

LEICESTER VERMONT 2009 TOWN REPORT

School: Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Town: January 2009 – December 2009



TOWN MEETING: MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2010 at 7:00 PM
PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU

Leicester Historical Society

For the last year, the members of the Leicester Historical Society has sponsored monthly Prize Bingo at the Senior Center, usually the second Saturday of each month, except for July and August. Folks gather at 1:00 p.m. and fun and food abound for about 2 hours. Citing a lack of "young blood" and an adequate number of workers, society members decided to forego the two Flea Markets and Bake Sales, traditionally held in June and October of each year. The society has continued the tradition of the holiday lighting of the Memory Trees at the Four Corners and members appreciate the financial support.

Monies raised at Bingo are earmarked for some of the maintenance of the two buildings at the Four Corners, or to pay for printing of the information that has been gathered about the history of the town.

Bill Powers, of Lake Dunmore and Rutland, is assisting society members in recording information pertinent to local town history. Members are seeking old photos of homes and town buildings for inclusion in the collection. In particular, anyone having information/photos about the paint works or the lime kiln in Leicester Junction is asked to contact a society member. Photos will be scanned and returned to the owner.

Thanks to Bob and Peg Oliver for the attention they lavish on the Meeting House and the Senior Center, as well as watering the flowers all summer long.

For more information or to help with gathering historical information, please contact Carol Leno, Donna Wykes, Peg Oliver, Fran Monroe, or Diane Benware.



Carol Morrison

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Carol for her 30+ years of service as an auditor for the Town of Leicester. She has gone above and beyond her duty to insure that the residents in our town have been well informed. Her dedication has been an inspiration to all of us. Carol, we hope that you enjoy your much deserved "free" time. We know that you have plenty to keep you busy and are thankful that you gave us so much of your time and experience. We are going to miss you but, beware, we know how to find you so don't be surprised when we call for advice.

Deb, Dot & The Selectboard



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LEICESTER, VERMONT

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

	<u>Term Expires</u>		<u>Term Expires</u>
Auditors		Cemetery Sexton	
Carol Morrison - Chair	March 2010	Donna Pidgeon	March 2010
Dot D'Avignon	March 2011		
Deb Miner	March 2012	Deputy Health Officer	
		Kathy Eastwood	June 2011
Delinquent Tax Collector		Emergency Management Coordinator	
Elizabeth Ripley	March 2010	Raymond Lalumiere	May 2010
First Constable		Energy Coordinator	
Jeff McDonough	March 2010	John Quelch	March 2010
Justices of the Peace		Forest Fire Warden	
Bethany Menkart	February 2011	Richard C. Nicklaw	June 30, 2011
Cheryl Morrison	February 2011		
Diane Benware, Chair	February 2011	Regional Planning Representative	
Peg Oliver	February 2011	James Maroney	Appointed 11/09
Thomas Barker	February 2011		
Listers		Road Commissioner	
Harold Smith - resigned 3/09	March 2010	Arlan Pidgeon	March 2010
Tim Johnson - Chair	March 2010	Robert Oliver	March 2010
Cecile Todd	March 2011		
John Hughes - resigned 11/09	March 2012	Road Foreman	
		Arlan Pidgeon	Hired
Moderator		Solid Waste Representative	
Jeffery Wallin	March 2010	Richard Reed	March 2010
OVUHS Directors		Tree Warden	
Sid Glassner - resigned 2009	March 2010	Arlan Pidgeon	March 2010
Greg Bernhardt	March 2011	Town Health Officer	
		Leon "Bucky" Shackett	August 2011
School Directors		Town Services Manager	
Michele Pierpont	March 2010	Kathy Eastwood	April 2010
Mathew Brush	March 2010		
Heather LaPorte	March 2011	Zoning Administrator	
Hannah Sessions	March 2011	Andrew Peterson - resigned 1/09	November 2010
Heather McDonough	March 2012	Kate Briggs	November 2010
Second Constable		Zoning Board of Adjustment & Planning Commission	
Mike Rakowitz	March 2010	Vacant	Alternate
		Vacant	Alternate
Selectboard		Gerald Flint - Zoning Chair	November 2010
Diane Benware, Chair	March 2010	Donna Swington - PC Chair	November 2010
Ron Fiske	March 2010	Peter Fjeld	November 2010
Ken Young	March 2011	Tim Johnson	November 2011
Thomas Barker	March 2011	Jeff McDonough	November 2011
Robert Oliver	March 2012		
Town Agent & Grand Juror			
Vacant	March 2010		
Town Clerk			
Julie Delphia	March 2011		
Town Treasurer			
Julie Delphia	March 2011		

LEICESTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARNING

The legal voters of the Leicester Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Leicester Meeting House on Monday March 1, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. to transact any business not involving voting by Australian ballot.

- Article 1. To act upon the reports of the Town School District Officers.
- Article 2. To hear the Board of School Directors present their estimate of operating expenditures for next year.
- Article 3. To authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to meet the necessary expenses of the Leicester Town School District.
- Article 4. To do any other business proper to be done when met.

The meeting shall then be recessed to Tuesday March 2, 2010. The polls will be open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM at the Leicester Town Hall to vote on the following articles by Australian Ballot.

- Article 5. a. To elect a Town School Director for a term of three (3) years.
b. To elect a Town School Director for a term of two (2) years.
c. To elect a Town School Director for Otter Valley Union High School No. 8 for a term of (2) years.
- Article 6. Shall the voters of the Leicester Town School District appropriate the sum of \$1,040,086.00 (One Million, Forty Thousand, Eighty Six Dollars and Zero Cents) necessary for the support of its schools for the year beginning July 1, 2010. The amount of such sum to be raised by taxes to be offset by special education revenues, state aid and other incomes.

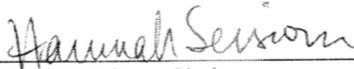
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LEICESTER BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

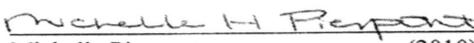
Hannah Sessions, Chair 2011
Heather McDonough, Clerk 2012
Michelle Pierpont 2010
Heather Laporte 2011
Matthew Brush 2010

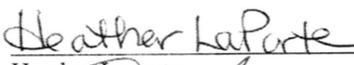
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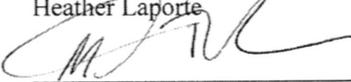
Julie Delphia, Clerk
Leicester Town School Dist.


Hannah Sessions, Chair (2011)


Heather McDonough, Clerk (2012)


Michelle Pierpont (2010)


Heather Laporte (2011)


Matthew Brush (2010)

LEICESTER TOWN WARNING 2010

The legal voters of the Town of Leicester, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Leicester Meeting House in said Town on Monday, **March 1, 2010 at 7:00 pm** to transact the following business:

1. To hear the auditor's report.
2. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the previously approved instruction to conduct a professional audit of the Leicester Town books every 5 years.
3. To see if the Town will vote to approve a sum of \$448,941.00 to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the town for the ensuing year, divided as follows:

General Town Expenses	\$214,841.00	Amount to be raised by taxes: \$180,624.00
Highway Expenses	\$234,100.00	Amount to be raised by taxes: \$142,671.00

Note: The amount to be raised will increase by the amounts voted on Australian ballot. The Selectboard will set the tax rate at a later date.

4. Discussion of articles to be voted by Australian ballot.
5. To do any further business that is proper to be done when met.

The Town Meeting shall adjourn until 10 AM Tuesday, March 2, 2010

The legal voters of the Town of Leicester, Vermont are further warned and notified to meet at the **Leicester Town Hall** in said town on **March 2, 2010** between the hours of **10 AM and 7 PM** when the polls will be open to vote by Australian ballot on the following articles:

- Article 1: To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year
- A Moderator for a one (1) year term
 - A Selectboard member for a three (3) year term
 - A Selectboard member for a two (2) year term
 - A Lister for a three (3) year term
 - A Lister for a two (2) year term to fill an unexpired term
 - An Auditor for a three (3) year term
 - A Delinquent Tax Collector for a one (1) year term
 - A First Constable for a one (1) year term
 - A Second Constable for a one (1) year term
 - A Town Grand Juror for a one (1) year term
 - A Town Agent for a one (1) year term

Article 2: Shall the Town of Leicester vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$300.00 for the support of The Salisbury Feral Cat Program to provide services to the residents of Leicester?

Article 3: Shall the town increase the Veteran's Exemption amount from \$30,000 of appraisal value to \$40,000 of appraisal value for qualified Veterans in accord with 32 V.S.A. §3802(11) first effective for the 2010 tax year?

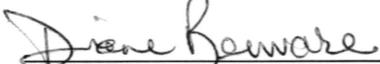
2010 Town Warning Continued:

Article 4: To approve or disapprove the following allocations from the General Fund
The total amount to be allocated is **\$11,636.08**

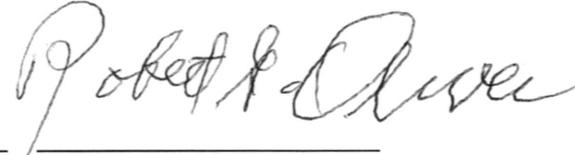
HOPE f/k/a Addison County Community Action Group	1,300.00
Addison County Home Health Care.....	1,138.00
Addison County Parent/Child Center	1,200.00
Addison County RSVP	285.00
Addison County Transit Resources.....	1,305.00
Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	1,100.00
Counseling Service of Addison County.....	1,050.00
Elderly Services, Inc.....	500.00
Hospice Volunteer Services	250.00
John W. Graham Emergency Shelter	725.00
Maple Leaf Farm.....	625.00
Neighbor Works.....	200.00
Open Door Clinic	300.00
Otter Creek Natural Resources	113.08
Vermont Adult Learning.....	450.00
Vermont Cares – Aids Resources	350.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	145.00
Women in Crisis – WomenSafe	600.00

Total \$11,636.08

Leicester Selectboard


Diane Berware, Chm – 2010

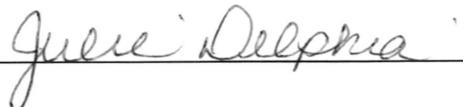

Thomas Barker – 2011


Robert G. Oliver – 2012


Kenneth Young – 2011


Ronald Fiske – 2010

Received for recording, January 27, 2010

Attest:  , Leicester Town Clerk

LEICESTER FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 2009

TOWN RECEIPTS

Balance, Jan. 1, 2009		48,065.43
Selectboard Loans	80,000.00	
Total Loans		80,000.00
Current Taxes for Town & School	2,116,822.57	
Delinquent Taxes, Interest & Fees	182,303.26	
Zoning Fees	2,760.00	
Licenses & Fines	13,123.13	
Reimbursement from LCS & OV	33,499.97	
Other Reimbursements	1,945.61	
Other	<u>17,489.48</u>	
Total Income		<u>2,367,944.02</u>
TOTAL TOWN RECEIPTS		<u>2,496,009.45</u>

TOWN DISBURSEMENTS

Loan Repayment	80,000.00	
Schools	2,166,060.00	
Selectboard Orders & Appropriations	<u>225,855.00</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		<u>2,471,915.00</u>
Ending Balance Dec 31, 2009		<u>24,094.45</u>

LEICESTER HIGHWAY SUMMARY FOR 2009

HIGHWAY RECEIPTS

Balance Jan 1, 2009		-46,481.79
Transfers to Highway Funds	49,180.04	
Highway Taxes	152,732.00	
State Aid - Highway	61,718.01	
FEMA	33,523.03	
Other	<u>2,255.00</u>	
Total Income		<u>299,408.08</u>
TOTAL HIGHWAY RECEIPTS		<u>252,926.29</u>

HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENTS

Transfer to Restricted Funds	46,481.76	
Selectboard Orders	<u>173,665.65</u>	
TOTAL HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENTS		<u>220,147.41</u>
Ending Balance Dec 31, 2009		<u>32,778.88</u>

TOWN OF LEICESTER

SELECTBOARD ORDERS RECEIPTS

ACCOUNT	2008 ACTUAL	2009 BUDGET	2009 ACTUAL	2010 BUDGET	COMMENTS
Balance in General Fund	14,446.63	48,065.43	48,065.43	24,094.45	
Loans and Transfers:					
Selectmen's Loans	99,000.00		80,000.00		
Transfer from Voter Improvement	512.00				
TOTAL LOANS AND TRANSFERS	99,512.00	0.00	80,000.00	0.00	
Grants:					
State Funds for Reappraisal					
Grant from State - Improve Voting					
TOTAL GRANTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Fines, Fees & Licenses:					
Law Enforcement Annual Refund	599.67				
Civil Fines from Sheriff Patrol	11,769.29		10,207.13		
Copy Machine Fees	29.00		18.00		
Dog Licenses / Fines	2,395.00	2,000.00	2,713.00	2,000.00	
License - Liquor / Junkyard	50.00	50.00	185.00	45.00	
TOTAL FINES, FEES, & LICENSES	14,842.96	2,050.00	13,123.13	2,045.00	
Taxes:					
OV/Leicester Reimbursements			33,499.97		Reimbursement from OV \$14,063.23, Leicester School \$19,436.74
Current Taxes to General Fund	1,939,385.54		2,116,822.57		\$152,732 removed and shown in Highway Budget
Prepayments toward next year taxes			190.69		Prepayments toward 2010 taxes
Current Use	3,488.00		3,694.00		
Delinquent Taxes, Interest, Penalties	92,990.67		182,303.26		
Education Tax True-Up	5,358.35		5,329.35		
Railroad Tax	78.48	78.00	78.48	78.00	
Fed Bureau Land Mgt - PILOT	6,824.00	4,000.00	6,973.00	4,000.00	
TOTAL TAXES	2,048,125.04	4,078.00	2,348,891.32	4,078.00	
Zoning:					
Zoning Certificate of Compliance Fees	175.00		250.00		
Zoning Appeal Fee	60.00		60.00		
Zoning Permit Fees	4,090.00		2,450.00		
Zoning Grant Final	3,001.28				
TOTAL ZONING	7,326.28	0.00	2,760.00	0.00	

TOWN OF LEICESTER

SELECTBOARD ORDERS RECEIPTS continued

ACCOUNT	2008 ACTUAL	2009 BUDGET	2009 ACTUAL	2010 BUDGET	COMMENTS
Reimbursement: Building Repairs	2,056.00				
Reimbursement : Fires	3,926.11		978.00		
Reimbursement: Insurance	810.50		727.00		
Reimbursement: Postage	230.40		18.57		
Reimbursement: Printing	25.00		210.00		
Reimbursement: Solid Waste	65.62		12.04		
Reimbursement: Workshops	850.00				
Interest on Checking	292.58		186.96		
Rental of Town Hall	95.00		105.00		
Rental of Meeting House	60.00		35.00		
Other			897.00	4,000.00	Expect refund from State for Tax True-Up
TOTAL INCOME	2,078,705.49	6,128.00	2,367,944.02	10,123.00	
TOTAL TOWN RECEIPTS	2,192,664.12	54,193.43	2,496,009.45	34,217.45	

TOWN OF LEICESTER

DISBURSEMENTS

ACCOUNT	2008 ACTUAL	2009 BUDGET	2009 ACTUAL	2010 BUDGET	COMMENTS
Loans and Transfers:					
Loan Payments	99,000.00		80,000.00		
Transfer to Equipment Restricted Fund	1,500.00				
Transfer to Reappraisal Fund	10,000.00				
LOANS AND TRANSFERS TOTAL	110,500.00	0.00	80,000.00	0.00	
Auditing:		3,200.00		4,000.00	
Carol Morrison	852.00		780.00		
Deb Miner - Chair	1,080.00		1,284.00		
Dot D'Avignon	1,173.00		1,317.00		
Professional Audit				2,000.00	Dependent upon floor vote
AUDITING TOTAL	3,105.00	3,200.00	3,381.00	6,000.00	

TOWN OF LEICESTER

DISBURSEMENTS continued

ACCOUNT	2008 ACTUAL	2009 BUDGET	2009 ACTUAL	2010 BUDGET	COMMENTS
Listing:		10,000.00		13,000.00	Salary increase based on 2009 actual and expected State
Harry Smith, Chair (resigned March 09)	10,448.00		2,048.00		
Charles Makovec	1,189.00				
Cecile Todd	3,012.00		5,118.00		
Tim Johnson			3,654.00		
John Hughes - (resigned November 09)					Mr. Hughes volunteered his time during 2009
Mileage - C. Todd	289.83				
Reappraisal		10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	Monies transferred to Restricted Fund (See Restricted Fund Page)
Tax Map Update	1,162.50	1,200.00	1,307.50	1,500.00	
LISTING TOTAL	16,101.33	21,200.00	22,127.50	24,500.00	
Selectboard:		2,825.00		2,825.00	
Diane Benware, Chair 06	625.00		625.00		
Robert Oliver	550.00		550.00		
John McDonough	550.00				
Mark Stacey	550.00				
Ron Fiske			550.00		
Ken Young			550.00		
Tom Barker	550.00		550.00		
Selectboard Secretary	1,200.00	1,500.00	1,350.00	1,500.00	Expected 2010 Requirements
SELECTBOARD TOTAL	4,025.00	4,325.00	4,175.00	4,325.00	
Recycling:					
Labor	3,600.00	3,800.00	3,800.00	3,800.00	
Solid Waste	6,696.00	8,500.00	7,288.57	8,500.00	
RECYCLING TOTAL	10,296.00	12,300.00	11,088.57	12,300.00	
Town Clerk / Treasurer / Assistant:					
Town Clerk, Donna Pidgeon	1,229.23				
Treasurer, Donna Pidgeon	1,229.22				
Town Clerk, Julie Delphia		7,000.00	6,372.03	7,500.00	
Treasurer, Julie Delphia		7,000.00	6,371.91	7,500.00	
Town Clerk, Kylee Rochon - resigned 1/22/09	4,154.80		897.00		
Treasurer, Kylee Rochon - resigned 1/22/09	4,154.24				
Town Clerk Fees, Julie Delphia					Fees collected, not from tax funds: \$11,904.75
Town Clerk Fees, Donna Pidgeon	143.00				
Town Clerk Fees, Kylee Rochon	480.00				
Clerk / Treasurer Training	2,450.00	3,000.00	1,305.50	1,500.00	
Clerk / Treasurer Mileage - K. Rochon	809.06				
Assistant	1,526.50	1,500.00	808.00	3,000.00	
Administrative Fees for Transition		3,000.00	2,495.00		
CLERK / TREAS / ASSIST TOTAL	16,176.05	21,500.00	18,249.44	19,500.00	

TOWN OF LEICESTER

DISBURSEMENTS continued

ACCOUNT	2008 ACTUAL	2009 BUDGET	2009 ACTUAL	2010 BUDGET	COMMENTS
Buildings Expenses:		10,000.00		5,000.00	2009 amount included painting Town Hall.
Meeting House	4,438.81		740.57		
Office	2,187.92		766.80		
Town Hall	503.72		7,022.82		
Fuel:					
Meeting House	3,242.99	3,500.00	2,193.46	3,500.00	
Town Hall	886.37	2,500.00	1,991.34	2,500.00	
Grounds Care:					
Cemetery	4,750.00	4,750.00	4,600.00	4,750.00	
Office & Town Green & Fern Lake Access	2,415.00	2,500.00	2,507.36	2,500.00	
TOTAL BLDGS & GRNDS EXPENSES	18,424.81	23,250.00	19,822.35	18,250.00	

Office Expenses:					
Cleaning Services	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	
Cleaning Supplies	56.94	100.00	100.86	150.00	
Computer Equipment				450.00	Network Computers
Computer Tech Support / License	1,578.28	1,800.00	1,799.23	1,800.00	
Computer Upgrade & Software	1,448.80	1,200.00	1,195.21	1,200.00	
Copier	1,376.44	1,500.00	1,329.90	1,500.00	
Office Supplies	2,402.80	3,000.00	2,897.86	3,000.00	
Postage	1,855.54	2,000.00	2,094.61	2,100.00	Based on 2009 Actual
Printing	3,083.74	3,200.00	3,369.48	3,000.00	Printing Line added to Zoning.
Records Restoration				5,000.00	Restoration/preservation of books needed
Town Web Page		500.00	336.00	500.00	
TOTAL OFFICE EXPENSES	12,402.54	13,900.00	13,723.15	19,300.00	

Insurance:					
Credit for good Standing Liability	(786.00)				Figures for Liability, Property & Casualty, and Public Officials are consolidated. \$7,939 is an estimate from VLCT. Workman's Comp figure is best guess based on previous audit and expected employee count. Actual figures from VLCT not received at time of printing.
Property & Casualty	7,165.00	238.00	238.00	7,939.00	
Public Officials		1,339.00	1,339.00		
Workman's Comp	3,175.00	3,644.00	5,991.00	5,000.00	
INSURANCE TOTAL	9,554.00	11,134.00	13,481.00	12,939.00	

TOWN OF LEICESTER

DISBURSEMENTS continued

ACCOUNT	2008 ACTUAL	2009 BUDGET	2009 ACTUAL	2010 BUDGET	COMMENTS
Zoning:				1,500.00	Zoning Revenues (permits) have been lower than normal.
Andrew Peterson - 11/07 - Resigned 1/09	6,225.00				
Interim Zoning Administrator - Ron Fiske			525.00		
Zoning Administrator - Kate Briggs			3,813.75		
Recording Fees			374.00		
Cell Phone - Peterson	450.00				
Reimbursements			60.00		
Printing				1,000.00	Based on 2009 printing amounts (listed under Office Expenses)
Secretary	544.50	750.00	1,073.02	1,000.00	Based on 2009 actual
Zoning Grants	3,000.00				
ZONING TOTAL	10,219.50	750.00	5,845.77	3,500.00	
Utilities:					
Electricity	4,603.78	5,500.00	4,254.47	5,000.00	
Telephone	2,174.48	2,200.00	1,372.18	2,000.00	
Water - Rent	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	
UTILITIES TOTAL	6,783.26	7,705.00	5,631.65	7,005.00	
Public Safety:					
1st Constable					
2nd Constable					
Addison County Humane Society Contract				500.00	Annual Contract with ACHS to be Animal Holding Facility
Law Enforcement Expenses	9,612.64	2,000.00	10,207.13	2,000.00	Remainder should be covered by receipts
Animal Control - Brian Webb	244.02	500.00		500.00	
Dog Census		300.00		300.00	
Dog Licenses - Tags			107.31		
Dog Licenses - State Fees	693.00		835.00		
Dog Licenses - Clerk Fees			492.00		
Contingency Fund - Fire Expense	16,710.00	19,716.00	19,715.60	20,000.00	Annual Contract pricing for 2010 and 2011
Fire Warden - Richard Nicklaw		100.00	100.00	100.00	
Health Officers - Shackett / Eastwood	80.00	200.00	60.00	200.00	
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	27,339.66	22,816.00	31,517.04	23,600.00	

TOWN OF LEICESTER

DISBURSEMENTS continued

ACCOUNT	2008 ACTUAL	2009 BUDGET	2009 ACTUAL	2010 BUDGET	COMMENTS
Other Expenses:					
Community Development	300.00				
Delinquent Tax Collector - Beth Ripley	6,240.01		11,941.91		Compensation comes from Delinquent penalty
Elections / Payroll	1,787.24	750.00	535.99	1,500.00	Three Elections expected
Interest / Bank Fees	1,150.51	1,200.00	636.77	1,200.00	
Legal Fees	9,209.87	3,500.00	5,907.64	5,000.00	Increase due to past history
Miscellaneous	196.43	200.00	120.00	200.00	
Payroll Tax Liability - FICA / Medicare	7,990.54	10,000.00	8,003.81	10,000.00	
Payroll Tax Liability - In lieu of Contributions	1,092.79				
Refund - Tax Overpayment 2008	11,581.54				
Refund - Tax 2007/Abatements/Delinquents	1,323.96				
2009 Tax Refund			310.52		
Reimbursements - Building Rent	50.00				
Town Moderator	200.00	100.00	100.00	150.00	
Trash Removal - Bullock Rd	182.82	500.00		200.00	
Workshops / Training - Town Officers	2,087.00	1,000.00	290.00	1,000.00	
Writing & Research Grant		500.00	787.50	500.00	
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	43,392.71	17,750.00	28,628.14	19,750.00	

Assessments:					
Addison County Humane Society	500.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	Took in 16 animals from Leicester
Addison County Regional Planning	1,075.00	1,060.50	1,060.50	1,083.24	On per capita basis
Addison County Tax	10,502.12	13,000.00	11,370.81	13,000.00	
Addison County Tax	3,094.81				final 1/3 of 17 month budget
American Red Cross	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	Responds in disasters, provided essentials
Brandon Area Rescue Squad	3,105.00	5,125.00	5,125.00	5,125.00	Changed to a per capita basis
Brandon Library	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,200.00	Over 150 households from Leicester are registered
George D. Aiken Research	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	Helps communities conserve resources
Green - Up Vermont	50.00	50.00	50.00	100.00	Visit www.greenupvermont.org
Insect Control District	12,436.00	12,436.00	12,436.00	12,436.00	Town portion of BLSG Insect Control Budget
Lake Dunmore / Fern Lake Assoc	2,624.00	2,322.00	2,322.00	7,225.00	Milfoil control expenses above grants (information can be found in Town Report)
Leicester Little League	600.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	
Vermont Coalition of Municipalities	100.00				
Vermont League of Cities & Towns	1,350.00	1,419.00	1,419.00	1,653.00	Municipal Assistance Center
TOTAL ASSESSMENTS	36,786.93	38,462.50	36,833.31	43,872.24	
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	214,606.79	198,292.50	214,503.92	214,841.24	

TOWN OF LEICESTER

DISBURSEMENTS continued

ACCOUNT	2008 ACTUAL	2009 BUDGET	2009 ACTUAL	2010 BUDGET	COMMENTS
APPROPRIATIONS AS VOTED					All requests are on file in the clerk's office
Addison County Community Action - HOPE	1,150.00		1,300.00		Reduce effects of poverty in Addison County
Addison County Home Health Care	1,138.00		1,138.00		1329 visits to Leicester residents
Addison County Parent / Child Center	1,200.00		1,200.00		Served 21 Leicester residents
Addison County RSVP	285.00		285.00		Bone Builders, Toys for Tots and more
Addison County Transit Resources	375.00		1,000.00		Free services for Medicaid elders, and disabled
Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	1,100.00		1,100.00		Meals on Wheels, Senior Help-Line
Counseling Service of Addison County	1,050.00		1,050.00		Provided Leicester with 18,813 hours of service
Elderly Services Inc.	500.00		500.00		Provided Leicester with 688 hours of service
Hospice Volunteer Services	250.00		250.00		Free services to anyone with terminal illness
John W. Graham Emergency Shelter	725.00		725.00		Served 150 Addison County resident
Maple Leaf Farm			645.00		Detoxification services for 2 Leicester residents
Neighbor Works of Western VT	400.00		200.00		Provides counseling for home buying \$ repair
Open Door Clinic	300.00		300.00		Served 13 Leicester residents
Otter Creek Natural Resources	113.00		113.08		Technological assistance to land owners
Vermont Adult Learning	450.00		450.00		Provides a variety of classes
Vermont CARES - Aids Research	350.00		350.00		Testing and prevention
VT Center for Independent Living	145.00		145.00		Help with home access issues
Women in Crisis - Women Safe	600.00		600.00		Serviced at least 8 Leicester residents
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	10,131.00	0.00	11,351.08	0.00	

LEICESTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT	709,360.90		889,191.00		
OTTER VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL	1,100,000.00		1,148,400.00		
STATE EDUCATION TAX			25,605.00		
OVUHS 2008-09 TAX OBLIGATION		102,000.00	102,864.00		

TOTAL TOWN DISBURSEMENTS	2,144,598.69	300,292.50	2,471,915.00	214,841.24	
BALANCE	48,065.43		24,094.45		

TOWN OF LEICESTER

SELECTBOARD HIGHWAY RECEIPTS

ACCOUNT	2008 ACTUAL	2009 BUDGET	2009 ACTUAL	2010 BUDGET	COMMENTS
Balance in Highway Fund	31,651.05	-46,481.79	-46,481.79	32,778.88	
Transfers and Loans					
Transfer from Bridge #6	76,229.58				
Transfer From Culvert Fund			2,031.60		
Transfer From Building Repair Fund			666.68		
Transfer from Equipment Fund					
Transfer from Highway Fund (Bridge #6)			46,481.76		
TOTAL TRANSFERS AND LOANS	76,229.58	0.00	49,180.04	0.00	
Agency of Transportation Highway Aid	64,169.36	54,000.00	61,718.01	52,400.00	
Current Taxes to Highway Fund	199,450.00		152,732.00		
FEMA		33,500.00	33,523.03	6,000.00	Remaining funds expected at completion of FEMA work
Road Permits	260.00	250.00	255.00	250.00	
Grant: 2 for 1 Paving	167,169.52				
Grant for Better Back Roads		2,000.00	2,000.00		
Reimbursement - Chloride	3,553.20				
Reimbursement - Misc	251.35				
TOTAL INCOME	434,853.43	89,750.00	250,228.04	58,650.00	
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	542,734.06	43,268.21	252,926.29	91,428.88	

TOWN OF LEICESTER

HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENTS

ACCOUNT	2008 ACTUAL	2009 BUDGET	2009 ACTUAL	2010 BUDGET	COMMENTS
Transfer to Bridge #6	76,229.58				
Transfer to Ditching Fund					
Transfer to Equipment Fund					
Transfer to Highway Fund	19,760.00		46,481.76		
TOTAL TRANSFERS	95,989.58	0.00	46,481.76	0.00	
Major / Grant Projects:					
Inventory Roads		1,000.00			
Culvert Grant				5,000.00	Town Share of Highway Grant for Culvert Replacement
Bridge #6 Agreement					
TOTAL MAJOR / GRANT PROJECTS	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	
Equipment Purchases:					
Sander					
TOTAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Equipment Repairs:				10,000.00	Based on history and repair expectations for 2010
Dump Truck			532.00		
Grader Blades	700.00	1,500.00	1,300.00		
Grader	1,116.15		552.14		
Loader	156.59	3,000.00	45.36		
Sander	1,123.63	500.00	4.32		
Plow & Wing - Shoes/Blades/Parts	4,780.99	5,000.00	2,582.86		
Other Parts & Labor	539.30	1,000.00	244.44		
TOTAL EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	8,416.66	11,000.00	5,261.12	10,000.00	
Ditching:		2,500.00		2,500.00	
Labor					
Equipment Rental					
TOTAL DITCHING	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	
Equipment Rental:		52,000.00		54,000.00	
Arlan Pidgeon	58,099.00		49,299.00		
Scott Pidgeon	2,580.00		1,560.00		
TOTAL EQUIPMENT RENTAL	60,679.00	52,000.00	50,859.00	54,000.00	

TOWN OF LEICESTER

HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENTS continued

ACCOUNT	2008 ACTUAL	2009 BUDGET	2009 ACTUAL	2010 BUDGET	COMMENTS
Materials:					
Salt	25,291.01	25,000.00	18,673.05	25,000.00	
Chloride	7,864.40	4,500.00	4,406.40	4,000.00	
Winter Sand	19,632.50	20,000.00	12,376.00	13,000.00	
Sand, Stone & Gravel	10,622.38	10,000.00	11,003.53	10,000.00	
TOTAL MATERIALS	63,410.29	59,500.00	46,458.98	52,000.00	

Storm Damage / FEMA Disaster:					
Materials	6,839.70		175.23		
Labor			1,785.00		
Transfer to Highway Fund			6,016.10		Reserved for remaining FEMA requirements
Equipment Rental	9,597.00		5,250.00	6,000.00	Expected remaining funds required for FEMA work
TOTAL FEMA DISASTER	16,436.70	0.00	13,226.33	6,000.00	

Hooker Road Project:					
Materials	5,338.45		340.75		
Paving	32,666.89				
Equipment Rental	17,236.00				
Tree Removal	7,000.00				
TOTAL HOOKER ROAD PROJECT	62,241.34	0.00	340.75	0.00	

General Highway Expenses:					
Fuels, Oil, Antifreeze - Loader / Grader	3,466.09	3,500.00	2,884.72	3,000.00	
Green-up Removal	450.00	500.00	450.00	500.00	
Signs	71.05	500.00	437.80	500.00	
Better Backroads			420.00		
Bridge Drain Cleaning	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	
Miscellaneous	386.83	500.00	423.00	500.00	
Culverts	2,490.80	3,000.00	5,031.60	3,000.00	2009 actual includes \$2031 from Culvert Fund
Paving & Cold Patch (as voted)	209,184.58			5,000.00	New paving - State will not match
Resurfacing		5,000.00	483.36	40,000.00	Resurfacing - May be available for State matching
Roadside Mowing	6,840.00	7,200.00	7,150.00	7,200.00	
Salt Shed Repair	3,754.93	100.00		200.00	
Town Shed Furnace Oil	3,015.67	3,000.00	2,270.76	3,000.00	
Town Shed Repair / Electricity	626.63	1,200.00	1,576.23	1,200.00	666.68 from Building Repair Fund
Town Shed Furnace Repair	123.20	250.00		250.00	
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	230,659.78	25,000.00	21,377.47	64,600.00	

TOWN OF LEICESTER

HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENTS continued

ACCOUNT	2008 ACTUAL	2009 BUDGET	2009 ACTUAL	2010 BUDGET	COMMENTS
Payroll:		45,000.00		40,000.00	
Arlan Pidgeon	25,290.00		17,073.00		
Gregory Bianchi	830.00		495.00		
Kevin Clark	697.50				
Robert Charbonneau	2,220.00		2,017.50		
Roger Bougor	375.00		187.50		
Kurt Kimball	90.00				
Scott Pidgeon	21,880.00		16,369.00		
TOTAL PAYROLL	51,382.50	45,000.00	36,142.00	40,000.00	
TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE	493,226.27	196,000.00	173,665.65	234,100.00	
TOTAL HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENTS	589,215.85	196,000.00	220,147.41	234,100.00	
BALANCE	-46,481.79		32,778.88		

Receipts/Expenditures of Non-Town Funds

During 2009 the Town expended the following grants:

Ancient Roads	5,000.00	Includes \$3500 from Ancient Roads Restricted Fund as well as final payment from State of \$1500.
Voter Improvement	3,802.00	Includes \$1552 from Voter Improvement Restricted Fund as well as a new 2009 Voter Improvement Grant of \$2250.
Milfoil	12,764.00	All funds received in 2009 from the Milfoil Grant.
Total Grant Expenditures	21,566.00	

Note: Town Clerk fees for recording, vault usage, and licenses are set by State statute. Depending upon the types of transactions during the year total fees collected can vary greatly year to year. These fees are paid by individuals or firms based on the statute fee schedule posted at the Town Office. Prior to this year, the Town Clerk fees from recording, vault usage, and licenses were processed through the clerk individually and reported to the IRS through the Clerk themselves. After discussions with the VLCT and the IRS, it was determined that Clerk fees should be received into the town and paid out to the Clerk through payroll. We implemented this practice on July 1, 2009.

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED 2009

Tax Rate:	Homestead		Non-residential	
Town	0.0845		0.0845	
Town Highway	0.0830		0.0830	
Veteran Exemption	0.0006		0.0006	
State Appeal Credit	0.0031		0.0031	
OV 08-09 Tax Obligation	0.0124		0.0124	
Education	<u>1.2793</u>		<u>1.3331</u>	
	1.4629		1.5167	
 Grand List	 1,840,009.00			
 Taxes billed:				
Town	1,840,009.00	x 0.0845	155,480.34	
Highway	1,840,009.00	x 0.0830	152,721.33	
Veteran's Exemp.	1,840,009.00	x 0.0006	1,104.14	
State Appeal Credit	1,840,009.00	x 0.0031	5,703.98	
OV 08-09 Tax Obligation	1,840,009.00	x 0.0124	<u>22,815.90</u>	
				337,825.69
 Education Taxes:				
Homestead	881,330.00	x 1.2793	1,127,485.54	
Non-residential	961,210.00	x 1.3331	<u>1,281,388.95</u>	
				2,408,874.49
Late HS131 penalty				<u>640.53</u>
Total Taxes Billed				2,747,340.71
Less State Rebates				349,690.70
Less Tax Appeal Credit				<u>5,667.48</u>
Balance to be collected				2,391,982.53
 Taxes Accounted for as Follows:				
Collected in 2008			32.91	
Collected in 2009			2,269,554.57	
2009 Delinquent Collected			66,550.78	
2009 Delinquents Outstanding			56,075.92	
2009 Tax Outstanding (Late billing due to Lister E & O)			78.87	
Tax Refunds Paid			<u>(310.52)</u>	
Total				2,391,982.53

COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	TOWN		HIGHWAY	
	1/1/2009	12/31/2009	1/1/2009	12/31/2009
ASSETS:				
Checking	48,065.43	24,094.45	-46,481.79	32,778.88
Total Delinquent Taxes	115,078.68	86,740.18		
Restricted Funds	72,683.66	87,227.36	187,492.83	192,218.16
Equipment	7,473.00	6,476.00	68,206.00	65,964.00
Buildings	313,300.00	313,300.00		
Building Improvements	36,323.00	36,323.00		
Highway / Culverts / Bridges			2,940,800.00	2,940,800.00
TOTAL ASSETS	592,923.77	554,160.99	3,150,017.04	3,231,761.04
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATIONS				
Equipment	6,104.00	5,793.00	57,191.00	58,659.00
Buildings	6,204.00	7,625.00		
Highways / Culverts / Bridges			101,919.00	150,326.00
	12,308.00	13,418.00	159,110.00	208,985.00
Assets less Depreciation	580,615.77	540,742.99	2,990,907.04	3,022,776.04
LIABILITIES:				
OVUHS	102,864.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Loans, short term	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Loans, long term	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	102,864.00		0.00	0.00
TOTALS	477,751.77	540,742.99	2,990,907.04	3,022,776.04

NOTICE TO RESIDENT HOMEOWNERS!!

*Remember to file your HS-122 when you file your
income taxes to ensure your Homestead status!*

*HS-122 Homestead Declarations are due by April 15th.
Claims are allowed up to September 1st, but late filing
penalties apply!*



RESTRICTED FUNDS 2009

	Balance 1/1/2009	Deposits 2009	Interest 2009	Withdrawn 2009	Balance 12/31/2009
TOWN					
Savings:					
Building Repair Fund (4)	5,072.93		55.73	666.68	4,461.98
Glebe Land Fund	5,855.22		27.10		5,882.32
Honor Roll Fund	102.86		1.16		104.02
Lister Education Fund (3)	1,194.35	465.90	11.73	575.00	1,096.98
Milfoil Fund (1)	0.00				0.00
Professional Audit Fund	5,124.25		57.35		5,181.60
Record Restoration Fund	1,270.69		14.22		1,284.91
Solid Waste Fund	501.64		5.63		507.27
Certificates of Deposit:					
Voter Improvement (1)	1,624.06		24.53	1,648.59	0.00
Money Markets:					
Cemetery Fund (2)	14,697.28	875.00	63.67	1,940.00	13,695.95
Reappraisal Account (7)	37,240.38	17,505.00	266.95		55,012.33
Town Total	72,683.66	18,845.90	528.07	4,830.27	87,227.36
 HIGHWAY					
Savings:					
Ancient Roads (1)	3,501.56		5.62	3,507.18	0.00
Ditching Fund	12,778.16		147.91		12,926.07
Road/Highway Fund (4)(5)(6)	23,251.49	52,497.86	269.52		76,018.87
Equipment Fund	22,886.15	1,888.64	265.15		25,039.94
Certificates of Deposit:					
Land/building Acquisition for Garage Fund	51,905.43		1,489.40		53,394.83
Money Markets:					
Culverts (4)	9,364.30		41.87	2,031.60	7,374.57
Highway Fund formerly Bridge #6 (4)	63,805.74		139.90	46,481.76	17,463.88
Highway Total	187,492.83	54,386.50	2,359.37	52,020.54	192,218.16

Explanation of changes to Restricted Funds:

- 1 Grant information provided on page 17 of this report
- 2 Headstone cleaning
- 3 Lister education classes
- 4 See Highway budget
- 5 Reimbursement for Highway Fund (formerly Bridge #6) disbursement of \$46,481.76
- 6 Unspent FEMA restricted funds of \$6,016.00
- 7 State payment of \$7,505.00 and Transfer from General Fund of \$10,000.00

Auditor's Report

We, the auditors of the Town of Leicester, have examined the financial statements for the Town and Highway accounts, to the best of our abilities. We feel that the accounts are in good standing and praise Julie Delphia for her diligence in this transition year.

Carol Morrison, Chair
Deb Miner
Dot D'Avignon

TAX COLLECTOR'S – DELINQUENT TAXES 2009

	Interest	Collected	Fee	Other	Total
2003	299.92	1,050.18			1,350.10
2004	2,404.39	4,530.20	365.40		7,299.99
2005	2,388.61	6,539.11	547.27		9,474.99
2006	3,271.04	13,166.44	1,023.18		17,460.66
2007	2,447.92	10,002.21	739.33		13,189.46
2008	3,731.38	48,960.38	4,017.12		56,708.88
2009	1,239.90	66,550.78	5,390.18		73,180.86
Total	15,783.16	150,799.30	12,082.48		178,664.94

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

We all have been faced with tough economic times during the last few years and it may have been a struggle to come up with the money to pay your property taxes. But, I would like to emphasize to you how important your tax dollars are to the town. The town operates with your tax dollars and if we do not get those tax dollars we can't pay the bills. When the town doesn't have enough money to pay the bills, it must borrow the money from the bank. The end result is it costs the town more money to operate if we do not collect all of the property taxes.

If you are delinquent, I urge you to do your part and call me to work out a payment plan that will enable you to become current with your tax bill. Please feel free to call me anytime, my phone number is 247-0075

Respectfully submitted, Beth Swington Ripley

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S POLICY

Town of Leicester

1. All payments made on or before October 15 will be timely. After October 15, they will be considered delinquent and subject to interest and fees.
2. It is requested that all back taxes be paid before current taxes are paid.
3. **Partial payments will be taken at the tax collector's discretion, and the payment must be large enough to pay off the delinquent tax before the next current tax is due. Payments will be applied to interest and fee first and the remainder on the tax.**
4. Bills will be sent out on a monthly basis.
5. No post-dated checks will be accepted.
6. All bad checks will be prosecuted, if not made good in ten (10) days.
7. **Accounts 6 months delinquent can be sold at a tax sale at the discretion of the delinquent tax collector.**
8. All payments must be paid to the delinquent tax collector or the treasurer.
9. All taxpayers must notify the town of a change of address, in state or out of state, in a timely manner.
10. No mobile home can be sold or moved unless all taxes are paid and a transfer filed at the town office. The owner and mover can be fined.

DELINQUENT TAXES - DECEMBER 31, 2009

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Alden Trust						1,145.82
Aines, Robert & Alynn						10.01
Allegretto, Paul Sr.						81.66
Besette, Anthony						1,955.03
Besette, Anthony						696.16
Black, Beatrice		469.40	529.27	197.42	218.58	239.64
Bradish, Jeffrey			293.82	162.72	230.36	259.42
Bushey, Paul						2,334.06
Cameron, Michael / O'Neil-GittensJoan						917.61
Carroll, Richard & Veronica			178.96	768.44	260.62	932.77
Carroll, Veronica			907.72		737.35	174.73
Carter, Robert & Michele					3,517.82	3,134.72
Clark, David & Bertha						1,051.07
Cole, Arthur						1,979.84
Cole, Robert					198.99	958.56
Corbett, Michael					2,061.27	2,259.88
Cram, Leonard & Sandra					136.97	191.10
Cumming, Linda					253.16	277.56
Ecklein, Ingrid						14.63
Foley, Donald						346.08
Foley, Jacqueline					24.01	805.37
French, Ralph & Vicki				1,573.12	1,741.70	1,909.52
French,Ralph Jr					161.86	177.45
Friend, James & Catherine						6,738.12
Fyles, Michelle			975.98	1,282.75	1,470.87	850.25
Gearwar, David & Melissa					29.59	26.81
Gemmell, Dale ET AL						183.44
Gerow, Robert					1,080.44	1,184.54
Gosselin, Joseph						428.16
Harrington, Raymond					58.10	63.70
Hope, Robert & Lisa						686.62
Hull, Jeffrey & Stephanie						2,270.18
Huver, Susan E						507.08
Inhinger, Robert						815.99
Johnson, Joseph & Tammy						780.06
LaFave, Scott			230.48	29.99	33.20	36.40
LaPorte, Donald & Shirley						881.03
Lopez, Juan						36.40
Maloy, Peter & Tammy						1,646.70
Maranville, James J	0.06	249.85	281.71	186.18	206.13	225.99
Martin, Carol						402.36
Mussaw, Linda & Carey						650.85
O'Neil/Gittens, Joan		837.87	944.71	755.94	836.96	2,306.38
Otis, Theodore						2,202.50
Palmer, Helen						276.65
Perry, Ronald & Melissa				913.83	1,200.65	1,119.35
Sherwood, Geanine						26.85
Smith, Paul D						303.34
Smith, Richard & Donna						1,301.33
Syvertson, Martin						2,694.66
Telephone Operating Co of VT						653.70
Theriault, Nathan & Margaret						1,548.36
Viens, William & Bernadette				984.02	2,528.86	2,772.53
Watson, Alan						58.62
Wisnowski, James & Melissa					922.53	544.28
TOTALS	0.06	1,557.12	4,342.65	6,854.41	17,910.02	56,075.92
TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES DUE AS OF 12/31/09			86,740.18			

SELECTBOARD REPORT

2009 was a year of transitions for officials in the Town of Leicester. In January, Kylee Rochon resigned as Town Clerk and Treasurer. The Selectboard appointed Julie Delphia to fill the term. Kate Briggs was named zoning Administrator in March, following the resignation of Andrew Peterson. Peter Fjeld and Tim Johnson were appointed delegates to the zoning Board/Planning Commission after the resignation of Heidi Schuerger. Jeff McDonough and Bethany Menkart were named alternates to the Zoning Board/Planning Commission. Harry Smith, longtime Lister, resigned in March and Tim Johnson was appointed as Lister. John Hughes was elected a Lister in March, but resigned for personal reasons in November. James Maroney was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Addison County Regional Planning Commission. Qualified candidates have filled these numerous positions and the transitions have been quite smooth. The Selectboard continues to seek applicants to fill positions on the Zoning Board/Planning Commission.

The Selectboard deeply appreciates the commitment and tireless devotion to the town shown by Donna Pidgeon, Harry Smith and John Hughes. In addition, Carol Morrison is retiring after serving 30 years as an auditor for the town. The town is fortunate that such individuals have served and we are in the need of more folks to step forward and help make decisions and policies to guide us in years to come.

The Selectboard has secured an agreement with the Brandon Fire Department to provide fire protection for 2010 and 2011. The Selectboard can better plan for the future with a 2 year agreement. We are fortunate to have BFD provide our fire coverage, as it would not be possible for the town to raise the funds needed to adequately meet the fire protection needs of residents.

The Selectboard spent considerable time in 2009 dealing with issues related to dogs in town. The town has had a Dog Ordinance in effect since 1998. Dog owners are requested to review the Dog Ordinance located on Page 56 of this report. In 2009, several instances of dogs running at large required Selectboard attention. Residents are reminded that dogs are to be on a leash, confined to one's property, and under verbal command of its owner. In addition, ALL dogs are required to be registered and vaccinated by April 1. Animal Control Officer Brian Webb will be conducting a dog census and dog owners will be fined for any dogs not registered by the April 1 deadline. The Selectboard hopes to avoid having to quarantine dogs or having to order the disposal of a dog, as was the case in 2009.

The Selectboard wishes to acknowledge to efforts of Delinquent Tax Collector Beth Ripley for her efforts to collect back taxes. All residents pay the price when taxes are delinquent, as the town has to borrow money to meet its obligations. Individuals wishing to set up a payment plan for 2010 are asked to contact Town Clerk Julie Delphia.

One item in the Town Warning seeks to increase the property tax exemption for qualified disabled veterans (5 in town) from the current \$30,000 to \$40,000 per individual. This shows support for veterans and amounts to less than one penny on the tax rate.

As we consider 2010, the Selectboard is trying hard to control costs. The Selectboard is planning to replace some culverts in town. A grant has been secured to replace a large culvert on Old Jerusalem Road and 90% of the cost will be covered by the state, with the town's share being \$5,000.00

The Selectboard meets the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Office. The Selectboard welcomes resident/taxpayer input. The Selectboard is grateful to all appointed and elected officials for their commitment and support over the years.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT

I would like to start my report by thanking everyone who has made my first year as Clerk/Treasurer such a pleasure. I am truly grateful to everyone who patiently waited as I learned a new skill, or assisted me when I had questions, or understood that I am not personally responsible for their taxes!

2009 was a great year for me. I had the opportunity to meet many residents and land owners and was able to immerse myself into learning the varying requirements of the position. I know that there is always more to learn and I look forward to continuing my education in 2010.

Many people (residents, surveyors, lawyers, etc) have requested that I reconsider my hours. Based on these requests, my personal commitments, and my concerns about traffic during school ingress and egress, I will be implementing new hours beginning March 1st. Please see these new hours on the next page.

The sluggish economy was a recurring theme in 2009. We saw home sales continue to be difficult and many folks refinancing. Delinquent taxes continue to be a concern. Beth Ripley has been diligently working on reducing the outstanding balance to ensure the town has the funds needed to cover our required expenditures.

Thanks again for all of your help and patience this year. I wish you all a happy and healthy 2010.

Julie Delphia

Town Clerk & Treasurer

(802) 247-5961 x 3

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Check us out at www.leicestervt.org!



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. How does the town calculate my taxes?

A: Taxes are determined by several factors. Town/Highway taxes are based on the budget and account for less than 15% of your total tax bill. The remainder is education tax. This rate is provided by the state based on state education calculations, the school budget, your homestead status, and the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA). The state education rate and the town/highway rates are calculated against your assessment and your tax bill is created.

Q. What is Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)?

A: CLA is a calculation that determines whether the town is over or under appraised. This calculation is based on qualifying sales for the prior three year period and affects the education tax rate accordingly. Contact the Listers for more information.

Q. What if I think my assessment is wrong?

A: If you think your assessment is incorrect, you should contact the Listers. They can give you more information on the criteria that can be considered and the timeline for filing grievances.

Q: What if I can't make it in during office hours?

A: If you can't make it in during regular hours and need to drop something off, please use the **drop box** located under the bulletin board. If you need to come in the office, you can make an appointment that better suits your schedule. Call me and we'll work out a time.

Q: Do I need a permit for _____? What's the zoning regulation for _____?

A: If you have a question regarding fire permits, please contact Ricky Nicklaw, Fire Warden at 247-8357.

If you have a question regarding zoning ordinances or permits, please contact Kate Briggs, Zoning Administrator, at 247-5305 or during her office hours.

Q: When do taxes become delinquent? How is the penalty and fee determined? When do they go in the Town Report?

A: Taxes become delinquent at midnight on October 15th. They are then turned over to the Delinquent Tax Collector who assesses an 8% penalty and 1% interest. They then receive another 1% interest on the base amount on the 15th of every month they continue to be delinquent. Taxes that are still delinquent at midnight on December 31st go into the town report. For more information, contact the Delinquent Tax Collector.

Dates to Remember

March 1st - Town Meeting
March 2nd - Voting Day
April 1st - Dog Licenses due
September 14th* - Primary
(*Bill pending, date may change)
October 15th - Taxes due
November 2nd - General Election

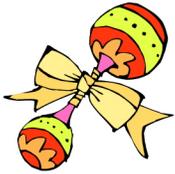


New Office Hours

Effective March 1, 2010

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9am - 2pm

Other times by appointment



Births

Eli Aaron Schondube 01/02/09

Julie (Gebo) Schondube & Aaron Schondube

Noah Bruce Gillett 02/05/09

Bridget Jean Wedge

Olivia Marie Quinn-Hamblin 02/06/09

Andrea Lynn Quinn & Kristopher James Hamblin

Luke Joseph Lepore-Capek 02/12/09

Tracy Lynn Thorpe & Michael Joseph Lepore-Capek

Miley Theresa Johnson 02/20/09

Ashley Lynn Plantier & Joseph Ellsworth Johnson III

Adrian Edward Paliling 02/23/09

Becky Jo (Charbonneau) Paliling & Dominggus Paliling

Arora Lynn Leno 05/06/09

Amber Lynn LaFountain & Christopher James Leno

Ryder Daniel Snow 05/28/09

Jessica Mae Reed & Daniel Bruce Snow

Ronald Thomas Coble Jr 08/03/09

Kasandra Lynn Cole & Ronald Thomas Coble Sr.

Larissa Madilyn Syvertson 08/16/09

Laura Helen Reed & Martin Eric Syvertson

Eliana Sophia Posch 08/19/09

Jessica Marie Ennis & Jeremy John Posch

Ibis Dylan Kin 10/02/09

Melissa Anne (Mattausch) Kin & Michael Patrick Kin

Fiona Sophie Taylor 12/01/09

Michelle Marie (Vermette) Taylor & Roland E Taylor



Deaths

William Fredrick James Snyder	03/19/09	64 yrs
Cynthia June Mussaw	03/29/09	74 yrs
Allen Leonard Atwood	05/17/09	76 yrs
Sandra Lee Nicklaw	07/04/09	56 yrs
Harold M Cornell Jr	07/31/09	72 yrs
Bernice Elizabeth Stone	08/09/09	41 yrs
Joseph E Johnson II	09/27/09	51 yrs
Mary Valentine McHugh	10/15/09	76 yrs
June Ruth Dwyer	11/19/09	67 yrs
Oscar Donald Mussaw	12/15/09	75 yrs



Marriages

07/04/09

William Carl Shoemaker &
Dezirae Ann Marie Sutton

08/1/09

Joseph Michael Harrington
& Lisa Marie White

09/5/09

Paul David Felion Jr &
Kylie Lynn Gaboriault

09/12/09

Tracy Lynn Thorpe &
Michael Joseph Lepore-Capek

10/10/09

Malynda Ann Ferraro &
Joseph Kelly Nicholson

11/1/09

Michael Bernard Warner &
Joseph Frank Watson

LISTERS REPORT

The Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) to be used for 2010 tax purposes is 99.02%, compared to 101.27% in 2009. The Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) is 10.02%, compared to 10.05% in 2009. The Listers have requested that the Selectboard challenge the CLA to the State. The Selectboard has agreed to do this, and the State is reviewing our sales data.

We had 127 changes in appraisals. Of those, 27 appealed them to the Lister's Grievance Hearings. Of those, 4 went on to the Board of Civil Authority (BCA). No cases went beyond the BCA.

The Town is on track to have a Town wide reappraisal completed in 2012. We are currently working to line up an appraisal firm. We have solicited information from other Towns on selecting an appraisal firm. It is anticipated that the Town will have sufficient funds to hire a firm in time for the reappraisal.

We had several personnel changes in the Board of Listers. In March, Mr. John Hughes was elected to the Board of Listers. In March, Mr. Harry Smith resigned from the Board of Listers. Mrs. Cecile Todd was voted in as Board Chair in March. Mr. Tim Johnson was appointed as a Lister in April to replace Mr. Smith and voted in as the Secretary of the Board. In October, Mrs. Todd resigned as Board Chair. Mr. John Hughes was voted in as Chair of the Board in October. Mr. Tim Johnson was voted in as Vice-Chair in October. In November, Mr. Hughes resigned from the Board of Listers. The Board wishes to acknowledge and thank the previous members for the service on the Board and to the Town.

Timothy Johnson

Vice-Chair, Board of Listers

FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

The year 2009 was the year of the wind. Calm one minute, windy the next and as a result a few fires got away. But for the most people were fairly safe.

If you wish to burn, you can call me and I can give you a verbal permit or written permit if it's a big fire so I can call dispatch and we won't get unnecessary fire calls.

Ricky Nicklaw 247-8357

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Kate Briggs was appointed Zoning Administrator in April, 2009 to replace Ron Fiske, the acting ZA.

In 2009, there were 43 logged requests in the Leicester Zoning Permits book, broken down as follows:

- 12 certificate of zoning compliance letters
- 13 standard zoning permits
- 9 variances (1 withdrawn)
- 5 agricultural permits
- 1 driveway permit (referred to Selectboard)
- 1 appeal of a ZA decision

The zoning permit application has been revised by the town Planning Commission and can be downloaded from the town website (leicestervt.org). In addition, the town website now provides links to the Addison County Regional Planning commission website from which the Town Plan, Zoning Bylaws, and other documents related to land development can be obtained. Ron and I have also tried to increase public access this year by holding more regular office hours and returning telephone calls promptly.

My goals for 2010 are to assist the Planning Commission with the revision of the town plan and zoning bylaws and to improve recordkeeping.

Almost all land development in Vermont requires state and/or local permits. Please contact me before beginning a project. I am in the town office (247-5961) on Thursdays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and by appointment. I can also be reached at 247-5305 or 1-802-349-6066 or by email (leicesterzoning@comcast.net).

Kate Briggs

DOGS 2009

1	@	\$7.00	\$7.00	
120	@	\$9.00	\$1,080.00	Clerk Fee
10	@	\$10.00	\$100.00	Julie Delphia
68	@	\$12.00	\$816.00	
29	@	\$13.00	\$377.00	State Fees
4	@	\$14.00	\$56.00	Dog tags
14	@	\$18.00	\$252.00	
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246	dogs		\$2,688.00	
	Income		\$2,688.00	Expenses
				\$1,434.31



Please review the Dog Ordinance located on Page 56
ALL Dogs are required to be registered and vaccinated by **April 1st**!

Brandon, Leicester, Salisbury, Goshen
Insect Control District Annual Report 2009
Assessment of 2009 Season

The year of 2009 has been one of measurable success. Your board has worked to develop systems and procedures that are easily implemented and provide results that are reproducible year to year regardless of staffing.

Mort Pierpont was hired as administrator adulticide coordinator. Mort has done a superb job of working with regional planning to get our adulticide spray routes mapped out on GPS maps and to develop time estimates for each route. He has worked to improve communication to the general public and has worked to make information available to the public on the web. He has recommended that the board consider GPS units for the trucks and mapping software, so that the routes of all treatments could be recorded. Many people do not feel that they are getting sprayed because they do not see or hear the trucks nor do they smell the spray. We are currently employing ultra low volume sprayers that are fairly quiet and some of the products used have very little smell. Mort has been successful in keeping 4 - 5 trucks on the road most of the nights when conditions permitted spraying. We cannot treat when it is windy (greater than 5 mph) when it is below 60 degrees F, before sunset, or when raining.

The summer weather was one of the most rainy summers on record which led to hatches from sites that we had not experienced before. Paul Doty, lavicide coordinator was charged with documenting regular sampling locations by GPS coordinates, recording numbers of larva, with date as well as water temperature. Unfortunately he is a one man show. We are trying to develop a pool of trained samplers so that we can more effectively treat developing larva. We treated more than 7000 acres by air this summer but were overwhelmed by the constant flooding and the "bugs" just got out of hand. However, in talking to people from other parts of the state where there was no treatment we had it pretty good. You have a dedicated board of directors, and I thank them for their tireless volunteerism, Gary Meffe and Wayne Rausenberger from Brandon, Linda Pitkin and Brad Ramsay from Leicester, Ben Fuller from Salisbury, Jeff Whiting and Ben Lawton from Goshen, and Marion Bauer, LDFLA representative.

A special thanks to Brad Law for his assistance in storing materials, getting us materials at reasonable cost, and helping to mow the brush and fields surrounding the building at no cost to the district. Also thanks to Representative Joe Acinipura for his advocating with the legislators.

We expect to have sufficient funds for the 2010 year from the state but as more towns organize mosquito control districts, there has not been any increase in state funding so we are now drawing on a diminishing resource. Currently the appropriation for year 2011 is in question. Ask your state representatives and senators for their continued support. The board appreciates your support. Our hotline remains 247-6779. We expect to have our new web site up and running for the 2010 season.

Respectfully Submitted,
B.F. Lawton, D.M.D.
BLSG Chairman

Brandon-Leicester-Salisbury-Goshen
Insect Control District
2009 Financial Report and 2010 Budget

Local Activities:	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Income	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	BUDGET
Brandon	17,055	18,300	21,750	24,399	24,339
Leicester	9,350	12,436	12,436	12,436	12,436
Salisbury	9,350	12,436	12,436	12,436	12,436
Goshen	-	12,550	-	17,641	8,047
Interest	36	41	539	145	500
Donation& Misc.	100	100	1,300	900	700
Total Income	35,891	55,863	48,460	67,957	58,458
Expense					
Production					
Adulticide Chemicals	22,313	-	8,209	4,770	10,000
Labor-Adulticide Coordinator	4,416	6,000	4,883	8,638	8,500
Labor - Larvicide Coordinator	-	-	-	2,650	4,500
Labor-Applicators	847	438	2,794	3,885	4,000
Payroll Taxes	1,902	1,502	2,385	2,888	3,230
Gas-Trucks & Sprayers	1,355	505	1,719	1,047	1,500
Maintenance-Trucks	620	343	1,520	1,217	1,500
Maintenance-Sprayers & Other	-	463	94	550	600
Equipment Rental	-	-	-	30	200
Safety Equipment	-	-	-	293	300
Legal (other than dedicated fund)	-	187	-	-	500
Total Production/Spraying Related Costs	31,453	9,438	21,605	25,968	34,830
Overhead					
Board of Directors	-	-	-	-	1,000
Continuing Education	-	177	-	130	750
Announcements	-	-	292	100	400
Office Expenses	304	94	473	132	500
Book keeping	-	-	-	809	500
Building Maintenance	-	-	1,984	3,980	1,000
Dump Fees	125	55	-	31	150
Communications	979	853	764	979	1,600
Electric	65	204	195	229	300
Insurance-Worker's Comp	-	-	858	910	1,250
Insurance-Building & Equip	2,111	2,204	2,249	2,314	2,500
Insurance-Trucks	1,573	1,956	2,323	1,972	2,500
Insurance-Liability	7,206	7,480	7,480	6,361	7,500
Miscellaneous	50	-	38	-	250
Total Overhead Related Costs	12,413	13,022	16,655	17,948	20,200
Total Expense	43,866	22,460	38,261	43,917	55,030
Cash Gain (Loss) BEFORE DEDICATED FUND CONTRIBUTIONS	(7,975)	33,403	10,200	24,040	3,428
LESS Contributions to Dedicated Funds	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 11,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 5,000
Net Cash Gain (Loss)	(13,475)	27,903	(800)	9,040	(1,572)
Beginning Operating Cash Balance	\$ 23,238	\$ 9,763	\$ 37,666	\$ 36,866	\$ 45,906
Net Cash Gain (Loss)	\$ (13,475)	\$ 27,903	\$ (800)	\$ 9,040	\$ (1,572)
Year End Operating Cash Balance	\$ 9,763	\$ 37,666	\$ 36,866	\$ 45,906	\$ 44,334
Dedicated Equipment Replacement Fund					
Beginning Balance	\$ 5,700	\$ 11,200	\$ 16,700	\$ 26,950	\$ 36,005
Budgeted Funding	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 5,000
Dedicated Donations	\$ 9,897				
Equipment Purchases	\$ 9,897	\$ -	\$ 750	\$ 1,945	\$ 20,000
Ending Balance	\$ 11,200	\$ 16,700	\$ 26,950	\$ 36,005	\$ 21,005
Dedicated Fund for updating Organizational Documents					
Beginning				\$ -	\$ 3,752
Budgeted Funding				\$ 4,000	\$ -
Expenditures				\$ 248	\$ 3,752
Ending				\$ 3,752	\$ -

- Notes:
1. Please keep in mind that we incur operating costs every year well before we are able to collect funds from most of the member towns.
 2. We intend to upgrade some of our older trucks and sprayers this year, which will require a significant portion of our equipment replacement fur
 3. We are in the process of upgrading our Organizational Documents, which will likely require most of that fund this year.
 4. in 2009 Goshen paid \$17,641, which included all past due funds from prior years.

LAKE DUNMORE / FERN LAKE ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 14
SALISBURY, VERMONT 05769

Statement of Benefit to the Towns of Leicester and Salisbury:

The Eurasian Milfoil Control Program on Lake Dunmore and Fern Lake effectively controls the spread of an invasive, non-native aquatic weed that would otherwise overrun the shoreline and shallow areas of the lakes. The uncontrolled spread of Milfoil would significantly impact the recreational use of the lakes by restricting boating, fishing and swimming. It would reduce the plant and wildlife diversity now found in and on the lakes; have a negative aesthetic impact and adverse effect on property values in the lakes areas.

Subject: Budgetary Support of Milfoil Control Program

In keeping with the previous agreement between the LDFLA and the towns of Leicester and Salisbury, enclosed please find the Milfoil Control Program 2009 Final Report which has been audited and approved by the state. As shown on the first page of the report (referred to as Attachment D), the 2009 expenses for the program were \$67,247.

The final 2009 program costs and funding for the 2009 program are as follows:

Total Program Costs	\$67,247.
Less: In-Kind Services	25,013.
Less: State Grant	12,764.
Less: Other Dedicated Milfoil Revenue & Reserves	<u>7,795.</u>
Remaining Program Costs	\$21,675.

One third share each for LDFLA, Leicester and Salisbury = \$7,225.

Please submit \$7,225. as a line item to this year's budget for voter approval on Town Meeting Day in support of the Lake Dunmore Fern Lake Association Milfoil Control Program.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Michael
Treasurer, LDFLA

The **Lake Dunmore Fern Lake Association's** mission statement is "To protect and enhance the natural vitality of Lake Dunmore and Fern Lake while preserving the recreational and lifestyle interests of the lake community". We are very fortunate to have such beautiful lakes to enjoy right in our back yards.

The biggest challenge our board faces is the control of invasive aquatic species, specifically Eurasian Milfoil. This past summer 40,000 plants were hand pulled by the Milfoil crew as compared to 18,000 and 13,000 pulled in the prior two seasons respectively. We spend the lion's share of our budget on this program. We receive grants from the towns of Leicester and Salisbury, and from the State of Vermont. With this funding and the help of many volunteers, we have been able to continue with the hand pulling program that was set up in 1994. Without this program, we would most certainly have lakes choked with Eurasian milfoil as this is a very aggressive species. Our hopes are to be able to keep this species under control using the environmentally sensitive approach of hand pulling.

We also assist in the mosquito control program with funds and personnel. This is the second biggest budget item. Please visit our website www.ldfla.com for more information.

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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Annual Report –Year End June 30, 2009

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) was pleased to provide the following technical assistance and planning support to the region and its member municipalities during its 2009 fiscal year:

Regional and Municipal Planning and Mapping

- Assisted member municipalities creating, adopting and regionally approving their municipal plans.
- Assisted member municipalities creating and adopting local regulations implementing their municipal plan.
- Provided data and mapping products to support on-going municipal planning activities.
- Provided technical assistance to municipal officials concerning regulations relating to municipal government.
- Represented the region at the District 9 Environmental Commission in the Act 250 process and at the Public Service Board in Section 248 hearings.

Educational Meetings and Grants

- Hosted an educational workshop series in conjunction with VLCT, presented at the MOMS and TOECS and hosted monthly public meetings on a wide variety of planning topics.
- Wrote or provided information and support to communities and organizations to help them secure grant funding.
- Hosted a monthly Educational Series on renewable energy and conservation options available for implementation in Addison County.

Emergency Planning

- Worked with Addison County's Emergency Planning Committee and Vermont Emergency Management staff to assist with municipal emergency planning efforts, including developing Basic Emergency Operations Plans.
- Planned and assisted a series of exercises and workshops designed to increase the capacity of local responders.
- Conducted geomorphic assessments of local rivers and helped communities incorporate the results into flood and erosion planning documents.
- Worked with VEM to exercise statewide disaster plans.

Energy Planning:

- Assisted Towns in implementing energy conservation and renewable energy planning, programs and projects.
- Promoted regional and statewide educational programs and grant opportunities.
- Collaborated with other organizations to organize a regional Green Energy Expo.

Transportation Planning

- Supported the Addison County Transportation Advisory Committee's work on structures and regional priorities.
- Supported Addison County Transit Resources by providing funding and technical support.
- Worked with municipalities to produce highway structures inventories of all local roads in the region.
- Performed traffic counts and safety inventories on unsignalized intersections for several municipalities.
- Assisted Towns with enhancement, park and ride, and stormwater grants.
- Developed Access Management Plans for several towns.
- Sponsored town transportation studies.
- Supported municipal capital budget development.

Natural Resources Planning

- Implemented a program to assess Brownfields within the region.
- The Natural Resource Committee is updating the Natural Resource section of the Regional Plan.
- Actively supported the efforts of the Addison County Watershed Collaborative.

Addison
Lincoln
Salisbury

Bridport
Middlebury
Shoreham

Bristol
Monkton
Starksboro

Cornwall
New Haven
Vergennes

Ferrisburgh
Orwell
Waltham

Goshen
Panton
Weybridge

Leicester
Ripton
Whiting





*Issued in December 2009 for publication in 2010 Town Reports.
Please call partnership specialist Helen Simon at (802) 264-0856 at the
Census Bureau in Williston, Vt., if you have any questions.*

Census 2010: Making Our Community Count

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting the decennial census this year and needs everyone to participate. There's too much at stake to miss out on this opportunity. Let's make our community count!

Our Constitution requires the government to count everyone living in the U.S. every 10 years. Census data is used to allocate \$400 billion annually to states and localities for programs such as social services, health care, education and infrastructure. If our community's population figures are off, we may not receive all the federal dollars to which we are entitled.

Ideally, the Census Bureau counts everyone by delivering or mailing a questionnaire to each household. The residents fill it out and mail it back in a pre-addressed, stamped envelope.

Filling out the census questionnaire is easy and should only take about 10 minutes. The questionnaire asks 10 or fewer questions about each person living in the household, including their name, age, birthday, sex, Hispanic background, race and other places they might live. It also asks how many people live at the home and whether it's rented or owned.

If residents don't fill out and return their questionnaire, the Census Bureau has to send a representative to collect the information. That ends up costing taxpayers a lot more money. In Vermont, only 60 percent of households returned their questionnaires in the 2000 census, well below the national average of 67 percent. We need to increase that percentage significantly!

Filling out the questionnaire is safe and the information remains completely confidential. Census employees are prohibited from disclosing the information to any agency or individual, and face jail time and fines for any violations.

PLEASE fill out your questionnaire when you receive it in March. Help anyone else who might need assistance. It's easy, it's important and it's safe. We need to make every Vermonter count!

To learn more about the census, contact Vermont partnership specialist Helen Simon at the Census Bureau in Williston at (802) 264-0856, or email her at helen.j.simon@census.gov. You can also visit 2010.census.gov.

The Census: A Snapshot

What: The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States. The U.S. Constitution requires a national census every 10 years.

Who: Everyone who lives in the U.S. most of the year—citizens and non-citizens.

Why: The census documents state population counts in order to determine how the 435 seats in the House of Representatives will be allocated. Census numbers also help determine how \$400 billion annually in federal money is distributed to states and communities.

When: Census questionnaires will be delivered or mailed to all households in Vermont in March 2010; residents should fill out and return them as soon as possible. Official Census Day is April 1. Between May and July census workers will fan out across the state visiting households that do not return their questionnaires.

Confidential: By law the Census Bureau cannot share information gathered from individuals with any other government agency or person.

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Annual report information

Green Up Day, May 2, 2009

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

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

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

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

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

Leicester Central School Principals' Report

Leicester Central School has seen much success this year. In particular, academic gains in Science continue to be a point of pride for Leicester Central School. This year, teachers have implemented the revised RNEU Science Curriculum which addresses the VT Grade Expectations. They have worked with their colleagues throughout the Supervisory Union to create lessons and units of study that support the inquiry-based science curriculum. Results from the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) in science show us once again scoring above RNEU and the State. A closer look at these scores also reveals that those who did not meet the standard were only a few points away.

Leicester's pre-k/kindergarten program received national recognition this year. Pre-k/k teacher, Rebecca Schutz, and Home School Coordinator, Nancy McGill, were honored to be chosen from among thousands of applicants to present at the conference of The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) held in Washington D.C. this past November. Their presentation was entitled "Building a Multi-Age Pre-k/kindergarten Program for Four through Six Year Old Children within a Public School".

Parent/Family involvement is on the rise at Leicester Central School. A new parent group has been established, Friends of Leicester Central School (FOLCS). This group kicked off the school-year most notably by creating the LCS Nature Trail. After some successful fundraising, the group is working on a number of exciting projects for the school. We hope to see more from FOLCS in the future! We feel fortunate to have their support for Leicester's children.

SOAR programs were successful this past summer, but major changes have been made to after-school SOAR programming. A decline in daily SOAR enrollment forced Leicester to merge its program with the one at Neshobe. This change has been successful for the students taking advantage of daily SOAR. Co-principal, Kate Grodin, and SOAR director, Deb Bratton, led a survey of the school-community to learn more about the types of programs Leicester students were looking for and have developed Fun Fridays! Currently, almost 50% of the school has registered for this community-building enrichment program.

Leicester's teachers and principals secured several grants to fund educational endeavors and to increase energy efficiency in the building. Linda Horn received a \$9,445 technology grant, which includes funding for a Smart Board, LCD projector, and a dedicated computer for the grade 5/6 classroom. Carol Eckels received an \$8,000 Climate Change Grant to upgrade lighting efficiency at the school. This grant will reduce the school's electric bill and is projected to result in a 3.53 ton reduction in emissions of carbon dioxide annually. Leicester also received \$2,000 from the Walter Cerf Fund of the Vermont Community Foundation to expand classroom libraries and support arts related fieldtrips.

As school leaders, we feel tremendously fortunate and grateful to have the opportunity to work with supportive staff, families, community, and school board members. This support and collaboration translates into a stellar education for Leicester's students.

Carol J. Eckels, Ed.D.
Co-Principal

Kate Grodin
Co-Principal

New Faces at Leicester Central School

Kate Grodin is thrilled to be co-principal of Leicester Central School. After receiving a Master's degree in Public School and District Leadership from Teachers' College, Columbia University, Kate worked as teaching principal of Sudbury's Country School last year. Previously, she taught middle school language arts and social studies for seven years at a variety of schools in New York and Vermont. She is delighted to be working with Leicester's students and dedicated staff! Kate lives in Middlebury with her husband and two year old son.

Rebecca Holmes is the English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher at Leicester School. In the past she has been both an ESL teacher and a secondary English teacher. She is technically "retired", but finds herself busier than ever. Rebecca likes to bird-watch, read, travel, cross-country ski, and hike, and she is really enjoying her work at Leicester School! She lives in Salisbury with her husband Jake. She has two daughters, two stepdaughters, and 8 grandchildren.

Elizabeth Root teaches grades 5/6 Reading and Mathematics. She lives in Rutland, Vermont. She is a 2009 graduate of Castleton State College, and this is her first teaching position. She is currently enrolled in a Master's program at The College of St. Joseph in Rutland, pursuing an endorsement in Reading, which she will obtain in the spring of 2011.

LEICESTER PROFESSIONAL SALARIES BY NEGOTIATED GROUPS 2009-2010 (AS OF JANUARY 1, 2010)

Column A or Bachelor's + 0 Credits \$33,000 - \$42,240	Column B or Bachelor's +15 Credits \$34,320 - \$44,880	Column C/Bachelor's +30/Master's+0 \$35,640 - \$47,520
MARY BARRON* MEGAN COLEMAN* KATHERINE HEITKAMP* ELIZABETH ROOT*	REBECCA SCHULTZ	NANCY BART*
Column D or Master's+15 Credits \$36,960 - \$54,120	Column E/Bachelor's+60/Master's+30 \$38,280 - \$62,040	Column F or Master's+45 Credits \$39,600 - \$66,000
CHAD CHAMBERLAIN*		MARION BAUER* PATRICIA CARTER LAURA CORO LINDA HORN DEBORAH ALLEN

* less than 100% FTE

SOAR Input for School Report

SOAR (Success through Opportunities, Academics and Recreation) provides afterschool programming including:

- Daily SOAR on Tuesdays – Thursdays at Neshobe
- SOAR Club on Mondays at Neshobe
- Outdoor Adventure on Fridays
- SOAR Fun Fridays at Leicester (new this January)
- SOAR Summer in July

The 2009 summer program was a collaboration between the SOAR program and the new Boys & Girls Club of Brandon, which enabled families to have full day programming for six weeks during the summer months.

Leicester students now attend SOAR Club and Daily SOAR at the Neshobe Elementary school. A new program, Fun Fridays, is being trialed with the first session starting January 15 and running for 4 weeks.

Students Served - Leicester				
	Total	School Year Only	Summer Only	Both
2006-2007	41	22.0%	26.8%	51.2%
2007-2008	39	25.6%	30.8%	43.6%
2008-2009	43	48.7%	23.1%	38.5%
2009 Sept-Dec	33	15.2%	72.7%	12.1%

Student Characteristics - Leicester										
Male	Female	Free & Reduced Lunch	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	
51.5%	48.5%	42.4%	12.1%	9.1%	12.1%	6.1%	21.2%	18.2%	21.2%	

SOAR Funding – Total Budget							
Total	21CCLC	Schools & SU	Fees & Child Care Subsidy	Business & Organization Support *	Town (Brandon Only)	Donations & Fundraising **	Snack Reimbursement
\$263,938	47.3%	23.0%	17.6%	3.4%	1.9%	3.2%	3.6%

* Includes funding from the Brandon Artists' Guild, Green Mountain Rock Climbing Center and area businesses.

** Includes funding from the SOAR Summerfest and individual donations.

Leicester School Board Report

As is well known throughout our state these are challenging times for many Vermont schools. Your school board anticipated these challenges and therefore, over the past two years, has led the effort to consolidate with neighboring schools. In every case we approached the situation with an open mind, keeping the best interest of our students and our town in mind. For a variety of reasons, none of those efforts have materialized. We appreciate the support of the town as we have engaged these various endeavors, and in particular the work of Bill and (the late) Mary McHugh, Virginia Wolff, Diane Benware, Angela Ouellette, Stephanie Hull and Connie Carroll among others.

Fortunately, we are in a much better situation than most schools as we look forward to the 2010-2011 academic year. First and foremost, we do not have a declining student population. Secondly, our boiler, which we supposed was on the verge of failure, is up and running with a simple fix. Your school board's hope is that it will be replaced with grant funds in the near future. Our students benefit from an excellent and dedicated teaching staff, a superb nutrition program which offers breakfast, snack and lunch, an active parents group, and promising academic test results in our school. Leicester Central School is a leader on many fronts. Whether it is our co-principal Carol Eckels being awarded a competitive energy efficiency grant, our PreK/Kindergarten teacher Becca Schutz and our Home School Coordinator Nancy McGill being asked to discuss our innovative early education program at a national conference or our 5/6 Grade teacher Linda Horn being awarded a Science Grant, people look to Leicester as a shining example of what can happen in an elementary school when teachers collaborate and are innovative.

We know that these are challenging times for many in our community and while we continue to put the needs of our students first and foremost, as the budget reflects we have been able to decrease our budget by nearly 1%. You will see that the main areas of savings were the reduction in our school nurse position, halving our contribution to the SOAR sinking fund, freezing the salaries of all non-union employees, and job-sharing our principal position. The savings which come from having job shared (or "co-") principals are impressive and the benefits immense. As neither principal is contracted for an 80% position (Kate Grodin works 60% and Dr. Carol Eckels 20%) we avoid providing a benefit package for the position (potentially an \$18,000 savings for our town). It is the opinion of your school board that an 80% principal position is necessary and in keeping with other area schools. Also our job-shared principals can focus on their specific areas of experience, and consequently work efficiently and effectively. Having co-principals is in our town's interest and is largely responsible for our budget savings this year. Across the district and the state more schools of all sizes are turning to the co-principal model as one that works and is affordable.

Vermont has always supported its elementary schools and Leicester has been no different. We hope that in these trying economic times you recognize that the service that we provide for the children of Leicester is more important than ever. Schools today provide not only a solid education, but good nutrition, self-esteem and overall social enrichment. You can be satisfied that your tax dollars are hard at work building the future in our children.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hannah D. Sessions, Chair
Heather McDonough, Clerk
Michelle Pierpont
Matthew Brush
Heather LaPorte

Dear Rutland Northeast School-Community:

Each day I drive by the Otter Creek and marvel at the beauty of this natural resource that has had a profound impact on shaping both the natural and human history of our area. A river demonstrates the paradox of continuity and change. In one sense, we can appreciate the adage that we step into a different river each time, while at the same time recognizing the sense of permanence in the river's course. In many ways, our own Otter Creek represents a perfect metaphor for education. While we are promoting change for our students along their educational journey, we are at the same time responsible for transmitting and sustaining our societal and community values. As there are many twists and turns in our Otter Creek, we will experience many changes in the direction in education in the years ahead.

The context of our time presents many uncertainties for education. I believe our educational system and schools are entering an era of change, in part due to a convergence of demographic shifts and economic challenges. Some would say that our schools need to change more. We must be intentional about our direction as we navigate the waters of our increasingly changing society. Ultimately, it is our task to provide students with the skills to successfully direct their own course. We must all recognize that the journey of a lifelong learners is perhaps more important than defined outcomes.

At the same time, we must identify benchmarks that guide our students and the work of our schools. Based on broad analysis of multiple indicators our schools are doing well. Still, we recognize there remains a need to foster a culture of continuous improvement. I know there is a student centered focus and strong commitment to quality teaching and learning across the supervisory union. We are consistently adjusting and enhancing our curriculum along with instructional practices. Teachers are focused on best practice in support of high level learning outcomes. Teachers make many contributions outside their classrooms and demonstrate a commitment to continued professional development. I am consistently impressed with the level of competence and caring expressed by our teachers and all staff members across the supervisory union. Efforts at the local level to improve instruction and current best practices with the use of technology are greatly enhanced through the leadership of our Curriculum Director, Sheila Powers and Technology Director, Maureen Hennigan.

Our school boards are making tough choices as they wrestle with sustaining the programs and services needed to support our student's learning. Boards have earnestly built responsible budgets that demonstrate respect for our public's financial resources while honoring a commitment to our most important resource; our children. I commend and appreciate the hard work of all board members. The RNESU central office budget will decrease 3.79% in expenditures and 1.61% in assessments due to less of a fund balance transfer and projected decline in interest earnings. Our special services budget assessments to member districts will increase by 0.38% due mainly because of additional grant sources. We are working with principals and boards to best utilize American Reinvestment Recovery Act funds this year and next. It is anticipated that the reduction in ARRA funds within the state general fund transfer to the education fund next year will add additional pressure to local budgets. Based on current projections, it is unlikely that the state will be able to fill the \$39,000,000 gap filled with short term support from the federal government. In addition, there is still speculation that projected shortfalls in the state teacher retirement system could result in cost shifts resulting in an increased local property tax burden.

Whereas Otter Valley is experiencing serious challenges due to sharp declines in enrollment, most of our elementary schools are currently demonstrating consistent student populations. It is recognized that any declines in our smaller schools such as Sudbury, Leicester and Whiting will quickly have an adverse effect. Our overall decline in students and reduced resources from the state only increase our need for continued collaboration in identifying creative ways to build capacity.

It is likely that we will hear more during this legislative session from Montpelier regarding consolidation of governance. It is false prophecy that there is cost savings through consolidation of governance, as collaboration and cost savings can be achieved within our current structure. In addition, we are also led to

believe there is substantial savings through consolidation of schools. Our schools are important corner stones to the foundation of our communities.

RNESU is considered a model supervisory union in Vermont due to the high level of centralized programs and services. We effectively maintain the balance of “Freedom and Unity” associated with local control and strength through collaboration in centralized services. The practices of centralized bookkeeping, busing, special education, and technology support, along with one negotiating one teacher contract are not the norm across the state. I greatly appreciate the many efforts and contributions that have resulted in our excellent capacity to manage and lead our supervisory union and schools. Many hours of dedicated board members and principals, along with the leadership and longevity of former Superintendent, Bill Mathis, our Business Director, Brenda Fleming, and Special Services Director, Michele LaRouche, have established a cohesive and effective direction of our school system.

After 24 years of service in our supervisory union, Michele LaRouche will retire from her position as Co-Director of Special Services. Michele is one of the most knowledgeable and respected special education directors in our state. Our approach to special education is respected as a model due to collaboration and a commitment to quality throughout the continuum of services provided. Under Michele’s leadership, and in conjunction with a top notch staff, our early education programs are considered among the best and demonstrate the ability of individual schools and central office to partner on providing quality education services. We will miss Michele, yet remain confident that Co-Director Marsha Bruce will provide the capable leadership to build upon our current success when she assumes the role of director come July.

Next year, and in years to come, we will need to do more with less. This in many respects is not a new concept to Vermonters. In many ways, it is what defines us. It is the creativity and resolve that is demonstrated through enduring collective challenges that has unified our state and communities in the past and will again now. We recognize that tax burdens are a challenge to Vermonters of all economic levels. At the same time, we need your continued support in sustaining our schools; which in turn contributes to sustaining the foundation and values of our democratic society and our communities.

Our community-schools will face a potential erosion at an oxbow in the river due to the fiscal challenges facing our state. In the natural world, this is where a new path is eventually eroded at a sharp bend in a river. The path of the river is altered, yet essentially the overall direction and flow of the river remains. I believe this will be true for the course of RNESU and our respective schools. Both external forces and local decisions will result in some changes in our course. Ultimately, our schools will continue to thrive with respect to the development of character, competence, creativity and a sense of community so vital to our children, our state and society.

It is more important than ever that our schools and communities work together. The commitment to providing a quality education each student in Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union is evident in the support of our boards, staff, parents, students and community members. I believe, with your continued support, we can meet the challenges we face and ensure the highest quality education for students across Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union.

With great respect and appreciation,

John A. Castle

Superintendent of Schools

*For more details on central office budgets for FY2011, please contact the central office.

**Central office assessments will vary dependent on increases or decreases in student numbers at the local level.

*It is the mission of the Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union
to foster, support, and promote the intellectual development of all students so that each grows
to become a responsible, productive and contributing citizen and a lifelong learner.*

LEICESTER TOWN SCHOOL LEGAL NOTICES

School Board - The school board welcomes your input on all issues. The school board meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the school. Please call the school in advance in order to assure time for you on the agenda and to see if there have been any postponements or cancellations.

Equal Opportunity - The Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union insures equal employment and educational opportunities regardless of race, color, handicap, national origin, or sex.

Students with Disabilities - The Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union is required by federal laws IDEA-B (Formerly EHA-B) and Section 504 and state regulations to identify and locate all persons with disabilities between the ages of birth and 21 who may be in need of regular education, special education services or accommodations in accessing public education. If you know of any individual residing in the town of Leicester who you suspect of having such needs, but who is not currently receiving them, please contact the special education coordinator, Michele LaRouche, at (802) 247-5757 or the school principal for your town.

Records Review - As provided under federal and state laws and regulations, all parents and legal guardians are hereby notified that they have a number of rights under FERPA (the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act). You may inspect the educational record, request an amendment or file a complaint. If you find this necessary, please contact your school principal. You may also contact your school for a copy of the RNESU Records Policy, which outlines your rights under this law.

Asbestos - The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act [40 CFR 763.93 (g) (4)] requires that written notice be given that the following schools have Management plans for the safe control and maintenance of asbestos-containing materials found in their buildings. These Management Plans are available and accessible to the public at the administrative offices of each facility listed below. Please contact the building Principal if you wish to read this plan.

	<i>School Address</i>	<i>Designated Person</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
1.	Leicester School 68 Schoolhouse Road Leicester, VT 05733	Carol Eckels	247-8825
2.	Otter Valley Union H. S. 2997 Franklin Street Brandon, VT 05733	David Mitchell	247-6833
3.	Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union 49 Court Drive Brandon, VT 05733	Brenda Fleming	247-5757

Audit Reports - Certified Public Accountants audit reports are available for public inspection. Call the business office at (802) 247-5757.

Educator Quality – Under the No Child Left Behind Act, parents may request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child’s teacher. This information includes: whether the teacher has met the state requirements for the grade level(s) and subject area(s) they are teaching; whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency license; the college major and/or graduate certification or degrees held by the teacher; and whether their child is provided services by paraprofessionals and if so, their qualifications. 100% of core academic classes are taught by Highly Qualified Teachers (HQT).

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment Notification (PPRA) – PPRA affords parents certain rights regarding our conduct of surveys. These include the right to:

- *Inspect*, upon request and before administration or use –
 1. Protected information surveys of students;
 2. Instructional materials used as part of the educational curriculum.

**LEICESTER CENTRAL SCHOOL
2010-2011 BUDGET WORKSHEET - REVENUES**

CODE NBR.	ACCOUNT NAME	2008/2009 ACTUAL	2009/2010 BUDGET	2010/2011 PROPOSED	COMMENTS
10-000-FBFD	PRIOR YEAR FINAL FUND BALANCE	8,057	4,838	(2,227)	Surplus @7/1/2009
10-000-1510	INTEREST EARNED	335	350	0	
10-000-1910	RENTAL INCOME	5	0	0	
10-000-1920	DONATIONS		0	0	
10-000-3110	EDUCATION SPENDING AMOUNT	805,806	825,477	819,327	
10-000-1-3114	GRANT FOR TECHNICAL CENTERS - <i>Act 130 Provides for Local Elementary Schools to receive this grant & High Schools to pay costs.</i>		0	0	
10-000-3145	SMALL SCHOOL GRANT	76,877	76,095	77,396	Estimate dated 1/13/2010
10-000-3150	TRANSPORTATION AID	14,099	13,724	12,511	Based on \$27,802 at 45%
10-000-3200	STATE AID SPECIAL EDUCATION	97,495	125,475	130,379	
10-000-1-3209	STATE PLACED STUDENT REIMBURSEMENT	18,932	0	0	
10-000-4810	FOREST REVENUE	2,936	2,700	2,700	
10-000-5400	PRIOR YEAR REFUNDS	4,029	0	0	
000-1-3130	TOTAL SCHOOL REVENUE	1,028,571	1,048,659	1,040,086	Leicester Elementary School revenues Only

NOTE: Tax rates listed are a best-guess based on current information and are subject to change.

**LEICESTER CENTRAL SCHOOL
2010-2011 BUDGET WORKSHEET**

CODE NBR.	ACCOUNT NAME	2008/2009 ACTUAL	2009/2010 BUDGET	2010/2011 PROPOSED	COMMENTS
	BOARD OF EDUCATION				
10-001-2011	BOARD HONORARIA	1,000	1,000	1,000	
10-001-2069	VSBA DUES & MISCELLANEOUS	2,727	1,600	1,800	Increased VSBA Dues
10-001-2036	LEGAL FEES	791	600	600	
10-001-2055	PRINTING/PUBLISHING &	1,201	1,900	1,900	
10-001-2013	DIST TREASURER SALARY	817	844	844	Salary Freeze
10-001-2050	MANDATORY EMPLOYMENT TESTING	58	100	100	
10-001-2034	AUDIT FEES	2,500	0	0	Next Audit FY2012
	TOTAL BOARD OF EDUCATION	9,093	6,044	6,244	200 3.20%
	ADMINISTRATION				
10-001-2510	CO-PRINCIPALS SALARIES	51,725	53,566	49,190	Reduction due to job-sharing of 80% administrative position, 60%/20%. (This job-shared position provides no health benefits.)
10-001-25101	SUMMER ADMINISTRATION	2,616	2,709	0	Combined into principals contract above
10-001-2568	ADMIN VPA DUES & MISCELLANEOUS	649	1,050	1,050	
10-000-2569	ADMINISTRATIVE TRAINING & TRAVEL	82	270	200	Decreased based on historical costs
10-001-2517	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	12,103	13,416	13,645	Salary Freeze - increase due to previous budget error.
	TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	67,174	71,012	64,085	(6,926) -10.81%
	INSTRUCTION				
10-001-2511	TEACHER SALARIES	295,763	318,967	319,955	Contract in negotiations
10-001-2528	TEACHER ASSISTANTS	25,724	26,220	26,223	Salary Freeze
10-001-2540	ART TEACHER	7,291	7,128	7,035	Contract in negotiations
10-001-2512	SUBSTITUTE SALARIES	6,949	5,400	5,400	Level based on a 3 yr historic average
10-001-2561	SUPPLIES & TEXTBOOKS	16,699	18,000	16,000	Reduction based on need
10-001-2564	PERIODICALS & PROFESSIONAL BOOKS	417	300	300	Level based on a 3 yr historic average
10-001-4073	REPLACE INST EQUIPMENT	2,009	2,000	2,000	Level
10-001-2505	CO-CURRICULAR SALARY	303	300	300	
10-001-2546	ELL SERVICES	0	0	7,040	English Language Learning based on current services and student(s) needs
10-001-2545	BILLBACK/SPED	1,106	2,000	2,000	
10-001-2555	FIELD TRIPS	636	1,000	1,000	
10-001-2506	PHYSICAL EDUCATION SALARY & TRAVEL	15,238	15,154	14,678	Contract in negotiations
10-001-2558	ITINERANT TEACHER TRAVEL	0	200	200	
10-001-2513	MUSIC TEACHER SALARY	8,147	8,448	8,799	Contract in negotiations
10-001-5558	TUITION	35,335	12,400	11,450	Student tuition for medical needs and after school tuition subsidy
	TOTAL INSTRUCTION	415,617	417,516	422,380	4,864

**LEICESTER CENTRAL SCHOOL
2010-2011 BUDGET WORKSHEET**

CODE NBR.	ACCOUNT NAME	2008/2009 ACTUAL	2009/2010 BUDGET	2010/2011 PROPOSED	COMMENTS
	INSTRUCTION-SUPPORT				1.15%
10-001-2530	SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS	6,294	6,500	6,500	
10-001-2509	GUIDANCE SALARY	6,373	6,600	6,666	Contract in negotiations
10-001-2532	IN-SERVICE/CURRICULUM	594	1,800	1,800	Level
10-001-2508	LIBRARY SALARIES	7,556	8,184	8,532	Contract in negotiations
10-001-2567	TECHNOLOGY SALARIES	6,515	7,719	6,125	Change based on current staff FTE and Salary Freeze
10-001-2566	LIBRARY BOOKS/SUPPLIES	3,721	3,950	3,950	Level
10-001-2535	TECHNOLOGY REPAIR & SUPPLIES	2,047	2,100	2,100	Level
10-001-2565	TECHNOLOGY SOFTWARE	673	2,485	1,790	Reduction based on need
10-001-2556	TECHNOLOGY - HARDWARE	6,621	3,600	4,320	Increased based on need
	TOTAL INSTRUCTION-SUPPORT	40,394	42,938	41,784	(1,154) -2.76%
	HEALTH SERVICES				
10-001-3060	NURSE	16,379	16,896	12,672	Contract in negotiations. Position reduced to 1 1/2 days per week from 2 days per week
10-001-3062	CONTRACTED EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES	595	950	1,000	Needed OT/PT/SLP and required tutoring services
10-001-3050	MANDATORY WATER & ASBESTOS	1,432	1,800	1,800	Level
10-001-3061	HEALTH SUPPLIES	540	500	600	Increased usage due to prolong flu season
	TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	18,945	20,146	16,072	(4,074) -25.35%
	PUPIL TRANSPORTATION				
10-001-6666	TRANSPORTATION ASSESSMENT	27,172	26,766	28,627	Our share of centralized transportation costs
10-001-3572	BUS DRIVER - FIELD TRIPS	2,136	2,000	2,000	Level
	TOTAL TRANSPORTATION	29,309	28,766	30,627	1,861 6.08%
	OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE				
10-001-4552	PROPERTY INSURANCE	5,033	6,409	6,100	Based on history plus an estimated 10% premium increase
10-001-4011	CUSTODIAL CONTRACT SVS	20,941	21,101	21,101	Level
10-001-4043	BUILDING REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	10,461	9,805	12,669	Increase due to possible \$50,000 boiler grant - 10% match required
10-001-4061	STUDENT HYGIENE SUPPLIES	1,741	2,400	2,400	Level based on historical costs
10-001-4067	ELECTRICITY	8,919	9,500	9,000	Reduced for lighting efficiency upgrades
10-001-4068	HEAT	3,229	6,075	6,075	Level based on historical costs
10-001-4042	CONTRACTED SERVICES	7,630	8,322	7,842	Reduction as a result of Casella bid
10-001-4046	UPKEEP OF GROUNDS	4,493	3,510	4,450	Based on historical costs
10-001-4044	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	935	400	400	Level
10-001-4053	TELEPHONE	2,430	2,500	2,500	Level
10-001-4060	TELEPHONE TECHNOLOGY CHARGES	191	300	300	Level
10-001-4074	REPLACE NON-INSTRUCT EQUIPMENT	1,273	2,000	2,000	Level
	TOTAL OPER/MAINTENANCE	67,276	72,322	74,837	2,515 3.36%

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2010-2011 BUDGET WORKSHEET**

CODE NBR.	ACCOUNT NAME	2008/2009 ACTUAL	2009/2010 BUDGET	2010/2011 PROPOSED	COMMENTS
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				
10-001-4521	HEALTH INSURANCE	85,350	68,417	59,160	3% premium rate increase cost, offset by significant decrease due to co-principal job-share structure
10-001-4522	FICA	31,386	37,242	36,963	Based on Salary
10-001-4525	WORKMENS COMP	2,525	2,531	2,513	Based on Salary
10-001-4526	UNEMPLOYMENT	1,230	2,304	1,42	Based on Salary
10-001-4535	DENTAL INSURANCE	2,386	2,863	2,834	Premium rate increase announced at 8%
10-001-4523	MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	647	691	691	Based on Salary
10-001-2001	DISABILITY INSURANCE - Teacher	927	1,235	1,294	Based on Salary
10-001-2502	ADMINISTRATOR LIFE & DISABILITY INSURANCE	450	470	470	Level
10-001-2531	TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	15,116	6,200	8,000	Based on History & masters programs completed
	TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS	140,016	121,953	112,067	(9,886) -8.82%
	FOOD SERVICES				
10-001-5010	FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT	12,185	12,000	12,000	Level
10-001-5061	MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	70	500	500	Level
	TOTAL FOOD SERVICES	12,255	12,500	12,500	0 0.00%
	SPECIAL EDUCATION				
10-001-5556	SPECIAL ED ASSESSMENT	176,798	203,357	210,935	Our share of centralized special education costs
	TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	176,798	203,357	210,935	7,578 3.59%
	DEBT SERVICE				
10-001-6083	INTEREST-SHORT TERM LOANS	1,616	780	780	Level
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	1,616	780	780	0 0.00%
	RNESU ASSESSMENT				
10-001-5557	RNESU ASSESSMENT	37,467	41,326	42,775	Our share of centralized administrative costs
	TOTAL ASSESSMENT	37,467	41,326	42,775	1,448 3.39%
	SOAR PROGRAM PROPOSED BUDGET PRIOR YEAR SECURITY UPGRADE	10,000	10,000	5,000	Reduced
	TOTAL LEICESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	1,025,960	1,048,659	1,040,086	(8,573) -0.82%

District: **Leicester**
County: **Addison**

LEA: **T110**
S.U.: **Rutland Northeast**

Enter estimated homestead base rate for FY2011. See note at bottom of page.
0.882

Expenditures	Act 68		Act 130		
	FY2008		FY2009	FY2010	FY2011
1. Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$1,006,700		\$1,033,732	\$1,048,659	\$1,040,086
2. <i>plus</i> Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-		-	-	-
3. <i>minus</i> Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending	-		-	-	-
4. Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget	\$1,006,700		\$1,033,732	\$1,048,659	\$1,040,086
5. <i>plus</i> Prior years Otter Valley UHSD #8 assessment	\$1,122,539		NA	NA	NA
6. <i>plus</i> No union elementary or junior high school assessment	-		NA	NA	NA
7. <i>plus</i> Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-		-	-	-
8. <i>plus</i> Prior year deficit reduction if not included in expenditure budget	-		-	-	-
9. Gross Act 68 Budget	\$2,129,239		\$1,033,732	\$1,048,659	\$1,040,086
10. S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	\$38,467		\$37,467	\$41,326	\$42,775
11. Prior year deficit reduction (if included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-		-	-	-
Revenues					
12. Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$225,124		\$227,926	\$223,182	\$220,760
13. <i>plus</i> Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-		-	-	-
14. <i>plus</i> Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues (negative revenue instead of expenditures)	-		-	-	-
15. <i>minus</i> All Act 144 revenues, including Local Act 144 tax revenues	-		-	-	-
16. Total local revenues	\$225,124		\$227,926	\$223,182	\$220,760
17. Education Spending	\$1,904,115		\$805,806	\$825,477	\$819,326
18. Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	169.58		60.09	60.12	61.56
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil					
19. Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$11,228		\$13,409.99	\$13,730.49	\$13,309
20. <i>minus</i> Less net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$75.00		-	-	-
21. <i>minus</i> Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	-		\$10.93	\$10.93	-
22. <i>minus</i> Less amount of deficit if deficit is solely attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed year 2008-2009 (FY2009)	-		-	-	-
23. <i>minus</i> Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-		-	-	-
24. <i>plus</i> Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-		\$108	-	-
25. Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$11,228		\$13,518	\$13,730	\$13,309
26. District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$13,309 / \$8,544)	145.145%		164.655%	160.703%	155.775%
Prorating the local tax rate					
27. Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (Tax rates were not prorated in FY07 - FY08) (155.775% x \$0.882)	\$1,263		\$1,4325	\$1,3820	\$1,3739
28. Percent of Leicester equalized pupils not in a union school district	Not applicable prior to Act 130		36.723%	38.070%	40.41%
29. Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (40.410% x \$1.37)	Not applicable prior to Act 130		\$0.5261	\$0.5261	\$0.5552
30. Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	125.62%		113.96%	101.27%	99.02%
31. Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (Tax rates were not prorated in FY2008) (\$0.555 / 99.02%)	\$1,005		\$0,4617	\$0,5195	\$0,5607
If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.					
32. Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (155.775% x 1.80%)	Not applicable prior to Act 130 based on 1.80%		2.96%	2.89%	2.80%
33. Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (40.410% x 2.80%)	2.61%		1.09%	1.10%	1.13%
34. Percent of equalized pupils at Otter Valley UHSD	Not applicable prior to Act 130		63.28%	61.93%	59.59%
35. <i>minus</i> As of 24-Nov-09, the Tax Commissioner has not yet made a recommendation for an FY2011 base education homestead tax rate. The recommendation is due to be made on 01-Dec-09. Therefore, the rate entered is an estimate made by the school district. The base income percentage cap is 1.80%. Final figures will be set by the Legislature and approved by the Governor. - Additionally, preliminary equalized pupil counts are not yet available. - The base education amount of \$8,544 was set by the by the Legislature, but could be subject to change.	Not applicable prior to Act 130		-	-	-

Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness
16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2)(K)

School: Leicester Central School
S.U.: Rutland Northeast S.U.

A list of schools and school districts in each cohort may be found on the DOE website under "School Data and Reports":
<http://www.state.vt.us/educ/>

FY2009 School Level Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school, enrollment < 100
(50 schools in cohort)

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)
30 out of 50

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchrr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchrr / Admin Ratio
Smaller ->	Bridgewater Village School	K - 6	54	7.20	0.50	7.50	108.00	14.40
	Woodbury Elementary School	K - 6	55	5.85	1.00	9.40	55.00	5.85
	Tinmouth Elementary School	PK - 6	56	5.29	0.80	10.59	70.00	6.61
	Leicester Central School	PK - 6	59	6.20	0.80	9.52	73.75	7.75
<- Larger	Middletown Springs Elementary School	PK - 6	61	6.07	1.00	10.05	61.00	6.07
	Shrewsbury Mountain School	PK - 6	65	7.90	1.00	8.23	65.00	7.90
	Albert Bridge School	K - 6	67	6.00	1.00	11.17	67.00	6.00
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data			63.50	6.66	0.78	9.53	81.81	8.58

School District: Leicester
LEA ID: T110

Special education expenditures vary substantially from district to district and year to year. Therefore, they have been excluded from these figures.

The portion of current expenditures made by supervisory unions on behalf of districts varies greatly. This year's figures include district assessments to SUs. Doing so makes districts are more comparable to each other. The consequence is that THESE FIGURES ARE ONLY COMPARABLE TO FIGURES USED IN THE SIMILAR FILE FOR FY2010.

FY2008 School District Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school district, FY2008 FTE < 100
(51 school districts in cohort)

School district data (local, union, or joint district)

Grades offered in School District Student FTE enrolled in school district Current expenditures per student FTE **EXCLUDING** special education costs

Cohort Rank by FTE
(1 is largest)
31 out of 51

Smaller ->	Ripton	PK-6	51.98	\$13,480
	Tinmouth	PK-6	53.07	\$11,447
	Roxbury	PK-6	57.16	\$11,188
	Leicester	PK-6	58.40	\$14,345
<- Larger	Bridgewater	K-6	58.51	\$11,200
	Middletown Springs	PK-6	58.97	\$13,462
	Lakeview USD #43	K-6	64.57	\$13,948

Current expenditures are an effort to calculate an amount per FTE spent by a district on students enrolled in that district. This figure excludes tuitions and assessments paid to other providers, construction and equipment costs, debt service, adult education, and community service.

Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data

63.77 \$12,473

FY2010 School District Data

LEA ID	School District	Grades offered in School District	School district tax rate			Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates			
			SD Equalized Pupils	SD Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	SD Homestead Ed tax rate	MUN Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	MUN Common Level of Appraisal	MUN Actual Homestead Ed tax rate	
Smaller ->	T028	Bridgewater	K-6	57.53	10,594.28	1.0664	1.2578	0.9307	1.3515
	T009	Barnard	K-6	58.23	13,564.86	1.3654	1.3821	1.0052	1.3749
	T226	Waterville	PK-6	59.24	12,872.82	1.2957	1.3066	0.6484	2.0151
	T110	Leicester	PK-6	60.12	13,730.49	1.3820	1.2955	1.0127	1.2793
<- Larger	T188	Sherburne	PK-6	60.19	14,198.92	1.4292	1.4133	0.6843	2.0654
	T254	Worcester	PK-6	65.32	13,880.31	1.3971	1.3469	1.0620	1.2683
	T097	Holland	PK-6	66.02	9,360.83	0.9422	1.0370	0.8942	1.1597

The Legislature has required the Department of Education to provide this information per the following statute:

16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2) The school, at least annually, reports student performance results to community members in a format selected by the school board. . . . The school report shall include:

(K) data provided by the commissioner which enable a comparison with other schools, or school districts if school level data are not available, for cost-effectiveness. The commissioner shall establish which data are to be included pursuant to this subdivision and, notwithstanding that the other elements of the report are to be presented in a format selected by the school board, shall develop a common format to be used by each school in presenting the data to community members. The commissioner shall provide the most recent data available to each school no later than October 1 of each year. Data to be presented may include student-to-teacher ratio, administrator-to-student ratio, administrator-to-teacher ratio, and cost per pupil.

**Leicester Central School District
Cash Receipts and Disbursements Fiscal 7/1/08 - 6/30/09**

Balance on hand July 1, 2008		4,202.34
CASH RECEIPTS		
Property Tax -Residents	709,360.90	
State Aid General Education	206,857.84	
State Aid to Special Education	119,964.13	
Forest Receipts	2,936.19	
Hot Lunch Money from State	1,574.72	
Interest	322.54	
Rent	5.00	
Reimbursement- EPA Water Project	35,919.17	
Reimbursements Insurance	475.77	
Reimbursements Health Insurance	1,672.06	
RNE Reimbursement	31,543.19	
Bank Refund	26.98	
Voided Checks	3,746.00	
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,114,404.49
Loans		140,000.00
Total Cash Available		1,258,606.83
CASH DISBURSEMENTS		
School Board Orders	1,059,259.36	
Total Orders		1,059,259.36
Loan Repayment		180,000.00
Bank Reconciliation		0.20
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	1,239,259.56
Balance in account June 30, 2009		19,347.27

NOTE ABOUT RNESU BUDGETS

Please note: The RNESU District Wide Transportation Proposed Budget and Assessments, the RNESU Proposed Special Services Funding-Revenue and Assessments, the RNESU Central Office Proposed Budget and Assessments, and the RNESU Independent Certified Public Accountant Audit Opinion can be found in the Otter Valley Union High School Report; which is mailed separately. The complete RNESU Independent Certified Public Accountant Audit Opinion can also be viewed on-line at www.rnesu.org, or a copy of the report can be obtained by contacting the Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union offices at 802-247-5757.

**LEICESTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Balance Sheet**

ASSETS:	7/1/2008	6/30/2009
Checking Account	4,202.34	19,315.31
Accounts Receivable	12,119.54	24,059.76
Bus Fund	2,971.45	2,992.13
School Physical Improvement Fund	944.70	948.52
Audit Fund	1,604.87	1,611.36
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>21,842.90</u>	<u>48,927.08</u>
CAPITAL ASSETS:		
Building Improvements	561,107.00	561,107.00
Buildings	83,222.00	83,222.00
Bus	52,042.00	52,042.00
Furniture & Equipment	63,314.00	63,314.00
Kitchen Equipment	7,484.00	7,484.00
Land (not depreciated)	7,665.00	7,665.00
Land Improvements	18,128.00	18,128.00
TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS	<u>792,962.00</u>	<u>792,962.00</u>
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION:		
Building & Improvements	204,242.00	215,401.00
Buildings	72,819.00	74,206.00
Bus	49,439.00	52,042.00
Furniture & Equipment	8,292.00	12,128.00
Kitchen Equipment	5,342.00	5,914.00
Land Improvements	13,900.00	15,109.00
TOTAL ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	<u>354,034.00</u>	<u>374,800.00</u>
ENDING BALANCE CAPITAL ASSETS	438,928.00	418,162.00
TOTAL ASSETS	460,770.90	467,089.08
LIABILITIES:		
Current Liabilities	23,292.92	37,707.67
Loans Outstanding - Short Term	40,000.00	0.00
Loans Outstanding - Long Term	0.00	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>63,292.92</u>	<u>37,707.67</u>

**Leicester Central School District
Special Funds**

	Balance 7/1/2008	Deposits	Interest	Disbursed	Balance 6/30/2009
School Bus Fund	2,971.45		20.68		2,992.13
Cerf Grant		2,500.00	4.74		2,504.74
School Physical Improvement Fund	944.70		3.82		948.52
School Audit Sinking Fund	1,604.87		6.49		1,611.36
TOTALS	5,521.02	2,500.00	35.73	0.00	8,056.75

**Leicester Central School District
Hot Lunch**

July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

Balance July 1, 2008		173.83
Prior Year		893.24
Receipts:		
State & Federal Aid Prior Year	1,924.19	
State & Federal Aid	14,609.96	
Meals & Snacks	9,317.36	
Interest	2.22	
Total Receipts		25,853.73
Total Available		26,920.80
Disbursements:		
Caterer -Underwood Prior Year	2,817.43	
Caterer -Underwood / Abbey	23,145.53	
Deposit books	32.00	
Total Disbursements		25,994.96
Accounts Payable 7/1/09		781.79
		26,776.75
Balance June 30, 2009		144.05

The Leicester Central School paid \$12,254.84 from the school budget for Hot Lunch.

Auditor's Report

The Auditors of the Town of Leicester, have examined the financial statements to the best of our knowledge and abilities, of the Leicester Town School District. There are no short term or long term loans.

Auditor: Carol Morrison

School Assessment Results: Leicester Central School

Included below are the results of the 2008 New England Common Assessment Program. (Testing results from fall 2009 will likely be available in February) All students in the state of Vermont who are currently in grades three through eight participated in this test. NECAP test results are used to evaluate student grade level achievement in reading and mathematics. These assessments are used in determining a school's required Adequate Yearly Progress defined under Vermont's accountability system in compliance with the federal No Child Left Behind Act. Graduation rates are also utilized in determination of AYP at the secondary level. In addition, students participate in additional assessments in writing at grades five, eight & eleven and in science at grades four, eight and eleven.

Assessment data is on student performance relative to grade level expectations of the previous grade. Scores fall into four different performance levels: Proficient with Distinction, Proficient, Partially Proficient, and Substantially Below Proficient. Combined results for students in each school, supervisory union, and the state of Vermont are provided to help you assess your school's overall status. Assessment data by grade level is available at each school and individual student data is provided to parents. AYP determinations may be made as a school or based on the sub-groups of economically disadvantaged, students with disabilities, limited English proficient and six major racial ethnic groups if there is a minimum of 40 students in each respective category. The vast majority of schools across the state that did not meet established targets for AYP were identified by low scores in the "economically disadvantaged" population. Likewise, most schools that test enough special education students to meet the minimum number for this subgroup fail to attain AYP. It should be recognized that Vermont's standards are very high compared to other states and our students score consistently within the top five states on national assessments.

In addition to purposes related to statewide accountability, NECAP results are used in conjunction with other assessments for curriculum, instruction, and professional development planning at the local level. Most importantly, schools use results to identify ways to make systemic improvements and better support individual students. While these tests are important to our school community, they are only one measure of student achievement. There are many other aspects of a student's learning that we value which are not reflected on a standardized test. Please remember that all students learn differently, have different strengths and demonstrate different levels of success in formal testing situations. We recognize each student's strengths and challenges and look to promote their individual effort and improvement. Nonetheless, NECAP data is important to our comprehensive local assessment system.

Assessment results often raise more questions than provide answers regarding your school's quality and progress. We encourage parents and community members to communicate directly with school administrators to better understand this data and how other indicators are used to measure success and guide school improvement.

<i>Reading</i>	School					Supervisory Union					State				
	Tested	L-4	L-3	L-2	L-1	Tested	L-4	L-3	L-2	L-1	Tested	L-4	L-3	L-2	L-1
All Students	43	14%	51%	21%	14%	485	17%	51%	20%	12%	38800	18%	53%	19%	10%
<i>Math</i>	School					Supervisory Union					State				
	Tested	L-4	L-3	L-2	L-1	Tested	L-4	L-3	L-2	L-1	Tested	L-4	L-3	L-2	L-1
All Students	43	12%	58%	7%	23%	485	19%	47%	19%	15%	38831	21%	45%	18%	17%
<i>Writing</i>	School					Supervisory Union					State				
	Tested	L-4	L-3	L-2	L-1	Tested	L-4	L-3	L-2	L-1	Tested	L-4	L-3	L-2	L-1
All Students	10	30%	10%	30%	30%	126	21%	24%	33%	22%	13168	19%	35%	29%	17%

Key: L-4 Level 4 = Proficient w/ Distinction L-3: Level 3 = Proficient L-2: Level 2 = Partially Proficient L-1: Level 1 = Substantially Below Proficient
 State results are calculated using Grade 3-8 data.

Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union
Summary of Discipline Policy
(Annual Report required by Safe Schools Act, 16 VSA 165 (J))

The school is a community. It is responsible for education of those children who attend and, therefore, it must establish and enforce guidelines and procedures that provide for an orderly learning atmosphere. There must be a set of procedures for dealing with inappropriate student behavior; including ones for detention, suspension, and expulsion.

Principals and teachers shall have the authority to establish and enforce such rules and procedures as are consistent with state laws, regulations, local policies and board directives.

Among these actions are:

Immediate removal: A student may be summarily removed if there is an imminent danger to the student, other school personnel, or the school property. Due process rights will be accorded as soon as practical following the summary suspension.

Short Term Suspension: The Superintendent, principal, or a teacher (in the absence of the principal), may suspend a student from the school as a reasonable form of punishment, or for the purpose of securing or maintaining order in the school. Suspensions under this section shall not exceed 10 consecutive days. Due process rights are provided to the student.

Long Term Suspension: Long term suspension is defined as exclusion from school for ten days or more, but for a set period of time, not to exceed 90 days. Due process rights provided to the student are the same as those provided under expulsion.

Expulsion: The dismissal of a student for the remainder of the school year, or up to 90 days, (or in the case of a weapons violation, one year) shall occur only upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and concurrence of a majority of the Board of School Directors. Due process rights shall be available to a student whose dismissal is under consideration.

Early Care and Educational Opportunities for Children	
Addison County Community Child Care Support Services	388-4304
Addison County Family, Infant, Toddler Project	388-1437, 1-800-639-1577
Addison County Headstart	388-9881
Addison County Parent/Child Center	388-3171
Addison County Vermont Department of Health	388-4644, 1-888-253-8804
Addison Department of Child and Family Services (DCF) <i>(formerly SRS)</i>	388-4660
Addison Children's Upstream Services (CUPS)	382-8893, 388-3171
Rutland County Family, Infant, Toddler Project	747-0539, 1-800-974-2034
Rutland County Headstart	775-8225
Rutland County Headstart at Brandon	247-2823
Rutland County Parent/Child Center	775-9711
Rutland County Parent/Child Center at Brandon	247-8251
Rutland County Vermont Department of Health	786-5811, 1-888-253-8802
Rutland Children's Upstream Services (CUPS)	775-2395
Rutland Department of Child and Family Services (DCF) <i>(formerly SRS)</i>	786-5817
Rutland Northeast Early Childhood Program at Barstow <i>serves Chittenden and Mendon</i>	773-3763
Rutland Northeast Early Childhood Program at the Life Center in Brandon <i>serves Brandon, Leicester, Sudbury</i>	247-4354
Rutland Northeast Early Childhood Program at Pittsford <i>serves Pittsford</i>	483-2062
Rutland Northeast Early Childhood Program at Leicester <i>serves Leicester 4-year olds</i>	247-8825
Rutland Northeast Early Childhood Program at Neshobe <i>serves Brandon</i>	247 3721
Rutland Northeast Early Childhood Program at Whiting <i>serves Sudbury and Whiting</i>	623-7991
Child Care Resource and Referral	775-9711
Child Development Clinic	1-800-660-4427
Kids on the Move	775-7612
Smart Moves	247-9500
Prevent Child Abuse Vermont	1-800-244-5373

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

AGENCY	PHONE	TYPES OF SERVICES
Addison Co Women in Crisis	388-4205	Assistance to women and families
Adult Education/Diploma	775-0617	For students 21 or older interested in pursuing an adult diploma
Boys & Girls Club of Rutland Co	773-1902	Teen drop-in center: mentoring
Brattleboro Retreat	800-345-5550	Support, treatment, counseling, respite services for teens
Counseling Service of Addison County	388-6751 388-7641	Individual, group, & family counseling, psychiatric evaluations,
Evergreen Center	747-3588	Drug & alcohol treatment
HerStory House	775-3232	Women's shelter, support for women & families dealing with domestic abuse
Infoline	747-9961	Listing of health and human services resources
Northeastern Family Institute	802-655-9013	Support, treatment, counseling, respite services for teens
Outright VT	800-452-2428	Support for gay, lesbian, and bisexual students
PAL- Parents' Assistance Line	800-727-3687	Support for parents
Police (Brandon)Police (Pittsford)	B: 247-5723 P: 773-9101	Law enforcement services
Police (VT State Police)	R: 773-9101 M: 388-4919	Law enforcement services
Family Focus	773-4225 1-800-366-2244	Conflict mediation; respite for families. Some services provided at school.
Public Defenders Office	R: 773-5823 M: 388-4656	Support for students dealing with the legal system
Rape Crisis (Rutland County)	775-3232	Hot line & support for women dealing with issues related to sexual assault
Rape Crisis Hot Line (Addison County)	388-4205	Hot line & support for women dealing with issues related to sexual assault
Rutland Mental Health Services	775-2381 775-1000	Individual, group, & family counseling, psychiatric evaluation & treatment
Rutland Area Prevention Coalition	775-4199x190	Countywide organization to coordinate substance abuse prevention programs
Rutland County Victim's Advocate	786-2531	Assistance to victims of crime
Rutland Reg. Board for Family Svcs.	775-4340 x116	Resources and Support for families
DCF: Department of Child and Family Services (formerly SRS)	R: 786-5817 M: 388-4660	Child welfare, protective services & foster care placement
The Lund Family Center	802-864-7467	Parent/child center; teen pregnancy preparation
Vocational Rehabilitation	R: 786-5866 M: 388-4671	Provides support for people with disabilities to prepare them for work
VSAC	800-642-3177	Preparation for college & financial assistance
VT Department of Employment & Training	786-5837	Assistance with job finding and job finding skills
VT Department of Health	786-5811, 1-888-253-8802	WIC, Emergency Preparedness, Environmental health, Immunization, Ladies First, Breastfeeding, lead screenings, HIV info and referrals
VT Parent Information Center	773-2023	Provides support & information to parents regarding educational issues

2009 Leicester Annual Town Meeting Minutes - March 2, 2009

Jeffrey Wallin, Moderator, welcomed the 71 voters in attendance to the 248th Annual Town Meeting.

1. Auditors report. Two corrections were made. Article 1 was passed.

2. To authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes Article 2 was passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to engage in a contract with the Brandon Fire Department to provide fire protection services for the town as explained under the fire contract in the Selectboard report. A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 3 as stated.

4. To hear the report of the Selectboard regarding additional tax funds needed to fulfill 2008-09 tax obligations to OVUHS.

5. To see if the Town will vote to approve a sum of \$496,923.00 to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the town for the ensuing year, divided as follows:

Town General Expenses	\$300,293.00	Amount to be raised by taxes: \$246,100.00
Highway Expenses	\$196,000.00	Amount to be raised by taxes: \$152,732.00

Note: The amount to be raised will increase by the amounts voted on Australian ballot.
The Selectboard will set the tax rate at a later date.

A motion to amend Article 5 to correct the transposed numbers in the article as written changing \$496,923.00 to \$496,293.00. The motion was seconded. The amendment to Article 5 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

After discussion, Article 5 as amended was passed by unanimous voice vote.

6. Discussion of articles to be voted by Australian ballot.

Results of those elected by Australian Ballot Voting: March 3, 2009
Of the 755 registered voters – 217 cast votes.

Article 1: To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year

OFFICE	CANDIDATE	TERM	VOTES
MODERATOR	JEFFREY WALLIN	1 YEAR	202
TOWN CLERK	JULIE DELPHIA	2 YEAR	200
TOWN TREASURER	JULIE DELPHIA	2 YEAR	199
SELECTBOARD	TOM BARKER	2 YEAR	186
SELECTBOARD	ROBERT OLIVER	3 YEAR	173
LISTER	JOHN HUGHES	3 YEAR	189
AUDITOR	DEBORAH MINER	3 YEAR	205
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	ELIZABETH RIPLEY	1 YEAR	199
FIRST CONSTABLE		1 YEAR	NO ONE WITH MIN REQ.
SECOND CONSTABLE		1 YEAR	NO ONE WITH MIN REQ.
GRAND JUROR		1 YEAR	NO ONE WITH MIN REQ.
TOWN AGENT		1 YEAR	NO ONE WITH MIN REQ.

Article 2: To approve or disapprove the following allocations from the General Fund. The total amount to be allocated is \$11,351.00. All requests passed.

NOTICE TO VOTERS

BEFORE ELECTION DAY

CHECKLIST POSTED:

By Sunday January 31, 2010 (or 30 days before your town meeting), the Town Clerk must post the checklist. Make sure your name is on it. If your name is not on it, you must complete an application to the checklist. (Available online at <http://www.sec.state.vt.us>, click on Elections, or from your town clerk).

REGISTER TO VOTE:

Deliver your application to the checklist to your Town Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 (or the Wednesday before your town meeting), or mail to the Department of Motor Vehicles with a postmark before the deadline.

EARLY OR ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

You, or a family member on your behalf may request an early or absentee ballot from your Town Clerk by telephone, mail or e-mail at any time up until 5 p.m. or closing of the Town Clerk's office on the day before the election, March 1, 2010. An authorized person can apply for you to get a ballot only in person or in writing.

You can also go to the Town Clerk's office and vote your ballot while at the office or pick up your ballot at the Town Clerk's Office and take it home to vote. (You cannot pick up a ballot for your spouse or anyone else.)

If you take your ballot or have a ballot sent to you, you must return the ballot to the Town Clerk's office or to the polling place no later than 7 p.m. on the day of the election.

If you are ill or disabled, you can request that a ballot be delivered to you by two Justices of the Peace. You can request assistance in reading or marking your ballot from the Justices of the Peace. They must return the ballot to the Town Clerk for you.

SAMPLE BALLOTS POSTED: Saturday, February 20, 2010

ON ELECTION DAY

- If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, explain the situation to your town clerk and ask that it be put back on.
- If the problem isn't cleared up to your satisfaction, have the town clerk, a selectman or other members of the board of civil authority call an immediate meeting of the members of the board who are present at the polls. They should investigate the problem and clear it up.
- If you are still not satisfied, you may take a brief written request to a Superior Court Judge, who will rule on your request before the polls close that day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-8683 for more information.
- If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired, or can't read, you may bring the person of your choice to assist you or you can request assistance from two election officials.
- If you cannot get from the car into the polling place, two election officials may bring a ballot to your car.

THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED BY LAW

- DO NOT knowingly vote more than once, either in the same town or in different towns.
- DO NOT mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's eligibility to vote. You can only register to vote and remain on the checklist in the town of your principal dwelling place.
- DO NOT display any campaign literature, stickers, buttons, etc. within the building containing a polling place. However, a voter may bring a small card or paper into the polling place for his or her own use in remembering candidates so long as it is not publicly displayed.
- DO NOT solicit votes or otherwise campaign within the building containing a polling place.
- DO NOT interfere with the progress of a voter going to and from the polling place. This includes not socializing in a manner that will disturb other voters.

FOR HELP OR INFORMATION
Call the Secretary of State's Office
1-800-439-VOTE (-8683) (Accessible by TTY)

TOWN OF LEICESTER
DOG ORDINANCE

Section 1.

Pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 3549, 24 V.S.A. § 2291(10) and 24 V.S.A. § 1971 the following ordinance is promulgated in order to regulate the keeping of dogs in the Town of Leicester. This ordinance is designated as a civil ordinance pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1971(b).

Section 2.

Definitions:

- (A) "Dog": Includes both male and female domestic dogs (*Canis Familiaris*) and wolf-hybrids as defined in 20 V.S.A. § 3545(8).
- (B) "Dog Creating a Nuisance": A dog which causes damage to personal property, harasses a pedestrian, bicyclist or other passer-by, obstructs traffic, barks excessively, or repeatedly scatters refuse, or otherwise becomes a nuisance or creates a disturbance.
- (C) "Dog Running at Large": A dog which is not on the property of its owner or keeper and is not (1) on a leash, or (2) on or within a vehicle, or (3) clearly under the verbal command of its owner or keeper, or (4) engaged in hunting with its owner or keeper.
- (D) "Domestic Animal": An animal identified in 6 V.S.A. § 1151(2). Where applicable, the definitions of particular animals provided by 6 V.S.A. § 1151 shall control. The term "domestic animal" shall also include an animal defined as a "domestic pet" or "pet" by 20 V.S.A. § 3541(3).
- (E) "Issuing Municipal Official": A constable of the Town of Leicester, the town attorney, town grand juror, poundkeeper and any other person designated by the Board of Selectmen to issue and pursue before the Traffic and Municipal Ordinance Bureau a municipal complaint to enforce this ordinance.
- (F) "Owner" or "Keeper": Any person(s) who owns, harbors, keeps, or permits any dog to be kept in or about their buildings or premises; or who is in actual or constructive possession of a dog in the Town of Leicester.
- (G) "Person": A natural person, corporation, partnership, unincorporated association, or other legal entity; or an agent thereof.

(H) "Pound" and "Poundkeeper": The pound and poundkeeper shall be that place and that person, respectively, designated from time to time by the Selectmen of the Town of Leicester to detain dogs seized by an issuing municipal official in the enforcement of this Ordinance.

(I) "Vicious Dog": A dog which causes reasonable fear of bodily injury by attacking or threatening to attack any domestic animal or any person, except a person who is in the act of committing unlawful (criminal) trespass or other criminal act upon the private property or person of the owner or keeper of the dog.

Section 3.

A person who is the owner of a dog more than six months old shall annually on or before April 1 cause the dog to be licensed as required by 20 V.S.A., Chapter 193, Subchapter 2. The failure of a dog owner to comply with 20 V.S.A., Chapter 193, Subchapter 2 shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance.

Section 4.

An owner or keeper shall not permit a dog to create a nuisance as defined in Section 2(B).

Section 5.

An owner or keeper shall not allow a dog to run at large within the limits of the Town of Leicester as defined in Section 2(C).

Section 6.

A person shall not own or keep a vicious dog as defined in Section 2(I), except upon such terms and conditions as ordered by the Board of Selectmen.

Section 7.

An owner or keeper shall not permit a female dog in heat to be outside of a building or a secured enclosure.

Section 8.

(A) A person who claims a dog is a vicious dog or is a dog creating a nuisance may file a written complaint with the Board of Selectmen. The complaint shall contain

the name, address and telephone number of the complainant, the time, date and place of each occurrence relied upon in support of the claim, an identification of the domestic animal threatened or attacked, the name and address of any victim or victims and any other facts which may assist the Board of Selectmen in conducting the investigation required by Subsection B of this section.

(B) The Board of Selectmen, upon receiving the complaint, shall investigate the charges and hold a hearing on the matter. The Selectmen may also hold such a hearing on their own motion, without receiving a complaint, if they have reason to believe a dog is vicious or is creating a nuisance. If the owner or keeper of the dog which is the subject of the hearing can be ascertained, the owner or keeper shall be provided with a written notice of the time, date and place of hearing and the facts of the complaint.

(C) Following the hearing, the Board of Selectmen shall issue a determination as to whether the dog is a vicious dog as defined in Section 2(I) or is a dog creating a nuisance as defined in Section 2(B). Upon so finding, the Selectmen may issue an order for the protection of persons, domestic animals, and/or property as the facts and circumstances of the case may require; including, without limitation, that the dog be muzzled, chained, confined or disposed of in a humane way. If the owner or keeper of the dog can be ascertained, the order shall be sent to the owner or keeper by certified mail, return receipt requested.

(D) Nothing contained in Section 8 shall require proceedings before or an order from the Board of Selectmen as a precondition to enforcement of this Ordinance by an issuing municipal official pursuant to Sections 10 through 14 (inclusive) of this Ordinance.

Section 9.

A violation of or failure to comply with an order of the Board of Selectmen issued pursuant to this Ordinance shall itself constitute a violation of this Ordinance.

Section 10.

(A) Where an issuing municipal official finds a dog to be in violation of this Ordinance or of an order of the Selectmen, the issuing municipal official may impound the dog at the Town pound and/or may issue to the owner or keeper of the dog a municipal complaint pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1977.

(B) Upon the filing of a complaint under Section 8(A), an issuing municipal official may impound a dog which is claimed to be a vicious dog pending a determination of the Board of Selectmen pursuant to Section 8(C).

Section 11.

An issuing municipal official may use all reasonable methods, including the use of tranquilizing and marking apparatus, for catching and impounding dogs claimed to be vicious pursuant to Section 8(A) or found to be in violation of this Ordinance or of an order of the Selectmen.

Section 12.

In the event that a dog is impounded, the procedure for securing the release of a dog from the pound shall be as follows:

(A) upon delivery to the pound, the issuing municipal official shall notify the dog owner, if the dog is licensed and has identifying tags. Notice shall be sufficient if given to its owner by certified mail. The dog shall be held for five (5) working days unless claimed earlier.

(B) If the dog is unlicensed, the issuing municipal official shall notify the owner or keeper, if known, and shall post a notice containing a description of the dog on a bulletin board in the Town Clerk's office for five (5) working days.

(C) If the owner does not claim the dog within five (5) working days, the dog shall be given to whomever pays all charges, costs, and fees as provided in Section 12(A).

(D) If no person claims the dog within five (5) working days of the mailing of the certified notice or posting, then the Town may cause the dog to be humanely destroyed.

(E) The owner or keeper of any impounded dog shall not remove the dog from the pound until it is properly licensed and proof is given to the poundkeeper and to the issuing municipal official of the administration of any immunization or shots as required by law, including, but not limited to, rabies inoculation.

(F) Where a dog is claimed to be vicious is impounded pursuant to Section 10(B), the owner or keeper shall not remove the dog from the pound except on such terms and conditions as ordered by the Board of Selectmen.

(G) Where the Board of Selectmen have determined an impounded dog to be vicious pursuant to Section 8(C), the owner or keeper shall not remove the dog from the pound except on such terms and conditions as ordered by the Board of Selectmen; however, the foregoing provision as to release from the pound shall not apply to a vicious dog which the Selectmen have ordered to be humanely destroyed.

Section 13.

(A) The owner or keeper of a dog which has been impounded or a person claiming an impounded dog pursuant to Section 11(C), shall not remove such dog from the pound until he or she has paid: the poundkeeper's charges for taking and keeping the dog; an impoundment fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to the Town to cover the administration costs of enforcing this Ordinance; any license fees; and the cost of any immunization or shots as required by law including, but not limited to, rabies inoculation.

(B) Each impoundment fee and any expenses the Town incurs in impounding, keeping or humanely destroying any such dog shall be a charge and claim of the Town against the owner or keeper of such dog, collectible by action of the Town and the Town shall have a lien on such animal for such fee and all expenses so incurred.

Section 14.

(A) A civil penalty of not more than \$500 may be imposed for a violation of this civil ordinance. Each day that the violation continues shall constitute a separate violation of this Ordinance.

(B) An issuing municipal official is authorized to recover by the issuance of a municipal complaint, civil penalties in the following amounts for each violation of this Ordinance:

First Violation	\$50
Second Violation	\$100
Third Violation	\$300
Fourth and Subsequent Violations	\$500

(C) In lieu of the civil penalties provided in Section 13(B), an issuing municipal official is authorized to recover a waiver fee in the following amount, from any person to whom a municipal complaint is issued, who declines to contest the municipal traffic complaint and pays the waiver fee:

First Violation	\$25
Second Violation	\$50
Third Violation	\$150
Fourth and Subsequent Violations	\$250

(D) Other Relief. In addition to the enforcement procedures available before the Traffic and Municipal Ordinance Bureau, the Town of Leicester may pursue any remedy authorized by law, including without limitation, the maintenance of a civil action

in superior court pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1974a(b) to obtain injunctive and other appropriate relief.

Section 15.

Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any provision of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstances or within any part of the Town is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity shall not apply to any other portion of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application thereof.

Section 16.

This Ordinance replaces dog ordinance adopted 5/4/92.

Section 17.

This Ordinance shall become effective sixty days after adoption as provided in 24 V.S.A. § 1972.

This Ordinance is hereby adopted this 15 day of June 1998.

LEICESTER, VERMONT
June 15, 1998

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Kenneth H Willard

Ken Willard, Chairman

Robert G. Oliver

Robert Oliver

Leon Shackett

Leon Shackett

NOTES

Town of Leicester

44 Schoolhouse Road
Leicester, VT 05733

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OFFICE HOURS

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER

(802) 247-5961 x 3

LEICESTERV.T@COMCAST.NET

BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2010

Monday 9:00am - 2:00pm

Tuesday 9:00am - 2:00pm

Thursday 9:00am - 2:00pm

Other times by appointment

BOARD OF LISTERS

(802) 247-5961 x 2 LEICESTERLISTERS@COMCAST.NET

Wednesday 8:00am – 12:00pm

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

(802) 247-5961 x 2 LEICESTERZONING@COMCAST.NET

Thursday 10:00am – 1:00pm

AUDITORS LEICESTERAUDITORS@COMCAST.NET

RECYCLING : 1st and 3rd Saturday of month 10:00am – 1:00pm at Town Garage

REGULAR MEETINGS

Held at Town Office

SELECTBOARD

1st and 3rd Monday of month at 6:30pm

PLANNING COMMISSION

2nd Wednesday of month at 6:00pm

ZONING BOARD

Last Tuesday of month at 6:00pm

CEMETERY COMMITTEE (Apr – Oct)

2nd Thursday of month at 6:30pm

CONTACT INFORMATION

(AS OF 1/1/2010)

Julie Delphia	Town Clerk & Treasurer	247-5961	Beth Ripley	Del. Tax Collector	247-0075
Diane Benware	Selectboard Chair	247-3786	Brian Webb	Animal Control Officer	349-7179
Tom Barker	Selectboard Member	247-3160	Jeff McDonough	1 st Constable	247-5212
Robert Oliver	Selectboard Member	247-8864	Mike Rakowitz	2 nd Constable	247-3281
Ken Young	Selectboard Member	247-3375	Ricky Nicklaw	Fire Warden	247-8357
Ron Fiske	Selectboard Member	247-4856	Leon 'Bucky' Shackett	Health Officer	247-6777
Arlan Pidgeon	Road Foreman	247-6361	Kate Briggs	Zoning Administrator	349-6066
Robert Oliver	Road Commissioner	247-8864			
Cecile Todd	Lister Member	247-6897			
Tim Johnson	Lister Chair	465-8035			

A **Drop Box** is located under the bulletin board on the front of the Town Office. Payments and correspondence may be placed in the **Drop Box** after office hours.

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