

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**OF THE TOWN OFFICERS**

**TOWN OF CABOT  
VERMONT**

**2008**

**SCHOOL – FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2008  
TOWN – CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008**

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**TOWN OF CABOT AUDITORS' REPORT – 2008**

To the Citizens of Cabot:

The Town records and accounts are being audited by the Certified Public Accounting firm, Fothergill, Segale and Valley. A copy of their audit will be available at the Town Clerk's Office.

The Town School District records and accounts have been examined by Jeffrey Bradley, CPA.

The officers' reports and accounts have been examined by your elected auditors and to the best of our knowledge are correct as reported herein.

We wish to thank everyone for their cooperation in submitting reports to us in a timely manner, and also those who loaned us pictures. We especially thank Tara Rogerson and Velma White for their support and assistance as we put together your town report.

While there are certain guidelines we must follow, we are happy to hear from citizens who have suggestions which may improve the clarity and/or appearance of your town report.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Freeburn, Cathleen Maine, Auditors

**TOWN MEETING**

**March 3, 2009**

**CABOT SCHOOL GYMNASIUM**

**GENERAL MEETING – 10:00 a.m.**

**SCHOOL MEETING – 1:00 p.m.**

**NOON MEAL, SCHOOL CAFETERIA – 12 to 1 p.m.**

**CASSEROLES**

**DESSERT - BEVERAGE**



**Served by United Church of Cabot  
Tickets - \$5.00**

**CABOT TOWN CLERK**  
**3084 Main Street / P O Box 36, Cabot, Vermont 05647**  
**e-mail – [tcocabot@fairpoint.net](mailto:tcocabot@fairpoint.net)**  
**Phone: 802-563-2279 – FAX 802-563-2423**  
**[www.cabotvt.us](http://www.cabotvt.us)**

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NOTICE: Taxes are due and payable on the due date on your bill and must be postmarked or in the office on the due date. After this date they are delinquent and will be turned over to the delinquent tax collector. You will be charged an 8% penalty fee and 1% interest per month for the first three months and 1 1/2% thereafter.

If all or part of the taxed property is sold, it is the **SELLER'S RESPONSIBILITY** to forward the tax bill to the new owner, and the new owner's responsibility to take notice of the due date. This office does not know what arrangements have been made regarding tax proration

**TOWN PERMITS**

**Highway Access:** A permit is required from the Select Board for any access from property to State Highways and all Town Roads. Permit fee - **\$22.00**

**Zoning Permit and Fee:** No building may commence without a zoning permit.

**Permit fee - \$17.00.** PLEASE APPLY EARLY FOR ZONING PERMITS: Allow at least 15 days.

**Board of Adjustment:** All Zoning Permits referred to or appealed to the Board of Adjustment shall be subject to a fee of **\$47.00**

**Septic Systems:** All new septic systems and any alterations to existing septic systems require a permit. Permit fee - **\$12.00**

**Fire Permit:** A fire permit is needed for any open burning except when ground is covered with snow. Permits should be obtained from a Fire Warden.

**VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Voter Registration is now done in several ways since the "Motor Voter Bill" came into effect as a requirement under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.

When you renew your driver's license or are obtaining a new driver's license, you can register to vote by filling out the appropriate section on the Motor Vehicle License application used by the Department of Motor Vehicles. You can also register at the Department of Social Welfare, Department of Aging and Disabilities and the Department of Health, as well as at the Town Clerk's Office.

You must be 18 years of age or older and take the Voter's Oath if you have not taken it before. If you register by means of any of the State Departments listed above, that part of the form is sent to us by the Secretary of State's Office, and the Town Clerk then processes it as before by presenting it to the Board of Civil Authority. After acceptance, the voter will receive a copy of his/her original application with the acceptance section completed.

The cut-off date for registering to vote at town meeting is 5:00 PM **Wednesday, February 25, 2009.**

**VOTER'S OATH:** *Do you solemnly swear (or affirm) that whenever you give your vote or suffrage, touching any matter that concerns the State of Vermont, you will do it so as in your conscience you shall judge will most conduce to the best good of the same, as established by the Constitution, without fear or favor of any person.*

If you have any further questions, you may contact your town clerk at 563-2279.

**MEETING DATES**

- Selectboard** - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month at 7:00 p.m.
- Planning Commission** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month at 7:00 p.m.
- Fire Department** - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday night each month
- Listers** - as needed
- Conservation Committee** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month at 7:30 p.m.
- UDAG Committee** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday night each month
- School Board** – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays each month at 6:00 p.m.
- Board of Adjustment** - as needed
- Cemetery Commissioners** - as needed

**TOWN OFFICERS' TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Town Clerk/Treasurer's Office	563-2279
Town Clerk FAX	563-2423
Town Garage	563-2040
Cabot Public Library	563-2721
Fire Warden: Andrew Luce	563-2723
Cabot School	563-2289
Superintendent's Office	426-3245
Cabot Fire Department (EMERGENCY)	9-1-1
Cabot Ambulance (EMERGENCY)	9-1-1
Zoning Administrator: Carlton Domey	426-3281
Health Officer: Gary Gulka	563-2284
Listers	563-3139
Cabot Coalition	563-3338

**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS FORM**

Please notify the Town Clerk's Office, P. O. Box 36, Cabot, Vermont 05647 regarding any change of **name** or **address**.

Please use the form below to change your name on the **checklist**. If you wish to change your name on a **deed** or other document on file with the town, please call the Town Clerk's Office, **802-563-2279**, or send an e-mail to: [tcocabot@fairpoint.net](mailto:tcocabot@fairpoint.net) for instructions.

CHANGE OF NAME, FROM: \_\_\_\_\_

TO: \_\_\_\_\_

CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Property Owner/Voter**

## RABIES ALERT

Rabies is a disease that can kill animals and people.



Vaccinate Your Pets!



- ◆ Vermont law requires rabies shots for all CATS and DOGS.
  - ◆ Rabies shots help protect pets and pet owners from rabies.
- ◆ Enjoy wildlife from a safe distance. Remember, rabid animals have been found in all Vermont counties.

Vermont Rabies Hotline: **1-800-4-RABIES (472-2437)**

VT Department of Health, Health Surveillance Division P.O. Box 70, Burlington VT 05402: **1-800-640-4370**



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO REGISTER YOUR DOG BY April 1, 2009**

**Fees:**

Neutered Male or Spayed Female	\$7.00
Male or Female	\$11.00

**FEES INCREASE 50% AFTER APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>**

Vaccination against rabies is required **every 36 months**; your dog must be licensed **EVERY** year! Dogs that remain unlicensed by May 30<sup>th</sup> may be destroyed by order of the Selectboard [VSA Title 20 § 3621].



New Cabot Fire/Rescue Truck

Chip Taylor

**2008 TOWN CLERK REPORT**

I would like to begin by thanking Velma White. The varying aspects of this position present many challenges, and I don't know what I would have done without her patience, knowledge, and support. She has served the Town of Cabot diligently and conscientiously for over twenty years, and she has my most sincere gratitude. I would also like to express my appreciation to the Cabot Select Board for their guidance, to the Cabot community for their encouragement and patience, and my continued gratitude to those who have and continue to serve in our armed forces.

The books have been reconciled and balanced as of December 31, 2008. An error on my part affecting every Cabot taxpayer was the calculation for the Local Agreement, which was incorporated into the 2008 property tax bill as a separate line item. The Local Agreement is statutorily set at \$10,000 per qualified veteran as a means to offset their property taxes. Cabot currently has three qualified residents. Cabot voters approved an increase to \$20,000 per veteran. It was my misinterpretation that the approved \$30,000 above the statutory allotment was to be recaptured in its entirety to offset lost revenue to the Town and property tax bills included a \$.02 Local Agreement line item. Instead, I was required to collect only the lost educational tax revenue, a small fraction of the \$30,000, only amounting to \$.0003 or \$397.29. Cabot property tax payers were overcharged an average of \$27.71 per parcel. Below is a chart showing how this impacted your property tax bill:

**LOCAL AGREEMENT**

<b>Home Value</b>	<b>LA @ .02</b>	<b>LA @ .0003</b>	<b>Over-charged</b>
\$ 50,000	\$ 10.00	\$ 1.50	\$ 8.50
100,000	20.00	3.00	17.00
150,000	30.00	4.50	25.50
200,000	40.00	6.00	34.00
250,000	50.00	7.50	42.50

Total Grand List	\$ 1,530,430.09
Parcels	868
Total Billed @ .02	\$ 30,608.60
Required State Payment	\$ 397.29
Total Captured @ .0003	\$ 459.13
Overcharged	\$ 30,149.47
Average Overpmt Per Parcel	\$ 27.71

Our 2008 budgeted General Expenses were on target with the following exceptions:

County Tax – Washington County has moved to a Fiscal Year, lowering the expected 2008 contribution.

Fire Department Bond Principal and Interest – Principal was paid through the Fire Department Operations Fund; Interest was paid through the General Fund.

Health Insurance - Insurance costs were higher as the budgeted expense for Town Clerk/Treasurer was for a single member policy, where a family policy was necessary. Payroll contributions offset the total premium.

Insurance – Premium reimbursement was less than anticipated, increasing the General Fund contribution.

Lister Expense – This line item was separated from the General Expense and includes office equipment and hired assistance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tara Rogerson

**TOWN SALARIES – 2008**

Cahill, Theresa	\$ 4,695.00	Payne, Carla	\$ 170.00
Carpenter, Susan	11,749.16	Pike, David	52,898.65
Churchill, Walter	46,634.00	Pilbin, Charles	39,520.40
Dannenberg, Peter	180.00	Pitkin, Caleb	1,150.00
Domey, Carlton	8,194.50	Richardson, Maurice, Sr.	9,372.00
Domey, Edward	1,000.00	Rogerson, Tara	27,302.00
Gochey, Larry	11,130.00	Rossi, Diane	147.00
Harvey, Doug	8,356.00	Walker, Anne	2,463.00
Koeller, Connie	29,938.00	White, Velma	30,800.00
Lamore, Blanche	170.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 285,869.71</b>

**TOWN OFFICERS – 2008**

		<b>Term Expires</b>
Moderator . . . . .	Edward C. Smith . . . . .	2009
Town Clerk . . . . .	Tara Rogerson . . . . .	2011
Town Treasurer . . . . .	Tara Rogerson . . . . .	2011
Selectpersons . . . . .	Ted Domey . . . . .	2009
	Caleb Pitkin (Chair) . . . . .	2010
	Larry Gochey . . . . .	2011
Listers . . . . .	Mike Hogan . . . . .	2009
	Carlton Domey . . . . .	2011
	Open . . . . .	
Auditors . . . . .	Sue Freeburn . . . . .	2009
	Cathleen Maine (Appointed to fill term) . . . . .	2009
	Open . . . . .	2010
Delinquent Tax Collector . . . . .	Susan Carpenter . . . . .	2009
First Constable . . . . .	Ken Gokey . . . . .	2009
Second Constable . . . . .	Ken Christman . . . . .	2009
Grand Juror . . . . .	Philip Pike, Jr. . . . .	2009
Law Agent . . . . .	Chip Taylor . . . . .	2009
Cemetery Commissioners . . . . .	Frederick Pike . . . . .	2009
	Ruth Goodrich . . . . .	2010
	Richard Spaulding . . . . .	2011
	Marvie Domey . . . . .	2012
	Melvin Churchill, (Chair) . . . . .	2013
School Directors . . . . .	Gemma Yamamoto . . . . .	2009
	Tim Gochey . . . . .	2009
	Roman Kokodyniak . . . . .	2010
	Chris Tormey (Chair) . . . . .	2010
	Niall McCallum . . . . .	2011
Library Trustees . . . . .	Diane Klingler . . . . .	2009
	Jon Vara . . . . .	2010
	Ron Lay-Sleeper . . . . .	2010
	Amy Cook . . . . .	2011
	Steve Greg . . . . .	2011
Recreation Committee . . . . .	Libby Hale . . . . .	Non-term
	Kimberly Kuncz . . . . .	Non-term
	Karen Deasy . . . . .	Non-term
	Rebecca Nally . . . . .	Non-term
	Steve Towne . . . . .	Non-term
UDAG Committee . . . . .	Ann Cookson . . . . .	2009
	Ron Lay-Sleeper . . . . .	2009



	Gary Katz . . . . .	.2011
	RD Eno (Chair) (Appointed by Select Board) . . .	
	Charles Talbert (Appointed by Village Trustees)	
	Open . . . . .	
Wiley Building Committee . . . . .	David Carpenter (Chair) . . . . .	2009
	Walt Ackermann . . . . .	2010
	Larry Thompson . . . . .	2011
	Carlton Domey (Appointed by Town) . . . . .	
	Open. . . . .	

Justices of the Peace - (Elected at General Election)

Wayne Martin	Carla Payne
Larry Gochey	Blanche Lamore
Fred Ducharme	Caleb Pitkin
Peter Dannenberg	

Collector of Lease Land Rentals . . . . .	Town Treasurer
Assistant Town Clerk . . . . .	Velma White

**Appointed by Selectboard**

Waste Water Commission . . . . .	Vacant	
	Julie Ackermann	
	Brian Houghton	
Pound Keeper . . . . .	Cheryl McQueeney	
Animal/Dog Control Officer . . . . .	Josephine "Jo" Guertin	
Fence Viewers . . . . .	Rusty Churchill	
	Daniel Cookson	
Inspector - Coal, Wood, Lumber, Shingles . . . . .	Anson Tebbetts	
Tree Warden . . . . .	Roland Payne	
Fire Warden . . . . .	Andrew Luce	
Town Service Officer . . . . .	Bill Cobb	
Health Officer . . . . .	Gary Gulka	
Town Energy Coordinator . . . . .	Vacant	
Zoning Administrator . . . . .	Carlton Domey	
Planning Commission . . . . .	Gary Gulka (Chair)	Wendy Jones
	Mark Bromley	Alex Anlyan
	Dale Newton	
Zoning Board of Adjustment . . . . .	Roy Folsom (Chair)	Karen Deasy (Vice-Chair)
	Amanda Legare	Fred Pike
	Larry Gochey	Kevin Lehoe
Conservation Committee . . . . .	Gary Gulka	
	Chris Duff	
	Cedric Alexander	
Master of Colors . . . . .	Brian Houghton	
Road Commissioner . . . . .	Larry Gochey	
Town Attorney . . . . .	Paul Gillies	
Town Representative. . . . .	Kitty Toll	
Regional Planning Committee Representative..	Richard Payne	
Emergency Mgt and Law Agent. . . . .	Chip Taylor	
Newspaper . . . . .	Hardwick Gazette	

**2009 WARNING 2009**  
**TOWN OF CABOT**

The Legal Voters of the Town of Cabot are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Cabot School Gymnasium, Cabot, Vermont, on March 3<sup>RD</sup> A. D., 2009 at ten o'clock in the forenoon [10:00 a.m.] to transact the following business: [The polls will be open from 10:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M.]

- Art. 1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.
- Art. 2. Shall the town vote to approve the minutes of the previous Annual Town Meeting of March 4, 2008?
- Art. 3. To elect a Selectperson for a term of three years. [Australian ballot]
- Art. 4. Shall the Town of Cabot grant to the Cabot School the sum of \$16,691.00 to purchase non-structural components for the Cabot School Performing Arts Center from \$57,813.86 of UDAG funds available for town Meeting grants in 2009? [Australian ballot]
- Art. 5. Shall the Town of Cabot grant to the Cabot Coalition the sum of \$5,218.00 for the purchase of long-distance touring equipment for the Cabot Roamers bike program and for the purchase of computer equipment for the Cabot Chronicle from \$57,813.86 of UDAG funds available for town Meeting grants in 2009? [Australian ballot]
- Art. 6. Shall the Town of Cabot grant to the Cabot Emergency Ambulance Service the sum of \$17,841.85 for the purchase of a Life Pak 12-lead defibrillator/monitor from \$57,813.86 of UDAG funds available for town Meeting grants in 2009? [Australian ballot]
- Art. 7. Shall the Town vote to hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers?
- Art. 8. Shall the Town vote to pay its Real and Personal Property taxes to the Town Treasurer on or before November 12, 2009, with delinquent taxes having interest charges of one percent per month for the first three months and one and one-half percent per month thereafter and an eight percent penalty charged from the due date?
- Art. 9. Shall the Town of Cabot elect its constables, whether full- or part-time, first or second constable, for a term of two years?
- Art. 10. Shall the Town of Cabot vote to prohibit constables from exercising any law enforcement authority before they have successfully completed a course of training under Chapter 151 of Title 20, V.S.A.?
- Art. 11. To elect all Town Officers required by law, according to law?
- Art. 12. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to apply for and receive grants and gifts and to spend any grants and gifts received in the current fiscal year, excluding UDAG funds, block grants and unrestricted gifts?
- Art. 13. Shall the Town authorize the Library Trustees to apply for and receive grants and gifts and to spend any grants and gifts received?
- Art. 14. Shall the Town vote the sum of \$30,350 to defray the expenses of the Cabot Fire Department?
- Art. 15. Shall the Town vote the sum of \$13,000 to a Fire Department equipment purchase sinking fund to cover the cost of a new pumper truck next year?

Art. 16. Shall the Town vote the sum of \$18,000 to help toward the maintenance of the Cabot Cemeteries?

Art. 17. Shall the Town vote the sum of \$10,000 to support the Cabot Ambulance?

Art. 18. Shall the Town vote the sum of \$53,668.32 to support the Cabot Library?

Art. 19. Shall the Town vote the sum of \$500 to support the Cabot Senior Citizens group?

Art. 20. Shall the Town vote the sum of \$4,000 to support the Cabot Coalition Mentor program?

Art. 21. Shall the Town vote the sum of \$650 to support the Cabot Recreation Committee?

Art. 22. Shall the Town appropriate the following sums for the following purposes:

A.	A.W.A.R.E.	\$750.
B.	Battered Womens Services and Shelter	600.
C.	Cabot TLC	500.
D.	Central VT. Adult Basic Education	1,200.
E.	Central VT. Community Action Council Inc	300.
F.	Central VT. Council on Aging	1,200.
G.	Central VT. Economic Development Corp	300.
H.	Central VT. Home Health and Hospice Inc	2,000.
I.	Family Center of Washington County	500.
J.	Green Mountain Transit Agency	733.
K.	Green Up Vermont	100.
L.	No. VT. Resource Conservation & Development Council	75.
M.	Onion River Food Shelf	600.
N.	Peoples Health and Wellness, Inc.	100.
O.	R.S.V.P. [Retired & Sr. Volunteer Program]	200.
P.	Sexual Assault Crisis Team	300.
Q.	Twin Valley Senior Center	500.
R.	VT. Assoc for Blind & Visually Impaired	300.
S.	VT. Center for Independent Living	165.
T.	VT. Trails and Greenways Council	30.
U.	Washington County Youth Service Bureau	250.
V.	West Danville Area Community Club	500.
W.	Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District	500.
X.	Woodbury-Calais Food Shelf	600.
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 12,303.00</b>

Art. 23. Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$728,500.00 to repair and maintain the highways of the Town including summer, winter and special treatment, of which an estimated \$123,000.00 is to come from income and \$605,500.00 from local taxes?

Art. 24. Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$471,381.32 to defray the General Expenses of the Town, with an estimated \$49,000 to come from income and \$422,381.32 from local taxes?

Art. 25. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Art. 26. To adjourn this meeting.

Dated this 30<sup>TH</sup> day of January A.D. 2009, Attest: Tara Rogerson, Town Clerk.

Caleb Pitkin  
Larry Gochey  
Ted Domey  
*Board of Selectpersons*

This Warning recorded before posting, Attest, Tara Rogerson, Town Clerk

The legal voters of the Town of Cabot are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said special meeting shall be as provided in 17 V.S.A., Chapters 43, 51 and 55. The deadline for applying for addition to the checklist is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 25, 2009. The Town Clerk's Office will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on that day to receive applications for additions to the checklist. The deadline for authorized persons to request absentee ballots on behalf of absent voters is 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 2, 2009. You may contact the Town Clerk in person, by mail or by phone.

The legal voters of the Town of Cabot are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Selectboard Meeting Room Cabot Town Hall [also known as the Willey Building] on Wednesday February 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. for a public hearing on the following Articles:

- Art. 4. Shall the Town of Cabot grant to the Cabot School the sum of \$16,691.00 to purchase non-structural components for the Cabot School Performing Arts Center from \$57,813.86 of UDAG funds available for town Meeting grants in 2009? [Australian ballot]
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- Art. 10. Shall the Town of Cabot vote to prohibit constables from exercising any law enforcement authority before they have successfully completed a course of training under Chapter 151 of Title 20, V.S.A.?

Adopted and approved at a special meeting of the Cabot Select Board held on January 30, 2009. Received for record and recorded in the records of the Cabot Town Office, Cabot Vermont on Monday, February 2, 2009.

## AGENCIES REQUESTING FUNDS – 2009

Below are the Agencies requesting funds from the Town of Cabot:

- A. **A.W.A.R.E.** (Aid to Women, Men and Children in Abuse and Rape Emergencies) (472-6463) provides emergency service to residents who are victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Those served by AWARE received crisis intervention, legal support and advocacy, information and referrals, safe housing emergency provisions, housing assistance, transportation, support groups and education. AWARE has been notified that our largest federal grant will not be renewed this year. (\$750, unchanged.)
- B. **Battered Women’s Services and Shelter** (24-hour Toll Free Hotline: 1-877-543-9498) serves families of Washington County involving domestic abuse. Provides safe homes, emotional support, food, clothes and a 24-hour hotline. There were 3,520 hot line calls in 2008, and 23 women and 27 children were provided shelter services for a total of 1,952 bed nights, increase of 20% of bed nights from 2007. Three clients identified themselves as Cabot residents. (\$600, unchanged.)
- C. **TLC Cabot** (PO Box 98, Cabot, VT, 05647) to provide two full scholarships to attend TLC, an after school program that offers a full scope of academic and enrichment activities to Cabot children in grades K-12. (\$500, no request in 2008.)
- D. **Central Vt. Adult Basic Education, Inc.** (476-4588) provides free, individualized tutoring in basic reading, writing, math and English as a second language for any person who is at least 16 yrs. old and who is out of school. CVABE also has the area license to give the GED exam leading to a high school equivalency credential. In 2008, there were 4 residents of Cabot enrolled in CVABE. (\$1,200, unchanged.)
- E. **Central Vt. Community Action Council, Inc.** (479-1053 or 800-639-1053) Has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. CVCAC’s programs and services assist families working toward creating better lives and to improve the overall quality of community life. This year, CVCAC served 14,923 individuals in 7,801 central VT households through Head Start/Early Head Start, our Child Care Food Program, Community Economic Development programs, Family & Community Support Services, Weatherization assistance, Crisis Fuel resources, and Community Action Motors. Services and programs were accessed by 55 Cabot families this past year. (\$300, unchanged.)
- F. **Central Vt. Council on Aging** (479-0531) uses the annual appropriation from the Town of Cabot to support the Case Management Program. A Case Manager works with Cabot’s seniors over the age of 60 and younger adults with disabilities to keep them living independently at home for as long as possible. In 2007 Cabot’s case manager served 34 Cabot residents. (\$1,200, unchanged.)
- G. **Central Vt. Economic Development Corp.** (223-4654 or 888-769-2957 or [cvedc@sover.net](mailto:cvedc@sover.net)) a non-profit organization working toward economic growth, more job opportunities and increasing the tax base for Washington and northern Orange County cities and towns. Provides a suite of programs and services that include assisting existing businesses, assisting businesses planning for expansion, promoting our region to those businesses considering relocation to Vermont. Works to advance initiatives identified by the Town of Cabot as important to residents and the economic well-being of the community. (\$300, unchanged.)
- H. **Central VT Home Health & Hospice** (223-1878 [www.cvhhh.org](http://www.cvhhh.org)) provides critical health promotion programs, home health, hospice, and support services. Funds help those not covered by insurance or whose insurance doesn’t cover essential services. (\$2,000, unchanged.) CVHHH provided the following services to Cabot residents January 1 to December 31, 2007

Program	# of Visits
<b>Home Health Care</b>	
Skilled and High-Technology Nursing	810
Home Health Aide Service	844
Physical Therapy	264

Occupational Therapy	47
Medical Social Service	46
<b>Hospice Care</b>	
Nursing	88
Aide Service	335
Bereavement	33
Trained Hospice Volunteer	<b>29</b>
<b>Long Term Care</b>	
Care Management	53
Aide and Attendant Care	134
Maternal Child Health	12
<b>TOTAL VISITS</b>	<b>2,696</b>
<b>TOTAL PATIENTS</b>	<b>42</b>

- I. **Family Center of Washington County** (262-3292 or 828-8765) supports the growth and development of young children and their families. The Center offers infant and toddler, preschool and after school child care programs, playgroups for children from birth to five, parent education and outreach activities for mothers and fathers, training for child care providers, and assistance to parents in finding and paying for child care. . We served 55 members of the Cabot community. (\$500, unchanged.)
- J. **Green Mountain Transit Agency** (223-7287 [www.gmtaride.org](http://www.gmtaride.org) ) provides medical transportation service to those who qualify for either Medicaid, Ederly or Disabled funds, or both. Collaborates with area organizations to offer rides for meidacl treatment, meal site programs, senior center and shopping trips. Served 29 Cabot residents in 2008; up from 19 in 2006. (\$733, unchanged.)
- K. **Green Up Vermont** (229-4586 or 1 800-974-3259 or [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)) uses town funds to provide supplies including thousands of Green Up trash bags, promotion and services of two part-time employees. May 2, 2009 is the next scheduled “Green-Up Day”! (\$100, unchanged.)
- L. **Northern Vt. Resource Conservation & Development Council (RC&D)** (828-4595) RC&D is a unique program that helps people care for and protect natural resources in a way that will improve the area’s economy, environment and living standards. Specific programs with significant impact on local communities this year are the Rural Fire Protection Dry Hydrant Grant Program, Better Backroads Grant Program and Natural Resources Education initiatives. (\$75, unchanged.)
- M. **Onion River Food Shelf** (563-2257) Open Wednesdays and located in Old Schoolhouse Common in Marshfield, we serve families from Marshfield, Plainfield, Cabot, E. Montpelier, and Calais. Expenses have risen due to an increase in the demand for food as energy costs have risen. (\$600, up from \$500.)
- N. **People’s Health & Wellness Clinic, Inc. (PHWC)** (479-1229 [PHWC@sover.net](mailto:PHWC@sover.net)) provides basic primary and preventative care, and wellness care to uninsured and underinsured community members in central VT who could not otherwise afford these services. PHWC has helped to provide over 1,828 patient visits this year, 8 of them to Cabot residents. (\$100, unchanged.)
- O. **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program for Central Vt. And Northeast Kingdom** (828-4770 [www.volunteervt.com](http://www.volunteervt.com) ) matches retired and senior volunteers with organizations (hospitals, schools, and nonprofits) that can use their skills. Funds help offset travel expenses, insurance, and volunteers’ training. 1,040 RSVP volunteers donated 94,000 hours of time in 2008. (\$200, unchanged.)
- P. **Sexual Assault Crisis Team** (476-1388; 24 Hour Hotline 479-5577 or [sact.vtsc@yahoo.com](mailto:sact.vtsc@yahoo.com)) provides Washington County with comprehensive services to victims/survivors of sexual violence, including legal advocacy, medical advocacy, crisis services, support groups, and educational forums. In the past year SACT provided services to 224 individuals, including 50 children, and handled 1,112 hotline calls. (\$300, unchanged.)
- Q. **Twin Valley Senior Center** (426-3447) serving Cabot, Marshfield, Plainfield, East Montpelier,

Calais and Woodbury community seniors with essential services such as three hot meals a week; GMTA transportation; exercise program; annual flu shot program; monthly shopping; meals on wheels registration; and social outings. Eight Cabot residents currently participate. (\$500, no request in 2008.)

- R. **Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired** (828-5997 or toll free 877-350-8838 [general@vabvi.org](mailto:general@vabvi.org)) provides training, support, and adaptive equipment to help visually impaired Vermonters of all ages live independent lives. In 2008, 1,417 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont were served, including 301 children. Services were provided to two adults in the Town of Cabot, at an estimated cost of \$922. (\$300, unchanged.)
- S. **Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL)** (229-0501 or 800-639-1522 [V, TTY] [www.vcil.org](http://www.vcil.org)) offers peer counseling for residents in their homes; home access modifications, grants for adaptive equipment, Meals on Wheels for people with disabilities under 60, information and referral, and individual and systems advocacy for youth. VCIL provided direct services to 4 residents of Cabot in 2007. (\$165, unchanged.)
- T. **Vermont Trails and Greenways Council** (229-0005 x13 [alexis@vtvast.org](mailto:alexis@vtvast.org)) is your voice for recreation, trails and conservation issues throughout the state. Groups that are represented in the council today include walkers and joggers, cross-country skiers, bicyclists, mountain bikers, hikers, equestrians, snowmobilers, mushers, Off Road Vehicle users, paddlers, municipalities, community path organizations, local and regional planners, land trusts, conservation and recreation committees, guides and private individuals. (\$30, unchanged.)
- U. **Washington County Youth Services Bureau/Boys and Girls Club** (229-9151 [wcysb@youthservicebureau.info](mailto:wcysb@youthservicebureau.info)) helps youths and their families create healthy lives. All funds received from Cabot are used to support direct youth programming. No town allocations are used to support the agency's administrative expenses. Programs include the Country Roads Program, substance abuse treatment, Basement Teen Center, Transitional Living Program and a community Thanksgiving Dinner. (\$250, unchanged.)
- V. **West Danville Community Club** (Rita Foley, President) is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the public beach at Joe's Pond, one of the few free public beaches remaining. Work completed in 2008 included planting trees and shrubs, removing an obsolete bathroom, and installing a "stone toe" along the shoreline to halt erosion. (\$500, unchanged.)
- W. **Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District (WNRCD)** (865-7895 x104 or [ashley\\_lidman@vt.nacdnet.net](mailto:ashley_lidman@vt.nacdnet.net)) is dedicated to providing on-the-ground conservation assistance as well as promoting public awareness and appreciation for the value of conserving our natural resources. The is engaged in the Winooski Headwaters Community Project that helps residents restore and protect the ecological integrity and human enjoyment of the Winooski watershed, including high-profile stream-side tree plantings. Cabot residents also benefit from the Cabot Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) for riparian corridor restoration and in-stream habitat improvement efforts in the Upper Winooski Watershed. (\$500, unchanged.)
- X. **Woodbury/Calais Food Shelf and Elder Care Program** (456-7024) is a non-profit community organization funded by Calais, Woodbury, Marshfield and Cabot, and food is given to any resident of a funding town, regardless of income. Offers USDA commodities, frozen meat and is a member of the Vermont Foodbank. An income eligibility requirement must be met prior to receiving USDA commodities. During 2008 we served 6 Cabot families with at total of 21 members with food home deliveries. (\$600, up from \$300.)

**Art. 20. The Cabot Coalition Mentor Program**

The Cabot Coalition is dedicated to a multi-faced approach to substance abuse prevention that includes community development, intergenerational programs, education, and alternative activities.

We submit this letter of proposal to request \$4,000 from the Town of Cabot in 2009 to provide essential support and services to the community members who serve as mentors and the youth who participate in our community-based mentor program, *Cabot Connects*.

**Program Description and Who We Serve**

In 2005, the Cabot Coalition launched a mentor program to further address our risk factor: Early Initiation of Substance Use. *Cabot Connects* is modeled on the research-based Big Brothers/Big Sisters program, which matches an adult volunteer and a young person (ages 9-17) with the expectation that a caring and supportive relationship will develop. Our Policies and Procedures Manual addresses all ethical and safety concerns to protect youth, mentors, and staff. Our annual program evaluation measures our alignment with elements of effective practice as part of determining our program’s success.

In 2007, an independent evaluation report found that “The Cabot Connects program has been true to its mission in connecting youth with adults. It has also connected community participants, advisory board members, school staff, volunteers, and businesses in a comprehensive effort to benefit young people. The program has connected participants and staff with local, statewide, national, and international organizations and resources. If isolation contributes to human problems, then Cabot Connects is doing its best to promote connection, health, and resilience among its constituents.

The program has demonstrated clear and carefully examined procedures along with flexibility to make them workable. The coordinator has the best interests of youth and adults at heart and models a commitment to learning and improvement that will continue to benefit the program and its participants. Youth are having fun and benefiting from positive and caring relationships with adults. Parents see the mentors as admirable role models who add to their children’s support network and sense of security. In some cases, the mentors have become an integral part of the child’s family and in some cases the child has been welcomed into the mentor’s family.”

**Description of How This Grant Will Strengthen Our Mentor Program**

Our plans for the mentor program with this funding include:

- Increasing the number of matches by 5 to a total of 25.  
(Nearly 20% of the eligible population)
- Providing on-going and regular training / education to staff, parents and mentors on critical youth issues
- Continuing our thorough evaluation process to determine program value and identify areas for improvement
- Organizing activities that provide opportunities for mentor matches to spend time together and meet other program participants

It is important to call attention to the fact that the prevention work in our community is broad and not the sole responsibility of any one person or program. Since 1998, the Cabot Coalition and hundreds of community volunteers have worked diligently to improve the health and safety of youth in Cabot.

We would like to recognize the following Cabot residents who are making a significant contribution to youth and our community by serving as mentors and/or advisory board members:

Susan Alexander	Amy Bothfeld	Deb Bothfeld	Judy Boucher
Richard Bushey	Mike Cookson	Ken Elmer	Alicia Feltus
Susan Freeburn	Jim Goodrich	Gail Greaves	John Hammer
Kathleen Higbee	John Vara	Connie Hourihan	Amber Ksepka
Ashley Ksepka	Theresa Lay-Sleeper	Billie Marcotte	Tracy Mauck
Karen Mueller-Harder	Susy North	Leonida Pike	Tara Rogerson
Christa Scholz	Jackie Scribner	Susan Tobias	Lars Torres



The *Cabot Connects* Mentor Program is just one part, and an essential part, of the Cabot Coalition's comprehensive plan to address alcohol, tobacco and other drug use in our community. The energy that our mentoring initiative has created effects every other project that is working to support youth and has provided community members with a meaningful way to make a difference in the lives of the youth.

Thank you for considering our request.



Cabot Plains Schoolhouse

Bill Walters

## **SELECTBOARD REPORT 2008**

Since our last report, we have welcomed Tara Rogerson as Town Clerk. In the past two years we have worked with three different people in that capacity, all competent, all helpful, and each with a slightly different perspective on our bookkeeping. We appreciate Tara's abilities and composure under these difficult circumstances. We are fortunate, too, to have Velma White as our assistant clerk. She provides the invaluable institutional memory that has gotten us through this period of transition.

The 2007 deficit was retired by raising a special deficit tax, as required by Vermont law. It appears at this point that our deficit for 2008 will be about \$30,000. This is due mainly to the cost of our matching share of the new bridge on Sawmill Road. This was a state project, and both the construction schedule and cost were unknown to us last year at budget time. Another factor contributing to the 2008 deficit was the decision of our Highway Department not to sell the spare truck. This reduced our anticipated income by \$20,000. We will retire the 2008 deficit through a special deficit tax of about two cents.

As far as routine expenditures, our budget for 2009 is down nearly 2% from our 2008 budget. Most items are level funded, with increases in health insurance, other insurance, payroll taxes, county tax, fire department operations, and a few other miscellaneous items. We are asking for \$40,000 toward the highway equipment sinking fund, a request we haven't made for the past two years. We saw a bulge in our fuel expense this past year, but prices have come down again so we left the fuel budget unchanged. There are no pay raises or cuts proposed in either the highway or general fund budgets. As in the past, our payroll budget includes a \$10,000 stipend for the road commissioner.

On the income side, things don't look as good. Interest income has taken a dive along with the economy, and the Agency of Transportation has warned us to expect at least a fifteen percent cut in state aid for highways (about \$19,000). It is too early to tell if this might be affected by any federal stimulus money. As a result of this decreased income, we are looking at a five percent increase in property taxes just to level-fund our budget.

Again this year we feel pinched for time in working through last year's budget with our accountants before the town report goes to press in early February. We have discussed the possibility of moving to a different fiscal year, and these discussions will continue in the months ahead.

Another change we're looking at in the next few years is the adoption of capital budgeting. This will help us prepare for long-term infrastructure needs, and will allow us to incorporate impact fees into our wastewater and zoning ordinances.

We contracted with Mark Codling to paint the Willey Building this summer, but found that the roof was far enough gone that it probably warrants replacement, not painting. We hope to replace all or part of the roof this coming year. Also, we will be installing doors to the third floor auditorium as a heat conservation measure.

We are exploring the possibility of bringing the village water service to Lower Cabot as a long-term solution to the contaminated wells there. Significant state and federal funds are available for this project, but before moving ahead we want to get a feel for the level of support among the residents of the village, lower village, and town. We would appreciate your comments and suggestions.

As always, we thank all those who have volunteered their time to make Cabot a better place to live.

We encourage people to attend our regular Selectboard meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ted Domey  
Larry Gochey  
Caleb Pitkin

**GRAND LIST AND TAX COMPARISON - 1998 - 2008**

Year	Grand List	General	Highway	School	[State]	[Local]	Tax Rate
1998	\$ 73,832,000.00	0.14	0.34	1.82	1.18	0.64	2.30
1999	74,862,200.00	0.21	0.43	1.72	1.07	0.65	2.36
2000	76,766,200.00	0.19	0.39	2.08	1.14	0.94	2.66
2001	77,542,300.00	0.22	0.42	2.16	1.13	1.03	2.80
2002	79,094,400.00	0.27	0.43	2.25	1.18	1.07	2.95
2003	80,472,300.00	0.29	0.46	2.29	1.24	1.05	3.04
2004	82,050,571.00	0.27	0.40	2.03			2.70
2005	83,902,010.00	0.3001	0.4015	2.1313			2.8329
2006	150,182,400.00	0.1859	0.2224	1.1898			1.5981
2007	151,146,300.00	0.1902	0.3108	1.1786			1.6798
2008	153,043,000.00	0.2581 <sup>1</sup>	0.3344	1.3243			1.9168
<b>Average:</b>	<b>\$ 98,444,880.09</b>	<b>0.2295</b>	<b>0.3763</b>	<b>1.8340</b>			<b>2.4398</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes Local Agreement and 2007 Deficit

**2008 STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED**

**GRAND LIST: [shown in actual dollars]**

Real Estate <sup>1</sup>	\$ 146,689,200.00
Personal <sup>2</sup>	<u>6,353,809.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 153,03,009.00</b>
School - HOMESTEAD	\$ 74,526,400.00
School - NON-RESIDENT	\$ 68,064,200.00

**BUDGETS VOTED AND DISTRIBUTION<sup>3</sup>**

Account	Budget	-	Hold Harmless "Current Use" <sup>4</sup>	=	Total Funds to be Raised by Taxes
General	\$ 394,326.00		\$ 25,889.00		\$ 368,437.00
Highway	562,500.00		60,441.00		502,059.00
School - HOMESTEAD	776,955.00		-		776,955.00
School - NON-RESIDENT	<u>691,024.00</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>691,024.00</u>
	\$ 2,424,805.00		\$ 86,330.00		\$ 2,338,475.00

**TAXES ASSESSED AND INVOICED**

REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL

Municipal Grand List - \$1,530,430.09 X \$.5925 [tax rate per hundred]	\$	906,779.83
Homestead Grand List - \$745,264.00 X \$1.3243 [tax rate per hundred]		986,953.12
Non-Resident Grand List \$680,642.00 X \$1.3618 [tax rate per hundred]		926,898.28
Total Grand List Taxes Assessed and Invoiced	\$	2,820,631.23
Hold Harmless		86,330.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,734,301.23</b>

**ACCOUNTING OF TAXES**

Current Taxes Received	\$	2,515,423.40
Delinquent as of 11-13-08	\$	136,833.48
Hold Harmless	\$	86,330.00
Grand List Reappraisal Adjustments <sup>5</sup>	\$	(4,285.65)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,734,301.23</b>

**FOOTNOTES ON THE STATEMENT OF TAXES**

<sup>1</sup> The "Real Estate" figure is the assessed value of all buildings and land in Cabot other than property owned by the State of Vermont.

<sup>2</sup> "Personal" is the value of revenue producing properties in the Town such as equipment and machinery at Cabot Creamery, Green Mountain Power, or Washington Electric.

<sup>3</sup> Understanding How the Tax Rate is Set - The total of the Municipal Budgets (General, Highway, and Local Agreement) minus the Hold Harmless State payment divided by the Total Grand List equals the Municipal Tax Rate. The 2008 Education Budget was determined by the State of Vermont, as were the 2008 Education Tax Rates.

<sup>4</sup> Current Use Hold Harmless - A supplemental payment from the State to the municipality to make up for the loss in tax revenue for properties enrolled in Vermont's Current Use Value Program. The municipal tax rate consists of the General and Highway funds; each fund budget was assigned a percentage of the total municipal budget. The 2008 General Fund budget was determined to be approximately 30% of the total municipal budget; the Highway Fund budget was determined to be approximately 70% of the total municipal budget. These percentages were applied to the Hold Harmless amount and credited to the respective fund.

<sup>5</sup> Adjustments - The following changes to the 2007 Grand List occurred: \$786.19 assessed for HS-122 late filing; \$ 2,636.22 refunded as tax overpayments, and \$863.24 in homestead adjustments.

**DELINQUENT TAX STATEMENT – 2008**

Susan Carpenter – Delinquent Tax Collector

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Delinquent taxes 01-01-08	67.06	1,670.44	57,206.92	0.00
To Collect for 2008 as of 11-13-08	0.00	0.00	0.00	136,833.48
Collected 01-01-08 to 12-31-08	<u>67.06</u>	<u>1,670.44</u>	<u>55,745.59</u>	<u>67,571.84</u>
Total balance outstanding	0.00	0.00	1,461.33	69,261.64

Interest collected in 2008 – 5,870.04

**DELINQUENT TAXES**

December 31, 2008

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Abbott, Daniel & Valerie		\$ 1,033.36
Alzaga, Paul		1,231.21
Arnold, Charles R.		685.46
Banta, Dennis & Barbara		1,612.70
Baston, Barry		7.14
Brandt, David	18.17	0.00
Brown, Dale & Judith		1,131.56
Carbonneau, Albert & Dawn		764.13
Christman, Tammy		3,138.09
Churchill, Andrew		2,116.15
Citifinancial, Inc.		966.91
Clark, Lori/Alden, Chad	23.15	390.55
Clarkson, Hilary J.		3,289.09
Cookson, Grace		2,595.31
Cumming, Patricia		5,182.80
Delouise, Raymond		1,035.78
Drown, Margaret Longo		468.66
Dube, Jocelyn		615.61
Fitz, James		99.67
Fuller, Lisa Campbell		316.60
Garabedian, Jane F.		500.00
Hanzimanolis, Margaret		17.98
Kuncz, Christopher		2,357.94
Lalli, Luciano & Frank		1,258.57
Lamphere, William		1,072.91
Leaf Financial Corp.		100.73
Lowe, William		890.01
Lower Cabot Store		29.63
Mangan, Micah P.		678.71
Martin, Wayne		2,020.31
Maxfield, Norris		868.07
May, Albert C.		2,075.08
McEvoy, Brian & Melissa		1,897.63
O'Brien, Robert		648.83
Osuna, Carl M. est.		445.58
Parker, Matthew		1,086.57
Pastor, Frank		1,436.68
Phillips, Kenneth	998.50	1,540.87
Randolph, Kempton T.		2,814.29
Rodger, Alton		1,449.10
Rossell, Charles E.		1,734.70
Sayers, Jeffrey		31.63
Sudler, Louis C., Jr.		257.64
Svec, Doris L.		186.94
Takacs, Sarah		2,432.42
Talbert, Brian	394.27	903.55
Tecosky, Lawrence J.		1,770.60
Villeneuve, Lora M.	27.24	0.00
Walters, William		3,416.12
Ward, Gary		3,886.86
Wright, Michael		<u>4,770.91</u>
Totals	1,461.33	\$ 69,261.64

## **ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT 2008**

Thank you to Tara and Velma for their help this year.

We got a grant of around \$95,000 from The Better Roads Program to help cover the cost of repaving Gould's flat. We also laid new shoulders and replaced the signage. The grant process was very competitive this year and I think we were fortunate to get this grant.

Cabot Creamery gave us \$2,000 to put the handicap shoulder down Bond Hill. Thank you for that contribution to the safety of our pedestrians.

Thank you to Martha Rockwell for letting the road crew cut the whips on her property again this year. These are placed on the edge of the back roads so the plow truck driver knows where the road ends and the ditch begins.

The new bridge on Sawmill Road was completed this year. This project has been in the works for nearly ten years!

The bulk of the road crew's summer was spent on ditching the following roads: Menard, Urban, Mack Mountain, Houghton, Bolton, Sawmill, and Churchill Roads, and Thistle, Whittier and Houston Hills and Elm Street. Rusty reports that we had very little road damage this summer. This was due in large part to the ditches being able to take the heavy rains instead of the roads washing out.

The ten-wheeler dump truck allows David to cover his winter route with two trips instead of four, cutting down on the time needed to get the roads up to snuff each storm.

The ten-wheeler dump truck also made it feasible for us to haul a lot of our sand and gravel, cutting down on hired equipment. We purchased all the sand and half of the gravel from Maskell's Pit in Hardwick this year. We are lucky to have this pit close by. The product is of decent quality and the price is reasonable.

Thank you to Maurice Richardson for keeping the town mowed and litter free again this summer.

The final Thank you is to the dedicated Road Crew. They take their duties very seriously and do a great job.

Respectfully Submitted, Larry Gochey, Road Commissioner



**BOND PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

	<b><u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>2009</u></b>
<b>2008 FD Truck Bond [\$200,000]</b>		
Interest due 6-1	0.00	\$2,498.25
Interest due 12-1	1,790.41	2,498.25
Vermont Municipal Bond Principal	0.00	15,000.00
<b>Total 2008 Paving Bond Payment</b>	1,790.41	19,996.50
<b>2006 Paving Bond [\$300,000]</b>		
Interest due 6-1	5,127.88	4,253.75
Interest due 12-1	5,127.88	4,253.75
Vermont Municipal Bond Principal	45,000.00	45,000.00
<b>Total 2006 Paving Bond Payment</b>	55,255.76	53,507.50
<b>2003 Paving Bond [\$200,000]</b>		
Interest due 6-1	1,128.75	746.25
Interest due 12-1	1,128.75	746.25
Vermont Municipal Bond Principal	30,000.00	25,000.00
<b>Total 2003 Paving Bond Payment</b>	32,257.50	26,492.50
<b>1998 FD Truck Bond [\$100,000]</b>		
Interest due 6-1	109.78	0.00
Interest due 12-1	110.24	0.00
Vermont Municipal Bond Principal	10,000.00	0.00
<b>Total 1998 Fire Truck Bond Payment</b>	10,220.02	0.00
<b>Payment Schedule Grand Total</b>	\$99,523.69	\$99,996.50



**CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT ACTIVITY REPORT**

**As of December 31, 2008**

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Bank</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Balance 12/31/2008</b>	<b>Date of Maturity</b>
1022.2	Community National	2000 Fire Dept Sinking Fund (Part B)	\$ 14,018.24	01/20/09
1022.3a <sup>1</sup>	Community National	2007 Fire Dept Sinking Fund	27,537.79	10/06/09
1022.4	Merchant's Bank	2006 Fire Dept Sinking Fund	14,116.98	07/02/09
1022.7	Community National	2003 Fire Dept Sinking Fund	11,580.54	03/30/09
1022.9	Community National	2005 Fire Dept Sinking Fund	11,333.84	06/11/09
1023.2 <sup>2</sup>	Community National	98/99/2000/04 FD Sinking Fund	46,070.64	02/21/09
FD Sinking Fund Money Market Accounts				
1022.5	TD Banknorth	2001 Fire Dept Sinking Fund	\$ 12,257.20	
1022.6	TD Banknorth	2002 Fire Dept Sinking Fund	11,779.43	
Total Fire Department Sinking Fund			\$ 148,694.66	

<sup>1</sup> Combined 2007 and 2008 accounts.

<sup>2</sup> Combined 1022.1a, 1022.1b, 1022.2a, and 1022.2b accounts (Aug 2007).

**HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSE - As of Dec. 31, 2008**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>2007 Actual</b>	<b>2008 Proposed</b>	<b>2008 Actual</b>	<b>2009 Proposed</b>
Payroll	\$157,680.72	\$156,600.00	\$148,425.05	\$156,600.00
Payroll Taxes	22,722.13	22,000.00	16,916.68	22,000.00
Asphalt	-	87,000.00	96,350.44	30,000.00
Bridges	2,497.77	12,500.00	58,257.90	-
Building Maintenance	12,668.00	-	132.00	-
Chloride	11,542.80	12,000.00	8,069.50	12,000.00
Cold Patch/Paving	2,695.00	1,000.00	408.58	1,000.00
Culverts	656.70	5,000.00	1,516.80	3,000.00
Equipment Repair	44,260.46	30,000.00	49,299.29	40,000.00
Fuel Expense for Equipment	57,206.81	57,000.00	64,768.30	57,000.00
Reimbursed Fuel Expense <sup>1</sup>	-	-	20,455.76	18,000.00
Garage Supplies	5,074.53	8,000.00	4,394.93	8,000.00
Gravel	63,486.46	65,000.00	62,166.74	68,000.00
Health Insurance	27,919.08	29,000.00	28,756.56	32,000.00
Highway Furnace Oil	610.22	300.00	-	300.00
Hired/Rented Equipment	25,275.45	25,000.00	20,339.95	26,000.00
Insurance	18,533.00	21,000.00	21,621.60	23,500.00
Miscellaneous	12,457.96	10,000.00	9,308.37	10,000.00
New Equipment	1,839.99	5,000.00	-	-
New Truck	142,838.00	-	-	-
Paving BOND & Grants	-	-	96,139.38	-
Paving Bond Interest	15,355.50	15,000.00	12,513.26	10,000.00
Paving Bond Principal Payment	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	70,000.00
Salt	34,032.48	45,000.00	47,843.85	49,000.00
Sand	40,664.30	40,000.00	36,434.30	40,000.00
Sheriff	1,355.09	1,800.00	2,382.38	1,800.00
Signs & Guardrails	2,091.90	1,500.00	3,202.83	1,500.00
Sinking Fund	-	-	-	40,000.00
Tires	4,072.00	5,000.00	3,610.30	6,000.00
Utilities	2,757.32	2,800.00	2,524.72	2,800.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$785,293.67</b>	<b>\$732,500.00</b>	<b>\$898,739.47</b>	<b>\$728,500.00</b>

<sup>1</sup> Reimbursed Fuel Expense line item added to 2008 to reflect total fuel expenditures vs income.

**GENERAL FUND EXPENSE - 12/31/08**

ITEM	2007	2008	2008	2009
	Actual	Proposed	Actual	Proposed
Payroll	\$79,088.36	\$90,500.00	\$88,491.18	\$80,000.00
Payroll Taxes	10,737.30	12,700.00	9,090.71	9,000.00
Appropriations	92,633.89	94,705.50	94,705.53	45,453.00
Audit/Legal <sup>1</sup>	10,805.19	13,000.00	9,131.70	13,000.00
Computer	1,005.05	1,250.00	1,295.00	1,250.00
Conservation Commission	285.00	350.00	143.20	350.00
County Tax	10,920.00	16,405.00	12,304.00	18,010.00
Delinquent Collector Expense <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	13,000.00
Dues & Subscriptions	6,750.05	6,900.00	6,948.55	7,900.00
Fire Department Bond Interest	-	1,000.00	2,860.41	5,000.00
Fire Department Bond Principal	-	15,000.00	-	15,000.00
Fire Department New Equipment	-	150,000.00	148,300.00	-
Fire Department Operations	36,704.52	37,900.00	40,360.66	30,350.00
Fire Department Sinking Fund	14,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00
General Expense	7,670.56	9,000.00	5,279.20	9,000.00
HAVA GRANT	1,684.48	365.50	365.52	-
Health Insurance	3,620.88	11,650.00	14,793.40	22,000.00
Insurance	6,449.00	9,000.00	11,212.04	12,500.00
Interest Expense	11,490.00	18,400.00	18,453.90	12,000.00
Library Operations <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	53,668.32
Lister Expense	-	-	4,407.28	7,100.00
Masonic Hall Expenses	1,849.75	5,000.00	3,090.68	10,000.00
Meetings/Elections	2,444.80	3,500.00	2,807.42	2,500.00
Office Expenses	5,395.09	6,000.00	6,146.36	7,500.00
Office Supplies	1,564.13	2,500.00	2,360.79	2,700.00
Planning Commission	1,085.29	8,200.00	1,749.77	4,000.00
Poundkeeper	720.00	500.00	697.74	800.00
Reappraisal Fund - Reserved	1,032.12	8,000.00	8,122.50	8,000.00
Rec. Field Water & Sewer	1,320.00	1,000.00	990.00	1,000.00
Records Restoration	4,000.00	-	-	1,200.00
River Corridor Grant	15,453.43	-	1,297.10	-
Selectboard Miscellaneous	968.77	3,000.00	1,345.15	3,000.00
UNICEL Legal - Designated Fund	-	-	7,210.22	-
Tax Maps	975.00	1,000.00	975.00	1,100.00
Willey Building Expense	38,470.03	61,000.00	52,860.07	62,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$369,122.69</b>	<b>\$600,826.00</b>	<b>\$570,795.08</b>	<b>\$471,381.32</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes \$2,789.78 UNICEL legal fees.

<sup>2</sup> Delinquent Collector Expense removed from Payroll Expense for 2009.

<sup>3</sup> Library Operations removed from Appropriations for 2009.

**Town of Cabot**  
**PROFIT AND LOSS**

January through December 2008

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

3225 - Delinquent Taxes	\$137,718.43
3400 - Misc. Income	165,856.92
3429 - River Corridor Grant	858.00
3952 - Willey Building Rent Fees	5,465.00
4000 - Clerk Fees	18,537.50
4850 - Current Taxes	2,515,423.40
7010 - Interest Income	31,584.56
HF3030 - Misc. Income	97,023.97
HF3039 - Highway Grants	2,600.00
HF3040 - Fines, Sheriff	2,198.46
HF3050 - State Aid	128,460.39
HF3060 - Diesel Fuel Reimbursement	20,455.76
Total Income	<b>\$3,126,182.39</b>

Expenses

Payroll Expenses	\$236,916.23
Payroll Taxes	26,007.39
4000 - Appropriations	94,705.53
4012 - River Corridor Grant 2006 - 2007	1,297.10
4013 - Planning Commission	1,749.77
4014 - Conservation Committee	143.20
4017 - Lister Expense	4,407.28
4025 - Audit/Legal	9,131.70
4030 - Computer	1,295.00
4031 - HAVA Grant Expense	365.52
4035 - County Tax Assessment	12,304.00
4040 - Dues and Subscriptions	6,948.55
4042 - Delinquent Tax Collector Fees	11,354.73
4050 - Fire Department Expenses	185,360.66
4057 - Rec. Field Water & Sewer	990.00
4059 - FD Sinking Fund	13,000.00
4095 - School Expense	1,680,105.83
4115 - Interest Expense	21,314.31
4150 - Insurance	11,212.04
4230 - Meetings/Elections	2,807.42
4250 - General Expenses	5,279.20
4257 - Property Tax Maps	975.00
4260 - Office Expenses	6,146.36
6160 Health Insurance	14,793.40
6255 - Poundkeeper	697.74
6280 - Willey Building Expense	52,860.07
6400 - Supplies	2,360.79
6440 - SB Miscellaneous	1,345.15
6449 - Masonic Hall	3,090.68
HF4000 - Chloride	8,069.50
HF4005 - Cold Patch/Paving	2,408.58
HF4006 - Asphalt	192,489.82
HF4010 - Culverts	1,516.80

HF4015 - Gravel	62,166.74
HF4020 - Salt	47,843.85
HF4025 - Sand	36,434.30
HF4055 - Fuel Expenses	85,224.06
HF4060 - Equipment Repairs	49,299.29
HF4061 - Bridges	58,257.90
HF4088 - Health Insurance	28,756.56
HF4090 - Hired/Rental Equipment	20,339.95
HF4095 - Insurance	21,621.60
HF4110 - Interest	12,513.26
HF4160 - Miscellaneous Expenses	9,308.37
HF4175 - Signs and Guardrails	3,202.83
HF4180 - Principal Payments - Budget	75,000.00
HF4186 - Tires	3,610.30
HF4187 - Garage Supplies & Equipment	4,394.93
HF4188 - Building Maintenance	132.00
HF4200 - Utilities	2,524.72
HF4210 - Sheriff Expenses	<u>2,382.38</u>
Total Expenses	<b>\$3,136,462.39</b>
Net Ordinary Income	<b>-\$10,280.00</b>
Other Income/Expenses	
Other Income	
1005SCCI - Cabot Coalition	-12,230.59
8997 - Reappraisal Income - Reserved	<u>8,122.50</u>
Total Other Income	<b>-\$4,108.09</b>
Other Expenses	0.00
Total Other Expense	0.00
Net Other Income	-\$4,108.09
NET INCOME	<b>-\$14,388.09</b>

**TOWN BUDGET & INCOME REPORTS - As of Dec. 31, 2008**

<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>2007 Actual</b>	<b>2008 Proposed</b>	<b>2008 Actual</b>	<b>2009 Proposed</b>
Balance Forward	\$27,723.04	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
Property Taxes	709,828.64	956,826.00	835,317.57	1,027,881.32
Clerk Fees	23,963.54	16,000.00	18,361.50	17,000.00
ANR Land	-	-	1.60	-
UNICEL Legal Reimb. <sup>1</sup>	-	-	10,000.00	-
Delinquent Taxes Collected	120,779.32	-	137,718.43	-
Diesel Reimbursement	17,286.80	18,000.00	20,455.76	18,000.00
Fines Sheriff - Highway Fund	1,298.50	-	2,198.46	2,000.00
Fire Dept Bond	-	150,000.00	150,000.00	-
HAVA Grant	2,050.00	-	-	-
Highway Fund Grants	-	-	98,139.38	-
Interest <sup>2</sup>	28,178.43	23,000.00	31,463.39	18,000.00
Miscellaneous	6,519.30	6,000.00	13,590.36	4,000.00
Misc. - Highway Fund	5,224.90	23,000.00	1,484.59	3,000.00
Paving Bond Proceeds	-	-	-	-
Planning Commission Grants	13,430.00	-	858.00	-
Preservation Grant (WB)	250.00	-	-	-
Reappraisal - Designated	8,094.00	8,000.00	8,122.50	8,000.00
Sinking Fund Proceeds	51,072.00	-	-	-
State Aid	128,762.43	129,000.00	128,460.39	100,000.00
Willey Building Fees	3,897.00	3,500.00	5,865.00	2,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,148,357.90</b>	<b>\$1,333,326.00</b>	<b>\$1,462,036.93</b>	<b>\$1,199,881.32</b>

<sup>1</sup> UNICEL Legal Reimbursement - Designated line item added to reflect required escrow deposit for Town legal expenses associated with UNICEL cell tower.

<sup>2</sup> Includes Fire Department and Delinquent Tax Interest

**Town of Cabot**  
**BALANCE SHEET**

As of December 31, 2008

**ASSETS**

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1000 - Cash on Hand	\$ 13.63
1014 - Chittenden Checking	28,657.40
1015C - Community National Bank	970.44
1016A - Chittenden Sweep	28,000.00
1022.2 - 2000 FD CD - Community National	14,018.24
1022.3a - 2007/08 FD CD - Community National	27,537.79
1022.4 - 2006 FD CD - Merchant's Bank	14,116.98
1022.5 - 2001 FD Money Market - TD Banknorth	12,257.20
1022.6 - 2002 FD Money Market - TD Banknorth	11,779.43
1022.7 - 2003 FD CD - Community National	11,580.54
1022.9 - 2005 FD CD - Community National	11,333.84
1023.2 - 98/99/2000/04 FD CD - Community National	<u>46,070.64</u>

Total Checking/Savings \$ 206,336.13

Accounts Receivable

1209 - Due from Delinquent Tax Collector \$ 26,981.44

Total Accounts Receivable \$ 26,981.44

Other Current Assets

1210 - Act 200, Revolving Loan Fund \$ 500.00

Total Other Current Assets \$ 500.00

Total Current Assets \$ 233,817.57

**TOTAL ASSETS**

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

Payroll Liabilities \$ 19.72

2500 - Due School Fund 90,967.00

Total Other Current Liabilities \$ 90,986.72

Total Current Liabilities \$ 90,986.72

Total Liabilities \$ 90,986.72

Equity

3099 - Retained Earnings \$ 157,218.94

Net Income	<u>(14,388.09)</u>
Total Equity	\$ 142,830.85
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 233,817.57</b>

**NOTES TO BALANCE SHEET**

1 Account balance of Fund Designated/Carry Forward consists of the following:

Fire Department Sinking Fund	\$ 148,694.66
Re-Appraisal income	15,193.50
Cabot Coalition	9.41
Lister Education	1,173.55
River Corridor Grant	(6,404.10)
UNICEL Legal Fees	<u>7,210.22</u>
Land Records	<u>13,622.50</u>

TOTAL DESIGNATED (Carry Forward) FUND BALANCE \$ 179,499.74

2 The net "carry forward income" amount used for 2009 proposed INCOME follows:

Total Fund Equity	142,830.85
Less Designated (Carry Forward) Fund Balance	<u>(179,499.74)</u>

**NET DEFICIT FOR 2008**

**\$(36,668.89)**



Church Tower

Bill Walters



## CABOT SENIOR CITIZENS REPORT 2008

Cabot Senior Citizens meet for lunch on the first Tuesday of each month, with the exception of January and February, at the Cabot United Church. This year we are requesting \$500.00 to help defray the cost of food for the meals.

During 2008 we gave a minimal donation to the church to help with the expenses for the year that we use during our meetings. We provided a scholarship to a Cabot graduate, donated books to the Cabot Library in memory of our members who have passed away, and we also provided flowers for the village.

For entertainment we enjoyed a dinner at Goldies' Gathering, played Bingo, and had musical entertainment. We ended the year with a Christmas party.

We encourage area Senior Citizens to join our friendly group.

Winnie Mundinger, President

### SENIOR CITIZENS – 2008 Treasurer's Reports

Balance on hand, Checking Account Jan. 1, 2008		\$ 246.36
RECEIPTS		
Raffle	23.00	
Transfer from Savings	500.00	
Town Appropriation	<u>200.00</u>	
Total Receipts	723.00	
TOTAL		\$ 969.36
EXPENSES		
Donation to Church	200.00	
Scholarships and Gifts	115.90	
Food	302.61	
Misc.	<u>26.00</u>	
Total Expenses	644.51	
Balance on hand, Checking Account Dec. 31, 2008		\$ 324.85

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Balance on hand, Savings Account, Jan. 1, 2008		\$ 813.02
RECEIPTS		
Interest on Savings	\$ 4.94	
Town Appropriation	<u>300.00</u>	
Total Receipts	\$ 304.94	
TOTAL		\$ 1,117.96
EXPENSES		
Transfer to Checking	\$ <u>500.00</u>	
Total Expenses	\$ 500.00	
Balance on hand, Savings Account, Dec. 31, 2008		\$ 617.96

Erma Perry, Treas.

**CABOT EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.**

**PO Box 32 Cabot, VT 05647**

Cabot Ambulance sponsored a First Responder course in the spring of this year. Out of that course, we gained one new First Responder. Currently, our squad is made up of 4 EMT Intermediates, 9 EMT Basics, 2 First Responders, and 2 volunteer administrative members. Our coverage area is Cabot, Marshfield, and Peacham Pond. We operate a 2003 Ford F350 4x4 ambulance that is fully equipped for emergency calls. Plainfield FAST Squad responds to assist us in Marshfield. We currently have contracts with Barre Town EMS and CALEX for paramedic intercepts to CVMC and NVRH respectively.

This year we have requested a grant to obtain a new defibrillator/monitor. District 6 has changed their protocols to allow EMT Intermediates the ability to obtain 12 lead EKGs in the field to help in earlier detection of heart attacks or other serious illness which may be cardiac related. Upon successful completion of the pilot, they will be looking to expand the 12 lead EKG skill level to EMT Basics. The new equipment will aid Cabot volunteers in more rapid recognition of heart attacks on scene and better interventions enroute to the hospital thus making for a better outcome for the patient. We actually saw this concept work fabulously on a Cabot resident in 2007. His life was saved with rapid intervention due to on scene recognition of his cardiac event by a Cabot responder and a BTEMS paramedic unit. We feel this is a worthwhile investment in the future lives of our residents. The equipment has other features that will be useful to our volunteers and to paramedics intercepting with our service. We strive to give our patients the best possible emergency medical care available.

**BREAKDOWN OF CALLS FOR SERVICE**

<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Cabot – 61	Cabot – 83
Marshfield – 77	Marshfield – 79
Walden – 13	Walden – 16
Peacham – 1	Peacham – 4
Hardwick – 0	Hardwick – 4
Medical – 82	Medical – 104
Motor Vehicle Accidents – 28	Motor Vehicle Accidents – 35
Other Accidents – 27	Other Accidents – 45
Paramedic Intercepts – 6	Paramedic Intercepts - 13

In the spring of 2008 we sponsored a First Responder course and had 5 people attend. Out of that we gained 1 First Responder for our service, Worcester FAST gained 2 responders. There will be an EMT Basic class in District 6 beginning in September 2009. We encourage anyone who wishes to volunteer for our service to contact myself or any other ambulance member to obtain an application to begin the process. Applicants must be 18 years of age, have a serious interest in EMS and volunteerism, and meet our minimum requirements in addition to Vermont Department of Health requirements for certification at the EMT Basic level. We will accept First Responder applications, however prefer EMT Basics as we are a transporting service and require EMT Basics at minimum for patient transport. Potential volunteers are subject to criminal background checks. **As always, committed volunteers are needed!**

Respectfully submitted;

Sheila L. Brown, President    Jennifer Miner, VP    John Christman, Sr., Treas    Marcy Martin, Sec  
(802) 479-5086    (802) 563-2310    (802) 563-2101    (802) 563-2766

**CABOT EMERGENCY AMBULANCE FINANCIAL REPORT – 2008**

**BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2008** **\$ 20,887.11**

**INCOME:**

Billing Net	\$ 35,052.57
Donations	1,781.21
Reimbursed Exp	429.63
Town Apportionment	
Cabot	7,000.00
Marshfield	7,000.00
Peacham	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL 2008 INCOME	51,763.41

**TOTAL INCOME** **72,650.52**

**EXPENSES:**

Ambulance Repairs	6,344.07
Audit	400.00
Building Repairs	1 ,617.96
UDAG Loan Payment	6,600.00
Interest UDAG	0.00
In Memory	0.00
Dispatch	2,391.78
Education	2,175.36
Equipment Purchase	3,937.41
Fuel Purchases	957.18
Insurance	6,584.00
License & Dues	125.00
Medical Supplies	8,308.33
Misc Stress Relief Supply	0.00
Office Exp & Internet	1,045.24
Oxygen Supplies	715.40
Radios & Repairs	2,518.00
Scholarships	1,000.00
Snow Plow & Trash	1,400.00
Stipend Volunteers	4,594.00
Subcontract	3,605.00
Telephone	<u>2,161.50</u>
TOTAL 2008 EXPENSES	56,480.23

**BANK BALANCE** December 31, 2008

Billing Checking	500.00
Regular Checking	<u>15,670.29</u>

**BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2008**

**\$ 16,170.29**

Town Auditors' Note: The information for this report has been provided by Beverly A. Mitchell, Accounting and Tax Service, Cabot, Vermont.

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DIAL 9-1-1**

## CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT – 2008

The Cabot Cemetery Commission contracted the maintenance of our seven cemeteries this past year and it worked very well. There were small changes that needed to be made in the contract for the next year but a new contract has been signed with Cabot Heights Cleaning Service and we anticipate another season of well maintained cemeteries. The contractual concept has saved us some money which is designated to be used to trim trees where needed. We are asking for \$2000 less than last year from the town to help support our cemeteries. Copies of cemetery policies are available for a copying fee at the Town Clerk's Office.

Melvin Churchill, Chair  
Marvie Domey, Secretary  
Ruth Goodrich  
Fred Pike  
Richard Spaulding

### CABOT CEMETERY COMMISSION

#### Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2008

#### ASSETS

##### Current Assets

##### Checking/Savings

8010 - Checking, Passumpsic Bank	\$ 24,982.98
8035 - Morgan Stanley	20,365.84
8040 - Columbia Funds	7,379.27
8055 - Passumpsic Savings	4,064.24

##### Total Checking/Savings

\$ 56,792.33

##### Total Current Assets

\$ 56,792.33

#### TOTAL ASSETS

\$ 56,792.33

#### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

##### Liabilities

##### Current Liabilities

\$ -

##### Payroll Liabilities

\$ 115.38

##### Total Current Liabilities

\$ 115.38

##### Total Liabilities

\$ 115.38

##### Equity

##### Opening Balance Equity

\$ 66,832.90

##### Net Income

(10,155.95)

##### Total Equity

\$ 56,676.95

#### TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

\$ 56,792.33

**CABOT CEMETERY COMMISSION**

**Profit & Loss**

January through December 2008

ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE

Income

8060 - Sale of Lots	\$ 5,455.00
8080 - Dividends	842.33
8085 - Interest	1,333.09
8090 - Making Graves	3,450.00
8100 - Miscellaneous	700.00
8110 - Appropriations	<u>20,000.00</u>

Total Income \$ 31,780.42

Expense

9000 - Making Graves	\$ 1,575.00
9010 - Supplies	57.98
9020 - Insurance	267.00
9040 - Contracts	16,000.00
9060 - Miscellaneous	505.00
Payroll Taxes	<u>115.38</u>

Total Expenses \$ 18,520.36

Net Ordinary Income \$ 13,260.06

Other Expenses

Unrealized Gain/Loss	<u>\$ (23,416.01)</u>
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Total Other Expense \$ (23,416.01)

NET INCOME (10,155.95)

**CEMETERY LOT COSTS – 2008**

Regular Burial	\$500.00
Burial of Ashes	\$200.00
Infant Burial	\$100.00

<b>Lots –All Cemeteries</b>	<b>Residents</b>	<b>Non-Residents</b>
Burial Lot for one (10' x 4')	\$ 80.00	\$205.00
Burial Lot for two (10' x 8')	\$170.00	\$410.00
Burial Lot for three (10' x 10')	\$250.00	\$600.00
Burial Lot for four (10' x 13')	\$340.00	\$805.00
Perpetual Care (required on all lots)	\$500.00	\$700.00

The following sized lots are to be sold ONLY with the approval of the Cemetery Commissioners:

Burial Lot for five (10' x 17')	\$420.00	\$ 995.00
Burial lot for six (10' x 20')	\$500.00	\$1,200.00

**CORNER STONES ARE REQUIRED.**

An individual will not be permitted to buy more than one lot in any cemetery. These prices set by the Cabot Cemetery Commission—April 5, 2008, effective May 1, 2008.

## CABOT FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT 2008

The Cabot Fire Department responded to a total of 85 calls in 2008. The number of calls is up slightly from the 80 calls in 2007. The chart below gives a breakdown of what town these calls were in, and what type of call they were.

The fire department had one fund raising event in 2008. This was our annual Pancake Breakfast. We had a good crowd this year. We thank you for your support of this event and hope to see everyone at the 2009 Pancake Breakfast this spring.

The Fire Department also appreciates the opportunity to work with the students of Cabot school. We teach fire safety in the home to these students on their yearly visit to the fire station during Fire Prevention Week.

The Fire Department continues to work on our dry hydrant program. This year we received a grant and were able to install a new hydrant at the Covenant Hills Christian Camp pond on Houghton Road in East Cabot. This hydrant lets us easily reach much needed water in fire situations and have the potential benefit of reducing insurance rates. We now have a total of 11 dry hydrants. At this time I would like to thank the landowners for their cooperation, and a special thanks to the people who keep the hydrants plowed out during the winter months.

In 2008 we were voted a new Rescue Truck. After getting 8 bids on this truck we chose Emergency One in Ocala Florida to build our rescue truck. The truck was built and delivered to us on December 20, 2008. This truck is a giant step forward from the one we had and should give us good service for many years. I would like to once again thank the voters for your cooperation.

This year the fire department will have three articles in the Warning. The first is that we will again this year be asking for a \$13,000.00 sinking fund. By having this fund, the Department will have at least part of the money needed when it is time to replace our pumper truck. This truck is slated to be replaced in 2010. We ask for your support on this issue. The second article is that last year we were voted \$150,000.00 to replace our rescue truck. By getting 8 bids on this truck, and by doing some competitive shopping we were able to buy this truck for \$145,000.00. What we would like to do with the left over \$5,000.00 is use it as part of the first years' payment on the truck. To do this we need permission from the voters. If you vote yes on this it will lower our budget by \$5,000.00 (for this year only) because the truck payment is included in our budget. The third article is our budget. We have three new payments to add to our budget this year. One is the payment for the new rescue truck that was voted last town meeting. The second is that we had to sign a new contract for our dispatch for the next three years. Our dispatching cost doubled under this new contract. Third in the past the town has paid for all the workmens' comp insurance in one lump sum. This year they are breaking this out so that the Fire Department will have to show our share of the payment in our budget. All three of these items were either voted on, or costs that we have no control over. Aside from these three items our budget has stayed the same. If anyone has any questions about our budget feel free to call Walter Bothfeld Jr. at 563-1715, or John Christman at 563-2201. We ask for your support on this budget.

As chief I would like to thank the firefighters for all the time and energy they donate to the department. Cabot is fortunate to have these dedicated people. If you would like to be a member, or if you would like to help us with some of our non-fire activities, we invite you to join us.

Sincerely,  
Walter Bothfeld Jr., Chief

New Dry Hydrant  
Covenant Hills

Chip Taylor



<u>Type of Call</u>	<u>Cabot</u>	<u>Marshfield</u>	<u>Walden</u>	<u>Peacham</u>	<u>Plainfield</u>
MVA w/injuries	8	9	2		
MVA w/o injuries	5	5	1		
Chimney Fire	3	3	3		
Structure Fire	2	1	1		1
Alarm Activation	6	4			
Good Intent	4	3			
Medical Assist	8				
Power Line Down	1				
Grass Fire	2	2	3	2	
Other	2	3	1		
Number of calls per town	41	30	11	2	1

Total Calls 2008: 85

**CABOT FIRE DEPARTMENT TREASURER'S REPORT – 2008**

Balance on hand, January 1, 2008		\$ 633.76
INCOME:		
Dry Hydrant Grant	\$ 1,250.00	
Donations	<u>700.00</u>	
Total 2008 Income	\$ 1,950.00	
TOTAL		\$ 2,583.76
EXPENSES:		
Dry Hydrant Materials	\$ 673.78	
Fireman's Dinner	875.00	
Fire Equipment	290.00	
FW Webb (Plumbing supplies)	97.52	
Misc.	<u>25.05</u>	
Total 2008 Expenses	\$ 1,961.35	
Balance on hand, December 31, 2008		\$ 622.41

John Christman, Treasurer

**VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>2008 Proposed</b>	<b>2008 Actual</b>	<b>2009 Proposed</b>
Electricity	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,782.51	\$ 1,500.00
Building Maintenance	3,500.00	3,521.83	3,500.00
Frontline (Phil Noyes)	1,700.00	73.50	1,700.00
Harry's Hardware	650.00	656.63	650.00
Heating Fuel	3,500.00	3,615.64	3,500.00
Insurance	3,200.00	5,111.00	6,300.00
Legal Fees	-	1,425.00	-
Miscellaneous	1,700.00	1,788.96	1,700.00
New Equipment	1,750.00	3,300.00	1,750.00
Radios & Repair	1,800.00	832.29	1,800.00
Sewer/Water	950.00	660.00	950.00
Tel. Dispatch	1,800.00	897.31	3,800.00
Truck Fuel	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Truck Repair	1,200.00	4,475.97	1,200.00
1998 Bond Interest	1,650.00	220.02	-
1998 Bond Principal	10,000.00	10,000.00	-
Land Payment	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 37,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 40,360.66</b>	<b>\$ 30,350.00</b>

**ENHANCED 9-1-1 REPORT – 2008**

The Enhanced 9-1-1 system continues to work well throughout the state. One of the problems that the emergency providers have is that people **do not put their numbers on their homes or at the end of their driveway**. I do not think people realize how important these numbers are. When the emergency provider is called, they are only given a road name and a house number. Due to the privacy act, the dispatcher is not allowed to give out a name. These numbers are very important in the village where the houses are close together. I had the personal experience of responding to a call in the village this summer. Picture yourself trying to maneuver a fire truck down a busy street and having to stare at each house because the numbers could not be seen from the road or were not there at all. I did drive past the house. The numbers were on the house, and if the leaves had not been on the lilac bush that was in front of the numbers, my job would have been easier. When minutes count, this is a sad waste of time. **Please put your numbers out where they can be seen easily by responders, even at night. If you have a long driveway, please put your number at the end near the town road. Your life or that of someone you love may depend on it.**

Walter Bothfeld, Jr.  
Cabot E 9-1-1 Representative



## **FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT – 2008**

The State of Vermont reports 112 human caused fires in 2008 with a total of 134.83 acres burned. In addition, 3 fires caused by lightning burned 3.36 acres. The Town of Cabot reports 1 fire with 1 acre burned.

We wish to thank our townspeople for their cooperation in seeking permits before burning, and using care and good sense when burning.

Andrew Luce, Fire Warden, 563-2723 home / 793-9161 cell  
Walter Bothfeld, Jr., Deputy Fire Warden, 563-2715

## **CABOT CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT – 2008**

The Cabot Conservation Committee continues to organize Green Up Day activities in town along with the Select Board and Road Commissioner. Green Up Day is always the first Saturday in May. The main purpose of Green Up Day is to get out on the roadsides after a long winter's accumulation of litter and take some pride in the upkeep of our town. This year Green Up Day is May 2. As usual, we plan on collecting tires (for a reasonable fee) and scrap metal (for free). Please consider pitching in and helping for a few hours. It really makes a difference.

We urge Cabot residents to read and follow the recycling guidelines for the Recycling Depot. We are fortunate to have convenient recycling and it's important to follow the rules. Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District provides this service. If you have any questions about what is recyclable and what is not, you can always check in with the Depot attendant on Saturday mornings.

The Conservation Committee has been involved as part of the Winooski Headwaters Community Project with the Conservation Commissions in Plainfield and Marshfield as well as the Friends of the Winooski, Cabot Creamery, and others. This past summer and early fall we sampled and monitored the Winooski river for various water quality parameters in the three towns and now have two years of data to look at water quality chemistry. We plan on a 2009 sampling program and hope to be involved in the state's Winooski River basing planning process. A river stream bank tree planting project was conducted in October on the Hogan property in Lower Cabot. We are always looking for more property owners interested in protecting and improving stream banks along the Winooski and its tributaries.

The Conservation Committee promoted the sale of compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) along with the towns of Marshfield and Plainfield at Harry's Hardware and Plainfield Hardware. Our goal was the sale of 5000 CFLs. This goal was recently achieved. We also participated in a regional Energy Fair that was held in September at Twinfield School, attracting hundreds of people to learn about renewable energy technologies.

After the Cabot School's Energy Summit on May 15, community members gathered to discuss ideas for creating a more sustainable energy future in small towns like Cabot. A lot of good ideas were generated about getting the town more engaged in renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, and becoming more self-reliant in relation to food and energy. Although there was interest in forming a town committee to look into these issues, there were no concrete actions taken. The Conservation Committee is interested in keeping a discussion going on these issues and considering whether it should become more involved in these areas.

Please consider becoming a member of the Planning Commission if you are interested in natural resource conservation.

Cabot Conservation Committee – Gary Gulka, Chris Duff, Cedric Alexander

## **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT – 2008**

In April 2008, the Planning Commission held a first public hearing on draft zoning regulations which it had developed as an update to the existing regulations. The draft was a significant revamping and restructuring of the existing zoning regulations to bring them into conformance with state municipal planning statutes and to provide more clarity on certain issues. Given that the municipal town plan became five years old in June 2008, and state law requires that the town plan be updated every five years, the Planning Commission was not able to continue with the zoning amendments. We have switched gears and are now working on updating the Town Plan before we continue the zoning amendment process.

The Planning Commission is receiving assistance from Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission on updating the Town Plan. During the year we also worked with the Regional Planning Commission on flood hazard issues and mapping of what are called fluvial erosion hazard (FEH) areas in town. These are areas that are not only prone to flooding but also to soil erosion from storm events. The Planning Commission is looking at possibly incorporating FEH zones into the zoning regulations, similar to several other towns.

The Planning Commission is looking for new members to serve. If you are interested in serving on the Planning Commission, please contact any of the members. If you have an interest in town planning and in issues such as economic development, affordable housing, natural resource conservation, or municipal services and facilities, we can use your help. The Planning Commission is responsible for developing the town plan and working with the Selectboard on town plan implementation, as well as developing zoning regulations.

The Planning Commission currently meets monthly on the second Monday of the month.

Planning Commission members: Gary Gulka, Chair  
Mark Bromley  
Wendy Jones  
Dale Newton

## **CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT** **TOWN OF CABOT – 2008**

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) is a consortium of 23 towns and cities in Washington County and western Orange County. CVRPC provides a forum in which municipalities work together to address regional issues and opportunities. It also offers its member communities professional assistance with local planning efforts through its experienced and knowledgeable staff. During this year, significant time was spent by staff working with member municipalities on mapping, analyses, and policy review in order to understand how current bylaws are likely to influence future development patterns.

The Commission also focused on implementing goals contained in the Regional Plan and the Regional Transportation Plan. CVRPC completed work on updating both Plans, including the regional housing distribution plan contained in the Housing element of the Regional Plan. The Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee continued to evaluate the regional inter-modal transportation needs and problems and make recommendations to the State Transportation Agency on projects that should be included in the Agency's five year capital program. CVRPC maintains a standing Act 250 committee that reviews projects of regional significance. During 2008, the Committee reviewed a range of projects, including major commercial retail, highway improvements, and housing development and subdivisions. CVRPC continues to work on the development of regional and local pre-disaster mitigation plans, population and housing growth projections, and review and approval of town plans as required by statute. CVRPC also completed assessments on three brownfield sites in the Region and is looking for additional commercial/industrial sites that may be contaminated and would qualify for a brownfields assessment. As an outgrowth of the Central Vermont Economic Collaborative and the affected municipality, CVRPC completed the analysis of undeveloped parcels in proximity to existing sewer infrastructure to see if a greater housing density would be feasible.

CVRPC assisted the Town with the development of a fluvial erosion hazard map, as well as zoning maps, the culvert inventory update, transportation infrastructure inventory, parcel mapping, update of the Town Plan, Route 2 Act 250 review, and review of zoning bylaw amendments.

CVRPC continues to work with local officials to provide GIS mapping, including planning maps for a variety of projects and municipal plans, fluvial erosion hazard areas, and bicycle and pedestrian path suitability maps. CVRPC is helping local energy committees with energy-related issues that affect the cost of heat, gas, and food. The Commission also provides model bylaws and assists municipalities in the administration of grants. Additional information on the Commission can be found at [www.centralvtplanning.org](http://www.centralvtplanning.org), including our Blog and a place to add comments.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another year of serving our member communities and the Central Vermont Region.

Susan M. Sinclair, Executive Director  
Dick Payne, Commissioner

### **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT 2008**

There have been 60 permits issued in the year 2008 for the following:

- 14 for new homes
- 24 for garages & sheds
- 21 for decks & porches and additions to houses
- 1 for trailer

Remember that a zoning permit is needed for any new construction or addition to a building.

Please check with Zoning Administrator before starting any project as any sub-division needs an Act 250 permit. Also, any replacement of septic needs a state permit from now on.

Carlton Domey, Zoning Administrator

### **CABOT PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT – 2008**

#### **The Year in Numbers**

The Library continues to grow in all areas of our operation with an increase of 17% over last year! During the past year, the Library provided services to over 8,492 patrons. We circulated 11,723 books, audio books, and videos, 462 Interlibrary Loans and 1336 periodicals. Computer/Internet use totaled 2092 sessions. 3,279 adults and children attended free programs offered by the library. 60 new library cards were issued.

#### **What's New at the Library**

In September, we increased our hours and changed to those that we hope serve everyone's needs in the community. We are now open 23 hours per week offering more morning hours, more after school hours and additional hours on Saturday afternoon.

We are charter members of "Listen Up! Vermont." This online service allows you to explore the 500+ titles offered and use your library card to download audio books to your computer, transfer them to an MP3 player or iPod, and burn selected titles onto a CD for listening on the go. Available 24/7, your library is now always open!

In November 2007 we began renovations of the Library shelving. In May 2008 we completed the second phase of this renovation providing the adult non-fiction collection with new adjustable shelves. What a joy it is to be able to read the spines of the books! The shelving is a fine match to the character of the Cabot Public Library. Thank you to everyone for your patience during the construction project. And, thank you to the Town of Cabot for making this project possible through a UDAG Grant. We have just one more section of shelving left to do, which will be completed in 2009.

We have begun automating the Library's collection. This project will take time to complete (we input

each item manually into an on-line system,) and is projected to be finished January 2010. When completed, you will be able to search the Library's collection via the Internet and will be able to get updates as to what books you have checked out or see if a book is currently on the shelf. We are fortunate to have Anne Walker as our new Library Assistant. She brings a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm to this project.

### **The Year 2008 in Free Programming**

We had another busy year of free programming and co-sponsored a number of programs with other local organizations. Karen Alexander took us on a wonderful trip to the Galapagos and Ross Conrad shared his knowledge of raising Honeybees. On Earth Day, we hosted "Poems for the Earth" – an open poetry reading with Francette Cerulli facilitating the evening as well as sharing her own work. We celebrated a year of Middle Eastern Dance with a special evening of music by Master Drummer Mike Gregian accompanied by Costa Maniatakos on the Oud, and dance by students and statewide dancers, including Sabah, Alia Thabit and Layla. This program was co-sponsored by Sabah Productions. In May we co-sponsored with the Cabot School the "Cabot Energy Speakers Series." Seven programs were presented – Go Solar, Paul Scheckel's Home Energy Diet, Peak Oil with Carl Etnier, Green Home Design with Danny Sagan, Energy in Vermont with Bill McKibben, Home Wind Power with David Blittersdorf and a Cabot Community Energy Forum.

Summer events included a July 4th concert by Laslo Cameo co-sponsored by Cabot PTSO. Our summer reading program "Catch the Reading Bug" was a great success with 59 children and 6 teens participating in reading goals. An estimated 3820 books were read! Families enjoyed stories by Paula Davidson, Lawrence Black and Paul Markowitz; songs by Robert Resnik and Gigi Weisman, Creepy Critters with Steve Amos; Beetles of the Sun by the Fleming Museum, a student performance by Rutland High School's Encore Theater, and a Buggy Magic Show by none other than, Tom Joyce! Fall brought the Friends' annual Fall Foliage Book Sale and the Red Wing Puppet Theater entertained all ages at the Cabot Apple Pie Festival (co-sponsored by Cabot Coalition.)

Ongoing Programs include Story Time on Friday Mornings at 10:30 a.m. and Senior Game Morning at the Cabot Senior Commons on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

### **Thank You!**

We would like to thank our many donors who gave so generously this past year. We received \$821.00 through fundraising, and \$410.54 through our Adopt-an-Author program. In support of our Summer Reading Program we received \$250.00 from the Cabot Creamery, and \$500 from the Friends of Cabot Library.

Grants received this year include \$2,000.00 from the Winnie Belle Learned Fund to purchase new books for the children's non-fiction collection, a \$50.00 Resource Sharing Grant, and \$100 Vermont Department of Libraries Grant towards Summer Programs.

A special thank you to Sarah Oliphant for the loan of the beautiful backdrops for our Middle Eastern Dance Program. Finally, we would like to thank our volunteers especially Helen Morrison, Kathleen Higbee, and Lawrence Black who offered countless hours in free labor to help the library run smoothly.

### **Library Services**

The Library is open 4 days a week (see hours below.) We circulate a variety of materials including fiction, non-fiction, audio books, videos, and magazines. We offer free public access to the Internet plus Wifi connection, both in- and out-of-state interlibrary loan services, access to the Vermont On-Line Library and Heritage Quest, and access to "ListenUp! Vermont." We also offer a free book delivery service for homebound patrons. Library cards are free and available to everyone. The Library is a great place to discover things. If you haven't visited lately, stop in and see what's possible.

### **Library Hours**

Tuesday 10-2 and 3-7, Wednesday 3-6, Thursday 10-2 and 3-6, and Saturday 9-2  
Story Time is Friday's at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Koeller, Library Director

**LIBRARY COMPUTER AND GRANT FUND - 2008**

Balance on hand, January 1, 2008		\$6,199.91
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Balance adjustment	\$ 10.00	
Adopt-an-author	410.54	
Memorial Books	33.55	
Book Replacement	224.00	
Fundraising	821.00	
Gifts & Donations	912.00	
Grants	<u>2,150.00</u>	
Total 2008 Income	\$4,551.19	
 <b>TOTAL</b>		 \$10,751.10
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Adopt-an-Author	\$ 458.07	
Memorial Books	78.45	
Book Replacement	94.73	
Computer Fund	1,806.47	
Gift Purchases	3,728.39	
Granted Purchases	<u>838.02</u>	
Total 2008 Expenses	\$7,004.13	
 Balance on hand, December 31, 2008		 \$ 3,746.97

**Library Trustees Report - 2008**

	<b>2007 Actual</b>	<b>2008 Proposed</b>	<b>2008 Actual</b>	<b>2009 Proposed</b>
Balance on hand, January 1	3,246.40			
<b>INCOME:</b>				
Previous Year Surplus Applied		5,273.75	5,273.75	1,769.43
Appropriation	49,571.00	46,802.53	46,802.53	53,668.32
Village of Cabot	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Interest: CD	797.12	400.00	345.87	265.00
Interest: Savings	35.36	0.00	24.38	0.00
Conscience Box/Copier	<u>243.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>85.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>50,896.48</b>	<b>52,726.28</b>	<b>52,781.53</b>	<b>55,952.75</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>				
Books				
Adult	2,416.69	2,420.00	2,479.11	2,420.00
Juvenile	1,592.13	1,650.00	1,728.42	1,650.00
Audio	1,567.52	1,500.00	1,504.75	1,700.00
Replacement	196.97	200.00	229.84	200.00

Newspaper/Magazines	650.00	650.00	662.78	650.00
Computer	850.00	850.00	850.00	1,000.00
Conferences	35.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
Custodial	429.00	750.00	425.00	600.00
Dues & Subscriptions	249.91	300.00	324.50	350.00
Equipment	546.62	500.00	515.92	500.00
Maintenance	0.00	200.00	138.12	200.00
Mileage	347.27	375.00	324.38	375.00
Postage & Interlibrary Loans	988.00	1,000.00	727.33	850.00
Programs	1,445.00	1,500.00	1,492.53	1,500.00
Substitutes	354.00	750.00	543.50	750.00
Supplies	995.56	1,000.00	1,036.53	1,000.00
Telephone (DSL)	539.78	600.00	543.78	575.00
Telephone (Utilities)	599.79	700.00	577.57	600.00
Insurance/Property & Liability	1,290.00	1,741.00	1,741.00	1,863.00
Payroll				
Library Director Salary	24,048.00	24,876.80	25,938.00	24,876.80
Library Assistant Salary	3,185.00	4,149.60	2,463.00	5,816.20
Insurance/Medical	4,459.56	4,593.36	4,593.36	5,104.71
Social Security	1,688.44	1,799.64	1,760.86	1,903.00
Medicare Expense	394.87	420.88	411.82	445.00
Workers' Compensation				100.00
Unemployment Insurance				724.04
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>48,869.13</b>	<b>52,726.28</b>	<b>51,012.10</b>	<b>55,952.75</b>
Balance on hand, December 31	5,273.75		1,769.43	



## PTSO REPORT – 2008

In 2008 the Cabot PTSO continued to support various programs in our school. The Fourth of July parade, games and chicken dinner are our only fundraiser and we are grateful to our faithful volunteers who turn up every year to help with set up, take down and running the activities. New volunteers are always needed and welcomed. Please consider giving your time to a worthy effort.

Some of the highlights from the last year include sponsoring individual enrichment grants and underwriting class trips. The annual PTSO scholarship for community service was awarded to a graduating senior. Students who are participating in the 2009 Marine Biology trip to Belize helped at the Fourth of July and the Halloween party. We appreciate their help and want to thank Jamie Gokey for volunteering to supervise the Halloween event.

This year also saw some new sponsorships. They include the Cabot Roamers biking group, TLC after school program, guest speakers for art and Healthy Start as well as the Young Vermont Writers program

A new fundraising effort has begun to update the playground to include age appropriate items for our youngest students.

Thanks again to all who gave of their time in the last year.

Sally Rushman, Secretary

## Cabot PTSO Report - 2008

Beginning Balance:		\$8124.14
Income:		
	July 4 <sup>th</sup>	\$10,666.00
	Playground Fundraising	3,056.33
	Boxtops for Education	<u>45.00</u>
	Total Income:	13,767.33
		\$21,891.47
Expenses:		
	July 4 <sup>th</sup>	\$7145.68
	Playground Fundraising	1515.10
	Class Trips	1298.00
	Scholarship	500.00
	TLC Cabot	500.00
	Cabot Roamers Bike Group	500.00
	Enrichment Grants	375.00
	Guest Speakers	300.00
	Young Vermont Writers Contest	250.00
	Governor's Institute	150.00
	Hugh O'Brien Institute	150.00
	Halloween Party	105.35
	Supplies for Boxtop Fundraising	70.75
	Postage	<u>12.93</u>
	Total Expenses:	12,872.81
Ending Balance:		\$9,018.66

Wendy Barnett, Treasurer

## RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT – 2008

The mission of the Cabot Recreation committee is to provide all community residents, both young and old, equal access to a variety of recreational activities and events.

One of the first projects we undertook was the construction of dugouts at Larry and Son Field, for Cabot's Little Leaguers. We have almost completed the dugouts. The main portion is completed with only the finishing touches remaining to be done. Now that we have completed the buildings, we are focusing on the fencing that will enhance the safety of the players and spectators. A special thanks to Michael Gokey and his helpers for the construction of the dugouts.

The second major project we are working on is the mini golf greens. We have had a few minor problems with the completion of all 9 greens. Three of the greens are completely done. These three could be seen during our Memorial Day celebration at the Recreation Field, during the Fourth of July activities and were used on the first day of school by the high school for their field day. We are still looking forward to our grand opening of all 9 golf greens.

Cabot's youngest athletes have benefited from basic skills programs run by Steve Towne. Steve has been teaching these athletes the basics of soccer and basketball through fun games and activities. The kids really look forward to their practices. Steve also welcomes the parents to join in the fun.

Our most recent activity, while not having a great turnout, has been a lot of fun for the participants who have shown up. In November, we had our first dinner/bingo night. The dinner, which is free, is basic spaghetti, bread, veggie sticks and dessert. Bingo, which follows dinner, is 50 cents a card with a 50/50 payout to the winner. Please join us.

We have a few other projects in the works that haven't been completed, including construction of crossings for the Cabot Winter Trails. We thank Rolf Muench for his continued organization and maintenance of the trail. We have started talking with Slim Payne about developing trails in the Cabot Town Forest.

The Recreation Department has also been trying to work with and support the activities of other groups in Cabot. We have supported the Cabot Roamers by purchasing bike helmets to be given to all their members. We have talked with the Cabot Coalition about different activities that would support both groups' missions. There are some joint activities in the planning stages.

On a more unpleasant note, the recreation facility suffered from repeated vandalism this past spring and summer. Graffiti was painted on the doors, there were crude words carved into the walls of the building and the picnic tables were repeatedly broken and/or tossed over the side of the bank. We would like to thank the Covenant Hills Christian Camp that arrived on a summer morning with teenage volunteers, who painted and repaired some of the picnic tables. A special thank you to the members of the Town of Cabot work crew who keep an eye on the facility and winterized the water system for us.

We would like to thank all of the volunteers and community members who have helped and supported our activities. We are always looking for volunteers to help with on-going activities or one-time events. We also welcome ideas for future events and activities.

This year's funding appropriation request is for the following items and programs, please support our efforts at town meeting.

- Bike Helmets for the Cabot Roamers 250.00
- Materials for new, plastic benches at Recreation Field 300.00
- Security light for Recreation facility 100.00
- Total Funds requested 650.00

Thank you for your support!  
Cabot Recreation Committee  
Rebecca Nally, Chairperson



**RECREATION COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT – 2008**

Beginning Account Balance		\$ 2,300.87
Income for 2008		
Concession sales	\$ 411.20	
Bingo	40.00	
Rental Fees for Facility	312.00	
Town Appropriation	4,500.00	
Cabot Garage Customer Appreciation Day	385.90	
Interest on account	<u>0.95</u>	
Total 2008 Income	5,650.05	
Total Income		7,950.92
Expenses for 2008		
Electricity	211.81	
Calkins Portable Toilets	795.00	
Dugouts	2,830.29	
Mini-golf	433.56	
Bike Helmets	522.00	
Pizza Party for 4th grade (winners of logo contest)	43.16	
Ad Cabot Chronicle	25.00	
Anti- freeze for facility	12.18	
Materials to fix facility	27.60	
Equipment for youth program	<u>420.70</u>	
Total 2008 Expenses	5,321.30	
Ending Account Balance		2,629.62

Rebecca Nally, Treasurer

**CABOT BOOSTER CLUB**

We would like to thank Chris Tormey for his many years of service and his continued advice as we try and fill his shoes.

The mission of the Cabot Booster Club is to provide support to students and staff of Cabot School for extracurricular activities. These include but are not limited to sports teams, field trips, scholarships and winter sport activities.

During the past year, we have donated money for the winter ski program to help insure that all students would be able to participate. We bought new bases for the softball field and gave out two, \$250.00 scholarships to graduating seniors.

We would also like to thank all the volunteers that helped out running the concession stand at basketball games and all of the customers of the concession stand. Currently the concession stand at basketball games is our only source of income.

**Financial Activity for 2008**

Income-	1,982.46 from the concession stand
Expenses-	1,177.15 stock for concession stand
	500.00 Ski Program
	201.00 Bases for Softball Field
	<u>500.00</u> Scholarships
Total Expenses-	2,378.15

Rebecca Nally, Booster Club Committee

**UDAG REPORT—2008**  
(Urban Development Action Grant)

The UDAG funds did not escape damage in the general economic implosion of 2008 but were sufficiently immune from toxic assets to avoid catastrophe B so far. The market values of both the UDAG and the Scholarship trust accounts, administered by the Union Bank through Boston Private Value Investors, declined in 2008, but not by the 30-40% experienced by the markets in general. The UDAG Fund trust account, which started the year at \$1,312,932.65, lost about 14%, closing out the year at \$1,132,954.60, with income of \$37,117.33; the UDAG Scholarship Endowment lost about 17%, closing at \$99,435.79, down from \$119,619.65, with income of \$3,300.06. This is not, of course, consistent with the growth objectives of the UDAG Plan, but it beats the general market losses of 30-40%, and the UDAG Committee, seeing slight hope of swimming up the waterfall, has no plans at this time to change managers.

There continues to be very little activity in the Union Bank Economic Development Loan (EDL) Program, with only a single borrower receiving the 2% interest subsidy, though there have been several inquiries lately. Questions have arisen about the structure of the program, however, and the Committee will examine the plan over the next few months with an eye to making recommendations for changes to the Selectboard or the next Town Meeting.

This year, \$57,813.86 was deemed to be available for Town Meeting grants, and three applications totaling \$39,750.85 were received and found eligible. This means that all grants approved by Town Meeting will be funded. The Cabot Coalition requests \$5,218 to purchase equipment for long-distance touring for its Cabot Roamers bike program and to purchase computer equipment for the Cabot Chronicle; the Cabot Emergency Ambulance Service asks \$17,841.85 for purchase of a Life Pak 12-lead defibrillator/monitor; and the Cabot School seeks \$16,691 for non-structural components (lighting, staging, acoustical treatment, etc.) for the Cabot School Performing Arts Center. (Copies of the complete applications are available for inspection at the Town Office.) Successful applications must receive a majority of Ayes@ votes on the Australian ballot. Grants require a match of 25%; the UDAG program pays 75% of submitted invoices up to the granted amount.

Five Cabot residents were found eligible for scholarships of \$900 each in 2008: Justin Hale, Katy Rossell, Malcolm Dale-Brown, Ivor Bastress and Johnnye Burt. Approximately \$4,500 will be available for scholarships in 2009. The UDAG Committee extends its thanks to the Scholarship Committee B Erma Perry, Roz Daniels, Janet Westervelt and Tom Considine.

Last July, the UDAG Committee lost two long-serving members. Tom Considine, appointed by the School Board, resigned, to the Committee's great regret, and his position remains vacant as of this writing. And chair Andy Leinoff, who designed the current UDAG plan, now in its third year, left Cabot to take a job assignment in Iowa. Tom and Andy contributed their time unselfishly, to the benefit of the community, and the community thanks them. The Selectboard appointed Committee member R.D. Eno to replace Andy, and Ann Cookson to serve out R.D.'s unexpired elective term.

The UDAG Committee meets at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of every month at the Willey Building. Meetings are open, and the public is always welcome.

R.D. Eno, chair  
Gary Katz  
Chuck Talbert  
Ron Lay-Sleeper  
Ann Cookson

## UDAG PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

January through December, 2008

Ordinary Income/Expense	<u>Jan-Dec 08</u>
Income	
Commercial Loan Interest Income	
Alan Perry Loan Interest	\$ 767.85
John Cookson Interest	<u>1,411.01</u>
Total Commercial Loan Interest Income	2,178.86
Community Loan Interest Income	
Cabot Ambulance Service Interes	600.00
Cabot Common 50K Interest	1,410.12
Cabot Fire Dept Interest	90.73
Cabot Town School District Int	<u>642.81</u>
Total Community Loan Interest Income	2,743.66
Income From Trust & Check Accts	
Bank Interest	
Scholarship Admin Checking Inte	4.76
UDAG Admin Checking Acct Int	<u>1,139.00</u>
Total Bank Interest	1,143.76
Scholarship Trust Earnings	
Schol Tr Ac - Chnge in Mkt Valu -	17,823.44
Schol Tr Ac - Div & Int	3,300.06
Schol Tr Ac - Fees to UB -	758.24
Schol Tr Ac - Other Inc -	<u>2.24</u>
Total Scholarship Trust Earnings -	15,283.86
UDAG Fund Tr Acct Earnings	
UDAG Tr Acct - Chnge in Mkt Val	-207,868.10
UDAG Tr Acct - Div & Int	37,177.23
UDAG Tr Acct - Fees to UB	-8,657.69
UDAG Tr Acct - Other Inc	<u>-26.74</u>
Total UDAG Fund Tr Acct Earnings	-179,375.30
Income From Trust & Check Accts – Other	<u>456.00</u>
Total Income From Trust & Check Accts	-193,059.40
Misc Credit	302.70
Misc Debit	<u>-300.00</u>
Total Income	-188,134.18
Expense	
Administrative Expenses	
Accounting and Auditing Service	3,695.00
Bank Service Charges	28.00
Postage and Delivery	120.92
Printing and Reproduction	479.00
Warnings	44.40
Administrative Expenses - Other	<u>232.79</u>

Total Administrative Expenses	4,600.11	
Legal Expense – Ruta	2,870.75	
Loan Subsidies Paid	980.40	
Miscellaneous	<u>-9,337.97</u>	
Total Expense		-886.71
Net Ordinary Income		-187,247.47
Net Income		-187,247.47

**UDAG BALANCE SHEET**

As of December 31, 2008

ASSETS		<u>Dec. 31, 2008</u>
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Scholarship Admin Checking Acct	\$ 57.96	
UDAG Fund Admin Checking Acct	<u>84,268.66</u>	
Total Checking/Savings	84,326.62	
Total Current Assets		84,326.62
Other Assets		
A G Edwards School Rsv		8,456.53
Commercial Loans Principal O/S		
Alan Perry Principal O/S	15,360.82	
Bartley Cruz Principal O/S	-118.96	
Cabot Greenhouse	-0.45	
Cheryl McQueeney Principal O/S	-106.69	
Ferriera Loan Principal O/S	235.70	
John Cookson Principal O/S	23,280.34	
Roy Folsom Loan Principal O/S	144.69	
VT Cereal Principal O/S	<u>-352.36</u>	
Total Commercial Loans Principal O/S		38,443.09
Community Loans Principal O/S		
Cabot Ambulance Service Princip	14,780.00	
Cabot Common 50 K Principal O/S	46,394.93	
Cabot Commons 100K Principal O/	92,000.00	
Cabot Fire Dept Loan O/S Princi	1,009.63	
Cabot Town School District	14,285.00	
Wiley Bldg Loan Principal O/S	<u>116,132.78</u>	
Total Community Loans Principal O/S		284,602.34
Paul Ruta Liability		7,675.10
Trust Accounts		
Scholarship Endowment Trust Acc	99,435.79	
UDAG Funds Trust Account	<u>1,132,954.60</u>	
Total Trust Accounts		1,232,390.39

Wastewater	405,500.00
Wastewater 75K 30 yr loan-2001	75,000.00
Total Other Assets	<u>2,052,067.45</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	2,136,394.07
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Deferred Revenue	-80,846.43
Disputed Bank Debit	-0.23
Funds Available for TM Grants	38,649.32
Scholarships	
2006 Scholarships	500.00
2008 Scholarships	<u>3,600.00</u>
Total Scholarships	4,100.00
Town Meeting Grants	
2008 Town Meeting Grants	
2008 Faith In Action TMG	<u>2,522.12</u>
Total 2008 Town Meeting Grants	2,522.12
Total Town Meeting Grants	2,522.12
Total Other Current Liabilities	-35,575.22
Total Current Liabilities	-35,575.22
Long Term Liabilities	
School 1995 Bond Assist Grant	<u>8,000.00</u>
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>8,000.00</u>
Total Liabilities	-27,575.22
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	2,190,999.99
Retained Earnings	160,216.77
Net Income	<u>-187,247.47</u>
Total Equity	2,163,969.29
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	2,136,394.07

## WASTEWATER COMMISSION REPORT – 2008

The Cabot Wastewater Commission consists of the following Selectboard appointees:

**Village Representatives** - Julie Ackermann and Brian Houghton, Larry Gochey

**Lower Cabot Representatives** – Michael J. Hogan, Chairperson.. Looking for another representative.

**Town Representatives** - We're looking for Town Representatives presently.

The Wastewater Committee held few meetings throughout 2008. Our challenge is creating a formula for distributing excess capacity in accordance with our Wastewater Ordinance and the Town Plan.

We had no new hook-ups in 2008. We were not able to cover our operating expenses with collected user fees and other income in 2008. Please note that our gas expense and sludge removal is higher than budgeted and will have to be increased for 2009. Plant supplies have increased, as more chemicals are needed. We have not planned for any extraordinary maintenance and/or equipment replacement. Planning for future repairs and increasing our investment interest create more challenges for the Commissioners.

We are most fortunate to have our service provider, United Water, represented aptly by Jim Brimblecombe and Lee Houghton. Jim tends to our plant as though it were his own, keeps us apprised of problems and progress and continually suggests cost saving measures in the interest of the Town. The following list is Jim's Annual Operational Highlights Report for 2008:

We had a very busy year at the Cabot WWTF. Our regular maintenance included:

1. Tracking the Permeation rates with inches of vacuum on the Membranes
2. Weekly exercising of the off-line equipment
3. General maintenance on all the on-line equipment
4. Checking of pump stations daily
5. All the daily and monthly lab testing
6. Tracking solids levels in the Septic tanks and the Trains.
7. Checking the calibration of the flow meter weekly

### Pump Station Maintenance

1. Pumped out all the pump stations to clean out any accumulation of debris.
2. Made checks of the stations including hour meter readings and wet well inspections to ensure reliability.
3. Rebuilt the #2 pump at jug brook P.S.

### Plant Maintenance

1. 1 Repaired #1 furnace exhaust. It had broke due to rust and snow coming off of the roof.
2. Replaced the bulbs in #2 UV unit. We will replace the bulbs in #1 UV unit in 2009.
3. Replaced float on back pulse tank.
4. Pumped out the lead septic tank. (10,000gallons)
5. Sent out both re-circulation pumps to be rebuilt and have the motors checked out.
6. Replaced the air dryer on the air system.
7. Responded to 19 alarms.

### Extra Things Accomplished

The big thing this year was the cleaning process for the membranes. Zenon had a change in the process and since we have implemented it we have seen an increase in the through put off the membranes. It is an extremely labor intensive job but the results are encouraging.

Finally, please remain vigilant about what you contribute to the wastewater plant. We're having increased costs for phosphorous removal, directly attributable to an increased input from phosphate enhanced products. And please be certain you don't allow any unnecessary water run through the system; for example, water from sump pumps, water from leaking faucets, water from defective toilet valves. Remember, we pay for every gallon of influent we treat and we surely don't need to treat any water that isn't waste water. Thanks for your diligence.

Respectfully submitted:

Michael J. Hogan, Chairperson

## WASTEWATER FUND BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 2008

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets

##### Checking/Savings

A.G. Edwards (Wachovia) Investments	\$475,934.24
WW Project Checking - Chittenden	-134.30
WW MM User Fees	<u>8,316.66</u>
Total Checking/Savings	484,116.60

Accounts Receivable	<u>-165.67</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	-165.67

Other Current Assets	<u>165.00</u>
Total Other Current Assets	165.00

Total Current Assets	484,115.93
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#### Fixed Assets

Accumulated Depreciation	-671,671.27
Wastewater Engineering	4,763,009.16
Wastewater Insurance	9.00
Wastewater Legal - Land Purchases	143,662.50
Wastewater Other Capital Costs	<u>51,120.00</u>
Total Fixed Assets	4,286,129.39

TOTAL ASSETS	4,770,245.32
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### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

#### Liabilities

##### Other Current Liabilities

Due to General Fund	<u>500.00</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	500.00

##### Long Term Liabilities

Bond Payable Rural Development	514,360.42
Loan - USDA Hardship Grant	46,276.50
Loan - UDAG #1	405,500.00
Loan - UDAG #2	<u>75,000.00</u>

Total Long Term Liabilities	1,041,136.92
Total Liabilities	1,041,636.92

#### Equity

Investment & Fixed Assets	4,134,614.00
Retained Earnings	-325,915.23
Net Income	<u>-80,090.37</u>
Total Equity	3,728,608.40
 TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	 4,770,245.32

**WASTEWATER FUND PROFIT & LOSS**

January through December 2008

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Delinquent WW Collection Fees, 8%	\$ 1,305.72
Delinquent WW Collection - Legal	446.19
Delinquent WW Collection - Advertisement	83.72
Delinquent WW Interest	1,181.24
Interest Income	19,219.17
User Fees	<u>107,027.00</u>

Total Income

\$ 129,263.51

Expense

Administrative - Office Supplies	\$ 45.00
Audit Fee	2,500.00
Bond Account - Interest Expense	24,866.59
Delinquent WW Fee Collection	1,823.08
Electricity/Pump Stations	2,448.04
Electricity/WW Treatment Plant	26,743.09
Gas	7,071.23
Generator - Plant Maintenance Contract	1,070.00
Grounds Maintenance	730.00
Insurance - Plant	1,795.00
Miscellaneous Plant Expenses	527.47
Miscellaneous	282.43
Permit Fee	100.00
Plant Fire Alarm Monitoring	489.60
Plant Supplies	7,996.77
Postage	185.43
Repairs	3,663.16
Sludge Removal	17,895.25
Telephone	995.04
Testing Services	97.50
Wastewater Quarterly Fee	660.00
WW Plant, Control Operations	<u>39,543.04</u>



Total Expenses	\$ 141,527.72
Net Ordinary Income	\$ (12,264.21)
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Unrealized Gain	<u>\$ 74,481.66</u>
Total Other Income	\$ 74,481.66
Other Expense	
Depreciation Expense	\$ 96,391.60
New Hook-Up Installation Expense	2,654.35
Unrealized Loss	<u>43,261.87</u>
Total Other Expense	\$ 142,307.82
Net Other Income/Expense	\$ (67,826.16)
NET INCOME	\$ (80,090.37)

**WASTEWATER FUND BUDGET**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>2007 Actual</b>	<b>2008 Proposed</b>	<b>2008 Actual</b>	<b>2009 Proposed</b>
Administrative/Office				
Supplies	44.00	100.00	45.00	50.00
Audit Fee	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Bond Interest	25,423.26	24,867.00	24,866.59	24,284.00
Bond Principal	-	-	-	15,512.79
Delinquent Collector Fee	1,269.12	800.00	1,823.08	1,400.00
Electric/Pump Stations	2,020.55	2,200.00	2,448.04	2,500.00
Electric/WW Treatment Plant	25,778.73	25,000.00	26,743.09	27,000.00
Gas	3,450.43	3,500.00	7,071.23	6,300.00
Generator-Plant Maintenance	520.00	600.00	1,070.00	-
Small Purchases-Plant	-	-	-	-
Grounds Maintenance	940.00	700.00	730.00	700.00
Insurance - Plant	1,593.00	1,800.00	1,795.00	2,700.00
Legal Fees - Plant	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous - Plant	210.08	400.00	527.47	400.00
Permit Fee	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Plant-Fire Alarm Monitoring	456.35	450.00	489.60	500.00
Collection System Monitoring	1,717.50	1,800.00	-	-
Plant Supplies	5,794.95	6,000.00	7,996.77	6,200.00
Postage	164.00	175.00	185.43	200.00
Repairs	4,016.39	4,000.00	3,663.16	5,000.00
Miscellaneous	20.00	500.00	282.43	500.00
Sludge Removal	6,582.50	13,000.00	17,895.25	15,000.00
Telephone	1,038.34	1,000.00	995.04	1,000.00
Testing Services	-	350.00	97.50	350.00
WW Plat-Contract Ops.	38,094.60	39,428.02	39,543.04	40,808.00
Wastewater Quarterly Fee	-	660.00	660.00	700.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$121,733.80</b>	<b>\$ 129,930.02</b>	<b>\$ 141,527.72</b>	<b>\$ 153,704.79</b>
Income - User Fees	\$ 99,211.57	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 107,027.00	\$ 112,000.00

Note: our semi-annual Bond Interest Payments are subsidized with income from our interest bearing investments with Wachovia (A.G. Edwards). For example, we earned \$19,219.17 during 2008 to amortize an interest expense of \$24,866.59; the balance was paid by liquidating part of our investment principal.

## CENTRAL VERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT REPORT - 2008

The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District provides leadership, education, and services for residents and businesses in reducing and managing their solid waste in order to protect public health and the environment to the greatest extent feasible. In response, the board of supervisors developed and adopted a Zero Waste Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) called *Working Toward Zero Waste*.

With Zero Waste the goal is to no longer produce “trash” which needs to be disposed of, but to instead be able to utilize the materials as resources for the production of something new and needed. We encourage you to review our Solid Waste Implementation Plan and Five Year Plan documents for yourself. Please contact the District for a copy—802-229-9383 or [comments@cvswwmd.org](mailto:comments@cvswwmd.org).

Here are some of the highlights of the District’s FY 2008 program work. Our full annual report is available online — [www.cvswwmd.org](http://www.cvswwmd.org).

- **Organics Diversion Programs**—With food scraps comprising about 20% of the waste Vermonters produce every year, this waste stream is a critical one to tackle. In response, the District has developed a three-pronged approach to reaching the key sources of this waste: businesses/institutions, schools, and residents.

During the past year, the 41 participants in the Business/Institution Organics Program (up from 35 participants in FY07) diverted 678 tons of food scraps to composting, while the 11 K12 schools in the School Organics Program (up from 8 participants in FY06) diverted 57 tons of food scraps to composting.

The District’s Residential Organics Program aims to help residents manage their food scraps right where they are produced—at home. In FY 2008, the District offered its composting booklet (*The Dirt on Composting*) and free plans for building three different styles of compost bins on its Web site. In addition, the District co-sponsored eight Green Cone sales events to increase access to this useful backyard food digester that accepts, meat, dairy, and other food scrapes not typically put into compost bins. For more information see [www.zwinc.org/green\\_cones.html](http://www.zwinc.org/green_cones.html).

- **Illegal Dumping Prevention**—The District’s illegal dumping cleanup and prevention program—Adopt-A-Site—has been underway for more than 17 years. Community members, with the support of CVSWM staff, adopt a known dumpsite, clean it, and monitor it for repeat dumping. Program work in FY 2008 involved monitoring the 16 sites in the following communities: two in Barre Town; two in Berlin; two in East Montpelier; one in Hardwick; two in Middlesex; one in Northfield; one in Plainfield; one in Tunbridge; three in Williamstown; and one in Woodbury.

- **Recycling**—During FY 2008, field staff handled a significant increase in the quantity of materials brought to the nine District run and/or underwritten depots, including more than 1,179 tons of mixed recycling; 92 tons of tires; 176 tons of metal; 374 tons of cardboard; 18 tons of used oil; 1.3 tons of used antifreeze, and 1,556 tons of trash.

New materials accepted at the depots: #1-#7 plastics (which include yogurt and cottage cheese containers) can be recycled at all District Depots; all glue- or staple-bound publications, paperback books, phonebooks, etc. are recyclable at all District depots; and hard cover books can be recycled at both the Barre Town and Northfield Recycling Depots.

- **Hazardous Waste**—A record 684 households and 35 businesses utilized the six collections held in FY 2008. Materials collected include: 15.8 tons of mixed paint; 6.8 tons of latex paint, which was sent for recycling; 12.4 tons of general hazardous waste; 87 lbs. of mercury; 10,161 ft. of fluorescent bulbs; and 1.84 tons of rechargeable batteries.

- **Green Up Day Grants**—20 member communities requested and received funding for Green Up Day activities in FY 2008. The flat rate per town was \$2227.

- **Electronics Collections**—The District collected 45 tons of electronics (computers, TVs, stereos, printers, copiers, fax machines, cell phones, etc) for recycling through an ongoing collection at its Barre Town

Recycling Depot, and special collections held in Bradford, Tunbridge, and Hardwick.

- **Web Site**—The District continued to update its Web site in FY 2008, including a complete update of the popular *A-Z Guide to Waste Reduction and Resource Handling* database and the Reuse Business Database, and began a complete overhaul of the entire site – [www.cvswwmd.org](http://www.cvswwmd.org).

Recycling Depots	Newspaper	Magazines, Phonebooks & Paperback Books	Hardcover books	Mixed Office Paper & Bobboard	Cardboard	GLASS		PLASTIC		Tin & Aluminium Cans	Rechargeable Batteries	Mercury Thermosials	Used Motor Oil	Anti-freeze	Scrap Metal/Appliances	Electronics	Tires	Trash Collection Services
						Clear	Green & Brown	#1-#7 Plastics	#2 Plastic Jugs									
<b>Barre Town</b> Tue., Thur., Sat.: 8-3:30	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Bradford</b> 5/1-8/31: Wed. 4-7, Sat. 8-12 (9/1-4/30: Sat. only)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			\$		\$	\$
<b>Cabot</b> Saturday: 9-12	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						\$
<b>Calais</b> Saturday: 9-12	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						\$
<b>Chelsea</b> Saturday: 8-3:50	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		\$		\$	\$
<b>Hardwick</b> Wed.: 8-12; Sat.: 8-3:30	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						\$
<b>Northfield</b> Wed.: 8-12; Sat.: 8-3:30	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		\$		\$	\$
<b>Stratford</b> Saturday: 9-12	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							\$
<b>Tunbridge</b> Saturday: 9-3	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			\$				\$

★ These are District operated and/or underwritten facilities. There may be additional options in your community, contact your town clerk or the CVSWMD for this information. District facility locations and hours may change. Call the CVSWMD to verify information.

☑ Screened areas represent items residents must recycle per the Mandatory Recycling Ordinance 94-01, effective 10/1/95.

Note: All trash haulers licensed by CVSWMD must collect mandatory recyclables. Call your hauler or CVSWMD for more information.

† #2 plastic jugs are mandatory recyclables, but all #1-#7 plastic containers can be recycled at CVSWMD Recycling Depots.

‡ Fees for the collection of items apply, and may be subject to change. Call the District for more information and current prices.

**Mark your calendars. May 2, 2009 is the next scheduled “Green-Up Day”!**  
**Get your boots, grab your gloves, invite a few friends and come join us in your community to make Vermont even more GREEN!**

[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)  
[greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org)

## TOWN EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

<u>DEPARTMENT AND DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
Cemetery Stone Cleaning Equipment Outfit	\$18,000.00 *
Cemetery Small Hand Tools	550.00 *
Cemetery 1999 John Deere Riding Mower	3,500.00 *
Cemetery 2000 John Deere Riding Mower	4,000.00
Fire Department Fire Station Inventory	20,000.00**
Fire Department 1982 GMC Sierra 3500 Rescue Truck	5,000.00
Fire Department 1989 Ford L800 Pumper Truck	100,000.00
Fire Department 1999 International 4900 Tank Truck	100,000.00
Fire Department 2009 GMC 550 Rescue Vehicle	150,000.00
Fire Department Rescue Truck Inventory	68,000.00
Fire Department Pumper Truck Inventory	25,000.00**
Fire Department Tank Truck Inventory	15,000.00**
Highway Department Ford 640 Mower Tractor	2,500.00
Highway Department 1999 Belarus Tractor	22,500.00
Highway Department 1988 Caterpillar Backhoe	42,043.00
Highway Department 1988 John Deere Grader	112,571.00
Highway Department 1997 Caterpillar 924F Loader	55,000.00
Highway Department 2001 International Truck and Plow	72,380.00
Highway Department 2003 International Truck and Plow	79,075.00
Highway Department 2005 International Truck and Plow	97,257.00
Highway Department 2007 International Truck and Plow	150,000.00
Highway Department Plows and Sanders	5,000.00**
Highway Department Chipper	2,200.00**
Highway Department Chainsaws	800.00**
Highway Department 2 Roadside Mowers	7,500.00**
Highway Department Mower	4,000.00**
Highway Department 2 Welders	200.00**
Highway Department Kubota Riding Lawn Mower	500.00**
Highway Department John Deere Riding Lawn Mower	12,000.00**
Highway Department Culvert Thawer	500.00**
Highway Department Pressure Washer	1,500.00**
Highway Department Generator	6,000.00**
Highway Department Small Hand Tools	10,000.00**
Town Clerk Office Computers/Printers	5,500.00**
Town Clerk Office File Cabinets/Safes	6,000.00**
Town Clerk Office Furniture/Fixtures	20,000.00**
Lister's Office Computer/Printer	1,800.00**
 <u>REAL ESTATE INVENTORY</u>	
School Cabot School	\$3,764,960.00 *
Highway Department Town Garage	61,200.00 *
Highway Department Town Garage Storage Building	26,000.00 *
Fire Department Fire Station	75,000.00 *
Fire Department Fire Department Parking Lot	10,000.00
Wastewater One Family Dwelling	52,000.00 *
Wastewater Storage Building	125,000.00 *
Wastewater Sewer Treatment Building	2,000,000.00 *
Town Willey Memorial Building	557,900.00 *
Town Library [in the Willey Memorial Building]	83,232.00 *
Town Recreation Building	11,700.00 *

Cemetery Storage Buildings	5,800.00 *
Town 10.2 Acre Recreation Field	10,000.00 **
Town 40 Acre Town Forest	40,000.00 **
Town 4 Acre Dump	4,000.00 **
Town Common	0.00
Town 3.3 Acres on US Route 2	9,000.00
Town .33 Acres on Elm Street	2,700.00

\*Insured Value

\*\*Estimated Value

**MINUTES**  
**CABOT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
MARCH 4, 2008

Pursuant to the Warning as recorded and legally posted, the legal voters did meet at the time and place indicated and the following business was transacted:

The 220<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Selectboard Chairperson Caleb Pitkin.

Article 1 - Motion made and seconded to elect a Moderator for the ensuing year. Ed Smith nominated, seconded. Declared nominations closed; Ed Smith elected Moderator unanimously by voice vote. Moderator began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence and then opening remarks concerning the meeting.

Article 2 - Shall the town vote to approve the minutes of the previous Annual Town Meeting of March 6, 2007? Moderator read the article; moved and seconded. Moderator stated the question; Article 2 adopted unanimously by voice vote.

Articles 3 through 8 inclusive voted by Australian ballot:

Article 3 - To elect a Town Clerk for a term of three years; Australian ballot results: R.D. Eno 181, Tara Rogerson 387. Tara Rogerson was declared elected.

Article 4 - To elect a Town Treasurer for a term of three years; Australian ballot results: R.D. Eno 183, Tara Rogerson 380. Tara Rogerson was declared elected.

Article 5 - To elect a Selectperson for a term of three years; Australian ballot results: Larry Gochey 294, John Cookson 261. Larry Gochey was declared elected.

Article 6 - Shall the Town of Cabot issue bonds in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the purpose of acquiring a new Fire Department rescue vehicle? Australian ballot results: Yes 331, No 239. This article passed.

Article 7 - Shall the Town of Cabot grant to Faith In Action Partnership the sum of \$5,000 to help defray the start-up costs of a "Senior Citizen Computer Literacy Program" for Cabot residents from the \$52,149.32 of UDAG Funds available for Town Meeting Grants in 2008? Australian ballot results: Yes 293, No 275. This article passed.

Article 8 - Shall the Town of Cabot grant to the Cabot Commons the sum of \$8,500 to help defray the cost of constructing a solar hot water system for Cabot Commons Seniors' Residences from the \$52,149.32 of UDAG Funds available for Town Meeting Grants in 2008? Australian ballot results: Yes 399, No 170. This article passed.

Article 9 - Shall the Town vote to hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers? Moderator read the article; moved and seconded. Moderator stated the question. Doug Harvey noted the following changes to the 2007 Town Report:

Pg 9 - Caleb Pitkin Salary - Chg \$600.00 to \$00.00

Pg 10 - Marvie Domey - Chg 2008 to 2012

Pg 10 - Law Agent - Chg Mary Carpenter to Chip Taylor (noted by Moderator)

Pg 17 - HS 122 Rebates - Chg \$313,399.00 to \$315,399.00

Pg 24 - Current Tax Refund - Chg \$2519.35 to \$00.00

Pg 24 - General Expense - Chg \$9849.12 to \$7670.56

Pg 24 - Willey Bldg Exp - Chg \$38157.50 to \$38470.03

Pg 24 - Total 2007 Actual- Chg \$373,508.07 to \$369,122.29  
 Pg 25 - 4000 Clerk Fee - Chg \$18,213.54 to \$23,963.54  
 Pg 25 - 4850 Current Taxes - Chg \$2,442,915.27 to \$2,438,004.64  
 Pg 25 - Total Income - Chg \$2,788,805.49 to \$2,789,644.86  
 Pg 25 - 4045 Current Tax Expense - Chg \$2519.35 to \$00.00  
 Pg 25 - 4250 General Expense - Chg \$9,849.52 to \$7,670.56  
 Pg 26 - Total Expense - Chg \$2,864,027.15 to \$2,859,328.84  
 Pg 26 - Net Ordinary Inc. - Chg (\$75,221.66) to (\$69,683.98)  
 Pg 26 - 8005 In Out Checks - Chg (\$212.32) to \$00.00  
 Pg 26 - Total Other Income - Chg \$8,943.97 to \$9,156.29  
 Pg 26 - Net Other Income - Chg \$7,920.85 to \$8,133.17  
 Pg 26 - Net Income - Chg (\$67,300.81) to (\$61,550.81)  
 Pg 27 - Property Taxes - Chg \$714,739.27 to \$709,828.64  
 Pg 27 - Clerk Fees - Chg \$18,213.54 to \$23,963.54  
 Pg 27 - Total- Chg \$1,147,518.53 to \$1,148,357.87  
 Pg 28 - Under Other Current Assets - Add 1213 Due from UDAG \$5750.00  
 Pg 28 - Total Other Current Assets - Chg \$500.00 to \$6,250.00  
 Pg 28 - Total Current Assets - Chg \$209,108.41 to \$214,858.41  
 Pg 28 - Net Income - Chg (\$67,300.81) to (\$61,550.81)  
 Pg 28 - Total Equity - Chg \$145,738.82 to \$151,488.82  
 Pg 28 - Total Liability & Equity - Chg \$209,108.41 to \$214,858.41  
 Pg 31 - Opening Balance Equity - Chg \$70,956.46 to \$70,165.85  
 Pg 31 - Net Income - Chg (\$4,167.28) to (\$3,376.67)  
 Pg 32 - 8085 Interest - Chg \$1,689.72 to \$2,480.33  
 Pg 32 - Total Income - Chg \$27,082.91 to \$27,873.52  
 Pg 32 - Net Ordinary Income - Chg \$6,285.98 to \$7076.59  
 Pg 32 - Net Income - Chg (\$4,167.28) to (\$3,376.67)  
 Pg 34 - FD Budget - Subtract \$10,000 from Bond Vote Interest, Sub Total and Total for 2006 Budget, 2006 Actual and 2007 Budget columns.

Caleb noted that the town realized a \$10,000 deficit for 2007 and that this year's tax rate would include a  $\frac{3}{4}$  cent increase to close out the deficit. Susan Carpenter, 2007 Delinquent Tax Collector, provided an update for the Delinquent Taxes Report (pages 18 & 19) indicating that she had collected \$36,045.64 in January and February 2008, leaving a total of \$22,528.11 in delinquent taxes to be collected.

Article 10 - Shall the Town vote to pay its Real and Personal Property taxes to the Town Treasurer on or before November 12, 2008, with delinquent taxes having interest charges of one percent per month for the first three months and one and one-half percent per month thereafter and an eight percent penalty charged from the due date? Moderator read the article; moved and seconded. Jody Stahlman asked what happens to the interest and penalty money received; Susan Carpenter explained the process, indicating the interest is provided as income to the General Fund and the 8% penalty pays the delinquent tax collectors salary. Jessica Miller questioned if the delinquent taxes collected since the first of the year, \$36,045.64, could be used to reduce this year's budget; Caleb answered no. No further discussion. Moderator stated the question; Article 10 adopted by voice vote.

Article 11- To elect all Town Officers required by law, according to law? Moderator read the article; moved and seconded. Moderator called for nominations for the following offices: LISTER – one Lister for a 3 year term. Carlton Domey nominated and seconded. No further nominations. Moderator entertained motion for Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Carlton Domey; so moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Carlton Domey elected for a 3 year term. LISTER – one Lister for 1 year term. No nominations; Selectboard will appoint a Lister to fill the position. AUDITOR – one auditor for a 3 year term. Diane Rossi nominated and seconded. Diane Rossi declined the position. No other nominations; Selectboard will appoint an Auditor to fill the position. AUDITOR – one auditor for a 1 year term. Susan Freeburn nominated and seconded. No further nominations. Moderator entertained motion for Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Susan Freeburn, so



moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Susan Freeburn elected for a 1 year term. DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR – Susan Carpenter nominated and seconded. No further nominations. Susan Carpenter elected Delinquent Tax Collector for a 1 year term. FIRST CONSTABLE – Ken Gokey nominated and seconded. Ken Christman nominated and seconded. No further nominations. Meeting called for a paper ballot; seven required people stood for paper ballot. Results of paper ballot: Ken Gokey – 91, Ken Christman – 63. Ken Gokey elected First Constable for 1 year term. SECOND CONSTABLE - Ken Christman nominated and seconded. No further nominations. Ken Christman elected Second Constable for 1 year term. GRAND JUROR – Philip Pike Jr. nominated and seconded. No further nominations; Philip Pike Jr. elected Grand Juror for 1 year term. LAW AGENT – Chip Taylor nominated and seconded. No further nominations; Chip Taylor elected Law Agent for 1 year term. CEMETERY COMMISSIONER – One 5 year term. Melvin Churchill nominated and seconded. No further nominations; Melvin Churchill elected Cemetery Commissioner for 5 year term. LIBRARY TRUSTEE – one 3 year term. Amy Cooke nominated and seconded. No further nominations; Amy Cooke elected to Library Committee for 3 year term. LIBRARY TRUSTEE – one 3 year term. Steve Gregg nominated and seconded. No further nominations; Steve Gregg elected to Library Committee for 3 year term. UDAG COMMITTEE – one 3 year term. Gary Katz nominated and seconded. No further nominations; Gary Katz elected to UDAG Committee for 3 year term. WILLEY BUILDING COMMITTEE – one 3 year term. Larry Thompson nominated and seconded. No further nominations; Larry Thompson elected to Willey Building Committee for 3 year term. No further discussion.

Article 12 - Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to apply for and receive grants and gifts and to spend any grants and gifts received in the current fiscal year, excluding UDAG funds, block grants and unrestricted gifts? Moderator read the article; moved and seconded. Jessica Miller questioned a statement by Larry Gochey, in a newspaper article, concerning a 1.5 million dollar grant. Larry responded indicating that grant money was received 6 or 7 years earlier for the Waste Water project. No further discussion. Moderator stated the question; Article 12 adopted by voice vote.

Article 13 - Shall the Town authorize the Library Trustees to apply for and receive grants and gifts and to spend any grants and gifts received? Moderator read the article; moved and seconded. No discussion. Moderator stated the question; Article 13 adopted by voice vote.

Article 14 - Shall the Town vote the sum of \$37,900 to defray the expenses of the Cabot Fire Department? Moderator read the article; moved and seconded. Dale Newton asked what the bottom line on taxes is if all items are approved? Caleb responded they were requesting a 16% increase on municipal taxes collected. No further discussion. Moderator stated the question; Article 14 adopted by voice vote.

Article 15 - Shall the Town vote the sum of \$13,000 to a Fire Department equipment purchase sinking fund to cover the cost of a new pumper truck next year? Moderator read the article; moved and seconded. Walter Bothfeld Jr. moved to amend the article to change “next year” to 2010; seconded. Moderator read amendment; amendment passed by voice vote. Sandy Schmitt asked if this article could be postponed. Walter Bothfeld Jr. responded that this is a pay me now or pay me later issue. Jessica Miller queried if the Fire Department had evaluated purchasing a used vehicle versus a new one. Walter Bothfeld responded that insurance certification is affected and increased once a vehicle reaches 20 years of age. Thus, if they purchased a used vehicle the life span of the vehicle would be decreased and they would be back asking for more money to replace that vehicle sooner than if they buy new. No further discussion. Moderator stated the question as amended; Article 15 adopted by voice vote.

Article 16 - Shall the Town vote the sum of \$150 to purchase flags for Memorial Day? Moderator read the article; moved and seconded. Pat Distefano questioned what these flags were for and why we needed them each year? Melvin Churchill indicated that flags are purchased and placed at the grave sites of all Cabot Veterans. No further discussion. Moderator stated the question; Article 16 adopted by voice vote.

Article 17 - Shall the Town vote the sum of \$20,000 to help toward the maintenance of the Cabot Cemeteries? Moderator read the article; moved and seconded. No discussion. Moderator stated the question; Article 17

adopted by voice vote.

Article 18 - Shall the Town vote the sum of \$7,000 to support the Cabot Ambulance? Moderator read the article; moved and seconded. No discussion. Moderator stated the question; Article 18 adopted by voice vote.

Article 19 - Shall the Town vote the sum of \$46,802.53 to support the Cabot Library? Moderator read the article; moved and seconded. Paula Davidson moved to amend the article to change the sum to \$50,048.93; seconded. Moderator stated the question as amended; amendment defeated by voice vote. Jessica Miller moved to amend the article to change the sum to \$36,802.53. Moderator stated the question as amended; amendment defeated by voice vote. No further discussion. Moderator stated the question; Article 19 adopted by voice vote.

Article 20 - Shall the Town vote the sum of \$500 to support the Cabot Senior Citizens group? Moderator read the article; moved and seconded. No discussion. Moderator stated the question; Article 20 adopted by voice vote.

Article 21 - Shall the Town vote the sum of \$4,000 to support the Cabot Coalition Mentor program? Moderator read the article; moved and seconded. Rusty Churchill asked what the Mentor program is. Kathleen Hoyne provided an overview of the program and how it benefits the youth and town itself. Jeannie Johnson and Lars Torres spoke in favor of the article. No additional discussion. Moderator stated the question; Article 21 adopted by voice vote

Article 22 - Shall the Town vote the sum of \$4,500 to support the Cabot Recreation Committee? Moderator read the article; moved and seconded. No discussion. Moderator stated the question; Article 22 adopted by voice vote.

Article 23 - Shall the Town appropriate the following sums for the following purposes:

A.	A.W.A.R.E.	\$750
B.	Battered Women's Services and Shelter	\$600
C.	Central VT. Adult Basic Education	\$1,200
D.	Central VT. Community Action Council Inc	\$300
E.	Central VT. Council on Aging	\$1,200
F.	Central VT. Crime Stoppers	\$ 500
G.	Central VT. Economic Development Corp	\$300
H.	Central VT. Home Health and Hospice Inc	\$2,000
I.	Family Center of Washington County	\$500
J.	Green Mountain Transit Agency	\$733
K.	Green Mountain Youth Symphony	\$200
L.	Green Up Vermont	\$100
M.	No. VT. Resource Conserv. & Devel. Council	\$75
N.	Onion River Food Shelf	\$500
O.	Peoples Health and Wellness, Inc.	\$100
P.	R.S.V.P. [Retired & Sr Volunteer Program]	\$200
Q.	Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$300
R.	VT. Assoc for Blind & Visually Impaired	\$300
S.	VT. Center for Independent Living	\$165
T.	VT. Trails and Greenways Council	\$30
U.	Washington County Diversion Program	\$150
V.	Washington County Youth Service Bureau	\$250
W.	West Danville Area Community Club	\$500
X.	Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District	\$500
Y.	Woodbury-Calais Food Shelf	\$300

TOTAL:

\$11,753.00

Moderator read the article; moved and seconded. Brian Rossell moved to amend the article by removing items B, F, and Q, as they are federally funded; no second. No further discussion. Moderator stated the question; Article 23 adopted by voice vote.

Article 24 - Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$732,500.00 to repair and maintain the highways of the Town including summer, winter and special treatment, of which an estimated \$170,000.00 is to come from income and an estimated \$562,500.00 from local taxes? Moderator read the article; moved and seconded. Jessica Miller questioned a statement by Larry Gochey, in a newspaper article, that stated the Cabot Creamery pays enough taxes to pay for the total highway budget. Caleb Pitkin – Point of Order – the question refers to a campaign article about candidates for election by Australian ballot and should not be discussed at the polling place. Moderator overruled point of order allowing Jessica to continue. Caleb Pitkin requested appeal of the Moderator ruling. Moderator called for a voice vote to sustain ruling of the chair; voice vote to close to call. Moderator called for standing vote to sustain ruling of the chair; Yes 63, No 53 – Moderator ruling sustained. Jessica Miller continued her question indicating that last year the Cabot Creamery taxes were just over \$200,000 a far reach from the \$700,000 budget. Larry Gochey indicated that he was not aware there was such a large difference. Steve Gregg, Leonard Spencer, Mary Carpenter, Cedric Alexander, Nathan Smith and Pat Distefano all commented on the article. No further discussion. Moderator stated the question; Article 24 adopted by voice vote.

Article 25 - Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$600,826.00 to defray the General Expenses of the Town, with an estimated \$206,500.00 to come from income and an estimated \$394,326.00 from local taxes? Moderator read the article; moved and seconded. No discussion. Moderator stated the question; Article 25 adopted by voice vote.

Article 26 - To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting. Moderator read the article; moved and seconded.

- a. Cerelia Spencer moved to have all organizations receiving money from the Town, provide a report, to include how funding was utilized, for inclusion into the Town Report, seconded. Moderator read the motion; passed by voice vote.
- b. Janet Newton moved to limit the appropriations amount to \$10,000 for distribution to organizations outside of the community and to have the Selectboard appoint a committee to determine the distribution amounts. Jack Daniels and Susan Tobias spoke against limiting the appropriations money to a dollar amount. No further discussion. Moderator read the motion; defeated by voice vote.

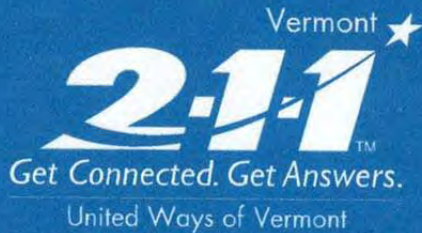
Article 27 – To adjourn this meeting. Moderator read the article; moved and seconded. No discussion. Moderator stated the question; Article 27 adopted by voice vote, meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved by: /s/Ed Smith, Moderator

/s/Caleb Pitkin, SB Chair

Douglas Harvey, Town Clerk



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