



2007 TOWN REPORT for **LEICESTER, VERMONT**

Town: January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007
School: Fiscal Year July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007

TOWN MEETING March 3, 2008
at 7:30 pm

Please bring this report with you to Town Meeting

Historical Society Report

The members of the Leicester Historical Society report that the summer and fall Flea Market/Bake Sales were successful. We are grateful for the local support. We look forward to having the band Steel Rail play for us at the summer '08 sale on July 12. The society also sponsors Prize Bingo the second Saturday of each month (except July and August) at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. About 15 people attend monthly, refreshments and a good time are had by all. We hope more folks will join us in the coming months. Funds raised are for the maintenance of the historical buildings at the Four Corners.

Paul Francoeur has been doing work at the Senior Center to improve accessibility. The interior door has been widened and he has made a new ramp for the kitchen entry. He has also replaced the back door and he has done considerable work on the sill on the northwest corner of the building. The storeroom has a new floor and there is now an easier way to access the area under the building.

This fall Scott Tower, formerly of Brandon, and now living in Underhill, was a guest of the historical society. He has a strong interest in the Civil War and has conducted genealogical research of the Brandon area. If you have questions or want more information, contact a society member.

Society members meet at the Senior Center on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Officers for this year are: President Carol Leno, Vice President Donna Wykes, Treasurer Fran Monroe, and Secretary Diane Benware. Townspeople and others interested in learning more about the town are encouraged to attend an upcoming meeting. The Society sponsors a Meet the Candidates forum to be held on Sunday afternoon, February 17, at 2:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

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The cover picture shows the new Honor Roll with the names of Leicester Service men from World Wars I and II. A dedication was held on May 22, 2007. The above picture of a group of school children at the ceremony was taken by Donna Pidgeon.

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LEICESTER, VERMONT

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

	Term Expires		Term Expires
Moderator		Road Commissioner	
Jeffery Wallin	March 2008	John McDonough	March 2008
		Robert Oliver	March 2008
Town Clerk		Road Foreman	
Donna Pidgeon	March 2008	Arlan Pidgeon	Hired
Town Treasurer		Zoning Administrator	
Donna Pidgeon	March 2008	Andrew Peterson	November 2010
Selectboard		Zoning Board of Adjustment & Planning Commission	
Diane Benware, Chair	March 2010	Gerald Flint, Chair	November 2010
Cecile Todd	March 2009	Heidi Schenger	November 2010
John McDonough	March 2008	Shelley Glassner	November 2008
Mark Stacey	March 2008	Tom Drew	November 2008
Robert Oliver	March 2009	Donna Swingleton	November 2009
Delinquent Tax Collector		Vacant	Alternate
Elizabeth Ripley	March 2008	Vacant	Alternate
Listers		Fence Viewers	
Harold Smith, Chair	March 2010	Michael Shackett	March 2008
Vacant	March 2008	Vacant	March 2008
Charles Makovec	March 2009	Vacant	March 2008
Auditors		Cemetery Sexton	
Carol Morrison	March 2010	John Quelch	March 2008
Dorothy D'Avignon, Chair	March 2008		
Deb Miner	March 2009	Inspector of Lumber	
First Constable		David Todd	March 2008
Ron Fiske	March 2008	Tree Warden	
Second Constable		Austin Johnson	March 2008
Vacant	March 2008	Energy Coordinator	
School Directors		John Quelch	March 2008
Lynn Brooks-Miner	March 2009	Solid Waste Representative	
Michele Pierpont	March 2010	Richard Reed	
Hannah Sessions	March 2008	Town Services Manager	
Dorothy Jerome, Chair	March 2008	Kathy Eastwood	April 2008
Vicki Lalumiere	March 2009	Town Health Officer	
OVUHS Directors		Leon "Bucky" Shackett	August 2008
Sid S. Glassner	March 2008	Deputy Health Officer	
Connie Carroll	March 2008	Kathy Eastwood	June 2008
Town Agent & Grand Juror		Forest Fire Warden	
John Quelch	March 2008	Richard C. Nicklaw	June 30, 2011
Justices of the Peace		Emergency Management Coordinator	
Diane Benware, Chair	February 2009	Raymond Lalumiere	May 2008
Thomas Barker	February 2009		
Peg Oliver	February 2009		
Mark Stacey	February 2009		
Kathleen Ramsey	February 2009		

LEICESTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARNING

The legal voters of the Leicester Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Leicester Meeting House on March 3, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. to transact any business not involving voting by Australian ballot.

1. To act upon the reports of the Town School District Officers.
2. To hear the Board of School Directors present their estimate of operating expenditures for next year.
3. To see if the voters of the Leicester Town School District will establish a reserve (or sinking) fund for the purpose of the future funding of the after-school program.
4. To see if the voters of the Leicester Town School District will fund Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the after-school program, established in Article 3.
5. To authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to meet the necessary expenses of the Leicester Town School District.
6. To hear opinions of the town regarding consolidation efforts of the Leicester Central School (no vote).
7. Discussion of articles to be voted by Australian ballot.
8. To do any other business proper to be done when met.
9. Motion to adjourn.

The meeting shall reconvene on March 4, 2008 from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM at the Leicester Town Hall to vote on the following articles by Australian Ballot.

- Article 1.
- a. To elect a Town School Director for a term of three (3) years.
 - b. To elect a Town School Director for a term of two (2) years.
 - c. A school director for Otter Valley Union High School District No. 8 for a term of three (3) years.
 - d. A school director for Otter Valley Union High School District No. 8 for a term of two (2) years.

- 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 sum to be raised by taxes to be offset by special education revenues, state aid and other incomes.

Dated at Leicester, Vermont, January 10, 2008.

LEICESTER BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Dorothy Jerome, Chair	2008
Lynn Brooks-Miner, Clerk	2009
Vicki Lalumiere	2009
Michelle Pierpont	2010
Hannah Sessions	2008

Received and Recorded
01/22 2008
Donna Pidgeon
Donna Pidgeon, Clerk
Leicester Town School Dist.

Dorothy Jerome

Dorothy Jerome, Chair (2008)

Lynn Brooks-Miner

Lynn Brooks-Miner, Clerk (2009)

Vicki Lalumiere

Vicki Lalumiere (2009)

Michelle H Pierpont

Michelle Pierpont (2010)

Hannah Sessions

Hannah Sessions (2008)

LEICESTER TOWN WARNING 2008

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 3, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. to transact the following business:

1. To hear the Auditor's 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 a professional audit of the Leicester Town Books for calendar year 2007? (not to exceed \$10,000).
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?
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, divided as follows:

General Town expenses	\$179,899.20	Amount to be raised by taxes: \$138,823.71
Highway expenses	\$203,700.00	Amount to be raised by taxes: \$139,450.00

*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.
8. Motion to adjourn

The Town Meeting shall reconvene at 10 A.M. Tuesday, March 4, 2008.

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 4, 2008** between the hours of **10 A.M.** and **7 P.M.** 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 three (3) year term
- A Town Treasurer for a three (3) year term
- A Selectboard member for a three (3) year term
- A Selectboard member for a two (2) year term
- A Lister for a three (3) year term
- 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

2008 Town Warning Continued

- Article 2. Will voters approve \$19,760.00 to be placed in the Restricted Highway Fund?
- Article 3. Will the Town vote an additional \$30,000.00 for road paving?
- 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?
- 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 to \$30,000 effective for the 2008 tax bill? (32 V.S.A., 3802(11)).
- Article 6. To approve or disapprove the following allocations from the General Fund. The total amount to be allocated is **\$10,131.00**.

Addison County Community Action Group	1,150.00
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	375.00
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
NeighborWorks	400.00
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
Total	\$10,131.00

Leicester Selectboard

Diane Benware, Chair – 2010

Thomas Barker – 2009

Mark Stacey – 2008

John McDonough – 2008

Robert G. Oliver – 2009

Received for recording, January 26, 2008

Attest: _____, Donna F. Pidgeon, Clerk

LEICESTER FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 2007

TOWN RECEIPTS

Balance, Jan. 1, 2007		34,547.49
Grants		9,540.50
Current Taxes for Town & School	1,596,567.81	
State Rebates	311,646.48	
Delinquent Taxes, Interest & Fees	103,900.71	
Zoning Fees	3,977.00	
Licenses & Fines	16,348.50	
Other	47,744.26	
Total Income		<u>2,080,184.76</u>
TOTAL TOWN RECEIPTS		2,089,725.26

TOWN DISBURSEMENTS

Transfers to Restricted Funds	10,922.39	
Schools	1,836,223.00	
Selectboard Orders & Appropriations	<u>228,133.24</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		2,075,278.63
Ending Balance Dec 31, 2007		14,446.63

LEICESTER HIGHWAY SUMMARY FOR 2007

HIGHWAY RECEIPTS

Balance Jan 1, 2007		19,765.22
Transfers to Highway Funds		108,000.00
Highway Taxes	153,950.00	
State Aid - Highway	82,691.38	
Other	<u>74,535.90</u>	
Total Income		<u>311,177.28</u>
TOTAL HIGHWAY RECEIPTS		438,942.50

HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENTS

Transfer to Restricted Funds	85,000.00	
Bridge #6 Payments	108,000.00	
Selectboard Orders	<u>214,291.45</u>	
TOTAL HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENTS		407,291.45
Ending Balance Dec 31, 2007		31,651.05

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SELECTBOARD ORDERS RECEIPTS

ACCOUNT	2006 ACTUAL	2007 BUDGET	2007 ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET	COMMENTS
Balance in General Fund	246.51		34,547.49	34,547.49	
Loans and Transfers					
Selectmen's Loans	65,000.00				transferred to bridge #6 fund
Transfer from Reappraisal Fund	20,000.00				
TOTAL LOANS AND TRANSFERS	85,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Grants					
State Funds for Reappraisal	7,448.00		7,476.50		
Grant from State - Computer for Clerk	2,064.00				
Grant from State - Handicap Access Town Hall	3,569.89				
Grant from State - Improve Voting			2,064.00		transferred to restricted fund
Grant - Leicester Historical Society	89.78				
TOTAL GRANTS	13,171.67		9,540.50		
Fines, Fees & Licenses:					
Civil Fines from Sheriff Patrol	13,433.50		13,644.50		transferred \$4,405.38 to equipment restricted fund
State Reimbursement for Sheriff Patrol	777.80				
Copy Machine Fees	68.50				
Dog Licenses / Fines	2,499.00	2,400.00	2,604.00	2,400.00	
License - Liquor / Junkyard	100.00	50.00	100.00	50.00	
TOTAL FINES, FEES, & LICENSES	16,878.80	2,450.00	16,348.50	2,450.00	
Taxes:					
2008 Taxes Collected			500.00		
Current Taxes to General Fund	1,707,963.31		1,596,567.81		
Current Use	3,931.00		6,303.00		
Delinquent Taxes, Interest, Penalties	138,412.78		103,900.71		
State Rebates			311,646.48		
Education Tax True-Up	411.00		492.00		
Railroad Tax	78.48	78.00	78.48	78.00	
Fed Bureau Land Mgt - PILOT	4,323.00	4,000.00	4,318.00	4,000.00	
To Be Raised by Taxes		129,306.81			
TOTAL TAXES	1,855,119.57	133,384.81	2,023,806.48	4,078.00	
Zoning:					
Zoning CO	300.00		125.00		
Zoning Permit Fees	7,050.00		3,852.00		
Zoning Grant Final	5,460.00				
TOTAL ZONING	12,810.00		3,977.00	0.00	
Insurance Reimbursement			826.00		
Interest on Checking	238.27		439.77		
Rental of Town Hall	265.00		95.00		
Rental of Meeting House	35.00		70.00		
Other	14.30		74.52		
TOTAL INCOME	1,898,532.61	135,834.81	2,055,177.77	6,528.00	
TOTAL TOWN RECEIPTS	1,983,779.12	135,834.81	2,089,725.26	41,075.49	

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DISBURSEMENTS

ACCOUNT	2006 ACTUAL	2007 BUDGET	2007 ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET	COMMENTS
Loans and Transfers:					
Loan Payments	65,000.00				no loans in 2007
Transfer to Professional Audit Fund	2,500.00		2,500.00		
Transfer to Equipment Restricted Fund	1,136.68		4,405.38		
Transfer to Reappraisal Fund			1,953.01		
Sec of State Grant / Excel Fund			2,064.00		moved to restricted fund
LOANS AND TRANSFERS TOTAL	68,636.68	0.00	10,922.39	0.00	
Auditing:		2,500.00		3,000.00	
Carol Morrison	590.00		719.00		
Deb Miner	665.00		840.00		
Dot D'Avignon - Chair	722.50		1,011.00		
Professional Audit		2,500.00		2,500.00	
AUDITING TOTAL	1,977.50	5,000.00	2,570.00	5,500.00	
Listing:		12,000.00		16,000.00	\$4,000 budgeted for additional lister: \$12,000 annual salary - per Harry's request
Harry Smith, Chair	13,840.00		13,888.00		
Charles Makovec	1,071.00		1,617.00		
Donna Simpson - resigned 12/06	96.00				
John Hughes - resigned */07			2,190.00		
Mileage			54.60		
Reappraisal	46,860.00	10,000.00	15,523.49	10,000.00	to be placed in restricted fund for mandatory 2012 reappraisal
Tax Map Update	918.75	1,000.00	935.00	1,000.00	
LISTING TOTAL	62,785.75	23,000.00	34,208.09	27,000.00	
Selectboard		2,850.00		2,825.00	
Diane Benware, Chair 06	500.00		650.00		
Cecile Todd	450.00		575.00		
Robert Oliver	450.00		575.00		
John McDonough	450.00		575.00		
Mark Stacey	450.00		575.00		
Tom Barker					
Selectboard Secretary	1,933.53	2,000.00	783.80	1,500.00	
SELECTBOARD TOTAL	4,233.53	4,850.00	3,733.80	4,325.00	
Recycling:					
Labor	3,200.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	
Solid Waste	6,279.20	7,000.00	6,775.36	7,500.00	
RECYCLING TOTAL	9,479.20	10,600.00	10,375.36	11,100.00	

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DISBURSEMENTS CONTINUED

ACCOUNT	2006 ACTUAL	2007 BUDGET	2007 ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET	COMMENTS
Town Clerk / Treasurer / Assistant					
Town Clerk, Donna Pidgeon	6,500.00	6,825.00	6,825.00	5,000.00	
Treasurer, Donna Pidgeon	6,500.00	6,825.00	6,825.00	5,000.00	
Town Clerk Fees, Donna Pidgeon	888.00		802.00		Fees collected not from tax funds: \$11,165.93
Clerk / Treasurer Training	226.00			1,800.00	
Assistant	975.00	1,400.00	1,235.00	1,400.00	
CLERK / TREAS / ASSIST TOTAL	15,089.00	15,050.00	15,687.00	13,200.00	
Buildings Expenses:		5,000.00		10,000.00	paint town hall / repair + paint ceiling of mtg house
Meeting House			34.22		
Office	1,750.00		103.00		
Town Hall	592.34		6,890.69		
Town Hall - Ramp and Door	3,682.00				
Fuel:					
Meeting House	3,474.52	1,500.00	700.27	3,500.00	
Town Hall	769.34	1,200.00	2,211.95	2,500.00	
Grounds Care:					
Cemetery	2,525.00	3,450.00	3,600.00	4,000.00	
Office & Town Green & Fern Lake Access	2,376.00	1,900.00	2,256.00	2,700.00	
TOTAL BLDGS & GRNDS EXPENSES	15,169.20	13,050.00	15,796.13	22,700.00	
Office Expenses:					
Cleaning Services	400.00	600.00	670.00	600.00	
Cleaning Supplies	70.87	100.00	43.23	100.00	
Computer Equipment	3,428.00				
Computer Tech Support / License	2,154.14	2,000.00	1,243.12	2,000.00	
Computer Upgrade & Software	403.00	1,500.00	653.94	1,000.00	
Copier	1,634.54	1,800.00	1,528.35	2,000.00	
Office Supplies	2,989.26	3,000.00	3,045.52	3,000.00	
Postage	1,706.75	2,100.00	1,847.25	2,100.00	
Printing	2,526.93	3,000.00	3,394.24	3,500.00	
Records Restoration	403.00	600.00	273.00	400.00	
Town Web Page	355.00	500.00	520.00	500.00	
TOTAL OFFICE EXPENSES	16,071.49	15,200.00	13,218.65	15,200.00	

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DISBURSEMENTS CONTINUED

ACCOUNT	2006 ACTUAL	2007 BUDGET	2007 ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET	COMMENTS
Insurance:					
Liability	158.00	279.00	279.00	213.00	
Property & Casualty	4,245.00	5,041.00	5,041.00	5,635.00	
Public Officials	920.00	963.00	963.00	1,317.00	
Workman's Comp	3,236.10	5,166.00	6,747.19	3,175.00	
INSURANCE TOTAL	8,559.10	11,449.00	13,030.19	9,554.00	\$10,340 with a \$786 membership surplus refund
Zoning:					
Cindy Hill - resigned 9/07	3,924.00		2,913.00		
Andrew Peterson - 11/07			1,211.25		
Reimbursements			100.00		
Secretary	265.00	500.00	529.00	500.00	
Zoning Grants	3,170.98				
ZONING TOTAL	7,359.98	500.00	4,753.25	500.00	
Utilities:					
Electricity	4,525.39	5,500.00	4,690.69	5,500.00	
Telephone	1,583.64	2,000.00	1,769.42	2,000.00	
Water - Rent	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	
UTILITIES TOTAL	6,114.03	7,505.00	6,465.11	7,505.00	
Public Safety:					
1st Constable - Ron Fiske					
2nd Constable - Vacant					
Law Enforcement Expenses	13,074.62	2,000.00	11,239.12	2,000.00	
Animal Control - Brian Webb	286.98	1,000.00	453.67	1,000.00	
Dog Census	220.00	500.00		300.00	
Dog Licenses - State Fees	729.00		741.00		collected through dog licenses
Contingency Fund - Fire Expense	10,197.50	10,000.00	11,388.00	10,000.00	
Fire Warden - Richard Nicklaw					
Health Officers - Shackett / Eastwood	80.00	500.00	70.00	200.00	
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	24,588.10	14,000.00	23,891.79	13,500.00	

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DISBURSEMENTS CONTINUED

ACCOUNT	2006 ACTUAL	2007 BUDGET	2007 ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET	COMMENTS
Delinquent Tax Collector - Beth Ripley	9,729.82		7,124.11		8% fee collected not from town funds
Town Moderator		200.00	200.00	100.00	budgeted pay for 2006 / 2007
Elections / Payroll	1,528.27	600.00	500.76	1,200.00	two elections
Payroll Tax Liability - FICA / Medicare	6,497.17	6,500.00	7,071.95	7,500.00	
Community Development	900.00	1,000.00	200.00	1,000.00	
Interest / Bank Fees	1,252.56	1,000.00		1,000.00	tax anticipated note
Legal Fees	2,333.82	3,000.00	3,750.06	3,500.00	
Refund - Tax Overpayment	2,422.07		18,419.85		
Workshops / Training - Town Officers	870.00	1,000.00	710.00	1,000.00	
Writing & Research Grant		500.00		500.00	match for Class A Grant
Miscellaneous	327.69	300.00	218.38	300.00	
Assessments:					
Addison County Humane Society	425.00	425.00	425.00	425.00	flat rate - no limit of animals - no fee
Addison County Regional Planning	1,017.72	1,013.76	1,013.76	1,075.20	assists planning and zoning boards
Addison County Tax	9,806.45	12,500.00	12,500.00	10,600.00	.68 % of grand list to cover court house costs
American Red Cross	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	supports victims of fire flood & other disasters
Brandon Area Rescue Squad	2,958.00	2,958.00	2,958.00	3,105.00	provides emergency service & transports
Brandon Library	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,000.00	serves 150 Leicester households
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	first Saturday in May
Insect Control District	9,350.00	12,436.00	12,436.00	12,436.00	mosquito control
Lake Dunmore / Fern Lake Assoc	1,432.00	3,151.00	3,151.00	2,624.00	assists milfoil control
Leicester Little League	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	open to all Leicester children
Vermont Coalition of Municipalities		100.00	100.00	100.00	Act 60 education non-profit association
Vermont League of Cities & Towns	1,292.00	1,319.00	1,319.00	1,350.00	provides training & municipal assistance
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	225,769.45	170,406.76	218,027.24	179,899.20	

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DISBURSEMENTS CONTINUED

ACCOUNT	2006 ACTUAL	2007 BUDGET	2007 ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET	COMMENTS
APPROPRIATIONS AS VOTED					
Addison County Community Action	1,150.00		1,150.00		served 151 Leicester residents
Addison County Home Health Care	1,110.50		1,138.00		skilled nursing / therapy in homes in 2,064 visits
Addison County Parent / Child Center	1,200.00		1,200.00		served 28 Leicester residents
Addison County RSVP	285.00		285.00		retired & senior volunteer program
Addison County Transit Resources	350.00		350.00		1,700 free rides to Leicester residents in 4 years
Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	1,100.00		1,100.00		provides case management, Meals on Wheels, etc
Counseling Service of Addison County	1,000.00		1,050.00		provided 16,848 hrs of service to Leicester residents
Elderly Services Inc.	500.00		500.00		operates elderly day care, Alzheimer program, etc
Hospice Volunteer Services	250.00		250.00		grief services provided
John W. Graham Emergency Shelter	725.00		725.00		bed nights and job search to Leicester residents
Neighbor Works of Western VT			400.00		provides housing rehab services & emerg. shelter
Open Door Clinic	300.00		300.00		7 Leicester residents access to health care
Otter Creek Natural Recourses	113.00		113.00		offers free technical assistance to landowners
Vermont Adult Learning	300.00		450.00		GED and adult diploma preparation
Vermont CARES - Aids Research	350.00		350.00		AIDS resources, education, & services
VT Center for Independent Living	145.00		145.00		counseling, money assist, & meals to residents
Women in Crisis - Women Safe	500.00		600.00		served 5 Leicester residents
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	9,378.50	0.00	10,106.00	0.00	

LEICESTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT	1,645,447.00		1,836,223.00		
TOTAL TOWN DISBURSEMENTS	1,949,231.63	170,406.76	2,075,278.63	179,899.20	
BALANCE	34,547.49		14,446.63		

TOWN OF LEICESTER

SELECTBOARD HIGHWAY RECEIPTS

ACCOUNT	2006 ACTUAL	2007 BUDGET	2007 ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET	COMMENTS
Balance in Highway Fund	3,897.80		19,765.22		vote to move to restricted highway fund
Transfers and Loans					
Transfer from Bridge #6	81,000.00		108,000.00		
Transfer from Equipment Fund					
Transfer from Highway Fund					
TOTAL TRANSFERS AND LOANS	81,000.00	0.00	108,000.00	0.00	
Agency of Transportation Highway Aid	64,580.78	64,500.00	64,355.38	64,000.00	
Agency of Transportation Additional Aid			18,336.00		grant for Ferson Rd culvert 2007
Current Taxes to Highway Fund	205,753.11		153,950.00		
FEMA					
Road Permits	245.00	250.00	245.00	250.00	
Grant for Bridge #6			65,000.00		
Grant for Park & Ride	12,500.00				
Grant for Signs	410.00				
Sale of 1990 Ford Dump Truck			5,000.00		
Reimbursement - VELCO			2,820.00		
Reimbursement - LCS Culvert			1,470.90		
TOTAL INCOME	283,488.89	64,750.00	311,177.28	64,250.00	
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	368,386.69	84,515.22	438,942.50	64,250.00	

TOWN OF LEICESTER

HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENTS

ACCOUNT	2006 ACTUAL	2007 BUDGET	2007 ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET	COMMENTS
Transfer to Bridge #6	58,245.19		65,000.00		
Transfer to Ditching Fund			10,000.00		
Transfer to Equipment Fund	12,500.00		10,000.00		as voted 2006
TOTAL TRANSFERS	70,745.19	0.00	85,000.00	0.00	
Major / Grant Projects:					
Inventory Roads			1,900.00		purchased thru pending grant money
Ferson Road Culvert Project	28,309.71				
Bridge #6 Agreement	90,754.81		108,000.00		
Bridge #6 State Cost Overrun					
TOTAL GRANT PROJECTS	119,064.52	0.00	109,900.00	0.00	
Equipment Purchases:					
Sander		4,000.00	3,018.00		
TOTAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	0.00	4,000.00	3,018.00	0.00	
Dump Truck Repairs	83.62		162.84		
Grader Repairs	1,045.64		8,233.74		
Loader Repairs	1,981.43		604.91		
Other Parts & Labor			7,287.06		shoes for plow, tire chains, misc parts
TOTAL EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	3,110.69	0.00	16,288.55	15,000.00	
Ditching:					
Subcontracted Services					
Labor	847.50				
Equipment Rental	2,277.00				
TOTAL DITCHING	3,124.50	12,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	
Equipment Rental:					
Arlan Pidgeon	33,591.00		50,575.00		
Grader / Arlan Pidgeon			1,610.00		
Crean Equipment			650.00		
TOTAL EQUIPMENT RENTAL	33,591.00	45,000.00	52,835.00	45,000.00	
Materials:					
Salt	11,802.72	20,000.00	22,646.69	25,000.00	
Chloride	3,192.00	3,500.00	3,648.96	4,000.00	
Sand & Gravel	18,275.91	20,000.00	13,686.89	20,000.00	
TOTAL MATERIALS	33,270.63	43,500.00	39,982.54	49,000.00	

TOWN OF LEICESTER

HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENTS CONTINUED

ACCOUNT	2006 ACTUAL	2007 BUDGET	2007 ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET	COMMENTS
General Highway Expenses:		21,000.00			
Fuels, Oil, Antifreeze	2,414.24		2,080.90	3,000.00	for equipment only
Green-up Removal	500.00		425.00	500.00	
Contracted Services	168.00		555.00		grader operators
Signs	1,762.95		467.91	700.00	
Miscellaneous	7.94		710.76	500.00	tree removal, gas for generator, traffic cones
Equipment Registration					
Culverts	4,749.40	3,000.00	2,345.12	3,000.00	
Paving & Cold Patch (as voted)	32,767.55	40,000.00	48,428.71	30,000.00	\$8,000 left from 2006 budget
Resurfacing			2,265.00		sealing the Town Office driveway
Roadside Mowing	7,130.00	7,100.00	6,624.00	7,500.00	
Salt Shed Repair			123.70	4,000.00	shed is in need of structural repair
Town Shed Furnace Oil	5,045.37	1,600.00	1,736.74	2,000.00	
Town Shed Repair / Electricity	657.24	1,000.00	741.27	1,000.00	
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	55,202.69	73,700.00	66,504.11	52,200.00	
Payroll:					
Allen Pidgeon	987.50		375.00		
Arlan Pidgeon	16,794.00		19,314.00		
Edward Hayes			390.00		
Francis Clark	337.50				
Gregory Bianchi			1,278.00		
Herb Hanfield	4,249.00		84.00		
James Hayes			90.00		
Kevin Clark			660.00		
Michael Denis			300.00		
Robert Charbonneau			867.00		
Rodney Jerome	681.75		425.25		
Scott Pidgeon	7,462.50		9,787.50		
TOTAL PAYROLL	30,512.25	40,000.00	33,570.75	40,000.00	
TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE	277,876.28	218,700.00	322,098.95	203,700.00	
TOTAL HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENTS	348,621.47	218,700.00	407,098.95	203,700.00	
BALANCE	19,765.22		31,843.55		

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED 2007

Tax Rate:	Homestead	Non-residential	
Town	0.0794	0.0794	
Town Highway	0.0875	0.0875	
Education	<u>1.0053</u>	<u>1.0826</u>	
	1.1722	1.2495	
 Grand List	 1,757,675.00		
 Taxes billed:			
Town	1,757,675.00 x.0794	139,558.58	
Highway	1,757,675.00 x.0875	<u>153,797.48</u>	
			293,356.06
 Education Taxes:			
Homestead	873,570.00 x 1.0053	878,199.94	
Non-residential	886,536.00 x 1.0826	<u>959,763.86</u>	
			1,837,963.80
Late HS131 penalty			377.23
Total Taxes Billed			<u>2,131,697.09</u>
 Taxes Accounted for as Follows:			
Collected		1,750,517.81	
State Rebates		311,646.48	
Delinquents Collected		45,519.94	
Delinquents		42,582.71	
Tax Refunds		(18,419.85)	
State Adjustment		<u>(150.00)</u>	
TOTAL			<u>2,131,697.09</u>

COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	TOWN		HIGHWAY	
	1/1/2007	12/31/2007	1/1/2007	12/31/2007
ASSETS:				
Checking	34,547.49	14,446.63	19,765.22	31,651.05
Total Delinquent Taxes	100,420.23	98,105.06		
Restricted Funds	45,580.76	54,146.41	239,262.36	232,966.12
Equipment*	7,473.00	7,473.00	70,188.00	73,206.00
Buildings	298,800.00	298,800.00		
Building Improvements	29,432.00	36,323.00		
Highway / Culverts / Bridges				2,940,800.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>516,253.48</u>	<u>509,294.10</u>	<u>329,215.58</u>	<u>3,278,623.17</u>
 ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATIONS				
Equipment	4,732.00	5,418.00	50,635.00	55,913.00
Buildings	3,362.00	4,783.00		
Highways / Culverts / Bridges				51,846.00
	<u>8,094.00</u>	<u>10,201.00</u>	<u>50,635.00</u>	<u>107,759.00</u>
Assets less Depreciation	508,159.48	499,093.10	278,580.58	3,170,864.17
 LIABILITIES:				
Loans, short term	0.00	0.00		
Share of Bridge Construction			216,822.00	67,785.47
Loans, long term	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>216,822.00</u>	<u>67,785.47</u>
TOTALS	516,253.48	509,294.10	112,393.58	3,210,837.70

RESTRICTED FUNDS 2007

TOWN	Balance 1/1/2007	Deposits 2007	Interest 2007	Withdrawn 2007	Balance 12/31/2007
Saving:					
Building Repair Fund	4,926.22		74.58		5,000.80
Glebe Land Fund	5,617.43		126.90		5,744.33
Record Restoration Fund	1,233.99		18.63		1,252.62
Solid Waste Fund	487.13		7.38		494.51
Lister Education Fund ¹	392.89	390.72	7.82		791.43
Honor Roll Fund ²	75.05	25.00	1.35		101.40
Professional Audit Fund ³	2,500.00	2,500.00	51.39		5,051.39
Salis / Leic planning fund ⁴		5,779.00	1.27	5,255.00	525.27
Milfoil Funds ⁵	0.00	29,418.50	0.00	29,418.50	0.00
Certificate of Deposit:					
Voter Improvement ⁶		2,064.00	7.56		2,071.56
Cemetery Fund ⁷	13,341.75	125.00	302.38		13,769.13
Money Market:					
Reappraisal account ⁸	17,006.30	1,953.01	384.66		19,343.97
Town Total	45,580.76	42,255.23	983.92	34,673.50	54,146.41
HIGHWAY					
Saving:					
Ditching Fund ⁹	2,556.32	10,000.00	40.16		12,596.48
Road/Highway Fund	3,389.55		50.78		3,440.33
Equipment Fund ¹⁰	6,513.06	14,405.38	163.53		21,081.97
Park & Ride Fund	85.20		16.29	101.49	0.00
Certificate of Deposit:					
Land/bldg for Garage Fund	47,882.58		1,973.94		49,856.52
Money Market:					
Culverts	8,983.99		202.96		9,186.95
Bridge #6 Repair Fund ¹¹	169,835.37	65,000.00	9,968.50	108,000.00	136,803.87
Highway Total	239,246.07	89,405.38	12,416.16	108,101.49	232,966.12

Explanation of changes to Restricted Funds:

- 1 Money received from State Funds
- 2 Donation received
- 3 Increased as voted in budget
- 4 The Salisbury/Leicester planning Fund received money from the State and paid ACRPC
- 5 Note: State Environmental Conservation Funds received by the Town were immediately paid to the Lake Dunmore/Fern Lake Association
- 6 Grant Received from Secretary of State
- 7 Money received for cemetery plot
- 8 Transfer from general fund
- 9 Increased from budget
- 10 10,000.00 as voted and 4,405.38 from difference between costs and fines for Sheriff Patrol
- 11 65,000.00 was a grant from USDA Rural Development. \$108,000 was payments to VAOT

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. All accounts are in good standing. We conclude that there are no outstanding long term loans.

As of January 1, 2008, the outstanding liability for bridge #6 was \$67,785.47. The Town continues to pay \$9,000 per month until the remaining balance is paid. Reports from different sections of VTrans have given us a different figure on the bridge costs. Charges for services are added each time we receive a statement. Leicester Town should be able to make our final payments this year. There will be a surplus in the account when the last payment is made.

The R. J. Turner Company, who specialize in natural resource analyzing, will provide a program to Leicester for calculating the depreciation of the roads and road surfaces.

Working with Donna Pidgeon as the Town Clerk and Treasurer has been a pleasure. She has always conducted herself in a professional manner. She has always been available to provide the information we need to review the accounts. Her meticulous bookkeeping skills have made it less complicated for us to review the financial data to provide our town with an accurate report. Our town will be fortunate to find someone as competent as she has been.

Our best wishes to Donna in her future endeavors.

Carol Morrison
Deb Miner
Dot D'Avignon



TAX COLLECTOR'S – DELINQUENT TAXES 2006

	Interest	Collected	Fee	Other	Total
2002	10.26				10.26
2003	766.96	2,554.37	88.78		3,410.11
2004	944.06	4,764.71	347.38		6,056.15
2005	1,519.78	8,525.18	618.65		10,663.61
2006	2,335.80	29,053.62	2,239.34		33,628.76
2007	779.91	45,519.94	3,829.96	2.01 *	50,131.82
Total	6,356.77	90,417.82	7,124.11	2.01	103,900.71

* Overpayment

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

It's been another hard year financially for everyone. Unfortunately the delinquent tax total is about the same as it was last year. This figure does not reflect the many taxpayers that made an honest effort to pay their tax bills during the year or the ones that are in the process of doing so. There are several people trying to sell their property and those who are dealing with bank proceedings, which will ultimately get more of the delinquent taxes paid.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Ripley

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S POLICY

Town of Leicester

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

DELINQUENT TAXES - DECEMBER 31, 2007

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Alden Trust					914.05
Bessette, Anthony					702.44
Black, Beatrice			469.40	529.27	197.42
Blaise, Stephen					1,207.02
Bradish, Jeffrey				741.41	162.72
Bryant, Tracy					26.13
Bushey, Paul					1,874.34
Carroll, Richard & Veronica	664.88	1,366.50	1,562.17	811.77	768.44
Carroll, Veronica				907.72	
Carter, Robert & Michele					2,189.65
Clark, David & Bertha					865.90
Clodgo, Stephen & Shelley	626.14	1,396.46	1,683.54	1,907.66	89.09
Cole, Arthur					1,353.46
Cole, Robert					265.87
Coon, Carol				2,267.74	
Corbett, Michael			1,534.41	1,730.06	1,861.75
Cram, Betty/Dwight & Stone,Thomas			147.20	1,703.30	392.71
Cram, Leonard & Sandra				207.47	157.44
Currier, Scott			1,705.04	1,932.01	1,789.95
Daniels, Jordan & Daphinee					1,377.63
Disorda, Jesse & Johanna				2,170.14	659.17
Foley, Jacqueline			196.40	1,090.48	913.38
French, Ralph & Vicki				741.48	1,573.12
French,Ralph Jr					146.19
Fyles, Michelle			1,253.70	1,431.96	1,282.75
Gearwar, David & Melissa		401.78	459.32	517.89	
Gibbs, Gary					2,380.42
Hope, Robert & Lisa					813.85
Horrocks, John & Mildred					468.47
Johnson, Joseph & Tammy				1,659.12	1,671.60
Johnson, Randall					104.32
Johnson, Richard & Darlene					1,354.51
LaFave, Scott				230.48	29.99
Laporte, Donald & Shirley					1,013.01
Little, Family Trust					1,448.17
Lopez, Rudolph & Juan				34.15	29.99
Malinowski, David					3.78
Maloy, Peter & Tammy					963.89
Maranville, James J		0.06	249.85	281.71	186.18
Martin, Carol			352.71	1,796.72	5.85
McCoy, Mahlon & Joyce				373.17	487.77
Mussaw, Linda & Carey				2,386.61	810.13
O'Neil/Gittens, Joan	841.04	3,163.70	4,217.11	4,754.84	2,460.32
Otis, Theodore					1,732.34
Ottinger, Douglas & Connie					672.23
Perry, Ronald & Melissa			208.12	1,415.19	1,104.22
Smith, Richard & Donna					8.03
Stone, Denton				887.53	
Stone, Denton / Serwood, Barbara			512.94		120.52
Therault, Nathan & Margaret					843.11
Trombley, John					815.31
Viens, William & Bernadette					2,284.08
TOTALS	2,132.06	6,328.50	14,551.91	32,509.88	42,582.71
TOTAL TAXES OWED	98,105.06				

Selectboard Report

2007 has been a year of transitions and challenges. Perhaps one of the biggest news items of the year was the appraisal conducted by Wright Appraisal Company of Rutland. Over 700 properties were inspected and the Board of Civil Authority conducted 38 appeal hearings after the grievance hearings conducted by the Listers.

At Town Meeting the voters approved putting aside \$2,500 yearly to pay for an audit of the town books every five years. Donna has made her intention clear about not continuing to serve as Town Clerk and Treasurer. We are therefore, asking voters to approve an audit of the 2007 books so the new person in the position starts with a "fresh slate" and no questions can be raised about the practices utilized by Donna while she was in office.

The WWII Honor Roll was created by Winning Images of Pittsford and was placed in front of the Meeting House in time for Memorial Day Observance on May 22. The school conducted its traditional trek to the cemetery accompanied by the Sheriff's Department cruiser driven by Selectboard member Mark Stacey. Stacey and several others spoke briefly and it is hoped that an Honor Roll to acknowledge the military service, since WWII, of other residents will be ready this year. Lawrence (Tweeter) Felion and Bonnie Johnson are co-chairing the committee to work out the details of this Honor Roll.

On June 27th, the state conducted the final inspection of the bridge over the creek. There are recommendations for annual spring cleaning of the road deck to be followed. We have been paying \$9,000 a month for 21 months and the final payment coming from restricted funds is anticipated to be in September 2008.

The Selectboard was successful in being awarded several grants to assist with highway maintenance issues. The first was a Class A grant to fund the completion of a road and bridge inventory for the town. Completion of this inventory decreases the town's share of costs for certain road maintenance projects from 20% to 10%. A Class B grant for \$7,000 (town share \$1,750) was secured to address the failure of the creek bank in one spot along Old Jerusalem Road. Inspection has revealed that there are other weak spots and that widening the road to the east will prevent further recurrence of the problem. This project will require further time, planning and funding.

The town also secured a grant through Addison County Regional Planning Commission for \$14,000 (no match required) to conduct a feasibility study for the location of a new town shed. James Maroney has made a donation of approximately 8 acres near the peach orchard. The Selectboard felt the costs associated with getting power and water as well as its restricted access did not warrant further study of this location. Landowners within a mile radius of the Four Corners were contacted about their interest in having their property considered for the town shed and 2 responded. Test pits were dug on property belonging to Frank Nicklaw on Upper Bullock Road and Don Delorm on Shackett Road. The results of the feasibility study conducted by Dubois and King are available at the Town Office.

Selectboard Report

2007 was a year of transitions. The Selectboard accepted the resignation of John Hughes as a Lister. Cindy Hill resigned as Town Zoning Administrator in August and Ron Fiske resigned as Chair of the Zoning Board in September. Michele Pfenning-Carter resigned as Zoning Board Secretary this fall. We feel fortunate to welcome Donna Swington back as a delegate to the Zoning Board and Heidi Schuerger joins her as a new delegate.

Julie Dawson of Salisbury is filling the role of secretary to the Selectboard. We deeply appreciate the time and effort that these individuals have put in on behalf of the town.

We welcome Andrew Peterson as the new Zoning Administrator and Gerry Flint is the Chair of the Zoning Board.

This fall Public Safety Commissioner Sleeper approved the application of Vermont Sun for 4 triathlons to be held this summer. The town has gone on record as opposing the races as currently structured; our suggestions for changes were ignored.

There are two items on the Warning that require the approval of taxpayers. The first is an increase in the property tax exemption for veterans who are considered 50% or more disabled. The proposed increase is from \$10,000 to \$30,000, which amounts to \$150,000 in assessed value of property being removed from the tax rolls. This will involve a line on your tax bill for a veteran's exemption tax rate.

The second item is a request for \$30,000 for the town match in the event that the town is granted a Stormwater Mitigation Grant to address drainage issues on Hooker Road. The town is submitting a grant shortly and the \$30,000 is the maximum amount the town would be required to pay for work to be done under this particular grant.

As always, the Selectboard meets regularly on the first and third Monday each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office. You are encouraged to attend and learn more about the issues facing the town.

Selectboard

Road Commissioners / Road Foreman Report

This past year we replaced the big culvert on Ferson Road. We also did extensive ditching and replaced culverts on Shackett Road. We ditched the hill on Hooker Road, near the old Brebeuf camp. However, that project is not completed because we are working with the State Highway Department as to what we can do. We are in hopes of getting some grant monies towards the project.

We plan on doing more ditching and culvert replacement on Hooker Road. The north end of Delorm Road is also in need of ditching and new culverts.

Due to the high cost of petroleum, we are asking for an increase of \$10,000 to maintain our resurfacing program on paved roads.

John McDonough and Robert Oliver, Road Commissioners
Arlan Pidgeon, Road Foreman

From the Leicester Town Report, 1908

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S ACCOUNT

Total orders drawn,	\$1,115 59
Classified as follows:	
Cost of state road	\$258 38
Expended on Silver Lake Road,	68 50
Material, money paid and repairs,	80 00
For general repairs over town,	<u>708 71</u>
	\$1,115 59

2007 Clerk/Treasurer's Report

Well it is 2008. The Auditors tell me that I have to write a report of the events that took place during 2007. Where should I begin? The year began with snow and did we ever get snow! I had to shovel through a five-foot drift of the fluffy white stuff just to get into the office in February.

There were only 58 voters in attendance at the March Town Meeting. 275 voters cast ballots for Town Officials and other ballot issues. All requests passed except the Otter Valley budget. Finally in June, on the third vote, Otter Valley's budget did pass.

Steve Wright Appraisers were familiar faces in the office and around Town during 2007. The appraisal was finished on time. There were 38 appeals to the Board of Civil Authority, which kept us busy during the summer months.

In 2007 I secured two grants, one for \$5000 to research ancient roads and one for \$2064 to upgrade excel and access computer software and pay for classes to learn to use the software.

The State of Vermont in all its wisdom, decided to send all our rebates to the Town to reduce the amount of our tax bills. It seemed to work well for the Town; we did not have to borrow money to pay the necessary liabilities of the Town. I heard lots of complaining from residents who wanted their rebate in hand. Who knows what the State will do with the issue.

Finally, I have been the Clerk and Treasurer since August 1989. There are issues to be decided by the State of Vermont with same day voter registration, the State has changed the dates for deadlines to register to vote, voter runoff elections and a Federal system for vital records. We already have the statewide checklist, which offers us very limited choices to print checklists and absentee ballot lists. With all the many changes, I feel I can no longer devote the time or energy to efficiently do the job. After six years of contemplation, I have decided not to seek another term as Clerk or Treasurer.

So, I couldn't begin to thank everyone individually who has helped and supported me over the years. I will just say **thanks** to all for an experience of a lifetime.

Please stop at the office or call if you have any questions, suggestions or comments.

Respectfully Submitted, Donna Pidgeon

Listers Report

The Wright Appraisal Company of Rutland VT completed a town wide appraisal effective April 1st 2007. This work resulted in an increase in the 2007 property values from \$73 million to \$176 million. The common level of appraisal (CLA) used to calculate the 2007 education tax rate was set at 125%. As it is the inverse of the CLA that is used in this calculation, the result was a lower tax rate for 2007. The CLA to be used to calculate the 2008 education tax rate will be 114%.

The large increase in property values was in large part due to the nine years between appraisals at a time when values were increasing rapidly. The listers would like to get the voters approval to have the next appraisal to be effective April 1st 2012. It is expected that by that time the Select Board will have sufficient funds in an escrow account to hire a first class appraisal company. It is important to make an early decision as many appraisal companies are signed to contract three years ahead of the appraisal date.

While there has been much publicity about declining real estate values, the sales in Leicester have not yet shown any decline from the results of the recent appraisal. The eight valid sales since April have shown six above and two about even with the appraised values. While these sales seem to be at variance with the CLA of over 100% it must be remembered that the sales values used to calculate the CLA are an average of the three previous years and would be lower than the present values.

There were 794 changes of appraisal including current use, 170 grievance appeals to the listers, 38 appeals to the BCA, 7 appeals to the State Board and 1 appeal to the Superior Court. The appeals to the State Board and Superior Court have still to be heard.

The filing dates for the homestead application form HS 122 have been adjusted for 2008. The official last date for filing is Apr 15th but the last date the State Tax Dept will accept an HS 122 application is Sept 2nd. A 1% penalty applies to forms filed between April 15th and Sept 2nd. Applications filed after Sept 2nd will not be eligible for the lower homestead tax rate or the education property tax rebate.

Harold Smith
Chair, Board of Listers

Zoning Administrator's Report

Cindy Hill resigned as Zoning Administrator in 2007 and Andrew Peterson was hired in October of 2007. ZBA secretary Michelle Pfenning Carter resigned in October and Julie Dawson and Linda Pitkin have filled in on a temporary basis since then.

There were 39 logged requests in the Leicester Zoning Permits book in 2007, which included:

- 4 Certificates of Compliance issued.
- 5 Conditional Use Permits were applied for, one of which was withdrawn.
- 21 Standard Zoning Permits were applied for, of which 19 were approved by the Zoning Administrator and 1 was approved by the ZBA with a setback waiver.
- 7 setback waivers were sent directly to and approved by the ZBA
- 1 minor amendment to an existing permit was approved.
- 1 subdivision which resulted in 2 lots.

In 2008 I will be working to update forms and make more information available over the town's website.

Be sure to contact the Zoning Administrator before beginning any construction project – I'm happy to help you answer any questions you may have about the zoning process and issues involved. Zoning office hours are Thursdays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Leicester town hall and also by appointment. Call at the Leicester Offices, 247-5961, or my cell at, 802-989-0014. You may also reach me by email at LeicesterZoning@gmail.com.

Andrew Peterson

Fire Warden Report

The year 2006 was a wet year, so a lot of grass, sticks and old brush did not get cut. So, in the spring of 2007, despite the ground being wet the grass died out so any brush pile along with a little wind could create a problem. Town of Leicester had one fire that burned around 13 acres but other than that it was fairly quiet. If your going to have a fire let me know so we don't get any unnecessary fire response.

Richard (Ricky) Nicklaw, Fire Warden Phone: 247-8357

DOGS 2007

153	@	\$9.00	\$1,377.00		
42	@	\$11.00	\$462.00		
29	@	\$13.00	\$377.00		
1	@	\$15.00	\$15.00		
1	@	\$16.00	\$16.00		
21	@	\$17.00	\$357.00		
247	dogs		\$2,604.00		
			Income		
			\$2,604.00		
					
				Animal Control	435.67
				\$2 Clerk fee per dog	494.00
				\$3 per dog State fee	741.00
				Dog tags	100.55
				Expenses	1,771.22

There will be a rabies clinic on March 20, 2008 from 5:00 - 6:00 PM
At the Town Clerk's Office

From the Leicester Town Report, 1908

HEALTH OFFICER'S ACCOUNT

H. H. ROBERTS

Four days at Burlington, expenses attending Board	
Of Health meetings	\$24 50
Services as Health Officer	<u>15 00</u>
	\$39 50

2007 VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

<u>Child</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Mother(Maiden Name)</u>
Mekenna Jean Gatchet	Feb 5	George Wilfred Gatchet	Michelle Ann Newton
Johnathan Jacob Posch	Apr 20	Jeremy John Posch	Jessica Marie Ennis
Fletcher Allen Crane	May 11	David Henry Crane	Jaime Lin Desforges
Ian Thomas Miner	June 6	Derric Ernest Miner	Liza Suzanne Cote'
Logan Michael Cram	Aug 4	Donald Arthur Cram	Amy Marie LaFrancis
Gabriele Tamar Glassner	Aug 6	William Lawrence Glassner	Heather Lapidus
Deana Rae Ouellette	Aug 15	Shawn Joseph Ouellette	Angela Michelle Gearwar
Christina Lynn Lanpher	Aug 28		Monica Dawn Hamilton
Emma Lea Mitchell	Sept 17	Dean Andrew Mitchell	Stacey May Roy
Wyatt Joseph-Robert Gillett	Dec 15		Bridget Jean Wedge

MARRIAGES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Groom</u>	<u>Bride</u>
Apr 13	Kevin Howard Clark	Rebecca Lynn Hayes
July 4	Chad Michael VanOrmer	Tamar Mary Boyd
Oct 7	Nickolai Bobrov	Kara Mai Delahunt

CIVIL UNIONS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Party A</u>	<u>Party B</u>
Oct 11	Zachery Edward Joseph Parker	Tammy Lee Luman

DEATHS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Age</u>
Phyllis Marilyn Browe	Jan 5	55
Francis A. Quinn	Mar 7	74
Betty L. Whittemore	Apr 7	68
Gary Arlan Stone	June 30	52
Vincent Anthony Russo	Nov 14	81
Christine Lurk Brush	Dec 12	91

**BRANDON-LEICESTER-SALISBURY-GOSHEN
INSECT CONTROL DISTRICT**

2007 Annual Report

Perseverance pays off. The summer of 2007 could almost be characterized as "Bug Free." What a welcome relief from the past two years which saw expenses soar due to the large acreage treated and frequent number of applications.

2007 saw an early spring thaw and loss of a large amount of the snow pack before a return to winter conditions. As spring arrived to stay, the district experienced flooding favorable to the hatching of mosquitoes. However, we were fortunate to have some warm dry weather which allowed the flooded areas to dry before most of the bugs had time to hatch. We were prepared, but only had to treat limited outbreaks through the remainder of the summer.

2007 also saw the return of former district coordinator Paul Doty. His years of experience in equipment maintenance and his knowledge of mosquito breeding sites throughout the district are gratefully appreciated.

The lower treatment demands last year will permit the district to update some worn out vehicles and sprayers. We will also be able to bring our legal organizational documents up to current standards. The remainder of the savings realized last year will be held in reserve to help us next time we have a busy summer.

All members of the board are committed to provide an integrated pest management program so that the residents of our member towns can enjoy, as much as possible, a bug free summer. This is your district and we are always looking for volunteers to aid us in sampling and treating. The Mosquito Hot Line remains 247-6779.

Thank you for your support,

Dr. Benjamin Lawton, Jr.
Chairman, BLSG Insect Control District

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

Local Activities:	2005	2006	2007	2008
Income	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget
Brandon	16,440	17,055	18,300	24,339
Leicester	9,350	9,350	12,436	12,436
Salisbury	9,350	9,350	12,436	12,436
Goshen	6,050	-	12,550	8,047
Interest		36	40	30
Donation& Misc.	1,200	9,997	100	700
Total Income	\$ 42,390	\$ 45,788	\$ 55,862	\$ 57,988
Expense				
Production				
Adulticide Chemicals	19,232	22,313		20,000
Labor-District Coordinator	5,541	4,416	6,000	7,000
Labor-Applicators	1,220	847	438	2,500
Payroll Taxes	1,376	1,902	1,502	2,000
Gas-Trucks & Sprayers	818	1,355	505	1,550
Maintenance-Trucks	1,676	620	343	2,000
Maintenance-Sprayers & Other			463	800
Equipment Rental	50			175
Equipment Replacement	1,800	9,897		11,000
Legal			187	4,000
Total Production/Spraying Related Costs	\$ 31,713	\$ 41,350	\$ 9,438	\$ 51,025
Overhead				
Board of Directors				1,000
Continuing Education	500		177	750
Announcements	594			400
Office Expenses	92	304	94	400
Building Maintenance	325			750
Dump Fees		125	55	150
Telephone	1,034	979	853	1,200
Electric	175	65	204	300
Computer				
Insurance-Worker's Comp				2,000
Insurance-Building & Equip	2,000	2,111	2,204	2,200
Insurance-Trucks	1,538	1,573	1,956	2,000
Insurance-Liability	7,462	7,206	7,480	7,500
Miscellaneous		50		250
Total Overhead Related Costs	13,720	12,413	13,022	18,900
Total Expense	\$ 45,433	\$ 53,763	\$ 22,460	\$ 69,925
Cash Gain (Loss) Local	(\$3,043)	(\$7,975)	\$33,401	(\$11,937)
State Reimbursable Activities				
Income				
Payments from State		96,632	17,729	
Expense				
Larviciding Application		16,632		
Larviciding Materials		80,000	16,000	
West Nile Surveillance		1,729	-	
Total State Reimbursable Expense		98,361	16,000	
Cash Gain (Loss) State		(\$1,729)	\$1,729	
Initial Cash Balance	\$ 28,938	\$ 19,234	\$ 54,364	
Cash Gain (Loss)-Local & State	(\$9,704)	\$35,130	(\$11,937)	
Year End Cash Balance	\$ 19,234	\$ 54,364	\$ 42,427	

Notes:

1. Money expected from Goshen in 2006 was not received until 2007 (6050)
2. Money expected from State in 2006 for West Nile Surveillance was not received until 2007 (\$1,729)
3. The 2008 budget includes one-time up-dating of legal organizational documents (Estimated at \$4000).
4. For 2007, Goshen voters reportedly approved 8047; but the Town paid 6500.
The difference (1547) is expected to be received in 2008

Leicester Central School Principal's Report

It has been a year of recognition for Leicester staff and a year of accomplishment for Leicester students. As one reads both the Board's and Superintendent's reports, it is clear that Leicester has a dedicated, committed staff who work together for the benefit of your children.

Leicester Central School staff continues to focus on educational quality and student learning. As we look at both teacher assessments and standardized scores, we are able to see student progress in reading, writing, and mathematics. All the goals of our Action Plan have been met. Still, the staff continues to review strategies and seek new learning to increase student performance in all curricula areas.

This year, we have begun to revise our report card, beginning with Social Development Skills and Work Habits. The Social Development Skills that we help our students develop are respect, self-control, teamwork, risk-taking, personal responsibility, social responsibility, and accepting constructive criticism. The Work Habits that we hope to ingrain in our students are perseverance, independence, reflection, organization, listening, being an active learner, and homework completion. We have created a rubric defining what it means to make the standard for each of these skills. These rubrics have been shared and discussed with both students and parents. These discussions have created consistent expectations throughout the school system.

Our discipline system remains consistent and effective. We are proud of our students and their behavior. We continue to focus on improving our attendance rate. This rate increased for the third year in a row, from 90.1% in 2005, to 93.82% in 2006, and 94.7% in 2007. We still have work to do have as a school and a community to improve this rate. Our school calendar is sent out in June in hopes that parents will be able to schedule needed appointments during school vacations.

Our pre-kindergarten program has been successful this year. These young students join the kindergarteners three mornings a week. They are learning and growing together, both socially and academically.

Our after-school and summer SOAR programs have also been a success. 40% of our kindergarten through grade 6 children are currently attending the after-school program and 67% attended our summer program. The 21st Century Grant which funds most of the programs runs out in June. We are applying for a new federal grant which will only fund 50% of these programs. We hope to supplement this grant by a combination of fund-raising and passing the Special Article for \$10,000 that is on the Warning.

We have several new staff members whom you can read about under New Faces in Leicester. Leicester is fortunate to have dedicated, committed 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

Megan Coleman is our art teacher. She also teaches art one day a week, a half-day each at Sudbury and Whiting. Megan is also the teacher for the Leicester after-school SOAR Program. She is a first-year teacher who graduated from Plymouth State College.

Brendan Sherwin is our technology support specialist. He works a day and a half at Leicester on Mondays and Thursday afternoons. He also works at Barstow in Chittenden. Brendan began his position here while a senior at Castleton College. He graduated in February. His position is funded one day a week through the Leicester budget and a half-day a week through the RNESU budget.

Beth Quenneville is a part-time para-professional in the pre-kindergarten, kindergarten room. For the past two years, she worked in the Brandon Early Education Program. She lives in Brandon with her husband, Andy, and enjoys riding horses in her spare time. Her position is funded by RNESU.

Becca Schutz is our pre-kindergarten, kindergarten teacher. She grew up in Wyoming and received her Bachelor's Degree from Middlebury College. Prior to coming to Leicester, she worked as a Title I teacher in Wyoming.

Leicester Central School Board Report

This year has been a year in recognizing how strong the staff is at Leicester School. Linda Horn, our 5th/6th grade teacher, was recognized as the state history teacher of the year. Carol Eckels, our principal, was named Vermont principal of the year. Nancy McGill, our home-school coordinator and long-time kindergarten teacher, was selected as the Rutland Northeast teacher of the year. We also want to mention Ellie Holsman, past teacher, principal, and volunteer was designated as "Uncommon Hero" for all the time and hard work she has given to Leicester School through the years. As a board we would again like to say congratulations to you all and let the rest of the staff know that we appreciate all your hard work and devotion that you put into your jobs in educating our children. You make a great team, all of you.

As you review our Warning you will see that we have a special article for \$10,000 for the after-school and summer programs. The after-school and summer programs that are offered to our children start with a grant, that grant is currently running out. We are asking for this money to keep the programs running. We have seen a change in the students that attend these programs and hate to see them go.

We also have an article to discuss future consolidation efforts. We have talked with Brandon and Salisbury this year about consolidating and they currently do not have the room for all of our children. We have also talked to Whiting and Sudbury. We are looking to see what your thoughts are and where you would like to see us go. Our population has remained steady and will continue to do so over the next few years, but the cost to run and maintain the building is rising.

Our budget this year is only an increase of 0.851%. We were very conservative this year. One factor that helped to keep the increase low was health insurance, which only went up 5.00%. The dental insurance did not increase in cost. Special Education costs also decreased this year.

We would like to mention two more people that have had an impact on Leicester School. The first is Christine Brush, who recently passed away. We were told that Ms. Brush was the force behind centralizing Leicester's five one-room school houses to our current building. Ms. Brush was a school board member and the chair of the school board when the current building was built. The other person we wish to recognize is Ms. Jane Sarno. Ms. Sarno is retiring this year after 36 years of service to the district. Ms. Sarno was an English teacher at Otter Valley and currently is the curriculum coordinator for the Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union.

The Leicester School board meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 at the school. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any one of the board members or join us at our meetings.

Thank you for all your support,
Dorothy Jerome, Lynn Brooks-Miner, Vickie Lalumiere, Michelle Pierpont, Hannah Sessions

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools Leicester Town School District

Leicester Central garnered a fine packet of wonderful honors this year! Linda Horn was recognized as the state history teacher of the year and Carol Eckels as the Vermont elementary principal of the year! Nancy McGill was selected as Rutland Northeast teacher of the year! Longtime volunteer/teacher/principal and Leicester family member Ellie Holsman was designated an "Uncommon Hero" for her extraordinary contributions to Leicester. But praise and credit needs to be shared with all. The fine academic achievement of Leicester children resulted in the school being removed from the state's "watch list" as it made significant academic progress over the past two years. This is a marvelous reflection on the high caliber of the educational program at the Leicester Central School.

This does not mean we do not have needy children or that all our problems are solved. You will see a special item for the SOAR summer and after-school program on the warning. In many cases, it is essential we reach out to children. That makes all of the difference.

At the same time, your school board is conscious of the student enrollment in the Leicester School. The board has met and will continue to meet with other school boards such as Brandon, Whiting, Salisbury and Sudbury to see if some combination might be to the advantage of all. We plan on getting your input at town meeting.

As you can see from the "Comparative Data for Cost Effectiveness" sheet, in this report, we spend almost \$2000 less per pupil than our comparison schools. Before getting too comfortable with these numbers, they vary from day to day depending upon enrollments. They also do not cover all our expenses. Nevertheless, this apples-to-apples comparison speaks well for the economical operation of the Leicester School.

You will see separate tax rates for high school and elementary schools for the first time this year. OV's overall budget was up only 2.11% although your share will vary according to your proportion of the students. The district-wide overall special services budget was basically level funded for next year. This was primarily driven by the elimination of nine jobs. Unlike other supervisory unions, Rutland Northeast centralizes special services and transportation in order to achieve economies of scale. In straight comparisons, RNESU spends 1.3% of their funds on the central office, according to the state, compared to the Vermont average of 2.7%. In good news, health insurance benefits increased only 5% and dental benefits were level funded.

Rutland Northeast's curriculum efforts have been recognized as among the best in Vermont. In recent years, we have focused on good, solid, fundamental work in reading, writing, mathematics and science. Yet, new ways of teaching and new ways of knowing (such as computers) change our needs with amazing speed. The leadership for this fine work has come from Jane Sarno who has been at Rutland Northeast and Otter Valley for 36 years. Many citizens have had her as their teacher. Jane is retiring this year and we all owe her a great debt of gratitude for all that she has done.

The Leicester town school board meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at the school. If you would like to address the board about any matter, simply call any board member or the school. Alternately, call or email Debbie Etzler to confirm the meeting time and to get you a place on the agenda.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

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
2008-2009 BUDGET WORKSHEET - REVENUES**

CODE NBR.	ACCOUNT NAME	2006/2007 ACTUAL	2007/2008 BUDGET	2008/2009 PROPOSED	COMMENTS
10-000-FBFD	PRIOR YEAR FINAL FUND BALANCE	(3,469)	0	3,220	
10-000-1510	INTEREST EARNED	347	350	350	BASED ON HISTORY
10-000-1910	RENTAL INCOME	10	0	0	
10-000-1920	DONATIONS	603	0	0	
10-000-3110	EDUCATION SPENDING AMOUNT	1,821,251	1,900,354	795,806	
10-000-1-3114	GRANT FOR TECHNICAL CENTERS - <i>Act 130 Provides for Local Elementary Schools to receive this grant & High Schools to pay costs.</i>	0	32,910	0	Under Act 130 all vocations costs and expenditures are now included in the HS budget
10-000-3145	SMALL SCHOOL GRANT	69,350	70,530	77,681	Estimated Grant
10-000-3150	TRANSPORTATION AID	28,392	15,800	14,257	Estimated at 45% over actual FY2007 costs
10-000-3160	DEBT SERVICE AID	0	0	0	
10-000-3200	STATE AID SPECIAL EDUCATION	113,114	135,745	129,718	LEICESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REVENUES ONLY
10-000-4810	FOREST REVENUE	2,710	2,700	2,700	
10-000-5400	PRIOR YEAR REFUNDS	227	0	0	
10-000-3350	CONSTRUCTION STATE AID	0	0	0	
000-1-3130	TOTAL SCHOOL REVENUE	2,032,535	2,158,389	1,023,733	

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

**LEICESTER CENTRAL SCHOOL
2008-2009 BUDGET WORKSHEET**

CODE NBR.	ACCOUNT NAME	2006/2007 Actual	2007/2008 BUDGET	2008/2009 Proposed	COMMENTS
	BOARD OF EDUCATION				
10-001-2011	BOARD HONORARIA	950	1,000	1,000	Level
10-001-2069	VSBA DUES & MISCELLANEOUS	1,400	1,600	1,600	Level
10-001-2036	LEGAL FEES	965	600	750	Increasing legal needs
10-001-2055	PRINTING/PUBLISHING & ADVERTISING	1,906	1,600	1,600	Level
10-001-2013	DIST TREASURER SALARY	750	784	817	Salary Increase
10-001-2050	MANDATORY EMPLOYMENT TESTING	24	100	100	Level
10-001-2034	AUDIT FEES	700	900	0	Next audit for FY09 will be completed FY10
	TOTAL BOARD OF EDUCATION	6,695	6,584	5,867	(716) -11%
	ADMINISTRATION				
10-001-2510	PRINCIPAL SALARY	47,457	49,593	51,725	Raise per contract
10-001-XXXX	SUMMER ADMINISTRATION	2,400	2,508	2,616	
10-001-2568	ADMIN VPA DUES & MISCELLANEOUS	891	850	950	Based on historical costs
10-000-2569	ADMINISTRATIVE TRAINING & TRAVEL	161	270	270	Level
10-001-2517	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	11,729	11,702	12,846	Increased time needed for paperwork and additional duties plus hourly rate increase per contract
	TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	62,638	64,922	68,407	3,485 5%
	INSTRUCTION				
10-001-2511	TEACHER SALARIES	270,074	281,116	301,360	Due to federal funding cuts, a 1/2 time math position has been added to the local budget. Also, annual increases per contract
10-001-2528	TEACHER ASSISTANTS	17,377	16,757	26,018	Increased due to federal funding cuts and annual contractual salary increase
10-001-2540	ART TEACHER	6,203	7,842	6,701	Per Contract
10-001-2512	SUBSTITUTE SALARIES	4,206	6,000	5,000	Reduced based on historical costs
10-001-2561	SUPPLIES & TEXTBOOKS	17,389	18,000	18,000	Level
10-001-2564	PERIODICALS	177	300	300	Level
10-001-4073	REPLACE INST EQUIPMENT	2,728	2,000	2,000	Level
10-001-2505	CO-CURRICULAR SALARY	48	300	300	Level
10-001-2545	BILLBACK/SPED	0	2,000	2,000	Level
10-001-2555	FIELD TRIPS	576	1,000	1,000	Level
10-001-2506	PHYSICAL EDUCATION SALARY & TRAVEL	14,455	14,997	14,533	Per Contract
10-001-2558	ITINERANT TEACHER TRAVEL	188	100	200	Increased due to fuel market
10-001-2513	MUSIC TEACHER SALARY	7,135	7,645	7,884	Per Contract
10-001-5558	TUITION	4,101	16,774	16,000	Student tuition for medical needs, after school tuition, and final preschool payment
	TOTAL INSTRUCTION	344,657	374,831	401,296	26,465

**LEICESTER CENTRAL SCHOOL
2008-2009 BUDGET WORKSHEET**

CODE NBR.	ACCOUNT NAME	2006/2007 Actual	2007/2008 BUDGET	2008/2009 Proposed	COMMENTS
					7%
	INSTRUCTION-SUPPORT				
10-001-2530	SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS	6,163	6,306	6,500	Increased for library services during summer school
10-001-2509	GUIDANCE SALARY	5,870	6,110	6,373	Per Contract
10-001-2532	IN-SERVICE/CURRICULUM	1,910	2,000	2,000	Level
10-001-2508	LIBRARY SALARIES	6,246	7,319	7,556	Per Contract
10-001-2567	TECHNOLOGY SALARIES	6,435	7,734	8,037	Per Contract
10-001-2566	LIBRARY BOOKS/SUPPLIES	5,504	3,800	3,800	Level
10-001-2535	TECHNOLOGY REPAIR & SUPPLIES	1,038	2,100	2,100	Level
10-001-2565	AUDIO VISUAL/SOFTWARE	416	1,000	1,000	Level
10-001-2556	TECHNOLOGY - HARDWARE	7,569	4,600	3,800	Replacemnt of 4 desktop computers
	TOTAL INSTRUCTION-SUPPORT	41,151	40,968	41,166	198
					0%
	HEALTH SERVICES				
10-001-3060	NURSE	14,036	12,972	16,294	Per contract
10-001-3062	CONTRACTED EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES	782	510	950	OT/PT/SLP and tutoring per student needs
10-001-3050	MANDATORY WATER & ASBESTOS	1,524	2,000	1,800	Reduced based on historical costs
10-001-3061	HEALTH SUPPLIES	309	450	450	Level
	TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	16,651	15,932	19,494	3,562
					22%
	PUPIL TRANSPORTATION				
10-001-3511	BUS DRIVERS' SALARY	57	0	0	
10-001-3562	GASOLINE	57	0	0	
10-001-6666	TRANSPORTATION ASSESSMENT	32,507	31,024	27,189	
10-001-3572	BUS DRIVER - FIELD TRIPS	1,120	2,200	2,000	Reduced based on history
	TOTAL TRANSPORTATION	33,741	33,224	29,189	(4,035)
					-12%
	OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE				
10-001-4552	PROPERTY INSURANCE	7,235	6,636	6,305	10% over FY08 actual costs
10-001-4011	CUSTODIAL CONTRACT SVS	21,200	21,100	20,600	Based on new contractor
10-001-4043	BUILDING REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	7,290	11,360	9,500	Reduced based on current building needs
10-001-4061	STUDENT HYGIENE SUPPLIES	1,917	2,200	2,300	Increased infection prevention
10-001-4067	ELECTRICITY	9,638	11,100	10,100	Reduced based on historical cost
10-001-4068	HEAT	2,941	4,000	6,075	Uncertain fuel market annual usage 2300 gallons
10-001-4042	CONTRACTED SERVICES	7,977	8,100	8,000	Reduced based on new contract
10-001-4046	UPKEEP OF GROUNDS	3,116	3,000	3,200	Based on historical costs and fuel increases
10-001-4044	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	182	400	400	Level
10-001-4053	TELEPHONE	301	3,500	2,500	Reduced based on historical erate filings
10-001-4060	TELEPHONE TECHNOLOGY CHARGES	197	300	300	Level
10-001-4074	REPLACE NON-INSTRUCT EQUIPMENT	273	1,725	1,725	Level
	TOTAL OPER/MAINTENANCE	62,267	73,421	71,005	(2,417)
					-3%

**LEICESTER CENTRAL SCHOOL
2008-2009 BUDGET WORKSHEET**

CODE NBR.	ACCOUNT NAME	2006/2007 Actual	2007/2008 BUDGET	2008/2009 Proposed	COMMENTS
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				
10-001-4521	HEALTH INSURANCE	65,224	87,505	87,291	Premium Rate increased 5%
10-001-4522	FICA	31,627	33,397	35,988	Based on salaries
10-001-4525	WORKMENS COMP	1,740	2,270	2,446	Based on salaries
10-001-4526	UNEMPLOYMENT	3,535	4,535	2,268	Based on salaries
10-001-4535	DENTAL INSURANCE	1,704	2,803	2,803	Premium Rate increase 0%
10-001-4523	MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT		362	669	Based on salaries
10-001-2001	DISABILITY INSURANCE -Teacher	920	1,088	1,168	Based on salaries
10-001-2502	ADMINISTRATOR LIFE & DISABILITY INSURANCE	435	600	600	Based on salaries
10-001-2531	TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	3,646	6,500	5,500	Reduced based on historical costs
	TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS	108,831	139,061	138,731	(329) 0%
	FOOD SERVICES				
10-001-5010	FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT	4,000	4,000	8,000	Increased Contract Costs due to the reduced number of students and increasing food costs
10-001-5061	MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	47	1,100	500	
	TOTAL FOOD SERVICES	4,047	5,100	8,500	3,400 67%
	SPECIAL EDUCATION				
10-001-5556	SPECIAL ED ASSESSMENT	200,589	213,409	201,831	
	TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	200,589	213,409	201,831	(11,577) -5%
	DEBT SERVICE				
10-001-6083	INTEREST-SHORT TERM LOANS	669	780	780	Level
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	669	780	780	0 0%
	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION				
10-001-5555	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION		0	0	
	TOTAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	0	0	0	0 0%
	RNESU ASSESSMENT				
10-001-5557	RNESU ASSESSMENT	40,013	38,467	37,467	
	TOTAL ASSESSMENT	40,013	38,467	37,467	(1,000) -3%
	BUILDING SAFETY & SECURITY UPGRADE	16,363	8,400	0	
	TOTAL LEICESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	938,312	1,015,100	1,023,733	8,634 0.851%

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

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

		Act 68			Act 130	
		FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	
Expenditures						
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full tech expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$2,165,677	\$2,071,785	\$998,300	\$1,023,733	1.
2.	<i>plus</i> Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	\$10,000	\$8,400		2.
3.	<i>minus</i> Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending	-	-	-		3.
4.	Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget	\$2,165,677	\$2,081,785	\$1,006,700	\$1,023,733	4.
5.	<i>plus</i> Otter Valley UHSD #8	-	-	\$1,122,539	NA	5.
6.	<i>plus</i> No union elementary or junior high school assessment	-	-	-	NA	6.
7.	<i>plus</i> Prior year deficit reduction if not included in budgets					7.
8.	Gross Act 68 Budget	\$2,165,677	\$2,081,785	\$2,129,239	\$1,023,733	8.
9.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	\$92,003	\$40,013	\$38,467	\$17,945	9.
10.	Prior year deficit reduction (if included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-		10.
Revenues						
11.	Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$441,199	\$260,534	\$225,124	\$227,927	11.
12.	<i>plus</i> Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-		12.
13.	<i>minus</i> Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues	-	-	-		13.
14.	<i>minus</i> All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues	-	-	-		14.
15.	Total local revenues	\$441,199	\$260,534	\$225,124	\$227,927	15.
16.	Education Spending (Act 68 definition)	\$1,724,478	\$1,821,251	\$1,904,115	\$795,806	16.
17.	Equalized Pupils	178.07	174.50	169.58	60.09	17.
18.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$9,684	\$10,437	\$11,228	\$13,244	18.
19.	<i>minus</i> Less net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$81.82	\$75.00	\$74.84	0	19.
20.	<i>plus</i> Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-		20.
21.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$9,684	\$10,437	\$11,228	\$13,244	21.
22.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$13,244 / \$8,210)	138.843% <small>based on \$6,975</small>	142.387% <small>based on \$7,330</small>	145.145% <small>based on \$7,736</small>	161.315% <small>based on \$8,210</small>	22.
Prorating the local tax rate						
23.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (Tax rates were not prorated in FY06 - FY08) (161.315% x \$0.85)	\$1.416 <small>based on \$1.02</small>	\$1.353 <small>based on \$0.95</small>	\$1.263 <small>based on \$0.87</small>	\$1.371 <small>based on \$0.85</small>	23.
24.	Percent of Leicester equalized pupils not in a union school district	Not applicable prior to Act 130			36.723%	24.
25.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (36.723% x \$1.371)	Not applicable prior to Act 130			\$0.504	25.
26.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	69.14%	62.54%	125.62%	113.96%	26.
27.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (Tax rates were not prorated in FY06 - FY08) (\$0.504 / 113.96%)	\$2.048 <small>based on \$1.02</small>	\$2.163 <small>based on \$0.95</small>	\$1.005 <small>based on \$0.87</small>	\$0.442 <small>based on \$0.85</small>	27.
<p>If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.</p>						
28.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (161.315% x 1.80%)	Not applicable prior to Act 130			2.90% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	28.
29.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (36.723% x 2.90%)	2.57% <small>based on 1.85%</small>	2.56% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	2.61% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	1.06% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	29.
30.	Percent of equalized pupils at Otter Valley UHSD	Not applicable prior to Act 130			63.277%	30.
31.		Not applicable prior to Act 130			-	31.
<p>The projected base education spending amount of \$8,210 is subject to Legislative approval.</p> <p>The Commissioner of Taxes recommended a base education homestead tax rate of \$0.85. The income percentage cap is 1.80%. Final figures are subject to Legislative approval.</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/>

FY2007 School Level Data

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

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)
28 out of 47

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller >	Albert Bridge School	K - 6	57	6.00	1.40	9.50	40.71	4.29
	Roxbury Village School	PK - 6	57	6.20	0.50	9.19	114.00	12.40
	Ripton Elementary School	PK - 6	60	4.70	0.50	12.77	120.00	9.40
	Leicester Central School	PK - 6	64	5.65	0.80	11.33	80.00	7.06
< Larger	Woodbury Elementary School	K - 6	65	6.00	1.00	10.83	65.00	6.00
	Bridgewater Village School	PK - 6	69	8.21	0.49	8.40	140.82	16.76
	Middletown Springs Elementary School	PK - 6	69	5.60	0.80	12.32	86.25	7.00
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data			65.47	6.63	0.75	9.88	86.75	8.78

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.

FY2006 School District Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school district, FY2004 FTE < 100
(47 school districts in cohort)

Cohort Rank by FTE (1 is largest)
20 out of 47

School district data (local, union, or joint district)		Grades offered in School District	Student FTE enrolled in school district	Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs
Smaller >	Bridgewater	K-6	66.19	\$9,187
	Shrewsbury	PK-6	68.60	\$10,347
	Lakeview USD #43	K-6	69.18	\$10,343
	Leicester	K-6	69.24	\$8,421
< Larger	Holland	PK-6	69.50	\$9,748
	Wardsboro	PK-6	72.04	\$9,060
	Brownington	K-6	74.09	\$10,181
Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data			62.31	\$10,295

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.

FY2008 Municipal School District Data

Town School District data (resident PK - 12 students, publicly funded)

LEA ID	School District	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Common Level of Appraisal	Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
T110	Leicester	\$11,228	\$1.263	125.62%	\$1.005

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 7/1/06-6/30/07

Balance on hand July 1, 2006		8,247.27
Cash Receipts		
Property Tax -Residents	816,633.00	
Property Tax - NonResidents	828,814.00	
State Aid General Education	244,959.00	
State Aid to Special Education	134,911.24	
Grants & Donations	4,199.88	
Interest	342.57	
Bank Error	0.04	
Transfer from Paving Fund	603.17	
Rent	10.00	
Forest Receipts	2,709.59	
Reimbursements	9,400.75	
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	<u>2,042,583.24</u>	2,042,583.24
Loans		<u>95,000.00</u>
Total Cash Available		<u>2,145,830.51</u>
 Cash Disbursements		
School Board Orders	2,041,788.52	
Voids	2,606.42	
Total Orders		2,039,182.10
Loan repayment		<u>95,000.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSED		<u>2,134,182.10</u>
 Balance in account June 30, 2006		 11,648.41

LEICESTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Balance Sheet

	7/1/2006	6/30/2007
Checking Account	8,247.27	11,648.41
Accounts Receivable	15,131.38	37,066.17
Bus Fund	2,875.71	2,923.30
School Physical Improvement Fund	935.11	939.92
Paving Fund	602.39	
Audit Fund		700.54
Bus	13,011.00	7,907.00
Kitchen equipment	3,286.00	4,011.00
Yard Improvements	6,646.00	5,437.00
Buildings	392,460.00	379,914.00
Land	7,665.00	7,665.00
Furniture & Equipment	5,529.00	4,415.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>456,388.86</u>	<u>462,627.34</u>
 Current Liabilities	 17,700.37	 45,979.06
Loans Outstanding - Short Term	0.00	0.00
Loans Outstanding - Long Term	0.00	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>17,700.37</u>	<u>45,979.06</u>

Assets and depreciation were updated in 2007

**Leicester Central School District
Special Funds**

	Balance 7/1/2006	Deposits	Interest	Disbursed	Balance 6/31/07
School Bus Fund	2,875.71		47.59		2,923.30
Cerf Grant		4,000.00	11.33	4,011.33	
School Physical Improvement Fund	935.11		4.81		939.92
School Paving Fund	602.39		0.78	603.17	
School Audit Sinking Fund		700.00	0.54		700.54
TOTALS	4,413.21	4,700.00	65.05	4,614.50	4,563.76

**Leicester Central School District
Hot Lunch**

August 1, 2006 - July 31, 2007

Balance August 1, 2006	1,874.62
Receipts:	
State & Federal Aid	2,707.96
Lunches	374.00
Interest	1.30
Total Receipts	<u>3,083.26</u>
Total Available	<u>4,957.88</u>
Disbursements:	
Caterer -Underwood	2,640.20
Caterer -Barstow	374.00
Manual Food Slicer	805.89
LSCD general fund	849.00
Refund	25.60
Total Disbursements	<u>4,694.69</u>
Balance July 31,2007	<u>263.19</u>

The Leicester Central School paid \$4046.65
from the school budget for Hot Lunch.

Early Reading Instruction

Reading services in our elementary schools continue to include professional and paraprofessional services to children in the area of literacy as well as consultation to teachers. The early education and kindergarten programs provide a variety of experiences with reading and writing that will enable all students to become emergent readers and writers. Concepts about print, phonological awareness, environmental print reading, name and letter recognition are the focus of instruction. Summer services are available for students at-risk. Parent training and informational sessions are offered throughout the school year. Home/School Coordination Services are available to all schools.

Most of our primary grade teachers and special educators have taken extensive training in early literacy instruction, including Guided Reading and Writing. The goal of this program is to provide professional development for teachers and to help students become stronger readers and writers. The focus of instruction for teachers is assessment of children's strengths and needs, matching book levels to student's needs, teaching for strategies, and organization and management of the classroom using Guided Reading and Writing. Throughout the school year, consultation to teachers and direct service to children is provided. Most of our teacher and special educators have also taken extensive training in phonological awareness and have experience with various multi-sensory, sequential, systematic phonics programs. Extended-year services are also available for older students who may be at-risk.

Please note: The RNESU District Wide Transportation Proposed Budget and Assessments, the RNESU Proposed Special Services Funding – Revenue and Assessments, and the RNESU Central Office Proposed Budget and Assessments can be found in the Otter Valley Union High School Report, which is mailed separately.
Information as required by 16 VSA 165 (2E)

2007 Student Assessment Results

Terra Nova Assessment

The *Terra Nova Multiple Assessment* is a norm-referenced, standardized test, in its sixth year of use 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, 2007. 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 erratic score patterns.

Leicester

TerraNova Scores - Total Reading MNCE

Grade	Class Year	Spring 04	Spring 05	Spring 06	Spring 07
3	Class of 2016				60.8
3, 4	Class of 2015			49.7	
3, 4, 5	Class of 2014		47.8	54.2	60.3
3, 4, 5, 6	Class of 2013	57.1	50.8	46.7	55.1
3, 4, 5, 6, 7	Class of 2012		60.2	52.1	

TerraNova Scores - Total Language MNCE

Grade	Class Year	Spring 04	Spring 05	Spring 06	Spring 07
3	Class of 2016				56.1
3, 4	Class of 2015			45.9	
3, 4, 5	Class of 2014		48.2	55.6	56.5
3, 4, 5, 6	Class of 2013	54.7	56.2	49.3	55.6
3, 4, 5, 6, 7	Class of 2012		48.5	56.1	

TerraNova Scores - Total Math MNCE

Grade	Class Year	Spring 04	Spring 05	Spring 06	Spring 07
3	Class of 2016				59.9
3, 4	Class of 2015			53.0	
3, 4, 5	Class of 2014		52.4	61.2	64.0
3, 4, 5, 6	Class of 2013	60.3	60.0	51.3	61.7
3, 4, 5, 6, 7	Class of 2012		61.5	62.1	

No Child Left Behind Accountability Reporting

This year the state used three elements to determine adequate yearly progress under the federal No Child Left Behind Act. First was student performance on the New England Comprehensive Assessment Program (NECAP) in Fall 2006 in grades 3-8. For schools serving grades that include high school, determinations were made using 8th grade NECAP results. For schools that include only grades 9 – 12, the only indicator used was graduation rate. This is the second year that these tests were used. The other two measures are student participation rate, and an academic indicator that is the percentage of students in the bottom achievement level of NECAP Reading.

Student performance information is printed below. The results from these different measures are not comparable with results from the past years.

This year, the state began testing 11th graders using the New England Comprehensive Assessment Program (NECAP). These results will not be comparable with the previous sets of reports. In a future cycle, it is possible that the state will change to a new model ("growth scores") which will mean that the results in this cycle will not be compatible with any of the previous cycles. Additionally, a new set of science tests will be implemented in the Spring of 2008.

Consequently, for those citizens who desire to know how their school's achievement test scores are changing over time, please refer to the comparisons of the Terra Nova tests printed in this report.

New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP)

This test is given in the October. Only students in Grade 5 and 8 and 11 are tested in Writing. 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 2006 Results

Grade Level	Reading	Mathematics	Writing
3	77%	61%	N/A
4	*	*	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
80%	85%

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

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

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

Among these actions are:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jeffrey Wallin, Moderator, called the Leicester Town Meeting to order at 7:30 PM. The reading of the warning was waived.

Article 1: To act on the Auditor’s Report. This Article was approved.

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
This Article was approved by voice vote.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectboard to spend unanticipated funds such as grants and gifts for which they were intended. This Article was approved by voice vote.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the previously approved instruction to conduct a professional audit of the Leicester Town books every third year?
Because of the estimated costs, a motion was made to amend Article 4 to rescind the audit every third year and conduct that audit every fifth year. This amendment to this article was approved.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to approve a sum of \$366,057.00 to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the Town for the ensuing year, to be divided as follows:

General Town expenses	\$167,357.00	Amount to be raised by taxes: \$126,281.81
Highway expenses	\$198,700.00	Amount to be raised by taxes: \$133,950.00

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.

A motion was made to increase the Selectboard pay from \$2300 to \$2825. They have not had an increase since 1996. This motion passed
Another motion was made to set aside \$2500 in the Professional Audit Fund. This was approved by voice vote.

Finances for the new bridge were discussed. On page 15 of the 2006 Town Report, is the financial review of the monies in reserve for Bridge #6. There is \$169,835.37 in reserve and our remaining liabilities are \$151,821.96. The town will have enough money to pay for the bridge.

A question about the Fire Contingency fund was raised. Can the town be reimbursed by insurance? The selectboard has been and will continue to work on this issue.

Article 5 as amended: To see if the Town will vote to approve a sum of \$369,082.00 to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the Town for the ensuing year, to be divided as follows:

General Town expenses	\$170,382.00	Amount to be raised by taxes: \$129,306.81
Highway expenses	\$198,700.00	Amount to be raised by taxes: \$133,950.00

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.

Article 5, as 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

Diane Benware said the Secretary of State's office is offering, at no charge, a voter tabulating machine to Towns with 750 or more on the checklist. The machine would only be used for General Elections, as recommended by the Secretary of State. The Town may not use the tabulator without voter approval.

A non-binding show of hands indicated that the voters of the Town would be in favor of the tabulating machine.

Town Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

**March 6, 2007 – Polls opened at 10 AM and closed at 7 PM at the Leicester Town Hall.
Of the 706 registered voters – 275 cast votes.**

Article 1. To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year.

OFFICE	CANDIDATES	TERM	VOTES
Moderator	Jeffrey Wallin	1 year	240
Select board	Tom Barker	2 year	157
	Cecile Todd	2 year	106
Select board	Diane Benware	3 year	230
Lister	Harold Smith	3 year	211
Lister (to fill unexpired term)	John Hughes	1 year	227
Auditor	Carol Morrison	3 year	244
Tax Collector	Beth Swington Ripley	1 year	253
First Constable	Ron Fiske	1 year	222
Second Constable	Bill Dutton	1 year	222
Town Agent	John Quelch	1 year	236
Town Grand Juror	John Quelch	1 year	237

Article 2. Will voters approve \$10,000.00 to be placed in the Restricted Equipment Fund?

Yes 167 No 96.

Article 3. Will the Town vote an additional \$20,000.00 for road paving?

Yes 166 No 100.

Article 4. To approve or disapprove the following allocations from the General Fund. The total amount to be allocated is \$10,106.00.

Allocation	Amount	Yes	No
Addison County Community Action Group	\$1150.00	167	94
Addison County Home Health Care	1138.00	219	50
Addison County Parent/Child Center	1200.00	179	82
Addison County RSVP	285.00	179	80
Addison County Transit Resources (ACRT)	350.00	183	79
Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	1100.00	219	51
Counseling Service of Addison County	1050.00	171	88
Elderly Services, Inc.	500.00	226	44
Hospice Volunteer Services	250.00	219	47
John W. Graham Emergency Shelter	725.00	185	75
NeighborWorks	400.00	149	110
Open Door Clinic	300.00	183	79
Otter Creek Natural Resources	113.00	156	104
Vermont Adult Learning	450.00	171	88
VT Cares	350.00	155	101
VT Center for Independent Living	145.00	193	71
Women in Crisis - WomenSafe	600.00	197	67

Jeffrey Wallin, Moderator, called the Leicester Town School District Meeting to order at 8:55 PM

Article 1. To act upon the reports of the Town School District Officers. Article 1 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Article 2. To authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to meet the necessary expenses of the Leicester Town School District.

With no discussion, Article 2 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Article 3. To do any other business proper to be done when met. Articles 3 & 4 were reversed; Article 4 was taken up first.

Article 4. To see if the voters of the Leicester Town School District will approve the expenditure of Eight Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$8,400) for safety and security upgrades and enhancements to the Leicester Central School.

This system would include an intercom voice system for room to room conversation as well as a telephone voice mailbox for each teacher. There will be motion detection lighting, electro magnetic locks on the main entrance doors and an outside fire alarm system. At this time the board does not know if there will be an annual service contract, but the system should come with a warranty of some kind.

Article 4 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Article 3. To do any other business proper to be done when met. A motion was made and seconded to approve Article 3.

Connie Carroll spoke on the Otter Valley Budget and Bond Vote.

Discussion of Australian ballot items:

**Article 6: a. To elect a Town School Director for a term of three (3) years.
b. To elect a Town School Director for a term of two (2) years.**

Discussion on Article 7: Each board member reviewed their portion of the budget line by line, There are approximately 70 students at LCS this year.

The motion to adjourn was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Results of Australian Ballot Voting:

March 7, 2006 – Polls opened at 10 AM and closed at 7 PM at the Leicester Town Hall.
of 706 registered voters – 275 cast votes.

Article 6. To elect Town School Directors. Those elected:

OFFICE	CANADATE	TERM	VOTES
Town School Director	Lynn Brooks-Miner	2 years	238
Town School Director	Michelle Pierpont	3 years	233

Article 7. To see if the voters of the Leicester Town School District will appropriate the sum of One Million Six Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,006,700) necessary for the support of its school for the year beginning July 1, 2007. The amount of such sum to be raised by taxes to be offset by special education revenues, state aid and other incomes.

Results: YES – 129 NO – 116

NOTICE TO VOTERS

BEFORE ELECTION DAY

CHECKLIST POSTED:

By Saturday February 2, 2008 (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 27, 2008 (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 3, 2008. 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 23, 2008

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)

BROCHURES BY: LAURA CORO'S 4TH GRADE CLASS

Welcome To Leicester



Beautiful Trees In The Fall

Come to Leicester in the fall and see the colorful and beautiful leaves.

A Hiking Trail



This is a sign that shows the way to the Minnie Baker hiking trail.



The town of Leicester is a fun place to visit.

Lots of lakes
Exciting places
Interesting
Cool sports to play
EYou will enjoy
LEICESTER
See lots of differen
places
Terrific
Excellent Views
Riding horses on
back roads

Brookside Cemetery

Come and visit the
 Leicester cemetery to see
 your ancestors!

Living in Leicester

Facts about Leicester And What It's Like



Fern Lake

Come see its beauty to
either swim or fish.

All About Leicester

- Population 1,025 people in Leicester
- October 12, 1761 town was chartered.
- 14,33 acres

Major Attractions

- Dairy farms
- Blue Ledge Farm home of Vermont goat milk cheese
- Silver Lake
- Lake Dunmore
- Fern Lake
- Hiking
- Falls of Lana
- Tree farms

BULLOCK ROAD



Bullock Road was
the first road
chartered in
Leicester.



Lake Dunmore

Come visit Lake Dunmore.
You can take a boat on the
lake by the boat access.

Come And See The Sites Of Leicester



Come and see some great
historical sites in Leicester
such as the train trestle
over Otter Creek which
was built in 1896.

Leicester's Beauty



Silver Lake
Come and see the beautiful
views.

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 7:30 PM at the Town Office

SCHOOL BOARD

Second Wednesday each month at 7:00 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., Tues., Wed., 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Thurs., Fri., 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM or 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	Zoning Administrator,	247-5961
Robert Oliver, road commissioner	247-8864	Andrew Peterson	989-0014
Tom Barker	247-3160	Animal Control, Brian Webb	388-8382
John McDonough, road commissioner	247-6602	First Constable, Ron Fiske	247-4856
Mark Stacey	247-6861	Fire Warden, Ricky Nicklaw	247-8357
Road Foreman, Arlan Pidgeon	247-6361	Leicester Central School	247-8825

Website 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.

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TOWN MEETING

ON

Monday, March 3, 2008

At 7:30 p.m.