

# Peacham Vermont



Annual Report  
2005

Town Meeting Day  
Tuesday, March 7, 2006  
10:00 A.M.  
(School District meeting followed by Town Meeting)  
Peacham Congregational Church

Potluck Lunch  
will be served at noon at the  
Peacham Congregational Church.  
Please bring a hot dish or salad.  
Rolls, dessert, and beverage will be provided.  
Donation \$1.00

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

**TOWN OF PEACHAM**  
VERMONT

2005

SCHOOL FISCAL YEAR ENDING June 30, 2005  
TOWN FISCAL YEAR ENDING December 31, 2005

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**WARNING FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING  
OF THE TOWN OF PEACHAM  
TO BE HELD ON MARCH 7, 2006**

The legal voters of the town of Peacham are hereby warned to meet in the Peacham Town Hall in Peacham on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 10:00 AM to transact the following business:

- ARTICLE 1** To elect a Moderator to conduct and govern the meeting.
- ARTICLE 2** To hear the Auditors report on the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2005.
- ARTICLE 3** To elect a School District Clerk/Treasurer.
- ARTICLE 4** To elect a School Director for a term of three years.  
To elect a School Director for the two years remaining from a term of three years
- ARTICLE 5** To hear a Report of the Board.
- ARTICLE 6** Shall the school district authorize its Board of Directors to transfer 50% of the accumulated surplus of approximately \$49,330 at the end of FY '05 into the reserve fund for tax stabilization in future years and to use 50% of the surplus to reduce taxes in the FY '07 budget?
- ARTICLE 7** Shall the school district vote to adopt an expenditure budget as presented for the school year ending June 30, 2007 including an appropriation of a sum of money for the support of schools with provisions for current expenses, capital improvements, a deficit if any, and for other lawful purposes?
- ARTICLE 8** To see if the school district will authorize its Board of Directors to borrow money to pay its lawful debts, and expenses for the fiscal year which ends June 30, 2007 in an amount not to exceed 90% of the anticipated collection of taxes and receipts of other funds to be used for those purposes.
- ARTICLE 9** To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

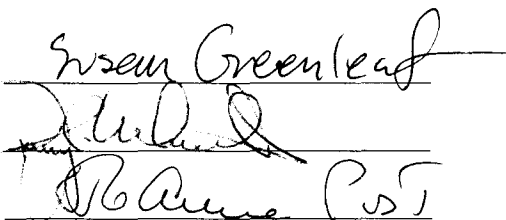
Dated at Peacham this 13 day of January, 2006.

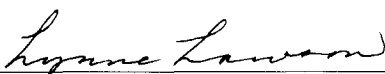
Peacham School Directors

Susan Greenleaf, Chair

Jeremy White, Vice-Chair

Jo Anne Post, Clerk

  
Susan Greenleaf  
Jeremy White  
Jo Anne Post

  
Attest: ~~Patrick Downes~~, Town Clerk and Treasurer  
Lynne Lawson, Assistant

## **SCHOOL MEETING 2005**

The legal voters of the Town of Peacham met March 1, 2005 at 1:15 pm at the Peacham Congregational Church. Leslie Morrison, Moderator elected at the 2004 Town meeting, called the meeting to order at 1:22 pm. The meeting was turned over to Susan Greenleaf, chair of the School Board. Susan Greenleaf asked for nominations for moderator. Voters then acted on the following articles:

**Article 1.** Ron Craig nominated Leslie Morrison moderator for the ensuing year. Peg Clemons seconded. Unanimously approved. Leslie Morrison was elected Moderator. Leslie Morrison resumed the meeting.

**Article 2.** Karen Joyce stated that there was no auditor's report, as there had been a professional audit.

**Article 3.** Kathy Corcoran nominated Patrick Downes for School District Clerk/Treasurer for a term of one year. Paul Clemons seconded. Steve White moved that nominations be closed and that one ballot be cast. Peg Clemons seconded. So voted. Patrick Downes was elected School District Clerk/Treasurer for a term of one year.

**Article 4.** Mike Bruton nominated Marceya Roy for School Director for a term of three years. Jean Berwick seconded. Kathy Corcoran nominated Susan Greenleaf for School Director for a term of three years. Gretchen Bond seconded. Peg Clemons moved to close the nominations. Steve White seconded. Voted by paper ballot. Marceya Roy received 28 votes. Susan Greenleaf received 98 votes. Susan Greenleaf was elected School Director for a term of three years.

**Article 5.** Susan Greenleaf gave the School Director's report.

**Article 6.** Jane Woodhouse moved that the school district authorize its Board of Directors to use 50% of the accumulated surplus of approximately \$66,365 at the end of FY'04 to reduce taxes in the FY'06 budget and to transfer the remaining monies into a reserve fund for tax stabilization in future years. Mark Clough seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Article 7.** Susan Greenleaf moved that the school district adopt an expenditure budget as presented for the school year ending June 30, 2006 including an appropriation of \$1,380,078.00 for the support of schools with provisions for current expense, capital improvements, a deficit if any, and for other lawful purposes. Diana Senturia seconded. Some discussion ensued. Unanimously approved.

**Article 8.** Jerry Senturia moved that the school district authorize its Board of Directors to borrow money to pay its lawful debts, and expenses for the fiscal year which ends June 30, 2006 in an amount not to exceed 90% of the anticipated collection of taxes and receipts of other funds to be used for those purposes. Steve White seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Article 9.** No transactions.

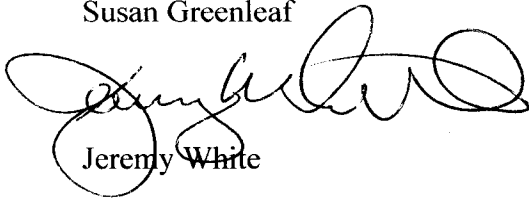
Jane Woodhouse moved to adjourn. Diana Senturia seconded. Unanimously approved.  
Meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Dated a Peacham this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2005.

Peacham School Directors:

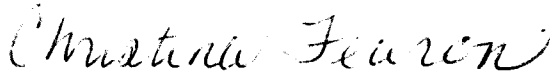


Susan Greenleaf



Jeremy White

Jo Anne Post



Attest: Christina Fearon, Clerk to the Board



# PEACHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDITORS' REPORT

## For Year 2005

We have examined the accounts and records of the Peacham School District, verified the stated cash balances and inspected certificates or other securities and trust funds. Checks were written according to warrants and receipts and those accounts balance.

There are discrepancies between the Business Manager's report, the Peacham School books, and bank account statements. Some can be accounted for, and are so designated below; others are unresolved. Three accounts were closed during the year. In one case, the final balance of \$10.65 from a money market account was transferred to the general account. In the second case, the Gardening Account, there is no record of where the final balance of \$250.70 went. The third account was the Thelma White Scholarship account, and is discussed below.

Account	Business Manager Balance <sup>5</sup>	PSD Books	Bank Statement
Checking	\$52,438.00	\$51,532.00 <sup>1</sup>	\$87,042.93 <sup>2</sup>
Roof Fund	\$40,491.00	<sup>6</sup>	\$40,491.55
Vehicle Fund	\$53,057.00	<sup>6</sup>	\$54,055.36
BankNorth	\$38.00	<sup>6</sup>	\$38.17
Loan Anticipation	\$470.12 <sup>3</sup>	-\$506.90 <sup>3</sup>	\$470.12 <sup>3</sup>
Hot Lunch	\$1914.00	<sup>6</sup>	\$1923.94 <sup>4</sup>
Petty Cash		<sup>6</sup>	\$78.84

<sup>1</sup> Difference between PSD Books and Business Manager balance is due to checks over one year old being written off.

<sup>2</sup> Difference between Bank Statement and Business Manager balance is due to outstanding checks.

<sup>3</sup> Difference between PSD Books / Bank Statement and Business Manager balance is due to unrecorded interest.

<sup>4</sup> Difference between Bank Statement and Business Manager balance is due to unrecorded interest.

<sup>5</sup> Balances provided by the Business Manager as either bank balances (Roof Fund, Vehicle Fund, Hot Lunch, Bank North, and Loan Anticipation) or book balances (Checking). The Business Manager does not track the Petty Cash.

<sup>6</sup> No separate accounting was provided.

The Roof Fund balance sheet amount (shown elsewhere), physical bank account, and the Business Manager balance do not agree. Monies appropriated for this fund have not been transferred to the Roof Fund bank account for several years. The account has been inactive since 1999. The amount shown on the balance sheet assumes a transfer of \$6000 a year for 11 years, plus some interest. The Business Manager is working to calculate a figure that accurately represents

transfers and interest earned. He will then transfer funds to the appropriate reserve account. This work *may* affect FY06's final balances.

The balance sheet (shown elsewhere) and the bank account balances (shown above) do not include petty cash (although we examined the petty cash account). This account, and all other accounts under the PSD Federal ID, should be included in the general ledger, as recommended by the public accountant's report for FY04.

The Thelma White Scholarship Fund, established in 2000, was closed in 2005. The money in the fund at that time was given to the Playground Committee for playground construction. An accounting of the disposition of those funds is as follows:

Total account balances at close	\$3,683.68
Amount used for scholarship in 2005	\$500.00
Amount used for playground in 2005	\$3,183.68

We offer the following concerns and suggestions.

1. Transfers to restricted funds should be made in December when taxes have been received and that all accounting for such transfers should be presented in a timely fashion.
2. Accounting for the Roof and Bus Funds, from inception to the present, should be presented to the School Directors and Auditors by April 1, 2006.
3. Reimbursement for purchases should not include taxes; instead the school tax ID number, with authorization, should be used.
4. The School Directors and Peacham School District Treasurer should be more directly involved in the oversight of PSD accounts.
5. Reimbursements from the Peacham School District (for example to other districts in the SU) should be accompanied by a letter of request, or other documentation indicating the reason for the reimbursement.
6. Petty cash should be cash, not a checking account, and should not exceed \$50.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Jensen  
Karen Joyce  
Diana Senturia

PEACHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT  
June 30, 2005

	ASSETS				
	<u>General Fund</u>	Hot Lunch Fund	Special* Reserve Fund	Capital & General Long Term Debt	Memo Only Totals
<u>Current Asset</u>					
Cash	80,391				\$ 80,391
Restricted Cash		1,914	66,103		68,017
Accounts Receivable		2,560			2,560
Due From CCSU	694				694
Prepaid Expense	7,180				7,180
Total Current Assets	88,265	4,474	66,103	0	158,842
<u>Fixed Assets</u>					
Property - Net of Depreciation	0	0		229,966	229,966
Total Fixed Assets	0	0	0	229,966	229,966
Total Assets	<u>\$ 88,265</u>	<u>\$ 4,474</u>	<u>\$ 66,103</u>	<u>\$ 229,966</u>	<u>\$ 388,808</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE					
<u>Current Liabilities</u>					
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,731				2,731
Due To CCSU	14,790				14,790
Due To Other Funds		314			314
Deferred Revenue	22,993				22,993
Total Current Liabilities	40,514	314	0	0	40,828
<u>Long Term Liabilities</u>					
Bond Payable	0	0	0	130,000	130,000
Total Long Term Liabilities	0	0	0	130,000	130,000
Total Liabilities	40,514	314	0	130,000	170,828
<u>Fund Balance</u>					
Unreserved Fund Balance	(18,614)	2,246			(16,368)
Investment in General Fixed Assets	0			99,966	99,966
Reserved Fund Balance	66,365	1,914	66,103		134,382
Total Fund Balance	47,751	4,160	66,103	99,966	217,980
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 88,265</u>	<u>\$ 4,474</u>	<u>\$ 66,103</u>	<u>\$ 229,966</u>	<u>\$ 388,808</u>

Note: \* Reserve fund is restricted to a specific purpose and not available for use in the general fund

Reserved Fund Balance in the general fund is for tax stabilization, with \$33,183 earmarked for use in the FY'06 Budget.

## Peacham School District

### Proposed Budget FY'07

#### Expenditure Summary by Function

<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget FYE June 30, 2005</u>	<u>Actual FYE June 30, 2005</u>	<u>Budget FYE June 30, 2006</u>	<u>Projected FYE June 30, 2006</u>	<u>Budget FYE June 30, 2007</u>	<u>Budget Incrs/(Decrs)</u>	<u>Percent Incrs/(Decrs)</u>
Instruction	243,540	272,031	272,835	289,992	281,458	8,623	3.16%
Regular Education Tuition	735,799	648,674	610,186	640,894	672,367	62,181	10.19%
Special Education	62,746	73,854	32,488	21,989	33,394	906	2.79%
Special Education Tuition	15,355	23,166	14,732	40,368	26,321	11,589	78.67%
Student Support	48,929	49,226	75,518	41,445	37,137	(38,381)	-50.82%
Guidance	7,029	6,749	7,971	7,596	8,053	83	1.04%
Nurse	4,584	4,644	4,906	4,606	4,799	(107)	-2.17%
Speech	2,000	1,209	2,500	2,124	2,238	(262)	-10.46%
Library	15,270	14,895	18,884	14,280	16,421	(2,463)	-13.04%
Technology	18,000	17,939	18,220	17,600	17,010	(1,210)	-6.64%
Professional Development	15,683	10,238	17,340	13,000	14,892	(2,448)	-14.12%
School Board	39,749	33,244	53,526	49,850	67,886	14,361	26.83%
Principal's Office	49,086	24,574	76,148	78,111	84,039	7,891	10.36%
Fiscal Services	35,300	38,084	29,067	25,370	30,998	1,931	6.64%
Plant Operation	61,979	68,594	70,482	82,594	83,000	12,517	17.76%
Transportation	30,000	31,009	32,100	36,062	38,000	5,900	18.38%
Debt Service	23,511	17,511	27,808	27,808	27,022	(786)	-2.83%
Education Fund Payment	0	3,133	0	0	0	0	NM
Totals	1,408,561	1,338,774	1,364,712	1,393,690	1,445,037	80,325	<u>5.89%</u>
Revenues	<u>1,424,975</u>	<u>1,431,897</u>	<u>1,380,078</u>	<u>1,442,880</u>	<u>1,445,037</u>	<u>64,960</u>	<u>4.71%</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	16,414	93,124	15,366	49,189	0	(15,366)	
Provisions*	(16,414)	(18,224)	(15,366)	(19,095)			
Surplus/(Deficit)	0	<u>74,900</u>	(0)	<u>30,094</u>			
*Provisions							
Hot Lunch	16,414	12,224	15,366	17,202			
Roof Fund		6,000	Included in Debt Service Line				

As of : 13-Feb-06

## REVENUE

### Peacham

FY2007 Budget	FY2005 Actual	FY2006 Budget	FY2006 Projection	FY2007 Budget	<u>Budget FY'06 to FY'07</u> Incrs/(Decrs)      Percent	
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### Revenue

#### **Local**

1110	Education Fund Payments	1,194,774	1,253,648	1,220,465	1,273,110	19,462	1.55%
1510	CD & MM Interest	15,696	6,500	15,000	12,000	5,500	84.62%
5900	Miscellaneous	3,525	500	2,000	500	0	0.00%
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1,213,995</b>	<b>1,260,648</b>	<b>1,237,465</b>	<b>1,285,610</b>	<b>24,962</b>	<b>1.98%</b>

#### **State**

3110	Education Fund Payments	48,163	0	0	0	0	NM
3111	Transportation Aid (Net)	23,812	14,858	13,950	14,858	0	0.00%
3145	Small Schools Grant	51,247	55,340	55,340	55,340	0	0.00%
3161	Capital Debt Hold-harmless	0	0	0	0	0	NM
3201	SE Mainstream Block Grant	37,997	31,232	31,232	31,232	0	0.00%
3202	SE Intensive Reimbursement	1,010	0	0	0	0	NM
3203	SE Extraordinary Reimbursement	0	0	0	0	0	NM
3204	Essential Early Education	4,419	0	0	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>166,648</b>	<b>101,430</b>	<b>100,522</b>	<b>101,430</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

#### **Federal**

4250	Consolidated Federal Programs	45,223	18,000	35,000	35,000	17,000	94.44%
	US History Grant	4,000	0	0	0	0	NM
	CCSU Portion of Pre-K Program	0	0	25,430	22,997	22,997	NM
	Transfers, Gifts and Carryforward	2,031	0	33,183	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>51,254</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>93,613</b>	<b>57,997</b>	<b>39,997</b>	<b>222.21%</b>

General Fund Total Revenues	<b>1,431,897</b>	<b>1,380,078</b>	<b>1,431,600</b>	<b>1,445,037</b>	<b>64,960</b>	<b>4.71%</b>
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#### **Food Service Revenues**

1610	Food Service Sales	11,084	9,800	11,000	11,000	1,200	12.24%
3450	Food Service Match	364	250	400	300	50	20.00%
4550	Child Nutrition	7,390	4,700	7,400	7,400	2,700	57.45%
<b>Totals</b>		<b>18,837</b>	<b>14,750</b>	<b>18,800</b>	<b>18,700</b>	<b>3,950</b>	<b>26.78%</b>

All Funds Total Available	<b>1,450,735</b>	<b>1,394,828</b>	<b>1,450,400</b>	<b>1,463,737</b>	<b>68,910</b>	<b>4.94%</b>
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Detail budgets are available at the School and at the Town Clerk's Office

#### Notes on FY'06 and FY'07

Under Act 68, the total amount of revenue to be received from the Education Fund is shown under the Local section and is titled Education Fund Payments.

Each year the April 1 Grand List determines how much of the Education Fund Payments will be received from the Local taxpayer as Residential or Non-Residential Payments.

Any remaining Education Fund Payments, up to the total of the amount shown under Local as Education Fund Payments, will be received from the State. Any amount collected that is not needed by the school will be sent to the State Education Fund.

## EXPENDITURES

**Peacham**

FY2007 Budget	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Budget	FY 2006 Projection	FY 2007 Budget	FY'06 to FY'07 Incrs/(Decrs)	Pct
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FUNCTION**1000 Classroom Instruction**

100	Personnel	183,618	203,660	210,846	211,074	7,414	3.64%
200	Benefits	53,735	57,475	60,560	62,384	4,909	8.54%
300	Professional Services	15,390	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0.00%
400	Property Services	4,173	3,200	3,500	0	(3,200)	NM
500	Other Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
560	Tuition	648,674	610,186	640,894	672,367	62,181	10.19%
600	Supplies	13,237	6,500	12,000	6,000	(500)	-7.69%
700	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	NM
800	Other	1,877	0	0	0	0	NM
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>920,704</b>	<b>883,021</b>	<b>929,800</b>	<b>953,826</b>	<b>70,804</b>	<b>8.02%</b>

**1200 Special Education**

100	Personnel	55,360	23,849	14,771	24,342	492	2.06%
200	Benefits	13,650	5,814	4,418	6,227	414	7.12%
300	Professional Services	4,263	1,725	2,000	1,725	0	0.00%
400	Property Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
500	Other Services	0	100	0	100	0	0.00%
560	Tuition	23,166	14,732	25,068	26,321	11,589	78.67%
600	Supplies	581	1,000	500	1,000	0	0.00%
700	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	NM
800	Other	0	0	0	0	0	NM
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>97,020</b>	<b>47,220</b>	<b>46,757</b>	<b>59,715</b>	<b>12,495</b>	<b>26.46%</b>

**2100 Student Support**

100	Personnel	19,126	43,949	32,642	31,828	(12,121)	-27.58%
200	Benefits	1,606	13,369	3,076	2,854	(10,515)	-78.65%
300	Professional Services	1,956	2,100	2,100	2,205	105	5.00%
400	Property Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
500	Other Services	0	15,600	0	0	(15,600)	NM
600	Supplies	0	500	250	250	(250)	-50.00%
700	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	NM
800	Other	26,538	0	0	0	0	NM
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>49,226</b>	<b>75,518</b>	<b>38,068</b>	<b>37,137</b>	<b>(38,381)</b>	<b>-50.82%</b>

**Peacham**

FY2007 Budget

FY 2005

FY 2006

FY 2006  
ProjectionFY 2007  
BudgetFY'06 to FY'07  
Incrs/(Decrs) Pct**FUNCTION****2120 Guidance**

100	Personnel	6,053	7,013	6,643	7,056	43	0.62%
200	Benefits	539	658	654	697	39	5.94%
300	Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
400	Property Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
500	Other Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
600	Supplies	157	300	300	300	0	0.00%
700	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	NM
800	Other	0	0	0	0	0	NM
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>6,749</b>	<b>7,971</b>	<b>7,596</b>	<b>8,053</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>1.04%</b>

**2130 Nurse**

100	Personnel	4,015	4,202	3,888	4,085	(117)	-2.78%
200	Benefits	356	404	393	414	10	2.55%
300	Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
400	Property Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
500	Other Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
600	Supplies	272	300	325	300	0	0.00%
700	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	NM
800	Other	0	0	0	0	0	NM
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>4,644</b>	<b>4,906</b>	<b>4,606</b>	<b>4,799</b>	<b>(107)</b>	<b>-2.17%</b>

**2150 Speech**

100	Personnel	1,118	0	1,846	0	0	NM
200	Benefits	86	0	178	0	0	NM
300	Professional Services	0	2,500	0	2,238	(262)	-10.46%
400	Property Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
500	Other Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
600	Supplies	0	0	100	0	0	NM
700	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	NM
800	Other	5	0	0	0	0	NM
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1,209</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>2,124</b>	<b>2,238</b>	<b>(262)</b>	<b>-10.46%</b>

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Incrs/(Decrs) Pct**FUNCTION****2222 Library**

100	Personnel	8,050	9,435	9,065	9,514	79	0.84%
200	Benefits	2,678	5,450	2,715	2,908	(2,542)	-46.65%
300	Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
400	Property Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
500	Other Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
600	Supplies	4,067	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0.00%
700	Equipment	100	0	0	0	0	NM
800	Other	0	0	0	0	0	NM
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>14,895</b>	<b>18,884</b>	<b>15,780</b>	<b>16,421</b>	<b>(2,463)</b>	<b>-13.04%</b>

**2230 Technology**

100	Personnel	0	0	0	0	0	NM
200	Benefits	0	0	0	0	0	NM
300	Professional Services	13,005	12,120	12,500	13,260	1,140	9.41%
400	Property Services	389	1,000	500	750	(250)	-25.00%
500	Other Services	0	600	600	600	0	0.00%
600	Supplies	3,052	3,000	2,500	2,400	(600)	-20.00%
700	Equipment	1,493	1,500	1,500	0	(1,500)	NM
800	Other	0	0	0	0	0	NM
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>17,939</b>	<b>18,220</b>	<b>17,600</b>	<b>17,010</b>	<b>(1,210)</b>	<b>-6.64%</b>

**2240 Professional Development**

100	Personnel	0	0	0	0	0	NM
200	Benefits	10,238	17,340	13,000	14,892	(2,448)	-14.12%
300	Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
400	Property Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
500	Other Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
600	Supplies	0	0	0	0	0	NM
700	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	NM
800	Other	0	0	0	0	0	NM
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>10,238</b>	<b>17,340</b>	<b>13,000</b>	<b>14,892</b>	<b>(2,448)</b>	<b>-14.12%</b>



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Incrs/(Decrs) Pct**FUNCTION****2300 School Board**

100	Personnel	600	600	600	600	0	0.00%
200	Benefits	46	50	50	50	1	1.20%
300	Professional Services	26,834	45,543	44,000	44,137	(1,406)	-3.09%
400	Property Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
500	Other Services	2,295	4,033	3,650	4,033	0	0.00%
600	Supplies	2,335	2,000	2,650	2,000	0	0.00%
700	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	NM
800	Other	1,134	1,300	1,200	1,300	0	0.00%
900	Transfers	3,133	0	0	15,766	15,766	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>36,377</b>	<b>53,526</b>	<b>52,150</b>	<b>67,886</b>	<b>14,361</b>	<b>26.83%</b>

**2410 Principal's Office**

100	Personnel	16,580	58,269	58,522	60,563	2,293	3.94%
200	Benefits	3,461	16,029	16,135	18,177	2,148	13.40%
300	Professional Services	2,600	0	0	0	0	NM
400	Property Services	0	0	0	3,200	3,200	NM
500	Other Services	824	800	850	900	100	12.50%
600	Supplies	833	800	850	900	100	12.50%
700	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	NM
800	Other	275	250	250	300	50	20.00%
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>24,574</b>	<b>76,148</b>	<b>76,607</b>	<b>84,039</b>	<b>7,891</b>	<b>10.36%</b>

**2520 Fiscal Services**

100	Personnel	0	0	0	0	0	NM
200	Benefits	0	0	0	0	0	NM
300	Professional Services	22,244	9,567	9,567	11,498	1,931	20.18%
400	Property Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
500	Other Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
600	Supplies	251	0	0	0	0	NM
700	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	NM
800	Other	15,589	19,500	15,803	19,500	0	0.00%
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>38,084</b>	<b>29,067</b>	<b>25,370</b>	<b>30,998</b>	<b>1,931</b>	<b>6.64%</b>

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### **FUNCTION**

#### **2600 Plant Operation**

100	Personnel	24,764	17,579	22,145	22,982	5,403	30.74%
200	Benefits	10,369	10,828	11,268	12,093	1,264	11.68%
300	Professional Services	785	425	300	425	0	0.00%
400	Property Services	6,957	9,700	7,550	9,300	(400)	-4.12%
500	Other Services	3,932	7,300	7,967	8,900	1,600	21.92%
600	Supplies	20,220	22,500	28,500	28,750	6,250	27.78%
700	Equipment	1,567	1,450	400	250	(1,200)	-82.76%
800	Other	0	700	700	300	(400)	-57.14%
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>68,594</b>	<b>70,482</b>	<b>78,830</b>	<b>83,000</b>	<b>12,517</b>	<b>17.76%</b>

#### **2700 Transportation**

100	Personnel	0	0	0	0	0	NM
200	Benefits	0	0	0	0	0	NM
300	Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
400	Property Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
500	Other Services	31,009	32,100	36,062	38,000	5,900	18.38%
600	Supplies	0	0	0	0	0	NM
700	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	NM
800	Other	0	0	0	0	0	NM
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>31,009</b>	<b>32,100</b>	<b>36,062</b>	<b>38,000</b>	<b>5,900</b>	<b>18.38%</b>

#### **5000 Debt Service**

100	Personnel	0	0	0	0	0	NM
200	Benefits	0	0	0	0	0	NM
300	Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
400	Property Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
500	Other Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
600	Supplies	0	0	0	0	0	NM
700	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	NM
800	Other	7,579	21,808	21,808	21,022	(786)	-3.61%
900	Transfers	9,932	6,000	6,000	6,000	0	0.00%
<b>Totals</b>		<b>17,511</b>	<b>27,808</b>	<b>27,808</b>	<b>27,022</b>	<b>(786)</b>	<b>-2.83%</b>

**General Fund Totals**

<b>1,338,774</b>	<b>1,364,712</b>	<b>1,372,158</b>	<b>1,445,037</b>	<b>80,325</b>	<b>5.89%</b>
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Incrs/(Decrs) Pct**FUNCTION****3100 Hot Lunch Fund**

100	Personnel	15,059	16,632	16,632	17,424	792	4.76%
200	Benefits	2,726	2,484	2,605	2,842	358	14.40%
300	Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
400	Property Services	87	300	0	300	0	0.00%
500	Other Services	123	200	165	200	0	0.00%
600	Supplies	13,066	10,400	13,000	13,600	3,200	30.77%
700	Equipment	0	100	3,600	100	0	0.00%
800	Other	0	0	0	0	0	NM
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>31,062</b>	<b>30,116</b>	<b>36,002</b>	<b>34,466</b>	<b>4,350</b>	<b>14.44%</b>
<b>Total General and Hot Lunch</b>		<b>1,369,835</b>	<b>1,394,828</b>	<b>1,408,160</b>	<b>1,479,503</b>	<b>84,675</b>	<b>6.07%</b>

District: **Peacham**  
County: **Caledonia**

LEA: **T151**  
S.U.: **Caledonia Central**

Expenditures		Act 60 FY2004	FY2005	Act 68 FY2006	FY2007	
1.	<b>Budget (local budget, excluding special programs reported in line 3, full tech expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)</b>	\$1,347,307	\$1,424,975	\$1,380,078	\$1,445,037	1.
2.	plus Block grant paid by State to tech center in prior years under Act 60	-	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	2.
3.	plus Special revenue program expenditures (federal dollars, restricted grants, etc.)	-	-	-	-	3.
4.	<b>Locally adopted or warned budget</b>	<b>\$1,347,307</b>	<b>\$1,424,975</b>	<b>\$1,380,078</b>	<b>\$1,445,037</b>	4.
5.	plus 1. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	5.
6.	plus 2. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	6.
7.	plus 3. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	7.
8.		-	-	-	-	8.
9.	<b>Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget</b>	<b>\$1,347,307</b>	<b>\$1,424,975</b>	<b>\$1,380,078</b>	<b>\$1,445,037</b>	9.
10.	plus Union school or joint school district assessment	-	-	-	-	10.
11.	plus Prior deficit reduction if not included in budgets	-	-	-	-	11.
12.	<b>Gross Act 68 Budget</b>	<b>\$1,347,307</b>	<b>\$1,424,975</b>	<b>\$1,380,078</b>	<b>\$1,445,037</b>	12.
13.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	\$43,086	\$59,620	\$58,677	\$53,635	13.
14.	Prior deficit reduction (if included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	14.
<b>Revenues</b>						
15.	plus Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$137,481	\$185,171	\$159,613	\$171,927	15.
16.	plus Capital debt aid	\$1,227	-	-	-	16.
17.	plus Special program revenues (if not included in local budget; included in FY2007)	-	-	-	-	17.
18.	minus Prior deficit reduction if included in revenues	-	-	-	-	18.
19.		-	-	-	-	19.
20.	<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$138,708</b>	<b>\$185,171</b>	<b>\$159,613</b>	<b>\$171,927</b>	20.
21.	minus Fund raising, if any (included in line 15)	-	-	-	-	21.
22.	<b>Adjusted local revenues</b>	<b>\$138,708</b>	<b>\$185,171</b>	<b>\$159,613</b>	<b>\$171,927</b>	22.
23.	<b>Education Spending (Act 68 definition)</b>	<b>\$1,208,599</b>	<b>\$1,239,804</b>	<b>\$1,220,465</b>	<b>\$1,273,110</b>	23.
24.	Equalized Pupils	133.11	128.45	123.95	119.61	24.
25.	<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	<b>\$9,080</b>	<b>\$9,652</b>	<b>\$9,846</b>	<b>\$10,644</b>	25.
25a.	minus Less eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	not applicable	136.33	175.94	176	25a.
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	not applicable	-	-	-	26.
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	not applicable	\$9,652	\$9,846	\$10,644	27.
28.	<b>District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$10,644 / \$7,330)</b>	not applicable	141.942%	141.167%	145.211%	28.
29.	<b>Anticipated homestead tax rate, equalized (145.211% x \$0.99)</b>	\$1.896	\$1.490	\$1.440	\$1.438	29.
30.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	83.72%	102.95%	94.59%	89.51%	30.
31.	<b>Estimated homestead tax rate, actual (\$1.438 / 89.51%)</b>	\$1.650	\$1.448	\$1.522	\$1.607	31.
32.	<b>Household Income Percentage for income sensitivity (145.21% x 1.80%)</b>	3.45%	2.70%	2.61%	2.61%	32.

# **Peacham School District FY05**

## **Professional Staff Compensation**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	Total <u>Benefits</u>	Total <u>Sal &amp; Ben</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Brehm, Lian	3,866.10	371.80	4,237.90	Art
Brisco, Janice	49,931.33	15,501.43	65,432.76	G 3/4
Crum, Cathy	21,658.88	1,906.38	23,565.26	Title I
Edmondson, Janet	7,362.20	685.60	8,047.80	Music
Fearon, Christina	3,385.83	814.26	4,200.09	Librarian
Iwankovitsch-Ross, Carrie	1,117.61	100.25	1,217.86	Speech Language
Montegue, Martha	4,015.00	385.15	4,400.15	Nurse
Olcott-Nelson, Wendy	54,807.00	13,005.67	67,812.67	Special Education/Principal
Parker, Sarah	46,658.74	12,223.47	58,882.21	K/1/2
Reade, Ingrid	16,556.55	5,921.41	22,477.96	Title I/Librarian
Reade, Robert	7,924.92	735.88	8,660.80	Extension
Renfrew, Kathy	51,408.89	15,627.32	67,036.21	G 5/6
Stevens, Anne	7,901.20	925.36	8,826.56	French/ESL
Substitutes	7,112.00	544.07	7,656.07	
Sweet, David	5,200.00	491.45	5,691.45	Physical education
Webster, Diana	6,252.20	585.83	6,838.03	Guidance
Totals	295,158.45	69,825.33	364,983.78	

## **Staff Personnel**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	Total <u>Benefits</u>	Total <u>Sal &amp; Ben</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Evangelista, Martha	16,580.39	5,642.86	22,223.25	Administrative Assisstant
Ruffner, Alice	13,408.25	1,896.62	15,304.87	Hot Lunch
Stevenson, Cheryl	22,910.50	11,258.97	34,169.47	Custodian
	52,899.14	18,798.45	71,697.59	

## **Administrative Professional Personnel**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	Total <u>Benefits</u>	Total <u>Sal &amp; Ben</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
School Board	600.00	50.00	650.00	School Directors
	600.00	50.00	650.00	
FY'05 Totals	348,657.59	88,673.78	437,331.37	

### **Vermont Municipal Bond Bank Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Payment</u>		<u>Scheduled Payment of</u>		<u>Balance</u>
			<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	
07/01/03		Opening Balance			160,000.00
12/01/03	14,287.08	4.9910%	4,354.68	15,000.00	145,000.00
06/01/04	3,980.35		3,980.35		145,000.00
12/01/04	13,912.75	5.0910%	3,980.35	15,000.00	130,000.00
06/01/05	3,598.53		3,598.53		130,000.00
12/01/05	18,598.53	5.1910%	3,598.53	15,000.00	115,000.00
06/01/06	3,209.20		3,209.20		115,000.00
12/01/06	18,209.20	5.2910%	3,209.20	15,000.00	100,000.00
06/01/07	2,812.38		2,812.38		100,000.00
12/01/07	17,812.38	5.3910%	2,812.38	15,000.00	85,000.00
06/01/08	2,408.05		2,408.05		85,000.00
12/01/08	17,408.05	5.6660%	2,408.05	15,000.00	70,000.00
06/01/09	1,983.10		1,983.10		70,000.00
12/01/09	16,983.10	5.6660%	1,983.10	15,000.00	55,000.00
06/01/10	1,558.15		1,558.15		55,000.00
12/01/10	16,558.15	5.6660%	1,558.15	15,000.00	40,000.00
06/01/11	1,133.20		1,133.20		40,000.00
12/01/11	16,133.20	5.6660%	1,133.20	15,000.00	25,000.00
06/01/12	708.25		708.25		25,000.00
12/01/12	15,708.25	5.6660%	708.25	15,000.00	10,000.00
06/01/13	283.30		283.30		10,000.00
12/01/13	10,283.30	5.6660%	283.30	10,000.00	0.00
	<u>197,568.50</u>		<u>47,703.70</u>	<u>160,000.00</u>	

Note: The original 1993 Series 1 bonds were refinanced in 2003 to take advantage of existing lower interest rates. The school district saved \$10,135.20 and was achieved by lowering the total payments of principal and interest in FY'04 and FY'05 by \$5,067.60 in each of those years. Starting in FY'06 the principal and interest payments resume the normal schedule.

## Peacham School Board Report

Peacham Elementary School continues to be a warm welcoming place where children learn and grow. Wendy Olcott Nelson is in her second year of being our teaching principal and is doing a great job. Sarah Parker, our long term 1/2 teacher stepped into the opening for a new CREEP/ kindergarten teacher, which enabled us to hire Tina Fearon back as our 1/2 teacher. Janice Brisco and Kathy Renfrew continue on as our 3/4 and 5/6 teachers. We were sorry to lose Ingrid Reade as our CREEP teacher but we are delighted to be able to keep her on as our 1 day a week librarian. With the help of our other support staff we feel our students are in good hands.

As always we struggle with the pressure to keep costs down and our commitment to a quality educational program. Our little school is a vital community institution, and for families with young children a hugely important piece of their town life. Our enrollment has decreased from a few years ago but seems to have leveled out for now. Two programs we decided to cut from the budget with a lot of regret are the extension program and the French program. The extension program was started several years ago when classroom sizes were bigger and grant money more plentiful. It's been a fabulous program, and our current one day a week extension teacher Rob Reade has done a terrific job. In our constant effort to balance programs with enrollment we felt we had to prioritize programs that serve more children. Our teachers are highly skilled and experienced and while ideally we'd like to keep Rob on staff we feel confident our gifted students will continue to be challenged. A decision was also made to cut our half day a week French program, a program a lot of work went into initiating by PTG same years ago. But it was felt half a day a week was not enough to merit continuing. Again this decision was made with regret as apparently children are more easily able to learn another language in their elementary years.

We continue to be flexible about how we configure classes as we face widely varying class sizes. We basically try to keep classroom size fairly even while maintaining a consistent curriculum. A final decision has not yet been made about next years configuration.

Things at the supervisory level are also going well. Superintendent John Bacon has been a great support to the Board and staff, and instigator of SU wide collaboration. The staff up there continue to responsibly manage our fiscal affairs and keep us plugged in to state and federal funding and requirements, grant procurement and management, and general trends and changes in the world of public education.

The playground project is progressing much to the delight of children and their families. There's a new climbing structure in place, the ball field was renovated and there are now grills and picnic tables. This area gets a lot of use. PTG made some contribution to the ball field renovation, but basically this has all been thanks to the fundraising and blood, sweat & tears of the playground committee.

The kitchen's been upgraded somewhat on the recommendation of the health department. With the help of a food service grant, wooden cupboards and countertops that have long been in violation of code were replaced with stainless steel tables, and new sinks were installed. More improvements are planned.

So while the waters are choppy at times our school is a seaworthy little ship. Our students then move on to the wider world of a variety of middle and high schools in the area with a strong educational base.

Thank you for your support,  
Susan Greenleaf, Chair  
Jeremy White, Vice Chair  
JoAnne Post, Clerk



January 2006

Dear Peacham Community Members,

Things are very busy here at Peacham Elementary School, as is often the case. There are many exciting learning opportunities for the students and staff. I am enjoying my second year as Teaching Principal and continue to share my time between administrative responsibilities and providing services to students with special needs.

Several new staff members have joined us this year. Jean MacDonald is our new Physical Education teacher and Lisa Moore is our new School Nurse. Jean and Lisa bring a great deal of knowledge and experience to their positions. We'd also like to welcome back Lynn Talamini. Lynn taught at Peacham Elementary School for many years and was recently hired for our 5/6 long-term substitute position. We're very thankful to have Lynn in this temporary position and know that our fifth and sixth graders will be in good hands.

We are also fortunate to have Liyan Wang with us for the month of January. Liyan is a visiting teacher from China. During her school year stay, Liyan will be spending time in the Peacham, Barnet, Danville and Walden schools. The staff and students are thoroughly enjoying Liyan and learning a great deal about her culture. Thank you, Peg and Paul Clemons and Sarah Parker, for hosting Liyan during her stay in Peacham.

There have been some changes to our classroom configurations this year. We now have a combined Preschool/Kindergarten class of 12 students, a 1/2 class of 10 students, a 3/4 class of 16 students, and a 5/6 class of 18 students. These classroom configurations are working well for the students.

We encourage you to stop by the elementary school for a visit. We'd be happy to give you a tour of the building and tell you about our programs. Volunteers are always appreciated so be sure to let us know if you have skills or interests you'd like to share.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the students of Peacham.

Sincerely,

Wendy Olcott Nelson  
Teaching Principal  
Peacham Elementary School



## Peacham School District Enrollment

<b>Year</b>	<b>FY05*</b>	<b>FY06</b>	<b>FY07</b>
<b>Grade</b>			
<b>3yo</b>	7	2	5
<b>4yo</b>	3	8	2
<b>K</b>	5	2	8
<b>1</b>	6	5	2
<b>2</b>	6	5	6
<b>3</b>	10	6	4
<b>4</b>	8	10	6
<b>5</b>	10	7	10
<b>6</b>	6	11	7
<b>7</b>	6.9	5	10
<b>8</b>	6	7	4
<b>9</b>	12.5	10	11
<b>10</b>	13.6	11	9
<b>11</b>	16	15	12
<b>12</b>	15	15	14
<b>Total</b>	131	119	110
<b>PK</b>	10	10	7
<b>K-6</b>	51	46	43
<b>7-12</b>	70	63	60

**\*partial students indicate students left / entered mid-year**

## Peacham School Parent Teacher Group

The Parent Teacher Group (PTG) provides experiences for children that go beyond school budget funds. This year many events have taken place. Wonderful volunteers organized and ran the very successful Fall Foliage luncheon. This lunch included quiche, salad, and homemade desserts. This event is one of our main fund raisers.

PTG also funded a trip for the students to see Dr. Quinton Quark's Flight Lesson at St. Johnsbury Academy. Everyone who went seemed to enjoy this show. Vermont Storytellers Tim Jennings and Leanne Ponder came to school in December and shared the art of traditional folk storytelling with students, staff, and community members.

PTG has funded band instrument scholarships and has also purchased instruments for the school. The group has contributed funds for start up costs to the Three Rivers Baseball/Softball League. There was a community bonfire and haunted house in October that was very well attended. Many families and community members were out for desserts, frights, and a warm fire that night!

The winter activities program at Peacham School is funded by PTG. Also skiing scholarships are provided by PTG. This year the group also purchased snowshoes and cross country skis for the school. The children have been getting great use of the snowshoes even in this slight snow winter! The skis are back ordered and we will have them for next winter. Snowshoes are available for borrowing.

In spite of the weather and because of our own ice skating gnome we have had a super skating rink at the school this winter. Many children skate at recess as well as after school and on the weekends.

Upcoming events include our fund raising auction which will be held on April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Town Hall. Also the PTG will sponsor the end of year Peacham School family trip. Many events and opportunities arise for the children. You never know what PTG will be doing next!

Thanks goes out to all of the people who work on events, contribute to the group, and take part in anyway! Without you these opportunities would not be available to the children! Thank-you to this community!

# Caledonia Central S. U.

## FY'07 Budget

Function:	Revenue						
<u>Rev Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Actual FYE</u> <u>June 30, 2005</u>	<u>Budget FYE</u> <u>June 30, 2006</u>	<u>Projected FYE</u> <u>June 30, 2006</u>	<u>Budget FYE</u> <u>June 30, 2007</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>Incrs/(Decrs)</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>Incrs/(Decrs)</u>
	Assessments - Supervisory Union	344,131	337,325	337,325	337,540	215	0.06%
	Assessments - CREEP	49,879	0	0	0	0	0.00%
	IDEA-B Flow Thru	136,701	157,000	177,000	161,435	4,435	2.82%
	IDEA-B Pre School	4,520	4,500	4,500	4,500	0	0.00%
	Medicaid - IEP	131,735	124,403	125,000	151,895	27,492	22.10%
	Medicaid - EPSDT	1,304	0	0	0	0	0.00%
	EEE Grant	37,025	37,025	38,731	37,025	0	0.00%
	EEI Grant	30,000	29,000	30,000	30,000	1,000	3.45%
	Interest/Other	3,773	1,000	2,100	2,500	1,500	150.00%
	Success by Six	2,558	1,700	0	0	(1,700)	NM
	Consolidated Federal Programs	26,050	53,000	53,000	106,391	53,391	NM
	Grant Administration	43,175	53,240	49,182	30,570	(22,669)	NM
	Totals	<u>810,851</u>	<u>798,192</u>	<u>816,838</u>	<u>861,856</u>	<u>63,664</u>	7.98%

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# **Caledonia Central S.U.**

## **FY'07 Budget**

Function: Expenditure Summaries by:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Actual FYE</u> <u>June 30, 2005</u>	<u>Budget FYE</u> <u>June 30, 2006</u>	<u>Projected FYE</u> <u>June 30, 2006</u>	<u>Budget FYE</u> <u>June 30, 2007</u>	<u>06 to 07 Budget</u> <u>Incrs/(Decrs)</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>Incrs/(Decrs)</u>
	Superintendent	215,564	229,307	223,413	237,280	7,973	3.48%
	Special Services	180,886	154,316	162,201	169,825	15,509	10.05%
	Fiscal	121,429	135,947	131,521	149,417	13,470	9.91%
	Preschool Program	275,975	278,622	288,071	305,335	26,713	9.59%
	Expenditure Totals	<u>793,854</u>	<u>798,192</u>	<u>805,205</u>	<u>861,856</u>	<u>63,664</u>	<u>7.98%</u>
	Revenue Totals	<u>810,851</u>	<u>798,192</u>	<u>816,838</u>	<u>861,856</u>		
	Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>16,997</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11,633</u>	<u>0</u>		
<u>Object Code</u>							
	Personnel	559,273	578,048	606,632	645,117	67,070	11.60%
	Benefits	103,222	105,598	105,126	112,380	6,783	6.42%
	Supplies and Services	<u>131,359</u>	<u>114,547</u>	<u>93,447</u>	<u>104,359</u>	<u>(10,188)</u>	<u>-8.89%</u>
	Totals	<u>793,854</u>	<u>798,192</u>	<u>805,205</u>	<u>861,856</u>	<u>63,664</u>	<u>7.98%</u>

### Percentages

Personnel	70.45%	72.42%	75.34%	74.85%
Benefits	13.00%	13.23%	13.06%	13.04%
Supplies and Services	<u>16.55%</u>	<u>14.35%</u>	<u>11.61%</u>	<u>12.11%</u>
	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

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# Caledonia Central S.U.

## FY'07 Budget

### Function: 2320 - Superintendent

Obj Code	Title	Actual FYE June 30, 2005	Budget FYE June 30, 2006	Projected FYE June 30, 2006	Budget FYE June 30, 2007	Budget Incrs/(Decrs)	Percent Incrs/(Decrs)
100	Salaries and Wages	131,068	142,627	140,653	149,773	7,146	5.01%
200	Benefits	20,711	17,028	17,720	18,728	1,699	9.98%
300	Professional Services	19,357	21,500	17,500	14,400	(7,100)	-33.02%
400	Repair & Maintenance	14,501	16,683	16,575	16,279	(404)	-2.42%
500	Purchased Services	10,968	16,569	15,445	19,600	3,031	18.29%
600	Supplies	15,388	10,150	11,750	13,750	3,600	35.47%
700	Equipment	588	1,000	700	1,000	0	NM
800	Other	2,984	3,750	3,070	3,750	0	NM
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
Totals		215,564	229,307	223,413	237,280	7,973	3.48%

### Function: 2420 - SPED

Obj Code	Title	Actual FYE June 30, 2005	Budget FYE June 30, 2006	Projected FYE June 30, 2006	Budget FYE June 30, 2007	Budget Incrs/(Decrs)	Percent Incrs/(Decrs)
100	Salaries and Wages	129,153	125,398	134,592	140,147	14,748	11.76%
200	Benefits	19,742	14,262	18,405	19,151	4,888	34.27%
300	Professional Services	18,326	2,250	1,200	500	(1,750)	-77.78%
400	Repair & Maintenance	251	0	0	0	0	NM
500	Purchased Services	5,127	9,355	7,054	6,478	(2,878)	-30.76%
600	Supplies	4,208	1,350	600	1,850	500	37.04%
700	Equipment	2,576	1,000	0	1,000	0	NM
800	Other	1,503	700	350	700	0	NM
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
Totals		180,886	154,316	162,201	169,825	15,509	10.05%

### Function: 2520 - Fiscal

Obj Code	Title	Actual FYE June 30, 2005	Budget FYE June 30, 2006	Projected FYE June 30, 2006	Budget FYE June 30, 2007	Budget Incrs/(Decrs)	Percent Incrs/(Decrs)
100	Salaries and Wages	101,204	108,931	109,977	121,477	12,546	11.52%
200	Benefits	11,788	18,139	18,019	19,788	1,649	9.09%
300	Professional Services	1,260	2,250	1,000	1,440	(810)	-36.00%
400	Repair & Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	NM
500	Purchased Services	1,015	2,320	1,250	1,955	(365)	-15.73%
600	Supplies	1,229	2,500	1,150	2,950	450	18.00%
700	Equipment	4,765	1,000	0	1,000	0	NM
800	Other	168	807	125	807	0	NM
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
Totals		121,429	135,947	131,521	149,417	13,470	9.91%

### Function: 1210 - CREEP

Obj Code	Title	Actual FYE June 30, 2005	Budget FYE June 30, 2006	Projected FYE June 30, 2006	Budget FYE June 30, 2007	Budget Incrs/(Decrs)	Percent Incrs/(Decrs)
100	Salaries and Wages	197,848	201,091	221,410	233,720	32,629	16.23%
200	Benefits	50,981	56,168	50,983	54,714	(1,454)	-2.59%
300	Professional Services	1,868	4,000	1,770	4,000	0	NM
400	Repair & Maintenance	400	250	0	0	(250)	-100.00%
500	Purchased Services	6,744	6,263	3,128	1,800	(4,463)	-71.26%
600	Supplies	13,669	9,150	10,000	9,100	(50)	-0.55%
700	Equipment	3,165	1,700	600	2,000	300	17.65%
800	Other	1,300	0	180	0	0	NM
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
Totals		275,975	278,622	288,071	305,335	26,713	9.59%

Supervisory Union Totals

279,854 298,192 305,205 361,856 63,664

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# BARNET – DANVILLE – PEACHAM – WALDEN

Caledonia Central Supervisory Union  
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John A. Bacon, Ed.D. – Superintendent of Schools

## Caledonia Central Supervisory Union 2005-2006 Superintendent's Report

From my position as Superintendent of Schools for Barnet, Danville, Peacham and Walden, I have gotten to know your schools and can see that each town faces similar budget challenges. As property values rise, the common level of appraisal (CLA) is driving up tax rates. Declining enrollments can't always be balanced with staff or program cuts. The rising costs for teachers' salaries and health insurance also increase the amount of money needed to run your schools. In addition, Barnet, Peacham and Walden have school choice and therefore no control over tuition costs which are rising between 8% and 9% this year. Danville High School, on the other hand, has lost tuition students and faces rising costs at the high school level. All of your boards have struggled with these trends and forces as we try to keep costs down while still offering a solid educational program.

In all towns, cuts have been made to supplies, programs or staff when possible. We are also working to keep the cost of Special Education down. And we are using the surpluses from prior years to slow the rate of tax increases and establish reserve funds for future years. Many of your programs and staff are funded with money from federal grants, Special Education, Medicaid and other sources. Each of the schools for instance has an Early Education program for 3 & 4 year olds which is now funded entirely with reimbursements and grant money instead of being partially funded through local tax revenues. Professional development, summer school, some special education staff and programs and remedial reading and math programs are funded through grants. We have also used grant money to keep the cost of the CCSU to local districts at the same level for three years now. The sound financial management of each school district is important and one of my top priorities.

In addition to finances, I have also been focusing on improving student learning within the schools. Each month I meet with grade level teams of teachers from across the district to work on curriculum. We have identified the essential or core math skills and knowledge at each grade that we want all students to know and teachers to concentrate on. Teachers are working on local assessments for these core expectations and they are learning from each other by sharing ideas and techniques for teaching. These exercises are helping to "raise the bar" for what we want students to know and be able to do. For example, one first grade teacher thought that first graders ought to be able to count forwards and backwards to and from 100 and from any number in between 1 and 100. Most teachers thought that this was too hard. But, when another teacher reported a month later that she had started teaching her students to do this and that they were making progress toward this goal, it became an expectation for everyone.

Our plan is not only to concentrate on what is most important for kids to learn but also to monitor and assess their progress so that we can adjust our teaching as needed to make sure each child is successful.

In order to meet the requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind law and Vermont's accountability system, our students' test performance must improve continuously. Coordinating our instructional focus on the core expectations and giving students extra help and time when they need it will improve student learning. But, we also want to get students to work harder. Successful students do well in school not just because they may be bright but mostly because they work hard. Research shows that hard work and effective effort are more important for student success than natural ability. Kids can learn how to do well. Over thirty teachers and administrators are now taking the "Skillful Teacher" course to learn how to improve instruction, get students working effectively and get students doing their best work. It is so important for our teachers to work together and improve their knowledge and skills as teachers in order to improve student learning. We can not expect to get better results unless we change the way we teach to include the most effective instructional methods.

Each town faces similar challenges in providing the services and programs students need at an affordable cost, developing programs and curriculum, and supporting our teachers' continued professional growth. Working together across the districts through grade level meetings, shared professional development opportunities, the administrative team, common initiatives, shared programs like CREEP and summer school, and shared personnel is one way to overcome the challenges small schools face and achieve some of the advantages larger districts enjoy. As Superintendent, I am working with your administrators and boards to find ways that we can be more efficient or effective by pooling our resources, sharing, consolidating and collaborating. It is a challenging time, but if we are willing to change and work together more, I am confident that our schools can continue to be viable and affordable and can continue to offer your children a good education. Yes, our schools are expensive. But they are also a good investment in your children's future and the strength of your community. You have a lot to be proud of in your schools and I thank you for your support.

John A. Bacon  
Superintendent of Schools

## WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Peacham are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Peacham Congregational Church in said Peacham on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 immediately following the adjournment of the School District meeting, which begins at 10:00 AM, to transact the following business:

- Article 1 To elect a Moderator to conduct and govern the meeting and to continue to serve as Moderator for a term of one year or until his or her successor is elected.
- Article 2 To receive the report of Town Auditors.
- Article 3 To elect a Town Clerk for a term of one year.
- Article 4 To elect a Town Treasurer and Tax Collector for a term of one year.
- Article 5 To elect a Selectboard member for a term of three years.
- Article 6 To elect a Lister for a term of three years.
- Article 7 To elect an Auditor for a term of three years.
- Article 8 To elect a Grand Juror for the ensuing year.
- Article 9 To elect a Town Agent for the ensuing year.
- Article 10 To elect a representative to the board of the Peacham Library.
- Article 11 To elect a First Constable for the ensuing year.
- Article 12 To elect a Second Constable for the ensuing year.
- Article 13 Shall the delinquent taxes be collected by the First Constable or shall the Town elect a Delinquent Tax Collector.
- Article 14 To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for the ensuing year.
- Article 15 Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be raised by taxes, and to be held in a reserve fund until used, for the purpose of the purchase of a new rescue vehicle for the Fire Department.
- Article 16 Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to be raised by taxes, and to be held in a reserve fund until used, for the purpose of Fire Warden Capital Equipment.
- Article 17 Shall the voters authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the premises known as the "Old Town Hall" at a price, and on terms, deemed by them to be appropriate?
- Article 18 Shall the voters appropriate \$278,060.00 in taxes to defray Highway expenses.
- Article 19 Shall the voters appropriate \$294,593.03 in taxes to defray the General expenses of the Town.



Article 20 Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$16,328.00 to be raised by taxes in support of the following organizations:

A.	Area Agency on Aging	\$450
B.	Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice	\$2000
C.	Catamount Arts	\$500
D.	Danville Rescue Squad	\$4000
E.	Danville Senior Action	\$300
F.	Fairbanks Museum	\$380
G.	NEK Human Services	\$698
H.	NEK Learning Ser.	\$200
I.	NEK Youth Services	\$500
J.	Peacham Fire District # 1	\$1500
K.	Peacham Library	\$5000
L.	Umbrella	\$300
M.	Vermont Assoc. of the Blind	<u>\$500</u>

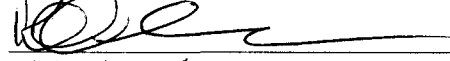
**TOTAL \$16,328**

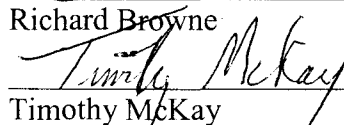
Article 21 Shall the Town pay its real property taxes to the Town Treasurer on or before October 31, 2006, with delinquent taxes having interest charges of one percent per month and with an eight percent penalty charged against them from the due date.

Article 22 To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

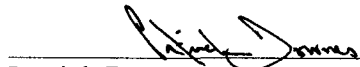
Done at Peacham, Vermont: February 1, 2006

  
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Gary Swenson, Chair

  
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Richard Browne

  
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Timothy McKay

ATTEST:

  
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Patrick Downes  
Town Clerk & Treasurer

## **TOWN MEETING 2005**

The legal voters of the Town of Peacham met March 1, 2005 at 10:00 am at the Peacham Congregational Church. Leslie Morrison, Moderator elected at the 2004 Town meeting, called the meeting to order at 10:06 am. A moment of silence was given for all the men and women serving in the armed forces. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A welcome was received from the Rev. Potter. Voters then acted on the following articles:

Article 1. Dean Monteith nominated Leslie Morrison moderator for the ensuing year. Peg Clemons seconded. David Magnus moved that nominations be closed. Paul Clemons seconded. Cher Monteith moved that one ballot be cast. Kathy Bradley seconded. So voted. Leslie Morrison was elected Moderator.

Article 2. Karen Joyce discussed the auditor's report.

Article 3. Jeff Berwick nominated Patrick Downes for Town Clerk for a term of one year. Rod Reis seconded. Cher Monteith moved that nominations be closed and that one ballot be cast. Nancy Bundgus seconded. So voted. Patrick Downes was elected Town Clerk for a term of one year.

Article 4. Jeff Berwick nominated Patrick Downes for Town Treasurer for a term of one year. Rod Reis seconded. Jerry Senturia moved that nominations be closed and that one ballot be cast. Paul Clemons seconded. So voted. Patrick Downes was elected Town Treasurer for a term of one year.

Article 5. Ron Crisman nominated Ron Craig for Select Board for a term of three years. Beppy Brown seconded. Jeff Berwick nominated Tim McKay for Select Board for a term of three years. Kathy Corcoran seconded. Marceya Roy nominated Dale Roy Sr. for Select Board for a term of three years. Harvey Golubock seconded. Peg Clemons moved to close the nominations. Jeremy White seconded. Voted by paper ballot. Ron Craig received 23 votes. Dale Roy received 27 votes. Tim McKay received 110 votes. Tim McKay was elected to the Select Board for a term of three years.

Article 6. Betsy Smith nominated Becky Jensen for Lister for a term of three years. Diana Senturia seconded. Cher Monteith moved that nominations be closed and that one ballot be cast. So voted. Becky Jensen was elected Lister for a term of three years.

Article 7. Becky Jensen nominated Karen Joyce for Lister for a term of two years. Diana Senturia seconded. Steve White moved that nominations be closed and that one ballot be cast. Becky Jensen seconded. So voted. Karen Joyce was elected Lister for a term of two years.

Article 8. Don Davis moved to have the Select Board appoint a Lister for a term of one year. Jerry Senturia seconded. So voted. Select Board will appoint a Lister for a term of one year.

Article 9. Sue Kiley nominated Jonathan Kaplan as Auditor for a term of three years. Francis Carlet seconded. Patrick Downes nominated Becky Jensen as Auditor for a term of three years.

Peg Clemons seconded. Sharon McDonnell nominated Elizabeth Browne as Auditor for a term of 3 years. Beppy Brown seconded. Rob Ide moved that nominations be closed. Tom Joyce seconded. Voted by paper ballot. Elizabeth Browne received 18 votes. Jonathan Kaplan received 38 votes. Becky Jensen received 97 votes. Becky Jensen was elected Auditor for a term of three years.

Article 10. Jean Clark nominated Diana Senturia as Auditor for a term of two years. Hilary Smith seconded. Sharon McDonnell nominated Jonathan Kaplan as Auditor for a term of two years. Sue Kiley seconded. Paul Clemons moved that nominations be closed. Melody Morrison seconded. Voted by paper ballot. Elizabeth Browne received 18 votes. Jonathan Kaplan received 36 votes. Diana Senturia received 111 votes. Diana Senturia was elected Auditor for a term of two years.

Article 11. Rob Ide nominated Charlie Browne for Grand Juror for a term of one year. Tom Joyce seconded. Dean Monteith moved that nominations be closed and that one ballot be cast. So voted. Charlie Browne was elected Grand Juror for a term of one year.

Article 12. Charlie Browne nominated Bob Fuehrer for Town Agent for a term of one year. Ron Craig seconded. Paul Clemons moved that nominations be closed and that one ballot be cast. So voted. Bob Fuehrer was elected Town Agent for a term of one year.

Article 13. Gary Swenson nominated Beatrice DeRocco as NKWMD Representative for a term of one year. Jean Clark seconded. Paul Clemons moved that nominations be closed and that one ballot be cast. Dean Monteith seconded. So voted. Beatrice DeRocco was elected NKWMD Representative for a term of one year.

Article 14. Cher Monteith nominated John Sheehan as First Constable for a term of one year. Jeremy White seconded. Dean Monteith moved that nominations be closed and that one ballot be cast. Peg Clemons seconded. So voted. John Sheehan was elected First Constable for a term of one year.

Article 15. Jerry Senturia nominated Bill Thresher as Second Constable for a term of one year. Hilary Smith seconded. Dean Monteith moved that nominations be closed and that one ballot be cast. Peg Clemons seconded. So voted. Bill Thresher was elected Second Constable for a term of one year.

Article 16. Jerry Senturia moved that delinquent taxes be collected by the First Constable. Hilary Smith seconded. So voted.

Article 17. Skipped

Article 18. Paul Clemons moved that the Town of Peacham appropriate \$237,000.00 in taxes to defray Highway expenses. Dean Monteith seconded. Some discussion ensued. Voice vote. Article 18 passed unanimously.

Article 19. Rob Ide moved that the Town of Peacham appropriate \$303,790.00 in taxes to defray General expenses. Wynne Browne seconded. Patrick Downes moved to accept the budget, but to move \$7,548.00 from health insurance to contracted services. Discussion ensued. Downes rescinded his motion. Voice vote. Article 19 passed unanimously.

Article 20. Ron Crisman moved that the voters of the Town of Peacham appropriate the sum of \$15,467.00 for support of area organizations. Barry Lawson seconded. Serge Hummon moved to add \$500.00 for Catamount Arts. Ron Crisman seconded. Voice vote. Unanimously approved. David Magnus moved to add \$300.00 for the Danville Senior Action Center. Kathy Corcoran seconded. Voice vote. Unanimously approved. Diane Jejer moved to add \$500.00 for the West Danville Community Center. Some discussion ensued. Ron Crisman moved to table the \$500.00 addition. Gary Swenson seconded. So voted. George Kempton moved that the voters of the Town of Peacham appropriate the sum of \$16,267.00 for support of area organizations. Paul Clemons seconded. So voted. Article 20 passed.

Article 21. Peg Clemons moved that the Town of Peacham appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for the construction of a new recycling shed. Gib Parrish seconded. Voice vote. Article 21 passed.

Article 22. Dean Monteith moved that the Town shall pay its real property taxes to the Town Treasurer on or before October 31, 2005, with delinquent taxes having interest charges of one percent per month and with an eight percent penalty charged against them from the due date. Jeremy White seconded. Voice vote. Unanimously approved.

Article 23. Marsha Garrison moved that the town give the church a donation of \$250.00. Hilary Smith seconded. After some discussion M. Garrison withdrew her motion. H. Smith seconded. Don Davis stated that there was a town meeting on December 16, 2004. Don Davis believes that there are restricted monies in the general fund. Jo Anne Post stated that she would take over Green Up Day. Thanks were given to the road crew, fire department, rescue squad, election workers, kitchen workers, and clerk/treasurer.

Don Davis moved to adjourn. Rob Ide seconded. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.

The foregoing is approved and attested to by:

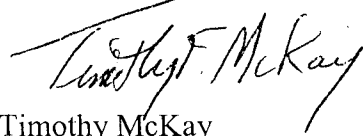
**PEACHAM SELECT BOARD**

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Richard Browne

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Gary Swenson

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Timothy McKay

**MODERATOR**

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Leslie Morrison

**CLERK TO THE BOARD**

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Christina Fearon

## TOWN OFFICERS 2005

Office		Term ends at Town meeting in the year
Auditors	Rebecca Jensen	2008
	Diana Senturia	2007
	Karen Joyce	2006
Constable	John Sheehan	2006
Grand Juror	Charles Browne	2006
Library Representative	Julie Lang	2006
Listers	Rebecca Jensen	2008
	Karen Joyce	2007
	Robert Ide	2006 (appointed)
Moderator	Leslie Morrison	2006
Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District Representative	Beatrice DeRocco	2006
School Directors	Susan Greenleaf	2008
	JoAnne Post	2007
	Jeremy White	2006
Second Constable	William Thresher	2006
Select Board	Tim McKay	2008
	Richard Browne	2007
	Gary Swenson	2006
Tax Collector	John Sheehan	2006
Town Agent	Robert Fuehrer	2006
Town Clerk	Patrick Downes	2006
Town Treasurer	Patrick Downes	2006

## Appointments by Select Board 2005

Committee		Appointment ends
Agency Appropriation Committee	Charles Browne	2008
	Jean Clark	2007
	Don Davis	2006
ADA Committee	Ann Goss	2008
	Wynne Browne	2007
	Jerry Senturia	2006
Board of Adjustment	Dru Powden (resigned)	2008
	Mike Bruton	2007
	Ron Craig	2007
	Mike Hartong (resigned)	2007
	Donald Moore, Sr.	2007
	Francis Carlet	2006
	Art Green	2006
Conservation Commission	Christine Hunt (resigned)	2008
	Fred Fortin	2008
	Ron Miller	2008
	Cindy McKnight	2008
	Marceya Roy	2007
	Alexandra Evans	2006
	David Magnus	2006
Emergency Management Coordinator	Jerry Senturia	2006
Fence Viewers	Kenneth Bean	2006
	Maurice Chandler	2006
	Ken Danielson	2006
Fire Chief	Jeff Berwick	2006
Fire Warden	Frederick Stevenson	2006
Green-up Chairman	JoAnne Post	2006
	Dave Stauffer	2006
Health Officer	Sharon McDonnell	2006
Keeper of the Pound	Jo Guertin	2006

Memorial Day Chairman	Stevens School	2006
NVDA Representatives	Joseph Garcia	2006
	John Reiss	2006
Planning Commission	Maurine Rosenberg	2008
	Marilyn Magnus	2008
	Tom Glavin	2007
	Barry Lawson (resigned)	2007
	John Reiss	2007
	Francis Berwick (resigned)	2006
	Tom Joyce	2006
	Lisa Moore	2006
	Gib Parrish	2006
Recreation Committee	Disbanded	
Road Commissioner	Select Board	
Service Officer	Patty Strader	2006
Sextons	Ron Craig	2006
	Cheryl Stevenson	2006
Town Energy Coordinator	David Magnus	2006
Tree Warden	Neil Monteith	2006
Zoning Administrator*	Robert Hansen	2006

\*Appointed by the Planning Commission, approved by the Select Board



Town of Peacham  
AUDITOR'S REPORT  
For Year 2005

We have examined the accounts and records of the Town Officials, verified the stated cash balances and inspected certificates or other securities and trust funds. The Town Treasurer clearly spent considerable time and effort in balancing all of the Town accounts and putting them into a transparent format. To the best of our knowledge, the report submitted herewith presents the financial position of the Town of Peacham on December 31, 2005 and gives an accurate account of the funds during the year ended.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Jensen  
Karen Joyce  
Diana Senturia

## Vital Statistics 2005

### **Births**

Christian Izaiah Young	2/17/05	Pamela Dawn Young Raymond Charles Young
Henry Allan Roy	3/20/05	Jessica Lynn Roy Trent McEl Roy
Lucas Rain Downer	4/18/05	Kerryanne Downer Gregory Arthur Downer
Olivia Grace Emerson	7/28/05	Lisa Elizabeth Emerson Elijah Daniel Emerson
Cadance Maye Martin Kyra Ann Martin	8/3/05	Kristi Rae Nunn Steven Ray Martin
Henry Seamus Griffin	11/23/05	Maryellen Meaney Griffin Peter George Griffin

### **Marriages**

Robert Alden Brown Sharon E. Anderson	2/12/05
Joshua Michael Ainsworth Dawn Marion Philip	2/26/05
Justin M. White Erika D. Thresher	6/11/05
Jessie Wade Nunn Rose Johanne Desjardins	8/14/05

### **Deaths**

Jean Pratt Law	82	2/21/05	St. Johnsbury
Richard Macon Graves	61	3/22/05	Peacham
Barbara Jamieson	91	5/11/05	Peacham
Carolyn Schoolcraft	74	7/26/05	St. Johnsbury
John Beyer	81	8/18/05	Peacham

## Town Clerk and Treasurer's Report 2005

>Gulp<

A year...

Much has happened in the Clerk/Treasurer's office, and I'll be damned if I can remember any of it at this exact moment...

Wait, I remember something. With deep thanks to Becky Jensen's ingenuity, a database was created for recorded documents. Land records, from January 2005 forward, have been entered in the database, and the indices, generated monthly, are in a binder. The index card has become, it seems, a thing of the past. Eventually, all records, including vital statistics, might be entered into the database. What's more, after acquiring a server, the Listers' Office will finally be connected to the Clerk's, making Grand List management and information-sharing considerably easier. A public access, read-only computer database would quicken the research and may yet be installed in the future.

Also in the interest of maintaining our Land Records, we bought a new map case to house land surveys and a set of storage shelves for additional volumes of Land Records.

One last computer-related note. On the website, <http://www.peacham.net>, anyone can follow the link to the Town Clerk and then to the link for Documents and Applications Available for Download. The Zoning Bylaws, Zoning Application, Access Permit, Town Plan and more have been put online, thanks to Jerry Senturia. More may come, including the Town Report.

What else...?

We made sincere efforts to understand and clarify the management of Peacham Cemetery, and to smooth the relationship between the Cemetery Fund and the General Fund. You can read more about this in the Peacham Cemetery report. Still, it's worth noting here that we made this effort to ensure the present and future health of the Cemetery, which will help to preserve the health of the Town.



Oh, and we made great strides toward improving the entire bookkeeping system, building on the work done by our predecessors.

Hmm—

We—and by “we” I mean Lynne—drafted a how-to policy manual, outlining many of the day-to-day responsibilities and methods of the clerk/treasurer position.

We—and by “we” I mean the clerk—saved electricity by keeping the office more or less cloaked in darkness.

We—and we know who we are—continued to supply candy to the town, drumming up business for local dentists...

And no, no, a thousand times no, Richard Gere has not bought a home in our little corner of the world.

There’s a list of things we managed to do, such as move our voter checklist to a statewide database, that a clerk less than a generation ago would have found absurd, and for which we must acknowledge our ever increasing obligation to assist the state in its effort to centralize, centralize, centralize. Judge what you may from this.

Come to think of it, though, perhaps our greatest accomplishment this year in the office can be defined by its tone. It appears we kept an office notable for its humor, efficiency, ease, and safety. It’s an accomplishment for which we can take no credit at all since it relied heavily on the generosity and openness of the people who walked through the door. I did not have a single ugly moment with a citizen, unless one counts the moment I challenged Don Davis to bring me flowers.

Finally, and for this I am most serious, it’s impossible for me to convey the depth of my gratitude to all who deserve it. From the voters, who invested their trust in me a year ago, to Tina Fearon, Suzanne Rhodes, Cher Smith Monteith, Lori Craig, and Karen Joyce, who helped me learn and tackle the job in the early weeks and beyond, I owe thanks. I owe thanks to Phil Jejer, Gary Swenson, Dick Browne, and Tim McKay for their efforts and patience and good humor. I owe thanks to the people in town who visited daily or weekly or monthly, and who, by sharing their company and time, helped make the office a place for friendship. And I reserve special thanks to Lynne Lawson, who, as assistant clerk/treasurer, has been nothing short of dependable, efficient, kind, funny, and understanding.

I have been honored by all, shamed by none. I will certainly remember this for the duration of my time on our watery and troubled globe.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Downes



## SUMMARY OF TOWN ACCOUNTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2005

Checking- current	\$384,924.24
Storm Repair Road-FEMA	\$2,236.74
Retreatment	\$5,524.37
CDARS Capital Equipment	\$71,046.59
Road Cap Equip Acct	\$40,039.04
 TOTAL	 \$503,770.98

## STATEMENT OF DEBT OUTSTANDING

Highway Truck Lease	\$88,080.96
Fire Truck Lease	\$107,202.88
Fire Station Note	\$91,667.00
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Total Debt	\$286,950.84
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\*The Highway Truck lease is paid semi-annually to Municipal Asset Management for a total of \$22,020.24/year. The final payment will be due September 2009.

\*\*The Fire Truck lease is paid semi-annually to Municipal Asset Management for a total of \$26,800.72/year. The final payment will also be due in 2009.

\*\*\*The Fire Station Note with Passumpsic Bank, approved by voters in 2000, is currently paid yearly at \$18,333.00/year plus interest. The final payment will be due in 2010. The interest is an expense that is not included in the total principal outstanding.

## GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2005

### ASSET

Main Checking 3093	381,924.24
Petty Cash	24.63
Housing VT Grant Rcvble.	19.80
Conservation Grant Rcvble.	-283.17
FEMA-Passumpsic 2112	2,236.74
Homeland Security Rcvble.	9,377.49
Fire Act Grant Rcvble.	2,707.25
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Total Asset	396,006.98

\*The assets listed as Receivables are grant monies that were expected after year end. In the instance of the Conservation Grant, we received more money than was expended under the guidelines of the grant; however, the granting agency permitted the Peacham Conservation Commission to expend that money as it saw fit in 2006. This has occurred.

### LIABILITY

Restoration Land Records	144.25
Conservation Reserve	5,627.01
VT Money for Reappraisal	4,697.00
Bridge Fund	6,827.79
FEMA	2,201.09
New Recycling Shed	9,305.87
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Total Liability	28,880.01

\*This list of liabilities shows the total outstanding at the end of the year and does not include liabilities that may have existed and were paid down, such as the amount due to the state out of dog licenses. These liabilities are the only reserve funds established by earlier voter approval or by state mandate with an outstanding balance at the close of 2005.

## Grand List Computations 2005

Appraised Valuations      \$828,725.27      Veterans' Exemptions Included

Grand List Set July, 2005

$$\$82,872,527 \times .01 = \$828,725.27$$

2005 Education Property Tax Rate (Set by Vermont Dept. of Taxes)

Homestead Rate	1.5223
Non-Residential Rate	1.5964

Town Taxes to be raised

Highway	\$237,000.00
General	\$303,790.00
Appropriations	<u>\$ 16,267.00</u>

Total	\$557,057.00
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Less State Money to town

Hold Harmless	\$51,906.00
PILOT	<u>\$ 1,756.00</u>
	\$53,662.00

Town Tax Rate

$$\$503,395 / \$828,725.27 = 0.6075$$

<u>TOTAL HOMESTEAD TAX RATE</u>	2.1298
<u>TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE</u>	2.2039

Peacham Selectboard

Gary Swenson

Richard Browne

Timothy McKay

Approved July 20, 2005

**Town of Peacham**  
**List of Delinquent Taxes as of January 25, 2006**

Name	Year	Amount Due	Penalties and Interest due	Yearly Total Due	Total Due per Parcel
Alburger, Nicholas	2005	\$3,191.25	\$351.03	\$3,542.28	\$3,542.28
Bell, Virginia	2005	\$777.38	\$85.50	\$862.88	\$862.88
Boomhower, Gregory	2005	\$841.89	\$92.61	\$934.50	\$934.50
Bretholtz, Joshua	2005	\$2,620.44	\$288.24	\$2,908.68	\$2,908.68
Christie, Rachel	2005	\$906.21	\$18.12	\$924.33	\$924.33
Couture, Raymond	2003	\$767.57	\$7.68	\$775.25	\$2,622.93
	2004	\$781.76	\$148.56	\$930.32	
	2005	\$826.46	\$90.90	\$917.36	
Dedam, Jean	2002	\$135.05	\$58.05	\$193.10	\$691.95
	2003	\$140.16	\$43.41	\$183.57	
	2004	\$133.42	\$25.30	\$158.72	
	2005	\$141.05	\$15.51	\$156.56	
Deehl, S. R.	2004	\$248.50	\$19.92	\$268.42	\$762.58
	2005	\$445.19	\$48.97	\$494.16	
Deyhle, Devon	2005	\$895.15	\$98.46	\$993.61	\$993.61
Feldman, Tuvia	2002	\$2,141.17	\$21.41	\$2,162.58	\$8,300.18
	2004	\$2,610.79	\$496.07	\$3,106.86	
	2005	\$2,730.41	\$300.33	\$3,030.74	
Fullerton, Richard	2004	\$375.24	\$71.27	\$446.51	\$886.86
	2005	\$396.70	\$43.65	\$440.35	
Garcia, Joseph	2005	\$1,172.47	\$128.96	\$1,301.43	\$1,301.43
Goguen, Marian	2002	\$2,271.54	\$140.37	\$2,411.91	\$6,082.32
	2003	\$1,631.83	\$228.48	\$1,860.31	
	2005	\$1,774.60	\$35.50	\$1,810.10	
Goslant, Damon	2005	\$1,071.32	\$10.71	\$1,082.03	\$1,082.03
Goslant, William	2003	\$4,906.89	\$1,521.16	\$6,428.05	\$8,065.79
	2004	\$1,376.28	\$261.46	\$1,637.74	
Hastings, James	2005	\$279.89	\$30.79	\$310.68	\$310.68



**Town of Peacham**  
**List of Delinquent Taxes as of January 25, 2006**

Name	Year	Amount Due	Penalties and Interest due	Yearly Total Due	Total Due per Parcel
Iacono, Margaret	2003	\$1,489.22	\$44.67	\$1,533.89	\$6,001.68
	2004	\$2,180.59	\$414.36	\$2,594.95	
	2005	\$1,872.84	\$0.00	\$1,872.84	
Jamieson, Barbara	2005	\$2,288.46	\$251.72	\$2,540.18	\$2,540.18
Joyce Mecartney JEDI Trust	2001	\$1,699.16	\$33.98	\$1,733.14	\$4,124.10
	2002	\$1,056.58	\$454.48	\$1,511.06	
	2003	\$671.61	\$208.29	\$879.90	
Lafontaine, Albert	2000	\$190.66	\$11.46	\$202.12	\$4,335.22
	2001	\$601.30	\$324.56	\$925.86	
	2002	\$650.94	\$279.93	\$930.87	
	2003	\$639.48	\$198.13	\$837.61	
	2004	\$608.73	\$115.69	\$724.42	
	2005	\$643.54	\$70.80	\$714.34	
Lowre, Richard	2003	\$847.62	\$262.85	\$1,110.47	\$4,930.91
	2004	\$1,625.12	\$308.76	\$1,933.88	
	2005	\$1,699.59	\$186.97	\$1,886.56	
Marcotte, Lorraine	2005	\$2,838.62	\$28.39	\$2,867.01	\$2,867.01
Monteith, Cheryl	2005	\$1,249.07	\$137.40	\$1,386.47	\$1,386.47
Moore, Mark	2001	\$3,582.82	\$975.48	\$4,558.30	\$4,558.30
Roy, Richard Dale	2005	\$1,428.28	\$0.00	\$1,428.28	\$1,428.28
Tillotson, Dennis	2004	\$2,849.06	\$541.31	\$3,390.37	\$4,511.96
	2005	\$1,010.45	\$111.14	\$1,121.59	
Wilson, George	2005	\$1,538.32	\$169.21	\$1,707.53	\$1,707.53
Total		\$68,852.67	\$9,812.00	\$78,664.67	\$78,664.67

Notes:

Amounts were accurate as of 25 January 2006

Person listed as owner is the owner of record on 1 April 2005. Some parcels have been transferred and taxes may be due from another party.

<b>Account</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2005</b>	<b>Actual FY - 2005</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2006</b>
<b>GENERAL REVENUE</b>			
<b>TAX RELATED</b>			
Taxes - Current Year	0.00	1,708,977.50	0.00
Del. Taxes Current Year	5,000.00	109,901.05	5,000.00
Interest: Del. Taxes	0.00	10,807.59	0.00
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	5,000.00	1,829,686.14	5,000.00
<b>CLERKS OFFICE</b>			
Town Clerk's Fees	5,000.00	8,994.57	5,000.00
Dog Licenses	850.00	688.00	750.00
Liquor License Fees	0.00	50.00	0.00
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	5,850.00	9,732.57	5,750.00
<b>ST OF VERMONT</b>			
Current Use Payback	0.00	51,906.00	10,000.00
Pilot State Land	0.00	14,504.00	3,000.00
Lease Land	0.00	18.50	0.00
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	0.00	66,428.50	13,000.00
<b>OTHER</b>			
Zoning Fees	0.00	343.00	0.00
Board Of Adjustment Fees	0.00	50.00	0.00
Rentals	12,000.00	13,858.76	12,000.00
Misc Revenue	0.00	3,695.22	0.00
Public Donations	0.00	200.00	0.00
Interest On Investments	850.00	5,121.53	2,250.00
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	12,850.00	23,268.51	14,250.00
<b>TRANSFER STATION</b>			
Transfer Station Fees	32,000.00	37,516.57	32,000.00
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	32,000.00	37,516.57	32,000.00
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<b>Total General</b>	<b>55,700.00</b>	<b>1,966,632.29</b>	<b>70,000.00</b>

<b>Account</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2005</b>	<b>Actual FY - 2005</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2006</b>
<b>ROAD REVENUE</b>			
<b>PERMITS</b>			
Access Permits	0.00	6.00	0.00
Excess Weight Permits	200.00	245.00	0.00
Fines	1,000.00	1,876.34	1,000.00
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	1,200.00	2,127.34	1,000.00
<b>ST OF VERMONT</b>			
State: Highway Aid	100,000.00	115,425.78	110,000.00
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	100,000.00	115,425.78	110,000.00
<b>OTHER</b>			
Interest On Investments	850.00	724.50	800.00
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	850.00	724.50	800.00
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<b>Total Roads</b>	<b>102,050.00</b>	<b>118,277.62</b>	<b>111,800.00</b>
<b>RETREATMENT RES REVENUES</b>			
Interest On Investments	0.00	258.33	0.00
Revenue from Town	0.00	50,000.00	0.00
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	0.00	50,258.33	0.00
<b>ROAD CAP. RES REVENUES</b>			
Interest On Investments	0.00	1,755.02	0.00
Revenue from Town	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Sale of Equipment	0.00	18,760.00	0.00
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	2,000.00	22,515.02	0.00

<b>Account</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2004</b>	<b>Actual FY - 2004</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2005</b>	<b>Actual FY - 2005</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2006</b>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>					
<b>PAYROLL</b>					
Selectmen's Salaries	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Administrative Assistant	30,000.00	30,000.10	31,500.00	31,269.28	33,100.00
Board Clerk Salary	3,000.00	2,653.74	4,000.00	3,961.60	4,000.00
Listers'salaries	16,650.00	14,246.80	18,000.00	8,819.07	15,000.00
Animal Control Person	670.00	250.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Health Officer	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Zoning	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Town Treasurer	10,500.00	9,288.55	10,500.00	10,903.95	12,675.00
Asst Town Treasurer	4,600.00	4,365.00	5,000.00	4,564.51	5,000.00
Town Clerk	10,500.00	12,132.79	10,500.00	10,903.95	12,675.00
Asst Town Clerk	4,600.00	4,600.00	5,000.00	4,564.51	5,000.00
Town Hall: Cust. Salaries	7,800.00	7,729.10	7,800.00	8,612.50	0.00
Auditors' Salaries	650.00	736.01	650.00	1,957.50	900.00
Constable	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Fica/Medi	15,044.00	13,089.91	14,000.00	8,086.66	8,000.00
Unemployment	2,020.00	2,392.00	2,500.00	2,253.75	2,359.00
Workers Comp	12,255.00	10,402.00	11,000.00	11,354.00	15,860.00
Health Insurance	15,096.00	14,027.60	40,250.00	13,566.60	10,000.00
Retire-match Funds	2,800.00	400.00	3,000.00	500.00	3,000.00
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	139,485.00	129,613.60	167,500.00	125,117.88	131,369.00

<b>Account</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2004</b>	<b>Actual FY - 2004</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2005</b>	<b>Actual FY - 2005</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2006</b>
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>					
VMCTA Dues	760.00	730.00	0.00	20.00	20.00
VLCT Dues	2,330.00	2,124.00	1,000.00	993.00	1,000.00
Town Insurance	35,818.00	37,306.98	19,500.00	21,687.14	22,000.00
Legal Expense	2,200.00	402.04	1,000.00	352.73	1,000.00
County Tax	9,893.00	8,579.00	11,147.00	11,147.37	13,058.01
Tax Mapping	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	3,738.60	5,000.00
Planning	750.00	-5,440.62	750.00	976.37	1,000.00
Conservation	100.00	65.04	100.00	0.00	300.00
Contribution to Cons. Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Recreation	500.00	420.00	1,850.00	2,900.43	2,000.00
Green-Up Vermont	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
NVDA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	279.30
N. VT Resource & Dev. Cncl	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Elections/town Meeting	750.00	1,392.45	1,000.00	496.00	1,000.00
Cemetery Allocation	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Misc Expenditure	0.00	16.00	100.00	852.16	500.00
Tax Ant. Note: Interest	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
School Allocation	0.00	1,194,774.00	1,289,755.00	1,289,755.00	0.00
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	53,101.00	1,240,368.89	1,335,202.00	1,335,918.80	51,782.31

<b>Account</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2004</b>	<b>Actual FY - 2004</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2005</b>	<b>Actual FY - 2005</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2006</b>
<b>TOWN OFFICE</b>					
Telephone	3,295.00	3,089.20	4,000.00	3,993.40	4,000.00
Electricity	5,350.00	5,382.02	5,500.00	5,721.91	5,900.00
Mileage	1,180.00	594.96	1,200.00	1,057.51	1,200.00
Supplies	6,770.00	6,000.60	7,760.00	2,080.65	4,000.00
Dog Expense	500.00	243.00	400.00	240.30	250.00
Adm. Assist Other Benefit	560.00	600.61	650.00	688.81	750.00
Land Records Allocation	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	750.00
Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,047.52	1,200.00
Internet	155.00	214.13	0.00	516.46	550.00
Computer Expense	1,500.00	1,566.86	4,000.00	3,975.98	2,000.00
Training	2,716.00	825.92	3,620.00	255.34	500.00
Service Support/licensing	2,850.00	1,188.47	3,680.00	2,237.26	3,500.00
Advertising	1,000.00	1,012.40	1,200.00	1,708.00	2,000.00
Town Hall Maintenance	8,500.00	9,417.73	5,000.00	1,511.41	3,000.00
Old Town Office Maintenanc	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
TH Maintenance-Mowing	0.00	0.00	300.00	99.00	200.00
Heating Fuel	6,550.00	12,842.61	10,000.00	16,791.67	17,500.00
Water	1,336.00	1,336.00	1,400.00	1,336.00	1,400.00
Contracted Services	2,400.00	527.50	1,050.00	5,741.75	10,000.00
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	44,862.00	44,842.01	50,460.00	49,502.97	58,900.00
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<b>TOTAL GEN'L GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>237,448.00</b>	<b>1,414,824.50</b>	<b>1,553,162.00</b>	<b>1,510,539.65</b>	<b>242,051.31</b>

<b>Account</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2004</b>	<b>Actual FY - 2004</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2005</b>	<b>Actual FY - 2005</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2006</b>
<b>TRANSFER STATION</b>					
<b>PAYROLL</b>					
Waste Transfer Salaries	4,700.00	4,700.28	4,800.00	4,700.28	5,050.00
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	4,700.00	4,700.28	4,800.00	4,700.28	5,050.00
 <b>TRANS STA EXPENSES</b>					
Repairs & Maint.	200.00	0.00	200.00	8.50	200.00
Contracted Services	33,300.00	36,196.66	35,000.00	27,298.93	35,000.00
Recycling: Cont. Services	3,000.00	2,680.25	3,000.00	3,069.47	3,200.00
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	36,500.00	38,876.91	38,200.00	30,376.90	38,400.00
 <b>TRANS STA OFFICE</b>					
Supplies	100.00	152.95	200.00	36.75	200.00
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	100.00	152.95	200.00	36.75	200.00
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 <b>TOTAL TRANSFER STATION</b>	 <b>41,300.00</b>	 <b>43,730.14</b>	 <b>43,200.00</b>	 <b>35,113.93</b>	 <b>43,650.00</b>

<b>Account</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2004</b>	<b>Actual FY - 2004</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2005</b>	<b>Actual FY - 2005</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2006</b>
<b>FIRE &amp; SAFETY</b>					
<b>PAYROLL</b>					
Fire Dept. Salaries	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Fire Warden: Salaries	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
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	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00
<b>F&amp;S EXPENSES</b>					
Dues & Fees	500.00	353.97	550.00	348.00	500.00
Errors & Omissions	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
Fire Dept. Mileage	150.00	112.50	150.00	0.00	150.00
Supplies	700.00	514.88	700.00	830.00	750.00
Gas	250.00	409.69	250.00	388.23	400.00
Medical Supplies/equip	700.00	1,121.04	900.00	683.04	1,000.00
Hepatitis B Shots	500.00	0.00	500.00	477.00	300.00
Fire Equipment	7,000.00	4,903.33	7,000.00	6,228.66	7,000.00
Hydrant	1,000.00	285.00	1,000.00	131.96	1,000.00
Fire Warden Repairs & Mai	100.00	67.96	350.00	0.00	350.00
Law Enforcement	9,000.00	7,749.48	9,000.00	4,934.43	9,000.00
Fire Sta. Note: Princ.	0.00	0.00	18,333.00	18,333.00	18,333.00
Fire Sta. Note: Interest	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	2,791.49	3,000.00
Fire Truck Lease	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,800.72
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	20,150.00	15,517.85	43,983.00	35,145.81	68,583.72



<b>Account</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2004</b>	<b>Actual FY - 2004</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2005</b>	<b>Actual FY - 2005</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2006</b>
<b>F&amp;S OFFICE</b>					
Fire Dept. Training	900.00	252.53	1,000.00	745.80	2,000.00
24-hour Contract	2,070.00	2,070.00	2,200.00	2,364.00	2,658.00
Repairs & Maint. Equip.	2,700.00	4,608.95	3,500.00	3,161.36	3,500.00
Repairs & Maint. Bldg	1,500.00	1,667.92	1,500.00	912.13	1,500.00
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	7,170.00	8,599.40	8,200.00	7,183.29	9,658.00
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<b>TOTAL FIRE &amp; SAFETY</b>	27,970.00	24,767.25	52,833.00	42,979.10	78,891.72
<b>ROADS</b>					
<b>PAYROLL</b>					
Road Dept. Salaries	90,000.00	75,217.42	92,000.00	89,268.21	95,000.00
Road Dept. Fica/medi	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,942.83	6,000.00
Roads Dept. Health Ins.	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,432.74	18,000.00
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	90,000.00	75,217.42	92,000.00	111,643.78	119,000.00
<b>ROAD EXPENSES</b>					
VMHA Dues	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	10.00
Gas, Oil, Diesel	19,000.00	21,471.89	20,000.00	21,668.65	24,000.00
Tires	3,000.00	1,363.96	3,000.00	2,655.49	3,000.00
Radios	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	825.70	1,000.00
Contrbbtn to Retreatment Rsrve	50,000.00	83,915.57	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
Contrbbtn to Road Cap Equip Rsr	40,000.00	-66.41	2,000.00	2,000.00	22,000.00
Contrbbtn to Bridge Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
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	113,000.00	106,685.01	76,000.00	77,159.84	102,510.00

<b>Account</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2004</b>	<b>Actual FY - 2004</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2005</b>	<b>Actual FY - 2005</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2006</b>
<b>TOWN GARAGE</b>					
Mileage	500.00	325.92	500.00	93.76	150.00
Equip:repairs/supplies	20,000.00	21,320.64	43,000.00	46,651.25	25,000.00
Other Benefits	2,500.00	2,977.70	2,500.00	2,955.24	3,000.00
Training	300.00	255.00	500.00	110.18	500.00
Bldg: Repairs & Maint.	3,500.00	3,517.00	5,000.00	4,051.24	10,000.00
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	26,800.00	28,396.26	51,500.00	53,861.67	38,650.00
 <b>ROAD MAINTENANCE</b>					
Contracted Services	7,500.00	7,087.36	10,000.00	9,350.78	15,000.00
Contracted- Rdside mowing	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	3,885.20	5,000.00
Equipment Rental	1,000.00	690.00	3,500.00	3,103.00	4,000.00
Culverts	3,000.00	2,853.60	3,000.00	3,739.58	4,000.00
Dust Control	12,000.00	11,994.52	12,000.00	13,067.00	12,000.00
Gravel, Crushed Stone	30,000.00	42,355.44	30,000.00	30,356.05	35,000.00
Salt	20,000.00	13,977.90	20,000.00	21,500.60	22,000.00
Winter Sand	23,000.00	19,272.00	23,000.00	24,023.50	24,000.00
Signs	500.00	481.51	500.00	911.49	1,000.00
Guard Rails	7,750.00	7,096.63	7,750.00	7,542.50	7,700.00
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	104,750.00	105,808.96	114,750.00	117,479.70	129,700.00
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<b>TOTAL ROADS</b>	<b>334,550.00</b>	<b>316,107.65</b>	<b>334,250.00</b>	<b>360,144.99</b>	<b>389,860.00</b>
 <b>Total General Expenses</b>	<b>306,718.00</b>	<b>1,483,321.89</b>	<b>1,649,195.00</b>	<b>1,588,632.68</b>	<b>364,593.03</b>
<b>Total Road Expenses</b>	<b>334,550.00</b>	<b>316,107.65</b>	<b>334,250.00</b>	<b>360,144.99</b>	<b>389,860.00</b>

<b>Account</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2004</b>	<b>Actual FY - 2004</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2005</b>	<b>Actual FY - 2005</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2006</b>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>					
Adult Basic Ed/NEK Learn	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Area Agency On Aging	0.00	0.00	450.00	450.00	600.00
Cal. Home Health & Hosp.	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Danville Rescue	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Fairbanks Museum	0.00	0.00	380.00	380.00	380.00
Nek Human Services	0.00	0.00	698.00	698.00	698.00
Nek Youth Services	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Peacham Fire District 1	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Peacham Library	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	5,000.00
Rural Community Transport	0.00	0.00	235.00	234.75	0.00
Umbrella	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Catamount Arts	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Danville Senior Action Ctr	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Vt Assoc. for the Blind	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
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<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>15,063.00</b>	<b>15,062.75</b>	<b>16,478.00</b>
 <b>RETREATMENT RES EXP</b>	 0.00	 0.00	 0.00	 100,023.99	 0.00
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<b>TOTAL RETREATMENT RES EXP</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100,023.99</b>	<b>0.00</b>
 <b>ROAD CAPITAL EXPENSES</b>					
Road Capital	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,941.00	0.00
Truck Lease	0.00	0.00	48,820.96	48,820.96	22,020.24
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<b>TOTAL ROAD CAPITAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>48,820.96</b>	<b>64,761.96</b>	<b>22,020.24</b>

## Notes for 2005-2006 Budget

### General Government

#### Payroll

- The amount beyond the budgeted amount to the TC/TT was owed to the last pay period in 2004 paid in the first period in 2005.
- Town Hall custodial services have been contracted out for 2006.
- Salaries, FICA/MEDI, and Health Insurance for the Roads Department are listed under the Roads section.

#### General Expenses

- The County Tax, at this time, is firm, as far as I know.
- The Recreation Committee had funds in an account erroneously held over from previous years. In 2005, the committee saw through restoration of the baseball field, using the amount budgeted and these previous years' funds. There no longer exists a separate Recreation account.
- Green-Up Vermont, NVDA, and Northern VT Resource & Development Council are no longer considered within Appropriations since they are not private non-profit organizations.

#### Town Office

- Until 2005, there were no separate lines for Postage and Internet. These lines, like Telephone, Electricity, Mileage, Supplies, Training, Service Support/Licensing, Computer Expense, Advertising, Heating Fuel and Contracted Services, are pooled.
- Heating fuel is a best guess.
- Under Contracted Services, the amount expended in 2005 reflects my on-site training through NEMRC. The money for this came from the health insurance benefits I forfeited. Also, under Contracted Services, the amount budgeted for 2006 reflects the expenses for Town Reports, which no longer has its own line, any on-site help a new clerk/treasurer may require, and custodial services for the Town Hall.
- The advertising beyond budget is owed to a number of required additional warnings, particularly for the Zoning Bylaws adoption process.

#### Transfer Station

- Under Contracted Services, we expended less than budgeted for 2005 due to an accrued credit with Casella Waste Management for overcharges.

## **Fire and Safety**

- Under Law Enforcement, the Sheriff's Department had considerably less coverage than expected due to personnel departures.
- With regard to the Fire Truck Lease, this had been paid through 2005 out of the Road Capital Reserve Fund. Starting in 2006, the town will pay this lease out of taxes raised.
- The 24-hour Contract went up to reflect the increase in the number of calls the Peacham FD responded to in 2005.

## **Roads**

### **Payroll**

- As noted earlier, I'm including FICA/MEDI and Health Insurance for the Road Crew here.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Other Road Expenditures seem self-explanatory.
- The leases for the two town trucks will be paid again out of the Road Capital Reserve in 2006. The Town is considering the acquisition of a new truck, and the payments are considered to come out of the Road Capital Reserve, which explains the request for \$22,000 for 2006.

## INVENTORY OF REAL ESTATE 12/31/2005

Fire House, Roller, Common	\$146,300.00
Town Forest	90,000.00
Garage and Salt Shed	81,300.00
Former Town Office Building	67,400.00
Town Hall	111,500.00
Transfer Station	21,300.00
Hardy Lot	75,600.00
Cemetery G	83,400.00
Luther Fletcher Parker Field	<u>41,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$717,800.00</b>

## INVENTORY OF ROAD EQUIPMENT VALUE AS OF 12/31/2005

2000 F550 Ford w/plow	\$10,500.00
2-2003 International. Trucks with plows, wings, and sanders: leased to own	180,000.00
1995 International Truck	12,000.00
1992 John Deere Backhoe	25,000.00
1-1996 Temco Plow	1,800.00
1998 John Deere 544H Loader	78,000.00
1977 Ford Tanker	4,000.00
1-Flink Spreader	1,000.00
1-Swenson Sander	1,000.00
York Rake	1,500.00
1-1985 Caterpillar Grader w/wing	76,000.00
Culvert Thawing Rig	750.00
Electric Welder	800.00
6,000-gal. Diesel Fuel Tank and Pump	7,000.00
5-Channel FM Mobile Transceivers and Equipment	3,000.00
2-Air Compressors	500.00
Steam Cleaner	1,800.00
Calcium Chloride Tanks- 1-750 gallons	750.00
1-2500 gallons	2,200.00
Bandsaw	200.00
Tools and Miscellaneous Small Equipment	2,500.00
3-Chainsaws	600.00
1-Pole Saw	350.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$411,250.00</b>

**Town of Peacham**  
**Employee Compensation 2005**

Employee	Gross Wages
Bell, Ronald	\$26,804.93
Berwick, Cody	\$5,120.00
Berwick, Jeff	\$500.00
Blair, Richard	\$5,082.31
Browne, Richard	\$500.00
Buick, Homer	\$29,781.21
Cochran, Robert	\$281.75
Downes, Patrick	\$22,721.53
Fearon, Christina	\$4,615.40
Goss, Charles	\$28,298.80
Guertin, Jo	\$500.00
Hansen, W. Robert	\$1,500.00
Hebebrand, Edward	\$2,018.25
Ide, Robert	\$610.00
Jamieson, Douglas	\$8,612.50
Jejer, Philip	\$32,480.82
Jensen, Rebecca	\$4,505.75
Joyce, Karen	\$3,500.00
Lawson, Lynne	\$7,297.52
McDonnell, Sharon	\$50.00
McKay, Timothy	\$500.00
Rhodes, Suzanne	\$1,831.50
Sheehan, John	\$8,855.05
Smith-Monteith, Cheryl	\$154.94
Stevenson, Fred	\$110.00
Stevenson, Cheryl	\$789.76
Swenson, Gary	\$500.00
Total	\$197,522.02

## TOWN OF PEACHAM 2005 SELECTBOARD REPORT

In 2005 the Selectboard continued with its multi-component work plan to be carried out in addition to the general supervision of the affairs of the Town. This plan was adopted so that the Selectboard could focus on longer-range issues facing the Town and not only react to the current Town business. The object of the work continues to be to review all operations of the Town to see if improvements in processes and/or cost reductions can be obtained.

Roads--- This year, like all years, was a year of challenges for the Road Department with a number of heavy rainstorms and continual freeze-thaw cycles. The activities conducted on the Town's roads in 2005 and the plans for 2006 are set forth in the report of the Administrative Assistant to the Selectboard.

In 2005, the former green camouflage road grader was refurbished and painted yellow, and a new snow wing was installed. The total cost for this work was \$35,307.06. The refurbished grader is expected to provide at least seven to ten years of useful service. The alternative to refurbishing the grader was to purchase a new grader at a cost in excess of \$200,000. The old yellow grader was sold for the amount of \$18,760.

In 2005, the Administrative Assistant recommended that the existing 1995 red International plow truck be replaced in 2006. This vehicle has over 10,800 hours and 126,000 miles on it and is showing definite signs of aging as well as becoming increasingly unreliable. To purchase a new truck (fully –equipped) would cost about \$120,000. The Selectboard will pursue this proposal with the Administrative Assistant in 2006. The alternatives to be considered include procuring the new plow truck, continuing to use the existing plow truck (despite its increasing unreliability and repair incidence) for another year or more, and “outsourcing” a portion of the work performed by the truck. Among the factors to be considered are total life-cycle costs, Town control over its road maintenance equipment and schedule, the cost of down time for maintenance and repairs, and recognition of the essential work the truck performs in the winter. As stated in last year's Selectboard Report, the Selectboard believes the practice of leasing road equipment under lease purchase agreements is the most cost effective way to procure new equipment and avoids spending a large amount of money in a single year. The Selectboard has included sufficient funds in the 2006 budget as an addition to the Road Capital Equipment Fund to permit the procurement of the truck, if that is the decision.

Transfer Station Recycling Shed---At the 2005 Town Meeting, the voters appropriated the amount of \$20,000 to be used to construct a new recycling shed at the Town Transfer Station. The shed was designed by a committee comprised of Dick Browne, Dick Blair, Ed Stretch, Beatrice DeRocco and Neal Gombas. The shed was constructed with the volunteer efforts under the leadership of Neal Gombas. Neal volunteered many persistent



hours to build a solid building that will last for many years. Peacham residents owe Neal a huge vote of thanks. Volunteers included Dave Stauffer, Dylan and Josie Gombas, Tim McKay, Patrick Downes, Dick Browne and others. Andy Cochran donated all the concrete work at cost and the Town road crew did the site work. It was a true community effort. The recycling shed was opened in January of 2006 and is obviously a major improvement over the former recycling trailer. The shed will be painted or stained in 2006 and bird screening will be installed between the rafters along the eaves. Because of efficiencies derived from the use of the new shed, the Town expects to save around \$1500 per year in recycling costs. The total cost of the shed so far is about \$10,700.

In 2005, the Selectboard looked into whether the Town should procure a trash compactor for the recycling station. Almost all surrounding towns have them and large cost savings could probably be obtained if the Town were to acquire one. A major issue, however, is the lack of available electricity at the Transfer Station site. The Selectboard intends to continue to examine this issue in 2006 with the help of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District.

As the result of revenue increasing and cost reducing activities in 2004 and 2005, the Transfer Station activities almost covered their cost in 2005; revenues were \$37,516.57 and costs were \$ 38,721.32. In addition, in 2005 the Town discovered that it had been over charged by its trash hauler for a number of years. After coordination with the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District and negotiations with the hauler, the Town offset the amount of \$8,344.42 previously overpaid against its 2005 trash hauling fees. More work still needs to be done at the Transfer Station. The Town's rate of recycling is among the lowest in the waste transfer district; the increased convenience of the new recycling shed should help improve that rate. Further attention also needs to be given to the operations of the construction dumpster.


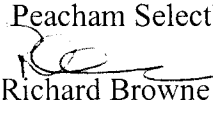

In 2005 the Selectboard ordered the "stump dump" closed based on a letter of complaint received from the State Agency of Natural Resources claiming that the "stump dump" was in violation of state environmental regulations due to its proximity to both the East Peacham Road and the waterway behind the Transfer Station. The area that was formerly the stump dump has been graded, sloped and seeded.

Computer System Upgrade--- The Town spent \$3,975.98 on a new printer for the Listers' office, and a server and laptop for the Town Clerk's office. This expenditure should increase the efficiency and effectiveness of those offices.

Town and Village Plans--- Under the leadership of the Planning Commission the Town Plan was revised in 2005. Work is presently going on under the supervision of the Planning Commission to prepare plans for the Town's three villages. Revisions to the Town's Zoning Bylaw occasioned by amendments to the State's planning statutes were adopted in 2005.

Cemetery Tree Planting---In 2005 nine- new trees were planted in the main cemetery using grant money obtained for the Town by the Planning Commission. The planting was accomplished by David Jacobs, Alan Thresher, Jr. and the following Master Gardener volunteers: Marsha Garrison, Julie Lang, Dedra Detjens, and Marj Swenson. Additional trees will be planted in the spring of 2006...

We would like to thank all of our Town employees and elected and appointed officials who have contributed to the well being of our town. In addition, we would like to thank all of the citizens of our town who have volunteered numerous hours to make our town the wonderful place that it is.

    
Gary Swenson      Richard Browne      Tim McKay  
Peacham Selectboard



## **Report from the Administrative Assistant 2005**

The majority of this year's warm-weather projects were geared towards some problem areas that were affected by last year's flooding. With the help of local contractors, our road crew, and funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the town was able to make the needed improvements to several locations in town. This season we plan to do some much-needed maintenance work to Mack's Mountain Road. This road, along with others, will see ditches cleaned, culverts improved, gravel added, and brush and trees trimmed.

The October snowstorm reinforced the need to maintain brush and trees in the town's right-of-way. Many roads in town were impassable due to brush and limbs hanging in the road. The plan is to cut brush and trim trees within the right-of-way.

In May, Pike Industries applied the finish wear course to the Peacham/Barnet Road. Also, the town was able to spot-shim overlay approximately 5,200 feet of the Peacham-Danville Road. Total cost of these two projects was over \$99,000.

As you can see, paving is expensive. The amount of shimming that is completed in 2006 will depend on the money that is approved for the retreatment fund, and on state grant money. In 2005 the town did apply for paving grants, but again received no money.

The "green" grader was repaired and some improvements were made to it during the year. It returned to the town garage in late summer with a yellow paint job and new snow wing. It should serve the town well for many years. Keep in mind, the road equipment needs to be updated and replaced on a rotating basis.

The crew and I would like to thank you for your cooperation and understanding with the many challenges that we face throughout the year. We are always available to answer any questions or concerns.

Phil Jejer  
Administrative Assistant      592-3101  
Town Garage                      592-3576

## Town of Peacham Listers Annual Report 2005

It has been a relatively quiet year for the Listers—the legislators didn't add any new tasks to our job. We've been a bit slow in getting out to see properties, but will be out to see you if you have filed a zoning permit (26 this year), have unfinished areas / work (45 properties) in last year's grand list, or have purchased a property since April 1, 2005 (45 so far, with 25 being arms-length transactions).



Our total Education Grand List this year was \$82,930,164 for 657 parcels. In terms of Act 68, \$43,431,575 is considered Homestead and \$39,498,589 is considered non-residential. In addition, we have 17 town and non-profit properties that are valued at \$2,807,500. We also have 9 state parcels valued at \$2,558,900. Of our 657 parcels, 108 are enrolled in the Current Use program. This accounts for 12,232 acres receiving a total exemption of \$9,387,620, of which \$4,119,825 is on homestead properties.

It continues to be a seller's market here in Peacham. Sales this year continue to exceed their assessed value, particularly camps which are selling at twice their assessed values. The Common Level of Appraisal, as determined by the state using three years of sales, is at 89.5% (assessed value / sale price); using only one year of sales we would be at 75%. Next year, when the last of the sales used for the reappraisal are dropped from the CLA study, we will likely have a CLA of 80% or less. The Listers are looking at ways to update assessed values without conducting another town-wide reappraisal. Our goal, as always, is to assess everyone fairly and consistently.

As part of our work to keep the Grand List current and accurate, we had the tax maps updated. We are continuing toward using tax map acreage or surveyed acreage as the assessed acres for every property. The maps are in the town office and will be available for you to view. Please check your parcel for accuracy and let us know if you spot something that you believe should be corrected.

As always, we look forward to meeting with you to discuss your property and its valuation. We hope you'll stop in to talk with us. Please remember that the Listers do not set the tax rate we set a value for your property. The amount you pay in taxes is determined at Town Meeting when budgets are voted on by the electorate.

The Peacham Listers – Becky Jensen, Karen Joyce, and Rob Ide

# Peacham Fire Department

## Annual Report 2005

The Peacham Fire Department is an all volunteer organization that protects the people of Peacham by providing professional assistance during medical and fire related emergencies and local disasters.

In 2005, the Fire Department responded to 35 in-town fire calls and emergencies, 63 in-town medical emergencies and 13 mutual aid calls, for a total of 111 emergency response calls in 2005.

The department had three personnel leave the department and one person join in 2005. Captain, Jason Crocker has retired from Peacham to serve as a lieutenant with Danville Fire Dept. Ethan Hayes also left the department to serve as a full time career firefighter/EMT-B with St. Johnsbury Fire Dept. Also, Joe Hamilton and his family moved to Washington, DC. The department has lost valuable firefighters with a total of 20 yrs. of service to Peacham Fire Dept. Mike Walsh has joined the department as a firefighter and will, along with other members, be training in 2006 for cold water and low angle rescue. Peter Craig was missed from the department as he served with the military overseas. We look forward to having Peter back with the crew.

We were fortunate in 2005 to receive a State of Vermont Homeland Security grant and a federal Fire Act Grant for a total dollar amount of \$56,745.00. Some of the items purchased with the Homeland Security money were twenty radio pagers, four cold water rescue suits, four back boards, 10 wool blankets, stethoscopes, and a Handheld GPS unit. The Fire Act grant allowed us to purchase new helmets, hoods, coat, pants, boots and gloves for all firefighters and EMS personnel. Also, with the Fire Act grant we purchased a commercial washer to properly decontaminate and wash the new gear to extend its lifetime. These grants kept us very busy on Monday nights as we looked over prospective vendors' and dealers' proposals. Also keeping us busy was an increase in call volume that resulted in an additional 26 emergency calls.

The focus in 2006 is for several firefighters to be trained on low angle rope rescue and cold water rescue techniques to utilize the specialized equipment purchased with grant monies. In turn, these firefighters will train all the members of the department.

Also this year, we are developing specifications for a rescue unit to replace the 1989 Ford rescue van that is currently in service. This vehicle is used for all medical emergencies, rescues and fire calls that the department responds to in Peacham. On board the vehicle is equipment required for basic life support, defibrillation (AEDs), rope rescue, patient transport and packaging equipment, as

well as a mobile breathing air system that is used at fire scenes. This important vehicle precedes the ambulance to every medical call. After many years of service to the department, it has become overloaded, less dependable, and a safety concern. The rescue unit replacement is projected to be done in 2007. We have started to budget funds for a large down payment on a replacement unit.

#### Calls in Peacham (by type):

Structure fires:.....	3
Other interior fires:.....	2
Chimney fires:.....	3
Vehicle fires: .....	1
Controlled burn: .....	1
Power lines down:.....	7
HAZMAT leaks / Investigations / Hazardous Conditions:.....	3
Vehicle accidents without injuries:.....	3
False alarms: .....	4
Good Intent calls: .....	3
Service calls: .....	5
Medical emergencies (including vehicle accidents with injuries):....	63

#### Calls NOT in Peacham

Mutual aid given (fire): .....	11
(Danville 5, Barnet 1, Walden 1, Groton 1, Ryegate 2, Hardwick 1)	
Mutual aid given (medical): .....	2
(Danville 2)	

#### **TOTAL CALLS: 111**

(For emergencies located in Peacham, the Peacham Fire Department received mutual aid assistance 16 times from neighboring departments.)

List of Officers:

List of Officers:

Jeffrey Berwick – Chief, ECA  
William Thresher – Assistant Chief  
Chip Deasy – Captain, EMT-B  
Aaron Morton, Captain, ECA

List of members:

Cody Berwick – FF  
Kathy Corcoran – EMT-B  
Peter Craig – FF  
Patrick Downes – EMT-B, FF  
Locke Goss – FF  
Richard Greenwood- FF  
Barry Hayes – FF  
Mitch Kathan – FF  
Neil Monteith – FF  
Rodney Reis – FF  
Diana Senturia – SS  
Jerry Senturia – EMT-B  
Mike Walsh, FF

SS = Support Specialist

FF = Firefighter

Jr. FF = Junior Firefighter

ECA = Emergency Care Attendant

EMT-B = Emergency Medical Technician- Basic

If you are interested in assisting the fire department in any way, or if you are interested in becoming a new member or a department supporter, please do not hesitate to contact me. The department meets every Monday evening for a meeting or training session.

I urge anyone who has an emergency, whether it is a Fire, Police or Medical emergency to call 911 immediately. The non-emergency telephone number for the Peacham Fire Station is 592-3392.

**Thank you for your support.**

Jeffrey Berwick, Chief

PEACHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
2005  
ACCOUNT #5019003426

<b>INCOME</b>		
Interest		\$18.65
Donation-Fire		\$1,425.00
Donations-Medical		\$1,715.00
Reimbursements		\$1,559.88
Postcards		\$9.25
T-Shirts		\$44.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$4,771.58</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Office Supplies		\$191.88
Computer		\$150.00
Personnel Equipment		\$1,044.26
Supplies		\$653.34
Maintenance		\$30.64
Training		\$270.00
Beverages/Refreshments		\$198.81
Equipment		\$605.54
Donation		\$60.00
Medical Equipment/Supplies		\$356.37
CPR		\$135.50
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$3,696.37</b>





## **Medical Response Report for the Year 2005**

In the year 2005, Peacham Volunteer Fire Department responded to 65 medical calls. Of these, two were mutual aid to adjoining towns. Our medically trained personnel also provided services at fires in Peacham and at mutual aid fire calls.

People still ask us if the medical calls we respond to are serious. We respond to calls that challenge us in many ways, for the person who requests our services they are all serious. If you wake up at 3AM with chest pains, if you are bleeding profusely, if you fall down the stairs, if you are having difficulty breathing, if you are having trouble maintaining consciousness, the call is serious for you. As with a fire call, we would much rather you call 911 as soon as you become aware of the emergency medical condition, than ponder whether the call is "serious".

We have been very happy with the community reaction to our Emergency Medical Response program. You continue to make contributions and purchase T-shirts and postcards. We were honored that some families felt that we merited contributions in memory of their loved ones.

Peacham Rescue 1 (a 1989 van containing most of our medical response equipment) responded to most of the medical and fire calls in Peacham this year. We added new backboards and other equipment this year, thanks to your kind donations and "homeland security" funds. We are looking to replace this vehicle in 2007; we began working on writing specifications for a replacement vehicle this year. Through special grants we received 4 additional ZOLL defibrillators; these will be carried by responders in the North, Northwest, East and South areas of the Town. We offered a free CPR course to the community again this year as a result of your generosity. Three of our members are trained as CPR instructors. Again, we thank you for your continuing generosity which allows us to be well-equipped and well-trained.

Michael Walsh completed the EMT-B course at Lyndon State College; he will begin serving as an EMT-B with our department when he passes the Vermont certification examination. Our department is well respected among the other EMS agencies of the Northeast Kingdom.

We can't help you if we can't find you. Please display your 911-house number. It should be visible from the road both day and night. We would also like you to consider keeping a list of your current medications and any chronic medical/surgical problems you have ("Vial of Life"). This can be kept in a sealed envelope on your refrigerator. This will help us if we are called to assist you and you cannot remember specific information or you cannot communicate with us. For more information on house numbers and "Vial of Life", visit the Peacham Volunteer Fire Department on the web at <http://www.peacham.net/fire>.

If you are interested in taking a CPR course, contact Fire Chief Berwick or me. Also, if you are interested in obtaining Emergency Medical Training and/or Fire Training and becoming part of the Peacham Volunteer Fire Department, please contact Fire Chief Berwick.

Jerry Senturia  
Secretary, Peacham Volunteer Fire Department

## **Peacham Emergency Management Report 2005**

Emergency management is concerned with preparing and planning for disastrous emergencies, responding to these emergencies, recovering from these emergencies, and providing mitigation to reduce the impact of future disastrous emergencies. This year we updated our emergency management planning documents for Peacham. They are available for review in the Town Clerk's office. In 1999 we produced our "Rapid Response Plan". The Selectboard reauthorized it in 2005. In 1999 we entered into agreements with the American Red Cross to provision and staff emergency shelters at the Peacham Elementary School, The Peacham Congregational Church and the Peacham Fire Station. The Peacham Rapid Response Team consists of the Chair of the Selectboard, Fire Chief, Town Clerk, Administrative Assistant, the Chair of the Listers and the Emergency Management Coordinator. In the event of a disastrous emergency that group would be responsible for reacting to, recovering from and documenting the costs of a disastrous emergency. Mitigation in Peacham since 1999 has consisted of drainage and culvert projects such as the major one on Green Bay Loop near Maple Tree Lane. There are currently no outstanding funded mitigation projects in Peacham.

As residents of Peacham, you should be prepared to be self sufficient for the first 72 hours of a disastrous emergency. There are a number of steps you can take to reduce the impact of such an emergency. In Peacham, emergencies are often accompanied by loss of electrical power and failure of heating systems. You might consider a gasoline generator or some other alternative electric power source for emergencies. If you do install such a generator, it should be installed by a licensed electrician to prevent danger to you and to power company workers. It should also be installed in a well ventilated place to avoid death by carbon monoxide inhalation. Consider an alternative heating source to supplement your regular heating system. You should have a 3 day supply of food, water and essential supplies. Please look at the Vermont Family Preparedness Workbook available in the Peacham Town Clerk's office or online at <http://www.peacham.net> click "Town Clerk" and then select "Documents and Applications for Download". At the same web location, there are other documents to help you in your efforts to prepare for an emergency.

Thank you for your preparedness.

Jerry Senturia  
Emergency Management Coordinator  
Town of Peacham

## Fire Warden Report 2005

I would like to thank Allen Thresher and Bruce Berwick for doing the fire warden position for me during my illness this past summer.

There were no forest fires in Peacham this year.

I am looking into getting new radios this year. A future goal is to purchase a high pressure pump.

A burn permit is needed to burn brush, unless there is snow cover.

Fred Stevenson, Fire Warden 592-3202  
Allen Thresher, Asst. Warden 592-3937  
Bruce Berwick, Key Man 592-3413

## Recreation Committee 2005

The committee met in March to discuss the disrepair the town baseball/softball field had fallen into and how to remedy. It was decided to spend \$3000 of the accumulated balance on replacement of the wooden backstop with a concrete retaining wall and pipe and steel wire fencing all the way to the dugouts. All machine and hand labor was donated by Allen Thresher Jr., Andy Cochran, Neil Gombus, Polly Jerome and members of the committee. Dugouts were repaired with recycled materials from old fencing and will be painted this spring by the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class.

Following an inquiry from the select board in the fall, the committee questioned the need for its existence and voted 4 to 1 to disband.

## **Peacham Cemetery 2005 Report**

This year brought a few substantive changes in the management of the Peacham Cemetery. There was a change in policy regarding the application for the purchase of a lot; the informational page of the application follows this report. This year also saw Selectboard approval of a Policy for Financial Management, which also follows this report. Both efforts were made to ensure a consistent method of management in the future. The effort to draft a complete revision of Cemetery Regulations is ongoing and may meet final Selectboard approval in 2006.

I believe the greatest change in cemetery management is found in the financial reorganization. As you'll note below, an Endowment for Perpetual Care has been re-established and resides at AG Edwards. The endowment was re-established after considerable research and thought, and with many thanks to Lynne. The balance of the endowment represents our best estimation of the money collected over ninety years for the expressed purpose of perpetual care of individual lots and of the cemetery grounds as a whole. Over time, the process of keeping tabs on dozens of specific family wishes had become unwieldy, if not impossible. The endowment, therefore, has effectively pooled the money intended for this purpose. It is not a perfect total, but we feel it is fair. The dividends earned will go toward operating costs of the cemetery. Amounts added to the principal will come by donation ONLY and not through plot sales. The funds kept at the Passumpsic Bank include a savings account, a 6-month CD, and a 12-month CD. These are intended to be operating funds, supplemented by the dividends, interest, town appropriation, and revenues from plot sales. Ideally, the income and growth of the endowment will eventually fund operating costs.

Also, I wish to address Don Davis' concerns entered into the Town Meeting minutes of 2004 under Article 21. With the work done this year to clarify the relationship between the town's General Fund and the Cemetery Fund and to clarify the cemetery's own finances, I believe past confusion has been corrected where possible. I won't attest to a perfect figuring, owing to varied interpretations and conflicting best intentions; but I am confident the relationship between the Town and the Cemetery is now simple and appropriate.

Finally, there was only a single plot sale in 2005. I bought one at \$400.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Downes  
Clerk/Treasurer

## CEMETERY FINANCIALS-END 2005

### ASSET

Passumpsic Savings-Operating	\$4,460.81
Passumpsic 6-month CD	\$7,085.84
Passumpsic 1 yr. CD	\$7,114.09
Endowment for Perpetual Care	\$82,968.58
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Total Asset	\$101,629.32

### LIABILITY

Endowment Perpetual Care	\$82,968.58
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Total Liability	\$82,968.58

### CEMETERY

REVENUES	Budget-2005	Actual-05	Budget-2006
Cemetery Plots	0	\$400.00	0
Corner Markers	0	\$-60.00	0
Davis Lease	0	\$100.00	\$100.00
Town Appropriation	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Interest On Investments	0	\$794.32	0
Dividends	0	*\$2,155.15	\$3,500.00
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	\$3,000.00	\$6,389.17	\$6,600.00

### CEMETERY

EXPENSES			
Salaries	0	\$789.76	\$1,000.00
Cemetery Fica/Medi	0	\$60.42	\$100.00
Mileage	0	\$87.48	\$150.00
Supplies	0	\$894.40	\$1,000.00
Fuel	0	\$101.98	\$125.00
Repairs	0	\$498.28	\$500.00
Contracted Services	0	\$1,624.01	\$2,000.00
Cemetery Improvements	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Misc. Expense	0.00	\$425.73	\$500.00
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	\$3,000.00	\$7,482.06	\$8,375.00

\*\$1,133.61 of this figure was received after year-end. Booked as revenue for '05 but could not be reflected in balance of Passumpsic Savings-Operating since it was actually deposited in '06.

# Application for Purchase of a Lot in Peacham Cemetery

## ***ELIGIBILITY AND CHARGES FOR INTERMENT IN PEACHAM HILL CEMETERY***

### I. Persons who may purchase grave sites:

**Residents of Peacham:** Residents are persons who are eligible to vote in Peacham.

1. Cost of a two-grave lot is \$400.00.
2. A set of four stone corner markers is required and may be purchased from the Town of Peacham for \$75.00.
3. Charges for burial services are determined periodically by the Town of Peacham and apply at the time the services are rendered. The current charges are included in the Town's Cemetery Regulations and are available from the Sexton or the Town Clerk.
4. Other burial expenses are the responsibility of purchaser or of the estate.

**Non-residents:** Nonresidents are persons who own property but are not eligible to vote in Peacham.

1. Cost of a two-grave lot is \$1000.00.
2. A set of four stone corner markers is required and may be purchased from the Town of Peacham for \$75.00.
3. Charges for burial services are determined periodically by the Town of Peacham and apply at the time the services are rendered. The current charges are included in the Town's Cemetery Regulations and are available from the Sexton or the Town Clerk.
4. Other burial expenses are the responsibility of purchaser or of the estate.

**Non-residents/non-property owners:** These persons must have a parent, child, spouse, civil union partner, or sibling already interred in Peacham Cemetery and must be approved by the Peacham Selectboard.

1. Cost of a two-grave lot is \$2000.00.
2. A set of four stone corner markers is required and may be purchased from the Town of Peacham for \$75.00.
3. Charges for burial services are determined periodically by the Town of Peacham and apply at the time the services are rendered. The current charges are included in the Town's Cemetery Regulations and are available from the Sexton or the Town Clerk.
4. Other burial expenses are the responsibility of purchaser or of the estate.

### II. Persons who may be interred:

Persons who may be interred in the Town of Peacham cemeteries are persons who own a gravesite and their parents, children, spouses, civil union partners, siblings, and such other persons who may be approved by the Selectboard.

The number of interments that may be made in a single gravesite is set forth in the Town of Peacham Cemetery regulations.

***A Peacham Cemetery Endowment for Perpetual Care exists. Income only from the endowment may be expended for the care, reconstruction, repair, maintenance, improvement, and beautification, or other cemetery operations, and is subject to any further restrictions in any instruments of gift. All purchasers who wish to make a voluntary donation to the endowment may do so in addition to the cost of the lot.***

## **Policy for Financial Management of Town of Peacham Cemetery Funds**

This investment policy applies to all Town of Peacham Cemetery funds. Cemetery funds include monies of which the principal may be used for operating expenses, and monies, hereinafter called the Endowment for Perpetual Care, of which only income may be used for operating expenses. The objectives of this policy are to safeguard the cemetery funds, achieve a reasonable rate of return on those funds, and to comply with applicable Vermont law. The Town Treasurer is the fiduciary responsible for the prudent management of all cemetery funds.

1. Only the Town's official depository (bank) or a primary government securities dealer, as defined by the Federal Reserve, may be used when purchasing securities.
2. All monies received by the town for the Endowment for Perpetual Care will be paid to the Town Treasurer. Income only from the endowment may be expended for the care, reconstruction, repair, maintenance, improvement, and beautification, or other cemetery operations, and is subject to any further restrictions in any instruments of a gift. Endowment funds may only be invested in the manner specified in 18 VSA, Section 5309.
3. All cemetery funds and the internal controls related thereto are subject to an annual audit by the Town's auditors. The results of such audit shall be reported to the voters of the Town of Peacham.

Management responsibilities for the investment program are the Town Treasurer's. The Town Treasurer is responsible for investing cemetery funds according to the policy here described.

The Town Treasurer shall provide financial reports showing the state of the cemetery funds and operations to the Selectboard annually.

Approved and adopted by the Town of Peacham Selectboard at a regular meeting held August 17, 2005.

**Peacham Fire District No. 1  
Prudential Committee  
Annual Report, Jan-Dec 2005**

The Annual Meeting was held in the Peacham Library, February 8, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. The proposed budget was approved and there were no changes to the water rent of \$334.00 per year or the Village tax rate at 6.6% of the 2004 Grand List. In the elections Bill Cobb was elected for a 1 year term as secretary; Diana Senturia was re-elected for a 1 year term as treasurer; Becky Jensen was re-elected for a 1 year term as examiner; and Larry Jensen was re-elected for a 3 year term as a voting member of the Prudential Committee. Lighting of the village tree was discussed and it was agreed that an alternative lighting method would be tried. It was agreed that the Fire District would donate the outdoor grills from the Village Picnic Ground to the Peacham Elementary School for use as part of the picnic area incorporated in the school grounds.

During the year, the Fire District removed the hydrant at the corner and the one in front of Beply Brown's residence and moved the shut off for the south distribution line from the street to just south of the village signs in the triangle. A new gate was installed at the access to the wells from Mack's Mountain Rd. The springs near the control shed were cleaned and new secure hatch covers were installed. New locks were installed on the gates as well as on the reservoir and spring hatch covers. The annual village picnic was held at the Peacham School playground. The Fire District sold the property it owned near Green Bay Loop, the money realized from that sale will be invested to be used for future water source development. The project to replace and insulate pipe between the reservoir and Maple Tree Lane was postponed until 2006.

From the Water Operator's point of view, we had a good year in 2005!

- We delivered clean, safe water to the Village with few interruptions to, and fewer complaints from, our users.
- We passed all monthly and both annual quality tests required by the State.
- We came into full compliance with State infrastructure guidelines with the removal of the hydrant at the center of the Village. Relocation of the nearby South Line shutoff valve has increased both the reliability of our system and the safety of that intersection.
- Replacing the old spring tiles and installing locked hatch covers has significantly improved water quality & security.
- Our equipment has been running at a high level of reliability.
- We produced 2,937,631 gallons of water, which averages to 8,043 gallons per day or 5.59 gallons per minute for the whole village over the year. For each of our 57 water connections, that averages to 51,538 gallons per year or about 141 gallons per day. Our overall usage was only 58% of that in 2004, a year with several major leaks.



Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted by the Prudential Committee,

Jerry Senturia  
Chairman

Larry Jensen  
Water Operator

Gib Parrish  
Water Operator in Training



**BUDGET 2005, 6.6% Village Taxes, 59 Users @\$334 per User**

Category Name	2005 Proposed Budget	2005 Actual
<b>Income</b>		
Interest Income	\$ 200.00	\$ 334.78
Village Tax		
Taxes	\$ 4,349.16	\$ 4,349.16
Delinquent Fees and Penalties	\$ 10.00	\$ 0.00
Water Rent		
Water Rents	\$ 19,706.00	\$ 19,351.39
Service Charge (Time Payment Plan)		
Delinquent Fees and Penalties	\$ 10.00	\$ 2.06
Sale of Green Bay Loop Property		\$ 11,650.00
Town Appropriation	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Voluntary Contributions for Water Source Development	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 25,975.16</b>	<b>\$ 37,387.39</b>

<b>Expenses</b>		
<b>Administration</b>		
Advertising Annual Meeting & Sale	\$ 50.00	\$93.60
Dues(VT League of Cities/Towns)	\$ 350.00	\$350.00
Duplicating	\$ 25.00	\$0.00
Insurance(VTLCT Fire, Liability & Bonding)	\$ 800.00	\$669.00
Legal	\$ 0.00	\$350.00
Paper Supplies and Software	\$ 25.00	\$0.00
Post Office Box Rental	\$ 50.00	\$0.00
Postage	\$ 100.00	\$74.00
Prudential Committee & Staff Annual Stipends	\$ 0.00	\$0.00
Telephone @ Control Building	\$ 450.00	\$401.09
<b>Electricity</b>		
GMP-Electricity (Street Lighting)	\$ 1,700.00	\$1,653.82
Washington Electric Coop (Pumps and Controls)	\$ 1,000.00	\$935.33
<b>Training</b>	\$ 100.00	\$29.00
<b>Village Activities</b>		
Holiday Tree	\$ 100.00	\$151.00
Mowing Triangle	\$ 100.00	\$0.00
Picnic Grounds	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00
Village Picnic	\$ 0.00	\$9.89
Picnic Ground Mowing	\$ 150.00	\$0.00
<b>Water Quality</b>		
Chemicals	\$ 100.00	\$75.10
Testing (Vermont Department of Health)	\$ 350.00	\$266.17
<b>Water System</b>		
Distribution Pipe Replacement and Insulation	\$ 5,000.00	\$0.00
Loan Payment	\$ 14,830.00	\$14,830.00
North East Water Authority	\$ 125.00	\$140.00
Operating Fee (State of Vermont)	\$ 150.00	\$124.00
Propane @ Control Building	\$ 100.00	\$114.73
Operating Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$277.82
Well Access Gate	\$ 400.00	\$169.54
Operating Equipment	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Repairs</b>		
Clean Springs	0	\$5,034.75
Electrical Work	\$ 250.00	\$0.00
Excavation	\$1,000.00	\$1,440.00
Plumbing	\$1,000.00	\$1,356.29
Snow Removal		\$0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$30,305.00</b>	<b>\$28,545.13</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$25,975.16</b>	<b>\$37,387.39</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$4,329.84)</b>	<b>\$8,842.26</b>

# PEACHAM LIBRARY 2005 REPORT

## **“When in doubt, go to the Library!”**

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets  
R.K. Rowling

The Peacham Library strives to live up to the many expectations summarized in that exclamatory statement. Through books, magazines, the provision of computer and wireless connections, movies, audio books, library programs and access to interlibrary loan, the Library tries to meet as many of the community's educational, intellectual and entertainment needs as possible. In addition, the Library provides meeting space for a broad cross section of community groups, and the exhibits in the Gilmore Gallery enrich all our lives.

The Library's success depends on the hard work and generosity of the Library Board, the Friends of the Library, the Library's employees and a host of volunteers and benefactors. While most of the Library's funding comes from annual donations, fundraising by the Friends and Library investment funds, in the past year a crucial 11.5% was provided by the Town of Peacham.

In its effort to meet the needs of the Peacham community, the Library makes available the following material resources:

- More than 5800 books for adults and 2750 for young people
- Over 150 videos for adults and 130 for children
- 65 magazine and newspaper subscriptions, including several that are new to the Library this year
- 145 adult audio books and 56 for children
- Wireless internet access and four computers with Microsoft Office and high speed internet access for patron use

The Library sponsored the following programs in 2005:

- A book lunch program at the Peacham Elementary School
- Simon Brooks, storyteller
- School vacation programs such as Japanese or holiday activities and movies
- Harry Potter movies and a Harry Potter book release party
- Weekly story time and a summer reading program
- Senior movies
- Robotics workshops
- A summer lecture series
- A children's Christmas party with Santa
- A holiday adopt-a-book party
- Regular Friday morning (10-12) coffee hour, hosted by volunteers

The Friends of the Peacham Library carried out several fund raising events during 2005. Most notable were “A Peacham Home Companion” and pie social in April, and the Annual Antique Show and Sale in July. For their success these events relied on the creativity and enthusiasm of a multitude of volunteers, and successful they were!

In addition, we were fortunate to receive, in 2005, more than \$18,000 from the Vermont Public Library Foundation, funded by the Freeman Foundation. Using these funds we were able to re-roof the older section of the building and completely finish the room under the new addition. We were also able to purchase computers and computer software; furniture, furnishings and equipment; program materials and supplies; books; magazine subscriptions; and videos. None of this would have been possible without this grant.

Also, in the summer of 2005 a volunteer crew, funded in part by the Garden Club, landscaped and planted the garden behind the Library. This was completed in time for the August 20<sup>th</sup> kick-off event for the Library's Bicentennial Endowment Campaign, a campaign that will be completed in time for the Peacham Library Bicentennial in 2010.

The dedication and long hours put in by our many volunteers - an average of 40 hours a month - make the Library a vibrant, attractive and welcoming place. Michael Fickes and Meghan Deasy were our incomparable grade six volunteers. Hilary Smith is our right hand "man" and Sue O'Brien whips our book sale rooms into shape. Stan Fickes, Jerry and Diana Senturia and Larry Jensen keep our computers operating and up to date, while Stan also keeps the place spotless. Betsy McKay, in addition to orchestrating the Antique Show, worked with gardeners Julie Lang and Deirdre Detjens and "landscape artists" Tim McKay, Allen Thresher and Bob Merwin on our back garden. Into the design they incorporated massive stones donated by Peter and Mary Ellen Griffin and plants donated by Joanne Schuyler. A host of others make themselves available as things need doing. These include, but are not limited to, the executive members of the Friends, Elizabeth and Kat Jensen, Phyllis Randall, Gib Parrish and other Board members, Peg Clemens, Beppy Brown, Barbara Grey, Deanne Alex and... - and apologies to all we've missed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Jensen and Betsy Smith, Co-Directors

Library Board: Charlie Browne, Ron Crisman, Marit Danielson, Harvey Golubock, Peter Griffin, Julie Lang, Gib Parrish, Jutta Scott, and Hilary Smith



## **The Peacham Conservation Commission Year End Report 2005**

Our primary focus for the year 2005 was the Peacham/Barnet Water Quality Study. Working with Andy Mosedale from the Caledonia County Conservation District and the Stevens River Watershed Council, members of the Peacham Conservation Commission took water samples from sites along the Stevens River watershed, Peacham Hollow Brook, South Peacham Brook and the Stevens River main stem. These samples were sent to the Vermont Department of Natural Resources for testing dissolved oxygen, phosphorous, nitrates, total nitrogen, chloride, pH, and turbidity. **The conclusion is that water from the sampling met state standards. The published report indicated “The water quality chemistry results from this study on the Stevens River Watershed show no alarming indication of impacted biology.”** A copy of the report has been placed in the Town Clerk’s Office for anyone who wants to see it.

David Magnus presented a water brochure that has been in development over the last two years. Members of the PCC and the community helped develop the overview of Peacham’s water resources. The brochure offers information and suggestions for sustainable use and protection of water resources around Peacham’s ponds and streams. The brochure is available at the Town Clerk’s Office.

In early October of 2005 the PCC helped to pull *Phragmites australis*, commonly called “Elephant Grass,” or “Common Reed,” an invasive species, from behind the Town Garage. More information about invasive species can be obtained by contacting: Loosestrife, Box 726, Hanover, NH 03755, or at [purple@valley.net](mailto:purple@valley.net). In addition the following websites, [www.valley.net/~invasiveplants](http://www.valley.net/~invasiveplants), or <http://invasives.eeb.uconn.edu/ipane/> have information on invasive species.

The Conservation Commission wishes to thank the residents of Peacham for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alexandra Evans  
Fred Fortin  
David Magnus  
Cindy McKnight – Secretary  
Ron Miller  
Marceya Roy



**Peacham Community Housing, Inc.**  
Report for 2005

**Board of Directors**

Harry Barnes, President  
Jutta Scott, Vice President  
Jerry Senturia, Treasurer  
Lynne Lawson, Secretary  
Jean Berwick  
Jean Dedam  
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Thelma White



We serve as liaison between the residents of the two senior apartment buildings and the building managers, Northern Community Management Corporation, and Housing Vermont, our other partner. We also plan and advocate for the housing needs and “quality of life issues” of seniors (and other residents) in Peacham.

Early in 2005 Peacham Community Housing (PCH) made a presentation to the Peacham Community Forum on our efforts to open a general store in town. That presentation led to the idea of converting the Old Town Office building, which comprises the building currently used by the Peacham Historical Association and Peacham Craft Guild and the attached bus barn, into a store/café. Preliminary work began on investigating the feasibility of this concept. An assessment of the septic system was made. In addition, with support from the Preservation Trust of Vermont, a restoration analysis was done on the buildings by Black River Design Architects, who furnished a comprehensive report. Peacham Community Housing is now looking into acquiring the building from the Town for restoration to its original function as a store.

## **Peacham Planning Commission Report for Year 2005**

Last summer, the Planning Commission completed the revision of the Peacham Town Plan, and the Town Selectboard adopted it with modifications on 3 June 2005. The Plan was subsequently reviewed and approved by the Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) in September 2005. Copies are available from the Town Clerk. The Commission appreciates the assistance of many residents and organizations in this effort. Much of the work was supported financially by a municipal planning grant from the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

During the summer and fall, the Commission with the assistance of the NVDA revised its zoning bylaws to bring them into compliance with Title 24 VSA Chapter 117, as required by state law. The Town Selectboard reviewed the proposed revision and approved it on 7 December 2005. Copies are available from the Town Clerk. Having completed this important task, the Commission is now turning its attention to a review of the rest of the bylaws, including the definitions of, and requirements for, zoning districts, and the procedure for reviewing and approving applications for subdivisions. To support this additional work over the next two years, the Planning Commission applied for and received a grant for \$5,775 from the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

The Commission continues to oversee a tree planning and planting project, funded by the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation, which has resulted in the addition of over 50 trees to the cemetery and other town property.

The Commission is developing a comprehensive plan for Peacham Village and held several public meetings during 2005 to obtain input from citizens. The Commission presented a series of possible designs following the hearings at public meetings and posted the designs in the Town Hall. The Commission hopes to conclude its work on the Village plan in 2006. The Commission appreciates the assistance of residents, landowners, and others in this effort.

The Commission continued its fine working relationship with Bob Hansen, the Peacham Zoning Administrator, in reviewing various zoning and land transfer issues.

The Commission thanks the many citizens who have taken an interest in the future of Peacham. All are welcome to attend the Commission's regularly scheduled monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month starting at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Finally, the Commission would like to give special recognition and heartfelt

thanks to Barry Lawson, who retired from the Commission in September 2005 after more than 10 years of exemplary service to Peacham.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Glavin

Tom Joyce

Barry Lawson

Marilyn Magnus

Lisa Moore

Gib Parrish

John Reiss

Maurine Rosenberg



## **Peacham Zoning Board Of Adjustment 2005**

There were four applications to the Board of Adjustment this past year, which consisted of two variance requests from Ryan Chapell, and Edward and Nancy Fowler, and two conditional requests from Deborah J. Davis and the Kempton Farms. All four applications were granted.

Copies of these and all past applications, as well as those currently under consideration, are on file at the Town Clerk's Office. Notice of all Hearings are published in the local newspaper fifteen days prior to the Hearings, and are posted outside the Town Clerk's Office. Interested parties are invited to attend these Hearings.

Respectfully submitted:

Francis Carlet, Chair  
Michael Bruton  
Ronald Craig  
Arthur Green  
Donald Moore, Sr.

## **Zoning Administrator Report 2005**

For the calendar year of 2005, 24 permits were submitted to the Zoning Administrator: 20 approvals and 4 denials. Listed below are the types of permits:

Dwellings	6
Additions	6
Minor Subdivisions	2
Barns/Sheds	6
Garages	1
Decks	2
Historical Marker	1
Total	24

Bob Hansen  
Peacham Zoning Administrator



## You Need a Permit for...

**Building/altering, subdividing, or change in use of parcel:** No land development may begin until a zoning permit has been issued by the Zoning Administrator as provided for in Section 4443, Title 24, VSA and Town of Peacham Zoning Regulations, Article 1, Section 103. The fee for a building permit application is \$30.00 plus a \$7.00 recording fee.

**Appeal to Zoning Board of Adjustment:** All zoning permits referred to or appealed to the Peacham Zoning Board of Adjustment will cost \$25.00

**Road access:** A permit is required from the Selectboard for any access from a property onto state highways and town roads (VSA 19, 1-43 Act 460). The fee is \$27.00.

**Fire:** A fire permit is needed for any open burning, except when the ground is snow-covered. Fire permits must be obtained from the Fire Warden. There is no fee.

Fees are subject to change by the Select Board.

## Dog Licenses 2005

145 dog licenses were issued.

Income: \$688.00

Expenses: \$240.00 (fees to State)

## Rates for Dog Licenses

Neutered or spayed dog	\$4.00
State rabies control program	<u>3.00</u>
	7.00

Unneutered or unspayed	\$8.00
State rabies control program	<u>3.00</u>
	11.00

2006 Licenses available January 1, 2006.

Licenses become effective April 1, 2006.

## RABIES ALERT

Rabies is a disease that can kill animals and people.



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



Questions? Call the Vermont Rabies Hotline  
1-800-4-RABIES (472-2437)

Vermont Department of Health • Health Surveillance Division  
P.O. Box 70, Burlington, VT 05402 • 863-7240 or 1-800-640-4374

## **Report from the Town Health Officer Peacham VT**

During 2005, and continuing into 2006, Caledonia County and Peacham Town are experiencing an outbreak of rabies. Rabies is a fatal viral disease found mainly in wildlife (especially raccoons, foxes, bats, skunks and woodchucks) but can infect domestic animals and humans. Raccoon rabies was imported from Florida in the 1980's when a large number of raccoons were transported in trucks to West Virginia to provide animals for hunting. The spread of rabies northward into areas where it was nearly eradicated has been relentless. In 1994 the first rabies infected animal was confirmed in Vermont. Hundreds of cases of animal rabies have been reported throughout Vermont since 1992 with increasing cases in the northern part of the state.

In the previous five years there has been only 1 positive test for rabies in Caledonia County and none in the town of Peacham. During 2005 there were 13 laboratory confirmed cases of rabies in Caledonia county—11 raccoons and 4 skunks. Among these, 6 cases were reported in the town of Peacham. As of January 2006, one raccoon tested positive for rabies and there have been 5 calls to the Health Officer about other animals that were not tested. In at least 4 cases the sick animals either attacked a dog or were unusually aggressive towards a Peacham resident.

The Vermont Department of Health expects that the outbreak will continue to be a problem for many years. Due to the health concerns presented to humans and domestic animals the Town of Peacham, with the help of Danville Animal Hospital, held an animal vaccination day on October 22, 2006 at the Peacham Fire Station. Twenty-six animals were vaccinated during the afternoon clinic. The volunteer support from the Stevens School and Peacham Elementary School staff and students was exceptional. At the time of this report we are asking residents to:

1. Be sure that all dogs and cats are vaccinated against rabies and that these vaccines are up-to-date.
2. Dogs must have vaccination tags.
3. Do not approach animals; it is not possible to know for sure if they are rabid.
4. Do not put out food or scraps that might attract animals to houses, barns, porches, or other buildings. We want to keep all wild animals away from humans.
5. The State Health Department is offering to test any animal that is suspected to have rabies. We are attempting to count the number of rabid animals. Town

Health and County wildlife staff will collect and transport animals to the State laboratory if we are notified.

6. Please contact the Town Health Officers (Sharon McDonnell [592-3357 or 592-3181] or Jean Berwick [592-3315]) or the Town Constable (John Sheehan [592-3369]), if you see an animal that is of concern.

This outbreak, although sad for the wildlife, has highlighted the strengths in Peacham to handle health concerns through community support.

Finally, as interesting as rabies may be, the most significant health risks to residents of Peacham result from preventable chronic diseases. The Vermont Department of Health has reported that Caledonia County residents are significantly below state goals for immunization coverage for children, influenza vaccination to prevent pneumonia in persons over 55 years of age, preventive dental care, and screening for breast, cervical, and colon cancer. For example, only 64% of women in Caledonia County had a mammogram. Ten per cent of county residents are estimated to have no health insurance with a much higher percentage that are under-insured. Smoking rates among adolescents, grades 8-12, are the highest in the state at 23%.

Members of the community that would like to discuss accessing useful health information or addressing chronic disease prevention are welcomed to contact the Town Health Officer or the Vermont Health Department District Office in St. Johnsbury.

Respectfully Presented  
February 18, 2006

Sharon McDonnell MD MPH  
Town Health Officer, Peacham  
Vermont



## **Recycling Information**

The following items are currently being accepted in the recycling shed. Please rinse clean before disposing.

**Tin Cans:** Labels O.K. Flattening not required. Separate from aluminum cans – a magnet will stick to tin, but not aluminum.

**Aluminum cans, foil, and food trays:** Labels O.K. Flattening not required.

**Glass** (all colors): Not necessary to separate by color. NO plate glass, window glass, mirrors, crystal, ceramic, light bulbs, Pyrex, or drinking glasses. NO lids.

**Plastic #1 & #2 (PETE & HDPE):** Not necessary to separate. Labels O.K. NO lids. NO containers of automotive fluids.

**Corrugated cardboard and boxboard** (cereal cartons, for example): No large staples.

**Newspapers, magazines, junk mail, other paper products:** Please remove plastic from envelopes.

## **Non-Recyclables**

Regular, non-rechargeable alkaline batteries (Eveready, Duracell, Ray-o-Vac, AAA, AA, C, D, 9-volt, etc.) can be thrown in your garbage for disposal in the landfill.

Rechargeable batteries (Nickel-Cadmium, Lithium, Mercury) must be disposed of at a Household Hazardous Waste event (see schedule in this Town Report). These batteries cannot be stockpiled at the transfer station.

Waste oil, oil filters, automotive batteries are accepted at the Transfer Station.

## **Transfer Station Report 2005**

I would like to thank Neal Gombas, Dick Browne, Dave Stauffer, Andy Cochran, and anyone else involved in building the new recycling shed.

We all need to be a little more careful about sorting out products, especially tin cans from aluminum cans.

The more we recycle, the more we save. Recycling costs about one-half of what trash collection does.

Dick Blair

### **Fees at the Transfer Station**

Bag of trash:	\$ 2.00 (stickers at Town Hall or pay at Transfer Station)
Large appliances	\$10.00
Furniture, mattress, TV	\$5.00
Sofa	\$10.00
Tire	\$3.00
Pickup truck load	\$25.00

## **Green Up Day, May 7, 2005, the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)**  
**[greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org)**

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

# WARNING

## NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE

**ARTICLE 1:** Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$ 505,590.35?

The Drown  
 David Spurr  
 All Cautious  
 Hammer & Co  
 E. M. D.

# 2006 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 27</b>	9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	<b>Bloomfield Bulky and HHW</b>
<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 3</b>	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>Derby Recycling Center</b>
<b>TUESDAY, JUNE 10</b>	8 a.m. – 2 p.m.	<b>Averill Bulky and HHW</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17</b>	8 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Lyndon Recycling Center</b>
<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 24</b>	8 a.m. – 11 a.m.	<b>Ryegate Recycling Center</b>
<b>SATURDAY, JULY 29</b>	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.	<b>Maidstone Bulky and HHW</b>
<b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 12</b>	8 a.m. – 2 p.m.	<b>Canaan Transfer Station</b>
<b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 26</b>	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.	<b>Morgan Transfer Station</b>
<b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6</b>	9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	<b>Danville Bulky and HHW</b>
<b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30</b>	8 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Lyndon Recycling Center</b>

**Not going to be able to make any of these dates? NOT A PROBLEM!** The NEKWMD will be accepting these materials by appointment at our Lyndonville facility from June 1, 2006 to September 30, 2006. Due to regulatory handling requirements, hazardous wastes will not be accepted without an appointment. Scheduling ahead ensures that a qualified individual will be on-site ready to accept your hazardous waste.

**\*\*HHW Collections are free and open to residents of all DISTRICT TOWNS\*\***

What are *Household Hazardous Products*? They are consumer products that contain ingredients that may be:

**Toxic-** poisonous if eaten, breathed, or absorbed through the skin

**Corrosive-** can burn or destroy living tissue if spilled on skin

**Reactive-** creates fumes, heat, or explosion hazards if mixed with certain materials such as water

**Explosive-** can explode with exposure to heat or pressure

**Flammable/Ignitable-** can easily be set on fire

To determine if a product in your home is hazardous, check the label for the following words:

Danger indicates that the substance is extremely flammable, corrosive, or toxic.

Poison means that the substance is highly toxic.

Caution/Warning are put on all other hazardous substances that are a somewhat lesser hazard, but are still dangerous if the directions are not followed closely.

Conditionally Exempt Generator businesses can also use the Lyndonville collections for the actual cost of the disposal of their materials. Please call ahead for pricing and an appointment.

For more information, contact the Northeast Kingdom Waste Mgmt. District at  
(802) 626-3532 or 800-734-4602 or [www.nekwmd.org](http://www.nekwmd.org)



## **Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District 2005 Report for the Town of Peacham**

The 2005 recycling rate for the Town of Peacham was 22%. Every ton of trash costs approximately \$100 to dispose of, while recycling pick-ups cost the town \$47.79 per ton in hauling fees. Therefore, as residents recycle more the town can lower its overall waste management costs. Be sure to check out and use the new recycling building in 2006!

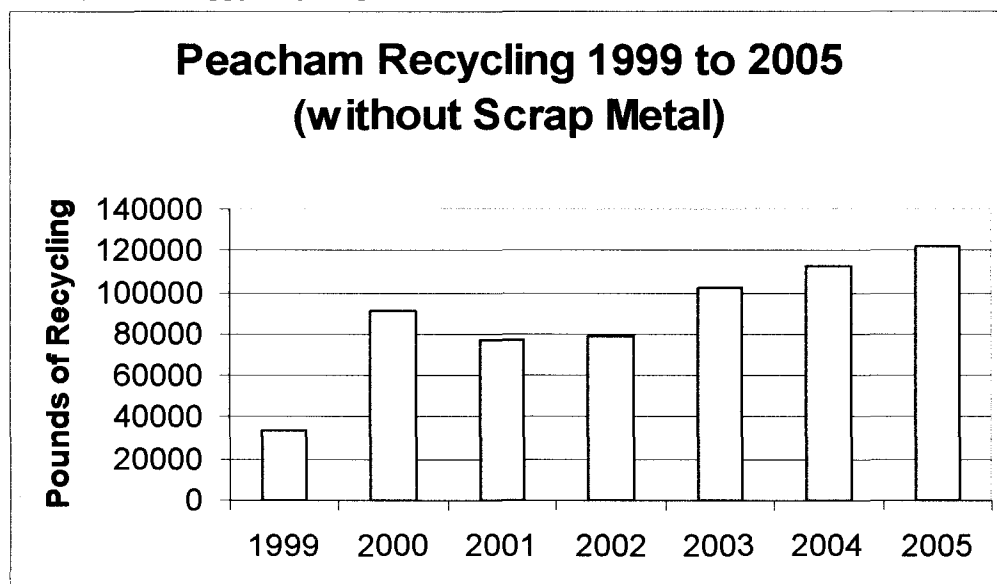
The NEKWMD runs a household hazardous waste collection through the summer months at the Lyndonville recycling center. This is open to residents and conditionally exempt generator businesses from all NEKWMD towns. Seven Peacham residents and the school used this service during 2005.

The money for the NEKWMD budget comes from the sale of recyclables (20%), State grants (4%), hauling fees (7%), miscellaneous fees and income (5%), and a surcharge on every ton of trash disposed of from NEKWMD towns (64%). This surcharge is dropping from \$20.00 to \$19.50 for 2006 - this is the sixth year in a row that the surcharge has dropped. Residents, businesses, and contractors from the Town of Peacham paid less than 2% of the District budget in 2005, based on hauling fees for recycling and the surcharge on trash.

We are looking forward to a full slate of events during 2006. The hazardous waste depot in Lyndonville will be open from June 1 to September 30 by appointment, and HHW events will be held on Saturday June 24 at the Ryegate Recycling Center and on Saturday, September 9 at the Danville Stump Dump – Peacham residents are welcome at these collections. Watch for our annual bicycle reuse event this spring – come and pick up a new to you bike at no cost! Clothing drop and swaps are scheduled for spring and fall at the Fenton Chester arena in Lyndonville. Be sure to check the calendar often at [www.nekwmd.org](http://www.nekwmd.org) for more information.

Please give us a call at 626-3532 or 1-800-734-4602 with any questions, comments, or waste management issues that you have. We can also be reached by e-mail at [progmgr@nekwmd.org](mailto:progmgr@nekwmd.org) or on the web at [www.nekwmd.org](http://www.nekwmd.org).

Thank you and happy recycling!



**MICHAEL H. BERGERON**  
**SHERIFF**  
**CALEDONIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**  
**1126 MAIN STREET SUITE 2**  
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***ANNUAL REPORT***

For 2005

The state of the Caledonia County Sheriff's Department is very good. We continue to strive to put our best foot forward and this is made much easier with the excellent staff that I work with. We added a 2005 Ford Crown Vic cruiser to our fleet, this past year and replaced our older van with a 2005 Chevy Astro van that we use to transport prisoners. With these new vehicles we now have five marked cars, a marked 4-wheel drive van and an unmarked civil process vehicle. We continue to do town patrols, and we feel that the towns that we patrol are a safer place to live and drive in because of our presence. The Sheriff's Department has seventeen Law Enforcement Officers, one civil process server, an Office Administrator and Administrative Assistant. We continue to be very fortunate in our ability to attract excellent employees. Anthony (Tony) Lolli of East Burke joined our ranks this past year and has been doing a great job of learning the many aspects of our Law Enforcement mission. We are happy to have Deputy Gerard DeLisle, a Danville resident, back with us after his two-year stint in Afghanistan, he had been helping develop training for their new Law Enforcement recruits. Deputy W. Bruce Pratt was forced to stop working because of a knee injury that continued to worsen. His commitment to this Department and occupant safety was very much appreciated. Capt. Steve Gadapee and Sgt. Allan Moreau were called to duty at the end of November 2004. We are very anxious for their anticipated return and are very proud of their service to our country.

The Department serves between 100 and 150 pieces of civil process a month. Our new process server, Bob Crepeault, of St. Johnsbury has been doing just a great job for us; we feel very fortunate to have his knowledge of the county working for us. We provide the security for the courthouse and the hearings that go on there daily. We also transport prisoners from the Correctional Center in St. Johnsbury to courts in various parts of the state. We have contracts with Mental Health and DCF to do transports for both of these agencies at all times of the night and day. We assist area banks with security concerns and other security details such as the Caledonia County Fair. We will again do snowmobile patrols throughout the county, doing our best to keep the trails as safe as possible, and we will again answer snowmobile related complaints. We held our bicycle safety day and helmet giveaway in Lyndonville last spring for the Lyndon area young people. This past fall and early winter we held several snowmobile education courses so that young people could get a certificate to drive a snow machine. Deputy Dean Shatney was the instructor for those classes. Deputy James Hemond has picked up the reins for occupant safety, and he now is busy educating the public on child safety seat installations. Deputy Pratt was able to conduct a hunter safety class again last fall so that new hunters would have the knowledge to hunt in a safe and courteous way.

The Sheriff's Department manages a grant that looks to combat underage drinking, it is called S.T.A.R.T. (Stop Team Alcohol Resistance Team) We work this grant with the other Law Enforcement agencies. Please help us by locking up your alcohol if you have children.

Thank you for your support and please call if you think the Sheriff's Dept. can be of some assistance to you.

Sincerely,  
*Michael H. Bergeron*  
Sheriff

## **DANVILLE RESCUE, INC.**

Another year has come and gone and yet another rushes in to present us with challenges and new experiences. As a group we have spent the past 12 months tackling last year's challenges and look forward to the upcoming year to set those changes into motion.

During 2005, the Rescue Squad responded to 41 calls in Peacham. Calls ranged from minor illnesses and injury to major trauma. Regardless of the type or time of call we have been lucky to have the assistance of the Peacham Fire Department. Their expertise is put into action each time they respond and for that we are grateful. Having their help, whether it be finding the location, providing direct patient care, or assisting in a carry out all are very much appreciated and allows us to expedite the transport of patients on our arrival.

Over the past two years, we have applied for and received awards from Homeland Security. In 2004, we received a total of \$32,769.77. In 2005, we received a total of \$ 24,565.00. These awards have very specific criteria and can be used only as they are assigned. This year we were able to purchase an Argo ATV with the transport trailer, two computers, two GPS systems, and a wheel kit to go on our rescue sled (which was donated last year by the Danville S-Ski-Mo Club). We will continue to explore and apply for Grants as they become available.

We would like to thank all those who attended our Open House in July. It was nice to see so many community members show their interest and support, with most getting a tour of the new facility. We have actually been in our new headquarters for a full year; have unpacked and organized our belongings, and are now able to set up additional trainings at the facility for both rescue and community. First Aid and CPR classes are offered on a regular basis. If you wish to attend a class, or would like a class for your group or organization, please feel free to contact us at 684-9600.

During the past year, The Board of Directors has researched alternatives to the ever-increasing expenses of providing services. Our goal is to be available to provide the same services that we have for the past 38 years and still be able to make the necessary capital improvements that are associated with such an organization. It is simple to look at the necessity of purchasing bandaging and oxygen, however we are now at a point in time that we need to replace one of our ambulances which means an expense of over \$100,000. In the past, we have been able to make capital purchases such as this without additional financial assistance, unfortunately, that is no longer realistic and must be addressed. Making the decision to bill for our services is a very difficult one. Members of the Board have met with other services and have researched the pros and cons of contracting the process. Crews are currently gathering statistics to determine types of calls, committees are reviewing national billing standards, and a review of local resources is being explored. This transition is not going to be an easy one; nor is it going to be inexpensive. A tentative budget and timeline have been established to enable us to successfully reach our goal in an efficient and timely manner. Our tentative goal for going online with patient billing is July 1, 2006. We understand everyone's concern to keep expenses, including our taxes, as reasonable as possible. We will continue to need your support financially through appropriations, especially this coming year as we implement a new process that will take many months to show results.

Remember, our services include all emergent and non-emergent transports, whether it be from your home to the hospital or from one hospital to another. Please NEVER hesitate to call us if an emergency arises.

**We'd Rather Be Called and Not Needed.....Than Needed and Not Called**

**Emergency Number: 911**

**Non-Emergency Number: 684-9600**