

Town of Shrewsbury, Vermont



2008 Annual Report



Anne Haley

November 11, 1953 – July 14, 2008

In Vermont municipalities, particularly in small towns like Shrewsbury, the Town Clerk is the center of civic life. This was especially true of Anne Haley. Appointed assistant clerk in 1988, she was elected three times, first in 2000. She touched the Town with her spirit and had an impact and influence far beyond her official duties.

Anne did all the things that Town Clerks do. She recorded deeds for land, kept minutes of Town Meetings, registered new voters, issued dog licenses, greeted visitors, and answered inquiries about Town affairs. But what was really exceptional and special was how Anne inspired and encouraged others to become involved, to participate in and contribute to the life of the Town of Shrewsbury.

Because she was friendly, smart, funny, and knowledgeable, Anne made the Town Office a welcoming place where people felt their concerns would be addressed. All who worked with her remember the sharing, the laughter, and her dedication to public service. Anne cared deeply about the Town – its barns, bridges, stores, and farms - and most of all, the people who live here; if she heard of a person or family down on their luck or facing misfortune, she could make a few calls and get them help. If a question came up about a voting procedure or the time needed for a public notice, Anne would call the Secretary of State's office and get the answer. People there knew and respected her; they said what we already knew - that Shrewsbury had one of the best Town Clerks in all of Vermont.

Anne took a special interest in the Town Office and in keeping it well-equipped and attractive. She advocated and oversaw building the vault to house Town records and

establishing a Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund for rebinding those records. She organized workdays and a farmers market, helped arrange events like the Jeffords celebration, and recruited people to work the polls and count the votes – and made all of these things fun! As presiding officer for elections, Anne made sure that each of us had the opportunity to participate in the exercise of democracy at the most local level with full confidence in fairness and efficiency.

Outside the office, Anne was a devoted wife, mother, sister, and friend. She came from a big family – three sisters and three brothers. She liked gardening, walking, and debating politics with friends and neighbors. Anne especially enjoyed harness racing with her husband Nelson, their daughter Amy, and her favorite horse Oscar.

On a July afternoon last summer, after work at the Town Office, Anne went to the barn on the Haley place to feed her horses. She sat down to rest and quietly left us. She was 54. Shock and grief filled the Town, and an outpouring of support flowed and still flows to Nelson and their daughter Amy who has since become a mother herself with Anne and Nelson's grandson Luca Anton.

It is impossible to go into the Town Office and not still to feel Anne's presence – her competence, good humor, common sense. This 2008 Annual Report is dedicated to Anne Haley. May we honor her by becoming more fully engaged in local government and in the civic life of Shrewsbury, by devoting ourselves, as she did, to being good citizens and to enriching the lives of our families, friends, and community.



Anne Haley (left) checking in voters along with Sharon Winnicki, while Randy Page waits his turn.

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Town of Shrewsbury
2008 ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Elected Office	Term	Elected officer(s)	Term Expires
MODERATOR	1 Year	Eldred French	2009
TOWN CLERK	3 Years	Mark Goodwin *	2009
TOWN TREASURER	3 Years	Linda McGuire	2009
SELECTBOARD	3 Years	Bert Potter	2009
		Steven Spatz	2010
		Michael Stewart	2011
AUDITORS	3 Years	Jonathan Gibson	2009
		Richard Biziak	2010
		Vacant	2011
LISTERS	3 Years	Steven Nicholson	2009
		Betsy Jesser	2010
		Kim Ridlon	2011
MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DIRECTORS	3 Years	Adrienne Raymond	2009
		Sarah Bolster	2010
		Edmund Hemmer	2011
MILL RIVER SCHOOL DIRECTORS	3 Years	Andrew Richards-Peelle	2010
		Vacant	2011
TOWN GRAND JUROR	1 Year	Barry Griffith	2009
TOWN AGENT	1 Year	Barry Griffith	2009
1 ST CONSTABLE	1 Year	Todd Westbay	2009
2 ND CONSTABLE	1 Year	Bennie Carrara	2009
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES	3 Years	Randy A. Page	2009
PLANNING COMMISSION **	3 Years	Marilyn Dalick	2009
		Melissa Reichert	2009
		Vacant (3 Positions)	
CEMETERY COMMISSION	3 Years	George Richards	2009
		David Rice	2010
		Larry Carrara	2011

* Appointment valid until next election March 3, 2009

** Positions appointed after March 7, 2006.

BIENNIAL GENERAL ELECTION FOR JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE	John Berryhill	2011
Elected November 4, 2008 to serve from	Larry Carrara	2011
February 1, 2009 through January 31, 2011	Barry Griffith	2011
	Marilyn (Sally) Jones	2011
	Hull Maynard	2011
	Julanne Sharrow	2011
	Lee Wilson	2011

Town of Shrewsbury
2008 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER		Matthew Walker	2009
TRUSTEES of the COMMUNITY MEETING	3 Years	Leonard Korzun	2009
HOUSE*		John Berryhill	2009
		Paul Sgalia	2009

* Three of seven positions appointed by Selectboard.

Town of Shrewsbury
2008 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD (continued)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION	4 Years	Nancy Bell	2010
		Richard Biziak	2010
		Vacant (2 Positions)	2010
		Carol Calotta	2011
		Liesbeth van der Heijden	2011
		Vacant	2011
		Vacant (2 Positions)	
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD	3 Years	Mark Youngstrom	2009
		Steven Spatz	2010
		Vacant	2010
		Dennis Start (Alternate)	2010
		Tim Upton (Alternate)	2010
		Vacant (2 Positions)	
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR		Vacant **	
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		David Rice	2009
COORDINATOR		Kevin Brown (Alternate)	
FENCE VIEWERS		Linda McGuire, Randy	2009
		Page	2009
		Vacant (1 Position)	2009
GREEN UP DAY COORDINATOR		Sharron Winnicki	2009
HEALTH OFFICER		Irene Gordon	6/1/09
SHREWSBURY HOUSING AUTHORITY		Linda McGuire	
REHABILITATION PROGRAM			
INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES, & WOOD		Eldred French	2009
LIBRARY BOARD		Debbie Bleich	3/09
PLANNING COMMISSION		Laura Black	2010
		Mark Goodwin	2010
		Vacant (3 Positions)	
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL		Vacant	
REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE		Vacant	2011
ROAD COMMISSIONER		Herb Carrara	
RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING		Mark Goodwin	6/30/2009
COMMISSION		David Rice, Alternate	6/30/2009
SERVICES OFFICER		George Richards	2009
FOREST FIRE WARDEN		Kevin Brown	6/30/2013
		Al Ridlon, Jr.	6/30/2013
TREE WARDEN		Eldred French	2009
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	3 Years	Adrienne Raymond	2009
WEIGHER OF COAL		George Richards	2009

** Functions performed by Selectboard.

OTHER TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT	Richard Adams	
TOWN ROAD CREW (Appointed by Road Commissioner)	James Carrara, Gilbert Pitts, Stephen Bruce	
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK (Appointed by Town Clerk)	Vacant	
ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER (Appointed by Treasurer)	Kathy Beauchain	2009
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD CLERK	Adrienne Raymond	
SELECTBOARD CLERK	Mark Goodwin	

Town of Shrewsbury
WARNING FOR 228th ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 3, 2009

The legal voters of the Town of Shrewsbury in the County of Rutland are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. to take action by Australian Ballot on the following matters:

1. To elect all town officers as required by law:

One Moderator	1-year term
One Town Clerk	3-year term
One Town Treasurer	3-year term
One Selectboard Member	3-year term
One Auditor	3-year term
One Auditor	2-year term*
One Lister	3-year term
One Grand Juror	1-year term
One Town Agent	1-year term
One-1st Constable	1-year term
One-2nd Constable	1-year term
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	3-year term
Cemetery Commissioner	3-year term
- * Typographical Error – 2 years of a 3-year term
2. Shall the Town approve a budget of **\$862,776**, and appropriate and expend **\$567,478**, to be raised by taxes or other revenues, to defray the general expenses of the Town, including highways?
3. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$10,000** for the Town-wide Reappraisal Sinking Fund?
4. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500** for the Town Office Reserve Fund?
5. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500** for the Town Garage Reserve Fund?
6. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund?
7. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$50,000** for the Town Road Equipment Fund?
8. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund?
9. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$26,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund?

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MARCH 3, 2009

10. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$12,000** for the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House?
11. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$25,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department?
12. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$7,500** for the Shrewsbury Library?
13. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500** for the Shrewsbury Historical Society?
14. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,520** for the Vermont League of Cities and Towns?
15. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$750** for dues to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission?
16. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$4,709** for dues to the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service?
17. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$100** to help support the George D. Aiken Resource Conservation & Development Council?
18. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$250** to help support the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District?
19. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$2,526** to support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice.
20. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Green Up Vermont organization?
21. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$130** to help support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?
22. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$700** to help support the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?
23. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,192** to help support Rutland Mental Health Services?
24. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter?
25. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$600** to help support BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?

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MARCH 3, 2009

26. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$600** to help support the Rutland County Parent/Child Center?
27. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support Vermont Adult Learning/Rutland County Basic Education?
28. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support NeighborWorks of Western Vermont?
29. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$250** to help support the Rutland County Community Land Trust?
30. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$30** to support the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council?
31. Shall the taxes be postmarked on or before, or in the hands of the Treasurer no later than 8:00 P.M., Monday, October 5, 2009?
32. Shall the voters of the Town of Shrewsbury request the Vermont legislature to:
 1. Recognize that the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant will reach the end of its 40 year design life when its operating license expires in March 2012. Given the recent increased incidence of accidents at Vermont Yankee posing safety risks to workers and surrounding communities, ensure that Vermont Yankee will cease operation in March 2012 by not granting approval for operation of the plant after that date;
 2. Recognize that power presently provided by Vermont Yankee can be replaced with a combination of local, safe renewable electricity and efficiency measures, along with the purchase of hydroelectric generation, and excess power available in the New England electricity market;
 3. Require the Entergy Corporation of Louisiana to fully fund the plant's clean-up and decommissioning when the reactor closes, as Entergy pledged to do when it purchased Vermont Yankee in 2002.

Dated: February 1, 2009

Steven Spatz

Bert Potter
Shrewsbury Selectboard

Michael Stewart

The informational meeting for the annual Town Meeting will be held at the **Shrewsbury Community Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road**. The meeting will take place following the Town School District informational meeting, which begins at **5:30 P.M., Monday, March 2, 2009**.

Town of Shrewsbury
RESULTS of 227th ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 4, 2008

The informational meeting for the Town was called at order on March 3, 2008 at 7:10 pm. by Moderator Eldred French. Present were Selectboard members Steven Spatz, Mike Stewart, and Bert Potter. Also present were approximately 50 voters. All warned articles were reviewed and discussed. There was some discussion of holding the informational meetings on the Saturday before the election. A show of hands indicated that a majority of those present supported the idea. Appointed and vacant positions were reviewed. Conservation Commission members present volunteered to assist with recycling efforts at the Transfer Station. The meeting recessed at 9:15 pm. for voting by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, beginning at 10 am.

1. To elect all town officers as required by law:

One Moderator	1-year term	Eldred French
One Selectboard Member	3-year term	Michael Stewart
One Selectboard Member	1 year of a 3-year term	Bert Potter
One Auditor	3-year term	Vacant
One Lister	3-year term	Kim Ridlon
One Lister	1 year of a 3-year term	Steven Nicholson
One Grand Juror	1- year term	Barry Griffith
One Town Agent	1- year term	Barry Griffith
One-1st Constable	1- year term	Todd Westbay
One-2nd Constable	1- year term	Bennie Carrara
Cemetery Commissioner	3-year term	Larry Carrara

2. Shall the Town approve a budget of \$798,664, and appropriate and expend \$504,462, to be raised by taxes or other revenues, to defray the general expenses of the Town, including highways? **YES 355 NO 102**
3. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$10,000 to establish a Town-wide Reappraisal Sinking Fund? **YES 263 NO 192**
4. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,500 for the Town Office Reserve Fund? **YES 314 NO 144**
5. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,500 for the Town Garage Reserve Fund? **YES 321 NO 138**
6. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,000 for the Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund? **YES 314 NO 145**
7. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$50,000 for the Town Road Equipment Fund? **YES 353 NO 106**
8. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,000 for the Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund? **YES 290 NO 165**
9. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$25,000 for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund? **YES 332 NO 131**
10. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$12,400 for the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House? **YES 307 NO 150**

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MARCH 4, 2008

11. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$26,000 for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department? **YES 339** **NO 122**
12. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$7,500 for the Shrewsbury Library? **YES 307** **NO 158**
13. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$2,000 for the Shrewsbury Historical Society? **YES 284** **NO 174**
14. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,444 for the Vermont League of Cities and Towns? **YES 245** **NO 209**
15. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$750 for dues to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission? **YES 260** **NO 199**
16. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$4,709 for dues to the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service? **YES 375** **NO 85**
17. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$100 to help support the George D. Aiken Resource Conservation & Development Council? **YES 269** **NO 187**
18. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$250 to help support the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District? **YES 268** **NO 185**
19. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$2,526 to support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice in fiscal year 2008: \$300 to support Rutland Area Hospice and \$2,226 to support RAVNAH home and community health services? **YES 376** **NO 85**
20. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$150 to help support the Green Up Vermont organization? **YES 332** **NO 125**
21. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$130 to help support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)? **YES 348** **NO 108**
22. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$700 to help support the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging? **YES 321** **NO 132**
23. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,192 to help support Rutland Mental Health Services? **YES 301** **NO 152**
24. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$150 to help support the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter? **YES 350** **NO 109**
25. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$600 to help support BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont? **YES 277** **NO 175**
26. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$500 to help support the Rutland County Parent/Child Center? **YES 289** **NO 165**
27. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$500 to help Vermont Adult Learning/Rutland County Basic Education provide direct educational services to adults? **YES 292** **NO 162**
28. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$500 to help support NeighborWorks of Western Vermont? **YES 230** **NO 217**
29. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$250 for the Rutland County Community Land Trust to assist area residents with their affordable housing needs? **YES 267** **NO 182**

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RESULTS of 227th ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 4, 2008

30. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$170 for the Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL)? **YES 274** **NO 183**
31. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$30 to support the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council? **YES 260** **NO 186**
32. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,500 to maintain a Cemetery Reserve Fund? **YES 302** **NO 147**
33. Shall the Town approve raising the Veterans Property Tax Exemption limit from \$10,000 to \$40,000? **YES 279** **NO 172**
34. Shall the Town of Shrewsbury raise, appropriate and expend an amount not to exceed sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) for the construction of an addition of the existing building and the purchase of equipment to improve the Town recycling center? **YES 179** **NO 272**
35. Shall the taxes be postmarked on or before, or in the hands of the Treasurer no later than 8:00 P.M., Monday, October 6, 2008? **YES 405** **NO 46**

Town of Shrewsbury
2008 BOARD OF AUDITORS REPORT

Every year the Board of Auditors prepares an Annual Report on the Town's financial condition. In the course of our 2008 audit, we undertook a detailed review of the property valuations in the Grand List and compared the total Grand List value to the value used for calculation of property taxes. We conducted a random test of Town expenditures to ensure that all Town and Road Department expenditures were formally approved by the Selectboard and are supported by invoices and payroll documentation. We examined tax receipts, delinquent tax amounts, and beginning and ending balances in various accounts. This is the last year in which a SHARP (housing rehab) report will appear; we call your attention to this report on page 34.

We have reviewed the Town's various financial statements, which appear in this Report, to the best of our ability in the limited time we had to do so. We believe these statements reasonably reflect the financial status of the Town of Shrewsbury for the year ending December 31, 2008. If we find further information useful to taxpayers, we will make this available. We have also examined the financial statements of Town organizations which receive Town funding. We believe that their financial statements in this Report reasonably reflect their financial status.

Financial statements of the Shrewsbury Town School District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 were audited by Angolano & Company, Certified Public Accountants, of Shelburne, Vermont. The draft audit was received in December, but as of our printing date of February 9, 2009, the final audit report has not been issued. Angolano & Company also performed the MRUHS audit and was contracted to do the RSSU audit for FY 2008. We find that the financials for the Shrewsbury Town School District in this Report are consistent with the draft audit, but we continue to request earlier completion of the professional audit so that the School District can present final, rather than unaudited, numbers to Town taxpayers.

In addition to our financial audit, we also looked at the Town's administrative procedures with an eye toward increasing efficiency and accountability. We thank the Selectboard for working with us to ensure the accuracy of all Town Officer appointments and vacancies as shown in this Report. During 2009, we plan to examine the Town's financial records on a quarterly basis, review the history of reserve funds, and develop forms and procedures to make financial reporting and documentation more transparent and easier for everyone concerned.

We thank everyone who submitted reports to us for 2008. We appreciate the assistance of Linda McGuire, Mark Goodwin, Christina Clarke, and the Board of Listers in preparing this Report. We also want to thank Steven Nicholson, who concluded his term last March, for his 11 years of service on the Board of Auditors; his sharp eyes and long memory for financial details are an invaluable asset to our Town. The cover photograph was taken by Anne's sister Mary Gerty and the photographs on pages i, ii, 26, and 47 were taken by Don Parrish, Barbara Griffith, Jonathan Gibson, and Anne Haley respectively.

Town of Shrewsbury
2008 BOARD OF AUDITORS REPORT

The dedication to Anne Haley was written by Jonathan Gibson, who also wrote the dedications to Jim Jeffords and Liz Daley in the 2006 Annual Report and to Spring Lake Ranch in the 2007 Annual Report.

We urge you to review this Report and to bring it – and any comments or questions it may suggest - with you to the School and Town Information Meetings on March 2.

Respectfully submitted

Richard Biziak

Jonathan Gibson

Town of Shrewsbury
2008 TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

The Town Treasurer is elected for a three-year term and serves as the Town School District Treasurer pursuant to state statute. Taxes are due once a year in Shrewsbury; the voters set the date by Australian ballot. Payment must be received by October 5, 2009; U. S. Postal Service postmark is accepted. If the payment is not received on time, a warrant is issued to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes and an eight percent penalty is charged on the unpaid balance. Current tax payments are accepted at any time before the October 5th and may be mailed to Town of Shrewsbury, Treasurer's Office, 9823 Cold River Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738.

As required by the Government Accounting Standards Board, our Town is using the modified accrual system for accounting procedures. The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the financial statements for this year.

Vermont residents are required **each year** to file a Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment Claim, Form HS-122, to facilitate the tax rates to be calculated for residential and non-residential rates and any adjustment amount due to taxpayers for income sensitivity. These forms are included in the Vermont State Income Tax Return package and can be mailed, or filed electronically at www.state.vt.us/tax . For questions or assistance in completing the form you can call toll free in Vermont 1-866-828-2865. The forms must be filed by April 15th, 2009; late filed returns are accepted only until September 1, but late penalties apply to all forms filed after April 15.

The loss this year of our friend and Town Clerk, Anne Haley, was both personal and a loss felt beyond our small town. Anne had a personal commitment to a better town and community, acted on those ideals every day, and touched the lives of many people throughout Vermont. Her vision and personal courage were appreciated by all who knew her and had the honor to work with her. She will be greatly missed.

As always, it is my pleasure to be your Treasurer and I look forward to serving you in the coming years.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda McGuire

Town of Shrewsbury
Balance Sheet
For The Year Ended December 31, 2008

	General Fund	Restricted and Designated Funds⁽⁹⁾	Total Governmental Funds
Assets			
Cash	53,701	252,744	306,444
Receivables ⁽³⁾			
Delinquent Tax Receivable	29,926		29,926
Other Receivables	174,353		174,353
Capital Assets ⁽⁶⁾			
Land and Buildings	1,001,388		1,001,388
Machinery and Equipment	157,971		157,971
Infrastructure	731,186		731,186
Total Assets	2,148,524	252,744	2,401,267
Current Liabilities			
VMBB Garage Bond	25,000		25,000
Accounts Payable ⁽⁴⁾	13,546		13,546
Other Current Liabilities	1,340		1,340
Long-Term Liabilities			
VMBB Garage Bond	360,000		360,000
Equity			
Restricted Funds		252,744	252,744
Unrestricted Equity	1,496,075		1,496,075
Excess Revenue	252,563		252,563
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	2,148,524	252,744	2,401,267

Town of Shrewsbury
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
For The Year Ended December 31, 2008

	General Fund	Restricted and Designated Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$53,701	\$252,744	\$306,444
Receivables			
Delinquent Tax Receivable	29,926		29,926
Other Receivables	174,353		174,353
Capital Assets			
Land and Buildings	1,001,388		1,001,388
Machinery and Equipment	157,971		157,971
Infrastructure	731,186		731,186
Total Assets	\$2,148,524	\$252,744	\$2,401,267
Current Liabilities			
VMBB Garage Bond	25,000		25,000
Accounts Payable	13,546		13,546
Other Current Liabilities	1,340		1,340
	\$39,886		\$39,886
Long-Term Liabilities			
VMBB Garage Bond	360,000		360,000
Total Liabilities	\$399,886	\$0	\$399,886
Net Assets			
Invested in Capital Assets	1,505,545		1,505,545
Capital Projects		163,876	163,876
Community Development Projects		0	0
Other Purposes		88,868	88,868
Unrestricted	243,093		243,093
Total Net Assets	\$2,148,524	\$252,744	\$2,401,267

STATEMENT OF CASH ON HAND
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008

General Fund	\$ 53,700.80
Townwide Reappraisal Sinking Fund	46,868.45
Cemetery Reserve Fund	1,503.12
Town Road Equipment Fund	131,045.13
SVFD Equipment Reserve Fund	27,054.68
Town Garage Reserve Fund	1,503.12
Lister Education Funds	0.00
Planning Grant	0.00
Town Records Restoration Fund	407.81
Shrewsbury Housing Authority Rehabilitation Program	0.00
Smith Brook Culvert Fund	4,272.60
Special Highway Needs Fund	29,991.05
Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund	0.00
Town Office Reserve Fund	10,097.63
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 306,444.39

Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
Year Ending December 31, 2008

RECEIPTS:

Property Tax Receipts

Taxes: Education Current	\$ 1,560,214.52	
Taxes: State Payment	270,298.89	
Taxes: Town Current	560,294.33	
Delinquent Tax 2008	<u>94,087.38</u>	
Total Property Tax Receipts		\$ 2,484,895.12

Other Tax Receipts

Land Use	50,857.00	
Leased Land	30.00	
State in Lieu of Tax	19,138.00	
Federal in Lieu of Tax	5,109.00	
Railroad Tax	<u>568.30</u>	
Total Other Tax Receipts		75,702.30

Road Commission Receipts

State Aid	127,979.91	
Services Rendered	5,200.66	
Grants - Paving and Signs	174,225.26	
Weight Permits	<u>135.00</u>	
Total Road Commission Receipts		307,540.83

Other Receipts

Act 60 Funds	6,802.00	
Animal Control Fees	285.06	
Computer Disposal	720.05	
Dog Licenses	962.00	
Grant - Generator	3,250.00	
Fines Received	442.87	
Interest	8,245.48	
Liquor License	100.00	
Lister Education Grant	390.16	
Marriage License	30.00	
Miscellaneous	709.12	
Planning Grant	2,322.00	
Recycling	5,251.14	
Restoration Fees	754.50	
Zoning Permits	<u>1,802.00</u>	
Total Other Receipts		<u>32,066.38</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$ 2,900,204.63

Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
Year Ending December 31, 2008

DISBURSEMENTS:

School Account	\$ 1,854,221.26
Selectboard's Orders	326,076.23
Road Commissioners Orders	696,026.60
Depreciation ⁽⁷⁾	91,867.50
Capitalized Improvements ⁽⁶⁾	(383,100.65)

Warned Items

Bennington Rutland Opportunity Council	\$ 600.00
Garage Facility Repairs	1,500.00
George D. Aiken Resource Conservation	100.00
Green Up	150.00
Neighborworks of Western Vermont	500.00
Reappraisal Account	10,000.00
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program	130.00
Road Equipment Sinking Fund	50,000.00
Rutland Mental Health	1,192.00
Rutland Area Visiting Nurse & Hospice	2,526.00
Rutland County Community Land Trust	250.00
Rutland County Women's Network	150.00
Rutland Natural Resources Conservation	250.00
Rutland Parent/Child Center	500.00
Rutland Regional Ambulance	4,709.00
Rutland Regional Planning Commission	750.00
Shippee Cemetery Restoration	1,500.00
Shrewsbury Community Meeting House	12,400.00
Shrewsbury Historical Society	2,000.00
Shrewsbury Town Library	7,500.00
Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department	26,000.00
SVFD-Equipment Sinking Fund	25,000.00
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging	700.00
Town Office Sinking Fund	1,500.00
Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund	1,000.00
Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund	1,000.00
Vermont Adult Learning	500.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	170.00
Vermont League of Cities & Towns	1,444.00
Vermont Trails & Greenways Council	30.00
Total Warned Items	<u>154,051.00</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

2,739,141.94

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

\$ 161,062.69

Interfund Transfers	<u>\$ 91,500.00</u>
Excess Revenue	<u>\$ 252,562.69</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Linda McGuire, Treasurer

Town of Shrewsbury
STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED
Year Ending December 31, 2008

GRAND LIST

Real Estate	\$ 113,288,700
Less Exemptions	<u>\$ 9,130,877</u>

TOTAL GRAND LIST

104,157,823

TAXES BILLED

Municipal Grand List	1,041,578	
Tax Rate	<u>0.6322</u>	
Municipal Taxes Billed		658,548.28
Education Grand List-Non-Resident	421,653	
Tax Rate-Statewide Share	<u>1.8984</u>	
		800,528.86
Education Grand List-Homestead	623,370	
Tax Rate-Local Share	<u>1.6455</u>	
		1,025,817.99

TOTAL TAXES BILLED

2,484,895.12

TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR

Taxes Collected	2,394,603.34
Delinquent Taxes	94,087.38
Refunds/Overpayments	(7,420.29)
HS-122 Adjustments	<u>3,624.69</u>

TOTAL TAXES ACCOUNTED

2,484,895.12

TAX RATE PERCENTAGES

The 2008 Tax Rate as follows:

General Town	0.6322	658,548.28
Schools Residential & Penalty	1.6455	1,025,817.99
Schools Non-Residential	1.8984	<u>800,528.86</u>
		2,484,895.12
Resident	2.2777	
Non-Resident	2.5306	

Town of Shrewsbury
TAX COMPARISON

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>GRAND LIST</u>		<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>TAXES BILLED</u>
2008	1,041,578.23	Residential	2.28	2,484,895.12
		Non-Residential	2.53	
2007	1,012,820.13	Residential	2.07	\$ 2,221,289.02
		Non-Residential	2.42	
2006	1,002,046.89	Residential	2.17	\$ 2,241,258.16
		Non-Residential	2.36	
2005	989,599.37	Residential	2.12	\$ 2,128,056.83
		Non-Residential	2.21	
2004	982,689.40	Residential	1.87	\$ 1,882,335.27
		Non-Residential	1.99	
2003	848,249.00		2.59	2,190,946.00
2002	849,073.00		2.42	2,052,053.44
2001	830,680.36		1.99	1,647,629.17
2000	767,026.45		1.93	1,479,282.49
1999	758,948.00		1.99	1,510,858.30

Reappraisal done in 2004.

Town of Shrewsbury
RESTRICTED OR DESIGNATED TOWN FUNDS

Townwide Reappraisal Sinking Fund

Beginning Balance January 1, 2008	\$ 35,775.50	
Interest Earned	563.95	
Disbursement	(6,273.00)	
Transferred from General Fund	16,802.00	
Ending Balance December 31, 2008		\$ 46,868.45

Cemetery Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance January 1, 2008	0.00	
Interest Earned	3.12	
Transferred from General Fund	1,500.00	
Ending Balance December 31, 2008		1,503.12

Town Road Equipment Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance January 1, 2008	173,502.76	
Interest Earned	2,315.37	
Disbursement	(94,773.00)	
Transferred from General Fund	50,000.00	
Ending Balance December 31, 2008		131,045.13

Town Garage Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance January 1, 2008	0.00	
Interest Earned	3.12	
Transferred from General Fund	1,500.00	
Ending Balance December 31, 2008		1,503.12

Lister Education Fund

Beginning Balance January 1, 2008	652.45	
Interest Earned	3.80	
Disbursements	(1,046.41)	
Transferred from General Fund	390.16	
Ending Balance December 31, 2008		0.00

Planning Grant

Beginning Balance January 1, 2008	307.37	
Interest Earned	2.41	
Transferred from General Fund	2,322.00	
Disbursement	(2,631.78)	
Ending Balance December 31, 2008		0.00

Town Records Restoration Fund

Beginning Balance January 1, 2008	1,674.01	
Interest Earned	11.30	
Transferred from General Fund	1,754.50	
Disbursements	(3,032.00)	
Ending Balance December 31, 2008		407.81

Town of Shrewsbury
RESTRICTED OR DESIGNATED TOWN FUNDS (Continued)

Shrewsbury Housing Authority Rehabilitation Program

Beginning Balance January 1, 2008	\$	38,758.83	
Interest Earned		450.36	
Payments on Loans Received		800.00	
Disbursed to Neighborworks		(19,916.58)	
Transferred to General Fund		(20,092.61)	
		<u></u>	
Ending Balance December 31, 2008	\$		0.00

SVFD Equipment Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance January 1, 2008		26,871.92	
Interest Earned		182.76	
Transferred from General Fund		25,000.00	
Disbursement		(25,000.00)	
		<u></u>	
Ending Balance December 31, 2008			27,054.68

Smith Brook Culvert Fund

Beginning Balance January 1, 2008		4,211.35	
Interest Earned		61.25	
		<u></u>	
Ending Balance December 31, 2008			4,272.60

Special Highway Needs Fund

Beginning Balance January 1, 2008		29,561.08	
Interest Earned		429.97	
		<u></u>	
Ending Balance December 31, 2008			29,991.05

Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance January 1, 2008		1,571.25	
Interest Earned		16.59	
Transferred from General Fund		1,000.00	
Disbursement		(2,587.84)	
		<u></u>	
Ending Balance December 31, 2008			0.00

Town Office Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance January 1, 2008		14,725.51	
Interest Earned		163.12	
Transferred from General Fund		1,500.00	
Disbursements		(6,291.00)	
		<u></u>	
Ending Balance December 31, 2008			<u>10,097.63</u>

TOTAL RESERVED AND ADDITIONAL TOWN FUNDS⁽⁹⁾

\$ 252,743.59

Town of Shrewsbury
PAYROLL FOR TOWN OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES AND EMPLOYEES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bert Potter	Selectperson/Transfer Station	\$880.00
Mike Stewart	Selectperson	600.00
Steve Spatz	Selectperson	600.00
Anne Haley	Town Clerk**	15,164.90
Mark Goodwin	Town Clerk**	8,346.17
Theresa Williams	Assistant Town Clerk	30.00
Sharon Winnicki	Assistant Town Clerk	44.00
Linda McGuire	Town & School Treasurer	22,558.53
Karen Carrara	Assistant Town Treasurer	246.00
Kathleen Beauchain	Assistant Town Treasurer	1,049.75
Joyce Wilson	Payroll Administration	15.00
Randy Page	Delinquent Tax Collector***	8,778.11
David H. Johnson	Selectboard Clerk	1,050.00
Steven Nicholson	Auditor/Lister	1,972.00
Richard Biziak	Auditor	938.25
Jonathan Gibson	Auditor	794.25
Richard C. Adams.	Dump Master	7,487.50
Robert Perry	Transfer Station Assistant	267.50
Adrienne Raymond	Zoning Administrator/DRB Clerk	1,900.00
Irene Gordon	Health Officer	742.00
Betsy Jesser	Lister/Assistant Town Clerk **	12,857.00
Tony Fusco	Lister	84.50
Alan Ridlon Jr.	Lister	279.50
Kimberly Ridlon	Lister	3,721.25
Matthew Walker	Animal Control Officer	139.50
Willard Smith	Building Maintenance*	1,950.00
		<hr/> 92,495.71
Social Security/Medicare Matching Town Funds		<hr/> \$7,075.92
Total Town Payroll Expense/Calendar Year		<hr/> \$99,571.63 <hr/>

*Salary and associated expenses are reimbursed from the Meeting House Committee.

** Salary and Fees

***Based only on fees collected

Town of Shrewsbury
TREASURER'S NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2008

1. Basis of Accounting In 1999 the Government Accounting Standards Board issued Statement 34, introducing revised financial reporting. The new reporting required for a clean audit could impact bonds and federal grants and will provide improved accountability and comparability across municipalities.

The town is incorporating expenditures for capital assets in excess of the \$1,500 value limit and infrastructure, and has begun reporting using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. In addition land, buildings, machinery and equipment have been valued for the balance sheet, as well as depreciation.

2. Cash At year end the Town's bank balance was \$53,701, which is covered by federal depository insurance, or was collateralized with securities held by the financial institution's agent in the Town's name. None was unsecured and uncollateralized.

3. Accounts Receivable and Notes Receivable Amounts receivable at year end, as reported in the statement of net assets, are as follows:

Accounts Receivable

Delinquent tax receivable	\$ 29,925.81
State of Vermont – Sign Grant	1,739.66
State of Vermont – Paving Grant	172,485.60
Computer Disposal Fees	<u>127.30</u>
Total Receivables	\$ 204,278.37

4. Payables Amounts payable at year end as reported in the Statement of Net Assets and Balance Sheet:

Accrued Payroll	\$ 2,293.03
Miscellaneous Vendors	11,236.13
Payroll Liabilities	43.53
Property Taxes	300.00
Recycling Billing Fees	6.00
Other Fees	990.88
Tax Adjustment Due Taxpayer	<u>16.46</u>

TOTAL	\$14,886.03
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5. Fixed Assets Capital acquisitions are reflected in the related assets account group. All purchased fixed assets are valued at cost where historical records are available and at estimated historical costs where no historical records exist. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received.

Town of Shrewsbury
TREASURER'S NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2008

6. Capital Assets Capital asset activity for year ended December 31, 2008 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Ending Balance
Capital Assets not being depreciated:			
Land	271,223.00	0.00	271,223.00
Capital Assets not being depreciated:	271,223.00	0.00	271,223.00
Capital Assets being depreciated:			
Buildings and Building Improvements	991,182.54	27,686.77	* 1,018,869.31
Vehicles and Equipment	347,319.00	97,429.18	444,748.18
Roads, Bridges & Culverts	551,161.82	257,984.70	809,146.52
Totals	2,160,886.36	383,100.65	2,543,987.01
Less accumulated depreciation for:			
Buildings and Building Improvements	260,875.73	27,828.51	288,704.24
Vehicles and Equipment	254,274.05	32,503.29	286,777.34
Roads, Bridges and Culverts	46,425.09	31,535.70	77,960.79
Totals	561,574.87	91,867.50	653,442.37
Total Capital Assets being depreciated	1,599,311.49	291,233.15	1,890,544.64
Government Activity Capital Assets, Net	1,870,534.49	291,233.15	2,161,767.64

* Includes a correction of added improvements completed in 2007 to the town office.

7. Depreciation Depreciation was charged as follows to the corresponding Capital Assets:

Buildings	\$27,828.51
Vehicles and Equipment	32,503.29
Roads, Bridges & Culverts	<u>31,535.70</u>
Total Depreciation	\$91,867.50

Town of Shrewsbury
TREASURER'S NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2008

8. Risk Management. The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to theft, damage, destruction of assets, errors and omission, injuries to employees and natural disasters. The Town maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss. The Selectboard believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses.

9. Restricted/Designated Funds

Townwide Reappraisal Sinking Fund	Funds designated for the purpose of maintaining and updating our equalized grand list.
Town Road Equipment Fund	Funds designed for replacement or purchase of Town equipment.
Town Garage Reserve Funds	Funds designated for the town garage.
Lister Education Grant	Funds from State of Vermont designated for lister education.
Planning Grant	Fiscal Year 07 – 08 Municipal Planning grant awarded for review, revision, updated and adoption of the Town Plan.
Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund	Funds collected (\$1 per page for recorded documents) at Town office for restoration of Town documents and town warning amounts.
Shrewsbury Housing Authority Rehabilitation Program	Funds available as loans to Town residents for home improvements. See note # 13 for further explanation of these program funds.
SVFD Equipment Reserve Fund	Funds designated for fire trucks.
Smith Brook Culvert Funds	Funds designated for costs associated with a review of the Smith Brook culvert on Town Highway #4.
Special Highway Needs Fund	Funds for special highway needs.
Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund	Funds warned and designated for office equipment at the town office.
Town Office Reserve Fund	Funds designated for improvements/repairs of the Town office.

10. **Transfer Station Costs** As an additional cost of operating the transfer station, it is estimated that 200 hours of road crew wages were spent working at the transfer station for 2008, or approximately \$3,049 worth of additional expenses are directly attributed to the transfer station.

Town of Shrewsbury
TREASURER'S NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2008

11. **Vermont Municipal Bond Bank** The town applied for a bond of \$410,000 in 2007 for the new garage. The following is the payment schedule for the 20-year bond, at net interest cost of 4.51 percent.

Year	Principal	Interest	Total Debt Service
2007		6,213	\$6,213
2008	25,000	17,894	42,894
2009	25,000	16,928	41,928
2010	20,000	15,944	35,944
2011	20,000	15,143	35,143
2012	20,000	14,330	34,330
2013	20,000	13,503	33,503
2014	20,000	12,666	32,666
2015	20,000	11,819	31,819
2016	20,000	10,962	30,962
2017	20,000	10,097	30,097
2018	20,000	9,222	29,222
2019	20,000	8,325	28,325
2020	20,000	7,410	27,410
2021	20,000	6,479	26,479
2022	20,000	5,536	25,536
2023	20,000	4,625	24,625
2024	20,000	3,708	23,708
2025	20,000	2,787	22,787
2026	20,000	1,862	21,862
2027	20,000	933	20,933
	410,000	196,386	606,386

12. **Meeting House and Conservation Commission.** The meeting house and conservation commission funds are integral funds belonging to the town, but are reported in separate financial reports. The funds are considered as town assets.
13. **Shrewsbury Housing Authority Rehabilitation Program.** During 2008 with the recommendation of the SHARP loan committee the Selectboard voted that the notes receivable (mortgages) for this program totaling \$20,960.97 (including interest and principal) were to be assigned to Neighborworks of Western Vermont, along with a contribution of a portion of the designated funds.

Town of Shrewsbury
2008 DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
for the Year Ending December 31, 2008

Delinquent Taxes

Balance outstanding December 31, 2007		28,632.23
Warrant to Collect, October 21, 2008	98,655.12	
Warrant to Collect, November 1, 2008	<u>(4,567.74)</u>	
2008 total delinquent		<u>94,087.38</u>
Total Taxes delinquent		122,719.61
Delinquent taxes collected and deposited in 2008		<u>(92,793.79)</u>
Balance outstanding December 31, 2008		<u><u>29,925.82</u></u>

Notes: 8% fees to collector paid in 2008 - \$8,718.11

Expenses paid, mileage & postage in 2008- 129.87

Delinquent taxes collected January 1 – 24, 2009 **4,075.57**

Delinquent taxes outstanding (13 accounts):

2007 Kenyon, James	772.49
2008 Banks, Karen	2,193.43
2008 Carrara, Donato Sanford	850.28
2008 Chadburn, Alson Jr. & Barbra	1,767.39
2008 Chesley, Kate B.	1,075.51
2008 Detko, Mark W.	668.08
2008 Hamel, Michael	3,388.46
2008 Monaghan, Douglas & Pamela	2,166.19
2008 Webster, Clayton	5,160.57
2008 Webster, Karen	1,480.71
2008 Webster, Robert C.	3,019.24
2008 Webster, Robert Cyril	332.77
2008 Westbay, Todd	<u>2,975.13</u>

Total outstanding **25,850.25**

Delinquent taxes collected and still outstanding in 2009 **29,925.82**

Randy A. Page

Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Town of Shrewsbury
2008 SELECTBOARD REPORT

First and foremost, the Selectboard would like to thank you, our neighbors for all the different ways that everyone contributes to making Shrewsbury a great community. Whether you serve on a board, volunteer at the school, help out at the transfer station, or are simply there to help a neighbor, your efforts make our Town the community it is.

With the passing of Anne Haley in July, the job of the Selectboard became infinitely more challenging. Anne kept our Town running for over ten years, and she is deeply missed. During this difficult period we were very lucky to have the help and support of many people in the community, and with their help, we and the Town were able to move forward. We thank everyone who helped out during this period, and for the generosity and care that was shown towards Anne's family. We would also like to acknowledge the recent passing of Sally Adams. Sally and Dick have done a tremendous amount for our Town throughout their lives, and we thank them for all that they have contributed. Our thoughts and sympathies go out to Sally's family.

The Selectboard has worked hard throughout the past year to update current policies and procedures that pertain to the workings of our Town's administration. We have also put forth a bigger effort to make information about the Town more accessible, which has been helped in large part by our new Town Clerk Mark Goodwin and his progress in updating the Town's website: www.shrewsburyvt.org. Mark has been a great asset to the Town since he was appointed Clerk in August, and we thank him for his work.

The Town office received a new stand-by generator over the summer on behalf of the work of our Emergency Management Coordinator, and her efforts in securing a grant to fund the purchase and installation of the new generator. The Town Office is our Town's official emergency shelter, and with the addition of the generator it is now fully equipped to serve any townspeople in the event of an emergency.

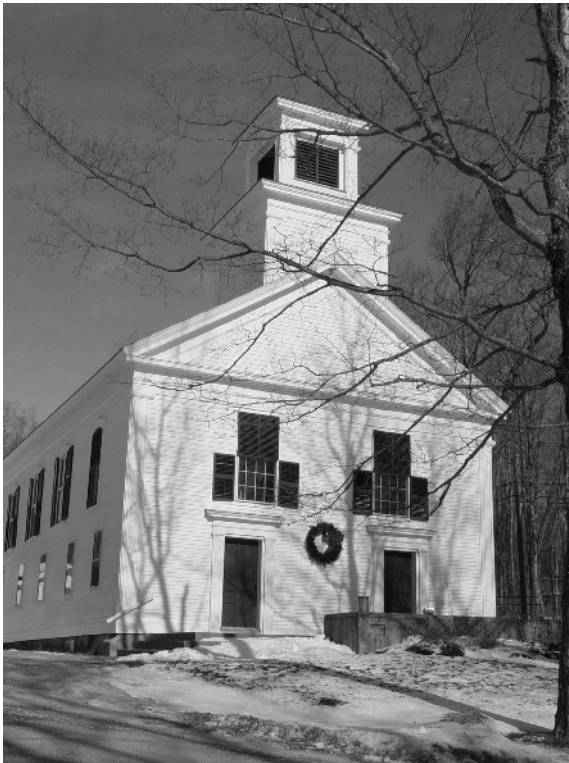
The Selectboard has hopefully resolved the issues with the Agency of Natural Resources regarding the Transfer Station and Town Garage site. A settlement was agreed upon and a fine levied of \$9,200 in June. The total fine amount will be used on behalf of the Town to fund "Trash On The Lawn Days" to be put on by the Vermont Association of Recyclers at all of the high schools in Rutland County over the next two years. We are still awaiting final recertification status for the transfer station and a work plan on the garage site remediation from the State, which we have been expecting since last fall. We'll keep you posted.

Financially the Town is in sound shape, which is refreshing given the current state of the economy. Our budgeting remains conservative, and the Town retains working capital to cover expenses throughout the year. Budget-wise for 2008, we were over budget modestly in the areas of road sand and fuels, as well as in Town administration costs. These overages were due to increases in sand usage and fuel costs, and personnel costs in the transition period after Anne's passing respectively.

Adjustments have been made for 2009, and new methods have been implemented for tracking costs and expenses throughout the year that will allow the Selectboard, Treasurer, the different Town officers, and you the taxpayers to see where money is being spent and how costs are being controlled. We will begin a Town-wide reappraisal starting in June that will bring everyone's property tax burden into alignment and provide better equity for education funding.

Please keep in mind that the Selectboard meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at the Town Office at 7:00 P.M. These meetings are open to the public, and we encourage your participation. If you would like to be on the agenda, call the Town Clerk at 492-3511 and request a time.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven Spatz, Chair
Shrewsbury Selectboard



Shrewsbury Community Meeting House

Town of Shrewsbury
2008 ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

The Town road department was busy with snow storms, squalls and freezing rain. A large amount of sand was used to keep the roads safe for travel.

The Town was approved for a grant to pave 2.7 miles of TH#1. The road crew expended time preparing the road for paving. Ditches were cleaned, high shoulders were cut off, and drainage work done. Once the paving was completed, shoulders were rebuilt where needed. To receive the grant the Town had to agree to install new signs to meet federal regulations. The required signs were installed.

The summer and autumn work involved grading roads, applying gravel to various locations, replacing culverts where needed, mowing roadsides, stockpiling sand, hauling gravel, cleaning miles of ditches, cleaning sand off paved roadways, cutting firewood to heat the town garage, cutting brush, and repairing and maintaining equipment.

TH #1	2.7 miles leveled and paved with Hot Mix
TH #2	0.2 miles leveled and paved with Hot Mix

6,900 tons of sand was stockpiled for winter use
5,830 tons of gravel was used on various roads
6 culverts were replaced

Herb Carrara
Road Commissioner

2008 Inventory of Town Equipment
Estimated Value

2009 International (equipment installation 2009)	\$	96,000
2004 Ford 350 4x4		18,000
2002 International with plow & sander		35,000
2000 928-G Cat Loader		50,000
1998 International with plow & sander		18,000
1996 L-8000 Ford with plow & sander		12,000
1996 416-B Cat backhoe		25,000
1992 120-G Cat grader		40,000
1991 L-9000 Ford with plow & sander		8,000
1986 L-9000 Ford 4x4 with plow & sander		8,000
1968 tractor & mower		1,500
York rake		500
6 two-way radio		1,000
Miscellaneous tools		<u>5,000</u>
	\$	318,000

Town of Shrewsbury
STATEMENT OF REVENUES - GENERAL AND ROADS
BUDGETED AND ACTUAL
Year Ending December 31, 2008

	ACTUAL 2007	BUDGET 2008	ACTUAL 2008	BUDGET 2009
<u>REVENUES</u>				
TAXES:				
Current Property Taxes	\$ 521,905	\$ 504,462	\$ 560,294	\$ 567,478
Delinquent Tax	88,239	-	94,087	-
Federal in Lieu of Taxes	3,219	3,200	5,109	4,000
State In Lieu of Taxes	13,701	13,000	19,138	15,000
Land Use Taxes	46,098	40,000	50,857	45,000
Railroad Tax	568	568	568	568
ROADS:				
State Aid To Roads	128,294	128,068	127,980	115,200
Services Rendered-Roads	7,198	6,500	5,201	5,000
State of Vermont Grants			174,225	-
Weight Permits	155	100	135	100
Act 60 Funds	6,783	-	6,802	
Animal Control			285	
Computer Disposal	571	400	720	
Dog Licenses	630	600	962	600
FEMA Funds	27,330	-	-	
Fines	280	-	443	
Grant: Generator			3,250	
HAVA Grant	372	-	-	
Interest Income	35,627	10,000	8,245	8,000
Leased Land	30	30	30	30
Liquor Licenses	100	-	100	
Lister Education Funds	390	-	390	
Marriage Licenses			30	
Other Income	20	-	709	
Planning Grant	6,678	-	2,322	
Recycling	5,673	4,000	5,251	
Restoration Fees	959	800	755	800
Subdivision Permits	-	-	430	
Zoning Permits	1,988	1,700	1,372	1,000
	896,807	713,428	1,069,691	762,776
Cash Beginning Balance	204,615	251,301	251,301	52,447
Cash Available for Expenses	1,101,422	964,729	1,320,992	815,223

Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL EXPENSES - BUDGETED AND ACTUAL
Year Ending December 31, 2008

	ACTUAL 2007	BUDGET 2008	ACTUAL 2008	BUDGET 2009
TRANSFER STATION⁽¹⁰⁾				
Computer Recycling	650	250	915	400
Tipping Fees	22,757	21,000	22,102	22,500
Hauling	5,950	7,500	7,460	7,500
Salary	7,960	8,200	8,360	8,500
Maintenance	58	1,500	2,765	1,500
Solid Waste Dues	2,105	2,106	2,316	2,316
Equipment/Facilities	6,923	2,500	-	1,000
Household Hazardous Waste Disp.	1,419	1,500	819	1,000
Supplies	382	500	677	500
Payroll Expenses	616	630	635	650
Electric	1,017	1,000	473	1,000
Total Transfer Station	49,838	46,686	46,522	46,866
TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSE				
Planning Commission Expense			683	1,400
Emergency Mgmt/FEMA Expense	4,694	9,636	10,260	1,000
Payroll Expenses	6,360	5,163	6,996	4,893
Building/Property Insurance	-	2,232	1,872	2,080
Public Officials Liability Insurance	1,264	1,306	1,095	1,216
Emp. Practices Liability Insurance	481	439	368	410
Workers Compensation	-	489	410	455
Office Heat/Electric	5,445	5,500	4,683	5,000
Training/Education	430	1,000	1,458	400
Postage	2,147	2,200	1,737	2,200
Supplies & Equipment*	5,180	5,000	5,162	1,000
Salaries	53,233	57,067	51,556	53,485
Office Expense and Mileage	2,215	2,500	2,214	2,500
Building Maintenance/Repair	1,332	1,500	1,303	1,500
Warnings	577	1,000	1,654	1,600
Town Report	1,246	1,400	1,332	1,400
Total Town Officers Expense	84,604	96,432	92,783	80,539
LISTERS				
Listers Salaries/Supplies			15,579	33,300
Payroll Expense				2,950
Reappraisal Expenses/Salaries				
Salaries				5,256
Supplies/Printing				465
Postage/Mailing				65
Total Listers Expense			15,579	42,036
OTHER DISBURSEMENTS				
Animal Damage and Control	110	125	737	125
Audit Expense -2006	17,088	-	-	-
County Court Tax	12,100	11,723	10,593	12,270
Garage Bond Principal and Interest Payment	6,213	42,894	42,894	41,928
Interest Expense (Bond Anticipation Note)	3,456	-	-	-
Law Enforcement	-	1,000	-	1,000
Legal Fees	1,505	2,000	-	2,000
Miscellaneous	71	500	109	-
Town Events				1,500
Tree Maintenance	-	500	-	500
Total Other Disbursements	40,543	58,742	54,332	59,323
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	174,985	201,860	193,637	228,764

Town of Shrewsbury
ROAD EXPENSES - BUDGETED AND ACTUAL
Year Ending December 31, 2008

	ACTUAL 2007	BUDGET 2008	ACTUAL 2008	BUDGET 2009
ROADS				
Gravel	37,525	35,000	26,894	35,000
VLCT Unemployment	898	945	945	772
BC/BS Health Insurance	34,938	48,000	51,386	61,500
Salt	13,530	16,000	16,995	18,000
Winter Sand	47,469	60,000	68,731	70,000
Culverts & Bridges*	6,037	7,000	2,197	7,000
Other		200	129	200
VLCT Workmen's Compensation	9,024	9,656	7,452	8,990
Salaries	133,985	150,000	150,643	150,000
Equipment Rental		2,500	150	2,500
Paving*	160,092	160,000	255,788	160,000
Payroll Expenses	10,014	11,475	11,452	11,475
VT State Retirement	5,185	6,000	5,966	6,000
Total Roads	458,695	506,776	598,727	531,437
TOWN EQUIPMENT				
Parts & Repairs	21,752	26,000	20,049	26,000
Tires & Repairs	-	4,800	4,181	4,800
Fuels & Lubricants	34,109	38,000	55,849	51,000
New Equipment	-	800	602	800
Misc. Supplies	276	500	2,083	500
Signs	98	200	2,440	500
Total Town Equipment	56,236	70,300	85,204	83,600
TOWN GARAGES				
Equipment	74	800	425	800
Maintenance & Supplies	213	500	449	500
Utilities	1,246	5,500	2,009	5,500
Buildings & Repair	88	2,000	48	2,000
Property & Casualty Insurance	8,364	10,928	9,164	10,175
Total Town Garages	9,986	19,728	12,096	18,975
TOTAL ROAD EXPENSES	524,917	596,804	696,027	634,012
GRAND TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES & ROADS	\$ 699,902	\$ 798,664	\$ 889,664	\$ 862,776

* Items include values that have capitalized increasing the value of town assets.

Town of Shrewsbury
2008 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk is elected for a three-year term and is required by law to be the receiver and recorder of the Town's archives. Other statutory responsibilities include voter registration and maintaining the voter checklist in conjunction with the Board of Civil Authority, as well as being the presiding officer for elections. The Town Clerk records Town Proceedings and Vermont Department of Health vital records: Births, Deaths, Marriages and Civil Unions. The Clerk also issues and maintains a record of animal licenses for the Department of Public Safety. Often Town Clerks are asked to disseminate information from various State agencies to local constituencies. In Shrewsbury the Clerk issues and maintains transfer station permits and has been attempting to update and keep current the Town website. The Selectboard has also been utilizing the Clerk for administrative functions as the Board's legislative responsibilities become increasingly complex and time consuming.

It is a bittersweet honor to have been appointed by the Selectboard to replace Anne - a neighbor, a friend, and a respected Clerk throughout Vermont. I appreciate the assistance of Betsy Jesser and Linda McGuire as I assumed the responsibilities of Town Clerk. It has been my privilege to serve in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Goodwin

For more information on the Town of Shrewsbury and community events, go to the Town's website: [http:// www.shrewsburyvt.org](http://www.shrewsburyvt.org)

Town of Shrewsbury
2008 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

As Animal Control Officer (ACO) for the Town of Shrewsbury, I serve as the chief enforcement officer for animal complaints as defined by the Town animal ordinances. Most often this includes attempting to reunite lost pets with their owners and serving as initial investigator for complaints of animal abuse and neglect. During my service as the ACO beginning with my appointment on 6/19/08, I have dealt with 21 animal related cases.

The statistics include: eight missing animal reports in which five were returned to their owners, three animal disputes, five stray animals impounded in which four animals were returned to their owner with one adopted out, one agency assist, one Department of Agriculture Complaint, and three road kill cases. These cases included dealing with one goat, three pigs, two deer, four cats and fourteen dogs.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew C. Walker

Town of Shrewsbury
ANIMAL LICENSES 2008

QUANTITY	TYPE	FEE	TOTAL COLLECTED
88	NEUTERED FEMALE	\$7.00 EACH	\$616.00
91	NEUTERED MALE	\$7.00 EACH	\$637.00
6	UN-NEUTERED FEMALE	\$11.00 EACH	\$66.00
13	UN-NEUTERED MALE	\$11.00 EACH	\$143.00
1	TOWN TO TOWN COURTESY TAG	NO CHARGE	\$0.00
2	SPECIAL	\$33.00 EACH	\$66.00
1	KENNEL	\$13.00 EACH	\$13.00
	LATE FEES	\$68.00	\$68.00
207 LICENSES			
TOTAL			\$1609.00

Fees submitted to Town of Shrewsbury	\$604.00
Fees retained by Clerk	\$402.00
Fees submitted to the State of Vermont Rabies Control Fund	\$201.00
Fees submitted to the State of Vermont Spay/neuter program	<u>\$402.00</u>
	\$1609.00

Anyone who owns or keeps a dog more than six months old shall annually on or before April 1st obtain a license and shall pay **\$7.00** for each neutered or spayed dog, **\$12.00** for each un-neutered or unsprayed dog. If the license fee is not paid by April 1, a **50%** penalty is added. The basic license fees are \$4.00 for neutered or spayed and \$8.00 for unneutered or unsprayed, plus \$1.00 on each license for rabies control programs and \$2.00 for dog, cat, wolf-hybrid spaying and neutering programs.

Before a person shall be entitled to obtain a neutered or spayed license for a dog, he shall exhibit to the Town Clerk a certificate signed by a duly licensed veterinarian, showing that the dog has been sterilized.

Before obtaining a license for a dog six months of age or older, a person shall deliver to the Town Clerk a certificate signed by a duly licensed veterinarian, stating that the dog has received a current pre-exposure to rabies vaccine, approved by the Agency of Agriculture. The Town Clerk shall keep the certificate or copies thereof on file.

Town of Shrewsbury
ANIMAL LICENSES 2008

2009 Animal licenses have increased by one dollar (\$1.00) and are available at the Town Office, or by mail. To avoid late charges please license your dog by APRIL 1! To remove the name of a previously licensed animal please call 492-3511. If ordering by mail, please include your new rabies certificate (if needed). Make your check payable to the Town of Shrewsbury for **\$8.00** (neutered) or **\$12.00** (un-neutered) for each animal.
Thank you.

Mark Goodwin
Town Clerk

Town of Shrewsbury
2008 VITAL STATISTICS

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
BIRTHS	9	6	7	5	3	3	4	7
DEATHS	7	4	10	8	8	7	3	7
MARRIAGES	4	9	3	4	9	8	5	6
CIVIL UNIONS	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2

Upon recommendation of the Vermont Department of Health, no names are published in this report. The Vital Records are available at the Town Office and are public records.

VITAL RECORDS & IDENTITY THEFT

Have you ever wondered why the birth, death, marriage, and civil union names are not in this report? One reason for this is Identity Theft. Identity theft is a serious crime and occurs when someone uses your personal information, such as name, social security number, credit card number, or other identifying information, without your permission to commit fraud or other crimes. If you want more information on identity theft, visit the Federal Trade Commission website at <http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft>. Identity theft crimes are on the rise. Therefore, the Federal Government enacted legislation entitled the "Intelligence Reform" law, which directly affects how the Town will secure, store, and determines who will or will not have access to the vital records in our possession. How, when, and what will be required of a municipality is still being worked out at the federal level. Updated information will be provided in the Times of Shrewsbury as we receive it.

Town of Shrewsbury
Shrewsbury Housing Authority Rehabilitation Program
December 31, 2008

Transaction Report for Designated Funds

Beginning Balance January 1, 2008		\$	38,758.83
Sharp Payments for 2008	\$	800.00	
Bank Interest		450.36	
Total Income			1,250.36
Disbursed to Neighborworks		19,916.58	
Transferred to General Fund		20,092.61	
Total Disbursements			40,009.19
Ending Balance December 31, 2008			0.00

Accounts Receivable Loan Report

Beginning Balance January 1, 2008		\$	17,543.98
Adjustments to loan balances	\$	2,616.99	
Loan Payments		800.00	
			3,416.99
Receivables Assigned/Disbursed			20,960.97
Ending Balance December 31, 2008			0.00

This year the mortgage loans were reviewed and adjustments completed including legal fees, late fees, and interest. The loan review committee presented recommendations to the Selectboard including the assignment of loan balances to Neighborworks of Western Vermont, and recommended all designated funds be given to Neighborworks, who planned to apply for and receive matching funds with the contribution.

These funds are available to qualifying applicants through Neighborworks of Western Vermont exclusively in the first year along with a variety of programs designed for homeowners and new homeowners. In future years the funds would be available to all applicants throughout Western Vermont.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda McGuire, Administrator

Town of Shrewsbury
2008 TRANSFER STATION REPORT

We have had a good year last year with more Shrewsbury Folks using the Dump and more recycling volume. This volume recycling increase is due to two factors, more recycling of existing items and a large increase in the number of items that can be recycled. I am looking forward to another year serving the Shrewsbury Community.

Dick Adams
Transfer Station Attendant

TRANSFER STATION HOURS:

Sunday 8 AM to 4 PM

Wednesday 1PM to 7 PM

Information about transfer station operations has been provided through “Doings at our Dump” articles in the Times of Shrewsbury, “Notes from the Dump: Where Friends Gather” handouts, and a “Shrewsbury Dump Recycling Guide” produced by our Station Attendant Dick Adams. Many thanks to Dick for all he does to keep us all well informed, to make townspeople feel welcome at the dump, to encourage recycling, and to keep our transfer station attractive and efficient.

We are continuing to collect and ship recyclable materials, but we are not receiving payment for most materials due to low prices on the secondary market. Separating recyclables reduces our waste disposal costs however, so recycling continues to be economically desirable - and it's the right thing to do! Copies of the Town's Recycling Regulations are available at the Town Office.

Since we belong to the Solid Waste Alliance Communities (SWAC), Shrewsbury residents will again be able to participate in the **SWAC Hazardous Waste Collection program. Mark your calendar for our local collection day:**

Saturday, June 13, 2009 1:00 – 3:30 PM

TRANSFER STATION

Shrewsbury residents may also attend the Hazardous Waste Collection Days held at other SWAC communities at no cost, but proof of Shrewsbury residency is required. Residents of SWAC communities may also drop off their household hazardous waste at the Gleason Road Hazardous Waste Depot during normal operating hours. Please call Tom at 770-1333 for more information. Please visit the SWAC website (www.rutlandcountyswac.org) for a complete schedule.

Information on what materials are acceptable will be available at the dump and published in the Times closer to the June 13th Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

Shrewsbury Selectboard

2008 SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES (SWAC) REPORT

SWAC is composed of the towns of Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven. These towns work cooperatively to resolve solid waste and hazardous waste issues in a cost effective manner. SWAC functions with one Administrator. SWAC fulfills the statutory requirements of the state laws covering solid waste and hazardous waste. In 2008, SWAC

- ❖ Oversaw implementation of the 10 town SWAC Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP). The SWIP is available for review at www.rutlandcountyswac.org. SWAC is in the process of gathering information for the SWIP implementation report required by the Agency of Natural Resources.
- ❖ Became one of the founding members of the Vermont Product Stewardship Council (VTPSC). (www.vtpsc.org) VTPSC was formed to shift the waste management system for Vermont products from government funded, taxpayer and ratepayer financed waste diversion to producer responsibility that encourages green product design and more local distribution networks with producers having the primary responsibility to establish, fund, and manage end-of-product-life systems.
- ❖ Provided educational programs through a membership package from the Association of Vermont Recycler's (AVR) (www.vtrecyclers.org). In 2009, nine Rutland County high schools will receive Trash on the Lawn Day (TOLD) programs as well as sponsor two teens from the schools receiving TOLDS to attend the Association of Vermont Recycler's annual Youth Environmental Summit (YES!).
- ❖ Maintained a website (www.rutlandcountyswac.org) providing information on topics such as transfer station information, household hazardous waste education and collection event schedules, recycling, and composting.
- ❖ Sponsored four days of Household Hazardous Waste Collection events in SWAC towns as required by the State. SWAC also contracted for year-round hazardous waste drop-off service for residents at the Rutland County Solid Waste Management District (RCSWMD) Hazardous Waste Depot on Gleason Road in Rutland.

Reminder: In addition to the collection events, any SWAC resident can drop off household hazardous waste at the Depot on Gleason Road during regularly scheduled hours. Residents are not charged at either the collection events or at the drop-off facility. In 2008, 650 fluorescent bulbs (2,558 linear feet); 462 gallons of motor oil; 118.75 gallons of antifreeze/glycols, 312.42 and 15.62 gallons of pesticides, 54.75 gallons of pool/photo chemicals, 332 aerosols, 2.75 gallons of acid, 119 pounds of batteries, 487.51 gallons of paint related materials were collected for proper disposal. 241 households participated in collection events. Over 100,000 pounds of clothing/textiles were collected.

2008 SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES (SWAC) REPORT

Each member town (with the exception of West Haven) has a electronics/computer collection container. 12,635 pounds of electronics were collected throughout the SWAC towns in 2008 from residents 10,685 pounds of electronics were collected from businesses. Since 2003, SWAC has collected 82,584 pounds of electronics.

During the last quarter of 2008, SWAC towns started a rechargeable battery collection program through the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC). It is anticipated that the number of batteries collected at events will decrease in 2009. Figures will be available from RBRC regarding the quantity of batteries recycled from each town.

We wish to thank those citizens who participate in our ongoing efforts to recycle and appropriately dispose of solid and hazardous waste.

The Shrewsbury Representative to SWAC is appointed by the Selectboard. The position is currently rotated among the Selectboard members.

Submitted by:
Pam Clapp
SWAC Administrator

Town of Shrewsbury
2008 BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT

This year we reviewed building permits and entered new parcel data adding \$2,876,710 to the 2008 Grand List. We had five grievances of Lister decisions in 2008. We had one owner who grieved three properties and two other individual grievances. Two of these three cases were resolved at the Lister level. One case was appealed to the Board of Civil Authority and is proceeding toward mediation. As of 2008, the Listers are required to go through mediation with the appellant before the case is brought before a judge, limiting the number of cases heard at the Superior Court level. The Town will incur the expense of mediation. The appellant will be responsible for mediation fees.

In 2007 the state required the Town to reappraise. Our Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) was 71.64% for 2007 and went down to 65.69% for 2008. The acceptable level is 80 percent. If this is not achieved, the State sends a letter mandating a reappraisal. The disparity between the listed value and sale price continues to grow with land and houses in Shrewsbury selling for significantly more than their listed value. In 2008 a contract for reappraisal was signed with Wright Appraisal of Rutland Town. Wright Appraisal did an excellent reappraisal for the Town in 1989. Wright will start the reappraisal in May of 2009 and will complete the contract in 2010. We will put a notice in the Times of Shrewsbury explaining the reappraisal process and when the appraisal team will visit different neighborhoods. The reappraisal will be paid for from Act 60/EEGL funds (which are monies per parcel received from the State each year toward reappraisal) and the Reappraisal Sinking Fund monies voted by the town.

Along with the normal duties associated with lodging the 2009 Grand List values by April 1, the Listers' time will increase due to the preparation of files and sales data to be used for the upcoming reappraisal and the addition of a third Lister in 2008. Lister supplies (paper, ink, mailings) will also increase due to media and mailing costs associated with the reappraisal. The town will save money by the Listers doing the preparation work for Wright Appraisal.

Shrewsbury remains a desirable community due to its location. Although Shrewsbury home sales are less frequent, the final sale prices remain substantially above the Town's listed values. Land values in Shrewsbury continue to increase and the disparity between the listed value and the sale price is consistently higher.

We value your homes, but we do not determine your taxes. The tax rate is based on the amount of money needed to pay for the ballot items voted by you! We thank you all once again for the courtesy and respect you have bestowed throughout the year.

Respectfully,
Betsy Jesser

Kimberly Ridlon

Steven Nicholson

Town of Shrewsbury
2008 SHREWSBURY PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The duties of the Planning Commission are varied and include the following:

1. Prepare a town plan and amendments to the town plan for consideration by the legislative body (Selectboard);
2. Prepare and present land use regulations;
3. Undertake capacity studies and make recommendations on matters of land development, historic and scenic preservation, etc.;
4. Hold public meetings that relate to the work of the Planning Commission with other departments of the municipality;
5. Participate in a regional planning program.

The Planning Commission ("PC") held an Informational Public Hearing on the draft Zoning Regulations on May 14, 2008. The PC fielded various questions from townspeople present. After consideration of the feedback that we heard at this meeting, one important outcome that resulted was the removal of noise standards in their entirety from the draft regulations.

On May 22, 2008, the PC held its Public Hearing on the draft zoning regulations. At that time, the PC went over the addenda that would be made to the document, including the elimination of its proposed noise standards.

In an effort to align the Town's zoning regulations with the Town Plan in protecting open space and conserving our Town's rural character, the PC introduced Open Space Development ("OSD"), a new, creative planning tool. OSD has been met with both curiosity and concern in Shrewsbury, as certainly can be expected of any proposed change from conventional methods. On November 17, 2008, the PC held an informational meeting specifically to accommodate any questions and concerns about OSD. During the process, the PC solicited input and ideas from the Selectboard, Development Review Board, Zoning Administrator, the Conservation Commission, and other interested citizens on how best to incorporate this planning tool into our zoning regulations. At this writing, we are pleased to say that we are very close to reaching consensus. Our next order of business is completing the final edits in preparation for a public hearing by the Selectboard.

On October 20, 2008, we held a hearing on the Town Plan. Your updated Town Plan was adopted on December 17, 2008 and will be effective until December 16, 2013. The Planning Commission will next begin reviewing the Subdivision Regulations for amendment.

The PC meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Offices on the first and third Mondays of every month. We welcome input and dialogue from everyone in our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Black, Chair

Town of Shrewsbury
2008 SHREWSBURY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT

The Shrewsbury Development Review Board (DRB) reviews applications for subdivision of land, variances from the Town's zoning regulations, conditional uses, development in overlay zones and appeals from decisions of the Zoning Administrator.

The Board meets as required, based on the applications received. All hearings are publicly warned and open to the public. In addition, we notify all adjacent landowners of applications in accordance with State statute. All records of applications, hearings and decisions by the DRB are retained at the Town Office and are a public record.

Applications to the DRB may be obtained from the Zoning Administrator, who will inform the applicant about the information needed by the Board to conduct a hearing.

The DRB's decisions are made in accordance with the Town's duly adopted zoning and subdivision ordinances, currently in the process of being updated by the Planning Commission for conformance with the new Town Plan. The DRB supports these changes due to the existing regulations being over 20 years old, not in complete conformance with our Town Plan, and not current with the tools, information, and experience available today for responsible land use decisions.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark P. Youngstrom, Chair

Town of Shrewsbury
2008 Zoning Administrator's Report

My report is short and an indication of our slowing economy. There were only 14 permits issued over the course of the past year. Of these, four permits were issued for new homes. One of these is substantially complete, and the others are in various stages of completion. The other ten permits issued were for garages, sheds and other building additions.

The Planning Commission has a working copy of updated Zoning Regulations and, hopefully, will be submitting it to the Selectboard for public review very soon. I hope that you will all take part in the public hearing process, as your input is very important.

As in the past, I thank you all for politeness and consideration with the permit process which, I realize, does not always please you. In closing I would like to mention how much I, as a Town Official and friend, miss Anne Haley. She is missed on a daily basis for her sensible advice and always cheerful spirit.

Submitted by
Adrienne Raymond

Town of Shrewsbury
2008 HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

Our Town's Health Office has been busy this year. Pressing issues, which required workshop training, for State and Local Health Offices were: Flu Pandemic, drug abuse (in particular the identification and safe dismantling of meth labs), backyard burning, septic system updates, rental housing issues including radon and lead paint, and Lyme disease.

I have investigated and reported on several animal bites this year. All of these occurrences have been family pets that have bitten family members or visitors in their homes. Thankfully, most of these animals were up to date with their rabies inoculations, and most owners had immunization documentation available for review. Some animals had to be quarantined at the owner's expense. Additionally, there were several reports of animals that were running around unsupervised on town roads where children rode their bikes, posing a danger to these children. **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU REGISTER YOUR PET AT THE TOWN OFFICE!** In doing so, you make the process of investigating these instances, quarantine, and follow-up less stressful for all.

There also were some reports of public health hazards on private properties, which were investigated. Piles of cardboard and trash left uncontained can pose a public health risk due to the rodents which live in these piles. Please take your trash to the dump. It helps us all!

As residents put their Shrewsbury homes up for sale, aging septic systems become an issue. Some of these systems have been designed without concern for our environment and send waste into our rivers and streams. Sometimes a concerned passerby reports that household or farm waste is being deposited in wetland areas or streams. Other reports concern old metal tanks that have collapsed or homes that have no leach field, just a tank which overflows into nearby waterways.

While it's easy to turn a blind eye to practices that have been in place for many years, we are only beginning to see the effects of harmful human impacts on our planet. We each must act responsibly to keep our Town the beautiful place that it is!

I have placed numerous pamphlets in the Town office regarding health issues that might be of concern to Town residents, and I would be glad to loan out CD's that address some of these health issues. Of course, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 492-8282.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Gordon,
Town Health Officer

2008 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Shrewsbury's Emergency Management Program had an active year in 2008 consolidating its organization and making important upgrades in its equipment. Through the skillful leadership of Irene Gordon, the Town received two Emergency Management State Grants, one for communications equipment and one for a generator for the Town Office. This building serves both as our Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and as our primary Emergency Shelter.

The EOC now contains a base radio and antenna which allow communications with our Fire Department, our Road Crew, and the Vermont State Police. We also have two portable emergency radios, one for the Town Office and another for our Director of Emergency Management. In addition, the EOC now has an automatic generator which provides power when the Town has a power outage. We thank Bob Weatherby for his excellent installation of this unit.

Shrewsbury is a member of the Rutland County Regional Emergency Management Committee. As such, one or more of our staff members attend the monthly Emergency Management workshops offered under the leadership of the EM Coordinator of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. David Rice attended the first statewide Vermont Emergency Management Conference in November, 2008.

We thank Irene Gordon for her dedicated five years of leadership of Shrewsbury's Emergency Management Program. We thank Kevin Brown for assuming the position of Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator.

Respectfully submitted,

David Rice
Emergency Management Coordinator

Town of Shrewsbury
2008 SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

Green Up Day was another successful day for the Town. We continue to be grateful to all the individuals and families who continue to show up year after year. Please join us on the first Saturday in May to help us to keep Shrewsbury a beautiful place.

Our major focus this year was the Harvest Festival held on November 1. It was tremendously successful and included almost 30 presentations by Shrewsbury residents and over 100 people staying for the pot luck dinner. Shrewsbury is fortunate to have so many people involved in environmental, conservation and farming issues.

The participation of Grace Brigham, Rich Biziak, Andrea Calotta, Carol Calotta, Cynthia Mitchell, Liesbeth van der Heijden, and Sharon Winnicki was instrumental in organizing and accomplishing the Commission's work this year.

After 20 years of active involvement with the Conservation Commission, Sharon Winnicki will be decreasing her level of participation to pursue other projects. We would like to extend special thanks to Sharon for all her hard work, insight, and enthusiasm for conservation issues, and look forward to her advice and participation in future Conservation Commission activities as her schedule allows.

We are always looking for a new project and new people to work with us. Please keep us in mind and join us on conservation issues

Town of Shrewsbury
**2008 SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
FINANCIAL REPORT**

Beginning Balance January 1, 2008	\$ 4,039.35
Cash Receipts:	86.53
Disbursements	(<u>307.13</u>)
Ending Balance December 31, 2008	\$ <u>3,818.75</u>

Town of Shrewsbury
2008 COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE TRUSTEES REPORT

The Shrewsbury Community Meeting House Inc., created in 1972, is responsible for the management and maintenance of our treasured and historic Town Hall, constructed in 1852. The Meeting House is continuously used by the community and church, as it was originally intended, for town meetings, voting, dances, hearings, church services, committee meetings, receptions and parties, concerts, weddings, funerals, food divides, quilting classes, exercise classes, benefits and the list goes on.

Since the building is used for both Church and Town purposes, the Meeting House Board of Trustees is comprised of seven members. Three members are appointed by the Selectboard; these Town appointees appear on page two of this Report. Three members are appointed by the Shrewsbury Community Church; these Church appointees are: Mark Youngstrom, Donna Smith, and Jonathan Gibson. A seventh position, now vacant, is filled by the Board of Trustees.

The Meeting House is available for any Town or Church function, general community gathering or civic group, and it can be rented for private functions by Town residents. Use of the downstairs hall can be arranged by contacting the Trustees and appropriate use of the sanctuary can be arranged through the Pastor of the Church and Trustees.

This year we sold the large commercial Garland kitchen range and replaced it with two residential ranges. This was done because the Garland range had continuous standing pilot lights and we felt that posed too much of a fire hazard. The new units have electronic ignition. We also re-roofed the rear of the building and the shed behind the building which was originally used as the Meeting House outhouse. That building provides valuable storage space.

We have also temporarily reinforced a rotted beam in the bell tower until funds and equipment can be arranged to replace the beam. We have also set a goal to restore the Hall front entrance and coat room this year, finding suitable storage for chairs and tables elsewhere. A community work weekend is planned for the summer.

Thank you to all who care for this building and leave it in very good condition after use. Please contact the Meeting House Trustees with any suggestions for improvements or if you are interested in helping us to preserve this wonderful building.

Mark Youngstrom
Shrewsbury Community Meeting House Trustees

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE TRUSTEES FINANCIAL REPORT
for the Year Ending December 31, 2008

BEGINNING BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 2008 **\$12,317.84**

RECEIPTS

Town of Shrewsbury	\$12,400.00	
Shrewsbury Community Church	\$4,600.00	
Hall Rental	\$2,570.00	
Interest	\$174.91	
Donations	\$1,000.00	
Other	\$1,165.00	
Total Receipts		\$21,909.91

EXPENDITURES

Electricity	\$864.93	
Propane	\$3,353.48	
Telephone	\$412.08	
Custodial	\$2,334.63	
Maintenance	\$1,114.59	
Insurance	\$4,461.54	
Supplies	\$0.00	
Improvements	\$10,257.30	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$22,798.55</u>

ENDING BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2008 **\$11,429.20**

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE TRUSTEES
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS

	<u>2007 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2008 BUDGET</u>	<u>2008 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2009 BUDGET</u>
RECEIPTS				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$11,000.00	\$12,400.00	\$12,400.00	\$12,000.00
Shrewsbury Community Church	\$4,100.00	\$4,600.00	\$4,600.00	\$4,350.00
Hall Rental	\$1,885.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,570.00	\$2,000.00
Interest	\$149.96	\$150.00	\$174.91	\$150.00
Donations		\$600.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
Other (1)		\$0.00	\$1,165.00	\$0.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$17,134.96</u>	<u>\$19,250.00</u>	<u>\$21,909.91</u>	<u>\$19,000.00</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Electricity	\$1,007.35	\$1,200.00	\$864.93	\$1,000.00
Propane	\$4,442.59	\$4,000.00	\$3,353.48	\$4,000.00
Telephone	\$373.18	\$500.00	\$412.08	\$500.00
Custodial	\$2,099.18	\$2,250.00	\$2,334.63	\$2,400.00
Maintenance	\$1,313.50	\$1,500.00	\$1,114.59	\$1,500.00
Insurance	\$2,957.92	\$4,500.00	\$4,461.54	\$4,500.00
Supplies	\$256.13	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Improvements	\$3,435.72	\$5,000.00	\$10,257.30	\$5,000.00
Bank Fees	\$35.00			
Total Disbursements	<u>\$15,920.57</u>	<u>\$19,250.00</u>	<u>\$22,798.55</u>	<u>\$19,000.00</u>

(1) Sale of old Garland range and new range rebate.

Town of Shrewsbury
2008 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT

This year the Library is requesting \$7,500 in Town tax support, the same amount as in 2007 and 2006, to help cover basic operating expenses: heat, electricity, insurance, telephone and internet access, and septic pumping. Total expenses - which include books, DVDs and CDs; supplies, programs, equipment, and maintenance - came to over \$14,000 in 2008. We expect these costs to increase in 2009 and plan to pay for them through fund-raising.

2008 was the Library's 33rd year as a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to providing books, audio-visual materials, and access to information free of charge to townspeople. We loaned 5,602 books, DVDs, videotapes, and music CDs to adults and children, and recorded 3,298 visits by patrons. 196 people took advantage of our free high-speed internet connection, to which we have just added wireless capability. We met the Minimum Standards for Vermont Public Libraries for the 8th year in a row, having been the first (and almost the only) all-volunteer library in the state to do so. We replaced older sections of the Library roof from our Capital Fund, and insulated the septic line with community help. Trustee John Wood (Woody) began an insulation project after an evaluation by BROCC energy consultants.

Led by Children's Librarian Ellie Tufano, we offered 17 programs for children, which were attended by 289 children and adults. These programs included the Summer Reading Program, the Junior Librarians' Program, events for Young Adults, and the popular Teen Book Club.

We presented 18 programs for adults, which were attended by 281 people. These included a showing of the documentary, "The Cheese Nun," followed by a cheese tasting and talk by John Pollard of Rural Vermont; a Nature Notebook class led by Grace Brigham; a talk by Newfane writer Castle Freeman; the Mettawee River Theatre Company's annual outdoor production; a talk by Civil War historian Howard Coffin; and an on-going book discussion group, "The Famous Books (You've Always Wanted to Read or Re-read) Book Club."

In fund-raising, we received a gratifying response to our annual appeal. The Annual Street Dance with the Muddy Rhodes Blues Band and Taint drew an enthusiastic crowd in August; the Annual Tag & Book Sale and the Annual Holiday Cookie Swap & Silent Auction were great successes, thanks to the hard work of the Fund-Raising Committee and the generosity of all who attended.

Thanks to the heroic efforts of Donna Swartz, with help from Ellie Tufano (for new children's and young adults' books) and Joan Aleshire (for new adults' books), the Library's non-fiction collection is fully catalogued according to the Dewey Decimal system, making it much easier for borrowers and staff to find and shelve books. To meet State Library requirements, we are working to preserve patrons' confidentiality, while Lisa Sharrow and Karen Melen have begun the on-going effort of automating our procedures, using bar codes for patrons and books.

Town of Shrewsbury
2008 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT

Through the generous help of trustees and other volunteers, the Library is open 19 1/2 hours a week: Mondays - 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesdays - 7 to 9 p.m., Wednesdays - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and 7 to 9 p.m., Thursdays - 7 to 9 p.m., Fridays - 9 to 11 a.m., Saturdays - 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

We are very grateful to the Town for its generous support - through its consistent approval of our funding requests, through individual donations, volunteer hours, and patrons' interest. We couldn't do it without you!

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Aleshire	Donna Swartz
Co-President	Co-President

Vice-President: Dirk Thomas; Recording Secretary: Lisa Sharrow; Corresponding Secretary: Turiya Levy; Treasurer: Debbie Blech; Assistant Treasurer: Lisa Sharrow; and Board Members: Lucille Fiske/Gerry & Chryl Martin; Gail Hartigan; Roberta Hemmer; Gregg & Lynette Over; Lee Rohe; Larry Williams; and John Wood.

Vermont Certified Librarian: Eleanor Tufano



Shrewsbury Library

Town of Shrewsbury
2008 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE, January 1, 2008		\$ 52,008
RECEIPTS:		
Operating	20,983	
Capital Fund	5,500	
Restricted	550	
Total Receipts		27,033
EXPENDITURES:		
Operating	14,379	
Capital Fund	7,792	
Restricted	1,413	
Total Expenditures		(23,584)
ENDING BALANCE, December 31, 2008		<u>\$ 55,457</u>

<u>Capital Fund</u> - Beginning January 1, 2008	\$ 24,767
Receipts	5,500
Board designation of funds	2,525
Expenditures	(7,792)
<u>Capital Fund</u> - Ending December 31, 2008	<u>\$ 25,000</u>

Restricted and Grant Revenue and Expense:

	Beginning Balances	Receipts	Expended	Ending Balances
Ben Perry Fund	\$ 2,276	\$ 100	\$ 934	\$ 1,442
E. Jeffords Permanent Fund	3,500	-	-	3,500
Freeman Grant	40	-	-	40
Summer Programs	-	100	100	-
Allan YA Book Fund	-	250	129	121
Viola Parker Fund	416	-	-	416
Speakers Fund	825	100	250	675
Mitch Spencer Fund	29	-	-	29
	<u>\$ 7,086</u>	<u>\$ 550</u>	<u>\$ 1,413</u>	<u>\$ 6,223</u>

Town of Shrewsbury
2008 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT
COMPARATIVE OPERATING REPORT

	2007	2008		2009
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Operating Revenue:				
Town	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Donations & Unrestricted Grants	9,570	4,000	7,398	4,000
Fundraising	4,705	3,005	4,565	4,335
Interest Earned	1,569	1,200	885	800
Other income	527	500	635	500
Total Operating Revenue	<u>23,871</u>	<u>16,205</u>	<u>20,983</u>	<u>17,135</u>
Operating Expenses:				
Advertising	220	220	220	220
Materials: Adults	1,152	1,750	1,306	1,900
Materials: Children & YA	386	500	332	500
Children's Program Expense	908	1,500	886	1,200
Equipment & Repairs	102	250	190	250
Electricity	1,611	1,565	914	1,150
Fuel	2,623	2,560	2,247	2,560
Fundraising Expense	1,178	1,500	1,111	1,500
Insurance	1,684	1,820	1,772	1,900
Librarian Expense	94	150	115	150
Maintenance	749	860	2,080	2,000
Miscellaneous	135	115	87	115
Organizational Dues	-	15	-	15
Septic Pumping	600	1,000	1,350	1,500
Postage	133	140	139	140
Postage-Interlibrary loan	136	175	223	250
Program Expense	84	125	-	125
Supplies	775	950	505	650
Telephone	981	1,010	902	1,010
Total Operating Expense	<u>13,551</u>	<u>16,205</u>	<u>14,379</u>	<u>17,135</u>
Excess of operating revenue over operating expenses	<u>\$ 10,320</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,604</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

2008 SHREWSBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

The Shrewsbury Historical Society has once again had a busy year. A small leak in the roof has been repaired with some new shingles. The ceiling leak in the museum will be repainted in the near future. Plans are in the process to repair the front steps with red cedar wood. The actual work will be done in spring or summer.

The Memories Calendar for 2009 was prepared and sold once again. The new calendar has some nice photos of the past which will make our Memories Calendar a good collector's item. We appreciate the support our townspeople give to our organization in this project, and we express our thanks to you all.

The museum is open on every Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. from July through October or at any other time by making an appointment with a member.

This year the center exhibit dwelled on the artist, John George Brown, who painted several subjects using Cuttingsville residents in 1899-1900, while residing at the Union House. The prints of these paintings were acquired and will be on permanent display.

The storage area of the museum has had a face lift. Several members spent many hours organizing the items that are stored there. Nine vintage quilts have been packed away in a manner appropriate for storing such items. The files have been kept up to date.

Members of the Society have been helpful to some families who have returned to Shrewsbury looking for information on their ancestors. They are most appreciative of the valuable information that is given to them.

In September, Nancy Bell presented an interesting program on bears. She had with her a bear rug to display. And the refreshments included bear cookies and a bear cake. This program was videotaped by Con Winkler and is on file at the museum for anyone to view.

The Shrewsbury Historical Society is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization and our annual request to the Town for \$1500 will greatly help us to continue with the maintenance costs and operating expenses of the historical museum building. We are so very grateful for the support of the Town of Shrewsbury.

Respectfully submitted,
Marguerite Ponton, President

Officers: Fran Patten, Vice President; John Elwert, Treasurer; Ruth Winkler, Secretary
Trustees: Kim Ridlon, Catherine Carrara, Chris Wiedmann, Grace Brigham, Bud Clark, and Ann Ridlon

SHREWSBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2008

SUMMARY

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE

Checking Account	\$ 1,491.47	
Money Market Acct	8,243.17	
Certificates of Deposit	33,385.35	
CASH BALANCE, January 1, 2008		43,119.99
 Total Receipts		 6,691.19
Total Operating Expenses		<u>(6,802.30)</u>
 Checking Account	 1,582.22	
Money Market Acct	6,877.13	
Certificates of Deposit	34,549.53	
ENDING CASH BALANCE, December 31, 2008		<u><u>\$43,008.88</u></u>

COMPARATIVE OPERATING STATEMENTS

	Actual 2007	Budget 2008	Actual 2008	Budget 2009
RECEIPTS:				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Membership dues	915.00	1,000.00	685.00	800.00
Fund Raising	2,510.10	2,000.00	2,265.00	2,000.00
Contributions	4,532.35	2,500.00	484.36	2,500.00
Interest on CD's and MM	1,576.79	1,500.00	1,256.83	1,200.00
Other	345.00	300.00	0.00	100.00
Total Receipts	11,879.24	9,300.00	6,691.19	8,100.00
 OPERATING EXPENDITURES:				
Building Repairs & Maintenance	3,038.47	2,500.00	708.45	2,500.00
Insurance	1,150.00	1,200.00	1,179.00	1,200.00
Electricity	361.70	425.00	309.37	400.00
Heating Fuel	1,943.79	2,700.00	2,279.69	2,500.00
Archival Supplies	715.50	600.00	383.46	500.00
Supplies and misc	1,602.65	1,000.00	1,344.76	1,000.00
Postage	199.60	250.00	191.45	250.00
Telephone	374.14	425.00	406.12	425.00
Total Operating Expenses	9,385.85	9,100.00	6,802.30	8,775.00
 Excess Receipts over Expenditures	<u><u>\$ 2,493.39</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 200.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (111.11)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (675.00)</u></u>

Town of Shrewsbury
2008 SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

2008 was another busy one for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department. Last year SVFD responded to 37 emergency calls. That's an increase from 30 the previous year. Indeed, we seem to have set a record for the most calls in one year. The calls included a combination of structure, chimney, and brush fires; carbon monoxide/fire alarm alerts; motor vehicle accidents, rescue/assist requests, and mutual aid calls.

Your volunteers put in countless hours training to respond effectively to these calls. 2008 training topics included the use of protective equipment, air packs (SCBAs), defibrillators (AEDs), resuscitation (CPR), and rapid intervention techniques (RIT). We trained with neighboring fire departments for mutual aid calls, planning how to best pool our resources to fight a major fire in one of our small towns. Perhaps even more hours were expended maintaining our equipment for these emergencies, and raising funds to pay for the same. Ray and Debbie Dambrackas deserve special recognition for helping SVFD obtain a grant to upgrade the Department's radio equipment – a change mandated by federal law. Mark and Gina Stewart's continuing work on our successful Race Pool fundraiser should also be duly noted.

Our small town is lucky to have 19 volunteers who are ready, willing, and able to respond to these emergency calls at any hour of the day or night. We were sorry to lose longtime firefighter Bob Beardmore to retirement in 2008, but welcomed Adam Severy, who has joined his brother Phillip in our ranks. The Fire Department's leadership is steady and experienced. SVFD President Jack Perry and Fire Chief Kevin Brown were re-elected to their fourth terms at the Department's 56th Annual Meeting in October. Barry Griffith is completing his 27th year as Secretary/Treasurer. There is also a wealth of experience in our officers and ranks.

The annual Vermont State Firefighters Convention provides a time to measure our accomplishments. 2008 was a year to be proud. Our 1992 Tanker received the Best Appearing Tanker Award, in recognition of our efforts maintaining this vehicle, for the sixteenth year in a row! A year after Nate Elwert was so honored, Jesse Dambrackas was named Vermont's Junior Firefighter of the Year. Jamie Carrara received the Emergency Technician of the Year award. Congratulations to all!

SVFD's Trustees are pleased again this year to present a "level funding" budget request to the Town. We have found a way to do this for 13+ years, in spite of ever-increasing operating expenses and the escalating prices of new equipment. Thanks go to the fundraising efforts of our members, and in particular to the generous gifts and support received from you. Your continued support is deeply appreciated.

Jack Perry
President

Kevin Brown
Fire Chief

Barry Griffith
Secretary/Treasurer

SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2008**

	Actual 2007	Budget 2008	Actual 2008	Budget 2009
RECEIPTS				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00
Raised by SVFD	18,720.55	16,500.00	34,758.52	16,700.00
Total Operating Income	\$44,720.55	\$42,500.00	\$60,758.52	\$42,700.00
EXPENSES				
New Equipment	7,770.13	7,000.00	13,511.82	3,000.00
Operating	4,488.50	4,000.00	5,537.17	4,500.00
Maintenance	3,495.71	4,000.00	13,188.59	5,000.00
Stations	2,561.67	2,000.00	4,780.75	7,500.00
Insurance	10,866.00	11,000.00	10,705.00	11,000.00
Communications	2,189.44	2,400.00	2,317.33	2,500.00
Heating	1,764.00	5,480.00	5,515.28	5,000.00
Electric	1,470.72	2,000.00	1,427.91	1,500.00
Dues/Training	1,945.84	3,800.00	3,645.11	2,000.00
Fundraising	512.10	600.00	343.80	500.00
Miscellaneous	75.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Bank Charges	181.21	120.00	84.84	100.00
Dedicated Transfer	7,500.00			
Total Operating Exp.	\$44,820.32	\$42,500.00	\$61,157.60	\$42,700.00

GENERAL FUND Beginning Balance January 1, 2008**\$35,431.00****Receipts:**

Town of Shrewsbury	26,000.00
Race Pool Income	12,000.00
Public Safety Radio Grant	10,226.00
Coin Drops	4,008.00
Refunds	2,996.90
Donations	555.00
Other Fire Depts.	640.00
Interest Income	362.69
Replacement Fund	4,000.00

Total General Fund Receipts

\$60,788.59

General Fund Expenditures

(61,157.60)**GENERAL FUND Ending Balance December 31, 2008****\$35,061.99**

**2008 SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
SPECIAL ACCOUNTS**

Replacement Fund

Opening Balance 1/1/08	\$20,716.19	
Carrara Dry Hydrant Grant	5,000.00	
Thermal Imager Donations (early '08)	3,030.00	
Communications Donations (late '08)	6,675.00	
Interest Income	482.31	
Thermal Imager Purchase	(10,200.00)	
Northam Station Furnace	(2,400.00)	
Transfer to Operating	(4,000.00)	
Ending Balance 12/31/08		\$19,303.50

Tim Stewart Memorial Fund *

Opening Balance 1/1/08	\$4,086.31	
Interest Earned	1.47	
Ending Balance 12/31/08		\$4,087.78

Minnie Shaw Endowment Fund

Opening Balance 1/1/08	\$460,493.08	
Change in Investment Value	(119,933.60)	
Toward 2008 Truck Payment	(17,308.00)	
Paid Lion & Panther Fees	(4,303.03)	
Ending Balance 12/31/08		\$318,948.45

Race Pool Account

Opening Balance 1/1/08	\$6,693.31	
Donations and Interest Income	29,057.61	
Prizes and Expenses	(17,140.59)	
Transfer to Operating	(12,000.00)	
Ending Balance 12/31/08		\$6,610.33

\$348,950.06

Truck Lease Purchase Payment

From Town SVFD Equip. Reserve	
Fund	\$25,000.00
From Minnie Shaw Endowment Fund	\$17,308.00
Paid Payment #3 of 7 in March 2008	(\$42,308.00)

Fire Truck Lease Payment Schedule, dated 3-15-06

		Payment Due	Interest	Principal	Balance	Purchase Option
	Purchase Price				260,833.00	
1	3/15/2006	42,308.00		42,308.00	218,525.00	225,080.75
2	3/15/2007	42,308.00	9,738.84	32,569.16	185,955.84	191,534.52
3	3/15/2008	42,308.00	8,287.36	34,020.64	151,935.20	156,493.26
4	3/15/2009	42,308.00	6,771.18	35,536.82	116,398.38	119,890.33
5	3/15/2010	42,308.00	5,187.44	37,120.56	79,277.82	81,656.15
6	3/15/2011	42,308.00	3,533.12	38,774.88	40,502.94	41,718.03
7	3/15/2012	42,308.00	1,805.06	40,502.94	-	-
		296,156.00	35,323.00	260,833.00		

* Transferred to Replacement Fund 1/09/08 but principal reported separately.

Town of Shrewsbury
2008 FOREST FIRE WARDEN REPORT

This year we had two brush fires by the Covered Bridge during a very dry period. Luckily, we were able to contain these in a short period of time. Thank you Shrewsbury and Clarendon Fire Departments. Again we would like to remind you that if you are going to burn, burn only natural wood and call for a PERMIT from Al Ridlon Jr. or myself.

Thank you and be safe!!

Kevin Brown

Kevin Brown
775-6194 (H)
775-5518 (W)
345-8668 (C)

Al Ridlon, Jr.
492-3722 (H)
492-2055 (W)

Town of Shrewsbury
2008 SHREWSBURY CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT

During 2008 the Shrewsbury Cemetery Commission continued to work to inspect and maintain the six town cemeteries which have no formal cemetery association and are therefore the responsibility of the Town of Shrewsbury. These cemeteries are located on private property. Therefore, the Cemetery Commission must work with the owners to plan any work done at the cemeteries. The cemeteries themselves are regulated and protected by the Vermont State Statutes.

A high point of 2008 was the community visit to the Bullard Cemetery on Gaynor Road at the west end of Lottery Road. Barbara and Barry Griffith led a group of 20 Shrewsbury townspeople and Vermont Old Cemetery Association (VOCA) members to this cemetery which now lies in deep woods, almost impossible to find without a guide. The cemetery is small with only two graves, those of John Bullard who died in 1855 at the age of 79 and his first wife, Lucy Buxton, who died in 1831 at the age of 56. They were married in 1797 in Barre, Massachusetts. The cemetery has four granite corner posts connected with steel rods. A huge ash tree has grown around one of the rods, breaking off the SE corner post and lifting a section off the ground. The extensive cellar holes of the Bullard/Adams house and barn are just south of the cemetery and contain skillful stonework. Photographs of these are available at the Town Office.

The Cemetery Commission expresses its appreciation to the owners who take such good care of the cemeteries on their property.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Carrara, David Rice, and George Richards
Shrewsbury Cemetery Commissioners

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that is owned by its member municipalities and directed by a 13-member Board of Directors.

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. Our members include all 246 Vermont cities and towns, along with 145 other municipal entities, including villages and fire districts.

Vermonters use local government services, including highways, police, fire, recreation, libraries, sewer, and water, on a daily basis. In large part, volunteer elected and appointed municipal officials lead these local governments.

VLCT provides the following services to its member cities and towns, so that they may provide their citizens with quality services at affordable costs:

- Legal, consulting and education services. In the past year, VLCT responded to over 3,000 inquiries for assistance from municipal officials. Our Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) conducted 12 workshops and 38 on-site training sessions that attracted over 1,400 people. MAC distributed almost 150 hard copy handbooks to municipal officials, but also made all its handbooks available free of charge on our website at our Resource Library. The Library also contains over 500 other electronic documents currently accessible to all. MAC has also retained the services of professionals in municipal finance, administration and policing to provide consulting advice to towns.
- Advocacy representation before the state and federal governments to ensure that municipalities have the resources and authority they need to serve their citizens. VLCT is a leader in the education finance debate, in land use discussions, and in securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs. Municipalities will be facing significant challenges in the 2009 legislature assuring that state fiscal woes are not shifted to local governments and property taxpayers.
- Purchasing opportunities to provide needed services at the lowest cost. Examples include municipal employee health insurance and liability coverage for town operations. The VLCT Health Trust represents the most affordable option available to provide health insurance to municipal employees. The value of the VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) to all our members is realized daily as members take advantage of loss prevention training and assistance, as well as reasonable insurance rates. These two trusts, with the addition of the VLCT Unemployment Trust, were responsible in 2007 for \$46 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services. Last summer, VLCT was instrumental in assuring that towns would be able to obtain road salt for winter highway maintenance at an affordable price and adequate quantities.



THE COMMISSION'S MISSION:
Cooperative planning in the Region
www.rutlandrpc.org

THE COMMISSION'S 2008 ACTIVITIES INCLUDED:

- Technical assistance on community development issues - including the update and implementation of town plans, zoning & subdivision regulations, Village Center designations, and flood hazard area regulations.
- Regular roundtables of local road commissioners and zoning administrators to share information and discuss common problems and solutions.
- Municipal Planning Grants assistance for application or implementation to 14 communities.
- Emergency management planning drills in five communities and support of the Local Emergency Planning Committee.
- Used GIS (Geographic Information Systems) tools to work on transportation, watershed planning, town planning and zoning, commercial and industrial sites inventories and infrastructure mapping.
- Supported the Rutland Region Transportation Council which is planning for the future multi-modal transportation needs of the Region; completed additional bridge, culvert and network inventories, which help to reduce the local share of some highway projects.
- The update of the Rutland Regional Plan to better coordinate community planning, development and transportation. The plan was recognized by the State of Vermont and New England planning organizations as the Outstanding Plan of the Year.
- Brownfields Assessment program to identify and assess potentially contaminated sites and make them useable for development.
- Supported Agricultural Viability through participation in the Rutland Area Farm and Food Link.
- Education, training, and information programs for municipal officials and reimbursement for program fees as well as a quarterly Newsletter.
- Received three National Association of Development Organization Innovative Project awards for various projects in which the Commission is involved.

In Shrewsbury the Regional Planning Commission:

- Facilitated emergency drill involving local school, fire department, road crews, and region-wide response agencies.
- Assisted in town plan update including mapping.
- Helped with the development and adoption of new flood hazard regulations.
- Performed a Phase I & II Fluvial Geomorphic Assessment on the Cold and Mill Rivers.
- Assisted town with Zoning Map update.
- Prepared a map showing boundaries of revised flood hazards areas and listing of property owners affected.

2008 REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT



*R*EGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.

275 Stratton Road
Rutland, VT 05701

Business: 802-773-1746
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ANNUAL REPORT

(Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2008)
25 Years of Service 1983 - 2008

To the Honorable Citizens of the Town of Shrewsbury:

We are pleased to present our 25th annual report to the Citizens we serve. Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service for twenty four years. From 1983 to the end of this fiscal year, Regional has responded to 128,076 ambulance calls. This past year, ending June 30, 2008, the service responded to a total of 7,167 ambulance calls in our 12 communities and an additional 560 "Medic One" paramedic intercept calls. Having reached our 25th Anniversary we re proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving the public.

We also congratulate EMT-I Maryann Jakubowski for being honored as our "Stars of Life" at the American Ambulance Association's Stars of Life celebration in our nation's capital.

With the continued support of the citizens, our employees, and community governing bodies, we have been able to level fund or lower our assessment rate for the past 24 years. Since 1990 the Assessment rate has been decreased by 33%. Our current assessment rate is \$4.25 per capita and remains unchanged for the next fiscal year. The public support of our Membership program, direct donations, memorials and estate gifts have been vital to our continued success. Thank you for your support.

This past year two new ambulances were put into service to replace older ambulances with over 100,000 miles of service on each of them.

Our motto "Serving People First with Pride, Proficiency and Professionalism" is demonstrated by our employee's commitment to continuing EMS training. Each year our employees have specialized training in Critical Care Paramedicine, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Basic Life Support, Prehospital Advanced Trauma Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Neonatal Resuscitation, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Bloodborn Pathogens and a variety of continuing education programs. Our professional staff is extremely capable and dedicated.

Monthly C.P.R. classes are taught at Regional Ambulance. Last year, through the R.A.S. Training Center, 1,845 people were trained in C.P.R. Tours, lectures, demonstrations, and C.P.R. classes are available for the general public. Thursday afternoons Child Car Seat inspections are held at Regional Ambulance building. In cooperation with the Rutland County Safety Coalition 276 inspections were completed.

The public is encouraged to visit and talk to the employees and Administrator at our Stratton Road facility. Please feel free to contact James Finger, Chief Executive Administrator, or your Representative, if you have any questions concerning the service.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. The Board of Directors, Administration and employees of Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. will continue working to provide the highest quality of emergency ambulance care at the lowest possible cost to all of the citizens we serve.

Sincerely; Paul Kulig, President
R.A.S. Board of Directors

2008 RUTLAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT (RNRCD) REPORT

The RNRCD is committed to fostering an awareness of the link between stewardship of the natural environment and the agricultural community as well as other landowners, and encouraging and supporting efforts with partners, in meeting the need for natural resource conservation.

A sample of the programs/projects the District was involved in during 2007/2008:

Education:

Conservation Field Day - The District sponsors Field Days for Fifth Grade Students in Rutland County. The students visit educational stations staffed by natural resource specialists (volunteers) and learn about such topics as: forests, wildlife, soils, wetlands and water pollution. The Field Day is made possible by financial support from local businesses.

Vermont Envirothon - The District participates in promoting the Vermont Envirothon program through visits to area high school science departments to encourage student participation. The Envirothon works to strengthen environmental curriculum at the high school level. Teams of high school students are challenged to answer questions about conservation related issues and scores are calculated to determine the winning team. The District sponsored (2) teams in the 2008 statewide competition from Mill River Union High School.

Real Estate Resource Information - To further inform Realtors about soil conservation and related subjects, the District organizes a course that is designed for Brokers and Salespeople interested in obtaining credits toward the fulfillment of the educational requirements for renewal of their licenses.

Outreach:

Newsletters - The District publishes a newsletter each year. Over 500 residents/landowners receive information regarding various District projects, as well as information about ways they can help to improve our natural environment. This publication is funded by paid advertisements placed by local businesses.

Website - The District hosts a website at vacd.org/rcd that contains information describing the many projects/programs that the District is involved in.

Watershed Planning for the Otter Creek and its Tributaries:

The District in cooperation with the Upper Otter Creek Watershed Council (UOCWC) has secured funding through grant sources to:

1. Complete River Corridor Management Plans for the Moon & Mussey Brooks in Rutland City and for the Mill River in Mt. Holly, Wallingford and Clarendon.
2. Complete Stream Assessments on the Furnace Brook in Pittsford, Baker Brook in Danby and Roaring Brook in Wallingford.
3. Install a Rain Garden at the Clarendon Elementary School in Clarendon.
4. Implement a program to inform business and institutional property owners in the Moon & Mussey Brook watershed about non-point source pollution from grounds care and promote adoption of low input grounds care practices.

Water Quality Monitoring - As part of a grant from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (VTDEC), volunteer members of the UOCWC collected water quality samples at twenty five locations in and around Rutland. These samples were analyzed at the State's water quality laboratory. Results are available at the District office.

Other:

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) - The District has been active in coordinating volunteers and providing trees, shrubs and planting supplies for many landowners in Rutland County who are participants in the CREP and Partners for Fish & Wildlife programs.

Technical Assistance to Farmers - Trained Agricultural Specialists assist farmers in following State mandated Accepted Agricultural Practices, Nutrient Management Planning and Land Treatment Planning.

On-Farm Food Waste Composting - In cooperation with and support from the Rutland County Solid Waste District (RCSWD) the District has recruited a farmer in Rutland County to operate and manage a food waste composting project.

For further information on these programs/projects or to be added to our mailing list please contact Nanci McGuire anytime at 775-8034 ext. 17 or stop by and see us at the USDA Service Center at 170 South Main Street in Rutland.



TO THE OFFICERS AND CITIZENS OF SHREWSBURY:

In 2008, Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH) provided Rutland County residents with exceptional home care, hospice and community health services. From infants with hi-tech needs to our most senior population facing end-of-life care, we continued to carry out our mission to bring medically necessary healthcare wherever it is needed, regardless of a client's ability to pay, location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

In the face of shrinking government and state reimbursements and rising healthcare costs, RAVNAH has continued to identify community needs and provide essential cost-effective health care services to some of Rutland County's most vulnerable individuals. Our achievements in 2008 have included:

- Our hospice volunteers provided more than 3,500 hours of support to community members.
- More than 4,500 flu and pneumonia vaccines were administered throughout Rutland County.
- We implemented phase two of our in-home charting program and have now trained all of our home care and hospice clinicians on specialty software and laptop computers that will enhance the care we provide.
- We launched our travel immunization program, providing our community's international travelers with the vaccines and individualized disease prevention plans recommended for safe travel.
- RAVNAH reached the 99% percentile in patient satisfaction when compared to other home health agencies in Vermont.

Last year, RAVNAH's dedicated staff made more than 98,006 visits to 2,532 patients. In the town of Shrewsbury, we provided 747 visits to 23 individuals.

In closing, we wish to thank the citizens of Shrewsbury who supported us in 2007. With your continued vote of confidence, we will continue to meet our mission to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services.

Ronald J. Cioffi, Executive Director

Win Thomas, President of the Board of Directors

2008 GREEN UP VERMONT REPORT

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greenup@greenupvermont.org
www.greenupvermont.org

October 1, 2008

Dear Select Board:

Please consider Green Up Vermont's request for your community's financial support. Your contribution will help keep Green Up operating for our entire Vermont community.

We respectfully ask you to include the appropriate amount from the guide below in your budget for next year. The guide remains the same as in previous years.

For towns under 1,000 population \$ 50
For towns over 1,000 and under 2000 . . . \$100
For towns over 2,000 and under 3000 . . . \$150
For towns over 3,000 and under 4000 . . . \$200
For towns over 4,000 population \$300

Sincerely,
Melinda Vieux
President

Green Up Day, May 3, 2008

This past year, families and communities worked together to ensure that **the first Saturday in May, *Green Up Day***, would continue as a special Vermont tradition 38 years and counting! We were the first state in our nation to designate a day for such cleaning of the entire state. Working together, we can keep our unique Green Up spirit growing for Vermont. Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501© (3) organization that works to enhance our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising awareness about the benefits of a litter free environment.

The success of Green Up for Vermont depends upon two essential ingredients. One is the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups who volunteer to make it all possible; and two, the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont.

With your town's help, we can continue our unique annual Vermont tradition of taking care of our beautiful landscape and promoting civic pride so our children grow up with Green Up. Children are our future, and Green Up Vermont focuses on education for grades K-12 with activities such as a curriculum for K-4, activity booklets, a story and drawing booklet, and the annual poster and writing contests. Please visit www.greenupvermont.org to learn more.

Careful use of resources minimizes Green Up's costs. The State appropriates funds that cover about 12 percent of our budget. Last year, appropriations from cities and towns covered 14 percent of our budget, so we rely on your help to keep Green Up Day going. These funds pay for supplies including over 45,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and services of two part-time employees. We ask your community to contribute, according to population, to keep Green Up growing for Vermont!

www.greenupvermont.org
greenup@greenupvermont.org

Mark your calendars May 2, 2009, the first Saturday in May, is "Green Up Day"! Put on your boots, get together with your family, invite some friends and come join us in your community to make Vermont even more GREEN!



**2008 ANNUAL REPORT
2009 REQUEST FOR TOWN FUNDING
TOWN OF: SHREWSBURY AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$130.00**

RSVP is an "Invitation to Serve" program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through meaningful use of their skills, talents, interests and knowledge in volunteer service. Needs are met in critical areas such as human services, health care, education, literacy, and the arts, just to name a few. RSVP involves individuals in service that matches their personal interests and makes use of their varied life and professional experiences. Through such efforts, RSVP is meeting the needs that strained local budgets cannot afford. RSVP enables people to contribute to their communities and feel good about themselves through the rewarding experience of volunteering. Additionally, over the past 10 years RSVP has implemented several "Signature Programs" aimed at addressing pressing community needs. These programs include a children's literacy and mentoring program called **RSVP Rutland County Reads**, an osteoporosis prevention program, **RSVP Bone Builders**, which provides **FREE** strength and balance exercise classes with RSVP volunteer instructors to Rutland County residents, and **RSVP Operation Dolls & More**, in which RSVP volunteers restore and refurbish donated dolls, toys books and games. Last year over 10,000 items were distributed to 2,000 children and over 50 organizations to share with clients.

Locally, **RSVP is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services** serving the people of Rutland County with **750+ volunteers**. From July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, RSVP/VC volunteers provided **99,327 hours of community service**. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals **\$1,765,040**. Once again this year RSVP is not asking for additional monies from the Town of Shrewsbury. The monies we request are used to help defray the costs of providing services that impact the lives of citizens of all ages throughout Rutland County.

Currently in Shrewsbury, 16 volunteers donate their services to the following non-profit organizations: Rutland Regional Medical Center, Headstart, Community Cupboard, Rutland County schools, Eden Park, RSVP Good-time Singers, Godnick Adult Center, Mountain View Center, Northeast and Northwest Elementary School, Clarendon Elementary School, The Meadows, One-2-One, The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department, St. Jude's Research Hospital, the **RSVP Rutland County Reads** program, **RSVP Bone Builders**, and **RSVP Operation Dolls & More**.

The volunteer services they provide include: knitting and sewing items for children and elders, entertaining elders and youngsters through song, information desk clerk and couriering at the hospital, delivering and preparing meals, designing and implementing the Lifeline program at RRMC, transporting seniors, tutoring and mentoring children, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute volunteer, working with children through the **RSVP Rutland County Reads** program, volunteering services to **RSVP Operation Dolls & More**, and exercise trainers for **RSVP Bone Builders**.

On behalf of RSVP, I would like to thank the residents of Shrewsbury for their support in the continuation of the RSVP program. As financial constraints effect more and more non-profit organizations, the need for volunteers increases. With your help, RSVP will continue to respond to this need.

Sincerely,
Nan M. Hart, Director
November 5, 2008



SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT
COUNCIL ON AGING

Report to the Citizens of Shrewsbury

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging provided to older persons in Shrewsbury over the past year:

Senior Meals:

The Council helped provide 432 meals that were delivered to the homes of seven older persons in your community; this service is often called “Meals on Wheels”. We also supplied “Blizzard Bags” containing shelf-stable meals to Meals on Wheels participants and other vulnerable elders in your community to use in emergency situations. Shrewsbury elders came together at one or more of the luncheon sites in our area to enjoying the good company of others; 383 meals that were provided to this group over the past year.

Case Management Assistance:

SVCOA Case Management staff worked with five elders in Shrewsbury helping with applications and problem solving related to such programs as Fuel Assistance, SSI, Medicaid, Food Stamps, etc. They also helped elders link with in-home assistance programs, including the Choices for Care Medicaid Waiver. This program was especially helpful to frail elders who wanted to stay at home rather than to go into a nursing home.

Other:

Council on Aging services also included: 1) Medicare D, health benefit counseling information and form assistance through the SHIP Program. This was especially helpful to elders who had to deal with this ever changing federal pharmaceutical assistance program; 2) Our “Senior HelpLine” staff (786-5991 or 1-800-642-5119) provided telephone help to elders and others who needed information on available programs and support; 3) Legal assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; 4) Information about elder issues via “Elder Connection” column appearing in the Rutland Herald; 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by the Council’s Registered Dietician; 6) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound elders; 7) Assistance to elders dealing with mental health issues through the Elder Care Clinician program provided in cooperation with Rutland Mental Health; 8) Funding assistance for transportation services delivered through the Elders on the Go and the One-2-One Program; 9) Community Development assistance and 10) Caregiver support and information, including Alzheimer/Dementia respite grants to family members and others who are providing valuable support to elders in need of care.

Rutland Mental Health Services

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Information & Referral: (802) 747-7696 or Toll-free 877-430-2273 • TTY/TDD: 800-253-0191

Rutland Mental Health Services

P.O. Box 222, Rutland, Vermont 05702
78 South Main Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701

September 17, 2008

Town Clerk
Town of Shrewsbury
9823 Cold River Road
Shrewsbury, VT 05738

Dear Sir or Madam,

Rutland Mental Health Services is requesting support from the Town of Shrewsbury for the coming fiscal year.

We appreciate the Town of Shrewsbury's generosity in the past and hope for a favorable decision this year on our total request of \$1,192.00.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Daniel J. Quinn
President and Chief Executive Officer
Rutland Mental Health Services, Inc.

In the year 2008, 27 towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous support of towns such as the Town of Shrewsbury assures that quality services are available for their families, friends and neighbors. Town giving dollars support services which include:

- Individual Counseling for Children, Adults and Families
- Substance Abuse Treatment Services
- Emergency/Crisis Services

During fiscal year 2008, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 839 hours of services to 44 Shrewsbury residents. We value our partnership with the Town of Shrewsbury in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

Dan Quinn
President and Chief Executive Officer
Rutland Mental Health Services, Inc.

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2008 RUTLAND COUNTY WOMEN'S NETWORK & SHELTER REPORT

The Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter is a non-profit agency working within Rutland County to provide safety and support services to victims of domestic and sexual violence. We have been in Rutland County for 29 years serving families who live in danger.

The Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter is requesting the sum of \$150.00 which will be voted on in March, at the town meeting of 2009, for the assistance in supporting the shelter. We are very grateful for the help that the people of **Shrewsbury** have given us in the past. **We provided services for 32 residents of Shrewsbury this year.**

Over the past year we have assisted over 3500 people in dangerous situations. We shelter families in immediate fear of harm, we offer counseling, support groups, help with relocation, and are available on a 24 hour crisis line. We respond to domestic violence and rape, assist with family court advocacy, and other services necessary to keep families safe.

The families, volunteers, and staff of the shelter thank the voters of Shrewsbury for their continued support of our program. Because of your consistent support, we are able to continue to provide a safe haven for those survivors of domestic violence from your town.

Sincerely,
Miche Chamberlain M.S.
Executive Director

Board of Directors

Dreama Brower, Nikki Aponowich, Ann Warrell, Carolyn Prescott, Betsy Franzoni, Linda Bunker, Kelly Sweck, Nicole Fabian, Dr. Carlene Messina

2007 RUTLAND COUNTY PARENT CHILD CENTER REPORT

January 25, 2009

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Rutland County Parent Child Center (RCPCC) is a private; community based non-profit organization dedicated to supporting and meeting the needs of children and families throughout Rutland County. RCPCC's mission is "to nurture strengths, growth, and independence of all children and families." RCPCC provides all services at no cost, with the exception of child care, which is minimal for lower income families.

We provide childcare services at childcare centers in Poultney, Brandon and Rutland. Additionally, the RCPCC provides family centered services to families and children birth to five years, such as:

- * Literacy based playgroups,
- * Early intervention programs for children birth to three years old with developmental delays,
- * A teen parent education program that enables young parents to complete their high school diplomas while learning parenting skills,
- * Support for young families on public assistance, and
- * Parent education classes and referral services

Many of these programs serve families of all socio-economic levels, but the RCPCC seeks out those in need to bring those services into their homes and communities.

The Rutland County Parent Child Care Center is requesting funds in the amount of \$600.00 from Shrewsbury in order to continue the RCPCC's efforts to support families with young children in your community. **In 2008, the Rutland County Parent Child Center served 10 families from your community.**

Please contact me if you have any questions or need further information. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely, Nan Josephson, CEO



November 5, 2008

To the Citizens of the Town of Shrewsbury and Members of the Selectboard,

BROC – Community Action in Southwestern Vermont would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Shrewsbury who have supported our agency through the balloting process over the years. BROC continues to experience a large number of low-income individuals and families coming through our doors each day.

Last year, BROCC helped meet the basic needs of 45 individuals in the Town of Shrewsbury. In addition, BROCC created several new partnerships and collaborations throughout the year with local organizations and businesses to help raise food for our emergency food shelf; as well as to help raise much needed funds through events and fund raising so that the needs of our neighbors continue to be met.

With your help, BROCC is able to help many families facing the difficult decisions on how to make their budgets work with the rise in fuel and food prices. Sometimes being able to access a few meals from BROCC or having a dry, warm place to stay at night can make all the difference.

Our appropriation request for the upcoming year is \$600.00.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Linda Rooker'.

Linda G. Rooker
Executive Director

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VERMONT ADULT LEARNING

1 Scale Avenue / Suite 93 / Rutland / Vermont 05701

Phone: 802-775-0617 / Fax: 802-773-0323

Vermont Adult Learning works with adults age 16 and over who are not enrolled in school and want to gain a high school level credential, improve their skills, or prepare for college or a career. We provide instruction in reading, writing, math, English for speakers of other languages, as well as communication, problem solving, decision making, interpersonal and other learning skills. VAL also helps adults prepare for the U.S. citizenship exam, GED exams, the Adult Diploma Program, or the new High School Completion Program.

Last Year Vermont Adult Learning served 913 adult residents of Rutland County and provided 21,749 hours of instruction. **Of these totals, seven residents of Shrewsbury were served and provided with 223.5 hrs of instruction.** Of these students, one earned the his High School Credential, other student achievements included, acquiring job readiness skills, obtaining employment and increasing participation in children's education. The cost of providing educational services in relation to Shrewsbury's appropriation of \$500.00 is as follows: Total cost to Shrewsbury per instructional hour = \$2.24 (\$500/223.5 hrs of instruction).

We are requesting that \$500.00 be placed on the 2009 Town Warning to support these programs.

We appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

John Campbell,
Regional Manager

A Member
of



2008 GEORGE D. AIKEN RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT (RC&D) COUNCIL REPORT

The George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) helps towns, groups and organizations by bringing together the technical, financial and administrative resources to deal with natural resource conservation and rural and community development issues. By bringing together help from our extensive network of resources, we can focus technical and financial resources on your specific needs. We get technical assistance and some staff through the U.S. Department of Agriculture but private and community sources make up most of our budget. In 2008 working with our partners, we secured and administered over \$125,000 for natural resource conservation, public safety, and community development projects. Examples of some of our projects include helping to develop parks and playgrounds, providing Electronic Benefits Transaction (EBT) card and debit card readers at farmers markets and traditional conservation projects like streambank stabilization. Starting in 2009 we will be offering whole farm energy audits for farmers interested in reducing their energy costs.

Do you have a project or program that could use some assistance to "make it happen"? Over the years the George D. Aiken RC&D Council has helped many communities and organization on a variety of projects. We work on a request basis, so the first step is up to you, giving us a call. For information and free consultation call Kenneth Hafner our RC&D Coordinator at (802) 728-9526 or email: kenneth.hafner@vt.usda.gov.



OF WESTERN VERMONT

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The mission of **NeighborWorks® of Western Vermont**, formerly known as Rutland West Neighborhood Housing Services Inc., is to transform lives by promoting safe and affordable housing for families in Addison, Bennington, and Rutland counties. NWWVT strengthens our communities, one home at a time. Studies repeatedly show that families with permanent homes obtain higher education, higher income, improved self-esteem, and reduced family conflict. Also, homeownership results in stable neighborhoods where neighbors care about one another. In a recent survey of clients that were first time homebuyers, 100% of the respondents said they would recommend homeownership to others, and 89% said that NWWVT's assistance made a positive difference in their home buying process.

We form partnerships with residents, business, government, and volunteers to assist households which are 80% or more below the median income. We provide home rehabilitation services, low interest loans, homebuyer education and financial fitness counseling, and emergency services to those in crisis of possibly losing their housing. Our loan committee and staff administer a six million dollar revolving loan fund which is largely capitalized by community block grants and customer repayment of loans. One important service is the rehab of existing homes, making sure HUD Section 8 codes are used to address the health and safety issues in the home. The Post Purchase IDA program continues to help families establish a savings account for home maintenance. The newest program is a Partner Loan Program (PLP) which provides a loan pool with the partnership of five local banks for second mortgages.

2008 has been quite a productive year for NeighborWorks® of Western Vermont.

- ❖ 177 families attended homebuyer education classes.
- ❖ 294 received individual counseling for Home Ownership, Financial Fitness, Post - Purchase, and Emergency Shelter needs.
- ❖ 62 families purchased their first homes after completing education classes and counseling services at the center, and all of them received loans totaling \$1,152,017.09 directly from NWWVT toward their home purchase. Total value of home purchases was \$9,405,794.60.
- ❖ 51 families repaired their homes with \$602,276.86 in loans benefiting 120 individuals.
- ❖ NWWVT also provided 29 families with \$34,660.62 of emergency services.
- ❖ **In Shrewsbury, we received requests from six different families for rehab repair work to their homes and completed 4 home rehab projects with loans totaling \$59,450.**

There is always a need and we hope we are always here to help.

We welcome the involvement of residents on committees or volunteering time for special projects. Call us at 438-2303 extension 215, or stop by the office located at 110 Marble Street, West Rutland.

TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES!

Respectfully,
Ludy Biddle
Executive Director



...AFFORDABLE HOUSING SOLUTIONS

The Rutland County Community Land Trust is a local non-profit organization that works with communities and families to find affordable housing solutions. The RCCLT develops and manages affordable apartments, mobile home parks and single-family homes throughout Rutland County. We also work with individual towns to discuss what a town as a whole can do to address the affordable housing needs of its residents. While a number of our publicized efforts have occurred in the more heavily populated communities in the County, our service area includes Shrewsbury and other more rural towns.

A couple of years ago, we commissioned a housing needs analysis for the entire Rutland County area as well as for each individual town. As a result we have gathered many types of information for Shrewsbury. The intent of this study was to gather information for municipal leaders, community members, and housing industry members alike. This report is available in your Town Clerk's office as well as from us. The Rutland County Community Land Trust can also assist Shrewsbury with housing related discussions and planning efforts that implement community goals.

One of our current goals is to expand our presence in the County's rural communities. The Rutland County Community Land Trust could assist Shrewsbury with housing related discussions and planning efforts that implement community ideas. We invite ideas from you!

We look forward to working with you and ask that on Town Meeting Day you vote in favor of the following question:

“Does the Town vote to raise \$300.00 for the Rutland County Community Land Trust to assist Shrewsbury and its residents with their affordable housing needs?”

The RCCLT thanks the community at large for its support in the past and into the future. All requests for assistance, individual or community, or additional information should be directed to me at 775-3139.

Sincerely yours,

Elisabeth Kulas
Executive Director

Rutland County Community Land Trust ☎ 13 Center Street, 2nd Floor
Rutland, VT 05701 ☎ 802-775-3139

2008 VERMONT TRAILS and GREENWAYS COUNCIL REPORT



*Helping to Shape the Future of
Vermont Recreation.*

On behalf of the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council, we hope this letter finds your community closing out a good 2008 and anticipating a hopeful 2009. We respectfully request your support by including an appropriation of \$30.00 in your 2009 Selectboard budget. Being an organization with state-wide responsibility we are not able to petition each town, so we ask that this small amount be included in your budget.

For over a decade, the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council has been your voice for recreation, trails and conservation issues throughout the state. Our membership is comprised of a wide variety of outdoor groups – organizations that work hard, both statewide and at the community level, to provide comprehensive public access to Vermont's recreation resources. Because the Council embraces a broad spectrum of user groups, we are often able to speak with one voice in our efforts to expand and protect public access to trail lands, acquire State and Federal trail dollars and steward natural resources.

Your donation of support will provide a voice for trail interests throughout Vermont. The Vermont Trails and Greenways Council is working to shape the future of recreation in Vermont – for all users. Here are a few of the groups represented in the Council today: 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.

The projects the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council plans to continue to work on include:

- ❖ Hosting quarterly meetings to keep you up-to-date on Vermont events, projects and policies and provide important networking opportunities to share and learn with people across the state,
- ❖ Connecting members through our biannual newsletter. Keeping you informed with trail updates as well as feature articles on issues affecting trails in Vermont,
- ❖ Following progress with Vermont's new Ancient Roads legislation,
- ❖ Advising the Vermont Department of Forests, Park and Recreation on revisions to the Vermont Trail System,
- ❖ Developing and distributing the Vermont Trails and Greenways Manual – a resource guide for creating and managing community trails projects
- ❖ Providing guidance with the Vermont Recreation Trails Fund, an important funding source for trails projects,
- ❖ Participating in the development of the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail,
- ❖ Advocating for trail users in the Vermont Legislature and with State and Federal Agencies to secure trail funding, ensure public access to trails, and protect trail lands, and
- ❖ Providing community assistance - members of the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council have decades of collective trail experience and can assist you in planning, funding and creating your next trail project.

Please consider this letter your \$30.00 invoice and feel free to contact us with your ideas. By working together we can arrive at solutions which will continue to improve our communities. For more information on how the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council directly supports outreach, education and advocacy work, please contact me at (802) 229-2997 or any members of our Board of Director's on the attached list.

We hope you will become involved and help us shape the future of recreation in Vermont.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Danny Hale'.

Danny Hale, Chair
(802) 241-3690

103 South Main Street, Building 9 South, Waterbury, VT 05671

**SHREWSBURY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL REPORT
(For Fiscal Year July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008)**

I. PERSONNEL (School Year 2008-2009)

A. School Board

Ed Hemmer, Chairman	2011
Adrienne Raymond	2009
Sarah Bolster	2010

Mill River Board:

Andrew Richards-Peelle	2010
Vacant Seat	2011

B. Administration and RSSU Programs

Walter J. Goetz	Superintendent of Schools
Deb Fishwick	Shrewsbury Mountain School
Bernard Peatman	Curriculum & Assessment Coordinator
Virginia Grey	Technology Coordinator
Mary Hissong	School Psychologist
Carol Geery	RSSU Director of Student Services
Rita Tornatore	RSSU Business Manager
Aimee Young	Gifted/Talented Teacher

C. Faculty and Staff

Staff Member:	Assignment:	Employed by:	Time in the Bldg:
Amanda Anderson	Occupational Therapist	RSSU	1 - Half Day/week
Amy Blongy	Preschool Teacher	SMS	5 - Half Days/week
Julia Bonafine	MAP Teacher	SMS	5 - Full Days/week
Sandy Bratkowski	School Nurse	SMS	1 - Full Day/week
Lisa Ryther	Guidance Counselor	SMS	1 - Full Day/week
Jennifer Cohen	Music Teacher	SMS	2- Full Days/week
Marj Congdon	Administrative Assistant	SMS	5 - Full Days/week
Barry Dean	Bus Driver	MRUHS	5 - Half Days/week
Debra Fishwick	Teaching Principal	SMS	5 - Full Days/week
Carol Goodwin	Title I	SMS	3 - Half Days/week
Darlene Remy	Speech & Language Pathologist	RSSU	2 - Half Days/week
Ann Garcia	Art Teacher	SMS	1 - Full Day/week
Kathy Maher	PE/Health Teacher	SMS	2 - Full Days/week
Susie Maxham	Grade 3/4	SMS	5 - Full Days/week
Sabrina McDonough	Grade 5/6 Teacher	SMS	5 - Full Days/week
Daniel Morrison	Grade 5/6 Teacher	SMS	5 - Full Days/week
Julie Redington	Preschool Assistant AM/ MAP Asst PM/ Breakfast Program	SMS	5 - Full Days/week
Erin Rice	Grade 2 Teacher	SMS	5 - Full Days/week
Lisa Ryther	Home School Coordinator	RSSU	2 - Half Days/week
Christine Palance	Special Education Assistant	SMS	5 - Full Days/week
Willard Smith	Custodian	SMS	5 - Full Days/week
Mary Jane Stoneberg	Special Education Teacher	SMS	5 - Full Days/week
Shirley Uhler	Special Education Assistant	SMS	5 - Full Days/week
Aimee Young	Library/Media Teacher	SMS	1½ - Days/week
Connie Youngstrom	MAP Assistant AM	SMS	5 - Half Days/week

ENROLLMENT:

The 2008-2009 enrollment at the Shrewsbury Mountain School is 64 students as of our January count. This is a decrease from our 2007-2008 enrollment by 7 students. Presently there are 68 Shrewsbury students attending Mill River Union High School.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2006-2007</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2007-2008</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2008-2009</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2009-2010</u>
Preschool	9	7	5	7
K	7	8	5	4
1	9	9	8	5
2	11	7	6	9
3	9	9	7	6
4	11	9	10	7
5	9	12	9	11
6	5	10	14	10
Total	70	71	64	59
Elementary				
7	11	6	12	13
8	11	13	11	10
9	9	11	11	6
10	19	9	10	13
11	12	15	12	11
12	22	15	12	9
Total Mill River	84	69	68	62
Total	154	140	132	121

Budget

The school board is proposing a Shrewsbury District budget for the 2009-2010 school year with expenditures of \$1,008,802 for the operation of the elementary school. This represents an increase from the previous year's warned expenditure budget of 1.16%. The proposed budget is contained within the financial reports on the ensuing pages. The board is also proposing separate articles of \$8,000 for a building maintenance sinking fund and \$8,000 for a bus replacement fund. In preparing the budget, the board tried to balance the needs of the school as well as the needs of the taxpayers. During budget preparation, the Board eliminated a one-half paraeducator position and reduced the services of the Library Media teacher by a half day per week.

Federal Programs

Rutland South Supervisory Union receives a limited amount of federal funds which support educational programs in all of our schools. Title I supports remedial reading instruction; Title II supports improvements in language arts, mathematics and science instruction; Title IV (Safe and Drug Free Schools) provides drug and alcohol

abuse education for students. Parents or others wishing to have additional information or to comment on these programs are encouraged to contact Walter J. Goetz, Superintendent of Schools (775-3264).

Special Education

Rutland South Supervisory Union offers comprehensive special education services to ensure that eligible students with disabilities receive a free appropriate public education in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations. In an effort to respond to the unique learning characteristics which result from disabilities, special education is offered in various ways and includes: consulting teacher programs, resource rooms, speech and language services, EEE (Essential Early Education), consulting services and special placements. Anyone with knowledge of children in need of services (including preschool) is encouraged to contact Carol Geery, Director of Special Services (775-3264). All special education costs and state revenues are included in the financial reports.

School Board Meetings

The Shrewsbury School Board meets every second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the library of the Mountain School. The public is encouraged to attend these meetings. Also, the Board holds special meetings to transact other business such as contract negotiations.

Financial Audits

Rutland South Supervisory Union's financial records are audited on an annual basis by professional auditors. Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury, and Wallingford have their records audited by professional auditors once every three years. This past year the firm of Angolano & Company, Certified Public Accountants from Shelburne, Vermont, performed these audits. Copies of these audits are available through the Rutland South Supervisory Union Central Office.

Non-discrimination Policy

The Shrewsbury School Board offers employment and educational opportunities without regard to sex, race, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin or handicap. Inquiries regarding this policy may be directed to Walter J. Goetz, Superintendent of Schools. Telephone (802) 775- 3264.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

To lead off, I want to thank all the parents and students for their patience and fortitude in regards to the busing issues we have been experiencing. For those who don't know, this year we have had only one bus driver up to this time, which has necessitated very long bus routes with early pick up and late delivery home. We hope to have a person driving the second bus by the time you read this. We apologize to all affected.

Per new State statutes, the Board started negotiations with the Teacher's Union in April 2008, collectively with the other Districts in our Supervisory Union, on a new

contract to begin in the current 2008-2009 school year. This has been a new and “interesting” experience for all. Negotiations reached a stalemate, and we have headed into a “Non-Binding Mediation” process. We hope to have a new contract soon.

Last year the voters approved an article authorizing us to borrow money (loan to be forgiven) so we could make modifications to the water system. This work has been completed and the loan is being forgiven, costing us almost nothing.

We started long-term planning and vision work this past year. We began by surveying community, parents and staff. The Board processed this data and came up with seven areas of aspiration. The staff is now working on objectives towards each of these aspirations. Administration is developing ways to incorporate the objectives in our Action Plan.

The School Board extends its thanks to the people of Shrewsbury for approving the Shrewsbury Town School District 2008-2009 budget.

In formulating the 2009-2010 budget, the School Board was very conscious of the need to contain costs in these hard economic times while still meeting the educational needs of our students. Many people working together built this budget after months of work. I would like to thank our Principal Deb Fishwick and our Superintendent Walter Goetz for their excellent work.

The Shrewsbury Town School District expenditure budget is equal to the 2008-2009 budgeted expenditures. Even though our equalized pupil count is increasing, we were able to do this by staff reductions, reduction in Supervisory Union assessments, and the fact that our building bond is paid off. Our per pupil spending is 1% less than last year before accounting for a starting deficit. Per pupil spending along with CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) is what drives the tax rate.

We will have a starting deficit in the 2009 – 2010 year mainly due to a \$52,000 revenue shortfall in the 2007-2008 year. The taxes and funds we received were not what we budgeted and voted on that year due to mistake in State paperwork. We did not realize what had happened in time to affect budget and taxes in this current year. The tax rate was \$.06 less than shown in the Town Report and was approved by the voters in March 2007 and we received \$52,000 less than budgeted.

The tax rate is computed from both the Elementary and Mill River budgets. The tax rate before CLA adjustment is equal to last year. After factoring in CLA the tax rate will increase 9%, even though per pupil spending at Mill River is up 3.5% and at the Elementary School is up 7.7% (without the deficit it is a 1% decrease).

In closing I would like to point out that Shrewsbury Elementary continues to spend less per pupil than the State average, 5% less (11% if not for the deficit), 10% less in the current year, and 12% less last year.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Hemmer, Board Chair

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I am pleased to make my sixth report as Superintendent to the Shrewsbury community.

Included in this report, you will find a section entitled “Comparative Data for Cost Effectiveness”. This document, prepared by the Department of Education’s School Finance Division, compares Shrewsbury Mountain School to other schools of comparative size across a variety of measures.

As you can see from the enrollment numbers found in this report, the number of students attending the Shrewsbury Mountain School is projected to continue to gradually decline for the upcoming 2009-10 school year. Declines in enrollment are also noted at the secondary level.

For many schools, this year’s budget process has been completed in the shadow of Act 82’s “think twice” provision. School districts that spent above the state’s average equalized per pupil spending in the 2008-09 year became part of a pool that faced the prospect of presenting their budgets in a two question format. Approximately 155 districts faced this possibility.

Under Act 82, a school district is allowed increases in equalized per pupil spending that is less than, or equal to, the NEEP inflation factor + 1%. The Dept. of Education has set this year’s maximum inflation factor at 3.9%.

Since Shrewsbury Mountain School’s expenditures have been below state average for a number of years, and particularly in 2008-09, Shrewsbury Mountain School is not in this pool and is not required to present two budget approval questions to the voters.

Without the reserve fund articles and the deficit reduction amount, Shrewsbury Mountain School’s equalized per pupil spending for 2009-10 is \$11,290, well below the state’s penalty spending threshold of \$13,984 per student.

Act 130 continues to control how tax bills are computed and presented to taxpayers. As you may have noticed last year in your Town Report, the Mill River Union High School Assessments are no longer included as part of the town budgets. All secondary costs, including Stafford Technical Center tuitions, are found in the Mill River Budget.

How are Tax Rates Set?

- Union and member district homestead tax rates are set per Act 68, revised in Act 82
- Those rates are prorated to towns according to student population
- Percentage of household income prorated to town
- Towns collect taxes

In Shrewsbury, 46.17% of the equalized pupils attend Shrewsbury Mountain School while 53.83% of the equalized pupils attend the Mill River Union High School. The Shrewsbury Elementary (PK-6) tax rate is projected to be \$1.136, including general

expenditures, deficit reduction and reserve articles and the Mill River Union High (7-12) tax rate is projected to be \$1.22.

Shrewsbury Elementary Component – 46.17% of \$1.136 is \$0.525
Mill River Union Component – 53.83% of \$1.220 is \$0.657
Town of Shrewsbury Projected Homestead Tax Rate = \$1.182*

*The above numbers are preliminary based upon Dept. of Education worksheets. After the Common Level of Appraisal adjustments (CLA = 65.69%), the projected rate is \$1.798.

As of this writing, the tax rate figure is a bit uncertain. The Tax Commissioner, as required by state law, has recommended a reduction from last year’s \$0.87 rate to \$0.85. A bill has been proposed that sets the rate at \$0.86 for resident households. The Legislature will decide the exact figure in the near future. Later in this report, you will see a Three Years Prior Comparison chart that utilizes the \$0.86 to generate estimated tax figures.

Thanks to Ed Hemmer (chairperson), Adrienne Raymond and Sarah Bolster for their dedication and work as school directors.

Thank you to the Shrewsbury faculty and staff for their efforts on behalf of the community’s children.

Many thanks to the taxpayers of Shrewsbury for your continued support. We invite you to visit the school and attend its programs.

Respectfully,
Walter Goetz

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

The 2007-2008 school year ended with 71 students, and the 2008-2009 school year began with 68 students in preschool through 6th grade. This includes several students who have come to our school through the school choice program. It seems as if the hard economic times were felt by our community as we said goodbye to six families during the last school year and over the summer.

The New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) was used throughout the state and the New England region to assess how well our students are meeting the state standards and grade level expectations. The assessment was given to students in October and consists of both multiple choice questions as well as constructed response questions in which students must write their answers, explaining their thinking. While October may seem to be an unusual time for testing, students are tested on in the previous years’ standards and expectations. Our students in grades 3 – 6 as well as the students in grade 7 participated in this assessment. Students’ scores can fall in one of four categories; Proficient with Distinction (4), Proficient (3), Partially Proficient (2), and Substantially below Proficient (1). Shrewsbury students did well with approximately 75 % of our students scoring in the Proficient or Proficient with Distinction range in reading and in mathematics, and 67 % of our

students scoring in the Proficient or Proficient with Distinction range in writing. Please remember our testing population is small and includes our special education students. One or two students' scores could change our percentage by up to 10 %.

The NECAP Science Assessment was also administered for the first time this past year with 60 % scoring in the Proficient or Proficient with Distinction range. Students in grades 4, 8, and 11 participated in this new science assessment. Our second grade students also take the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA). This is also a standardized state assessment. As with the NECAP, students' scores can fall in one of four categories: Achieved the Standard with Honors, Achieved the Standard, Nearly Achieved the Standard, and Below the Standard. Eighty-six percent of our 2nd graders either Achieved the Standard or Achieved the Standard with Honors. These standardized assessments along with other local assessments are used to help us monitor student progress and assess the effectiveness of our curricula and programs.

As you may remember, the School Board collected information from the town through a survey. The survey information was analyzed and the School Board used this information to begin building a future vision for the Shrewsbury Mountain School. The school, along with the board, has been working on developing a vision for our school. This vision will help build our new Action Plan. The Action Plan will set goals for our school to achieve over the next several years. The goals will focus on improving student learning in the areas of math problem solving and writing and written responses including grammar, usage, and mechanics. The Action Plan will also include goals that will focus on the social curriculum and technology.

The Shrewsbury Mountain School continues to use the Houghtin-Mifflin Reading Program, the Everyday Math Program, the Prentice Hall Reading Program, and the Mathematics Program. All of these programs support the Rutland South Supervisory Union's curriculum providing all students the same foundation. Several teachers at the Shrewsbury Mountain School have been incorporating differentiated instructional practices within these programs which allow students to work in a way that is most conducive to their learning style.

The community has continued to support the Okemo ski program. We were able to expand the program to include all students in grades K – 6th. We had a wonderful experience cross country skiing, snow shoeing, skiing and snowboarding. It was very exciting to watch students develop and apply the skills that they need to be successful. This was the first time in several years that the Shrewsbury Mountain School was able to participate in a school based program. This would not have been possible without the financial support from many generous donations. We also would not have been able to offer this program without the many dedicated community volunteers.

Under the direction of Mrs. Jennifer Cohen, students participated in a wonderful stage performance, *I Need a Little Christmas Vacation*. Although the weather did not cooperate initially, the show went off without a hitch. Our students also participated in *Music in Our Schools*. Students from grades 4-6 who participated in band and/or chorus performed with students from Clarendon Elementary School, Wallingford

Elementary School, and Mill River Middle School. The uniqueness of this performance is that students do not have an opportunity to practice together prior to performing. Many students who participate in this activity go on to audition for the regional and district band or chorus. Mrs. Cohen also did a wonderful job planning and directing our Winter Play, Band Concert and Spring Concerts as well as providing the music for our school-wide Moving-up Night.

Miss Bonafine continued to offer Garden Club to students in the spring. Students raked, tilled, hoed, sowed, and harvested many wonderful fruits, vegetables and flowers. The Garden Club meets throughout the summer and into the fall. The Garden Club would not be possible without Miss Bonafine's generous donation of time and plants. Thanks!

Mrs. Pecor, our 5th and 6th grade teacher, received the honor of being one of the University of Vermont's Outstanding Teachers of the Year. She worked very hard with her class to provide the students with a weekly school-wide assembly program. The school came together weekly to share learning, to participate in a seasonal activity, to work cooperatively with other students across the grades, or to participate in a wellness activity. During the winter season, the staff helped organized a Winter Holiday Celebration which included several different multi-age activities. Mrs. Pecor will be missed as a member of the Shrewsbury Mountain School staff as she accepted a position at Mill River Union Middle School.

Our school also continues to serve the community. During the past year our building has been used for men's and women's basketball, strength training classes, Snowbird committee meetings, snowmobile safety classes, Spring Lake Ranch's picnic and softball game, and the Mettowee Theatre's annual fundraising production.

Our school's Parent Teacher Organization has been hard at work fund raising for new playground equipment. To date, they have been able to provide a new structure for the pre-school program, organize community work days to remove damaged equipment, spread mulch and stones, and do many other wonderful things for our school.

I appreciate the continued support of the Shrewsbury community. It is only possible with the help of the dedicated staff, volunteers, and community support that we are able to continue to provide a wonderful small school learning environment to the students of our community. I would also like to extend our appreciation to the many community volunteers and our local PTO; with their support we are able to continue to offer the 4 Winds Program (formally ELF), other extra curricula activities, soccer and basketball programs and special assembly programs. We could not be a community school without all of your support.

Thank you!

Respectfully,

Debra L. Fishwick, Principal

Shrewsbury Town School District
Unaudited Combined Balance Sheet - June 30, 2008

Table III

	General	Lunch	Fixed Assets	Long Term Debt	Total
Assets					
Cash	38,801	5,239	0	0	44,040
Accounts Receivable	12,176	0	0	0	12,176
Due from Other Funds	51,411	0	0	0	51,411
Prepaid Expense	0	0	0	0	0
Retire LT Debt	0	0	0	15,000	15,000
Fixed Assets	0	0	90,152	0	90,152
TOTAL ASSETS	102,388	5,239	90,152	15,000	212,779

Liability & Fund Equity					
Liabilities					
Notes/Bonds Payable	150,000	0	0	15,000	165,000
Accts Payable	722	0	0	0	722
Cash Overdraft	0	0	0	0	0
Due to other Funds	0	51,411	0	0	51,411
Total Liabilities	150,722	51,411	0	15,000	217,133

Fund Equity	0	0	0	0	
Reserved	0	0	0	0	0
Reserved Special Programs	0	0	0	0	0
Unreserved	(48,334)	(46,172)	0	0	(94,506)
Building and Equipment	0	0	90,152	0	90,152
Total Fund Equity	(48,334)	(46,172)	90,152	0	(4,354)

Total Liab & Fund Equity	102,388	5,239	90,152	15,000	212,779
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Per GASB 34, Fixed Assets are reported as purchase price less accumulated depreciation as opposed to replacement value which had been used in prior years.

Unaudited Combined Statement of Revenue, Expenses & Changes in Fund Balance

Table IV

	General	Lunch	Total
Revenue	1,984,566	12,067	1,996,633
Expenditures	2,150,563	42,062	2,192,625
Excess of Revenue	(165,998)	(29,995)	(195,993)
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2007 *	120,203	(16,733)	103,470
Investment Income	0	556	556
Prior Period Adjustment	(2,539)	0	(2,539)
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2008	(48,334)	(46,172)	(94,506)

* The beginning General Fund Balance of \$120,203 reflects the \$58,068 deficit and the \$76,320 audit adjustments and transfers that were not included in the \$206,242 Ending Balance shown in this Table IV in the 2007 Annual Report.

Sinking Funds

Table V

	Bus Fund	Building Fund	Preschool Fund	Total Funds
Ending Balance June 30, 2006	14,889	47,275	10,429	72,593
Receipts from Operational Fund	7,000	7,000	0	14,000
Receipts from Interest	746	2,513	603	3,862
Ending Balance June 30, 2007	22,635	56,788	11,032	90,455
Receipts from Operational Fund	7,000	7,000	0	13,000
Receipts from Interest	1,144	2,859	634	4,637
Expenditure/Transfer		5,078	500	4,578
Ending Balance June 30, 2008	30,779	61,569	11,166	103,514

**Shrewsbury Town School District
Operational Fund FY2010**

Description			Budget Approved 2007-2008	Unaudited 2007-2008	Budget Approved 2008-2009	Budget Estimate 2008-2009	Budget 2009-2010
Total Revenue			1,989,088	1,984,566	996,953	1,024,655	1,079,953
Total Expenditures			2,121,090	2,150,563	997,161	1,047,472	1,008,802
Excess (Rebate) of Revenue			(132,001)	(165,998)	(208)	(22,817)	71,150
Beginning Bal July 1			132,001	120,203	208	(48,333)	(71,150)
Audit Adjustments - Transfers			0	(2,539)	0	0	0
Ending Bal June 30			0	(48,333)	0	(71,150)	(0)

**Revenue
Table 1**

Code	Account			Budget Approved 2007-2008	Unaudited 2007-2008	Budget Approved 2008-2009	Budget Estimate 2008-2009	Budget 2009-2010
Local Revenue								
1312	Tuition			2,800	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440
1314	Tuition school choice			5,153	15,472	0	0	17,088
1422	Transport			26,276	26,276	26,276	29,340	29,341
1500	Investments			3,200	12,017	6,000	6,000	5,000
1940	Excess Cost Reimbursement/ Transfer Program			0	6,400	7,645	7,645	3,109
1990	Other Local			4,500	9,350	0	0	0
Total Local Revenue				41,929	70,956	41,361	44,425	55,978

2000	Sub Grants			17,227	16,110	15,000	15,000	19,000
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State Revenue								
3110	ACT68 Res/Non Res EEGL Support			1,710,238	1,658,161	771,543	785,543	837,623
3114	ACT68 Technical Support Payment			52,001	52,561	0	0	0
3145	ACT 60 Small School Aid			69,285	69,285	68,888	76,644	76,644
	State Tech Center Revenue			0	5,293	0	0	0
3150	ACT 60 Transport Aid			26,999	26,607	19,244	17,126	15,746
3201	Spec Ed Block Grant			19,153	19,153	20,458	20,458	24,808
3202	Spec Ed Expenditures Reim			44,632	37,513	49,361	49,361	42,225
3204	Spec Ed EEE			7,624	7,624	7,898	7,898	7,929
3205	Spec Ed State Placed			0	0	3,200	3,200	0
Total State Revenue				1,929,932	1,876,197	940,592	960,230	1,004,975

5400	Prior year adj			0	0	0	0	0
5200	Transfers			0	21,304	0	5,000	0
Total Other Revenue				0	21,304	0	5,000	0

Total Revenue - All Sources				1,989,088	1,984,566	996,953	1,024,655	1,079,953
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5000	Transfers - Pending Approval			14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	16,000 (1)
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Footnotes:

(1) 2009-2010 Separately warned article pending approval.

Shrewsbury Town School District
Expenses
Table II

Code	Account	Budget		Unaudited		Budget		Estimated	Budget
		2007-2008		2007-2008		2008-2009		2008-2009	2009-2010
1100	Instruction								
	Salaries	302,485		305,348		301,172		305,089	300,241
	Benefits	92,255		83,625		89,988		92,607	92,607
	Purchased Services	12,970		10,768		13,625		13,625	13,725
	Tuition Reimbursement	4,000		1,876		5,000		9,000	5,000
	Tuition, school choice	5,153		15,472		0		0	12,816
	Supplies, Snacks, Software & Travel	8,900		11,423		10,150		18,150	20,000
	Books	4,000		3,189		5,000		5,000	5,000
	Equipment	500		609		500		500	500
	Total Instruction	430,263		432,310		425,435		443,971	449,888
1150	Preschool								
	Salaries	22,756		22,552		22,959		23,775	25,406
	Benefits	4,414		3,651		3,593		4,691	3,898
	Supplies & Snacks	1,400		1,010		1,400		1,400	1,250
	Insurance / Heat/ Electricity	1,407		77		0		0	84
	Total Preschool	29,976		27,289		27,953		29,866	30,639
1400	Activities	1,268		3,132		1,468		1,468	1,468
2120	Guidance	12,273		12,655		12,299		9,301	10,341
2130	Health Services	9,110		8,369		9,422		9,157	9,758
2210	Improvement of Instruction	11,397		11,325		11,865		11,865	11,909
2230	Technology	8,500		8,397		9,200		9,200	9,500
2220	Library / Media								
	Salaries & Benefits	10,864		7,080		10,889		10,442	7,831
	Supplies & Repairs	500		358		500		500	500
	Books	2,000		3,337		2,000		2,000	2,000
	Equipment & Software	1,000		0		1,000		1,000	100
	Total Library / Media	14,364		10,774		14,389		13,941	10,430
2310	Board of Education	6,653		5,553		6,653		6,653	6,653
2320	Administration - RSSU	18,258		18,196		21,698		21,698	21,898
2400	Administration - School								
	Salaries/Benefits	85,618		84,967		89,027		92,026	93,998
	Contracted Services	1,500		1,182		1,600		1,600	1,600
	Telephone and Postage	4,000		1,582		4,000		4,000	3,000
	Travel/Supplies/Books	1,150		732		1,100		1,100	950
	Equipment & Software	1,000		1,002		1,500		1,500	1,350
	Dues and Fees	700		549		700		700	700
	Total Administration - School	93,968		90,014		97,927		100,926	101,598
2520	Fiscal Services								
	S.U. Assessment	16,853		16,853		20,019		20,019	20,158
	Audit/Other	5,477		3,723		8,324		15,967	10,259
	Total Fiscal Services	22,330		20,576		28,343		35,986	30,417
2600	Buildings / Grounds								
	Salaries & Benefits	44,270		44,214		46,554		47,656	48,682
	Repair & Maintenance	7,300		9,291		7,500		9,100	4,000
	Insurance	5,713		7,292		7,700		7,700	8,470
	Supplies & Travel	4,000		3,112		4,000		4,000	4,000
	Electricity	9,078		7,372		9,000		9,000	9,207
	Fuel Oil & Bottled Gas	19,000		17,134		21,000		28,000	19,500
	Equipment-Copier	4,427		5,002		5,000		5,000	5,000
	Equipment	3,000		2,701		3,000		3,000	3,500
	Total Building / Grounds	96,788		96,120		103,754		113,456	102,359

Code	Account	Budget 2007-2008		Unaudited 2007-2008		Budget 2008-2009		Estimated 2008-2009		Budget 2009-2010	
2711	Transportation										
	Salaries & Benefits	13,541		20,166		16,652		17,303		17,840	
	Repair and Maintenance	3,000		8,074		7,000		7,000		8,000	
	Transportation Contracts	10,363		6,357		10,363		10,363		11,327	
	Insurance	1,056		932		1,162		1,162		1,278	
	Diesel Fuel & Supplies	10,473		9,306		13,114		12,114		12,869	
	Total Transportation	38,432		44,835		48,291		47,942		51,314	
2720	Transportation - Activities	807		645		538		538		700	
2790	Transportation - Field Trips	1,292		1,213		1,292		1,292		1,292	
5100	Debt Services	19,000		16,677		15,559		15,559		0	
5350	Transfer - Sinking Fund Approved	14,000	(1)	14,000	(1)	0		0		0	
Total Operating Expenses		828,679		822,081		836,085		872,817		850,164	
1200	Special Education										
	Salaries & Benefits	57,800		82,855		92,510		92,006		98,879	
	Purchased Service	1,475		2,193		1,000		1,000		1,000	
	Assessment-Spec Ed/EEE	14,226		14,226		13,499		13,499		7,520	
	Tuition	0		0		0		0		0	
	Travel, Supplies & Equipment	1,400		1,983		1,400		1,400		1,500	
	Psychological Serv./Consulting	8,846		6,790		9,417		9,417		9,158	
	Speech Services	3,282		3,226		2,123		2,123		1,564	
	Health Services (OT)	4,303		4,303		3,265		3,265		3,299	
	Assessment-Administration	15,481		15,481		18,824		18,824		16,584	
	Total Special Education	106,813		131,058		142,038		141,534		139,504	
1400	Title I	18,763		16,110		19,037		19,120		19,134	
Total Operating & Special Education Expenses		954,255		969,249		997,160		1,033,471		1,008,801	
1100	Tuition - Stafford	26,326		26,326		0		0		0	
1100	Tuition - Stafford Act 68	52,081		52,561		0		0		0	
1100	Union School Assessment	1,102,427		1,102,427		0		0		0	
Total Expenses		2,135,090		2,150,563		997,161		1,033,472		1,008,802	
5350	Transfer - Pending Approval	0		0	0	14,000	(1)	14,000	(1)	16,000	
Total Expenses - Pending Approval		2,135,090		2,150,563		1,011,161		1,047,472		1,024,802	

Footnotes:

(1) Separately Warned Articles - Approved

(2) Separately Warned Articles - Pending Approval

District: Shrewsbury		LEA: T190		Enter estimated homestead base rate for FY2010. See note at bottom of page.	
County: Rutland		S.U.: Rutland South		0.86	
		Act 68		Act 130	
		FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010
Expenditures					
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$2,112,995	\$954,256	\$1,011,161	\$1,008,802
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	\$16,000
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending	-	-	-	-
4.	Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget	\$2,112,995	\$954,256	\$1,011,161	\$1,024,802
5.	plus Prior years Mill River UHSD #40 assessment	-	\$1,129,316	NA	NA
6.	plus No union elementary or junior high school assessment	-	-	NA	NA
7.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
8.	plus Prior year deficit reduction if not included in expenditure budget	-	-	-	-
9.	Gross Act 68 Budget	\$2,112,995	\$2,083,572	\$1,011,161	\$1,024,802
10.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
11.	Prior year deficit reduction (if included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Revenues					
12.	Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$303,231	\$372,850	\$225,618	\$242,330
13.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
14.	plus Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues (negative revenue instead of expenditures)	-	-	-	(\$71,150)
15.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues	-	-	-	-
16.	Total local revenues	\$303,231	\$372,850	\$225,618	\$171,180
17.	Education Spending	\$1,809,764	\$1,710,722	\$785,543	\$853,622
18.	Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	182.25	175.87	74.97	75.61
19.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$9,930	\$9,727	\$10,478	\$11,290
20.	minus Less net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$472.56	\$630.82	\$207.54	-
21.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	-	-	-	-
22.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is solely attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed	-	-	-	-
23.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-
24.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-
25.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$9,930	\$9,727	\$10,478	\$11,290
26.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$11,290 / \$8,544)	135.472% based on \$7,330	125.739% based on \$7,736	127.626% based on \$8,210	132.140% based on \$8,544
Prorating the local tax rate					
27.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (Tax rates were not prorated in FY06 - FY08) (132.140% x \$0.86)	\$1.287 based on \$0.95	\$1.094 based on \$0.87	\$1.110 based on \$0.87	\$1.136 based on \$0.86
28.	Percent of Shrewsbury equalized pupils not in a union school district	Not applicable prior to Act 130	Not applicable prior to Act 130	44.178%	46.170%
29.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (46.170% x \$1.14)	Not applicable prior to Act 130	Not applicable prior to Act 130	\$0.491	\$0.525
30.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	80.34%	74.44%	71.64%	65.69%
31.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (Tax rates were not prorated in FY06 - FY08) (\$0.525 / 65.69%)	\$1.602 based on \$0.95	\$1.470 based on \$0.87	\$0.685 based on \$0.87	\$0.799 based on \$0.86
<p>If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.</p>					
32.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (132.140% x 1.80%)	Not applicable prior to Act 130	Not applicable prior to Act 130	2.30%	2.38% based on 1.80%
33.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (46.170% x 2.38%)	2.44% based on 1.80%	2.26% based on 1.80%	1.02% based on 1.80%	1.10% based on 1.80%
34.	Percent of equalized pupils at Mill River UHSD	Not applicable prior to Act 130	Not applicable prior to Act 130	55.82%	53.830%
35.		Not applicable prior to Act 130	Not applicable prior to Act 130	-	-
<p>The Tax Commissioner recommended an FY2010 base education homestead tax rate of \$0.85 but also urged the Legislature to not accept that recommendation. The rate entered is therefore an estimate only. The base income percentage cap is 1.80%. Final figures will be set by the Legislature and approved by the Governor.</p> <p>The projected base education amount of \$8,544 is subject to change by the Legislature.</p>					

Rutland South Supervisory Union
FY 2009-2010 Budget
Operating Fund Revenue

	Budget Approved 2007-2008	Unaudited Actual 2007-2008	Budget Approved 2008-2009	Estimated 2008-2009	Budget Proposed 2009-2010
Assessments to Schools					
1931 - Central Office Administration					
Clarendon	114,291	114,291	136,926	136,926	145,372
Shrewsbury	35,111	35,111	41,727	41,727	42,056
Wallingford	74,835	74,835	85,329	85,329	80,530
Mill River UHS	330,008	330,008	367,116	367,116	385,409
Total Central Office	554,245	554,245	631,098	631,098	653,367
1942 - Computer Service / Curriculum					
Clarendon	27,799	27,799	30,245	30,245	32,962
Shrewsbury	8,397	8,397	8,865	8,865	8,909
Wallingford	18,983	18,983	18,719	18,719	17,916
Mill River UHS	83,193	83,193	80,181	80,181	87,173
Total Curriculum/Comp	138,372	138,372	138,010	138,010	146,960
Total Assessments	692,617	692,617	769,108	769,108	800,327
1500 - Interest	2,000	15,843	5,000	7,185	10,000
1940 - Service to Other LEA's	0	0	0	1,000	0
1990 - Other	4,000	24,837	0	33,564	0
Total Revenue	698,617	733,297	774,108	810,857	810,327
Expenses					
2220 - Computer Tech Services	138,372	143,617	138,010	138,010	146,959
2320 - Central Office Administration	202,759	219,340	212,455	218,028	225,377
2210 - Improvement of Instruction	60,900	61,701	52,685	52,685	57,115
2313 - Treasurer	646	646	646	646	646
2520 - Fiscal Services	298,122	310,837	330,633	320,775	342,554
2600 - Buildings/Grounds/Equipment	35,432	28,996	37,080	37,080	37,396
2711 - Transportation	3,600	3,447	3,600	3,600	3,600
Adjustments	0	0	0	2,500	0
Total Expenses	739,831	768,584	775,109	773,324	813,647
Summary of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes					
Total Revenue	698,617	733,297	774,108	810,857	810,327
Total Expenditures	739,831	768,584	775,109	773,324	813,647
Excess Of Revenue	-41,212	-35,287	-999	37,533	-3,321
Beg Bal July 1	41,212	1,075	999	-34,212	3,321
Prior Period Adjustment	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Bal June 30	0	-34,212	0	3,321	0

Rutland South Supervisory Union
FY 2009 - 2010 Budget
Fund 3 Revenue

	Budget 2007-2008	Unaudited Actual 2007-2008	Budget 2008-2009	Budget 2009-2010
Assessments to Schools - Special Education				
1932 - Speech				
Clarendon	9,541	9,541	6,401	4,379
Shrewsbury	2,882	2,882	1,923	1,214
Wallingford	6,472	6,472	4,007	2,442
Mill River UHS	20,255	25,453	11,766	8,101
Total Speech	39,150	44,348	24,097	16,136
1944 - EEE Early Ed.				
Clarendon	47,094	47,094	44,937	49,824
Shrewsbury	14,226	14,226	13,499	7,520
Wallingford	31,947	31,947	28,131	6,660
Total EEE	93,267	93,267	86,567	64,004
1945 - Special Ed Administration				
Clarendon	51,251	51,251	62,659	59,798
Shrewsbury	15,481	15,481	18,824	16,584
Wallingford	34,767	34,767	39,226	33,349
Mill River UHS	108,800	108,800	115,189	110,635
Total Spec Ed Admin	210,299	210,299	235,898	220,366
1946 - Psychological Services				
Clarendon	21,008	21,008	23,599	24,632
Shrewsbury	6,346	6,346	6,917	6,658
Wallingford	14,346	14,346	14,605	13,388
Mill River UHS	62,871	62,871	62,560	65,144
Total Psych Svc	104,571	104,571	107,681	109,822
Health Services				
Clarendon	14,244	14,244	10,867	11,896
Shrewsbury	4,303	4,303	3,265	3,299
Wallingford	9,663	9,663	6,803	6,634
Mill River UHS	30,238	30,238	19,978	22,009
Total Health Svs	58,448	58,448	40,913	43,837
Total Programs	505,735	510,933	495,156	454,165
1990 - Other Local	0	0	0	0
1940 - Services to Other LEA's	0	3,169	0	0
4226 - State Revenue IDEA-B	174,946	217,782	174,946	182,261
4228 - State Revenue IDEA-B Preschool	2,954	113	2,934	2,747
Misc - Grants	286,000	311,789	286,000	286,000
5401 - Adjustments / Refunds	0	7,088	0	0
Total Other Revenue	463,900	539,940	463,880	471,008
Total Revenue	969,635	1,050,873	959,037	925,173
Expenses				
1100 - Summer Programs	0	0	0	0
1200 - Special Education	81,792	92,504	98,309	78,876
1210 - EEE Early Ed	96,220	92,568	89,502	66,751
1400 - Title I	0	17,273	0	0
2130 - Health Services	58,448	53,738	40,914	43,838
2140 - Psychological Services	104,571	89,286	107,681	109,821
2150 - Speech Services	214,096	207,874	199,042	198,397
2420 - Special Ed Administration	128,507	128,259	137,589	141,490
2210 - Grant Expenditures	151,000	178,960	151,000	151,000
5500 - Subgrant Transfer / Other	135,000	139,022	135,000	135,000
Contingencies	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	969,635	999,484	959,037	925,173
Summary of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes to Fund Balance				
Total Revenue	969,635	1,050,873	959,037	925,173
Total Expenditures	969,635	999,484	959,037	925,173
Excess Of Revenue	0	51,389	0	(0)

Medicaid Reimbursement Funds

2007-08

During the 2007-08 school year, Shrewsbury Mountain School spent \$1,848 in Medicaid reimbursement funds. These funds are from grant sources and are not represented in the budget.

Funds were expended on:

Learning Lab and Homework Support – tutoring

SCHOOL COMPARISON DATA FOR COST-EFFECTIVENESS (from Vermont Department of Education Website)

This report contains the comparison data for the annual report on student performance from a school to its community members. The annual performance reports and these data are required by statute (16 V.S.A. §§ 165 (a)(2) and 165 (a)(2)(K)). Data are included for both schools and school districts.

Data for a school includes enrollments, teacher counts, and administrators at the school as reported by school districts. Also included are student/teacher ratios, student/administrator ratios, and teacher/administrator ratios. Schools have been grouped into cohorts based on enrollment and grade configurations and ranked within each cohort by enrollment.

Data for a school district includes student full-time equivalents (FTE) and current expenditures for grades pre-K–12, less special education costs, and the netted current expenditures per student FTE. Special education costs were removed from the figures as there are wide variations in those costs among school districts due both to the number of students served and the services required. School districts were grouped into cohorts based on student FTE's and grade configurations and ranked within each cohort by student FTE. In prior years, these figures were limited to districts' own current expenditures.

Current expenditures are based on the federal definition of current expense. These are the expenditures used in a given year to provide an education for students from pre-kindergarten through grade 12. Expenditures for instruction, support services, general and school administration, business services, operations and maintenance, transportation and enterprise operations are included, although many enterprise operations are supported by fees and charges. Excluded from current expenditures are costs for tuitions and assessments to other providers, community services, adult education programs, equipment, capital construction, and principal and interest payments on long-term debt.

Comparative School District Data for Cost-Effectiveness, FY2008

School District Data

Special education costs have been removed
from current expenditures

Cohort Rank	School District Name	Grades	Student FTE	PK-12 Current Expenditures (less SpEd \$)	PK-12 CurExp per FTE
Elementary school district, FY2006		Total	2,928.71	30,150,920	
47 schools districts in cohort		Average	62.31		10,551
1	Cavendish	K-6	98.73	1,061,890	10,755
2	Fayston	PK-6	96.66	1,144,305	11,838
3	Shoreham	K-6	96.36	881,121	9,144
4	Jamaica	K-6	95.99	779,089	8,116
5	Sherburne	K-6	92.92	1,068,633	11,501
6	Weybridge	K-6	92.56	736,913	7,961
7	Whitingham	PK-5	92.23	1,045,436	11,335
8	Pomfret	K-6	89.51	843,662	9,425
9	Cornwall	K-6	86.34	778,099	9,012
10	Waterville	PK-6	85.41	806,829	9,447
11	Dover	PK-6	83.72	871,422	10,409
12	Townshend	K-6	83.55	820,012	9,815
13	Athens/Grafton Joint Coi	K-6	81.30	726,295	8,934
14	Bolton	PK-4	76.40	655,484	8,580
15	Wells	K-6	75.10	851,591	11,339
16	Worcester	K-6	74.75	805,618	10,778
17	Brownington	K-6	74.09	754,336	10,181
18	Wardsboro	PK-6	72.04	652,651	9,060
19	Holland	PK-6	69.50	677,495	9,748
20	Leicester	K-6	69.24	583,051	8,421
21	Lakeview USD #43	K-6	69.18	715,506	10,343
22	Shrewsbury	PK-6	68.60	709,831	10,347
23	Bridgewater	K-6	66.19	608,092	9,187
24	Ripton	PK-6	65.20	507,200	7,779
25	Jay/Westfield Joint Elem	K-6	63.84	662,155	10,372
26	Stockbridge	PK-6	63.83	523,243	8,197
27	Roxbury	PK-6	62.62	570,774	9,115
28	Barnard	K-6	59.99	687,001	11,452
29	West Windsor	K-6	57.84	841,796	14,554
30	Sunderland	K-6	57.73	828,660	14,354
31	Woodbury	K-6	56.16	669,996	11,930
32	Middletown Springs	K-6	51.77	719,047	13,889
33	Peacham	K-6	49.56	610,049	12,309
34	Reading	K-6	48.84	624,029	12,777
35	Brookline	K-6	45.95	376,874	8,202
36	Granville/Hancock Joint	PK-6	43.94	445,211	10,132
37	Morgan	PK-6	42.08	380,966	9,053
38	Tinmouth	PK-6	41.00	472,427	11,523
39	Whiting	PK-6	34.88	258,820	7,420
40	Woodford	K-6	32.60	405,755	12,446
41	Isle La Motte	K-6	31.43	494,833	15,744
42	Windham	PK-6	29.01	272,081	9,379
43	Guildhall	K-6	26.66	323,286	12,126
44	Sudbury	K-6	26.24	351,080	13,380
45	Plymouth	K-6	21.71	253,482	11,676
46	Elmore	1-3	19.46	196,567	6,023
47	Granby	K-6	6.00	98,227	16,371

Comparative School Data for Cost-Effectiveness, FY2008

School Data

FY2007 data (school year 2006 - 2007)

Cohort Rank	School Name	School District Name	Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Student / Teacher Ratio	Student / Administrator Ratio	Teacher / Administrator Ratio
Elementary school, enrollment < 100 47 schools in cohort			Total Average	3,077 65.47	311.40 6.63	35.47 0.79	10.11	104.52	10.68
1	Bridport Central School	Bridport	PK - 6	99	11.40	1.00	8.68	99.00	11.40
2	Brookfield School	Brookfield	K - 6	98	9.70	1.00	10.10	98.00	9.70
3	Mt. Holly School	Mt. Holly	K - 6	96	9.60	1.00	10.00	96.00	9.60
4	Smilie Memorial School	Bolton	PK - 4	94	6.40	1.00	14.69	94.00	6.40
5	Shoreham Elementary School	Shoreham	K - 6	91	9.90	1.00	9.19	91.00	9.90
5	Townshend Village School	Townshend	K - 6	91	8.00	1.00	11.38	91.00	8.00
7	Jamaica Village School	Jamaica	PK - 6	90	6.70	1.00	13.43	90.00	6.70
7	Weybridge Elementary School	Weybridge	K - 6	90	6.75	1.00	13.33	90.00	6.75
9	Pomfret School	Pomfret	K - 6	88	9.15	0.80	9.62	110.00	11.44
9	Sherburne Elementary School	Killington	PK - 6	88	8.56	0.80	10.28	110.00	10.70
9	Westshire Elementary	Rivendell Interstate Scho	K - 5	88	11.08	1.00	7.94	88.00	11.08
12	Grafton Elementary School	Grafton	K - 6	87	11.20	1.00	7.77	87.00	11.20
12	Waterville Elementary School	Waterville	PK - 6	87	8.00	1.00	10.88	87.00	8.00
14	Dover Elementary School	Dover	PK - 6	85	9.30	1.00	9.14	85.00	9.30
15	Wardsboro Central School	Wardsboro	PK - 6	84	6.20	1.00	13.55	84.00	6.20
16	Brownington Central School	Brownington	K - 6	80	8.00	1.00	10.00	80.00	8.00
16	Holland Elementary School	Holland	PK - 6	80	8.15	0.75	9.82	106.67	10.87
18	Wells Village School	Wells	K - 6	79	8.50	1.00	9.29	79.00	8.50
18	Jay/Westfield Joint Elementary	Jay/Westfield Joint Eleme	K - 6	79	7.00	0.90	11.29	87.78	7.78
20	Bingham Memorial School	Cornwall	K - 6	78	8.20	1.00	9.51	78.00	8.20
21	Doty Memorial School	Worcester	PK - 6	77	7.80	0.90	9.87	85.56	8.67
22	Lakeview UESD #43	Lakeview USD #43	K - 6	76	7.00	1.00	10.86	76.00	7.00
23	Shrewsbury Mountain School	Shrewsbury	PK - 6	70	8.20	0.70	8.54	100.00	11.71
24	Bridgewater Village School	Bridgewater	PK - 6	69	8.21	0.49	8.40	140.82	16.76
24	Middletown Springs Elementary	Middletown Springs	PK - 6	69	5.60	0.80	12.32	86.25	7.00
24	Stockbridge Central School	Stockbridge	PK - 6	69	5.62	1.00	12.28	69.00	5.62
27	Woodbury Elementary School	Woodbury	K - 6	65	6.00	1.00	10.83	65.00	6.00
28	Leicester Central School	Leicester	PK - 6	64	5.65	0.80	11.33	80.00	7.06
29	Ripton Elementary School	Ripton	PK - 6	60	4.70	0.50	12.77	120.00	9.40
30	Albert Bridge School	West Windsor	K - 6	57	6.00	1.40	9.50	40.71	4.29
30	Roxbury Village School	Roxbury	PK - 6	57	6.20	0.50	9.19	114.00	12.40
32	Barnard Central School	Barnard	K - 6	56	6.20	0.60	9.03	93.33	10.33
32	Sunderland Elem. School	Sunderland	K - 6	56	8.25	1.00	6.79	56.00	8.25
34	Reading Elementary School	Reading	K - 6	48	5.05	1.00	9.50	48.00	5.05
35	Brookline Elementary School	Brookline	K - 6	45	4.00	0.50	11.25	90.00	8.00
36	Peacham Elementary School	Peacham	PK - 6	44	5.60	0.60	7.86	73.33	9.33
37	Tinmouth Elementary School	Tinmouth	PK - 6	43	4.80	0.50	8.96	86.00	9.60
38	E. Taylor Hatton School	Morgan	K - 6	40	4.25	0.10	9.41	400.00	42.50
39	The Village School	Granville/Hancock Joint C	PK - 6	39	5.32	1.00	7.33	39.00	5.32
40	Whiting Village School	Whiting	PK - 6	34	3.20	0.20	10.63	170.00	16.00
40	Woodford Hollow School	Woodford	K - 6	34	3.25	0.60	10.46	56.67	5.42
42	Isle La Motte Elementary School	Isle La Motte	K - 6	32	5.16	0.28	6.20	114.29	18.43
43	Sudbury Country School	Sudbury	K - 6	30	3.30	0.20	9.09	150.00	16.50
44	Windham Elementary School	Windham	PK - 6	29	2.76	0.50	10.51	58.00	5.52
45	Guildhall Elementary School	Guildhall	K - 6	23	3.30	0.05	6.97	460.00	66.00
46	Plymouth Elementary School	Plymouth	K - 6	20	3.19	-	6.27	-	-
47	Lake Elmore School	Elmore	1 - 3	19	1.00	-	19.00	-	-

Town of Shrewsbury
RESULTS OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
March 4, 2008

Moderator Eldred French called the informational meeting for the Town School District to order on March 3, 2008 at 5:35 pm. Present were School Board members Adrienne Raymond, Sarah Bolster, and Ed Hemmer. Also present were Principal Debra Fishwick, RSSU Superintendent Walter Goetz, and approximately 20 voters. All warned articles were discussed. Senator Hull Maynard Jr. spoke regarding ongoing legislative issues. This meeting recessed at 5:55 pm. for voting by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, beginning at 10 am.

ARTICLE 1.	1 year term	Eldred French
Town School District Moderator		
ARTICLE 2.	3 year term	Edmund Hemmer
Town School Director		
ARTICLE 3.	3 year term	Vacant
MRUHS Director *		

ARTICLE 4. Shall the town school district raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,000** to be placed in the bus replacement reserve fund? **Yes 315** **No 142**

ARTICLE 5. Shall the town school district raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,000** to be placed in the building maintenance reserve fund? **Yes 307** **No 151**

ARTICLE 6. Shall the voters of the Shrewsbury School District raise, appropriate and expend the amount of **\$997,161.00** for the operational expenditures of the said school district, which includes the elementary school? **Yes 289** **No 170**

ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters of the Shrewsbury School District authorize the school directors to barrow up to **\$25,000.00**, subject to State loan forgiveness, for the upgrade of the water system and installation of an ultraviolet water disinfection system at the Shrewsbury Mountain School, as required by the State of Vermont Water Supply Rule? **Yes 324** **No 135**

ARTICLE 8. Shall the town school district vote to authorize the school directors to borrow money temporarily, from time to time, as may be required to pay orders? **Yes 294** **No 164**

* **Correction:** In "Results of Annual School District Meeting March 6, 2007" as shown in the 2007 Annual Report, the term for which a MRUHS Director was elected was described as "2 years of a 3 year term". Andy Richards-Peele was elected for a 3 year term.

**SHREWSBURY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**

The legal voters of the Town of Shrewsbury in the County of Rutland are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. to take action by Australian Ballot on the following matters:

- Article 1 To elect a town school district moderator for a term of one year.
- Article 2 To elect a town school director for a term of 3 years.
- Article 3 To elect a director to the Mill River Union School District #40 Board for two years to complete the remainder of a three year term.
- Article 4 Shall the town school district raise and appropriate the sum of **\$8,000** to be placed in the bus replacement reserve fund?
- Article 5 Shall the town school district raise and appropriate the sum of **\$8,000** to be placed in the building maintenance reserve fund?
- Article 6 Shall the voters of the Shrewsbury School District raise, appropriate and expend the amount of **\$1,008,802** for the operational expenditures of said school district, which includes the elementary school?
- Article 7 Shall the town school district vote to authorize the board of school directors to borrow money temporarily from time to time as may be required to pay orders?

Dated: 29th of January, 2009

Sarah Bolster

Edmund Hemmer

Adrienne Raymond

Shrewsbury School Directors

The annual Town School District informational meeting will take place on **Monday, March 2, 2009 at 5:30 P.M.** The informational meetings will be held at the **Shrewsbury Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road, Shrewsbury, Vermont.**

*Town of Shrewsbury
9823 Upper Cold River Road
Shrewsbury, VT 05738*

Information Meetings
Monday, March 2, 2009
Shrewsbury Community Meeting House
Meetings begin at 5:30 PM
School District Followed by Town
Australian Ballot
Tuesday, March 3, 2009
Shrewsbury Community Meeting House
10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

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