

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2008

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Town Meeting will be held on March 2, 2009 at 7:30 PM in the Essex Community Educational Center. Voting by Australian ballot will be held Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at the Essex Community Educational Center and the Essex Middle School, 58 Founders Road from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM.

DEDICATION

This Annual Report is dedicated to

**George “Ron” Clapp
January 5, 1942 – June 30, 2008**

Ron Clapp had a smile for everyone and for all occasions. Whether it was your first introduction to him or interaction during a meeting or a conversation, Ron exuded friendliness. Ron was born January 5, 1942 in Ottawa, Canada. He moved to upstate New York and graduated from Gouverneur High School in 1959. Ron earned an Associates Degree from Delhi Technical College, served 3 years in the U.S. Army and returned to college at Oswego State earning a BA in education. Ron worked full-time while earning a Master’s Degree from St. Lawrence. Ron and his family moved to Essex in 1970 where he enjoyed a successful 34-year career as a teacher, administrator and active volunteer member of the community.

As a founding member, Ron was a driving and sustaining force behind the Essex Historical Society. Many remember seeing Ron leading a class of elementary students from building to building in Essex Center identifying each historic structure and explaining its significance to the children. To know one’s history is to understand one’s culture; Ron played a significant role ensuring that concept was presented to his students and his town.

Past, present and future Essex generations have been smiled upon by the efforts of Ron Clapp to make the classroom, school administration and community of Essex better for his having been here. Thank you, Ron.

DEDICATION

This Annual Report is dedicated to

**James R. Provost
June 12, 1948 – July 28, 2008**

Jim was born in Burlington, raised in Winooski and graduated from Rice Memorial High School with the class of 1966. He served in the Vermont Army National Guard.

On April 20, 1968, Jim married Jacqueline Bushway. During his successful 40-year career with IBM, Jim and Jacqueline moved to Essex in 1977. Shortly thereafter, in 1980, Jim was appointed to the Essex Zoning Board of Adjustment serving in various leadership capabilities until 2008. Jim was Chair from 1989-92, Clerk from 1992-94, and Vice Chair from 1994-2008. As Chair, Jim lead the Zoning Board's implementation of the award-winning 1990 Town Plan and shared in the management of all subsequent updated plans.

Jim was dedicated to spending time with his family. However, his secret passion was driving his BMW Z3 sports car. Jim would enjoy a summer vacation day driving around Vermont with the top down.

Although a Yankee fan in Red Sox country, Jim would travel to Fenway with friends to watch Yankee/Sox games, which he thoroughly enjoyed.

Jim was a solid citizen, family man, employee and volunteer. Essex is a better community because of the leadership and involvement of Jim Provost.

SELECTBOARD

Alan Nye, Chair

Since last Town Meeting, in addition to conducting routine duties, the Selectboard has worked on a variety of issues and taken many actions. The following is a summary of some of those issues and actions.

- **Planning Issues** – The Selectboard accepted a new Open Space plan prepared under the direction of the Community Development office and in coordination with the Town’s Conservation Committee. The plan updates resource inventories and maps; identifies and documents development trends and associated impacts on the Town’s open space resources; and identifies priorities and strategies for resource conservation and open space protection.

Amendments to the Zoning and Subdivision regulations were adopted. The most significant amendment changed the way density bonuses are calculated. Now there is a direct benefit to the Town anytime density bonuses are granted and there is no automatic density bonus for congregate housing.

- **Transportation Issues** – The Route 15 Corridor study was completed, providing the Town and region with a strategic plan for vehicular and non-vehicular upgrades to the corridor from Winooski to the Jericho line. The Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization, in relation to the national 2010 Campaign for Active Transportation, identified the bike/pedestrian improvements contained in the plan as a high priority for the region. If approved by Congress, Chittenden County could receive up to \$50 million over several years for walking, biking and trails programs.

The Town was awarded a Park and Ride grant from VTrans in the amount of \$75,425 for the design and construction of a park and ride lot off VT2A near the landfill entrance road. The Town expects to design and construct the lot for less than the grant amount.

The Selectboard approved applying for a Transportation Action planning grant that would assist in developing guidelines for the equitable assessment of transportation impact fees; development of an improved curb cut policy and related fees, as well as a policy on excavation within the Town right of way; and optimization of street lighting in the Susie Wilson Road corridor.

- **Economic Development** – The Lake Champlain Chamber of Commerce and Greater Burlington Industrial Corporation prepared and presented the Selectboard with an analysis of the Town’s economic development assets and liabilities. In the future, the Selectboard plans to use the report as the basis for undertaking a comprehensive economic development study focused on strategies for creating a diversity of economic sectors in Essex.
- **Energy Issues** – The Selectboard turned the ad hoc Energy Task Force that was charged with conducting the compact fluorescent light campaign into a standing chartered committee. The committee is charged with tracking municipal energy use and recommending to the Selectboard targets and actions for decreasing energy use; researching and recommending to the Selectboard opportunities to utilize renewable energy sources and increase the efficient use of energy within Town operations; researching and recommending to the Selectboard funding options for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects; developing and

managing energy efficiency educational programs; and creating annual reports on energy projects and opportunities.

Utilizing 100% grants from Efficiency Vermont, the library, highway garage and Town offices were retrofitted with super-efficient fluorescent lights. The 100% grant saved the Town \$14,600 in fixture costs. It is estimated that the annual energy savings will equal 36,000 KWH, reducing electric bills by \$5,400.

- **Boards and Commissions** – With the departure of several long-standing committee members, the Selectboard had to fill many vacancies. The Selectboard was fortunate to have some current members volunteer to change hats; as well as to have new faces step-forward to serve the Town. As we head into the next year, most boards and commissions have a full compliment of volunteers.

To keep abreast of regional issues, the Selectboard held a meeting with representatives appointed/elected to regional boards and commissions. The session was very informative and the Selectboard plans to continue this practice annually.

As always, the Town would not be able to accomplish its many tasks without the dedicated service of dozens of volunteers. The Selectboard extends its gratitude to the many volunteers, staff and residents that contribute to making Essex the wonderful place that it is to live, work and play.

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

MODERATOR

Steve McQueen..... Expires 2009

**SELECTBOARD
(3-Year Terms)**

Alan L. Nye, Chair..... Expires 2009
Linda K. Myers, Vice Chair..... Expires 2011
Irene A. Wrenner, Clerk..... Expires 2010
Max G. Levy Expires 2010
David A. Rogerson..... Expires 2011

**CHAMPLAIN WATER DISTRICT COMMISSIONER
(3-Year Term)**

Bernard Lemieux Expires 2010

**JUSTICES OF THE PEACE
(2-Year Terms)**

Deborah Billado, 20 Maple Street, Essex Junction, VT 05452 879-4225
Robert Chaffee*, 7 Walnut Street, Essex Junction, VT 05452 878-4813
Diane Clemens*, 15 Williams Street, Essex Junction, VT 05452 878-3536
George Costello, 5 Williams Street, Essex Junction, VT 05452 878-5481
Linda Costello, 5 Williams Street, Essex Junction, VT 05452 878-5481
Bernard Couture, 9 Redwood Terrace, Essex Junction, VT 05452 879-7332
Debbie Evans*, 53 Greenfield Road, Essex Junction, VT 05452 878-4317
Mary Gauthier*, 50 West Street, Essex Junction, VT 05452 878-4093
Dawn Hill-Fleury*, 108 Center Road, Essex Junction, VT 05452 878-7622
Thomas E. James*, 370 Old Stage Road, Essex Junction, VT 05452 879-1247
Tim Jerman*, 41 South Hill Drive, Essex Junction, VT 05452 878-2972
John Lajza, 14 South Hill Drive, Essex Junction, VT 05452 878-2678
Steve McQueen*, 11 Saybrook Road, Essex Junction, VT 05452 879-5357
Linda K. Myers*, 51 Forest Road, Essex Junction, VT 05452 878-3514
Linda Waite-Simpson*, 76 Beech Street, Essex Junction, VT 05452 872-0499

*Performs marriages and civil union ceremonies

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

**CEMETERY COMMISSION
(3-Year Terms)**

Jody Landon.....	Expires 2009
Ron Weston.....	Expires 2009
Sam Kinghorn.....	Expires 2010
Susan Pringle.....	Expires 2011
Gary Tomlinson.....	Expires 2011

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
(3-Year Terms)**

Robert Paroline.....	Expires 2009
John Diego.....	Expires 2010
Alex John.....	Expires 2011
June Campbell.....	Expires 2011
Warren Mills.....	Expires 2011

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
(3-Year Terms)**

Greg Morgan, Chair.....	Expires 2009
Jerry Firkey.....	Expires 2009
Elizabeth Poulin.....	Expires 2010
Robert Levine.....	Expires 2010
Vacancy.....	Expires 2011

**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
(3-Year Terms)**

Deborah Evans, Chair.....	Expires 2009
Janet Watts.....	Expires 2009
Scott Moore.....	Expires 2009
Bonnie Doble.....	Expires 2010
Patricia Schmitz.....	Expires 2010
Elizabeth White.....	Expires 2010
Joe Casazza.....	Expires 2011

**MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE
(3-Year Terms)**

Jan Ellis-Clements.....	Expires 2009
Patrick Scheidel.....	Expires 2010
Kerry Winger.....	Expires 2011
Patrick Bradley.....	Expires 2011
Richard Somerset.....	Expires 2011
Irene Wrenner.....	Expires 2011
Vacancy.....	Expires 2011

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
(3-Year Terms)**

Michael Plageman.....	Expires 2009
Edith Klimoski.....	Expires 2010
Justin Martin.....	Expires 2010
Paul Bruso.....	Expires 2011
Hubert Norton.....	Expires 2011

**PLANNING COMMISSION
(4-Year Terms)**

David Raphael, Clerk.....	Expires 2009
Dustin Bruso, Vice Chair.....	Expires 2009
Hugh Sweeney.....	Expires 2010
Mark Marsh.....	Expires 2010
Susan Marks.....	Expires 2011
Jim Rose, Chair.....	Expires 2011
Adam Zahniser.....	Expires 2011

**TRAILS COMMITTEE
(3-Year Terms)**

Dana Baron.....	Expires 2009
Robert Erickson.....	Expires 2009
Hobart Heath.....	Expires 2010
Ed Ziemer.....	Expires 2011
Greg Cluver.....	Expires 2011

**ENERGY TASK FORCE
(3-Year Terms)**

Andy Watts, Chair.....	Expires 2009
Dan Mellinger.....	Expires 2009
Genie Christiansen.....	Expires 2009
Linda Chiasson.....	Expires 2010
Glenn Fay.....	Expires 2010
Thomas Tailer.....	Expires 2011
Michael Bleau.....	Expires 2011
Irene A. Wrenner, Ex Officio.....	No Expiration

OTHER APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Champlain Water District Alternate.....	Ruth Taylor
Channel 17/Town Television Representative.....	Todd Odit
Channel 17/Town Television Alternate Representative.....	Thomas E. James
Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission.....	Irene Wrenner
CCRPC 1 st Alternate.....	David Rogerson
CCRPC 2 nd Alternate.....	Jeffrey B. Carr
Chittenden County Transportation Authority Representative.....	Dan Maxon & Marti Power-Keyes
Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization Representative.....	Jeffrey B. Carr
Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization Alternate.....	Max Levy

2nd Alternate Irene Wrenner
 CCMPO Technical Advisory CommitteeDennis Lutz
 CCMPO Technical Advisory Committee Alternate Jeffrey B. Carr
 Chittenden Solid Waste District Representative Alan Nye
 Chittenden Solid Waste District AlternateMax Levy
 Constable Edward Von Sitas
 Fire Warden Larry Ransom
 Grand JurorJerry Firkey
 Health Officers.....Jerry Firkey and Ken Stratton
 Town Service Officer.....Jerry Firkey
 Town Tree Warden & Forester Charles Vile
 Winooski Valley Park District Mark Berry
 Tri-Town Sewer Committee John Bartlett & Dennis Lutz

APPOINTED FULL-TIME STAFF

ASSESSOR

Randy Viens, Assessor
Terri Sabens, Clerk

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Dana Farley, Director
Sharon Kelley, Zoning Administrator
Katherine Sonnicks, Planner
Shannon Lunderville, GIS Coordinator
Cherie McCabe, Secretary/Payroll Clerk

FINANCE

Douglas Fisher, Finance Director
Shirley FitzGerald, Water/Sewer Clerk
Carolyn Gauthier, Bookkeeper

LIBRARY

Susan Overfield, Library Director
Cassie Germain, Outreach Librarian
Sherry Somerset, Assistant Librarian
Peg Wygmans, Technical Services

PARKS & RECREATION

Mark Berry, Parks & Recreation Director
Allison Vile, Rec. Program Coordinator
Andrea Leo, Secretary
Ken Booker, Parks Maintenance Foreman

POLICE

Leo Nadeau, Chief
Bradley LaRose, Captain
Bob LaGrow, Support Services
Kenneth Beaulieu, Lieutenant
Rick Garey, Lieutenant
Robin Hollwedel, Lieutenant
George Murtie, Lieutenant
Doug Babcock, Sergeant
Robert Estes, Sergeant
Robert Kissinger, Sergeant
Christina Ashley, Corporal
Todd McCabe, Corporal
Nicholas Merritt, Corporal
Kurt Miglinas, Corporal
Ed Piro, Corporal
Michael Wootton, Corporal

POLICE (Continued)

Linda Carey, Patrol Officer
Paul Courtois, Patrol Officer
Morgan Dayvie, Patrol Officer
John Dunn, Patrol Officer
Robert Hall, Patrol Officer
Damir Karadza, Patrol Officer
Diana Miranowicz, Patrol Officer
Genevieve Paul, Patrol Officer
John Ruttenberg, Patrol Officer
Jesse Sawyer, Patrol Officer
Howard Alden, Dispatcher
Karen Hulbert, Dispatcher
Raymond LaCroix, Dispatcher
Peggy McCabe, Dispatcher
Sherry Shadroy, Records

TOWN CLERK

Cheryl Moomey, Clerk/Treasurer
Mary Melnick, Assistant Clerk
Jennifer Rock, Assistant Clerk

TOWN MANAGER

Patrick C. Scheidel, Town Manager
Todd Odit, Assistant Town Manager
Rick Garey, MIS Director
Ann Myers, Personnel Asst./Secretary

PUBLIC WORKS

Dennis Lutz, Town Engineer/PW Director
Aaron Martin, Asst. Eng./Utilities Director
Chris Stoddard, Secretary
Loren Ward, PW Superintendent
Jerry Lesage, Mechanic
Eric Barkyoub, Highway Maintenance
Peter Daigle, Highway Maintenance
Robert Miller, Highway Maintenance
John Price, Highway Maintenance
Dan Roberge, Highway Maintenance
Brian Roy, Highway Maintenance
Darcy Spence, Highway Maintenance
Joseph Tourville, Highway Maintenance
Robert Whitten, Water & Sewer Foreman
Thomas Martin, Water & Sewer
Ernest Oakes, Water & Sewer

TOWN INFORMATION

The Town of Essex is governed by the Council-Manager form of government. It has a five member nonpartisan Selectboard which is elected at large and is responsible for determining Town policy. The Chief Executive Officer is the Town Manager who is appointed by the Selectboard and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Town. All residents, whether they live inside or outside the Village of Essex Junction, are residents of the Town and have the right to participate in Town activities, including the election of Town officials. There are several committees appointed by the Selectboard and all residents are encouraged to apply. Appointments are effective July 1, although vacancies sometimes occur during the year. **If you are interested in serving on a Town Committee, please write a letter of interest to: Town Manager, 81 Main Street, Essex Junction, VT 05452 or call 878-1341.** You may also fax us at 878-1353, e-mail us at manager@essex.org or use our Web page www.essex.org.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 2, 2009Town Meeting – 7:30 PM
 March 3, 2009 – Voting by Australian Ballot..... Polls Open – 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM
 March 16, 20092nd half of property taxes due
 September 15, 2009 1st half of property taxes due
 March 15, 20102nd half of property taxes due
 April 1, 2009Dog licenses due

GENERAL INFORMATION

Population 19,765
 Registered Voters 14,722
 Total Area 36 square miles
 Date of Charter..... June 7, 1763
 2008 Grand List \$22,748,322

	Residential	Non-Residential
Town General Tax Rate	.2989	.2989
Education Rate	1.3571	1.3292
Town Capital	.0200	.0200
Town Highway	.0800	.0800
Local Agreement Rate	.0023	.0023
Total Town Tax Rate	1.7583	1.7304

MEETINGS

Selectboard..... 1st and 3rd Monday (and as required) – 7:30 PM
 Planning Commission 2nd and 4th Thursday – 6:30 PM
 Zoning Board of Adjustment 1st Thursday – 7:00 PM
 Conservation Committee 2nd Tuesday – 7:00 PM
 Trails Committee 2nd Tuesday – 7:00 PM
 Economic Development Commission..... 3rd Thursday – Noon
 Library Board of Trustees As required
 Energy Committee 1st and 3rd Tuesday—6:30 PM

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

7:30 AM to 4:30 PM
 Monday through Friday

STATE INFORMATION

U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

U.S. Senator Patrick J. Leahy (D)

Washington Office: 433 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-4502(202) 224-4242
Burlington Office: Court House Plaza, 199 Main Street, Burlington, VT 05401(802) 863-2525

U.S. Senator Bernard Sanders (I)

Washington Office: 332 Dirksen Building, Washington, DC 20510.....(202) 224-5141
Vermont Address: 1 Church Street, Burlington, VT 05401(802) 862-0697

Congressman Peter Welch (D)

Washington Office: 1404 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20510(202) 225-4115
Burlington Office: 30 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Suite 350, Burlington, VT 05401(888) 605-7270
.....(802) 652-2450

VERMONT STATE GOVERNMENT

Governor Jim Douglas (R)

109 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05609(802) 828-3333

Lieutenant Governor Brian Dubie (R)

115 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633-5401(802) 828-2226

SENATORS

Tim Ashe (D/P), 62 Ward Street, Burlington, VT 05401(802) 318-0903
Ed Flanagan (D), 131 Main Street, #702, Burlington, VT 05401(802) 862-3203
Virginia Lyons (D), 14 Elsom Parkway, South Burlington, VT 05403(802) 863-6129
Hinda Miller (D), 84 DeForest Heights, Burlington, VT 05401(802) 862-7008
Douglas Racine (D), 909 West White Hill Road, Richmond, VT 05477(802) 434-2013
Diane Snelling (R), 304 Piette Road, Hinesburg, VT 05461(802) 482-4382

REPRESENTATIVES

Debbie Evans (D) (District 6-1), 53 Greenfield Road, Essex Junction, VT 05452(802) 878-4317
Martha Heath (D), (District 6-3) 343 Rollin Irish Rd.,
RR 1, Box 1383, Westford, VT 05494(802) 893-1291
Tim Jerman (D) (District 6-2), 41 South Hill Drive, Essex Junction, VT 05452(802) 878-2972
Linda K. Myers (R) (District 6-1), 51 Forest Road, Essex Junction, VT 05452(802) 878-3514
Linda Waite-Simpson (D), 76 Beech Street, Essex Junction, VT 05452.....(802) 872-0499

VOTING DISTRICT DESCRIPTIONS

To determine your voting district, use the following list as a guide.

DISTRICT 6-1

Linda Myers and Debbie Evans – Representatives

All of the Town (excluding Districts 6-2 and 6-3)

DISTRICT 6-2

Peter Hunt and Tim Jerman – Representatives

All of the Village of Essex Junction

DISTRICT 6-3

Martha Heath – Representative

All roads north of the following boundaries:

Jericho Road – North Side (250-258)

Weed Road – North Side (Even numbers)

Brown's River Road/Route 128 – North side (Even numbers, 2-130, then all numbers)

Towers Road – North side (Odd numbers)

Towers Road Extension – (All numbers)

Old Stage Road – West side (Even numbers 14-140 and then all numbers)

Lost Nation Road – North side (odd numbers)

POLL LOCATIONS

For Town-wide issues, the polling place for District 6-2 voters is the Essex Community Educational Center.

The polling place for Districts 6-1 and 6-3 is the Essex Middle School located on Founders Road.

REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL
Randy Viens, Assessor

The Department of Real Estate Appraisal's mission is to provide a legal and fair basis for the taxation of real property as required by the Essex Charter and Vermont Statutes and to furnish to others, access and explanations of the information gathered by the department in the course of performing its required duties. Due to the nature and ramifications of property assessment, public relations are a very important aspect of this office. Open communication is essential in order to give the public the awareness and understanding of our duties and responsibilities. In addition, the office administers Farm and Open Land tax stabilization contracts, the State Land Use Program and provides statistical reports to other departments and governmental units as well as assisting the tax department in performing the annual equalization process. We receive from the tax department, year-round, weekly download information for the administration of the Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment claims.

We will continue to monitor physical changes in properties via zoning permits, land subdivisions, etc. on an annual basis in order to maintain as accurate a grand list as possible. Also, we are reviewing all of our records, file by file, to check for data accuracy and to correct any inaccuracies we find as best we can on all properties. Maintaining property changes aids in keeping fairness in property values, therefore, fairness in property taxation, as well as helping to stabilize tax rates as much as possible.

Remember, if you still have questions or would like to review your property record card for accuracy, you are welcome to visit our office at 81 Main Street between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Please Remember

All Vermont resident homeowners who own and occupy property as their principal home on April 1, regardless of property tax adjustment eligibility, must declare the property as a homestead every year by filing Form HS-122 with the Vermont Department of Taxes.

If Form HS-122 is not filed, you will not be eligible to receive a property tax adjustment (income sensitivity payment) deducted from your property tax bill. Also, there are no date extensions for the HS-122. If you file an extension for your income tax, it does not apply to the homestead declaration.

The 2008 State Equalization reports have been received. These reports, based on sale ratios (assessed values divided by selling prices), indicate an overall ratio for property in the Town School District of 98.25% and a ratio of 98.47% in the Essex Junction School District.

Please feel free to call the Assessor's Office anytime with questions regarding property assessment or the Homestead Declaration process at 878-1345.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Dana H. Farley, Community Development Director

This report summarizes the highlights of the Community Development Department's efforts and initiatives in 2008.

Amendments to Zoning and Subdivision Bylaws – Two rounds of zoning and subdivision bylaw amendments occupied the staff's and Planning Commission's time during 2008. The first round was completed in March and included significant revisions to the residential phasing policy. The bylaws were also reorganized to become more user-friendly and riparian buffer zone regulations were added. Amendments later in the year included revisions to residential density bonus policies and minor changes not captured in the earlier round.

Transportation – A comprehensive Route 15 Corridor Study, coordinated by the Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization, with consultants BFJ Planning and RSG, Inc. was completed. The study included recommendations to optimize traffic flow, including along the feeder routes, and to improve corridor aesthetics, vehicular safety, public transit services, and pedestrian/bicycle connections.

Open Space Plan – Coordinated by staff and the Conservation Committee, the open space planning process was completed in April. The plan includes an analysis of growth and development trends in Essex, along with an updated natural resources inventory. Two community forums were conducted; one to discuss conservation priorities and another to discuss implementation strategies. The Conservation Committee began work on priority implementation tasks.

Customer Service - The Community Development Department was fully staffed for most of the year, which ensured a good delivery of services to the public. Community Development Director Dana Farley and Planner Katherine Sonnick completed their second year on staff. Department secretary Sharon Kelley was hired as the Zoning Administrator and Cherie McCabe joined the department from Parks and Recreation.

Special Projects - Staff performed its usual duties of assisting developers and the public through the review process, as well as providing technical assistance to the Planning Commission, the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Conservation Committee. A total reorganization of the department filing system got underway. GIS Coordinator Shannon Lunderville continued to work with the Department of Public Works on mapping issues related to impervious surfaces and stormwater management.

Development and Permitting – Development review and permitting activity remained steady, with an emphasis on commercial projects. Some of the notable approved projects are listed below and a summary of zoning and subdivision activity is provided in the chart.

- Leo & Theresa Gauthier & Tom Sheppard – 7,680 sq. ft. building and warehouse, 41 Gauthier Drive
- State of Vermont – 3,000 sq. ft. addition within IBM building, 30 Allen Martin Drive
- Lang Family, LLC – addition of a banquet hall, 43 Upper Main Street
- Marcel LeClair – additional storage building, 220 Colchester Road
- Brad Prior & Soraya Reina – 7-lot residential subdivision, 25 Jericho Road
- Gershman Brown New England 2, LLC – 13,342 sq. ft. commercial building, 7 Essex Way (CVS Pharmacy)
- Town Meadow LLC – 23,070 sq. ft. commercial building, 21 Carmichael Street

Community Development Services Report

Discretionary Review Activity	Calendar Year						
	2007			2008			
Zoning Board of Adjustment Conditional Use/Amendment Variance Unspecified Use							
	4			4			
	2			2			
	1			0			
Planning Commission Subdivision..... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conceptual • Sketch Plan/Extension • Preliminary • Final Plan/Plan Amendment • Boundary Adjustment • Simple Parcel Split • Reconsideration • Appeal Project Review..... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site Plan • Site Plan Amendment 							
	5/3			1			
	3			7			
	7			2			
	7			6/2			
	1			1			
	1			1			
	1			1			
	3			5			
	17			18			
Total Discretionary Activity		53			47		
Zoning Permit Applications Received	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
Accessory Apartment	0	2	1	2	7	2	
Condo/Townhouse	10	55	98	5	7	4	
Congregate Housing	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Home Occupation	4	4	3	9	4	3	
Miscellaneous Permit	6	5	11	4	5	0	
Mobile Home	1	0	0	0	0	0	
New Agricultural Building (add/alt)	0	0	1	1	0	0	
New Commercial/Industrial Building (add/alt)	17	14	15	17	11	25	
Residential (add/alt)	106	116	84	107	71	72	
Residential Garage	11	10	7	14	7	6	
Residential Storage Building	24	9	15	14	17	14	
Sign Permit	13	15	15	18	11	14	
Single-Family Home	19	24	9	6	15	7	
Swimming Pool	8	14	8	5	3	3	
Rebuild/Replace Single-Family/Mobile Home	2	1	3	2	1	1	
Renewal of Permit	4	3	3	1	2	3	
Use/Change in Use/Temp Use	10	5	6	16	7	7	
Septic	38	33	29	26	19	0	
Subtotal, Permits Issued	273	310	308	247	188	161	
Permits Denied	1	0	0	1	1	0	
Applications Withdrawn/Voided	1	0	0	1	0	1	
Total Zoning Permit Activity	275	310	308	249	189	162	

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Robert Paroline, Chair

The Conservation Committee's mission is to inventory and study the natural, historic, educational, cultural, scientific, architectural, or archaeological resources of the Town in which the public has an interest. The Committee also advises the Selectboard and Planning Commission on matters relating to local natural resources and conservation needs, development applications and acquisition of lands involving the above resources.

We thank Ben Suratt and Geoff Glaspie for their many years of service to the Conservation Committee. Welcome to our new members Alex John, June Campbell and Warren Mills.

Our efforts this year focused on completing two major tasks: writing the Essex Riparian Buffer Regulations and updating the Open Space Plan. In the fall of 2006, Essex was awarded a State grant for \$15,000 which we used to pay Arrowwood Environmental, LLC, to gather data and write the Essex 2008 Open Space Plan. To view the 2008 Open Space Plan, visit the Essex website, www.essex.org, under the Conservation Committee link. In April, we held our second Public Forum, asking the participants what they thought the Committee's priorities should be. The highest priorities were to protect Essex's green space and scenic resources. The participants suggested a conservation fund as a financial option for accomplishing these goals. The Committee spent many meetings discussing how best to establish this fund and will continue to address how best to do so in 2009. At this writing, the Committee is considering bringing this decision to the Town voters.

Other accomplishments include:

- Reviewed and commented on development applications in light of protecting our resources and open space.
- Established a partnership with the Friends of the Winooski River to plan projects to protect our rivers and streams.
- Coordinated a second Photo Contest that engaged the community in conservation awareness.
- Conducted a Green-Up Day at Saxon Park.
- Met with Bob Linck from the Vermont Land Trust to discuss logistics of setting up a conservation fund and the benefits of becoming a Commission.

Looking into the future, we are committed to working with our partners on establishing rain gardens at the Essex High School and the Essex Outlets. We are planning to set up workshops in the spring of 2009 to build and train residents in the use of rain barrels. In light of the recent Vermont Supreme Court ruling in JAM Golf, LLC, our Committee will be taking an active role in clearly defining the protection of Essex's wildlife habitat scenic views. The 2009 goals include:

- Review and comment on development applications
- Establish a conservation fund to protect our Open Space and natural resources

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Greg Morgan, Chair

Economic development highlights from the past year include:

- The Economic Development Commission began a process to review and identify the Essex brand. The Commission determined that Essex's urban/rural setting and diverse skilled workforce were unique qualities that set Essex apart from other Vermont towns. The Commission plans on continuing its branding work and potentially dovetailing the effort with future studies.
- The Lake Champlain Chamber of Commerce and Greater Burlington Industrial Corporation prepared and provided the Town a review of economic development assets and liabilities as Phase I of a proposed larger initiative to diversify the Town's economic base. This process can be informed by the Commission's effort to develop the Essex brand.
- Researching and recommending to the Selectboard the establishment of a Development Review Board in lieu of the current Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment system for development review. A Development Review Board assumes development review authority, which frees the Planning Commission to focus on planning issues, and bylaw and Town Plan amendments.

The commission is pleased to report that several businesses have chosen to locate or expand their business in our Town:

- Planet Fitness, a national fitness club, opened a franchise in the Pinewood Manor shopping center on River Road.
- The Inn at Essex constructed a fishing pond and broke ground on a health spa. Both of which will add to the Inn's guest offerings.
- Northern Lights Challenge and Leadership Institute at The Inn at Essex opened, offering team development and adventure services. Northern Lights features zip lines, rock and ice climbing walls and low and high challenge courses.
- Biben's Ace Hardware opened in the Essex Shoppe's and Cinema area.
- Revision Eyewear, a leader in ballistics eyewear, added a manufacturing facility to its Essex location in the Saxon Hill Technology Park.
- Autumn Harp submitted plans to expand their location in the Saxon Hill Technology Park.

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Andy Watts, Chair

The Energy Task Force (ETF) was transformed into the Energy Committee (EC) as of July 1, 2008.

At the start of the calendar year, ETF members continued the SmartSwap campaign begun in October 2007. They encouraged residents to save energy and money by replacing incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) in their homes and businesses. (As of November 30, 2008, stores in Essex have sold 38,300 CFLs since the start of the SmartSwap campaign.) Reducing community demand for electricity will help postpone the need for new power lines, saving ratepayers additional money.

Eight ETF members, plus a rep from Efficiency Vermont, met bimonthly to brainstorm ways to persuade citizens to replace light bulbs. To reach different age groups, they ventured into a variety of venues:

- A Lunch Bunch speaker at Maple St. Park informed seniors.
- Their signature Bust-a-Bulb events (outdoors in March, then indoors in May/June) targeted teens.
- The Sustainability Fair at Memorial Hall featured music for toddlers, info and refreshments for all.
- The Town and Village Annual Meetings, WOKO Flea Market, and the Memorial Day Parade provided opportunities to interact with large numbers of people.
- The CFL-giveaway at the Food Pantry at the First Congregational Church benefited its clientele.

To save taxpayer dollars, members of the ETF solicited help in funding public outreach. Monies from Efficiency Vermont paid for a series of “SmartSwapper of the Week” ads in the Essex Reporter, featuring residents and business owners who’ve saved money with CFLs. Several local merchants provided food for the Sustainability Fair and the “Button-Up Vermont!” workshop (mentioned below). Other businesses underwrote booth-rental so that all proceeds (\$656) from the indoor Bust-a-Bulb event could go toward helping a low-income family heat sustainably this winter.

As their six-month CFL campaign ended, members wondered, “What Next?” and initiated a Listening Tour to meet the energy-conservation experts and learn about energy-saving projects, issues, and grants:

Paul Markowitz, VECAN (Vermont Energy & Climate Action Network) and Deb Sachs, 10% Challenge	Scott Harrington and Jeremy King, Vermont Gas
Clare Innes, Marketing & Communications Coordinator, CSWD	Dotty Schnure and Mary Morris, Green Mountain Power
Karen Knaebel, Mercury Education & Reduction Coordinator, Vt. Dept. of Environmental Conservation	Heidi Conant, Project Porchlight Vermont

By mid-summer, the ETF had two new appointees, a new name, and a new charter from the Selectboard. EC members still promote CFLs, update their website, and maintain the sign at town hall, tracking CFL purchases in Essex. But their focus has broadened. They secured a \$250 energy-efficiency award for the Parks & Recreation Department’s new sprayground. Members partnered with the Center for Technology in October to host a “Button Up Vermont!” workshop, providing tips for saving energy on home heating.

They collaborate with EHS student groups to support and learn from each other as well as to prevent redundant efforts. Members regularly attend conferences and approach town hall with energy-saving ideas. They continue to reach out to encourage conservation, efficiency, and conversion to renewable sources of energy. Contact the EC via SmartSwap@essex.org or visit www.SmartSwap.org.

ESSEX COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Ann Gray, President

The Essex Community Historical Society wishes to share with you our activities and accomplishments for the past fiscal year, 2007-08.

The Society, along with the Essex Parks and Recreation Department, sponsored a Sing-A-Long and Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in December. Those attending enjoyed sweet treats provided by the Girl Scouts after the lighting ceremony.

In May, the Historical Society hosted an Essex Business and Professional Association mixer at the Harriet Farnsworth Powell Museum. Board members were present to answer questions and give tours to the EBPA members attending. The Museum was open on Thursday evening and Sunday afternoon during the summer and early fall months. The 2008 season saw a seventy nine percent (79%) increase in visitors to the Museum.

At the grand opening of the Museum in June, a photo and plaque honoring former Board member, Alicia Shanks, was dedicated.

The theme for the 2008 Vermont History Expo held at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds in June was "Industry and Innovation: Vermont Industry." Our exhibit traced the history of Drury Brickyard and the innovations that were used in this Essex industry. A scaled-down version of the Expo exhibit was on display at the Essex Junction Block Party in July.

The water tower at Fort Ethan Allen was open on two occasions, once in May and again in September. This event continues to be a popular in the community.

Board member Laurie Jordan has created displays at the Essex Post Office.

The featured speaker at our 18th annual meeting held in October was John Duby who showed photos and shared his memories of attending the Essex Classical Institute.

Thanks to Board members Sherry Norton and Polly McEwing, considerable progress has been made in cataloging the Museum collection.

Work continues on the renovation of the 1805 School House located on the Essex Commons. Thanks to Hubie Norton and his work crew for their perseverance in completing this project.

In June, the Society lost one of its most dedicated members. George "Ron" Clapp was a charter and life member of the Society and served on the Board including three non-consecutive terms as President. Ron was committed to the Society's mission of preserving Essex's history for the community. His memory will live on in the Museum collection and the continuation of the elementary school class tours he so much enjoyed hosting.

The Essex Community Historical Society would like to thank the Town of Essex, the Village of Essex Junction, the Town and Village Recreation departments, the Essex Free Library, the Brownell Library, our membership, and the community at large for all of their support and encouragement throughout the year.

ESSEX FIRE DEPARTMENT
Charles J. Cole, I, Fire Chief

The Essex Fire Department celebrated its 35th year of volunteer service to the Town of Essex this past year, and answered a total of 685 calls with a total of 33 members. I commend the men and women of the department for their service to this community, and to their families for supporting them and allowing them to serve. I also recognize the members of the Essex Junction Fire Department who respond with us every day to ensure that we are providing the safest and most professional service possible to this community.

A special note of thanks goes to our Essex Police Dispatchers who are the cornerstone of each and every emergency. Your 911 calls are quickly answered at the 911 Center and then transferred to an Essex Police Dispatcher who juggles Essex Police, Essex Rescue, Essex, Essex Junction, Westford, and Williston fire departments, and both highway departments – an enormous responsibility that is handled with skill, confidence, and professionalism.

The Fire Department, like all town departments, has worked hard to keep our proposed budget increase to a minimum. There are no new programs or large item purchases sought so that we can remain as fiscally responsible to the community as possible. The increases requested are due to increases in fixed service items that we must maintain in order to continue the same level of readiness to the community. Items such as the costs for vehicle maintenance, personal protective gear replacement, and mandatory inspection tests have increased in the past twelve months.

In addition to answering emergency calls for service, we continue to increase our community outreach in a variety of ways. We conduct fire prevention programs at area daycare centers and town schools. We have begun accompanying the State Fire Marshal to building inspections throughout the community and we are currently hosting the Vermont Fire Academy's Firefighter I course for area firefighters. We have also seen a very positive increase in our work with the Community Development Office in our efforts to provide safety suggestions for the various projects presented. Our goal is to maintain the highest level of safety possible.

In September, we took delivery of a new Rescue Pumper truck that replaced our former Pierce Engine 1. The new truck, which was manufactured by the Kovatch Mobile Equipment Company of Nesquehoning, PA, culminates approximately 18 months of planning. The most significant aspect is that this truck is an identical twin to the new Rescue Pumper truck that the Essex Junction Fire Department received. Together, the two departments collaborated to publish a single specification document (Bid Spec.) that was designed around the job requirements we needed these trucks to perform, and for the specific equipment that they carry. The result is two identical trucks that carry a full complement of structural firefighting equipment plus specialized rescue equipment for use at motor vehicle crashes or similar emergencies. I acknowledge the tireless efforts of Essex Firefighters Dave Sheeran, Tom Richards, and Dan Hill; and Essex Junction Firefighters Tim Wear, Robert O'Neill, and Greg Leech. This group spent several hundred hours researching the latest technologies, safety requirements, and design ideas to create two truly state-of-the-art trucks.

For anyone who surfs the web please check out our new website at www.essexfire.com. The new site has many new features including consumer product recalls; call statistics, photographs, and a membership roster. Anyone interested in helping their community by serving as a member, we would love to meet

you. Please download an application online and come by the firehouse on Monday evenings or speak with any member you know.

If you have questions about anything related to the fire department, please feel free to contact me at essexfirechief@essexfire.com. On behalf of the men and women of the Essex Fire Department, we thank you for your continued support.

2008 OFFICERS

Deputy Chief Al Foice	Fire Chief Charles J. Cole Asst Chief Phil Noyes, Jr. Captain Curtis Pollard	Captain Greg Conner
Lieutenant Michael DePaul Lorrie Noyes, Safety Officer Larry Ransom, Safety Officer	Lieutenant Eric Lemire Thomas Richards, Comm. Officer	Lieutenant Sean Soper Dan Hill, Fire Prev. Officer Thomas Richards, Safety Off.

MEMBERS

Jessica Baker Clay Britch Matt Cohen Greg Conner, EMT Jeffrey T. Conner Tim Francis, EMT George Henry, EMT Dan Hill John Jacob, EMT Robert Koziol	Kent Koptiuch, EMT Sherb Lang, EMT Eric Lemire Katrina Lemire, EMT Patrick Lucas, EMT Sara Matthews Cory Noyes Curtis Pollard, EMT Larry Ransom, EMT William Reams	Michael Restucci Dave Sheeran, EMT Clayton Snelling, EMT Sean Soper, EMT Michael Sweeney Matthew Veilleux Michael Veilleux Austin Whitaker Jason Ziter, EMT Barb Forsythe, Adm. Asst.
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CADETS

Andrew Cole	Jenna Noyes	Kate Roberge
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ESSEX FREE LIBRARY
Susan L. Overfield, Head Librarian

*“Books are the plane, and the train, and the road.
They are the destination, and they are the journey.
They are home.”*

Anna Quindlen

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS-- For this year, 10 and 20 years ago:

	Number of Titles	Total Circulation	AV+ Titles	AV+ Circulation	ILL* to Others	ILL* From Others
2008	31,806	128,310	4,193	33,968	1,599	300
1998	16,393	73,051	562	4,043	454	323
1988	6,288	16,132	196	2,853	0	1853+

**ILL is short for Inter-Library Loan. “From Others” indicates titles requested for Essex patrons from other libraries. “To Others” are titles loaned to other libraries for use by their patrons.*

+The collection was supplemented with titles borrowed from the Northwest Regional Library in Georgia for a number of years before the library moved to its larger space in 1989.

Contact the library any time at essexfreelibrary@essex.org or by phone at 879-0313.

HOURS

Monday, Wednesday and Friday	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday	10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The library follows the Town of Essex holiday schedule with the following exceptions:

CLOSED the Saturdays of Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. Service is also curtailed the first weekend of June for the annual Book, Bake and Plant Sale and the first weekend of November for the Cozy Book Craft Fair.

WEB BASE ACCESS:

THE LIBRARY CATALOG can be viewed at home by Googling “Essex Free Library” and clicking the “catalog link” in the upper right-hand corner. Patrons can determine if items are in the library collection and whether or not they are available. Call or email the library to have items reserved for you.

VOL – Vermont On Line is a partnership this library has with many other Vermont public libraries as well as the Vermont Department of Libraries to provide access to a wide variety of Gale databases, including Info Trac, magazine and newspaper articles, and health and wellness sites. Many of the articles are in full text and may be printed either at the library or at home. There are colorful brochures describing these databases available at the Library. To access the site from home:

1. Connect to the Town of Essex web site at www.essex.org
2. Pick the Essex Free Library on the left-hand menu (seventh from the bottom).
3. Find the VOL link at the bottom of the opening page under “related links.”
4. Call the library for the current password as these do change periodically.

LISTEN UP VERMONT – Is a new consortium of Vermont libraries created to provide access to downloadable audio books for the State’s many commuters. The link to this site is at the top of the library’s opening page. Use the barcode on your library card as your password.

LIBRARY SERVICES

1. **Materials Available** – The library circulates books, periodicals, audio books both as cassettes and CDs, musical CDs, videos, DVDs, puzzles and children’s book/tape/CD kits. The library also has a growing collection of foreign language materials for children and adults in a variety of formats. The Library Trustees have begun adding new sets each year of the Teaching Company lectures on CD and DVD.
2. **Phone Services** – Save yourself a trip (and conserve gas) by calling the library to renew books, initiate Inter-Library Loan searches, register for programs and ask quick reference questions. Always call if you have a question about an overdue book or bill notice. Messages can also be left on the answering machine after hours.
3. **HEMOCARD Privileges** – Essex residents have access to all Chittenden County libraries (with the exception of the Fletcher Free Library in Burlington) when they show their valid library card. Green patron cards expired at the end of 2008 and are being updated as patrons visit the library.
4. **Copier** – The copier is available for public use for a fee of 10 cents per page.
5. **Meeting Space** – Small, not-for-profit groups of up to 12 people may use the activity room when there are no library programs scheduled. Please call to reserve the space in advance. Students wishing to study as a group may ask to use this space if it is available.
6. **Inter-Library Loan** – The library happily tries to locate titles that are not owned in this collection. Libraries throughout the State cooperate to share their holdings. Out-of-state requests are facilitated, but may have fees charged by the lending library and the wait is often lengthy.
7. **Tax Forms** – The library has State tax forms and a variety of Federal tax forms for the public beginning in early January. There is also a binder that includes Federal forms that can be reproduced.
8. **Internet Access** – Patrons may access the Internet from three public workstations located on the mezzanine or from the stand-up computer in the Children’s Room. Printing services are available from all workstations.
9. **Tech-Tips** – Patrons may request individual help sessions to learn to use email and Internet searching. Please speak to a librarian to set up a convenient time.
10. **ECHO Pass** – This pass, available on a “first come, first served” basis allows up to five people (two tall and three short) to enjoy this popular museum on the Burlington waterfront at a wonderful savings.
11. **Test Proctoring** – Staff is available to provide test proctoring for distance learners residing in Essex. Please contact library staff for the information your institution will require and to set up an appropriate time to take your exams.
12. **Notary Service** – There is usually a staff member in the building who can notarize documents at no cost. Please be sure to bring your picture ID.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- **Adult Programs**
 - **Monthly Book Discussions** are held at the library at noon on the 4th Thursday of each month except during the summer. The 2008 theme was “A Handful of Women’s Stories,” with nine female authors writing about women in various cultures and stages of life. The 2009 theme is “A Word in Edgewise,” with works by nine male authors. Everyone is welcome to join in, with a modest number of copies available at the desk. These lively discussions last about one hour.

- **Vermont author** Willem Lange presented a Sunday program of readings and personal anecdotes on a February afternoon. Over fifty fans of his stories, resonant voice and folksy humor enjoyed this wintertime interlude.
- **The Vermont Earth Institute's** series on "Global Warming" was offered on four Monday evenings during March and April. Participants shared concerns and suggestions about energy use and the importance of local resources. A "Kill-O-Watt Meter" was donated to the library for patrons to borrow in order to monitor the energy used by their aging appliances.
- **Book Discussion Groups** are invited to make use of the more than 190 multiple copy sets available at the library. Sets may be checked out either to groups or individuals. The Library Trustees support the book discussion groups both in this community and throughout the State by purchasing six new sets each year. To view an updated set list, please check the set list link on the library's web site.
- **Children's Programs**
 - **Story-times** for toddlers and preschoolers are held during six-week sessions throughout the school year. Daytime programs on Tuesdays and Thursdays are held in the Activity Room and require participants to pre-register, keeping the programs cozy and personal. Monday morning Drop-In Story-time programs are open to all without pre-registration.
 - **The Summer Reading Program** offers an array of programs and reading incentives designed to keep vacationing students reading and visiting the library regularly. Summer readers participated in the program theme "Ice Cream for Books." Ice cream was on the menu for many of last summer's events with the high point being the Community Ice Cream Social at Memorial Hall.

ESSEX RESCUE, INC.
Craig R. Butkus, Executive Director

Essex Rescue is very fortunate to have the support of our citizens, businesses, and town management to continue to provide 911 emergency services to the towns of Essex, Essex Junction, Underhill, Jericho and Westford in a cost effective manner. We thank all of the Essex Rescue members, contractors, local businesses and the Essex Technical Center (Building Trades Program) for making our building addition and renovations possible. These relationships have formed a truly extraordinary partnership that has allowed for the expansion of our quarters and provided additional space including: administrative offices, computer area, dayroom, new kitchen, new bath/shower room, and upgraded training room and living areas. This additional space allows us to have room for multiple crews on duty, and a more effective setting for the volunteers and administration.

We continue to work with the Underhill-Jericho Fire Department on enhancing our ability to provide ambulance service from an Underhill location. This work will allow our ambulances to be more effective within our service area. This past year, we took delivery of a new 2008PL Custom ambulance allowing us to continue operating with three units.

Essex Rescue also provides the following community outreach programs:

- CPR, First Aid, and Injury Prevention Training Programs
- Certified Car Seat Inspections
- File of Life Program
- Annual Subscription Program
- Boy & Girl Scout Badge Initiatives
- Public School Safety Committee Involvement
- Mock Crash Drills for Essex and Mt. Mansfield High Schools
- “Your Body In A Wreck” for Driver’s Education Program

As the communities and demands for service continue to grow, Essex Rescue will continue to make the commitment to meet the challenges presented. We maintain a solid working relationship with our mutual aid partners in rescue, fire, and law enforcement. The joint effort and leadership from all departments assists us in providing the most effective service in these changing and challenging times.

In early September, Essex Rescue responded to hurricane Gustav and hurricane Ike as part of a national response. Our responsibilities included performing evacuation, repatriation, and 911 emergency responses in the Gulf coast area (Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas). I am happy to report that the Vermont crews were very highly praised for our professionalism, experience, and willingness to perform whatever task was assigned. Vermont supplied eleven of the five hundred requested ambulances from around the country. Essex Rescue was able to handle this national response without interrupting our emergency response coverage here in Vermont.

Since 1971, Essex Rescue has been providing prompt and professional advanced life. In fiscal year 2008, Essex Rescue responded to a total of 1,460 calls. We have 68 volunteers and 4 paid staff members. Our volunteer members contribute more than 35,000 hours annually in addition to the time they spend on education and community outreach. We maintain the highest standards of our professions, caring for our patients, their families and the community, and preventing illness and injury through public education.

If you are interested in obtaining more information, or becoming a volunteer with Essex Rescue, please call us at 878-4859.

HEALTH OFFICER
Jerry L. Firkey, Health Officer
Kenneth Stratton, Deputy Health Officer

The Health Officers' mission is to make citizens aware of potential health hazards and to respond to public complaints or requests for assistance in correcting any health violations and/or hazards that exist.

One of the most common housing code complaints is the presence of mold and mildew, which is caused by dampness, most common to basements and bathrooms. Tenants can take simple clean-up measures. Preventative measures, such as better ventilation and dehumidifiers should be employed to reduce the potential for mold and mildew to grow.

Landlords and tenants have a resource available to them called **Vermont Tenants, Inc.** Vermont Tenants has produced a handbook describing the responsibilities related to rental housing. You can contact their office by calling 864-0099.

Regular inspections and water testing of the Town and Village swimming pools, as well as the Indian Brook Reservoir swimming area, were done during the swimming season. Regarding Indian Brook Reservoir, the public must always pick up after their animals, including horses. These measures will protect the Reservoir.

All dogs, cats and ferrets are required to have a rabies shot on a regular basis. Also, dogs must be licensed annually with the Town Clerk.

Animal bites continue to be reported and investigated by the Health Officer and Essex Police, and, if applicable, he/she must ensure the animal is properly quarantined, registered with the Town and have proof the animal is current with a rabies vaccination. The rabies virus is still seriously quite active among the wild animal kingdom. Remember to stay away from wild animals. For information about rabies, call 1-800-472-2437.

The West Nile Virus is still active in Vermont and requires us to continue to educate the public.

According to statistics at this time, the Avian Flu has not arrived in the U.S. Your health officers have been attending training sessions on how to deal with the Avian Flu if it should become a reality in Vermont. We are also attending Local Emergency Management meetings on a regular basis.

If anyone has any questions regarding health issues of any kind, or if you have any complaints, questions, or need assistance, please call the following numbers: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays - Community Development Office at 878-1343. Nights, weekends and holidays - Police Department at 878-8331.

Questions regarding items such as asbestos, mold/mildew, diseases and lead paint may be addressed to the State of Vermont Department of Health located at 108 Cherry Street, Burlington, Vermont. You can contact them by calling 863-7200 or accessing their website at www.healthyvermonters.info/.

A big thank you is extended to the Essex Police Department and Community Development Department for their generous support throughout the year.

MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE

Carol Anne Greig

- M** **MEMORY** of the past...old library, town meetings, Civil War plaque
- E** **ENTERTAINMENT** and performing arts...Essex Community Players
- M** **MONETARY** support...Town of Essex, Selectboard
- O** **ORGANIZATION** of rental activities and programs...Essex Parks & Recreation
- R** **RENEWAL**, restoration, reuse...Dedicated citizens of Essex Historic Preservation of Vermont
- I** **INTERACTION** to save and seek funding for the building...Memorial Hall Committee
- A** **ALLOWING**, allocating space for plays, classes, dance, exercise, Children's Toy Library...Taxpayers, citizens of Essex & ECP
- L** **LOYAL**, loving patrons, location...Historic Essex Commons
- H** **HANDICAPPED** accessible, historic structure...past Memorial Hall Committees
- A** **AESTHETIC**, available, attractive...1887 – 2008
- L** **LIGHTS** the path to creative activity...outdoor/indoor
- L** **LEADS** the task to make this building a viable place for all to enjoy...thanks to Dennis Lutz and Public Works

With thanks to the Town of Essex community for deciding to save this incredible building.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Mark Berry, Director

Department Mission

Advance Parks and Recreation Efforts that Enhance the Quality of Life for the Community of Essex

*The Parks and Recreation Department continues to serve the **Community of Essex** (two working parents, seniors, single parents and teens) through **People** (staff, department volunteers, instructors and sponsors), **Parks** (Sandhill Pool, Indian Brook and neighborhood parks) and **Programs** (senior vans, after-school, adult, and special events). The department uses the recommendations identified in the 2004 Recreation Needs Survey as our Strategic Plan.*

Parks

The Parks and Recreation Department continues its endeavor to protect the public investment in parks and recreation facilities. Our goal is to protect and preserve natural resources and to keep neighborhood parks safe, clean and green.

Investments in the parks in FYE08 included:

- Install lighting at Sand Hill Shelter
- Upgrades to bathroom at Foster Road Park
- Turf maintenance on athletic fields
- Installed bridge along trail at Saxon Hill

Scheduled or completed investments to the parks for FYE09 include:

- Installation of playground at Foster Road Park
- Painting and repairs to the Gazebo at Fort Ethan Allen Park
- Install safety lighting at Pearl Street Park
- Turf maintenance on athletic fields

Recreation

Recreation programs are developed to provide the community opportunities to meet their needs. Through our diverse programs, we continue to educate residents on the benefits of physical activity, help people build healthy lifestyles and offer programs that provide youth with positive ways to fill their free time.

Accomplishments in FYE08 include:

- Increase in Internet registration to 23%
- Increase in programs for seniors

Program goals for FYE09 include:

- Expand variety of summer camp programs
- Increase family programming that connects people to our parks

Pool

Programs offered at the pool provide opportunities to develop lifelong skills, personal development and health, wellness, and employment opportunities for teens in a safe, fun environment.

Investments to the pool in FYE08 included:

- Replacing stainless steel stairs
- Replacing bathroom partitions

Scheduled or completed investments for FYE09 include:

- Replacing wading pool with sprayground

Senior Vans

The senior vans provide an essential service to the senior community of Essex. The vans allow seniors convenient accessibility for healthcare, wellness, and recreation needs. The department hires, trains and schedules the drivers.

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Leo Nadeau, Chief of Police

In keeping with our Mission Statement, the Essex Police Department is committed to providing high quality, community-oriented police services with sensitivity, protecting constitutional rights, problem solving, teamwork, openness and continuous improvement in providing leadership to the police profession.

The purpose of the Essex Police Department is to uphold the law fairly and firmly, to pursue and bring to justice those who break the law, to keep the peace, to protect, help and reassure our citizens, doing all this with integrity, common sense and sound judgment.

The Essex Police Department will continue to be compassionate, courteous, and patient, acting without fear or favor or prejudice to the rights of others. We need to be professional, calm and restrained in the face of violence and apply only that force which is necessary to accomplish our lawful duty.

We must strive, so far as we can, to reflect the priorities of our community in the actions we take. We will respond to well founded criticism with a willingness to change.

Along with that, we have focused our initiatives on combating illegal drug activities. Our community, along with many other Vermont communities, is experiencing a surge in the correlation between illegal drug use and other criminal acts such as burglaries, larcenies and assaults. In an attempt to counteract those criminal activities, we have relied upon our drug initiative team. The team is made up of members from our Patrol and Bureau of Criminal Investigation Divisions who work closely with officers from surrounding communities as well as agents from State and Federal Enforcement Agencies. Our unified approach focuses on aggressively pursuing drug dealers and users.

In addition to placing more emphasis on drug violations, we continue our efforts in trying to educate and discourage young people from using alcohol and drugs. We still maintain a full time officer assigned to Project Northland, which provides state-of-the-art prevention materials for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. We also have a full time Youth Officer who works closely with all of our schools in dealing with truancy, disputes, and other issues.

Our judicial system continues to be overloaded. In order to do our part to help relieve some of that pressure, our department has taken the initiative to expand its use of the Essex Community Restorative Justice Center. This program consists of volunteers from our community who review criminal cases and deal with the offenders directly. It is also an approach to solving community problems where citizens make decisions to resolve disputes, conflicts and crime, using processes that seek to include everyone affected. It focuses on the needs of victims and communities and emphasizes repairing the harm caused by crime and conflict. It seeks to preserve and elevate the quality of community life by empowering citizens to work on the problems that most concern them.

Another area of concern for our citizens relates to speeders traveling within our local neighborhoods. We continue to still do our best to encourage motorists to avoid speeding within our community.

This year was trying for our department and many members of our community, especially the staff of the Essex Elementary School and their loved ones. We went through a long and painful judicial process to bring to justice the gunman who on August 24, 2006 went on a shooting rampage in our community

where he wounded two people and killed two beloved members of our community. He was convicted of those crimes and was sentenced to three consecutive sentences of life without the possibility of parole, plus he received a fourth prison sentence of 20 to 25 years for assault.

This crime spree was sparked by domestic violence that could have taken place anywhere within our community. Sadly, a part of this violence took place in a school. We were fortunate to have a community that, in 1996, established the first official School Public Safety Committee in Vermont. The Committee consists of representatives from the schools, Essex Rescue, Essex Junction and Essex Town Fire Departments, Essex Alliance Relocation Site Committee, First Student Bus Company, Vermont Department of Health and the Essex Police Department. The pre-planning of this Committee and their co-workers proved invaluable on that tragic day. Our Committee finds our schools to be normally safe, but we feel it's prudent to continue planning as a team for various school related emergencies.

Our department will continue to do its best to provide the highest level of law enforcement services to our community.

REPORTED CRIME ACTIVITY

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
HOMICIDE	0	0	2	0	0
ROBBERIES	0	4	1	3	5
BURGLARIES	92	75	92	49	53
ASSAULTS	54	50	43	42	54
SEX OFFENSES	29	29	20	35	31
DRUG OFFENSES	81	77	84	175	147
LARCENIES	408	462	441	470	481
VANDALISM	197	158	230	250	185
STOLEN VEHICLES	9	12	10	8	6
SUICIDES / ATTEMPTS	6	5	5	5	5
MISSING PERSONS	54	31	43	50	34
BAD CHECKS / FRAUD	216	204	177	131	104
D.U.I	90	80	66	42	60
COURT CASES	569	620	626	628	610
ACCIDENTS	574	555	492	506	492

There were 4,757 tickets written for traffic and parking violations, of these 1,045 were Vermont Traffic Citations.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Dennis E. Lutz, P.E.
Town Engineer/Public Works Director

The past year was characterized by significant commodity price fluctuations, lack of winter salt and changes within the Public Works Department directed at improving internal operations and strengthening the commitment to responsive public service. Crude oil prices skyrocketed early in the year driving up the price for fuel and for road paving projects. Lack of winter salt in the northeast coupled with early winter storms forced the Department to rely on other techniques for winter ice and snow control. The lack of winter products provided the opportunity for change in the Department's plans for the coming winter season. More salt storage was added, more material was purchased and stockpiled, electronic salt-application controls were placed on many vehicles and liquid application tanks were added for both liquid salt and calcium chloride application.

Two key changes were made within a broader re-organization of the Department. **Aaron Martin, P.E.**, was promoted to the Director of Utilities position (water and sewer) as well as retaining his position as the Assistant Town Engineer. **Loren Ward** was named as the Highway Superintendent to fill a vacancy created following the loss of Robert Safford.

During the past year, the Department has obtained \$467,222 in grants for various projects, thereby saving the Town money. These grants were for a swirl stormwater separator (\$83,075), the Susie Wilson Road culvert rehabilitation (\$172,575), a Park and Ride off VT2A (\$75,425), design funds for the VT15 south side path from Sunset Drive to the shopping center (\$40,000), the Gentes Road bridge scoping project (\$49,469), insulation for Powell Museum (\$1650), Efficiency Vermont Lighting grants for 81 Main Street/highway garage (\$13,028), and design of the Kellogg Road stormwater detention basin (\$32,000). Two more grants are pending totaling another \$211,000 (MPO transportation study grant and construction funds for the Kellogg Road stormwater detention pond).

HIGHWAY

Town projects completed during the past year include reconstruction of Ira Allen Drive and a portion of Damon Drive; installation of a traffic signal at David Drive and lane changes on Susie Wilson Road; rehabilitation of Chapin Road from Towers to Col Page Road; repaving of sections of Logwood Circle and Tanglewood Drive; reconstruction of gravel road segments to include portions of Lost Nation, Brigham Hill, and Osgood Hill Roads; construction of a new, paved path on the south side of VT15 from Saybrook to Sunset Drive and new sidewalk on Susie Wilson Road between VT15 and Pinecrest Drive. A number of paving projects were curtailed due to the high price of hot-mix.

Work in Progress: With approval of the operating and capital budgets for FYE2010, the following roads are planned for repaving or reconstruction as appropriate: Lang Drive, Greenbriar Drive, portions of Pioneer Street, Southdown Court, Foster Road, a section of Margaret Street, portions of Sand Hill Road, Sunset Drive and Skyline Drive. A proposed park and ride will be designed and constructed off VT2A, using a combination of UVM Civil Engineering students to assist with the design and in-house forces to construct the facility. The list of projects may be adjusted due to changing conditions, higher paving costs and reduced budget authorizations. Projects may be added if an economic stimulation package is passed which allows construction on local roads.

STORM-WATER

Projects completed include the construction of a swirl separator on Colbert/Abare Ave; preparation of final design plans for a stormwater detention basin off Kellogg Road; compliance with the fifth-year requirements of the community-wide NPDES Phase II Stormwater Permit; repair of deteriorated stormwater piping at various locations; 100% check of all storm-water pipe catch basins (1,421) and outfalls (241); cleaning of all catch basins with more than 12 inches of material in the sump; street sweeping of all paved roads at least twice per year; lining of a 48-inch culvert under Susie Wilson Road to prevent road collapse; active participation in a regional storm-water educational program; coordination of storm-water actions with the State, other Town Departments and Boards.

Work in Progress: Construction is anticipated on a stormwater detention pond off Kellogg Road to treat the stormwater prior to discharge into the impaired Sunderland Brook waterway; construction of a buried stormwater treatment system off Pinewood Drive; resolution of older permit issues within the impaired Alder Brook and Sunderland Brook waterways on the basis of newly issued state TMDL limits; continuing water quality studies aimed at removing the impaired waterways from the impaired list of streams in Vermont; ongoing compliance with the Town's NPDES Phase II permit.

WATER and SEWER

Projects completed include designs for the Alder Brook Pump Station upgrade; water meter checks on 90% of the largest meters in the system (highest volume users) and 25% water meter checks on smaller meters; completion of a sewage spill prevention plan for the State; water main flushing and sewer main cleaning throughout the Town; and completion of investigations with Colchester on a potential future water tank addition.

Work in Progress: Construction of the Alder Brook pump station upgrade is planned for the summer of 2009, if a bond vote is successful or economic stimulus funds are available; continued work effort on identification of problem water meter and selection of a meter reading system usable both now and well into the future; continuing studies aimed at identifying the appropriate level of control for excessive grease in the Town sewer system.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Projects completed include energy retrofits for the Highway Garage and 81 Main Street (interior lighting), identification of insulation needs for Powell Museum with work anticipated in 2009; added salt storage space; interior building reconfiguration at the Highway Garage to create a more efficient work space.

Work In Progress: Added storage space at Memorial Hall; interior building renovations for the Water/Sewer and Recreation field crews; installation of winter canopies for the Senior Buses; potential insulation packages for 81 Main Street and the Highway Garage.

“The future, according to some scientists,
will be exactly like the past, only far more expensive.”

John Sladek

TOWN CLERK/TREASURER
Cheryl Moomey, Town Clerk and Treasurer

The following is a summary of revenue for the Town Clerk's Office:

Hunting and Fishing Licenses.....	\$637
Marriage Licenses.....	\$1,154
Animal Licenses.....	\$48,349
Liquor and Tobacco Licenses.....	\$3,770
Recording and Land Records.....	\$141,312
Vault Time.....	\$3,117
Sale of Certified Copies.....	\$7,266
Green Mountain Passes.....	\$74
Department of Motor Vehicle Registration Renewals.....	\$2,184
Printing & Duplication Services.....	\$14,704

The Clerk's Office recorded 29 volumes of Land Records and 615 Vermont Property Transfer returns for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Vital records recorded in the Town of Essex from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008:

Births: 247 Marriages: 143 Deaths: 97 Civil Union: 2

The Annual Town Meeting election was held on March 4, 2008. The following officers were elected by Australian ballot:

Moderator: (One-Year Term)	Steve McQueen
Selectboard: (Three-Year Term)	Linda K. Myers
Selectboard: (Three-Year Term)	David A. Rogerson

Services available at the Town Clerk's Office:

Maintain Cemetery Records	Dog Licenses
Pay Property Taxes	Marriage Licenses
Pay Water & Sewer Bills	Civil Union Licenses
Notary Public Service	Fish & Wildlife Licenses
Liquor Licenses	Register to Vote
Green Mountain Passports	Vote by Absentee
Genealogy Research	Motor Vehicle Registration Renewals
Record Land Records for Town/Village	Maintain Vital Records for Town/Village

TRAILS COMMITTEE

Dana Baron, Chair

In September 2000, the Selectboard created the Town Trails Committee as an advisory body to advance the development and maintenance of trails throughout the Town. Our charter tasks us to “assist the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment by providing advisory evaluations pertaining to trails, sidewalks and greenways for applications made to the Commission or Board based on the proposed trails maps in the Town Plan.” In carrying out this duty, the committee is incrementally building and formalizing a network of trails throughout the Town.

A major portion of our work is devoted to reviewing proposed development projects looking for opportunities to build and connect trails in the Town. Working closely with the Conservation Committee, we reviewed many projects and captured some easements and rights-of-way that could lead to future trails.

In 2007, much of our attention was focused on finding a way to build a multi-use trail in the Circ Highway right-of-way. The planned trail would begin at Essex Way and connect several neighborhoods and Essex schools on the way to Route 117. Late last year, we received approval from the Selectboard to discuss this concept with the VTrans and our early conversations seemed promising. However, progress on this project slowed in 2008 as State transportation officials cooled to the idea. We’re still hoping to move this trail concept forward and hope to get it back on track in 2009.

As trails and potential trails in the Town evolve, our committee realized that we needed to prioritize potential trails to better channel our efforts. We have been reviewing the various trail maps from the Essex Town Plan (bike, pedestrian, snowmobile, horse, ski, etc). We plan to rework the maps showing priority trails to help guide development review and potential grant writing efforts. A big part of this effort is to identify and map all the trail easements currently owned by the town. We could use a lot of volunteer help in this effort, so if you love poring over old Town records and you have some time to spare, please contact a member of the Committee.

The Town was the beneficiary of the extraordinary volunteer mapping efforts of Michael Niggle this year. Michael updated and standardized the various trail maps handed out by the Town for interested hikers. The results of Michael’s efforts will be available in print form and on the Town’s website in the spring.

Our popular Trailkeeper program continued in 2008 with a few new trail caretakers signing on to monitor and maintain Town trails. There are still a number of trails available for adoption for anyone interested in an excuse to regularly get out and visit a favorite trail.

The Trails Committee is currently made up of Dana Baron (Chair), Ed Ziemer, Robert Erickson, Greg Cluver and Hobart Heath. Town Parks & Recreation Director, Mark Berry, serves the Committee well as staff liaison. As of December, our Committee is at full strength, but we anticipate an opening in February 2009. If you are interested in serving on the Committee, contact the Town to see if there is an opening.

If you have ideas or would like to help with a favorite trail, let us know! The Trails Committee meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Offices, 81 Main Street.

TOWN MANAGER
Patrick C. Scheidel

*“A man with outward courage
dares to die. A man with inward
courage dares to live.”*

**—Lao-Tzu (Sixth Century
Chinese Philosopher)**

For all of its turmoil, the past year was instructive; it reminded us of what is lost when values are replaced by objectives. Unshared beliefs in peace lead to war. Unheeded suggestions to protect the planet leads to destructive weather patterns. No less a man than the Pope is traveling the globe preaching the consequences of greed and imploring our return to principled decision-making. So, as we prepare our town financial plan for next year, let us remember and collectively return to our core values of providing for the health, safety and welfare of our citizens. Additionally, in our public decision-making, let us dare to live the life of our founding principles of representative democracy and the concept of the greatest good for the greatest number.

For the third consecutive year, Town employees participated in the Vermont League of Cities and Towns' Health Trust Leader Program. In 2007, the net result of participating in this self-managed wellness program returned \$21,000 to the Town of Essex. In 2008, the return was \$19,300. Essex's three-year total is \$54,300. The participating employees are leading the way to a healthier, cost conscious organization. Thank you one and all!

Budget

Per Selectboard request, the proposed FYE 2010 budget is the FYE 2009 budget adjusted for inflation, maintaining the same level of service, and using our best projections of costs such as gas. Few discretionary expenditures are listed. Once again, the local budget reflects demands made by federal and state government via unfunded mandates. One costly regular example is compliance with stormwater regulations, which requires a 2010 expenditure of \$219,760 or an increase of 5.15%.

The proposed FYE 2010 budget shows an increase of \$404,871 or 4.29 % over the current year. Salaries are budgeted at approximately 4.5%, excluding premium pay such as longevity, steps, holiday or overtime. While currently low, the cost of living is expected to fluctuate between 2% and 3% next year.

Operating cost increases in gasoline, insurance and road materials are expected and budgeted accordingly. Essex saw health insurance rise 18% over last year.

Revenue

The proposed budget requires a tax rate of .346 cents or .027 more than the current rate of .319. Assuming the Grand List growth of 1%, a penny on the tax rate will generate approximately **\$230,000**. The proposed **.027** tax rate increase on a property valued at **\$280,000** would result in new taxes of **\$76** per year or **\$6.33** per month. If the local option tax is approved, tax relief is planned.

Revenues are projected realistically. Non-tax revenues are not expected to increase. A marginal increase in penalties on delinquent taxes and building permits is shown based upon current year trends. Receipts from fees from recording of legal documents remained slow. The Town will lose \$87,000 from IBM or approximately four tenths of a penny on the tax rate.

While it is expected that there will be sufficient fund balance to utilize some as revenue for the FYE 2010 budget, it is not recommended to do so. With the slumping economy, area layoffs and likely rising tax delinquencies, Town financial resources will be strained. Maintaining a healthy fund balance will minimize the negative impacts of the expected increase in delinquencies and non-property tax revenue shortfalls.

An approved local option tax will provide relief for the over-worked property tax, add a much needed boost to fund escalating capital projects and to underwrite economic development initiatives. It will be outstanding for us to meet our conservative revenue estimates given the sluggish economy, low interest rates on our investments, expected cash flow problems and reduced state aid.

Capital

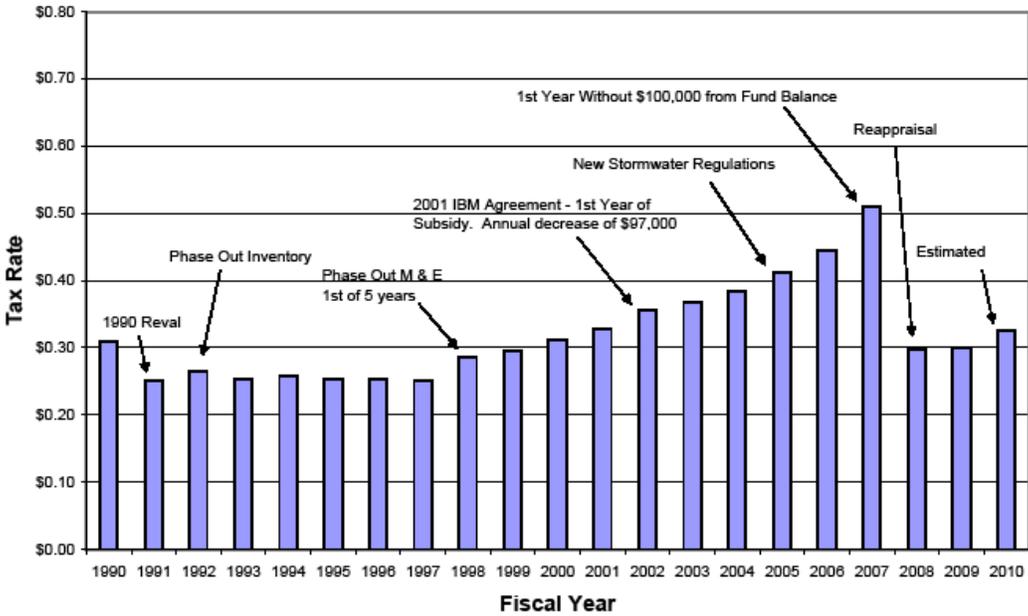
The capital budget for FYE 2010 is discussed in January and adopted in February. Improvements to fields, parks, buildings, highways, utility lines and paths totaling \$2,560,845 are proposed to be completed next year. Funding sources vary with the projects.

Preventing the deterioration of infrastructure such as roads, buildings and parks has been one of our primary capital goals. Planning for equipment and vehicle replacement over time has been another purpose of the capital plan and budget. The funds for meeting all capital projects come from various sources such as grants, impact fees and a designated two-cent tax rate. Demand always exceeds our ability to pay; consequently, the annual capital spending addresses the “worst first” in terms of approved project expenditures.

Capital needs will be the largest future cost center between now and the end of the next decade. The more resources that can be directed to our infrastructure now, the less costly future projects will be. It is certain that storm water management will necessitate major future spending, perhaps even resulting in the creation of a new utility to finance the undertaking. Also it is expected that the Town will seek federal assistance, if available, through economic stimulus capital improvement project funds.

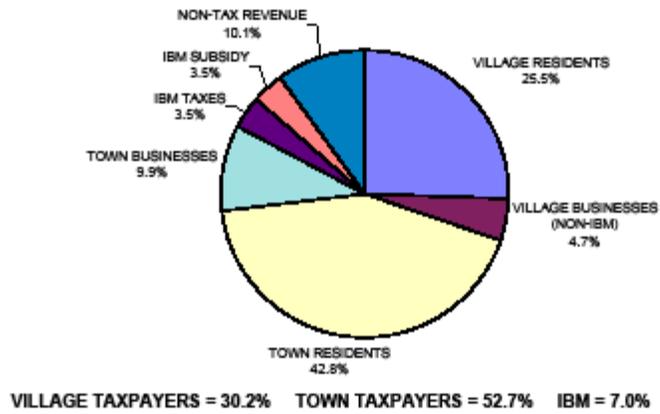
A giant step forward can be made towards an improved economy during 2010. Essex must seize the helm of its economic future, one which may not include IBM at its current employment level, by designing and implementing a strategic economic development plan. This refocused effort can be underwritten by proceeds from the local option tax.

Town of Essex General Tax Rate

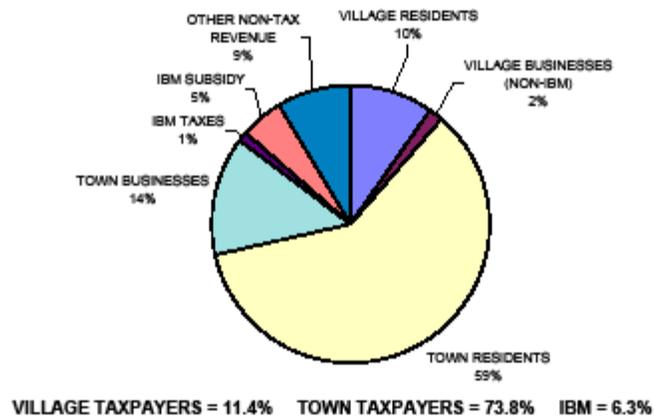


PROJECTED REVENUE SOURCES FOR FYE 6/30/2010

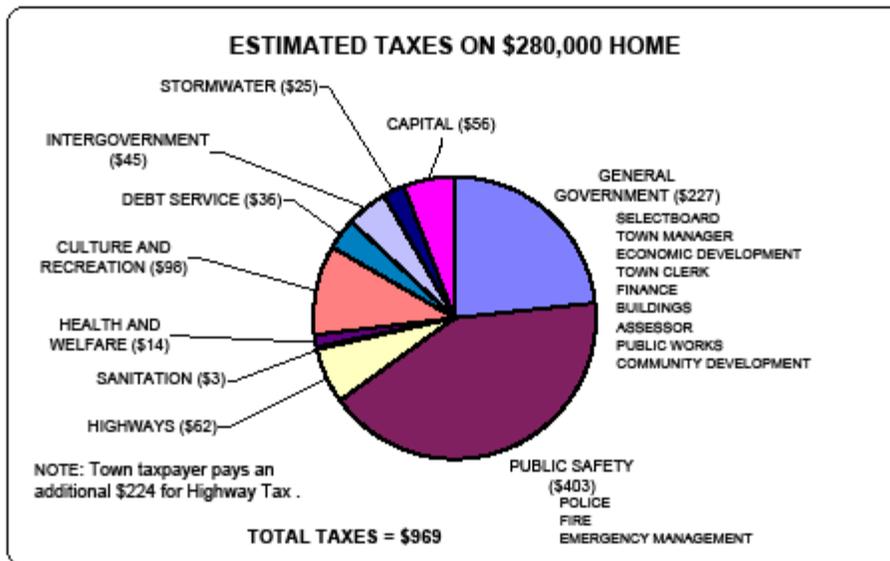
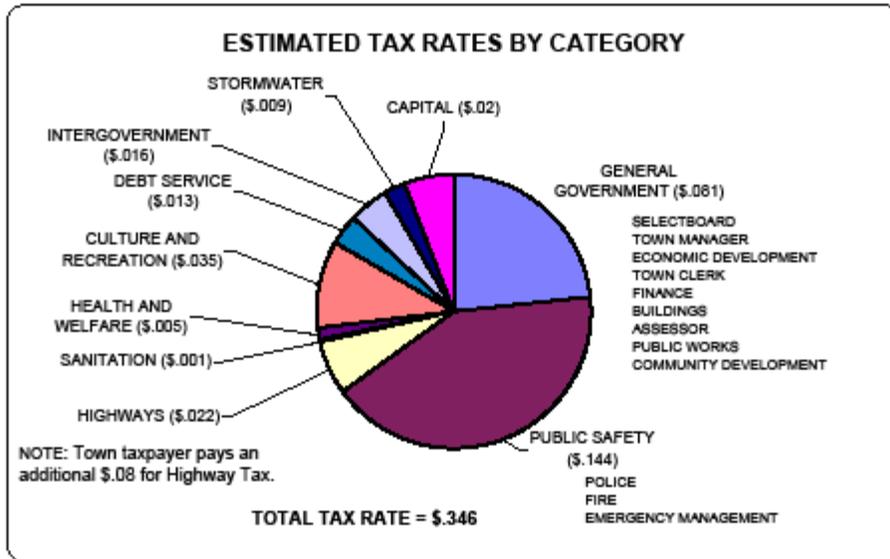
TOTAL REVENUES



HIGHWAY REVENUES



TOWN FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010



CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM
FYE 2010 - 2014

PROJECT	TOTAL	FYE	FYE	FYE	FYE	FYE	POST FYE
	COST	6/10	6/11	6/12	6/13	6/14	6/14
BUILDINGS							
NEW TOWN OFFICES	\$4,700,000	\$50,000					\$4,650,000
POLICE STATION FACILITY / RENOVATION	\$509,476	\$25,000		\$484,476			\$0
HIGHWAY GARAGE AREA IMPROVEMENTS	\$430,000	\$47,000					\$383,000
LIBRARY DEFERRED MAINTENANCE & EXPANSION	\$95,000	\$8,000					\$87,000
MEMORIAL HALL RENOVATIONS / ADDITION	\$338,000	\$45,000	\$12,000				\$281,000
RECREATION PROGRAM SPACE FEASIBILITY STUDY	\$65,000	\$0		\$65,000			\$0
ENERGY RETROFIT OF EXISTING BUILDINGS	\$15,000	\$15,000					\$0
HISTORIC WATER TOWER STUDY	\$8,000	\$8,000					\$0
HIGHWAYS							
HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS	\$924,000	\$400,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$142,000	\$142,000	\$0
ALLEN MARTIN PARKWAY	\$3,320,000	\$0					\$3,320,000
PARK & RIDE LOTS	\$75,000	\$75,000					\$0
SUSIE WILSON / DAVID DRIVE TRAFFIC LIGHTS	\$129,379	\$32,379	\$32,379	\$32,379	\$32,242		\$0
SUSIE WILSON / VT 15 INTERSECTION	\$93,200	\$93,200					\$0
TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS	\$40,000	\$40,000					\$0
WATERLINES							
PINECREST DR TO VILLAGE RT 2A	\$145,600	\$0					\$145,600
DOUGLAS TO WILLOUGHBY	\$186,000	\$0					\$186,000
WATER STORAGE TANK - LOWER SERVICE AREA	\$580,000	\$580,000					\$0
SEWERS							
PAINESVILLE AREA	\$1,109,700	\$0					\$1,109,700
CEMETERY RD	\$60,000	\$0					\$60,000
ALDER BROOK PUMP STATION UPGRADES	\$600,000	\$600,000					\$0
HEAVY EQUIPMENT / VEHICLES							
HIGHWAY - EQUIPMENT/VEHICLES	\$995,659	\$99,823	\$115,000	\$142,249	\$199,000	\$211,087	\$228,500
PARKS - EQUIPMENT / VEHICLES	\$162,600	\$16,763	\$18,681	\$42,466	\$0	\$0	\$84,690
SENIOR BUS	\$8,000	\$8,000					\$0
PARK FACILITIES							
PARK ASSETS REPLACEMENT	\$328,881	\$50,680	\$39,000	\$53,940	\$46,000	\$51,220	\$88,041
FOUNDERS / FOSTER ROAD PARK FIELD IMPROVEMENTS	\$50,000	\$0		\$25,000	\$25,000		\$0
RECREATION PROPERTY SURVEY AND APPRAISAL	\$23,000	\$0	\$23,000				\$0
ATHLETIC FIELDS, BALL COURTS AND RECREATION LAND	\$209,000	\$0	\$19,000	\$190,000			\$0
PATHS & WALKS							
ROUTE 15 - SUNSET TO TOWN SQUARE SHOPPING PLAZA	\$180,000	\$130,000	\$50,000				\$0
ROUTE 15 - CIRC TO GOLF COURSE	\$15,000	\$0		\$15,000			\$0
ROUTE 2A - FROM OLD COLCHESTER ROAD & PINECREST	\$546,000	\$0					\$546,000
STORMWATER							
STATE PERMITS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	\$187,000	\$187,000					\$0
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT							
PREPARATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STUDIES	\$50,000	\$50,000					\$0
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	\$16,178,495	\$2,560,845	\$429,060	\$1,170,510	\$444,242	\$404,307	\$11,169,531
FUNDING SOURCES							
VEHICLE / EQUIPMENT FUND		\$124,586					
OPERATING FUNDS		\$40,000					
DONATIONS / CONTRIBUTIONS		\$133,200					
GRANTS STATE / FEDERAL / OTHER		\$219,000					
WATER / SEWER FUNDS/BORROWINGS		\$1,180,000					
PREVIOUSLY COMMITTED CAPITAL FUNDS*		\$256,680					
UNDESIGNATED CAPITAL FUNDS		\$607,379					
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS		\$2,560,845					

* Previously Committed Funds include contributions from developers in prior years

PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY FOR FYE 6/30/2010

	BUDGET FYE 2008	ACTUAL FYE 2008	BUDGET FYE 2009	ESTIMATED FYE 2009	PROPOSED FYE2010
REVENUES - SUMMARY					
PROPERTY TAXES	\$7,664,308	\$7,525,684	\$7,796,304	\$7,796,304	\$8,499,407
LICENSES AND PERMITS	\$41,100	\$58,020	\$45,500	\$45,500	\$50,550
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$182,000	\$211,716	\$185,000	\$185,000	\$187,000
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	\$1,085,114	\$1,071,231	\$986,333	\$986,333	\$893,051
FINES	\$83,000	\$109,773	\$103,000	\$103,000	\$106,000
MISCELLANEOUS	\$96,001	\$206,581	\$96,001	\$96,001	\$106,001
TOTAL	\$9,151,523	\$9,183,005	\$9,212,138	\$9,212,138	\$9,842,009
FUND BALANCE INCREASE (DECREASE)	\$0	\$412,191	(\$225,000)	(\$322,412)	\$0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$9,151,523	\$8,770,814	\$9,437,138	\$9,534,550	\$9,842,009
EXPENDITURES - SUMMARY					
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
SELECTBOARD	\$66,631	\$36,889	\$52,603	\$52,603	\$53,607
TOWN MANAGER	\$395,035	\$390,344	\$408,555	\$408,555	\$427,276
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$16,250	\$10,743	\$16,285	\$16,285	\$16,290
ELECTIONS	\$8,300	\$6,970	\$21,000	\$20,000	\$7,525
FINANCE	\$412,510	\$408,642	\$434,699	\$434,699	\$449,292
TAX COLLECTION	\$4,250	\$5,557	\$4,750	\$5,166	\$5,350
LEGAL SERVICES	\$55,000	\$42,198	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000
TOWN CLERK	\$205,925	\$183,951	\$216,406	\$214,406	\$225,521
BUILDINGS AND PLANT	\$279,080	\$321,053	\$302,280	\$332,650	\$306,040
R/E APPRAISAL	\$188,578	\$171,053	\$182,296	\$182,296	\$187,721
PUBLIC WORKS	\$106,294	\$111,884	\$103,224	\$102,724	\$105,327
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$366,967	\$337,909	\$367,298	\$367,298	\$404,359
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$2,104,820	\$2,027,193	\$2,164,396	\$2,191,682	\$2,243,308
PUBLIC SAFETY					
POLICE	\$3,094,889	\$2,938,080	\$3,237,883	\$3,239,097	\$3,395,393
FIRE	\$187,604	\$182,543	\$199,910	\$203,225	\$201,652
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$36,520	\$36,492	\$37,894	\$37,594	\$39,574
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$3,319,013	\$3,157,115	\$3,475,687	\$3,479,916	\$3,636,619
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS					
	\$1,660,990	\$1,591,479	\$1,673,661	\$1,678,571	\$1,721,718
STORMWATER					
	\$192,378	\$93,096	\$208,993	\$206,993	\$219,760
SANITATION					
	\$13,000	\$10,787	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500
HEALTH AND WELFARE					
	\$133,300	\$131,998	\$135,697	\$135,697	\$141,496
CULTURE AND RECREATION					
RECREATION	\$359,787	\$424,783	\$376,829	\$432,946	\$429,993
PARKS	\$170,631	\$140,297	\$173,025	\$172,975	\$182,974
POOLS	\$88,679	\$84,277	\$90,623	\$91,458	\$96,697
SENIOR BUS	\$59,795	\$59,120	\$57,783	\$57,033	\$60,863
LIBRARIES	\$341,771	\$322,376	\$332,318	\$339,328	\$363,428
CONSERVATION	\$17,975	\$14,795	\$16,375	\$16,200	\$16,275
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	\$1,038,638	\$1,045,648	\$1,046,953	\$1,109,940	\$1,150,230
DEBT SERVICE					
	\$297,700	\$325,659	\$321,300	\$321,300	\$316,990
INTERGOVERNMENTAL					
	\$391,684	\$387,839	\$397,951	\$397,951	\$399,388
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$9,151,523	\$8,770,814	\$9,437,138	\$9,534,550	\$9,842,009

PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET DETAIL FOR FYE 6/30/2010

	BUDGET FYE 2008	ACTUAL FYE 2008	BUDGET FYE 2009	ESTIMATED FYE2009	PROPOSED FYE2010
REVENUES - DETAIL					
PROPERTY TAXES					
1	\$6,703,308	\$6,524,211	\$6,795,304	\$6,795,304	\$7,498,407
2	\$961,000	\$1,001,473	\$1,001,000	\$1,001,000	\$1,001,000
	TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES	\$7,664,308	\$7,796,304	\$7,796,304	\$8,499,407
LICENSES AND PERMITS					
3	\$4,000	\$3,770	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
4	\$25,000	\$41,852	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$35,000
5	\$500	\$637	\$500	\$500	\$550
6	\$1,000	\$1,154	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
7	\$7,500	\$8,349	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500
8	\$100	\$74	\$100	\$100	\$100
9	\$3,000	\$2,184	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400
	TOTAL LICENSES AND PERMITS	\$41,100	\$45,500	\$45,500	\$50,550
INTERGOVERNMENTAL					
10	\$135,000	\$136,434	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$136,000
11	\$1,500	\$1,483	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
12	\$7,000	\$10,668	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$10,000
13	\$12,000	\$18,401	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
14	\$0	\$3,800	\$0	\$0	\$0
15	\$0	\$6,275	\$0	\$0	\$0
16	\$0	\$8,988	\$0	\$0	\$0
17	\$0	\$604	\$0	\$0	\$0
18	\$7,500	\$7,649	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500
19	\$19,000	\$17,434	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
	TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$182,000	\$185,000	\$185,000	\$187,000
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
25	\$494,177	\$494,177	\$411,781	\$411,781	\$329,385
26	\$29,287	\$29,287	\$24,402	\$24,402	\$19,516
27	\$3,500	\$3,117	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
28	\$165,000	\$141,312	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$140,000
29	\$1,000	\$1,350	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
30	\$6,000	\$9,294	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000
31	\$500	\$277	\$500	\$500	\$500
32	\$6,000	\$6,228	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500
33	\$1,000	\$1,292	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
34	\$13,000	\$14,704	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000
35	\$1,000	\$1,450	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
36	\$700	\$537	\$700	\$700	\$700
37	\$6,000	\$7,266	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$7,000
38	\$50	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$50
39	\$0	\$383	\$0	\$0	\$0
40	\$75,000	\$66,829	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$65,000
41	\$3,000	\$2,960	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
42	\$1,200	\$2,195	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
43	\$33,700	\$29,923	\$33,700	\$33,700	\$33,700
44	\$6,000	\$5,317	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
45	\$25,000	\$30,500	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$30,000
46	\$192,000	\$200,046	\$192,000	\$192,000	\$200,000
47	\$22,000	\$22,787	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000
	TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES	\$1,085,114	\$986,333	\$986,333	\$893,051

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	BUDGET FYE 2008	ACTUAL FYE 2008	BUDGET FYE 2009	ESTIMATED FYE2009	PROPOSED FYE2010
FINES					
50 PENALTIES ON TAXES	\$50,000	\$55,688	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$65,000
51 INTEREST ON TAXES	\$33,000	\$41,085	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$41,000
52 COURT FINES	\$0	\$13,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FINES	\$83,000	\$109,773	\$103,000	\$103,000	\$106,000
MISCELLANEOUS					
60 INTEREST ON DEPOSITS	\$65,000	\$110,764	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$75,000
61 RENTS AND ROYALTIES	\$1,001	\$1,001	\$1,001	\$1,001	\$1,001
62 RECORDS PRESERVATION	\$10,000	\$48,420	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
63 SALE OF ASSETS	\$5,000	\$16,509	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
65 NOT CLASSIFIED	\$15,000	\$29,887	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$96,001	\$206,581	\$96,001	\$96,001	\$106,001
TOTAL	\$9,151,523	\$9,183,005	\$9,212,138	\$9,212,138	\$9,842,009
FUND BALANCE INCREASE (USE)	\$0	\$412,191	(\$225,000)	(\$322,412)	\$0
TOTAL REVENUES	\$9,151,523	\$8,770,814	\$9,437,138	\$9,534,550	\$9,842,009
EXPENDITURES - DETAIL					
SELECTBOARD					
100 SELECTBOARD SALARIES	\$5,414	\$4,602	\$5,414	\$5,414	\$5,414
101 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$30,000	\$300	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
102 SECRETARY	\$4,400	\$3,859	\$4,700	\$4,700	\$4,900
103 PRINTING/BINDING ORDNS	\$11,000	\$9,131	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000
104 DUES / SUBS / MEETINGS / VLCT	\$15,817	\$16,835	\$16,489	\$16,489	\$17,293
105 ENERGY TASK FORCE	\$0	\$2,162	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL SELECT BOARD	\$66,631	\$36,889	\$52,603	\$52,603	\$53,607
TOWN MANAGER					
110 SALARIES	\$250,180	\$252,563	\$256,371	\$256,371	\$263,631
111 BENEFITS	\$126,300	\$121,396	\$135,489	\$135,489	\$145,350
112 REPAIR & MAINTENANCE SVCS	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200	\$200
113 ADVERTISING	\$4,000	\$6,094	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
114 PRINTING AND BINDING	\$1,500	\$904	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
115 DUES / SUBS / MEETINGS	\$6,395	\$4,836	\$5,945	\$5,945	\$6,395
116 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	\$1,300	\$478	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300
117 TRAVEL	\$2,760	\$2,198	\$1,850	\$1,850	\$3,000
118 SUPPLIES	\$150	\$214	\$150	\$150	\$150
119 FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250	\$250
120 EDUCATION	\$2,000	\$1,661	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
TOTAL TOWN MANAGER	\$395,035	\$390,344	\$408,555	\$408,555	\$427,276
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
131 ADVERTISING	\$5,000	\$2,938	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
132 DUES / SUBS / MEETINGS	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500
133 TRAVEL	\$450	\$0	\$450	\$450	\$450
134 G.B.I.C.	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
135 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$3,300	\$805	\$3,335	\$3,335	\$3,340
TOTAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$16,250	\$10,743	\$16,285	\$16,285	\$16,290

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	BUDGET FYE 2008	ACTUAL FYE 2008	BUDGET FYE 2009	ESTIMATED FYE2009	PROPOSED FYE2010
ELECTIONS					
140 MACHINERY	\$0	\$850	\$0	\$0	\$0
141 VOTER REGISTRATION	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$225
142 ELECTIONS / TOWN MEETINGS	\$7,300	\$6,120	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$7,300
TOTAL ELECTIONS	\$8,300	\$6,970	\$21,000	\$20,000	\$7,525
FINANCE					
150 SALARIES	\$88,994	\$88,578	\$92,548	\$92,548	\$96,697
151 BENEFITS	\$41,616	\$38,917	\$42,351	\$42,351	\$46,495
152 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$3,000	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
153 AUDIT	\$19,000	\$15,500	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$19,000
154 TECHNICAL SERVICES	\$2,000	\$175	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
155 REPAIR & MAINTENANCE SVCES	\$20,000	\$19,065	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
156 INSURANCE	\$200,500	\$213,122	\$219,800	\$219,800	\$226,000
157 DUES / SUBS / MEETINGS	\$1,500	\$976	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
158 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	\$35,000	\$31,695	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
159 TRAVEL	\$500	\$75	\$500	\$500	\$500
160 GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$400	\$539	\$500	\$500	\$600
TOTAL FINANCE	\$412,510	\$408,642	\$434,699	\$434,699	\$449,292
TAX COLLECTION					
165 PRINTING AND BINDING	\$1,500	\$3,175	\$2,000	\$2,693	\$2,750
166 POSTAGE	\$2,750	\$2,382	\$2,750	\$2,473	\$2,600
TOTAL TAX COLLECTION	\$4,250	\$5,557	\$4,750	\$5,166	\$5,350
LEGAL SERVICES					
167 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$55,000	\$42,198	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000
TOTAL LEGAL SERVICES	\$55,000	\$42,198	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000
TOWN CLERK					
170 SALARIES	\$124,275	\$117,229	\$127,313	\$127,313	\$133,160
171 BENEFITS	\$52,970	\$53,847	\$60,843	\$60,843	\$66,111
172 REPAIR & MAINTENANCE SVCES	\$150	\$0	\$150	\$150	\$150
173 ADVERTISING	\$730	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500
174 DUES / SUBS / MEETINGS	\$500	\$296	\$500	\$500	\$500
175 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	\$15,000	\$5,408	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
176 TRAVEL	\$300	\$11	\$100	\$100	\$100
177 GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$12,000	\$7,160	\$12,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
TOTAL TOWN CLERK	\$205,925	\$183,951	\$216,406	\$214,406	\$225,521
BUILDINGS AND PLANT					
180 WATER/SEWER	\$1,260	\$1,470	\$1,350	\$1,400	\$1,590
181 R & M SERVICES	\$20,500	\$16,075	\$24,500	\$24,500	\$23,600
182 R & M SUPPLIES	\$3,300	\$4,481	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$3,450
183 TELEPHONE	\$23,450	\$15,003	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$18,000
184 POSTAGE	\$19,000	\$15,080	\$19,000	\$16,000	\$17,000
185 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	\$5,770	\$5,990	\$5,970	\$6,000	\$6,150
186 GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$30,000	\$36,983	\$30,480	\$31,000	\$31,200
187 ELECTRICITY	\$23,500	\$23,631	\$24,830	\$24,000	\$24,500

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	BUDGET FYE 2008	ACTUAL FYE 2008	BUDGET FYE 2009	ESTIMATED FYE2009	PROPOSED FYE2010
BUILDINGS (CONTINUED)					
188 HEATING	\$9,700	\$9,522	\$8,300	\$8,900	\$8,900
189 GASOLINE	\$124,000	\$173,487	\$147,000	\$180,000	\$156,000
190 MACHINERY	\$8,600	\$8,451	\$8,650	\$8,650	\$8,650
191 MEMORIAL HALL REPAIRS	\$10,000	\$10,880	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
TOTAL BUILDINGS & PLANT	\$279,080	\$321,053	\$302,280	\$332,650	\$306,040
REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL					
200 SALARIES	\$108,558	\$110,139	\$112,877	\$112,877	\$111,440
201 BENEFITS	\$64,460	\$58,691	\$65,474	\$65,474	\$71,721
202 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$3,170	\$666	\$1,635	\$1,635	\$1,635
203 REPAIR & MAINTENANCE SVCES	\$600	\$172	\$600	\$600	\$600
204 ADVERTISING	\$100	\$93	\$100	\$100	\$100
205 DUES / SUBS / MEETINGS	\$1,390	\$1,221	\$1,310	\$1,310	\$1,425
206 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500
207 TRAVEL	\$100	\$40	\$100	\$100	\$100
208 GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$200	\$31	\$200	\$200	\$200
TOTAL R/E APPRAISAL	\$188,578	\$171,053	\$182,296	\$182,296	\$187,721
PUBLIC WORKS					
210 SALARIES	\$67,922	\$72,222	\$65,473	\$65,473	\$66,234
211 BENEFITS	\$28,262	\$27,718	\$26,631	\$26,631	\$29,003
212 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$100	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$50
213 REPAIR & MAINTENANCE SVCES	\$1,700	\$1,622	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600
214 DUES / SUBS / MEETINGS	\$860	\$1,143	\$800	\$800	\$800
215 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	\$2,700	\$2,797	\$2,900	\$2,900	\$3,020
216 TRAVEL	\$900	\$2,316	\$800	\$800	\$600
217 OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$400	\$320	\$400	\$400	\$350
218 MACHINERY	\$3,000	\$2,965	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
219 FURNITURE & FIXTURES	\$350	\$754	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$600
220 OTHER OBJECTS	\$100	\$27	\$70	\$70	\$70
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$106,294	\$111,884	\$103,224	\$102,724	\$105,327
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT					
230 SALARIES	\$203,049	\$201,374	\$212,521	\$212,521	\$226,709
231 BENEFITS	\$98,868	\$94,788	\$112,488	\$112,488	\$126,046
232 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$32,780	\$18,307	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$24,000
233 TECHNICAL SERVICES	\$500	\$0	\$200	\$200	\$200
234 R & M SERVICES	\$6,555	\$4,129	\$5,950	\$5,950	\$7,000
235 ADVERTISING	\$5,500	\$4,362	\$5,250	\$5,250	\$6,000
236 PRINTING AND BINDING	\$3,500	\$669	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$2,500
237 DUES / SUBS / MEETINGS	\$4,575	\$2,690	\$4,505	\$4,505	\$6,500
238 TRAVEL	\$3,600	\$2,317	\$3,250	\$3,250	\$950
239 GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$3,500	\$3,915	\$1,930	\$1,930	\$2,400
240 MACHINERY	\$4,540	\$5,358	\$4,704	\$4,704	\$2,054
TOTAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$366,967	\$337,909	\$367,298	\$367,298	\$404,359

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	BUDGET FYE 2008	ACTUAL FYE 2008	BUDGET FYE 2009	ESTIMATED FYE2009	PROPOSED FYE2010
POLICE					
250 SALARIES	\$1,972,407	\$1,906,101	\$2,064,868	\$2,064,868	\$2,139,489
251 BENEFITS	\$839,434	\$775,700	\$883,409	\$883,409	\$962,934
252 OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$9,000	\$8,697	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000
253 SMALL TOOLS & EQUIPMENT	\$5,000	\$5,644	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
254 ADVERTISING	\$1,500	\$327	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
255 TELEPHONE	\$23,000	\$18,719	\$23,000	\$23,000	\$23,000
256 DUES / SUBS / MEETINGS	\$4,000	\$3,964	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
257 PRINTING AND BINDING	\$1,500	\$2,496	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
258 RENTALS	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$1,000
259 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	\$18,000	\$14,201	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$19,000
260 UNIFORMS	\$31,000	\$26,005	\$31,000	\$31,000	\$31,000
261 REGISTRATIONS, FEES & LIC	\$150	\$52	\$150	\$150	\$150
262 TRAVEL	\$8,000	\$4,702	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
263 CRIME PREVENTION	\$6,000	\$4,991	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
264 POLICE TRAINING	\$12,000	\$11,307	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
265 POLICE COMMUNICATIONS	\$18,950	\$10,345	\$18,950	\$18,950	\$18,950
266 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$3,000	\$3,592	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
267 R & M SUPPLIES - BLDGS	\$200	\$248	\$200	\$200	\$200
268 R & M SERVICES - BLDGS	\$5,550	\$5,671	\$5,550	\$5,650	\$5,650
269 UTILITIES	\$5,850	\$4,873	\$5,850	\$5,850	\$5,850
270 BUILDING & IMPROVEMENT	\$1,000	\$222	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
271 R & M SUPPLIES-VEH & EQUIP	\$12,000	\$14,566	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
272 R & M SVCES - VEH & EQUIP	\$17,000	\$17,031	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$17,000
273 RENT	\$37,598	\$37,440	\$39,156	\$40,520	\$42,670
274 BUYING & MAINT VEHICLES	\$61,500	\$60,186	\$61,500	\$61,500	\$61,500
TOTAL POLICE	\$3,094,889	\$2,936,080	\$3,237,883	\$3,239,097	\$3,395,393
FIRE					
280 SALARIES	\$85,410	\$57,775	\$95,100	\$95,100	\$87,080
281 BENEFITS	\$6,534	\$4,420	\$7,275	\$7,275	\$6,662
282 PRINTING & BINDING	\$150	\$0	\$150	\$150	\$150
283 DUES / SUBS / MEETINGS	\$1,735	\$903	\$1,710	\$1,710	\$1,760
284 COMMUNICATIONS	\$3,300	\$2,489	\$3,415	\$3,415	\$3,415
285 TRAVEL	\$100	\$1,300	\$100	\$100	\$100
286 GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$2,150	\$804	\$2,145	\$2,145	\$2,145
287 SMALL TOOLS & EQUIPMENT	\$5,100	\$46,252	\$5,450	\$5,450	\$5,450
288 UNIFORMS	\$13,825	\$14,916	\$16,515	\$16,515	\$16,515
289 MACHINERY	\$8,125	\$2,584	\$9,900	\$9,900	\$11,200
290 FIRE PREVENTION	\$900	\$1,016	\$900	\$900	\$1,500
291 FIRE TRAINING	\$7,150	\$1,971	\$7,150	\$7,150	\$7,150
292 TRAINING / MEDICAL	\$1,600	\$360	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
293 FIRE COMMUNICATIONS	\$13,725	\$1,427	\$14,325	\$14,325	\$14,500
294 R & M SERVICES	\$19,700	\$16,129	\$20,150	\$20,150	\$24,150
295 R & M SUPPLIES	\$550	\$554	\$550	\$550	\$550
296 R & M SERVICES - BUILDINGS	\$2,000	\$2,197	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,400
297 R & M SUPPLIES - BUILDINGS	\$850	\$275	\$675	\$675	\$675
298 GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$700	\$215	\$700	\$700	\$700
299 WATER / GAS	\$8,000	\$9,570	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$10,600
300 BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	\$6,000	\$17,386	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
301 BUILDINGS - OTHER PURCHASED SERV	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,315	\$2,450
TOTAL FIRE	\$187,604	\$182,543	\$199,910	\$203,225	\$201,652

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	BUDGET FYE 2008	ACTUAL FYE 2008	BUDGET FYE 2009	ESTIMATED FYE2009	PROPOSED FYE2010
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT					
310 SALARIES	\$23,386	\$23,934	\$24,315	\$24,315	\$25,391
311 BENEFITS	\$12,584	\$12,291	\$12,779	\$12,779	\$13,933
312 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$150	\$0	\$150	\$150	\$150
313 COMMUNICATIONS	\$300	\$267	\$300	\$0	\$0
314 PRINTING AND BINDING	\$0	\$0	\$250	\$250	\$0
315 GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$100
TOTAL EMERGENCY MGMT	\$36,520	\$36,492	\$37,894	\$37,594	\$39,574
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS					
320 SALARIES	\$479,715	\$488,671	\$507,158	\$507,158	\$528,326
321 BENEFITS	\$265,235	\$232,448	\$255,588	\$255,588	\$285,492
322 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$3,500	\$5,020	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
323 R & M SVCES - VEHICLES	\$23,000	\$22,619	\$23,000	\$23,000	\$23,000
324 R & M SUPPLIES - VEHICLES	\$52,000	\$52,129	\$54,000	\$54,000	\$54,000
325 R & M SVCES - BUILDINGS	\$10,800	\$15,102	\$6,150	\$10,000	\$5,600
326 R & M SUPPLIES - BUILDINGS	\$2,500	\$3,373	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$2,900
327 RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT	\$300	\$107	\$300	\$200	\$200
328 COMMUNICATIONS	\$3,220	\$3,875	\$4,100	\$4,100	\$4,000
329 ADVERTISING	\$1,250	\$508	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$900
330 DUES / SUBS / MEETINGS	\$1,900	\$1,232	\$1,450	\$1,450	\$1,400
331 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	\$6,700	\$8,922	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$8,600
332 TRAVEL	\$1,300	\$1,554	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,200
333 TAXES / LICENSES / REGISTNS	\$340	\$125	\$340	\$250	\$275
334 SMALL TOOLS & EQUIPMENT	\$1,800	\$2,451	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800
335 UNIFORMS	\$11,300	\$9,678	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
336 OP SUPPLIES - BLDGS	\$6,815	\$7,558	\$6,700	\$6,700	\$7,000
337 OP SUPPLIES - VEHICLES	\$3,800	\$3,354	\$4,300	\$4,000	\$4,100
338 ELECTRICITY	\$10,500	\$10,879	\$10,500	\$10,500	\$9,800
339 NATURAL GAS	\$12,800	\$8,016	\$9,950	\$9,500	\$9,800
340 MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	\$4,700	\$21,067	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$3,200
341 VEHICLES	\$129,000	\$74,000	\$142,000	\$142,000	\$146,000
342 SUMMER CONST - RENTALS	\$2,300	\$2,075	\$2,900	\$2,900	\$2,900
343 SUMMER CONST - PURCH SVCES	\$183,000	\$170,951	\$170,000	\$170,000	\$160,000
344 SUMMER CONST - SUPPLIES	\$64,115	\$75,623	\$75,600	\$75,600	\$75,600
345 TRAFFIC CNTRL - PURCH SVCES	\$11,250	\$8,623	\$11,500	\$11,500	\$11,000
346 TRAFFIC CNTRL - SUPPLIES	\$8,150	\$6,844	\$7,825	\$7,825	\$7,800
347 SIDEWALKS AND CROSSWALKS	\$39,000	\$21,495	\$23,000	\$23,000	\$21,400
348 WINTER MAINT - PURCH SVCES	\$5,700	\$11,733	\$6,300	\$6,300	\$6,300
349 WINTER MAINT - SUPPLIES	\$177,000	\$178,518	\$183,000	\$183,000	\$188,175
350 BRIDGES AND VIADUCTS	\$8,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$3,500	\$1,500
351 STORM DRAINS - PURCH SVCES	\$14,000	\$40,463	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$20,100
352 STORM DRAINS - SUPPLIES	\$18,000	\$6,153	\$18,700	\$18,700	\$18,850
353 ELECTRICITY - STREET LIGHTS	\$98,000	\$96,313	\$95,000	\$97,000	\$97,000
TOTAL HIGHWAYS & STREET	\$1,660,990	\$1,591,479	\$1,673,661	\$1,678,571	\$1,721,718
STORMWATER					
360 SALARIES	\$38,416	\$38,898	\$58,061	\$58,061	\$65,185
361 BENEFITS	\$21,162	\$17,444	\$28,932	\$28,932	\$32,475
362 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$11,000	\$9,477	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$15,000
363 REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$27,000	\$10,022	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$24,000
364 CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES	\$45,000	\$3,949	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$40,000
365 ADVERTISING	\$6,000	\$5,255	\$7,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
366 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	\$15,800	\$2,053	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$7,100
367 TAXES / LICENSES / REGISTNS	\$8,000	\$5,998	\$9,000	\$8,000	\$10,000
368 VEHICLES	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
TOTAL STORMWATER	\$192,378	\$93,096	\$208,993	\$206,993	\$219,760

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SANITATION					
370	LANDFILL MONITORING	\$13,000	\$10,787	\$12,500	\$12,500
	TOTAL SANITATION	\$13,000	\$10,787	\$12,500	\$12,500
HEALTH AND WELFARE					
PUBLIC HEALTH					
380	PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER	\$8,182	\$8,153	\$8,510	\$8,936
381	DUES / SUBS / MEETINGS	\$125	\$140	\$125	\$125
382	DOG CONTROL	\$21,478	\$21,511	\$22,491	\$23,615
383	ANIMAL CONTROL / SHELTER	\$1,300	\$1,688	\$1,500	\$1,700
WELFARE AND OTHER					
384	HUMAN SERVICE GRANTS	\$93,515	\$91,433	\$94,371	\$98,420
385	DONATION ESSEX RESCUE	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$5,200
386	CEMETERIES - PURCH SVCS	\$2,000	\$2,395	\$2,000	\$2,000
387	E.C. HISTORICAL MUSEUM	\$1,500	\$1,498	\$1,500	\$1,500
	TOTAL HEALTH AND WELFARE	\$133,300	\$131,998	\$135,697	\$141,496
RECREATION					
390	SALARIES	\$167,711	\$176,053	\$177,557	\$189,534
391	BENEFITS	\$76,356	\$71,818	\$77,852	\$98,499
392	PROFESSIONAL SVCS	\$2,700	\$4,269	\$2,900	\$3,100
393	COMMUNICATIONS	\$700	\$1,231	\$900	\$900
394	ADVERTISING	\$450	\$444	\$600	\$600
395	PRINTING AND BINDING	\$4,800	\$9,048	\$8,000	\$9,100
396	DUES / SUBS / MEETINGS	\$1,660	\$1,163	\$1,660	\$1,710
397	OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	\$70,000	\$121,068	\$70,000	\$85,000
398	TRAVEL	\$1,760	\$1,078	\$1,760	\$2,000
399	GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$6,000	\$3,853	\$6,200	\$12,200
400	MACHINERY	\$300	\$0	\$350	\$350
401	YOUTH SOCCER	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
402	MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
403	HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION	\$600	\$581	\$600	\$600
404	FOOTBALL - ESSEX LEAGUE	\$500	\$0	\$700	\$900
405	LITTLE LEAGUE/SOFTBALL	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
406	LACROSSE	\$750	\$7,909	\$750	\$5,819
407	BABE RUTH LEAGUE	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
408	AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM	\$16,500	\$18,768	\$18,000	\$18,000
409	TRANSFER FOR REC FACILITIES	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,000
	TOTAL RECREATION	\$359,787	\$424,783	\$376,829	\$432,946
PARKS					
420	SALARIES	\$76,576	\$76,451	\$77,800	\$82,872
421	BENEFITS	\$29,631	\$27,678	\$30,041	\$33,487
422	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE SVCS	\$4,120	\$2,937	\$4,120	\$4,245
423	R & M SUPPLIES	\$12,000	\$12,518	\$12,360	\$12,854
424	COMMUNICATIONS	\$375	\$222	\$375	\$498
425	ADVERTISING	\$200	\$45	\$200	\$200
426	DUES / SUBS / MEETINGS	\$600	\$560	\$300	\$300
427	OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	\$12,477	\$10,858	\$13,077	\$13,600
428	TRAVEL	\$600	\$806	\$300	\$300
429	GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$3,800	\$3,389	\$3,915	\$3,915
430	SMALL TOOLS & EQUIPMENT	\$500	\$744	\$550	\$575
431	UNIFORMS	\$1,452	\$641	\$1,452	\$1,452
432	UTILITIES	\$3,300	\$3,448	\$3,535	\$3,676
433	TRANSFER FOR VEHICLES	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000
	TOTAL PARKS	\$170,631	\$140,297	\$173,025	\$182,974

PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET DETAIL FOR FYE 6/30/2010

	BUDGET FYE 2008	ACTUAL FYE 2008	BUDGET FYE 2009	ESTIMATED FYE2009	PROPOSED FYE2010
SWIMMING POOLS					
440 SALARIES	\$61,485	\$56,455	\$59,390	\$59,390	\$64,735
441 BENEFITS	\$4,704	\$4,319	\$4,568	\$4,568	\$4,952
442 REPAIR & MAINTENANCE SVCES	\$1,000	\$1,059	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
443 R & M SUPPLIES	\$750	\$546	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,040
444 RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT	\$250	\$223	\$250	\$250	\$250
445 COMMUNICATIONS	\$625	\$543	\$800	\$800	\$800
446 ADVERTISING	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$300	\$200
447 DUES / SUBS / MEETINGS	\$900	\$1,407	\$1,800	\$1,600	\$1,700
448 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	\$3,365	\$2,329	\$3,365	\$2,800	\$2,800
449 GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$3,250	\$3,909	\$3,600	\$3,800	\$4,000
450 SMALL TOOLS & EQUIPMENT	\$3,250	\$2,907	\$3,250	\$3,250	\$3,250
451 UNIFORMS	\$900	\$1,058	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,470
452 ELECTRICITY	\$6,000	\$7,631	\$7,500	\$7,800	\$8,000
453 MACHINERY	\$2,000	\$1,891	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$2,000
TOTAL POOLS	\$88,679	\$84,277	\$90,623	\$91,458	\$96,697
SENIOR CITIZEN BUS					
460 SALARIES	\$43,047	\$39,033	\$41,090	\$41,090	\$44,137
461 BENEFITS	\$3,293	\$2,986	\$3,143	\$3,143	\$3,376
462 REPAIR & MAINTENANCE SVCES	\$2,200	\$6,990	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,200
463 COMMUNICATIONS	\$950	\$384	\$450	\$800	\$450
464 ADVERTISING	\$125	\$0	\$300	\$0	\$300
465 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	\$1,200	\$783	\$1,600	\$800	\$1,200
466 GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$180	\$144	\$200	\$200	\$200
467 VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT	\$8,800	\$8,800	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
TOTAL SENIOR BUS	\$59,795	\$59,120	\$57,783	\$57,033	\$60,863
LIBRARIES					
ESSEX FREE LIBRARY					
470 SALARIES	\$165,155	\$162,586	\$165,694	\$172,425	\$184,741
471 BENEFITS	\$91,658	\$74,578	\$88,341	\$88,341	\$98,063
472 REPAIR & MAINTENANCE SVCES	\$21,865	\$22,047	\$15,884	\$15,884	\$17,305
473 DUES / SUBS / MEETINGS	\$723	\$810	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,230
474 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	\$2,840	\$1,986	\$2,885	\$2,885	\$2,839
475 TRAVEL	\$100	\$0	\$175	\$175	\$200
476 GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$5,470	\$5,897	\$4,960	\$4,960	\$5,000
477 ELECTRICITY	\$6,205	\$6,037	\$6,800	\$6,800	\$6,500
478 NATURAL GAS	\$2,007	\$2,660	\$2,400	\$2,679	\$2,700
479 BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	\$24,078	\$24,729	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$27,850
480 IMPROV OTHER THAN BUILD	\$600	\$0	\$600	\$600	\$1,000
481 MACHINERY	\$5,070	\$5,168	\$479	\$479	\$0
482 SPECIAL PROGRAMS	\$1,000	\$878	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
TOTAL ESSEX FREE LIBRARY	\$326,771	\$307,376	\$317,318	\$324,328	\$348,428
BROWNELL LIBRARY					
484 CONTRIBUTION	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
TOTAL BROWNELL LIBRARY	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
TOTAL LIBRARIES	\$341,771	\$322,376	\$332,318	\$339,328	\$363,428

PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET DETAIL FOR FYE 6/30/2010

	BUDGET FYE 2008	ACTUAL FYE 2008	BUDGET FYE 2009	ESTIMATED FYE2009	PROPOSED FYE2010
CONSERVATION					
485 TREE CARE	\$17,550	\$14,638	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000
486 TRANSFER TO W/S - AGRICULTURE	\$425	\$157	\$375	\$200	\$275
TOTAL CONSERVATION	\$17,975	\$14,795	\$16,375	\$16,200	\$16,275
DEBT SERVICE					
PRINCIPAL					
490 LIBRARY / MEMORIAL HALL	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
491 INDIAN BROOK	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
492 FIRE TRUCK - PUMPER	\$0	\$0	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000
493 FIRE STATION	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$66,000	\$66,000	\$66,000
INTEREST					
494 LIBRARY / MEMORIAL HALL	\$3,792	\$3,792	\$3,048	\$3,048	\$1,013
495 INDIAN BROOK	\$1,313	\$1,313	\$0	\$0	\$0
496 INTEREST - SHORT-TERM	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
497 FIRE TRUCK - PUMPER	\$0	\$0	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$13,265
498 FIRE STATION	\$5,860	\$5,856	\$6,600	\$6,600	\$1,973
499 TRANSFER TO CAP RESERVE FUND	\$169,235	\$199,698	\$125,652	\$125,652	\$132,239
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$297,700	\$325,659	\$321,300	\$321,300	\$316,990
INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPENSE					
510 COUNTY TAX	\$117,718	\$113,873	\$113,873	\$113,873	\$115,515
511 CCTA	\$197,867	\$197,867	\$206,196	\$206,196	\$206,851
512 WINOOSKI VALLEY PARK DIST	\$52,950	\$52,950	\$53,500	\$53,500	\$54,000
513 C.C.R.P.C.	\$15,322	\$15,322	\$16,166	\$16,166	\$15,078
514 M.P.O.	\$7,827	\$7,827	\$8,216	\$8,216	\$7,944
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$391,684	\$387,839	\$397,951	\$397,951	\$399,388
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$9,151,523	\$8,770,814	\$9,437,138	\$9,534,550	\$9,842,009

The firm of Kittell, Branagan and Sargent was engaged to audit the financial statements of the Town of Essex for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. Copies of the audit report, for which they gave an unqualified opinion, are on file at the Town office and can be obtained on the Town website at www.essex.org.

The budget and actual columns for FYE 2008 above are contained, in summary, in the audit report as a supplementary schedule. The schedule shows a net increase to unrestricted Fund Balance of \$412,191 for the year ended June 30, 2008. That increase is reconciled in the financial statements to a GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) net increase of \$357,852. The differences are due mainly to grant and other restricted revenues and expenditures that are not budgetted.

A complete picture of the Town's financial condition and results of operations can only be obtained by reading the whole audit report and the accompanying footnotes and schedules.

CHAMPLAIN WATER DISTRICT
Tom Bessette, Chair, CWD Board of Water Commissioners
Jim Fay, CWD General Manager

The Champlain Water District (CWD) has reprioritized its Twenty Year Master Plan due to reduced overall water usage by CWD's twelve served municipal water systems in Chittenden County. This Twenty Year Master Plan was reported in September 2002 and covers the planning period through 2021. The present focus of this master plan relates to overall water supply reliability and redundancy. As Vermont's largest water supplier, CWD must strive for an uninterrupted supply of drinking water to our 68,000 customers. Therefore, it is critical to continually analyze the water supply chain from CWD's deep lake intake source to consumer taps, and improve the vulnerable links in this water supply chain to ensure a consistent, reliable drinking water to our customer base.

Following extensive water quality site selection evaluations, CWD began the design and permitting for a second lake source intake into Shelburne Bay in 2006. This new water supply intake, including a thermocline monitoring system, was placed into service on July 2, 2008. This intake line extends 2,700 feet into Lake Champlain at a depth of 75 feet and operates in parallel with CWD's original 1973 intake. This allows for reliability and redundancy in delivering source water to the CWD Water Treatment Facility. Given the degree of difficulty and length of time the original single intake would be out of service to repair the intake line itself, or to perform maintenance related to the threat of zebra mussel infestation, a second redundant line is critical to maintain a 24/7/365 supply of drinking water to CWD's Chittenden County customer base.

Additional ongoing activities include the following major projects:

- Complete additional security upgrades at the water treatment facility
- Rehabilitated Adsorption Clarifier #2 and #3 at the water treatment facility
- Continued radio communication upgrades to increase the speed of relaying critical county infrastructure information to CWD's Treatment & Transmission Specialists for 24/7/365 response
- Continue to serve as the Vermont Training Center for the New England Water Works Association hosting six separate training sessions in fiscal year 2007-08.
- Continued work on water quality process control optimization projects.
- Continued replacement of major control valves at the treatment facility and within the County transmission system.
- Working to complete Phase II of field security upgrades at priority site in the County service area.
- Continue work to coordinate upgrading two major pumping stations to replace/add pumps and related motor control electrical equipment and controls.
- Continued work on a very proactive water storage tank inspection and maintenance program.

At CWD, "Excellence in Water Treatment" is our overarching mission. The CWD treatment facility received the First-in-the-Nation "Excellence in Water Treatment Award" under the National Partnership for Safe Water program of which the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) is a partner agency. CWD has maintained this "pinnacle of excellence" status each year since 1999 following an extensive annual review process.

We thank our employees and elected officials for their effort and support in allowing CWD to be proactively managed and operated to supply a drinking water product protective of public health. As always, we welcome groups of any size to tour our facility. Please call 864-7454 to arrange a tour, or if you have questions, or need further information on the Champlain Water District.

CHITTENDEN COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Jeffrey B. Carr, Chair

The CCMPO serves as a cooperative regional forum for the development of transportation policies, plans and programs that address transportation issues and opportunities in Chittenden County. CCMPO plans, prioritizes, and coordinates the use of all federal transportation funds in Chittenden County.

CCMPO is a federally mandated agency to undertake transportation planning, but it is locally controlled. CCMPO is responsible to all citizens of the region to ensure the implementation of the best transportation plan for Chittenden County. The CCMPO Board is composed of appointed officials from each of the 18 county municipalities, the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans), the Chittenden County Transportation Authority (CCTA), the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Vermont Transportation Authority (VTA) and air and rail representatives. These officials are accountable to their respective constituencies. The implementation of the transportation plan is primarily carried out by VTrans and the municipalities.

Under federal law, the CCMPO is required to maintain and update a long range Metropolitan Transportation Plan and a short range Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). In addition, CCMPO provides technical and planning assistance to its member municipalities and VTrans.

In January 2005 the CCMPO adopted the 2025 Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the county. The Transportation Plan was based upon the Regional Plan that was adopted by the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission in 2001. The transportation plan was developed based upon a forecast of over one billion dollars of federal funds to be spent within the county by the year 2025. More than half of these funds are to be used for maintaining our present transportation system.

The CCMPO approved the Federal Fiscal Year TIP for 2009 through 2012 in July 2008. It is a prioritized, multi-year list of transportation projects in Chittenden County. To receive federal funds, each transportation project, program or operation must be authorized through the TIP. During the period of this TIP, more than \$201 million in federal dollars are slated for transportation projects within the county.

The CCMPO provides a wide variety of technical and planning service to its membership including:

- Aerial Orthoimagery Program
- Infrastructure Management System
- Traffic counts
- Regional Public Transportation Initiative
- Route 15 Corridor Improvement Plan
- Route 2 Corridor Improvement Plan
- Safe Routes to Schools Program
- Signal Optimization
- Sidewalk Grants
- Scoping projects which is the first step to make a concept into a project.
- Technical Assistance Projects
- Transportation for Livable Communities Grants

A list of projects underway or recently completed in Essex is provided below. Once complete these studies can also be found at www.ccmpto.org, which is also where you can find traffic count data generated for your community.

Town of Essex CCMPO Work Product Summary

Technical Assistance

- Traffic Counts

Scoping

- VT 15/Ethan Allen Avenue – Project underway
- VT 15 Bike Path (with Colchester and Essex Junction) – September 2007
- VT 15/Sand Hill Road – May 2007
- Essex Alternative Paths – Completed
- VT 2A/Old Colchester Road – Completed
- VT 15/Old Stage Road – Completed
- Kellogg Road Reconstruction – Completed

Corridor Studies

- Route 15 Corridor Study – August 2008
(Winooski, Colchester, Essex, and Essex Junction)

Transportation for Livable Communities

- Susie Wilson Corridor Transit Oriented Development Plan – 2004 (\$25,000)
- Conceptual Path Alignment Study to cross VT RT 289 – 2003 (\$7,500)

Transportation Improvement Program

- Jericho Road Bike Path
 - \$400,000 Bicycle/Pedestrian grant for constructing a path along VT 15 from VT 128 to Sand Hill Road in 2006
 - Route 15 Slope Stabilization Project
 - \$1,000,000 drainage improvement project for Federal fiscal year 2008
- Sand Hill Road/VT 117 Intersection
 - \$1.1 million project for installation of a traffic signal at VT 117 and Sand Hill Road in 2009
- VT 15/VT 128 Traffic Signal Improvements
 - \$567,000 signal improvement completed in 2007
- VT 15 Paving, Colchester/Winooski Line to MM 1.57 (with Colchester)
 - \$2.7 million paving project for Federal fiscal year 2009

CCMPO Sidewalk Grant

- Route 15 multi-use path conceptual plans – 2007 (\$40,000)
- Route 15 sidewalk – 2005 (\$25,000)

CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Garrett Mott, Chair

Created in 1966 by Chittenden County municipalities, the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) is a 24-member board consisting of one delegate from each of the County's 19 municipalities and five at-large members representing the interests of agriculture, environmental conservation, business, housing and transportation. CCRPC provides planning leadership in both policy guidance and technical analysis. Member communities benefit from the expertise of staff through the Commission's professional and technical assistance services.

In 2008, the following CCRPC projects benefited all member municipalities:

- The Chittenden County Brownfields Assessment Program facilitates analysis of petroleum and hazardous contamination of land so that it can return to productive use
- Facilitated negotiations of legislation leading to Act 176, Vermont Neighborhoods Program
- Updated County-wide parcel-based land use data including employment
- Developed County-wide dataset of pedestrian and bicycle paths – on-road, shared-use, and sidewalks
- Adopted a new definition of “substantial regional impact” as an amendment to the 2006 Chittenden County Regional Plan
- Supported Local Emergency Planning Committee #1 to improve emergency preparedness planning
- Convened the Chittenden County Planning Conference in January
- CCRPC regularly reviewed development applications governed by Act 250 for compliance with the 2006 Chittenden County Regional Plan

In addition, Essex also has benefited from the following specific CCRPC services:

- Assisted GIS Coordinator with a housing density analysis
- Staffed Chittenden County Regional Stormwater Education Program of which Essex is a member

Maintaining a balanced built and natural environment involves continuous collaboration and coordination. CCRPC appreciates the opportunity to work with its municipal members to plan appropriately for the region's future to protect the special quality of life that is shared throughout Chittenden County.

CHITTENDEN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Chris Cole, General Manager

The Chittenden County Transportation Authority (CCTA) continued to provide public transportation services to the Town of Essex and the greater Burlington area. In FY08, services include local fixed-route bus service; commuter park and ride shuttles, supermarket and school shuttles; inter-regional commuter routes; multi-county ridesharing and vanpooling; transportation for Medicaid recipients and contracted ADA paratransit service for those who are unable to ride the bus.

In FY08, CCTA was governed by a 10-member Board of Commissioners with two Commissions representing each of the following communities: Burlington, Essex, Shelburne, South Burlington, and Winooski. Essex's Commissioner to the CCTA Board is Dan Maxon (Chairman) with one vacant seat.

CCTA's annual operating expenses for FY08 (pre-audit) were \$9,591,151. The audited operating expenses for FY07 were \$10,085,027. That is a decrease of \$493,876. Breakdown of revenues was as follows: Federal 26%, Local 24%, Passenger Revenues 21%, State 20% and Purchase of Service 9%.

Increased Ridership

CCTA once again saw ridership increased by 5% in FY08, which represents an additional 112,730 riders for a total ridership of 2,233,481.

Ridership on the Essex Junction route was up 15% in FY08 and peak hour ridership has increased by 28% since the 15-minute peak hour service began in February 2007.

CCTA added a third PM trip on the Montpelier Link in August 2007 and ridership on the route increased by over 44% in the last fiscal year. The Middlebury and St. Albans Link Express routes also saw significant ridership growth. In FY08, the Middlebury Link ridership was up over 41% and the St. Albans Link ridership was up over 33%.

Other routes that also saw large ridership increases in FY08, include Shelburne Road (up 17%), UMall/Airport (up 10%), and Riverside/Winooski (up 10%).

Improved Amenities and Service

In FY08, CCTA continued to advance several projects to make the transit system more convenient and user-friendly.

- CCTA completed an addition to the bus storage facility to house more buses inside and thus extend their useful life. CCTA also designed a paint booth to more efficiently maintain the fleet of buses.
- In February 2007, CCTA launched 15-minute service on the Essex Junction route during peak commuting times.
- Also in FY08, CCTA continued to make minor repairs to the Cherry Street transfer station.

Environmental Commitment

In 2007, CCTA received 12 new buses, which drastically reduce the emissions output of the fleet. The Authority is committed to operating with the cleanest technology available, and has been working to receive the funding necessary to replace all updated buses with new, low emission, clean diesel buses. In FY08, CCTA ordered an additional 13 new buses, and will receive them in FY09.

CCTA continued to offer member communities a variety of alternative, environmentally responsible commuting alternatives to the single occupancy vehicle. The LINK routes and Vermont Rideshare services for carpooling and vanpooling were another way in which CCTA was able to reduce local congestion and improve air quality. CCTA staff worked with local businesses and communities in FY08 to promote these services and encourage participation.

Unlimited Access Program

CCTA is pleased to announce that the Unlimited Access program continued to grow in FY08. The program that allows those with a valid UVM or Champlain College ID card to board any CCTA bus by simply swiping their ID, continued to grow in FY08 with increased ridership from UVM and Champlain students, faculty and staff. In addition, CCTA welcomed Saint Michael's College to the Unlimited Access program as a full participant in Fall 2007. The UA program continues to be well received by staff and students and will be continuing to expand in next fiscal year.

The mission of CCTA is to promote and operate safe, convenient, accessible, innovative and sustainable public transportation services in the Chittenden County region that reduce congestion and pollution, encourage transit oriented development and enhance the quality of life for all.

Contact CCTA for Route and Schedule Information

802-864-CCTA (Phone)
info@cctaride.org (email)
www.cctaride.org (Web)

CHITTENDEN SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
Thomas Moreau, General Manager

ADMINISTRATION

CSWD owns and oversees 10 solid waste or recycling facilities in Chittenden County for its 18 member municipalities. A Board of Commissioners, who sets policy and oversees financial matters, governs CSWD. Each member community appoints one Commissioner. The unaudited FYE08 General Fund expenses were \$7,263,071 and the revenues were \$8,291,880. This represents a 0.6% increase in expenses and a 0.2% decrease in revenues from the FYE07 General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES/EVENTS

In FYE08, CSWD spent a lot of time and resources on the eventual takeover of the Intervale Compost Products. CSWD staff and Board realize that removing biodegradable organics from the waste stream is an important next step in waste diversion/utilization and we needed to preserve the ongoing operation as we plan for a replacement facility. CSWD also expanded the types of plastic accepted at our Materials Recovery Facility to include plastics #3 through #7. On the landfill project, work concentrated on mitigation of wetland impacts and successfully defending a third party suit on the Host Town Agreement between CSWD and the Town of Williston

ONGOING OPERATIONS

The Board of Commissioner's Officers include: Chair Paul Stabler of South Burlington, Vice Chair Bert Lindholm of Jericho, and Secretary/Treasurer Mike Coates of Williston. **Executive Board Members** include Paul Stabler of South Burlington, Mike Coates of Williston, Alan Nye of Essex Town, Ken Nolan of Milton and Steve Goodkind of Burlington. CSWD General Manager is Thomas Moreau.

Drop off centers located in Burlington, Essex, South Burlington, Milton, Williston, Richmond, and Hinesburg are available to District members who prefer to self-haul their trash and recyclables. Drop Off Centers collected 3,225 tons of recyclables, a decrease of 5.6% from FYE07, and 6,598 tons of household trash during FYE08, an 8.2% decrease from FYE07.

The **Materials Recovery Facility** in Williston is owned by CSWD and is privately operated by Cassella Waste Management. In FYE08, 41,520 tons of recyclables were collected, sorted, baled, and shipped to markets. This represents an 11.9% increase from the previous year. The average sale price for materials was \$121.27 per ton, which is a 29.7% increase over last year's average.

The **Environmental Depot** and the Rover are CSWD's hazardous waste collection facilities for residents and businesses. In FYE08, 8,850 households and 687 businesses brought in 540,108 pounds of waste that were collected and processed at these facilities. This included 57,870 pounds (5,787 gallons) of latex paint re-blended and sold as "Local Color," 17,076 pounds of leftover products given away through the "Hazbin" reuse program and 104,500 pounds (10,450 gallons) of oil-based and latex paint processed for recycling in Canada.

CSWD brokered 15,679 wet tons of biosolids for our member communities in FYE08, just 2% more material than last year. We negotiated a new biosolids contract to replace the 10-year old agreement that ended with the fiscal year.

CSWD's **Marketing Campaign** once again raised the profile of the Electronics Recycling Program, with a round-up event in conjunction with Small Dog Electronics, collecting close to 133 tons. Other events promoting reduce, reuse, recycle-rethink included Rover round-ups, Spring Move Out and Summer Move In Projects, Community Sustainability Fairs, Waste Reduction Award, Lake Monsters sponsorship game, Green Up Day, the Appliance and Tire round-ups, Merry Mulch, paint round up, and the Creative ReUse Showcase.

A variety of educational programs and tools are available to assist residents, institutions, and businesses to reduce and properly manage their wastes. The **CSWD Hotline (872-8111)**, **Website** (www.cswd.net), school programs, workshops, informational pamphlets, free recycling bins and signage, discount compost bins, and waste assessments for businesses are part of this positive community outreach.

Over 28,000 employees, residents of residential complexes, students, volunteers, and clients were impacted by the **Business Outreach Program**. School presentations, equipment loans, and waste assessments and facility tours, reached 9,500 students through the **School Outreach Program**. Over 900 residents attended the new Community Sustainability Fairs held in 9 municipalities and coordinated by the Community Outreach Program.

Research and development efforts, which have dual goals of reducing the amount of waste generated and land-filled along with making programs more convenient and cost-effective, focused on recycling participation, construction and demolition debris recycling; organics diversion, special event recycling, and markets for recyclables.

CSWD provides funding and staff time to support **Green Up Day** efforts in Chittenden County. In May 2008, 34 tons of litter, 2,335 tires, and 17 cubic yards of scrap metal were collected. CSWD also contributed \$4,050 to Green Up Vermont on behalf of its member municipalities.

The fall and spring **Appliance** and **Tire Round-Ups** brought in 993 major appliances and 9,461 tires at no charge from 3,000 households.

The **Community Clean Up Fund** helps members keep their communities clean and litter free throughout the year. In FYE08, almost \$10,000 was distributed to twelve of CSWD's member municipalities through this program.

WINOOSKI VALLEY PARK DISTRICT
Jennifer Ely, Executive Director

The Winooski Valley Park District's mission is to preserve natural areas that are a short walk or bike ride from where 110,500 people live and work. The Town of Essex has been a supporting member for 36 years.

Our 16 natural areas offer over 13 miles of shoreline and 25 miles of trails for you to enjoy. In Essex, this includes Essex Overlook Park, Woodside Park and part of Colchester Pond Natural Area where it abuts Indian Brook Reservoir. Visit www.wvdpd.org for trail maps and to learn more.

You will find our office at the Ethan Allen Homestead. A seven member Board of Trustees governs the Park District, one appointed by each of the seven member communities. Your representative is Mark Berry. Highlights of the year include:

- **New Director Hired for the Ethan Allen Homestead Museum.** Thanks to \$20,000 in emergency funds from the Vermont Legislature and a \$15,000 grant from the Windham Foundation, Laura Need was hired as acting Director of the Homestead Museum. The Homestead Museum property includes the 1787 restored farmhouse of Ethan and Fanny Allen, a museum and a gift shop. As owner of Ethan Allen's restored home, the Park District hopes that the State will continue to provide annual support of this important site.
- **Programs at our Parks Hosted by Others.** Flynn Arts led teens and tweens in 2 weeks of historic reenactments. The YMCA held four week-long nature camps at the Homestead. Uncle Jammers sponsored "Web Water Wildlife", a summer fishing camp at Colchester Pond. New this year, the Vermont Institute of Natural Science offered 8 weeks of camps at the Homestead and the YWCA launched two weeks of programs for summer campers. The Cub Scouts returned for a week of summer workshops. UVM led classes at our various parks in art, natural history, engineering, plant biology, soil science, and geology.
- **Lessons Learned at the Parks.** Essex residents were amongst those participating in 40 gardening classes at the Ethan Allen Homestead. The twice-weekly classes gave residents the opportunity to learn through the community-teaching garden. Fifteen students from Essex Technical School volunteered at the Homestead and assisted with phragmites removal in March. Over two days, the students learned about the growth habits and ecological impacts of invasive species on native plant communities while also helping the Homestead reduce an invasive plant population in its wetlands.

Children need wild places to stay in touch with their natural heritage. In turn, wild places need management that assures people and wildlife can peacefully coexist. Each year the Town of Essex's support makes it possible for thousands of Vermonters, and tourists, to explore your ecologically diverse system of natural areas.

**As a young girl paused along a rock walkway at one of the parks,
she signed contently, "I think I belong here." A summer camper wrote,
"I'm definitely doing more camps at the Homestead next year."**

**TOWN OF ESSEX
2008 TOWN MEETING
MINUTES
March 3, 2008**

SELECTBOARD: Jeffrey B. Carr, Chair; Linda Myers, Alan Nye, Irene Wrenner, Max Levy

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Patrick C. Scheidel, Town Manager; Todd Odit, Assistant Town Manager; Cheryl Moomey, Town Clerk; Leo Nadeau, Police Chief; Douglas Fisher, Finance Director; Dennis Lutz, Town Engineer/Public Works Director; Susan Overfield, Library Director; Bill Ellis, Town Attorney; Charles Cole, Fire Chief; Randy Viens, Town Assessor; Dana Farley, Community Development Director.

MODERATOR: Steve McQueen

Mr. McQueen introduced himself as Town Moderator at 7:45 p.m. He called attention to the State Representatives present: Martha Heath, Tim Jerman, Deb Evans and Linda Myers and the Village Trustees present: Tim Jerman and John Lajza. He stated that the representatives would be available after the meeting to answer any questions.

Next, Mr. McQueen pointed out the location of Senator Bill Doyle's 2008 Town Meeting Day Survey and directed the public to return it to the box or Representative Myers that night. He added there was an abundance of reading material available for the public as well.

Next, Mr. McQueen explained the articles for discussion at Town Meeting. There were no questions from the public regarding this information.

Next, Mr. McQueen explained the Robert's Rules of Order governing the Essex Town Meeting. The public had no questions regarding the rules.

Mr. McQueen introduced the Essex Selectboard Chair, Jeffrey B. Carr, who in turn introduced those people sitting at the head table, and Town staff present that night.

At 7:50 p.m., Mr. McQueen called the 2008 Town of Essex Town Meeting to order. He led the assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next, Mr. McQueen asked the public to join him in a moment of silence for those who had given the ultimate sacrifice for the community, whether serving in the Armed Forces of the United States or serving the community as Police Officers, Firefighters or Rescue Workers.

JEFFREY B. CARR MOVED AND PAULA DUKE SECONDED A MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES BY REQUIRING A MAJORITY VOTE TO AUTHORIZE A PAPER BALLOT FOR THIS MEETING.

There was no discussion on the motion.

Mr. McQueen asked "all those in favor of the motion please signify by saying aye, all those opposed, nay".

THE MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 1: SHALL THE REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS BE ACCEPTED?

PAULA DUKE MOVED AND BOB MARCOTTE SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE ARTICLE 1.

Mr. Marcotte referred members and the public to page 62 of the Town's Annual Report, with regards to his statements recorded in the minutes from last year. He proposed that the tax rate over the years and the grand list from year to year be included in the Town Report so that the public could review the trend.

There was no further discussion on the motion.

Mr. McQueen asked “all those in favor of the motion please signify by saying aye, all those opposed, nay”.

THE MOTION FOR ARTICLE 1 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 2: SHALL THE TOWN ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2008 TO JUNE 30, 2009 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTBOARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,437,138.00?

PAULA DUKE MOVED AND GEORGE BOUCHER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE ARTICLE 2.

There was no discussion on the motion.

Mr. McQueen asked “all those in favor of the motion please signify by saying aye, all those opposed, nay”.

THE MOTION FOR ARTICLE 2 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 3: SHALL THE VOTERS AUTHORIZE INCREASING THE DISABLED VETERANS' PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FROM THE CURRENT \$20,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE TO \$40,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE PURSUANT TO 32 V.S.A. SECTION 3802(11)(B) TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR THE TAX YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2008.

DENNIS GODIN MOVED AND RALPH GUILLETTE SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE ARTICLE 3.

Mr. John Jacob asked why the issue was only for disabled veterans and not all veterans. Mr. Carr explained that two years ago, the State Legislature passed a bill to increase the exemption for those veterans with a 50% or more disability. The Town did not have the opportunity from the time that the Legislature passed the bill to appropriately warn the issue for Town Meeting. Therefore, this year, the members identified and warned Article 3 for a Town Meeting vote. He stated that many other towns were approving the bill and reported that there were only 31 properties that qualified for the exemption in the Essex community, resulting in a total impact of \$1.00 to the average taxpayer in the Town. Mr. Carr stated that the exemption would provide an important property tax break to the people who served the country with distinction and who were now 50% or more disabled. He concluded that the state statute gave communities the opportunity to vote individually on the exemption increase.

Mr. John Fitzgerald was concerned with the widows of disabled veterans and whether they would qualify for the exemption or lose the exemption should their spouse become deceased.

Mr. Scheidel explained that the exemption was in regards to the property and that in the case of a spouse becoming a widow, the exemption would remain with the property.

There was no further discussion on the motion.

Mr. McQueen asked “all those in favor of the motion please signify by saying aye, all those opposed, nay”.

THE MOTION FOR ARTICLE 3 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

AT 8:00 P.M., DAVID KEENAN MOVED AND GEORGE BOUCHER SECONDED A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING UNTIL 7:00 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY, MARCH 4, 2008.

There was no discussion on the motion.

Mr. McQueen asked “all those in favor of the motion please signify by saying aye, all those opposed, nay”.

THE MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

Respectfully submitted

Saramichelle Stultz

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Recording Secretary

(See minutes of this date for corrections, if any).

Irene Wrenner, Clerk, Selectboard

(THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE NEXT SELECTBOARD MEETING.)

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Fire (Outside Village)	911	878-4300 (Administrative)
(Inside Village)	911	878-3315 (Administrative)
Police	911	878-8331 (Administrative)
Ambulance	911	878-4859 (Administrative)

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY OF TOWN SERVICES

<u>For Information Regarding</u>	<u>Call</u>	<u>Number</u>
Bicycle Registration	Police Department	878-1333
Birth & Death Certificates	Town Clerk	879-0413
Building & Zoning Permits	Zoning Administrator	878-1343
Burning Permits	Police Department	878-1333
Chittenden Central School District	Superintendent	878-1370
Detectives	Police Department	879-4923
Dog Complaints	Police Department	878-1333
Elections (Town & General)	Town Clerk	879-0413
Essex Town School District	Superintendent	878-8168
Health Complaints	Community Development	878-1343
Library	Essex Free Library	879-0313
Licenses (Hunting, Fishing, Marriage, Dog)	Town Clerk	879-0413
Planning & Subdivisions	Community Development	878-1343
Public Works/Streets	Public Works	878-1344
Parks & Recreation	Parks & Recreation	878-1342
Recycling/Drop Off Center	Chittenden Solid Waste District	872-8100
Senior Center Bus	Senior Center	878-6940
Swimming	Parks & Recreation	878-1342
Tax Maps/Assessments	Assessor/Real Estate Appraisal	878-1345
Tax Collections	Finance	878-1359
Town of Essex	Town Manager	878-1341
Village of Essex Junction	Village Manager	878-6944
Voting Registration	Town Clerk	879-0413
Water/Sewer Services	Public Works	878-1344
E-Mail Address		<u>Manager@essex.org</u>
Web Site		<u>www.essex.org</u>