

# Peacham

## Vermont



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## Annual Report 2010

## Town

## **Town Meeting Day**

Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011

10:00 AM

(Town Meeting followed by School District Meeting)

Peacham Congregational Church

### **Lunch**

Ham or Turkey with trimmings

Served at noon

\$6 per person

\$3 per child 5-10

Children under 5 free

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

TOWN OF PEACHAM  
Town Reports  
Vermont  
2010

TOWN FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010

Turn Report Over for School Reports

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## 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 1, 2011 at 10:00 AM, to transact the following business:

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.
2. To receive the report of the Town Auditors.
3. To elect a Town Clerk for a term of one year.
4. To elect a Town Treasurer and Tax Collector for a term of one year.
5. To elect a Selectboard member for a term of three years.
6. To elect a Lister for a term of three years.
7. To elect an Auditor for a term of two years.
8. To elect an Auditor for a term of three years.
9. To elect a Grand Juror for the ensuing year.
10. To elect a Town Agent for the ensuing year.
11. To elect a First Constable for the ensuing year.
12. To elect a Second Constable for the ensuing year.
13. To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for the ensuing year.
14. Shall the voters appropriate \$40,000 to be raised in taxes to be added to the Capital Building Fund?
15. Shall the voters appropriate \$413,795 to be raised in taxes to defray the Highway expenses of the Town?
16. Shall the voters appropriate \$110,186 to be raised in taxes to defray the General expenses of the Town?
17. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to use money from the Capital Building Fund, not to exceed the Capital Building Fund balance, to repair the Town Hall's sills and foundation and to renovate the storage room?

18. Shall the Town investigate the possibility of conveying a small parcel of land adjacent to the Historical House to the Peacham Historical Association for the purpose of building a future home for its collections?

19. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$20,808 to be raised in taxes to support the following organizations?

<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>	
Area Agency On Aging	\$660
Cabot Ambulance	\$500
Caledonia Home Health & Hospice	\$2,000
Catamount Arts	\$500
Danville Rescue	\$5,000
Danville Senior Action Center	\$300
Fairbanks Museum	\$650
NEK Human Services	\$698
NEK Learning Services	\$250
NEK Youth Services	\$500
Peacham Fire District 1	\$1,500
Peacham Library	\$6,500
RCT	\$250
Umbrella	\$500
VT. Assn. For The Blind	\$500
West Danville Community Club (beach)	\$500
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$20,808</b>

20. Shall the Town pay its real property taxes to the Town Treasurer on or before October 31, 2011, with delinquent taxes having interest charges of one percent per month and with an eight percent penalty charged against them from the due date?

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

Done at Peacham, Vermont:

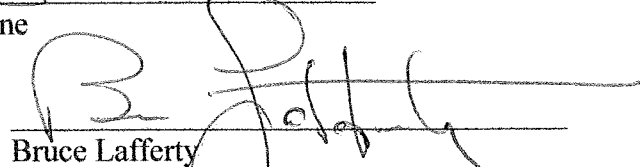
January 28, 2011

  
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Timothy McKay, Chair

  
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Andy Cochran

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Browne

ATTEST:

  
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Bruce Lafferty  
Town Clerk & Treasurer

## Minutes for the Town Meeting 2010

The legal voters of The Town of Peacham met at the Peacham Congregational Church in Peacham, on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 1:10 PM.

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.

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

Article 2 To receive the report of Town Auditors.

There being no auditors present, Rob Ide instructed voters to refer to page 12 of the Town Report.

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

Mike Bruton 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.

Kathy Corcoran nominated Bruce Lafferty for Town Treasurer. Mike Bruton seconded. 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.

Dave Magnus nominated Richard Browne for Selectboard. Mike Bruton seconded. There being no other nominations, Hilary Smith moved that nominations be closed and that the Clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Richard Browne. Jerry Senturia seconded. An affirmative voice vote closed nominations and the Town Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot. Browne elected.

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

Jerry Senturia nominated Julie Kempton. There being no other nominations, Hilary Smith moved that nominations be closed and that the Clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Julie Kempton. Diana Senturia seconded. An affirmative voice vote closed nominations and the Town Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot. Kempton elected.

Article 7 To elect a Lister for a term of two years.

Fred Fortin nominated Deborah Carpilio. There being no other nominations, Hilary Smith moved that nominations be closed and that the Clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Deborah Carpilio. Diana Senturia seconded. An affirmative voice vote closed nominations and the Town Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot. Carpilio elected.

Article 8 To elect a Lister for a term of one year.

Paul Evans nominated Jeff Lamphere. There being no other nominations, Hilary Smith moved that nominations be closed and that the Clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Jeff Lamphere.



Diana Senturia seconded. An affirmative voice vote closed nominations and the Town Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot. Lamphere elected.

Article 9 To elect an auditor for a term of three years.

Dave Magnus nominated Julie Kempton. There being no other nominations, Hilary Smith moved that nominations be closed and that the Clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Julie Kempton. Diana Senturia seconded. An affirmative voice vote closed nominations and the Town Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot. Kempton elected.

Article 10 To elect a Grand Juror for the ensuing year.

Richard Browne nominated Charles Browne. There being no other nominations, Browne was elected by a voice vote.

Article 11 To elect a Town Agent for the ensuing year.

Charles Browne nominated Robert Fuehrer. There being no other nominations, Fuehrer was elected by a voice vote.

Article 12 To elect a Town Representative to the Board of the Peacham Library.

Charles Browne nominated Mark Clough for a two year term. There being no other nominations, Clough was elected by a voice vote.

Article 13 To elect a First Constable for the ensuing year.

Ann Mills nominated John Sheehan. There being no other nominations, Sheehan was elected by a voice vote.

Article 14 To elect a Second Constable for the ensuing year.

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

Article 15 To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for the ensuing year.

Jerry Senturia nominated John Sheehan. There being no other nominations, Sheehan was elected by a voice vote.

Article 16 Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$20,000 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?

Diana Senturia moved the article. Barry Lawson seconded. Richard Browne and Barry spoke to the question. Discussion followed. Jock Gill moved to amend the article to \$7500.00. There being no second, Gill withdrew his motion to amend the article. More discussion followed. Les Morrison moved to call the question. Jerry Senturia called for a paper ballot. There were 112 votes cast, 57 needed for passage. There were 54 affirmative votes and 58 no votes. Article 16 was defeated.

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)?

Jerry Senturia moved the article. Diana Senturia seconded. The Moderator called for a voice vote and Article 17 passed.

- Article 18 Shall the voters appropriate \$40,000 to be raised in taxes to be added to the Capital Building Fund?

Diana Senturia moved the question. Jean Clark seconded. Richard Browne spoke to the question. The Moderator called for a voice vote. Article 18 passed.

- Article 19 Shall the voters appropriate \$499,372 in taxes to defray Highway expenses?

Kathy Corcoran moved the question. Diana Senturia seconded. Richard Browne spoke to article and explained that the requested amount was incorrect. Kathy Corcoran moved to amend the amount to be raised in taxes to \$395,372. Diana Senturia seconded. The Moderator called for a voice vote. The amendment passed. The Moderator then called for a voice vote for Article 19 which passed as amended.

- Article 20 Shall the voters appropriate \$340,289 in taxes to defray the General expenses of the Town?

Richard Scholes moved the question. Diana Senturia seconded. Richard Browne spoke to the article and explained that the requested amount was incorrect and should be \$188,339. Jerry Senturia moved to amend the amount to \$188,339. Charles Browne seconded. Richard Scholes moved to amend the amount by \$250.00 for rent to the Peacham Congregational Church, thereby increasing the General expenses of the Town to \$188,589. Diana Senturia seconded. The moderator called for a voice vote. The amendment to the amendment passed. The Moderator then called for a voice vote for the amendment as amended which passed. Finally, the Moderator called for a voice vote for Article 20 which passed as amended.

- Article 21 Shall the voters approve renaming the Working Capital Reserve Fund by removing the word Reserve?

Diana Senturia moved the question. Hilary Smith seconded. Richard Browne explained the need to remove the word Reserve. The Moderator called for a voice vote. Article 21 passed.

- 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 for the Blind	\$500.00
West Danville Community Club (Joe's Pond Beach)	\$500.00

Charles Browne moved the question. Diana Senturia seconded. Charles Browne moved to amend the amount for the Danville Rescue to \$4000 which is the amount appropriated last year. Dave Magnus seconded. The letter from Danville Rescue Squad, included in the Town Report, asked for \$5000.00. The Moderator called for a voice vote to amend the amount for Danville Rescue from \$5000.00 to \$4000.00. The amendment was defeated. Richard Scholes moved to amend the appropriations amount to add \$500 for Cabot Ambulance Service. Diana Senturia seconded. Jerry Senturia moved to amend the amendment to include language which would necessitate a written request from Cabot Ambulance Service before they received the \$500.00. Charles Browne seconded. The Moderator called for a voice vote. The amendment to the amendment calling for the written request passed. The Moderator then called for a voice vote for the amendment as amended which passed. The Moderator called for a voice vote for Article 22 as amended to appropriate the sum of \$19,808.00. The article passed.

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?

Diana Senturia moved Article 23. Richard Scholes seconded. The Moderator called for a voice vote. The article passed.

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.

Jerry Senturia moved Article 24. Ben Post seconded. The Moderator called for a voice vote. The article passed.

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

1. The Moderator announced that following the conclusion of Town Meeting the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District polls will move to the Town Clerk's office and remain open until 7:00 PM.
2. The Moderator thanked Cher Monteith and her kitchen staff for organizing today's lunch.
3. The Moderator thanked Mary Ellen Griffin for acting as Town Attorney in John Marshall's absence.

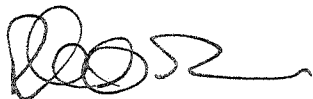
4. Barry Lawson thanked the Town for their support of the Community Center in spite of the article's defeat. He also spoke about the challenges facing the Town regarding affordable housing.
5. Kathy Corcoran asked if, in the future, school salaries for individual personnel not be published in the Town Report.
6. Don Moore thanked the Road Crew and Selectboard for maintaining the roads so well.
7. Dave Stauffer announced that the next Collaborator's Meeting would be at the Peacham Library on Saturday, March 06, 2010 at 8:00 AM.
8. Becky Jensen thanked the Town for the appropriation for the library.
9. The Selectboard Chairman, Richard Browne, thanked the Peacham Congregational Church for use of the building for Town Meeting. He also thanked the Peacham Fire and Rescue Departments for their excellent services throughout the year.

Martha Ide moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mike Bruton seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

The foregoing is approved and attested by:

Peacham Selectboard



Richard Browne



Timothy McKay



Andrew Cochran

Moderator



Robert Ide

Town Clerk



Bruce Lafferty

## **ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS 2010**

Office		Term ends at Town meeting in the year
Auditors	Julie Kempton	2013
	Jan Eastman	2012
First Constable	John Sheehan	2011
Second Constable	Bill Thresher	2011
Delinquent Tax Collector	John Sheehan	2011
Grand Juror	Charles Browne	2011
Library Representative	Mark Clough	2011
Listers	Julie Kempton	2013
	Jeff Lamphere	2011
	Deborah Colbeth	2012
Moderator	Rob Ide	2011
School Directors	JoAnne Post	2013
	Jenny Mackenzie	2012
	Wynne Browne	2011
Select Board	Richard Browne	2013
	Andy Cochran	2012
	Tim McKay	2011
Town Agent	Robert Fuehrer	2011
Town Clerk	Bruce Lafferty	2011
Town Treasurer	Bruce Lafferty	2011

## Appointments by Select Board 2010

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

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

## **Other Elected Officials:**

Justices of the Peace (all terms expire in February 2013):

Jean Dedam  
Sam Kempton  
Maryellen Griffin  
Annette Lorraine  
Richard Scholes

State Representative (term expires in 2013):

Kitty Beattie Toll

State Senators (terms expire in 2013):

Joe Benning  
Jane Kitchell

US Representative (term expires in 2013):

Peter Welch

US Senator:

Bernie Sanders (2013)  
Patrick Leahy (2017)



## Vital Statistics 2010

### **Births**

Payton Marie Cochran	April 8	Robert Cochran & Tabatha Beard
Amriel Linnayah Greenwood	May 2	Shauna Greenwood
Trentin Layne Bolio	June 5	Scott Bolio & Kara Grant

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

### **Marriages**

David F Noble		Harley B Colbeth	
Sarah D Dopp	June 4	Deborah T Carpilio	September 25
Curt S Page		Joseph R W Layn	
Sherry L Williams	June 11	Jennifer J Kirchoff	September 25
David J Jacobs		John M Himmelberger	
Anne M Sproston	June 27	Kim A LeDuc	October 20
Nicholas P Pain		David B Allen	
Alexandra D Gitzes	July 10	Donna R O'Malley	December 26
Raymond E Gray		Adam M Smith	
Jennifer A Legacy	July 31	Pranee Sangnak	December 27
Joshua R Lakin			
Rosemary H Gill	August 28		

### **Deaths**

Neil H Bradley, Sr.	89	Feb 11	Norfolk, VA
James G Kent	81	Feb 17	Palm Bay, FL
Stephen C White	70	May 17	St Johnsbury
Carolyn M Barrett	66	June 7	St Johnsbury
Emilie C Pain	26	June 13	Burlington
Mary D Riley	89	July 30	Peacham
Judith A St Onge	64	Oct 22	Peacham

## Town of Peacham Auditors' Report 2010

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.

Jan Eastman, Julie Kempton

Town of Peacham Auditors

## Town Clerk's and Town Treasurer's 2010 Annual Report

The Town Clerk's office has been in constant motion this year. Our everyday duties and efforts to provide courteous assistance to Peacham residents and visitors is one of our main priorities.

This year we were able to tackle a few extra tasks related to our statutorial duties. The State primary election was held in August this year, a month earlier than in the past. This change produced a number of procedural maneuvers for both the State and Town election officials. The results of the change were positive and enabled oversees military and civilian voters additional time to have their votes arrive and be counted. The general election in November was also successful with Peacham voters once again having one of the highest percentages of voter turnouts in the State.

The physical space of the Town Clerk's office and the Post Office was the center of an energy savings weatherization project funded through a State energy grant. In addition to creating a more comfortable and attractive working environment it will produce a savings in heating fuel and electrical use in the Peacham Town Hall. Energy efficient outdoor lighting in the parking area will also improve visibility and safety.

The proper maintenance of Town records remains the Town Clerk's major statutorial responsibility. This responsibility is being met. Thanks to the hard work of the Assistant Town Clerk, Stan Fickes, we have also completed an ongoing project of electronically categorizing recorded documents from 2005 to the present.

The Town Treasurer, as the Auditor's report show, has accurately and responsibly managed the Town accounts and investments. The Town Treasurer, Selectboard, and Town Auditors have streamlined the budgetary reporting procedures, which has resulted in an increase in fiscal transparency and the understanding of accounting formats.

Finally, I would like to thank the Selectboard, Listers, and Auditors for their support and assistance in a very economically challenging year.

Bruce Lafferty  
Town Clerk/Town Treasurer

### SUMMARY OF TOWN ACCOUNTS

Account		12/31/2008	12/31/2009	12/31/2010
Checking	\$	349,567.06	\$ 207,091.80	\$ 372,442.23
Retreatment	\$	10,339.28	\$ 89,982.93	\$ 110,275.05
Road capital equipment	\$	84,519.98	\$ 61,279.33	\$ 68,912.67
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>444,426.32</b>	<b>\$ 358,354.06</b>	<b>\$ 551,629.95</b>

### STATEMENT OF DEBT 12/31/2010

2008 Dump Truck Lease	\$	56,702.28
2009 Mack Dump Truck	\$	96,912.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>153,614.29</b>

### INVENTORY OF REAL ESTATE 12/31/2010

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
Devil's Hill	\$ 49,500.00	06508-002
Town Line Cemetery (Peacham/Groton)	\$ 11,700.00	05904-005
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,303,900.00</b>	

# **General Fund Balance Sheet**

<b>Asset</b>	<b>12/31/2008</b>	<b>12/31/2009</b>	<b>12/31/2010</b>
Main Checking	\$ 349,567.06 \$	160,070.08 \$	349,639.82
Due from state - prop tax	\$ 4,918.00 \$	-	
FEMA Passumpsic 2112	\$ 61,672.83 \$	-	
Trails Grant receivable	\$	14,521.28	
Energy Grant receivable		\$	22,422.00
Prepaid Oil	\$ 12,373.66 \$	7,608.20 \$	7,242.62
Taxes past due	\$ 119,848.53 \$	120,779.35 \$	142,663.96
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 548,380.08 \$</b>	<b>302,978.91 \$</b>	<b>521,968.40</b>

## **Liabilities\***

Delinquent Tax Collector Fees	\$ 380.56 \$	- \$	-
Prop Tax Credits Payable	\$ 4,918.00 \$	1,300.00 \$	1,593.15
Restoration Land Records	\$ 2,889.43 \$	4,898.68 \$	7,054.68
Conservation Reserve	\$ 7,127.01 \$	7,627.01 \$	8,127.01
Vt Money For Reappraisal	\$ 12,217.55 \$	- \$	5,814.00
Lister education fund	\$ 779.43 \$	1,169.28 \$	1,559.12
Capital Building fund	\$	40,000.00 \$	80,000.00
Veteran's memorial fund	\$ 13,069.00 \$	1,988.00 \$	2,073.00
Bridge Fund	\$ 13,827.79 \$	15,827.79 \$	17,827.79
Old FEMA Grant	\$ - \$	- \$	-
FEMA 2008 culvert grant	\$ 61,672.83 \$	- \$	-
New Recycling Shed	\$ 8,502.36 \$	8,353.08 \$	8,078.08
Fire Department Capital Equipment	\$ - \$	- \$	-
Fire Warden Capital Equipment	\$ 1,000.00 \$	1,000.00 \$	1,000.00
Rescue vehicle refurbishment	\$ 6,225.37 \$	4,065.37 \$	4,065.37
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 132,609.33 \$</b>	<b>86,229.21 \$</b>	<b>137,192.20</b>

\*This list of liabilities shows the total outstanding at the end of the year and does not include liabilities that may have existed and were paid down, such as the amount due to the state for dog licenses. These liabilities are accounts payable or reserve funds.

## Grand List Computations 2010

Appraised Valuations \$ 135,323,412.00 Exemptions already accounted for

Grand List Set July ~~xxx~~<sup>26</sup>, 2010

Total  $\$ 135,323,412.00 \times .01 = \$ 1,353,234.12$

2010 Education Property Tax Rate (Set by Vermont Dept. of Taxes)

Homestead rate	1.4200
Non-Residential rate	1.3568

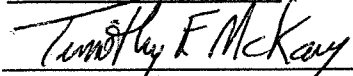
Town Taxes to be raised (Set at Town Meeting)

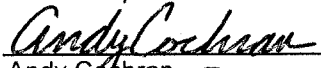
Highway	\$ 395,372.00
General	\$ 188,589.00
Appropriations	\$ 19,808.00
Capital Building Fund appropriation	\$ 40,000.00
Local Agreement (Veteran's exemption)	\$ 1,710.00
Total	\$ 645,479.00

Town tax rate  
 $\$ 645,479.00 / \$ 1,353,234.12 = 0.4770$

<b>TOTAL HOMESTEAD TAX RATE</b>	<b>1.8970</b>
<b>TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE</b>	<b>1.8338</b>

### Peacham Selectboard

  
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Timothy McKay

  
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Andy Cochran

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Browne

**Town of Peacham**  
**Summary of Delinquent Taxes as of January 1, 2011**

	Total	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2001
Delinquent Taxes Collected in 2010	\$ 68,766.07	\$ 39,960.23	\$ 40,382.37	\$ 14,909.05	\$ 11,692.48	\$ 1,782.17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest on Delinquent Taxes Collected in 2010	\$ 7,752.22	\$ 493.48	\$ 1,763.63	\$ 2,139.06	\$ 3,701.40	\$ 148.13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Penalties on Delinquent Taxes Collected in 2010	\$ 4,152.41	\$ 3,538.34	\$ 2,188.98	\$ 948.45	\$ 1,014.98	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total collected (2010)	\$ 80,670.70								
Number of Parcels with Delinquent Taxes Due, on Jan 1, 2011		28	6	6	3	1	1	2	1
Amount of Delinquent Tax Due (Jan 1, 2011)	\$ 124,939.11	\$ 91,239.61	\$ 16,154.26	\$ 8,089.45	\$ 3,521.15	\$ 203.60	\$ 396.70	\$ 1,751.52	\$ 3,582.82
Amount of Interest Due (Jan 1, 2011)	\$ 9,927.08	\$ 1,734.08	\$ 2,041.03	\$ 1,809.10	\$ 149.26	\$ 95.88	\$ 234.23	\$ 881.54	\$ 2,981.96
Amount of Penalties Due (Jan 1, 2011)	\$ 8,358.12	\$ 6,606.68	\$ 1,153.77	\$ 501.76	\$ 17.86	\$ 16.29	\$ 31.74	\$ 30.02	\$ -
Total Due (Jan 1, 2011)	\$ 143,224.31								

Account	Budget FY 2009	Actual FY 2009	Budget FY 2010	Actual FY 2010	Budget FY 2011
<b><u>GENERAL REVENUE</u></b>					
<b><u>TAX RELATED</u></b>					
Del. Taxes Current Year-collected		105429		93471	
Interest: Del. Taxes	4000	9592	4000	8807	9000
Del. Taxes: Penalty		8974		8150	
Municipal Tax Adjustment		24719		13291	15000
	4000	34312	4000	22098	24000
<b><u>CLERKS OFFICE</u></b>					
Town Clerk's Fees	7000	7669	7000	9877	10000
Dog Licenses	850	665	650	553	550
Liquor License Fees		0		0	0
	7850	8334	7650	10430	10550
<b><u>OTHER</u></b>					
Zoning Fees	1000	650	500	527	500
Board Of Adjustment Fees		200	0	150	50
Zoning Fines		0			0
Rentals	13000	12117	13000	12390	12390
Misc Revenue	2500	41	0	2	0
Public Donations	0	0	0	0	0
Logging	0	0	0	0	0
Interest On Investments	3000	1545	1000	1028	1000
Tree grants and donations		0	1500	1500	0
Trail Grant and donations				14531	0
VT money for reappraisal (reserve fund)	12000	18725	5814	5814	5814
Per Parcel tax assistance				684	0
	31500	33278	21814	35942	13940
<b><u>TRANSFER STATION</u></b>					
Transfer Station Fees	33000	31147	32000	29678	41000
	33000	31147	32000	29678	41000
<b>Total General</b>	76350	107070	65464	84857	89490
<b><u>ROAD REVENUE</u></b>					
Access Permits	0	196	0	81	0
Excess Weight Permits	300	285	300	300	300
Fines	1200	849	1000	2200	1500
	1500	1330	1300	2581	1800
<b><u>ST OF VERMONT</u></b>					
State: Highway Aid	114000	110305	104000	114668	115000
	114000	110305	104000	114668	115000
<b><u>OTHER</u></b>					
Equipment sale	0	4200	0	0	0
Interest On Investments	0	153	0	0	0
Employee insurance copay	0	0	0	306	0
	0	0	0	306	0
<b>Total Roads</b>	115500	111635	105300	117555	116800
<b><u>STATE OF VERMONT</u></b>					
Current Use "Hold Harmless"	65000	74252	75000	77044	77000
Pilot State Land	16000	16030	16000	15965	16000
Pilot Buildings	2200	2864	2800	2423	2400
Lease Land		11	0	19	20
<b>Total State</b>	83200	93156	93800	95451	95420
<b>TOTAL ALL REVENUES</b>	275050	311861	264564	297863	301710



<b>Account</b>	<b>Budget FY 2009</b>	<b>Actual FY 2009</b>	<b>Budget FY 2010</b>	<b>Actual FY 2010</b>	<b>Budget FY 2011</b>
<b><u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u></b>					
<b>PAYROLL</b>					
Selectmen's Salaries	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500
Board Clerk Salary	4430	4409	4600	4600	4738
Listers'salaries	49724	34580	17500	10089	11000
Animal Control Person	500	500	500	500	500
Health Officer	50	50	50	50	50
Zoning Administrator	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
Town Treasurer	14035	13970	15000	15000	15450
Asst. Town Treasurer	6185	11286	11000	10767	11330
Town Clerk	14035	14121	15000	15000	15450
Asst. Town Clerk	6185	11286	11000	10767	11330
Auditors' Salaries	1500	1000	1500	1500	1500
Constable	250	250	250	250	250
TC/TT FICA/Medical	7000	8934	8000	7012	6000
Unemployment	3000	2889	2900	3338	4436
Workers Comp	0	6632	7000	8084	7125
Health Insurance	0	0	2000	0	0
Retire-match Funds	1500	0	1500	1350	1500
<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>112394</b>	<b>122881</b>	<b>101800</b>	<b>100457</b>	<b>94659</b>
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>					
VLCT Dues	1133	1133	1337	1337	1349
Town Insurance	40000	29901	32000	46387	13068
Property Tax Abatements	1000	2290	1000	2138	1000
Legal Expense	1000	1246	10000	19256	5000
County Tax	14507	14507	14507	13482	14000
Tax Mapping	2000	0	2000	0	2000
Listers non-personnel expenses	13617	0	5500	0	500
Contingency and opportunities	15000	20	5000	1789	0
Planning	1275	4710	1275	170	1000
Conservation	500	0	1000	1013	1500
Recreation	2000	726	6000	1889	6500
Green-Up Vermont	100	100	100	100	150
NVDA	280	279	280	279	300
N. VT Resource & Dev. Cncl	75	0	75	0	75
Contribution to Cons. Fund	500	500	500	500	500
Tree Board	1500	135	2400	1425	2000
Elections/town Meeting	500	355	2000	1257	500
Cemetery Allocation	6000	6000	6000	6000	8000
misc. expenditure	1000	409	1000	280	5000
Tax Ant. Note: Interest		191	200	1023	1000
<b>Total General Expenses</b>	<b>101987</b>	<b>62502</b>	<b>92174</b>	<b>98326</b>	<b>63442</b>
<b>TOWN OFFICE</b>					
Telephone	2600	2608	3200	2243	2400
Electricity	6400	5554	6400	4931	5000
Mileage	1000	927	800	776	800
Supplies Town Clerk/Treasurer	2900	3152	3000	3126	3100
Dog Expense	175	74	175	75	175
Land Records Allocation	400	0	0	0	0
Land Record Books	200	0	200	0	200
Restoration of Land Records	1000	0	1000	0	1000
Land Record Maintenance	0	355	0	0	0
Postage Town Clerk/Treasurer/listers	1500	2644	2500	1746	2500
Internet	1000	1079	1100	1485	1500
Computer Expense	1000	419	1000	1301	1500
Training (Town Clerk/Treasurer)	100	250	150	165	200
Training Listers	0	0	500	360	250
Service Support/licensing	3000	4294	4500	2439	2500
Equipment	250	0	250	0	250
Advertising	2000	2378	2500	1526	2000
Listers Grievance Ads	200	428	200	0	200

<b>Account</b>	<b>Budget FY 2009</b>	<b>Actual FY 2009</b>	<b>Budget FY 2010</b>	<b>Actual FY 2010</b>	<b>Budget FY 2011</b>
Building Maintenance	13000	4295	13000	5561	5000
TH Maintenance-Mowing	200	0	200	0	800
Heating Fuel	20000	13591	15000	12539	11000
Water	1200	1140	1200	1140	570
Contracted Services/Cleaning	10000	10950	10000	13651	13000
Town Reports	2000	2485	2500	2250	2500
<b>Total Town Office</b>	<b>70125</b>	<b>56622</b>	<b>69375</b>	<b>55313</b>	<b>56445</b>
<b>Total General Gov't Expenses</b>	<b>284506</b>	<b>242004</b>	<b>263349</b>	<b>254096</b>	<b>214546</b>
<b><u>TRANSFER STATION</u></b>					
Waste Transfer Salaries	5500	5665	5700	5764	5700
Gas for Compactor	100	236	300	225	300
Repairs & Maint.	2000	0	2000	481	1000
Contracted Services	1700	1526	1700	1324	1700
Recycling: Cont. Services	3000	1950	2500	1054	1500
Trash Removal	29500	31440	32000	28597	29000
Supplies	200	355	400	178	300
Heating Fuel	300	290	350	385	400
<b>Total Transfer Station</b>	<b>42300</b>	<b>41461</b>	<b>44950</b>	<b>38008</b>	<b>39900</b>
<b><u>FIRE &amp; SAFETY EXPENSES</u></b>					
Fire Dept. Salaries	500	500	500	0	500
Fire Warden: Salaries	150	150		0	150
Dues & Fees	400	427	500	437	500
Fire Department Insurance	0	0	0	9856	11000
Fire Dept. Mileage	200		200	0	200
Supplies	600	24	500	187	500
Gas	500	543	600	321	600
Medical Supplies/equip	700	445	500	327	500
Hepatitis B Shots	200	0	200	0	200
Fire Equipment	6000	6113	6000	6531	6000
Hydrant	1000	0	1000	0	1000
Fire Warden Repairs & Mai	200	0	200	0	200
Law Enforcement	10000	4845	6000	5610	6000
Fire Sta. Note: Princ.	18333	36668	0	0	0
Fire Sta. Note: Interest	3000	4108	0	0	0
Fire Truck Lease	26801	26800	0	0	0
Fire Dept. Training	1000	566	1000	602	1000
24-hour Contract	2952	3225	3300	3225	3300
Repairs & Maint. Equip.	7500	3832	7500	6654	5000
Repairs & Maint. Bldg.	3500	5737	3500	4394	4000
<b>Total Fire &amp; Safety Office</b>	<b>83536</b>	<b>93983</b>	<b>31500</b>	<b>38144</b>	<b>40650</b>
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES</b>	<b>410342</b>	<b>377448</b>	<b>339799</b>	<b>330248</b>	<b>295096</b>
<b><u>ROADS</u></b>					
<b><u>PAYROLL</u></b>					
Road Dept. Salaries	112000	135653	145000	153553	153000
Road Dept. FICA/medical	8000	9834	10000	11244	11500
Roads Dept. Health Ins.	27500	18018	23000	25295	27072
HSA Contribution		4000	2000	1500	2000
<b>Total Roads Payroll</b>	<b>147500</b>	<b>167506</b>	<b>180000</b>	<b>191592</b>	<b>193572</b>
<b><u>ROAD EXPENSES</u></b>					
VMHA Dues	10	10	10	0	10
Gas, Oil, Diesel	53000	25446	35000	36264	35000
Tires	4750	4428	4750	3905	4000
Radios	1000	1096	1000	949	1000
Town Truck Payments	38000	50358	41212	41212	87000
Contrb'tn to Road Cap Equip Reserve	2000	2000	20000	20000	50000
Contrb'tn to Retreatment Reserve	20000	20000	20000	20000	20000
Contrb'tn to Bridge Reserve	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000

<b>Account</b>	<b>Budget FY 2009</b>	<b>Actual FY 2009</b>	<b>Budget FY 2010</b>	<b>Actual FY 2010</b>	<b>Budget FY 2011</b>
<b>Total Road Expenses</b>	<b>120760</b>	<b>105338</b>	<b>123972</b>	<b>124330</b>	<b>199010</b>
<b>TOWN GARAGE</b>					
Equip:repairs/supplies	43000	35356	43000	31838	28000
Other Benefits	3500	6050	5500	5658	5200
Office Supplies	100	307	100	600	800
Training	300	265	300	100	300
Tools	500	2372	2000	1971	2500
Bldg: Repairs & Maint.	6000	3092	6000	4697	4500
<b>Total Town Garage</b>	<b>53400</b>	<b>47442</b>	<b>56900</b>	<b>44865</b>	<b>41300</b>
<b>ROAD MAINTENANCE</b>					
Contracted Services	12000	17645	12000	11559	12000
Contracted- Rdside mowing	5000	5430	5000	4982	5000
Equipment Rental	500	0	500	76	75
Culverts	5000	2616	5000	4371	4000
Dust Control	13000	12015	13000	20336	20000
Gravel, Crushed Stone	42000	56393	42000	38623	38000
Salt	24000	20809	24000	24944	25000
Winter Sand	35000	24464	30000	15566	15000
Supplies	2000	0	0	651	300
Signs	2000	2342	2000	467	1000
Guard Rails	5000	0	5000	3597	3000
<b>Total Road Maintenance</b>	<b>145500</b>	<b>141714</b>	<b>138500</b>	<b>125172</b>	<b>123375</b>
<b>Total Roads</b>	<b>467160</b>	<b>462000</b>	<b>499372</b>	<b>485959</b>	<b>557257</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTALS</b>					
<b>General Expenses</b>	<b>410342</b>	<b>377448</b>	<b>339799</b>	<b>330248</b>	<b>295096</b>
<b>Road Expenses</b>	<b>467160</b>	<b>462000</b>	<b>499372</b>	<b>485959</b>	<b>557257</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>877502</b>	<b>839449</b>	<b>839171</b>	<b>816207</b>	<b>852353</b>
<b>SUMMARY</b>	<b>Budget FY 2009</b>		<b>Budget FY 2010</b>	<b>Actual FY 2010</b>	<b>Budget FY 2011</b>
General Expenses	410342		339799	330248	295096
General Revenue (see full revenue sheet for details)	76350		65464	84857	89490
State Revenue (see full revenue sheet for details)	83200		93800	95451	95420
General Expenses to be Raised by Taxes	250792		180535	149941	110186
Cemetery Revenues			14550	11769	12850
Cemetery Expenses			20000	9267	21800
Change in fund balance			-5450	2502	-8950
Road Expenses	467160		499372	485959	557257
Road Revenue (see full revenue sheet for details)	114000		104000	117249	116800
Road Revenue Carry Over					26662
Road Expenses to be Raised by Taxes	328160		395372	368710	413795
<b>Total Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>578952</b>		<b>581357</b>	<b>518650</b>	<b>532931</b>

<b>Account</b>	<b>Actual FY 2009</b>	<b>Budget FY 2010</b>	<b>Actual FY 2010</b>	<b>Budget FY 2011</b>
<b>CEMETERY REVENUE</b>				
Cemetery Plots	800	1000	2800	2000
Corner Markers	75		175	100
Davis Lease	100	100	0	100
Town Appropriation	6000	6000	6000	8000
Endowment Revenue			2530	2500
Grant Revenue			0	0
Misc. Revenue	2600	2600	0	0
Interest on Investments	660	350	164	150
Dividends	4499	4500	0	0
Public Donations			100	0
<b>TOTAL CEMETERY REVENUE</b>	<b>14734</b>	<b>14550</b>	<b>11769</b>	<b>12850</b>
<b>CEMETERY EXPENSES</b>				
Salaries	1795	2500	1638	2500
Fica/medi	138	200	125	200
Insurance		0	0	0
Mileage	72	100	60	100
Supplies	988	1000	294	500
Fuel	124	150	85	200
Repairs	850	300	327	300
Contracted Services	3300	2000	2000	2500
Cemetery Improvements	1400	5570	0	0
Misc. Expense	78	80	438	500
Trees		1800	4300	5000
Tractor		3500	0	0
Shed		2000	0	0
Roadway		800	0	10000
<b>TOTAL CEMETERY EXPENSES</b>	<b>8745</b>	<b>20000</b>	<b>9267</b>	<b>21800</b>
<b>TOTAL CEMETERY REVENUE</b>	<b>14734</b>	<b>14550</b>	<b>11769</b>	<b>12850</b>

INVENTORY OF PEACHAM EQUIPMENT					Purchase year	Lifespan (years)	% used	Cost to replace	Annual reserve	Suggested reserve to date
<b>Highway</b>										
2010 Mack dump truck with plow and wing					2010	10	10%	\$ 155,000.00	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 15,500.00
2008 Caterpillar loader/backhoe with extra bucket					2010	8	13%	\$ 75,500.00	\$ 9,437.50	\$ 9,437.50
2009 Chevrolet Silverado pickup with plow					2009	10	20%	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 7,000.00
2007 International truck with plow and wing					2007	10	40%	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
2003 International truck with plow and wing					2003	7	114%	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 20,714.29	\$ 165,714.29
2003 International truck with plow and wing					2003	7	114%	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 20,714.29	\$ 165,714.29
1998 John Deere 544H loader					1998	15	87%	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 6,666.67	\$ 86,666.67
York rake					1960	55	93%	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 218.18	\$ 11,127.27
1985 Caterpillar grader with wing					1985	25	104%	\$ 375,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 390,000.00
Culvert thawing rig, with trailer					1998	12	108%	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 416.67	\$ 5,416.67
Chloride tank (750 gallon)					1998	10	130%	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 1,560.00
Chloride tank (2500 gallon)					2000	15	73%	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,200.00
1999 Vermeer brush chipper					1999	15	80%	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 9,600.00
6000 gallon diesel fuel tank and pump					1993		0%		\$ -	\$ -
2008 Titan 8000 generator					2008					
2008 Honda water pump					2008					
Lincoln welder					1988					
AgriMetal bale chopper					2004	10	70%	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 5,250.00
<b>Totals</b>								\$ 80,600.09	\$ 903,249.18	
<b>Office</b>										
Copier					2007	8	50%	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 2,200.00
Server PC					2005	5	120%	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 3,600.00
Desktop PC					2004	5	140%	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 1,680.00
Laptop PC					2005	5	120%	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,800.00
Printer					2005	3	200%	\$ 300.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 600.00
<b>Totals</b>								\$ 1,790.00	\$ 9,880.00	
<b>Lister</b>										
Desktop PC					2008	5	60%	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 720.00
Laptop PC					2004	5	140%	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 2,100.00
Printer					2005	3	200%	\$ 300.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 600.00
<b>Totals</b>								\$ 640.00	\$ 3,420.00	



## 2011 Selectboard Report

Thanks to the frugality of everyone involved, we were able to complete 2010 under budget. Road expenses were up slightly, with new equipment costs partly offset by savings in material costs. We have shrunk the budget for general expenses to help offset the cost of replacing road equipment.

With the help of \$22,000 in federal grant money we tightened up the walls in the Town Hall downstairs, added insulation in the gym, installed a more efficient emergency lighting system, replaced a number of inefficient light fixtures at both Town Hall and Garage, and installed new lights in the parking lot. We installed a new oil furnace at the Garage capable of burning waste oil. Residents are encouraged to bring waste oil of any kind to the transfer station, so that we can use it to heat the garage. All this work will significantly reduce heating and electrical costs for years to come.

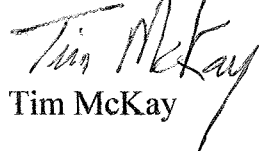
During the Town Hall work, we found problems with parts of the foundation. Addressing this will be a major project in 2011. We expect to use money from the Capital Building Fund that was formed 2 years ago. A number of volunteers in town have worked off and on for several years looking at various possibilities for the future of the Town Hall. We have looked at the lack of efficient space for the Town Clerk and Listers and maintenance issues. Options considered include full renovation, an addition, and building a whole new town office building. While the old building has problems, it is a focal point in Town, houses the Post Office, and existing space could be made better use of. The selectboard will work in 2011 to accomplish repairs and to make the best use of the existing building.

We commend the road department for their continued maintenance and improvement of roads in town. We completed a major project on the Great Road to replace 3 under-sized culverts and improve the ditches. Similar work is planned on Slack Street in 2011. Peacham has about 1200 culverts, many of which are under-sized, leaving us vulnerable to road washouts during big rains when the culverts cannot take the flow, or get clogged with debris. The more intense storms we have today aggravate the problems, and we will continue replacing under-sized culverts with bigger ones.

We have purchased a second 10 wheel dump truck to replace one of the smaller trucks. The larger trucks are saving considerable money on hauling costs, allow the crew to plow snow faster without having to come back to the garage for more sand, and have better resale value. We were able to borrow \$110,000 at 2% from the State with the rest from the Capital Equipment Fund. We have a replacement schedule to allow us to keep equipment costs fairly consistent in years to come. It is clear that we will be spending more for equipment in the next several years. The grader is our most expensive piece of equipment and will need to be replaced in the next few years.

The Planning Commission re-organized in an effort to complete a revision of our Town Plan. We re-adopted our existing plan in the fall as an interim measure until a new plan is completed in 2011. The next project for the Commission is a review of the zoning ordinance.

The Selectboard thanks everyone who serves our community. There are too many to list, but be assured Peacham is the community it is because of your efforts. We encourage anyone to become involved in any of the numerous activities in Town. Your investment in time will be rewarding for both yourself and your community.

  
Tim McKay

  
Andy Cochran

  
Dick Browne

## **Town Economic Committee and Collaborator Group**

The activities of the Economic Committee and the Collaborator Group have essentially been combined over the past two years. The functions have remained the same: (1) providing the Selectboard with information regarding the changing opportunities for external financial and technical assistance and (2) being a sounding board and information exchange for future options regarding the facility and space needs of the town and its many organizations.

One major activities of 2010 was the preparation of material to present to the 2010 Town Meeting an article requesting \$20,000 to study the feasibility and costs of constructing a community center in town that could house a multiple use basketball, volley ball and tennis court plus possible exercise/yoga space and new space for large gatherings including auctions, dances, performances and Town Meeting. The article failed to pass, but there was considerable support for the article and the discussion it engendered was beneficial to the town. A second major activity, which was an outgrowth of the first, was to sponsor a community forum in August to discuss major issues that confront Peacham: affordable housing, town facility and space needs, recreation, and meeting consumer needs. Over eighty people attended the event, and a team of neutral facilitators provided by the UVM Extension Service provided neutral facilitation. A report on the forum has been prepared and is available upon request.

The Group and Committee provide a venue for keeping informed of the plans and actions of all the major groups in town, including the Town itself. Promoting community vitality is a major goal, and in an era where the population is aging and relatively few young families are moving in, it is important for the town to consider ways to keep the life in town vibrant and attractive for new families and young people. At the same time, being cost conscious, promoting energy efficiency, multiple use of facilities and cooperation among our organizations and town committees is essential for a small town.

Joint Committee and Group meeting are held monthly and all residents are invited to attend. For the most part, there are eight to ten regular active participants but many more are on the mailing list and receive notices of meetings and summaries of each session.



## Peacham Listers' Report 2010

2010 was a year of change for the Listers. Deb Colbeth (Carpilio) and Jeff Lamphere were elected at Town Meeting to fill the two vacancies on the board.

The office focused on new lister training, reorganizing the cramped office space and updating the files.

We have started work with a tax mapper to implement long overdue tax map adjustments.

We are currently discussing a rolling reappraisal system over a three year period to avoid the massive project of a total reappraisal.

Any properties that change ownership or have current building permits will be re-inspected prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> so that any changes will be reflected in the 2011 values.

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

Deb Colbeth      Julie Kempton      Jeff Lamphere

## Peacham Fire Department

### Annual Report 2010

The Peacham Fire Department responded to a total of 62 emergency responses in 2010. The breakdown of responses includes: 21 in-town fire calls and fire related emergencies, 27 in-town medical emergencies, and 14 out of town mutual aid calls. We received mutual aid from area departments 12 times.

We want to welcome Peter Craig back to Peacham after a year long tour with the military.

We did improve our firefighting equipment this year with the purchase of three SCBA bottles. These are lighter weight bottles that will reduce the weight firefighter have to carry in an emergency situation. The bottles also have a 15 yr. life span and so it is important to purchase new ones periodically. The same holds true for pagers and portable radio's which two pagers and one radio were purchased on 2010.

The department was awarded a grant at the end of 2010 to upgrade three radios which will meet new guidelines maintained by the federal government.

As in the past our focus for 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 2010

Beginning Balance 1/1/2010	\$7,190.37	
<b>INCOME</b>		
Interest		\$6.42
Donation-Fire		\$685.00
Donations-Medical		0
Reimbursements		\$450.00
T-Shirts		\$23.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$1,164.42
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Office Supplies		\$64.00
Maintenance		\$800.00
Training		\$100.00
Beverages/Refreshments		\$218.00
Equipment		\$749.99
T-Shirts		\$91.00
Donation		\$130.00
Medical		
Equipment/Supplies		\$190.30
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$2,343.29
Ending Balance 12/31/2010	\$6,011.50	

## Fire Warden Report For 2010

In 2010, 41 burn permits were issued and there was one non-permitted burn called into 911 with response by the Peacham Fire Department. There were no wild land fires reported in Peacham during 2010

In 2010, there were 88 wild land fires burning 84 acres reported to the State of Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation. 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 which includes an old barn, shed, house or similar structure. To do this 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. Obtaining a burn permit does not excuse you from obtaining a permit from the Air Pollution Division.

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 or members of the Fire Department. They will tell you to contact one of us 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 2010**

In the year 2010, Peacham Volunteer Fire Department responded to 28 medical calls, this included 1 motor vehicle collision 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 with our first response vehicle, Rescue 1. Rescue 1 carries all of our medical equipment, ice rescue and rope rescue equipment, traffic control equipment and other specialized equipment. 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 provided 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”.

This year we are fortunate to have six members trained as EMS medical first responders. Chris Bunnell joined our department in 2010; he is finishing his EMT-B training. Two 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.

Please consider talking with your family and your physician about end-of-life issues. When you are unable to speak for yourself it is good to have a document available which clearly states your wishes as to emergency resuscitation efforts. Ask your physician about the document named “COLST” (Clinician Order for Life Sustaining Treatment). If you have such documents, they should be available for emergency medical personnel.

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 2010

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.

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**

The Peacham Cemetery Preservation Committee has continued to set immediate and long term goals for the cemetery. This coming summer the plan is to build an exit road for funerals.

Volunteers are continually being generous by helping around the cemetery. Thank you!

Donations for the Peacham Cemetery are always appreciated.

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

Burial arrangements may be made by calling Ron Craig at 592-3508.

I would like to thank all of you for helping keep our cemetery clean and beautiful.

Cheryl Stevenson  
Sexton

## **2010 Treasurer's Cemetery Report**

The Peacham Cemeteries remain a significant Town asset. The maintenance services provided by the Sextons, Cheryl Stevenson and Ron Craig, are greatly appreciated. Also, with the formation of the Peacham Cemetery Preservation Committee a revived community involvement is assured for the future.

From the Treasurer's perspective I can state that the financial goals established for the cemeteries are being met. Funds with low risk and steady growth are a priority. The cemetery funds for maintenance continue to be generated by two main sources; the dividends generated by the Restricted Investment Fund at Wells Fargo Advisors and the annual funds allocated by the Peacham voters at Town Meeting. In addition two Certificates Of Deposit are held at the Passumpsic Savings Bank and serve as interest bearing emergency operating accounts.

Finally, there were two lots purchased this year:

- |                                       |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Richard Brown & Susan J. McClellan | \$1,000.00 |
| 2. David Downer & Barbara Downer      | \$2,000.00 |

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Lafferty  
Town Treasurer

**Peacham Zoning Board of Adjustment  
Peacham, Vermont 05862**

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT  
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – 2010**

There were seven applications to the Board of Adjustment this past year. These consisted of two variance requests from John and Janice Guilmette, and Richard and Donna Lowre, and five sub-division requests from William and Paula Coby, Donald Moore, Sr., the Northeast Kingdom Astronomy Foundation, Sherry L. Ward, and Wilhelm M. Merck. The Guilmette variance was granted but the Lowre variance was still pending at the close of 2010. Each of the sub-division applications was granted.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Francis Carlet, Chair

Michael Bruton

Ronald Craig

Robert Joly, Secretary

Mathew Kemptom

Donald Moore, Sr.



**Peacham Fire District No. 1  
Prudential Committee  
Annual Report, Jan-Dec 2010**

The Annual Meeting was held at Peacham Library, February 9, 2010, at 7:00 P.M. The proposed budget was approved, water rent was maintained at \$380 per year, and the village tax rate was voted at 8% of the 2008 Grand List. In the elections, the positions of Secretary and Treasurer were left vacant at the meeting, but were subsequently filled by Sean Markey and Becky Jensen, respectively. The examiner position was also left vacant and remained so at the end of 2010. Gib Parrish was re-elected for a 3-year term as a voting member of the Prudential Committee, and Madge Rossinoff was elected for the remainder of the 2-year term held by Jerry Senturia prior to his resignation.

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, who plowed snow to provide access to the reservoir and control shed during the winter months. This fall the Fire District and the Town of Peacham reached an agreement whereby the Town Road Crew will continue plowing the parking area at the reservoir and will provide excavation for emergency water system repairs in exchange for a reduction in the Town's water rent by half. We also thank the voters of the Town of Peacham for appropriating \$1,500 to the Fire District, which has helped it stay in sound financial condition. We also thank Peacham Library for providing a location for our annual and monthly meetings.

Finally, a reminder that prompt payment of your Water Rent and Village Tax bills helps us avoid borrowing funds to cover our loan payments, which are due Feb. 25 & Aug 25 of each year.

From the Water Operator's point of view, it was a busy year, both getting things done in 2010 & planning to get things done in 2011:

- We delivered water to the village with few interruptions – we had to excavate two failed curbstops, but only interrupted water flow once for a few hours on the south line.
- We worked with the VT Water Supply Division to evaluate the cause of elevated copper found in our water in 2009 and successfully took steps to reduce it – 20 subsequent tests have all passed.
- Our efforts to operate without chlorine disinfection have not been as successful – we have had several bacterial detections while not chlorinating, one of which rose to the level of a boil order being issued, so we are currently continuing to disinfect while we assess the source of the bacteria. These detections may have come from the fixtures, not the water, but we will not be able to complete our evaluation until physical system upgrades are completed this spring.

- We are set to replace approximately 120' of main water line, eliminate a non-complying fire hydrant, remove 2 abandoned curbstops, and replace 2 failed and 3 working curbstops on Church Street; bring a well overflow system into compliance; clean & inspect the reservoir storage tanks; and finish bringing failed water meters back on line in 2Q 2011.
- Our monitoring and control equipment at the control shed continues to perform very well.
- We produced 3,386,469 gallons of water, which averages over the year to 9,272 gallons per day or 6.44 gallons per minute for the whole village. Our usage was 2% higher than 2009. For each of our 57 water connections, that averages to 59,412 gallons per year or about 163 gallons per day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted by the Prudential Committee,

Gib Parrish    Larry Jensen    Madge Rossinoff

# Peacham Fire District #1 2010 Bduget

	2010 Budget	2010 Actuals
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Village Taxes</b>		
Interest	-	14.00
Penalty	25.00	128.03
Village Taxes	6,717.60	7,100.16
<b>Total Village Taxes</b>	<b>6,742.60</b>	<b>7,242.19</b>
<b>Water User Fee</b>		
Multiple Payment Fee	20.00	23.97
Interest Charge	25.00	92.69
Water User Fee	21,660.00	21,012.52
<b>Total Water User Fees</b>	<b>21,705.00</b>	<b>21,129.18</b>
<b>Direct Public Support</b>		
Individ, Business Contributions	2,000.00	855.10
Direct Public Support - Other	1,500.00	1,500.00
<b>Total Direct Public Support</b>	<b>3,500.00</b>	<b>2,355.10</b>
<b>Investments</b>		
Interest-Checking	10.00	6.96
Interest-Savings	40.00	42.85
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>49.81</b>
<b>Transfer from reserves</b>		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>31,997.60</b>	<b>30,776.28</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
<b>Administration</b>		
Advertising Annual Meeting	25.00	24.75
Committee and Staff Stipends	1,300.00	50.00
Dues	405.00	460.00
Duplicating	-	64.13
Insurance	740.00	706.00
Paper Supplies and Software	100.00	12.61
Post Office Box Rental	70.00	70.00
Postage	90.00	89.59
Telephone at Control Building	400.00	353.65
Training	50.00	-
Vermont Rural Water Association	160.00	165.00
Village Picnic	-	11.76
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>3,340.00</b>	<b>2,007.49</b>
<b>Electricity</b>		
Green Mountain Power	1,600.00	1,581.98
Washington Electric Coooperativ	500.00	954.68
<b>Total Electricity</b>	<b>2,100.00</b>	<b>2,536.66</b>
<b>To Reserves</b>	<b>4,077.60</b>	<b>4,077.60</b>
<b>Water Quality</b>		
Chemicals	150.00	39.82
Testing (VT Dept. of Health)	700.00	1,863.39
<b>Total Water Quality</b>	<b>850.00</b>	<b>1,903.21</b>
<b>Water System</b>		
Loan Payment		
USDA 91-01	12,100.00	12,100.00
USDA 91-03	2,730.00	2,730.00
Operating Equipment	750.00	139.92
Operating Fee (State of Vermont)	150.00	93.70
Operating Supplies	250.00	6.88
Propane at the Control Building	150.00	99.18
Repairs		
Church Street Project	5,000.00	-
General Repairs (Electical / Excavation / Plumbing)	500.00	559.12
Overflow Project	-	-
Tank Cleaning	-	-
<b>Total Water System</b>	<b>21,630.00</b>	<b>15,728.80</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>31,997.60</b>	<b>26,253.76</b>
<b>Income less expenses (Surplus)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,522.52</b>

## Peacham Library 2010 Report

*Libraries are the vessels in which the seed corn for the future is stored.*

Dorothy Canfield Fisher (1879-1958)

Peacham Library celebrated its bicentennial this last summer in grand style—with speeches, poetry, song, and cake! From its humble beginnings as a resource for Peacham Academy students, to a community center, Peacham Library has seen many changes. Today you can

- search our catalog (all 9500+ items) online
- request books from Vermont or anywhere in the United States (over 240 times in 2010).
- borrow audio books online (86 last year).
- download eBooks from anywhere (4 in the first month offered!).
- attend a program (over 100 in 2010).
- access 21 different databases online.
- watch a movie during Tuesday Theatre or borrow one to watch at home; we have over 400!
- request home delivery—we'll bring books to you!
- view new and old art in our gallery.
- use a computer or connect your wireless device 24/7.
- use our meeting space for your group, or attend a community meeting.
- take a frog travelling—to your home or around the world.
- visit us online at <http://sites.google.com/site/peachamlibrary/> or on Facebook to find out the latest news.
- meet new people, chat with your neighbors, and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea every Friday.

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.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Jensen, Director



## PEACHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In 2009 the Conservation Commission was handed the oversight and maintenance of the Town trail system. In 2010 several work crews went out to clean up and blaze the trails and improve public use. Kiosks with maps had been erected at the Town Hall and the Roller Barn. This year another kiosk was added at the Town Forest. We thank Tim McKay for creating and installing new cedar trail signs at important points in and around the Town Forest trails. Thanks also go to Andy Cochran for his work reinforcing the Roller Barn and exterior work. We will also monitor the village trails, a possible walking loop around the baseball-soccer field area and coordinate with the school's nature trail system.

In the works is a multi town and school grant which will focus on children's participation in the improvement of streams and riparian buffers. Sites needing work will be identified and the landowners' cooperation will be sought.

Work at the Roller Barn area will continue with landscaping improvement including some possible granite benches in the vista area near the kiosk.

The Conservation Commission will help in promoting Geocache sites along the town trails. Geocache refers to a somewhat new type of scavenger hunt wherein people seek hidden caches placed by others and located through the use of GPS systems. The caches are found but not removed and are simply a victory for the finder. The purpose is the hunt, the exercise and the use of our trails and town by us and others for the purpose of discovering more of Peacham. Contact Frank Miller for details.

Projects for the coming year include trail maintenance, sprucing up the Roller Barn area, grant work on the waterways, coordination with the ballfield improvements, clean up of the junk wood pile on cemetery property behind the Historical House Museum, joint work with Tree Board and removal of invasive plant species wherever they pop up.

Bob Goss and Julie Morrison joined our group this year and volunteers are always welcome. Contact Dave Stauffer at 592-3076 or [davstauff@aol.com](mailto:davstauff@aol.com) to ask questions or offer help or report invasive species.

## Peacham Green Up Day

Green Up Day is always the first Saturday in May. In 2011 Green Up Day will be

**SATURDAY MAY 7 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon**

For those new to Vermont, Green Up Day is a statewide celebration of community through clean-up of roadsides, parks and other local sites. Everyone is welcome to participate; some people have unofficially “adopted” certain roadways as their own.

**To sign up**, you may call either of the Green Up coordinators listed below, or go to the foyer outside the Post Office beginning about two weeks before Green Up Day to post your name on the Peacham road map that you will find there. It always helps to let us know ahead of time what road(s) you are covering, but spontaneous last-minute participation is never discouraged—simply come to the elementary school parking lot any time after 8:30 a.m. on Green Up Day to get your route assignment.

An advance supply of free, heavy-duty **Green Up bags** will be available alongside the sign-up sheet outside the Post Office, at the Transfer Station or at the school on Green Up Day. Filled bags can be left in the town dump truck parked at the school or disposed of without charge at the Transfer Station.

**Safety information:** Be aware that you may be near traffic; wear bright colors or borrow one of our reflective safety vests. For parents, be extremely vigilant with your children. Everyone should dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes or boots. Bring gloves, or use the latex gloves we have available. There are some pretty yucky items out there.

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.

Green Up Coordinators: Jo Anne Post 592-3221  
Dave Stauffer 592-3076

And many thanks as always to the Peacham Selectboard for their financial and logistical support, to last year's intrepid volunteers and to members of the Peacham Tree Board, who joined in the day's events with Arbor Day activities.

## **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.

## **Transfer Station Fees**

Bag of trash	\$2
Large Appliance	\$10
Furniture, mattress	\$5
Sofa	\$10
Tire	\$3
Pickup load	\$35

## **Dog Licenses 2010**

161 dog licenses were issued.

Income:     \$1,189.00  
Expenses:   \$636.00 – Fees to state  
               \$74.73 – Dog tag cost

## **2011 Rates for Dog Licenses (before April 1<sup>st</sup>)**

Neutered or spayed dog	\$4.00
State programs	<u>4.00</u>
	8.00
 Unneutered or unspayed	 \$8.00
State programs	<u>4.00</u>
	12.00



**WARNING**  
**NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE**  
**MARCH 1, 2011**

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 1, 2011 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 \$ 6,31,300.00?

**Signed:**

*Paula Roush*

*Preston Smith*

*Gene A. Perkins*

*James W. Ashley*

*Judith Lynn*

*David Finches*

*Robert Mayhew*

*Mrs. Daisy E.*

*Brian C. Gray*

*John N. Gray*

*Laurie Eastman*

*Victor*

*William L. H.*

*William L. H.*

*Beacham Town Report 2010*

*John W. Hemen*

*Michelle R.*

*Shirley Drown*

*James M. Batchelder*

*David Degen*

*Joe Palmer*

*Wanda Howland*

*Larry Phipps*

*Richard W. Bliss*

*Andy Blum*

*Faith Jensen*

*Raymond Raymond*

*Stephen H.*

*W. Wise*

## Executive Committee Report

The NEKWMD finished 2010 in remarkably strong financial condition. Recycling markets were strong throughout the year. A combination of careful spending, solid surcharge revenues, and the most successful year in terms of recycling revenues allowed us to end the year with a surplus of \$62,356.71. Spending for the year was \$3,440 more than budgeted, while revenues exceeded projections by over \$65,000.

The sale of recyclables generated nearly \$174,000 in revenues for 2010. That figure represents almost 29% of the 2010 budget. While strong recycling markets were responsible for much of this revenue, the District as a whole processed 3.6% (96 tons) more material than in 2009.

The NEKWMD is entering 2011 with a budget of \$631,300 an increase of 4%. However, due to the increased revenues through the sale of recyclables the surcharge on non-recycled waste will remain the same in 2011 (\$22.55). Our surcharge on trash remains just below the average throughout the State of Vermont.

Other District fees for electronics, recycling bins, home composters, and tires will remain at their 2010 rates. Fees for many electronic devices will be eliminated in July of 2011 due to legislation passed by the State of Vermont in 2010.

The NEKWMD was staffed by six full-time and five part-time employees in 2010. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principle authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly and sets the direction of NEKWMD policy. The member Towns are also represented through their ability to vote on the NEKWMD budget.

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

In 2011, the NEKWMD will be looking to strengthen outreach to schools, businesses and seasonal residents while also promoting greater participation in recycling programs throughout the Northeast Kingdom.

The 39,000 residents of 44 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured that the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion.

### **NEKWMD Executive Committee**

	BUDGET ITEM	2009 BUDGET	2010 BUDGET	ACTUAL AS OF 12/31/10	2011 PROPOSED BUDGET
2	<b>ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</b>				
3	Advertising	\$750.00	\$ 500.00	\$601.11	\$ 400.00
4	Audit -- Financial	\$2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$4,400.00	\$ 3,000.00
5	Audit -- Waste Haulers	\$4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$4,924.57	\$ 4,000.00
6	Bank Charges	\$800.00	\$ -	\$20.00	\$ 50.00
7	Books & Subscriptions	\$200.00	\$ 150.00	\$217.85	\$ 125.00
8	Cleaning	\$1,560.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$1,680.00	\$ 1,600.00
9	Copier	\$1,800.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$1,249.80	\$ 1,850.00
10	Dues/Permits/Fees/Penalties	\$1,200.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$3,042.12	\$ 2,500.00
11	Heating Fuel	\$2,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,397.70	\$ 1,900.00
12	Insurance:				
13	Liability & Casualty & Emp. Prac.	\$7,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$9,712.00	\$ 10,000.00
14	Public Officials	\$1,700.00	\$ -		\$ -
15	Legal Fees	\$500.00	\$ 500.00	\$200.00	\$ 500.00
16	Postage	\$2,500.00	\$ 2,900.00	\$2,717.01	\$ 2,500.00
17	Supplies:				
18	Office	\$2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$3,243.21	\$ 2,300.00
19	Telephone - Office	\$4,000.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$2,993.45	\$ 3,600.00
20	Water/Sewer	\$1,400.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$1,434.87	\$ 1,300.00
21	<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$36,010.00</b>	<b>\$ 34,200.00</b>	<b>\$37,833.69</b>	<b>\$ 35,625.00</b>
22	<b>BUILDING EXPENSES</b>				
23	Improvements	\$2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$4,545.78	\$ 2,000.00
24	Electricity	\$7,200.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$9,184.06	\$ 9,000.00
25	Maintenance	\$3,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$8,092.34	\$ 4,000.00
26	Misc. Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$2,150.18	\$ 1,000.00
27	Trash Removal	\$1,750.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$2,833.63	\$ 2,500.00
28	<b>TOTAL BUILDING</b>	<b>\$14,950.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,300.00</b>	<b>\$26,805.99</b>	<b>\$ 18,500.00</b>
29	<b>EQUIPMENT EXPENSES</b>				
30	Purchases	\$1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,079.90	\$ 1,000.00
31	Baler Repairs	\$2,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$4,120.67	\$ 8,000.00
32	Baler Supplies	\$4,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$5,787.64	\$ 6,000.00
33	Forklift Fuel	\$4,640.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$3,973.05	\$ 1,900.00
34	Forklift Repairs	\$3,000.00	\$ 9,942.28	\$3,620.73	\$ 6,000.00
35	Warehouse Supplies	\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ 1,000.00
36	Miscellaneous Equipment Repairs	\$1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$511.39	\$ 1,000.00
37	Skidsteer Fuel	\$1,100.00	\$ 900.00	\$1,027.92	\$ 900.00
38	Skidsteer Repairs	\$1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$2,708.04	\$ 3,000.00
39	Trucks				
40	Trucks--Diesel	\$20,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$17,208.42	\$ 17,000.00
41	Trucks--Repairs	\$3,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$9,202.30	\$ 7,000.00
42	INTL.--CDL & Drug Testing	\$130.00	\$ 100.00	\$125.00	\$ -
43	<b>TOTAL EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$41,870.00</b>	<b>\$ 50,442.28</b>	<b>\$49,365.06</b>	<b>\$ 52,800.00</b>
44	Gross Wages	\$242,940.00	\$ 241,727.42	\$244,045.69	\$ 253,884.00
45	Overtime Wages--Warehouse	\$3,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$1,182.82	\$ 3,000.00
46	Fica (Employer Match)	\$16,700.00	\$ 15,177.10	\$14,728.15	\$ 15,927.00
47	Medi (Employer Match)	\$3,905.00	\$ 3,548.55	\$3,444.51	\$ 3,725.00
48	State Unemployment Insurance	\$704.00	\$ 800.00	\$1,389.48	\$ 2,500.00
49	VMERS (Retirement)	\$12,275.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$9,330.01	\$ 12,265.00
50	Workman's Compensation Insurance	\$10,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$10,128.00	\$ 12,000.00
51					

				2011	
52	BUDGET ITEM	2009 Budget	2010 BUDGET	ACTUAL AS OF 12/31/10	PROPOSED BUDGET
53	Health Insurance/Flex Spending	\$121,810.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$83,114.49	\$ 106,174.00
54	Mileage - Employee	\$6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$4,971.02	\$ 6,000.00
55	Mileage- Supervisor's	\$4,000.00	\$ 9,574.65	\$6,454.90	\$ 5,000.00
56	Personnel Equipment	\$1,000.00	\$ 750.00	\$94.99	\$ 500.00
57	Training	\$500.00	\$ 500.00	\$406.10	\$ 500.00
58	Travel	\$100.00	\$ 100.00	\$0.00	\$ 100.00
59	TOTAL PERSONNEL	\$423,434.00	\$393,677.72	\$379,290.16	\$ 421,575.00
60	PROGRAMS EXPENSES				
61	Advertising	\$4,737.00	\$ 4,700.00	\$1,522.94	\$ 3,000.00
62	Permits & Fees	\$300.00	\$ 300.00	\$239.00	\$ 300.00
63	Composting	\$5,500.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$17,648.39	\$ 7,000.00
64	Composter/Bin	\$5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$1,672.00	\$ 2,500.00
65	Education Outreach	\$14,464.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$11,428.12	\$ 12,000.00
66	Electronics Recycling	\$15,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$20,346.93	\$ 20,000.00
67	Hazmat Disposal	\$25,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$28,441.47	\$ 23,000.00
68	Hazmat Supplies	\$3,750.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$5,608.71	\$ 5,000.00
69	Special Collections	\$5,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$3,681.73	\$ 4,000.00
70	Tire Disposal	\$12,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$12,981.30	\$ 14,000.00
71	TOTAL PROGRAMS	\$90,751.00	\$ 91,000.00	\$103,570.59	\$ 90,800.00
72					
73	SUB-TOTAL	\$607,015.00	\$584,620.00	\$596,865.49	\$619,300.00
74	DEBT REDUCTION PAYMENTS				
75	Interest		\$ 1,680.00	\$1,193.38	\$ -
76	Principal		\$ 8,320.00	\$0.00	\$ -
77	TOTAL DEBT REDUCTION		\$ 10,000.00	\$1,193.38	\$ -
78	CAPITAL FUND				
79	Capital Improvement Fund	\$3,000.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$11,500.00	\$ 12,000.00
80	TOTAL CAPITAL FUND	\$3,000.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$11,500.00	\$ 12,000.00
81					
82	TOTAL NEK EXPENSES	\$610,015.00	\$606,120.00	\$609,558.87	\$ 631,300.00
83					
84	NEKWMD REVENUES	2009 Budget	2010 PROPOSED BUDGET	ACTUAL AS OF 12/31/10	2011 PROPOSED BUDGET
85	Grants--St of VT	\$67,100.00	\$ 43,884.00	\$24,100.81	\$ 43,000.00
86	Hauling--Recycling Pick-ups	\$31,915.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$3,426.45	\$ 3,500.00
87	Hazardous Waste (CEG Fees)	\$2,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$4,343.31	\$ 4,000.00
88	Interest Income	\$1,000.00	\$ 250.00	\$100.29	\$ 100.00
89	Miscellaneous Income	\$1,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$11,660.15	\$ 1,000.00
90	Program Sales--Composter/Bins	\$5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$1,296.50	\$ 2,000.00
91	Programs- Oil Filter Program	\$500.00	\$ 700.00	\$501.60	\$ 700.00
92	Sale of Recyclables	\$100,000.00	\$ 95,886.00	\$173,942.40	\$ 120,000.00
93	Compost Income	\$1,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$9,109.25	\$ 4,000.00
94	Electronics Income	\$12,000.00	\$ 14,500.00	\$15,688.35	\$ 20,000.00
95	Scrap Metal Income	\$11,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$17,882.50	\$ 15,000.00
96	Battery Income	\$2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$3,153.28	\$ 3,000.00
97	Tire Income	\$12,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$11,663.32	\$ 15,000.00
98	Surcharge--Waste Haulers	\$363,000.00	\$405,900.00	\$395,047.37	\$ 400,000.00
99	TOTAL NEK REVENUES	\$610,015.00	\$606,120.00	\$671,915.58	\$ 631,300.00

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***ANNUAL REPORT***

For 2010

We completed the audit for our office this past fall and it resulted in no findings or problems of any kind. Paula Watts our Office Manager and Book Keeper does a wonderful job of making sure all our t's are crossed and our i's dotted. The state of the Caledonia County Sheriff's Department is very good. We have kept our rates for service the same for the past few years as we know the times are tough and we want people to feel that they can still afford our services. We continue to add vehicles to our fleet, replacing cars that have served us well. With these new vehicles we now have seven marked cars, a marked 4-wheel drive van for prisoner transports, two unmarked cars with one being used for civil process service. We have a large box van that we use as an office at the fair and other security details. We have an ATV and two snowmobiles that we use for our snowmobile patrols. We continue to do town patrols and we feel that the towns that we patrol are a safer place to live & drive in because of our presence. The Sheriff's Department has twelve Law Enforcement Officers, down from seventeen last year. Several part time Officers got done because they were unable to find the time to help out enough when we needed them. One of the twelve is also a dispatcher at the office and one is in the process of training to become a fully certified Police Officer. Colton LeBoeuf of St. Johnsbury is eagerly learning the ropes of becoming a Law Enforcement Officer. We are all helping him in his efforts. We have the best civil process server, in the state, and he has very few papers he cannot serve...generally because they have moved. Our Office Administrator and Administrative Assistant, and two part time office workers stay busy because our office has become very busy over the past few years. I was very happy to promote Dean Shatney of West Burke to the rank of Sergeant. Dean has been with the department over twelve years and is very dedicated and hardworking and will be the Chief Deputy in charge in my absence.

We have established a wonderful working relationship with Northeast Vermont Regional Hospital and are helping them make certain that their patients and staff feel safe while in the hospital. We will again do snowmobile patrols throughout the county, doing our best to keep the trails as safe as possible, and we will again answer snowmobile related complaints.

We have been doing wide load escorts for wind generating turbines in the late fall and they will continue in 2011. In that we contract for our services to cover most of our expenses, these kinds of details are a big help. Please check out our website listed at the top of this page. Thank You.

Sincerely,  
*Michael H. Bergeron*  
Sheriff

## **The Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont**

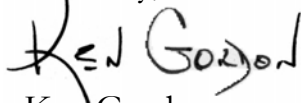
The Area Agency on Aging is a private, non-profit, United Way organization serving the residents of Caledonia, Essex and Orleans counties. We support people age 60 and older in their efforts to remain active, healthy, financially secure and in control of their own lives. The Agency connects older adults 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 24 residents of the town of Peacham with a variety of essential services. Your support allowed us to offer assistance to more than a thousand 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Gordon". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Ken Gordon

Executive Director

Cabot Emergency Ambulance Service, Inc.  
2010 Annual Report

In 2010, significant Legislation was passed to drastically change the way Emergency Medical Services will work in the future. Through this legislation, changes in EMS training was a large piece of that move. The Legislation now states that all EMS providers will complete 72 hours of continuing education in a two year period. This is an increase of 48 hours of training for EMT-Bs and 32 hours for Intermediates. At this point the Department of Health is involved in Act 142, which is working to put the new Legislation into perspective and figure out a way to accomplish all the changes that is proposed in the bill. Needless to say, volunteering to work on an ambulance service the size of ours could take a big hit and cause a significant rise in costs in the coming years and loss of personnel.

Breakdown of calls is as follows:

Total Calls for Service	175
Cabot	99
Marshfield	73
Peacham	3

Medical Calls	102
Motor Vehicle Accidents	29
Other Accidents	41
Fire Standbys	3
No Transports	44
Cancellations	14

Paramedic Intercepts:

Cabot	7
Marshfield	5

Mutual Aid to our towns by other services:  
(By Barre Town, EMFD, Danville Ambulance)

Cabot	6
Marshfield	15

Mutual Aid to our towns due to multiple patients:

Marshfield	2
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Currently on staff we have the following personnel:

EMT Intermediates:	7
EMT Basics	7
EMT B students	2
First Responder students	2
Administrative	2

Not all responders are currently active. It is very possible we will lose several responders in 2011.

We are always looking for people interested in becoming EMT's and volunteering on the service. Currently, because of the economy and responders needing to work multiple jobs, it is

difficult to have coverage 100% of the time, thus the mutual aid provided to us by other services. Given the increase in calls for service from 2009, we did a good job in covering the majority of them ourselves. Our goal is always 100% coverage. Daytime hours are the most difficult to cover so we're always looking for volunteers that are available during the daytime.

In closing, we would like to remind everyone to display your 911 address numbers where they are visible to all emergency services. By doing this, the life you save could be your own!

Respectfully submitted;

Sheila Brown, President  
Cabot Emergency Ambulance Service, Inc.  
802-426-2064



## Catamount Arts 2010

The residents and voters of Peacham played a very important role in the success of Catamount Arts during 2010. 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.

In the past year, Catamount has invited and encouraged the residents of Peacham to participate in many of its community offerings, including the Community Film Series, Independent Lens, the Children's Summer Film Festival and gallery exhibits and receptions. These free events were funded in large measure through appropriations from communities in our area. 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 2010, 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

Unexpected twists, challenges, and Teamwork were all on the menu for 2010! However, regardless of the twist or challenge, our members came together as a Team and handled each situation. One of our first twists was the unexpected need to replace our older ambulance this year. Although we were aware of the pending need, we had hoped for another year to raise money for replacement costs. Safety must come first, for our patients and for our crews, and with that in mind we began our research to determine community needs and options. After several months of homework and speaking with vendors, a decision was made to contract Cromwell to design and build our new ambulance. In meeting with the representative, several safety issues were discussed and presented which not only related to the construction of our new truck but opened concerns regarding the needs of our second ambulance as well. Options were reviewed and after discussion with our Board of Directors and membership it was decided to purchase one new ambulance and to remount the second one utilizing our two current trucks. The new truck arrived in October and our remount is scheduled to arrive sometime late spring 2011. This decision was not an easy one to make. Our goal was, and continues to be, to be able to purchase the two new ambulances without additional funding from the towns we serve. Hence, the CHALLENGE! Fundraising, grant writing, and tightening our budget began. With community support and hard work we were able to raise a portion of the cost, grant funding is still pending and just in case, alternative funding has been arranged via loans should that be necessary.

As spring arrived, both of our full time staff moved on leaving us with a staffing challenge to ensure 24/7 coverage was maintained. But, as expected the Team came together once again and ensured coverage and within a few weeks we had staff in place and increased the number of in house coverage hours from 5 days a week, 8 hours a day to 7 days a week, 10 hours a day. Although this increased our payroll budget, with the decreasing number of available hours by volunteers, we felt it was necessary to ensure a rapid response to those needing our services.

Healthcare is forever changing, and that includes pre-hospital care as well. New laws passed in 2010 initiated several changes; and although I suspect little will be noticed by our patients, crews will be expected to go through additional training and will maintain their certification levels differently placing much of the responsibility and cost on individual squads and local districts. Additional expenses for training and new equipment will continue to challenge our level budget. Additional training in treatment of heart attacks are requiring us to purchase two new cardiac monitors which will be a substantial capital purchase and additional training and equipment will be necessary for new advanced airways. Training and public education has begun regarding the treatment of strokes and trauma patients, regardless how minor; deserve the most advance care and equipment for best outcomes.

Our thanks and support goes out to your fire department for their assistance, not only at motor vehicle crashes, but also their medical assistance whenever needed to ensure safe care to our patients.

In keeping a level budget, our request for appropriation to the Town of Danville remains at \$5,000. As a reminder, membership applications were sent to all registered voters. If you did not receive one, please contact us and an application will be sent to you. As always, our financial records are available for review by contacting our office at 684-9600.

**Hard work, dedication, and the ability to meet any challenge has been what has kept us together for over 40 years; and, with your support our goal is to continue to meet the challenge for many more.**

## Danville Senior Action Center

The Danville Senior Action Center is a Board governed organization whose mission is to provide support to the community's senior citizens. The programs and services of the Senior Action Center are operated in space provided by the Danville United Methodist Church on Park Street in Danville. Board members represent the three towns that are served by the Meal Site program.

The Meal Site program currently provides approximately 675 nutritious and well-balanced meals per month. About two-thirds of those meals are served at the Meal Site center itself, and about one-third of those meals are provided by home delivery to residents of Danville, Peacham and Walden. During warmer weather, meals are delivered to the Peacham Congregational Church.

Beginning in October of 2010 the Senior Action Center expanded its services by adding a third day of meal services per week. We now provide meals on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12 Noon. Weekly exercise classes, bingo, a special Thanksgiving meal and a holiday luncheon hosted and prepared by Steve Cobb at the Danville Inn and sponsored by the Passumpsic Savings Bank were all highlights of the past year's activities. We are grateful for the donation of produce from local gardens which helps to keep our grocery bills down.

The Senior Action Center receives funding from the Vermont Area Agency on Aging. Eligibility for those funds require that we NOT charge a fee for the meals we provide. We are, however, able to suggest a donation for the meals. Our suggested donation for those under 60 is \$5.00 and for those 60 and older the suggested donation is \$4.00. The Danville Senior Action Center receives funding from the towns of Danville, Walden and Peacham. Other income is received by way of fundraisers and donations from area residents and organizations.

We are grateful for the \$300 in support approved by the Peacham town meeting in 2010. Because of the cost of the additional day of meal services, we are requesting an increase to \$400 of support for 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Douglas Carter (chair)

Danville Senior Action Center Board of Directors: Grace Astle, Douglas Carter, Terri Graves, David Magnus, Kenneth Mundinger, Nollie Page, Jane Peck, Nora Sethi, Laurel Stanley, Alan Vohden, Director - Karen Moran

**The Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium** is your resource for understanding science and nature. It 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.

The communities we serve 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 – the **Balch Nature Preschool**; **Destination Discovery** hosted by our summer **Student Curators**; the **New Explorers Club** after school program; **Star Quest** and **Eye on the Night Sky**; and the Museum's **Community of Observers**.

In 2010 the Museum launched the Balch Nature Preschool for 3-5 year-olds, and we opened a related special exhibition of botanical photography - **William Everard Balch: Celebrating the Art of the Observer**. Last January we hosted a marvelous lecture by **Katy Payne**, world-renowned authority on animal communications; and in the summer opened a new gallery for interactive learning with the spectacular **OmniGlobe** as its centerpiece. None of these programs, exhibits, and experiences would be possible without your engagement and support.

In 2011 we look forward to celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Vermont's only public planetarium; bringing the **Community of Observers** to Peacham; collaborating to support the NEK Astronomy Foundation's project in Peacham; hosting programs, lectures, and field studies of interest to curious minds of all ages; and sharing the pleasures of observation and discovery with you.

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 fundamental belief that knowledge is for everyone, and a dedicated and experienced staff of scientists, educators and curators. This Museum and these assets are here for you.

Charlie Browne, Executive Director

## Peacham Town Report Summary

**In 2010:** Northeast Kingdom Youth Services served over 3,851 people in Caledonia and Essex counties. 120 youth were homeless or at imminent risk of being homeless. 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 31 in Peacham.**

NEKYS provided essential support to 1,177 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. At the 6-month follow up, after **Parent Education** services, 72% of children remained safely at home with their families and had no new reports of abuse (another 10% 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 553 young people and their family members in 2010. Through the **Transitional Living (TLP)** and **Youth Development (YDP) Programs**, youth received information, support and life skills education to help them learn to live productively on their own. One young man who received TLP services was able to realize his dream of graduating from high school and entering the military. **The Living Room** day shelter had over 1,785 visits from area teens and served 149 youth in 2010. 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. 93% of youth accessing The Living Room received life skills education. Our **Elm Street Shelter** provided 33 youth with over 1,870 nights of safe housing and supportive services in 2010. 100% of residents in 2010 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 53 students with dedicated adult mentors that met with them once a week in local schools. Youth guided by a successful role model are more likely to improve their academic performance, through better decision-making skills, self-confidence, and sense of belonging. Youth in mentoring programs tend to have better relationships with parents, teachers, and peers.

The **Caledonia and Essex Court Diversion Programs** worked with 422 clients in 2010. The State's Attorney refers low- to moderate-risk offenders to Youth Services' Court Diversion Programs. The completion success rate of our clients is: 87% overall; 92% for ages 10-17 years; and 85% for those 18 and older. 86% of Alcohol Safety participants (under 21 years) also completed our program successfully. Diversion clients worked 1,068 hours of community service and paid over \$4,685 in restitution in 2010.

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.



# NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES, INC.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER: 1 Main Street, Newport, VT 05855  
Phone: (802) 334-6532 Fax: (802) 334-6555

November 22, 2010

Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc. (NEKLS) is requesting town funds to help support the Adult Education and Literacy Programs provided in your area. NEKLS provides educational services to Peacham residents as well as to any residents in Caledonia, Essex or Orleans counties over the age of sixteen who want to improve their educational skills. The program has full service Community Education Centers in Newport, Hardwick, Canaan and St. Johnsbury, part-time centers in Island Pond and Gilman.

As always, demand for adult education services remains very high. To date this year, we have provided over 10,000 hours of direct instruction to 556 students. Of those students, 106 have earned a high school diploma or GED certificate.

NEKLS has an exciting new program which allows students 21 years or older to earn a high school diploma through project based learning. The Adult Diploma Program is a perfect fit for students who are too old to enter into the High School Completion Program (ages 16 – 22) but who are determined to earn a high school diploma. Additionally, NEKLS continues to have one of the best GED programs in the state.

Your support of the Adult Education and Literacy program has always been important and it will remain so in 2011. 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 build and sustain our classes that are offered free of charge including GED prep, CDL prep, basic computer and skills building. We hope you will continue to support NEKLS and the Adult Education and Literacy Programs.

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

Thank you for your consideration.  
Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Tarryk  
Executive Director, Interim

## LEARNING CENTERS

<b>NEWPORT</b> 1 Main Street Newport, VT 05855 (802) 334-2839	<b>ST. JOHNSBURY</b> 364 Railroad St. Suite 2 St. Johnsbury, VT 05819 (802) 748-5624	<b>CANAAN</b> 5 Park Street Canaan, VT 05903 (802) 266-3933	<b>HARDWICK</b> 25 Mill Street Hardwick, VT 05843 (802) 472-3183	<b>ISLAND POND</b> 49 Mill Street Extension Island Pond, VT 05846 (802) 723-4261	<b>GILMAN HEADSTART</b> P.O. Box 231 19 Parish Street Gilman, VT 05904	<b>NORTH TROY</b> P.O. Box 327 155 North Pleasant Street North Troy, VT 05859
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Northeast Kingdom Learning Service, Inc.  
 Administrative Offices  
 1 Main Street  
 Newport, VT 05855  
 (802) 334-6532

ACTUAL

NEKIS FY 10 Expenditures Report		Total	AEI State
Revenue		794,677.00	434,327.00
Payroll & Benefits	Direct Service	305,079.00	115,333.00
	Program Operations	226,124.00	148,203.00
	Administration	20,300.00	20,300.00
	Total Payroll	551,503.00	283,836.00
Operating Expenses	Travel	40,270.00	21,714.00
	Supplies	5,289.00	3,973.00
	Instructional Materials	40,093.00	17,675.00
	Instructional Equipment	-	-
	Data/Communication Systems	19,689.00	17,029.00
	Contract Services	2,495.00	2,495.00
	Advertising/Marketing	3,407.00	3,407.00
	Student Support	2,365.00	2,279.00
	Professional Development	2,608.00	2,509.00
	Space Costs	69,665.00	69,459.00
	Insurance	1,826.00	1,676.00
	Misc	55,467.00	55,467.00
	Total Operating Expenses	243,174.00	197,683.00
Total Payroll and Expenses		794,677.00	481,519.00
Fund Balance/(Deficit)		-	(47,192.00)

To Town Clerk: Town Report Letter from NVRH

Dear Residents,

On behalf of our 512 employees, 72 medical staff and 135 volunteers, thank you for choosing Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital and our affiliated medical offices for your health care.

Our medical staff continues to grow to meet the needs of the community. This past year, we welcomed Dr. Andrew Nisbet, a full-time urologist; Dr. Gailyn Thomas, OB/Gyn in Women's Wellness; and Dr. Terry Larsen, General Surgeon.

As a not-for-profit community hospital, our mission is to provide the highest quality health care to everyone in our service area, regardless of their ability to pay. Last year, we provided \$1,730,000 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 them: 24 hours a day, 365 days per year, in our modern and efficient facility, with state-of-the-art medical equipment.

As one of the largest employers in the area, NVRH is an economic engine for the region, providing competitive wages and benefits to over 500 people. The \$22 million in salaries paid by the hospital provides a huge stimulus to the local economy.

Thank you for your continued support. To learn more about all of our quality medical and community services, visit [www.nvrh.org](http://www.nvrh.org).

Sincerely,  
Paul R. Bengtson, CEO



## **2011 Town Report for Peacham**

After a year of growth and expansion in 2009, in 2010 Umbrella was ready to support more of our neighbors than ever before. The difficult economic times created greater demand, which Umbrella was able to meet thanks to the robust support of community donors.

The Advocacy Program saw an increase of more than 30% in the number of individuals served. 815 women, men and children throughout the Northeast Kingdom received crisis support, safety planning, and help in navigating criminal justice and human service agencies. In the 10 months that the Horizon House shelter was fully operational we provided 1,640 nights of emergency housing to 43 adults and 72 children. In 2010 we also provided educational presentations and prevention groups to 864 adults and children.

Kingdom Care Connection experienced changes in 2010, as the state began the process of centralizing some eligibility determination services. It is not yet clear how this transition will look in the end, but KCCC staff continue to provide enhanced Child Care Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP, formerly called subsidy) services to families in need of extra help in navigating the system. We also offer free child care referral services to ALL families in Caledonia and S. Essex counties, supporting employment and educational goals for parents and stable early education settings for children. KCCC's Resource Development program provided over 600 units of training to area child care providers in support of their professional development goals. In total, KCCC served over 500 families and 120 child care providers in 2010.

The Family Room saw a dramatic increase in the numbers of families utilizing our safe, child-friendly supervised visitation program in 2010. The NEK-wide program served 129 families in our St. Johnsbury and Newport locations, supporting non-custodial parents as they create or restore nurturing relationships with their children.

Community support such as the funding towns allocate for Umbrella allows us to leverage additional grant funding, get the word out about our services, and look for ways to improve our programs' impact. We are deeply grateful for Peacham's support.

**Town of Peacham 2011 Appropriations Request: \$500**

<p><b>Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired</b> <b>Report of Services for the Town of Peacham</b></p>
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In Vermont today, over 10,500 residents are blind or visually impaired. Vision problems can complicate an individual's ability to perform daily tasks, stay mobile inside and outside the home, and enjoy leisure activities. Additionally, Vermont's rural nature makes it less likely for those with visual impairments to encounter others who face similar challenges, and thus create feelings of isolation and a sense that they are not understood.

During fiscal year 2010, VABVI served 1,374 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont, including two (2) adult clients from Peacham.

Since 1926, VABVI, a nonprofit organization, has diligently pursued our mission of enabling Vermonters with vision problems, whether blindness or impairment, to achieve and maintain independence. We are the *only* private agency in Vermont to offer a complete range of services to visually impaired residents – and at no cost to the client.

Services include Rehabilitation (adapting daily living tasks to allow those with low vision to live independently); Orientation and Mobility (providing white cane and guide dog instruction, allowing individuals to navigate through their home and community independently); Assistive Technology (adaptive aids allow clients to successfully perform most activities they desire); Social Networking (improving social skills and providing a support network); and Statewide Transportation (volunteer drivers provide rides to medical appointments, grocery stores and for personal visits).

VABVI has four offices statewide, located in Brattleboro, Montpelier, Rutland and South Burlington. For more information about VABVI's services, or to volunteer, please contact us at (800) 639-5861, email us at *general@vabvi.org* or visit us our website at *www.vabvi.org*.

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**Please contact Dave Agnew-Blais, Development Coordinator, at *dagnewblais@vabvi.org* or (800) 639-5861 ext. 217 if you would prefer to receive this information by email. Thank you.**

From: West Danville Community Club  
P. O. Box 6  
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Date: January 8, 2011

We want to thank you for your past support of Joe's Pond Beach. We of the West Danville Community Club supervised some major improvements to the beach over the past few years. As you have probably noticed, a pavilion in the style of a railroad shelter was completed this past June, and we are very proud of and excited about this fabulous structure. Local residents donated time and materials to make its completion possible.

Joe's Pond is one of the few free beaches remaining in Vermont. The expenses for running and maintaining the beach and surrounding area are close to \$4,000 a year. The West Danville Community Club has the responsibility of maintaining the beach, and we obtain our resources from membership dues, fundraising, and donations from generous towns as yours.

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