
Payroll Taxes		2,456.02	2,500.00
Health & Dental Insurance		13,718.88	14,050.00
Retirement		1,356.99	1,300.00
Training		285.00	300.00
Fuel	6,000.00	3,800.34	5,000.00
PPE	1,200.00	910.64	1,200.00
Repairs & maintenance	10,000.00	9,618.24	10,000.00
Contracted work	4,500.00	4,200.00	6,500.00
· <b>Highway-Summer Roads Total</b>	<b>73,300.00</b>	<b>68,058.30</b>	<b>73,450.00</b>
· <b>Highway-Winter Roads</b>			
Wages	51,100.00	31,617.33	32,100.00
OT Wages	4,500.00	3,294.17	2,500.00
Payroll Taxes		2,480.92	2,800.00
Health & Dental Insurance		13,821.84	14,050.00
Retirement		1,411.33	1,300.00
Training		125.00	300.00
Fuel	15,000.00	7,050.24	11,500.00
PPE	1,200.00	1,065.34	1,200.00
Sand	12,000.00	17,506.50	17,500.00
Salt	8,000.00	1,512.76	8,000.00
Repairs & maintenance	15,000.00	22,660.54	17,000.00
Contracted work	1,000.00	1,386.61	1,500.00
· <b>Highway-Winter Roads Total</b>	<b>107,800.00</b>	<b>103,932.58</b>	<b>109,750.00</b>
<b>Total Highway Expenses</b>	<b>303,471.00</b>	<b>277,442.65</b>	<b>348,768.00</b>
<b>Total Town, Cemetery &amp; Highway Expenses</b>	<b>674,868.00</b>	<b>614,933.42</b>	<b>705,837.00</b>

(5) Insurance is now being charged to the appropriate departments

(6) 2009 Hwy surplus of \$26,000 will be applied and not raised by taxes



## 2010 Anticipated General Fund Receipts

<b>Budget Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Administration Income	5,000.00
Animal Control Income	2,500.00
Cemetery Interest	1,500.00
Civil & Highway Fines	2,000.00
Comm Building Income	1,200.00
Current Use Income	17,000.00
Delinquent Taxes	60,000.00
FAST Squad Income	6,000.00
*Highway Summer Income	32,000.00
*Highway Winter Income	32,000.00
Interest Income Delinquent Taxes	6,000.00
Interest Income on Gen Fund checking acct	75.00
Lister Income	1,000.00
Office Income	2,500.00
PILOT & leaseland Income	60,000.00
Swim Program Income	1,000.00
Taxes 2009	472,362.00
Union Bank stock dividends	2,500.00
Zoning Income	1,200.00
<b>TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME</b>	<b>705,837.00</b>

### 2009 General Fund Checking Account

Ending Balance 12/31/08	13,871.93
Deposits & interest into General Fund	930,060.50
Transfers from General Fund to other Town accts	(304,500.00)
Disbursements (Selectboard's orders)	(622,654.32)
Difference between receipts & disbursements	2,906.18
Ending Balance 12/31/09	16,778.11

### Summary of Selectboard's Orders

Town Orders & transfers	318,803.03
Highway Orders	277,442.65
Education tax paid to BMU from General Fund	26,408.64
Gross Orders	622,654.32

### School Expense

2009 Education Taxes paid to BMU from General Fund	26,408.64
*2009 Education Taxes paid to BMU from MB Property tax acct	1,059,282.61
*2009 Education Taxes paid to BMU from Wells River Property tax acct	160,598.84
<b>Total Education Tax Payments to BMU in 2009</b>	<b>1,246,290.09</b>

\*These school payments were made directly to BMU from the Merchants Bank Property Tax account and the Wells River Savings Bank Property Tax account and are not included in the Selectboard's orders.

## 2009 Wage Report

Employee	Position	Annual Wage	Wage per Hour	Mandatory SS & Medicare	Health & Dental Insurance	Retirement	TOTAL EMPLOYEE COST
Bouley, Patricia	Asst Clerk, Treas, Tax	1,500.79	11.50	114.81			1,615.60
Dana, Roberta	Treas, Curr Tax, Asst Clerk	25,954.26	14.36	1,847.20	13,770.36	1,038.18	42,610.00
Diggins, Caroline	Asst Clerk	280.00	10.00	21.43			301.43
Doscinski, Leonard	Selectboard Chairman	1,080.00	n/a	82.62			1,162.62
Nunn, Linda	Clerk, Select Sec, Asst Tax	27,475.95	14.36	2,024.63	6,769.32	1,099.04	37,368.94
Spencer, David	Selectperson	900.00	n/a	68.85			968.85
Tinkham, Debra	Selectperson	900.00	n/a	68.85			968.85
	<b>Admin. Total</b>	<b>58,091.00</b>		<b>4,228.39</b>	<b>20,539.68</b>	<b>2,137.22</b>	<b>84,996.29</b>
Beamis, Shirley	Town Report	200.00	10.00	15.30			215.30
Crown, Martha	Auditor	332.50	10.00	25.45			357.95
Johnson, Debra	Auditor	570.00	10.00	43.63			613.63
	<b>Auditing &amp; Town Report</b>	<b>1,102.50</b>		<b>84.38</b>			<b>1,186.88</b>
Bliss, Donald	<b>Community Bldg Mowing</b>	<b>104.50</b>	<b>11.00</b>	<b>7.98</b>			<b>112.48</b>
Downing, James Jr.	Constable: Second	3,870.14	12.88-15.88	296.03			4,166.17
Lamberton, Milton	Constable: First**	2,751.24	annual stipend	210.47			2,961.71
	<b>Constable Total</b>	<b>6,621.38</b>		<b>506.50</b>			<b>7,127.88</b>
Bouley, Patricia	<b>Del Tax Penalty*</b>	<b>10,146.22</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>776.18</b>			<b>10,922.40</b>
Diggins, Caroline	Elections: Ballot Clerk	55.25	8.50	4.22			59.47
Perry-Boucher, Cheryl	Elections: Ballot Clerk	36.13	8.50	2.76			38.89
Ricker, Evelyn	Elections: Ballot Clerk	42.50	8.50	3.26			45.76
	<b>Elections Total</b>	<b>133.88</b>		<b>10.24</b>			<b>144.12</b>
Knott, Wayne	<b>Fire Chief***</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>annual stipend</b>	<b>76.50</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,076.50</b>
Bliss, Donald	<b>Field &amp; Park Mowing</b>	<b>891.00</b>	<b>11.00</b>	<b>68.20</b>			<b>959.20</b>
Austin-Shortt, Jonathan	Forest Fire Fighter	29.58	14.36	2.26			31.84
Donley, Nathaniel	Forest Fire Fighter	29.58	14.36	2.26			31.84
Eastman, Jamie	Forest Fire Fighter	29.58	14.36	2.26			31.84
Johnson, Wade	Forest Fire Fighter	32.14	16.07	2.46			34.60
Knott, Dorothy	Forest Fire Fighter	29.58	14.36	2.26			31.84
Knott, Henry	Forest Fire Fighter	29.58	14.36	2.26			31.84
Knott, Wayne	Forest Fire Warden	29.58	14.36	2.26			31.84
Vaughan, Tristan	Forest Fire Fighter	29.58	14.36	2.26			31.84
	<b>Forest Fire Fighters Total</b>	<b>239.20</b>		<b>18.28</b>			<b>257.48</b>
Bliss, Donald	Hwy: Temporary Help	16.50	11.00	1.26			17.76
Palmer, Phillip	Hwy: Equipment Operator	32,479.33	14.79	2,346.09	13,770.36	1,299.01	49,894.79
Smith, Brent	Hwy: Road Commissioner	34,072.86	16.07	2,474.93	13,770.36	1,362.82	51,680.97
	<b>Highway Total</b>	<b>66,568.69</b>		<b>4,822.28</b>	<b>27,540.72</b>	<b>2,661.83</b>	<b>101,593.52</b>
Shane, Majorie	<b>Librarian Total</b>	<b>9,858.00</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>753.75</b>			<b>10,611.75</b>
Diggins, Caroline	Lister	8,422.50	10.00	644.41			9,066.91
Lord, Lisa	Lister	752.96	8.32	57.61			810.57
Perry-Boucher, Cheryl	Lister	2,462.72	8.32	188.51			2,651.23
	<b>Lister Total</b>	<b>11,638.18</b>		<b>890.53</b>			<b>12,528.71</b>
Bliss, Donald	<b>Sidewalk Maint</b>	<b>1,446.50</b>	<b>11.00</b>	<b>110.64</b>			<b>1,557.14</b>
Perry-Boucher, Cheryl	<b>Zoning Total</b>	<b>1,305.00</b>	<b>see ** below</b>	<b>99.85</b>			<b>1,404.85</b>
<b>Total Wages &amp; Benefits paid in 2009</b>		<b>169,146.05</b>		<b>12,453.70</b>	<b>48,080.40</b>	<b>4,799.05</b>	<b>234,479.20</b>

\* Delinquent Tax Penalty wages are paid for from delinquent tax penalties assessed on delinquent tax payers.

\*\*Zoning administrator wages are paid for from permit fees + \$40/mo salary

**2009 INTEREST FROM NON-TAX SOURCES**

**Interest Earned in 2009**

**Non-Restricted Interest**

MB General Fund Checking Account .....	78.76
Short Term Investment of Tax Money	
MB Property Tax Account.....	752.51
WRSB Property Tax Account .....	<u>199.58</u>
<b>Total of Non-Restricted Interest Earned</b>	<b>1,030.85</b>

**Restricted Interest**

MB Community Building Improvement Reserve Fund .....	279.35
MB Emergency Services Bldg Improvement Reserve Fund .....	416.98
MB Emergency Services Vehicles Reserve Fund.....	672.34
MB Highway Equipment Reserve Fund .....	906.89
MB Highway Paving Reserve Fund .....	1,348.99
MB Recreation Reserve Fund .....	25.15
MB Restoratin Reserve Fund .....	89.01
MB Grant Funds.....	39.61
MB Food Shelf Account .....	64.54
MB Reappraisal Reserve Fund .....	850.95
MB Planning Funds .....	10.53
MB FAST Squad Reserve Fund (fundraising)	<u>12.18</u>
<b>Total of Restricted Interest Earned</b>	<b>4,716.52</b>

**Total Interest Earned on Town Accounts** **5,747.37**

**Interest Reimbursed to Town Accounts**

From General Fund for Borrowing.....	536.46
(Included above)	

<b>2009 PLANNING ACCOUNT</b>		
BALANCE 12/31/08		6,659.82
Interest earned 1/1/09-12/31/09	10.53	
Town plan grant spent in 2009	6,174.55	
ENDING BALANCE 12/31/09		495.80
<b>2009 GRANT ACCOUNT</b>		
BALANCE 12/31/08		4,999.54
Interest earned 1/1/09-12/31/09	38.03	
ENDING BALANCE 12/31/09		5,037.57

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**Account Balances as of 12/31/09**

Merchants Bank Money Market Acct	2,237.75
Modern Woodmen of America Savings Acct. #1	57,390.28
Modern Woodmen of America Savings Acct. #2	30,165.65
Sun America Securities (stock value on 12/31/08)	13,369.06
<b>Total Library funds</b>	<b>103,162.74</b>

<b>Actual 2009 Income</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2009 Income</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2010 Income</b>
Allocation from Town General Fund (see below)	21,426.83	23,500.00
Copy income	62.20	
Donations (deposited to Merchants Bank acct)	1,135.00	
Donations (deposited to Modern Woodmen acct #1)	1,775.00	
Donation (restricted-deposited into Modern Woodmen #2)	29,659.75	
Interest Income	1,590.12	2,000.00
Dividend Income	595.50	
Program Income (donation from Community Club)	500.00	500.00
<b>Total Income and Town Allocation</b>	<b>56,744.40</b>	<b>26,000.00</b>

<b>Library Budget vs. Actual 2009</b>	<b>2009 Budget</b>	<b>2009 actual</b>	<b>Over/Under Budget</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2010 BUDGET</b>
<b>Expenses paid from Town General Fund only</b>				
Books & periodicals	5,000.00	4,725.45	-274.55	5,000.00
Building operations	3,700.00	3,325.00	-375.00	3,700.00
Cleaning	864.00	748.00	-116.00	964.00
Computer	300.00	271.37	-28.63	350.00
Postage & delivery	384.00	498.77	114.77	500.00
Supplies	800.00	598.35	-201.65	800.00
Telephone/Internet	700.00	648.59	-51.41	700.00
Travel & training	250.00	0.00	-250.00	250.00
Wages and payroll taxes	10,970.00	10,611.30	-358.70	11,236.00
<b>Total Expenses Paid from Town General Fund</b>	<b>22,968.00</b>	<b>21,426.83</b>	<b>-1,541.17</b>	<b>23,500.00</b>

**EXPENSES PAID OUT OF LIBRARY FUNDS**

Books (From Ida Dennis Memorial Donations)	1,498.64	1,498.64	0.00
Supplies & postage	0.00	224.99	224.99
Programs (paid with Community Club Donation)	500.00	413.10	-86.90
Building Operations	2,000.00	2,375.00	375.00

<b>Total expenses paid from Library Funds</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>	<b>4,511.73</b>	<b>2,011.73</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>
<b>Total 2009 Library Expenditures</b>	<b>25,468.00</b>	<b>25,938.56</b>	<b>470.56</b>	<b>26,000.00</b>

Transferred to Modern Woodmen Acct #1  
(from Merchants Bank Money Market Acct) **4,000.00**

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## 2009 TOWN FUNDS BALANCE SHEET

### ASSETS

	General	Restricted	Grant	
<u>Cash and Bank Accounts</u>				
MB General Fund Checking	16,778.11			
MB Reappraisal Reserve Fund Acct		49,929.96		
MB Restoration Reserve Fund Acct		8033.65		
MB Grant Funds			5,037.57	
MB Planning II Funds		495.80		
MB Food Shelf Acct		8,948.55		
MB Recreation Reserve Fund Acct		3,563.15		
MB Community Bldg Improvement Fund		23,606.94		
MB Emergency Servs Bldg Improvement Fund		32,179.82		
MB Emergency Servs Vehicle Fund		51,044.86		
MB FAST Squad Acct		2,500.96		
MB Delinquent Tax Acct		1,914.05		
WRSB Delinquent Tax Acct		9,316.94		
MB Hwy Equipment Reserve Fund		1,161.37		
MB Hwy Paving Reserve Fund		132,573.38		
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	16,778.11	325,269.43	5,037.57	347,085.11
<u>Other Assets</u>				
Town Property [2009 Town Report]	3,069,191.75			
Delinquent Taxes as of 12/31/2009	61,009.96			
Union Bank stock shares	41,442.75			
TOTAL Other Assets	3,171,644.46		0.00	3,171,644.46
TOTAL ASSETS				<b>3,518,729.57</b>

### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

#### LIABILITIES

WGSB Line of Credit	0.00			
Payroll Federal tax liability	4,983.88			
Payroll Vermont tax liability	1,238.00			
Retirement liability	2,079.45			
FD Insurance claim money to be spent in 2010	542.36			
Hwy Insurance claim on backhoe to be repaired in 2010	2,608.65			
Hwy 2009 surplus to be deposited to Paving Reserve	26,000.00			
Lease pmt due in 2010 for 2010 Int'l Dump truck	26,290.79			
<b>Total liabilities</b>				63,743.13

#### EQUITY

Restricted & Unrestricted Fund Balances	16,778.11	325,269.43	5,037.57	
General Equity	3,107,901.33			
Total Equity	3,124,679.44	325,269.43	5,037.57	3,454,986.44
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY				<b>3,518,729.57</b>

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## Combined Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balances

(Arising from Cash Transactions)

Cash Basis - All Funds

December 31, 2009

	Governmental Fund Type		Fiduciary Fund	Account Group	
	General	Special Revenue [like grants]	Trust Fund [like cemetery]	General Long-Term Debt	Total (Memorandum only)
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash	342,047.54	5,037.57	16,374.12		363,459.23
Certificates of Deposit			83,231.20		83,231.20
Stock	41,442.75				41,442.75
AR: Due from Del. Tax Col.	61,009.96				61,009.96
AR: Homeland Security Grant		0.00			0.00
Fixed Assets	3,069,191.75				3,069,191.75
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>3,513,692.00</b>	<b>5,037.57</b>	<b>99,605.32</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,618,334.89</b>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>					
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Lease on 2010 Int'l Truck	26,290.79				26,290.79
Insurance claims to be spent in 2010	3,151.01				3,151.01
2009 Hwy surplus to be dep into Paving	26,000.00				26,000.00
Payroll liabilities	8,301.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,301.33
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>63,743.13</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>63,743.13</b>
<b>Fund Balances:</b>					
Restricted	325,269.43	5,037.57	99,605.32	0.00	429,912.32
Unrestricted					0.00
Designated	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Undesignated	16,778.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,778.11
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>342,047.54</b>	<b>5,037.57</b>	<b>99,605.32</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>446,690.43</b>
Equity	3,107,901.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,107,901.33
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>3,513,692.00</b>	<b>5,037.57</b>	<b>99,605.32</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,618,334.89</b>

VSA 24 Title 1683 and 1523 require this report be placed in the annual report.

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## 2009 Actual General Fund Receipts

Budget Account	Amount	Comments/Notes
Administration Income	5,913.00	Recording fees & vault use fees
Animal Control Income	3,105.50	Dog licenses & fines
Civil & Highway fines	3,118.47	Town share of traffic tickets dispensed in Groton
Cemetery Interest	293.44	From cemetery CD's & dividends
Cemetery Reimbursed Income	350.00	Corner stones and setting fees
Community Building Income	1,531.00	Rental use of community building
Community Building Improvement Income	200.00	reimbursement from reserve acct for Cilley appraisal
Current Use Income	18,624.00	From State of Vermont
Delinquent Taxes 2006	738.31	
Delinquent Taxes 2007	626.46	
Delinquent Taxes 2008	59,460.66	
Delinquent Taxes 2009	75,404.93	
Dividend Income	2,518.35	Union Bank Stocks
Dry Hydrant Income	428.40	vendor refund for dry hydrant supplies returned
Emergency Services Bldg Income	20.00	reimbursement for personal use of town phone
Emergency Services Bldg Improvement Income	200.00	reimbursement from reserve acct for Cilley appraisal
FAST Squad Income	6,000.00	From Town of Ryegate
Fire Dept Income	3,254.68	Insurance claim for bldg theft and printer rebate
Grant Income - Dry hydrants	1,250.00	
Grant Income - Historic Preservation	250.00	to assess Cilley house
Grant Income - Planning	1,269.00	Town plan grant
Highway Summer Income	32,038.23	Hwy Aid from St of VT
Highway Winter Income	32,368.79	Hwy aid & plowing Seyon Rd reimbursement
Highway Income-Sand	6,227.00	From Town of Topsham
Highway Insurance Income	3,524.00	insurance claim for damage to backhoe (to be used for repair)
Interest Income on General Fund checking	78.76	
Interest Income Delinquent Taxes 2006	215.31	
Interest Income Delinquent Taxes 2007	206.78	
Interest Income Delinquent Taxes 2008	5,723.19	
Interest Income Delinquent Taxes 2009	1,535.02	
Lister Income	1,522.82	From St of VT for grand list maint, lister education and class refunds
Office Income	3,348.69	Copies, faxes, motor vehicle renewals, marriage licenses, restoration fees
Office Income for restoration only	2,350.00	recording fee per page to be used for restoration of land records only
PILOT & Leaseland Income	61,867.86	From St of VT
Reappraisal Income	6,647.00	From St of VT and reserved for reappraisal only
Solid Waste Income	268.95	bulky day receipts
Swim Program Income	1,119.00	\$600 from Community Club; balance from participants
Taxes - Current 2009	450,174.68	Most of taxes collected deposited to MB Property Tax Account
Taxes-Education Tax Payments from State	9,970.21	from St of Vt for 2008 education taxes
Taxes - Current 2010	610.00	Pre-payments received in 2008 for 2009 property taxes
Transfers in from other town accounts	113,670.00	
Zoning Income	1,438.00	Permit fees
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>919,460.49</b>	
<b>Deposits Credited to Expense Accounts</b>		
CDT expenses reimbursed	1,290.87	Tax sale expenses paid by delinquent taxpayers
CDT penalty wages reimbursed	9,309.16	Paid by delinquent taxpayers
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>10,600.03</b>	
<b>TOTAL ACTUAL GEN FUND RECEIPTS</b>	<b>930,060.52</b>	

**GROTON FOOD SHELF - 2009**

**Merchants Bank Money Market account**

<b>Ending balance of account on 12/31/08</b>	<b>7,031.20</b>	
Donations received (cash & checks)	3,514.27	(does not include value of food/toys/clothes donated)
Interest received on checking account	64.54	
	<u>10,610.01</u>	
Disbursements for food/Operation Santa	1,221.46	
Purchased new freezer	440.00	
	<u>8,948.55</u>	
<b>Ending balance of account on 12/31/09</b>	<b>8,948.55</b>	

First and foremost, we would like to say "Thank You" to all the organizations and individual people who have so generously contributed to the food shelf and the "Operation Santa". We would also like to personally thank David & Debra Turner of "Helping Hands" for all their contributions and hard work with our 2nd annual yard sale. It was a tremendous success again. We are very fortunate to have such wonderful, caring people in our community and also the surrounding towns.

This past year we supplied food and other necessities to over 280 men, women and children. We also distributed 20 Thanksgiving meal baskets and 28 Christmas meal baskets with all the fixings right through dessert for complete holiday meals. We also helped "Santa" by distributing toys to 41 Groton children.

If you or someone you know is in need they may call us at the Town Office. The phone numbers are 584-3276 or 584-3131. If it is possible, a phone call in advance helps to give us some time to get the items ready. It also means less time waiting for your items and also helps us to schedule the time to prepare.

With sincere gratitude,  
Linda Nunn and Roberta Dana



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## List of Town Property as of 12/31/09

Date Acct	Note	Amount	Total
<b>Buildings</b>			
7/3/96	Bldg--Boy Scout		5,400.00
	Bldg--Comm Bldg/vault		
	TOTAL Bldg--Comm Bldg		1,027,545.00
	Bldg--Fire Station		
	TOTAL Bldg--Fire Station		250,253.00
	Bldg--GarageNew		
	TOTAL Bldg--GarageNew		275,050.00
	Bldg--GarageOld		
	TOTAL Bldg--GarageOld		25,300.00
	Bldg--Gazebo	Band stand	12,061.00
	Bldg--New Cemetery		2,500.00
	Bldg--Puffer Field (former bus shelter)		1,000.00
7/3/96	Bldg--Pump House		200.00
	Bldg--Warm Hut (Park) (needs to be torn down)		0.00
	Contents--Community Building		
12/14/98	Contents--CB	CB - chairs, tables, etc. upstairs	1,000.00
12/14/98	Contents--CB	CB - furnace	8,500.00
12/14/98	Contents--CB	CB - kitchen contents	5,000.00
5/19/05	Contents--CB	Listers - digital camera Fuji	50.00
7/13/04	Contents--CB	Listers - Printer - HP Color Laser 2550L	100.00
9/15/04	Contents--CB	Listers - Computer & monitor	100.00
4/28/08	Contents--CB	Listers - Computer & monitor	900.00
12/14/98	Contents--CB	Office - misc office equipment	5,000.00
4/28/08	Contents--CB	Office - PC - Clerk's Dell & Monitor	800.00
6/28/06	Contents--CB	Office - PC - Treasurer's Dell & Monitor	300.00
11/14/03	Contents--CB	Office - Printer - Treasurer'sHP Laser Jet 1300	50.00
9/8/06	Contents--CB	Office - Printer - Clerk's HP Laser Jet 1320	100.00
7/23/04	Contents--CB	Office - Sharp copier	500.00
12/21/07	Contents--CB	Office - Computer/monitor/printer-Auditors/Plan	800.00
	Contents--CB	Listers - Copystar copier	1,800.00
	TOTAL Contents--CB		25,000.00
12/31/95	Contents--Library		228,438.00
	Union Bank stock/2445 shares (16.95/share) - formerly CSBT Stock/250 shares		
	TOTAL Union Bank Shares' Market Value		41,442.75
6/1/95	Equip--Cemetery		250.00
	Equip--Constables		
12/31/02	Equip--1st Constable		1,425.00
12/31/02	Equip--2nd Constable		2,080.00
5/23/08	Equip--Cruiser 2003 Ford Crown Victoria		6,000.00
	TOTAL Equip--Constables		9,505.00
	Equip--FAST		
6/1/90	Equip--FAST	Equipment	9,000.00
7/1/02	Equip--FAST	Defibrillator	1,000.00
	TOTAL Equip--FAST		10,000.00
3/30/04	Equip--JD Tractor/Mower/Snowblower		9,000.00
	Equip--misc old snowblower, push lawnmower		250.00
	TOTAL Equip--Tractor, Mowers, etc.		9,250.00

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## List of Town Property as of 12/31/09 (continued)

Equip--Fire Department			
11/3/90	Equip--FD	Equipment	198,241.00
	Equip--FD	1956 Chevy Pump Truck	10,000.00
12/31/03	Equip--FD	1991 Ford Pumper/Tanker (refurbished)	42,600.00
12/31/02	Equip--FD	2001 Freightliner Fire Truck	73,500.00
12/7/07	Equip--FD	2003 Chev Ambulance	5,600.00
TOTAL Equip--FD			329,941.00
Equip--Hwy			
1/15/72	Equip--Hwy	10-I beams	2,200.00
1/15/90	Equip--Hwy	Brush mower	125.00
1/15/90	Equip--Hwy	Culvert thawer	200.00
1/15/90	Equip--Hwy	Grader '83 130 Caterpillar	34,000.00
1/15/94	Equip--Hwy	Storage trailer	900.00
12/31/01	Equip--Hwy	Small equipment & tools	42,181.00
1/15/95	Equip--Hwy	2 sanders	100.00
1/15/95	Equip--Hwy	Stone rake	1,000.00
8/24/04	Equip--Hwy	TRK7: '05 Int'l Truck, plow, sander, wing	43,350.00
6/15/99	Equip--Hwy	Lowboy trailer	500.00
11/3/06	Equip--Hwy	Loader - '02 924G Caterpillar	55,000.00
5/4/07	Equip--Hwy	TRK8 '02 Chev 1-ton with plow	14,200.00
4/21/08	Equip--Hwy	Backhoe 2004 Cat 420	56,300.00
4/30/08	Equip--Hwy	Dell PC & monitor (was clerk's)	200.00
11/2/09	Equip--Hwy	TRK9: '10 Truck, Plow, Sander, Wing	132,000.00
TOTAL Equip--Hwy			382,256.00
12/14/97	Equip--Radios		1,500.00
11/3/90	Equip--Recreation		5,800.00
1/25/97	Land--Boy Scout	17.35 acres	32,500.00
	Land--Depot Flat	1.72 acres	19,300.00
	Land--Parking Lakeside Dr	0.11 acres	0.00
1/25/97	Land--Village Cemeteries	16.43 acres	31,600.00
	Land--Scott Hwy (town garage prop)	3.31 acres	31,300.00
1/25/97	Land--Puffer Ball Field	3.8 acres	25,600.00
	Land--William Scott Cemetery	0.48 acres	12,400.00
	Land--Old Cemetery-Great Rd	0.11 acres	11,200.00
	Land--Old Cemetery-Glover Rd	0.37 acres	12,400.00
	Land--Gravel Pit - Welton Rd	67 acres	64,000.00
1/25/97	Land--Dam ROW-Mill St	0.04 acres	2,100.00
	Land--RR bed - State Forest Hwy	25.4 acres	16,600.00
	Land--Stump Dump - Little Italy Rd	8.5 acres	22,100.00
2/14/97	Land--Old pit/dump (RR bed Little Italy Rd to Ryegate line)	9.4 acres	6,800.00
1/25/97	Land--Old Dump - Goodfellow Rd	6.6 acres	19,600.00
	Land--Community Bldg land	0.47 acres	24,800.00
	Land--Firehouse bldg land	0.59 acres	25,600.00
1/25/97	Land--Veterans Memorial Park	0.73 acres	20,200.00
	Land--RR bed - Powder Spring Rd (near Welch Block)	1.2 acres	1,200.00
1/25/97	Land--Frost Ball Field	1.7 acres	21,700.00
7/3/03	Land--Cemetery- Park St	6 acres	25,500.00
<b>TOTAL VALUE OF ALL TOWN PROPERTY</b>			<b>3,069,191.75</b>

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## Ten-Year Grand List & Tax Rate Comparison

Year	Grand List	School	Hwy	Town/ Gen Fund	Total	Taxes on \$100,000 Home
1999	56,000,972.00	\$1.3000	\$0.2300	\$0.3700	\$1.9000	\$1,900.00
2000	56,736,566.00	\$1.7800	\$0.1300	\$0.2900	\$2.2000	\$2,200.00
2001	57,236,778.00	\$1.7200	\$0.2200	\$0.2600	\$2.2000	\$2,200.00
2002	58,215,266.00	\$1.7000	\$0.2400	\$0.2100	\$2.1500	\$2,150.00
2003	58,828,499.00	\$1.8600	\$0.2200	\$0.3400	\$2.4200	\$2,420.00
2004*	59,325,956.00	\$1.5950	\$0.2119	\$0.3786	\$2.1855	\$2,185.50
2004**	59,325,956.00	\$1.6728	\$0.2119	\$0.3786	\$2.2633	\$2,263.30
2005*	99,722,883.00	\$1.0398	\$0.1508	\$0.2146	\$1.4052	\$1,405.20
2005**	99,722,883.00	\$1.0748	\$0.1508	\$0.2146	\$1.4402	\$1,440.20
2006*	100,542,437.00	\$1.1175	\$0.1740	\$0.2391	\$1.5306	\$1,530.60
2006**	100,542,437.00	\$1.1478	\$0.1740	\$0.2391	\$1.5609	\$1,560.90
2007*	101,869,345.00	\$1.1341	\$0.1807	\$0.2400	\$1.5548	\$1,554.80
2007**	101,869,345.00	\$1.2285	\$0.1807	\$0.2400	\$1.6492	\$1,649.20
2008*	103,063,945.00	\$1.2486	\$0.1967	\$0.2783	\$1.7236	\$1,723.60
2008**	103,063,945.00	\$1.3751	\$0.1967	\$0.2783	\$1.8501	\$1,850.10
2009*	103,476,745.00	\$1.2588	\$0.1726	\$0.2346	\$1.6660	\$1,666.00
2009**	103,476,745.00	\$1.4268	\$0.1726	\$0.2346	\$1.8340	\$1,834.00

Tax rate is applied to each \$100 of assessed value.

\*Tax rate for homestead property

\*\*Tax rate for non-residential property

### Analysis of 2009 Grand List

(reported by the state of Vermont on 12/16/09)

Category	Property Count	ED Form 411 Listed Value	CUSE Value	Education Listed Value Excl. CUSE	Municipal Listed Value Excl. CUSE	Education Equalized Value	Municipal Equalized Value
Residential I	215	34,728,295	0	34,728,295	34,672,500	36,032,678	35,974,787
Residential II	145	27,743,500	223,600	27,519,900	27,489,900	29,853,081	29,820,795
Mobile Homes-U	11	196,300	0	196,300	182,200	211,257	196,083
Mobile Homes-L	46	3,739,900	44,000	3,695,900	3,695,900	4,024,009	4,024,009
Vacation I	114	17,485,400	0	17,485,400	17,485,400	18,817,693	18,817,693
Vacation II	48	4,835,725	272,400	4,563,325	4,563,325	5,198,914	5,198,914
Commercial	20	2,773,300	0	2,773,300	2,773,300	2,956,610	2,956,610
Commercial Apts	5	1,014,518	0	1,014,518	1,084,020	1,081,576	1,155,672
Industrial	1	238,100	0	238,100	238,100	253,838	253,838
Utilities-E	3	2,981,100	0	2,981,100	2,981,100	3,124,843	3,124,843
Utilities-O	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Farm	6	1,745,600	15,000	1,730,600	1,730,600	1,860,842	1,860,842
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland	44	1,878,500	236,200	1,642,300	1,642,300	2,000,483	2,000,483
Miscellaneous	104	4,142,100	151,200	3,990,900	3,990,900	4,414,488	4,414,488
<b>Totals</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>103,502,338</b>	<b>942,400</b>	<b>102,559,938</b>	<b>102,529,545</b>	<b>109,830,312</b>	<b>109,799,057</b>
Personal Property:		Cable		18,800	0	18,800	0
		Machinery & Equip		exempt	0	exempt	0
		Inventory		exempt	0	exempt	0
<b>TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>				<b>18,800</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,800</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL (REAL and PERSONAL PROPERTY)</b>				<b>102,578,738</b>	<b>102,529,545</b>	<b>109,849,112</b>	<b>109,799,057</b>

## 2009 Current Tax Reconciliation

	Town	Highway	State Education Tax	Total
Percentage of Tax Rate	13.4%	9.8%	76.8%	100%
2009 Tax Rate	0.2346	0.1726	1.2588-1.4268	1.666-1.834
2009 Taxes Assessed & Billed	242,745.08	178,592.61	1,396,414.59	1,817,752.28
Penalties assessed Late Homestead	301.43			
State pmts made directly to BMU			(173,799.89)	(173,799.89)
<b>Total tax to be collected</b>	<b>243,046.51</b>	<b>178,592.61</b>	<b>1,222,614.70</b>	<b>1,644,253.82</b>

## Taxes Collected

2009 Current Taxes collected through 10/16/09 (inc. state pmts)	224,652.70	165,281.67	1,292,336.43	1,682,270.80
Small overpmts not to be refunded				1.09
<b>Total taxes collected</b>	<b>224,652.70</b>	<b>165,281.67</b>	<b>1,292,336.43</b>	<b>1,682,271.89</b>
<b>Total taxes credited</b>	<b>224,652.70</b>	<b>165,281.67</b>	<b>1,292,336.43</b>	<b>1,682,271.89</b>
2009 Delinquent Tax Warrant I	17,326.83	12,747.71	99,674.29	129,748.84
2009 Delinquent Tax Warrant II	1.89	1.39	85.80	14.14
2009 Delinquent Tax Warrant III	806.81	590.06	4,624.15	6,021.02
<b>Total of 2009 Delinquent Taxes</b>	<b>18,135.53</b>	<b>13,339.16</b>	<b>104,384.24</b>	<b>135,784.00</b>
2009 Delinquent Taxes Paid to Treasurer through 12/31/09	10,069.69	7,408.47	57,926.78	75,404.93
<b>2009 Delinquent Taxes Left to Be Collected</b>	<b>8,065.85</b>	<b>5,930.69</b>	<b>46,457.46</b>	<b>60,379.07</b>

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## TOWN OF GROTON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION POLICY & TAX SALE PROCEEDINGS FOR TAX SALE YEAR 2009

- All taxes became delinquent after 5 p.m. on Friday, October 16, 2009. As soon as possible after the Tax Collection Warrant has been received, and each month thereafter, the Collector of Delinquent Taxes will send a notice to each delinquent taxpayer.
- Interest is assessed at 1% per month (or a fraction of a month) for the first three months and at 1.5% per month (or a fraction of a month) thereafter on any unpaid principal tax amount. **A one time 8% Penalty is assessed on the unpaid delinquent principal tax amount at the time the account goes delinquent.** 32 VSA § 4873, 5142 (After the initial October notice, the November and following monthly statements with interest up dates will be sent out on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month thereafter unless previously paid.)
- **Partial payments will be applied first to the interest portion of the amount due, and the remainder will be divided proportionately between the amount of the tax, and the 8% penalty.** Payments with statements or directives issued on them or by communication included with payments that are not consistent with the Groton Town Policy will be returned to the taxpayer. The Town of Groton **will not accept payments** of delinquent taxes that are made in contravention of this policy. The Collector of Delinquent Taxes will return any payments made that are not consistent with this policy to the delinquent taxpayer.
- **PAYMENT IS CREDITED WHEN RECEIVED IN HAND. (POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED AS TIMELY PAYMENT!)**
- Over-payments of \$5.00 or less **will not** be refunded unless specifically requested by the taxpayer.
- **There will be a \$25.00 charge for any returned check;** non-sufficient funds or closed accounts; or returned instrument of non-payment in lieu of delinquent taxes.
- Post-dated checks are not acceptable.
- To insure quality service telephone calls may be recorded for accuracy, clarity and content.
- Parties of interest such as mortgage holders, lien holders and etc, will be given information on Delinquent Tax Accounts upon request.
- **Final Notices will be sent out on May 1, 2009.**
- **Payment in full is required on all accounts by May 31, 2009.**
- **On June 1, 2009 all unpaid delinquent tax accounts will be processed for Tax Sale and or other means of Collection.** (Exceptions are those that are under a Period of Redemption, Bankruptcy, Litigation or etc.)
- **Once the account has been submitted to the Attorney in preparation for Tax Sale, payment must be by cash, money order, bank, treasurers or certified checks. Personal checks will not be accepted.** Call before sending final payment to insure the correct amount.
- All delinquent taxes that are not paid by 12-31-10 will be published in the Annual Town Report.
- Tax Sales shall be conducted according to the requirements for notice set forth in 32 VSA § 5252 and pursuant to the provisions of 32 VSA §5251 through 5263 inclusive.
- (Re: 32 VSA §5258) Costs of preparing and conducting the sale, including legal fees up to a maximum of 15% of the amount of delinquent tax, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer.
- The Journal Opinion, Caledonian Record, or newspapers of general circulation in the Town of Groton shall be used for publication of all notices required under VSA § 5252.
- Delinquent taxpayers **may by written request petition** the Board of Civil Authority, Listers, and Town Treasurer pursuant to the provisions of 24 VSA Sections 1533 et seq. To Abate Delinquent Taxes. **Written request should be addressed to Groton Board of Abatement C/O Groton Town Office 1476 Scott Hwy. Groton VT 05046.** (Please turn to other side where copy of Statute T. 24 § 1535 is copied for your review.)
- Based upon a recent revision by the VT Legislature 32 VSA § 5254 now provides as follows: 32 VSA Section 5254: Sale of Realty. When the tax with costs is not paid before the day of sale the real property on which the taxes are due shall be sold to pay such taxes. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the owner of the property being sold for taxes may request in writing, not less than twenty-four hours prior to the tax sale, that a portion of the property be sold. Such request must clearly identify the portion of the property to be sold, and must be accompanied by a Certification from the District Environmental Commission and the Town Zoning Administrative Office that the portion identified may be subdivided and meets minimum lot size requirements. In the event that the portion identified by the taxpayer cannot be sold for the taxes and costs, then the entire property may be sold to pay such tax and costs.
- **TO INSURE PROPER CREDIT**

All checks should be made payable to: Town of Groton, CDT

Mailed to: Patricia Bouley  
1476 Scott Highway  
Groton VT 05046

NOTE: **OFFICE HOURS AT TOWN OFFICE: Tuesday 9:30 pm.-12:30 p.m.**  
**Friday 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

If the above hours are not convenient, please call for an appointment at 802-584-3276 or 802-584-3131 at Scheduled Office Hours.  
If you believe that there is an error, or if you have questions, please contact me as soon as possible.

Patricia Bouley, Collector of Delinquent Taxes Telephone 802-584-3792

Leonard Doscinski, Selectman

Debra Tinkham, Selectman

David Spencer, Selectman

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## ABATEMENT The Law

### Abatement of Taxes. 24 V.S.A. § 1535

- (a) The board may abate in whole or part taxes, interest, and collection fees, other than those arising out of a corrected classification of homestead or nonresidential property, accruing to the town in the following cases:
- (1) taxes of persons who have died insolvent;
  - (2) taxes of persons who have removed from the state;
  - (3) taxes of persons who are unable to pay their taxes, interest, and collection fees;
  - (4) taxes in which there is manifest error or a mistake of the listers;
  - (5) taxes upon real or personal property lost or destroyed during the tax year;
  - (6) the exemption amount available under 32 V.S.A. § 3802(11) to persons otherwise eligible for exemption who file a claim on or after May 1 but before October 1 due to the claimant's sickness or disability or other good cause as determined by the board of abatement; but that exemption amount shall be reduced by 20 percent of the total exemption for each month or portion of a month the claim is late filed.
  - (7) Repealed
  - (8) Repealed
  - (9) Taxes upon a mobile home moved from the town during the tax year as a result of a change in use of the mobile home park land or parts thereof, or closure of the mobile home park in which the mobile home was sited, pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 6237.
- (b) The board's abatement of an amount of tax shall automatically abate any uncollected interest and fees relating to that amount.
- (c) The board shall, in any case in which it abates taxes, interest, or collection fees accruing to the town, or denies an application for abatement, state in detail in writing the reasons for its decision.
- (d) The board may order that any abatement as to an amount or amounts already paid be in the form of a refund or in the form of accredit against the tax for the next ensuing tax year, and for succeeding tax years if required to use up the amount of the credit. Whenever a municipality votes to collect interest on overdue taxes pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5136, interest in a like amount shall be paid by the municipality to any person for whom an abatement has been ordered. Interest on taxes paid and subsequently abated shall accrue from the date payment was due or made, whichever is later. However, abatements issued pursuant to subdivision (a)(5) of this section need not include the payment of interest. When a refund has been ordered, the board shall draw an order on the town treasurer for such payment.

### § 1536. Record; discharge

The board for the abatement of taxes shall make a record of taxes, interest and fees so abated which shall be recorded in the office of the town clerk and a certified copy shall be forwarded forthwith to the collector of taxes and the town treasurer. The collector shall mark in the tax bill the taxes, interest and fees abated and the persons against whom they were assessed shall be discharged from their payment. An abatement of a use change tax shall be separately recorded in the land records of the municipality in which the property subject to the abatement is located and shall effect a release of the land use lien on the portion of the property abated. (Amended 1989, No. 149 (Adj. Sess.), § 2, eff. April 24, 1990; 1999, No. 49, § 84, eff. June 2, 1999.)

### § 1537. City or village board of tax abatement

The board for the abatement of taxes of a city shall consist of the mayor, city clerk and aldermen thereof and the justices of the peace and assessors residing therein; of a village, of the trustees and clerk thereof and the justices of the peace and listers residing therein. Such board may abate taxes, interest and fees accruing to such municipality in all cases where a different provision is not made by the charter, acts of incorporation, or amendments thereto, of such municipality. (Amended 1989, No. 149 (Adj. Sess.), § 3, eff. April 24, 1990.)

### 16 V.S.A. § 514. Abatement

The officers of the district, except the collector, shall be a board for the abatement of district taxes, and it shall have the same power which the board for the abatement of town taxes has in the abatement of such taxes. On request of the collector, the prudential committee shall call a meeting of such board in the month of February in each year, by posting a notice thereof in three public places in such district at least five days before such meeting.

**2009 Collector of Delinquent Taxes Summary**

<b>Year &amp; Warrant</b>	<b>Taxes Owed</b>	<b>Taxes Paid</b>	<b>Taxes Abated</b>	<b>12/31/2009 Balance To Be Collected</b>
2006 Warrant 1	\$ 813.23	\$ 738.31	\$ 74.92	\$ -
2007 Warrant 1	\$ 705.62	\$ 626.46	\$ 79.16	\$ -
2008 Warrant 1	\$ 60,102.55	\$ 59,382.86	\$ 88.80	\$ 630.89
2008 Warrant 2	\$ 77.80	\$ 77.80	\$ -	\$ -
2009 Warrant 1	\$ 129,748.84	\$ 69,383.91	\$ -	\$ 60,364.93
2009 Warrant 2	\$ 14.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14.14
2009 Warrant 3	\$ 6,021.02	\$ 6,021.02	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 197,483.20</b>	<b>\$ 136,230.36</b>	<b>\$ 242.88</b>	<b>\$ 61,009.96</b>

**PAID TO TREASURER**

<b>Summary:</b>	<b>Tax Paid</b>	<b>Bad Check Charge</b>	<b>Interest Paid</b>
2006 Warrant 1	\$ 738.31	\$ -	\$ 215.31
2007 Warrant 1	\$ 626.46	\$ -	\$ 206.78
2008 Warrant 1	\$ 59,382.86	\$ -	\$ 5,712.66
2008 Warrant 2	\$ 77.80	\$ -	\$ 10.53
2009 Warrant 1	\$ 69,383.91	\$ -	\$ 1,354.39
2009 Warrant 2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2009 Warrant 3	\$ 6,021.02	\$ 25.00	\$ 180.63
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 136,230.36</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,680.30</b>

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**2009 Warrant 1**

Bedard, Michael J & Bedard, Bradley J	\$	1,138.91
Berry, Stephen G & Brenda F	\$	1,127.91
Boyce, David Bernard	\$	2,047.34
Boyce, Douglas P	\$	707.64
Boyce, Douglas P	\$	405.31
Boyd, Michael E & Pamela	\$	867.49
Braig, Peter	\$	1,529.42
Brinkman, Stan	\$	972.02
Brockelman, Warren	\$	43.14
Carey, Jannel Annette	\$	1,101.39
Carle, Amber	\$	1,227.85
Correira, David J	\$	379.64
Correira, David J & Lisa M	\$	178.57
Crown, Shawn	\$	1,470.86
Daigle, Todd J & Michelle M	\$	1,637.76
Darling, Henry & Sarah	\$	961.19
Darling, Shawn R	\$	271.44
Florentino, John E	\$	706.84
French, Jonathan W	\$	1,608.41
Fulford, Heidi A	\$	1,259.96
Goodrich, Robert F	\$	2,530.92
Gourdeau, Raymond E	\$	4,774.76
Hamlett, Daryl	\$	297.11
Hatch, Roger & Patricia	\$	410.48
Herbert, Lara	\$	697.98
Hill, Brian K & Lisa	\$	1,669.33
Keating, Gerard III	\$	1,817.50
Kennedy, Michael A	\$	692.96
Khedouri, Sarah Glazer & Gay, Peter & Ruth	\$	788.62
Lakin, Charles & Blenda	\$	1,256.17
Lakin Sr., James E & Rebecca E	\$	1,877.58
Lasell, Horace James	\$	14.81
Lury, Charles M Jr	\$	763.56
McGrillis, Allan R & Kathleen R Trustees of the Family Trust	\$	361.30
McKay, Sr., Kenneth P	\$	1,145.07
Northeastern Log Homes Inc.	\$	4,366.75
O'Grady, Scott	\$	2,963.75
Phillips, John B Jr/ Stroh, Darrell/ Sargent, Joseph B	\$	434.66
Pitts, Shawn L & Jessica A	\$	1,800.94
Powell, Herman & Barbra	\$	481.40
Ricker, Kevin & Marie	\$	2,763.92
Robinson, Daniel C & Donna M	\$	2,409.03
Routhier, Dennis & Denise M	\$	409.42
Shute, Kevin C & Hannah E	\$	440.16
Slater, Clarence A & Pauline M	\$	647.40
Welch, Randy & Manning, Amber	\$	1,141.21



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Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee	\$	2,217.30
Williams, Perley	\$	659.73
Williams, Susan J	\$	888.02

<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 60,364.93</b>
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<b>2009 Warrant 2</b>
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Keating, Gerard III	\$	14.14
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<b>2008 Warrant 1</b>
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Marinace Jr., Robert	\$	630.89
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2008 Warrant 1	\$		630.89
2009 Warrant 1	\$	60,364.93	
2009 Warrant 2	\$	14.14	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>61,009.96</b>

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## 2009 GROTON PROPERTIES ENROLLED IN VERMONT CURRENT USE PROGRAM

Owner of Property	Total Acres Owned	Acres Enrolled in Current Use Program	Actual Assessed Property Value	Assessed Amount Exempted by Land Use	Owner's Taxable Value	Amount of Tax Exempted
Anagnostakis, Christopher & Sandra	106.00	101.00	\$64,500.00	\$41,450.00	\$23,050.00	\$760.19
Blandford-Berlejung, Mary	74.00	59.00	149,900.00	18,700.00	1,312.00	\$342.98
Brueckner, William C. & Dawn	370.00	362.00	182,800.00	92,800.00	90,000.00	\$1,701.95
Chandler, Harry & Judith (homestead)	269.08	267.08	294,100.00	136,200.00	157,900.00	\$2,269.09
Clough, Rick & Kelly	49.00	45.70	165,900.00	63,900.00	102,000.00	\$1,171.93
Crum, Don & Kathleen	81.00	76.00	60,300.00	31,250.00	29,050.00	\$573.13
Doscinski, Leonard & Patricia (homestead)	104.70	102.70	318,200.00	93,700.00	224,500.00	\$1,561.04
Ducharme, Dennis & Helen	69.69	69.69	47,300.00	39,200.00	8,100.00	\$718.93
Eaton, Maureen & Henry (homestead)	57.50	55.50	409,600.00	50,200.00	359,400.00	\$836.63
Edwards, Leslie & Lyle & T. Belyea	110.00	107.00	65,800.00	52,900.00	12,900.00	\$970.19
Engle, James & Priscilla	798.00	796.00	723,100.00	302,200.00	420,900.00	\$5,542.35
Engle, James B.	147.00	147.00	80,600.00	63,500.00	17,100.00	\$1,164.59
Foster, Michael, David & Susan	505.00	501.00	165,000.00	70,720.00	94,280.00	\$1,297.00
Foster, Michael, David & Susan	154.00	154.00	57,200.00	39,100.00	18,100.00	\$717.09
Green Acre Woodlands, Inc.	49.00	49.00	28,400.00	22,700.00	5,700.00	\$416.32
Green Acre Woodlands, Inc.	237.00	237.00	79,100.00	51,500.00	27,600.00	\$944.51
Kersaken Ventures, LLC	52.00	50.00	54,200.00	30,800.00	23,400.00	\$564.87
Martell, Robert E & Lori A	339.12	336.02	514,900.00	124,900.00	390,000.00	\$2,290.67
Meadowsend Timberlands Ltd.	128.00	128.00	73,100.00	58,200.00	14,900.00	\$1,067.39
Morse, Norman & Betty (homestead)	144.00	134.50	306,800.00	73,100.00	233,700.00	\$1,218.28
Niemaszuk, Walter	378.50	366.17	271,900.00	167,700.00	104,200.00	\$3,075.62
Oliver, Troy A & Julie L	47.00	45.00	57,000.00	7,000.00	50,000.00	\$128.38
Park Forestry NY, LLC	935.60	935.60	376,000.00	267,100.00	108,900.00	\$4,898.61
Pigeon Pond LLC (Bailey & Gable)	1,050.00	1,042.00	1,973,700.00	1,377,500.00	596,200.00	\$25,263.35
Puffer, Matthew & Tracy	222.00	222.00	130,400.00	104,600.00	25,800.00	\$1,918.36
Simakaski, Mark R (homestead portion)	38.00	36.00	251,300.00	56,900.00	194,400.00	\$947.95
Smith, Andrew (homestead)	108.00	94.55	262,500.00	66,000.00	196,500.00	\$1,099.56
Thomas, F. Bryce (1997 Trust)	163.00	160.50	198,300.00	93,450.00	104,850.00	\$1,713.87
Thomas, Bryce & Miriam	90.00	90.00	53,900.00	43,400.00	10,500.00	\$795.96
Thomas, Paul A. & Frederick Bryce	140.00	138.00	107,000.00	65,700.00	41,300.00	\$1,204.94
Thomas, Paul A	126.00	109.50	176,300.00	80,375.00	95,925.00	\$1,474.08
Uttero, Peter J.	363.00	340.00	307,800.00	140,270.00	167,530.00	\$2,572.55
Villeneuve, Ronald	39.00	39.00	28,600.00	24,100.00	4,500.00	\$441.99
Villeneuve, Ronald	219.00	219.00	160,300.00	136,100.00	24,200.00	\$2,496.07
Wosko, Walter	39.00	32.00	176,200.00	17,760.00	158,440.00	\$325.72
Zimmermann Groton Forestry, LLC	760.00	760.00	266,000.00	199,800.00	66,200.00	\$3,664.33
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>8,562.19</b>	<b>8,407.51</b>	<b>\$8,638,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,304,775.00</b>	<b>\$4,203,337.00</b>	<b>\$78,150.48</b>

Amount of taxes exempted through Land Use Program

Amount the State of Vermont reimbursed the town for this program

**\$78,150.48**

**18,624.00**

Amount underfunded by the State and absorbed by other taxpayers

(approx 5.89 cents on the tax rate)

**\$59,526.48**

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## VALUES OF STATE OWNED BUILDINGS IN GROTON AS OF APRIL 1, 2008

(Values set by the State of Vermont)

Building No.	Building Description	Building Location	State Value as of 4/1/06	State Value as of 4/1/07	State Value as of 4/1/08	Change in Value 2006 to 2008
24110	Pine MT WMA Barn	Powder Spring Rd	8,198.00	8,071.00	7,265.00	-933.00
24407	Ranger's Res.-Stillwater	126 Boulder Beach Rd	47,206.00	47,174.00	43,936.00	-3,270.00
24408	Park Shelter - Stillwater	126 Boulder Beach Rd	32,040.00	31,934.00	29,566.00	-2,474.00
24409	Toilet #1 Stillwater	126 Boulder Beach Rd	61,162.00	61,467.00	57,971.00	-3,191.00
24410	Toilet #2 Stillwater	126 Boulder Beach Rd	98,423.00	99,352.00	94,604.00	-3,819.00
24411	Shelter & Toilet #2 - Rickers	526 State Forest Rd	46,311.00	46,220.00	42,925.00	-3,386.00
24412	Ranger's House - Rickers	526 State Forest Rd	59,327.00	59,249.00	55,104.00	-4,223.00
24413	Garage Storage - Rickers	526 State Forest Rd	30,630.00	30,353.00	27,738.00	-2,892.00
24414	Toilet Building #1 - Rickers	526 State Forest Rd	54,839.00	55,038.00	51,753.00	-3,086.00
24415	Toilet #3 - Rickers	526 State Forest Rd	60,398.00	60,646.00	57,084.00	-3,314.00
24416	Toilet #2 - Boulder Beach Rec Area	440 Boulder Beach Rd	113,730.00	114,804.00	109,318.00	-4,412.00
24417	Picnic Shelter - Boulder Beach	440 Boulder Beach Rd	35,253.00	35,586.00	33,886.00	-1,367.00
24418	Ranger's House - Big Deer	303 Boulder Beach Rd	102,769.00	103,143.00	96,986.00	-5,783.00
24419	Toilet Building #5 - Big Deer	303 Boulder Beach Rd	61,177.00	61,428.00	57,821.00	-3,356.00
24420	Toilet#1- Boulder Beach Rec Area	440 Boulder Beach Rd	29,189.00	29,322.00	27,627.00	-1,562.00
24421	Helper's Quarters - E. Big Deer	303 Boulder Beach Rd	69,501.00	69,849.00	65,876.00	-3,625.00
24422	Helper's Quarters - W. Big Deer	303 Boulder Beach Rd	69,501.00	69,849.00	65,876.00	-3,625.00
24423	Nature Center - Boulder Beach	329 Boulder Beach Rd	83,697.00	84,116.00	79,331.00	-4,366.00
24424	Toilet Building #3 - Stillwater	126 Boulder Beach Rd	49,127.00	49,352.00	46,499.00	-2,628.00
24425	Contact Station - Stillwater	126 Boulder Beach Rd	36,137.00	36,301.00	34,204.00	-1,933.00
24430	Contact Station - Rickers	126 Boulder Beach Rd	8,826.00	9,141.00	8,865.00	39.00
24432	Storage Shed - Ricker	126 Boulder Beach Rd	3,870.00	4,008.00	3,887.00	17.00
24433	Storage Shed - Stillwater	126 Boulder Beach Rd	13,813.00	13,795.00	12,830.00	-983.00
24434	Woodshed - Ricker Pond	526 State Forest Rd	15,605.00	15,747.00	14,985.00	-620.00
24435	Woodshed - Stillwater	126 Boulder Beach Rd	18,634.00	18,804.00	17,893.00	-741.00
24436	Garage - Big Deer	303 Boulder Beach Rd	18,800.00	18,868.00	17,742.00	-1,058.00
24439	Concession Bldg - Boulder Beach	126 Boulder Beach Rd	37,027.00	37,365.00	35,556.00	-1,471.00
24440	Merrill/Otis Camp	Merrill/Otis Camp	18,424.00	18,754.00	17,670.00	-754.00
24441	Boulder Beach Contact Station	329 Boulder Beach Rd	2,580.00	2,673.00	2,592.00	12.00
24442	Boulder Beach Storage Shed	329 Boulder Beach Rd	5,677.00	5,879.00	5,701.00	24.00
24445	Ricker's Lakeside Cabin	526 State Forest Rd	33,088.00	33,023.00	30,669.00	-2,419.00
24498	Seyon Remote Cabin	400 Seyon Park Rd	24,533.00	24,311.00	22,217.00	-2,316.00
24499	Seyon Fish Hatchery	400 Seyon Park Rd	57,687.00	57,494.00	53,231.00	-4,456.00
24500	Seyon Woodshed	400 Seyon Park Rd	6,740.00	6,981.00	6,770.00	30.00
24501	Seyon Ranch - Residence	400 Seyon Park Rd	792,690.00	799,664.00	760,398.00	-32,292.00
24502	Seyon Ranch - Garage	400 Seyon Park Rd	39,969.00	39,807.00	36,794.00	-3,175.00
24503	Seyon Ranch - Barn	400 Seyon Park Rd	19,155.00	18,982.00	17,347.00	-1,808.00
24504	Bam & Sleeping Rooms - Seyon	400 Seyon Park Rd	65,375.00	64,588.00	58,612.00	-6,763.00
24505	Old Wheel House - Seyon	400 Seyon Park Rd	33,175.00	32,775.00	29,743.00	-3,432.00
24506	Ricker Pond Cabin 1	526 State Forest Rd	16,000.00	16,511.00	16,027.00	27.00
24507	Ricker Pond Cabin 2	526 State Forest Rd	16,000.00	16,511.00	16,027.00	27.00
24508	Ricker Pond Cabin 3	526 State Forest Rd	16,000.00	16,511.00	16,027.00	27.00
24509	Ricker Pond Cabin 4	526 State Forest Rd	16,000.00	16,511.00	16,027.00	27.00
24510	Ricker Pond Cabin 5	526 State Forest Rd	16,000.00	16,511.00	16,027.00	27.00
<b>TOTAL MARKET VALUE FROM STATE OF VERMONT</b>			<b>2,444,283.00</b>	<b>2,458,468.00</b>	<b>2,319,007.00</b>	<b>-125,276.00</b>

**REMEMBER: THE STATE APPRAISES THEIR OWN PROPERTIES!!!**

**Amount of taxes the Town would receive if these properties were privately owned**

**\$42,530.59**

(Based on 2009 non residential tax rate of \$1.834 per \$100 of value)

**Amount of PILOT money received from the State of Vermont**

**7,355.00**

**Amount underfunded by the State of Vermont**

**\$35,175.59**

(Approx 3.39 cents on the tax rate)

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**2009 LIST OF STATE OWNED LAND IN GROTON**  
(values as of 4/1/2009)

Property Ref ID	Agency	Location of Property	Acres	2008 Appraised Value	2009 Appraised Value
3267 FP 3	Forests, Parks & Recreation	Lake Groton Cottage Lots	2.07	1,500.00	1,500.00
3267 FP 4	Forests, Parks & Recreation	Stillwater Campground	42.00	116,900.00	116,900.00
3267 FP 5	Forests, Parks & Recreation	Big Deer Campground	25.00	15,700.00	15,700.00
3267 FP 6	Forests, Parks & Recreation	Boulder Beach	25.00	101,100.00	101,100.00
3267 FP 7	Forests, Parks & Recreation	Kettle Pond Campground & frontage	20.00	62,200.00	62,200.00
3267 FP 8	Forests, Parks & Recreation	Natural Woodland Areas	149.00	58,800.00	58,800.00
3267 FP 9	Forests, Parks & Recreation	Forest Land *	11,702.03	7,893,700.00	7,893,700.00
3267 FP 10	Forests, Parks & Recreation	Ricker Pond Damsite	13.00	7,800.00	7,800.00
3267 FP 11	Forests, Parks & Recreation	TNC/Moffatt Acquisition	329.00	219,400.00	219,400.00
3267 FP 12	Forests, Parks & Recreation	Lyon Acq - Seyon Block	42.00	16,600.00	16,600.00
3267 FP 1	Forests, Parks & Recreation	Seyon Pond	26.00	98,900.00	98,900.00
3267 FP 2	Forests, Parks & Recreation	Ricker Pond Campsite & frontage	39.00	139,300.00	139,300.00
3267 FP 13	Forests, Parks & Recreation	Page Acquisition	25.70	13,900.00	13,900.00
3267 FW 1	Fish & Wildlife	Pine Mountain WMA	372.00	322,400.00	322,400.00
3267 FW 2	Fish & Wildlife	Levi Pond WMA **	259.20	88,200.00	88,200.00
3267 FW 3	Environmental Conservation	St. Hilaire Parcel ***	100.00	43,300.00	43,300.00
3267 EC 1	Environmental Conservation	Groton Lake Damsite	3.00	43,000.00	43,000.00
<b>Totals</b>			<b>13,174.00</b>	<b>\$9,242,700.00</b>	<b>\$9,242,700.00</b>

\*PILOT paid at use value only \$1,404,244

\*\*PILOT paid at use value only \$31,104

\*\*\*PILOT paid at use value only \$12,000

**Amount of taxes the town would have collected if land was privately owned** **\$169,511.12**

(based on the 2009 tax rate of \$1.834 and if not in current use) This figure is also based on the fact that the State sets their own appraisal values which are not true market values)

**Amount of PILOT funds we received from the State of Vermont** **54,511.86**

**Amount underfunded by the State of Vermont** **\$114,999.26**

(approx 11.11 cents on the tax rate)  
(1 cent raised \$10,347.67)

## GROTON HIGHWAY REPORT

The year of 2009 was a year of planning and breakdowns. Boulder Beach Road has taken much of our time to come up with a suitable plan for the rebuilding of the intersection with VT 232. NVDA was able to put into their work plan a contract to study the intersection and come up with an agreeable concept for all parties. After working with the VT AOT, FPR, Lake Groton Association; Selectboard and Highway Department concept was accepted. This work was at no cost to the Town of Groton, thanks to NVDA.

The next step is where we are, as the New Year comes. The Town has hired the same firm that did the work for NVDA to come up with plans and specifications for this whole project. This will insure that contractors bid on the same thing with good quantities and scope of work, coming out with a better job at the end. The first rough cost estimates we received in December were higher than we had hoped. We will be continuing working with them and look at cost savings that maybe made. At this time, this project would start up the middle of May and have pavement on the road by July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Breakdowns this year were many and very expensive. Before the end of this year all of our trucks have been in shops for major repairs. When our 2001 truck went for state safety inspection this fall, the cost of repairs needed was going to end up at \$6000. It was at that time that we started to look at the options we had. First, was to put the money into repairing it and running for the winter and replacing on schedule the spring of 2010. This option would mean that the new truck then would have the new 2010 emissions that will be better for environment but raise the cost by \$8000. Knowing full well we would have to put more

funds into repairs in the winter plowing season. Second, was to order a new truck then and have it all set up sometime by early winter. Getting a new plow truck in the middle of the snow season is not a very good idea for many reasons. The third option was a truck that was new and had all the equipment on it. This would allow us to trade this fall and have the truck to get accustomed to before snow was on the ground. This would allow us more trade in value for the old truck as the dealer could sell it this fall and not have to keep it over maybe a year and sell it next fall when buyers are looking for plow trucks. In this deal we would not have to pay for the \$6000 in repairs that were needed. As we looked at our options it was decided to take the third option and trade early.

Safety and ongoing training are part of life in this day and age. We attended several classes sponsored by Vermont Local Roads this year.

Bridge # 18 on the Welton Road is having some erosion taking place. Next year we will continue to try to secure a state grant to fix the issue.

In 2002 the Select Board implemented the process to file for access onto Town of Groton roads. Please pickup and fill out an application before starting any work. Over weight permits are also available. Both are without a fee.

Phillip and I try our best to control cost while maintaining a level of service that keeps up with needed maintenance of roads. Thanks to each of you who gave input this past year. If you have any ideas or concerns, please let us know.

Town garage phone 584-3209  
Brent Smith home 584-3765  
Pager 479-6615 (not a toll call in Groton)

Or stop by the garage.  
Brent Smith, Road Commissioner

## LISTERS REPORT

2009 is coming to an end as this report is being written as is the reappraisal for the town.

The appraisers have completed their initial inspections. At this time we would like to thank everyone for their patience and cooperation in this reappraisal. We have tried to make appointments with everyone, who called, but sometimes it has not been possible. In the spring every property owner will receive a booklet containing a list of all the parcels in Groton. It will have parcel ID., the owner's name, the 911 address of the parcel, brief description, the 2009 value, the 2010 value and the procedure for making a grievance. There will be an informal grievance time, for anyone who has any questions.

In the budget for the listers in 2010, we are budgeting an additional \$10,000.00 into Reappraisal Reserve. We are hoping to do this every year so that when the time comes to have another appraisal we will have moneys available. We are also looking into having an appraiser come in at the end of each year and audit the changes made to the Grand List during that tax year. This will facilitate a check on the Grand List so that it stays current and fair to all.

Our office is open Monday and Friday from 9:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. Don't hesitate to call or come in and see us if you have any questions. The phone number is 584-3155. We will do our best to answer any questions you might have. If we don't know the answer we will find the answer.

Groton Board of Listers: Caroline Diggins, Lisa Lord, Cheryl Boucher

## GROTON PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The members of the Groton Planning Commission achieved their primary goal of completing the Town Plan this past year. The Town Plan helps define our community by describing and outlining the general direction of our future development. Its primary purpose is to encourage appropriate development of land in a manner that will promote public health, safety, prosperity, efficiency, economy and general welfare of the town's citizens. A copy of the document is available from the Town Office or on the town's website, [www.GrotonVT.com](http://www.GrotonVT.com).

The Town Plan was presented and approved on the following dates:

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| 6 May 2009       | A public hearing was held to receive comments on the draft Town Plan. All comments were reviewed and discussed at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission. |
| 21 May 2009      | The selectboard held their public hearing on the revised Town Plan and received further comments.  |
| 6 August 2009    | The Town Plan was adopted by the Selectboard.  |
| 3 September 2009 | The Town Plan was approved by Northeastern Vermont Development Association, our Regional Planning Commission, at their annual meeting.   |

The Planning Commission also sent out a survey to everyone on the grand list to solicit input on the town's water and wastewater infrastructure. The results indicated that there is interest in studying possible long-term solutions to both the Village's and Lakes Region's disposal of sewage and ensuring a clean water supply. In order to determine what issues face the town, the Planning Commission will work over the next year with an engineering firm to answer questions related to this topic. Funding for this study will be provided through the State of Vermont's Department of Environmental Conservation.

Finally, the Planning Commission will start a review of the current zoning bylaws and make necessary and appropriate changes. Any modifications will be presented in a public hearing and voted upon before adoption.

We always welcome comments and participation from anyone interested in the planning process. Meetings are held at the Town Office once or twice a month, as posted. Please consider becoming a member of the Planning Commission.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Simakaski, Co-Chair  
Aaron Smith, Co-Chair

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

I respectfully submit my second report to members of the three communities.

The children in our three small towns are our future; and without them, we have none. Preparing them for the challenges of a 21<sup>st</sup> century world and arming them with a full complement of skills for success represent our greatest challenges- today and tomorrow!

Schools are no different than any other organizations that cannot stop the world from changing and must learn to adapt. The enlightened ones change before they have to; the lucky ones manage to scramble and adjust when push comes to shove; the rest become history. In my opinion, we are fortunate as a school institution that we have the foresight to stay ahead of the curve. Our professional learning community IS an enlightened one! Our staff is the best!

Blue Mountain Union School is a special place. I have been very impressed by the commitment on the part of our educators to “raise the bar” for every child in our school. The three towns have always summoned the collective will to provide the necessary resources to move *every* child toward high levels of achievement.

However, we are at a crossroads in the journey, and will and commitment alone are not enough. Although there appear to be signs that the economy is on the rebound, there is still a great deal of uncertainty and apprehension as to what the future holds in store. There are other concerns as well as we look forward. Among these I would include the fact that human capital is becoming scarcer as a precious commodity. How will we address the soon-to-be shrinking educational work force? How will we attract new teachers and other key players to the profession and keep them? Making the commitment to hire the best qualified personnel to work in our classrooms should be our top priority. Today's professional teaching force should have the resources as well as an access to continuing professional development opportunities to keep them on the cutting edge.

We can be successful in these endeavors if ALL stakeholders agree to work together collaboratively and in true partnerships to maintain the highest quality educational product that the traffic will bear.

In my first annual report I made reference to *kaizen*. From the Japanese, it refers to the daily pursuit of excellence and the notion of continuous improvement. I firmly believe that this is our challenge as well as our shared responsibility.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard M. Pike



## BMU PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is an honor to write this report for the residents of Groton, Ryegate, and Wells River. As the new principal of Blue Mountain Union School I would like to thank everyone who has helped make the administrative transition a successful one. While I have only been on the job for six months, I can already tell that BMU has a deep tradition of quality education provided by supportive communities. These two ingredients make for an excellent learning experience for our youth.

Every organization must have goals in order to effectively move forward. Blue Mountain Union School is no different, so in December of 2008 the School Board adopted the School Improvement Plan. This plan designates selected areas for improvement as well as strategies to meet desired outcomes. I would like to share with you these selected areas so you might have a better understanding of our primary goals. These goals are not in any particular order and are valued equally.

1. Continue to improve essential dimensions of school climate.
2. Ensure that social-emotional skills necessary for success are taught and reinforced.
3. Continue to improve academic skills.
4. Teach students to be able to function in a global economy.
5. Improve student writing skills.
6. Help prepare our students who are choosing to exit high school directly into the work world.
7. Address the nutrition, healthy practices, and exercises of both students and staff.
8. Ensure that all staff actively provides strategic supervision of students.

These eight points represent what we strive to do each day at Blue Mountain Union School. The teachers and staff meet frequently to discuss programming and student issues so that we can provide the best possible education for every student. Because of our size, the teachers know the students and are able to meet their needs or find avenues to do so.

We should be proud of our students and the hard work they accomplish each day. Whether it is in the classroom, on the field, or on the stage, BMU students represent their communities with pride and distinction. I would hope that the residents of these communities will take the time to see the depth of talent and leadership within the student body. One of the benefits of the PreK-12 school model is the ability to have our older students be role models and mentors for our younger students. These relationships are essential for the success of BMU.

I look forward to serving you and the students of Blue Mountain in the years to come. As communities, you trust that BMU will educate the children so they will be successful in life. I will honor that trust by doing all I can to make sure the students receive a quality education. Your support makes all of this possible and for that I thank you.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Rayburn, Principal



## CEMETERY REPORT

The Groton/Peacham cemetery on the Great Road was the focus of work this year. Tom Gandin straightened stones and brush was removed. Brush was also cut in the Old Cemetery also.

Thanks to Jim Winget the cemeteries looked great all season.

Some trees were cut and removed from the new cemetery land. It was also bush hogged as close to the edges as possible for the first time as well as being mowed in the main area.

The Commissioners attended a workshop on the design and implementation of new cemeteries, which was extremely useful. We will continue to move forward with the new cemetery land each year.

Linda Nunn designed and implemented an upgrade in our method of keeping a more detailed record of the location of each plot sold in any given lot. This has been a challenge for many years.

Prices for lots were not changed this year, however, we did find it necessary to charge a fee for setting cornerstones.

Deborah Jurist  
Tom Gandin  
Aaron Smith

## 2009 GROTON CEMETERY RULES

**TRAFFIC REGULATION** In order to protect the roadways and monuments, all Groton Cemeteries will be closed to vehicular traffic from Nov. 1 to May 1, unless otherwise authorized by the Cemetery Commissioners.

**FLOWERS AND FLAGS** All flowers, natural and artificial, must be removed from the cemeteries by Oct. 1. The flags will remain on the graves until Veteran's Day in November. Any flowers, plants and flags left in the cemetery may be removed by the maintenance workers.

**FOOTINGS** In order to facilitate mowing, all the monuments will be set on a cement foundation with footings which extend four inches outward from the monument.

**PLANTINGS** Plantings should be of the low maintenance type that will not grow to a size which will impinge on the surrounding lots. They must be clearly marked in order to protect them. They must be planted between the monuments and not in front or behind the headstones. Please understand that it is extremely difficult to be aware of all the plantings in cemeteries as large as the ones Groton has. The town cannot be held responsible for plantings set in front or behind monuments as these areas are maintained with a lawn mower. However, the spaces between the monuments are maintained with string trimmers. It is much easier to spot and avoid a planting in these areas than in front and behind the headstones.

**BURIALS** The cemetery will be closed for burials from the first snowfall until the ground is fully thawed in the spring, unless specifically authorized by the Cemetery Commission.

Burial vaults will be of concrete.

## **PURCHASING LOTS IN A GROTON CEMETERY**

Lots are for sale containing as few as 1 burial plot and up to 12 plots. Lots sold at resident prices will have the resident's name only listed as owner on the deed. Non residents cannot be listed as co owners on lots purchased at residential prices. The initial of the owner's last name will be engraved on the cornerstones. There is a price list available through the town clerk. Cremation urns can be buried in any plot.

## **SPECIFYING THE INDIVIDUALS TO BE BURIED IN A LOT**

At the time of purchase the deed holder can fill out a form which will specify the individuals who can be buried on a specific lot. This document can be notarized and filed with the deed for the current recording fee.

Should a deed holder wish to specify who may be buried on their lot, this form can also be filled out, notarized and filed with the deed for the recording fee.

Should a deed holder wish to sell a lot or portion of a lot, they must first sell it back to the town at the same price that it was originally purchased for. Then the town will sell the lot to the new owner based on current pricing. Cornerstones for this new lot may not be required if the Commissioners approve. Please be aware that the only way to securely guarantee who shall be buried on any given lot is for that person to own it. In cases where there might be a family dispute we suggest that the parties take all steps possible to make clear who shall be allowed to use a lot.

## **CREMATION BURIALS**

The interment of cremation urns will no longer be restricted to special cremation plots. Urns can be buried on gravesites already inhabited or on sites which have been purchased but not used. In order to do this the Sexton must be informed and arrangements made so that the exact location of the urn can be arranged and the plot can be officially prepared. The only added cost will be for digging the interment hole.

All Groton Cemetery guidelines for placement of markers and cornerstones will apply to plots being used for cremation internments

If you are interested in purchasing a lot in the Groton cemetery, please contact the Town Clerk or Tom Gandin at Gandin Brothers in South Ryegate

CEMETERY LOT PRICES 3/1/2009

SIZE	# of traditional burial sites	# of cremation sites	LOT PRICE	PERPETUAL CARE	FEES	SETTING OF CORNER STONES	TOTAL FOR RESIDENTS	TOTAL FOR NON RESIDENT
12'X4'	1	4	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$116.00	\$50.00	\$466.00	\$1,864.00
12x8	2	6	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$116.00	\$50.00	\$516.00	\$2,064.00
12x12	3	8	\$225.00	\$300.00	\$116.00	\$50.00	\$691.00	\$2,764.00
12x16	4	10	\$300.00	\$400.00	\$116.00	\$50.00	\$866.00	\$3,464.00
12x20	5	12	\$375.00	\$500.00	\$116.00	\$50.00	\$1,041.00	\$4,164.00
12x24	6	14	\$450.00	\$600.00	\$116.00	\$50.00	\$1,216.00	\$4,864.00
12x28	7	16	\$525.00	\$700.00	\$116.00	\$50.00	\$1,391.00	\$5,564.00
12x32	8	18	\$600.00	\$800.00	\$116.00	\$50.00	\$1,566.00	\$6,264.00
12x36	9	20	\$675.00	\$900.00	\$116.00	\$50.00	\$1,741.00	\$6,964.00
12x40	10	22	\$750.00	\$1,000.00	\$116.00	\$50.00	\$1,916.00	\$7,664.00
12x44	11	24	\$825.00	\$1,100.00	\$116.00	\$50.00	\$2,091.00	\$8,364.00
24x24	12	26	\$900.00	\$1,200.00	\$116.00	\$50.00	\$2,266.00	\$9,064.00

FEE EXPLANATION: RECORDING COST \$16.00 CORNER POST: \$100.00

Any lot purchased requires a 50% deposit at the time of purchase. Balance must be paid for within 6 months or the remaining lots will be forfeited.

1<sup>ST</sup> CONSTABLE & ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

No bank robberies this year. The Merchants Bank closed this past July and the building is for sale.

Since the 2<sup>nd</sup> Constable has been using the radar in our police cruiser, the radar cart was not used this past year. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Constable and I are still attending the police academy for training. We also went to Barre to a VLTC training this fall which involved an all day session with lunch.

Josephine Guertin is still the animal control person and is doing a good job of picking up animals and transporting them to her kennel in Danville. A total of 307 dogs were licensed by the town clerk this year.

The following incidents were reported to me this past year:

Vehicle serial numbers	25
Dog & Cat complaints	10
Speeding complaints	15
ATV complaints	4
State Police assistance	5
Vandalism	3
Fish & Game complaints	2
Stump dump complaints	2
Bad checks	2
Traffic accidents	2
Traffic control	3

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Illegal parking	2
Medical emergency	2
Snowmobile complaints	5
Loss cow complaints	4
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>86</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Milton F. Lamberton  
1<sup>st</sup> Constable

## 2<sup>ND</sup> CONSTABLE REPORT

During 2009, I provided the following law enforcement services as Groton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Constable:

	Hours
Patrol	203.75
Court	8.5
Training	47.5
Animal Complaints	11.0
Donated	17.0
Miscellaneous	10.5
Traffic Control	<u>7.0</u>
TOTAL	305.25

During patrol work, I issued 59 speeding tickets, 181 written warnings and numerous verbal warnings. I also did 26 VIN checks.

Thanks to all for continued encouragement and support. I welcome any comments and suggestions for improving my service to the residents of the Town of Groton.

Respectfully submitted,  
James A. Downing  
2<sup>nd</sup> Constable

## GROTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

2009 was another growth year for the library. We had more programs, received a very nice grant for children's books, added services and continued meetings of the craft and book discussion groups.

**Statistics:** ours show an increasing rate of use, which is very encouraging.

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Adults	2569	2576	2958
Children	759	654	619
Computer Users	985	974	1050
<u>Circulation</u>			
Books for Adults	1242	1124	13622
Books for Children	1157	1145	1364
Audio Books	83	150	140
Videos	252	297	287
ILL – to us	398	402	386
ILL – sent out	43	40	67

## **Libri Foundation**

We received a grant from the Libri Foundation for children's books. The Friends of Groton Library provided the matching funds of \$200. We then received \$600 worth of books. They are a wonderful addition to the collection.

## **Summer Programs**

The state-wide summer theme was "Be Creative". We organized our programs around that theme – classes in origami (thanks to Deb Orelup) and knitting (thanks to Laurine Grant, Joan Haskell, Emily Manchester and Martha Montague), balloon animals (thanks to Daniel Jolley) and film making (thanks Liam Genereaux for showing *Vermont Jones*). Summer Encore Theater from Rutland High School performed their version of *Alice in Wonderland*. We ended the season with a celebration of the new books from the Libri Foundation and ice cream from Artesano, our new neighbor.

## **Programs**

Arne and Nancy Aho presented a travelogue of their trip to Egypt. It was a fascinating discussion of history and culture, with excellent slides. BMU School Board Member Hank Eaton led a discussion of the book *A Whole New Mind: Why Right-Brainers Will Rule the Future*. The Library participated in the Vermont Reads program this year. The book was *When the Emperor was Divine* by Julie Otsuko. As part of the activities surrounding the book, Deb Orelup gave a workshop on origami. A very popular program was given by Dr. Harry Rowe and Terry Hoffer. Mr. Hoffer read from the book they co-wrote, *The Grass Grew Greener*, and Dr. Rowe answered questions and told more stories.

## **Crafts Group**

Wednesday afternoons from 1 – 3 pm, *Crafts and Conversation*, the knitting/craft/needlework group, meets at the library. It is always an interesting meeting. The group worked on prayer shawls and mittens and dish cloths and individual projects over the course of the year. Learners as well as experienced needle workers are welcome.

## **Book Discussion**

The book discussion group continues to meet regularly. We met on the fourth Monday of the month at 7 pm. We always welcome new people. Call the library for a list of upcoming books.

## **Friends**

The Friends of Groton Library contributed a sum for a matching grant from the Libri Foundation, which enabled the librarian to purchase a number of children's books. We continue to manage book sales during the year. We have an ongoing sale of books in the upstairs community room during library hours. We appreciate the support of the community in attending sales and in donating books to the cause. The funds raised are used for purchases outside the general operating expenses. All our volunteers are Friends! Covering books, manning the desk when needed, working on fundraisers, maintaining the facility, are some of the services performed by our volunteers. We welcome everyone to stop in and become part of our wonderful community library.

## **Downloadable audio books**

The library joined the Green Mountain Library Consortium, which enables our patrons to download audio books for free. They can be put on a computer, iPod or MP3 player. Details about the process are available at the library.

## **2010 Plans**

Upcoming in 2010 – book discussions, craft meetings, and programs for both adults and children. We offer the latest in popular books, downloadable audio books, magazines and the local newspapers. Our summer theme this year is "Make a Splash – Read!" We have a growing collection of large print books, thanks to the Ida Dennis Memorial funds. There's always something going on – so please come visit your public library!

Thank you for all of your support.  
Marjorie Shane, Librarian

Trustees: Nancy Spencer (Chair), Nancy Aho, Judith Chandler, Toni Dyer, Susan Gordon, Diane Kreis,  
Mary McLeod, Deb Orelup and Altoon Sultan

Library Hours: Monday 2:30-7:00; Wednesday 10:00-4:00; Friday 2:30-7:00 and  
Saturday 10:00-Noon

Address: 1304 Scott Highway

Telephone: 584-3358

E-mail: [groton\\_free@vals.state.vt.us](mailto:groton_free@vals.state.vt.us)



Dispatch Services will be provided by Grafton County Sheriff's Department as of January 1, 2010. A formal contract is in the process of being finalized.

In the scheme of things, the Groton Volunteer Fire Department is not the busiest in the area but we still need people to join our ranks and fill the boots of a Volunteer Firefighter. If running into burning buildings and being on the front line is not your cup of tea but you would still like to lend a hand that is fine, too. There is a position to be filled on the Groton Volunteer Fire Department whether it is helping with training or washing a fire truck, there are front line and support positions which need dedicated people to fill. If you think you would like to help and join this worldwide brother/sister hood then call the Fire Chief at 584-3243 or stop by the station next to the town hall on the first Tuesday of the month. We will get you an application or answer any questions you have.

Respectfully submitted,  
Fire Chief Wayne C. Knott

## GROTON - RYEGATE F.A.S.T. SQUAD

This year has been a busy one for the FAST. We have responded to more than 100 medical emergencies in the communities of Groton and Ryegate as well as numerous stand-bys at fire scenes. We continue to provide an all truly volunteer agency with no compensation at a Paramedic level. This provides the community members with the highest level of care available in the state. We currently have 13 members: 5 First Responders, 4 EMT-Basics, 0 EMT-Intermediates, 4 EMT-Paramedics. We have one first responder the moved up to gain EMT-Basic certification and one EMT-Basic that is in training to become an EMT-Intermediate. Woodsville Ambulance continues to provide our communities with outstanding transport services to area Hospitals. We are looking for people that are willing to volunteer their time, if you are interested please contact a FAST member for more information.

Respectfully,  
Jon R. Bouffard, NREMT-P, CCEMT-P, FP-C  
Chief, Emergency Medical Services  
802-757-3802

## GROTON FOREST FIRE WARDEN REPORT

Another year has gone by and not too much excitement this year due in part with a lot of rain that we received this summer. There didn't seem to be many permits given out this year.

The requirements to obtain a burn permit are as follows: you need to obtain a burn permit by calling the forest fire warden within 12-24 hours of burning grass or brush. The only time that you are not required to get a burn permit is when there is significant amount of snow in the area in which you are burning. This also depends on the time of the year such as early fall and late spring when we may have early snow storms. It is always best to contact me with any questions or doubts in burning. When there is a ban on burning it will be announced on WYKR and on the Groton website.

I must also remind people that in order to burn woodpiles such as debris from buildings, other than brush, you must obtain a different permit from the Environmental Air Pollution Office. Their address and phone number is as follows: Air Pollution Control Division, Department of Environmental Conservation, Building 3 South Main Street, Waterbury, VT 05671-0402, Telephone # (802) 241-3840.



If you want a permit during the week, you need to contact me the night before so you can get your permit. This has been one of the problems that I have had this year because I do work during the day from Monday thru Friday. You can contact me during the week after 5 PM at 584-3628. The Assistant Fire Warden is Nathan Donley and his phone number is 584-4393.

Due to the large area of Groton, which is covered by forest, it is difficult to survey the area from time to time and because of that, there have been a lot of illegal burns which go unnoticed which could be a potential hazard to others and their homes if the fire warden is not aware of them. If caught without a permit, you could be issued a fine plus cost of equipment and personnel that come to the scene.

There is also a growing issue on trash burning. There is a state law now, which has been in effect since 2005 making it illegal in the State of Vermont to burn trash. If you are caught, you could receive a fine up to \$500. This could be issued by a designated person whom the selectboard could choose since its not in my jurisdiction to issue fines against trash burning. So if you have any questions, pertaining to this subject, call your selectboard members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wade Johnson, Sr., Forest Fire Warden  
Nathan Donley, Assistant Forest Fire Warden

### GROTON COMMUNITY CLUB

The Groton Community Club is open to all Groton residents and there are no dues. We meet twice a year on the first Tuesday of May and the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of October at 7 PM in the library meeting room. Officers are Deane Page, president; Milt Lamberton, vice president; Joan Haskell, treasurer; and Diane Kreis, secretary.

Our main project is Fall Foliage Day. The proceeds from our famous Chicken Pie Supper go towards senior scholarships to all Groton students who go on for additional training after high school. We help the town in sponsoring the summer swim program and assist financially with the library summer reading program. We also purchase and plant the flowers in the barrels around the village.

To continue to make this work, we need everyone's help. Please volunteer if you can. It takes a lot of workers to keep our excellent reputation for the best chicken pie supper anywhere. Under Peter Lyons' direction we have stepped up the advertising aspect of our Fall Foliage Day with signs on each side of town that can be used every year in addition to more coverage in the newspapers. The parade this year was bigger than ever. Due to the support of the Groton residents we once again lived up to our fine reputation. Groton residents can be really proud of what our village has been able to accomplish.

Diane Kreis, Secretary

## COMMUNITY CLUB REPORT

Checkbook balance as of Jan 1, 2009 \$ 6,341.09

Income:

Interest	14.28
Donation for table & chairs	115.00
Donation – Banner – decorations	300.00
Box rent refund	21.00
Supper tickets	7,850.00

Total Income	\$ 8,300.28
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Expenses:

Postmaster (Box Rent)	42.00
Stamps – envelopes	52.51
Check order	9.94
Rustic Hut – flowers	222.00
Library	500.00
Scholarships	600.00
Swim Program	600.00
McLures Band	300.00
Music-Jon Brillhard & Fam.	150.00
Calkins	300.00
NEK Fall Foliage festival 2010	50.00
BMU youth cheerleaders (tickets sold)	155.00
Table Paper	147.00
Parade Prizes	150.00
Banners – decorations	300.00
Supper expenses	3,074.04

Total Expenses	\$ 6,652.49
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Balance in Checkbook as of 12/31/09 \$ 7,988.88

### Chicken Pie Supper – October 3, 2009

Tickets Sold	\$7,850.00	
	- 155.00	(31 tickets-\$5.00 each toward/ BMU cheerleaders uniforms)
	\$7,695.00	

Expenses:

Macauleys	1,412.71
Four Corners	454.00
Upper Valley Grill	680.43
Silverware	32.97
Shaws – Rolls	244.25
Gas for stoves	31.68
Pete's Rubbish	218.00
Total	3,074.04

Profit on Supper \$4,620.96

## GROTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Groton Historical Society meetings are open to everyone and are held at 10 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month, May thru October. All meetings are held at the Peter Paul Historical House. If you wish to become a member of the society, the dues are \$10 per person or \$15 a couple. The recent dues increase was necessary to help with the expense of mailing the quarterly newsletter. Current officers are Richard Brooks, president; Deane Page, vice president; Joan Haskell, treasurer; and Josephine French, secretary.

There will no longer be open house during the months of July and August on Sunday afternoons. Instead we will continue to be open by appointment from May thru October. We are open all day on the first Saturday of October for Fall Foliage Day. Appointments to visit the house may be made by calling Richard Brooks.

Come join us at our meetings. We continue to try to maintain the historical house, genealogical records and any new projects that we take on. This year we did our best identifying old photos donated to the Historical Society and scanning them for posting on the Groton web site under the Historical Society heading. This coming year we are working on digitizing "Mr. Glover's Groton" and posting it on a web site.

Diane Kreis, Secretary Pro-tem

## BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Building Committee has remained on hold during 2009 as we await final action on the Cilley property, which is adjacent to the Community Building on the west side. During the past year, Dave Spencer, acting as a Select Board member, has been dealing with issues regarding the property and the viability of the property for use in the overall Community Building addition.

The primary area of concern at this time is the historic significance of the building. Along with many other buildings in town, the Cilley House is designated a historic building by the state Department of Historic Preservation. Consequently if the town demolishes it in order to build, it would not be eligible for federal and state grants unless prior approval has been obtained. There have been several letters exchanged between Dave and the State Historic Preservation Office in this regard. At the recommendation of the State Historic Preservation Office the Town hired Black River Design to determine if and how the Cilley House could be incorporated into the design for the addition to the Community Building. The Committee reviewed the options and decided that the cost would exceed any grant funds obtained and function would be sacrificed.

In November, the Committee recommended to the Selectboard that the town proceed with negotiations to purchase the Cilley property. The Selectboard agreed and has made an offer on the Cilley Property, contingent upon a town meeting approval for funding the purchase. We are still negotiating with the State Historic Preservation Office and hope to obtain

approval for the demolition of the house, however the town may have to proceed without that approval.

Once the status of the Cilley property is settled, the Building Committee will be able to move forward rather quickly to the point where the Community Building addition portion of the overall project can be brought before the voters for a bond vote.

Building Committee Members: Warren Tripp, Chair  
 Deane Page  
 Aaron Smith  
 Arnie Aho

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

“Fall Foliage Foot Race” – 14 people ran the race that began this year across from the Upper Valley Grill and continued up the Cross VT Trail. Six were from the BMU cross country team while the other eight that ran the 5k or 10k routes were from Groton.

About 50 children of all ages attended the “Halloween Party” and all had a good time.

New this year to the “Music in the Park” series was an evening of rock music played by two local groups. More than 50 young people attended that event. McLure’s Alumni Band played one evening for the older crowd. Three other local groups and classically trained Quintet Tabor from Brooklyn, NY played the other evenings.

The basketball court at Veterans Memorial Park was resurfaced.

More families and children attended the Town picnic this year over last year.

Committee members have also helped with reinstalling an ice skating rink at BMU.

--Paul Berlejung

### 2009 RECREATION FUND Merchants Bank Money Market account

**Ending balance 12/31/2008.....3,370.54**

**Receipts**

Donations & receipts from events .....	284.00
Grant received for Music in the Park.....	1,000.00
Appropriation from Town General Fund.....	500.00
Interest earned .....	25.15
	5,179.69

**Disbursements**

Music in the Park musicians & ads .....	1,455.00
Corn stalks .....	75.00
Park supplies.....	86.54
	1,616.54

**Ending balance 12/31/2009.....3,563.15**

## Buckaroos of 302 Snowmobile Club

The Buckaroos of 302 Snowmobile Club was organized in the mid 1970's as an official member of the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers better known as VAST. Buckaroos of 302 trail system reaches into the towns of Groton, Ryegate, Topsham and Peacham. There are 60 miles of VAST trails. The trail system relies on the generosity of all the private landowners that allow Buckaroos of 302 to build and maintain a 10 foot wide trail on their land. Several miles of trail are also on State land. Buckaroos of 302 Snowmobile Club have a good relationship with the State Foresters. A few of the original organizers were Buzzy & Betty Eastman, Gordie Page, Newtie Darling, Gordon Stevens and others. Today the Officer's are President Milton Lamberton, Vice President Matt Puffer, Treasurer Gary Lamberton, Secretary Rick Ames, Membership Chairperson Rita Ames, Trail Master Mike Davidson, Assistant Trailmaster Buzzy Eastman, County Delegate Buzzy Eastman, Club news and Trail Reporter Betty Eastman, Private Grooming Contractor Buzzy Eastman. The Club meets about 8 times a year. There is an average of 550 members that join each year. We have several members that form the volunteer trail committee. The Trail Committee has the responsibility to put up trail directional signs and special trail condition signs. It is part of the volunteer trail committee duties to keep a close eye on trail needs, such as cutting brush, removal of downed trees.

The Club has a web site [www.buckaroosof302.com](http://www.buckaroosof302.com) this web site has a lot of information and provides an informational service to our members. There is a Product Catalogue that sells our memberships, Club clothing and caps. There is a daily trail conditions report in the winter for snowmobilers to get up to date grooming reports. We have two web cameras that show live images. Betty's cam is located on Buzzy & Betty Eastman's porch with a view of snowmobile trail rt. 302 in West Groton. Bill's Cam is located at the Upper Valley Grill & General Store with a view of the coming and goings in the parking lot.

Buzzy Eastman signs a grooming contract with VAST each year to groom the Buckaroos trail system at least twice a week. Buzzy owns his grooming equipment which consists of a converted New Holland Tractor on lags with a 10 foot wide drag with six cutting blades. The length of the equipment is 45 feet.

Since 1977 there has been the Dick Page Ride-in and Chicken BBQ. This event was originally hosted at Dick Page's camp on Heath Brook Road in West Groton. This was first organized by Gerald "Sonny" Pierce and friends of Dick Page. This event has grown, for a time and is hosted by the Groton Fire Dept., and in later years by the Buckaroos of 302. The Ride-in and Chicken BBQ is held on the 2nd Saturday in February and dinner served in the Groton Garage.

The Buckaroos of 302 are very proud to be an active club that offers a service and place for Vermonters and outsiders to visit and see our beautiful views.

## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

In 2009 the Zoning Department received 33 applications for permits, of these the Zoning Administrator approved 30 and the Zoning Board of Adjustment approved 3 with variances. The total approximate cost of the thirty-three permits is five hundred thirty-seven thousand two hundred sixty-seven dollars (\$537,267.00) to construct. Of these, there were three (3) home replacements; seven (7) new homes; fourteen (14) new sheds/garages/decks; and nine (9) additions to their existing homes.

This year the Groton By-laws are in the process of being revised. There will be some planned changes and the Zoning Administrator would love to hear your voice in this process. Please feel free to call, e-mail or write to the Zoning Administrator at anytime. Thank you for any and all input.

Cheryl Boucher  
1476 Scott Highway  
Groton, VT. 05046

e-mail: [grotonzoning@fairpoint.net](mailto:grotonzoning@fairpoint.net)  
phone: (802) 584-3015

## GROTON TREE WARDEN REPORT

With the cooperation between Road Commissioner, Brent Smith and Tree Warden, Harry Chandler, 2009 has been a productive and low cost year concerning trees in the Town of Groton. Brent and I have agreed on which tree could be removed without the others presence however we have usually conversed if there was any question about the removal. This expedited many decisions and reduced time and money. I anticipate and hope this relationship will continue.

There have been some questions concerning removal of trees from citizens of Groton that should be explained because there are three major areas of a tree warden's responsibilities.

1. To remove trees that cannot be saved.
2. To salvage those that can be saved.
3. To implement a tree preservation program for the town.

The removal of diseased trees is a major part of the tree warden's responsibility to the town. 24 V.S.A. 2502. The slow but inexorable destruction of our elms by Dutch Elm disease is an example of the significance of a program to remove dead and dying trees, as it is only through removal and burning of the wood that this disease can be eradicated.

Trees, not necessarily diseased, may pose a significant hazard. Old or damaged trees threaten homes, utility lines and the traveling public. It is not always necessary to totally remove such trees and heavy pruning will allow a tree to continue to exist after top-heavy limbs or dangling branches have been removed.

Though removal of a tree may often appear to be the only remedy to save other trees in the area, whether on public or private land, people who live within that area may take exception to the tree warden's exercise of his or her authority. Thus a public shade tree in a residential area may not be removed without a public hearing, except where the tree warden finds it to be infested, infected, or a hazard to public safety. Practically and politically speaking, a tree warden should hold a public hearing before removing any tree whose disappearance might prove controversial. The warden's decision to remove a tree is final unless he or she, or another interested party, requests that the selectboard make the final decision 24 V.S.A. 2509.

My duties also include beautifying Groton with new tree plantings and I have been working on the possibility of replanting along 302 in the village with the cooperation of the property owners. Memorial Park's trees have been and are being revitalized with the cooperation of the Recreation Committee.

Harry Chandler  
Tree Warden

## 2009 VITAL STATISTICS

### BIRTHS

DATE	SEX	NAME OF CHILD	PARENTS	PLACE OF BIRTH
Feb. 13, 2009	M	Brody Michael Scott	Danielle Carole Scott Michael Rodney Scott	St. Johnsbury, VT
April 2, 2009	M	Rowan James Gammell	Yvonne McCowan Gammell Jamie Alan Gammell	Berlin, VT
May 31, 2009	F	Amelia Rocker Smith	Alissa Ann Smith Aaron Jackson Smith	St. Johnsbury, VT
July 11, 2009	F	Kortney Lynne Darling	Sonja Jane Darling Christopher Michael Darling	Woodsville, NH
Aug. 7, 2009	F	Lilla Marie Perkins	Amanda Marie Perkins Anthony Douglas Perkins	Burlington, VT

### DEATHS

DATE	AGE	NAME	RESIDENCE	PLACE OF DEATH
Jan. 26, 2009	63 yrs	Jack Martin Neary	Groton	Groton, VT
Feb. 24, 2009	84 yrs	Evelyn May McLeod	Groton	Lyndon, VT
May 1, 2009	52 yrs	Barry Michael Sullivan	Groton	Groton, VT
May 4, 2009	76 yrs	Newell Lee Frost	Groton	North Haverhill, NH
May 7, 2009	76 yrs	Joseph Arthur Davis	Groton	North Haverhill, NH
July 26, 2009	84 yrs	Charles Walter Collier	Bradford	Groton, VT
Aug. 30, 2009	75 yrs	Roland Perry Haskins	Groton	Groton, VT
Oct. 26, 2009	82 yrs	Vernon Casper Carle, Jr.	Groton	Groton, VT
Dec. 29, 2009	67 yrs	Barbara Ellen Dinkel	Groton	Groton, VT
Dec. 30, 2009	97 yrs	Agnes Helen Hatch	Groton	St. Johnsbury, VT

**MARRIAGES**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME OF PARTIES</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>	<b>PLACE OF MARRIAGE</b>
May 16, 2009	David John Gilding Jennifer Sue Ricker	Groton, VT Groton, VT	Groton, VT
June 14, 2009	James E Lakin, Sr. Elizabeth Mary Butler	Groton, VT Groton, VT	Groton, VT
June 27, 2009	Erich Douglas Crum Kathleen Joan Donovan	Groton, VT Groton, VT	Groton, VT
June 29, 2009	Binyamin Chaim Appelbaum Kytja Elizabeth Weir	Washington, DC Washington, DC	Groton, VT
July 19, 2009	Ryan Scott Cloutier Lisbeth Brooke Kimball	Dalton, NH Monroe, NH	Groton, VT
Aug. 8, 2009	Nathaniel Jurist Gleicher Brittan Kathleen Heller	Groton, VT Upland, CA	Groton, VT
Aug. 15, 2009	Benjamin Antonio Gandin Samantha Ann Kaiser	Groton, VT Groton, VT	Wells River, VT
Sept. 5, 2009	Joshua David Cropp Nicole Dawn Crum	Berlin, VT Groton, VT	Groton, VT
Sept. 9, 2009	Tristan Thorp Vaughan Nancy Lynn Hamlett	Groton, VT Groton, VT	Groton, VT
Sept. 19, 2009	Craig Heath Tellier Meagan Nicole Thurstan	Groton, VT Groton, VT	Bradford, VT
Dec. 31, 2009	Leslie Eric Edwards Bonnie Lee Long	Groton, VT Groton, VT	Ryegate, VT

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

**NOTARY PUBLICS**

Roberta Dana.....	584-3756
Patricia Bouley.....	584-3792
Linda Nunn.....	584-3881
Gene Jolley.....	584-4695

**MEETING OF TOWN OFFICIALS**

The Board of Selectmen meets the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Office for their regular business. They sign orders every Thursday and hold special meetings at this time if needed. (In the winter, the selectmen meet at 5:30 p.m.)

The following meet on posted notice: The Board of Adjustment, The Board of Civil Authority, Auditors, Listers and the Planning Commission. (The Planning Commission is meeting every Monday night at 7:00 p.m. until the Town Plan is completed.)

**AVAILABLE AT TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Application for voter registration.  
Applications for building permits and copies of zoning ordinances.  
Dog and Cat license.



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Green Mountain Passports for free admissions to State sponsored events for residents 62 years old or older with a \$2.00 charge.

Motor vehicle registration forms.

Safety zone signs.

Vermont State Income Tax forms.

**The Clerk does motor vehicle, motor boat & snowmobile registration renewals.**

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**TOWN MEETING:** Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 10 a.m. in the Community Building. Solid Waste vote will be by Australian ballot from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.

**USD #21 SCHOOL ANNUAL MEETING:** Monday, March 1, 2010 at Blue Mountain Union School, Wells River, VT at 7:00 pm in the library. Australian ballot vote will take place the next day, March 2 at Town Meeting from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm in each of the Towns of Wells River, Ryegate and Groton.

**GROTON FALL FOLIAGE FESTIVAL:** Saturday, October 2, 2010

## **PHONE NUMBERS**

EMERGENCY	911
F.A.S.T. SQUAD	584-3202 OR 911
FIRE DEPARTMENT	584-3202 OR 911
CONSTABLES	584-3818 OR 584-3211
VERMONT STATE POLICE	222-4680 OR 1-802-748-3111
GROTON TOWN CLERK	584-3276 VOICE/FAX
GROTON TREASURER/TAXCOLLECTOR	584-3131
GROTON LISTERS	584-3155
GROTON TOWN GARAGE	584-3209
GROTON FIRE WARDEN	584-3628
GROTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY	584-3385
STATE REP. CHIP CONQUEST	757-3803
STATE SENATOR: GEORGE COPPENRATH	1-800-322-5616
STATE SENATOR: JANE KITCHEL	1-800-322-5616
BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL	757-2711 OR 757-2712
GOVERNOR'S ACTION LINE	1-800-649-6825
SERGEANT AT ARMS	1-800-322-5616
VERMONT SOCIAL WELFARE	1-800-287-0589
U.S. SENATOR PATRICK LEAHY	1-800-642-3193
U.S. SENATOR BERNARD SANDERS	1-800-339-9834
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE PETER WELCH	1-888-605-7270
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION	1-800-322-9401
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	1-800-424-1040
VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION	1-800-827-1000

## **TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 am to 12:30 pm & 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Wednesday & Friday 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

## **GROTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS**

Monday & Friday 2:30 pm – 7:00 pm; Wednesday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm; Friday 2:30 – 7:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Telephone: 584-3358

## **RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION**

“RCT” will provide transportation for Senior Citizens to area meal sites, as well as Medicaid recipients to any medical appointment. “RCT” requires 2 working days notice for any transportation. For any information call Rural Community Transportation at **748-8170**.

## **E-MAIL ADDRESSES**

Town Clerk

[grotonclerk@fairpoint.net](mailto:grotonclerk@fairpoint.net)

Town Treasurer

[grotontreas@fairpoint.net](mailto:grotontreas@fairpoint.net)

Groton Highway Department      [grotonhighway@fairpoint.net](mailto:grotonhighway@fairpoint.net)  
Groton Free Public Library      [groton\\_free@vals.state.vt.us](mailto:groton_free@vals.state.vt.us)  
Groton Planning Commission      [grotonplanning@fairpoint.net](mailto:grotonplanning@fairpoint.net)

## **ATTENTION ANIMAL OWNERS!**

In accordance with VSA 20(§3581) all Dogs shall be licensed by April 1 of each year. Any dogs not licensed after this date shall be impounded and may be destroyed. (20 VSA§3590)

### **Animal fees for 2010 – Dogs Only**

Not Neutered----- \$ 13.00  
Neutered----- \$ 9.00

A Mandatory increase of \$1.00 per animal for the new Vermont State Spaying and neutering program.

### **RABIES CLINIC**

Date: March 3, 2010

Time: 6:30-7:30 PM

Place: Groton Town Garage

The Town Clerk will be in her office at the Groton Community Building for licensing of your animals.

April 1, 2010 all dogs must be licensed!  
**\$10.00 fine per dog if late.**

Rabies Clinic being done by Oxbow Veterinary Clinic.

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