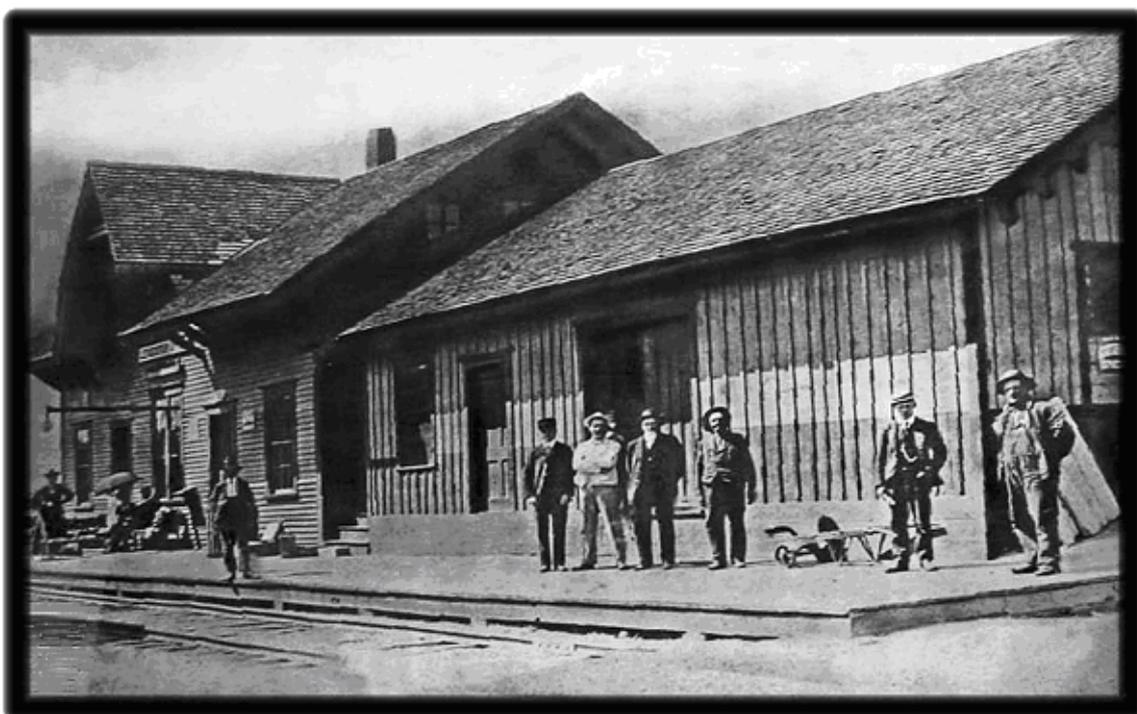


# LEICESTER, VERMONT

## **2008 TOWN REPORT**

Town: January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

School: Fiscal year July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008



Historic Photo of Railroad Station in Leicester Junction

**TOWN MEETING: MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.**

## LEICESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Members of the Leicester Historical Society have started a new tradition by hosting Prize Bingo on the second Saturday of each month, except for July and August. About 12 to 15 individuals gather at the Senior Center at 1:00 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month for fun, prizes and refreshments. All are invited to attend.

This fund-raising endeavor has proven easier than attempting the two Flea Market/Bake Sales they have hosted in the past. Both the summer and fall markets had to be canceled, due to the lack of available workers. Members would consider hosting a summer 2009 Flea Market/Bake Sale with the band Steel Rail to provide entertainment, if there were enough community helpers to assist them. Anyone interested in helping with the summer market is asked to call Diane at 247-3786.

The Leicester Historical Society is dedicated to collecting old photos and memorabilia of days gone by. If you have any old school photos or photos of old houses in town that could be copied for our files, please call Diane at 247-3786 to make arrangements for copying them.

Officers for the year are:	President:	Carol Leno
	Vice President:	Donna Wykes
	Secretary:	Diane Benware
	Treasurer:	Fran Monroe

The society plans to focus on maintenance of the exterior of the Senior Center this year. The building should be scraped and painted and some windows need caulking. We wish to thank Paul Francoeur for painting the windows and trim of the Meeting House, as well as repairing the door off the ramp.

The society welcomes your questions and input. Please feel free to contact one of the officers to volunteer your services or to get more information.



The cover picture shows a photo displayed in the Town Office. It was donated to the Leicester Historical Society by Lawrence Felion Jr and his family. The picture above shows the former train station that became a Grain Store in 1959.

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# LEICESTER, VERMONT

## ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

	<u>Term Expires</u>
<b>Moderator</b> Jeffery Wallin	March 2009
<b>Town Clerk</b> Kylee Rochon - Resigned 1/09 Julie Delphia - Appointed 1/09	March 2009 March 2009
<b>Town Treasurer</b> Kylee Rochon - Resigned 1/09 Julie Delphia - Appointed 1/09	March 2009 March 2009
<b>Selectboard</b> Thomas Barker Robert Oliver Diane Benware, Chair Ron Fiske Ken Young	March 2009 March 2009 March 2010 March 2010 March 2011
<b>Delinquent Tax Collector</b> Elizabeth Ripley	March 2009
<b>Listers</b> Charles Makovec Harold Smith, Chair Cecile Todd	March 2009 March 2010 March 2011
<b>Auditors</b> Deb Miner - Chair Carol Morrison Dorothy D'Avignon	March 2009 March 2010 March 2011
<b>First Constable</b> Vacant	March 2009
<b>Second Constable</b> Heidi Schuerger	March 2009
<b>School Directors</b> Lynn Brooks-Miner Vicki Lalumiere Michele Pierpont Mathew Brush Hannah Sessions	March 2009 March 2009 March 2010 March 2010 March 2011
<b>OVUHS Directors</b> Sid Glassner Vacant	March 2010 March 2011
<b>Town Agent &amp; Grand Juror</b> John Quelch	March 2009
<b>Justices of the Peace</b> Bethany Menkart Cheryl Morrison Diane Benware, Chair Peg Oliver Thomas Barker	February 2011 February 2011 February 2011 February 2011 February 2011

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

	<u>Term Expires</u>
<b>Road Commissioner</b> Arlan Pidgeon Robert Oliver	March 2009 March 2009
<b>Road Foreman</b> Arlan Pidgeon	Hired
<b>Zoning Administrator</b> Andrew Peterson - resigned 1/09 Position Vacant	November 2010 November 2010
<b>Zoning Board of Adjustment &amp; Planning Commission</b> Vacant Vacant Gerald Flint - Zoning Chair Heidi Schuerger Donna Swinington - PC Chair Shelley Glassner Vacant	Alternate Alternate November 2010 November 2010 November 2010 November 2011 November 2011
<b>Fence Viewers</b> Michael Shackett Vacant Vacant	March 2009 March 2009 March 2009
<b>Cemetery Sexton</b> John Quelch	March 2009
<b>Inspector of Lumber</b> David Todd	March 2009
<b>Tree Warden</b> Austin Johnson	March 2009
<b>Energy Coordinator</b> John Quelch	March 2009
<b>Solid Waste Representative</b> Richard Reed	March 2009
<b>Town Services Manager</b> Kathy Eastwood	April 2009
<b>Town Health Officer</b> Leon "Bucky" Shackett	August 2011
<b>Deputy Health Officer</b> Kathy Eastwood	June 2011
<b>Forest Fire Warden</b> Richard C. Nicklaw	June 30, 2011
<b>Emergency Management Coordinator</b> Raymond Lalumiere	May 2009

## LEICESTER TOWN WARNING 2009

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 2, 2009 at 7:00 pm to transact the following business:

1. To act on the auditors report.
2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to defray the necessary expenses and obligations of the Town.
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.
4. To hear the report of the Selectboard regarding additional tax funds needed to fulfill 2008-09 tax obligation 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:

General Town 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.

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

**The Town Meeting shall adjourn until 10 AM Tuesday, March 3, 2009**

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 3, 2009** 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 Town Clerk for a two (2) year term to fill an unexpired term
- A Town Treasurer for a two (2) year term to fill an unexpired 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
- 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: To approve or disapprove the following allocations from the General Fund

The total amount to be allocated is **\$11,351.00**

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 .....	1,000.00
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.....	645.00
Neighbor Works .....	200.00
Open Door Clinic.....	300.00
Otter Creek Natural Resources .....	113.00
Vermont Adult Learning.....	450.00
Vermont Cares – Aids Resources .....	350.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living.....	145.00
Women in Crisis – WomenSafe .....	600.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,351.00</b>

Leicester Selectboard

\_\_\_\_\_  
Diane Benware, Chm – 2010

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Thomas Barker – 2009

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Robert G. Oliver – 2009

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Kenneth Young – 2011

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Ronald Fiske – 2010

Received for recording, January 26, 2008

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_, Leicester Town Clerk

\* Now known as HOPE



## LEICESTER FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 2008

### TOWN RECEIPTS

Balance, Jan. 1, 2008		14,446.63
Selectboard Loans	99,000.00	
Transfers	512.00	
Total Loans & Transfers		99,512.00
Current Taxes for Town & School	1,939,385.54	
Delinquent Taxes, Interest & Fees*	92,990.67	
Zoning Fees	7,326.28	
Licenses & Fines	14,842.96	
Other	24,160.04	
Total Income		2,078,705.49
<b>TOTAL TOWN RECEIPTS</b>		<b>2,192,664.12</b>

### TOWN DISBURSEMENTS

Loan Repayment		
Transfers to Restricted Funds	110,500.00	
Schools	1,809,360.90	
Selectboard Orders & Appropriations	224,737.79	
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>		<b>2,144,598.69</b>
<b>Ending Balance Dec 31, 2008</b>		<b>48,065.43</b>

\*This figure does not include \$3,652.54 collected but not deposited in 2008, this figure includes tax, interest and fees.

## LEICESTER HIGHWAY SUMMARY FOR 2008

### HIGHWAY RECEIPTS

Balance Jan 1, 2008		31,651.05
Transfers to Highway Funds	76,229.58	
Highway Taxes	199,450.00	
State Aid - Highway	64,169.36	
Grant 2 for 1 Paving	167,169.52	
Other	4,064.55	
Total Income		511,083.01
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY RECEIPTS</b>		<b>542,734.06</b>

### HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENTS

Transfer to Restricted Funds	19,760.00	
Bridge #6 Payments	76,229.58	
Selectboard Orders	493,226.27	
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENTS</b>		<b>589,215.85</b>
<b>Ending Balance Dec 31, 2008</b>		<b>-46,481.79</b>

## TOWN OF LEICESTER

## SELECTBOARD ORDERS RECEIPTS

ACCOUNT	2007 ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET	2008 ACTUAL	2009 BUDGET	COMMENTS
Balance in General Fund	34,547.49		14,446.63	48,065.43	
Loans and Transfers:					
Selectmen's Loans			99,000.00		
Transfer from Voter Improvement			512.00		
<b>TOTAL LOANS AND TRANSFERS</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>99,512.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
Grants:					
State Funds for Reappraisal	7,476.50				
Grant from State - Improve Voting	2,064.00				
<b>TOTAL GRANTS</b>	<b>9,540.50</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
Fines, Fees & Licenses:					
Law Enforcement Annual Refund			599.67		
Civil Fines from Sheriff Patrol	13,644.50		11,769.29		
Copy Machine Fees			29.00		
Dog Licenses / Fines	2,604.00	2,400.00	2,395.00	2,000.00	
License - Liquor / Junkyard	100.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	
<b>TOTAL FINES, FEES, &amp; LICENSES</b>	<b>16,348.50</b>	<b>2,450.00</b>	<b>14,842.96</b>	<b>2,050.00</b>	
Taxes:					
2008 Taxes Collected	500.00				
Current Taxes to General Fund	1,596,567.81		1,939,385.54		
Current Use	6,303.00		3,488.00		
Delinquent Taxes, Interest, Penalties	103,900.71		92,990.67		
State Rebates	311,646.48				
Education Tax True-Up 2007 & 2008	492.00		5,358.35		
Railroad Tax	78.48	78.00	78.48	78.00	
Fed Bureau Land Mgt - PILOT	4,318.00	4,000.00	6,824.00	4,000.00	
<b>TOTAL TAXES</b>	<b>2,023,806.48</b>	<b>4,078.00</b>	<b>2,048,125.04</b>	<b>4,078.00</b>	
Zoning:					
Zoning Certificate of Compliance Fees	125.00		175.00		
Zoning Appeal Fee			60.00		
Zoning Permit Fees	3,852.00		4,090.00		
Zoning Grant Final			3,001.28		
<b>TOTAL ZONING</b>	<b>3,977.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7,326.28</b>	<b>0.00</b>	

## TOWN OF LEICESTER

## SELECTBOARD ORDERS RECEIPTS continued

ACCOUNT	2007 ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET	2008 ACTUAL	2009 BUDGET	COMMENTS
Reimbursement: Building Repairs			2,056.00		
Reimbursement : Fires			3,926.11		
Reimbursement: Insurance	826.00		810.50		
Reimbursement: Postage			230.40		
Reimbursement: Printing			25.00		
Reimbursement: Solid Waste			65.62		
Reimbursement: Workshops			850.00		
Interest on Checking	439.77		292.58		
Rental of Town Hall	95.00		95.00		
Rental of Meeting House	70.00		60.00		
Other	74.52				
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>2,055,177.77</b>	<b>6,528.00</b>	<b>2,078,705.49</b>	<b>6,128.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL TOWN RECEIPTS</b>	<b>2,089,725.26</b>	<b>6,528.00</b>	<b>2,192,664.12</b>	<b>54,193.43</b>	

## TOWN OF LEICESTER

## DISBURSEMENTS

ACCOUNT	2007 ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET	2008 ACTUAL	2009 BUDGET	COMMENTS
Loans and Transfers:					
Loan Payments			99,000.00		
Transfer to Professional Audit Fund	2,500.00				
Transfer to Equipment Restricted Fund	4,405.38		1,500.00		
Transfer to Reappraisal Fund	1,953.01		10,000.00		
Sec of State Grant / Excel Fund	2,064.00				
<b>LOANS AND TRANSFERS TOTAL</b>	<b>10,922.39</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>110,500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
Auditing:		3,000.00			
Carol Morrison	719.00		852.00		
Deb Miner - Chair	840.00		1,080.00		
Dot D'Avignon	1,011.00		1,173.00		
Professional Audit		2,500.00			
<b>AUDITING TOTAL</b>	<b>2,570.00</b>	<b>5,500.00</b>	<b>3,105.00</b>	<b>3,200.00</b>	

## TOWN OF LEICESTER

## DISBURSEMENTS continued

ACCOUNT	2007 ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET	2008 ACTUAL	2009 BUDGET	COMMENTS
Listing:		16,000.00		10,000.00	
Harry Smith, Chair	13,888.00		10,448.00		
Charles Makovec	1,617.00		1,189.00		
Cecile Todd			3,012.00		
John Hughes - resigned 5/07	2,190.00				
Mileage - C. Todd	54.60		289.83		
Reappraisal	15,523.49	10,000.00		10,000.00	
Tax Map Update	935.00	1,000.00	1,162.50	1,200.00	
<b>LISTING TOTAL</b>	<b>34,208.09</b>	<b>27,000.00</b>	<b>16,101.33</b>	<b>21,200.00</b>	
Selectboard:		2,825.00		2,825.00	
Diane Benware, Chair 06	650.00		625.00		
Cecile Todd	575.00				
Robert Oliver	575.00		550.00		
John McDonough	575.00		550.00		
Mark Stacey	575.00		550.00		
Tom Barker			550.00		
Selectboard Secretary	783.80	1,500.00	1,200.00	1,500.00	
<b>SELECTBOARD TOTAL</b>	<b>3,733.80</b>	<b>4,325.00</b>	<b>4,025.00</b>	<b>4,325.00</b>	
Recycling:					
Labor	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,800.00	
Solid Waste	6,775.36	7,500.00	6,696.00	8,500.00	
<b>RECYCLING TOTAL</b>	<b>10,375.36</b>	<b>11,100.00</b>	<b>10,296.00</b>	<b>12,300.00</b>	
Town Clerk / Treasurer / Assistant:					
Town Clerk, Donna Pidgeon	6,825.00	5,000.00	1,229.23		
Treasurer, Donna Pidgeon	6,825.00	5,000.00	1,229.22		
Town Clerk, Kylee Rochon - resigned 1/22/09			4,154.80	7,000.00	
Treasurer, Kylee Rochon - resigned 1/22/09			4,154.24	7,000.00	
Town Clerk Fees, Donna Pidgeon	802.00		143.00		
Town Clerk Fees, Kylee Rochon			480.00		
Clerk / Treasurer Training		1,800.00	2,450.00	3,000.00	\$487 to cover expenses from 2008
Clerk / Treasurer Mileage - K. Rochon			809.06		
Assistant	1,235.00	1,400.00	1,526.50	1,500.00	
Administrative Fees for Transition				3,000.00	Payment for acting Clerk/Treas, Assist, Auditor
<b>CLERK / TREAS / ASSIST TOTAL</b>	<b>15,687.00</b>	<b>13,200.00</b>	<b>16,176.05</b>	<b>21,500.00</b>	can be amended at town meeting

## TOWN OF LEICESTER

## DISBURSEMENTS continued

ACCOUNT	2007 ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET	2008 ACTUAL	2009 BUDGET	COMMENTS
Buildings Expenses:		10,000.00		10,000.00	
Meeting House	34.22		4,438.81		
Office	103.00		2,187.92		
Town Hall	6,890.69		503.72		
Fuel:					
Meeting House	700.27	3,500.00	3,242.99	3,500.00	
Town Hall	2,211.95	2,500.00	886.37	2,500.00	
Grounds Care:					
Cemetery	3,600.00	4,000.00	4,750.00	4,750.00	
Office & Town Green & Fern Lake Access	2,256.00	2,700.00	2,415.00	2,500.00	
<b>TOTAL BLDGS &amp; GRNDS EXPENSES</b>	<b>15,796.13</b>	<b>22,700.00</b>	<b>18,424.81</b>	<b>23,250.00</b>	
Office Expenses:					
Cleaning Services	670.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	
Cleaning Supplies	43.23	100.00	56.94	100.00	
Computer Equipment					
Computer Tech Support / License	1,243.12	2,000.00	1,578.28	1,800.00	
Computer Upgrade & Software	653.94	1,000.00	1,448.80	1,200.00	
Copier	1,528.35	2,000.00	1,376.44	1,500.00	
Office Supplies	3,045.52	3,000.00	2,402.80	3,000.00	
Postage	1,847.25	2,100.00	1,855.54	2,000.00	
Printing	3,394.24	3,500.00	3,083.74	3,200.00	
Records Restoration	273.00	400.00			
Town Web Page	520.00	500.00		500.00	
<b>TOTAL OFFICE EXPENSES</b>	<b>13,218.65</b>	<b>15,200.00</b>	<b>12,402.54</b>	<b>13,900.00</b>	
Insurance:					
Credit for good Standing			(786.00)		
Liability	279.00	213.00		238.00	
Property & Casualty	5,041.00	5,635.00	7,165.00	5,913.00	
Public Officials	963.00	1,317.00		1,339.00	
Workman's Comp	6,747.19	3,175.00	3,175.00	3,644.00	
<b>INSURANCE TOTAL</b>	<b>13,030.19</b>	<b>9,554.00</b>	<b>9,554.00</b>	<b>11,134.00</b>	

## TOWN OF LEICESTER

## DISBURSEMENTS continued

ACCOUNT	2007 ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET	2008 ACTUAL	2009 BUDGET	COMMENTS
Zoning:					
Cindy Hill - resigned 9/07	2,913.00				
Andrew Peterson - 11/07 - Resigned 1/09	1,211.25		6,225.00		
Cell Phone - Peterson			450.00		
Reimbursements	100.00				
Secretary	529.00	500.00	544.50	750.00	
Zoning Grants			3,000.00		
<b>ZONING TOTAL</b>	<b>4,753.25</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>10,219.50</b>	<b>750.00</b>	
Utilities:					
Electricity	4,690.69	5,500.00	4,603.78	5,500.00	
Telephone	1,769.42	2,000.00	2,174.48	2,200.00	
Water - Rent	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	
<b>UTILITIES TOTAL</b>	<b>6,465.11</b>	<b>7,505.00</b>	<b>6,783.26</b>	<b>7,705.00</b>	
Public Safety:					
1st Constable - Vacant					
2nd Constable - Heidi Schuerger					
Law Enforcement Expenses	11,239.12	2,000.00	9,612.64	2,000.00	
Animal Control - Brian Webb	453.67	1,000.00	244.02	500.00	
Dog Census		300.00		300.00	
Dog Licenses - State Fees	741.00		693.00		
Contingency Fund - Fire Expense	11,388.00	10,000.00	16,710.00	19,716.00	
Fire Warden - Richard Nicklaw				100.00	
Health Officers - Shackett / Eastwood	70.00	200.00	80.00	200.00	
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>23,891.79</b>	<b>13,500.00</b>	<b>27,339.66</b>	<b>22,816.00</b>	

## TOWN OF LEICESTER

## DISBURSEMENTS continued

ACCOUNT	2007 ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET	2008 ACTUAL	2009 BUDGET	COMMENTS
Other Expenses:					
Community Development	200.00	1,000.00	300.00		
Delinquent Tax Collector - Beth Ripley	7,124.11		6,240.01		
Elections / Payroll	500.76	1,200.00	1,787.24	750.00	
Interest / Bank Fees		1,000.00	1,150.51	1,200.00	
Legal Fees	3,750.06	3,500.00	9,209.87	3,500.00	Zoning violations, tax appeals
Miscellaneous	218.38	300.00	196.43	200.00	
Payroll Tax Liability - FICA / Medicare	7,071.95	7,500.00	7,990.54	10,000.00	
Payroll Tax Liability - In lieu of Contributions			1,092.79		
Refund - Tax Overpayment 2008	18,419.85		11,581.54		
Refund - Tax 2007/Abatements/Delinquents			1,323.96		549.68 from 2007
Reimbursements - Building Rent			50.00		
Town Moderator	200.00	100.00	200.00	100.00	
Trash Removal - Bullock Rd			182.82	500.00	
Workshops / Training - Town Officers	710.00	1,000.00	2,087.00	1,000.00	
Writing & Research Grant		500.00		500.00	
<b>TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>38,195.11</b>	<b>16,100.00</b>	<b>43,392.71</b>	<b>17,750.00</b>	

Assessments:					
Addison County Humane Society	425.00	425.00	500.00	1,000.00	Took in 20 animals from Leicester
Addison County Regional Planning	1,013.76	1,075.20	1,075.00	1,060.50	On per capita basis
Addison County Tax	12,500.00	10,600.00	10,502.12	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	2,958.00	3,105.00	3,105.00	5,125.00	Changed to a per capita basis
Brandon Library	1,200.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
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	50.00	Visit <a href="http://www.greenupvermont.org">www.greenupvermont.org</a>
Insect Control District	12,436.00	12,436.00	12,436.00	12,436.00	
Lake Dunmore / Fern Lake Assoc	3,151.00	2,624.00	2,624.00	2,322.00	Milfoil control expenses above grants
Leicester Little League	600.00	600.00	600.00	700.00	
Vermont Coalition of Municipalities	100.00	100.00	100.00		
Vermont League of Cities & Towns	1,319.00	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,419.00	Municipal Assistance Center
<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>36,102.76</b>	<b>33,715.20</b>	<b>36,786.93</b>	<b>38,462.50</b>	

<b>TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>218,027.24</b>	<b>179,899.20</b>	<b>214,606.79</b>	<b>198,292.50</b>	
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## TOWN OF LEICESTER

## DISBURSEMENTS continued

ACCOUNT	2007 ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET	2008 ACTUAL	2009 BUDGET	COMMENTS
<b>APPROPRIATIONS AS VOTED</b>					All requests are on file in the clerk's office
Addison County Community Action - HOPE	1,150.00		1,150.00		Reduce effects of poverty in Addison County
Addison County Home Health Care	1,138.00		1,138.00		1568 visits to Leicester residents
Addison County Parent / Child Center	1,200.00		1,200.00		
Addison County RSVP	285.00		285.00		Bone Builders, Toys for Tots and more
Addison County Transit Resources	350.00		375.00		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 21,535 hours of service
Elderly Services Inc.	500.00		500.00		Served 4 Leicester residents
Hospice Volunteer Services	250.00		250.00		Free services to anyone with terminal illness
John W. Graham Emergency Shelter	725.00		725.00		
Maple Leaf Farm					Detoxification services for 2 Leicester residents
Neighbor Works of Western VT	400.00		400.00		Provides counseling for home buying \$ repair
Open Door Clinic	300.00		300.00		Served 15 Leicester residents
Otter Creek Natural Resources	113.00		113.00		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 more than 11 Leicester residents
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>10,106.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>10,131.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>LEICESTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>	<b>1,836,223.00</b>		<b>709,360.90</b>		
<b>OTTER VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL</b>			<b>1,100,000.00</b>		
<b>OVUHS 2008-09 TAX OBLIGATION</b>				<b>102,000.00</b>	<b>State tax credit of \$33,800 pending</b>
<b>TOTAL TOWN DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>2,075,278.63</b>	<b>179,899.20</b>	<b>2,144,598.69</b>	<b>300,292.50</b>	
BALANCE	14,446.63		48,065.43		

## TOWN OF LEICESTER

## SELECTBOARD HIGHWAY RECEIPTS

ACCOUNT	2007 ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET	2008 ACTUAL	2009 BUDGET	COMMENTS
Balance in Highway Fund	19,765.22		31,651.05	-46,481.79	FEMA payment not received by 12/31/08
Transfers and Loans					
Transfer from Bridge #6	108,000.00		76,229.58		
Transfer from Equipment Fund					
Transfer from Highway Fund					
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS AND LOANS</b>	<b>108,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>76,229.58</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
Agency of Transportation Highway Aid	64,355.38	64,000.00	64,169.36	54,000.00	
Agency of Transportation Additional Aid	18,336.00				
Current Taxes to Highway Fund	153,950.00		199,450.00		\$30,000 each as voted for paving & Hooker Rd
FEMA				33,500.00	\$20,297 expensed in 2008 - funds received in 2009
Road Permits	245.00	250.00	260.00	250.00	
Grant: 2 for 1 Paving			167,169.52		
Grant for Better Back Roads				2,000.00	funds received in 2009
Grant for Bridge #6	65,000.00				
Sale of 1990 Ford Dump Truck	5,000.00				
Reimbursement - Chloride			3,553.20		
Reimbursement - VELCO	2,820.00				
Reimbursement - LCS Culvert	1,470.90				
Reimbursement - Misc			251.35		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>311,177.28</b>	<b>64,250.00</b>	<b>434,853.43</b>	<b>89,750.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS</b>	<b>438,942.50</b>	<b>64,250.00</b>	<b>542,734.06</b>	<b>43,268.21</b>	

## TOWN OF LEICESTER

## HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENTS

ACCOUNT	2007 ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET	2008 ACTUAL	2009 BUDGET	COMMENTS
Transfer to Bridge #6	65,000.00		76,229.58		
Transfer to Ditching Fund	10,000.00				
Transfer to Equipment Fund	10,000.00				
Transfer to Highway Fund			19,760.00		
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>	<b>85,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>95,989.58</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
Major / Grant Projects:					
Inventory Roads	1,900.00			1,000.00	
Bridge #6 Agreement	108,000.00				
<b>TOTAL MAJOR / GRANT PROJECTS</b>	<b>109,900.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	
Equipment Purchases:					
Sander	3,018.00				
<b>TOTAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASES</b>	<b>3,018.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
Equipment Repairs:					
Dump Truck	162.84				
Grader Blades			700.00	1,500.00	\$100.00 / blade
Grader	8,233.74		1,116.15		
Loader	604.91		156.59	3,000.00	New bucket needed
Sander			1,123.63	500.00	No major repairs anticipated
Plow & Wing - Shoes/Blades/Parts			4,780.99	5,000.00	Annual average cost
Other Parts & Labor	7,287.06		539.30	1,000.00	
<b>TOTAL EQUIPMENT REPAIRS</b>	<b>16,288.55</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>	<b>8,416.66</b>	<b>11,000.00</b>	
Ditching:				2,500.00	
Labor					
Equipment Rental					
<b>TOTAL DITCHING</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>	
Equipment Rental:		45,000.00		52,000.00	
Arlan Pidgeon	50,575.00		58,099.00		
Scott Pidgeon			2,580.00		
Grader / Arlan Pidgeon	1,610.00				
Crean Equipment	650.00				
<b>TOTAL EQUIPMENT RENTAL</b>	<b>52,835.00</b>	<b>45,000.00</b>	<b>60,679.00</b>	<b>52,000.00</b>	

## TOWN OF LEICESTER

## HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENTS continued

ACCOUNT	2007 ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET	2008 ACTUAL	2009 BUDGET	COMMENTS
Materials:					
Salt	22,646.69	25,000.00	25,291.01	25,000.00	
Chloride	3,648.96	4,000.00	7,864.40	4,500.00	
Winter Sand			19,632.50	20,000.00	
Sand, Stone & Gravel	13,686.89	20,000.00	10,622.38	10,000.00	
<b>TOTAL MATERIALS</b>	<b>39,982.54</b>	<b>49,000.00</b>	<b>63,410.29</b>	<b>59,500.00</b>	
Storm Damage / FEMA Disaster:					Anticipate FEMA payment
Materials			6,839.70		
Equipment Rental			9,597.00		Arlan \$ 8,631.00 - Scott \$ 966.00
<b>TOTAL FEMA DISASTER</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>16,436.70</b>	<b>0.00</b>	For labor costs see payroll below
Hooker Road Project:					
Materials			5,338.45		
Paving			32,666.89		\$30,000 as voted
Equipment Rental			17,236.00		Arlan \$13,726.00 - Scott \$3,510.00
Tree Removal			7,000.00		
<b>TOTAL HOOKER ROAD PROJECT</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>62,241.34</b>	<b>0.00</b>	For labor costs see payroll below
General Highway Expenses:					
Fuels, Oil, Antifreeze - Loader / Grader	2,080.90	3,000.00	3,466.09	3,500.00	
Green-up Removal	425.00	500.00	450.00	500.00	
Contracted Services	555.00				
Signs	467.91	700.00	71.05	500.00	To replace vandalized signs
Bridge Drain Cleaning			250.00	250.00	Annual maintenance
Miscellaneous	710.76	500.00	386.83	500.00	
Culverts	2,345.12	3,000.00	2,490.80	3,000.00	
Paving & Cold Patch (as voted)	48,428.71	30,000.00	209,184.58		Offset by 2 for 1 paving grant - \$30,000 approved by vote - no plans to pave roads in 2009
Resurfacing	2,265.00			5,000.00	
Roadside Mowing	6,624.00	7,500.00	6,840.00	7,200.00	
Salt Shed Repair	123.70	4,000.00	3,754.93	100.00	
Town Shed Furnace Oil	1,736.74	2,000.00	3,015.67	3,000.00	
Town Shed Repair / Electricity	741.27	1,000.00	626.63	1,200.00	To repair overhead door
Town Shed Furnace Repair			123.20	250.00	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>66,504.11</b>	<b>52,200.00</b>	<b>230,659.78</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>	

## TOWN OF LEICESTER

## HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENTS continued

ACCOUNT	2007 ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET	2008 ACTUAL	2009 BUDGET	COMMENTS
Payroll:				45,000.00	Hooker Rd Project = \$7,714.00 payroll labor
Allen Pidgeon	375.00				Storm Damage FEMA Disaster = \$ 3,860.50 labor
Arlan Pidgeon	19,314.00		25,290.00		
Edward Hayes	390.00				
Gregory Bianchi	1,365.50		830.00		
Herb Hanfield	189.00				
James Hayes	90.00				
Kevin Clark	660.00		697.50		
Michael Denis	300.00				
Robert Charbonneau	867.00		2,220.00		
Rodney Jerome	425.25				
Roger Bougor			375.00		
Kurt Kimball			90.00		
Scott Pidgeon	9,787.50		21,880.00		
<b>TOTAL PAYROLL</b>	<b>33,763.25</b>	<b>40,000.00</b>	<b>51,382.50</b>	<b>45,000.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE</b>	<b>322,291.45</b>	<b>203,700.00</b>	<b>493,226.27</b>	<b>196,000.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>407,291.45</b>	<b>201,200.00</b>	<b>589,215.85</b>	<b>196,000.00</b>	
BALANCE	31,651.05		-46,481.79		

At the close of business on 12/31/08 we had not yet received reimbursement from FEMA. We have since received payment and can apply \$33,500 to the deficit. Voters in September approved the transfer of funds from the Bridge Fund to the Highway Fund which was done. All the funds were left in a Money Market Fund earning 3% interest, rather than moving a portion of the funds to our highway budget. The funds are available and can be credited to the deficit shown.

## STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED 2008

Tax Rate:	<b>Homestead</b>	<b>Non-residential</b>	
Town	0.0810	0.0810	
Town Highway	0.1085	0.1085	
Veteran Exemption	0.0005	0.0005	
Education	1.1541	1.1934	
	<u>1.3441</u>	<u>1.3834</u>	
 Grand List	 1,839,098		
 Taxes billed:			
Town	1,839,098.00 x.0810	148,966.60	
Highway	1,839,098.00 x.1085	199,542.26	
Veteran Exemption	1,839,098.00 x.0005	<u>919.76</u>	
			349,428.62
 Education Taxes:			
Homestead	882,312.00 x 1.1541	1,018,276.27	
Non-residential	959,217.00 x 1.1934	<u>1,144,729.65</u>	
			2,163,005.92
Late HS122 penalty			<u>652.84</u>
Total Taxes Billed			2,513,087.38
Less State Rebates			<u>286,725.50</u>
			<u>2,226,361.88</u>
 Taxes Accounted for as Follows:			
Collected in 2007		500.00	
Collected in 2008		2,138,835.54	
2008 Delinquents Collected*		31,670.42	
2008 Delinquents Outstanding		67,034.30	
Tax Refunds paid		(11,581.54)	
Tax Refunds to be paid		(82.27)	
Variance		<u>(14.57)</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>			2,226,361.88

\* \$3,222.19 in delinquent taxes were collected in 2008 but not deposited until 2009

## COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	TOWN		HIGHWAY	
	1/1/2008	12/31/2008	1/1/2008	12/31/2008
<b>ASSETS:</b>				
Checking	14,446.63	48,065.43	31,651.05	-46,481.79
Total Delinquent Taxes	98,105.06	115,078.68		
Restricted Funds	54,146.41	72,683.66	232,966.12	187,492.83
Equipment	7,473.00	7,473.00	73,206.00	68,206.00
Buildings	298,800.00	313,300.00		
Building Improvements	36,323.00	36,323.00		
Highway / Culverts / Bridges			2,940,800.00	2,940,800.00
TOTAL ASSETS	509,294.10	592,923.77	3,278,623.17	3,150,017.04
<b>ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATIONS:</b>				
Equipment	5,418.00	6,104.00	55,913.00	57,191.00
Buildings	4,783.00	6,204.00		
Highways / Culverts / Bridges			51,846.00	101,919.00
	10,201.00	12,308.00	107,759.00	107,759.00
Assets less Depreciation	499,093.10	580,615.77	3,170,864.17	3,042,258.04
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>				
OVUHS	0.00	102,864.00		
Loans, short term	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Share of Bridge Construction			67,785.47	0.00
Loans, long term	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0.00	102,864.00	67,785.47	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	499,093.10	477,751.77	3,103,078.70	3,042,258.04

From 1908 Leicester Town Report:

<b>TREASURER'S ACCOUNT</b>	
Town of Leicester in account with F. H. Seymour, Treasurer.	
GENERAL ACCOUNT.	
Balance in treasury Feb. 1, 1907	\$ 12 61
By cash received from M. B. Ferson, justice, cost and fine in case v. Leon Manley	16 60
By cash received from Ned Barker, collector	215 46
By cash received from S. E. Sparks, overseer of poor, money returned in Zeb. LaMountain case	6 00
	\$250 67

## RESTRICTED FUNDS 2008

	Balance 1/1/2008	Deposits 2008	Interest 2008	Withdrawn 2008	Balance 12/31/2008
<b>TOWN</b>					
<b>Savings:</b>					
Building Repair Fund	5,000.80		72.13		5,072.93
Glebe Land Fund	5,744.33		110.89		5,855.22
Honor Roll Fund	101.40		1.46		102.86
Lister Education Fund (1)	791.43	390.77	12.15		1,194.35
Milfoil Funds	0.00	20,574.50		20,574.50	0.00
Professional Audit Fund	5,051.39		72.86		5,124.25
Record Restoration Fund	1,252.62		18.07		1,270.69
Salis / Leic planning Fund	525.27		0.01	525.28	0.00
Solid Waste Fund	494.51		7.13		501.64
<b>Certificates of Deposit:</b>					
Voter Improvement	2,071.56		64.50	512.00	1,624.06
<b>Money Markets:</b>					
Cemetery Fund	13,769.13	655.00	273.15		14,697.28
Reappraisal Account	19,343.97	17,381.50	514.91		37,240.38
<b>Town Total</b>	54,146.41	39,001.77	1,147.26	21,611.78	72,683.66

### HIGHWAY

#### Savings:

Ancient Roads (1)	0.00	3,500.00	1.56		3,501.56
Ditching Fund	12,596.48		181.68		12,778.16
Road/Highway Fund (2)	3,440.33	19,760.00	51.16		23,251.49
Equipment Fund (3)	21,081.97	1,500.00	304.18		22,886.15

#### Certificates of Deposit:

Land/building Acquisition for Garage Fund	49,856.52		2,048.91		51,905.43
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#### Money Markets:

Culverts	9,186.95		177.35		9,364.30
Bridge #6 Repair / Highway Fund (4)	136,803.87		3,231.45	76,229.58	63,805.74

<b>Highway Total</b>	232,966.12	24,760.00	5,996.29	76,229.58	187,492.83
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Explanation of changes to Restricted Funds:

- 1 Money received from State Funds
- 2 As voted
- 3 The difference between costs and fines for sheriff patrol
- 4 Bridge #6 is paid in full, funds will now go as voted to the highway fund

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### 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. With the transition of the town clerk and treasurer and due to time constraints all records were not examined thoroughly. We will continue to examine the 2008 records after this publication. At this time, they appear to be in good standing.

Carol Morrison  
Deb Miner  
Dot D'Avignon

## TAX COLLECTOR'S – DELINQUENT TAXES 2008

	Interest	Collected	Fee	Other	Total
2003	665.74	1,081.88	137.10		1,884.72
2004	719.20	1,798.24	143.86		2,661.30
2005	1,881.21	6,455.68	523.88		8,860.77
2006	3,463.90	14,998.79	1,246.04		19,708.73
2007	1,495.51	25,726.09	1,891.35	179.35	29,292.30
2008	413.71	31,670.42	2,078.62	72.64	34,235.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,639.27</b>	<b>81,731.10</b>	<b>6,020.85</b>	<b>*251.99</b>	<b>96,643.21</b>

\* Overpayments

\$3,652.54 was collected in 2008, but not deposited until 2009. This figure includes tax, interest and fees.

## DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The town of Leicester is feeling the weakening economy with the total amount of delinquent taxes up significantly. I have been working hard with taxpayers and mortgage holders to get these taxes paid. If you are delinquent, I encourage you to call me to make agreeable payment arrangements.

Beth Swington Ripley, Delinquent Tax Collector

## 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.

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Alden Trust					584.75	1,019.17
Aines, Robert & Alynn						3,301.11
Bessette, Anthony					470.10	634.98
Bessette, Anthony						1,907.62
Black, Beatrice			469.40	529.27	197.42	218.58
Bradish, Jeffrey				741.41	162.72	230.36
Bushey, Paul						1,471.22
Butterfield, Kimlee						258.70
Carroll, Richard & Veronica	511.46	1,366.50	1,562.17	811.77	768.44	260.62
Carroll, Veronica				907.72		737.35
Carter, Robert & Michele						3,517.82
Case, John & Tracey						5.49
Chamberland, Albert & Travis						1,626.88
Clark, David & Bertha						958.70
Clodgo, Stephen & Shelley						601.97
Cole, Arthur						1,892.49
Cole, Robert						198.99
Coon, Carol - Lake Sunapee Bank						1,337.75
Corbett, Michael				1,730.06	1,861.75	2,061.27
Cram, Betty/Dwight & Stone, Thomas						66.40
Cram, Betty/Dwight & Stone, Thomas						1,125.86
Cram, Leonard & Sandra					127.66	174.31
Cumming, Linda						253.16
Currier, Scott						1,052.44
Dayton, Robert						1,808.52
Disorda, Jesse & Johanna						1,266.02
Foley, Jacqueline			196.40	1,090.48	913.38	734.59
French, Ralph & Vicki				741.48	1,573.12	1,741.70
French, Ralph Jr					146.19	161.86
Fyles, Michelle			1,192.60	1,431.96	1,282.75	1,470.87
Gearwar, David & Melissa						29.59
Gerow, Robert						1,080.44
Gibbs, Gary						2,980.08
Gosselin, Joseph						303.00
Harper Crew Family						91.30
Harrington, Raymond						58.10
Hector, Eric						41.50
Hope, Robert & Lisa						1,780.29
Hull, Jeffrey & Stephanie						2,061.85
Johnson, Joseph & Tammy						1,415.69
Johnson, Randall						119.62
Johnson, Richard & Darlene						2,595.46
LaFave, Scott				230.48	29.99	33.20
LaPorte, Donald & Shirley					544.18	911.11
Malinowski, David						329.25
Maranville, James J		0.06	249.85	281.71	186.18	206.13
Martin, Albert						3,569.17
McCoy, Mahlon & Joyce						661.82
Mussaw, Linda & Carey				2,361.75	810.13	
O'Neil/Gittens, Joan	538.72	3,163.70	4,217.11	4,754.84	2,460.32	2,995.46
Otis, Theodore					1,732.34	2,440.60
Perry, Ronald & Melissa				1,010.63	1,104.22	1,200.65
Sherwin, James H. Sr.						816.44
Sherwood, Geanine						19.96

**DELINQUENT TAXES – DECEMBER 31, 2008 (continued)**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Smith, Richard & Donna						871.24
Stone, Denton				887.53		
Stone, Denton / Sherwood, Barbara			208.70		120.52	81.97
Syvertson, Martin						2,475.83
Theriault, Nathan & Margaret						743.92
Viens, William & Bernadette					1,780.46	2,528.86
Wisnowski, James & Melissa						2,048.73
Wykes, Donna						446.24
<b>TOTALS</b>	1,050.18	4,530.26	8,096.23	17,511.09	16,856.62	67,034.30
<b>TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES DUE AS OF 12/31/08</b>						<b>115,078.68</b>

**2008 VITAL STATISTICS**

**BIRTHS**

<u>Child</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Mother (Maiden Name)</u>
Clover Marion Van Ormer	Mar 1	Chad Michael Van Ormer	Tamar Mary Boyd
Oliver Russell Eastwood	Apr 28	Benjamin Leigh Eastwood	Jennifer Kelsie Jarrett
Breona Margaret Blake	Jun 02		Jamie Lynn Blake
Adyson Gail Humiston	Sep 17	Bryan Jeffrey Humiston	Kristle Ann Humiston
Colin Kellogg Chicoine	Nov 21	Lance Warren Chicoine	Stephanie Jean Kellogg

**MARRIAGES**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Groom</u>	<u>Bride</u>
Apr 20	David Richard Blongy	Joy Marie LaFountain
Jun 27	Martin Elmer Keeler	Jennifer Hila Hornbeck

**DEATHS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Age</u>
Helen West Burbank	Jan 29	88
Althea Muriel Keeler	Mar 10	84
John C. Sylvestri	Mar 24	86
Dexter Chandler Kimball	Jul 03	80
Robin L. Thurston	Aug 25	52
Lillian Louise Mulcahy	Oct 12	82
Raymond Michael Mulcahy	Nov 4	85
Paul Sigurd Eriksson	Dec 4	92

## SELECTBOARD REPORT

2008 was a year of transitions and completions. Roads and bridges occupied a good deal of Selectboard attention. The final payment to the state for the bridge over Otter Creek was made in September and the town has signed off on the final paperwork. We have made arrangements with the Whiting Fire Department to power wash the bridge annually, as part of bridge maintenance.

Severe summer weather impacted several roads and the town applied for FEMA funds, which we expect to receive soon. Thanks to Arlan and Donna Pidgeon and Kylee for providing the necessary photo documentation to accompany our request for reimbursement. One of the first projects for the spring will be to complete repairs needed to the roads that were impacted by last summer's weather.

A major stormwater mitigation project was completed on Hooker Road. The Selectboard had originally planned to submit a grant for federal funds to assist in the project, but this would have delayed the work by a year and the Selectboard felt it was necessary to undertake the project, solely funded with town funds. Extensive ditching was undertaken to prevent any further damage to adjoining properties and to minimize runoff to the lake.

The budget shows a deficit of \$46,481.79 in the highway fund, however we have received FEMA dollars in the amount of \$33,523.03 to reimburse the town for work to repair storm damage to the town roads. In addition voters approved in September, the transfer of funds from the Bridge # 6 fund of \$63,805.74 to the highway fund. The funds have been maintained in a bank account accruing 3% interest.

The Selectboard was awarded a grant from Northern Vermont Resources Conservation and Development to fund the completion of an inventory of all town roads and for software to assist in better record-keeping of the types and cost of maintenance work done to the town roads. Thanks to Donna Pidgeon and Deb Miner for the compilation of the 5 year Capital Budget Plan and for completing the requirements of the grant award. Completion of the road inventory, combined with the previously completed bridge and culvert inventory allows us to seek an additional 10% in state aid for some projects.

The salt shed was repaired this fall. Structural damage was repaired and beams and cross posts were replaced. In an attempt to keep out-of-towners and professional "sanders" out of the sand pile, the Selectboard authorized Arlan to create a "berm" on the edge of the sand pile to prevent trucks from backing and filling up at the town's expense. Our winter sand costs almost \$20,000 and a substantial portion of it went out of town before this measure was taken. The Selectboard is considering for next season, requiring a windshield sticker as proof of residency in order to obtain sand.

You will note an increase in the contingency line item of the budget. For the first time in history, the town is planning to enter into an agreement with the Brandon Fire Department, at their request, for fire protection. For 2008, the town paid over \$16,000 for auto and home fires. The agreement calls for a base price of \$19,716.00 with an additional charge of \$500.00 per call. It is anticipated that property owners could submit a fact sheet directly to their fire insurance provider so that the maximum payment, the \$500 charge, could be made to reimburse the town. The Selectboard investigated seeking coverage from neighboring towns, but no one was in a position to offer us coverage. The Selectboard further investigated the cost of equipment, storage and man power and concluded that we can not afford to have our own fire department.

The Selectboard wishes to acknowledge and thank Donna Pidgeon for her nearly 20 years of service to the town as the clerk/treasurer. Her knowledge and expertise are unmatched, as well

as her willingness to assist Kylee and the Selectboard as we address the needs of the town.

As this goes to press, Kylee has resigned as both clerk and treasurer for the town. The Selectboard found it easy to work with Kylee and we wish her well in her new endeavors.

The Selectboard was saddened by the unexpected passing of their secretary, Julie Dawson, in August. The Selectboard and Zoning Board are very pleased to work with Sandy Trombley as the new secretary for both boards.

We encourage townspeople to attend Selectboard meetings on the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. There are numerous decisions to be made and we look forward to your input.

## FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT

### BRANDON FIRE DISTRICT # 1 AND TOWN OF LEICESTER

This agreement made and entered into effective this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2009 by and between the Brandon Fire District # 1, a municipal corporation in the County of Rutland and State of Vermont, hereinafter called "Brandon", and the Town of Leicester, a municipal corporation in the County of Addison and State of Vermont hereinafter called "Leicester".

WHEREAS, Brandon is the owner of certain valuable firefighting equipment and has an organized municipal fire department; and

WHEREAS, Leicester is in need of fire protection service for the town and is adjacent to Brandon and can be serviced by its fire equipment and personnel;

THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth it is mutually agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

1. Brandon agrees that it will respond to all fire calls within the Town of Leicester and if necessary call in equipment from other towns or villages with which it has mutual aid agreements.

2. Leicester agrees to pay Brandon for the foregoing service as follows:

The annual compensation for the year 2009 is \$ 19,715.62 per year plus \$500.00 for every call that the fire department responds to.

The sum of \$ 19,715.62 is due upon signing of this agreement but may be paid in four equal installments without interest by February 1, 2009; May 1, 2009; August 1, 2009 and October 1, 2009.

3. Any charges for fire equipment from municipalities other than Brandon shall be paid for by the Town of Leicester in addition to the charges herein.

### Lister's Report for 2008

There were 94 changes of appraisal, including current use, 10 appeals to the listers and one appeal to the BCA which has been appealed to the Superior Court. There were 7 appeals to the State Board and 1 appeal to Superior Court, from 2007, that were resolved in 2008.

The common level of appraisal (CLA) to be used for 2009 tax purposes, is 101.27% compared to 114% for 2007. The Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) is 10.05% compared to 15% for 2007.

The voters approved a resolution that the Select Board hire an appraisal firm for a town wide appraisal to take effect on Apr 1<sup>st</sup> 2012. It is anticipated that the Select Board will have sufficient funds in escrow to hire an appraisal firm without additional funds from the taxpayers. A request for quote was sent to all the Vermont mass appraisers with no response. The request for quote will be repeated in 2009.

With the real estate market being so slow it is hard to discern any trend in sales prices. Permits for new construction are also well below recent years levels.

Harold Smith  
Chair, Board of Listers

### Zoning Administrator's Report

Andrew Peterson resigned as zoning administrator on January 15, 2009. I have agreed to act as interim zoning administrator until the position can be filled.

There were 34 logged requests in the Leicester permit book in 2008.

- 14 standard zoning permits were approved
- 5 setback waivers
- 3 variances
- 1 minor amendment
- 1 permit extension
- 2 boundary line adjustments
- 2 subdivisions
- 6 certificates of compliance

Zoning office hours are on Thursdays 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM at the Leicester Town Office.

Ron Fiske

## DOGS 2008

149	@	\$9.00	\$1,341.00
29	@	\$11.00	\$319.00
43	@	\$13.00	\$559.00
12	@	\$17.00	\$204.00
233	dogs		\$2,423.00
	Variance		(28.00)
	<b>Income</b>		\$2,395.00



Animal Control	244.02
Clerk Fee	
D. Pidgeon	106.00
K. Rochon	354.00
State Fees	693.00
Dog tags	107.31
<b>Expenses</b>	1,504.33

### ACRPC Energy Committee

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) Energy Committee was formed to address energy efficiency and support local and individual energy production in Addison County. The Committee seeks to accomplish this goal by:

1. Providing support for Town Energy Coordinators
2. Supporting individual, local, and regional efficiency programs
3. Locating funding opportunities for individual and local energy generation and efficiency projects
4. Presenting educational programs
5. Acting as a resource in bringing together Addison County energy projects

The Energy Committee is responsible for implementing the policies, goals and recommended actions of the Energy Section of the Addison County Regional Plan. The Goals of the Plan's Energy Section are in part:

1. To reduce the Addison Region's energy consumption by maximizing the environmental, reliability and economic benefits of conservation
2. To increase local energy production in an effort to move toward a less centralized and more reliable energy production system in the Addison Region
3. To have reliable, adequate and affordable energy that meets the needs of the Addison Region's residents and businesses

Municipalities may appoint an Energy Coordinator to study and evaluate alternative sources of energy, coordinate existing energy resources in the town, and develop a Municipal Energy Plan. The Energy Committee works with Coordinators to promote energy conservation and further the town's energy goals. As a centralized, county-wide base of knowledge and resources, the Energy Committee can facilitate sound and realistic energy saving and producing practices through your local Energy Coordinator, who are familiar with local on-site needs and probable solutions, be it municipal or private. The Energy Committee offers monthly informational programs on conservation, energy technology and applications. They offer a county-wide directory of energy resources, educational literature on a variety of energy topics, and loan their display to Town Energy Committee for use at town events. They are active participants in energy programs, projects and events.

Energy Committee Members: Bob McNary, Ferrisburgh (Chairman), Edward Payne, Bridport (Vice-Chair), Charles Huizenga, Monkton, Larry Keyes, Ferrisburgh, Harvey Smith, New Haven, Ralph Teitsheid, Cornwall, Bruce Webster, Goshen, and Kent Wright, Addison County Farm Bureau.

ACRPC Staff: Elizabeth Golden, Environmental and Land Use Planner, phone: 802-388-3141, email: egolden@sover.net.

Brandon, Leicester, Salisbury, Goshen  
Insect Control District Annual Report 2008  
Assessment of 2008 Season

As great as last year (2007) was, 2008 turned out to be one of the worst years for mosquitoes since our district was organized. Warm weather came early resulting in an early snow melt with flooding resulting in an early mosquito hatch. Aerial applications of BTI were applied to flooded fields and swamps, however we were not successful in hitting all the hotspots. We began our roadside application of adulticide which continued through the summer.

The rains that started in May continued throughout the summer with near record rainfall in June, July, and August resulting in more than 22 inches of rain. In 2008 flooding in Vermont caused millions of dollars in damage and led to a number of federal disaster declarations. The round of severe rain storms from July 21 to August 12 sent rivers over their banks and washed out numerous roads and bridges. This extraordinary rainfall led to almost constant flood situations in the valley and the poor weather limited the days when we could fly and effectively apply larvicides to the flooded areas. We did apply four aerial applications between mid July and mid August treating a total of 3500 acres.

The B.L.S.G. Insect Control District has been blessed over the years with a dedicated board of directors and experienced district manager, Paul Doty. Current board members are from Brandon: Gary Meffe and Wayne Rausenberger; from Leicester: Brad Ramsay and Linda Pitkin (who also represents the Lake Dunmore Association); from Goshen: Dave Bishop and Ben Lawton. We thank Dave, who has resigned as of Jan 1, 2009 for more than 10 years of service. Dave is currently serving on the OV Board. Jeff Whiting of Goshen will take his place. Salisbury has been without representatives for the past year which puts an additional burden on the other towns' representatives. The Salisbury Selectboard has been notified of the vacancy and of the need to fill the two vacancies.

The Board also thanks the certified applicators who provide the ground larvacide program. They are overworked and under appreciated. Anyone interested in helping please contact Paul Doty (247-6779) or Dr. Lawton (247-3314). The Board is in the process of rewriting our By-Laws this coming year. Over the past 10 years the District has been able to develop effective aerial maps of many of the hot spots where mosquito larvae are concentrated and breed. These efforts have been expedited by state entomologist, Jon Turmel and Assistant, Alan Graham. Both have been invaluable in their service to the District, and we could not have functioned without them. Jon travels from Montpelier to attend most of our meetings. Both are employed by the State Agency of Agriculture.

Our aerial larvacide program and mosquito surveillance program are supported by state funding. In this time of severe budget cutting by the state, we believe that we have adequate funds for the 2009 season. The 2010 season is another issue. As more and more towns establish mosquito control districts and state funds are frozen, amount of money available for each district is diluted. We all need to apprise our state legislators of the importance of this program to our citizens.

Our adulticide program is funded by our member towns and we have level funded our request for the coming season. We express our thanks to the citizens of BLSG for their support and patience.

For the B.L.S.G. Insect Control District  
Dr. Ben Lawton, Chairman

Brandon-Leicester-Salisbury-Goshen  
Insect Control District  
Financial Statements and Budget

Local Activities:	2006	2007	2008	2008	2009
Income	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Brandon	17,055	18,300	24,339	21,750	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	9,594		17,641
Interest	36	41	30	539	500
Donation& Misc.	9,997	100	700	1,300	700
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 45,788</b>	<b>\$ 55,863</b>	<b>\$ 59,535</b>	<b>\$ 48,460</b>	<b>\$ 68,052</b>
<b>Expense</b>					
Production					
Adulticide Chemicals	22,313		20,000	8,209	20,000
Labor-District Coordinator	4,416	6,000	7,000	4,883	7,000
Labor-Applicators	847	438	2,500	2,794	2,500
Payroll Taxes	1,902	1,502	2,000	2,385	2,000
Gas-Trucks & Sprayers	1,355	505	1,550	1,719	1,600
Maintenance-Trucks	620	343	2,000	1,520	2,000
Maintenance-Sprayers & Other		463	800	94	500
Equipment Rental			175		175
Equipment Replacement	9,897		11,000	750	11,000
Legal (See Note)		187	4,000		4,000
<b>Total Production/Spraying Related Costs</b>	<b>\$ 41,350</b>	<b>\$ 9,438</b>	<b>\$ 51,025</b>	<b>\$ 22,355</b>	<b>\$ 50,775</b>
Overhead					
Board of Directors			1,000		1,000
Continuing Education		177	750		750
Announcements			400	292	400
Office Expenses	304	94	400	473	500
Building Maintenance			750	1,984	1,000
Dump Fees	125	55	150		150
Telephone	979	853	1,200	764	800
Electric	65	204	300	195	300
Computer					
Insurance-Worker's Comp			2,000	858	1,000
Insurance-Building & Equip	2,111	2,204	2,200	2,249	2,500
Insurance-Trucks	1,573	1,956	2,000	2,323	2,500
Insurance-Liability	7,206	7,480	7,500	7,480	7,500
Miscellaneous	50		250	38	250
<b>Total Overhead Related Costs</b>	<b>12,413</b>	<b>13,022</b>	<b>18,900</b>	<b>16,655</b>	<b>\$ 18,650</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 53,763</b>	<b>\$ 22,460</b>	<b>\$ 69,925</b>	<b>\$ 39,011</b>	<b>\$ 69,425</b>
<b>Cash Gain (Loss) Local</b>	<b>(\$7,975)</b>	<b>\$33,403</b>	<b>(\$10,390)</b>	<b>\$9,450</b>	<b>(\$1,373)</b>
<b>State Reimbursable Activities</b>					
Income					
<b>Payments from State</b>	<b>96,632</b>	<b>17,729</b>		<b>61,098</b>	
Expense					
Larviciding Application	16,632			31,998	
Larviciding Materials	80,000	16,000		29,100	
West Nile Surveillance	1,729	-			
<b>Total State Reimbursable Expense</b>	<b>98,361</b>	<b>16,000</b>		<b>61,098</b>	
<b>Cash Gain (Loss) State</b>	<b>(1,729.00)</b>	<b>1,728.85</b>		<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Initial Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$ 28,938</b>	<b>\$ 19,234</b>	<b>\$ 54,366</b>	<b>54,365.81</b>	<b>\$ 63,815</b>
<b>Cash Gain (Loss)-Local &amp; State</b>	<b>(\$9,704)</b>	<b>\$35,132</b>	<b>(\$10,390)</b>	<b>9,449.57</b>	<b>(1,373.00)</b>
<b>Year End Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$ 19,234</b>	<b>\$ 54,365.81</b>	<b>\$ 43,976</b>	<b>63,815.38</b>	<b>62,442.38</b>

- Notes:
1. Money expected from Goshen in 2006 was not received until 2007 (6050)
  2. The 2008 budget includes one-time up-dating of legal organizational documents (Estimated at \$4000).  
This will be done in 2009, thus, the budget item was carried forward.
  3. For 2007, Goshen voters reportedly approved 8047; but the Town paid 6500.  
The difference (1547) is was expected to be received in 2008

## Independent Auditors' Report

To The School Board  
Leicester School District

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Leicester School District, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. We have also audited the financial statements of each of the School District's nonmajor governmental, nonmajor enterprise, and fiduciary funds presented as supplementary information in the accompanying combining and individual fund financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Leicester School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Leicester School District, Vermont, as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each nonmajor governmental, nonmajor enterprise, and fiduciary fund of Leicester School District, as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year

then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 31, 2008 on our consideration of Leicester School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 5 and 28 through 31 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise Leicester School District's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Angolano & Company  
Shelburne, Vermont  
Firm Registration Number 92-0000141

December 31, 2008

## **Leicester Central School Principal's Report**

Leicester staff members continue to focus on the academic achievement of each child and the maintenance of a school climate conducive to learning. We have made academic gains in all curricular areas, and we are particularly pleased with our progress in mathematics and science. In mathematics, our teachers have implemented the Bridges program for three years. This program emphasizes conceptual knowledge as well as the learning of math facts. Standardized test scores in mathematics were highest for those students who began their schooling using the Bridges program.

This was the first year that science knowledge was assessed by the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP). We are pleased to report that Leicester students outscored their counterparts in both Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union (RNESU) and the State. However, we are only too aware that with the small number of students in our grades, these numbers can change any year, given any group of students and what is happening on the day they are tested.

However, when we look at a set of data, we look at it over time. We are certain that Leicester School is going in the right direction. We are proud that the NECAP data show we are closing the "achievement gap" between our poorest students, as well as our special education students, and those not categorized by these labels. These data tell us that every child has the opportunity to succeed in Leicester School. We feel very fortunate that Leicester voters, parents, and school board members support our efforts.

This fall we completed our standards-based report cards. Discussions that took place during the creation of the report card have led to consistent and clear expectations for all students both behaviorally and academically. "Meeting the standard" means the same for all students in all classrooms. Reception by parents has been positive, although some tweaking will be done as we receive suggestions for changes throughout the year.

Our pre-kindergarten program has been expanded, and these youngest children now join the kindergarten five mornings a week. Their teacher feels this expansion provides better continuity for all of the children.

For students to achieve and reach their potential, there must be a climate that encourages learning. We constantly seek ways to improve the school learning environment. We continue to have personnel from Shared Ventures, the organization with which we began our supportive discipline initiative, speak at staff meetings, meet with our parents, and meet with individual staff members when requested. This year, we have joined with the RNESU in attending Responsive Classroom training which supports our positive discipline system.

The SOAR summer and after-school programs continue to be successful by providing our students enrichment and a place to complete their homework. The number of students in these programs has declined consistent with the downturn in the economy. We are working closely with families to help their children attend this program. Please read the report from Deb Bratton, SOAR Director, that follows this report.

We have several new staff members whom you can read about under New Faces in Leicester. Leicester is fortunate to have staff, parents, community, and school board members who are supportive. Working together we can provide our children with a solid future.

Carol J. Eckels, Ed.D.  
Principal

## **New Faces at Leicester Central School**

Ruth Bernstein is a new part-time 5/6 teacher. Ruth grew up in Lincoln and Bristol, VT and attended Saint Michael's College in Colchester, VT. She has previously worked at local bookstores and in market research. This is her first teaching position.

Susan Briere is the new technology support specialist at Leicester Central School (LCS). She is at Leicester on Mondays and Thursday mornings. Susan is in her fourth year at RNESU, after spending eight years providing technical support for Addison Northeast Supervisory Union schools. In addition to LCS, she also provides support at Otter Valley, Whiting, and Sudbury. Susan has a Bachelor of Science in Management Information Systems and is currently working on her Master of Science in Information Technology. Susan's position is partially funded by LCS and partially by RNESU.

John Leonard is a new part-time special educator. He lives in Cornwall with his wife and has three children. He has been a special education teacher for more than thirty years with a specific interest in mathematics and assessment. He has taught in Vermont and Maine, early primary grades through high school, and in public and private schools. When he isn't helping students with math he enjoys sailing, travel, and time spent with family and friends. His position is funded by RNESU.

Renee Ursitti is the new administrative assistant. Renee grew up in Lancaster, NY and now lives in Shoreham with her husband, Greg, and daughter, Lucy. She has been in Vermont for 15 years. She worked at Addison Central Supervisory Union for five years, first in the high school office and then in the Diversified Occupations program. From there she was able to put her passions for children and children's literature to use and became a Vermont certified librarian. She spent the last eight years at Platt Memorial Library.

## **SOAR After-School and Summer Programs**

SOAR (Success through Opportunities, Academics and Recreation) provides the following after-school and summer programming:

- Daily SOAR on Tuesdays – Thursdays
- SOAR Club on Mondays
- SOAR Arts! on Mondays
- Outdoor Adventure on Fridays
- SOAR Summer in July

The club program is new for 2008-2009 and is very popular with the students. Clubs offered to-date include drama and sewing.

2008 marks the beginning of a new five year 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center grant cycle which provides 50% funding for five years.

<b>Students Served - Leicester</b>				
	<b>Total</b>	<b>School Year Only</b>	<b>Summer Only</b>	<b>Both</b>
2006-2007	41	22.0%	26.8%	51.2%
2007-2008	39	25.6%	30.8%	43.6%
2008 Sept-Dec	37	35.1%	32.4%	32.4%

<b>Student Characteristics - Leicester</b>									
<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Free &amp; Reduced Lunch</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
40.5%	59.5%	35.1%	5.4%	13.5%	2.7%	16.2%	24.3%	21.6%	16.2%

<b>SOAR Funding - Total</b>							
<b>Total</b>	<b>21CCLC</b>	<b>Schools &amp; SU</b>	<b>Fees &amp; Child Care Subsidy</b>	<b>Business &amp; Organization Support *</b>	<b>Town (Brandon Only)</b>	<b>Donations &amp; Fundraising **</b>	<b>Snack Reimbursement</b>
\$237,838	50.0%	22.6%	18.8%	3.3%	2.1%	1.8%	1.4%

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

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

Deb Bratton  
SOAR Director

#### **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](http://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 Central School Report of the Superintendent of Schools**

Christine Brush and the Leicester citizens came together in the mid 1950s to build the Leicester Central School to consolidate the numerous one-room schools scattered around the town. Throughout the years, the building and infrastructure systems have been renovated several times. The stage has been closed and the multi-purpose room has been cut into a library and smaller teaching spaces. Fine teaching and learning goes on inside the school, but our tired building requires us to look toward more systematic, economical and comprehensive solutions.

Your school board has been diligent in examining all manner of options with Brandon, Salisbury, Sudbury and Whiting. Their explorations have been accomplished through study committees, visits, and discussions with community planning groups and other school boards. At this point, a renovated Leicester school (possibly with Whiting students) or tuitioning appear to be the most viable options. In this year's town meeting, we have again scheduled time to have an open discussion with the citizenry about our current but always evolving status.

This year, we face strong financial pressures and your school board has worked hard to provide a responsible budget. This planning has resulted in a budget lower than tax penalties or the two-vote requirements of Act 82. Predictions are that the economic crisis will be with us for the next year or so. Consequently, we are working on all budgets to come in as low as possible. Otter Valley, transportation, health insurance and special services budgets and tax rates are projected to be basically level-funded this year.

Less than one percent of RNEU school spending is on central administration while the state average is a much higher 2.48%. Our low costs are due to centralized services. Likewise, programs such as autism, alternative education, English as a Second Language, and Migrant education are centralized through collaboratives across supervisory unions.

Our district inservice focus for the year has been on science education. The previous two years emphases have been on reading and mathematics. In an internet world, the nature of knowledge, access to information and even such fundamentals as recreational reading and children's attention spans are changing. Preparing children for this shifting world represents a new challenge.

While academic skills are important, citizens, parents and employers tell us that working effectively with others is just as important as mastering subject matter content. It is for this reason that we have revisited the "Responsive Classroom" approach. This common disciplinary and social behavior program is designed to teach children how to get along with others – a sorely needed trait in society.

As this is my last year, I say "Thank You" to all the citizens of Leicester for your warmth and friendship. Your town school board meets on the second Thursday at 6:30pm. We all welcome your attendance and involvement in your community.

Respectfully Submitted,

William J. Mathis, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

## **Leicester Central School Board Report**

Consolidation, this has been and no doubt will continue to be the foremost topic of discussion and expenditure of energy for the school board. Even though the Leicester student census appears to be stabilized at approximately sixty students, we continue to be negatively impacted by rising costs, an unstable economy and an aging school building.

In light of these ongoing challenges, the board has focused a lot of energy this year on planning and developing cost effective options for Leicester's educational future that would also continue to deliver the quality of education our children presently receive. Two of our board members, Hannah Sessions and Mathew Brush, deserve special recognition and thanks for their time and commitment to this endeavor. They have expertly facilitated the formation of the Leicester Consolidation Committee and the Leicester/Sudbury/Whiting Tri-town Committee that represent and report to the individual townspeople. Informational reports from these committees are routinely mailed out, discussed at town and school board meetings, and can also be accessed on the web at <http://www.lswcommunityschool.com>.

In the following pages of the Town Report you will find our projected budget for the 2009/2010 school year. Fortunately, we are again projecting a minimal overall cost increase. Federal funding shifts next year are a significant factor in this. The other recognizable factor is the cost consciousness of our faculty (thank you!) and, certainly, having a principal who is a math wiz! It is important to note, however, that this is a projected budget. Circumstances beyond our control are always a possibility when faced with the day to day maintenance of an older building, as many of you are well aware.

On a last but most important note, we would like to extend our deepest thanks to the faculty of Leicester Central School for their commitment, dedication and reliability in teaching our children. We recognize and appreciate the additional time you provide (summer school program, soar summer camp) to meet the needs of each student. And, a special thank you to Ellie Holsman for her continued donation of time and energy for our children.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Leicester School Board,  
Lynn Brooks-Miner, Chair  
Hannah Sessions                      Vicki Lalumiere  
Mathew Brush                              Michelle Pierpont

\*The Leicester School board meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the school. Please feel free to attend or contact any one of the board members with school related questions or concerns.

## LEICESTER TOWN SCHOOL LEGAL NOTICES

**School Board** - The school board welcomes your input on all issues. The school board meets on the second Thursday 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  
2009-2010 BUDGET WORKSHEET - REVENUES**

<b>CODE NBR.</b>	<b>ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>2007/2008 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2008/2009 BUDGET</b>	<b>2009/2010 PROPOSED</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
10-000-FBFD	PRIOR YEAR FINAL FUND BALANCE	<b>3,816</b>	<b>3,220</b>	<b>4,838</b>	Audit Surplus
10-000-1510	INTEREST EARNED	<b>447</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>350</b>	Level
10-000-1910	RENTAL INCOME	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
10-000-1920	DONATIONS	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
10-000-3110	EDUCATION SPENDING AMOUNT	<b>1,871,474</b>	<b>805,806</b>	<b>825,477</b>	
10-000-1-3114	GRANT FOR TECHNICAL CENTERS - <i>Act 130 Provides for Local Elementary Schools to receive this grant &amp; High Schools to pay costs.</i>	<b>32,641</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
10-000-3145	SMALL SCHOOL GRANT	<b>73,222</b>	<b>77,681</b>	<b>76,095</b>	Estimated Grant
10-000-3150	TRANSPORTATION AID	<b>16,295</b>	<b>14,257</b>	<b>13,724</b>	Estimated at 45% over actual FY2008 costs
10-000-3200	STATE AID SPECIAL EDUCTION	<b>114,497</b>	<b>129,718</b>	<b>125,475</b>	
10-000-4810	FOREST REVENUE	<b>2,697</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>2,700</b>	
10-000-5400	PRIOR YEAR REFUNDS	<b>5,359</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
000-1-3130	TOTAL SCHOOL REVENUE	<b>2,120,453</b>	<b>1,033,733</b>	<b>1,048,659</b>	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  
2009-2010 BUDGET WORKSHEET**

<b>CODE NBR.</b>	<b>ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>2007/2008 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2008/2009 BUDGET</b>	<b>2009/2010 PROPOSED</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
	<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>				
10-001-2011	BOARD HONORARIA	1,000	1,000	<b>1,000</b>	Level
10-001-2069	VSBA DUES & MISCELLANEOUS	1,482	1,600	<b>1,600</b>	Level
10-001-2036	LEGAL FEES	466	750	<b>600</b>	Based on history
10-001-2055	PRINTING/PUBLISHING &	1,988	1,600	<b>1,900</b>	Based on history
10-001-2013	DIST TREASURER SALARY	784	817	<b>844</b>	Salary Increase
10-001-2050	MANDATORY EMPLOYMENT TESTING	328	100	<b>100</b>	Level
10-001-2034	AUDIT FEES	900	0	<b>0</b>	Next audit FY2011
	<b>TOTAL BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>	<b>6,948</b>	<b>5,867</b>	<b>6,044</b>	<b>176</b> <b>3%</b>
	<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>				
10-001-2510	PRINCIPAL SALARY	49,593	51,725	<b>53,566</b>	Raise per contract
10-001-XXXX	SUMMER ADMINISTRATION	2,508	2,616	<b>2,709</b>	Raise per contract
10-001-2568	ADMIN VPA DUES & MISCELLANEOUS	1,334	950	<b>1,050</b>	Based on historical costs
10-000-2569	ADMINISTRATIVE TRAINING & TRAVEL	241	270	<b>270</b>	Level
10-001-2517	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	12,235	12,846	<b>13,416</b>	Increased per market rate
	<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>65,910</b>	<b>68,407</b>	<b>71,012</b>	<b>2,604</b> <b>4%</b>
	<b>INSTRUCTION</b>				
10-001-2511	TEACHER SALARIES	275,907	301,360	<b>318,967</b>	Raises per contract
10-001-2528	TEACHER ASSISTANTS	24,858	26,018	<b>26,220</b>	Raise per contract
10-001-2540	ART TEACHER	7,160	6,701	<b>7,128</b>	Per Contract
10-001-2512	SUBSTITUTE SALARIES	5,154	5,000	<b>5,400</b>	Increased based on history plus minimum wage increase
10-001-2561	SUPPLIES & TEXTBOOKS	19,653	18,000	<b>18,000</b>	Level
10-001-2564	PERIODICALS & REFERENCE BOOKS	71	300	<b>300</b>	Level
10-001-4073	REPLACE INST EQUIPMENT	708	2,000	<b>2,000</b>	Level
10-001-2505	CO-CURRICULAR SALARY	372	300	<b>300</b>	Level
10-001-2545	BILLBACK/SPED	0	2,000	<b>2,000</b>	Level
10-001-2555	FIELD TRIPS	698	1,000	<b>1,000</b>	Level
10-001-2506	PHYSICAL EDUCATION SALARY & TRAVEL	14,992	14,533	<b>15,154</b>	Raise per contract
10-001-2558	ITINERANT TEACHER TRAVEL	0	200	<b>200</b>	Level
10-001-2513	MUSIC TEACHER SALARY	7,645	7,884	<b>8,448</b>	Raise per contract
10-001-5558	TUITION	16,311	16,000	<b>12,400</b>	Student tuition for medical needs, after school tuition subsidy
	<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>373,529</b>	<b>401,296</b>	<b>417,516</b>	<b>16,220</b>

**LEICESTER CENTRAL SCHOOL  
2009-2010 BUDGET WORKSHEET**

CODE NBR.	ACCOUNT NAME	2007/2008 ACTUAL	2008/2009 BUDGET	2009/2010 PROPOSED	COMMENTS
					<b>4%</b>
	<b>INSTRUCTION-SUPPORT</b>				
10-001-2530	SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS	5,873	6,500	<b>6,500</b>	Level
10-001-2509	GUIDANCE SALARY	6,110	6,373	<b>6,600</b>	Raise per contract
10-001-2532	IN-SERVICE/CURRICULUM	1,996	2,000	<b>1,800</b>	Reduced for amount included in paraprofessional contract
10-001-2508	LIBRARY SALARIES	7,319	7,556	<b>8,184</b>	Raise per contract
10-001-2567	TECHNOLOGY SALARIES	7,706	8,037	<b>7,719</b>	Reduced due to increased RNESU funding
10-001-2566	LIBRARY BOOKS/SUPPLIES	3,498	3,800	<b>3,950</b>	Increased costs of supplies and books
10-001-2535	TECHNOLOGY REPAIR & SUPPLIES	1,201	2,100	<b>2,100</b>	Level
10-001-2565	TECHNOLOGY SOFTWARE	0	1,000	<b>2,485</b>	Increased for updated software licenses
10-001-2556	TECHNOLOGY - HARDWARE	601	3,800	<b>3,600</b>	Reduced due to declining technology costs
	<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTION-SUPPORT</b>	<b>34,305</b>	<b>41,166</b>	<b>42,938</b>	<b>1,772</b>
					<b>4%</b>
	<b>HEALTH SERVICES</b>				
10-001-3060	NURSE	17,115	16,294	<b>16,896</b>	Raise per contract
10-001-3062	CONTRACTED EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES	1,625	950	<b>950</b>	OT/PT/SLP and tutoring per student needs
10-001-3050	MANDATORY WATER & ASBESTOS	2,332	1,800	<b>1,800</b>	Level
10-001-3061	HEALTH SUPPLIES	449	450	<b>500</b>	Increased for rising costs
	<b>TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES</b>	<b>21,522</b>	<b>19,494</b>	<b>20,146</b>	<b>652</b>
					<b>3%</b>
	<b>PUPIL TRANSPORTATION</b>				
10-001-3511	BUS DRIVERS' SALARY	0	0	<b>0</b>	
10-001-3562	GASOLINE	0	0	<b>0</b>	
10-001-6666	TRANSPORTATION ASSESSMENT	30,497	27,189	<b>26,766</b>	
10-001-3572	BUS DRIVER - FIELD TRIPS	1,774	2,000	<b>2,000</b>	Level
	<b>TOTAL TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>32,271</b>	<b>29,189</b>	<b>28,766</b>	<b>(424)</b>
					<b>-1%</b>
	<b>OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE</b>				
10-001-4552	PROPERTY INSURANCE	5,826	6,305	<b>6,409</b>	10% over FY08 actual costs
10-001-4011	CUSTODIAL CONTRACT SVS	20,110	20,600	<b>21,101</b>	Increased for cost of living
10-001-4043	BUILDING REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	10,424	9,500	<b>9,805</b>	Based on historical costs and the age of building systems.
10-001-4061	STUDENT HYGIENE SUPPLIES	3,096	2,300	<b>2,400</b>	Based on 3 year historical average
10-001-4067	ELECTRICITY	8,670	10,100	<b>9,500</b>	Based on historical costs plus 3% rate increase as announced
10-001-4068	HEAT	6,196	6,075	<b>6,075</b>	Average annual usage 2095 gallons at \$2.90/gallon - level fund
10-001-4042	CONTRACTED SERVICES	8,141	8,000	<b>8,322</b>	Increased costs
10-001-4046	UPKEEP OF GROUNDS	5,728	3,200	<b>3,510</b>	Based on history
10-001-4044	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	130	400	<b>400</b>	Level
10-001-4053	TELEPHONE	1,746	2,500	<b>2,500</b>	Level
10-001-4060	TELEPHONE TECHNOLOGY CHARGES	209	300	<b>300</b>	Level
10-001-4074	REPLACE NON-INSTRUCT EQUIPMENT	2,495	1,725	<b>2,000</b>	Increased based on rising costs
	<b>TOTAL OPER/MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>72,770</b>	<b>71,005</b>	<b>72,322</b>	<b>1,317</b>
					<b>2%</b>

**LEICESTER CENTRAL SCHOOL  
2009-2010 BUDGET WORKSHEET**

<b>CODE NBR.</b>	<b>ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>2007/2008 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2008/2009 BUDGET</b>	<b>2009/2010 PROPOSED</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
	<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>				
10-001-4521	HEALTH INSURANCE	80,696	87,291	<b>68,417</b>	Rate increase 0%, overall costs down due to federal funding shifts
10-001-4522	FICA	30,439	35,988	<b>37,242</b>	Based on salaries
10-001-4525	WORKMENS COMP	2,013	2,446	<b>2,531</b>	Based on salaries
10-001-4526	UNEMPLOYMENT	1,307	2,268	<b>2,304</b>	Based on salaries
10-001-4535	DENTAL INSURANCE	2,272	2,803	<b>2,863</b>	Rate increase estimated at 5%
10-001-4523	MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	625	669	<b>691</b>	Based on salaries
10-001-2001	DISABILITY INSURANCE -Teacher	906	1,168	<b>1,235</b>	Based on salaries
10-001-2502	ADMINISTRATOR LIFE & DISABILITY INSURANCE	443	600	<b>470</b>	Based on salaries and historical costs
10-001-2531	TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	10,829	5,500	<b>6,200</b>	Based on historical costs
	<b>TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS</b>	<b>129,530</b>	<b>138,731</b>	<b>121,953</b>	<b>(16,778)</b> <b>-12%</b>
	<b>FOOD SERVICES</b>				
10-001-5010	FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT	4,057	8,000	<b>12,000</b>	Increased contract costs due to the reduced number of students and increasing food costs
10-001-5061	MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	1,135	500	<b>500</b>	
	<b>TOTAL FOOD SERVICES</b>	<b>5,192</b>	<b>8,500</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>4,000</b> <b>47%</b>
	<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>				
10-001-5556	SPECIAL ED ASSESSMENT	199,792	201,831	<b>203,357</b>	
	<b>TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>199,792</b>	<b>201,831</b>	<b>203,357</b>	<b>1,526</b> <b>1%</b>
	<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>				
10-001-6083	INTEREST-SHORT TERM LOANS	0	780	<b>780</b>	Level
	<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>0</b> <b>0%</b>
	<b>RNESU ASSESSMENT</b>				
10-001-5557	RNESU ASSESSMENT	38,467	37,467	<b>41,326</b>	
	<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>38,467</b>	<b>37,467</b>	<b>41,326</b>	<b>3,860</b> <b>10%</b>
	<b>SOAR PROGRAM PROPOSED BUDGET PRIOR YEAR SECURITY UPGRADE</b>	9,619	10,000	<b>10,000</b>	SOAR
	<b>TOTAL LEICESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</b>	<b>989,855</b>	<b>1,033,733</b>	<b>1,048,659</b>	<b>14,925</b> <b>1.444%</b>

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

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

Enter estimated homestead base rate for FY2010. See note at bottom of page.  
**0.85**

		Act 68		Act 130	
		FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010
<b>Expenditures</b>					
1.	<b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$982,785	\$1,006,700	\$1,033,732	\$1,048,659
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending	-	-	-	-
4.	<b>Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget</b>	\$982,785	\$1,006,700	\$1,033,732	\$1,048,659
5.	plus Prior years Otter Valley UHSD #8 assessment	\$1,099,000	\$1,151,690	NA	NA
6.	plus No union elementary or junior high school assessment	-	-	NA	NA
7.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
8.	plus Prior year deficit reduction if not included in expenditure budget	-	-	-	-
9.	<b>Gross Act 68 Budget</b>	\$2,081,785	\$2,158,390	\$1,033,732	\$1,048,659
10.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	\$40,013	\$38,467	\$37,467	\$41,326
11.	Prior year deficit reduction (if included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
<b>Revenues</b>					
12.	Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$260,534	\$225,124	\$227,926	\$223,181
13.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
14.	plus Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues (negative revenue instead of expenditures)	-	-	-	-
15.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues	-	-	-	-
16.	<b>Total local revenues</b>	\$260,534	\$225,124	\$227,926	\$223,181
17.	<b>Education Spending</b>	\$1,821,251	\$1,904,115	\$805,806	\$825,478
18.	Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	174.50	169.58	60.09	60.12
19.	<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	\$10,437	\$11,228	\$13,409.99	\$13,731
20.	minus Less net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$75.00	\$74.84	-	-
21.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	-	-	-	-
22.	minus 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	Not applicable prior to school year 2008-2009 (FY2009)		-	-
23.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	\$14.78	-
24.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	\$108	-
25.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$10,437	\$11,228	\$13,518	\$13,731
26.	<b>District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$13,731 / \$8,544)</b>	142.387%	145.145%	164.655%	160.703%
<b>Prorating the local tax rate</b>					
27.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (Tax rates were not prorated in FY07 - FY08)	\$1,353	\$1,263	\$1,433	\$1,366
28.	Percent of Leicester equalized pupils not in a union school district	Not applicable prior to Act 130		36.723%	38.070%
29.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (38.070% x \$1.37)	Not applicable prior to Act 130		\$0.526	\$0.520
30.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	62.54%	125.62%	113.96%	97.43%
31.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (Tax rates were not prorated in FY07 - FY08)	\$2.163	\$1.005	\$0.462	\$0.534
<p>If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a <b>PARTIAL</b> 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.</p>					
32.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (160.703% x 1.80%)	Not applicable prior to Act 130		2.96%	2.89%
33.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (38.070% x 2.89%)	2.56%	2.61%	1.09%	1.10%
34.	Percent of equalized pupils at Otter Valley UHSD	Not applicable prior to Act 130		63.28%	61.930%
35.		Not applicable prior to Act 130		-	-
<p>The Tax Commissioner recommended an FY2010 base education homestead tax rate of \$0.85 but also urged the Legislature to not accept that recommendation. <b>The rate entered is therefore an estimate only.</b> The base income percentage cap is 1.80%. Final figures will be set by the Legislature and approved by the Governor.</p> <p>The projected base education amount of \$8,544 is subject to change by the Legislature.</p>					

**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/>

**FY2008 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 / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller ->	Tinmouth Elementary School	PK - 6	52	5.79	0.80	8.98	65.00	7.24
	Ripton Elementary School	PK - 6	52	4.70	0.50	11.06	104.00	9.40
	Roxbury Village School	PK - 6	56	5.80	0.50	9.66	112.00	11.60
	<b>Leicester Central School</b>	<b>PK - 6</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>5.70</b>	<b>0.80</b>	<b>10.35</b>	<b>73.75</b>	<b>7.13</b>
<- Larger	Bridgewater Village School	K - 6	60	7.00	0.50	8.57	120.00	14.00
	Middletown Springs Elementary School	PK - 6	65	5.87	1.00	11.07	65.00	5.87
	Lakeview UESD #43	K - 6	65	8.00	1.00	8.13	65.00	8.00
<b>Averaged SCHOOL cohort data</b>			<b>64.58</b>	<b>6.70</b>	<b>0.80</b>	<b>9.63</b>	<b>80.79</b>	<b>8.39</b>

**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.

In prior years, these figures were limited to districts' own current expenditures. The portion of current expenditures made by supervisory unions on behalf of districts varies greatly. This year's figures include district assessments to SUs. The advantage is that districts are more comparable to each other. The consequence is that THESE FIGURES ARE NOT COMPARABLE TO FIGURES USED IN PRIOR YEARS.

**FY2007 School District Data**

**Cohort Description:** Elementary school district, FY2007 FTE < 100  
(48 school districts in cohort)

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)  
29 out of 48

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

Smaller ->	Ripton	PK-6	55.80	\$12,511
	Roxbury	PK-6	55.89	\$12,680
	West Windsor	K-6	57.19	\$14,798
	<b>Leicester</b>	<b>PK-6</b>	<b>62.89</b>	<b>\$12,200</b>
<- Larger	Woodbury	K-6	63.29	\$12,157
	Middletown Springs	PK-6	63.62	\$11,811
	Bridgewater	K-6	64.39	\$10,392
<b>Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data</b>			<b>63.87</b>	<b>\$11,883</b>

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.

**FY2009 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 ->	T188 Sherburne	PK-6	57.54	14,533.58	1.5401	1.4714	0.7323	2.0093
	T226 Waterville	PK-6	58.05	12,615.75	1.3369	1.3468	0.7875	1.7103
	T156 Plymouth	K-6	58.91	11,658.43	1.2354	1.2354	0.7429	1.6629
	<b>T110 Leicester</b>	<b>PK-6</b>	<b>60.09</b>	<b>13,409.99</b>	<b>1.4325</b>	<b>1.3152</b>	<b>1.1396</b>	<b>1.1541</b>
<- Larger	T028 Bridgewater	K-6	62.40	9,701.25	1.0280	1.2419	0.9321	1.3324
	T097 Holland	PK-6	63.24	10,201.50	1.0810	1.0519	0.9463	1.1116
	T254 Worcester	PK-6	67.66	13,015.05	1.3792	1.3248	1.1080	1.1957

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 7/1/07 - 6/30/08**

Balance on hand July 1, 2007		11,648.41
<b>CASH RECEIPTS</b>		
Property Tax -Residents	865,112.00	
Property Tax - Non-Residents	971,111.00	
State Aid General Education	124,950.00	
State Aid to Special Education	113,226.57	
State Aid for Technical Education (1)	29,079.00	
Hot Lunch Money from State	1,107.24	
Interest	431.16	
Transfer from Playground & Cerf Funds	4,413.10	
Rent	5.00	
Forest Receipts	2,697.45	
Reimbursements	13,775.91	
OVUHS Reimbursement	32,641.00	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		2,158,549.43
Loans		40,000.00
Total Cash Available		2,210,197.84
<b>CASH DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
School Board Orders	2,204,861.26	
Hot Lunch Correction	1,107.24	
Bank Charge	27.00	
Total Orders		2,205,995.50
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>		2,205,995.50
Balance in account June 30, 2008		4,202.34

1 For the previous 2 years LCS paid OVUHS for Leicester Technical Assessment. Upon receipt of state aid, OV refunded LCS for Expense.

**LEICESTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Balance Sheet**

<b>ASSETS:</b>	<b>7/1/2007</b>	<b>6/30/2008</b>
Checking Account	11,648.41	4,202.34
Accounts Receivable	37,066.17	12,119.54
Bus Fund	2,923.30	2,971.45
School Physical Improvement Fund	939.92	944.70
Audit Fund	700.54	1,604.87
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<u>53,278.34</u>	<u>21,842.90</u>
<b>CAPITAL ASSETS:</b>		
Building Improvements	561,107.00	561,107.00
Buildings	83,222.00	83,222.00
Bus	52,042.00	52,042.00
Furniture & Equipment	8,871.00	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
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS</b>	<u>738,519.00</u>	<u>792,962.00</u>
<b>ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION:</b>		
Building & Improvements	193,083.00	204,242.00
Buildings	71,432.00	72,819.00
Bus	44,235.00	49,439.00
Furniture & Equipment	4,456.00	8,292.00
Kitchen Equipment	4,770.00	5,342.00
Land Improvements	12,691.00	13,900.00
<b>TOTAL ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION</b>	<u>330,667.00</u>	<u>354,034.00</u>
<b>ENDING BALANCE CAPITAL ASSETS</b>	407,852.00	438,928.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	461,130.34	460,770.90
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Current Liabilities	45,979.06	23,292.92
Loans Outstanding - Short Term	0.00	40,000.00
Loans Outstanding - Long Term	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>45,979.06</u>	<u>63,292.92</u>

From the 1908 Leicester Town Report:

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.	
Balance in treasury Feb. 1, 1907	\$633 03
From S. A. Capron, trustee	51 19
From Newton and Thompson Mfg. Co., rent on lease land for 1907	36 00
	<u>720 22</u>
Paid on school directors' orders	60 49
B. W. Ferson, succeeding town treasurer	659 73
	<u>720 22</u>

**Leicester Central School District  
Special Funds**

	<b>Balance 7/1/2007</b>	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Disbursed</b>	<b>Balance 6/31/08</b>
School Bus Fund	2,923.30		48.15		2,971.45
Cerf Grant *		4,000.00	11.14	4,011.14	
School Physical Improvement Fund	939.92		4.78		944.70
School Audit Sinking Fund	700.54	900.00	4.33		1,604.87
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4,563.76</b>	<b>4,900.00</b>	<b>68.40</b>	<b>4,011.14</b>	<b>5,521.02</b>

\*moved to LCS General Fund

**Leicester Central School District  
Hot Lunch**

August 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008

Balance August 1, 2007		2,376.19
Receipts:		
State & Federal Aid Prior Year	1,011.78	
State & Federal Aid	7,902.39	
Meals & Snacks	9,194.75	
Interest	3.27	
Total Receipts		18,112.19
Accounts Receivable		1,924.19
Total Available		<u>22,412.57</u>
Disbursements:		
Caterer -Underwood Prior Year	3,147.68	
Caterer -Underwood / Abbey	16,203.88	
Deposit books	69.75	
Total Disbursements		19,421.31
Accounts Payable 7/1/08		2,817.43
		<u>22,238.74</u>
Balance June 30, 2007		173.83

The Leicester Central School paid \$5,192.12 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, for the Leicester Town School District.

There are short term loans of \$40,000 outstanding as of June 30, 2008.

There are no long term loans.

Auditor: Carol Morrison

## 2008 Student Assessment Results

### Terra Nova Assessment

The *Terra Nova Multiple Assessment* is a norm-referenced, standardized test, which has been used for many years in Rutland Northeast. A great advantage of this test is that it allows citizens to see how Rutland Northeast achievement test scores compare to the nation. Further, you can see whether a group of students is improving as compared to the nation.

In looking at the scores for your school, the national average is 50. If your grade level scores increase as you read across a line, that means that class of students improved, as compared to the national average, as they moved from one grade to the next. The **bold** printed number is the grade the students were in when tested in Spring, 2008. The regular print numbers are the grade levels for earlier year scores. A score of 60 for a grade level grouping is excellent and a score of 70 or above is exceptional.

**Cautions:** Standardized tests are important but they do not measure all the important things that we teach. They also do not test the various skills and talents of individual students. Further, attitudes, behaviors, school tone and the like are not well represented by standardized tests.

Also, year-to-year comparisons become less reliable as the number of children tested within a grade level goes down. Twenty is about the lowest stable class size and classes of less than ten show increased fluctuations.

#### **Leicester Terra Nova Scores Total Reading MNCE**

	Class Year	Spring 03	Spring 04	Spring 05	Spring 06	Spring 07	Spring 08
<b>3</b>	Class of 2017						58.1
<b>3, 4</b>	Class of 2016					60.8	
<b>3, 4, 5</b>	Class of 2015				49.7		56
<b>3, 4, 5, 6</b>	Class of 2014			47.8	54.2	60.3	60.2
<b>3, 4, 5, 6, 7</b>	Class of 2013		57.1	50.8	46.7	55.1	

#### **Leicester Terra Nova Scores Total Language MNCE**

Grade	Class Year	Spring 03	Spring 04	Spring 05	Spring 06	Spring 07	Spring 08
<b>3</b>	Class of 2017						59.1
<b>3, 4</b>	Class of 2016					56.1	
<b>3, 4, 5</b>	Class of 2015				45.9		47.1
<b>3, 4, 5, 6</b>	Class of 2014			48.2	55.6	56.5	53.2
<b>3, 4, 5, 6, 7</b>	Class of 2013		54.7	56.2	49.3	55.6	

#### **Leicester Terra Nova Scores Total Math MNCE**

Grade	Class Year	Spring 03	Spring 04	Spring 05	Spring 06	Spring 07	Spring 08
<b>3</b>	Class of 2017						74.8
<b>3, 4</b>	Class of 2016					59.9	
<b>3, 4, 5</b>	Class of 2015				53.0		57
<b>3, 4, 5, 6</b>	Class of 2014			52.4	61.2	64.0	58.4
<b>3, 4, 5, 6, 7</b>	Class of 2013		60.3	60.0	51.3	61.7	

### No Child Left Behind Accountability Reporting

Each year, the state and federal governments change the reporting criteria for determining if schools have met their annual improvement targets. Thus, the results reported this year are not comparable to the results from previous years and will not be comparable to results in future years. This year, the state increased the standards which resulted in 38% of the schools not making adequate yearly progress. The vast majority of schools that did not meet state targets were identified by low scores in the “economically disadvantaged” population. Every school that tested enough special education students to meet the “minimum number” criteria failed.

The difficulty of these standards is reflected in the fact that Vermont has the third highest test scores in the nation and would rate seventh in the world if we were an independent nation.

In addition, the state changed the criteria to add an eleventh grade test in math and writing, and used a different way of calculating graduation rates. However, the central feature of the system is standardized reading and math tests in grades 3-8 and 11. A second grade test (listed below) was used for the last time this year. As the NCLB law is up for reauthorization in Washington and a new administration is beginning, the nature of this program in the future is indeterminate.

### New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP)

The numbers shown below indicate the percentage of students that are judged proficient on that test. As the definition of “proficiency” is not bench-marked to any criterion, the meaning of these results are speculative. However, we are required to report them.

#### **NECAP- Fall 2007 Results**

Grade Level	Reading	Mathematics	Writing
3	*	*	N/A
4	70	50	N/A
5	*	*	*
6	*	*	N/A

- Results are only computed for groups that are larger than 9 students.

### Vermont Developmental Reading Assessment

The Vermont Developmental Reading Assessment is required by the State for students in Grade 2. It is a performance-based test that reports the percentage of students who met the state's second grade standard for reading. National norms are not provided for this test.

#### **Vermont Developmental Reading Assessment**

% Passing	
Leicester	State
43%	84%

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.

<b>Early Care and Educational Opportunities for Children</b>	
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

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

**The Overview of Minutes of the  
LEICESTER TOWN MEETING  
March 3, 2008**

Jeffrey Wallin, Moderator, called the Leicester Town Meeting to order at 8:25 PM and introduced the Selectboard to the 102 voters in attendance at the 247<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Meeting.

**Article 1: To hear the Auditor's Report.** A hand out for pages 16, 17 shows changes made to those pages. Auditors report accepted.

**Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to defray the necessary expenses and obligations of the Town.** Article 2 was approved by unanimous voice vote

**Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize a professional audit of the Leicester Town books for the calendar year 2007? (not to exceed \$10,000).** A motion passed to amend Article 3 to add that if Ms. Pidgeon is re-elected the audit would not be conducted and the money would not be spent.

***The Question: Amended, Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a professional audit of the Leicester Town books for the calendar year 2007? (not to exceed \$10,000). Should Ms. Pidgeon be re-elected, the audit would not be conducted and the money would not be spent.*** With no further discussion, Article 3 as amended was approved by a majority voice vote.

**Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to retain an appraisal firm to conduct a town wide re-appraisal in 2012, with the 10% retainer fee to come from the restricted re-appraisal fund?** Article 4 was approved.

**Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to approve a sum of \$383,599.20 to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the Town for the ensuing year.**

Discussion on Article 5: Diane Benware, Selectboard Chair, made a motion to amend Article 5, to increase the Clerk and Treasurers line item by \$415 each on page 10 and increase the Addison County Tax by \$3100 on page 12 for a total amendment of \$3930. (Omission of the County tax from the budget was an oversight.) The 1<sup>st</sup> amendment to Article 5 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Further discussion on Article 5 as amended: On page 9, the Listers line item, the rate of pay changed to a flat monthly fee. At the time of budgeting the Selectboard had no idea that an interested person would run for the position of Lister. It had been advertised for 8 months with no one showing interest. A 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment to Article 5 was moved and seconded to revert back to the previous way of allocating the Listers' funds to an hourly basis, not to exceed \$16,000. Another amendment removed the words "not to exceed \$16,000"

The 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment to Article 5 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

More discussion on Article 5: The \$1800 for Clerk/Treasurer training will not be spent if there is no training necessary.

*The Question:* Article 5: Twice Amended. To see if the Town will vote to approve a sum of \$387,529.20 to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the Town for the ensuing year to be divided as follows:

General Town expenses	\$183,829.20	Amount to be raised by taxes: \$142,753.71
Highway expenses	\$203,700.00	Amount to be raised by taxes: \$139,450.00

**Note: The amount to be raised will have to be increased by the total amount voted on Australian ballot. The Selectmen will set the tax rate at a later date**

*The Question:* As amended to increase by two monetary adjustments totaling: \$3,930.00. As amended to pay listers on an hourly basis as in the past. Article 5 as twice amended was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Article 6: Discussion of articles to be voted by Australian ballot**

**Article 7: To do any further business that is proper to be done when met**

With voter approval, Representative Willem Jewett spoke briefly to the voters.  
Town Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM  
For more detail see Town Meeting Minutes at [www.leicestervt.org](http://www.leicestervt.org)

## **Appropriations Voting Results** (From voting on March 4, 2008)

Article 2: Will voters approve \$19,760.00 to be placed in the Restricted Highway Fund? Approved

Article 3: Will the Town vote an additional \$30,000.00 for road paving? Approved

Article 4: Will the Town vote to approve a sum, not to exceed \$30,000.00 as a 20% match for a Stormwater Mitigation Grant for Work to be done on Hooker Road? Approved

Article 5: Will the Town vote to approve an increase in the property tax exemption for Veterans with 50% or more disability, from the current \$10,000.00 to \$30,000.00 effective for the 2008 tax bill? (32 V.S.A., 3802(11)) Approved

All of the requests for funds as listed in the Town budget under the heading “**Appropriations as voted**” were approved.

## **Election of Town Officials March 4, 2008**

<b>Moderator (1 year term)</b>	Jeff Wallin	336
<b>Town Clerk (3 year term)</b>	Donna Pidgeon	148
<b>Town Treasurer (3 year term)</b>	Donna Pidgeon	134
<b>Selectboard (3 year)</b>	Ken Young	109
<b>Selectboard (2 year)</b>	Ron Fiske	79
<b>Lister (3 year)</b>	Cecile Todd	249
<b>Auditor (3 year)</b>	Dorothy D’Avignon	336
<b>Delinquent Tax Collector (1 year)</b>	Elizabeth “Beth” Ripley	350
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Constable (1 year)</b>	Ron Fiske	309
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Constable (1 year)</b>	Heidi Schuerger	17
<b>Grand Juror (1 year term)</b>	John K. Quelch	331
<b>Town Agent (1 year term)</b>	John K. Quelch	325

**A special meeting was held on September 8, 2008 at 7:00 pm and voting was held on September 9, 2008 by Australian ballot.**

Article 1: Will the Town vote to transfer the remaining funds from the Restricted Bridge #6 Repair Fund (approximately \$51,000.00) to the town Highway Fund? Yes.

Article 2: Will the Town vote to use the previously approved 20% (30,000.00) match for a Federal Stormwater Mitigation Grant for work on Hooker Road to be used by the town, solely for completion of the Hooker Road project? Yes.

**The overview of minutes of the  
LEICESTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Tuesday, March 4, 2008**

**Article 2:** Shall the voters of the Leicester Town School District appropriate the sum of One Million Twenty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars (\$1,023,733.00) necessary for the support of its schools for the year beginning July 1, 2008. The amount of such sums to be raised by taxes to be offset by special education revenues, state aid, and other incomes.

This article was approved by Australian ballot.

School Director for 3 years: Hannah Sessions  
School Director for 2 years: Matthew Brush

OVUHS Director for 3 years: Dorothy Jerome (declined position)  
OVUHS Director for 2 years: Sid Glassner

**The overview of minutes of the  
OTTER VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 8  
Tuesday, March 4, 2008**

**Article X:** Shall the voters of the Otter Valley Union High School District No. 8 adopt a budget of Ten Million, Nine Hundred Ninety-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars and 30 Cents (\$10,993,884.30) necessary for the support of its schools for the year beginning July 1, 2008? The amount of such sums to be raised by taxes to be offset by special education revenues, state aid, and other incomes. Approved by Australian ballot

**Article XI:** Shall bonds of the Otter Valley Union High School District No. 8 in an amount not to exceed One Million Nine Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,998,500) be issued for the purpose of funding renovations and improvements to the sewer treatment plant, the roof, the underground oil tanks, the building exterior drainage, the traffic flow, and safety renovations to the existing Otter Valley Union High School? Approved by Australian ballot

## NOTICE TO VOTERS

### BEFORE ELECTION DAY

#### CHECKLIST POSTED:

By Sunday February 1, 2009 (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 25, 2009 (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 2, 2009. 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 21, 2009

### 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-VOTE 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 (-8883) (Accessible by TTY)

# NOTES

## REGULAR MEETINGS

All meetings are posted in advance on the calendar outside the Town Office. Check the bulletin board for other information as well.

### SELECT BOARD

First and third Monday each month at 6:30 PM at the Town Office

### SCHOOL BOARD

Second Thursday each month at 6:30 PM at the school

### ZONING BOARD/PLANNING COMMISSION

Hearings are held to accommodate the applicant or when there is planning to be done. Regular monthly meetings are the last Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM at The Town Office. Committee meetings are posted on the calendar outside the Town Office.

### TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS:

Mon. & Wed.: 8:00 to 11:00 AM Tues.: 12:00 to 4:00 PM Thur.: 12:00 to 3:00 PM  
Other hours by appointment.

### RECYCLING: 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at the trailer near the Town Garage

## TOWN TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Town Office	247-5961	Listers:	
Town Clerk	247-5961	Harold Smith, Chair	247-8438
Select Board:		Charles Makovec	247-4416
Diane Benware, Chair	247-3786	Cecile Todd	247-6897
Ron Fiske	247-4856	Zoning Administrator,	247-5961
Robert Oliver, road commissioner	247-8864	Ron Fiske - Interim	247-4856
Tom Barker	247-3160	Animal Control, Brian Webb	349-7179
Ken Young	247-6602	Second Constable, Heidi Schuerger	
Road Foreman, Arlan Pidgeon	247-6361		247-6055
Leicester Central School	247-8825	Fire Warden, Ricky Nicklaw	247-8357

Website [www.leicestervt.org](http://www.leicestervt.org)

### Notice:

A drop box is located in the door of the Town Office for your convenience. Payments and correspondence may be placed in the drop box after office hours. You may obtain information on Town ordinances and zoning regulations at the Town Office.

Reports for all organizations requesting funds from the Town of Leicester are on file and are available for examination. They contain such information as: purpose, activities, services, expenditures, etc.