

Town of Franklin Vermont

and the

Franklin School District

2009 Annual Report



For the
Town Year Ending December 31, 2009
School Year Ending June 30, 2009

THOMAS A. MAGNANT

It is with deep appreciation that we dedicate Franklin's 2009 Annual Report to one of her favorite sons, Thomas A. Magnant.

Tom was born in 1936, in the farmhouse now occupied by his son Tim and his family. Tom attended school in Franklin and graduated from Franklin High School in 1956. After graduation, Tom worked at his father's milk route hauling milk in cans to the creamery in Enosburg. In 1959 he married Nancy Stanley and in 1963, he and Nancy bought the family farm where together they raised their four children, Jane, Becky, Peter and Tim. Tom participated in every aspect of his children's lives and instilled in them his values of family, community and conservatism while always being receptive to new, innovative ideas.

Tom was an active member of the Franklin community serving as Auditor, Justice of the Peace, Trustee of the Haston Library Fund and Director and Chair of the Missisquoi Valley Union High School Board; he was tireless in his dedication. Tom loved Franklin and knew her history. He loved to talk politics and would gladly share his wealth of knowledge with anyone who sought him out. Many a Franklin official or board member solicited Tom's opinion on town matters. That opinion was always well thought out, it was articulate and contained not only his vision of the town's future, but came with solid financial rationale.

Tom also served on the following county/state boards: St Albans Cooperative Creamery (where he served as treasurer and chairman of the Quality Committee), Vermont Beef Industry Council, Vermont Dairy Promotion Council, Green Mountain Dairy Farmers Cooperative Federation and Vermont Dairy Farm Sustainability Project, Inc.

Tom stood tall not only in physical stature, but in the eyes of his Franklin friends and neighbors. We will miss him at our annual meetings but his legacy will live on forever. May you Rest in Peace dear friend.

*The strength of a man isn't seen in the width of his shoulders.
It's seen in the width of his arms that encircle and protect.*

*The strength of a man isn't in the deep tone of his voice.
It's in the gentle words he whispers.*

*The strength of a man isn't just in the words he speaks.
It's in how he keeps his word.*

*The strength of a man isn't how many buddies he has.
It's how good a buddy he is with his or "your" children.*

*The strength of a man isn't in how respected he is at work.
It's in how respected he is at home.*

*The strength of a man isn't in how hard he hits.
It's in how tender he touches.*

*The strength of a man isn't in the hair on his chest.
It's in the heart that lies within his chest.*

*The strength of a man isn't in how many women he's loved.
It's in whether he can be true to the ONE woman he loves.*

*The strength of a man isn't in the weight he can lift.
It's in the burdens he can carry.*

*The strength of a man isn't in how much food he eats from your table.
It's in the effort he puts forth when you are unable.*

A strong man puts God first, family second and his work third.

~Author unknown

AUDITORS' ANNUAL REPORT

for the

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
VERMONT

For the Year Ending
December 31, 2009

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***Please Bring This Report to Town Meeting ***

The Haston Library will be serving lunch
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WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Franklin and the School District are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Franklin Central School on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at ten o'clock in the forenoon to transact the following business:

1. To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To receive and act upon the reports of the several town officers.
3. To see if the voters will vote an adequate sum of money to meet current expenses, deficit, and debt payment of the town as indicated in the proposed municipal budget.
4. To see if the voters will approve an increase to the veteran's exemption amount from \$10,000 of appraised value to \$20,000 of appraised value in accord with 32 V.S.A. §3802(11) first effective for the April 1, 2010 tax year?
5. To elect the following town officers:
 - A. One selectboard member for a term of three years. (by ballot)
 - B. One selectboard member for a term of two years. (by ballot)
 - C. One lister for a term of three years. (by ballot)
 - D. One auditor for a term of three years. (by ballot)
 - E. A trustee of public money.
 - F. A trustee of the Haston Library Fund.
 - G. Two Haston Library trustees for terms of three years.
 - H. A collector of delinquent taxes for a term of one year.
 - I. A constable for a term of one year.
 - J. A town agent to prosecute and defend suits in which the town is interested.
 - K. One or more grand jurors.
 - L. One representative to serve on the Franklin Homestead, Inc. Board of Directors for a term of three years.

RECESS REGULAR TOWN MEETING AND ENTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

6. To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.
7. To act upon the reports of the school directors.
8. Will the voters of the Franklin Town School District appropriate \$1,507,600 necessary for the support of the Franklin Elementary School for the school year beginning July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011?
9. To elect one Franklin School Director for a term of three (3) years.
10. Will the voters of the Franklin Town School District authorize the school directors to borrow money to pay the current expenditures in anticipation of taxes and to sign notes for that purpose?
11. To transact any other business legally authorized to be transacted; considered appropriate and necessary when met.

RECESS TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND ENTER REGULAR TOWN MEETING

12. To see if the town will authorize the selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the needs of the town.
13. Shall the voters of the Town of Franklin establish a municipal records reserve fund in accordance with VSA Title 24, Section 2804 for restoration, preservation, conservation and computerization of municipal records, to be funded by revenues of not less than \$3.00 per page not more than \$4.00 per page received from recording fees established under VSA Title 32, Section 1671 (a) (1) and (6) of this section? The exact amount shall be determined by the local legislative body. This fund to be retroactive to July 1, 2009.
14. To elect a person, or persons, to act as cemetery commissioner(s) to care for the cemeteries in town where there is no one responsible to act in such a capacity.
15. To see if the voters will set the date of payment of property taxes paid to the treasurer to be October 15, 2010 before 3:30 p.m.
16. To see if the town will vote to publish the names of all delinquent property taxpayers and amounts due and owed to the town as of December 31, 2010.
17. To elect any town officers to fill any town office that may be vacant at this time.
18. To see if the voters of the Town of Franklin will authorize the auditors to distribute the Town Report by making copies available at three (3) locations in town and further authorize the auditors to mail copies to any taxpayer who would request same.
19. To transact any other non-binding business thought proper when met.

Franklin Selectboard

Scott Choiniere
Harvey Bushey
Peter Kittell
Lynn Paradis

Franklin School Directors

Jonathan Gates
Timothy Magnant
David Rood

Read for record on January 21, 2010 at the Franklin Town Clerk's Office and is duly recorded.

ATTEST: Lisa A. Larivee, Town Clerk

PLEASE NOTE: Special accommodations will be made for all handicapped persons requesting an accommodation at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting. Please call 285-2101 for more information.

***** ABSTRACT OF MARCH 3, 2009 TOWN MEETING *****

Town Clerk, Lisa A. Larivee, declared the polls open for the Australian Balloting of the MVU High School #7 budget and school directors. Moderator Timothy Magnant called the Franklin Town Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The moderator instructed unregistered voters that they may participate but may not vote on issues. Also asked was if there is a division that if people would please raise their hand before the vote begins. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by veteran, Charles Magnant. Pastor Jason McConnell gave the Invocation. The Moderator introduced Danielle Magnant and Brendan Gates who were assisting with microphones for their MVU community service.

- ARTICLE 1** Elected Timothy Magnant as moderator for the ensuing year.
ARTICLE 2 Accepted the reports of the town officers.
ARTICLE 3 Approved \$22,656.43, balance of Article 5 from the 2008 Warning; be paid to Franklin Rescue for emergency medical services
ARTICLE 4 Approved a Municipal Budget of \$435,066.12.
ARTICLE 5 Elected the following town officers:
A. Peter Kittell selectperson for three-year term.
B. Lynn Paradis selectperson for two-year term.
C. Robert Irish lister for three-year term.
D. Jennifer Wright auditor for three-year term.
E. Thomas Magnant trustee of public money for one year.
F. Kimberly Gates Maynard trustee of Haston Library Fund for one year.
G. Linda Hartman, Carolyn Kittell and Julie Ziemba Haston Library Trustees for three years.
H. Johanna Crane-Godin delinquent tax collector for one year.
I. Burt Maynard constable for one year.
J. George Godin town agent for one year.
K. Gilbert Dewing, George Godin, Andrew Godin and Doug Clark grand jurors for one year.
L. Martha Jane Olmstead to Franklin Homestead Board of Directors for three years.

RECESS REGULAR TOWN MEETING AND ENTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

- ARTICLE 6** Elected Timothy Magnant as moderator for the ensuing year.
ARTICLE 7 Accepted reports of school directors.
ARTICLE 8 Appropriated \$1,463,995 for the FY 2010 school budget.
ARTICLE 9 Elected David Rood school director for three years.
ARTICLE 10 Authorized school directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
ARTICLE 11 No other business.

RECESS TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND ENTER REGULAR TOWN MEETING

- ARTICLE 12** Authorized the selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
ARTICLE 13 Elected Howard Vansette, Nancy Wilson and Jennifer Dewing as cemetery commissioners for one year.
ARTICLE 14 Authorized the payment of taxes to be paid to the treasurer on October 15, 2009 before 6:00 p.m.
ARTICLE 15 Voted to publish names of delinquent property taxpayers as of December 31, 2009. Marilyn Hacket voiced that it is not nice to do as this information can be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office
ARTICLE 16 No vacancy to be filled.
ARTICLE 17 Michelle Guilmette thanked David Breed for his work as a Town auditor. Marilyn Hacket spoke regarding prayer and separation of church and state; also that prayer should not take place at town meeting. She stated she feels discrimination by the majority poll who are for prayer. Kyle Lothian stated he is proud to be a resident of Franklin and address Ms. Hacket. Kim Gates advised the Haston Library has 2010 Birthday Calendars for sale.

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator.....Timothy Magnant
Town Clerk..... Lisa A. Larivee
Town Treasurer.....Lisa A. Larivee

SELECTBOARD

Scott Choiniere.....Term Expires 2010
Jamie Boudreau (resigned).....Term Expires 2010
Harvey Bushey.....Term Expires 2011
Lynn Paradis.....Term Expires 2011
Peter Kittell.....Term Expires 2012

LISTERS

Gilbert Dewing.....Term Expires 2010
Jean M. Richard.....Term Expires 2011
Robert Irish.....Term Expires 2012

FRANKLIN SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Jonathan Gates.....Term Expires 2010
Timothy Magnant.....Term Expires 2011
David Rood.....Term Expires 2012

MISSISQUOI VALLEY UNION #7 DIRECTORS

Cindy Metayer.....Term Expires 2010
Robert Irish.....Term Expires 2011
Gerald Gates.....Term Expires 2012

AUDITORS

Pauline Gadbois.....Term Expires 2010
Michelle Guilmette.....Term Expires 2011
Jennifer Wright.....Term Expires 2012

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC MONEY

Thomas Magnant.....Term Expires 2010

TRUSTEE OF HASTON LIBRARY FUND

Kimberly Gates Maynard.....Term Expires 2010

TOWN AGENT

George Godin.....Term Expires 2010

TOWN GRAND JURORS

George Godin.....Term Expires 2010
Douglas Clark.....Term Expires 2010
Gilbert Dewing.....Term Expires 2010
Andrew Godin.....Term Expires 2010

CONSTABLE

Burt Maynard.....Term Expires 2010

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

Johanna Crane-Godin.....Term Expires 2010

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Nancy Wilson.....Term Expires 2010
Jennifer Dewing.....Term Expires 2010
Howard Vansette.....Term Expires 2010

HASTON LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Bryant Reynolds.....Term Expires 2010
Jennifer Ploof.....Term Expires 2010
Kathy Giroux.....Term Expires 2011
Jen Morin.....Term Expires 2011
Linda Hartman.....Term Expires 2012
Julie Ziemba.....Term Expires 2012
Carolyn Kittell (resigned).....Term Expires 2012
Alyson Racine (appointed).....Term Expires 2012

FRANKLIN HOMESTEAD, INC.

Imogene Rainville.....Term Expires 2010
Elizabeth Rainville.....Term Expires 2011
Martha Jane Olmstead.....Term Expires 2012

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Dan Clark Gilbert Dewing
Dorothy P. Lothian Peter Magnant Kimberly Gates Maynard

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK & TREASURER

Sara Rainville.....Term Expires 2010

PLANNING COMMISSION - 4 Year Term

Richard Gadbois.....Term Expires 2010
Douglas Bradford (resigned)... ..Term Expires 2011
Ed Rainville (appointed and resigned)Term Expires 2011
Jennifer Charbonneau (appointed & resigned)Term Expires 2011
Kyle Lothian (appointed)Term Expires 2011
David Lucey..... Term Expires 2011
Dan Larivee.....Term Expires 2011
Douglas Clark.....Term Expires 2012
William Mayo (resigned)..... Term Expires 2012
Peter Kittell (appointed) Term Expires 2012
Clark Hubbard.....Term Expires 2012
David Lothian (resigned).....Term Expires 2013
Gerard Tremblay (appointed)Term Expires 2013
John Giroux (resigned).....Term Expires 2013
Greg Bouchard (appointed).....Term Expires 2013

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - 3 Year Term

Johanna Crane-GodinTerm Expires 2010
Chris O'Shea.....Term Expires 2010
Chris Wagner.....Term Expires 2010
Carolyn Kittell.....Term Expires 2011
Adrian Rainville.....Term Expires 2011
David Rood.....Term Expires 2012
Lyle Richard.....Term Expires 2012

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Robert Irish.....Term Expires 2010

OTHER OFFICERS

Town Service Officer.....Pauline Gadbois
Health Officer.....Pauline Gadbois
Road Commissioner..... Peter Kittell
Road Foreman.....Howard Vanselette
Animal Control Officer (resigned).....Jamie Boudreau
Tree & Fire Warden.....Burt Maynard
Keeper of Street Lights.....Donald Gates
Keeper of Town Clock.....Cliff Bullis
Emergency Management Coordinator.....Justin Rainville
Regional Planning.....Douglas Clark
.....Dan Larivee
E911 Coordinator.....Jennifer Wright
.....Kim Gates Maynard

AUDITORS' REPORT

We, the undersigned and duly elected auditors of the Town of Franklin, in accordance with Title 24, §1681 et seq. VSA, report that we have reviewed and approved the accounts relating to the town and these findings are contained in the reports herein. We review all selectboard orders and reconcile town bank statements.

The school accounts are audited by Angolano & Company, Certified Public Accountants. Angolano & Company's complete audit report is available for review at the Town Clerk's office. As part of the segregation of duties, town auditors reconcile the school bank statements.

We met with the Selectboard in January and presented them with our audit findings and recommendations which included the combined Haston Library report, recommendations on mail receipts in the town office, cost saving recommendations and we also made a recommendation for distribution of Town Reports.

We also met with the Haston Library Trustees and presented them with the combined Haston Library report which reflected all library expenses under one report. We also presented the Trustees with our audit findings and recommendations which included the website, timesheets, personnel policy and cost saving recommendations.

We appreciate the cooperation and assistance of the Town Clerk and her Assistant in completing the audit and compiling this town report.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Guilmette
PollyGadbois
Jennifer Wright

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER'S REPORT

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Selectboard and community as a whole for their support and input which allow us to work day to day with a mind set on community service.

We continue to work on projects and programs to improve the community.

- The SWIP grant has again been received this year so we may continue to achieve our goals for our Solid Waste Plan. We provide programs through the school and other community outreach for waste reduction, reuse, and recycle.
- The Sidewalk grant is moving forward, having signed the contract in December, work will begin in the spring.
- The Clerk's Office has worked diligently to use resources and savings coupons when ordering supplies and other office necessities for cost savings. We have been able to recycle computer cartridges and an old printer and received rebates.
- We restructured our phone system to eliminate a line to cut costs.
- We received two used computers from the school which we have set up for public research of land record indexes and one for the highway department to track projects and expenses on roads/equipment.
- Computerization of land record indexes is now complete back to Volume 19. Computerization of Volumes 1-18 is ongoing.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk/Treasurer
Sara Rainville, Assist. Clerk/Treasurer

SELECTBOARD REPORT

The Selectboard was very busy and productive in 2009. Beginning in January we revised and adopted a solid waste plan which includes education, solid waste reduction and hazardous household waste. There is also a metal dumpster available to Franklin residents at the Town Garage during the months of May and September. The complete plan is available at the Town Clerk's Office.

Overweight vehicles continue to be monitored and enforced on Franklin roads. Please help enforce the overweight ordinance by calling the highway department at 285-2180 with any known violations. More permits have been submitted with fewer violations on our roads.

A stop sign ordinance has been adopted in the Town which is needed anytime we hire law enforcement to monitor our roads. The complete ordinance is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Along with a \$250,000 Safe Routes to School Sidewalk grant, the Town was awarded an \$84,000 federal stimulus grant for this project. We are hoping not to have to use these stimulus funds. The sidewalk project went out to bid in December; bids were opened on December 30 and after review, the Board, Engineer and VTrans awarded the contract to J.C. Antone and Co. Work will be completed by July 30th as specified in the bid documents. Work will begin this spring. Upon completion of the sidewalk project the Town will resurface Square Road.

Last winter Franklin hosted the first joint Franklin County meeting to discuss combining purchasing power with other towns. There is a potential to save money on paving, fuel, chloride, salt, equipment, and other such items. This is an ongoing project.

An agreement was made with the Franklin Central School to share the school's tractor. The town split the cost of a new mower to mow our own lawns. We also use the tractor to remove snow from our sidewalks. We agree to return the tractor as we received it, split normal wear and tear and fix any damages that we might cause. This has worked out great for both the Town and the School. We also included the school in our fuel bidding to get better pricing for each entity.

A grant was awarded in 2008 for a Park and Ride which was constructed in early 2009 on the municipal parking lot site located at the town highway department. Many upgrades have been made to the Park and Ride to include lighting, striping, sidewalks and trees. In addition to commuter parking, the Park and Ride also provides much needed parking for the community. Regarding this matter, the Town of Franklin is presently defending a lawsuit in Franklin Superior Court brought by Franklin Telephone Company. The Town is also defending a suit brought by Franklin Telephone Company in Vermont Environmental Court. A copy of the complaints can be reviewed at the Town Clerk's Office.

As part of the Town's statutory obligation, reimbursement was made for sheep destroyed by a neighbor's dog. A small claims action has been filed to recover the Town's costs.

We were finally able to get the Town Clock painted. This clock was donated to the town with an agreement that the town be responsible for its maintenance and repair and we were very pleased to finally get this accomplished. It is a wonderful part of our town's history. Thanks to Cliff Bullis for his years of service as Keeper of the Town Clock.

The Town has adopted a junk yard ordinance. If you are in violation you will receive notice from the Zoning Administrator or the Town Health Officer before being issued a citation. All violations will be addressed. The complete ordinance is available at the Town Clerk's Office.

The weed harvester program was very successful again this year. Kyle Lothian worked with our highway department to make necessary repairs on the harvester. We replaced the main track and some bearings. The harvester is starting to show its age and we will continue to try to keep it on the water. Due to the size of Lake Carmi, harvesting is the only known means of controlling the Eurasian milfoil. Dredging, scuba diving, weevils, matting, and other methods of control are used for smaller areas of milfoil. We plan to continue maintenance and repair of the harvester. We have also worked with the State of Vermont to expand the harvesting area.

Our common level of appraisal is now below 80% and as a result, the state mandates that the listers conduct a town wide reappraisal beginning in 2010 to be completed for the 2012 Grand List. The estimated cost of this project is \$68,000 and we will have sufficient state funds paid into the reappraisal reserve fund to cover this expense.

Finally, we were advised in December that Franklin Rescue will no longer be able to provide ambulance transport services to the Town of Franklin. They will, however, provide first response services which means you will continue to see many of the familiar faces who have previously responded in your time of need. We now have a contract with Enosburgh Ambulance to provide transport services and you will see that reflected in our 2010 budget. We wish to take this opportunity to thank all the current and former members of Franklin Rescue who have selflessly served our town since 1966.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Choiniere, Chair,
Harvey Bushey, Peter Kittell
Lynn Paradis and Jamie Boudreau

ROAD COMMISSIONER REPORT

In 2009 our town purchased two new pieces of equipment to help keep our roads in better condition. A new International truck with an automatic transmission was purchased from Clark's Truck Center in Underhill. It replaced the 1999 International which was costing too much for repairs and down time. We financed \$85,615 for five years; the first payment of \$20,153.59 is due June 2010. (See Lease/Own expense). You will note \$4,846.41 is budgeted to the Equipment Fund. This represents the difference between the lease/own payment and the \$25,000 we'd originally budgeted to the Equipment Fund. We plan to replace the 2006 Mack truck in 2013 at an estimated cost of \$180,000. Of the \$25,983.27 savings realized in last year's Gas and Fuel, \$25,000 was transferred into the Equipment Fund in anticipation of this purchase.

After a few years of breakdowns and having to borrow or rent a tractor to do the job with the weed harvester and roadside mowing, the selectboard looked into purchasing a good used tractor. After not finding what we were looking for, we then looked into buying a new one with our municipal discount and found it wasn't much more than a used one. We bought an 80-horse power four-wheel drive Massey Ferguson from Rene J. Fournier's in Swanton. It should serve the Town for many years without any trouble.

This year the highway crew did four more miles of crushed ledge on our gravel roads. We tried some of this product last year and it worked quite well, and the plan is to continue to do about four miles every year. By using this product the Town should save on chloride and grader time.

For projects this year we repaved a portion of the Gallup Road and about a mile of the Hanna Road. We cracked sealed Town Highway #3, our newly paved road to Highgate (Browns Corner Road). This will help the road to extend its life and reduce break up and frost heaving. We also replaced a large culvert on the Gallup Road that had been giving us trouble for a number of years.

To improve the appearance around the new Town garage and Park & Ride, the foundation of the old garage was filled in and seeded down. The men also worked on the Park & Ride area, putting in lights, trees, sidewalks and have made a nice area for use by commuters, townspeople and visitors to the Homestead and Carriage House.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Kittell

PAVING PROGRESS REPORT/PLAN

2006:

- Dewing Road 1,912.65 tons @ \$56.21/ton = \$107,510 (state funds of \$93,300); .9 miles, 21' wide with 3" thick.
- Riley Road 809.15 tons @ \$56.21/ton = \$46,482, 1.2 miles, 1" thick.

2007:

- Cold Patching

2008:

- Stanley Road 1513 tons @ \$81.02/ton = \$107,658, 1.4 miles, 21' wide with ½" shim with 1" overlay.

2009:

- Hanna Road 821.84 tons @ \$65.19/ton = \$53,575, 1 mile with 1" overlay.
- Gallup Road 594 tons @ \$65.19/ton = \$38,723, .6 mile with ½" shim with 1" overlay.

2010:

- Square Road
- Swamp Road *

* Transportation grants will determine which project can be accomplished.

This plan is subject to change if transportation grants are received or if there is a road condition that requires immediate attention.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The regular meetings of the Commission are held on the third Tuesday of each month in the dining room at the Franklin Homestead. Meetings begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. We try our best to end them no later than 9:00 p.m. The Commission is especially indebted to the following groups for helping to facilitate the work of the Commission: Northwest Regional Planning Commission for invaluable technical support, the Homestead Directors for allowing us to conduct our meetings in their facility and most importantly to the Selectboard and the people of Franklin for approving our budget which allows us to do our work. We would also like to extend a huge thanks to Barb Varin and Sara Rainville who have done our minutes during 2009. Thanks to all of you for what you do for the Commission; the work product and the issues discussed are very important to the short and long term growth of the Town of Franklin.

Kyle Lothian, Gerard Tremblay, Greg Bouchard and Peter Kittell were appointed to the Commission this year and we currently have a full slate of members. If you have an interest in serving on the Commission, give your name to any Planning Commission or Selectboard member and it will be considered when a vacancy occurs. The selectboard fills vacancies to the Commission.

Thanks to former members John Giroux, Bill Mayo, David Lothian and Doug Bradford for their loyal service in the past.

Respectfully submitted,
*Douglas Clark, David Lucey, Kyle Lothian
Richard Gadbois, Peter Kittell, Gerard Tremblay
Daniel Larivee, Clark Hubbard, Greg Bouchard*

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Construction was below average in 2009. During the year, 61 building permits and agricultural notifications were received. There were 40 building permits issued, 2 were denied and referred to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA). The ZBA approved the permits. There were 15 Certificates of Compliance (subdivision) received. One was a change to a prior subdivision, to comply with the deed, one was referred to the planning commission for approval and I approved the rest. There was 1 change of use application, for single family to multi family use. There were 11 agricultural notifications, most of these were for new sugarhouses or additions to existing sugarhouses.

This year an emphasis was placed on identifying people who had built without a permit. The town raised the fee to \$100 for an after-the-fact permit. There were 15 people identified as building without a permit; 11 were brought into compliance and permits were issued and the other 4 are currently in process and may require legal action to bring them into compliance. A greater emphasis will be placed on identifying those who have built without a permit. Every property will be visited this year in conjunction with the town wide reappraisal.

The following permits were processed in 2009:

7 – New dwellings	3 – Additions	6 – Porches
2 - Decks	11 – Garages	8 – Sheds
2 – Barns/pole	5 – Other	1 – Camp
11 – Agricultural Notification		

There were also 19 Administrative Opinions issued.

This year's emphasis in the office will be insuring compliance with the Zoning Bylaws. If you are contemplating any building project, please contact this office to determine if you need a town permit or which state agency you need to contact before building. It costs you nothing to check and it may save you money and heartache in the long run. **A state permit does not relieve you from getting a town permit for the project. If you get a state permit you still have to comply with all town rules.** This office is notifying state agencies when a person has built without the proper state approvals.

The Zoning Administrator is in the Town Office on Monday mornings from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

Respectfully submitted
Robert B Irish,
Zoning Administrator

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The board rendered decisions on the following applications in 2009:

1. Conditional use permit to remove and reconstruct a new year-round home in shoreline district-**Approved**
2. Application contesting Zoning Administrators' decision, section 240 of Franklin Zoning Regulations-**Denied**
3. Conditional use permit to replace a seasonal cottage in shoreline district-**Approved**
4. Conditional use permit to remove and reconstruct a new seasonal cottage in shoreline district-**Approved**
5. Conditional use permit to add living space to a seasonal cottage in shoreline district-**Approved**
6. Conditional use permit for year round use in the shoreline district-**Approved**
7. Conditional use permit to add living space to a seasonal cottage in shoreline district-**Approved**
8. Conditional use permit for addition to seasonal cottage in shoreline district-**Approved**
9. Variance permit to construct a garage-**Approved**
10. Variance permit to construct a garage-**Approved**
11. Conditional use permit to construct a new seasonal cottage in shoreline district-**Approved**

Respectfully submitted,
Chris O'Shea, Chairperson

"to go with the drift of things, to yield with a grace to reason"

TOWN HEALTH OFFICER

In 2009 I received notice of two confirmed cases of rabid coon and at least three other suspected cases. There was also a suspected rabid fox spotted on several occasions. If you spot a suspicious animal, please contact the Game Warden at 524-5993. Please do not approach or attempt to apprehend any animal that is acting strangely.

There was also one report of a gas leak which was investigated by the utility company and a complaint of a suspicious odor from a chemical sprayer which was reported to the Vermont Department of Agriculture.

To report an incident or concern, please contact the Town Clerk at 285-2101.

Respectfully submitted,
Pauline W. Gadbois

ENHANCED 911

In 2009, two new roads and six new addresses were added to the Enhanced 911 System. The state enhanced system provides the call-taker with your location no matter what type of phone you are using to make a 911 call. Please take note of landmarks and road names around you when calling 911, this information will help dispatchers pinpoint your location in addition to the information that the enhanced 911 system provides. Marking your driveway, residence or camp with a reflective address sign or clearly visible numbers will further ensure that emergency services can find you during an emergency.

Any new structure requiring an Enhanced 911 address must have a completed, approved driveway permit for a town or state road. Your cooperation in this area will be greatly appreciated and will speed up your addressing request.

Damage and disappearance of street signs throughout the town continues to be a problem. To replace an entire unit (pole, sign and hardware) is over \$175. If you are in possession of a missing street sign, please return it to the town garage so that it may be replaced. Please report any missing street signs so that we may replace them quickly to ensure that emergency response is not delayed.

Enhanced 911 operators are trained to handle any kind of emergency; your call will be answered in a timely manner, your location information routed to the appropriate emergency services responder in your area, and preliminary instructions will be given to help you handle an emergency while help is on the way.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Mullen Wright

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

The Town of Franklin, Franklin Fire Department and Franklin Rescue were in compliance with all requirements of the 911 emergency systems.

The Fire Department and Rescue Squad utilize St. Albans Central for dispatching services which is working well. To eliminate confusion in the event you have to call 911, please be familiar with the road names located around your residence.

Also, the Franklin School is the town's emergency shelter in the event of a disaster; the Town has a generator there that would enable the Town to provide the basic amenities.

Remember to always call 911 in the event of an emergency.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin D. Rainville

FRANKLIN HOMESTEAD, INC.

We at FHI are pleased to have maintained nearly full occupancy at the Franklin Homestead and Carriage House during the past year.

Patsy Condor, manager, retired November 30, 2009. Our new manager is Stacy Silloway of West Berkshire. Stacy has much experience with senior housing facilities and is fitting in very nicely here.

Franklin Homestead has twenty three independent living apartments for those 55 years and older. There are four, two bedroom apartments and nineteen, one bedroom apartments of various sizes. Seven apartments are market rate and sixteen are income qualified. Electricity, garbage pickup, snow removal and use of laundry facilities are included in the rent.

Franklin Carriage House has eighteen studio apartments, each with its own private bath. There are six market rate and twelve income qualified units. Meals are provided along with laundry and housekeeping services. Someone is on duty twenty-four hours daily, seven days a week.

Both buildings are warm and cozy with radiant floor heat. If you or someone you know would like to live in either one of these buildings, please call Stacy at 285-2944 for more information or a tour of the facility.

If you would like part-time work as a universal worker, please contact Stacy. Volunteers to deliver Meals On Wheels are always needed and if you'd like to volunteer a day or two per week, please call Nancy at 285-2945.

Respectfully submitted,
Gilbert A. Dewing, President
Franklin Homestead, Inc.

VERMONT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

In 1998, the Town of Franklin received a \$396,000 VCDB Grant of which \$391,000 was turned over to Franklin Homestead, Inc., to build the Franklin Carriage House and \$5,000 was retained to cover administrative and audit costs.

The first loan for \$130,000 at 0% interest for a term of thirty years with payments deferred for four years will be due when the Franklin Carriage House income generates a cash reserve of \$50,000.

The second loan in the amount of \$261,000 at 0% interest for a term of thirty years with payments deferred for each year the requirements of the VHCB affordability covenant is maintained and 1/30 of the principal is forgiven each year in which compliance is maintained provided there is no change in use or ownership.

As of December 31, 2009, the Town of Franklin did not receive any payments from the Franklin Carriage House.

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Spring cleanup of fallen trees and branches, leaves and litter was performed at Briggs, Prouty, Willard, Webster and Marsh cemeteries to prepare for summer mowing and trimming. Routine mowing, trimming and general maintenance were continued through October.

Respectfully submitted,
*Jennifer Dewing, Nancy Wilson
Howard Vanselette*

LAKE CARMİ CAMPERS' ASSOCIATION REPORT

On behalf of the Directors and members of the LCCA, I wish to thank the Town of Franklin for their interest and continued support of all our Association activities.

For 2010 the Association will again sponsor a fireworks display-date to be announced. Don't forget the 2010 Third Annual Ice Out Contest. All tickets must be purchased by March 20, 2010. Please note the earlier date than last year. Tickets are \$1.00 and may be purchased at the Franklin General Store, Byam's Quick Stop, Myott's Insurance Agency, Young's Accounting and Wetherby's Quick Stop in Richford. You may also purchase tickets from Jim Piviroto-Blackwoods-285-6590. If you are the seller of the winning ticket you will receive \$50.00.

The 2009 Franklin Heritage Tour was a huge success and for 2010 the LCCA will once again be sponsoring Camp Tours. For information please call Helen Dever, 285-6652.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Wendall Fortier for all his years serving as treasurer of the LCCA. He is stepping down from this position after having served 22 years. We wish him well; he is a very devoted and honest person.

A word of appreciation is in order for the work of the Franklin Watershed Committee (FWC). This Committee has been working hard obtaining grant monies to support their efforts to improve the water quality of Lake Carmi. For more information about the Watershed's work go to their website at: www.franklinvermont.com. Heidi Britch-Valenta is the coordinator of the FWC.

For more information about LCCA please visit our website: www.lakecarmi.org

Thank you,
*Richard Lang
President, LLCA*

FRANKLIN WATERSHED COMMITTEE



Caring for Lake Carmi

2009 has been a tremendous year for the Franklin Watershed Committee, Inc. After working with the state in 2008 to create a specific work plan for phosphorus reduction known as a TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load), the group was then able to apply for funding to carry out the action items identified in the plan. \$49,100 was granted to the group in late 2008 and has been used to hire a dynamic part-time coordinator and to infuse dollars into Franklin to implement projects that will improve water quality. This has been a significant boost to the small group of volunteers that have been working since 1994 to improve the water conditions in Lake Carmi.

Our 2009 project focus has been divided between the various segments of the population which have been identified as contributors. Although agriculture is a main contributor of phosphorus to the lake we know that to make a difference we need to work on outreach and education to all land owners.

Our efforts are spread over the following project areas:

Septic Outreach - completed 57 shoreline septic surveys, created septic flyer, 2 septic educational outreach events

Shoreline Management Outreach and Repair - completed 57 shoreline erosion surveys, identified problems for repair, developing cost share with landowners, Shoreline Erosion Workshop, Rain Garden Demonstration

Stream Surveys and Repairs - Stream and 40 Culvert Assessments, 4 stream bank stabilization projects, creating repair designs, developing cost share agreements

Working one on one with Farmers and Landowners - cost share with farmers for cover crop incentive, connecting farmers to funding sources, assisting with paperwork, 2 agricultural information sessions, assisting with village and shoreline erosion issues.

We have learned a great deal this year through our successes and our failures. We will continue to learn and grow and we hope to engage more of you in the process. We have made an effort to connect with the whole community to get your input. Some of you may have seen us at the Fireman's Breakfast, Fire/Rescue Barbeque, Town Meeting Day, or the Historic Sites Tour. Maybe you attended one of our information workshops on Shoreline Erosion, Cover Crop Strategies, Septic Information, or Agricultural Best Management Practices. Perhaps you answered your door and we were there to invite you to a meeting or to administer a shoreline survey. This effort to connect with the community has been worthwhile in gathering ideas and sharing information that will make us more efficient in our mission.

We have been approved for another year of funding with EPA 319 funds. We will continue to work on the same TMDL action items in 2010. Lake Carmi is a valuable resource for which the benefits are obvious to the local economy, as well as for the State of Vermont. Please join us for a regular monthly meeting, or for one of our special informational sessions. We could use your help. After all, you are the experts; it is your lake.

Meetings are always the second Thursday of the Month at 7:00 pm in the Homestead FELCO Room. For more information contact our coordinator, Heidi Britch-Valenta at 285-2054 or hbv@franklinvt.net. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Jim Cameron, President
Heidi Britch-Valenta, Coordinator

FRANKLIN WATERSHED COMMITTEE

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2009

Checking	\$ 11,570.56	
Money Market	4,036.44	
Cash on Hand	0.30	
TOTAL CASH	<u> </u>	\$ 15,607.30

INCOME

Reimbursed Overpayment	\$ 181.47	
Donations	250.00	
Town of Franklin	1,000.00	
Interest	3.17	
Lake Carmi Campers' Association	1,800.00	
2008 Vermont 319 Grant Invoiced	19,274.55	
2009 Vermont 319 Grant Advance	4,500.00	
TOTAL INCOME	<u> </u>	<u>\$ 27,009.19</u>

TOTAL CASH/INCOME **\$ 42,616.49**

EXPENSES

Coordinator Salary & Mileage	\$ 19,499.24	
Supplies	1,406.51	
Franklin Homestead Donation	200.00	
319 Projects/Contractual	7,035.00	
Septic Pumpout Program	1,350.00	
Other	1,112.95	
Insurance	1,734.79	
Checks	16.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u> </u>	\$ 32,354.49

Ending Balance - December 31, 2009

Checking	\$ 10,222.39	
Money Market	39.61	
TOTAL CASH	<u> </u>	<u>\$ 10,262.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES/CASH **\$ 42,616.49**

Respectfully submitted,
Susan E. Clark

HASTON LIBRARY REPORT

2009 has been a busy and very challenging year. Despite difficult economic times, the Haston Library Board of Trustees and Staff have continued to provide materials and services needed by the community of Franklin, all the while dealing with continued budget cuts. We do this through continued, grant writing, bake sales, fundraisers (Annual Variety Show, birthday calendars, telephone book), our library "wish list" and soliciting for donations. We have been very fortunate to have the Franklin Telephone Company underwrite our Summer Reading program again this past summer. We greatly appreciate their support. The Board of Trustees has also been cleaning the library spaces since March which eliminates custodian expense.

We are very close to completing our automation project. We want to thank all of our patrons for being patient with us while this project has been in process. We have a new Online Catalog Station. We encourage you to come in a use our new station to search our online catalog. We hope to have this feature available to use off site, soon.

We have a new Teen Advisory Committee. They are holding monthly meetings, volunteering in the library, covering the circulation desk, assisting with children's programming, hosting teen events (movie nights, Halloween party, etc) and more. They are a wonderful addition to our library and look forward to working with them in 2010. New members are always welcome.

In 2009 Melissa and Debbie, along with countless volunteers, circulated 6,247 material items with 5,996 patron visits. We tracked 2,088 patrons using the computers. Approximately 8% of those using their own computer while enjoying our wireless internet service. We offered 83 programs in 2009. This programming included many story hours, book discussions, our annual Variety Show, jewelry making, wreath making, card stamping, just to name a few.

Below are our budget numbers for the last 5 years:

	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Salaries	19,627.50	19,542.75	19,646.50	18,522.00	19,022.50	17,182.00
FICA/Med	1,499.54	1,493.07	1,502.95	1,416.93	1,455.22	1,314.42
Telephone	900.00	900.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Materials Expense	5,500.00	5,000.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	3,510.00
Technology Support	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Automation	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,600.00	0.00	0.00
Mileage	250.00	250.00	300.00	300.00	600.00	600.00
Other Operating Expenses	6,225.00	6,100.00	5,700.00	5,700.00	5,790.00	5,340.00
Total Operating Budget	34,002.04	33,285.82	36,149.45	38,038.93	33,367.72	28,946.42
Amount Requested	27,777.04	27,185.82	30,449.45	32,338.93	27,577.72	23,606.42
Selectboard Allocation		24,800.00	26,000.00	28,944.00	26,000.00	23,606.00
Shortfall		2,385.82	4,449.45	3,394.93	1,577.72	0.42
Amount to be Fundraised	6,225.00	8,485.82	10,149.45	9,094.93	7,367.72	5,340.42

The Haston Library staff and trustees take great pride in serving the community, and work hard each day to improve literacy, while providing a safe, welcoming environment for learning and enjoyment. We would like to remind the community that your public library is much more than four walls with books. Today's public libraries are an extension of the community. The Haston Library is what we as a community make of it. Please stop by and see what is happening.

Respectfully submitted,
The Haston Library Board of Trustees and Staff

HASTON LIBRARY COMBINED REPORT

	<u>2008 Actual</u>	<u>2009 Actual</u>	<u>2010 Budget</u>
Beginning Balances - January 1			
Checking Account	\$ 17,483.03	\$ 2,063.48	\$ 693.75
Money Market Account	-	12,177.78	12,349.19
Petty Cash	9.35	47.66	53.18
<u>Beginning Cash:</u>	\$ 17,492.38	\$ 14,288.92	\$ 13,096.12
<u>INCOME:</u>			
Town Funds	\$ 26,587.08	\$ 28,325.47	\$ 27,777.00
Fundraising	4,364.81	6,674.52	6,225.00
Donations	1,778.85	324.70	-
Interest Earned	787.78	626.55	650.00
Grant Income	150.00	640.00	500.00
Petty Cash Receipts	770.76	645.91	500.00
Total Income:	\$ 34,439.28	\$ 37,237.15	\$ 35,652.00
Total Income/Beginning Cash:	\$ 51,931.66	\$ 51,526.07	\$ 48,748.12
<u>EXPENSES:</u>			
Salaries	\$ 19,250.98	\$ 20,521.37	\$ 19,627.50
Payroll Taxes	1,472.69	1,568.35	1,499.54
Books/Subscriptions	5,110.84	8,223.95	5,500.00
Capital Expenses	3,107.34	402.51	500.00
Programs	1,550.29	1,400.52	2,600.00
Supplies	1,151.24	845.58	1,000.00
Technology Items	2,142.07	1,043.31	500.00
Fundraising Expense	1,179.50	680.05	-
Telephone Expense	871.64	895.43	900.00
Postage Expense	367.52	66.10	100.00
Postage Exp-Interlibrary	662.18	630.95	625.00
Professional Development	111.00	220.00	300.00
Professional Resources	275.00	463.80	300.00
Mileage	212.00	340.32	250.00
Miscellaneous	178.45	1,127.71	300.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 37,642.74	\$ 38,429.95	\$ 34,002.04
Ending Balances - December 31			
Checking Account	\$ 2,063.48	\$ 693.75	\$ 2,343.71
Money Market Balance	12,177.78	12,349.19	12,352.37
Petty Cash	47.66	53.18	50.00
Total Ending Cash:	\$ 14,288.92	\$ 13,096.12	\$ 14,746.08
Total Expenses/Ending Cash:	\$ 51,931.66	\$ 51,526.07	\$ 48,748.12

*NOTE: In 2009, the Haston Library reimbursed the town \$3,525.47 which represents the difference between the amount appropriated by the town (\$24,800) and their actual expenditures.

The Town of Franklin paid approximately \$4,777 in 2009 on behalf of the Haston Library for the following expenses: electrical, heat, insurance, workers' comp, water and building maintenance.

HASTON LIBRARY FUND

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2009	\$ 10,170.00
<u>INCOME</u>	
Interest	\$ 234.17
Donations in memory of Thomas Magnant	3,100.00
TOTAL INCOME/BEGINNING BALANCE	<u>\$ 13,504.17</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Paid to Haston Library Treasurer:	\$ 297.27
Ending Balances - December 31, 2009	
Edward Jones Investments	\$ 13,206.90
TOTAL EXPENSES/ENDING BALANCE	<u>\$ 13,504.17</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Gates Maynard

HASTON LIBRARY - EBEN RACINE MEMORIAL

Beginning Balances - January 1, 2009	
CD Beginning Balance	\$ 4,000.00
Share Account Balance	38.91
<u>INCOME</u>	
Interest	\$ 157.32
TOTAL INCOME/BEGINNING BALANCE	<u>\$ 4,196.23</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Paid to Haston Library Treasurer	\$ 157.87
Ending Balances - December 31, 2009	
CD Ending Balance	\$ 4,000.00
Share Account Balance	38.36
TOTAL EXPENSES/ENDING BALANCE	<u>\$ 4,196.23</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Gates Maynard

HASTON LIBRARY WINDOW REFURBISHMENT

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2009	\$ 1,911.40
Interest Earned	11.04
Ending Balance - December 31, 2009	<u>\$ 1,922.44</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa A. Larivee, Treasurer

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

<u>ASSETS:</u>	<u>12/31/2008</u>	<u>12/31/2009</u>
Cash/Cash Equivalent - Municipal	\$ 145,110.40	\$ 147,694.17
Cash/Cash Equivalent - Equipment	52,580.79	26,831.89
Accounts Receivable - Delinquent Taxes	32,943.63	27,619.76
Cash/Cash Equivalent - Library Window Refurbishing	1,911.40	1,922.44
Cash/Cash Equivalent - Haston Library	<u>14,241.26</u>	<u>13,096.12</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 246,787.48</u>	<u>\$ 217,164.38</u>

LIABILITIES/RESERVES:

Reserves:

1991 Historic Preservation Fund	\$ 61.43	\$ 61.43
St. of Vt. Act 60 Reappraisal	46,711.98	49,678.27
Surcharge Restoration	3,216.22	3,023.22
State Listers Education	1,177.04	544.54
SWIP Grant	567.42	1,284.46
Computerization Funds	1,575.00	4,574.00
EMS-2008-Article 5	22,656.43	-
Park & Ride Grant - Initial Payment	20,625.00	
Total Liabilities/Reserves	<u>\$ 96,590.52</u>	<u>\$ 59,165.92</u>
Fund Balance	<u>\$ 150,196.96</u>	<u>\$ 157,998.46</u>
Total Liabilities/Reserves/Fund Balance	<u>\$ 246,787.48</u>	<u>\$ 217,164.38</u>

This Balance Sheet represents all town accounts. For town school district accounts, see school section of this report.

COMPARISON OF TAX RATES

	ACTUALS										PROPOSED	
	2007		2008		2009		2009		2010		2010	
	Resident	Non-Res.										
Homestead Educ. Tax - Local	1.0603		0.5847		0.6017			0.623				
Homestead Educ. Tax - H.S.			0.6068		0.6867			0.721				
Non-Res Educ. Tax		1.4459		1.6297		1.7268					1.739	
Municipal	0.275	0.275	0.360	0.360	0.3660	0.3660		0.352		0.352		
Fire Truck Bond	0.027	0.027										
ROW TH#3	0.014	0.014										
Salt Shed-2007 Art 4	0.028	0.028										
Emer. Med. Serv.Art #5 2008			0.021	0.021								
E911 Dispatch-2007 Art 5	0.004	0.004										
TAX RATE	\$ 1.4083	\$ 1.7939	\$ 1.5725	\$ 2.0107	\$ 1.6910	\$ 2.0928	\$ 1.6960	\$ 2.0910	\$ 1.6960	\$ 2.0910	\$ 1.6960	\$ 2.0910

Grand List Totals \$ 685,929 \$475,396 \$702,788 \$475,587 \$711,506 \$464,524 \$ 706,461 \$ 481,822

2009 STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

GRAND LIST:	Values	Rate	Assessed/Billed
Real Estate - Homestead Local	\$ 706,461.13	0.6017	\$ 425,077.66
Real Estate - Homestead MVU	706,461.13	0.6867	485,126.86
Real Estate - Non-Residential	481,612.17	1.7268	831,647.94
Municipal & EMS-2008 Article 5	1,188,711.30	0.3660	435,068.39
Original to be Billed			2,176,920.85
Net changes - BCA, HS-122, E&O, Penalty			(7,171.09)
Adjusted Total to be Billed			\$ 2,169,749.76

Tax Area	Tax Rate	Needed To Be Raised	Total To Be Billed	Adjusted amount billed
Homestead Ed Tax-Local	0.6017	\$ 423,547.35	\$ 423,547.36	\$ 435,377.67
Homestead Ed Tax-MVU	0.6868	483,380.36	483,380.36	496,881.94
Non-Residential Ed Tax	1.7268	836,039.71	836,039.71	802,088.23
Municipal Tax	0.3660	435,066.00	435,068.39	435,068.35
Penalty assessed				333.57
Total			\$ 2,178,035.82	\$ 2,169,749.76

TAXES COLLECTED BY TREASURER:

Homestead Education Tax-Local	\$ 423,547.35
Homestead Education Tax-MVU	483,380.36
Non-Residential Education Tax	836,039.71
Municipal	350,836.54

Total Taxes Collected by 10/15/2009 **\$ 2,093,803.96**

To Tax Collector 2009 75,945.80

Total Taxes **\$ 2,169,749.76**

TREASURER'S REPORT
MUNICIPAL FUND

<u>January 1, 2009</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Highway</u>	<u>Weed Harvester</u>	<u>Combined</u>
<u>CASH</u>				
Checking Account	\$ 116,453.15	\$ 21,427.73	\$ 7,229.52	\$ 145,110.40
TOTAL CASH	\$ 116,453.15	\$ 21,427.73	\$ 7,229.52	\$ 145,110.40
<u>INCOME</u>				
2008 Property Taxes	\$ 11,477.72	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,477.72
2009 Property Taxes	67,863.60	275,261.27	500.00	343,624.87
Delinquent Taxes	80,426.30	-	-	80,426.30
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	2,956.13	-	-	2,956.13
8% Penalty	6,434.15	-	-	6,434.15
Emer Med Serv - Bal - 2009 Art #3	19,133.64	-	-	19,133.64
Haston Library	3,525.47	-	-	3,525.47
State of Vermont:				
Listers Education	392.50	-	-	392.50
Hold Harmless	15,729.70	29,212.30	-	44,942.00
PILOT	2,674.00	-	-	2,674.00
Parks and Recreation	13,061.00	-	-	13,061.00
Reappraisal	8,075.00	-	-	8,075.00
Parcel Maintenance	950.00	-	-	950.00
Aid to Highways	-	95,859.41	-	95,859.41
Aquatic Nuisance	-	-	1,371.00	1,371.00
Fish & Wildlife licenses	1,260.50	-	-	1,260.50
Park & Ride Grant Balance	-	20,625.00	-	20,625.00
SWIP Grant	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00
Computerization Fees	2,999.00	-	-	2,999.00
Permits	4,710.00	60.00	-	4,770.00
Fees	15,148.20	-	-	15,148.20
Surcharge Restoration	1,807.00	-	-	1,807.00
Dog Licenses	3,050.00	-	-	3,050.00
Liquor Licenses	100.00	-	-	100.00
Interest Income	100.00	278.49	-	378.49
Other Income	209.60	2,430.00	1,008.64	3,648.24
Mullen Lakeshore	-	-	400.00	400.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 264,083.51	\$ 423,726.47	\$ 3,279.64	\$ 691,089.62
TOTAL CASH/INCOME	\$ 380,536.66	\$ 445,154.20	\$ 10,509.16	\$ 836,200.02
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
2009 Selectboard Orders Paid	\$ 242,332.54	\$ 440,872.14	\$ 5,301.17	\$ 688,505.85
<u>December 31, 2009</u>				
Checking Account	\$ 133,622.08	\$ 4,282.06	\$ 5,207.99	\$ 143,112.13
Cash on Hand	4,582.04	-	-	4,582.04
TOTAL CASH	\$ 138,204.12	\$ 4,282.06	\$ 5,207.99	\$ 147,694.17
TOTAL CASH/EXPENSES	\$ 380,536.66	\$ 445,154.20	\$ 10,509.16	\$ 836,200.02

MUNICIPAL BUDGET-Page 1 of 2

<u>CASH/INCOME</u>	<u>2009 Budget</u>	<u>2009 Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>2010 Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL</u>				
Checking A/C	\$ 116,453.15	\$ 116,453.15	\$ -	\$ 138,204.12
2008 School Tax true-up	-	11,477.72	11,477.72	-
2009 Voted Taxes	159,304.73	67,863.60	(91,441.13)	-
Delinquent Taxes	-	80,426.30	80,426.30	-
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	1,800.00	2,956.13	1,156.13	1,800.00
Emer Med Serv - Bal - 2009 Art 3	-	19,133.64	19,133.64	-
Haston Library - Excess Budget \$	-	3,525.47	3,525.47	-
St. of VT - 35% of Hold Harmless	10,000.00	15,729.70	5,729.70	10,000.00
St. of Vermont - Various	-	28,413.00	28,413.00	-
Permits	3,500.00	4,710.00	1,210.00	3,500.00
Other Income	500.00	209.60	(290.40)	300.00
Dog/Liquor Licenses	2,000.00	3,150.00	1,150.00	2,500.00
Fees	12,000.00	15,148.20	3,148.20	13,000.00
Interest Income	500.00	378.49	(121.51)	300.00
Computerization	1,000.00	2,999.00	1,999.00	1,500.00
Surcharge Restoration	1,000.00	1,807.00	807.00	1,000.00
<u>HIGHWAY</u>				
Checking Account	\$ 21,427.73	\$ 21,427.73	\$ -	\$ 4,282.06
Voted Taxes	275,261.27	275,261.27	-	-
State Aid to Highways	90,000.00	95,859.41	5,859.41	90,000.00
Park & Ride Grant Balance	-	20,625.00	20,625.00	-
St. of VT-65% of Hold Harmless	18,000.00	29,212.30	11,212.30	20,000.00
Interest Income	1,000.00	-	(1,000.00)	-
Other Income	500.00	2,490.00	1,990.00	500.00
<u>WEED HARVESTER</u>				
Checking Account	\$ 7,229.52	\$ 7,229.52	-	\$ 5,207.99
Voted Taxes	500.00	500.00	-	-
State of Vermont	2,000.00	1,371.00	(629.00)	1,000.00
Other Income	1,000.00	1,408.64	408.64	1,000.00
TOTAL CASH/INCOME	\$ 724,976.40	\$ 829,765.87	\$ 104,789.47	\$ 294,094.17
<u>LIABILITIES/RESERVES</u>				
1991 Historic Preservation Fund	\$ 61.43	\$ -	\$ 61.43	\$ 61.43
St. of Vt. Act 60 Reappraisal	46,711.98	5,108.71	41,603.27	49,678.27
Surcharge Restoration	3,216.22	2,000.00	1,216.22	3,023.22
State Listers Education	1,177.04	1,025.00	152.04	544.54
SWIP Grant	567.42	567.42	-	1,284.46
Park & Ride Grant - Rec'd 2008	20,625.00	20,625.00	-	-
Computerization funds	1,575.00	-	1,575.00	4,574.00
Emer Med Serv - Bal - 2009 Art 3	22,656.43	22,656.43	-	-
Audit adjustment - rounding	-	0.12	(0.12)	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES/RESERVES	\$ 96,590.52	\$ 51,982.68	\$ 44,607.84	\$ 59,165.92
NET CASH-INC-LIAB-RES	\$ 628,385.88	\$ 777,783.19	\$ 149,397.31	\$ 234,928.25

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EXPENSES

	Adjusted				
<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>2009 Budget</u>	<u>2009 Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>2010 Budget</u>	
Salaries	* \$ 59,207.00	\$ 55,576.01	\$ 3,630.99	\$ 57,710.00	
FICA/Medicare/Pension	6,995.00	6,670.54	324.46	6,918.00	
Health Insurance	4,300.00	4,554.92	(254.92)	6,362.00	
Ambulance Services	22,656.43	22,656.43	-	24,700.00	
Contracted Services	*	-	-	-	
Emergency Dispatch	7,925.00	7,925.00	-	8,560.00	
Fire Department	* 15,000.00	15,000.00	-	16,000.00	
Haston Library	* 24,800.00	28,325.47	(3,525.47)	27,777.00	
Insurance	7,661.00	7,458.25	202.75	7,145.00	
Legal Fees	5,000.00	10,979.03	(5,979.03)	25,000.00	
Meetings	2,000.00	539.10	1,460.90	2,000.00	
Mileage Reimbursement	550.00	561.60	(11.60)	550.00	
Miscellaneous	* 5,000.00	9,874.79	(4,874.79)	5,000.00	
Sidewalk Project Grant	-	2,085.00	(2,085.00)	-	
Office Expense	9,500.00	10,885.47	(1,385.47)	9,500.00	
Office/Library Building	12,000.00	10,508.82	1,491.18	9,300.00	
Planning Commission	2,540.00	1,142.75	1,397.25	3,000.00	
Solid Waste	1,567.42	1,374.14	193.28	500.00	
Street Lights	5,000.00	4,928.25	71.75	5,100.00	
Tax Assessments	* 21,894.00	21,894.11	(0.11)	24,008.00	
Town Hall	4,000.00	3,825.00	175.00	5,500.00	
Watershed Comm.	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	
TOTAL GENERAL	\$ 218,595.85	\$ 227,764.68	\$ (9,168.83)	\$ 245,630.00	
<u>HIGHWAY</u>					
Salaries	\$ 80,560.00	\$ 76,467.71	\$ 4,092.29	\$ 78,800.00	
FICA/Medicare/Pension	10,191.00	9,648.17	542.83	9,943.00	
Health Insurance	26,763.00	27,175.20	(412.20)	32,025.00	
Uniforms	1,500.00	1,378.57	121.43	1,500.00	
Chloride	18,000.00	11,701.50	6,298.50	15,000.00	
Culverts	2,000.00	3,021.36	(1,021.36)	2,000.00	
Equipment Fund	* 33,500.00	58,500.00	(25,000.00)	4,846.41	
Equipment Rental	11,000.00	2,342.50	8,657.50	11,000.00	
Gas & Fuel	* 38,000.00	12,016.73	25,983.27	25,000.00	
Gravel	* 44,000.00	46,505.54	(2,505.54)	44,000.00	
Insurance	8,600.00	8,977.00	(377.00)	10,088.00	
Lease/Own - 2010 Intl. Truck	-	-	-	20,153.59	
Mileage Reimbursement	800.00	721.24	78.76	800.00	
Miscellaneous	4,000.00	4,544.14	(544.14)	4,000.00	
Park & Ride Grant	20,625.00	34,233.84	(13,608.84)	-	
New Blacktop/Resurfacing	* 95,900.00	94,586.31	1,313.69	95,900.00	
Repair & Maintenance	25,000.00	18,973.65	6,026.35	20,000.00	
Salt Shed	-	90.45	(90.45)	-	
Sand/Salt	* 20,500.00	20,628.26	(128.26)	20,500.00	
Shop & Tools	* 6,500.00	9,359.97	(2,859.97)	6,500.00	
TOTAL HIGHWAY	\$ 447,439.00	\$ 440,872.14	\$ 6,566.86	\$ 402,056.00	
<u>WEED HARVESTER</u>					
TOTAL WEED HARVESTER	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 5,301.17	\$ 898.83	\$ 6,200.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 672,234.85	\$ 673,937.99	\$ (1,703.14)	\$ 653,886.00	
TO BE RAISED BY TAXES: \$	\$ 418,957.75				
SUGGESTED TAX RATE: \$	\$ 0.352		* See Adjusted Budget Detail-page 29		

BUDGET NARRATIVE - 2010

GENERAL:

Salaries: Increase reflects salary increase for Clerk/Treasurer and Assistant Clerk/Treasurer, plus salaries for Auditors, Listers, Selectboard, Animal Control Officer, Constable, Health Officer, Janitor, and Zoning Administrator.

Health Insurance: Reflects increase in premium rates.

Emergency Dispatch: St. Albans Central Dispatch contract services budget increases.

Ambulance: Per capita contract with Enosburgh Ambulance for emergency services.

Legal Fees: Estimated costs to defend suits against town in Franklin Superior Court and Vermont Environmental Court.

Office/Library Building: New Clerk computer (\$800), repair town clock (\$500), financial software update (\$800) plus other general expenses

Miscellaneous: Generator maintenance contract (\$680), tax map updates (\$500), Listers Proval support (\$1,800) plus other miscellaneous expenses.

Tax Assessments: Includes \$14,038 estimated for the Franklin County Court Assessment plus the following items which have been approved by the voters in each of the past 3 years: Franklin County Industrial Development Corp (\$300); Franklin County Home Health (\$1,870); The Family Center of NW Vermont (\$800); NW Unit for Special Investigations (\$1,000); Voices Against Violence (\$1,000); Franklin Alumni Association (\$400); Northwest Counseling (\$2,300); and Foster Grandparents Programs (\$200). Additional requests as petitioned by C.V. Agency on Aging (\$1,600) and Franklin County Humane Society (\$500.00). These assessments total \$24,008 and are included in this year's budget.

Town Hall: Replace septic \$3,000

HIGHWAY:

Salaries: Increase for the highway crew.

Health Insurance: Reflects increase in premium rates.

Gas & Fuel: Reflects an account credit due to actual costs vs. budget plan in 2009-10 season.

New Blacktop/Resurfacing: Cost to resurface Square Road. Transportation grants will determine which other projects will be accomplished.

Gravel: To improve the base on roads with crushed stone and gravel as was done last year.

Equipment Fund/Lease/Own: 2010 Intl. truck payment (\$20,153.59) and monies to Equipment fund (\$4,846.41) in anticipation of 2013 truck purchase.

2009 ADJUSTED BUDGET DETAIL

Budget Presented at <u>March 3, 2009</u> Town Meeting	\$ 672,386.00	
Voted Budget Cut	44,000.00	* See detail
Adjusted 2009 Approved Budget	\$ 628,386.00	

Reserves 12/31/08

Park & Ride	\$ 20,625.00	**
Emergency Medical Services - 2008 Bal Art #5	22,656.43	**
SWIP Grant Balance	567.42	**

Adjusted 2009 Budget - See Page 2 of Municipal Budget **\$ 672,234.85**

*** Detail - 2009 Voted Budget Cut**

General:

Salaries	\$ 400.00
Contracted Services	1,100.00
Franklin Fire Dept	1,000.00
Haston Library	1,200.00
Miscellaneous	5,000.00
Tax Assessments	<u>700.00</u>
Total General	\$ 9,400.00

Highway:

Equipment Fund	\$ 10,000.00
Gas & Fuel	4,000.00
Gravel	1,000.00
New Blacktop	14,100.00
Sand/Salt	4,500.00
Shop & Tools	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Highway	\$ 34,600.00

Total Voted Municipal Cut **\$ 44,000.00**

**** NOTE: These funds were reserved at 12/31/08. Warrants were issued in 2009 for these items and the Reserve balances were included in the 2009 budget figures.**

SELECTBOARD'S ORDERS
GENERAL FUND

SALARIES:

Selectboard:

Scott Choiniere	\$	1,500.00	
Peter Kittell		1,000.00	
Harvey Bushey		1,000.00	
Lynn Paradis		1,000.00	
Jamie Boudreau		1,000.00	

Town Clerk/Treasurer:

Lisa Larivee		24,677.00	
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Assistant:

Susan E. Clark		90.00	
Sara J. Rainville		16,380.00	

Auditors:

Pauline Gadbois		750.13	
Michelle Guilmette		665.13	
David Breed		242.25	

Listers:

Gilbert A. Dewing		1,194.25	
Robert Irish		879.75	
Jean Richard		1,317.50	

Zoning Officer:

Robert Irish		3,075.00	
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Animal Control Officer:

Jamie Boudreau		0.00	
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Health Officer:

Pauline Gadbois		100.00	
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Janitorial:

Sara J. Rainville		705.00	
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Total Salaries

\$ 55,576.01

FICA/MEDICARE:

Banknorth/EFTPS		\$ 4,753.05	
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EMPLOYEE PENSION:

Orchard Trust Co		\$ 1,917.49	
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HEALTH INSURANCE:

Cigna	\$	4,300.52	
Vision Service Plan		254.40	

Total Health Insurance

\$ 4,554.92

EMERGENCY DISPATCH :

St. Albans City Police Department		\$ 7,925.00	
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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Emergency Medical Services-2009 Article 3 \$ 22,656.43

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Franklin Fire Department-as voted \$ 15,000.00

HASTON LIBRARY:

Deborah Landauer	\$	7,414.61	
Melissa McKinstry		13,086.61	
Karen Allen		20.15	
FICA/Medicare		1,568.35	
Franklin Telephone Co., Inc.		895.43	
Books/Subscriptions		5,000.00	
Melissa McKinstry, mileage		308.32	
Debbie Landauer, mileage		32.00	
Total Haston Library	\$		28,325.47

INSURANCE:

VLCT Property & Casualty \$ 7,458.25

LEGAL FEES:

Stitzel, Page & Fletcher \$ 10,979.03

MEETINGS:

Franklin Hot Lunch Program	\$	10.50	
Franklin General Store		13.60	
Monique Rainville		60.00	
NEMRC		110.00	
Shirley Barnum		30.00	
Susan Clark		60.00	
Vermont Institute for Government		110.00	
VLCT		110.00	
VMCTA-Continuing Education		35.00	
Total Meetings	\$		539.10

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT:

Brad's House of Time - Inspect Town Clock	\$	40.00	
Gilbert Dewing		84.80	
Jean Richard		52.00	
Lisa Larivee		163.60	
Pauline Gadbois		37.20	
Robert Irish		184.00	
Total Mileage Reimbursement	\$		561.60

MISCELLANEOUS:

ANR-Dept of Fish & Wildlife - licenses	\$	1,260.50	
Brown, Gawne, Cahill & Miller - Sidewalk Project		2,025.00	
Buyers Digest		234.00	
Cartographic Technologies, Inc.		649.00	
County Courier		215.00	
Curtis Ploof - sidewalk plowing		592.00	
Franklin Superior Court - Small Claims action		75.00	
Greg Finch - Reim for sheep destroyed by dog		2,145.75	
IDS		147.10	
Manatron		1,700.08	
Milton CAT		1,491.14	
Scott Choiniere-Gift Cert - Clerk & Treasurer		100.00	
St. Albans Messenger		45.00	
Vermont State Treasurer		1,260.00	
VT Dept of Emp & Training		20.22	
Total Miscellaneous	\$		11,959.79

OFFICE EXPENSE:

A-1 Rubber Stamp Shop	\$	21.94	
Brown's River Marotti Co., Inc.		471.19	
Clarke American		34.25	
FIA Card Services		730.48	
Franklin Elementary School - expense reimb		(217.32)	
Franklin Telephone Co., Inc.		1,475.91	
Greens Ace Hardware		19.98	
IRS		322.58	
NEMRC		1,705.97	
Postmaster, Town of Franklin		1,472.59	
Reliable Office Supplies		46.03	
Schwaab, Inc.		33.49	
Service Charges-Bad Checks (NSF)		15.00	
Staples		193.95	
SymQuest Group Inc.		1,172.18	
TD Banknorth		254.05	
U.S. Postal Service		270.60	
Vermont Department of Health		5.00	
Vermont League of Cities & Towns		1,677.00	
Vermont Offender Work Program - Town Report		975.00	
VMCTA - Continuing Education		40.00	
W. B. Mason		165.60	
Total Office Expense	\$		10,885.47

OFFICE/LIBRARY BUILDING:

Abbey Group-Gift Cert - Marshall Ploof	\$	75.00	
Bates Farm Home & Garden		6.99	
Blouin Bros Oil		1,719.00	
Broe's Masonry - Town Clock repair		2,500.00	
D & M Fire & Safety Equipment		17.14	
Franklin Fire District #1		170.00	
Franklin General Store		1.78	
Greens Ace Hardware		38.46	
Life Safety Systems, Inc.		265.00	
Lisa Larivee - Shampoo carpet & reimb supplies		156.62	
O.C. McCuin & Sons		7.98	
Reliable Office Supplies		89.99	
Rodem, Inc.-Pumped tank		400.00	
Scott Choiniere - Reimb for Treasurer's computer		740.51	
Tremblay Electric		200.00	
Venture Floor Covering-Replace office carpet		2,000.00	
Vermont Electric Co-Operative		1,960.37	
Vermont Elevator Inspection Services, Inc		125.00	
W. B. Mason		34.98	
Total Office/Library Building			\$ 10,508.82

PLANNING COMMISSION:

St. Albans Messenger	\$	52.75	
Northwest Regional Planning Commission		1,090.00	
Total Planning Commission			\$ 1,142.75

SOLID WASTE:

Casella Waste Management	\$	91.18	
SWIP GRANT			
Ernest Lamson - Salary HHW		96.00	
Postmaster Town of Franklin		102.96	
Town of Highgate		1,084.00	
Total Solid Waste			\$ 1,374.14

STREET LIGHTS:

Vermont Electric Coop	\$		4,928.25
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TAX ASSESSMENTS:

Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	\$	1,600.00	
Foster Grandparents		200.00	
Franklin Alumni Association		400.00	
Franklin County Home Health		1,870.00	
Franklin County Industrial Development		300.00	
Franklin County Treasurer		13,524.11	
Northwestern Counseling & Support Service		1,600.00	
Northwest Unit for Special Investigation		1,000.00	
The Family Center		400.00	
Voices Against Violence		1,000.00	
Total Tax Assessments			\$ 21,894.11

TOWN HALL:

Blouin Bros Oil	\$	1,830.50	
D & M Fire & Safety Equipment		8.56	
Floor Rescue Inc. - Refinish floor		1,289.40	
Franklin Fire District #1		170.00	
Lisa Larivee-Reimb supplies		4.25	
O. C. McCuin & Sons		2.85	
Vermont Electric Co-operative		519.44	
Total Town Hall			\$ 3,825.00

WATERSHED COMMITTEE:

Franklin Watershed Committee-as budgeted			\$ 1,000.00
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REAPPRAISAL EXPENSES:

Vt Dept of Taxes-training	\$	1,025.00	
Apex Software		395.00	
Dell Marketing		1,376.80	
Jean Richard-Reimb supplies		32.91	
NEMRC		3,304.00	
Total Reappraisal Expenses			\$ 6,133.71

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR:

Johanna Crane-Godin			\$ 6,434.15
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SURCHARGE RESTORATION:

Brown's River Marotti Co., Inc.	\$	700.00	
VT Secretary of State		1,300.00	
Total Surcharge Restoration			\$ 2,000.00

TOTAL ORDERS - General Fund			\$ 242,332.54
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SUMMARY OF GENERAL FUND ORDERS

Salaries	\$ 55,576.01
FICA/Medicare	4,753.05
Employee Pension	1,917.49
Health Insurance	4,554.92
Emergency Dispatch	7,925.00
Emergency Medical Services - 2009 Article 3	22,656.43
Fire Department	15,000.00
Haston Library	28,325.47
Insurance	7,458.25
Legal Fees	10,979.03
Meetings	539.10
Mileage Reimbursement	561.60
Miscellaneous	11,959.79
Office Expense	10,885.47
Office/Library Building	10,508.82
Planning Commission	1,142.75
Solid Waste	1,374.14
Street Lights	4,928.25
Tax Assessments	21,894.11
Town Hall	3,825.00
Watershed Committee	1,000.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	6,434.15
Reappraisal Expense	6,133.71
Surcharge Restoration	<u>2,000.00</u>
 Total Selectboard Orders-General Fund	 \$ <u>242,332.54</u>

SELECTBOARD'S ORDERS
HIGHWAY FUND

SALARIES:

Howard Vansette, Road Foreman	\$	40,158.69	
Roland Lontine		35,809.02	
Peter Kittell, Road Commissioner		500.00	
Total Salaries			\$ 76,467.71

FICA/MEDICARE:

Banknorth/EFTPS			\$ 5,849.78
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EMPLOYEE PENSION:

Orchard Trust Bank			\$ 3,798.39
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HEALTH INSURANCE:

CIGNA	\$	26,762.76	
Vision Service Plan		412.44	
Total Health Insurance			\$ 27,175.20

UNIFORMS:

Foley	\$	1,140.99	
St. Albans Coop Store		237.58	
Total Uniforms			\$ 1,378.57

CHLORIDE:

Gorman Brothers, Inc.			\$ 11,701.50
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CULVERTS:

Bates Farm, Home & Garden	\$	97.00	
Giddings Manufacturing		2,208.40	
Guy Demag		(40.00)	
O.C. McCuin & Sons		755.96	
Total Culverts			\$ 3,021.36

EQUIPMENT FUND:

Highway Funds	\$	25,000.00	
Voted Funds - 2009		33,500.00	
Total Equipment Fund:			\$ 58,500.00

EQUIPMENT RENTAL:

J & J Lakeview Farm	\$	1,050.00	
Howard Vansette		30.00	
Mowing Unlimited		1,262.50	
Total Equipment Rental			\$ 2,342.50

GAS & FUEL:

Blouin Bros Oil	\$	11,866.06	
FIA Card Services		87.01	
Lukkee's Beverage & Deli		63.66	
Total Gas & Fuel			\$ 12,016.73

GRAVEL:

Leach Family, Inc.	\$	40,248.25	
Shelburne Limestone Corporation		6,257.29	
Total Gravel			\$ 46,505.54

INSURANCE:

Town & Country Insurance Agency	\$	377.00	
VLCT Property & Casualty		8,600.00	
Total Insurance			\$ 8,977.00

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT:

Howard Vanslette	\$	453.64	
Roland Lontine		267.60	
Total Mileage Reimbursement			\$ 721.24

MISCELLANEOUS:

Anne Laurie - Tree replacement per TH#3 agmt	\$	250.00	
Champlain Valley Equipment		1,026.75	
Christina Carnes - Replace mailbox		27.79	
Econo Signs		380.40	
Franklin Fire Dept - Reim septic pumping		370.00	
Giddings Manufacturing Co		460.60	
Green's Ace Hardware		52.01	
Hull's Auto & Power Equipment		715.80	
Late Night Pinstripping		200.00	
O.C. McCuin & Sons		57.87	
Rodem Inc-Pumped drainage inlet		450.22	
S. D. Ireland Concrete Construction Corp		216.00	
Scott Choiniere - Gift Cert - Highway crew		100.00	
Sticks & Stuff		84.60	
VDMV		10.00	
Winston Machia		42.10	
Yvon Dandurand - storage		100.00	

Park & Ride:

Bates Farm Home & Garden		371.14	
Colonial Hot Top		30,560.00	
Econo Signs		120.60	
Green's Ace Hardware		302.93	
GTM Electric Supply		773.15	
O.C. McCuin & Sons		212.14	

Park & Ride - Cont.:

Pike Industries		130.00	
S.D. Ireland		626.88	
Swanton Lumber		208.00	
Tremblay Electric		679.00	
Tru-Line Painters		250.00	
Total Miscellaneous			\$ 38,777.98

NEW BLACKTOP/RESURFACING:

Pike Industries, Inc.-Hanna & Gallup Road	\$	94,116.81	
Demag's Seal Coating		469.50	
Total New Blacktop/Resurfacing			\$ 94,586.31

REPAIR & MAINTENANCE:

ATCO International	\$	267.50	
B & N Sales & Service		29.84	
Bond Auto Parts		934.27	
Bousquet's		527.41	
Clark Communication Electronics		420.00	
Clark's Truck Center		3,215.38	
D & H Housing		50.00	
Dana Stetson		1,100.00	
Dick Wright Ford		6.50	
George S. Wood, Inc.		793.22	
Green's Ace Hardware		308.16	
Howard P Fairfield, Inc.		1,105.11	
Hull's Auto & Power Equipment		96.80	
Learned's Sales & Service		270.36	
McDermott's		72.24	
Milton CAT		475.83	
NAPA Auto Parts		984.56	
Nortrax/PowerPlan		241.44	
O.C. McCuin & Sons		43.87	
Rene J Fournier		2,364.40	
Sheldon Trucks		649.83	
Smitty's Starter & Alternator Repair		93.90	
Tenco New England		4,363.63	
Winston Machia		59.90	
Winzer Corporation		499.50	
Total Repair & Maintenance			\$ 18,973.65

SALT SHED:

O. C. McCuin & Sons			\$ 90.45
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SAND/SALT:

Cargill, Inc. Salt Division	\$	12,529.26	
Leach Family, Inc.		8,099.00	
Total Sand/Salt			\$ 20,628.26

SHOP & TOOLS:

Burlington Communication	\$	230.00	
Bond Auto Parts		16.84	
B & N Sales & Service		61.90	
Blouin Bros Oil		2,057.25	
Bruce Wetherby Waste & Trash Removal		288.00	
Clark's Truck Center		787.02	
D & M Fire & Safety Equipment		34.30	
FIA Card Services		90.09	
Franklin Fire District #1		170.00	
Franklin General Store		17.38	
Franklin Telephone Co., Inc.		488.65	
Green's Ace Hardware		88.50	
Haun Welding Supplies		217.24	
Jim Burns Rubbish		110.00	
Lisa Larivee - cleaning supplies	\$	38.13	
Miles Supply		152.65	
NAPA Auto Parts		423.73	
O.C. McCuin & Sons		328.56	
Rinkers Communications		84.00	
Rodem Inc. - Pumped tank x2 at Town Garage		770.00	
Staples		199.98	
Texax Refinery Corp		294.00	
Tools Plus Industries		815.55	
Vermont Electric Co-operative		1,162.63	
Winston Machia		61.90	
Winzer Corporation		371.67	
Total Shop & Tools			\$ 9,359.97
TOTAL ORDERS - Highway Fund			<u>\$ 440,872.14</u>

SUMMARY OF HIGHWAY FUND

Salaries	\$ 76,467.71
FICA/Medicare	5,849.78
Employee Pension	3,798.39
Health Insurance	27,175.20
Uniforms	1,378.57
Chloride	11,701.50
Culverts	3,021.36
Equipment Fund	58,500.00
Equipment Rental	2,342.50
Gas & Fuel	12,016.73
Gravel	46,505.54
Insurance	8,977.00
Mileage Reimbursement	721.24
Miscellaneous	38,777.98
New Blacktop/Resurfacing	94,586.31
Repair & Maintenance	18,973.65
Salt Shed	90.45
Sand/Salt	20,628.26
Shop & Tools	<u>9,359.97</u>
Total Selectboard Orders-Highway	<u>\$ 440,872.14</u>

SUMMARY OF WEED HARVESTER FUND

Kyle Lothian, Operator	\$ 2,743.75
FICA/Medicare	209.89
Andy Bonneau Machinery	71.74
Aquamarine	905.34
Bousquet's	250.00
Hull's Auto & Power Equipment	119.93
Mullen Lakeshore	<u>400.00</u>
NAPA Auto Parts	6.61
O.C. McCuin & Sons	52.99
Tim Columb's Auto Repair	30.00
VT Dept of Emp & Training	310.92
Yvon Dandurand	200.00
Total Selectboard Orders-Weed Harvester	<u>\$ 5,301.17</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Franklin Selectboard
Scott Choiniere, Chair
Lynn Paradis
Peter Kittell
Jamie Boudreau
Harvey Bushey

EQUIPMENT FUND

January 1, 2009

Beginning Balance - MM Acct \$ 52,580.79

INCOME

Interest	\$ 251.10	
Town voted funds - 2009	33,500.00	
Highway Funds	<u>25,000.00</u>	
Total income		\$ <u>58,751.10</u>
TOTAL INCOME/CASH		\$ <u>111,331.89</u>

EXPENSES

Rene J Fournier	\$23,500.00	
Clark's Truck Center	<u>61,000.00</u>	
Total Expenses		\$ 84,500.00

December 31, 2009

Ending Balance - MM Acct \$ 26,831.89

TOTAL CASH/EXPENSES **\$ 111,331.89**

DOG LICENSES

Sex	#	Rate	Fees	State	Kennel	Late Fees	Total
Spayed	110	\$ 8.00	\$ 880.00	\$ 359.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 1,289.00
Neutered	116	8.00	928.00	389.00		76.00	1,393.00
Male	44	12.00	528.00	143.00		32.00	703.00
Female	32	12.00	384.00	110.00		40.00	534.00
Neutered	4	7.00	28.00	16.00		4.00	48.00
Female	12			3.00	30.00		33.00
Male	6			3.00	30.00		33.00
Spayed	3	7.00	21.00	12.00		4.00	37.00
Male	1	11.00	11.00	4.00		4.00	19.00
Totals	328		\$ 2,780.00	\$ 1,039.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 4,089.00

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa A. Larivee, Treasurer



Franklin Volunteer Fire Department

**P.O. Box 172
Franklin, VT 05457**

I would like to open by saying "Thank you" to Franklin Rescue for all of their support to this community and to this department; it's comforting to see their familiar, friendly faces in a time of need.

As always the fire department puts fundraising money back into the events to buy table, chairs, etc. and this year we chose to build a structure to use for our Annual Chicken Barbeque. The building is located next to school on Maple Grove Cemetery Association property; this building is a community structure and can be used for numerous things.

The Fire Department is completing the yearly CPR and AED training which is provided to us by Franklin Rescue.

This past year brought 5 new faces to the department. We always welcome more members, many hands make light work; we all have jobs and families, we give as much as we can when we can, so the more volunteers the better. Anyone interested in more information on joining should stop by the station on any Monday night; the monthly business meeting is the first Monday of every month.

I would like to thank the current members on the department for what they contribute and all the time they donate to the department and the community; we are all part of the volunteer fire department in Franklin but it is much more than that to us all, it's more like family. I would also like to thank our member's families for putting up with the time they are away from home and their support to us during fundraisers.

Member	Years
Patrick Allain	13
Brian Barnum	40
Eddie Bouchard	13
Philip Bouchard	39
Scott Choiniere	17
Howard Deuso, Captain	13
Hugh Gates	32
Clark Hubbard	7
Mike Lawyer, Asst. Chief	6
Kyle Lothian	26
Burt Maynard	20
Janet Norcross	6

Member	Years
Marshall Ploof	40
Mark Racine	20
Justin Rainville, Chief	11
Sara Rainville, Sec/Treas	6
David Rood	5
Brian Sartwell, Lieutenant	16
Justin Sartwell	2
Ben Gates	2
William Deuso	1
Josh Packard, new member	
Kyle Plouffe, new member	
Bill Davis, new member	

Dates to Remember:

**Sunday, March 7, 2010 – Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, July 3, 2010– Fire & Rescue Chicken BBQ**

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Rainville, Chief

FRANKLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>2009 Actual</u>	<u>2009 Budget</u>	<u>2010 Budget</u>
Checking Balance-January 1	\$ 24,760.29		
<u>INCOME:</u>			
Interest Income	\$ 18.98		
IBM Grant Income	1,000.00		
Miscellaneous Income	219.18		
Donation Income	410.00		
Memorial Income	25.00		
Town Appropriated Funds	15,000.00		
BBQ Income	3,015.19		
Pancake Breakfast	14,428.54		
Total Income	\$ 34,116.89		
Total Cash/Income	\$ 58,877.18		
<u>EXPENSES:</u>			
Truck Expense	\$ 1,752.53	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Tanker Replacement	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Fuel-Equipment	89.59	500.00	500.00
Fuel-Heating	1,205.93	1,000.00	1,500.00
Insurance	6,746.56	8,000.00	8,000.00
Office Supplies	-	150.00	100.00
Radio Expense	3,775.25	2,000.00	2,000.00
Postage Expense	98.00	100.00	100.00
Utilities	948.01	1,500.00	1,500.00
Uniform/Gear Expense	4,998.56	5,000.00	5,000.00
Equipment Purchases	3,011.94	2,800.00	2,000.00
Equipment Repairs	2,839.04	2,000.00	2,000.00
Memberships/Dues	377.50	250.00	400.00
Water Rent	85.00	90.00	90.00
Donation	618.57	-	-
Fire Prevention	206.47	500.00	250.00
Furnace Repairs	35.62	150.00	100.00
Miscellaneous	2,821.42	1,500.00	2,000.00
Training	-	500.00	500.00
Pancake Breakfast	6,389.34	-	-
BBQ Expense	12.60	-	-
BBQ Building Expense	7,067.17	-	-
Building Maintenance	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
Vending Machine	94.73	-	100.00
Vehicle Registration	25.00	-	-
County Meeting	75.26	-	100.00
Total Expenses	\$ 48,274.09	\$ 34,040.00	\$ 34,240.00
Checking Account	\$ 5,603.09		
Tanker Account	5,000.00		
Cash Balance - December 31	\$ 10,603.09		
Total Cash/Expenses	\$ 58,877.18		

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Rainville, Treasurer

FRANKLIN RESCUE SERVICE

In 1966, Franklin Rescue was organized to provide ambulance services to the Town of Franklin. We served the town for 43 years but at the end of 2009, we were forced to discontinue service due to a lack of volunteers. While we were able to maintain coverage with a combination of paid/volunteer staff through most of 2009, lifestyle changes and job commitments lead to several members not renewing their certifications. Effective December 31, 2009, Franklin Rescue became a first response service with Enosburgh Ambulance providing the transport service.

Franklin Rescue held several recruiting drives in 2009, including an Open House on Memorial Day, and we made every effort to spread the word through our website, posters and by word of mouth that we needed new members. We currently have two new members (Chris Bolton and Jason Ziemba) enrolled in the EMT-Basic class and it is our hope that Franklin Rescue will be able to recruit enough members to resume operating as a transport service. However, without additional members willing to take the required courses and make a two year commitment to the service, we will not be able to achieve this goal.

Of the **\$22,656.43** appropriated by the town (Article #3, 2009) for Enosburgh Ambulance to provide emergency medical services, only **\$3,522.79** was expended and **\$19,133.64** was returned to the Town at year end. It is only through the hard work of our dedicated members that we were able to provide the majority of emergency medical services in 2009 as reflected in the amount returned to the town. We plan to maintain our ambulance and keep our current state license and will continue to provide support to our Franklin firemen as well as provide transport services when crews are available

There were 147 emergency calls in Franklin during 2009 and although faced with a significant staffing shortage, Franklin Rescue responded to 127 of those calls and provided first response service to another 15. Enosburgh Ambulance responded to a total of 20 Franklin calls in 2009. Franklin Rescue also provided backup to Enosburgh Ambulance when they were either out on other calls or when their ambulance was out of service for repair. With the support of our loyal subscribers, we will continue to operate as a first response service at no cost to the taxpayers of Franklin.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Mullen Wright, Squad Leader*

State Certified Members – (Listed by Level of Certification)

Polly Gadbois	EMT I-03	21 years
John Burley	EMT I-03	5 years
Jennifer Wright	EMT I-03	2 year
Dick Gadbois	EMT I	22 years
David Rood	EMT B	5 years
Janet Norcross	EMT B	3 years
Ben Gates	EMT B	1 year
Marsha Larose	ECA	1 year
Ashley Gates	ECA	1 year
Hannah Larose	ECA	ECA Certification Pending
Linda Hartman	ECA	ECA Certification Pending
Peter Kittell	ECA	ECA Certification Pending

Drivers

Justin Rainville
Dale Larose
Dennis Young

Greg Gates
William Wright

FRANKLIN RESCUE SERVICE TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2009 Actual</u>	<u>2009 Budget</u>
Patient Income	\$ 56,205.72	\$ 45,000.00
Subscription Income	14,100.00	13,750.00
BBQ Income	3,015.18	2,000.00
Interest Income	612.10	1,500.00
Sale of Equipment	550.00	-
Exp Reim/Refunds	282.00	-
Memorial Gifts/Donations/Misc Income	435.00	500.00
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$ 75,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 62,750.00</u>

<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Salaries	\$ 53,954.68	\$ 65,084.00
Employer Payroll Taxes	4,387.26	5,599.00
Health Insurance	7,335.60	12,744.00
Ambulance Expense	1,563.79	4,000.00
Claims Expense	3,531.57	3,000.00
Education/Training	1,172.50	4,000.00
Insurance Expense	8,905.44	6,100.00
Medical Supplies	2,382.25	3,500.00
Radio Maintenance/Repair	196.95	2,000.00
Utilities	2,418.63	3,000.00
Sub Letter	453.07	-
Miscellaneous-Dues, Subscriptions, Misc.	3,975.09	4,485.00
Other Expenses	-	9,400.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 90,276.83</u>	<u>\$ 122,912.00</u>

NET INCOME/LOSS **\$ (15,076.83)** **\$ (60,162.00)**

BALANCE SHEET

Cash Balance-January 1, 2009		<u>\$ 62,293.68</u>
Equity, January 1, 2009	56,854.44	
Decrease in Equity, December 31, 2009	<u>(15,076.83)</u>	
Cash Balance-December 31, 2009		<u>\$ 41,777.61</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Pauline W. Gadbois, Treasurer

Reconciliation - Town of Franklin 2009 Article 3

Funds to Franklin Rescue - as voted	\$ 22,656.43
Paid to Enosburgh Ambulance - May-Dec coverage	<u>-3,522.79</u>
Funds returned to Town - December, 2009	<u>\$ 19,133.64</u>

Franklin Rescue operated without appropriations from the town for 20 years. The 2009 Article 3 funds were not part of Franklin Rescue's operating budget and were used solely to cover the cost of coverage provided by Enosburgh Ambulance Service necessitated by lack of volunteers. The balance of town appropriated funds were returned to the town on 12/31/09.

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2003-2007</u>
Brown, Dayton & Sandra	\$ 1,657.71	\$ 1,657.71		
Clark, Jeffrey	999.32	999.32		
Delorme, Robert	628.16	628.16		
Dipaolo, Nick	41.02	41.02		
Edgerly, Ed	57.76	57.76		
Elwood, Kim & Randy	140.01	140.01		
Elwood, Walter	959.58	959.58		
Forty, Greg & Patty Desroches	2,597.52	2,597.52		
Gaudette, Steven & Laurie Lampman	140.25	140.25		
Goss, Jerome	833.34	833.34		
Greenia, Matthew & Dee	3,136.10	3,136.10		
Greenwood, Wade & Rebecca	640.44	640.44		
Jenne, Lorraine	1,126.03	1,126.03		
Kittell, Robert	822.02	822.02		
Knowles, Scott & Penny	711.42	711.42		
Lagrow, John	1,086.78	1,086.78		
Langlois, Mark & Cheryl	1,722.80	1,722.80		
McLaughlin, Diane	591.44	591.44		
Oscarson, Brian	290.08	290.08		
Ostacpovitch, Peter	843.60	843.60		
Robtoy, Stephen	75.34	75.34		
Rood, David & Elsa	2,144.91	2,144.91		
Sweet, Donald & Linda	1,771.72	1,771.72		
Thompson, Phillip & Jean	2,522.60	2,522.60		
Ulfik, Edward	900.31	900.31		
Ward, Pheobe	1,069.84	1,069.84		
Wedge, Pat	109.66	109.66		
TOTAL DELINQUENT	<u>\$ 27,619.76</u>	<u>\$ 27,619.76</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Delinquent 12/31/08	\$32,943.63	\$ -	\$ 32,128.84	\$ 814.79
To Tax Collector 10/16/2009	75,945.80	75,945.80	-	-
Collected by Tax Collector	(80,426.30)	(48,174.22)	(32,011.01)	(241.07)
Abatements 12/8/2009	<u>(843.37)</u>	<u>(151.82)</u>	<u>(117.83)</u>	<u>(573.72)</u>
TOTAL DELINQUENT 12/31/09	<u>\$ 27,619.76</u>	<u>\$ 27,619.76</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
INTEREST PD-GENERAL FUND	<u>\$ 2,956.13</u>	<u>\$ 885.76</u>	<u>\$ 1,959.83</u>	<u>\$ 110.54</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Johanna Crane Godin

2009 VITAL STATISTICS

As a recommendation by the Department of Health, vital statistics are no longer automatically published in the Town Report. The following list is provided as a result of a release form signed authorizing the Town Clerk's Office to publish such records. If you would like vital statistic information published in the town report next year, you must come to the Town Clerk's Office to sign the necessary request/release form.

Births

Grady Antonio Graham
Molly Rae Reed
Kaeden James Ho
Eleri Vivian Elizabeth Morin

Keith & Josephina Graham
Meagan Kobelt & Mark Reed
John & Stephanie Ho
Jennifer & William Morin

Deaths

Lawrence F. Bishop
Lucienne T. Fournier
Thomas A. Magnant
David A. Chaffee
Peter M. Fournier

Marriages

David Smith & Melaney Cyr
Robert L. Bender Jr & Lyle J. Glidden

VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWALS

The Town Clerk's Office will process preprinted computer generated "Vehicle Registration Renewals". Only current and up to two month's expiration date renewals will be accepted. There will be a separate \$3.00 processing fee.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

The Town of Franklin, in cooperation with the Town of Highgate, sponsors two Household Hazardous Waste Collection days each year at the Highgate Transfer Station. These events are open to all **Franklin** residents. Collection days will be **SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2010** and **SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2010 from 8 a.m.-12 noon.**

For information from the Highgate Transfer Station about recycling for Franklin residents, please refer to the telephone book yellow pages.

ANNUAL REPORT

for the

FRANKLIN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Franklin Central School's Mission Statement

The mission of the Franklin Central School is to educate our children to become self-reliant and socially responsible individuals. They will respect themselves, their community, and the world around them. Ultimately, they will develop the skills and confidence to become life-long learners.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I am proud to report on the progress of the Franklin Central School. The children of our community and your school represent our greatest investment. The Franklin staff, students, parents, and Board of Directors are working collaboratively to make our school the best it can be and to create a positive and effective culture for learning and teaching.

The administrative team at Franklin under the leadership of Principal Joyce Hakey continues to manage the elementary school programs in a creative and effective manner. With major school change efforts ongoing such as the State Coordinated Action Planning, the administration has been dedicated to providing the necessary leadership and support for programs that are working well and implementing change in areas that need renewal.

The Franklin Northwest Supervisory Union Central Office continues to work closely with the middle and high school. To this end, support is provided The Franklin Central School in many areas including curriculum and instruction, action planning, grant applications, technology coordination. Leadership is provided for Indian Education, staff development, public relations, legal advisement, alternative education, business management, and fiscal services. Additionally, oversight regarding federal, state, and local funding sources is ensured. Many personnel items including certification, academic credential documentation, finger printing, and benefit information are handled by the Franklin Northwest Central Office.

The FNWSU Central Office administers federal and state grants that support programs such as student and program assessment, and curriculum development in science, language arts, foreign language, especially math. The Indian Education Program has assisted in funding cultural programs, curriculum development, mentoring, the learning center and programs in collaboration with institutions of higher education.

The total enrollment as of October 1, 2009 was 126 broken down as follows: Kindergarten, 18; Grade 1, 21; Grade 2, 17 Grade 3, 13; Grade 4, 18; Grade 5, 24; and Grade 6, 15.

The Franklin Central School Board of Directors and the administration have developed a budget for the 2010-2011 school year that will provide an effective and challenging education for your students. The budget is fiscally responsible with most of the increase in the budget coming in increased costs for health benefits, contractual obligations, and special education costs. I urge you to vote on Town Meeting Day.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. John J. McCarthy
Superintendent of Schools

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

"High standards are the foundation of great achievements."--Unknown

We had a busy and rewarding 2008-2009 school year as we continue to challenge our students and ourselves to "always do our best"—one of our school "rules" at Franklin. We participated in the fourth year of statewide testing of the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) for grades 3-8 in reading & math (5 & 8 also tested in writing). The NECAP tests (which meet the federal requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act) were designed to assess progress in meeting Vermont's Grade Expectations. The various tests include short & long reading passages, multiple choice questions, "constructed response" questions (require students to write up to a ½ page response) and an extended writing prompt. We were very pleased that the results showed our students continuing to be above the supervisory union and state averages in each of the areas tested. In reading, 90% of Franklin students scored proficient or proficient with distinction (FNWSU 62%, state 71%). In math, 84% of Franklin students scored proficient/proficient with distinction (FNWSU 56%, state 66%). In writing (only tested in 5th grade), Franklin was 64% proficient/proficient with distinction (FNWSU 49%, state 55%). On the other statewide testing done last year, we received our results for the second year of NECAP Science testing (last May, grade 4) with 83% of our students scoring proficient or proficient w/ distinction (FNWSU 40% and state 52%).

Franklin was honored by being chosen as one of three schools by the VT Department of Education to be part of a case study on poverty and effective schools based on our high achievement of both low income students and their peers. The purpose of the study was to learn what has contributed to this achievement. They hoped that "Franklin's experience would be useful to other schools working to close achievement gaps and ensure positive outcomes for all students." Franklin was also recognized by The Fit and Healthy Kids School Wellness Awards program, sponsored by the VT Dept. of Health, Action for Healthy Kids Vermont, & the N.E. Dairy & Food Council, which recognizes schools whose policies and practices reflect a high priority on healthy outcomes for children. Of the twenty schools that applied, Franklin was awarded first place and recognized at a ceremony in Montpelier.

Other curriculum initiatives that we were proud of included: math work on building student number sense and fraction concepts; learning/using Math Recovery assessments and activities; continued implementation of a phonological awareness/ phonics program in K-2; professional development to create a more common method of writing instruction and assessment concentrating on 6+1 Writing Traits and their rubrics to guide instruction and build writing fluency; and more formal assessments were conducted in Band and General Music classes which contributed to greater skill and knowledge development.

Other happenings we were excited about included our new "StoryWalk" (funded by a Safe Routes to School Grant), which allows students and community members to read a book while enjoying walking the Franklin Footpath; receiving new microscopes from donations; we had our first ever finalist for the VT Fire Safety Calendar project which received thousands of posters from 52 schools; professional development that the staff participated in on a variety of different topics to further our students' learning; participation in a program called "Girls on the Run" for the first time; receiving "new" used computers from USDA and Homeland Security; purchasing some new sound equipment with grant funding; having a NECAP "Celebration"; our "Mystery Word" each week to build vocabulary development; our contribution to the local food shelf; the Disney theme for the Senior Dinner; and "flying" to Spain to continue our school-wide walking program in Europe!

The support and involvement of parents and community are integral to the success of our students and school. The honors that the school receives and the success that we have are a tribute to the entire Town of Franklin. Thank you for all you do!

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hakey, Principal

SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

It is with pleasure that the Franklin School District Board of Directors reports to you on some of the many happenings and successes this past year at Franklin Central School. The school received praises from state agencies and legislators for its academic excellence, the School Board and Select Board worked together to try to save taxpayers money, and everyone involved with the budget process tightened their belts to present the most conservative budget I have been part of since coming on the Board.

As Joyce Hakey, our principal, presented in her report, Franklin Central School's scores on the various standardized tests taken throughout the school year were, again, above the Vermont statewide averages. Our school's academic success was so outstanding that representatives from the Department of Education visited the school, and one of our county senators made phone calls to Ms. Hakey and the Board chair, to find out how Franklin Central School does so well while keeping the per pupil cost so low. Several points were repeated by everyone interviewed: excellent professional and support staff, strong leadership from the principal, supportive School Board and Central Office, and overwhelming support from the parents and community. Together, we make Franklin Central School the wonderful learning community it is known for across the state.

This year the maintenance and operation of the school took on a cooperative air, with the School Board and the Town Select Board sharing equipment and going out to bid together for fuel oil. After discussion this spring, the two parties agreed to purchase a mower deck for the school tractor and a commercial weed wacker and to share this equipment to do their own lawn maintenance. In the winter, the school would have the tractor first for snow removal, and then the town would have the tractor to snow blow the sidewalks and town building areas. The project has gone very well, and the Kubota tractor is being used to its full potential. The bidding for fuel oil turned out well for the School, with the capped price nearly \$1.50 per gallon lower than last year's pre-buy price. Thank you, Select Board. Other maintenance projects completed over the summer included moving the kitchen compressor from the basement to the outside wall, filling cracks and restriping the lines in the parking lot, purchasing tables for the grade three classroom, and replacing countertops in two of the classrooms. Steve Ballard, our head custodian, averted a possible major problem with our septic system by having Drummack check out why one of the leach fields was draining so poorly. The lines were severely plugged. It was recommended to jet out the lines in this field, but we had them check the other field while their equipment was on site. It soon became clear that the other field should be done, also. The job was done quickly, fixtures were installed on all the lines to make cleaning them easier in the future, and it was all done during the summer break which made it easier for all involved.

The budget for Fiscal Year 2011 has been the toughest one your three School Board members have had to prepare for the taxpayers. Joyce, Becky Hart, and Dr. McCarthy have spent countless hours drafting a budget for the Board to scrutinize, discuss, and finally approve. We have level funded nearly all line items under the Board's control, making this year's budget increase less than three percent. Professional staff contracts, currently being negotiated by the entire Supervisory Union, and special education costs are the main increases in this year's budget and are not under your School Board's direct control. As a Board, we are required to legally follow rules for negotiating contracts and for providing special education services to students. In both cases, we strive to do the best we can for the taxpayers of Franklin.

The Board of Directors wishes to thank the Community of Franklin for its continued support, and we hope that 2010 is a better year for everyone. Year in, and year out, you always make it a successful one for your children at Franklin Central School. Please come out on Town Meeting Day to cast your vote.

Respectively submitted,
Jonathan Gates
Timothy Magnant
David Rood

FRANKLIN NORTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION AFTER SCHOOL & SUMMER PROGRAMS

*Serving and Enriching the lives of
Franklin, Highgate, Sheldon and Swanton students*



CROSSROADS
EXPLORERS



January 2010

Greetings Franklin Residents,

The Franklin Northwest Supervisory Union is pleased to announce that our after school programs were evaluated this past fall by the Vermont Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) office and our programs received a very positive report. The Monitoring Report documented and commended the positive work our FNWSU After School Programs are doing, expressing that the visiting team was impressed with the leadership, programming, and management structures of the after school programs. It reflected that our after school programs are safe, students are engaged and learning, and the programs are valued by the schools and the communities they serve. Our program sites were recognized for our after school programming being intentional and of high quality. Our FNWSU After School Programs were further commended that the learning climate, quality of staff, and programming were excellent.

Our Franklin Central School's Crossroads after school program had an impressive 94% of the students in 4th-6th grades attending the program over the past school year. Our MVU Crossroads After School program servicing 7th & 8th grades averages 50 students daily. At Franklin Central School, students are participating in high-quality after school learning opportunities, that range from Claymation, Engineering, Dance, Overhead Art (which produces those awesome community dinner decorations), Computer Club, Yoga, Chess, literature themed programs like Mountain Survival – Indian in the Cupboard – Looking Back: Turn of the Century, as well as daily Homework Club and Tutoring. At MVU, our students are similarly engaged in outstanding programming like Geometric Art, Digital Storytelling, Survivor, Wire and Beadwork, Brain Teasers, Woods-Water and Wildlife, Robotics, Aviation, Rocketry, Computer Game Programming, Claymation, Dry Ice Experiments, cooking classes, as well as Homework Club and Tutoring. Our exceptional programming is a result, in large part, by the awesome school-day staff who work in our Franklin and MVU after school programs. The after school coordinators with support from the school principals, create an atmosphere of student support and innovative programming that is recognized by the Vermont 21st CCLC office as exemplary.

Afterschool programs keep kids safe, inspire them to learn, and help working families – all things that are so important in tough times for their future success and our community's future success.

At the Franklin Central School, the after school program does not receive funding support from the local school budget. If you would like more information on the FNWSU After School Programs, please contact me or the after school coordinators at the schools.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Carol Lizotte
FNWSU After School & Summer Programs Director
868-1967 ext 21 or clizotte@fnwsu.org

**FRANKLIN NORTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION
CENTRAL OFFICE BUDGET FY2011**

	FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Budget	FY2010 Anticipated	FY2011 Budget	Franklin Share
Expenses:					
Administration Salaries	\$347,693	\$364,423	\$363,724	\$372,008	\$21,204
Support Staff Salaries	\$52,364	\$54,479	\$56,153	\$58,816	\$3,353
Insurance Benefits	\$63,391	\$72,449	\$63,619	\$64,862	\$3,697
Other Benefits	\$18,621	\$19,706	\$19,550	\$20,209	\$1,152
Payroll Expense	\$33,701	\$36,339	\$36,637	\$37,656	\$2,146
Purchased Prof. Services	\$9,496	\$8,500	\$8,600	\$8,750	\$499
Repair&Maintenance / Equipment Lease	\$4,478	\$6,750	\$5,979	\$6,250	\$356
Other Property Services	\$32,389	\$37,865	\$38,960	\$37,363	\$2,130
Office Expenses	\$8,865	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$684
Travel / Conference	\$12,596	\$9,750	\$9,750	\$9,750	\$556
Supplies	\$9,715	\$8,250	\$8,250	\$8,250	\$470
Equipment	\$3,412	\$6,000	\$6,334	\$6,000	\$342
Dues & Fees	\$3,727	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$228
Total Expense:	\$600,448	\$640,511	\$633,556	\$645,914	\$36,817

Revenues:					
Title I, II, IV, and V Funding	\$93,607	\$103,793	\$108,708	\$97,270	\$5,544
Other Grant receipts	\$20,605	\$17,999	\$30,177	\$25,550	\$1,456
Other/Miscellaneous	\$47,723	\$31,500	\$28,188	\$21,750	\$1,240
Total Revenues:	\$161,935	\$153,292	\$167,073	\$144,569	\$8,240

FY2011 ASSESSMENT AMOUNT	\$466,199	\$487,219		\$501,345	\$28,577
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**FRANKLIN NORTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION
SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET FY2011**

	FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Budget	FY2010 Anticipated	FY2011 Budget	Franklin Share
Expenses:					
Special Education Administration	\$151,531	\$157,850	\$157,851	\$161,009	\$7,251
Medicaid Clerk / Clerical Support	\$33,765	\$32,781	\$32,781	\$38,885	\$4,600
School Psychologists	\$157,321	\$168,287	\$163,883	\$167,161	\$19,775
Insurance Benefits	\$73,019	\$79,096	\$77,935	\$79,388	\$8,260
Payroll Expense	\$27,842	\$30,507	\$29,956	\$31,016	\$2,667
Other Benefits	\$3,606	\$6,267	\$6,267	\$6,633	\$785
Purchased Professional Services	\$6,527	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$651
Office Expenses	\$3,868	\$4,750	\$4,750	\$4,750	\$503
Travel / Conference	\$3,795	\$5,600	\$5,600	\$5,600	\$662
Supplies	\$4,151	\$6,050	\$6,050	\$6,050	\$716
Equipment	\$1,387	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$473
Dues & Fees	\$921	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$89
Total Expense:	\$467,734	\$501,439	\$495,323	\$510,742	\$46,432

Revenues:					
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$27,401	\$26,577	\$26,577	\$27,301	\$3,230
IDEA-B Grant Reimbursement	\$99,571	\$107,597	\$105,006	\$107,481	\$12,715
Other	\$54,568	\$10,000	\$57,273	\$35,000	\$4,141
Total Revenues:	\$181,540	\$144,174	\$188,856	\$169,782	\$20,086

FY2011 ASSESSMENT AMOUNT	\$343,465	\$357,265		\$340,960	\$26,346
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**FRANKLIN NORTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION
EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM BUDGET FY2011**

	FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Budget	FY2010 Anticipated	FY2011 Budget	Franklin Share
Expenses:					
ECP Administration & Spec.Educ.LEA	\$55,484	\$58,679	\$57,834	\$59,000	\$5,741
Teachers' Salaries	\$191,987	\$199,827	\$194,358	\$201,159	\$19,573
Support Staff	\$73,054	\$82,561	\$84,157	\$77,887	\$7,578
Speech Pathologist Salary	\$77,363	\$82,363	\$82,628	\$83,047	\$8,080
ECP Secretary Salary	\$26,223	\$27,916	\$27,916	\$28,982	\$2,820
Insurance Benefits	\$91,660	\$88,538	\$87,467	\$88,736	\$8,634
Payroll Expense	\$36,334	\$38,553	\$38,774	\$38,430	\$3,739
Other Benefits	\$4,732	\$7,000	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$632
OT/PT & Psychological Services	\$10,772	\$11,100	\$11,100	\$11,100	\$1,080
Purchased Prof. Services	\$24,525	\$8,300	\$11,300	\$10,800	\$1,051
Repair&Maintenance	\$2,043	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$204
Office Expenses	\$19,862	\$22,625	\$22,100	\$22,655	\$2,204
Student Tuition & Transportation	\$300	\$736	\$500	\$750	\$73
Travel / Conference	\$8,240	\$5,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$730
Supplies & Equipment	\$10,279	\$9,929	\$9,250	\$11,050	\$1,075
Total Expense:	\$632,858	\$645,727	\$643,484	\$649,696	\$63,215
Revenues:					
Preschool Tuition Receipts	\$2,636	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grant Funding	\$147,726	\$89,369	\$76,767	\$65,000	\$6,325
Carryover from Prior Year	\$25,676	\$10,000	\$27,563	\$30,000	\$2,919
Total Revenues:	\$176,038	\$99,369	\$104,330	\$95,000	\$9,244
FY2011 ASSESSMENT AMOUNT	\$484,383	\$546,358		\$554,696	\$53,972

**FRANKLIN NORTHWEST SUMMARY
TREASURER'S REPORT
July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009**

	Beginning Balance	FY2009		Ending Balance
		Receipts	Expenditures	
Title I	\$61,268	\$985,330	\$1,051,680	(\$5,082)
Title IIA Grant - Teacher Quality	\$15,405	\$359,288	\$373,378	\$1,315
Title IID Grant - Technology	\$1,939	\$18,177	\$18,568	\$1,548
Title IV Grant - Drug Free Schools	\$3,142	\$30,109	\$33,250	\$1
Title V Grant - Innovative Programs	\$11,647	\$4,653	\$8,407	\$7,893
IDEA-B Grant	\$49,938	\$560,428	\$542,717	\$67,649
IDEA-B Preschool Grant	\$0	\$15,986	\$15,986	\$0
Early Education Initiative Grant	\$0	\$57,678	\$57,678	\$0
Best Grant	\$2,113	\$16,011	\$15,838	\$2,286
FNW Crossroads Program	\$33	\$151,612	\$139,458	\$12,187
Crossroads non-grant revenues	\$0	\$48,011	\$48,011	\$0
NASA Grant	\$4,917	\$1,839	\$4,597	\$2,159
Sheldon ASPEN Program	\$4,290	\$67,210	\$50,538	\$20,962
ASPEN non-grant revenues	\$0	\$48,243	\$48,243	\$0
Tobacco Grant	\$1,728	\$18,304	\$19,979	\$53
VT Kids Against Tobacco	\$297	\$850	\$850	\$297
Standards Board	\$359	\$1,150	\$1,168	\$341
Medicaid Reimbursements (school-based)	\$345,947	\$237,724	\$280,956	\$302,715
Medicaid Reimbursements (FNWSU)	\$37,753	\$25,911	\$44,402	\$19,262
EPSDT Reimbursements	\$53,642	\$42,121	\$41,413	\$54,350
Central Office	\$47,040	\$581,094	\$600,446	\$27,688
Special Education	\$54,568	\$432,177	\$429,472	\$57,273
Early Childhood Program	\$25,676	\$487,019	\$485,132	\$27,563
Fiduciary/Fiscal Agent Funds:				
Franklin/Grand Isle County ECP Advisory Council	\$142,393	\$85,756	\$68,320	\$159,829
Success by Six Grant	\$7	\$125,570	\$125,570	\$7
Indian Education Grant	\$1	\$163,843	\$163,843	\$1
Mentoring Program	\$27,124	\$16,609	\$17,815	\$25,918
Franklin County Caring Communities Project	\$360	\$0	\$2,383	(\$2,023)
OJJTP / SAMSHA	(\$23,235)	\$50,000	\$25,687	\$1,078
Missisquoi Mentoring	\$1,711	\$0	\$1,710	\$1
Equipment Allocation Grant - MVU	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Student Assistance Grant - MVU	\$0	\$17,875	\$17,875	\$0
Peer Mentoring Grant - MVUHS	(\$12,349)	\$12,349	\$0	\$0
Carnegie Grant - MVUHS	\$3,108	\$0	\$256	\$2,852
School Improvement Grants - Highgate & Swanton	\$0	\$55,656	\$55,656	\$0

A copy of the Independent Audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, performed by Angolano & Co., may be obtained from the Superintendent of Schools' Office.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT
2008 - 2009
Salary Schedule & Index

Step	BA/BS	BA/BS+15	BA/BS+30	BA+45	MA	MA+15	MA+30
1	1.00 \$30,001	1.05 \$31,501	1.10 \$33,001	1.15 \$34,501	1.20 \$36,001	1.25 \$37,501	1.30 \$39,001
2	1.04 \$31,201	1.09 \$32,701	1.14 \$34,201	1.19 \$35,701	1.24 \$37,201	1.29 \$38,701	1.34 \$40,201
3	1.08 \$32,401	1.13 \$33,901	1.18 \$35,401	1.23 \$36,901	1.28 \$38,401	1.33 \$39,901	1.38 \$41,401
4	1.12 \$33,601	1.17 \$35,101	1.22 \$36,601	1.27 \$38,101	1.32 \$39,601	1.37 \$41,101	1.42 \$42,601
5	1.16 \$34,801	1.21 \$36,301	1.26 \$37,801	1.31 \$39,301	1.36 \$40,801	1.41 \$42,301	1.46 \$43,801
6	1.20 \$36,001	1.25 \$37,501	1.30 \$39,001	1.35 \$40,501	1.40 \$42,001	1.45 \$43,501	1.50 \$45,002
7	1.24 \$37,201	1.29 \$38,701	1.34 \$40,201	1.39 \$41,701	1.44 \$43,201	1.49 \$44,701	1.54 \$46,202
8	1.28 \$38,401	1.33 \$39,901	1.38 \$41,401	1.43 \$42,901	1.48 \$44,401	1.53 \$45,902	1.58 \$47,402
9	1.32 \$39,601	1.37 \$41,101	1.42 \$42,601	1.47 \$44,101	1.52 \$45,602	1.57 \$47,102	1.62 \$48,602
10	1.41 \$42,301	1.46 \$43,801	1.51 \$45,302	1.56 \$46,802	1.61 \$48,302	1.66 \$49,802	
11	1.45 \$43,501	1.50 \$45,002	1.55 \$46,502	1.60 \$48,002	1.65 \$49,502	1.70 \$51,002	
12	1.49 \$44,701	1.54 \$46,202	1.59 \$47,702	1.64 \$49,202	1.69 \$50,702	1.74 \$52,202	
13				1.63 \$48,902	1.68 \$50,402	1.73 \$51,902	1.78 \$53,402
14					1.72 \$51,602	1.77 \$53,102	1.82 \$54,602
15							
16							

Reading the salary schedule

1. Locate the step on the left column (in the example, step 8)
2. Locate the level at the top (in the example, MA+15)
3. The point where the two intersect in the 2008-2009 salary (in the example, \$45,902)

Salary Ranges For Employees Not Subject To The Salary Scale

Administration/Treasurer to \$78,886
 Paraprofessionals/Librarian to \$28,080
 Custodian to \$50,375
 Food Service to \$19,224

NOTE: Individual salary information is available, by request, at the Franklin Town Clerk's Office.

FRANKLIN TOWN SCHOOL STAFF

FY 09 - July 1, 2008 thru June 30, 2009

Department	Employee	FTE	Level	Step	Licensure	Years of Service at Franklin
Teacher/Guidance/Nurse:						
Kindergarten	Sturgeon, Theresa	50	MA+30	14	Level II	21
Grade 1	Trainer, Brye	100	BA+15	5	Level II	8
Grade 2	Toof, Carrie	100	BS	3	Level I	3
Grade 3	Gates, Ashley	100	BS	1	Level I	1
Grade 4	Shepard, Valerie	100	BA+45	13	Level II	27
Grade 5&6	Couture, Krista	100	MA	6	Level II	3
Grade 5&6	Hatin, Jessica	100	BS	1	Level I	1
Special Ed.	Babinski, Jessica	100	MA	5	Level II	6
Physical Ed.	Young, Douglas	40	BS	5	Level II	5
Guidance	May, Allison	60	MA	5	Level II	5
Compensatory Ed.	Boucher, Deborah	75	MA+30	7	Level II	11
Music	McConnell, Jennifer	60	BS	3	Level I	4
Nurse .5	Potts, Alita	50			n/a	5
Early Childhood	Dewing, Jennifer	50	BA+15	4	Level I	3
Administration:						
Principal	Hakey, Joyce					
Admin. Assistant	Sartwell, Susan					
Treasurer	Larivee, Lisa					
Paraprofessional/Library:						
Librarian	Wilson, Nancy					
Instructional Assistant	Russel-Davis, Connie					
Instructional Assistant	Renaudette, Lana	Jerry, Kennethea				
Spec. Ed. Paraprofessional	Domina, Theresa					
Spec. Ed. Paraprofessional	Ashton, Constance	Dandurand, Manon				
Spec. Ed. Paraprofessional	Rood, Elsa	Dunphy, Carol				
Spec. Ed. Paraprofessional	Larivee, Nancy					
Spec. Ed./Autism Behavior	Legault, Monica					
Sp.Ed./Technology Para.	Ovitt, Kathy					
Early Ed Assistant	Racine, Alyson					
Custodial:						
Head Custodian	Ballard, Steven					
Part Time Custodian	Colman, Richard					
Food Services:						
Head Cook/Co-Agent	Bushey, Carolyn					
Cook/Co-Agent	Sartwell, Donna					

FRANKLIN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
AGENCY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2008</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2008</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash - Library Fund	\$ 953	\$ 3,591	\$ 3,287	\$ 1,257
Cash - Childrens Fund	23,815	24,649	19,896	28,568
Total Assets	<u>\$ 24,768</u>	<u>\$ 28,240</u>	<u>\$ 23,183</u>	<u>\$ 29,825</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Amount Held for Agency Funds	<u>\$ 24,768</u>	<u>\$ 28,240</u>	<u>\$ 23,183</u>	<u>\$ 29,825</u>

FRANKLIN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

	<u>June 30, 2008</u>	<u>June 30, 2009</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash - General Fund	\$ 77,477	\$ 89,335.00
Cash - Special Revenue Fund	2,447	858.00
Cash - Capital Project Fund	16,840	17,187.00
Cash - Enterprise Fund	6,619	4,809.00
Cash - Agency Fund	24,768	29,825.00
Accounts Receivable - Enterprise Fund	1,451	-
Accounts Receivable - other - Enterprise Fund	240	240.00
Inventory	407	407.00
Retirement of Long-Term Debt	350,000	280,000.00
Total Assets	<u>\$ 480,249</u>	<u>\$ 422,661</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES/FUND EQUITY</u>		
Accounts Payable - General Fund	\$ 7,445	\$ 8,582
Amount Held for Agency Funds	24,768	29,825
Deferred Revenue	2,447	858
Bond Payable	350,000	280,000
Fund Balances, Reserved - Roof Project (Capital Project Fund)	16,840	17,187
Fund Balances, Reserved - FY 09	26,743	42,501
Fund Balances, Unreserved	43,289	38,252
Retained Earnings	8,717	5,456
Total Liabilities/Fund Equity	<u>\$ 480,249</u>	<u>\$ 422,661</u>

A copy of the annual outside audit of the Franklin Town School District's financial statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, performed by Angolano & Co., Shelburne, VT, is available at the Town Clerk's Office and/or the Superintendent of School's Office.

FRANKLIN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

TREASURER'S REPORT
July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

Beginning Balance-July 1, 2008 \$ 70,031.88

RECEIPTS

State of VT Education Taxes	\$ 707,314.85	
State of VT All Aid to Education	673,679.15	
State of VT Hot Lunch	23,794.28	
Interest Income	1,106.45	
All other	49,284.66	\$ 1,455,179.39
TOTAL BEGINNING BAL/RECEIPTS		<u>\$ 1,525,211.27</u>

EXPENDITURES

Regular Orders Paid	\$ 1,420,663.25	
Hot Lunch Reimb.	23,794.28	
Liabilities as of June 30, 2009	-	
Ending Balance-June 30, 2009	<u>80,753.74</u>	
TOTAL ENDING BAL/EXPENDITURES		<u>\$ 1,525,211.27</u>

ROOF RENOVATION PROJECT
July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

Beginning Balance-July 1, 2008 \$ 16,839.44

RECEIPTS

Interest Earnings	\$ <u>347.12</u>	
TOTAL BEGINNING BAL/RECEIPTS		<u>\$ 17,186.56</u>

ENDING BALANCE

Certificate of Deposit	\$ 16,173.82	
Cash on hand	<u>1,012.74</u>	
TOTAL ENDING BALANCE-JUNE 30, 2009		<u>\$ 17,186.56</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa A. Larivee, Treasurer

District: Franklin		LEA: T078	Enter estimated homestead base rate for FY2011. See note at bottom of page.		
County: Franklin		s.u.: Franklin Northwest	0.882		
		Act 68	Act 130		
Expenditures		FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$1,368,015	\$1,419,258	\$1,463,995	\$1,507,600
2.	<i>plus</i> Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
3.	<i>minus</i> Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending	-	-	-	-
4.	Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget	\$1,368,015	\$1,419,258	\$1,463,995	\$1,507,600
5.	<i>plus</i> Prior years Missisquoi Valley UHSD #7 assessment	\$1,101,543	NA	NA	NA
6.	<i>plus</i> No union elementary or junior high school assessment	-	NA	NA	NA
7.	<i>plus</i> Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
8.	<i>plus</i> Prior year deficit reduction if not included in expenditure budget	-	-	-	-
9.	Gross Act 68 Budget	\$2,469,558	\$1,419,258	\$1,463,995	\$1,507,600
10.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	\$95,042	\$98,486	\$108,791	\$108,895
11.	Prior year deficit reduction (if included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Revenues					
12.	Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$243,796	\$238,444	\$254,485	\$267,365
13.	<i>plus</i> Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
14.	<i>plus</i> Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues (negative revenue instead of expenditures)	-	-	-	-
15.	<i>minus</i> All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues	-	-	-	-
16.	Total local revenues	\$243,796	\$238,444	\$254,485	\$267,365
17.	Education Spending	\$2,225,762	\$1,180,814	\$1,209,510	\$1,240,235
18.	Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	250.98	129.13	122.73	127.71
19.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$8,868	\$9,144.38	\$9,855.05	\$9,711
20.	<i>minus</i> Less net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$470.71	\$666.54	\$701.30	-
21.	<i>minus</i> Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	-	-	-	-
22.	<i>minus</i> Less amount of deficit if deficit is solely attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (FY2009)	-	-	-	-
23.	<i>minus</i> Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-
24.	<i>plus</i> Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-
25.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$8,868	\$9,144	\$9,855	\$9,711
26.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$9,711 / \$8,544)	114.637% <i>based on \$7,736</i>	111.381% <i>based on \$8,210</i>	115.345% <i>based on \$8,544</i>	113.663% <i>based on \$8,544</i>
Prorating the local tax rate					
27.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (Tax rates were not prorated in FY07 - FY08) (113.663% x 0.882)	\$0.997 <i>based on \$0.87</i>	\$0.9690 <i>based on \$0.87</i>	\$0.9920 <i>based on \$0.86</i>	\$1.0025 <i>based on \$0.882</i>
28.	Percent of Franklin equalized pupils not in a union school district	Not applicable prior to Act 130	50.349%	47.420%	47.19%
29.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (47.190% x \$1.00)	Not applicable prior to Act 130	\$0.4879	\$0.4704	\$0.4731
30.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	94.06%	83.45%	78.18%	75.93%
31.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (Tax rates were not prorated in FY2008) (\$0.473 / 75.93%)	\$1.060 <i>based on \$0.87</i>	\$0.5847 <i>based on \$0.87</i>	\$0.6017 <i>based on \$0.86</i>	\$0.6231 <i>based on \$0.88</i>
If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.					
32.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (113.663% x 1.80%)	Not applicable prior to Act 130 <i>based on 1.80%</i>	2.00% <i>based on 1.80%</i>	2.08% <i>based on 1.80%</i>	2.05% <i>based on 1.80%</i>
33.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (47.190% x 2.05%)	2.06% <i>based on 1.80%</i>	1.01% <i>based on 1.80%</i>	0.99% <i>based on 1.80%</i>	0.97% <i>based on 1.80%</i>
34.	Percent of equalized pupils at Missisquoi Valley UHSD	Not applicable prior to Act 130	49.65%	52.58%	52.81%
35.		Not applicable prior to Act 130	-	-	-

- As of 24-Nov-09, the Tax Commissioner has not yet made a recommendation for an FY2011 base education homestead tax rate. The recommendation is due to be made on 01-Dec-09. **Therefore, the rate entered is an estimate made by the school district.** The base income percentage cap is 1.80%. Final figures will be set by the Legislature and approved by the Governor.
 - Additionally, preliminary equalized pupil counts are not yet available.
 - The base education amount of \$8,544 was set by the by the Legislature, but could be subject to change.

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

School: Franklin Central School
S.U.: Franklin Northwest S.U.

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

FY2009 School Level Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school, enrollment ≥ 100 but <200
(45 schools in cohort)

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)
32 out of 45

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller ->	Saxtons River Elementary School	K - 5	120	10.80	1.00	11.11	120.00	10.80
	Samuel Morey Elementary	K - 5	124	11.60	0.90	10.69	137.78	12.89
	Eden Central School	PK - 6	124	13.10	1.00	9.47	124.00	13.10
	Franklin Central School	K - 6	125	9.25	1.00	13.51	125.00	9.25
-> Larger	Cavendish Town Elementary School	PK - 6	127	9.70	1.00	13.09	127.00	9.70
	Fletcher Elementary School	PK - 6	129	9.25	3.52	13.95	36.65	2.63
	Wallingford Village School	PK - 6	131	15.80	1.00	8.29	131.00	15.80
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data			142.51	12.98	1.03	10.98	137.85	12.56

School District: Franklin
LEA ID: T078

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

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

FY2008 School District Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school district, FY2008 FTE ≥ 100 but < 200
(31 school districts in cohort)

School district data (local, union, or joint district)		Grades offered in School District	Student FTE enrolled in school district	Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs	Cohort Rank by FTE (1 is largest) 25 out of 31
Smaller ->	Newfane	K-6	114.32	\$10,192	Current expenditures are an effort to calculate an amount per FTE spent by a district on students enrolled in that district. This figure excludes tuitions and assessments paid to other providers, construction and equipment costs, debt service, adult education, and community service.
	Newport Town	K-6	114.74	\$11,971	
	Currier Memorial USD #23	K-6	117.73	\$9,901	
	Franklin	K-6	117.77	\$8,448	
-> Larger	Lincoln	K-6	119.58	\$11,867	
	Addison	K-6	122.44	\$13,234	
	Eden	PK-6	124.88	\$13,392	
Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data			138.79	\$11,586	

FY2010 School District Data

LEA ID	School District	Grades offered in School District	School district tax rate			Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates		
			SD Equalized Pupils	SD Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	SD Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	MUN Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	MUN Common Level of Appraisal	MUN Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
Smaller ->	T066 Eden	PK-6	118.70	13,751.72	1.3842	1.3484	0.9786	1.3779
	T039 Calais	PK-6	119.13	12,726.72	1.2810	1.2961	0.9666	1.3408
	T130 Moretown	PK-6	121.74	13,989.72	1.4081	1.3052	0.7501	1.7401
	T078 Franklin	K-6	122.73	9,855.05	0.9920	1.0073	0.7818	1.2884
-> Larger	T222 Warren	PK-6	122.88	12,346.84	1.2428	1.2334	1.0583	1.1655
	T212 Underhill Town	K-4	129.72	12,598.09	1.2681	1.2163	0.9500	1.2803
	T219 Wallingford	K-6	132.36	13,878.38	1.3969	1.2955	1.0351	1.2516

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

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

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

FRANKLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY2009 Expenditures, FY2010 Estimated Expenditures, and FY2011 Proposed School Budget

Funct/ Object	Description	FY2009 Budget	FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Budget	FY2010 Anticipated	FY2011 Proposed	Budget Change
1100	INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS:						
110	Teachers' Salaries	\$320,770	\$320,771	\$340,224	\$339,829	\$349,975	\$9,751
119	Paraprofessionals' Salaries	\$11,195	\$3,863	\$11,801	\$11,801	\$11,801	\$0
120	Substitutes & Tutors' Salaries	\$4,000	\$8,543	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
210	Health Insurance	\$65,876	\$58,871	\$65,876	\$60,788	\$62,611	(\$3,265)
210A	Cafeteria Plan	\$504	\$2,965	\$504	\$441	\$500	(\$4)
210B	Dental Insurance	\$3,454	\$375	\$3,454	\$3,454	\$4,950	\$1,496
220	Social Security	\$25,701	\$24,672	\$27,236	\$27,206	\$27,982	\$746
250	Workers Compensation	\$2,520	\$2,084	\$2,670	\$1,949	\$2,378	(\$292)
260	Unemployment Compensation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
310	Purchased Services	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
430	Repair & Maintenance	\$4,955	\$4,618	\$5,055	\$5,055	\$5,055	\$0
610	Supplies	\$10,180	\$10,441	\$8,986	\$8,983	\$8,983	(\$3)
610.1	Testing Supplies	\$500	\$119	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
610.2	PE Supplies	\$360	\$376	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$0
640	Books	\$690	\$583	\$1,134	\$1,134	\$930	(\$204)
640.1	Books - reference/periodicals	\$575	\$573	\$557	\$557	\$463	(\$94)
640.2	Books - consumable	\$1,990	\$1,025	\$1,339	\$1,339	\$796	(\$543)
650	Audiovisuals	\$60	\$69	\$210	\$210	\$0	(\$210)
660	Manipulatives	\$195	\$162	\$236	\$236	\$392	\$156
670	Computer Software	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
730	Equipment	\$1,365	\$2,003	\$1,135	\$1,135	\$175	(\$960)
	Subtotal - Instructional Prog.	\$456,390	\$443,613	\$475,247	\$468,947	\$481,821	\$6,574
1210	SPECIAL EDUCATION:						
110	Teachers' Salaries	\$42,001	\$42,001	\$43,893	\$43,681	\$44,555	\$662
115	Paraprofessionals' Salaries	\$133,925	\$141,046	\$140,596	\$135,285	\$135,285	(\$5,311)
119	Substitutes & Tutors' Salaries	\$5,000	\$1,025	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0

Func/ Object	Description	FY2009 Budget	FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Budget	FY2010 Anticipated	FY2011 Proposed	Budget Change
1210	SPECIAL EDUCATION:						
210	Health Insurance	\$35,969	\$30,411	\$35,969	\$30,442	\$31,355	(\$4,614)
210B	Dental Insurance	\$507	\$507	\$507	\$507	\$600	\$93
220	Social Security	\$13,841	\$13,630	\$14,496	\$14,073	\$14,140	(\$356)
250	Workman's Compensation	\$1,357	\$1,123	\$1,421	\$980	\$1,201	(\$220)
300	Purchased Prof. Services	\$450	\$653	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$0
430	Repair & Maintenance	\$400	\$0	\$680	\$680	\$680	\$0
561	Tuition / Alternative Educational Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$27,689	\$28,519	\$28,519
580	Travel	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$0
610	Supplies	\$1,200	\$705	\$1,725	\$1,725	\$1,725	\$0
640	Books	\$400	\$432	\$615	\$615	\$0	(\$615)
670	Computer Software	\$250	\$138	\$160	\$160	\$0	(\$160)
730	Equipment	\$505	\$612	\$230	\$230	\$230	\$0
	Subtotal - Spec. Education	\$236,056	\$232,283	\$246,792	\$262,567	\$264,790	\$17,996
1214	EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM:						
331	Assessment	\$49,795	\$49,795	\$54,144	\$54,144	\$53,972	(\$172)
	Subtotal - Early Childhood Prog.	\$49,795	\$49,795	\$54,144	\$54,144	\$53,972	(\$172)
2120	GUIDANCE PROGRAM						
110	Salary, Counselor	\$25,201	\$25,201	\$26,336	\$23,213	\$23,678	(\$2,658)
210	Health Insurance	\$3,161	\$3,189	\$3,161	\$3,162	\$3,255	\$94
210.1	Dental Insurance	\$304	\$234	\$304	\$304	\$360	\$56
220	Social Security	\$1,928	\$1,845	\$2,015	\$1,776	\$1,811	(\$204)
250	Workman's Compensation	\$189	\$156	\$198	\$156	\$166	(\$32)
580	Travel/Mileage	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
610	Supplies	\$180	\$152	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$0
640	Books	\$60	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
730	Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$85	\$85	\$85	\$0
	Subtotal - Guidance	\$31,023	\$30,777	\$32,249	\$28,846	\$29,505	(\$2,744)

Func/ Object	Description	FY2009		FY2010		FY2011	
		Budget	Actuals	Budget	Anticipated	Proposed	Budget Change
2130	HEALTH SERVICES:						
110	Salary, Nurse	\$19,656	\$19,656	\$20,384	\$20,384	\$20,792	\$408
210	Health Insurance	\$6,940	\$6,940	\$6,940	\$6,940	\$7,148	\$208
210.1	Dental Insurance	\$254	\$0	\$254	\$254	\$300	\$46
220	Social Security	\$1,504	\$755	\$1,559	\$1,559	\$1,591	\$32
250	Workman's Compensation	\$147	\$122	\$153	\$153	\$135	(\$18)
430	Repair & Maintenance	\$120	\$130	\$130	\$130	\$130	\$0
610	Supplies	\$570	\$540	\$654	\$654	\$650	(\$4)
730	Equipment	\$25	\$219	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Subtotal - Health Serv.	\$29,216	\$28,362	\$30,074	\$30,074	\$30,746	\$672
2150	SPEECH PATH. & AUDIOLOGY:						
300	Purchased Professional Services	\$25,000	\$38,395	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
610	Supplies	\$500	\$271	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
	Subtotal - Speech Pathology	\$25,500	\$38,666	\$25,500	\$25,500	\$25,500	\$0
2213	INSTR. STAFF TRAINING:						
270	Course Reimbursement	\$5,500	\$12,471	\$5,500	\$12,813	\$5,500	\$0
270.1	Staff Development	\$500	\$565	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
	Subtotal - Staff Training	\$6,000	\$13,036	\$6,000	\$13,313	\$6,000	\$0
2222	LIBRARY SERVICES:						
110	Salary, Library Aide	\$23,075	\$22,558	\$24,279	\$24,279	\$24,279	\$0
210	Health Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
220	Social Security	\$1,765	\$1,726	\$1,857	\$1,857	\$1,857	\$0
250	Workman's Compensation	\$173	\$143	\$182	\$182	\$182	\$0
430	Repair & Maintenance	\$930	\$0	\$930	\$930	\$930	\$0
610	Supplies	\$250	\$181	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$0
640	Books & Periodicals	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$0

Funct/ Object	Description	FY2009		FY2010		FY2011	
		Budget	Actuals	Budget	Anticipated	Proposed	Budget Change
2222	LIBRARY SERVICES:						
650	Audiovisuals	\$250	\$233	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$0
670	Computer Software	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
730	Equipment	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Subtotal - Library	\$28,443	\$26,841	\$29,548	\$29,548	\$29,548	\$0
2225	SCHOOL-WIDE TECHNOLOGY						
110	Paraprofessional Salary	\$9,374	\$8,958	\$9,761	\$9,761	\$9,761	\$0
210	Health Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
220	Social Security	\$717	\$685	\$747	\$747	\$747	\$0
250	Workers Compensation	\$70	\$58	\$73	\$73	\$63	(\$10)
300	Contracted Services	\$0	\$0	\$842	\$842	\$842	\$0
430	Repair & Maintenance	\$500	\$251	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
530	Telephone	\$750	\$551	\$750	\$600	\$600	(\$150)
610	Supplies	\$500	\$360	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
670	Computer Software	\$200	\$185	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0
910	Equipment	\$1,600	\$1,884	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$0
	Subtotal - School-Wide Technology	\$13,711	\$12,931	\$14,973	\$14,823	\$14,813	(\$160)
2310	BOARD OF EDUCATION:						
111	Board Salaries	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0
220	Salary, Board Secretary	\$500	\$464	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
260	Social Security	\$130	\$127	\$130	\$130	\$130	\$0
330	Audit	\$2,500	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$0
360	Legal Services	\$1,500	\$1,658	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
540	Advertising/Printing	\$1,000	\$496	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
550	Printing/Binding Town Report	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
810	Dues [VSBA]	\$1,050	\$1,050	\$1,050	\$1,050	\$1,050	\$0
890	Miscellaneous	\$50	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$0
	Subtotal - Board of Educ.	\$7,930	\$7,595	\$8,030	\$8,030	\$8,030	\$0

Funct/ Object	Description	FY2009 Budget	FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Budget	FY2010 Anticipated	FY2011 Proposed	Budget Change
2321 OFFICE OF THE SUPT:							
331	S. U. Assessment (Central Office)	\$24,289	\$24,289	\$27,635	\$27,635	\$28,577	\$942
	Subtotal - Supt's Office	\$24,289	\$24,289	\$27,635	\$27,635	\$28,577	\$942
2410 PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:							
110	Salary, Principal	\$76,473	\$76,475	\$78,886	\$78,886	\$78,886	\$0
111	Salary, Secretary	\$24,244	\$24,798	\$25,316	\$25,316	\$25,316	\$0
210	Health Insurance / Benefits	\$25,102	\$22,249	\$22,419	\$22,470	\$22,848	\$429
210B	Dental Insurance	\$507	\$507	\$507	\$507	\$600	\$93
210C	LongTerm Disability Insurance	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$0
220	Social Security	\$7,705	\$7,461	\$7,970	\$7,971	\$7,971	\$1
250	Workman's Compensation	\$755	\$625	\$782	\$625	\$677	(\$105)
430	Repair & Maintenance	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0
530	Telephone	\$1,500	\$1,793	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
531	Postage	\$700	\$616	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$0
580	Conference/Travel	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$0
610	Supplies	\$1,300	\$758	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$0
730	Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
810	Dues & Memberships	\$200	\$150	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0
	Subtotal - Principal's Office	\$139,186	\$135,433	\$140,180	\$140,075	\$140,598	\$418
2420 OFFICE OF THE SUPT:							
331	S. U. Assessment (Special Educ.)	\$24,402	\$24,402	\$27,012	\$27,012	\$26,346	(\$666)
	Subtotal - Supt's Office	\$24,402	\$24,402	\$27,012	\$27,012	\$26,346	(\$666)
2520 FISCAL SERVICES:							
	Treasurer/Bookkeeper Salary & Benefits	\$18,144	\$18,144	\$17,284	\$17,284	\$18,620	\$1,336
300	Contracted Services	\$500	\$1,323	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
420	Repair & Maintenance	\$350	\$0	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$0

Funct/ Object Description		FY2009 Budget	FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Budget	FY2010 Anticipated	FY2011 Proposed	Budget Change
2520 FISCAL SERVICES:							
531	Postage	\$300	\$328	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$0
610	Supplies	\$350	\$299	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$0
730	Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
830	Interest on Current Loan	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
	Subtotal - Fiscal Services	\$20,644	\$20,094	\$19,784	\$18,784	\$21,120	\$1,336
2540 PLANT OPERATIONS:							
110	Custodians' Salaries	\$56,736	\$57,524	\$59,062	\$59,062	\$59,062	\$0
210	Insurance / Benefits	\$9,758	\$9,889	\$9,997	\$9,675	\$9,675	(\$322)
220	Social Security	\$4,963	\$5,053	\$5,167	\$5,167	\$5,129	(\$38)
250	Workman's Compensation	\$4,255	\$4,255	\$4,430	\$4,430	\$4,861	\$431
270	Unemployment Compensation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
400	Purchased Property Services	\$3,200	\$5,012	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
411	Water & Sewer	\$1,050	\$510	\$1,050	\$6,373	\$1,050	\$0
421	Disposal Service	\$2,200	\$1,545	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$0
430	Repair/Maintenance	\$12,200	\$12,015	\$12,200	\$12,200	\$12,200	\$0
431	Heating & Ventilation	\$5,200	\$3,589	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$0
433	Grounds	\$5,500	\$5,067	\$5,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	(\$3,000)
520	Property Insurance	\$5,444	\$4,383	\$4,931	\$4,746	\$5,221	\$290
580	Travel / Mileage	\$50	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$0
610	Supplies	\$15,000	\$13,903	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
622	Electricity	\$26,898	\$31,500	\$29,383	\$29,383	\$29,935	\$552
624	Fuel	\$20,000	\$25,493	\$21,300	\$14,993	\$16,875	(\$4,425)
624.1	Gasoline (for snowblower & tractor)	\$100	\$122	\$100	\$325	\$350	\$250
700	Equipment	\$5,192	\$3,672	\$3,155	\$3,155	\$2,829	(\$326)
	Subtotal - Plant Operation	\$177,746	\$183,532	\$181,725	\$177,459	\$175,137	(\$6,588)

Funcy/ Object	Description	FY2009 Budget	FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Budget	FY2010 Anticipated	FY2011 Proposed	Budget Change
2550	PUPIL TRANSPORTATION						
513	Contracted Service	\$52,335	\$52,795	\$53,100	\$53,100	\$54,000	\$900
513.01	ExtraCurricular Transportation	\$410	\$36	\$410	\$410	\$100	(\$310)
515	Special Education Transportation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$29,750	\$29,750	\$29,750
	<i>Subtotal - Pupil Transportation</i>	\$52,745	\$52,831	\$53,510	\$83,260	\$83,850	\$30,340
2600	FOOD SERVICE						
200	Hot Lunch Program	\$5,522	\$5,521	\$5,522	\$5,522	\$5,769	\$247
	<i>Subtotal - Food Service</i>	\$5,522	\$5,521	\$5,522	\$5,522	\$5,769	\$247
5100	DEBT SERVICE						
830	Interest	\$20,661	\$20,661	\$16,070	\$16,070	\$11,478	(\$4,592)
910	Principal	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$0
	<i>Subtotal - Debt Service</i>	\$90,661	\$90,661	\$86,070	\$86,070	\$81,478	(\$4,592)
BUDGET TOTAL		\$1,419,255	\$1,420,662	\$1,463,995	\$1,501,610	\$1,507,600	\$43,605

Due to the cost of providing legally required special education services and transportation, special education costs are budgeted to increase. The State reimburses an amount of approximately 55% of special education expenditures back to the district.

FRANKLIN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX RATE PROJECTION

	FY2010	FY2011
PROPOSED EXPENSES:		
Franklin School District Budget Proposal	\$1,463,995	\$1,507,600
Franklin Special Article(s)	\$0	\$0
	\$1,463,995	\$1,507,600
PROJECTED REVENUES:		
Interest Earnings	\$2,000	\$2,000
Prior Year Unreserved Fund Balance	\$27,501	\$33,322
Current Year Projected Carryover	\$15,000	\$0
Grant Funding towards staff/services	\$10,157	\$0
Projected Special Education Aid:		
Mainstream Block Grant	\$39,576	\$43,082
Special Education Expenditure Reimbursement	\$87,757	\$108,845
Extraordinary Expenditure Reimbursement	\$0	\$7,442
EEE Grant	\$14,631	\$14,080
Care & Custody	\$0	\$0
Small Schools Grant	\$36,273	\$37,462
Transportation Reimbursement	<u>\$21,590</u>	<u>\$21,132</u>
	\$254,485	\$267,365
LOCAL EDUCATION SPENDING	\$1,209,510	\$1,240,235

PROJECTED TAX RATES BEFORE COMMON LEVEL OF APPRAISAL ADJUSTMENT

Equalized Pupils	122.73	127.71
Spending per Equalized Pupil [local ed spending ÷ eq.pupils]	\$9,855	\$9,711
<i>base spending amount</i>	\$8,544	\$8,544
District Spending Adjustment	115.345%	113.663%
<i>Base Homestead Tax Rate</i>	\$0.86	\$0.88
Equalized Tax Rate [base rate x district's spending adj]		
Local School Equalized Tax Rate	\$0.470	\$0.473

PROJECTED TAX RATES AFTER COMMON LEVEL OF APPRAISAL ADJUSTMENT

based on current Common Level of Appraisal [decreased to 75.93% of State value, from 78.18% in FY10]		
Homestead Tax Rate:		
Projected Homestead Tax Rate - local	\$0.602	\$0.623
Projected Homestead Tax Rate - Union HS	\$0.687	\$0.721
Non-Homestead Tax Rate:		
Projected Non-Homestead Tax Rate - local	\$0.819	\$0.851
Projected Non-Homestead Tax Rate - Union HS	\$0.915	\$0.912

Based on 2010 base tax rates proposed of \$0.882 homestead and \$1.37 non-homestead - actual tax bill will reflect rates set by Legislature.

NOTES OF INTEREST

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Friday.....8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Wednesday.....8:30 am - Noon
Thursday.....8:30 am - 6:00 pm

The office is open during the lunch hour. As always, if necessary, the clerk is available by appointment. Please call 285-2101 to schedule an appointment.

HASTON LIBRARY HOURS

Monday.....10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Tuesday.....2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Wednesday..... CLOSED
Thursday.....9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Friday.....2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Saturday.....9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Trustee Meeting 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm

SELECTBOARD MEETING

Second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Franklin Town Office.
Contact the Town Clerk at 285-2101 if you wish to be on the agenda.

LOCAL SCHOOLBOARD MEETING

First Tuesday of each month at the Franklin Elementary School.
Contact the Principal, Joyce Hakey at 285-2100 if you wish to be on the agenda.

MVUHS DIRECTOR'S MEETING

First and third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at MVUHS.

DOG LICENSES

Due by April 1, 2010

Any dog six months of age and over must be licensed at the Town Clerk's Office and must show proof of current rabies vaccination at that time by April 1, 2010.

The Town of Franklin has a contract with the Franklin County Humane Society to board stray dogs. This contract **does not** include kittens or cats.

PROPERTY TAXES

Proposed property tax due date; as warned – **October 15, 2010**

NOTICE: Current policy – All tax payments must be received by October 15th by 3:30 p.m. or they will be considered delinquent. Postmarked envelopes received after October 15th will be considered delinquent and assessed an 8% delinquency fee plus interest.

BUILDING PERMITS & SEPTIC DESIGN

Building applications and permits are necessary if you are doing construction of more than fifty square feet **or if you are changing the use.** Forms are available at Town Clerk’s Office or the Town’s website. Permits for septic systems and potable water systems are obtained through the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. For more information contact the District Office in Essex Junction at 1-802-879-5656 or log on to www.anr.state.vt.us/dec.

PERMISSION TO BURN (REQUIRED)

Contact Burt Maynard, Town Fire Warden at 285-2220 for a permit.

GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORTS

Available for all residents over 62 (\$2.00 lifetime fee) - Forms at Town Clerk’s Office.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Published in the Buyer’s Digest
Or
County Courier

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Franklin Fire Department-Emergency.....	911
Franklin Rescue Service-Emergency.....	911
Franklin Fire and Rescue-Non-Emergency.....	285-2050
Vermont State Police.....	524-5993
Franklin County Sheriff’s Department.....	524-2121
Northwestern Medical Center.....	524-5911
Poison Control Center.....	658-3456
Vermont Game Warden.....	524-5993
U.S. Border Patrol.....	868-3229

TOWN OFFICES

Town Clerk & Treasurer	285-2101
Haston Library	285-6505
Selectboard Chair	285-2074
School Board Chair	285-2272
Zoning Administrator	285-2101
Planning Commission Chair	933-2022
Board of Adjustment Chair	285-2206
Health Officer	933-2022
Animal Control Officer	285-2101
Town Garage.....	285-2180
Road Commissioner	285-2206

CHURCHES

Franklin United Church.....	285-6425
Catholic Rectory	933-8921

SCHOOLS

Franklin Elementary School.....	285-2100
MVUHS	868-7311
Northwest Supervisory Union	868-4967

FRANKLIN DISTRICT 6 REPRESENTATIVES

Albert Pearce.....	848-7813
Norman McAllister	285-6363
Representatives Number in Montpelier.....	800-322-5616

LAKE CARMİ CAMPER’S ASSOCIATION

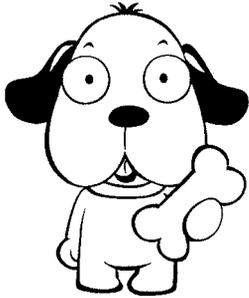
Richard Lang, President.....	285-6832
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FRANKLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Franklin Historical Society has “A History of Franklin” book available for sale for \$20. Please contact the Town Clerk or Haston Library to purchase your copy. The Historical Society is working to expand hours and visibility at the log cabin location on Hanna Road. They are also looking for volunteers; if you are interested please contact Sue Clark at 802-285-6472.

MISCELLANEOUS FOR THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN AND THE HASTON LIBRARY

Website – www.franklinvermont.com
E-mail Address – hastonlibrary@franklinvt.net



IMPORTANT DATES 2010



- March 2, 2010- *Town Meeting*- Beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Franklin School Gym; there will also be a Healthy Homes and Clean Waters display on hand
- March 13, 2010- *Rabies Clinic* at the Town Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; the Town Clerk's Office will also be registering dogs
- April 1, 2010- *Dog Licenses*- Dogs are due to be registered before this date; proof of rabies and spayed/neutered certificates need to be provided for new dogs 6 months of age and older at the time of registration
- April 24, 2010 & August 28, 2010- *Household Hazardous Waste Day* at the Highgate Transfer Station from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for Franklin Residents
- April 29, 2010- *Recycling Story Hour*, 10:00 a.m., in the Haston Library
- May-September 2010- *Metal Dumpster* is at the Town Garage for use by all Franklin residents
- June 22, 2010- *Composting Workshop*, 6:00 p.m., at the Haston Library (all ages event)
- July 10, 2010- *Community Yard Sale* at the Town Hall/Village Green from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Contact the Town Clerk's office if you would like to have a table or for more information
- October 15, 2010- *Property Taxes* are **due** by 3:30 p.m.

The Franklin Selectboard holds its monthly meetings on the second Monday of every month, at 7:00 p.m., in the Town Clerk's Office

The Franklin Planning Commission holds its monthly meetings on the third Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m. in the Franklin Homestead Dining Room

For questions on any of the above events, please call the Town Clerk's Office at (802)285-2101 or email the office, townoff@franklinvt.net

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

Census 2010: Making Our Community Count

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Census: A Snapshot

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

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

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

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

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

Franklin volunteer Fire Department's

16th Annual



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ALL YOU CAN EAT!



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sun. March 07, 2010 7:00am-12:30pm

Franklin Elementary School

Adult's

Children under FREE

BLUEBERRY OR PLAIN PANCAKES
 PURE VERMONT MAPLE SYRUP
 MAPLE GLAZED BAKED HAM
 SCRAMBLED EGGS
 SEASONED OVEN BAKED HOME FRIES
 BACON
 SAUSAGE
 BAKED BEANS
 TOASTED ENGLISH MUFFINS
 MAPLE GLAZED CINNAMON BUNS
 FRESH FRUIT
 HOT COFFEE
 MILK AND JUICE

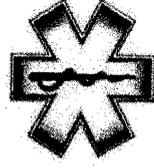


Franklin Fire and Rescue

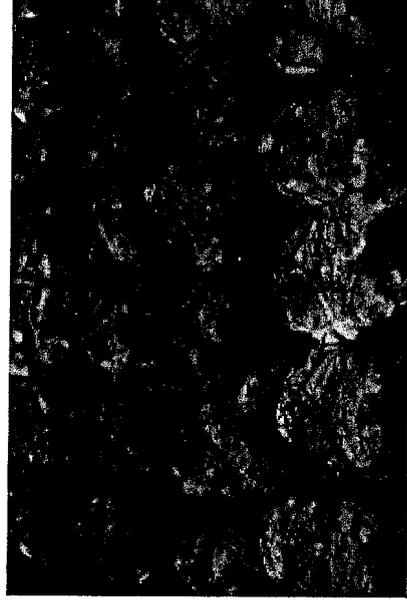
Annual Chicken



Barbecue



July 3rd



Time: 4:00pm - 7:00pm

At: The Franklin Central School

Price: \$8.00

Potato Salad, Tossed Salad, Rolls,
Pickles, and Milk

