

# Peacham

## Vermont



Annual Report 2007  
Town

Town Meeting Day  
Tuesday, March 4, 2008  
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**  
**Town Reports**  
VERMONT

2007

TOWN FISCAL YEAR ENDING December 31, 2007

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## **Turn Report over for School Reports**

Cover photo courtesy of Peacham Historical Association.

Photos of individuals courtesy of each individual. Can you guess which photo goes with which ELECTED Official?

## 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 4, 2008 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 one year.
- Article 7 To elect a Lister for a term of three years.
- Article 8 To elect an Auditor for a term of three years.
- Article 9 To elect a Grand Juror for a term of one year.
- Article 10 To elect a Town Agent for a term of one year.
- Article 11 To elect a First Constable for a term of one year.
- Article 12 To elect a Second Constable for a term of one 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 \$6,000.00, to be raised by taxes, for the construction of a Veterans' Memorial.
- Article 17 Shall the Town establish a Capital Building Fund for the purpose of major repair, renovation, or replacement of Town buildings?

- Article 18 Shall the voters appropriate the following amounts to be applied in the following order, from Surplus General Government Funds, if any, declared by the Town Treasurer:
1. First to pay off, to the extent surplus funds are available, any deficit incurred in 2007;
  2. Then, if any surplus funds remain, to establish a reserve account to hold any Surplus Funds until they are appropriated pursuant to a vote at a Town Meeting.
- Article 19 Shall the voters appropriate \$317,223 in taxes to defray Highway expenses.
- Article 20 Shall the voters appropriate \$251,820 in taxes to defray the General expenses of the Town.
- Article 21 Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$20,748 to be raised by taxes in support of the following organizations:

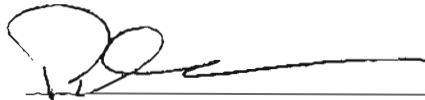
A. Area Agency on Aging	\$600
B. Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice	\$2000
C. Catamount Arts	\$500
D. Danville Rescue Squad	\$6000
E. Danville Senior Action	\$300
F. Fairbanks Museum	\$650
G. NEK Human Services	\$698
H. NEK Learning Ser.	\$250
I. NEK Youth Services	\$500
J. Peacham Fire District # 1	\$1500
K. Peacham Library	\$5500
L. Umbrella	\$500
M. Cabot Ambulance	\$500
N. Rural Communities Transportation	\$250
O. West Danville Community Club	\$500
P. Vermont Assoc. of the Blind	\$500
<b>TOTAL \$20,748</b>	

- Article 22 Shall the Town pay its real property taxes to the Town Treasurer on or before October 31, 2008, with delinquent taxes having interest charges

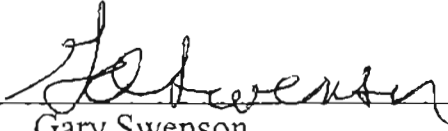
of one percent per month and with an eight percent penalty charged against them from the due date.

Article 23 To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

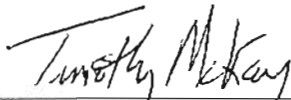
Done at Peacham, Vermont: January 25, 2008



Richard Browne

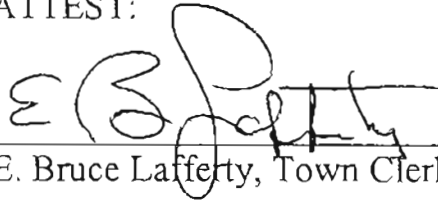


Gary Swenson



Timothy McKay, Chair

ATTEST:



E. Bruce Lafferty, Town Clerk & Treasurer



## **Minutes for Town Meeting 2007**

The legal voters of the Town of Peacham met at the Peacham Congregational Church in Peacham on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 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.
- Jeff Berwick moved to nominate Les Morrison for Moderator. Kathy Corcoran seconded. Jerry Senturia moved to close nominations and cast one vote for Morrison. Barry Lawson seconded. Morrison was elected.
- Article 2      To receive the report of the Town Auditors.
- Diana Senturia discussed the report of the Town Auditors.
- Article 3      To elect a Town Clerk for a term of one year.
- Hilary Smith moved to elect Bruce Lafferty as Town Clerk for a term of one year. Diana Senturia seconded. Jean Boardman moved to close the nominations and cast one ballot. Jerry Senturia seconded. Lafferty was elected.
- Article 4      To elect a Town Treasurer and Tax Collector for a term of one year.
- Lynn Lawson moved to elect Bruce Lafferty as Town Treasurer and Tax Collector for a term of one year. Beppy Brown seconded. Richard Browne moved to close nominations. Diana Senturia seconded. Lafferty was elected.
- Article 5      To elect a Selectboard member for a term of three years.
- Tina Fearron moved to nominate Richard Browne to the Selectboard for a term of three years. Diana Senturia seconded. Browne was elected.
- Article 6      To elect a Lister for a term of three years.
- David Magnus moved to elect Julie Kempton as Lister for a term of three years. Diana Senturia seconded. Jean Boardman moved to close nominations. Jerry Senturia seconded. Kempton was elected.
- Article 7      To elect an Auditor for a term of three years.
- David Magnus moved to elect Julie Kempton as Auditor for a term of three years. Diana Senturia seconded. Kempton was elected.
- Article 8      To elect a Grand Juror for a term of one year.
- Barry Lawson moved to elect Charlie Browne as Grand Juror for a term of one year. John Marshall seconded. Browne was elected.
- Article 9      To elect a Town Agent for a term of one year.
- John Marshall moved to elect Bob Fuehrer as Town Agent for a term of one year. Jerry Senturia seconded. Fuehrer was elected.
- Article 10     To elect a First Constable for a term of one year.
- John Marshall moved to elect John Sheehan as First Constable for a term of one year. Dick Browne seconded. Sheehan was elected.

- Article 11 To elect a Second Constable for a term of one year.  
Jerry Senturia moved to elect Bill Thresher as Second Constable for a term of one year. Diana Senturia seconded. Thresher was elected.
- Article 12 Shall the delinquent taxes be collected by the First Constable or shall the Town elect a Delinquent Tax Collector.  
Jerry Senturia moved that Delinquent Taxes be collected by the First Constable. Diana Senturia seconded. So voted.
- Article 13 To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for the ensuing year.  
Passed over: To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector.
- Article 14 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 acquisition of a new rescue vehicle for the Fire Department.  
Dick Browne moved to appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for the purpose of the acquisition of a new rescue vehicle for the Fire Department. Diana Senturia seconded. Article passed unanimously.  
Don Davis moved that the Town appropriate a portion of the Town's unallocated funds to be used to purchase the rescue vehicle. Mike Bruton seconded. Fire Chief Jeff Berwick stated that financing the rescue vehicle as originally voted would be preferable. Don Davis withdrew his motion. Mike Bruton withdrew his second.
- Article 15 Shall the voters allow the Selectboard to use unspent monies in the Recycling Shed restricted fund for additional improvements at the transfer station?  
Diana Senturia moved that last year's unspent monies from the Recycling Shed restricted fund be carried over for additional transfer station improvements. Jeremy White seconded. So voted.
- Article 16 Shall the voters appropriate \$268,239.00 in taxes to defray Highway expenses.  
Jeremy White moved that the voters appropriate \$268,239.00 in taxes to defray highway expenses. Diana Senturia seconded. So voted.
- Article 17 Shall the voters appropriate \$272,204.00 in taxes to defray the General expenses of the Town.  
Jeremy White moved that the voters appropriate \$272,204.00 in taxes to defray the General expenses of the Town. Diana Senturia seconded. So voted.
- Article 18 Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$17,778.00 to be raised by taxes in support of the following organizations:
- |   |        |
|---|--------|
| A. Area Agency on Aging                   | \$600  |
| B. Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice | \$2000 |
| C. Catamount Arts                         | \$500  |
| D. Danville Rescue Squad                  | \$4000 |
| E. Danville Senior Action                 | \$400  |
| 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	\$500
M. Vermont Assoc. of the Blind	\$500
N. Cabot Ambulance	\$500
O. West Danville Community Club	\$500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,778</b>

David Magnus moved to appropriate the sum of \$17,778 to be raised by taxes in support of the organizations listed. Diana Senturia seconded. So voted.

- Article 19 Shall the Town pay its real property taxes to the Town Treasurer on or before October 31, 2007, with delinquent taxes having interest charges of one percent per month and with an eight percent penalty charged against them from the due date.

Jerry Senturia moved that the Town pay its real property taxes to the Town Treasurer on or before October 31, 2007, with the delinquent taxes having interest charges of one percent per month and with an eight percent penalty charged against them from the due date. Diana Senturia seconded. So voted.

- Article 20 Shall the voters decide to provide notice of the availability of the Annual Town Report to the voters in lieu of mailing or otherwise distributing the Annual Town Report starting with the 2007 Annual Town Report.

Richard Browne moved that the voters decide to provide notice of the availability of the Annual Town Report to the voters in lieu of mailing or otherwise distributing the Annual Town Report starting with the 2007 Annual Town Report. Becky Jensen seconded. So voted.

- Article 21 To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

Ron Miller spoke of the Peacham Farm Support Fund. The fund provides grants for small farmers through the Vermont Community Foundation. Application forms are available at the Town Clerk's office. David Jacobs expressed interest in the Town voting on a resolution to impeach President George W. Bush and bring the troops home from Iraq. No motion made. Library report was given by Beatrice DeRocco. She invited people to attend the Mud Luncheon on April 14, 2007 and to please return their overdue library books. The Moderator commented on the convenience of being able to download the Annual Town Report from the Town of Peacham website. Barry Lawson spoke about the importance of the Town developing a Capital Improvements Program and the financing of such a program for the future. Richard Browne thanked the Peacham Congregational Church for allowing Town Meeting to be held there.

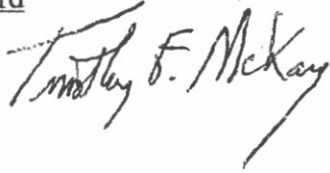
Rob Ide moved to adjourn. Dean Monteith seconded. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 11:36 AM.

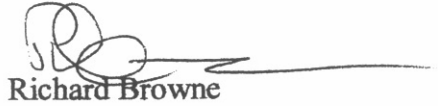
The foregoing is approved and attested to by:

Peacham Selectboard

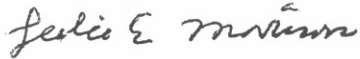
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Richard Browne

Moderator



Leslie Morrison

Clerk to the Board



Bruce Lafferty

## Elected Town Officers 2007

Office		Term ends at Town meeting in the year
Auditors	Julie Kempton Don Davis Rebecca Jensen	2010 2009 2008
First Constable Second Constable	John Sheehan Bill Thresher	2008 2008
Delinquent Tax Collector	John Sheehan	2008
Grand Juror	Charles Browne	2008
Library Representative	Beatrice DeRocco	2009
Listers	Julie Kempton Robert Ide, resigned Kirsten Szendrey Rebecca Jensen	2010 2009 2008 (appointed) 2008
Moderator	Leslie Morrison	2008
School Directors	JoAnne Post Jean Dedam Art Green (resigned) Wynne Browne	2010 2009 2008 2008 (appointed)
Selectboard	Richard Browne Gary Swenson Tim McKay	2010 2009 2008
Town Agent	Robert Fuehrer	2008
Town Clerk	Bruce Lafferty	2008
Town Treasurer	Bruce Lafferty	2008

### Appointments by Selectboard 2007

<b>Committee</b>		<b>Appointment ends</b>
Agency Appropriation Committee	Jean Clark Don Davis Charles Browne	2010 2009 2008
Board of Adjustment	Ron Craig Donald Moore, Sr. Mike Bruton Bob Joly Francis Carlet	2008 2008 2008 2008 2008
Conservation Commission	David Stauffer David Magnus Neil Monteith Ron Miller Cindy McKnight Fred Fortin	2010 2009 2009 2008 2008 2008
Emergency Management Coordinator	Jerry Senturia	2008
Fence Viewers	Kenneth Bean Maurice Chandler Ken Danielson	2008 2008 2008
Fire Chief	Jeff Berwick	2008
Fire Warden	Neil Monteith	2008
Green-up Chairman	JoAnne Post Dave Stauffer	2008 2008
Health Officer Assistant Health Officer	Sharon McDonnell Jean Berwick	2008 2008
Keeper of the Pound	Jo Guertin	2008
Memorial Day Chairman	Mel Reis	2008

Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District Representative	Richard Blair	2008
NVDA Representatives	Jean Dedam Tom Joyce	2008 2008
Planning Commission	Tom Glavin John Reiss Marsha Garrison Tom Joyce Gib Parrish Maurine Rosenberg Marilyn Magnus	2010 2010 2009 2009 2009 2008 2008
Road Commissioner	Select Board	
Service Officer	Patty Strader	2008
Sextons	Ron Craig Cheryl Stevenson	2008 2008
Town Economic Committee	Charlie Browne Barry Lawson Tim MacKay Gib Parish Mary Ellen Reis Edwin Stretch (resigned)	2008 2008 2008 2008 2008 2008
Tree Board	David Jacobs Julie Lang Neil Monteith Cheryl Stevenson Marj Swenson	2008 2008 2008 2008 2008
Tree Warden	Neil Monteith	2008
Zoning Administrator*	Robert Hansen	2008

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

### **Other Elected Officials:**

Justice of the Peace (all terms expire in February 2009):

Don Davis  
Jean Dedam  
Sam Kempton  
Phyllis Randall (resigned)  
Diana Senturia

State Representative (term expires in 2009):

Steve Larabee

State Senators (terms expire in 2009):

George Coppenrath  
Jane Kitchell

US Representative (term expires in 2009):

Peter Welch

US Senator (term expires in 2013):

Bernie Sanders

### **Vital Statistics 2007**

#### **Births**

Annabelle Marie Goodwin	May 9	Christina M Miller Lucas Elliot Goodwin
Devon Jeronimo Deyhle	October 3	Angelica Maria Orozco Devon William Deyhle
Conner Saher White	December 12	Brittany Ann Phillips

#### **Marriages**

Michael James Speer Kristen Maryann Schoolcraft	June 16
Jon Mark Peabody Jeanne Pope	July 18
Richard Armstrong Scholes Annette Lorraine Lewis	July 25

#### **Deaths**

Dale Patricia Camara	56	December 7	Peacham
Allan Charles White	68	March 11	St Johnsbury
Clifton G Schoolcraft, Jr	77	February 12	Barton



## **Town of Peacham Auditors' Report 2007**

We have examined the finances as presented to us by the Town Treasurer. We have verified stated cash balances, inspected certificates of deposits, loan documents, and investment account statements. Checks have been written according to statements and warrants. The town's current assets are correctly stated in the Summary of Town Accounts, the Inventory of Real Estate, the Inventory of Road Equipment, and the Peacham Volunteer Fire Department Accounts Report.

We have worked with the Treasurer to correctly state the liabilities of the town. However, we have not yet been able to fully reconcile all of the town's liabilities. The amounts that we have been able to verify are found in the Statement of Debt Outstanding and the Liability section of the Balance Sheet. There may be additional liabilities stemming from grants not expended and surplus funds from prior years that are restricted in their uses.

Our review of the grant funds has led us to recommend better communication between the local initiating organization, the Selectboard and the Treasurer. A process should be developed to assist the Treasurer in correctly accounting for grant funds. Currently the Selectboard minutes and files are incomplete as to what grants have been applied for, the amount of monies expected and received, and how the monies have been expended. Some deposits and some expenditures were readily identified with awarded grants. Some grant applications are associated with no deposits and no expenditures. Some expenditures believed to be grant expenditures are not consistently labeled as such and may have been incorrectly categorized. This is an issue that both the Selectboard and the Treasurer need to address. We recommend that when a grant is submitted in the town's name, details (such as granting agency, brief description of the purpose / use of the funds, amount applied for (and later received), a breakdown of intended expenses, including matching funds or work, expected date funds will be received and spent, and any audit requirements) be entered as part of the Selectboard minutes. When grant monies are expended, invoices should be clearly marked with the grant information and duplicate copies placed in the appropriate grant's file. To aid in properly using grant funds, a separate bank account for grants may be appropriate.

We have begun investigating why for several years the town books have had a large positive balance at year-end. This balance, we believe, is due to a variety of reasons that may include grant funds carried from one year to the next, surplus funds and/or deficits that have not been tracked from one year to the next, and underestimating revenues from state sources. We are working with the Treasurer to determine the amounts to attribute to grants, roads (required by the state to be spent only on roads), and the general fund so that the town can properly handle these funds according to standard accounting practices and state law.

Don Davis, Rebecca Jensen, and Julie Kempton  
Town of Peacham Auditors

## **Town Clerk's Report 2007**

Prior to writing this I looked back at my 2006 report. I found that we have accomplished much . When I say we, I include my invaluable Assistant Clerk/Treasurer, Stan Fickes. Another year's worth of experience has enabled us to handle the daily operation of the Town Clerk's office more efficiently. Our extensive training sessions with our accounting software company, NEMRC, has helped immensely. Besides learning new capabilities of the NEMRC system, we also developed additional accounting skills and methods. I would like to especially thank the Town Auditors and Listers who have helped us immensely through this learning process and continue to do so every day. As gratifying as the progress we've made is, I have found that much more needs to be done to make this Clerk's office even better.

The duties of this position remain constant. The Town Clerk is required by law to be the receiver and recorder of the Town's records. But the job is much more. From answering questions about zoning permits and cemetery plots, to assisting lawyers and paralegals, to researching a property's history, to organizing and running elections, this office is always a busy place. In addition to our daily operations, the specific challenges I see for the year ahead are the proposed 2008-2009 audit, the beginning of the Town appraisal, the Presidential primary and election and the special projects that I have planned for the Town Clerk's office. Those special projects, which will take several years to complete, include converting our card catalog system of indexing to our new computer program, developing an index of land surveys, organizing past zoning and building permit records, re-indexing cemetery records, and scanning old vault records in order to preserve these historical documents. Once in place, these projects will be ongoing as new information is obtained and updated. The challenges I mentioned for 2008 and the projects and goals I've set for the Town Clerk's office will all require a significant amount of additional time and diligence on my part. They should also highlight the increasingly desperate need for more office, meeting, and vault storage space as well as a full time Assistant Town Clerk.

During all of these challenges, duties, and projects we are committed and pleased to provide the services we do to this Town and its residents. We enjoy the people of Peacham immensely and know that you make our efforts worthwhile.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Lafferty, Town Clerk

## **Town Treasurer's Report 2007**

Last year this office concentrated on putting the Town's financial position and records in good order. Although we have a great deal more to learn about municipal accounting and financial management we have made worthy progress. Through the training we received through NEMRC, our accounting software firm, and the knowledgeable guidance provided by the Town Auditors we have managed to get a handle on the Town's financial accounting system and how it can work for us. These facts emphasize the importance of continuity in the office of the town treasurer. The amount of time spent getting up to speed on municipal finances is enormous. Adequate employee staffing and staffing policies are crucial in maintaining this continuity.

This year as Town Treasurer I am able to announce that the Town has a funds surplus in its accounts. This surplus minus specifically allocated fund holdings at this time is not an accurate enough figure to quote. Since we have not had a professional audit since 2003 I am unable to provide the reasons behind the build up of this excess of funds. The system we currently use was installed in 2004. Prior to that, the specific financial format we currently receive from NEMRC was not available. I believe the surplus has accumulated over a number of years. I have recently communicated with the State Auditor and he stated that his office has been fostering Town surplus solutions and strategies throughout the State. I have meetings planned with representatives from his office that should produce a valuable "Surplus Analysis". I anticipate that the assistance from the State Auditor's office and the proposed 2008-2009 audit will provide us with the tools needed to deal with this situation.

My duties, as Town Treasurer, require that I keep the Town's financial accounts in order, invest Town money, keep a record of taxes voted, and pay the Town's bills when they are approved by the Selectboard. Simply put, I am responsible for handling the Town's finances and keeping the municipality's accounts. Through your votes, you determine how the Town's funds are spent. Therefore, how a surplus or deficit is handled is your decision. This is as it should be and is what the Statutes of the State of Vermont proclaim. In order for you, the voters, to reach a decision on what actions to take regarding the Town's financial surplus, I urge you to take your time. The State Auditor's Surplus Analysis and the proposed 2008-2009 outside audit may provide additional ideas and guidance not previously considered.

You will notice that if you look back through the recent Town reports that a" tax anticipation loan " for covering Town expenses between the start of the year and the tax collection time (January1-October31 ) has not occurred. This fact tells

us that the surplus has been building for some time. It does not tell us how. The present Selectboard has worked diligently to manage its budgeting process so that this trend does not continue. It is impossible to budget 100% accurately since so many variables come into play. The Selectboard has been thorough in examining the budget, line by line, which should improve the financial health of the Town.

Finally, I'd like to state that the assets of this Town are not just cash, CDs, capital funds, checking accounts, buildings, equipment, and the like. The assets of the Town are its residents, children, and employees. It is rare that a Treasurer speaks in any terms other than dollars and cents. This year I feel it's important to keep all of these assets in mind when it comes time for you make your financial decisions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Lafferty, Town Treasurer



### Summary Of Town Accounts (December 31, 2007)

Account	December 31, 2006	December 31, 2007
Checking – current	\$476,727.78	\$456,013.69
Storm Repair Road – FEMA	\$2,250.20	\$2,263.13
Retreatment	\$23,835.66	\$1,056.23
CDARS Capital Equipment	\$73,924.86	\$76,485.07
Road Cap Equip Acct	\$10,485.29	\$8,326.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$587,223.79</b>	<b>\$544,144.72</b>

### Statement Of Debt Outstanding (December 31, 2007)

Highway Truck Lease	\$44,040.48
Fire Truck Lease	\$53,601.44
Fire Station Note	\$55,001.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$152,642.92</b>

- The Highway Truck Lease is paid semi-annually to Municipal Asset Management for a total of \$22,020.24 per year. The final payment will be due in September 2009. Interest is an expense that is included in the total debt outstanding.
- The Fire Truck Lease is paid semi-annually to Municipal Asset Management for a total of \$26,800.72 per year. The final payment will be due in September 2009. Interest is an expense that is included in the total debt outstanding.
- The Fire Station Note with Passumpsic Savings Bank, approved by voters in 2000, is currently paid yearly at \$18,333.00 not including interest. The final payment will be due in 2010. The interest is an expense that is not included in the total debt outstanding.

## General Fund Balance Sheet (December 31, 2007)

<b>ASSET</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Main Checking 3093	476,727.78	456,013.69
Petty Cash	43.65	0.00
Housing VT Grant Rcvble.	1,699.80	
Conservation Grant Rcvble.	0.00	
Fema-Passumpsic 2112	2,250.20	2,263.13
Homeland Security Rcvble.	595.00	
Fire Act Grant Rcvble.	0.00	
Prepaid oil	8,019.00	5,593.74
Taxes past due	<u>80,969.70</u>	<u>91,368.00</u>
<b>Total Asset</b>	<b>\$570,305.13</b>	<b>\$555,238.56</b>

<b>LIABILITY*</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Delinquent Tax Collector Fees		42.61
Property Tax Credits Payable		7,259.59
Restoration Land Records	615.26	1,610.24
Conservation Reserve	5,127.01	6,627.01
VT Money for Reappraisal	16,282.06	22,732.56
Bridge Fund	4,327.79	11,827.79
Fema	2,201.09	2263.13
New Recycling Shed	8,502.36	8,502.36
Lister Education Fund	389.56	389.62
Fire Department Capital Equipment	15,000.00	30,000.00
Fire Warden Capital Equipment	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
<b>Total Liability</b>	<b>\$53,445.13</b>	<b>\$92,254.91</b>

\*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 for dog licenses. These liabilities are accounts payable or reserve funds established by earlier voter approval or by state mandate with a remaining balance at the close of 2007. There may be additional liabilities associated with grants received and not expended. In addition, there may be funds that are prior year's road funds that have not been carried over. See Auditors' Report for discussion.

## Grand List Computations 2007

Appraised Valuations \$ 84,992,400.00 Veteran's exemptions already accounted for

Grand List Set July 24, 2007

$$\text{\$ } 84,992,400.00 \times .01 = \text{\$ } 849,924.00$$

2007 Education Property Tax Rate (Set by Vermont Dept. of Taxes)

Homestead rate	1.8165
Non-Residential rate	1.8326

Town Taxes to be raised

Highway	\$ 268,329.00
General	\$ 272,204.00
Appropriations	\$ 17,778.00
Rescue vehicle reserve	(in budget)
Fire Warden capital equip. reserve	\$ -

Total \$ 558,311.00

Less State money to town not in budget

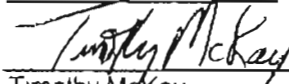
Hold Harmless	\$ 7,599.00
PILOT	\$ 151.00
	\$ 7,750.00

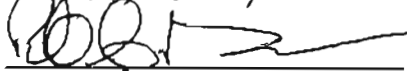
Town tax rate

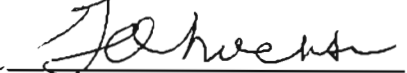
$$\text{\$ } 550,561.00 \quad / \quad \text{\$ } 849,924.00 = 0.6478$$

<b>TOTAL HOMESTEAD TAX RATE</b>	<b>2.4643</b>
<b>TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE</b>	<b>2.4804</b>

Peacham Selectboard

  
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Timothy McKay

  
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Richard Browne

  
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Gary Swenson

**Town of Peacham  
Delinquent Taxes as of January 1, 2008**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
<b>Collected in 2007</b>								
Delinquent Taxes Collected in 2007	\$ 80,066.91	\$ 38,120.52	\$ 21,758.36	\$ 6,994.48	\$ 4,332.70	\$ 4,448.14	\$ 4,412.71	\$ -
Interest on Delinquent Taxes Collected in 2007	\$ 6,627.73	\$ 524.04	\$ 1,630.08	\$ 1,266.68	\$ 1,439.90	\$ 1,091.69	\$ 675.34	\$ -
Penalties on Delinquent Taxes Collected in 2007	\$ 6,018.49	\$ 3,535.59	\$ 1,826.88	\$ 272.71	\$ 383.31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total collected (2007)</b>	<b>\$ 92,713.13</b>							
<b>Outstanding on Jan 1, 2008</b>								
Amount of Delinquent Tax Due (Jan 1, 2008)	\$ 79,561.03	\$ 44,886.20	\$ 16,539.64	\$ 6,470.88	\$ 5,472.90	\$ 2,608.59	\$ -	\$ 3,582.82
Amount of Interest Due (Jan 1, 2008)	\$ 7,162.05	\$ 801.20	\$ 1,859.35	\$ 1,303.81	\$ 1,374.57	\$ 59.38	\$ -	\$ 1,763.74
Amount of Penalties Due (Jan 1, 2008)	\$ 4,644.92	\$ 3,073.83	\$ 1,066.66	\$ 266.65	\$ 237.78	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Due (Jan 1, 2008)</b>	<b>\$ 91,368.00</b>							
Number of Parcels with Delinquent Taxes Due on Jan 1, 2008		33	11	6	5	3	0	1



## Town Of Peacham Revenues

Account	Budget FY - 2006	Actual FY - 2006	Budget FY - 2007	Actual FY - 2007	Budget FY - 2008
<b><u>GENERAL REVENUE</u></b>					
<b>TAX RELATED</b>					
Taxes - Current Year	-	1,773,628.53		2,004,285.17	
Del. Taxes Current Year	5,000.00	93,093.89		80,066.91	
Interest: Del. Taxes	-	7,299.22	3,000.00	6,627.73	4,000.00
	5,000.00	1,874,021.64	3,000.00	2,090,979.81	4,000.00
<b>CLERKS OFFICE</b>					
Town Clerk's Fees	5,000.00	4,326.04	4,000.00	6,983.52	5,500.00
Dog Licenses	750.00	871.00	800.00	918.00	850.00
Liquor License Fees	-	-	-	-	-
	5,750.00	5,197.04	4,800.00	7,901.52	6,350.00
<b>OTHER</b>					
Zoning Fees	-	1,064.00	750.00	1,383.00	1,000.00
Zoning Fines				2,000.00	
Board Of Adjustment Fees	-	-	-	50.00	-
Rentals	12,000.00	12,500.00	12,000.00	14,423.29	12,500.00
Misc Revenue	-	2,900.00	2,500.00	1,950.08	2,500.00
Public Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Interest On Investments	2,250.00	8,415.00	5,000.00	14,594.98	8,000.00
	14,250.00	24,879.00	20,250.00	34,401.35	24,000.00
<b>TRANSFER STATION</b>					
Transfer Station Fees	32,000.00	30,008.00	32,000.00	32,971.97	32,000.00
	32,000.00	30,008.00	32,000.00	32,971.97	32,000.00
<b>Total General (less taxes)</b>	<b>52,000.00</b>	<b>67,383.26</b>	<b>60,050.00</b>	<b>81,902.57</b>	<b>66,350.00</b>
<b><u>ROAD REVENUE</u></b>					
<b>PERMITS</b>					
Access Permits	-	-	-	27.00	-
Excess Weight Permits	-	290.00	200.00	325.00	300.00
Fines	1,000.00	1,262.00	1,200.00	1,860.50	1,200.00
	1,000.00	1,552.00	1,400.00	2,212.50	1,500.00
<b>STATE OF VERMONT</b>					
State: Highway Aid	110,000.00	115,290.00	115,000.00	115,085.81	115,000.00
	110,000.00	115,290.00	115,000.00	115,085.81	115,000.00
<b>OTHER</b>					
Interest On Investments	800.00	11.20	-	1,805.02	1,000.00
	800.00	11.20	-	1,805.02	1,000.00
<b>Total Roads</b>	<b>111,800.00</b>	<b>116,853.20</b>	<b>116,400.00</b>	<b>119,103.33</b>	<b>117,500.00</b>
<b><u>STATE OF VERMONT</u></b>					
Current Use "Hold Harmless"	10,000.00	56,504.00	55,000.00	62,599.00	62,000.00
Pilot State Land	3,000.00	13,057.95	13,000.00	13,588.05	26,000.00
Pilot Buildings		2,195.00	2,195.00	2,346.00	2,200.00
Lease Land	-	14.00	-	10.50	
<b>Total State</b>	<b>13,000.00</b>	<b>71,770.95</b>	<b>70,195.00</b>	<b>78,543.55</b>	<b>90,200.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL REVENUES (less taxes)</b>	<b>176,800.00</b>	<b>256,007.41</b>	<b>246,645.00</b>	<b>279,549.45</b>	<b>274,050.00</b>

<b>Town of Peacham Expenses</b>	<b>Budget FY 2006</b>	<b>Actual FY 2006</b>	<b>Budget FY 2007</b>	<b>Actual FY 2007</b>	<b>Budget FY 2008</b>
<b><u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u></b>					
<b><u>PAYROLL</u></b>					
Selectmen's Salaries	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Administrative Assistant	33,100.00	33,125.08	34,300.52	34,092.74	35,545.00
Board Clerk Salary	4,000.00	4,000.10	4,145.08	4,120.07	4,296.00
Listers'salaries	15,000.00	5,387.16	12,000.00	8,486.28	12,000.00
Animal Control Person	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Health Officer	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Zoning Administrator	1,500.00	1,125.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,500.00
Town Treasurer	12,675.00	12,675.00	13,134.72	13,055.12	13,612.00
Asst. Town Treasurer	5,000.00	5,383.64	5,181.35	6,172.06	6,000.00
Town Clerk	12,675.00	12,675.00	13,134.72	13,055.12	13,612.00
Asst. Town Clerk	5,000.00	5,383.52	5,181.35	6,172.19	6,000.00
Auditors' Salaries	900.00	1,200.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Constable	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
TC/TT FICA/Medical	8,000.00	7,084.21	8,000.00	8,429.13	10,100.00
Unemployment	2,359.00	2,412.74	2,936.00	3,635.00	2,900.00
Workers Comp	15,860.00	15,964.89	16,500.00	14,948.71	17,500.00
Retire-match Funds	3,000.00	750.00	750.00	1,500.00	2,250.00
<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>121,369.00</b>	<b>109,466.34</b>	<b>120,563.72</b>	<b>118,966.42</b>	<b>130,115.00</b>
<b><u>GENERAL EXPENSES</u></b>					
VLCT Dues	1,000.00	1,021.00	1,100.00	1,046.00	1,071.00
Town Insurance	22,000.00	24,543.00	27,138.00	27,546.00	30,000.00
Legal Expense	1,000.00	1,009.50	1,000.00	6,767.26	2,000.00
County Tax	13,058.01	13,058.01	13,000.00	13,136.14	13,114.00
Tax Mapping	5,000.00	1,683.13	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
Reappraisal consulting				0.00	30,000.00
Planning	1,000.00	279.00	2,038.00	266.92	2,250.00
Conservation	300.00	95.03	300.00	0.00	300.00
Contribution to Cons. Fund	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Tree Board			1,000.00	2,002.90	1,000.00
Recreation	2,000.00	480.00	1,000.00	360.00	5,000.00
Green-Up Vermont	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	100.00
NVDA	279.30	279.30	279.30	279.30	280.00
N. VT Resource & Dev. Cncl	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
Elections/town Meeting	1,000.00	1,829.20	600.00	277.75	2,500.00
Cemetery Allocation	3,000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
misc. expenditure	500.00	586.79	500.00	1,031.43	1,000.00
Tax Ant. Note: Interest	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contingency and opportunities	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	4,780.00	10,000.00
<b>Total General Expenses</b>	<b>51,762.31</b>	<b>48,488.96</b>	<b>68,580.30</b>	<b>64,118.70</b>	<b>109,190.00</b>

<b>Town of Peacham Expenses</b>	<b>Budget FY 2006</b>	<b>Actual FY 2006</b>	<b>Budget FY 2007</b>	<b>Actual FY 2007</b>	<b>Budget FY 2008</b>
<b>TOWN OFFICE</b>					
Telephone	4,000.00	2,949.37	3,100.00	2,483.35	2,600.00
Electricity	5,900.00	5,729.01	5,800.00	5,570.98	5,800.00
Mileage	1,200.00	1,229.87	600.00	404.82	1,000.00
Supplies Town Clerk/Treasurer	4,000.00	1,871.25	3,000.00	3,285.72	3,300.00
Listers Grievance Ads	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
Dog Expense	250.00	420.00	420.00	153.29	175.00
Adm. Assist Other Benefit	750.00	911.90	750.00	897.02	900.00
Land Records Allocation	750.00	70.16	750.00	0.00	400.00
Land Record Books		0.00	0.00	584.10	200.00
Restoration of Land Records	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
Special Projects - Town Office					13,600.00
Postage Town Clerk/Treasurer/listers	1,200.00	1,143.12	1,200.00	1,133.12	1,433.00
Equipment		0.00	5,500.00	4,395.00	250.00
Internet	550.00	611.80	550.00	640.95	700.00
Computer Expense	2,000.00	1,413.99	1,500.00	1,241.42	1,500.00
Lister Computer Supplies		0.00	300.00	228.00	500.00
New Camera/GPS Unit(listers)		274.49	300.00	256.95	0.00
Training (Town Clerk)	500.00	550.00	250.00	182.75	200.00
Training (Asst. TC Clerk)		0.00	250.00	22.50	200.00
Training (Town Treasurer)		0.00	250.00	22.50	200.00
Training (Asst. TC Treasurer)		0.00	250.00	22.50	200.00
Training Listers		0.00	360.00	190.00	4,871.00
Service Support/licensing	3,500.00	2,722.00	2,500.00	2,668.12	3,000.00
Advertising	2,000.00	1,410.00	2,000.00	1,269.76	1,500.00
Town Hall Maintenance	3,000.00	8,973.94	3,000.00	5,959.26	6,000.00
TH Maintenance-Mowing	200.00	249.00	300.00	90.00	200.00
Heating Fuel	17,500.00	14,776.34	19,500.00	15,068.37	20,000.00
Water	1,400.00	1,336.00	1,400.00	1,110.00	1,200.00
Town Reports		0.00	1,500.00	1,956.00	2,000.00
Contracted Services/Cleaning	10,000.00	8,710.20	10,000.00	7,504.00	10,000.00
<b>Total Town Office</b>	<b>62,700.00</b>	<b>55,352.44</b>	<b>69,530.00</b>	<b>57,340.48</b>	<b>86,129.00</b>
<b>Total General Gov't Expenses</b>	<b>235,831.31</b>	<b>213,307.74</b>	<b>258,674.02</b>	<b>240,425.60</b>	<b>325,434.00</b>
<b>TRANSFER STATION</b>					
Waste Transfer Salaries	5,050.00	5,145.88	5,233.16	5,174.04	5,500.00
Repairs & Maint.	200.00	79.83	5,000.00	5,196.48	5,000.00
compactor purchase and installation			12,000.00	9,580.22	
Contracted Services	500.00	1,596.00	1,500.00	1,662.00	1,700.00
Recycling: Cont. Services	3,200.00	1,929.20	2,000.00	1,170.55	2,000.00
Trash Removal	34,500.00	29,301.00	23,000.00	30,240.97	30,000.00
Supplies	200.00	787.22	200.00	490.22	200.00
<b>Total Transfer Station</b>	<b>43,650.00</b>	<b>38,839.13</b>	<b>48,933.16</b>	<b>53,514.48</b>	<b>44,400.00</b>

**Town of Peacham Expenses**

	<b>Budget FY 2006</b>	<b>Actual FY 2006</b>	<b>Budget FY 2007</b>	<b>Actual FY 2007</b>	<b>Budget FY 2008</b>
<b>FIRE &amp; SAFETY EXPENSES</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
Dues & Fees	500.00	342.00	400.00	353.95	400.00
Fire Dept. Mileage	150.00	269.68	150.00	145.50	200.00
Supplies	750.00	383.24	600.00	0.00	600.00
Gas	400.00	362.12	400.00	472.48	500.00
Medical Supplies/equip	1,000.00	453.31	800.00	498.04	700.00
Hepatitis B Shots	300.00	87.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
Fire Equipment	7,000.00	6,596.94	6,000.00	5,436.87	6,000.00
Hydrant	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Fire Warden Repairs & Mai	350.00	741.49	350.00	230.00	200.00
Law Enforcement	9,000.00	9,331.35	9,000.00	9,058.00	10,000.00
Contr. To Fire Cap. Equip	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
Contr. To Fire Warden Cap.	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fire Sta. Note: Princ.	18,333.00	18,333.00	18,333.00	18,333.00	18,333.00
Fire Sta. Note: Interest	3,000.00	3,109.67	3,000.00	2,936.04	3,000.00
Fire Truck Lease	26,800.72	26,800.72	26,800.72	26,800.72	26,801.00
Fire Dept. Training	2,000.00	1,757.24	2,000.00	716.00	1,000.00
24-hour Contract	2,658.00	2,658.00	2,658.00	2,952.00	2,952.00
Repairs & Maint. Equip.	3,500.00	4,682.15	4,000.00	7,527.40	7,500.00
Repairs & Maint. Bldg.	1,500.00	1,781.12	3,500.00	1,597.64	3,500.00
<b>Total Fire &amp; Safety Office</b>	<b>94,891.72</b>	<b>94,339.03</b>	<b>94,841.72</b>	<b>92,707.64</b>	<b>83,536.00</b>
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES</b>	<b>374,373.03</b>	<b>346,485.90</b>	<b>402,448.90</b>	<b>386,647.72</b>	<b>453,370.00</b>
<b><u>ROADS</u></b>					
<b>PAYROLL</b>					
Road Dept. Salaries	95,000.00	87,419.57	95,000.00	103,698.91	99,000.00
Road Dept. FICA/medical	6,000.00	6,041.02	6,500.00	7,417.26	7,000.00
Roads Dept. Health Ins.	18,000.00	11,039.24	35,000.00	38,414.18	45,463.00
<b>Total Roads Payroll</b>	<b>119,000.00</b>	<b>104,499.83</b>	<b>136,500.00</b>	<b>149,530.35</b>	<b>151,463.00</b>
<b>ROAD EXPENSES</b>					
VMHA Dues	10.00	10.00	10.00	0.00	10.00
Gas, Oil, Diesel	24,000.00	29,366.11	32,000.00	35,295.20	40,000.00
Tires	3,000.00	4,065.67	4,000.00	3,906.56	4,750.00
Radios	1,000.00	405.70	1,000.00	857.55	1,000.00
Town Truck Leases**			22,000.00	22,170.24	38,000.00
Contrbtn to Retreatment Reserve	50,000.00	50,000.00	55,000.00	113,742.53	20,000.00
Contrbtn to Road Cap Equip Reserve	22,000.00	22,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Contrbtn to Bridge Reserve	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,000.00
<b>Total Road Expenses</b>	<b>102,510.00</b>	<b>108,347.48</b>	<b>118,510.00</b>	<b>180,472.08</b>	<b>107,760.00</b>

**Town of Peacham Expenses****TOWN GARAGE**

	<b>Budget FY 2006</b>	<b>Actual FY 2006</b>	<b>Budget FY 2007</b>	<b>Actual FY 2007</b>	<b>Budget FY 2008</b>
Mileage	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Equip:repairs/supplies	25,000.00	30,693.74	30,000.00	38,750.94	30,000.00
Road Supplies					5,000.00
Other Benefits	3,000.00	3,380.29	3,000.00	3,909.92	4,500.00
Training	500.00	147.00	500.00	369.78	500.00
Bldg: Repairs & Maint.	10,000.00	6,567.94	9,000.00	7,511.43	10,000.00
<b>Total Town Garage</b>	<b>38,650.00</b>	<b>40,788.97</b>	<b>42,500.00</b>	<b>50,542.07</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>

**ROAD MAINTENANCE**

Contracted Services	15,000.00	12,291.74	18,000.00	20,416.65	22,000.00
Contracted- Rdside mowing	5,000.00	3,885.20	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Equipment Rental	4,000.00	2,628.64	2,000.00	1,568.59	1,500.00
Culverts	4,000.00	5,719.20	4,000.00	5,676.26	5,000.00
Dust Control	12,000.00	11,810.46	15,000.00	15,026.91	17,500.00
Gravel, Crushed Stone	35,000.00	33,748.91	35,000.00	40,056.02	42,000.00
Salt	22,000.00	14,041.61	18,000.00	23,896.36	24,000.00
Winter Sand	24,000.00	22,568.55	24,000.00	22,555.00	24,000.00
Signs	1,000.00	1,058.88	2,000.00	1,160.55	2,000.00
Guard Rails	7,700.00	7,689.55	7,000.00	7,058.06	7,500.00
<b>Total Road Maintenance</b>	<b>129,700.00</b>	<b>115,442.74</b>	<b>130,000.00</b>	<b>142,414.40</b>	<b>150,500.00</b>

**TOTAL ROADS**

<b>389,860.00</b>	<b>369,079.02</b>	<b>427,510.00</b>	<b>522,958.90</b>	<b>459,723.00</b>
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**OVERALL TOTALS**

<b>General Expenses</b>	<b>374,373.03</b>	<b>346,485.90</b>	<b>402,448.90</b>	<b>386,647.72</b>	<b>453,370.00</b>
<b>Road Expenses</b>	<b>389,860.00</b>	<b>369,079.02</b>	<b>427,510.00</b>	<b>522,958.90</b>	<b>459,723.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>764,233.03</b>	<b>715,564.92</b>	<b>829,958.90</b>	<b>909,606.62</b>	<b>913,093.00</b>

**APPROPRIATIONS**

Adult Basic Ed/NEK Learn	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	250.00
Area Agency On Aging	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
Cabot Ambulance	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Cal. Home Health & Hospice	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Catamount Arts	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Danville Rescue	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	6,000.00
Danville Senior Action CENTER	300.00	300.00	400.00	400.00	300.00
Fairbanks Museum	380.00	380.00	380.00	380.00	650.00
Nek Human Services	698.00	698.00	698.00	698.00	698.00
Nek Youth Services	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Peacham Fire District 1	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Peacham Library	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,500.00
Rural Communities Transportation					250.00
Umbrella	300.00	300.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
VT. Assn. For The Blind	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
West Danville Community Club (beach)		0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>16,978.00</b>	<b>16,978.00</b>	<b>17,778.00</b>	<b>17,778.00</b>	<b>20,748.00</b>

# Town of Peacham Expenses

	Budget FY 2006	Actual FY 2006	Budget FY 2007	Actual FY 2007	Budget FY 2008
<b>SUMMARY</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2006</b>	<b>Actual FY - 2006</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2007</b>	<b>Actual FY 2007</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2008</b>
General Expenses	374,373.03	346,485.90	402,448.90	386,647.72	453,370.00
Sources of Funds:***					
General Revenue (see full revenue sheet for details)	52,000.00	67,383.26	60,050.00	81,902.57	66,350.00
Timber sale					16,000.00
Reappraisal					29,000.00
State Reimbursement for Current Use	10,000.00	56,504.00	55,000.00	62,599.00	62,000.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes on State Lands	3,000.00	13,057.95	13,000.00	13,588.05	26,000.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes on State Buildings	0.00	2,195.00	2,195.00	2,346.00	2,200.00
General Expenses to be Raised by Taxes (budgeted)	309,373.03	207,345.69	272,203.90	226,212.10	251,820.00
Road Expenses	389,860.00	369,079.02	427,510.00	522,958.90	459,723.00
Sources of Funds:***					
Road Capital Equipment Fund for Truck Lease	22,020.24	22,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	25,000.00
Road Revenue (see full revenue sheet for details)	111,800.00	116,853.20	116,400.00	119,103.33	117,500.00
Road Revenue Carry over from 2007			20,780.98	20,780.98	
Road Expenses to be Raised by Taxes (budgeted)	256,039.76	230,225.82	268,329.02	361,074.59	317,223.00

Notes:

\*\* The truck lease payment is shown as a line item to more accurately reflect the cost of roads.

### **Inventory Of Real Estate (Value On 12/31/2007)**

Fire House, Roller, Common	\$ 146,300.00
Town Forest	\$ 90,000.00
Garage and Salt Shed	\$ 81,300.00
Town Hall	\$ 111,500.00
Transfer Station	\$ 33,400.00
Hardy Lot	\$ 75,600.00
Cemetery G	\$ 83,400.00
Luther Fletcher Parker Field	\$ 41,000.00
3.3 acres behind Peacham Historical House (from VLT)	<u>\$ 36,600.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 699,100.00</b>

### **Inventory Of Road Equipment (Value On 12/31/2007)**

2006 Ford Ranger pickup	\$ 17,000.00
2000 F-550 Ford with plow	\$ 10,000.00
2 x 2004 International trucks with plows and wings	\$ 175,000.00
1995 International truck	\$ 12,000.00
1992 John Deere backhoe	\$ 24,000.00
Temco snow plow	\$ 1,500.00
1998 John Deere 544H loader	\$ 75,000.00
1977 Ford tanker	\$ 2,500.00
Flink sander	\$ 1,000.00
Swenson sander	\$ 1,000.00
York rake	\$ 1,500.00
1985 Caterpillar grader with wing	\$ 76,000.00
Culvert thawing rig, with trailer	\$ 1,500.00
Steam cleaner	\$ 1,800.00
Chloride tank (750 gallon)	\$ 750.00
Chloride tank (2500 gallon)	\$ 2,200.00
1999 Vermeer brush chipper	\$ 7,500.00
6000 gallon diesel fuel tank and pump	\$ 7,000.00
Radio equipment	\$ 3,000.00
AgriMetal bale chopper	\$ 3,500.00
Tools, misc small equipment	<u>\$ 4,750.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 428,500.00</b>

**Town of Peacham  
Employee Compensation 2007**

<b>Employee</b>	<b>Gross Wages</b>	<b>FICA, Medicare &amp; Benefits</b>	<b>Total</b>
Bell, Ronald	\$27,233.58	\$12,130.26	\$39,363.84
Berwick, Cody	\$2,285.00	\$174.82	\$2,459.82
Berwick, Jeff	\$500.00	\$38.25	\$538.25
Blair, Richard	\$5,224.04	\$399.65	\$5,623.69
Browne, Richard	\$500.00	\$38.25	\$538.25
Buick, Homer	\$29,875.28	\$12,416.94	\$42,292.22
Chase, Mark	\$17,533.75	\$7,751.83	\$25,285.58
Davis, Donald	\$500.00	\$38.25	\$538.25
Fickes, Stanley	\$12,344.25	\$944.34	\$13,288.59
Goss, Charles	\$22,147.30	\$1,694.17	\$23,841.47
Guertin, Jo	\$500.00	\$38.25	\$538.25
Hansen, W. Robert	\$1,500.00	\$114.76	\$1,614.76
Hebebrand, Edward	\$4,554.00	\$348.38	\$4,902.38
Ide, Robert	\$159.00	\$12.16	\$171.16
Jejer, Philip	\$34,092.74	\$12,700.95	\$46,793.69
Jensen, Rebecca	\$4,705.28	\$359.98	\$5,065.26
Kempton, Julie	\$4,622.00	\$353.60	\$4,975.60
Lafferty, E. Bruce	\$30,230.31	\$2,312.66	\$32,542.97
McDonnell, Sharon	\$50.00	\$3.83	\$53.83
McKay, Timothy	\$500.00	\$38.25	\$538.25
Monteith, Neil	\$150.00	\$11.48	\$161.48
Sheehan, John	\$7,413.31	\$567.11	\$7,980.42
Stevenson, Cheryl	\$1,386.00	\$106.02	\$1,492.02
Swenson, Gary	\$500.00	\$38.25	\$538.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$261,138.28</b>	<b>\$52,632.44</b>	<b>\$261,138.28</b>

**Additional Group Benefits**

Workers Comp/Unemployment	\$18,583.71	\$18,583.71
Road Crew Uniforms	\$3,595.46	\$3,595.46
<b>Total Additional Group Benefits</b>	<b>\$22,179.17</b>	<b>\$22,179.17</b>

<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$261,138.28</b>	<b>\$74,811.61</b>	<b>\$283,317.45</b>
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## **Peacham Selectboard Report 2007**

2007 was a year of progress on long term goals. Road improvement projects identified in the Better Backroads analysis of 2006 continued with a combination of grant funding and town resources. Considerable volunteer energy has been focused on the actions identified in the Village Planning report. Preliminary design work has begun on re-alignment of the main intersection in the village. A committee is working on the long-term space needs for the Town, including alternatives for the Town Hall. The Economic Committee is working diligently on ways to finance this work and other town activities. The Tree Board is busy with care of existing trees and the planting of tomorrow's trees. A Trail Plan has been developed to begin work on both village pathways and more remote trails. And almost three miles of paving was accomplished, taking advantage of unexpected state funding and a major discount from the contractor.

The Vermont Land Trust transferred a three-acre piece of land it owned behind the Historical Association building to the town. This land, combined with the cemetery, the green around the monument, and the Fire Department, give Peacham a truly invaluable core of public land for citizens to use and enjoy for generations.

Improvements at the Transfer Station continued. The purchase of the compactor was finalized and a slab and roof for the construction dumpster were constructed. Peacham's recycling rate decreased in 2007. If you are throwing away plastics, cereal boxes, junk mail, glass, or cans, please help by recycling all these things and more.

The Selectboard completed a revision to the personnel policy and developed job descriptions and classifications for town employees. As a part of this process, we examined what the optimal size and configuration of the road crew should be, and what skills the crew needs to be most effective. We also looked at whether we could get by with one less town truck and one fewer employee if we contracted out more road work. We decided that timely road work was the most important factor, and plan to maintain our current number of trucks and employees.

The budget presented for 2008 includes \$30,000 toward the reappraisal mandated by the state. We have also included a line for special projects in the town office, due to a number of projects that badly need to be caught up on. These items, along with a new \$16,000 lease payment for the replacement of our smaller truck, and major increases in fuel and health insurance, have driven the budget up considerably. Increased non-tax revenues will help defray some of these costs.

The Town Treasurer and Town Auditors have advised the Select Board that the Town may have a budget "surplus". Under State law a surplus must be allocated by the voters to specific purposes, or applied as revenue in the budget, which would reduce taxes for that year. At the time of this writing the Treasurer

has not advised the Selectboard of the amount of any surplus. The Selectboard has therefore prepared the warning for the 2008 Town Meeting in such a way that the voters are presented with an opportunity to determine the disposition of that surplus.

The Town is facing some major expenditures in the next few years that the surplus may help to address. First, there are several areas where our Town Hall is in need of work. The town office is cramped and its layout is inefficient for meeting purposes as well as for the Town Clerk/Treasurer needs. The Town Hall's heating system is old and may need to be replaced soon. And the future of the gym needs to be determined. Second, the main intersection in the village is in need of work. This very important spot in the village needs to be addressed to make it safer by improving grades and sight lines but also making the surrounding space more functional and attractive. Third, the money the Town must spend for road equipment is expected to significantly increase. Fourth, the Town Garage will probably need work in the near future to repair the equipment shed and to make the garage more suitable as storage and maintenance space for the Town's road equipment. We may also need to cover the sand pile at some point. Finally, the cost of paving has risen dramatically and is not expected to decrease.

Other groups in town are also looking at building needs. It is extremely encouraging that a group has emerged to look for ways to collaborate on some or all of these projects. The possibility of making any renovations or new construction serve more than one use could save us money and benefit both the Town and the other groups.

We continue to appreciate the dedication of so many in our community. The new energy displayed this year in working to improve Peacham is truly impressive. There are always opportunities to get involved in one or more of these efforts, and we urge you to step forward and make a difference.

Peacham Selectboard

Timothy McKay

Richard Browne

Gary Swenson

## **Administrative Assistant's Report 2007**

Late winter, early spring weather created various road conditions throughout the town. Peacham Pond area experienced severe mud, as did many other locations. Work done on Peacham Pond Road, and other roads included many loads of crushed stone and gravel, installation of new culverts and ditch work.

The need for an additional qualified grader operator became apparent when the department fell behind on its spring grading. In June the town hired Mark Chase. Mark brings with him many years of grading experience and the knowledge of road department operations. This will give the department more flexibility to keep the grader operating.

Better Back Road, Mack Mt Road Project was completed this year and \$000.00 in grant monies was received. Local contractors and the road crew did the work. The work was recognized by the Better Back Road Program as an outstanding job. Pike Industries was contracted to apply a shim, overlay of hot mix asphalt on approximately 3 miles of THY #1. This was funded in part by the balance of the 2006 Class II Roadway Grant, re-treatment capital fund.

Caledonia County Natural Resources Conservation District again this year provided funding for additional improvements on Old Cemetery Hill and ditch work on Hollow Woods Road. I am looking forward to working with the district again this year.

The town applied for two grants in 2007, from the Better Back Road Program, both for erosion control projects. Unfortunately both were turned down mainly due to the growing demand for grant money and the limited supply of funds.

A Municipal Stormwater Mitigation Grant in the amount of \$150,000 was applied for. At this time the grant is still in consideration. The money would help fund the much-needed improvements to the road department's garage.

The crew and myself are looking forward to the 2007 construction season. The culvert at the outlet of Martin's Pond needs to be replaced. At present time I am working with Vtrans on design and funding options. The replacement of Truck #4, the F550, should be completed soon. Plans for an addition to the town garage are moving forward. Brush cutting, ditch cleaning, adding gravel, and grading will be on going though out the warm weather season along with improving and replacing culverts. It will, be a busy summer.

We the crew, thank you for your support and cooperation.

Phil Jejer

Administrative Assistant 592-3101

Town Garage 592-3576

## **Economic Committee Report 2007**

In late 2006 the Peacham Selectboard appointed a group of citizens to identify the financial resources potentially available to the Town from state and federal governments and private foundations to help cover the costs of improving the Town and village infrastructure over the next decade and more. One objective was to reduce the burden on local taxpayers, another was to develop a capital improvement strategy that staged improvements in a long-term plan. In exploring such sources of funding it was appropriate for the Committee to understand the conditions for funding, application procedures and deadlines, and information necessary for a successful submission for such grants or loans.

During the intervening time, the Committee has met monthly to collect and exchange information, help the Selectboard set priorities, and explore opportunities for collaboration among a number of Peacham organizations. The first challenge to the Committee was to identify options for the Town Hall, a building with serious defects that would need to be addressed soon. These included egress problems that do not permit the gymnasium to be used as a Town Meeting space and an aging furnace and inappropriately placed vault. A subcommittee went about looking at options for the current space while visiting ten other towns to learn how they have recently rehabilitated or built town halls. The committee also assisted the Selectboard in addressing a more appropriate design for the main intersection in the village.

To this end, the Town and interested organizations, with the aid of a grant from the Preservation Trust of Vermont, co-sponsored a workshop in October 2007 to explore how best to meet needs and to seek outside funding, leverage local resources and work cooperatively, again to be cost effective. These needs are not only quantitative (e.g., how many square feet of space is needed for the Town Clerk's office), but also qualitative (e.g., what type of security is required to protect town documents, historical records and artifacts).

That workshop led to the organization of an informal group that meets monthly to examine more specifically the public and non-profit space needs for the entire village, building on a Village Plan Concept developed in 2004 and 2005. This organization of collaborators extends an open invitation for organizations and individuals who are interested in working together to address and resolve such issues as the best future use of the current Town Hall, providing appropriate recreational facilities, and meeting the needs of various organizations.

As a result of this ongoing cooperation the Economic Committee benefits from the informal discussions of the collaborative group. The main thrust of the collaborative group in the first half of 2008 is to develop a plan for the village facilities and a strategy for implementing that plan over the ensuing years. Implementation will surely first require public discussion, then tapping both financial resources and technical assistance from the outside town as well as utilizing the non-financial resources available in the town. Both the Committee and the informal organization invite others to join in the discussion and the excitement that surrounds planning for Peacham's future.

Economic Committee  
Charlie Browne  
Barry Lawson, Chair  
Tim McKay  
Gib Parrish  
Mary Ellen Reis  
Ed Stretch, past member

## **Peacham Listers' Report 2007**

As we predicted last year the state has mandated a reappraisal for the Town of Peacham. Our CLA (common level of appraisal) has fallen over the 5 years since our last reappraisal. Last year we were at 74.21% of fair market value according to the state's study of sales over a three-year period. This year we are at 69.1%. These numbers really do reflect what we, as Listers have seen—the market hasn't changed in Peacham, people are still paying far more for a property than the assessed value.

After evaluating our options, discussing the previous reappraisal, talking with past Listers, and listening to property owners, we submitted a proposal to the Selectboard detailing a plan for the Listers to conduct the reappraisal over the next 15 months ending with a reappraisal Grand List in June 2009. Our plan is for at least two Listers to visit and view all properties to update all our records. Each visit will require viewing the land as well as inspecting both the interior and exterior of all buildings. We will send out notices prior to visiting each area of town. If you plan on being away, or have a preferred time for us to visit, please contact us at 592-3011 or [TOP.Listers@gmail.com](mailto:TOP.Listers@gmail.com). We will also maintain a blog (an internet based progress report) detailing our work at [toplisters.blogspot.com](http://toplisters.blogspot.com). When the entire town has been completed we will notify you of any change in your property's appraisal value. Our projected budget is \$66,840, spread over two years. Approximately half of the funds for the reappraisal will come from monies the state gives the town for reappraisal and maintenance of the Grand List. Thank you, in advance, for your help in conducting this reappraisal.

Our total Education Grand List this year increased from \$83,711,300 to \$85,006,484 for 666 parcels. We have 16 town and non-profit properties that are valued at \$2,064,900. We also have 9 state parcels valued at \$3,031,900 (the state determines these values, and just recently updated them). Of our 666 parcels, 116 are enrolled in the Current Use program. This accounts for 12,807 acres receiving a total exemption of \$10,194,700. If you have land in agricultural use or large forest lots, we recommend you consider enrolling in the Current Use program.

After nearly three years as Lister, Rob Ide resigned his position in January. Rob brought considerable knowledge of Peacham past landowners to this job. This knowledge will be missed. The Selectboard appointed Kirsten Szendrey to fill Rob's place. Kirsten has jumped right in and is quickly learning the wide range of tasks necessary to be a Lister and helping us with fresh eyes as we begin the reappraisal.

Becky Jensen

Julie Kempton

Kirsten Szendrey

## **Peacham Fire Department Report 2007**

The Peacham Fire Department responded to 19 in-town fire calls and emergencies, 56 in-town medical emergencies and 11 mutual aid calls, for a total of 86 emergency response calls in 2007.

Congratulations to Mike Walsh for completing the EMT-B level of medical training in 2007. Mark Fitzhugh is also enrolled in an EMT-B class in 2008.

The big event in 2007 was on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July when we hosted the friendly fire competition among area departments. Everyone who participated had a great time and it strengthened the friendships among area departments and their members. We will keep you posted on the events in 2008.

We would like to thank the Philip Dawson family for allowing the department to use their fire struck house as live fire training for area departments. Many valuable hours were spent by several departments training before and during the live burn. This type of training is not readily available and we did appreciate the use of the building.

The replacement of the rescue unit is still on going. By town meeting in 2008 we should have an option before the selectboard. We have taken our time and deliberately searched for the appropriate vehicle that meets our needs and not settled for something less than adequate. This is a large investment and we feel this vehicle must meet the requirements as it responds to more calls than any other unit.

We are glad to have Jerry and Diana Senturia back in Peacham to respond to calls after a long stay out of town.

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

Structure fires: 1

Other interior fires: 0

Chimney fires: 5

Vehicle fires: 0

Grass/ Brush fires: 2

Controlled burns: 1

Power lines down: 4

Rubbish fires: 1

HAZMAT leaks / Investigations / Hazardous Conditions: 5

Medical emergencies (including vehicle accidents with injuries): 56

Total calls in Peacham\* 75

\* For emergencies located in Peacham, the Peacham Fire Department received mutual aid assistance 11 times from neighboring departments.

### **Calls NOT in Peacham**

Mutual aid given (fire): (Danville 5, Barnet 3, Groton 2, Ryegate 1)

Mutual aid given (medical): 0

Total calls Not in Peacham: 11

**TOTAL CALLS IN 2007: 86**

### **List of Officers:**

Jeffrey Berwick, Fire Chief (ECA)

William Thresher, Assist. Chief

Chip Deasy, Captain (EMT-B)

Aaron Morton, Captain (ECA)

### **List of Members:**

Cody Berwick, FF

Kathy Corcoran, EMT-B

Peter Craig, FF

Mark Fitzhugh, FF

Jerry Senturia, EMT-B

Richard Greenwood, FF

Barry Hayes, FF

Neil Monteith, FF

Rodney Reis, FF

Diana Senturia, SS

Denise Walsh, ECA (EMT-B in training)

Mike Walsh, FF, EMT-B

SS= Support Specialist

FF= Firefighter

ECA= Emergency Care Attendant

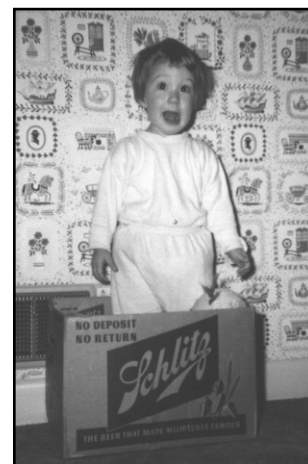
EMT-B= Emergency Medical Technician- Basic

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. This phone is only answered when firefighters are present responding to an emergency or during training.

**Thank you for your support.**

Jeffrey Berwick, Chief



## Peacham Volunteer Fire Department Accounts 2007

<b>INCOME</b>		
Interest		\$16.63
Donation-Fire		\$1,440.00
Donations-Medical		\$1,340.00
Reimbursements		\$1,972.13
Postcards		\$5.12
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$4,773.88</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Office Supplies		\$74.50
Computer		\$150.00
Personnel Equipment		\$647.99
Supplies		\$23.19
Maintenance		\$726.00
Training		\$901.50
Beverages/Refreshments		\$393.77
Equipment		\$819.34
Donation		\$100.00
Medical		
Equipment/Supplies		\$810.32
CPR		\$350.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$4,996.61</b>

Beginning Balance 1/1/07- \$6,705.49

Ending Balance 12/31/07- \$6,482.76



## **Medical Response Report 2007**

In the year 2007, Peacham Volunteer Fire Department responded to 56 medical calls. Our medically trained personnel also provided services at fires in Peacham and at mutual aid fire calls.

We have been very happy with the community reaction to our Emergency Medical Response program. We were honored that some families felt that we merited contributions in memory of their loved ones.

At the 2007 Town Meeting we presented our request to replace "Rescue 1" and you approved, thank you! We are now working on getting proposals from vendors which will fit our budget; this has taken more time than we initially planned. We may have an agreement with a vendor by the 2008 Town Meeting.

This year we are fortunate to have seven members trained as EMS medical first responders. Michael Walsh completed certification for EMT-B. Another of our firefighters, Mark Fitzhugh has begun the EMT-B training course. 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. You should not be surprised to hear that your fire department is well respected among the other EMS agencies of the Northeast Kingdom.

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 have a serious burn, if you have a severe allergic reaction, 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 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 in a "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 the "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 2007**

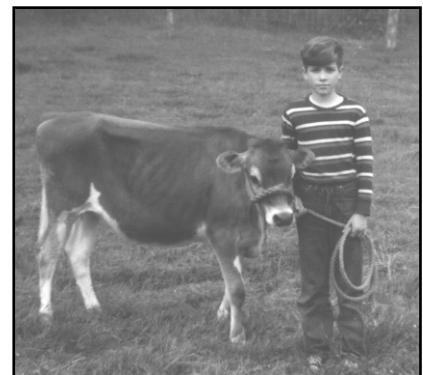
Emergency management is concerned with preparing and planning for disastrous emergencies, responding to these emergencies, recovering from these emergencies, and providing mitigation to reduce the impact of future disastrous emergencies. The Peacham Rapid Response Team consists of the Chair of the Selectboard, 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.

This year Peacham Elementary School has moved forward with provision for electricity in the case of a power outage. The school is one of our Red Cross designated emergency shelters. We are still asking businesses and government in Peacham to plan for “continuity of operations”. Know who can replace you in your job. Know where the backup copies of all computer data are located. Also determine who can authorize and who can sign checks so that workers and vendors can get paid. The Town Clerk’s office has made progress in continuity of operations.

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



## **Fire Warden Report 2007**

If you were looking to get a burn permit in 2007 you noticed that there is a new Fire Warden for the town. After 15 years of dedicated service to the Town of Peacham and the State of Vermont, Fred Stevenson resigned as Fire Warden. I would like to say thank you Fred and thank you Allen Thresher, Jr. and Bruce Berwick who served as Deputy Fire Wardens.

There was one small wild land fire reported in 2007 during the dry spell in late summer. Also during a dry spell in May I did not issue any permits until things greened up.

In 2007 40 burn permits were issued and 1 complaint was investigated.

A burn permit is required to burn natural wood brush unless there is snow on the ground at the site of the burn.

To request a burn permit please call.

To report any type of fire call 911.

Neil Monteith, Fire Warden, 684-2165



## **Cemetery Sexton's Report 2007**

The cemetery is pleased to tell you about an exciting project. Two native residents Laura Johnson and Allen Thresher, have initiated plans for the placing of a Veteran's memorial on the green near the Civil war monument. This would be on the planned trail and would fit in with our Memorial Day services. For any questions, to donate, or to volunteer for this project, call Allen Thresher 592-3546 or Laura Johnson 592-3239.

This year the cemetery building received a new roof and a new paint job. It really looks great!

Some of the trees were trimmed this year also. The trimming of the trees will be an on-going concern.

The work camp crew continues to do a great job of mowing and trimming. They started cutting the fence line between the cemetery and the farmer on Academy Hill which will continue this spring.

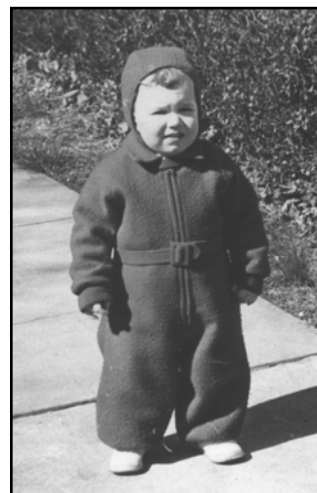
Long term development plans for the cemetery are in the works. Notices will be placed to let the public know and to give their input before anything is finalized. This process will be in many steps and will be taking place for years to come.

Some projects for this year will be to paint the fence line on the resident's side of the cemetery, develop a cremations only section, and sealing the main road.

Applications to purchase a lot and the current by-laws for the cemetery are available at the town clerk's office or by contacting me.

Donations in the form of money or shrubs are always welcome. You may also want to make a donation in memory of a loved one.

Cheryl Stevenson, Sexton



## **Cemetery Report 2007**

The new Rules and Regulations and lists of Eligibility and Charges for Internment in Peacham Hill Cemetery that were approved by the Selectboard in 2006 have clarified and streamlined the management of the cemetery. Further improvements to the overall operation of the cemetery will involve the extensive updating of the indexing system of cemetery records which are scheduled to begin this year.

The Selectboard continues to work with the Village Tree Board to maintain the trees and landscape in the cemetery. A draft of The Peacham Preliminary Site Plan was recently submitted to the Selectboard for review. The scope of the project's phased plan will be presented as it develops further. Sextons, Cheryl Stevenson and Ron Craig as well as the public will be encouraged to provide input on the proposal.

The Sextons have continued to oversee the daily arrangements, maintenance and scheduling of the property. Their efforts remain as important as ever and we appreciate their dedication, professionalism and cooperative manner.

This year I hope to renew my efforts to have the other Peacham cemeteries receive some of the necessary maintenance and long overdue care they deserve.

The funds for maintaining the cemetery continue to come from two main sources, the dividends generated by the Restricted Investment Funds at A. G. Edwards and the money allocated in the yearly budget by the tax payers. The six month and one year CDs held at the Passumpsic Savings Bank continue to earn interest that contributes to the operating account.

Finally, there were 2 plots purchased this year  
Alison Wieting Hall \$2,000  
John Steele Moore & Christine L. Moore \$2,000

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Lafferty, Town Clerk/Treasurer

## Cemetery Financials – December 31, 2007

### ASSET

Passumpsic Savings – Operating	715.56
Passumpsic 6-month CD	7,570.69
Passumpsic 1 yr. CD	7,573.27
Restricted Investment Funds	94,411.20
<b>Total Asset</b>	<b>110,270.72</b>

### LIABILITY

Restricted Investment Funds	94,411.20
<b>Total Liability</b>	<b>94,411.20</b>

### CEMETERY REVENUES

	Budget-2007	Actual-2007	Budget-2008
Cemetery Plots	0	4,000	2,000
Corner Markers	0	150	75
Davis Lease	0	100	100
Town Appropriation	6,000	6,000	6,000
Interest on Investments	0	724	0
Dividends	0	7,915	4,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>18,889</b>	<b>12,675</b>

### CEMETERY EXPENSES

	Budget-2007	Actual-2007	Budget-2008
Salaries	0	1386	0
Cemetery Fica/Med	0	106	0
Mileage	0	0	0
Supplies	0	639	0
Fuel	0	151	0
Repairs	0	194	0
Contracted Services	0	14,027	0
Cemetery Improvements	3,000.00	2,980	0
Misc. Expense	0	99	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>19,582</b>	<b>0</b>

# 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.
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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.***

## Memorial Day In Peacham 2007

On May 28, 2007 the Town of Peacham honored our fallen soldiers. The ceremonies began at noon with the Peacham Women's Fellowship offering a lunch downstairs in the Peacham Church.

Following lunch, the Observance began upstairs in the church sanctuary. Reverend Potter offered the opening prayer. The Hanaford's Volunteers Fyfe & Drum Corp. proceeded to fill the church with music as they led the procession down the church aisle. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Troup #888. Children from the Peacham Elementary School (Jacquelyn and Theresa White, Rachel Reis, Jennie Moore, and Natalya McDonnell) sang a selection of songs in tribute to our veterans accompanied by Jean Anderson on the piano.

John Engle read General John A. Logan's Orders with the observance ending the drum corp's musical tribute featuring traditional music from the Revolutionary War.

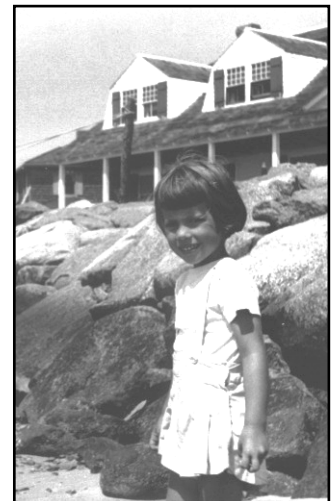
Participants departed from the church and were led uphill to the Memorial Grounds by the Colonel Seth Warner's Regiment Honor Guard, Peacham Veterans, Boy Scout Troup #888 and the Peacham Fire Department.

At the Memorial Grounds, Jennie Moore sang *The Star Spangled Banner* followed by a rifle salute to fallen soldiers by the Honor Guard of the Henry Danforth American Legion post located in Danville. Taps were played by Adrian Duckett of the Danville High School Band.

We walked to the Peacham Cemetery. John Engle called the name of a veteran (chosen randomly) buried in the cemetery. This was followed by a single musket salute for each name called. Taps were played and Reverend Potter gave the final blessing. A moment of silence was observed for quiet reflection. Flowers were provided to be strewn across the graves of honored veterans.

Thanks to all who helped to make this event special. Special thanks to the Town of Peacham, Rod Reis and Don Davis who provided funding for the drum corp.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mel Reis  
Memorial Day Chair





## **Peacham Fire District No. 1 Report 2007**

The Annual Meeting was held in the Peacham Library, February 13, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. The proposed budget was approved, and water rent was increased to \$370.00 per year. The Village tax rate was voted at 7.5% of the 2006 Grand List. The members authorized the Prudential Committee to borrow up to 50% of anticipated revenue. The water connection fee for new users was reduced to \$500 plus actual costs. In the elections, Betsy Smith was elected for a 1-year term as secretary; Diana Senturia was re-elected for a 1-year term as treasurer; Peg Clemons was elected for a 1-year term as examiner; and Gib Parrish was re-elected for a 3-year term as a voting member of the Prudential Committee. The members discussed the options for cellular phone service to Peacham.

During the past year, Dick Bohlen completed a survey of the Fire District property on Mack's Mountain Road and marked the property's corners. The survey has been recorded in the Peacham Town records. The annual village picnic was held in August at the Peacham Elementary School playground.

We wish to thank the Peacham Town Road Crew, who have plowed snow to provide access to the reservoir and control shed during the winter months.

We also thank the Peacham Library for providing time and space for our annual and monthly meetings.

From the Water Operator's point of view, 2007 was an "interesting" year!

- We delivered clean, safe water to the Village with few interruptions.
- We received a "Monitoring Violation" from the state for failing to test for Cyanide on schedule, but once alerted to the omission, we submitted the required sample and, belatedly, passed all monthly and annual quality tests required by the State.
- Our equipment required unexpected repairs during the year. The pump activation controls for Well #2 and the reservoir depth sensor controls were knocked out in two separate incidents (the latter during a severe electrical storm). Both have since been replaced and the original depth sensor control repaired, so we now have a spare at hand for immediate replacement, if necessary. And we have purchased a new peristaltic pump for chlorine injection, to replace an older unit which will be retired to backup status.
- We produced 3,278,000 gallons of water, which averages over the year to 8,975 gallons per day or 6.23 gallons per minute for the whole village. For each of our 57 water connections, that averages to 57,509 gallons per year or about 157 gallons per day. Our overall usage was 7% lower than 2006.

Finally, a reminder that prompt payment of your Water Rent and Village Tax bills will help us avoid borrowing funds to cover our loan payments, due Feb. 25 & Aug 25, 2008, and operating expenses.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted by the Prudential Committee,

Jerry Senturia

Larry Jensen

Gib Parrish

# Peacham Fire District #1

## BUDGET 2007 [57 users] Approved 2/13/2007 Annual Meeting

7.5%Village Tax \$370 Water User Fee

Category Name	2006 Proposed Budget	2006 Actual	2007 Budget
<b>Income</b>			
Interest Income	\$ 500.00	\$ 492.21	\$ 100.00
<u>Village Tax</u>			
Taxes	\$ 4,365.26	\$ 4,373.44	\$ 5,014.58
Delinquent Fees and Penalties	\$ 5.00	\$ 8.70	\$ 5.00
<u>Water Rent</u>			
Water Rents	\$ 19,038.00	\$ 18,947.67	\$ 21,090.00
Service Charge (Time Payment Plan)	\$ 20.00	\$ 27.12	\$ 20.00
Delinquent Fees and Penalties	\$ 20.00	\$ 24.76	\$ 20.00
Town Appropriation	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
No Interest Loan			
Voluntary Contributions	\$ 200.00	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 2,700.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 25,648.26</b>	<b>\$ 30,073.90</b>	<b>\$ 30,449.58</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<u>Administration</u>			
Advertising Annual Meeting & Sale	\$ 50.00	\$ 52.50	\$ 50.00
Dues(VT League of Cities/Towns)	\$ 400.00	\$365.00	\$ 400.00
Duplicating	\$ 25.00	\$0.00	\$ 0.00
Early Withdrawal Penalty		\$169.40	
Insurance(VTLCT Fire, Liability & Bonding)	\$ 800.00	\$719.00	\$ 800.00
Paper Supplies and Software	\$ 25.00	\$15.29	\$ 25.00
Post Office Box Rental	\$ 50.00	\$46.00	\$ 50.00
Postage	\$ 100.00	\$117.40	\$ 100.00
Prudential Committee & Staff Annual Stipends	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$ 0.00
Telephone @ Control Building	\$ 450.00	\$364.69	\$ 350.00
<u>Electricity</u>			
GMP-Electricity (Street Lighting)	\$1,700.00	\$1,347.35	\$1,500.00
Washington Electric Coop (Pumps and Controls)	\$ 1,000.00	\$382.76	\$ 500.00
<u>Training</u>	\$ 100.00	\$0.00	\$ 50.00
<u>Village Activities</u>			
Holiday Tree	\$ 100.00	\$0.00	\$ 0.00
Mowing Triangle	\$100.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Gate	\$ 0.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 0.00
Village Picnic	\$ 25.00	\$0.00	\$ 0.00
<u>Water Quality</u>			
Chemicals	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00
Testing (Vermont Department of Health)	\$ 600.00	\$ 402.68	\$ 500.00
<u>Water System</u>			
Distribution Pipe Replacement and Insulation	\$ 5,000.00	\$34,316.74	\$ 8,000.00
Loan Payment	\$14,830.00	\$14,830.00	\$14,830.00
Vermont Rural Water Association	\$150.00	\$140.00	\$150.00
Operating Fee (State of Vermont)	\$ 150.00	\$107.43	\$ 150.00
Propane @ Control Building	\$150.00	\$64.74	\$150.00
Operating Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$49.71	\$ 600.00
Operating Equipment	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<u>Repairs</u>			
Electrical Work	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Plumbing	\$1,000.00	\$355.33	\$1,000.00
Snow Removal	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 29,655.00</b>	<b>\$ 54,276.02</b>	<b>\$ 30,335.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 25,582.10</b>	<b>\$ 30,073.90</b>	<b>\$ 30,449.58</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ 3,902.90</b>	<b>\$23,902.12**</b>	<b>\$ 114.58</b>

\*\* Taken from Reserves

## **Peacham Library Report 2007**

*“You don’t have to know very much to start with,  
if you know the way to the public library.” (Lesley Conger)*

Learning the way to the Library in Peacham is very easy indeed. If can find the junction of Bayley Hazen Road, Church Street and Old Cemetery Road, you can find the Peacham Library.

Once you’ve found it, the Peacham Library’s responsibility to you is clear: To do whatever we can to provide access to the resources - print, electronic, and program - that you might need to follow self-directed paths of exploration and/or entertainment. The extent to which we are able to meet this responsibility is due in large part to the continuing support of the Peacham community. You help to build the strength of the Library through the Town subsidy and through individual financial donations, as well as through the many, many hours of volunteer time that many of you give to the Library. Please know that your suggestions and criticisms also help make the Library more responsive to the needs of this very special and unique community. We are extremely grateful for all you do!

In terms of material resources, the Library provides:

- More than 6100 books for adults and more than 3200 for children
- More than 500 videos and DVDs, 300 for adults and 200 for children
- More than 300 audio books
- 52 magazine and newspaper subscriptions

Peacham Library also provides four patron computer stations with high speed internet access, two patron printers, a photocopier, and wireless internet service throughout the building. Although one of our patron computers suffered an electronic heart attack this summer, we hope soon to replace it. Also in 2007 we made the difficult decision to automate the Library’s collection. We have already begun this slow process, but it will not affect our patrons until sometime in 2010.

The programs developed by Library staff and volunteers are fairly wide-ranging. In 2007 they included:

- Summer Reading, holiday and school vacation programs for kids
- A Robotics Club for kids
- A book discussion series based on 2006 prize-winning books
- The Summer Lecture Series on “Ethics for Our Times”
- Programs done in cooperation with other libraries, including the Boston Museum of Science program “Super-Cold Science”, a pen pal exchange with a library in Utah, and a supper discussion series on Two Vermonts with author Paul Searls
- Programs for local groups as requested, including one for the Peacham Fellowship and several for classes from the Peacham Elementary School
- Movies shown the third Thursday of each month, as well as the Fall Foliage Day showing of “Spitfire Grill”
- Revolving exhibits of works by local artists in the Library’s Gilmore Gallery.

In addition to these resources, the Library enjoys providing the community comfortable and accessible meeting space for groups, private and public, in the village. These run the gamut from private parties and exercise clubs to meetings of groups such as the Peacham Academy Alumni Association, the Peacham Corner Guild, the Prudential Committee of Peacham Fire District #1, Gilman Housing Trust, the Tree Board, the Economic Commission and others.

We thank you for all you’ve done to make the Peacham Library the institution it is today. And we look forward to your support, and your suggestions and advice, in 2008.

Betsy Smith and Becky Jensen, Co-Directors

## **Tree Warden Report 2007**

In the last several years my Tree Warden activities have centered on my role as a member of the Tree Board. I have participated in the tree inventory in the village and cemetery as well as the plantings that have taken place.

For those of you who are not aware, the town owns 190 acres of mostly forest land in the Northeast corner of town close to the Cabot town line. Over the last few years I have spent time looking for property line evidence; conducting a resource inventory; preparing and writing a management plan; implementing some of the activities in the plan.

There have been two tours of the town forest with members of the Conservation Commission, Tree Board, Select Board, townspeople, and other interested parties. I plan to continue this activity in 2008.

With assistance from the Caledonia County Forester through the Municipal Forest program of the Vermont Department of Forest, Parks, and Recreation, a timber sale was laid out, marked, tallied and sold to a logging contractor. With the approval of the Select Board this sale was sold to Andy Cochran and will be administered for the Town through the Municipal Forest program. All stumpage will go to the town.

If you have questions about the Town Forest, trees in the town road right of way or trees on other town property please contact me.

Neil Monteith, Tree Warden, 684-2165

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## **Peacham Conservation Commission Report 2007**

This year the Conservation Commission spent much time discussing the trails in and around the town, including the Town Forest. The Peacham Conservation Commission also approved money for the Peacham Farm Support Fund. Four farms in Peacham received money for projects. Input was given to the Selectboard to negotiate a deal for a parcel of land along the shore of Keiser Pond. The parcel was transferred to the State of Vermont to be managed by the Fish and Wildlife Department. The Conservation Commission viewed the Cemetery to discuss the trees and the work of the Tree Board. Some Conservation Commission members walked the Town Forest with members of the community and the Selectboard to view the trails and discuss the right of way.

Fred Fortin

Cindy McKnight

David Magnus

Ron Miller

Neil Monteith

David Stauffer



## **Peacham Tree Board Report 2007**

### *Tree Board Charter and Membership*

In June, 2006, the Selectboard created a charter that established the Peacham Tree Board. The charter indicated that the board will include the Town's Tree Warden (currently Neil Monteith), a Town of Peacham Cemetery Sexton (Cheryl Stevenson) and such other members of the community as the Select Board shall designate on an annual basis. David Jacobs and Marj Swenson were asked to serve, along with Julie Lang who was appointed to chair the board. In the eighteen months since the inception of the board, volunteers Dave Stauffer and Jay Detjens have become active, albeit ex-officio, members of the board.

### *Purpose of Tree Board*

The overarching objective of the Peacham Tree Board, as outlined in the charter, is to develop a tree maintenance and planting plan, and with the Select Board's approval and necessary funding, carry out the implementation of the Plan. The Plan includes trees in the Town's cemeteries, the Peacham Town Forest and shade trees along the Town highways. The Board utilizes the Peacham Village Tree Management Plan, approved in 2006, for guidance.

### *2007 Accomplishments and Funding*

Peacham Tree Board exhibit: including 200 year old maple 'cookie' and Peacham School project (led by Kathy Renfrew) to photograph locations where Peacham village trees provided a canopy early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century

Peacham Town Forest Neil Monteith identified trees for harvest; a bid has been accepted and work is currently being done

Fall Village Planting: October 13 workday to plant four red oaks in the village green space and 12 'Snowdrift' crabapples at the north, south and west gateways into the village. A \$4000 TLC (Trees for Local Communities) matching grant from Vermont Urban and Community Forestry (Vermont Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation) helped to fund the project. Over twenty volunteers provided labor for planting, mulching and watering. Additional funding came from the Peacham Garden Club and Modern Woodmen of America Insurance Co (Stewart Gates, agent). Allen Thresher, Jr, Watson Gates, and Dave Jacobs also generously donated a portion of their labor; Don Davis donated topsoil.

Peacham Tree Policy: Drafted by the Tree Board and accepted by the Selectboard

### *2008 Priorities*

Continue major tree maintenance work (trimming, removing, cabling) in the following locations, listed in order of priority: Main cemetery; Peacham village; South Peacham; Old cemetery; and East Peacham.

Initiate update of the Peacham tree inventory, originally completed in 2005; create digital images of locations

Finalize Peacham Cemetery Site Plan, including new tree plantings

## Green Up Day Report 2007

So far as we know, Vermont is the only state to make a celebration of picking up trash. Green Up Day began in 1970 in conjunction with Earth Day and is sponsored and organized by Green Up Vermont, a non-profit statewide organization supported by town donations and business partners (not the state). Peacham contributes \$100 to Green Up Day, \$50 to the state organization and \$50 for the post-pick up picnic.

In 2007 Peacham Green Up Day had about 35 volunteers who did their best to clean up all 62.8 miles of roads in town. Afterwards, people gathered for a picnic and barbecue at the school. Green Up Day is always the first Saturday in May. A sign up board will be in the lobby outside the Post Office by mid-April, along with some of the signature green bags. Dick has some bags at the Transfer Station as well. We have a loyal and intrepid cadre of volunteers in Peacham, but could always use a few more helpers. Thank you!

Here is the schedule for May 3, 2008:

- 8:30 a.m.: Someone will be at the school with bags and route assignments if you haven't already picked out "your" road.
- 9:00-12 noon: Pick up and drop off in the town dump truck parked at the school.
- 12 noon: Picnic/barbecue. Food provided!

Remember, safety first. Wear bright colors; gloves highly recommended; monitor children *very* carefully; drive slowly that morning and look out for volunteers. Thanks for your support,

Jo Anne Post  
Dave Stauffer  
Co-coordinators, Peacham Green Up Day



## **Peacham Community Housing Report 2007**

Last year's report highlighted the agreement between the Town and Peacham Community Housing whereby the Old Town Office Building in the center of the village was transferred to PCH. That was the first step in the restoration of an historic structure to its original purpose as a general store.

During the summer, PCH applied to the Vermont Community Foundation (VCF) for a grant to begin the efforts for resorting the structure. Then in October we were informed that VCF had approved a grant of \$10,000 from its Sustainable Communities program. Over the next several months members of the board will visit some small stores in the state. These are stores which have been revived in part through encouragement from the Preservation Trust of Vermont (PTV). PTV has offered to provide some financing to PCH if we are able to raise the bulk of the funds needed.

In that context, this past fall PCH began to take part in the sessions of the economic committee recently organized by the Town. The aim of the committee is to solicit input from a number of Peacham civic organizations for a coordinated approach to future development of the town center. PCH's focus will be on contributing to this joint effort both in terms of planning and fund raising.

Members of the board.

Harry Barnes, chair

Jean Dedam

Chris Dunlap, treasurer.

Lynne Lawson

Anna Rubin

Dart Thalman



## **Peacham Planning Commission Report 2007**

The Commission spent much of 2007 continuing its work on subdivision regulations for Peacham. The need for such regulations became apparent at a workshop held in February 2006 by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns that was attended by members of the Planning Commission, the Selectboard, and the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Commission hopes to complete work on a draft of the regulations early in 2008, to have them reviewed for completeness and consistency by an independent consultant, to hold one or more public meetings to obtain comments on the draft, and to submit a final draft of the regulations to the Selectboard for its consideration in the Summer or Fall of 2008. This work is supported, in part, by a municipal planning grant from the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

The Commission continued its fine working relationship with Bob Hansen, the Peacham Zoning Administrator, in reviewing various zoning and land transfer issues, and with the Zoning Board of Adjustment in reviewing applications for conditional use permits and subdivisions.

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.



Respectfully submitted,  
Marsha Garrison  
Tom Glavin  
Tom Joyce  
Marilyn Magnus  
Gib Parrish  
John Reiss  
Maurine Rosenberg



### **Zoning Administrator's Report 2007**

In the calendar year of 2007, twenty-seven (27) zoning applications were submitted. Of the permits issued, four (4) were processed as Conditional Use permits for subdivisions. The count follows:

1. Building Permits: 23
2. Subdivisions permits 4

A considerable amount of time was spent by the Select Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Zoning Administrator dealing with an illegal structure built on Peacham Pond. After several meetings, the owner agreed to remove part of the structure to comply with a variance request granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The owner also paid a fine of \$2,000.00.

Bob Hansen  
Peacham Zoning Administrator  
592-3114

### **Zoning Board Of Adjustment Report 2007**

There were seven applications to the Zoning Board of Adjustment this past year, which consisted of one variance request from Kathleen Curtiss, five conditional sub-division requests from Donald & Dean Moore, Dennis Tillotsen, Charles Somers, Andy and Tammy Cochran, and George Wagner and Rachael Howland, and an appeal of a Zoning Permit by Cindy Daniels. The variance was granted, as were three of the subdivision requests, and the appeal by Cindy Daniels was denied. Charles Somers withdrew his application and Wagner/Howland is pending.

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 by the Town Clerk. Interested parties are invited to attend these Hearings.

Respectfully submitted:

Francis Carlet, Chair  
Michael Bruton  
Ronald Craig  
Robert Joly, Secretary  
Donald Moore, Sr.

## Permit Information

### 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 \$8.00 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.

## Dog Licenses 2007

139 dog licenses were issued

Income: \$1045.00

Expenses: \$435.00 – Fees to state  
\$153.29 – Dog tag cost

### 2008 Rates for Dog Licenses (before April 1<sup>st</sup>)

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

Un-neutered or un-spayed	\$8.00
State rabies control program	<u>\$3.00</u>
	\$11.00

2008 licenses available January 1, 2008.  
Licenses become effective April 1, 2008.  
\$2.00 late fee for licenses acquired after the  
April 1, 2008 deadline.

## 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 78, Burlington, VT 05402 • 863-7260 or 1-800-460-4374

## **Town Health Officers' Report 2007**

According to the 2007 edition of *America's Health Rankings*™ Vermont is the healthiest state in the United States. Vermont has climbed steadily in the rankings from eighth in 2001. Complete information is available at: <http://www.unitedhealthfoundation.org/ahr2007/index.html>. Although Vermont is at the top of the U.S., Canada, Australia, Spain, France and Germany all exceed Vermont in terms of infant mortality. Forty-three countries have life expectancies that exceed the United States. The richest Vermonters have rates of chronic illness that are comparable to the poorest half of England. In the U.S. we spend twice as much for health care as other developed countries; yet, it ranks last on access, safety and equity.

**Old business and updates: Animal health:** There were 10 confirmed cases of rabies in Caledonia County in 2007, none from Peacham (2 suspicious cases reported but not tested). The rabies research project has expanded into the Northeast Kingdom this year. Airplanes flying out of the Newport State airport drop fish-scented bait from an altitude of about 500 feet. The goal of the project is to see whether raccoons can be vaccinated with a bait drop, and to find out which methods are most effective.

**New and future issues: 1)** The EPA estimates that about 20% of the population in New England obtains water from private wells. If you have a private water source regular water quality testing is very important. To ensure that drinking water is safe, the Vermont Department of Health recommends that homeowners test for: Total coliform bacteria every year, inorganic chemicals every five years, gross alpha radiation every five years, and fluoride if young children or infants regularly drink the water. For information:

[http://healthvermont.gov/enviro/ph\\_lab/water\\_test.aspx#two](http://healthvermont.gov/enviro/ph_lab/water_test.aspx#two)

**2)** To promote your health and the health of those you love, laugh more. Do things you enjoy. Being connected to friends and family may reduce your risk of disease almost fourfold. Be smart about medications. On average persons 65 years of age or older are taking 3-6 prescription medicines at any given time. It is estimated that one in five receive medications that are "inappropriate". A key issue for safe medicine use is: being watchful of mixtures of medications. Do not expect your medical chart will have this information clearly stated. Make sure to have a list of your medications. Call your town health officers if you would like assistance with this list or if you have ideas about promoting the health of Peacham-tonsians. We have been working with the town to develop a plan for footpaths in Peacham.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon McDonnell MD MPH and Jean Berwick

Town Health Officer

Deputy Town Health Officer

## Transfer Station Report 2007

The compactor is working good. Garbage is being picked up every three weeks instead of every week. We should save a lot on trucking.

We still need to be a lot more careful about separating tin cans and aluminum—the more we recycle, the more we save.

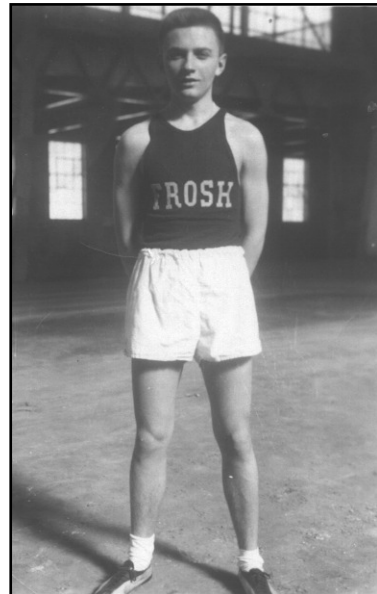
Dick Blair

### 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	\$5.00
Sofa	\$10.00
Tire	\$3.00
Pickup truck load	\$25.00

You can also recycle computers and televisions. Either bring the following items to the transfer station or to the Waste Management District Office at 224 Church Street, Lyndonville. The fees at both places are the same.

Computer System	\$10.00
Computer Component	\$5.00
TV up to 19"	\$7.00
TV over 19"	\$12.00



## 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. Please rinse.

**Aluminum cans, foil, and food trays:** Labels O.K. Flattening not required. Please rinse. Snack bags and candy wrappers are not aluminum foil!

**Glass:** all colors): Not necessary to separate by color. Dishes, window, mirror, ceramic, Pyrex and drinking glasses are acceptable. Please rinse. No crystal, lids, metal or wood. No light bulbs.

**Plastic #1 - #7:** Not necessary to separate. Labels O.K. NO lids. NO containers of automotive fluids.

**Corrugated cardboard and boxboard:**(cereal cartons, for example): NO wax-coated cardboard, egg cartons, cardboard soiled with food waste or styrofoam. Remove excess tape. Please no strings, handles or bags with plastic layers.

**Newspapers, magazines, junk mail, other paper products:** Can be mixed together--includes catalogs, telephone books, glossy inserts and paperback books as well as colored paper, white paper, wrapping paper and junk mail. Please remove plastic from envelopes.

**Plastic Bags:** Any plastic bag that is labeled #2 or #4, or has been identified as such.

## 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.

## **Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District 2007 Report for the Town of Peacham**

The 2007 recycling rate for the Town of Peacham was 26%. Every ton of trash costs approximately \$100 to dispose of, while recycling pick-ups cost the town less than \$20.00 per ton in hauling fees. Therefore, as residents recycle more the town can lower its overall waste management costs.

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.

The money for the NEKWMD budget comes from the sale of recyclables (25%), State grants (7%), hauling fees (5%), miscellaneous fees and income (6%), and a surcharge on every ton of trash disposed of from NEKWMD towns (57%). The surcharge for 2008 will remain \$19.25 per ton.

We are looking forward to a full slate of events during 2008. The hazardous waste depot in Lyndonville will be open from May 31 through October 1 by appointment. A Household Hazardous Waste event will be held on Saturday, June 28 at the Peacham Transfer Station. 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 and the IROC in Derby. 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 remember...

# **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**

# WARNING

## NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE

### MARCH 4, 2008

The legal voters of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District are hereby notified and warned to vote, by Australian Ballot, at the polling place and between the hours specified by their municipality on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 to act on the following article.

**ARTICLE 1:** Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$ 630,015.00?

Larry Phipps  
Larry Phipps - Westmore

Richard Blair  
Richard Blair - Peacham

Edward Shufelt  
Edward Shufelt - Lunenburg

Murray C. Hodgdon  
Murray C. Hodgdon - Guildhall

Harmon R. Clark  
Harmon R. Clark - Sheffield

David Sanders  
David Sanders - Jay

Paul Barranger  
Paul Barranger - Troy

Steve Barrup  
Steve Barrup - Newport Town

Laurie Eastman  
Laurie Eastman - Irasburg

William Eady  
William Eady - Sutton

Winston Dowland  
Winston Dowland - Holland

Fredrick Hodgdon Sr.  
Fredrick Hodgdon Sr. - Granby

Jerry Fournier  
Jerry Fournier - Lyndon

James W. Ashley  
James W. Ashley - Danville

Stuart Jackson  
Stuart Jackson - Stannard

Leslie Carpenter  
Leslie Carpenter - Concord

Franklin Henry  
Franklin Henry - Norton

Vernon L. Crawford  
Vernon L. Crawford - Canaan

Joshua Karp  
Joshua Karp - Greensboro

William Douglas  
William Douglas - Barnet

Libre Drouin  
Libre Drouin - Lyndon

Stephen Pitman  
Stephen Pitman - Lyndon

Irene Dagesse  
Irene Dagesse - Derby

Lois Major  
Lois Major - Derby

Preston Smith  
Preston Smith - Wheelock

Gene A. Perkins  
Gene A. Perkins - Ryegate

Paulette Routhier  
Paulette Routhier - Bloomfield

Edward Bates  
Edward Bates - Waterford

Joel Cope  
Joel Cope - Brighton

Jan Clausing  
Jan Clausing - Newark

NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
2007 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

NEKWMD REVENUES	2006 ACTUAL	2007 BUDGET	2007 ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET
Grants--St of VT	\$24,785.43	\$40,000.00	\$73,896.87	\$45,000.00
Hauling--Recycling Pick-ups	\$35,007.91	\$29,000.00	\$28,890.09	\$33,000.00
Hazardous Waste (CEG Fees)	\$1,838.80	\$2,000.00	\$2,711.37	\$2,500.00
Interest Income	\$2,712.92	\$2,000.00	\$3,148.75	\$2,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,744.50	\$1,000.00	\$840.95	\$1,000.00
Program Sales--Composter/Bins	\$3,629.40	\$2,800.00	\$2,755.75	\$2,000.00
Programs- Oil Filter Program	\$750.00	\$900.00	\$700.00	\$750.00
Sale of Recyclables	\$118,198.46	\$117,000.00	\$152,992.57	\$137,115.00
Compost Income			\$1,021.85	\$5,250.00
Electronics Income	\$7,486.54	\$5,000.00	\$8,591.69	\$12,000.00
Scrap Metal Income	\$19,070.69	\$10,500.00	\$23,097.77	\$17,000.00
Battery Income	\$2,425.63	\$2,000.00	\$4,304.82	\$2,500.00
CFC Appliance Income	\$890.00	\$500.00	\$410.00	\$0.00
Tire Income	\$12,442.00	\$7,000.00	\$11,288.72	\$10,500.00
Surcharge--Waste Haulers	\$331,965.10	\$340,145.00	\$343,349.84	\$359,400.00
<b>TOTAL NEK REVENUES</b>	<b>\$562,947.38</b>	<b>\$559,845.00</b>	<b>\$658,001.04</b>	<b>\$630,015.00</b>



NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
2007 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

BUDGET ITEM	2006 BUDGET	2007 BUDGET	2007 ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET
<b>ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</b>				
Advertising	\$898.75	\$1,000.00	\$518.75	\$500.00
Audit -- Financial	\$2,500.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00
Audit -- Waste Haulers	\$2,902.42	\$3,500.00	\$4,816.83	\$4,800.00
Bank Charges	\$664.49	\$650.00	\$703.89	\$700.00
Books & Subscriptions		\$200.00		\$200.00
Cleaning		\$200.00	\$615.00	\$1,440.00
Copier	\$1,556.02	\$1,800.00	\$1,531.05	\$1,800.00
Dues/Permits/Fees/Penalties	\$1,232.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,531.15	\$1,200.00
Heating Fuel	\$2,283.34	\$3,000.00	\$2,338.95	\$2,750.00
Insurance:				
Employment & Practices	\$661.00	\$750.00	\$705.00	\$750.00
Liability & Casualty	\$4,606.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,482.00	\$5,000.00
Public Officials	\$1,497.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,522.00	\$1,700.00
Legal Fees		\$1,000.00		\$500.00
Postage	\$2,646.75	\$2,100.00	\$2,887.62	\$2,500.00
Supplies:				
Office	\$2,642.57	\$2,250.00	\$2,949.60	\$2,250.00
Telephone - Office	\$3,835.80	\$4,000.00	\$4,092.45	\$4,000.00
Water/Sewer	\$1,044.40	\$1,200.00	\$1,181.40	\$1,200.00
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$28,970.54</b>	<b>\$32,150.00</b>	<b>\$33,475.69</b>	<b>\$33,890.00</b>
<b>BUILDING EXPENSES</b>				
Improvements	\$2,290.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,104.16	\$2,000.00
Electricity	\$7,004.30	\$7,000.00	\$7,680.35	\$7,500.00
Maintenance	\$2,838.82	\$4,000.00	\$1,088.52	\$3,000.00
Misc. Supplies	\$1,430.25	\$1,500.00	\$1,843.99	\$1,600.00
Trash Removal	\$1,305.38	\$1,500.00	\$1,518.06	\$1,500.00
<b>TOTAL BUILDING</b>	<b>\$14,868.75</b>	<b>\$16,000.00</b>	<b>\$13,235.08</b>	<b>\$15,600.00</b>
<b>EQUIPMENT EXPENSES</b>				
Purchases	\$1,314.49	\$2,000.00	\$3,448.96	\$1,500.00
Baler Repairs	\$1,679.46	\$2,500.00	\$8,525.63	\$2,500.00
Baler Supplies	\$4,378.04	\$5,000.00	\$5,256.79	\$3,500.00
Forklift Fuel	\$1,873.66	\$2,000.00	\$2,899.50	\$2,250.00
Forklift Repairs	\$7,256.82	\$3,500.00	\$601.90	\$3,000.00
Miscellaneous Equipment Repairs	\$2,002.45	\$1,500.00	\$1,851.29	\$1,500.00
Skidsteer Fuel	\$648.26	\$750.00	\$704.61	\$750.00
Skidsteer Repairs	\$2,014.02	\$2,000.00	\$359.54	\$1,500.00
Trucks				
Dodge--Gas	\$808.60	\$1,000.00	\$824.86	\$800.00
Dodge--Repairs	\$2,438.57	\$2,000.00	\$2,872.56	\$2,000.00
Trucks--Diesel	\$7,770.80	\$8,500.00	\$10,671.51	\$9,000.00
Trucks--Repairs	\$2,622.05	\$3,500.00	\$8,258.26	\$3,500.00
INTL.--CDL & Drug Testing	\$65.00	\$200.00		\$65.00
<b>TOTAL EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$34,872.22</b>	<b>\$34,450.00</b>	<b>\$46,275.41</b>	<b>\$31,865.00</b>

NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
2007 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

	2006	2007	2007	2008
PERSONNEL EXPENSES	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Gross Wages	\$215,320.03	\$226,060.00	\$228,042.56	\$261,625.00
Overtime Wages--District Operations		\$400.00		\$0.00
Overtime Wages--Warehouse	\$3,381.95	\$4,000.00	\$4,749.03	\$5,000.00
Fica (Employer Match)	\$13,189.48	\$14,290.00	\$14,029.71	\$16,530.00
Medi (Employer Match)	\$3,084.84	\$3,345.00	\$3,281.20	\$3,870.00
State Unemployment Insurance	\$409.94	\$600.00	\$656.21	\$650.00
VMERS (Retirement)	\$9,146.75	\$12,150.00	\$10,067.53	\$11,860.00
Workman's Compensation Insurance	\$9,919.03	\$11,000.00	\$10,530.88	\$12,000.00
Health Insurance/Flex Spending	\$67,308.28	\$92,000.00	\$74,458.05	\$116,305.00
Mileage - Employee	\$4,601.90	\$5,000.00	\$5,642.95	\$4,500.00
Mileage- Supervisor's			\$3,986.09	\$4,000.00
Personnel Equipment				\$1,000.00
Training	\$955.00	\$1,200.00	\$879.00	\$1,000.00
Travel	\$38.84	\$200.00	\$47.52	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL</b>	<b>\$327,356.04</b>	<b>\$370,245.00</b>	<b>\$356,370.73</b>	<b>\$438,540.00</b>
<b>PROGRAMS EXPENSES</b>				
Advertising	\$6,236.83	\$6,000.00	\$8,847.02	\$7,000.00
Permits & Fees		\$0.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
Composting	\$6,481.75	\$16,000.00	\$15,502.87	\$11,000.00
Composter/Bin	\$7,686.00	\$0.00	\$1,346.00	\$0.00
Education Outreach	\$25,349.20	\$22,000.00	\$22,709.59	\$20,000.00
Electronics Recycling	\$13,332.50	\$12,000.00	\$16,835.45	\$15,000.00
Hazmat Disposal	\$24,286.27	\$20,000.00	\$30,791.24	\$25,000.00
Hazmat Supplies	\$3,816.39	\$3,000.00	\$37,614.64	\$4,000.00
Special Collections	\$5,264.13	\$5,000.00	\$4,292.57	\$5,000.00
Tire Disposal	\$16,216.80	\$13,000.00	\$12,418.80	\$13,000.00
<b>TOTAL PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$108,669.87</b>	<b>\$97,000.00</b>	<b>\$150,478.18</b>	<b>\$100,120.00</b>
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$514,737.42</b>	<b>\$549,845.00</b>	<b>\$599,835.09</b>	<b>\$620,015.00</b>
<b>DEBT REDUCTION PAYMENTS</b>				
Interest		\$0.00		
Principal		\$0.00		
<b>TOTAL DEBT REDUCTION</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>		
<b>CAPITAL FUND</b>				
Capital Improvement Fund	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL NEK EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$519,737.42</b>	<b>\$559,845.00</b>	<b>\$609,835.09</b>	<b>\$630,015.00</b>

## Executive Committee Report

The NEKWMD finished 2007 in strong financial condition. Recycling markets and the timing of some state grants helped push revenues 9% above projections. The sale of recyclables yielded \$153,000 or 23% of total revenues. The NEKWMD ended 2007 with a surplus of over \$48,000.

The 37,000 residents of 44 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured their waste management concerns are properly addressed in a timely and environmentally sound fashion. The NEKWMD is currently staffed by eight full-time and two part-time employees. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principle authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. As the representatives of the member towns, the Board of Supervisors has continuously voted to use the surplus to replace aging equipment and keep the WMD debt-free. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly and sets the direction of NEKWMD policy. The member Towns are also represented through their ability to vote on the NEKWMD budget.

The NEKWMD is entering 2008 with a budget of \$630,015 – an increase of \$70,170 (12.5%). The population served by the District increased by 7.4%. Although the budget is increasing in 2008, the surcharge on non-recycled waste is remaining the same. The surcharge for 2008 will be \$19.25/ton. In addition, other District fees for hauling, electronics, and tires will remain at their 2007 rates.

Significant events in 2007 included:

- The addition of three new towns – Greensboro, Charleston, and Brownington;
- The addition of an Outreach Coordinator, Marcus Berry, to increase recycling and composting in District schools and businesses
- Established a relationship with Planet Aid to collect clothing year-round to complement our clothing swaps
- The purchase of a new box truck to service our member towns
- The District returned over \$43,000 in surplus funds to its member towns
- Diversion of over 150 tons of food waste through composting in Danville, Greensboro, and Lyndonville.

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

In 2008, the NEKWMD will be looking to add composting opportunities throughout the District, strengthen outreach to schools, and promote greater participation in recycling programs throughout the Northeast Kingdom.

NEKWMD Executive Committee

## **Caledonia County Sheriff's Department Report 2007**

We are finishing up another very busy year. We added a 2007 Chevy Impala cruiser to our fleet, this past year and we plan on ordering a 2008 Impala this spring. Our fleet of vehicles is the backbone of our ability to provide our services. All of our vehicles are purchased with money generated from our contracted service. No taxpayer money is used for their purchase.

I would like to explain how the Sheriff's Office is funded from the county and why. There are seventeen towns in Caledonia County. Each town is taxed according to their grand list. Then, they pay a percentage to the county for the county budget annually. The following is what Title 24 Section 73 of the Vermont Statutes states in reference to the county's help of the Sheriff's department: "The county shall provide the sheriff with an adequate bond, a suitable office, office equipment and supplies and adequate telephone service. The sheriff's department shall also be provided with law enforcement equipment, supplies, insurance and funds for maintaining and operating such equipment as the assistant judges consider necessary to ensure that the department operates in a safe, accountable and professional manner. The county shall also provide reasonable secretarial assistance and bookkeeping assistance. The county shall also provide funds necessary for department personnel to comply with basic and in-service training requirements established by the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council, funds to provide the matching share for grants from federal, state or private sources, and funds to pay the liability insurance premiums for the sheriff and his deputies."

The County budget is the same as last year and the Sheriff's Department share of that is down 7% from last year. We have a wonderful relationship with Assistant Judges Roy Vance and Bil Kennedy. We are grateful for the county support we get in the areas of our budget described above. We do however spend much more money in several of the areas the county funds. No funds from the county budget go to fund any deputy salary or uniforms. No county funds are used for the purchase of our police vehicles and their operation. We are able to do this from the contracts we enter into. We offer the ability for someone that needs a law enforcement presence to be there for as long as they need us, and the ability to have us stop when the need is gone. Many towns in the county see this as a great way to address issues and the costs associated with doing that.

The Sheriff's Department has fourteen Law Enforcement Officers and one civil process server. We have an Office Administrator and two Administrative Assistant's who dispatch the Deputies and manage our office. One works 35 hours a week, one works 24 hours a week and one fills in when needed.

We held our bicycle safety day and helmet giveaway in Lyndonville last spring for the Lyndon area young people. This past fall we held 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 Shatney has also become our new car seat technician and is helping families make sure their car seat is installed correctly. Deputy James Courchesne has left our agency to work with Essex County and their new Sheriff Steve Gadapee. Deputy Steven Hartwell of East Haven and Deputy Jonathon Bullard of E. Ryegate have recently joined our ranks and we welcome them into our organization.

Any organization is only as good as the people that work within it. I have a wonderful group of very dedicated people. Deputy DeLisle was our Deputy of the year and Bob Crepeault was recognized for his excellent record for serving our civil process.

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

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## **Caledonia County Court Update**

This is a general update on some of the events in 2007 for the Caledonia County Court.

The Assistant Judges, Roy C. Vance and William P. Kennedy visited the seventeen towns in Caledonia County in November and December 2007 at the select board meetings. They presented the proposed county budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 and answered questions presented at each town.

Each September brings a new rotation of presiding judges. This year Honorable Harold E. Eaton, Jr. is assigned presiding judge in Caledonia. Honorable Thomas A. Zonay is assigned as second judge and is also assigned to spend time in Essex County and Rutland County. E. Tobias Balivet is the current Probate Judge. Michael Bergeron is Sheriff for Caledonia County. Kathleen Pearl is the court manager for Superior, Family and District Courts in Caledonia.

Superior court staff includes: Michele McDonald, Chief Deputy Clerk, Margaret Villeneuve, Deputy Clerk and County Treasurer and Bridget Sargent, Assistant Clerk.

Caledonia Sheriff's Department staff includes: Paula Watts, Office Administrator and Gerald DeLisle, Office Assistant.

Security for the courthouse is provided by the sheriff's department, which is located on the first floor of the courthouse. Sheriff Michael Bergeron's staff provides a valuable service to the courts including small claims court.

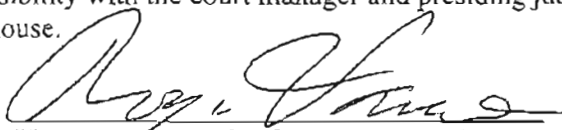
Custodial services and maintenance for the courthouse are provided by Paul Remick and his staff.

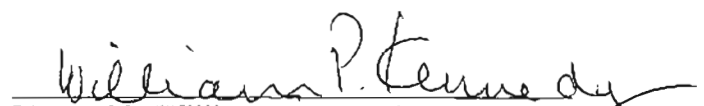
From October 2006 to September 2007 the Superior Court has processed 636 passports. The public has access for passport services all hours the court is open. The Superior Court also provides digital photos for people obtaining passports.

This year 2007 was a renewal year for notary publics. Superior Court processed 764 notary applications, 158 were ex-officio applications.

The 2007 caseload in Caledonia Superior Court for the civil docket is 283 new cases and 464 new cases for small claims as of November 1, 2007. This is approximately an increase of 100 cases in each docket.

The Assistant Judges, Honorable Roy C. Vance and Honorable William P. Kennedy share responsibility with the court manager and presiding judges for a smooth operation of the Caledonia Courthouse.

  
Honorable Roy C. Vance, Asst Judge

  
Honorable William P. Kennedy, Asst Judge

**NOTICE  
TO  
CALEDONIA COUNTY RESIDENTS**

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. 133 Notice is hereby given that the annual CALEDONIA COUNTY meeting of the voters presenting the proposed budget for the county for the ensuing year will be held on January 5, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the

CALEDONIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
1126 MAIN STREET  
ST. JOHNSBURY, VERMONT

The following is a summary of the expenditures being proposed for the various areas of the proposed budget:

**SUMMARY OF CALEDONIA COUNTY PROPOSED BUDGET**

Expenditure Descriptions	County (Superior) Court	Probate Court	Sheriff's Dept.	Totals
Personnel	\$232,560		\$72,405	\$304,965
Facility & Maintenance	\$24,300	\$2,800	\$51,039	\$78,139
Other (inc. Capital imp.)	\$500			\$500
Debt Service for All				
Grant Totals	\$257,360	\$2,800	\$123,444	\$383,604

**ATTENTION**

Copies of the complete proposed budget are available to the public during the county court's hours of Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the county (superior) court at 1126 Main Street, St. Johnsbury, Vermont. To have a copy mailed to you send a self-addressed stamped envelope with adequate postage for a two-ounce mailing.

## **Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont Report 2007**

The Area Agency on Aging is a private, non-profit, United Way organization serving the residents of Caledonia, Essex and Orleans counties. We support people age 60 and older in their efforts to remain active, healthy, financially secure and in control of their own lives. The Agency connects older adults and their families with the services they need to live with independence and dignity.

Our staff works closely with seniors and their families offering assistance with Medicare, Social Security, Medicaid, public assistance programs, in-home services and many other types of help. There is no charge for services provided by the Agency.

Your past funding has allowed us to continue to provide critical services to Peacham's seniors including support of senior meal programs, delivery of meals to the homebound, health insurance counseling, transportation for medical and other appointments, legal services, companionship, Family Caregiver Support and Respite, help with housing and public benefit programs.

During the past year, 5 residents of Peacham received 103.75 hours of case management service at a cost of \$1,348.75 per person. Other services provided included 106 trips for necessary appointments, Senior HelpLine and Medicare Part D assistance.

Again, we truly appreciate your support. Please let us know if we can help you or someone you know. We can be reached via the Senior HelpLine at 748-5182 or 1-800-642-5119.

## REPORT OF CALEDONIA HOME HEALTH CARE AND HOSPICE

Fiscal Year 2007 was our sixth full year under the Medicare's Prospective Payment System. We were able to successfully provide our clients with qualified home care services under this payment system. We were able to end the year in a financially sound position secondary to the financial support we received from towns, donated memorial contributions and fundraising events.

Our mission continues to be to provide necessary services to individuals and their families regardless of an individual's ability to pay. We are very committed to this philosophy. We feel strongly that each resident of our service area is entitled to home care services if they meet the criteria for such services. To assure that this can continue to happen, your support to us is crucial. Town monies are used to counter losses we experience when we provide free care. It is also used to support program growth and the development of necessary services to assure an individual's ability to remain independent.

Last year we made over 46,000 visits to your neighbors and relatives. In addition to our home care and hospice programs, we offered a variety of screenings and community clinics for flu shots. In collaboration with NVRH we conducted a Cancer Support Group. Our Private Duty program held steady and our Healthy Baby program experienced growth.

Caledonia Home Health Care (CHHC), as all of the non-profit home health agencies in Vermont, is certified by Medicare and Medicaid to provide home care and hospice services to Caledonia County, seven towns in Essex County and one town in Orleans County.

Universal access to home health care for all Vermonters is essential. However, it places the responsibility on the home care agency to raise the necessary funds to supply the needed services. The agencies do not receive any direct subsidies or grants from either the state or federal government. Our certification as licensed home health agencies allows us to bill clients, Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance companies for services rendered. In some instances the reimbursement amount is less than the actual cost of providing the service. Therefore, the financial support of the communities served by CHHC is essential in maintaining these services.

Vermont's tradition of "caring for its own" is strikingly evident in the generous response we have received from our annual appropriation request, throughout our history. We have always strived to keep this request as reasonable and equitable as possible while seeking to cover a portion of the shortfall encountered in serving all in need. This year is no different. Individual town requests are based on a combination of factors including population, history of CHHC use, the number of visits in the past year, and the free care provided in each community. We have appreciated your support in the past and hope it will continue. Our annual report, including an audited financial statement, is available at our office for public inspection.

All of us at Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice remain committed to helping you, your family and your neighbors to lead healthy and independent lives. All town appropriation money will go directly to preserve the health care you and your neighbors deserve. Thank you for your continued support.

### TOWN OF Peacham VISIT STATISTICS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

	<u>2007</u>		<u>2007</u>
Nursing Visits	93	Social Services	3
Home Health Aide	12	Homemaking	0
Therapy Visits (Physical, Occupational, Speech)	60	Hospice	<u>16</u>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>184</b>

Other Services Provided: Bereavement Program, Maternal Child Health, Adult Health Screening & Education, Flu Clinic, Long Term Care, Support Groups, Private Duty



# Catamount Arts 2007

The residents and voters of Peacham played a very important role in the success of Catamount Arts during 2007. Through support at Town Meeting and by attending many of the films and live performances offered throughout the year, the citizens of Peacham helped to keep the Arts vital and available to all of the residents of the Northeast Kingdom.

During 2007, Catamount was able to present more than 50 films and 30 live performances, in large measure due to the generosity of the voters of Peacham. Your appropriations helped to underwrite the costs of these presentations as well as helping Catamount pay for such general operating expenses as heating and electricity.

A significant portion of the appropriation provided by the voters of Peacham also went to provide much needed funding for Catamount's School Time Performances, which brought such educational and entertaining performers as the National Marionette Theatre and Dr. Quinton Quark's Slapstick Science to more than 4,000 school children in pre-kindergarten through grade eight, including several performances that were attended by students from Peacham.

The appropriation provided by the voters of Peacham also enabled Catamount to continue to offer its visual art exhibits free to the public. During 2007, more than 20 exhibits were mounted, including one by area school children, and several single artist and group theme shows that actually included work by several Peacham artists.

Catamount is also very proud of the fact that a sizable portion of its almost 500 members are residents of Peacham. These members form the core of Catamount's patrons and serve as cultural and artistic ambassadors to their own communities. Catamount's Board of Directors also regularly includes members from Peacham. Lorraine Clough, Catamount's Campaign Coordinator for our Arts Building Community campaign is a Peacham resident and, of course, Catamount's film offerings would not be possible without the regular efforts of our projectionist David Jacobs, also of Peacham.

As we enter 2008, Catamount has been blessed with the opportunity to join with the Masonic Lodge of St. Johnsbury in creating a new Community Arts Center that will also continue to serve as the home of area Masons. The major construction on this new facility is currently underway thanks to the cooperation of the Building Trades class at St. Johnsbury Academy and several local contractors. This new Community Arts Center will house two classrooms, an educational museum and a performance space that will be available to local performing artists, including those from Peacham, as well as two film theaters. However, along with the added opportunity to serve the artistic needs of the community, also comes added expense. For this reason, Catamount respectfully requests your continued support and appropriation for the coming year.

## **Danville Rescue, Inc. Report 2007**

As I look at the past few Town Reports, I realize we usually start out by indicating the year has been full of changes. This year past year is no exception. . .except now we *must* accept the fact that health care, whether it be pre-hospital, your physician's office, or the hospital is in a constant state of change!

Over the past several years the communities we serve have challenged us to make change in our long standing process. Change is difficult for everyone; we tried to stand strong on tradition and continue to do so the best we can. Unfortunately, many of those traditions must now be seen as history. Providing free care, by an entire staff of volunteers, while still meeting the numerous regulations set by local, State, and Federal agencies is a thing of the past.

Being lead by the recommendations made at Town Meeting four years ago, we transitioned to a billing process to capture revenue that helps us maintain our day to day operations. Due to the many regulations by Medicare and other private insurances, it was not possible for us to provide this service within the squad. Therefore, we have outsourced our billing to a local agency.

Another recommendation included changing the model of our Board of Directors. Due to the writing of our by-laws this process entailed many months of research, review and contemplation. Effective in 2008, the by-laws have been re-written to include representation from each town we serve, the hospital, and the Rescue Squad. We are asking each Selectboard to appoint a representative as they deem appropriate.

During 2007 we experienced a crisis with emergency responders during week day hours. Unlike the past, our entire crew worked full-time, daytime hours and created a concern regarding response time to those in need. Although we were aware we would need to eventually turn to a paid staff, we had hoped this would not be immediately necessary. In June we were forced to contract a 2-member crew to provide care during the daytime hours, Monday through Friday. This unplanned change created some stressors for the service; but, on a positive note, allows us immediate response to patients during the day and provides administrative support away from those volunteering their services.

Also during 2007, it was determined the dispatching system we currently use needs to be upgraded to meet insurance requirements. We have explored a variety of options but unfortunately those options are limited. The change over will include the purchase of different pagers, programming and actual dispatching charges. The anticipated cost of this conversion is approximately \$10,000.

As we prepared our budget for this coming year, we were forced to increase it for a number of reasons. Increased expenses include payroll liabilities, ongoing increase of implementing State and Federal regulations, and an unexpected need to replace the telephone system. Also impacting our 2008 budget is the ever increasing cost of fuel and electricity.

We, like you, are very aware of the need to maintain a level budget; unfortunately we must make every effort to ensure emergency care to our community; and, our increased budget is testimony to the ever increasing cost of health care.

The Members of Danville Rescue, Inc.

## **Danville Senior Action Center / Danville Meal Site Report 2007**

The Danville Senior Action Center is a Board governed organization whose mission is to provide support to the community's senior citizens. The Senior Action Center operates its Meal Site program from the Danville United Methodist Church. Board members represent the three towns served by the Meal Site program.

The Meal Site program provides approximately 450 nutritious and well-balanced meals per month. About 300 of those meals are served at the Center itself, and about 120-150 of those meals are delivered to homebound senior members of the community living in Danville, Peacham and Walden.

The Senior Action Center receives some funding from the State Area Agency on Aging. Eligibility for those funds require that we NOT charge a fee for the meals we provide. And it is clear that for some patrons a fee would provide an insurmountable burden. We are, however, able to suggest a donation for the meals. Our suggested donation for those under 60 is \$4.50 and for those 60 and older the suggested donation is \$3.50. The Danville Senior Action Center receives funding from the towns of Danville, Walden and Peacham. We are grateful for the support voted by the 2007 Peacham Town Meeting and hope that the 2008 Peacham town meeting will continue its support for the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Douglas Carter  
Board Member, Danville Senior Action Center

Danville Senior Action Center Board Members are: Rev. Henry Cheney (chair), Jane Peck, Grace Astle, Patricia Ainsworth, Margaret Ide, Alan Vohden, Marylin Dwyer, David Magnus, Thomas Letourneau, and Rev. Douglas Carter.



## **Report to the Town of Peacham, January 2008**

The Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium continues to offer Peacham residents direct services that range from exhibits that encourage the stewardship of our natural and cultural heritage to educational outreach programs that promote scientific and cultural literacy.

In 2007, the Museum welcomed Peacham residents to its ever fascinating galleries of natural and cultural wonders; to its Eye on the Sky Weather Gallery; to special exhibitions on endangered species and Arctic cycles and seasons of change; and to new monthly displays of treasures from the Museum's collections. The Museum offers its Peacham visitors experiences with beautiful objects from nature and history, troves of useful information, and stimulating opportunities for lifelong learners and their families.

Peacham families take full advantage of the Museum's exhibits and public programs to learn more about the natural world and their own place in it by tuning daily to the Museum's award-winning weather and astronomy broadcasts, checking the Museum's website, or bringing friends and family to Vermont's only public planetarium. The Museum supports and collaborates with the work of Peacham's Northeast Kingdom Astronomy Foundation; provides customized services to the Peacham home school population; and responds to hundreds of inquiries annually from Peacham residents on topics ranging from the mysteries of deep space to the care of fragile archival records.

In 2007 the Museum's admission fees rose by 20%, making the modest per capita special appropriation voted by Peacham townspeople an even greater bargain. In exchange, ALL Peacham residents are admitted free of charge to the Museum at all times.

That small appropriation helps support Eye on the Sky weather broadcasts; new exhibitions; natural history programs in the field and in the galleries; a host of inspiring public programs such as the recent lecture by celebrated environmental journalist Bill McKibben; and the care and study of the region's most comprehensive collections and celebrated historic building.

The Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium is truly a vital part of Peacham's very special quality of life.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles C. Browne".

Charles C. Browne, Executive Director



Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.

## Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. 2007 Annual Report Summary

Eric T. Grims, Executive Director

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Providing  
Community-Based  
Behavioral Health,  
Substance Abuse  
and  
Developmental Services

Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc., is a private not-for-profit organization serving Essex, Caledonia and Orleans Counties. It is organized and directed by local citizens who believe that human services should be cost effective and responsive to the needs of our local communities.

The State of Vermont contracts with NKHS to provide a broad range of services to individuals with severe and persistent mental illness, children with severe emotional disturbance and their families, and individuals with developmental disabilities including mental retardation and autism. Services are also offered to individuals with alcohol and drug problems by the Tri-County Substance Abuse Program, a division of NKHS.

NKHS provides emergency and outpatient services to individuals with various, less severe social, emotional and psychological problems. To the extent that these services are subsidized by state and local dollars. NKHS provides the services on a sliding fee scale based on the person's ability to pay.

Your appropriation is especially important to the delivery of our programs and services because it demonstrates community support and financial assistance. We greatly appreciate your interest and support.

### FY 2007 SUMMARY OF SERVICES FOR THE TOWN OF PEACHAM

2000 Census\* Count for your town: 665      Persons served: 8

Our request for support at \$1.05 per capita = \$698.00

Thank you for your support.

Eric Grims  
Executive Director

Cindy LaGue  
President, Board of Directors

\* US Census Bureau



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the United Way



# NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES, INC.

NON-TRADITIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR YOUTH, ADULTS, FAMILIES AND BUSINESSES  
MANAGEMENT/FISCAL SERVICES FOR NON-PROFITS, SCHOOLS AND TOWNS  
ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER: 3762 U.S. ROUTE 5, DERBY, VT 05829  
Phone: (802) 766-4757 Fax: (802) 766-2516

November 1, 2007

We are the Northeast Kingdom Adult Education and Literacy Program (Adult Basic Education). We provide on-demand home, learning center and distance educational services to Peacham residents as well as to almost anyone in Caledonia, Essex or Orleans counties over the age of sixteen who wants to improve basic education skills. The program has full service learning centers in Newport, Barton, and St. Johnsbury, part-time centers in North Troy, Island Pond, Hardwick, Canaan and Lyndonville. In-home instruction is available everywhere in the three counties. As always, demand for adult basic education services remains very high. In 2007, we provided over 12,619 hours of direct instruction to 624 students. We are currently serving 339 adults who are working on a GED or high school diploma. The commercial Drivers License course continues to be one of our most attended offerings and our new High School Completion Program is generating a very high level of interest. The NEKLS work readiness option is expanding and in order to enhance the services we have added The WorkKeys© Assessment. It is one of the nation's best vocational/post secondary readiness tests. We also have introduced real time distance learning with a college course credit option. Distance learning should greatly increase the instructional options available to our students as well as enhancing accessibility.

Your support of the Northeast Kingdom Adult Education and Literacy program has always been important and it will remain so in 2008. Costs of the statewide administrative system continue to challenge our delivery system. As a result, our town funds are very important to our efforts to introduce new instructional options and maintain high program quality. Town funds will play a key role during the coming year of assuring we have enough instructional supplies, materials, and equipment to meet the needs of our many and diverse students. They also will help us support our new distance learning program. We hope you will continue to support your Northeast Kingdom Adult Basic Education program.

We respectfully request an appropriation of \$250 for the coming year.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Respectfully submitted,

William V. Crenshaw  
Executive Director

## LEARNING CENTERS

NEWPORT 1 Main Street Newport, VT 05855 (802) 334-2839	ST. JOHNSBURY 364 Railroad St Suite 2 St Johnsbury, VT 05819 (802) 748-5624	CANAAN 5 Park Street Canaan, VT 05903 (802) 266-3933	BARTON 130 Kinsey Road Barton, VT 05822 (802) 525-6253	HARDWICK 25 Mill Street Hardwick, VT 05843 (802) 472-3183	ISLAND POND 49 Mill Street Extension Island Pond, VT 05846 (802) 723-5750
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# Northeast Kingdom **Youth** Services

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## **Peacham Town Report Summary**

*Northeast Kingdom Youth Services has offered vital supportive services for youth and families since 1975. Our staff is available to Peacham residents 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year.*

### **In 2007:**

**Youth Services served over 3,074 people in Caledonia and Essex counties and provided more than 3,500 nights of safe housing for homeless youth and those needing a safe place to stay.**

### **Youth Services served 29 in Peacham.**

NEKYS has provided essential support to 637 youth and families through the **Family Connections and Parent Education Programs**. Through mediation, supportive counseling, and parent and youth support groups, these programs give families the tools they need to cultivate safe, nurturing homes. Families learn problem-solving skills and develop plans to keep future conflicts from reaching a crisis. When one youth is diverted from entering state's custody, the state of Vermont saves more than \$25,000. Staff is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The **Caledonia and Essex Court Diversion Programs** worked with 356 clients. The State's Attorney refers first-time criminal offenders, plus 25% of the juvenile delinquents in Caledonia County Family Court to Youth Services' Diversion Programs. The completion success rate of our clients is: 70% overall: 61% for ages 10-17 and 79% for those 18+. Diversion clients worked, 793 hours of community service at senior housing sites, libraries, churches, and other community sites. The high success of this program saved Vermont taxpayers almost a half million dollars in court processing costs!

NEKYS **Transitional Living Programs** for youth ages 15-21 who have been in foster care, are homeless, or at high risk of homelessness served 648 people. NEKYS offers young people information, support and life skills education leading toward permanent housing and a healthy transition to adulthood. The **Living Room** day shelter served 155 youth with an average of 13 youth per day accessing basic needs essentials and caring adult support. The Living Room offers a safe, substance-free environment where youth can eat, socialize, shower, do laundry, use the phone or computer and learn positive social and life skills. Our new **Elm Street Overnight Shelter** with five emergency beds and five longer-term beds opened on October 1, 2007. Since that time, Elm Street has provided over 180 bed nights to 10 local homeless youth. Awake, overnight staff ensures the safety of youth at Elm Street who have access to individual case management, family mediation and crisis services, life skills education and therapeutic groups as part of the program.

**JUMP Youth Mentoring Program** successfully matched 52 at-risk students in grades 5 through 11 with caring adult mentors once a week in the student's school. Mentees report that it makes them feel very special that their mentor is there because they want to be with them and not because they are being paid. One hundred percent of youth in JUMP remained tobacco and drug free, and 64% increased their GPA in English, math and/or social studies. Mentors often report that while their intention was to give, they receive so much more than they ever anticipated.

Northeast Kingdom Youth Services is a private, non-profit agency governed by a community-based, volunteer Board of Directors. We rely on grants, contracts, and appropriations from the towns we serve.

Thank you again for supporting families in your community. If you have any questions or concerns, please call at 748-8732.

### Report to the Voters of Peacham

In 2007 Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) continued its longstanding tradition of service to the three counties of the Northeast Kingdom as the regional planning commission and economic development corporation. As the only regional entity of its kind, we continue efforts to make this unique corner of Vermont a great place to live and work.

Many of our planning projects are regional in nature and therefore benefit every community. This year, for instance, we collected data on every critical facility in the Northeast Kingdom. This data will populate the DisasterLan emergency response mobile program – and will prove to be an invaluable resource for all local first responders.

We also continue to serve our municipalities as a central clearinghouse of information and technical support. In 2007 essential services to town and city officials included conducting transportation studies, traffic counts, and bridge and culvert inventories; preparing and reviewing municipal planning documents; confirming municipal planning processes; interpreting and explaining planning law to planning and zoning officials; and preparing geographic information systems (GIS) maps. In 2007 we expanded our GIS database, which will significantly enhance the efficacy of both local and regional planning efforts. Finally, NVDA's collective in-house expertise in obtaining and managing state and federal grants remains unparalleled. This year, our staff provided grant writing and administration services to a number of towns.

On the economic development front, NVDA worked directly with businesses throughout the three counties. We currently have some truly exciting initiatives in the works in the areas of affordable housing, job training, and value-added agriculture production. The latter initiative can be seen in our work with the Cellars at Jasper Hill in Greensboro, a facility with seven subterranean chambers devoted to the aging of artisanal and farmstead cheeses. Conceivably, this facility – the first of its kind in the world – could age cheese from as many as 40 independent farms. We'll remain closely involved in this exciting project, as it has the potential to put the Northeast Kingdom at the forefront of a rapidly growing market and keep dairy farming sustainable in our region.

In keeping with our commitment to collaboration, we worked closely with the Small Business Development Center and other important regional partners to create and retain jobs throughout the Northeast Kingdom.

In Peacham, NVDA has provided technical assistance with subdivision regulations, planning issues, and zoning board procedures. We also conducted traffic counts. This information is available on our website [www.nvda.net](http://www.nvda.net). We would enjoy meeting with Peacham officials to discuss NVDA's other services or to hear about your project ideas.

We look forward to serving you in 2008, and we appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,  
Steve Patterson, Executive Director



## **Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council Report**

The Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) helps to bring together the technical, financial and administrative resources for towns with natural resource conservation and rural and community development issues. We are here to serve your community. We coordinate and facilitate assistance to town governments, fire departments, watershed groups and nonprofit organizations in the eight counties of central and northern Vermont. By bringing together help from our extensive network of resources, we can focus technical and financial resources on your specific needs. We access technical assistance and some staff through the U.S. Department of Agriculture but private sources make up most of our budget. The Council is a self-supporting 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization. In 2007, working with our partner towns and organizations, we secured and administered over \$672,559 for natural resource conservation, public safety, and community development projects.

Our current projects include rural fire protection through the dry hydrant grant program, northern forest canoe trail development, natural resources education through the High School Envirothon and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Vermont Forests Forever programs, watershed restoration work and roads management grants through the Better Backroads grant program. Do you have a project or program that could use some assistance to “make it happen”? Over the years the Northern Vermont RC&D Council has helped many communities and organizations on a variety of projects. We work on a request basis, so the first step is up to you, giving us a call. For information and free consultation call Beth Ann Finlay our RC&D Coordinator at (802) 828-4595.



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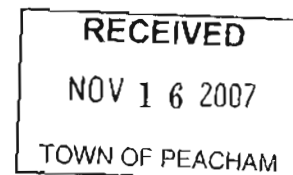


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**"The Ruby in the Kingdom"**

**November 15, 2007**

PEACHAM TOWN OFFICE  
PO Box 244  
Peacham, VT 05862



Re: Town Funding

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. ("RCT") is requesting to be placed on the Town Warning for March 2008 for an appropriation in the amount of \$250.00.

RCT has been providing service in your community for over sixteen years and have to ask for assistance through appropriations within the local community. RCT must reach out again for community support in order to maintain the quality of service that is needed for the members of our community.

RCT is a nonprofit corporation providing transportation to the elderly, handicapped and disabled through a volunteer service. Between all of our programs, RCT provides over 205,000 rides per year. Most of these rides are provided with our volunteer drivers that are reimbursed \$0.485 per mile for the use of their vehicles.

RCT's volunteer drivers transport people of all ages to school, adult-daycare services, senior meal sights and necessary medical treatments such as, dialysis, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, physical therapy, special medical skills and regular appointments. We currently have people use our services for transportation to medical appointments throughout the Northeast Kingdom, Burlington, VT, Hanover, NH and other medical facilities. RCT has even helped provide transportation to a local family to be with their son who was in a special care cancer unit in New York City.

RCT has provided Peacham residents with 321 trips, accumulating approximately 14,379 miles over the past year.

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

If you have further questions, please call me at (802) 748-8170. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

David A. Towle  
Operations Manager



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### **Umbrella 2008 Town Report**

For many people, coming to Umbrella feels like the last stop on a long journey. They've exhausted every resource in their search for a life free from violence and control, or for a supportive community that recognizes the value of their children's early learning and development. Our goal is to turn the feeling of reaching the end of the road to one of hope and new beginnings. Umbrella's programs open doors to safety, self-determination, fulfillment and healthy connections, strengthening the fabric of our community in the process.

During 2007, Umbrella opened the doors of The Family Room Supervised Visitation Program. We were pleased to respond to a community need with a program that bridges the purpose and expertise of our existing programs. The Family Room offers a safe, child-centered, welcoming environment for non-residential parents to build or strengthen relationships with their children.

Umbrella's Advocacy Program offers supportive programming for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. The Youth Outreach and Education coordinators make presentations and run groups on bullying, teen dating violence, sexual harassment and conflict resolution for school-age children and youth. A longstanding dream of the Advocacy Program has been to open an emergency and transitional housing facility for victims of partner violence and their children. This project is underway with aspirations that the doors will open in the first half of 2008.

Kingdom Child Care Connection provides child care referrals, help for families to obtain child care subsidies, and training and technical assistance for child care providers. The child care subsidy caseload continues to be around 500 families. Through a partnership with educators and mental health providers Umbrella has implemented a program that addresses the alarming increase in very young children being expelled from child care centers. By working collaboratively with families and child care providers Umbrella hopes to stabilize the care situation and prevent doors from closing on children with behavioral challenges.

Umbrella serves residents of Caledonia and southern Essex counties, providing voluntary support, direct service and prevention education to more than 3,000 individuals each year through our two core programs. All direct services to individuals are provided free of charge.

Given the nature of our programs, some services are provided anonymously, so concrete service counts are not possible. We know that last year, *at least* 2 Peacham individuals/families received supportive services from Umbrella (exclusive of youth prevention programming), and 1 child care provider took advantage of our professional development programs. We also know that more than 30% of women will be victims of abuse during their lives, and that the overwhelming majority of families rely on child care for the healthy development of their children and the productivity of our community. Your support of Umbrella is crucial to the success of these programs, and allows us to explore new ways to make our community safe and strong for all.

Thank you for your support of Umbrella.

**2008 Appropriation Request: \$500.00**

## **Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired Report 2007**

In Vermont, approximately 8,000 residents are visually impaired and another 3,000 people are legally blind. Vision problems interfere with an individual's ability to manage daily tasks, travel to places outside the home, and enjoy leisure activities. In addition, the rural nature of the state makes it less likely for those with visual impairments to encounter others who are experiencing similar impairments, and thus feel isolated and alone.

Last year, the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) provided services to one adult in the Town of Peacham, as well as 48 adults and 16 children in Caledonia County.

VABVI, a non-profit organization founded in 1926, is the only private agency to offer free training, services and support to visually impaired Vermonters. Our mission is to enable individuals with vision problems to achieve and maintain independence. Services include Rehabilitation (adapting daily living tasks to allow those with low vision to live independently); Orientation and Mobility (providing white cane and guide dog instruction, allowing individuals to navigate through their home and community independently); Assistive Technology (adaptive aids allow clients to successfully perform most activities they desire); Social Networking (improving social skills and providing a support network); and Statewide Transportation (volunteer drivers provide rides to medical appointments, grocery stores and for personal visits)

VABVI offices are located in Burlington, Brattleboro, Montpelier and Rutland, with training rooms in our Montpelier Mini Center to showcase the latest technology in assistive aids for individuals with visual impairment.

For more information about VABVI's services, or to volunteer, please contact us at 1-800-639-5861, email [general@vabvi.org](mailto:general@vabvi.org) or visit us on the web at [www.vabvi.org](http://www.vabvi.org).

West Danville Community Club  
P. O. Box 6  
West Danville, VT 05873  
November 30, 2007

Select Board  
Town of Peacham  
P. O. Box 244  
Peacham, VT 05862

Dear Select Board Members:

We want to thank you for your past support of Joe's Pond Beach. We of the West Danville Community Club are in the process of renovating the beach enabled by the settlement from Green Mountain Power which was earmarked for improving the beach in a manner that enhances water quality. If all goes as planned, the beach should be an even more beautiful area to enjoy next summer.

Joe's Pond is one of the few (if not only) free beaches remaining. The West Danville Community Club has the responsibility of maintaining the beach, and we obtain our resources from membership dues, fundraising, and donations from generous towns as yours.

**Could you please include us in next year's budget for the amount of \$500, which has been your contribution in the past.**

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



Rita Foley  
Vice President  
West Danville Community Club

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