

Peacham Vermont



Annual Report 2009
Town

Town Meeting Day

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

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.

Dessert and beverage will be provided.

Donation \$2.00

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE TOWN OFFICERS
TOWN OF PEACHAM
Town Reports
Vermont
2009

TOWN FISCAL YEAR ENDING
December 31, 2009

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Turn Report over for School Reports

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 2, 2010 immediately following the adjournment of the School District meeting, which begins at 10:00 AM, to transact the following business:

- Article 1 To elect a Moderator to conduct and govern the meeting and to continue to serve as Moderator for a term of one year or until his or her successor is elected.
- Article 2 To receive the report of Town Auditors.
- Article 3 To elect a Town Clerk for a term of one year.
- Article 4 To elect a Town Treasurer and Tax Collector for a term of one year.
- Article 5 To elect a Selectboard member for a term of three years.
- Article 6 To elect a Lister for a term of three years.
- Article 7 To elect a Lister for a term of two years.
- Article 8 To elect a Lister for a term of one year.
- Article 9 To elect an Auditor for a term of three years.
- Article 10 To elect a Grand Juror for the ensuing year.
- Article 11 To elect a Town Agent for the ensuing year.
- Article 12 To elect a Town Representative to the Board of the Peacham Library.
- Article 13 To elect a First Constable for the ensuing year.
- Article 14 To elect a Second Constable for the ensuing year.
- Article 15 To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for the ensuing year.
- Article 16 Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to be raised by taxes to study the possibilities for a new community center through an open public process with a report to the Town before the next regular Town Meeting?
- Article 17 Shall the voters increase the disabled veteran tax exemption from the current first \$20,000 of assessed value to the first \$40,000 of assessed value, which is the maximum authorized under Vermont Statute 32 V.S.A. Section 3802(11)?
- Article 18 Shall the voters appropriate \$40,000 to be raised in taxes to be added to the Capital Building Fund?
- Article 19 Shall the voters appropriate \$499,372 in taxes to defray Highway expenses?
- Article 20 Shall the voters appropriate \$340,289 in taxes to defray the General expenses of the Town?
- Article 21 Shall the voters approve renaming the Working Capital Reserve Fund by removing the word Reserve?
- Article 22 Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$19,308.00 to be raised by taxes in support of the following organizations?

Area Agency on Aging	\$660.00
Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice	\$2,000.00
Catamount Arts	\$500.00
Danville Rescue Squad	\$5,000.00
Danville Senior Action	\$300.00
Fairbanks Museum	\$650.00
N. Rural Community Transportation	\$250.00
NEK Human Services	\$698.00
NEK Learning Services	\$250.00
NEK Youth Services	\$500.00
Peacham Fire District #1	\$1,500.00
Peacham Library	\$5,500.00
Umbrella	\$500.00
Vermont Association of the Blind	\$500.00
West Danville Community Club (Joe's Pond Beach)	\$500.00


Article 23 Shall the Town pay its real property taxes to the Town Treasurer on or before November 1, 2010, with delinquent taxes having interest charges of one percent per month and with an eight percent penalty charged against them from the due date?

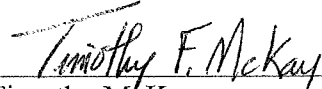
Article 24 Shall the voters of Peacham request the Vermont Legislature to:

1. Deny approval for the operation of Vermont Yankee after March of 2012, which marks the end of its 40 year design life.
2. Require that the Entergy Corporation of Louisiana fulfill its pledge to fully fund the cleanup and decommissioning costs of closing Vermont Yankee.
3. Seek safe, renewable, regional sources of electricity combined with efficiency and conservation measures to replace the power presently provided by Vermont Yankee.

Article 25 To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

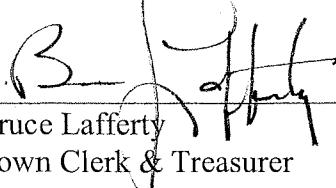
Done at Peacham, Vermont: January 27, 2010


Richard Browne, Chair


Timothy McKay


Andy Cochran

ATTEST:


Bruce Lafferty
Town Clerk & Treasurer

Minutes for the Town Meeting 2009

The legal voters of The Town of Peacham met at the Peacham Congregational Church in Peacham, on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 10:00 AM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the beginning of the meeting.

John Marshall, speaking on behalf of the Peacham Congregational Church, welcomed all visitors to the church at the beginning of Town Meeting.

Article 1 To elect a moderator to conduct the meeting and to continue to serve as Moderator for a term of one year or until his or her successor is elected.

John Coffin nominated Rob Ide for Moderator. There being no other nominations, Ide was elected by a voice vote.

Article 2 To receive the report of the Town Auditors.

Julie Kempton referred the voters to The Auditor's report on page 13 of The Annual Report.

Article 3 To elect a Town Clerk for a term of one year.

Jerry Senturia nominated Bruce Lafferty for Town Clerk. There being no other nominations, Lafferty was elected by a voice vote.

Article 4 To elect a Town Treasurer and Tax Collector for a term of one year.

Jerry Senturia nominated Bruce Lafferty for Town Treasurer and Tax Collector. There being no other nominations, Lafferty was elected by a voice vote.

Article 5 To elect a Selectboard member for a term of three years.

John Coffin nominated Gary Swenson. Ken Goslant nominated Andy Cochran. Moderator called for a paper ballot. There were 115 votes cast, 58 votes were needed for election. Cochran received 78 votes, Swenson received 36 votes, and there was 1 spoiled ballot. Cochran was elected.

Article 6 To elect a Lister for a term of three years.

Becky Jensen nominated Kirsten Szendry. There being no other nominations, Jerry Senturia moved that the nominations be closed and that the Town Clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Kirsten Szendry. John Marshall seconded. An affirmative voice vote closed nominations and the Town Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot. Szendry elected.

Article 7 To elect an Auditor for a term of three years.

Charlie Browne nominated Jan Eastman. There being no other nominations, Jeremy White moved to close nominations and to instruct the Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Jan Eastman. Diana Senturia seconded. An affirmative voice vote closed the nominations and the Town Clerk was instructed to cast one vote for Eastman. Eastman elected.

Article 8 To elect an Auditor for a term of two years.

There being no nomination, Wendy Morgan moved that Article 8 be passed over and that Selectboard appoint an Auditor at a later date. Karen Fitzhugh seconded. A voice vote was held. Article 8 was passed over.

Article 9 To elect a Grand Juror for a term of one year.

Dick Browne nominated Charlie Browne. There being no further nominations, a voice vote was taken. Charlie Browne elected.

Article 10 To elect a Town Agent for a term of one year.

Dick Browne nominated Robert Fuehrer. There being no further nominations, a voice vote was taken. Fuehrer elected.

Article 11 To elect a First Constable for a term of one year.

Marilyn Magnus nominated John Sheehan. There being no further nominations, a voice vote was taken. Sheehan elected.

Article 12 To elect a Second Constable for a term of one year.

Jerry Senturia nominated Bill Thresher. There being no further nominations, a voice vote was taken. Thresher elected.

Article 13 Shall the delinquent taxes be collected by the First Constable or shall the Town elect a Delinquent Tax Collector.

Charlie Browne moved that the taxes be collected by the First Constable. Jerry Senturia seconded. Voice vote taken. First Constable elected to collect taxes.

Article 14 To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for the ensuing year.

Passed over.

Article 15 Shall the voters appropriate the following amounts to be applied in the following order, from the 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 2008;
2. Then if any Surplus Funds remain, those remaining funds shall be used to pay-off the outstanding loan used to construct the Peacham Firehouse;
3. Then, if any Surplus Funds remain, \$100,000 of those remaining funds shall be used to reduce the amount to be raised by taxes to defray the General expenses of the Town;
4. Then, if any surplus Funds remain, \$60,000 of those remaining funds shall be transferred to the Town's Retirement Reserve Fund;
5. Then, if any Surplus Funds remain, \$40,000 of those remaining funds shall be transferred to the Town's Capital Building Fund; and

6. Then, if any Surplus Funds remain, those remaining funds shall be placed in a Working Capital Reserve Fund to defray expenses of the Town and thereby reduce the need of the Town to borrow funds for its operation.

Dick Browne moved Article 15. Barry Lawson seconded. Article 15 discussed. Being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a voice vote. Article 15 passed.

Article 16 Shall the voters appropriate \$328,160 in taxes to defray Highway expenses.

Dean Monteith moved Article 16. Jeremy White seconded. Moderator called for a voice vote. Article 16 passed.

Article 17 Shall the voters appropriate \$261,092 in taxes to defray the General expenses of the Town.

Robert Fuehrer moved Article 17. Diana Senturia seconded. Barry Lawson moved to amend the amount appropriated in Article 17 by increasing it by \$250 for a total of \$261,342. The addition would be for the rental of the Peacham Congregational Church by the Town for the annual Town Meeting. Diana Senturia seconded. Moderator called for a voice vote on the amendment. The amendment passed. Discussion ensued. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a voice vote on Article 17 as amended. Article 17 passed.

Article 18 Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$19,808 to be raised by taxes in support of the following organizations:

A. Area Agency on Aging	\$660
B. Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice	\$2000
C. Catamount Arts	\$500
D. Danville Rescue Squad	\$5000
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
TOTAL	\$19,808

Charlie Browne moved Article 18. Wendy Morgan seconded. Charlie Browne reviewed this year's appropriation requests. Charlie Browne moved to amend Article 18 to lower the amount for the Danville Rescue Squad by \$1000 at their request, making the total appropriation request of the Danville Rescue Squad \$4000, and lowering the overall total appropriations figure to \$18,808. Wendy Morgan seconded the amendment. The amendment passed by a voice vote. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a voice vote and Article 18 passed as amended.

Article 19 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.

Dick Browne moved Article 19. Diana Senturia seconded. Dick Browne moved to amend Article 19 to say October 30, 2009 not October 31, 2008 as warned. Wynne Browne seconded. Moderator called for a voice vote and the amendment passed. Article 19 passed as amended on a voice vote.

Article 20 To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

1. John Marshall, speaking on behalf of the Peacham Congregational Church, thanked the voters for the \$250 addition to the budget for the use of the church.
2. Wendy Morgan suggested scheduling the Town Meeting at 4:30 PM on a weekday or Saturday in order to accommodate more voters.
3. Jerry Senturia spoke to the subject of holding a pre-Town Meeting.
4. Charlie Browne thanked Gary Swenson for his years of invaluable service to the Town as a Selectboard member.
5. Jock Gill commended the Auditors for dedicating this year's Town Report to Don Davis.
6. Town Lister, Becky Jensen, announced that the re-appraisal would be completed by June 4, 2009 and that the new appraisal amounts will be included in the tax figures for 2009.
7. Barry Lawson asked the voters to fill out the Economic Committee Survey before leaving the meeting.
8. Rebecca Johnson asked that newly elected Town officials please stand so they could be recognized.

Martha Ide moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dick Browne seconded. So voted.

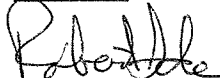
Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

The foregoing is approved and attested by:

Peacham Selectboard



Richard Browne

Moderator


Robert Ide

Timothy McKay

Town Clerk


Bruce Lafferty

Andrew Cochran



ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS 2009

Office		Term ends at Town meeting in the year
Auditors	Julie Kempton	2010
	Lorraine Clough (apptd)	2010
	Jan Eastman	2012
First Constable	John Sheehan	2010
Second Constable	Bill Thresher	2010
Delinquent Tax Collector	John Sheehan	2010
Grand Juror	Charles Browne	2010
Library Representative	Beatrice DeRocco	2010
Listers	Julie Kempton	2010
	Kirsten Szendrey (resigned)	2012
	Becky Jensen (resigned)	2011
	Deborah Carpilio (apptd)	2010
Moderator	Rob Ide	2010
School Directors	JoAnne Post	2010
	Dave Stauffer	2012
	Wynne Browne	2011
Select Board	Richard Browne	2010
	Andy Cochran	2012
	Tim McKay	2011
Town Agent	Robert Fuehrer	2010
Town Clerk	Bruce Lafferty	2010
Town Treasurer	Bruce Lafferty	2010

Appointments by Select Board 2009

Committee		Appointment ends
Appropriation Committee	Jean Clark	2010
	Josette Lyder (apptd)	2010
	Charles Browne	2011
Conservation Commission	David Stauffer	2010
	David Magnus	2013
	Neil Monteith	Ex officio
	Ron Miller	2011
	George Kempton	2012
	Anna Rubin	2012
	Alex Rossi	2013
Emergency Management / 911 Coordinator	Mark Fitzhugh	2010
Fence Viewers	Kenneth Bean	2010
	Maurice Chandler	2010
	Ken Danielson	2010
Fire Chief	Jeff Berwick	2010
Fire Warden	Neil Monteith	2010
Green-up Chairman	JoAnne Post	2010
	Dave Stauffer	2010
Health Officer	Sharon McDonnell	2010
Assistant Health Officer	Jean Berwick	2010
Keeper of the Pound	Jo Guertin	2010
Memorial Day Chairman	Jenny Harris	2010
Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District Representative	Richard Blair	2010

NVDA Representatives	Jean Dedam	2010
	Tom Joyce	2010
Planning Commission	Tom Glavin (resigned)	2010
	Alex Rossi	2010
	Ross McDonald	2010
	Marilyn Magnus	2011
	Karen Fitzhugh	2011
	Paul Evans	2012
	Les Morrison	2012
	Chuck Gallagher	2012
	Barry Lawson	Ex officio
	Gib Parrish	Ex officio
Road Foreman	Mark Chase	
Service Officer	Patty Strader	2010
Sextons	Ron Craig	2010
	Cheryl Stevenson	2010
Town Economic Committee	Charlie Browne	2010
	Barry Lawson	2010
	Tim MacKay	2010
	Gib Parrish	2010
	Mel Reis	2010
Tree Board	David Jacobs	2010
	Julie Lang	2010
	Neil Monteith	2010
	Cheryl Stevenson	2010
	Marj Swenson	2010
Tree Warden	Neil Monteith	2010
Zoning Administrator	Robert Hansen	2010
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Ron Craig	2010
	Donald Moore, Sr.	2010
	Mike Bruton	2010
	Bob Joly	2010
	Francis Carlet	2010

Other Elected Officials:

Justices of the Peace (all terms expire in February 2011):

Jean Dedam
Sam Kempton
Diana Senturia
Maryellen Griffin
Annette Lorraine

State Representative (term expires in 2011):

Kitty Beattie Toll

State Senators (terms expire in 2011):

Matthew Choatte
Jane Kitchell

US Representative (term expires in 2010):

Peter Welch

US Senator:

Bernie Sanders (2013)
Patrick Leahy (2011)

Vital Statistics 2009

Births

Connor Sean Surat	Sept 10, 2008	Sean & Jennifer Surat
Madison Rose Gray	March 10	Raymond Gray & Jennifer Legacy
Dylan Christopher Costa	March 12	Christopher Costa & Erica Hart
Toby Walsh Gilbert	June 9	Shawn & Meredith Gilbert
Esme Alden Cobb	June 16	Bill & Phoebe Cobb
Leo Arthur Ronald Kantrowitz	July 12	Joshua Kantrowitz & Cornelia Hasenfuss

Note – We only hear of Vermont births. Please inform us if your baby is born in another state!

Marriages & Civil Unions

Thomas T Morgan		Sarah L Hibbert	
Abigail C Browne	July 18	Heather A McLain	Sept 9
William O Kempton		Veronica M Bellone	
Jaclyn A Vassilowitch	Aug 8	Jennifer A Rainey	Sept 29
Robert L Bartell		Justin W Walters	
Julie A Morrison	Aug 8	Laura M Noyes	Oct 2
Timothy J Rich		Steven J Kimball	
Melissa A Randall	Aug 15	Leighann Moulton	Oct 3
Anthony L Rossi		Laura L Emmons	
Alexandra S MacLean	Aug 22	Michael A Heath, Jr.	Oct 10

Deaths

Donald N. Davis	51	Jan 11	Peacham, VT
Zoltan Forrai	90	May 22	Lebanon, NH
Ruby J. Goslant	95	June 22	St Johnsbury, VT
Robert C. Petrie	51	Aug 31	Westmore, VT
Gordon M Browne, Jr.	86	Sept 25	Hanover, NH
Richard L. F. Woodward, Sr.	63	Oct 17	Peacham, VT

Town of Peacham Auditors' Report 2009

We have examined the finances presented to us by the Town Treasurer. We have verified stated cash balances, inspected certificates of deposit, 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 extend our thanks to Town Treasurer Bruce Lafferty and Assistant Town Treasurer Stan Fickes for their assistance in preparing the Annual Report.

Lorraine Cough, Jan Eastman, and Julie Kempton

Town Of Peacham Auditors

Town Clerk's And Town Treasurer's Report

2009 was a year that saw a number of significant goals achieved and some new ones surface in The Town Clerks/ Treasurers office. Stan Fickes, the Assistant Town Clerk and I have continued to grow increasingly confident in our positions. I feel we have created a climate whereby visitors to our office feel welcome and well served.

The financial goals that we have set are on target and the town is in a secure and well managed position. This was the first year in some time that the town established and utilized a tax anticipation line of credit. This indicates that our surplus strategy for 2009 was successful.

Soon after property taxes were received, we were able to pay off our line of credit. This is just one of many indications that our fiscal responsibilities are being met and implemented successfully.

We appreciate the strong support we have received from the Town's Selectboard, Auditors, Listers and of course Peacham residents as a whole.

Bruce Lafferty
Town Clerk and Town Treasurer

Summary of Town Accounts

Account		12/31/2007		12/31/2008	12/31/2009
Checking	\$	456,013.69	\$	349,567.06	\$ 207,091.80
Storm repair road -- FEMA	\$	2,263.13	\$	61,672.83	(Spent)
Retreatment	\$	1,056.23	\$	10,339.28	\$ 89,982.93
CDARS capital equipment	\$	76,485.07		(Moved to RCE)	
Road capital equipment	\$	8,326.60	\$	84,519.98	\$ 61,279.33
TOTAL	\$	544,144.72	\$	506,099.15	\$ 358,354.06

Statement of Debt (December 31, 2009)

Highway Truck Lease	\$-	
Fire Truck Lease	\$-	
Fire Station Note	\$-	
2008 Dump Truck Lease		\$69,545.02
2009 Mack Dump Truck		\$108,314.27
Total		\$177,859.29

General Fund Balance Sheet

Asset	12/31/2007	12/31/2008	12/31/2009
Main Checking	\$ 456,013.69	\$ 349,567.06	\$ 160,070.08
Due from state - prop tax	\$ -	\$ 4,918.00	\$ -
FEMA Passumpsic 2112	\$ 2,263.13	\$ 61,672.83	\$ -
Trails Grant receivable**			\$ 14,521.28
Prepaid Oil	\$ 5,593.74	\$ 12,373.66	\$ 7,608.20
Taxes past due	\$ 91,368.00	\$ 119,848.53	\$ 120,779.35
Total assets	\$ 555,238.56	\$ 548,380.08	\$ 302,978.91

Liabilities*

Delinquent Tax Collector Fees	\$ 42.61	\$ 380.56	\$ -
Prop Tax Credits Payable	\$ 7,259.59	\$ 4,918.00	\$ 1,300.00
Restoration Land Records	\$ 1,610.24	\$ 2,889.43	\$ 4,898.68
Conservation Reserve	\$ 6,627.01	\$ 7,127.01	\$ 7,627.01
Vt Money For Reappraisal	\$ 22,732.56	\$ 12,217.55	\$ -
Lister education fund	\$ 389.62	\$ 779.43	\$ 1,169.28
Capital Building fund			\$ 40,000.00
Veteran's memorial fund	\$ -	\$ 13,069.00	\$ 1,988.00
Bridge Fund	\$ 11,827.79	\$ 13,827.79	\$ 15,827.79
Old FEMA Grant	\$ 2,263.13	\$ -	\$ -
FEMA 2008 culvert grant	\$ -	\$ 61,672.83	\$ -
New Recycling Shed	\$ 8,502.36	\$ 8,502.36	\$ 8,353.08
Fire Department Capital Equipment	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Fire Warden Capital Equipment	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Rescue vehicle refurbishment	\$ -	\$ 6,225.37	\$ 4,065.37
Total Liabilities	\$ 92,254.91	\$ 132,609.33	\$ 86,229.21

*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.

**Trails grant received 1/19/2010

Grand List Computations 2009

Appraised Valuations \$ 135,154,100.00 Exemptions already accounted for

Grand List Set September 16, 2009

Total $\$ 135,154,100.00 \times .01 = \$ 1,351,541.00$

2008 Education Property Tax Rate (Set by Vermont Dept. of Taxes)

Homestead rate	1.3270
Non-Residential rate	1.3000


Town Taxes to be raised (Set at Town Meeting)


Highway	\$ 328,160.00
General	\$ 261,342.00
Tax credit from surplus	\$ (100,000.00)
Credit for fire building from surplus	\$ (21,333.00)
Appropriations	\$ 18,808.00
Local Agreement (Veteran's exemption)	\$ 265.40
Total	\$ 487,242.40

Town tax rate
 $\$ 487,242.40 / \$ 1,351,541.00 = 0.3606$

TOTAL HOMESTEAD TAX RATE	1.6876
TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE	1.6606

Peacham Selectboard


Richard Browne


Timothy McKay


Andy Cochran

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

	Total	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Delinquent Taxes Collected in 2009	\$ 2,251,605.50	\$ 2,191,251.88	\$ 30,669.78	\$ 14,735.90	\$ 5,322.59	\$ 3,393.13	\$ 1,625.12	\$ 194.39	\$ 4,412.71	\$ -
Interest on Delinquent Taxes Collected in 2009	\$ 7,605.00	\$ 615.33	\$ 2,082.97	\$ 654.94	\$ 1,692.26	\$ 792.40	\$ 1,087.88	\$ 3.88	\$ 675.34	\$ -
Penalties on Delinquent Taxes Collected in 2009	\$ 8,772.17	\$ 4,664.17	\$ 2,610.89	\$ 673.87	\$ 528.21	\$ 135.97	\$ 159.06	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total collected (2009)	\$ 2,267,982.67									
Number of Parcels with Delinquent Taxes Due, on Jan 1, 2010		31	9	6	2	1	2	0	0	1
Amount of Delinquent Tax Due (Jan 1, 2010)	\$ 103,728.94	\$ 57,800.00	\$ 22,998.50	\$ 15,213.63	\$ 1,985.77	\$ 396.70	\$ 1,751.52	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,582.82
Amount of Interest Due (Jan 1, 2010)	\$ 10,687.05	\$ 1,049.49	\$ 2,805.93	\$ 3,255.23	\$ 109.08	\$ 190.56	\$ 688.93	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,587.83
Amount of Penalties Due (Jan 1, 2010)	\$ 6,363.36	\$ 3,802.26	\$ 1,450.21	\$ 1,032.84	\$ 16.29	\$ 31.74	\$ 30.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Due (Jan 1, 2010)	\$ 120,779.35									

Account	Budget FY - 2008	Actual FY 2008	Budget FY 2009	Actual FY 2009	Budget FY 2010
<u>GENERAL REVENUE</u>					
<u>TAX RELATED</u>					
Del. Taxes Current Year-collected		61442		105429	
Interest: Del. Taxes	4000	4942	4000	9592	4000
Del. Taxes: Penalty				8974	
Municipal Tax Adjustment		20073		24719	
	4000	86456	4000	148716	4000
<u>CLERKS OFFICE</u>					
Town Clerk's Fees	5500	7066	7000	7669	7000
Dog Licenses	850	707	850	665	650
Liquor License Fees				0	
	6350	7773	7850	8334	7650
<u>OTHER</u>					
Zoning Fees	1000	952	1000	650	500
Board Of Adjustment Fees	0	75		200	0
Zoning Fines		0		0	
Rentals	12500	13140	13000	12117	13000
Misc Revenue	2500	17553	2500	41	0
Public Donations		0		0	
Logging	16000	11197	0	0	0
Interest On Investments	8000	3510	3000	1545	1000
Tree grants and donations		6000		0	
VT money for reappraisal	29000	16985	12000	18725	
	69000	69411	31500	33278	14500
<u>TRANSFER STATION</u>					
Transfer Station Fees	32000	33763	33000	31147	32000
	32000	33763	33000	31147	32000
Total General	111350	197404	76350	221473	58150
<u>ROAD REVENUE</u>					
<u>PERMITS</u>					
Access Permits	0	81	0	196	
Excess Weight Permits	300	310	300	285	300
Fines	1200	2399	1200	849	1000
	1500	2790	1500	1330	1300
<u>ST OF VERMONT</u>					
State: Highway Aid	115000	114770	114000	110305	104000
FEMA Grants		54			
FEMA Reimbursements		179427			
	115000	294251	114000	110305	104000
<u>OTHER</u>					
Equipment sale				4200	
Interest On Investments	1000	12	0	153	
	1000	12	0	153	0
Total Roads	117500	297053	115500	111788	105300
<u>STATE OF VERMONT</u>					
Current Use "Hold Harmless"	62000	65674	65000	74252	75000
Pilot State Land	26000	16172	16000	16030	16000
Pilot Buildings	2200	2671	2200	2864	2800
Lease Land		11		11	0
HAVA Grant Recv		1599			
FEMA 2008 Storm adm reimb		870			
Total State	90200	86996	83200	93156	93800
TOTAL ALL REVENUES	319050	581453	275050	426418	257250

Account	Budget FY 2008	Actual FY 2008	Budget FY 2009	Actual FY 2009	Budget FY 2010
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
PAYROLL					
Selectmen's Salaries	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500
Administrative Assistant	35545	40348	0	0	0
Board Clerk Salary	4296	4455	4430	4409	4600
Listers'salaries	12000	28985	49724	34580	17500
Animal Control Person	500	500	500	500	500
Health Officer	50	50	50	50	50
Zoning Administrator	2500	2250	2500	2500	2500
Town Treasurer	13612	14117	14035	13970	15000
Asst. Town Treasurer	6000	10574	6185	11286	11000
Town Clerk	13612	14117	14035	14121	15000
Asst. Town Clerk	6000	10194	6185	11286	11000
Auditors' Salaries	1500	1500	1500	1000	1500
Constable	250	250	250	250	250
del. Tax collector				8974	
TC/TT FICA/Medical	10100	11091	7000	8934	8000
Unemployment	2900	3060	3000	2889	2900
Workers Comp	17500	6949	0	6632	7000
Health Insurance		0	0	0	2000
Retire-match Funds	2250	-750	1500	0	1500
Total Payroll	130115	149190	112394	122881	101800
GENERAL EXPENSES					
VMCTA dues				40	40
VLCT Dues	1071	1071	1133	1133	1337
Town Insurance	30000	32105	40000	29901	32000
Property Tax Abatements		4859	1000	2290	1000
Legal Expense	2000	312	1000	1246	10000
County Tax	13114	13114	14507	14507	14507
Tax Mapping	4000	1738	2000	0	2000
reappraisal consulting				0	
Listers non-personnel expenses	30000	0	13617	0	5500
Contingency and opportunities	10000	1400	15000	20	5000
Planning	2250	4942	1275	4710	1275
Conservation	300	0	500	0	1000
Recreation	5000	660	2000	726	6000
Green-Up Vermont	100	93	100	100	100
NVDA	280	0	280	279	280
N. VT Resource & Dev. Cncl	75	75	75	0	75
Contribution to Cons. Fund	500	500	500	500	500
Tree Board	1000	4043	1500	135	2400
Elections/town Meeting	2500	1815	500	355	2000
Cemetery Allocation	6000	6000	6000	6000	6000
misc. expenditure	1000	1705	1000	409	1000
Tax Ant. Note: Interest	0	0		191	200
Total General Expenses	109190	74432	101987	62542	92214
TOWN OFFICE					
Telephone	2600	2325	2600	2608	3200
Electricity	5800	6142	6400	5554	6400
Mileage	1000	791	1000	927	800
Supplies Town Clerk/Treasurer	3300	2584	2900	3152	3000
Dog Expense	175	74	175	74	175
Adm. Assist Other Benefit	900	370	0	0	0
Land Records Allocation	400	0	400	0	0
Land Record Books	200	304	200	0	200
Restoration of Land Records	4000	0	1000	0	1000
Land Record Maintenance				355	
Special Projects - Town Office	13600	0	10000	0	0
Postage Town Clerk/Treasurer/listers	1433	2035	1500	2644	2500
Internet	700	972	1000	1079	1100
Computer Expense	1500	897	1000	419	1000
Lister Computer Supplies	500	0		0	
Training (Town Clerk)	200	108	100	250	150
Training (Asst. TC Clerk)	200	28	100	140	150
Training (Town Treasurer)	200	133	100	55	150
Training (Asst. TC Treasurer)	200	133	100	105	150
Training Listers	4871	450		0	500
Service Support/licensing	3000	2601	3000	4294	4500
Equipment	250	200	250	0	250

Account	Budget FY 2008	Actual FY 2008	Budget FY 2009	Actual FY 2009	Budget FY 2010
Advertising	1500	2422	2000	2378	2500
Listers Grievance Ads	200	0	200	428	200
Building Maintenance	6000	12252	13000	4295	13000
TH Maintenance-Mowing	200	259	200	0	200
HAVA expense		1535		0	
Heating Fuel	20000	17898	20000	13591	15000
Water	1200	1140	1200	1140	1200
Contracted Services/Cleaning	10000	8450	10000	10950	10000
Town Reports	2000	2096	2000	2485	2500
Total Town Office	86129	66199	80425	56922	69825
Total General Gov't Expenses	325434	289820	294806	242345	263839
TRANSFER STATION					
Waste Transfer Salaries	5500	5700	5500	5665	5700
Gas for Compactor		99	100	236	300
Repairs & Maint.	5000	2605	2000	0	2000
compactor purchase and installation		-25		0	
Contracted Services	1700	1424	1700	1526	1700
Recycling: Cont. Services	2000	1752	3000	1950	2500
Trash Removal	30000	28168	29500	31440	32000
Supplies	200	263	200	355	400
Heating Fuel		221	300	290	350
Total Transfer Station	44400	40207	42300	41461	44950
FIRE & SAFETY EXPENSES					
Fire Dept. Salaries	500	500	500	500	500
Fire Warden: Salaries	150	150	150	150	
Dues & Fees	400	1004	400	427	500
Fire Dept. Mileage	200	61	200		200
Supplies	600	520	600	24	500
Gas	500	432	500	543	600
Medical Supplies/equip	700	227	700	445	500
Hepatitis B Shots	200	228	200	0	200
Fire Equipment	6000	6423	6000	6113	6000
Hydrant	1000	0	1000	0	1000
Fire Warden Repairs & Mai	200	0	200	0	200
Law Enforcement	10000	12621	10000	4845	6000
Contr. To Fire Cap. Equip	0	0	0	0	0
Contr. To Fire Warden Cap.	0	0	0		0
Fire Sta. Note: Princ.	18333	18333	18333	36668	0
Fire Sta. Note: Interest	3000	2348	3000	4108	0
Fire Truck Lease	26801	26801	26801	26800	0
Fire Dept. Training	1000	180	1000	566	1000
24-hour Contract	2952	3225	2952	3225	3300
Repairs & Maint. Equip.	7500	3643	7500	3832	7500
Repairs & Maint. Bldg.	3500	2644	3500	5737	3500
Total Fire & Safety Office	83536	79338	83536	93983	31500
TOTAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES	453370	409366	420642	377789	340289
ROADS					
PAYROLL					
Road Dept. Salaries	99000	114822	112000	135653	145000
Road Dept. FICA/medical	7000	8309	8000	9834	10000
Road Crew Unemployment		0		0	
Road Crew Worker's Comp		0		0	
Roads Dept. Health Ins.	45463	48933	27500	18018	23000
HSA Contribution				4000	2000
Total Roads Payroll	151463	172065	147500	167506	180000
ROAD EXPENSES					
VMHA Dues	10	10	10	10	10
Gas, Oil, Diesel	40000	49656	53000	25446	35000
Tires	4750	5014	4750	4428	4750
Radios	1000	711	1000	1096	1000
Town Truck Payments	38000	37504	38000	50358	41212
Contrbtn to Road Cap Equip Reserve	2000	20000	2000	2000	20000
Contrbtn to Retreatment Reserve	20000	2000	20000	20000	20000
Contrbtn to Bridge Reserve	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000

Account	Budget FY 2008	Actual FY 2008	Budget FY 2009	Actual FY 2009	Budget FY 2010
Total Road Expenses	107760	116895	120760	105338	123972
TOWN GARAGE					
Mileage	0	0	0	0	0
Equip:repairs/supplies	30000	49577	43000	35356	43000
Other Benefits	4500	3428	3500	6050	5500
Office Supplies		194	100	307	100
Training	500	145	300	265	300
Tools		432	500	2372	2000
Bldg: Repairs & Maint.	10000	5464	6000	3092	6000
Total Town Garage	45000	59240	53400	47442	56900
ROAD MAINTENANCE					
Contracted Services	22000	80180	12000	17645	12000
Contracted- Rdside mowing	5000	4982	5000	5430	5000
Equipment Rental	1500	-29	500		500
Culverts	5000	5577	5000	2616	5000
Dust Control	17500	12171	13000	12015	13000
Gravel, Crushed Stone	42000	120901	42000	56393	42000
Salt	24000	21871	24000	20809	24000
Winter Sand	24000	38606	35000	24464	30000
Supplies		2766	2000		0
Signs	2000	1026	2000	2342	2000
Guard Rails	7500	7261	5000		5000
Total Road Maintenance	150500	295312	145500	141714	138500
Total Roads	454723	643511	467160	462000	499372
OVERALL TOTALS					
General Expenses	453370	409366	420642	377789	340289
Road Expenses	454723	643511	467160	462000	499372
Total Expenses	908093	1052877	887802	839789	839661
APPROPRIATIONS					
Adult Basic Ed/NEK Learn	200		250		
Area Agency On Aging	600		660		
Cabot Ambulance	500		500		
Cal. Home Health & Hospice	2000		2000		
Danville Rescue	5000		5000		
Fairbanks Museum	380		650		
Nek Human Services	698		698		
Nek Youth Services	500		500		
Peacham Fire District 1	1500		1500		
Peacham Library	5000		5500		
RCT			250		
Umbrella	500		500		
Catamount Arts	500		500		
Danville Senior Action CENTER	400		300		
West Danville Community Club (beach)	500		500		
VT. Assn. For The Blind	500		500		
Total Appropriations	18778		19808	0	0
SUMMARY	Budget FY 2008		Budget FY 2009		Budget FY 2010
General Expenses	453370		420642		340289
General Revenue (see full revenue sheet for details)	111350		76350		58150
State Revenue (see full revenue sheet for details)	90200		83200		93800
General Expenses to be Raised by Taxes	251820		261092		188339
Road Expenses	454723		467160		499372
Road Capital Equipment Fund for Truck Lease	25000		25000		0
Road Revenue (see full revenue sheet for details)	117500		114000		104000
Road Revenue Carry Over					
Road Expenses to be Raised by Taxes	312223		328160		395372
Total Taxes to be Raised	564043		589252		583711

Account	Actual FY 2009	Budget FY 2010
CEMETERY REVENUE		
Cemetery Plots	800	1000
Corner Markers	75	
Davis Lease	100	100
Town Appropriation	6000	6000
Endowment Revenue		
Grant Revenue		
Misc. Revenue	2600	2600
Interest on Investments	660	350
Dividends	4499	4500
Public Donations		
TOTAL CEMETERY REVENUE	14734	14550
CEMETERY EXPENSES		
Salaries	1795	2500
Fica/medi	138	200
Insurance		0
Mileage	72	100
Supplies	988	1000
Fuel	124	150
Repairs	850	300
Contracted Services	3300	2000
Cemetery Improvements	1400	5570
Misc. Expense	78	80
Trees		1800
Tractor		3500
Shed		2000
Roadway		800
TOTAL CEMETERY EXPENSES	8745	20000
TOTAL CEMETERY REVENUE	14734	14550
Increase/Decrease of Fund Balance	5989	-5450

INVENTORY OF REAL ESTATE 12/31/2009

Description	Value	Parcel ID
Fire House, Roller Barn, Village Green	\$ 217,500.00	04201-000
Town Forest	\$ 140,900.00	03110-000
Garage and Salt Shed	\$ 145,900.00	00204-001
Town Hall	\$ 360,700.00	00145-003
Transfer Station	\$ 48,700.00	00204-000
Cemetery	\$ 152,200.00	00603-005
Luther Fletcher Parker Field	\$ 46,900.00	00146-001
3.3 acres behind Peacham Historical House (from VLT)	\$ 74,200.00	00603-003
Old Cemetery	\$ 31,300.00	04305-005
Worcester Cemetery	\$ 24,400.00	05201-005
Town Line Cemetery (Peacham/Groton)	\$ 11,700.00	05904-005
Total	\$ 1,254,400.00	

INVENTORY OF PEACHAM EQUIPMENT (VALUE ON 12/31/2009)		Purchase year	Lifespan (years)	% used	Cost to replace	Annual reserve	Suggested reserve to date
Highway							
2007 International truck with plow and wing		2007	10	30%	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
2006 Ford Ranger pickup	\$ 17,000.00	2006	10	40%	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 10,000.00
2003 International truck with plow and wing	\$ 87,500.00	2003	7	100%	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 20,714.29	\$ 145,000.00
2003 International truck with plow and wing	\$ 87,500.00	2003	7	100%	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 20,714.29	\$ 145,000.00
1995 International truck with plow and wing	\$ 12,000.00	1995	10	150%	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 210,000.00
1992 John Deere backhoe	\$ 24,000.00	1992	20	90%	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 72,000.00
1998 John Deere 544H loader	\$ 75,000.00	1998	15	80%	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 6,666.67	\$ 80,000.00
1977 Ford tanker	\$ 2,500.00	1977	35	94%	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 571.43	\$ 18,857.14
York rake	\$ 1,500.00	1960	55	91%	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 218.18	\$ 10,909.09
1985 Caterpillar grader with wing	\$ 76,000.00	1985	25	100%	\$ 375,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 375,000.00
Culvert thawing rig, with trailer	\$ 1,500.00	1998	12	100%	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 416.67	\$ 5,000.00
Chloride tank (750 gallon)	\$ 750.00	1998	10	120%	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 1,440.00
Chloride tank (2500 gallon)	\$ 2,200.00	2000	15	67%	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,000.00
1999 Vermeer brush chipper	\$ 7,500.00	1999	15	73%	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 8,800.00
6000 gallon diesel fuel tank and pump	\$ 7,000.00	1993		0%		\$ -	\$ -
2008 Titan 8000 generator	\$ 2,500.00	2008					
2008 Honda water pump	\$ 1,500.00	2008					
Lincoln welder	\$ 800.00	1988					
AgriMetal bale chopper	\$ 3,500.00	2004	10	60%	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 4,500.00
Totals						\$ 101,671.52	\$ 1,133,506.23
Office							
Copier		2007	8	38%	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 1,650.00
Server PC		2005	5	100%	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 3,000.00
Desktop PC		2004	5	120%	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 1,440.00
Laptop PC		2005	5	100%	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,500.00
Printer		2005	3	167%	\$ 300.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00
Totals						\$ 1,790.00	\$ 8,090.00
Lister							
Desktop PC		2008	5	40%	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 480.00
Laptop PC		2004	5	120%	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,800.00
Printer		2005	3	167%	\$ 300.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00
Totals						\$ 640.00	\$ 2,780.00

Employee Compensation										
Employee	Gross Wages	FICA	Medi	Health ins.	Unemployment	Worker's Comp	Shoes	Uniforms	Eyes	Grand Total
Bell, Ronald	\$ 7,435.14	\$ 460.99	\$ 107.82	\$ 1,270.90					\$ 44.79	\$ 9,319.64
Berwick, Jeff	\$ 500.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 7.25							\$ 538.25
Blair, Richard	\$ 5,689.88	\$ 352.82	\$ 82.53							\$ 6,125.23
Browne, Richard	\$ 500.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 7.25							\$ 538.25
Buick, Homer	\$ 35,683.20	\$ 2,150.61	\$ 503.03	\$ 8,484.58					\$ 179.16	\$ 47,000.58
Carpilio, Deborah	\$ 500.00	\$ 49.09	\$ 11.48							\$ 560.57
Chase, Mark	\$ 46,335.00	\$ 2,872.77	\$ 671.93				\$ 100.00		\$ 288.72	\$ 50,268.42
Cochran, Andy	\$ 500.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 7.25							\$ 538.25
Cochran, Robert	\$ 33,099.00	\$ 2,048.14	\$ 479.05	\$ 7,213.68			\$ 174.95		\$ 67.23	\$ 43,082.05
Eastman, Jan	\$ 500.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 7.25							\$ 538.25
Fickes, Stanley	\$ 22,572.14	\$ 1,399.49	\$ 327.28							\$ 24,298.91
Guertin, Jo	\$ 500.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 7.25							\$ 538.25
Hansen, W. Robert	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 36.24							\$ 2,691.24
Jensen, Rebecca	\$ 15,291.75	\$ 948.10	\$ 221.74							\$ 16,461.59
Kempton, Julie	\$ 10,783.25	\$ 668.57	\$ 156.37							\$ 11,608.19
Lafferty, E. Bruce	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 2,014.99	\$ 471.36							\$ 34,986.35
Lamphere, Jeffery	\$ 60.00	\$ 3.72	\$ 0.87							\$ 64.59
McDonnell, Sharon	\$ 50.00	\$ 3.10	\$ 0.73							\$ 53.83
McKay, Timothy	\$ 500.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 7.25							\$ 538.25
Monteith, Neil	\$ 150.00	\$ 9.30	\$ 2.18							\$ 161.48
Sheehan, John	\$ 9,224.29	\$ 571.92	\$ 133.76							\$ 9,929.97
Stevenson, Cheryl	\$ 1,795.50	\$ 111.32	\$ 26.03							\$ 1,932.85
Szendrey, Kirsten	\$ 8,212.50	\$ 509.17	\$ 119.09							\$ 8,840.76
Tillotson, Michael	\$ 13,016.00	\$ 806.99	\$ 188.74				\$ 100.00			\$ 14,111.73
Total	\$ 247,897.65	\$ 15,322.09	\$ 3,583.73	\$ 16,969.16	\$ 1,896.00	\$ 6,632.00	\$ 274.95	\$ 5,057.99	\$ 579.90	\$ 298,213.47

2010 SELECTBOARD REPORT

This year was a challenging budget year. Due to the terrific work of the Auditors and Treasurer in 2008, Peacham reallocated our accumulated surplus last year. This meant that we no longer had a cushion in our accounts and had to watch every penny more carefully than ever. As a result, we worked with the Road Foreman to find new, less expensive sources of sand and gravel. After working through the winter and spring with a three member road crew, we did a careful cost analysis and determined that the budget would allow a four member road crew which would serve the town better and would be cost effective due to the reduction in overtime and the elimination of summer part-time employees. So in July we hired Mike Tillotson as the fourth member of the crew. In May, the 1995 International truck finally reached the end of its effective life. Again, a careful cost analysis led us to purchase a ten-wheel Mack truck. Though the initial cost was higher, the long term operating expense, the ability to truck materials more efficiently, and the resale value of the ten-wheel truck will prove cost efficient. The many compliments the Selectboard has received on the condition of the roads is a testament to the job the crew is doing.

The most controversial event of this year was the completion of the town-wide reappraisal. The Listers worked diligently to fairly reappraise all 660 properties in town and the State of Vermont has accepted the results of the reappraisal as logical and fair. As a result of the reappraisal, the Board of Civil Authority dealt with appeals of the new appraisal on 28 properties. Three of those appeals were further appealed to the Environmental Court, causing the Town to incur legal fees. As of February 1, 2010 those appeals are still ongoing. Additionally, the Town has incurred significant legal costs defending the decision of the Zoning Board of Adjustment regarding the Astronomy Foundation case. The increase in legal expenses in this year's budget reflects the cost of these appeals.

In November, the selectboard contracted with Will Fitzpatrick to perform an energy audit of the Town Hall. To no one's surprise, he discovered many areas where cold air infiltrates the walls and some areas where there is little or no insulation. We have applied for a grant to get these areas weatherized. We should be able to reduce the energy costs to the Town while providing a better working environment for the Town Office and Post Office. Planning continues toward the renovation of the Town Office and there is an article on this year's warning to add to the Capital Building Fund.

The selectboard this year appointed a committee to refine, budget, and propose implementation for the long-term plan for our cemetery. Future development and maintenance of the cemetery will need to be well planned to continue its beauty and integrity. These committee members are volunteers, as are so many others who make the town function. To those who volunteer their time the entire Town expresses their gratitude.

Dick Browne

Tim McKay

Andy Cochran

Economic Committee and Peacham Collaborative Group

Three years ago the Board of Selectman established an Economic Committee to produce a catalog of possible sources of external funding to help the Town receive technical and financial assistance as it planned for the future of Town buildings. In turn, the Committee and Board considered what the town's space needs were likely to be so as to know what type of funds might be required. This, in turn, led to the initiation of the Collaborative Group, an entirely volunteer cooperative movement in town, to bring all the principal organizations in town together on a monthly basis to consider ways to meet the future space needs of all these groups in cost-effective and cooperative ways.

Leveraging local funds, whether they are public or private, is essential for Peacham, given its small population and tax base. Sharing space wherever feasible and compatible is also practical. Consideration of new space that is energy efficient, convenient for residents, and constructed according to modern standards is also being considered. And while the Group has developed a general scenario for achieving these goals, it is principally a venue for idea sharing in open discussion. The Group welcomes anyone to join its monthly early Saturday morning meetings at the library and often invites outside groups who could potentially help Peacham one way or another to speak and offer helpful perspectives.

The challenges taken on by the Group have included determining the best future use(s) of the Town Hall, considering ways to integrate senior housing with other uses in the village, and finding ways to meet the space needs of the town's non-profit groups. The Group is actively considering the possibility of a new community center that could provide space for a new gymnasium, town meetings, performance space, a social gathering place, or perhaps even offices. The Group is open to hearing how other towns have addressed their space needs so that their lessons learned can benefit Peacham.

Regular participants in the Group include Peacham Community Housing, Peacham Historical Association, the Prudential Committee, the Selectboard, the Planning Commission, the Peacham Elementary School, the Library, the Conservation Commission, plus others on a less regular basis. Contact any of these organizations or the Selectboard for more information.

PEACHAM LISTERS' REPORT 2009

The town-wide reappraisal was completed and the 2009 Grand List was submitted to the State and approved. We have answered many questions that have come up as a result of the reappraisal and are now looking ahead to preparing the 2010 Grand List. Any properties that change ownership or have current building permits will be re-inspected prior to April 1st so that any changes will be reflected in the 2010 values.

The office saw some changes in 2009. Two of the Listers, Becky Jensen and Kirsten Szendrey, resigned. As the most experienced Lister on the board, Becky had planned to stay on to see us through the reappraisal process, but has now moved on to pursue other endeavors. Her expertise and years of experience will be greatly missed. Kirsten's family was relocated when the St. Johnsbury Lydall plant closed, and though she was new to town and only a Lister for a short time, Kirsten's contribution to the reappraisal was significant and we thank her for all the hard work. Julie Kempton remained and has provided the consistency needed to keep the office running smoothly. Deb Carpilio was appointed by the Select Board to fill in until the next Town Meeting elections, and we are looking for a third Lister to complete the Board.

The Listers' Office is open Monday and Thursday mornings from 9:00AM – Noon or by appointment.

Deb Carpilio

Julie Kempton

Peacham Fire Department

Annual Report 2009

The Peacham Fire Department responded to a total of 61 emergency responses in 2009. The breakdown of responses includes: 16 in town fire calls and fire related emergencies, 37 in-town medical emergencies, and 8 out of town mutual aid calls.

Congratulations to Mike Walsh for completing the EMT-I level of medical training in 2009. We want to thank Rodney Reis who retired from the fire department in 2009 for the many years of dedicated service. He brought many new ideas, training and insight to the department's depth of service in emergency situations.

We did improve our firefighting equipment this year with the purchase of a Honda portable 1000W generator with 1000 watt light. This will enhance our ability to provide lighting in areas that can be dangerous for emergency workers. Other items include replacement hose, handlights, class A foam and most importantly rope and safety belts for self extrication if a firefighter must bail out of a building.

The main focus of the up coming year is recruitment of new members. We especially need firefighters that may be available during the daytime hours. As fire departments are called for more and more non-emergency situations and true emergencies we need the manpower to fulfill these needs. Yes, this can be a demanding job at times however it can be one of the most rewarding. The Peacham Fire Department is willing to work with anyone to bring the skills and knowledge they may possess and put it use.

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.

Thank you for your support.

Jeffrey Berwick, Chief

PEACHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS 2009

Beginning Balance 1/1/2009	\$4,824.69
INCOME	
Interest	\$10.28
Donation-Fire	\$10,540.00
Donations-Medical	\$235.00
Reimbursements	\$485.91
Postcards	\$8.66
TOTAL	\$11,279.85
EXPENSES	
Office Supplies	\$221.10
Maintenance	\$200.91
Training	\$604.15
Beverages/Refreshments	\$62.60
Equipment	\$852.45
Donation	\$3,065.00
Medical	
Equipment/Supplies	\$3,907.96
TOTAL	\$8,914.17
Ending Balance 12/31/2009	\$7,190.37

Fire Warden Report 2009

In 2009, 47 burn permits were issued. There were no wild land fires reported in Peacham during 2009. I did respond with the fire department to a logging equipment fire in the woods off of the Young Farm Road near the Peacham/Cabot town line.

In 2009 there were 95 wild land fires burning 164 acres reported to the State of Vermont. There was one lightning caused fire. The remaining fires were human caused. Please be careful when burning.

A burn permit is required by state statute to burn natural wood and brush unless there is snow on the ground at the site of the burn. This may or may not require someone to inspect the site before issuing a permit. You MAY burn construction or demolition debris but you will need to request an air pollution permit from the Air Pollution Division of the Agency of Natural Resources. Please plan ahead as it will take time to request this permit. The phone number is 802-241-3840. This is wood only and you cannot burn, plywood, treated wood, painted wood, and other hazardous materials mixed with the debris.

To request a burn permit please call me or Richard Greenwood. Our phone numbers are listed below and will be posted around town. Please do not call the Fire Chief. He will only give you our phone numbers to request a burn permit. Please plan ahead. We may not always be available when you would like to burn.

If you have any questions, please call one of us.

To report any type of fire, call 911.

Neil Monteith, Fire Warden, 684-2165.
Key Personnel, Richard Greenwood, 684-3170.

Medical Response Report for the Year 2009

In the year 2009, Peacham Volunteer Fire Department responded to 38 medical calls, this included 2 motor vehicle collisions with injuries and 1 out of town, medical mutual aid call. Our medically trained personnel also provided services at fires in Peacham and at mutual aid fire calls.

When you call 911 for a medical emergency, medically trained members of the Peacham Fire Department arrive to your location within a few minutes. It is our role to deal with any life threatening emergencies immediately and assist Danville Rescue as they arrive to transport the patient to the hospital. We DO NOT operate an ambulance, that task is carried on by Danville Rescue. 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 continue to 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.

“Rescue 1” was put in service in late June of 2008 and has been used on every medical call and all in-town fire calls since then. Rescue 1 carries all of our medical equipment, ice rescue and rope rescue equipment, traffic control equipment and more of the specialized equipment than we were able to carry on the old vehicle. Thank you again for a “new” and much safer and more useful rescue vehicle.

This year, through your individual generosity we were able to purchase a new “Stair Chair” which will allow us to transfer patients up and down stairs in a safer manner. Thank you for your continued donations.

This year we are fortunate to have six members trained as EMS medical first responders. Mike Walsh has been certified as an advanced EMT (EMT-I03). 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.

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 need your help, please volunteer, you can help in many ways. 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 2009

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 Emergency Management Coordinator, Fire Chief, Chair of the Selectboard, Town Clerk, Road Foreman and the Chair of the Listers. 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 we faced a challenge with the H1N1 virus. We worked to insure that all members of the Fire Department who routinely have patient contact got vaccination as well as fitting for N-95 masks. Vaccination clinics were held in Peacham as well as the adjacent towns of Barnet and Danville. Vaccine is readily available and all members of the community are urged to get vaccinated against the virus, both for their own protection and for the protection of their family members. So far we have been spared severe community disruption by the virus, but we have been warned that there will probably be at least one other "wave" of the virus before the end of April, which is the traditional end of the flu season for normal seasonal virus.

As residents of Peacham, you should be prepared to be self sufficient for the first 72 hours of a disastrous 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".

Thank you for your preparedness.

Mark Fitzhugh
Emergency Management Coordinator
Town of Peacham

Cemetery Report - 2009

This year found the cemetery going through some changes with the formation of the Peacham Cemetery Preservation Committee. The 5 member, 1 associate member board is charged with establishing goals and budgetary priorities. The board feels obligated in preserving the natural beauty of the cemetery. Some of the upcoming projects include repairing the shed floor and establishing an exit drive for funerals.

Last winter was hard on the trees of the cemetery. Numerous limbs and branches were cleaned up by some local volunteers, and we had one take down and trimming as well. Care of our trees will be an ongoing expense.

The work of Laura Johnson and Allen Thresher Sr. came to an end with the placement of the Veteran's monument this summer. A dedication will take place on Memorial Day.

A number of volunteers have been helping the cemetery. One repaired the floor of the building to get through the winter. Another has been cleaning up brush and limbs as needed. Yet another has been replacing fence posts at the cemetery at County Road. Many thanks to all of you!

By-laws and applications are available by calling Cheryl Stevenson at 592-3202.

Burials can be arranged by calling Ron Craig at 592-3508.

Cheryl Stevenson
Sexton

Treasurer's Cemetery Report 2009

First let me note that the Cemetery Sextons, Cheryl Stevenson and Ron Craig continue to do excellent jobs of maintaining the Town's Cemeteries. Their day to day administrative and maintenance duties make the town treasurer's job easier and the town's cemeteries attractive. I want to thank them for their diligence and dedication.

Financially the cemetery's funds for maintenance are generated by 2 main sources; the dividends received from the Restricted Investment Funds invested at Wells Fargo Advisors, and the funds allocated by the tax payers in the yearly budget. We continue to retain two Certificates of Deposit at the Passumpsic Savings Bank which are also operating accounts and generate interest.

Finally, there were three plots purchased this year.

1. Jeffrey Berwick	\$400.00
2. Dr. Henry & Mary Schmidek	\$400.00
3. Lawrence Smith	\$1,000.00

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Lafferty, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Application for Purchase of a Lot in Peacham Cemetery

ELIGIBILITY AND CHARGES FOR INTERMENT IN PEACHAM HILL CEMETERY

I. Persons who may purchase grave sites:

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

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

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

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

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

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

II. Persons who may be interred:

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

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

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

The following Zoning Applications were received for the calendar year of 2009:

Total applications:	21	
Building Permit applications:	15	(one denial)
Subdivision referrals to ZBA:	5	(3 granted) (1 withdrawn) (1 in process)
Variance referral to ZBA:	1	(granted)

Submitted by Bob Hansen
Zoning Administrator

**Peacham Fire District No. 1
Prudential Committee
Annual Report, Jan-Dec 2009**

The Annual Meeting was held in the Peacham Library, February 10, 2009, at 7:00 P.M. The proposed budget was approved, and water rent was maintained at \$380.00 per year. The Village tax rate was voted at 8% of the 2008 Grand List. In the elections, the position of Secretary was left vacant; Diana Senturia was re-elected for a 1-year term as treasurer; Phoebe Cobb was re-elected for a 1-year term as examiner; and Jerry Senturia was re-elected for a 3-year term as a voting member of the Prudential Committee.

The Fire District is in sound financial condition.

The annual village picnic was held in August at the Peacham Elementary School playground.

We wish to thank the Peacham Town Road Crew, which has plowed snow to provide access to the reservoir and control shed during the winter months. They have also helped us during the severe rain storms this past summer. The voters of the Town of Peacham are also due our thanks for their appropriation which has helped us stay in sound financial condition. We also thank the Peacham Library for providing time and space for our annual and monthly meetings.

We submitted a request for state and federal funds for infrastructure replacement and improvement. It was not funded. We have determined it is more economical for us to attempt to replace our infrastructure incrementally out of operating funds.

We received funding from the State of Vermont to perform an engineering assessment of wastewater treatment for Peacham Village. This funding is without cost to the members of Peacham Fire District #1. The project, conducted by Stone Environmental, Inc., was largely completed by the end of 2009.

Finally, a reminder that prompt payment of your Water Rent and Village Tax bills has helped us avoid borrowing funds to cover our loan payments, due Feb. 25 & Aug 25, 2010, and operating expenses.

From the Water Operator's point of view, 2009 was a relatively quiet year!

- We delivered clean, safe water to the Village with few interruptions – the longest being the few hours the system was shut down for a scheduled line maintenance to satisfy State requirements.
- We passed all monthly bacteriological tests and all but one water quality tests required by the State; two out of five test houses yielded copper levels above the acceptable threshold, the result of interaction between our water and the houses' plumbing systems. We are working with the Water Supply Division to evaluate the cause of this interaction and identify methods to reduce it.
- Our monitoring and control equipment at the Control Shed continues to perform very well.
- We produced 3,335,865 gallons of water, which averages over the year to 9,133 gallons per day or 6.34 gallons per minute for the whole village. Our usage was 15% lower than 2008. For each of our 57 water connections, that averages to 58,524 gallons per year or about 160 gallons per day.
- Larry & Gib both passed the Vermont Water Operator exam and Larry has been reappointed Water Operator for the Fire District; we are awaiting State recognition & approval. Many thanks to Cheryl Stevenson, Water Operator for Peacham Elementary School, for stepping up to be our Water Operator during the interim.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted by the Prudential Committee,

Jerry Senturia

Larry Jensen

Gib Parrish

Peacham Library 2009 Report

“Libraries are not made; they grow.”

- Augustine Birrell (1850 – 1933)

Peacham Library will celebrate its bicentennial in 2010. From our humble beginnings as a subscription library, we have grown to a community gathering place offering free services to all.

Today Peacham Library offers

- books, magazines, movies, and audio books for checkout – over 4650 went out this year.
- downloadable audio books – over 2500 for your listening pleasure.
- Inter-library loan – if we don’t have it in house, we’ll find it somewhere else, all you have to do is ask.
- an online catalogue of our collection – use any computer to easily check if we have what you want in our collection of over 9000 items.
- programs for all – with lectures, story times, coffee hour, and movies – we offer over 100 a year!
- meeting space – over 15 community groups used the library for their meetings and programs last year.
- four public computer stations and free 24/7 wireless – it’s easy to stay connected.
- helpful staff – they are trained to answer all sorts of questions from “Where is...?” to “Do you know...?” to “Did ... live in Peacham?” and beyond.
- an ever-changing gallery display – a local space to exhibit the work of Peacham’s many talented artists.
- two travelling frogs – from Oregon to Botswana, from Cambodia to Peacham, they get around.
- a place to meet your friends and neighbors – over 7500 people visited this year.



The growth of the library has been made possible through the generosity of the Peacham community. You make donations, volunteer your time, vote appropriations, and visit and use the Library on a regular basis. We thank you for all you do to help us bring the Library and its resources to you as we continue to grow. Please join us during the summer of 2010 as we celebrate our Bicentennial. Watch the bulletin boards for details.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Jensen and Cheryl Sauter, Co-Directors

Trails Committee Report

In May 2008, the Town of Peacham was awarded a grant of \$16,298 from the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation to improve and extend the informal network of recreational trails in Peacham. The Select Board appointed the Trails Committee to carry out the project for the Peacham Pathways system, which is a combination of existing footpaths and new trails. Specifically the grant together with extensive involvement of volunteers provided the funds for linking a series of footpaths in Peacham Corner. The grant also supported the contract with the NorthWoods Stewardship Center to establish hiking trails in the Town Forest and from Foster's Pond to Green Bay Loop with connections to the trails in the Groton State Forest.

In Peacham Corner, a network of walking paths around the village was developed. Volunteers cleared the site around the Roller Barn that will serve as the trailhead. The paths are signed with the Peacham Pathways logo and offer benches at some of the beautiful overlooks. Brochures describing the route will be available in the spring at the newly constructed kiosks at the Roller Barn and at the Town Hall.

The Town Forest Loop also starts at the Roller Barn and offers options for hikes to the Town Forest, where a new hiking trail leads to the ledges on Cow Hill. A woodland trail leads from the Town Forest to Mack's Mountain Road. The Kingdom Corps crew of teenagers from the NorthWoods Stewardship Center constructed and marked the new trails with blue blazes. Trail maps will be available at the Roller Barn and the kiosk in the Town Forest. The Kingdom Corps crew also cleared the old Foster Pond legal trail. It starts from the Foster Pond Fishing Access parking lot and connects to Green Bay Loop where road walks lead to trails in the Groton State Forest.

In December 2009, the Trails Committee completed work on this project to encourage citizens to get out and walk, bike, ski, or snowshoe around town. The Conservation Commission will now take over the maintenance and promotion of trails in town. The Conservation Commission encourages everyone to get out and make use of these paths.

Committee Members:

Dave Edwards (resigned Oct. 2009) and Jutta R. Scott, co-chairs

Sharon McDonnell

Neil Monteith

Alexandra Rossi (appointed Oct.2009)

Select Board Liaison: Gary Swenson (May 2008-March 2009)

Tim McKay (March 2009- December 2009)

PEACHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In 2009, the Conservation Commission saw three new projects come its way. After brush trimming and mulch removal at the Roller Barn area took place, the members of the Commission voted to pledge \$2,000 of our funds to continue the rehabilitation of the site with an eye to making this a very desirable area for public use. The westward view from the site is gorgeous. With the completion of the Trails Grant Project the Cons. Comm. will now oversee and maintain the trails system having the Roller Barn area as the designated Trailhead for the pathway system. The Roller Barn is directly behind the new Veterans Memorial and is connected to the cemetery and the green in front of the Firehouse by walking trails. The Conservation Commission will be working with the Planning Commission in the formation of the new Town Plan. We also welcome our newest member, Alex Maclean, who formerly helped the Trails Committee. As always, we will keep watch for invasive plants and insects and ask for public vigilance.

Ron Miller David Magnus George Kempton Neil Monteith
Alex Maclean Anna Rubin—Secretary David Stauffer---Chair-592-3076

Green Up Day

This year marks the 40th anniversary of Green Up Day. While we don't expect the Governor to close I-89 for cleanup as Governor Deane Davis did in 1970, we do anticipate that there will be a plentiful supply of roadside trash, giving all of us an opportunity to participate in this unique Vermont holiday.

Here is the basic information on Green Up Day:

When: Always the first Saturday in May. This year, Green Up coincides with May Day, **Saturday May 1, 2010** from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Sign-up: A town map and sign-up sheet will be posted in the foyer outside the Post Office about two weeks prior to Green Up Day, OR you can simply show up at the Elementary School anytime after 8:30 a.m. on Green Up morning to sign up. A phone call to one of the numbers below also works. It helps in planning if people let us know ahead of time what road(s) they are covering, but spontaneous last-minute participation is never discouraged!

Bags: An advance supply of Green Up bags will be available alongside the sign-up sheet in the Post Office, at the Transfer Station or at the school on Green Up Day. Filled bags can be left at the school or disposed of without charge at the Transfer Station on Green Up Day.

Who should participate? Basically, everyone. Remember safety. Parents should be vigilant watching children. Wear gloves and sturdy shoes or boots. Dress for the weather. We have some reflective safety vests to lend.

Further information: Call Jo Anne Post (592-3221) or Dave Stauffer (592-3076) with questions.

Please join us even if you can only spend part of the morning. At 12 noon there will be a **free cookout lunch** at the Elementary School. Thanks for your help!

GREEN UP VERMONT
P.O. Box 1191
Montpelier, Vermont 05601-1191
(802)229-4586, or 1-800-974-3259
greenup@greenupvermont.org
www.greenupvermont.org

Annual report information

Green Up Day, May 2, 2009

"A strong sense of community spirit" is how Green Up Day 2009 was described by many participants. Many towns reported record turn-outs, and numerous volunteers reported less trash than in previous years.

Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization working to enhance our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising awareness about the benefits of a litter free environment. The success of Green Up for Vermont depends upon two essential ingredients. One is the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups who volunteer to make it all possible; and two, the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont.

With your town's help, we can continue our unique annual Vermont tradition of taking care of our beautiful landscape and promoting civic pride so our children grow up with Green Up. Children are our future, and Green Up Vermont focuses on education for grades K-12 with activities such as a curriculum for K-4, activity booklets, a story and drawing booklet, and the annual poster and writing contests. Please visit www.greenupvermont.org to learn more.

Careful use of resources minimizes Green Up's costs. The State appropriates funds that cover about 12 percent of our budget. Last year, appropriations from cities and towns covered 14 percent of our budget, so we rely on your help to keep Green Up Day going. These funds pay for supplies including over 46,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and services of two part-time employees. We ask your community to contribute, according to population, to keep Green Up growing for Vermont!

www.greenupvermont.org
greenup@greenupvermont.org

Mark your calendars May 1, 2010, the first Saturday in May, when "Green Up Day" celebrates its 40th Anniversary! Put on your boots, get together with your family, invite some friends and come join us in your community to make Vermont even more GREEN!

Peacham Community Housing

2009 was a busy and challenging year for Peacham Community Housing. The PCH's Board of Directors had four major activities: (1) concern for the condition and future of Kennerson and the Science Building, the two structures in the village that have housed senior residents for several years; (2) preparation of a plan for a store/café in its property consisting of the craft guild shop, the offices of the Peacham Historical Association (upstairs from the craft guild), and the old bus barn (once the site of a cooperative store itself); (3) initiation of a farmers market in Peacham at the same site; and (4) enthusiastic participation in the Collaborators Group that engages volunteer representatives from various town organizations in cooperative planning for the next ten years.

Central to PCH's mission is the provision of safe, comfortable and affordable housing for seniors. For many years PCH has worked as partner with Housing Vermont (HV) to assure such housing; but HV has, in practice, been the principal partner in the long-term management of the ten units in the two buildings. HV, however, has expressed its desire to withdraw from its participation in Peacham and has announced its decision (a) to close the Science Building in mid-2010 because of structural problems and (b) to assist its four residents in relocating to alternative housing in Peacham or elsewhere.

This combination of events places a heavy burden on PCH to determine how best to respond to this challenge. The board has worked with HV and Gilman Housing Trust, the latter being under contract to HV to provide day-to-day management services for the buildings and residents, to develop a strategy for whatever transition seems most viable. To help in this effort, the Town has applied to the Vermont Community Development Program for a planning grant that, if provided, could assist PCH in designing an overall strategy. And HV has applied for a state grant to assist in retrofitting Kennerson with a more efficient heating system.

PCH has embraced two other housing goals: consideration of a limited number of non-subsidized housing units for senior residents, perhaps in conjunction with replacement of the Science Building; and encouraging the provision of affordable housing for young families in Peacham.

The concept of a store/café for Peacham took a major step in 2009 with the preparation of an architect's plan for the craft guild-bus barn complex across from the library. Using a grant from the Vermont Community Foundation, PCH commissioned Patrick Kane of Hardwick to develop a plan for the complex. This plan has been completed and is a basis for improving this property for commercial and/or possibly residential use.

The new Peacham Farmers Market was held weekly on Thursday afternoon throughout the summer and fall of 2009, in part to draw attention to the store/cafe project and to provide a social gathering place for residents and visitors alike. Plans for the market in 2010 are underway.

Given these challenges, PCH has worked closely with other organizations in town (the Collaborative Group) to consider ways to find cost-effective, energy efficient space for the long-term future needs. Rehabilitation of existing buildings is a high priority, but construction of a new structure is not out of the question.

Finally, the PCH Board encourages residents to become involved in its activities. This is an exciting time, and provides an opportunity to help plan for and provide for the long-term future of residents in a diverse and vital community.

Submitted by the PCH Board,

Harry Barnes, President
Jean Dedam
Chris Dunlap
Barry Lawson
Diana Senturia
Dart Thalman

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 §4443, Title 24, VSA and Town of Peacham Zoning Regulations, Article 1, §103. The fee for a building permit application is \$30.00 plus a \$10.00 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 2009

149 dog licenses were issued.

Income: \$1,129.00
Expenses: \$452.00 – Fees to state
 \$74.18 – Dog tag cost

2010 Rates for Dog Licenses (before April 1st)

Neutered or spayed dog	\$4.00
State rabies control program	<u>3.00</u>
	7.00
 Unneutered or unspayed	 \$8.00
State rabies control program	<u>3.00</u>
	11.00

TOWN OF PEACHAM

DOGS AND WOLF HYBRIDS ORDINANCE 6/4/08

SECTION 1: AUTHORITY: This ordinance is adopted by the selectboard of the Town of Peacham under authority of 20 V.S.A. § 3549, 24 V.S.A. §§ 2291 (10) and 2291 (14 & 15), and 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59.

SECTION 2: PURPOSE: It is the purpose of this ordinance to regulate the keeping of dogs and wolf hybrids (hereafter dogs), to protect public health and safety and to protect the residents' quiet enjoyment of their homes and properties, and to promote responsible animal ownership.

SECTION 3: DEFINITIONS: For purposes of this ordinance, the following words and/or phrases shall apply:

- A. **"Dog"** means any member of the canine species;
- B. **"Wolf hybrid"** means:
 - 1. An animal that is the progeny of a dog and a wolf (*Canis lupus* or *Canis rufus*);
 - 2. An animal that is advertised or otherwise described or represented to be a wolf hybrid; or
 - 3. An animal that exhibits primary physical and/or behavioral wolf characteristics.
- C. **"Owner"** means any person who has actual or constructive possession of a dog. The term also includes those persons who provide food and shelter to a dog.

SECTION 4: DISTURBANCES AND NUISANCES:

- A. A dog shall be under the physical or voice control of the owner whenever off the owner's property.
- B. No dog shall harass or attack other animals or people unless such animals or people are trespassing on the private property of the owner of the dog.
- C. No person shall own, keep or harbor a dog that disturbs the quiet, comfort and repose of others by frequent, habitual or persistent barking or howling.
- D. No dog shall cause damage to personal property, harass pedestrians, bicyclists, or passersby, or obstruct traffic.
- E. No person shall permit a female dog in heat to be outside a building or secured enclosure unless properly leashed and in control of an adult.
- F. All dogs are prohibited from Peacham Elementary School property unless leashed and under the total control of the owner. All dog owners must clean up after their dogs on Peacham School property.

SECTION 6: COLLAR AND LICENSE:

- A. Each dog shall be licensed according to the laws of this state and shall wear a collar or harness with the current license attached. An animal that is visiting from out of state must wear a collar or harness with a current license from its home state attached.
- B. A dog that is found without a collar or harness and license may be immediately impounded under authority of 20 V.S.A. § 3806 and shall be managed under the provisions of that statute.

SECTION 7. HUMANE CARE OF DOGS. All dogs shall be furnished with clean and safe facilities sufficient to protect the animal and the public health. Any dog determined by the constable, police, animal control officer, or Selectboard to be without such clean and safe facilities may be impounded.

SECTION 8. ENFORCEMENT. This is a civil ordinance and shall be enforced the constable, police, animal control officer, or Selectboard in the Vermont Judicial Bureau in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §§ 1974a et seq.

SECTION 9. IMPOUNDMENT. Any dog that is determined by a the constable, police, animal control officer, or Selectboard to be a vicious dog which presents an imminent danger to people or other animals shall be immediately impounded.

SECTION 10. NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT AND RELEASE FROM IMPOUNDMENT.

- A. The constable, police, animal control officer, or Selectboard who impounds a dog shall give notice to the owner within 24 hours.
- B. Impounded animals shall be released to the owner only after payment of all penalties and impoundment fees.

SECTION 11. PENALTIES AND COSTS.

- A. First offense written warning
- B. Second offense \$50.00 full penalty/\$20.00 waiver penalty
- D. Subsequent offenses Impoundment & impoundment costs, plus \$200.00 full penalty/\$100.00 waiver penalty (*the waiver penalty applies when an alleged violator pays the fine without contesting the violation*).
- E. Impoundment costs shall be set annually by the selectboard.

SECTION 12. OTHER LAWS. This ordinance is in addition to all other Ordinances of the Town of Peacham and all applicable laws of the State of Vermont.

SECTION 13. SEVERABILITY. If any section of this ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this ordinance.

SECTION 14. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption by the Peacham selectboard. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. § 1973, that statute shall govern the taking effect of this ordinance.

Adoption History

- 1. Agenda item at regular selectboard meeting held on June 4, 2008
- 2. Read and approved at regular selectboard meeting on June 4, 2008 and entered in the minutes of that meeting which were approved on _____.
- 3. Posted in public places on _____.
- 4. Notice of adoption published in the _____ newspaper on _____ with a notice of the right to petition.
- 5. Other actions [petitions, etc.]

TOWN OF PEACHAM

Town Gym Use Policy

This Policy is the policy of the Selectboard of the Town of Peacham relating to the use of the Town of Peacham Gymnasium.

- I. Policy:** No person other than Town of Peacham employees or officials in connection with the performance of their duties, or persons participating in a Town sponsored recreational program may use the Town of Peacham Gymnasium ("Gym") other than in accordance with this Town of Peacham Policy.
- II. Permitted use:** The Selectboard will permit use of the Town Gymnasium under the following circumstances:
 - A. The Gym is offered for use "as is".
 - B. Residents or taxpayers of the Town of Peacham may use the Gym for non-commercial purposes without charge. For all other uses the Select Board may condition the use of the Gym on payment and other conditions (such as proof of insurance) as it may determine is appropriate
 - C. Persons, other than those described in A or B above, desiring to use the Gym shall have executed and delivered to the Town Clerk of the Town of Peacham the attached Agreement for use of the Peacham Gymnasium which shall have been approved and countersigned by the Town Clerk and shall comply with all the provisions of this Policy.
- III. Other Provisions:** The other provisions that apply to the use of the Town Gym are as follows:
 - A. Users of the Gym are responsible for cleaning the Gym following their use of the Gym
 - B. The keys to the Town Gym shall be maintained by the Town Clerk and provided to users only consistent with the terms of this Policy. In order to cover the cost of replacing loss of the keys that are not returned a security charge may be required by the Town Clerk. Upon the return of the keys and the Town Clerk's inspection of the Gym to see that it has been cleaned in accordance with this Policy the key deposit shall be returned to the user.

Adopted by the Select Board of the Town of Peacham at meeting held October 1, 2008

Bruce Lafferty, Town Clerk

Fees at the Transfer Station

Bag of Trash:	\$2.00 (stickers from Town Hall or pay at drop off)
Large Appliances	\$10.00
Furniture, mattress	\$5.00
Sofa	\$10.00
Tire	\$3.00
Pickup truck load	\$35.00

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 St, Lyndonville.

Computer system	\$10.00
Computer component	\$5.00
TV up to 19"	\$7.00
TV over 19"	\$12.00

The Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD) has recently added several items to the list of acceptable electronics. Effective immediately, the NEKWMD will be accepting the following items for recycling/reuse:

Boom Boxes	Clock Radios	Cable Converter Boxes
Scanners	DVD Players	Answering Machines
Fax Machines	VCRs	Video Game Systems
Cordless Phones	Receivers	Tape decks
Amplifiers	CD players	Equalizers

If your town wishes to collect these items at your transfer station and/or recycling center, the NEKWMD will charge \$0.18/pound to the town and pick them up when we service your center. This is the same rate we are already charging for computers and televisions.

Anyone who brings these items to the Lyndonville facility will be charged a flat rate of \$3.00 per item.

WARNING

NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE

MARCH 2, 2010

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

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

\$606,120 *Just*

Signed:

Robert Smith

Bartholomew Rodden

Gene A. Perkins

James W. Bohley

Joel Cape

Samuel J. J. J.

John A. J. J.

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David J. J. J.

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Ballard Ebbett

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Mich. C. J. J.

Richard H. J. J.

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MICHAEL H. BERGERON
SHERIFF
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ANNUAL REPORT
For 2009

Well, what a year! We logged thousands of miles all over the state doing prisoner transports and served hundreds of pieces of civil process (papers). We added a 2009 Chevy Impala cruiser to our fleet, and we will order another car early in 2010. 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. We have seen our presence increase in Caledonia County over the past few years and we look forward to filling Law Enforcement voids as they develop or are identified.

The Sheriff's Department investigated several significant cases this past year. We were able to apprehend a husband and wife that were wanted out of the states of Missouri and Arkansas. They were living in the town of Sutton under false names. William and Tammy Hanson were wanted on charges of animal abuse that happened at their animal sanctuary in Gamaliel, Arkansas. There were 400-500 dogs at the location, many taken there from Hurricane Katrina. This was considered one of the biggest animal abuse cases in U.S. history. They had been on the run for three years. We also investigated several significant animal abuse cases. We assisted several towns in evaluating the best law enforcement approach for the money they have available. We have a stake in the county and the communities that are found there. Our rates to the towns have been kept low making it more affordable to utilize our services. You can have a police car & Deputy in your town on random bases for a very small amount of money. What you get is a presence not a response. I know that we are a very viable Law Enforcement entity, capable of handling all aspects of primary Law Enforcement. 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 Law Enforcement issues and the costs associated with them. Yes, there is a punitive role for law enforcement and public safety is paramount, but when the opportunity comes up we will continue to make service a big part of our mission

We are working on a web site for our office (www.caledoniasheriff.com) and as of this report it is a work in progress. We hope to offer information and provide easier access to our services and the ability to interact with you and answer questions you may have about Law Enforcement. I plan on having a section called "From the Sheriff" where I can explain why things are done certain ways and respond on any topics you may have.

I am very fortunate to have a very dedicated, hard working, group of Deputies. The Sheriff's Department has seventeen Law Enforcement Officers and one civil process server. We have an Office Administrator and Administrative Assistant who dispatch the Deputies and manage our office. One works 35 hours a week, one works 24 hours a week, we also have two spares that help fill in when needed. Deputy William O'Hare resigned this past year and Gaylon Smith retired from the Sheriff's Office after 33 years of outstanding service to the county. We will all miss him and his eagerness to help whenever called. Rodney Facticeau Jr. of East Burke has been hired and is going through his field training to become certified. Stephen A. Russell former Deputy with the Orleans County Sheriff's Department was hired this past year to fill our second state position as transport officer. We are lucky to have his knowledge and experience to assist us with our many roles. Daniele Kostruba a recent residence to Wheelock came to us late in the year as a certified Deputy Sheriff all trained and ready to go. It will be nice having another female officer on board.

We held our bicycle safety day and helmet giveaway in Lyndonville last spring for the Lyndon area young people, providing 100 helmets. 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. Deputies Shatney and Russell are our car seat technicians and help families make sure their car seat is installed correctly. Deputy DeLisle is our hunter safety instructor and will hold classes again this fall.

I would like to thank Assistant Judges Roy Vance and William Kennedy for their cooperation and assistance over the past year. I would also like to thank those folks who became or continue to be Honorary Members of the Vermont Sheriff's Association. Your support helps with training for the Sheriff's and three student scholarships as well as helping fund projects like our helmet day in the Lyndonville area. Thank you for your support and please call or check our website if you think the Sheriff's Dept. can be of some assistance to you, or if you have questions.

Sincerely,
Michael H. Bergeron
Sheriff

The Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont

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.

During the past year, we provided 23 residents of the town of Peacham with more than 115 units of service. Your support allowed us to offer assistance to over 5,400 seniors last year from across the Northeast Kingdom and supported a broad variety of important programs for older adults and their families. These programs include Meals-on-Wheels, supportive services to help seniors continue to live at home, health insurance counseling, transportation for medical and other appointments, legal services and help for family caregivers.

Thank you for your support over the years and for your help in letting people know about the services we provide. Please give your careful consideration to our request this year, and let us know if we can be of assistance to you or someone you know.

Sincerely,

Ken Gordon
Executive Director

REPORT OF CALEDONIA HOME HEALTH CARE AND HOSPICE

Fiscal Year 2009 was our eighth 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 2009

	<u>2009</u>		<u>2009</u>
Nursing Visits	74	Social Services	4
Home Health Aide	45	Homemaking	51
Therapy Visits (Physical, Occupational, Speech)	42	Hospice	0
		Total	216

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

Catamount Arts 2009

The residents and voters of Peacham played a very important role in the success of Catamount Arts during 2009. Through support at Town Meeting and by attending many of the films and 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.

Since the opening of Catamount's new Community Arts Center at the Masonic Temple on Eastern Avenue in St. Johnsbury, more than 35,000 patrons have taken advantage of films, art exhibits, performances, classes, lectures, plays and other events presented at the facility. Catamount has also made its space available for use by organizations in Peacham and other communities and is fulfilling its promise of becoming a cultural and artistic meeting place for all residents of the area.

During 2009, Catamount was able to present more than 100 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 want to provide much needed funding for Catamount School Time Performances, which benefits more than 4000 schoolchildren in grades pre-k through eight, and for the upkeep of the Art Gallery, which each year presents a regular series of exhibits by artists from Peacham and the surrounding area.

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 community.

With the opening of its new Community Arts Center, Catamount and its patrons also directly and indirectly contribute more than \$1,300,000 each year to the local economy while also securing a meeting space for local Masons for generations to come. However, in these tough economic times, Catamount greatly needs and appreciates the financial support of all residents, including the residents of Peacham. For this reason, Catamount respectfully requests your continued support and appropriation for the coming year.



Danville Rescue



As with every year, I would first like to begin by thanking everyone who has supported the service over the past 41 years. . . both financially and emotionally. Each member of the service is aware that at any moment they may be called, they do not know for what or where, but know they will be needed; and they will need to respond in a professional manner. Not knowing what lies around the next corner can be stressful and your kind words and encouragement are what makes it possible for us to continue to serve those in need.

During 2009, the department, as always has seen several changes. Two of our members returned to school and upgraded their certification to an Advanced Life Support level and several others recertified at their current level of practice. Due to the increased requirements of the profession, we have evaluated the need for increased staff to ensure adequate coverage is available on a 24/7 basis, which is what our license mandates. As you may suspect, this is a challenge no longer possible to meet solely with a volunteer staff. We now have staff covering from the Rescue building 7 days per week – 10 hours each day. The remainder of the time we are still able to cover with volunteers. By increasing the number of hours covered by the paid crew to 10 hours per day, and expanding paid, daytime coverage to 7 days per week, we are able to ensure an ambulance respond to any emergency with advanced care in a timelier manner.

During the upcoming year, we will begin our endeavor to raise Capitol Funds to purchase a new ambulance. Currently, we have two units, one is a 2002 chassis with a remounted box and the other; purchased used, is from 1996. The older unit must be replaced as its reliability is diminishing! We have been able to set aside a small amount toward the purchase; however, new ambulances cost anywhere from \$155,000 to \$165,000. This endeavor will be challenging, more of a challenge then a group of 12, basically volunteer, members will be able to accomplish. Therefore, we will be seeking help from members of our service areas to assist with this project.

Membership Subscription notifications were mailed to everyone on the checklist from Danville, Peacham and our coverage area in Walden. Although we had hoped to be able to reduce this process this year; a decision was made to do a full mailing due to the discrepancies we experienced during our last mailing. If you did not receive a membership application, or you have any questions regarding the program, please feel free to contact a member at 684-9600, our NON-EMERGENCY number. Membership applications can also be picked up at the Town Clerk's office or downloaded from our web site at www.danvillerescue.org.

The members, along with the support of our Board of Directors, have been able to present a fairly level budget with the exception of the increased payroll expenses explained above. We are asking for a total of \$5,000 to assist us in maintaining the ambulance service to provide you with the care you deserve.

Danville Senior Action Center
Danville Meal Site

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. During 2009 our suggested donation was increased by 50 cents to \$5.00 for those under 60 and \$4.00 for those 60 and older. The Danville Senior Action Center receives funding from the towns of Danville, Walden and Peacham. We are grateful for the \$300 support voted by the 2009 Peacham Town Meeting and hope that the 2010 Peacham town meeting will continue this support for the upcoming year.

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

Report of 2009 Activity to the Town of Peacham

The Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium exists to engage curious minds in a deepening understanding of our climate and weather, the web of life that sustains us, and our place in the cosmos. The Museum serves many communities: podcasters and radio listeners; schoolchildren and teachers; stargazers and weather watchers; nature buffs and collectors; scholars and researchers; year-rounders and seasonal families. Together they are 65,000 visitors to our galleries and programs; 16,000,000 radio listeners; 100,000 television viewers; and 50,000 web visitors.

These communities are populated by lifelong learners; by visitors exploring the beauty of nature up close; by folks curious to know the day's weather forecast, the sights and sounds of a star-filled night, and the rhythms and diversity of the natural world. They are your children, your neighbors, your guests. They depend on the Museum's highly respected daily **Eye on the Sky** weather broadcasts throughout Vermont and beyond. They enjoy "Aha!" moments in the Museum's galleries and in its array of programs and activities – **Four Seasons Naturalists**; **Destination Discovery**; the **New Explorers Club**; **Star Quest**; **Eye on the Night Sky**; and a new outreach program, the **Community of Observers**.

In 2009 the Museum hosted several spectacular temporary exhibitions. **Egg & Nest** featured the photographs of world-renowned photographer and writer Rosamond Purcell. **Sound Waves** celebrates music-making and the science behind it. **Wild New England** features the breathtaking photographs of Northeast Kingdom native Roger Irwin. None of these educational programs, exhibits, and experiences would be possible without public engagement and support.

The Fairbanks Museum's assets are treasures that belong to all. These assets include a classic, elegant building listed on the National Register of Historic Places; collections and exhibits that celebrate over a century of discovery and inquiry; a dedicated and experienced staff of scientists, educators and curators; and a fundamental belief that knowledge is for everyone. The Museum belongs to you, and we are pleased that many Peacham residents use the Museum regularly.

Our planet's future will depend on wise policies informed by sound public science. For 120 years, this has been the Museum's charge. We remain dedicated to high standards and community engagement as we work toward our mission "to inspire appreciation for our place in the natural world and motivate our stewardship of a healthy planet." We are honored by the many communities who share in this work, and we depend on the continuation of that partnership. **Thanks to your support of the Museum through your municipal special appropriation, your admission to the Museum is always free**

Respectfully submitted,



Charlie Browne, Executive Director



"Learning Happens
Everywhere"

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NON-TRADITIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR YOUTH, ADULTS, FAMILIES AND BUSINESSES
MANAGEMENT/FISCAL SERVICES FOR NON-PROFITS, SCHOOLS AND TOWNS

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October 29, 2009

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, Hardwick, Canaan and St. Johnsbury, part-time centers in North Troy, Island Pond and Lyndonville. In-home instruction is available everywhere in the three counties. As always, demand for adult basic education services remains very high. To date this year, we have provided over 11,450 hours of direct instruction to 562 students. We are currently serving 336 adults who are working on a GED or high school diploma. Our new High School Completion Program is generating a very high level of interest. During the last year, 23 students received high school diplomas through this program. The NEKLS work readiness option is expanding and in order to enhance this important option we now offer the WorkKeys® Assessment. It is one of the nation's best vocational/post secondary readiness tests. We also have become an ACT licensure and certification testing center. We now will be offering videoconferencing, real time, distance learning courses and trainings from multiple sites throughout the Northeast Kingdom. For the first time we have offered a multi-site, real time, dual enrollment course where students taking a single course, which is taught by a college instructor, earn both high school and college course credit. Distance learning should greatly increase the instructional options available to our students as well as enhancing accessibility to college and vocational instruction.

Your support of the Northeast Kingdom Adult Education and Literacy program has always been important and it will remain so in 2010. State and federal budget challenges have impacted the funding of community organizations such as NEKLS. We anticipate additional problems in the coming year. As a result, our town funds are vital to our efforts to introduce new instructional options and maintain high program quality. During this coming year, town funds will help us purchase instructional supplies, reference material and create additional multi-option student learning stations. Town funds also will be utilized to increase student access with sites throughout our three counties to our new distance learning option. We also hope to make videoconference access available at no charge to the towns within our service area. We hope you will continue to support your Northeast Kingdom Adult Basic Education program.

We respectfully request an appropriation of \$250.00 for the coming year.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

William V. Crenshaw
Executive Director

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Peacham Town Report 2009



Northeast Kingdom **Youth** Services

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Peacham Town Report Summary

In 2009:

Northeast Kingdom Youth Services served over 3,518 people in Caledonia and Essex counties, representing approximately 10% of the total population. We have offered vital supportive services for youth and families for almost 35 years. Our staff is available to Peacham residents 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year.

Youth Services served 24 in Peacham.

NEKYS provided essential support to 1,069 youth and families through the **Family Connections** and **Parent Education** Programs. Through mediation, 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 designed to keep future conflicts from reaching a crisis. Family Connections staff spent over 1,000 hours in direct service to youth and families in 2009. At 6-month follow up after **Parent Education** services, 73% of children remained safely at home with their families and had no new reports of abuse (another 20% were placed with kin).

NEKYS' life skills and housing services for youth ages 15-21 who have been in foster care, are homeless, or at high risk of homelessness served 468 young people and their families in 2009. Through the **Transitional Living** and **Youth Development Programs**, youth received information, support and life skills education to help them learn to live productively on their own. Said one youth in the Transitional Living Program, "The support I'm receiving is amazing. If it weren't for the people at Youth Services, I would never be in the position I am in today, which is a huge step forward from where I was when I met them." **The Living Room** day shelter had over 1,863 visits from area teens and served 115 youth in 2009. It acts as a gateway to meaningful engagement for youth who are sometimes hesitant to receive formal services. By building trusting relationships with youth based on nonjudgmental, caring staff opens the door to receiving the crucial resources youth need to live safely. The Living Room offers a safe, comfortable learning environment where young people can eat, shower, do laundry, use a computer for homework or resumes, and socialize in a substance-free environment. 92% of youth accessing The Living Room received life skills education. Our **Elm Street Shelter** provided 24 youth with over 2,001 nights of safe housing and supportive services in 2009. With five emergency beds and five longer-term single rooms for homeless youth, the shelter offers life skills education, supportive counseling, individual case management, and family mediation and crisis services to every youth entering housing. 100% of residents in 2009 improved life skills and increased their protective assets. Collaboration with other agencies ensures that the youth's mental health, employment and educational needs are also addressed.

The JUMP Mentoring Program successfully matched 49 at-risk students with caring adult mentors that met with them once a week in local schools. 86% of youth served in 2009 say that they feel special when they're with their mentors. Said one mentee, "I learned what it is to have a real friend and someone I can tell secrets to and trust them with it." Even though meetings happen during the students' lunch time when they might instead be with their peers, one-third of mentees surveyed in 2009 report that the one thing they would change is "to have more time with my mentor."

The Caledonia and Essex Court Diversion Programs worked with 313 clients in 2009. The State's Attorney refers low- to moderate-risk offenders to Youth Services' Court Diversion Programs. The completion success rate of our clients is: 83% overall; 74% for ages 10-17 years; and 88% for those 18 and older. 83% of Alcohol Safety participants (under 21 years) also completed our program successfully. Diversion clients worked 1,013 hours of community service and paid over \$6,209 in restitution in 2009.

Youth Services also offers outreach to schools and communities, as well as positive opportunities for youth to be successful and reach their fullest potential.

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 to continue our mission. Thank you for supporting families in our community. Please call our office at 748-8732 if you have any questions or concerns.

NEKYS supports youth, their families and communities through quality programs that strengthen positive life skills and encourage stability.



Fostering communities of strong women, supported families and safe homes

2010 Town Report for Peacham

Umbrella celebrates a proud 33-year history of fostering communities that help women and their families lead safe and productive lives. In support of this mission, we focus our efforts on two critical areas—first by decreasing the incidence and impact of domestic and sexual violence and, secondly, by ensuring that children thrive in safe and supportive communities with families able to meet their needs. Over the years we have helped more than 10,000 families and we continue to face an ever-increasing need each year. In 2009, our staff and volunteers worked hard to accomplish several expansive changes to meet this growing need:

Horizon House—In July, we opened the doors to Horizon House—a wonderful, welcoming, protective environment that allows Umbrella to provide increased options for emergency and transitional housing for women and children fleeing violence. We have been at near capacity since our summer opening, providing more than **500** overnight stays.

Kingdom Care Connection—helps over **almost 400 families, representing 600 children**, obtain high quality, affordable child care in a number of ways: (a) through the Child Care Referral services; (b) Child Care Subsidies; (c) Resource and Training Development for providers, and (d) Child Care Outreach services for informational sessions at worksites, community agencies and special events. Also, in 2009 we continued our focus on helping providers meet the needs of children with challenging behaviors in an effort to prevent disruptive changes to childcare arrangements. In 2009, Kingdom Care Connection helped **5 children from the town of Peacham**.

The Advocacy Program—a free, completely confidential program which provides a broad spectrum of supportive and protective services for over **600**, who were victims of domestic and sexual violence, including: a 24-hour hotline; legal and medical advocacy, emergency and transitional housing, and support groups for women, children and teens. For many, Umbrella is the only place to turn to for safety and support. We are there for them throughout each step of the way helping to ensure that they are heard and that they have access to all possible services to help put their lives back together. In addition, our Youth Outreach and Education program continues to be in high demand with presentations and groups on bullying, teen dating violence, sexual harassment and conflict resolution for school-age children and youth.

The Family Room— provides safe, supervised visits in a kid-friendly, welcoming place for non-residential parents and their children who would not have contact otherwise. It helps families to establish, maintain or rebuild relationships. Umbrella also provides monitored exchange for the safe transition of children between parents who cannot safely or comfortably be together. Given the sensitive nature of our programs, some services are provided anonymously, so we are unable to provide specific data. We can tell you that the demand for Umbrella's services continues to increase and, thankfully, through funding from so many of our communities, we are able to meet these demands.

Thank you so much for your support of Umbrella; it is a critical factor in helping us in our mission to make communities safe and strong for all.

Town of Peacham 2010 Appropriations Request: \$500

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To: Peacham Town Auditors (for Town Report)

From: West Danville Community Club
P. O. Box 6, West Danville 05873

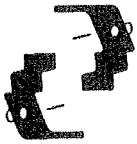
Re: Contribution toward maintenance of Joe's Pond Beach

Date: January 5, 2010

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. Money for the projects comes from the settlement from Green Mountain Power and a grant from the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR), both of which were earmarked for improving the beach in a manner that enhances water quality and prevents further erosion. According to the ANR, water quality remains great. Work completed recently included planting more trees and shrubs, removing the obsolete bathroom, and installing a "stone toe" along the shoreline to halt the severe erosion that had occurred over the years. This year we are scheduled to have the St. J. Academy students build a pavilion on the footprint of the former bathroom.

Joe's Pond is one of the few free beaches remaining. Town appropriations help pay for garbage collection, toilet rentals, and lawn maintenance. Club members donate many hours of their time. The West Danville Community Club has the responsibility of maintaining the beach with membership dues, fundraising, and donations from generous towns as yours.

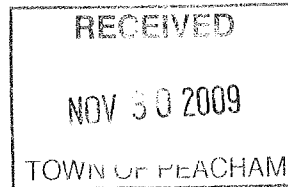
Could you please include us in next year's budget for the amount of \$500, which has been your contribution in the past.



VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED
HELPING ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE IN A VISUAL WORLD SINCE 1926

November 23, 2009

Bruce Lafferty
Town of Peacham
P.O. Box 244
Peacham, VT 05862



Dear Mr. Lafferty,

Thank you to the residents of the Town of Peacham for your gift of \$500.00 in support of the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) and our services that enable Vermonters with vision problems to achieve and maintain their independence.

Blind and visually impaired Vermonters of all ages and with varying needs receive our services. Adults who need a ride to see their doctor. Children who want to go trick-or-treating without holding their parents' hand. People who are in search of support and friendship from others who understand the challenges they face. These are the people whose lives VABVI strives to improve, and your consideration makes a difference.

Thank you once again for caring for your fellow Vermonters and contributing to our efforts!

For your tax records we confirm that no goods or services were provided in exchange for this tax deductible contribution to VABVI, a 501(C)(3) organization.
Tax ID #03-6000834

Sincerely,

Ayeshah Raftery
Director of Development

Report to the Voters of Peacham

In 2009, the Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) continued a longstanding tradition of service to the three counties of the Northeast Kingdom as the regional planning and economic development corporation. We will continue efforts to make this unique corner of Vermont a great place to live and work.

In Peacham this year, NVDA provided technical assistance with zoning/subdivision regulations and planning issues; conducted traffic counts; assisted the town in preparing a Draft Basic Emergency Operations Plan; and, provided maps for use in public visioning, historical projects, and the Peacham Pathway Project.

Some of our efforts & events are regional and benefit many businesses and communities. In 2009, successful and well-attended events included:

- Northeast Kingdom Renewable Energy Fair
- Regional Economic Development forum
- Community Wastewater & Energy Solutions forum
- Legislative Breakfasts
- NEK Maple Syrup Producer seminar

Similarly, we are able to access funds for planning & development projects that benefit multiple communities. For 2009, these regional efforts included:

- EPA Brownfield Assessments of contaminated properties in NEK communities
- *Regional Energy Planning* – A Sutton Study that defines the Regional Wood Harvesting resources available to fuel biomass businesses.
- Updating local Basic Emergency Operations Plans
- Prioritizing Transportation projects for VT Agency of Transportation
- Energy Efficiency and Weatherization funding for NEK communities

For most of our communities, NVDA is the primary contact for information and technical support on issues relating to land use and project development and financing. Our website, www.nvda.net, contains all local plans and bylaws, and useful information for all towns. Annually, we provide direct services to many towns: Local transportation studies, traffic counts, bridge & culvert inventories; Preparation and review of municipal planning and bylaw documents; Technical assistance for local officials; and Geographic information systems (GIS) mapping services. NVDA's staff excels at identifying, writing and managing state and federal grants for local communities. This year, we worked on many projects ranging from community facilities to renewable energy to business planning.

NVDA is the initial point-of-contact for many businesses. To advance economic development, we work directly with businesses in the 3-county region. We are working on many new and exciting initiatives - sustained efforts in the area of value-added agriculture, energy development, and local economic development. NVDA works closely with many partners in the region including the Small Business Development Center, Lyndon State College, Northern Communities Investment Corporation, the Collaborative, State of VT, and others to retain and create jobs. As always, we look forward to serving you in 2010, and we truly appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,
Steve Patterson, Executive Director

To Town Clerk: Town Report Letter from NVRH

Dear Residents,

On behalf of our 510 employees, 69 active medical staff, and 124 volunteers, I thank you for choosing Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital and our affiliated medical offices for your health care.

In the past year we celebrated the opening of dialysis services in the Bloch Building on our campus. This service provided by Fresenius Medical Care, gives life saving dialysis to 24 local patients every week. In October, the Gregory Rubin Reynolds Day Surgery Center opened on the first floor of the hospital providing pre and post-operative care in a private and comfortable environment to over 3000 patients having surgery and same day procedures every year at NVRH.

Our medical staff continues to grow to meet the needs of the community. We welcomed two new OB/Gyn's Dr. Jim Cahill and Dr. Karen Kenny to the Women's Wellness Center. Dr. Justin Mowchun provides neurology services 4 days a week in the NVRH Specialty Clinics, and Dr. Krista Haight joined the Eye Associates ophthalmology practice.

As a not-for-profit, community hospital we have a mission to provide only the highest quality health care to everyone in our service area, regardless of their ability to pay. Last year we provided \$1,775,000 in charity care, and wrote off over \$2 million in bad debts.

As your community hospital, our highly-trained expert staff is here when you need us – 24 hours a day, every day of the year, in our modern and efficient facility, and with support from our state-of-the art medical equipment.

Thank you for your continued support. To learn more about all our quality medical and community services visit www.nvrh.org.

Sincerely,
Paul R. Bengtson, CEO