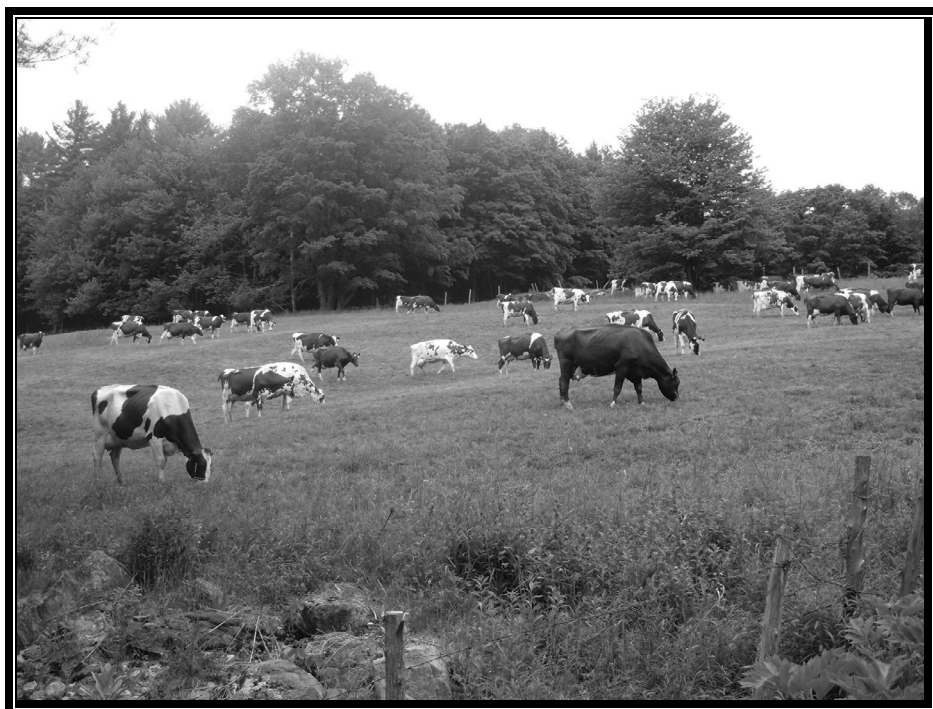


# *Town of Shrewsbury, Vermont*



*2009  
Annual Report*

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## Town of Shrewsbury

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<b>Town Clerk - 492-3511</b> Monday—Thursday: 9:30am - 3pm; Closed Friday	
<b>Town Treasurer - 492-3558</b> Wednesday 5pm - 7pm, and by Appt.	<b>Historical Society</b> Open July - October; Sundays 1pm - 3pm
<b>Transfer Station</b> Sun 8am - 4pm Wed 1pm - 7pm	<b>Shrewsbury Library - 492-3410</b> Mon, Fri, & Sat 10am-Noon Wednesday 10am - 5pm Tues, Wed, & Thurs 7- 9pm
<b>Cuttingsville Post Office - 492-3585</b> Mon - Fri: Counter 8am - 11am and 12:30pm - 4:30pm; Lobby 7am - 5pm. Saturday: Counter 8am - 10:30am; Lobby 7:30am - 10:30am	

### Contact Information

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	<b>Bert Potter</b>	<b>773-2272</b>
	<b>Mike Stewart</b>	<b>775-9612</b>
<b>Shrewsbury Mountain School</b>	<b>Main Office</b>	<b>492-3435</b>
<b>Mill River High School</b>	<b>Main Office</b>	<b>775-3451</b>
<b>Shrewsbury School Board</b>	<b>Adrienne Raymond</b>	<b>492-3578</b>
<b>Animal Control Officer</b>	<b>Matthew Walker</b>	<b>775-2649 or 342-1446</b>
<b>Constables</b>	<b>Matt Danaher</b>	<b>492-3442</b>
	<b>Peter Lajoie</b>	<b>492-3671</b>
<b>Fire Wardens</b>	<b>Kevin Brown</b>	<b>775-6194(h); 775-5518(w)</b>
<b>[Burning Permits]</b>	<b>Al Ridlon, Jr.</b>	<b>492-3722(h); 492-2055(w)</b>
<b>Board of Listers</b>	<b>Betsy Jesser</b>	<b>492-2009</b>
<b>Health Officer</b>	<b>Irene Gordon</b>	<b>492-8282</b>
<b>Town Garage</b>	<b>Jamie Carrara</b>	<b>492-3656</b>
<b>Zoning Administrator</b>	<b>Adrienne Raymond</b>	<b>492-3578</b>
<b>Town Hall reservations</b>	<b>Paul Sgalia</b>	<b>492-3649</b>

### Town Meetings

<b>Board of Selectmen</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday - Town Office</b>
<b>Shrewsbury School Board</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Monday – Shrewsbury Mountain School</b>
<b>Mill River School Board</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday - Mill River High School</b>
<b>Volunteer Fire Department</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Every Thursday - Cuttingsville Station</b>
<b>Planning Commission</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday - Town Office</b>
<b>Conservation Commission</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday - Town Office</b>

**Town Website:** [www.shrewsburyvt.org](http://www.shrewsburyvt.org)

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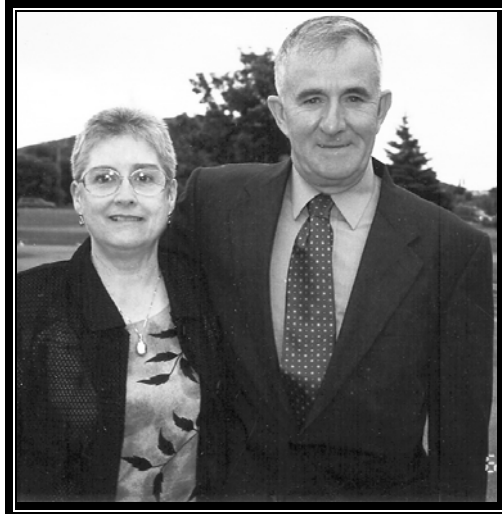




Pierce's Store in North Shrewsbury is a historic landmark that has been at the center of community life since its initial operation by Nathaniel J. Aldrich in 1865. The store was purchased by Willie E. Pierce in 1918 and was operated continuously by the Pierce family, including Willie's sons Glendon and Gordon and their sister Marjorie, until it was closed in 1993. Marjorie Pierce, on her death in 2001, left the house and store to the Preservation Trust of Vermont, (PTV) with her wish that it be preserved and eventually operated again as a General Store.

In late 2007, the Preservation Trust solicited proposals for reopening the store. A group of Shrewsbury residents responded with a successful proposal to operate the store as a cooperative "community-supported enterprise." The Shrewsbury Cooperative at Pierce's Store was formally organized on June 14, 2009 with adoption of Bylaws and election of a Board of Directors. With financial support from the PTV and many generous private donors, capital investments already made by PTV were enhanced by interior restoration, including a kitchen, and purchasing of inventory. A well-attended Grand Opening took place on September 13, 2009.

Shrewsbury Cooperative at Pierce's Store now has a membership of 150 households and is open six days a week with groceries; local produce and crafts; and soups, sandwiches, and take-out meals. Thanks to the efforts of the PTV and countless dedicated Townspeople, it is a cause for celebration that Marjorie Pierce's dream has been fulfilled, and Pierce's Store once again serves the Shrewsbury community.



Herb and Karen Carrara

This year's Annual Report is dedicated to Herb Carrara in recognition of his 52 years of dedicated service to our Town. Shrewsbury is a challenging place in terms of road maintenance and weather, and we have been blessed to have Herb watching over us all these years, doing all he could do to keep your four wheels on the ground to get you home safely every day.

Herb retired as Road Commissioner in September of this past year and turned over the reins to his son Jamie, who has worked together with his Dad on the Road Crew for over 20 years. Herb was born in 1941 to Bennie and Birdelle Carrara and into a Carrara family tradition of leading our Road Crew. Equipment has always been a part of Herbie's life since he was a young lad. In his early years he worked for and with his father in their excavating business, which he continued on his own in summers until 1990. He began working in 1957 for his father Bennie who was Road Commissioner until his untimely death in 1970. Con Cyr, who is married to Herbie's aunt Eva, was then named Commissioner, and Herb continued working with him until Con retired in 1990 and Herb was appointed. We are very lucky to have this tradition continue with Jamie's appointment.

Herb and Jamie could usually be seen working together on various projects throughout Town over the years, operating the equipment to replace culverts; hauling sure-pak and grading the roads in the spring and the fall; traveling the roads together and clearing trees after storms. It's a great thing to see a father and son work together committed to a job that means so much to so many people. It was always clear by the looks in their faces that they saw this opportunity to work together every day as a blessing, and one to be enjoyed. This showed through in Herb's work and commitment to the Town and in his everyday general good attitude and friendly face.

Herb took his work of maintaining our roads as a personal responsibility and went to great pains to make sure that Shrewsbury's 56 miles of roads were the safest in the state. He always made certain that the roads were clear for the morning and

afternoon school bus runs and that the Town plows were there ahead of the milk trucks that served Shrewsbury's dairy farms.

Herb's diligence, foresight, and observation kept the maintenance of our roads to a minimum, and allowed him to keep ahead of major repairs by knowing what sections of road needed a little more attention before they got really bad. Herb seemed to have a sixth sense of when to clear the ditches before a heavy rain and when to prepare for a spring thaw. Not only did this attentiveness keep the cost of maintaining our roads down, it also kept our roads open and convenient to travel on a regular basis.

Herb has also done a great job inspiring the members of our Road Crew throughout his time as Road Commissioner. Our Road Crew is extremely dedicated to the work they do, and they all take the responsibility of keeping us safe very seriously. This is because of Herbie's leadership.

There was a wonderful retirement party held in Herb's honor in November at the Meeting House, at which well over 100 people showed up to wish Herbie the best in his retirement. The outpouring of thanks from the people who attended was tremendous. It was a great opportunity for the people of our Town to thank Herb personally for his good work, and to share stories about how Herb saved someone from a ditch, plowed a path for someone to get home, or made sure the way was clear for some very important event following a storm.

Herb certainly is not one to sit around on his duff, so retirement for Herb will likely mean working 20-30 hours a week instead of 40 or 50. So if you see Herbie around town this winter, say hello and thank him for all his good work. We all wish Herb and Karen the best in the future, a happy and healthy retirement, and a big thank you for his 52 years of dedication to our Town.

by Steven Spatz



Herb and Jamie Carrara

Photo by Karen Lorentz

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**Why read this Report?**

The Annual Report is presented each year to inform the citizens about the financial and operational status of our Town. It is full of numbers and words, but most importantly it is full of information that can help us understand how and why our Town works the way it does - as well as how much it costs! Take a few minutes (or longer) to look at a few of the reports. Two reports of particular interest this year are: United States Census Information regarding the 2010 Census and the Board of Listers' Report regarding Town Reappraisal activity

Shrewsbury is a special place to live, and we can insure that it remains that way through thoughtful interest in how our Town works. So find something that interests you in the Town Report and look it over!

Town Reports have been mailed to the citizens of Shrewsbury. A limited number are available at the Town Office. See you at the **Town Informational Meeting on Monday, March 1, 2010.** Bring your copy of the Annual Report to assist you in participating with your fellow citizens.

The report can also be seen on the Town website at [www.shrewsburyvt.org](http://www.shrewsburyvt.org)

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2009 ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS**

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<b>Elected Office</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Elected officer(s)</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
MODERATOR	1 Year	Eldred French	2010
TOWN CLERK	3 Years	Mark Goodwin	2012
TOWN TREASURER	3 Years	Linda McGuire	2012
SELECTBOARD	3 Years	Steven Spatz	2010
		Michael Stewart	2011
		Bert Potter	2012
AUDITORS	3 Years	Richard Bizziak	2010
		Chryl Martin <sup>(1)</sup>	2011
		Jonathan Gibson	2012
LISTERS	3 Years	Betsy Jessor	2010
		Kim Ridlon	2011
		Steven Nicholson	2012
MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DIRECTORS	3 Years	Sarah Bolster	2010
		Edmund Hemmer	2011
		Adrienne Raymond	2012
MILL RIVER SCHOOL DIRECTORS	3 Years	Andrew Richards-Peelle	2010
		William Brown	2011
TOWN GRAND JUROR	1 Year	Barry Griffith	2010
TOWN AGENT	1 Year	Barry Griffith	2010
1 <sup>ST</sup> CONSTABLE	1 Year	Matthew Danaher <sup>(1)</sup>	2010
2 <sup>ND</sup> CONSTABLE	1 Year	Peter Lajoie <sup>(1)</sup>	2010
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES	3 Years	Randy A. Page	2012
CEMETERY COMMISSION	3 Years	George Richards	2012
		David Rice	2010
		Larry Carrara	2011

<sup>(1)</sup> Appointment valid until next election March 2, 2010

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**JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ELECTED AT GENERAL ELECTION**

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Justices of the Peace are elected for two year terms every other year. Current Justices were elected November 4, 2008 to serve from February 1, 2009 through January 31, 2011. The next General Election will occur November 2, 2010.	John Berryhill	2011
	Larry Carrara	2011
	Barry Griffith	2011
	Marilyn (Sally) Jones	2011
	Hull Maynard	2011
	Julanne Sharrow	2011
	Vacant	2011

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2009 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD<sup>(1)</sup>**

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ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER		Matthew Walker	2010
TRUSTEES of the SHEWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE <sup>(2)</sup>	3 Years	Leonard Korzun	2010
		John Berryhill	2012
		Paul Sgalia	2011
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	4 Years	Cynthia Mitchell	2010
		Nancy Bell	2010
		Richard Bizziak	2010
		Vacant (1 Position)	2010
		Carol Calotta	2011
		Debra Weaver	2011
		Connie Youngstrom	2011
		Grace Brigham	2012
		Vacant (1 position)	2012

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2009 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD<sup>(1)</sup>**

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DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD	3 Years <sup>(4)</sup>	Mark Youngstrom	2012
		Alan Shelvey	2010
		Steven Spatz (Alternate)	2010
		Bruce Bullard	2012
		Bert Stewart	2012
		Dennis Start (Alternate)	2010
		Vacant (2 Positions)	
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR		Steve Spatz <sup>(3)</sup>	
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR		Vacant	2010
		Vacant (Alternate)	
ENERGY COORDINATOR		Steven Spatz	2010
FENCE VIEWERS		Linda McGuire	2010
		Randy Page	2010
		Mike Stewart	2010
GREEN UP DAY COORDINATOR		Cynthia Mitchell	5/31/10
HEALTH OFFICER		Irene Gordon	7/31/11
INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES, & WOOD		Eldred French	2010
LIBRARY BOARD		Debbie Blecich	2010
PLANNING COMMISSION	3 Years <sup>(4)</sup>	Laura Black	2012
		Mark Goodwin	2010
		George Brigham	2011
		David Rice	2011
		Francis Wyatt	2011
		Marilyn Dalick	2012
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL		Marina Potter	6/30/10
REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE		Gerry Martin	2011
ROAD COMMISSIONER		Jamie Carrara	2010
RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION		Mark Goodwin	6/30/10
		David Rice (Alternate)	6/30/10
SERVICES OFFICER		George Richards	2010
FOREST FIRE WARDEN		Kevin Brown	6/30/13
		Al Ridlon, Jr.	6/30/13
TREE WARDEN		Eldred French	2010
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	3 Years	Adrienne Raymond	2012
WEIGHER OF COAL		George Richards	2010

<sup>(1)</sup> All appointments expire in March of the year shown unless otherwise indicated.

<sup>(2)</sup> Three of seven positions appointed by Selectboard.

<sup>(3)</sup> Function performed by Selectboard, through its Chair.

<sup>(4)</sup> Term of Office determined by Selectboard.

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**OTHER TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**

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TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT	Richard Adams	
TOWN ROAD CREW	Gilbert Pitts, Stephen Bruce	
(Appointed by Road Commissioner)		
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK	Linda McGuire, Betsy Jesser	2012
(Appointed by Town Clerk)		
ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER	Kathy Beauchain	2012
(Appointed by Treasurer)		
SELECTBOARD CLERK	Mark Goodwin	2010
(Chosen by Selectboard)		
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD CLERK	Adrienne Raymond	2010
(Chosen by Development Review Board)		



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Town of Shrewsbury  
**WARNING FOR 229th ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**MARCH 2, 2010**

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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 2, 2010 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 Selectboard Member	3-year term
One Auditor	3-year term
One Auditor	1-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
Cemetery Commissioner	3-year term

\*Third year of a three year term

2. Shall the Town approve a budget of **\$807,848**, and appropriate and expend **\$496,116**, 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 **\$1,500** for the Town Office Reserve Fund?
4. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500** for the Town Garage Reserve Fund?
5. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund?
6. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$50,000** for the Town Road Equipment Fund?
7. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund?
8. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$26,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund?
9. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$12,000** for the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House?

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**WARNING FOR 229th ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**MARCH 2, 2010**

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10. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$25,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department?
11. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$7,500** for the Shrewsbury Library?
12. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$2,000** for the Shrewsbury Historical Society?
13. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,520** for the Vermont League of Cities and Towns?
14. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$750** for dues to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission?
15. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$4,432** for dues to the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service?
16. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$100** to help support the George D. Aiken Resource Conservation & Development Council?
17. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$250** to help support the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District?
18. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$2,526** to support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice.
19. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Green Up Vermont organization?
20. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$130** to help support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?
21. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$700** to help support the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?
22. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,192** to help support Rutland Mental Health Services?
23. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter?
24. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$600** to help support BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**WARNING FOR 229th ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**MARCH 2, 2010**

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25. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$600** to help support the Rutland County Parent/Child Center?
26. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support Vermont Adult Learning/Rutland County Basic Education?
27. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support NeighborWorks of Western Vermont?
28. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$300** to help support the Housing Trust of Rutland County?
29. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$170** to help support the Vermont Center for Independent Living?
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., Tuesday, October 5, 2010?

Dated: January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Steven Spatz  
Shrewsbury Selectboard

Bert Potter

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 1, 2010**.

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**RESULTS of 228th ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**MARCH 3, 2009**

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The informational meeting for the Town was called at order on March 2, 2009 at 7:15 pm. by Moderator Eldred French. Present were Selectboard members Steven Spatz, Mike Stewart and Bert Potter. Also present were approximately 50 voters. State Senator, Hull Maynard spoke about the challenges and opportunities confronting the Legislature in Montpelier. He primarily noted issues concerning Housing, Transportation, and Economic Development and Agricultural concerns. Representative Eldred French, after temporarily relinquishing the moderator position to Bert Potter, spoke about his initial time in the House and the challenges and opportunities confronting the Legislature in Montpelier. Representative French stated that taxes were not off the table during these trying economic times, but the timing of any revenue enhancement legislation will need to be looked at based on any Federal stimulus money that might be coming to Vermont. After his presentation, Mr. French resumed his responsibility as Moderator. There was a moment of silence for all Townspeople who had passed on over the past year. The Selectboard outlined their approach to setting the budget and the upcoming town-wide property reappraisal, which will not affect the Grand List until 2011. All warned articles were reviewed and discussed. Appointed and vacant positions were reviewed. The meeting recessed at 9:45 pm. for voting by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, beginning at 10 am.

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

One Moderator	1 - year term	Eldred French
One Town Clerk	3 - year term	Mark Goodwin
One Town Treasurer	3 - year term	Linda McGuire
One Selectboard Member	3 - year term	Bert Potter
One Auditor	3 - year term	Jonathan Gibson
One Auditor	2 - year term*	Vacant
One Lister	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
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	3- year term	Randy Page
Cemetery Commissioner	3-year term	George Richards

\* 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? **Yes – 269 No - 74**
3. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$10,000** for the Town-wide Reappraisal Sinking Fund? **Yes – 211 No - 136**

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**RESULTS of 228th ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**MARCH 3, 2009**

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4. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500** for the Town Office Reserve Fund? **Yes – 239 No - 110**
5. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500** for the Town Garage Reserve Fund? **Yes – 254 No - 95**
6. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund? **Yes – 248 No - 100**
7. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$50,000** for the Town Road Equipment Fund? **Yes – 279 No - 70**
8. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund? **Yes – 227 No - 121**
9. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$26,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund? **Yes – 237 No - 109**
10. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$12,000** for the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House? **Yes – 226 No - 121**
11. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$25,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department? **Yes – 259 No - 89**
12. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$7,500** for the Shrewsbury Library? **Yes – 206 No - 141**
13. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500** for the Shrewsbury Historical Society? **Yes – 188 No - 151**
14. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,520** for the Vermont League of Cities and Towns? **Yes – 184 No - 164**
15. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$750** for dues to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission? **Yes – 186 No - 160**
16. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$4,709** for dues to the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service? **Yes – 285 No - 64**
17. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$100** to help support the George D. Aiken Resource Conservation & Development Council?  
**Yes – 193 No - 154**
18. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$250** to help support the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District? **Yes – 193 No - 154**
19. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$2,526** to support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice. **Yes – 298 No - 50**
20. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Green Up Vermont organization? **Yes – 241 No - 108**
21. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$130** to help support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)? **Yes – 261 No - 86**
22. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$700** to help support the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging? **Yes – 248 No - 100**
23. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,192** to help support Rutland Mental Health Services? **Yes – 219 No - 129**
24. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter? **Yes – 262 No - 86**

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**RESULTS of 228th ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**MARCH 3, 2009**

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25. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$600** to help support BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont? **Yes – 196 No - 151**
26. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$600** to help support the Rutland County Parent/Child Center? **Yes – 209 No - 134**
27. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support Vermont Adult Learning/Rutland County Basic Education? **Yes – 201 No - 144**
28. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support NeighborWorks of Western Vermont? **Yes – 168 No - 177**
29. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$250** to help support the Rutland County Community Land Trust? **Yes – 172 No - 174**
30. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$30** to support the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council? **Yes – 205 No - 142**
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? **Yes – 306 No – 42**
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.
- Yes – 205 No - 126**

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2009 BOARD OF AUDITORS REPORT**

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The Board of Auditors is charged by Vermont law with preparing an Annual Report on the Town's financial condition. We therefore examined the Town's finances from several perspectives. We undertook a parcel-by-parcel review of the property valuations in the Grand List. We examined tax receipts, delinquent tax amounts, transfers between General and Reserve Accounts, and the beginning and ending balances in various accounts. We also reviewed all Selectboard minutes and appointments and all Selectboard and Road Commissioner Orders and did a random check to ensure that all Town expenditures were approved by the Selectboard and supported by invoices and payroll documentation.

We have reviewed the Town's financial statements, which appear in this Report, and we believe these statements reasonably reflect the financial status of the Town of Shrewsbury for the year ending December 31, 2009. We have also examined the financial statements of Town organizations that receive Town funding, and we believe their statements in this Report reasonably represent their financial status.

Financial statements of the Shrewsbury Town School District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 were audited by Angolano & Company, Certified Public Accountants, of Shelburne, Vermont. The draft audit was received in early December, and we believe that the financials for the Shrewsbury Town School District in this Report are consistent with the draft audit. We urge the School Directors to schedule their professional audit sooner after the end of their fiscal year on June 30 so their report can present final audited numbers to Town taxpayers.

We continue to work with the Selectboard to ensure best practices and thorough documentation for financial and administrative decisions, and we thank the Board members for their cooperation and good work. During 2010, we will continue to examine the Town's financial records on a quarterly basis and to work closely with the Selectboard and Treasurer. We encourage the Selectboard to adopt formal policies on key Town management matters during the coming year.

We appreciate the help of Linda McGuire and Mark Goodwin in preparing this Report as well as all the information submitted to us by Town officials and organizations. We also thank Steve Spatz for his words of dedication to Herb Carrara. The cover photograph of the Sharrow herd on Patterson Hill at Pine Valley Farm was taken by Jonathan Gibson along with the photos on pages 25 and 95. The Pierce's Store photo was taken by Sally Deinzer, and the School photo on page 78 by Marge Congdon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Biziak

Jonathan Gibson

Chryl Martin

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**Town of Shrewsbury**  
**2009 TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT**

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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 5th; 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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](http://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 15<sup>th</sup>, late filed returns accepted only until September 1, but late penalties apply to all forms filed after April 15.

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, 2009**

	General Fund	Restricted and Designated Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash	226,429	214,933	441,362
Prepaid Expenses	1,653		1,653
Receivables <sup>(3)</sup>			
Delinquent Tax Receivable	16,230		16,230
Other Receivables	3,943		3,943
Capital Assets <sup>(6)</sup>			
Land and Buildings	982,236		982,236
Machinery and Equipment	262,573		262,573
Infrastructure	854,025		854,025
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>2,347,087</b>	<b>214,933</b>	<b>2,562,021</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
VMBB Garage Bond	20,000		20,000
Accounts Payable <sup>(4)</sup>	97,349		97,349
Other Current Liabilities	3,356		3,356
<b>Long-Term Liabilities</b>			
VMBB Garage Bond	340,000		340,000
<b>Equity</b>			
Restricted Funds		214,933	214,933
Unrestricted Equity	1,707,185		1,707,185
Excess Revenue	179,197		179,197
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>2,347,087</b>	<b>214,933</b>	<b>2,562,021</b>

**Town of Shrewsbury**  
**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**  
**For The Year Ended December 31, 2009**

	General Fund	Restricted and Designated Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$226,429	\$214,933	\$441,362
Prepaid Expenses	\$1,653		\$1,653
Receivables			
Delinquent Tax Receivable	16,230		16,230
Other Receivables	3,943		3,943
Capital Assets			
Land and Buildings	982,236		982,236
Machinery and Equipment	262,573		262,573
Infrastructure	854,025		854,025
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$2,347,087</b>	<b>\$214,933</b>	<b>\$2,562,021</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
VMBB Garage Bond	20,000		20,000
Accounts Payable	97,349		97,349
Other Current Liabilities	3,356		3,356
	<b>\$120,705</b>		<b>\$120,705</b>
<b>Long-Term Liabilities</b>			
VMBB Garage Bond	340,000		340,000
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$460,705</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$460,705</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>			
Invested in Capital Assets	1,738,833		1,738,833
Capital Projects		160,004	160,004
Community Development Projects		0	0
Other Purposes		54,930	54,930
Unrestricted	147,549		147,549
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$2,347,087</b>	<b>\$214,933</b>	<b>\$2,562,021</b>

**STATEMENT OF CASH ON HAND**  
**AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009**

General Fund	\$ 226,428.67
Town-wide Reappraisal Sinking Fund	21,319.48
Cemetery Reserve Fund	1,287.09
Road Equipment Fund	112,888.70
SVFD Equipment Reserve Fund	28,135.61
Garage Reserve Fund	3,014.09
Records Restoration Fund	1,134.91
Smith Brook Culvert Fund	4,300.48
Special Highway Needs Fund	30,186.79
Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund	1,001.31
Town Office Reserve Fund	11,665.01
<b>Total Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>\$ 441,362.14</b>

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Town of Shrewsbury  
GENERAL FUND  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES  
Year Ending December 31, 2009

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**RECEIPTS:**

**Property Tax Receipts**

Taxes: Education Current	\$	1,730,115.72	
Taxes: Town Current		615,711.53	
School Reconciliation 2008 Taxes		27,199.45	
Delinquent Tax 2009		<u>82,596.77</u>	
<b>Total Property Tax Receipts</b>	\$		<b>2,455,623.47</b>

**Other Tax Receipts**

Land Use		52,691.00	
Leased Land		30.00	
State in Lieu of Tax		18,754.50	
Federal in Lieu of Tax		5,229.00	
Railroad Tax		<u>568.30</u>	
<b>Total Other Tax Receipts</b>			<b>77,272.80</b>

**Road Commission Receipts**

Proceeds from Sale of Asset		4,000.00	
State Aid		123,104.56	
Services Rendered		3,382.38	
Weight Permits		<u>135.00</u>	
<b>Total Road Commission Receipts</b>			<b>130,621.94</b>

**Other Receipts**

Act 60 Funds		6,802.00	
Computer Disposal		289.95	
Dog Licenses		512.00	
Fines Received		296.13	
HAVA Grant		264.95	
Interest		2,725.02	
Liquor License		200.00	
Lister Education Grant		390.16	
Marriage License Fee		130.00	
Miscellaneous		363.31	
Recycling		1,576.41	
Restoration Fees		1,117.00	
Subdivision Permits		457.00	
Zoning Permits		<u>644.80</u>	
<b>Total Other Receipts</b>			<b>15,768.73</b>

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** **\$ 2,679,286.94**

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**Town of Shrewsbury**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES**  
**Year Ending December 31, 2009**

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**DISBURSEMENTS:**

<b>School Account</b>	\$ 1,746,036.48
<b>Selectboard's Orders (Net)</b>	216,944.91
<b>Road Commissioners Orders (Net)</b>	710,490.08
<b>Depreciation <sup>(7)</sup></b>	115,952.04
<b>Capitalized Improvements <sup>(6)</sup> &amp; Liability <sup>(11)</sup></b>	(349,240.26)

**Warned Items**

Bennington Rutland Opportunity Council	\$ 600.00
Garage Reserve Fund	1,500.00
George D. Aiken Resource Conservation	100.00
Green Up	150.00
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 Women's Network	150.00
Rutland Natural Resources Conservation	250.00
Rutland Parent/Child Center	600.00
Rutland Regional Ambulance	4,709.00
Rutland Regional Planning Commission	750.00
Shrewsbury Community Meeting House	12,000.00
Shrewsbury Historical Society	1,500.00
Shrewsbury Town Library	7,500.00
Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department	25,000.00
SVFD-Equipment Reserve Sinking Fund	26,000.00
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 League of Cities & Towns	1,520.00
Vermont Trails & Greenways Council	30.00
<b>Total Warned Items</b>	<u>150,907.00</u>

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS**

**2,591,090.25**

**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS**

**\$ 88,196.69**

Interfund Transfers	\$ 91,000.00
<b>Excess Revenue</b>	<u><b>\$ 179,196.69</b></u>

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda McGuire, Treasurer

**TOWN OF SHREWSBURY**  
**STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED**  
**Year Ending December 31, 2009**

**GRAND LIST**

Real Estate	\$ 115,507,161
Less Exemptions	<u>9,537,265</u>

**TOTAL GRAND LIST**

**\$ 105,969,896**

**TAXES BILLED**

Municipal Grand List	1,059,699	
Tax Rate	<u>0.6779</u>	
Municipal Taxes Billed		<b>718,382.38</b>

Education Grand List-Non-Resident	434,490	
Tax Rate-Statewide Share	<u>2.0551</u>	
		<b>892,932.13</b>

Education Grand List-Homestead	628,913	
Tax Rate-Local Share	<u>1.7985</u>	
		<b>1,131,112.29</b>

**TOTAL TAXES BILLED**

**2,742,426.80**

**TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR**

Taxes Collected	2,650,589.87
Delinquent Taxes	79,964.78
Abatements	14,360.93
Refunds/Overpayments	(8,205.55)
HS-122 Adjustments	<u>5,716.77</u>

**TOTAL TAXES ACCOUNTED**

**2,742,426.80**

**TAX RATE PERCENTAGES**

The 2008 Tax Rate as follows:

General Town	0.6779	718,382.38
Schools Residential & Penalty	1.7985	1,131,112.29
Schools Non-Residential	2.0551	<u>892,932.13</u>
		<b>2,742,426.80</b>

Resident	<b>2.4764</b>
Non-Resident	<b>2.7330</b>

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**TAX COMPARISON**

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<u>YEAR</u>	<u>GRAND LIST</u>		<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>TAXES BILLED</u>
2009	1,059,698.96	Residential	2.48	2,742,426.80
		Non-Residential	2.73	
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

Reappraisal done in 2004.

**Town of Shrewsbury**  
**RESTRICTED OR DESIGNATED TOWN FUNDS <sup>(9)</sup>**

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Transferred from General</b>	<b>Disbursed</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
Cemetery Reserve Fund	\$1,503	\$50	\$275	\$9	\$1,287
Garage Reserve Fund	1,503	1,500	0	11	3,014
Lister Education Fund	0	390	390	0	0
Records Restoration Fund	408	2,044	1,322	5	1,135
Road Equipment Reserve Fund	131,045	57,382	76,165	626	112,889
SVFD Equipment Reserve Fund	27,055	26,000	25,000	81	28,136
Smith Brook Culvert Fund	4,273	0	0	28	4,300
Special Highway Needs Fund	29,991	0	0	196	30,187
Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund	0	1,000	0	1	1,001
Town Office Reserve Fund	10,098	1,500	0	67	11,665
Townwide Reappraisal Sinking Fund	\$46,868	\$16,802	\$42,657	\$306	\$21,319
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>252,744</b>	<b>106,669</b>	<b>145,809</b>	<b>1,330</b>	<b>214,933</b>

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**Town of Shrewsbury**  
**2009 PAYROLL FOR TOWN OFFICIALS, APPOINTED AND EMPLOYEES**

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<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
Mark Goodwin	Town Clerk**	32,287.02
Linda McGuire	Town & School Treasurer	24,194.03
Kathleen Beauchain	Assistant Town/School Treasurer	1,488.00
Joyce Wilson	Payroll Administration	423.75
Randy Page	Delinquent Tax Collector***	5,553.63
Chryl Martin	Auditor	121.50
Richard Biziak	Auditor	765.00
Jonathan Gibson	Auditor	976.50
Richard C. Adams.	Dump Master	7,770.00
Robert Perry	Transfer Station Assistant	130.00
Adrienne Raymond	Zoning Administrator/DRB Clerk	1,800.00
Irene Gordon	Health Officer	742.00
Betsy Jesser	Lister	8,609.25
Steven Nicholson	Lister	2,717.00
Kimberly Ridlon	Lister	6,187.35
Matthew Walker	Animal Control Officer	108.00
Willard Smith	Building Maintenance*	1,950.00
		<hr/> 97,903.03
Social Security/Medicare Matching Town Funds		<hr/> \$7,489.58
<b>Total Town Payroll Expense/Calendar Year</b>		<hr/> <b>\$105,392.61</b> <hr/>

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

\*\* Salary and Fees

\*\*\*Based only on fees collected



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**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.

Our town is incorporating expenditures for capital assets in excess of the \$2,500 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 for this year's purchases.

**2. Cash** At year end the Town's the Bank balance was \$226,428.67, which is covered by federal depository insurance, or was collateralized with securities held by the financial institution's agent in the Town's name. No values were unsecured and uncollateralized.

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

Accounts Receivable	
Delinquent tax receivable	\$ 16,230.04
Recycling Fees	35.70
Meeting House Receivable	524.79
State of Vermont – Road Maintenance	<u>3,382.38</u>
Total Receivables	\$ 20,172.91

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

Accrued Payroll	\$ 3,656.19
Miscellaneous Vendors	<u>97,048.88</u>
Total Payables	\$100,705.07

**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.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**6. Capital Assets** Capital asset activity for year ended December 31, 2009 was as follows:

	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Increases</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
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	1,018,869.31	8,162.50	1,027,031.81
Vehicles and Equipment	444,748.18	150,300.69	595,048.87
Roads, Bridges & Culverts	809,146.52	165,777.07	974,923.59
Totals	2,543,987.01	324,240.26	2,868,227.27
Less accumulated depreciation for:			
Buildings and Building Improvements	288,704.24	27,314.86	316,019.10
Vehicles and Equipment	286,777.34	45,698.93	332,476.27
Roads, Bridges and Culverts	77,960.79	42,938.25	120,899.04
Totals	653,442.37	115,952.04	769,394.41
Total Capital Assets being depreciated	1,890,544.64	208,288.22	2,098,832.86
Government Activity Capital Assets, Net	2,161,767.64	208,288.22	2,370,055.86

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

Buildings	\$27,314.86
Vehicles and Equipment	45,698.93
Roads, Bridges & Culverts	<u>42,938.25</u>
Total Depreciation	\$ 115,952.04

**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. The Shrewsbury Meeting House maintains insurance coverage through the church currently for casualty. The meeting house committee and the Selectboard have agreed to formalize a written agreement of understanding regarding this coverage and any loss that may occur.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 9. Restricted/Designated Funds

<b>Cemetery Reserve Fund</b>	Funds designated for town cemetery maintenance.
<b>Garage Reserve Fund</b>	Funds designated for Town Garage
<b>Lister Education Fund</b>	Funds designated for lister education.
<b>Records Restoration Funds</b>	Fees collected (\$1 per page for recorded documents) at Town office for restoration of Town documents.
<b>Road Equipment Reserve Fund</b>	Funds designed for replacement or purchase of road equipment.
<b>SVFD Equipment Reserve Fund</b>	Funds designed for Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department fire trucks.
<b>Smith Brook Culvert Funds</b>	Funds designated for costs associated with a review of the Smith Brook culvert on Town Highway #4.
<b>Special Highway Needs Fund</b>	Funds for special highway needs.
<b>Town Office Equipment Fund</b>	Funds designated for replacement or purchase of town office equipment.
<b>Town Office Reserve Fund</b>	Funds designated for improvements/repairs of the town office
<b>Town-wide Reappraisal Fund</b>	Includes funds to be used for reappraisal costs and funds designated for the purpose of maintaining and updating our equalized grand list.

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, or approximately \$3,246 of additional expenses are directly attributed to the transfer station.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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11. **Vermont Municipal Bond Bank:** The town applied for a bond of \$410,000 for the new garage and borrowed \$550,000 in a bond anticipation note. The anticipation note was invested and used to pay costs for the garage before the bond was issued for \$410,000. The following is the payment schedule for the 20-year bond, at net interest cost of 4.51 percent.

	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total Debt Service</b>
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.

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**Town of Shrewsbury**  
**2009 DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**for the Year Ending December 31, 2009**

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<b>Delinquent Taxes</b>	
<b>Balance outstanding December 31, 2008</b>	<b>\$29,925.82</b>
Warrant to Collect, October 20, 2009	82,596.77
<b>Total taxes delinquent</b>	<b>112,522.59</b>
Delinquent taxes collected and deposited in 2009	(93,660.38)
Delinquent taxes collected in 2009 and deposited in 2010	(96.67)
Taxes abated – 3 accounts 12/9/2009	(2,631.99)
<b>Balance outstanding December 31, 2009</b>	<b>\$16,133.38</b>

Notes:

Overpayments - 3 accounts (Town is allowed to keep if \$1.00 or less)    \$ .41  
8% fees for 2009 collections paid to collector in 2009    \$5,553.63

**Delinquent taxes outstanding (16 accounts):**

2007 Kenyon, James	772.49
2008 & 2009 Detko, Mark W.	1,297.01
2008 & 2009 Webster, Clayton	2,631.26
2008 & 2009 Webster, Robert C. & McGinnis, A.	692.16
2008 & 2009 Webster, Karen	2,327.06
2009 Brown, Anne	921.02
2009 Chadburn, Alson Jr. & Barbara	2,159.07
2009 Cheney, Michele	240.51
2009 Chesley, Kate B.	1,161.53
2009 Kelly, Thomas J.	459.28
2009 Lorentzon, Karen	2,113.69
2009 Smith, Gregory A.	1,358.30

<b>Total outstanding as of 12/31/2009</b>	<b>16,133.38</b>
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Randy A. Page  
Collector of Delinquent Taxes

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2009 SELECTBOARD REPORT**

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2009 was a very active year both for the Selectboard and the Town. Once again, the Selectboard would like to thank you, our neighbors, for all the different ways that everyone contributes to making Shrewsbury a great community.

Pierce's Store re-opened in 2009 as the result of a wonderful volunteer effort and the great commitment of the individuals involved in forming the Shrewsbury Cooperative at Pierce's Store to re-open and run the store. It is a great thing to see the lights on and the shelves stocked at Pierce's once more. The fresh food is delicious, all of the food and goods available from Shrewsbury farms and residents are wonderful, and the convenience of not having to drive into Rutland for a gallon of milk is a welcome relief.

Along with the emergence of Pierce's Store from a long retirement, in 2009 we also bid a well deserved and long retirement to our fine Road Commissioner and one heck of human being, Herb Carrara. Herb retired in September after 52 years of service to the Town. I would say that he will be missed, but I don't have to because he is still on the road, assisting the Road Crew during the winter, working under the newly appointed Road Commissioner, his son Jamie. We all wish Herbie the best in his retirement.

The Selectboard would also like to thank Jamie Carrara for stepping into his father's shoes and taking over as Road Commissioner this past fall. It has been a seamless transition, and it has been a pleasure to work with Jamie. His hard work and conservatism in budgeting have kept the 2010 Road budget below 2009 budget levels. The Town also took advantage of an opportunity at the end of 2009 to purchase another new truck at a significant discount over 2010 pricing. This truck will replace one of the other aging members of the fleet, and will be put into use later in 2010.

There have been some recent changes both at the Town Office and at the Transfer Station, which you may have noticed. In the spring of 2009, the Town applied for and received a grant to perform a thorough energy retrofit and weatherization of the Town Office. The work has been completed and will save the Town approximately 35% on the total heating and electrical costs to operate the building.

There has been a new section added on to the Transfer Station building to store plastic, as well as a new fence built around the facility that provides for significantly more room to move inside the facility, while making the metal bin more accessible. The Town finally received its re-certification for the facility last year, and we are currently working with Dick Adams on making sure that the Town does what it needs to in order to stay in compliance with the certification. Please be aware in the coming months of the signs around the Transfer Station stating what we do and do not accept at the facility.

Along with these accomplishments, there have also been other notable activities during 2009:

We had a very productive workday in August that brought out about 15 volunteers to paint and make repairs to the Town Office and to paint the garage behind the Meeting House. It was a great effort put forth by all and a lot got done.

The Town-wide reappraisal was begun, and both the Listers and the staff of Wright Appraisal Services have been doing a fine job of it. After a lot of hard work by the Planning Commission, the Selectboard approved the revised Town Plan.

Financially the Town is in good shape. After making some larger expenditures in 2009 on equipment and infrastructure mainly between Town Road equipment and at the Transfer Station, we anticipate 2010 to be a pretty quiet year for major purchases. Our operating budget for 2010 is significantly lower than 2009, as is the amount to be raised by way of property taxes. This is the result of conservative budgeting and a reduction in expenses in the Roads department. We have been able to reduce the tax burden to the Town, while allowing the Town to retain working capital to cover expenses throughout the year.

Please keep in mind that the Selectboard meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month at the Town Office Building at 7:00 P.M., and we encourage your participation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steven Spatz, Chair



Shrewsbury Selectboard at work. From left to right: Steve Spatz, Chair; Bert Potter and Mike Stewart.

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2009 ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

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January 2009 was very busy with frequent snow and ice storms. February through the rest of the winter was pretty slow, which resulted in using less sand, salt, and labor.

In April the town received its new 2009 International Tandem Dump Truck. This truck can carry almost double the material the other trucks can carry, saving time, fuel, and extra wear on the truck. Man hours are also a savings from not having to go back to the garage for another load to return to the same route just to finish it.

Summer work was business as usual with the exception of severe heavy rain and a few inches of hail that concentrated over Spring Lake Ranch, washing out portions of the road with water jumping the culverts. Over a week was spent putting things back to their original state. Both the bridge decks on Clement Shelter Road were replanked by the road crew as well.

With the fall came a big change, with the retirement of Herb Carrara after many years of service as Road Commissioner. Luckily he is still working part time, eliminating the need to hire a full time employee for the time being.

In September the town purchased a used brush chipper, greatly improving brush cutting, since the brush pile at the dump is no more. Winter got off to a late start, but picked up in December with quite a bit of snow.

Five New Culverts were installed while 5,820 Tons of Gravel was used on various roads and 5,468 Tons of Sand was stockpiled for winter use. The following Town Highways were leveled and paved with Hot Mix: TH # 1 (0.7 Miles), TH # 2 (1.4 Miles), and TH # 4 (0.4 Miles).

James Carrara  
Road Commissioner

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**2009 Inventory of Town Equipment**  
**Estimated Value**

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2009 International 7600 with Plow and Sander	\$ 150,000
2004 Ford F-350 4x4	\$ 15,000
2002 International 2574 With Plow and Sander	\$ 30,000
2000 928 G Caterpillar Loader	\$ 50,000
1998 International 2554 with Plow and Sander	\$ 18,000
1996 L-8000 Ford with Plow and Sander	\$ 10,000
1996 416 B Caterpillar Backhoe	\$ 20,000
1995 Woodchuck Brush Chipper	\$ 9,000
1992 120-G Caterpillar Grader	\$ 40,000
1991 L-9000 Ford with Plow and Sander	\$ 8,000
1968 Tractor and Mower	\$ 1,500
York Rake	\$ 500
6 Two-Way Radios	\$ 1,000
Miscellaneous Tools	\$ 5,000
Total	\$ 358,000



**Town of Shrewsbury**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES - GENERAL AND ROADS**  
**BUDGETED AND ACTUAL**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2009**

	ACTUAL 2008	BUDGET 2009	ACTUAL 2009	BUDGET 2010
<b>REVENUES</b>				
<b>TAXES:</b>				
Current Property Taxes	\$ 560,294	\$ 567,478	\$ 615,712	\$ 496,116
Delinquent Tax	94,087	-	82,597	-
Federal in Lieu of Taxes	5,109	4,000	5,229	5,000
State In Lieu of Taxes	19,138	15,000	18,755	18,000
Land Use Taxes	50,857	45,000	52,691	50,000
Railroad Tax	568	568	568	568
<b>ROADS:</b>				
Sale of Equipment			4,000	
State Aid To Roads	127,980	115,200	123,105	127,800
Services Rendered-Roads	5,201	5,000	3,382	6,000
State of Vermont Grants	174,225	-	-	
Weight Permits	135	100	135	100
Act 60 Funds	6,802	-	6,802	6,802
Animal Control	285	-	-	
Computer Disposal	720	-	290	300
Dog Licenses	962	600	512	500
Fines	443	-	296	-
Grant: Generator	3,250	-	-	-
Climate Change Grant	-	-	-	10,832
Interest Income	8,245	8,000	2,725	2,500
Leased Land	30	30	30	30
Liquor Licenses	100	-	200	
Lister Education Funds	390	-	390	-
Marriage Licenses	30		130	
Other Income	709	-	363	-
Planning Grant	2,322	-	-	-
Recycling	5,251		1,576	1,600
Restoration Fees	755	800	1,117	1,000
School Tax Reconciliation			27,199	-
Subdivision Permits	430	-	457	-
Zoning Permits	1,372	1,000	645	700
	<b>1,069,691</b>	<b>762,776</b>	<b>948,906</b>	<b>727,848</b>
<b>Cash Beginning Balance</b>	251,301	251,301	226,429	225,294
<b>Cash Available for Expenses</b>	<b>1,320,992</b>	<b>1,014,077</b>	<b>1,175,335</b>	<b>953,142</b>

**Town of Shrewsbury**  
**GENERAL EXPENSES - BUDGETED AND ACTUAL**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2009**

	ACTUAL 2008	BUDGET 2009	ACTUAL 2009	BUDGET 2010
<b>TRANSFER STATION<sup>(10)</sup></b>				
Computer Recycling	915	400	1,020	1,000
Tipping Fees	22,102	22,500	22,887	23,000
Hauling	7,460	7,500	6,125	6,200
Salary	8,360	8,500	8,180	9,500
Maintenance	2,765	1,500	1,541	1,500
Solid Waste Dues	2,316	2,316	2,316	2,314
Equipment/Facilities*	-	1,000	8,167	1,000
Household Hazardous Waste Disp.	819	1,000	968	1,000
Supplies	677	500	381	500
Workers Compensation			994	852
Payroll Expenses	635	650	626	725
Electric	473	1,000	602	700
<b>Total Transfer Station</b>	<b>46,522</b>	<b>46,866</b>	<b>53,806</b>	<b>48,291</b>
<b>TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSE</b>				
Planning Commission Expense	683	1,400	896	780
Emergency Mgmt/FEMA Expense	10,260	1,000	1,419	1,000
Payroll Expenses	6,996	4,893	6,623	6,300
Building/Property Insurance	1,872	2,080	2,077	1,961
Public Officials Liability Insurance	1,095	1,216	1,216	2,036
Emp. Practices Liability Insurance	368	410	408	544
Workers Compensation	410	455	1,597	246
Office Heat/Electric	4,683	5,000	3,593	3,000
Training/Education	1,458	400	165	400
Postage	1,737	2,200	1,374	2,000
Supplies & Equipment	5,162	1,000	3,773	3,500
Software				400
Salaries	51,556	53,485	54,194	56,922
Office Expense and Mileage	2,214	2,500	1,783	2,100
Building Maintenance/Repair	1,303	1,500	1,687	1,500
Warnings	1,654	1,600	1,277	1,600
Town Report	1,332	1,400	1,402	1,400
<b>Total Town Officers Expense</b>	<b>92,783</b>	<b>80,539</b>	<b>83,485</b>	<b>85,688</b>
<b>LISTERS</b>				
Listers Salaries/Supplies	15,579	33,300	14,278	5,000
Payroll Expense		2,950	1,432	2,248
Reappraisal Expenses/Salaries				
Salaries		5,256	6,930	24,380
Supplies/Printing		465	121	1,700
Postage/Mailing		65	-	743
<b>Total Listers Expense</b>	<b>15,579</b>	<b>42,036</b>	<b>22,760</b>	<b>34,070</b>
<b>OTHER DISBURSEMENTS</b>				
Animal Damage and Control	737	125	101	125
County Court Tax	10,593	12,270	11,438	12,300
Garage Bond Principal and Interest Payment	42,894	41,928	41,939	35,944
Law Enforcement	-	1,000	-	1,000
Legal Fees	-	2,000	2,959	1,000
Miscellaneous	109	-	20	
Town Events		1,500	1,442	1,500
Tree Maintenance	-	500	-	500
<b>Total Other Disbursements</b>	<b>54,332</b>	<b>59,323</b>	<b>57,899</b>	<b>52,369</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>193,637</b>	<b>228,764</b>	<b>217,950</b>	<b>220,418</b>

**Town of Shrewsbury**  
**ROAD EXPENSES - BUDGETED AND ACTUAL**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2009**

	ACTUAL 2008	BUDGET 2009	ACTUAL 2009	BUDGET 2010
<b>ROADS</b>				
Gravel	26,894	35,000	34,719	35,000
VLCT Unemployment	945	772	776	776
BC/BS Health Insurance	51,386	61,500	50,220	43,415
Salt	16,995	18,000	11,900	22,000
Winter Sand	68,731	70,000	52,208	65,000
Culverts & Bridges*	2,197	7,000	5,842	7,000
Chloride				8,000
Other	129	200	170	-
VLCT Workmen's Compensation	7,452	8,990	8,988	8,684
Salaries	150,643	150,000	135,453	130,000
Equipment Rental	150	2,500	3,300	3,000
Paving*	255,788	160,000	159,935	160,000
Payroll Expenses	11,452	11,475	10,292	11,475
VT State Retirement	5,966	6,000	5,169	6,000
<b>Total Roads</b>	<b>598,727</b>	<b>531,437</b>	<b>478,971</b>	<b>500,350</b>
<b>TOWN EQUIPMENT</b>				
Parts & Repairs	20,049	26,000	32,401	26,000
Tires & Repairs	4,181	4,800	4,008	5,000
Fuels & Lubricants	55,849	51,000	26,733	35,000
New Equipment	602	800	216	2,000
Misc. Supplies	2,083	500	1,035	1,000
Signs	2,440	500	195	1,000
<b>Total Town Equipment</b>	<b>85,204</b>	<b>83,600</b>	<b>64,589</b>	<b>70,000</b>
<b>TOWN GARAGES</b>				
Equipment	425	800	52	500
Heating Fuel			2,316	
Maintenance & Supplies	449	500	1,640	500
Utilities	2,009	5,500	1,934	5,000
Buildings & Repair	48	2,000	515	1,000
Property & Casualty Insurance	9,164	10,175	10,172	10,081
<b>Total Town Garages</b>	<b>12,096</b>	<b>18,975</b>	<b>16,629</b>	<b>17,081</b>
<b>TOTAL ROAD EXPENSES</b>	<b>696,027</b>	<b>634,012</b>	<b>560,189</b>	<b>587,430</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES &amp; ROADS</b>	<b>\$ 889,664</b>	<b>\$ 862,776</b>	<b>\$ 778,139</b>	<b>\$ 807,848</b>

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

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2009 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

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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 Land Records. 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 and Civil Marriages. 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 updating and keeping current the Town website [www.shrewsburyvt.org](http://www.shrewsburyvt.org), researching and applying for Energy Grants from State and Federal sources. The Selectboard has also been utilizing the Clerk for administrative functions as the Board's legislative and oversight responsibilities become increasingly complex and time consuming.

Over the course of the past year I have continued the process of restoring records, utilizing the funds voted in 2008 as well as a portion of the recording fees collected. This past year *Town Proceedings 1832 – 1850* and *Deaths 1897 – 1909* were restored.

This past year I have been certified as a Passport Acceptance Agent so that if you require a new or renewed Passport Book or Card you are able to obtain it at the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Goodwin

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2009 VITAL STATISTICS**

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	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
<b>BIRTHS</b>	7	9	6	7	5	3	3	4
<b>DEATHS</b>	7	7	4	10	8	8	7	3
<b>MARRIGES</b>	8	4	9	3	4	9	8	5
<b>CIVIL MARRIAGES</b>	5							
<b>CIVIL UNIONS</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1

On July 1, 2009 Vermont's Civil Marriage Law went into effect. Civil Unions are no longer performed in Vermont; all Marriages are considered Civil Marriages after that date.

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

## **Census 2010: Making Our Community Count**

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting the decennial census this year and needs everyone to participate. There's too much at stake to miss out on this opportunity. Let's make our community count! Our Constitution requires the government to count everyone living in the U.S. every 10 years. Census data is used to allocate \$400 billion annually to states and localities for programs such as social services, health care, education and infrastructure. If our community's population figures are off, we may not receive all the federal dollars to which we are entitled.

Ideally, the Census Bureau counts everyone by delivering or mailing a questionnaire to each household. The residents fill it out and mail it back in a pre-addressed, stamped envelope. Filling out the census questionnaire is easy and should only take about 10 minutes. The questionnaire asks 10 or fewer questions about each person living in the household, including their name, age, birthday, sex, Hispanic background, race and other places they might live. It also asks how many people live at the home and whether it's rented or owned.

If residents don't fill out and return their questionnaire, the Census Bureau has to send a representative to collect the information. That ends up costing taxpayers a lot more money. In Vermont, only 60 percent of households returned their questionnaires in the 2000 census, well below the national average of 67 percent. We need to increase that percentage significantly! Filling out the questionnaire is safe and the information remains completely confidential. Census employees are prohibited from disclosing the information to any agency or individual, and face jail time and fines for any violations.

PLEASE fill out your questionnaire when you receive it in March. Help anyone else who might need assistance. It's easy, it's important and it's safe. We need to make every Vermonter count! To learn more about the census, contact Vermont partnership specialist Helen Simon at the Census Bureau in Williston at (802) 264-0856, or email her at [\*\*helen.j.simon@census.gov\*\*](mailto:helen.j.simon@census.gov). You can also visit [\*\*2010.census.gov\*\*](http://2010.census.gov).

### **The Census: A Snapshot**

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

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

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

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

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

Town of Shrewsbury  
**ANIMAL LICENSES 2009**

QUANTITY	TYPE	FEE*	TOTAL COLLECTED
83	NEUTERED FEMALE	\$7.00 EACH	\$581.00
84	NEUTERED MALE	\$7.00 EACH	\$588.00
5	UN-NEUTERED FEMALE	\$11.00 EACH	\$55.00
8	UN-NEUTERED MALE	\$11.00 EACH	\$88.00
0	TOWN TO TOWN COURTESY TAG	NO CHARGE	\$0.00
3	SPECIAL	\$33.00 EACH	\$99.00
0	KENNEL	\$13.00 EACH	\$0.00
19	LATE FEES	\$2.00 EACH	\$38.00
183 LICENSES			
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$1,449.00</b>

Fees submitted to Town of Shrewsbury	\$534.00
Fees retained by Clerk	\$366.00
Fees submitted to the State of Vermont Rabies Control Fund	\$183.00
Fees submitted to the State of Vermont Spay/neuter program	<u>\$366.00</u>
	<b>\$1,449.00</b>

\*Fee – Fees increased April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 from \$7/\$11 to \$8/\$12

Anyone who owns or keeps a dog more than six months old shall annually on or before April 1<sup>st</sup> obtain a license and shall pay **\$8.00** 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.

**To avoid late charges please license your dog by APRIL 1, 2010!** 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

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2009 TRANSFER STATION REPORT**

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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. While the recycling market was very poor during the summer months it has returned since then. I am looking forward to another year serving my good friends in the Shrewsbury Community.

Dick Adams  
Transfer Station Attendant

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**2009 SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES (SWAC) REPORT**

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Steve Sgorbati, Chair - Sudbury	Pamela Clapp, Administrator
Stan Wilbur, Vice Chair - Tinmouth	87 Halls Pond Road, Salem, NY 12865
Norma Phillips, Treasurer - Benson	Telephone: (518) 854-9702
Bonnie Rosati, Secretary – Fair Haven	Email: <a href="mailto:info@rutlandcountyswac.org">info@rutlandcountyswac.org</a>

Website: [www.rutlandcountyswac.org](http://www.rutlandcountyswac.org)

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, and SWAC fulfills the statutory requirements of the state laws covering solid waste and hazardous waste. In 2009, SWAC

- ❖ Oversaw implementation of the 10 town SWAC Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP). The SWIP is available for review at [www.rutlandcountyswac.org](http://www.rutlandcountyswac.org). SWAC will be filing a SWIP Implementation report, as required by the Agency of Natural Resources, in 2010.
- ❖ Continued its support of the Vermont Product Stewardship Council (VTPSC). ([www.vtpsc.org](http://www.vtpsc.org)) The VTPSC was formed to shift Vermont's product waste management system 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 life systems. The Council will be supporting electronics and paint manufacturer responsibility legislation in 2010. SWAC encourages individual municipalities as well as individuals to join the Council and add their support to these ongoing efforts.
- ❖ Sponsored seven 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 2009, 1,810 linear feet of fluorescent bulbs and 100 pounds of ballasts were collected; 449.50 gallons of motor oil; 49.25 gallons of antifreeze/glycols; 73.5 pounds and 11.33 gallons of pesticides; 346.25 gallons of flammables/solvents; 484 pounds of batteries; 21.91 gallons of miscellaneous chemicals; 421 aerosols; and 349 gallons of paint related materials were collected. This year motor oil topped the list for the largest quantity of material collected with paint coming in second. Many of the SWAC towns do not have waste oil collection tanks. 145 households participated in collection events. Over 33,500 pounds of clothing/textiles were collected.

Each member town (with the exception of West Haven) has an electronics/computer collection container. 55,067 pounds of electronics were collected from business and residents in 2009. 49,807 pounds was collected from residents. 5,260 pounds of electronics were collected from businesses. In 2008, approximately 12,000 pounds of electronics were collected.

The large increase in collection was largely due to a free electronics collection day hosted by SWAC and the Rutland County Solid Waste District. The one-day collection was sponsored and paid for by Samsung Electronics.

- ❖ Maintained a website ([www.rutlandcountyswac.org](http://www.rutlandcountyswac.org)) providing information on topics such as transfer station information, household hazardous waste education and collection event schedules, recycling, and composting.

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.



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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2009 BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT**

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The Wright Appraisal Company of West Rutland started the town wide reappraisal in June and is about 78 percent complete as of December 31<sup>st</sup>. The Wrights are still in the process of data collecting and building a land schedule based on sales in Shrewsbury. There is much work to do before the data entry phase is completed. Many of you have called the Listers or the Town Clerk to obtain your new values. Your new values will be available sometime in May of 2010 if all goes according to plan. Everyone will receive a change of appraisal notice. Wright Appraisal is contracted to have the work completed by the end of June, 2010. We will continue to update you throughout this process.

We also have townspeople that ask how we think their values will be compared to last year. Actually, this question gives us the opportunity to explain that there has not been an interior inspection of all homes since the last reappraisal in 2001. In 2004 there was an adjustment to the land schedule by the Town Listers. The land schedule adjustment in 2004 staved off a reappraisal mandate by the State at that time.

If you have not made any permitted changes to your home or improved your land since 2004, and your acreage has not changed, then your assessment has not changed. Only through permits or property mapping will your assessments change between Town Wide Reappraisals. So actually your comparison in old and new value is not last year compared to this year, but rather from the last Town Wide Reappraisal to the current Town Wide Reappraisal.

In a Reappraisal year the most current cost tables are implemented and a new land schedule is built based on sales. These new tables and schedules will be used until the next reappraisal. The use of these cost tables and land schedule from one reappraisal to the next guarantee equity among parcels. Cost tables implemented in 2004, and a land schedule built at that time have remained intact from 2004 to the point of the current Town Wide Reappraisal. The new reappraisal will raise our Common Level of Appraisal to close the disparity between the Town's listed values and those based on sales since the last reappraisal. The tax rate is based on the amount of money needed to pay for the ballot items voted by you. We value your homes. We do not determine your taxes.

The Listers have worked closely with Steve Wright and Lisa Garcia throughout the reappraisal process and look forward to the final stages of this project. Please contact the Listers at 492-2009 with any concerns you may have. We thank everyone for the amazing cooperation you have all given us throughout this process and for welcoming us into your homes. We are truly blessed with respectful good humans in this community.

Betsy Jesser

Steven Nicholson

Kimberly Ridlon

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2009 SHREWSBURY PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

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

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

As you may recall, we ended 2008 with a newly adopted Town Plan (Dec.'08), and we had held public hearings in the fall on the draft Zoning Regulations which were then presented to the Selectboard for their comment, public hearing and adoption process.

In June, the Planning Commission ("PC") received and made amendments to the draft Zoning Regulations in response to the direction of the Selectboard and afterward assisted them to prepare and hold their public hearing on the final draft of the Zoning Regulations. The Zoning Regulations were adopted by the Selectboard on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

Since the PC's return to regular meetings after a summer hiatus (Aug), we have been focusing our attention to the Subdivision Regulations which need to be brought up to date with State regulations and with our current Zoning Regulations. We are planning to develop a unified zoning-subdivision document and our goal is to have a first draft ready for town officials' review/comment within a few months.

The PC has stayed abreast this year of several current land development concerns/issues in our adjoining/nearby towns. One has been the proposed wind development in Ira/Clarendon, another has been the planned development of Route 7 South. Thanks to members of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission and others who have been actively participating and attending meetings in neighboring towns and have brought such information to the PC.

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

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2009 SHREWSBURY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT**

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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.

During 2009, the Board held six hearings, consisting of five subdivision applications, one permission request required by a previous permit and one request for change of permit conditions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark P. Youngstrom, Chair

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2009 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

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Not a lot of building has taken place in Town during the past year, a reflection of the larger economic crisis affecting our country. Last year saw no new housing starts, but 17 permits for outbuildings/extensions and other enlargements to existing buildings were issued. Also, four agricultural use buildings were constructed. Agricultural use buildings do not need permits, although notification and adherence to the zoning rules is expected.

The Selectboard, Planning Commission and I will be having discussions in the coming months over how enforcement of zoning violations should/will be handled in Town. As your Zoning Administrator, I have not made a practice of driving around looking for violations, but when they are brought to my attention or I notice them in my regular travels, a letter will follow. For the most part Townspeople are very good about fixing the issue, usually submitting a permit for a structure that they were unaware needed one or forgot to apply for. Occasionally my letters are ignored and then the issue is how much money will be required to go to court to demand compliance. My suggestion to both the Planning Commission and the Selectboard is that the Zoning Administrator be able to write tickets for simple infractions that will be answerable at the Judicial Bureau in White River. A number of Towns do this and it allows a quicker and more affordable solution to situations that need to be addressed, but are not worth spending significant sums to do so. I am interested in hearing your opinions on this; feel free to call me about this issue or any questions you have regarding our Town's Zoning or Subdivision Ordinances

As in the past, I thank you all for your politeness and consideration with the permit process which, I realize, does not always please, especially when it interferes with your plans.

Submitted by  
Adrienne Raymond

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2009 HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT**

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Our Town's Health Office has been busy this year. Issues which required workshop training for State and Local Health Offices were: Flu Pandemic, backyard burning, burial sites on local property and rental housing issues including radon, mold, bedbugs and lice.

H1N1 flu is a reality in our community. While not as widespread as originally predicted, it remains a threat that should not be minimized. Good hygiene practices and immunization are our best defense. Free immunization is available through RAVNAH (775-0568).

Shrewsbury has had several rental housing issues this year; some were landlord complaints about tenants, and an equal number were complaints by tenants regarding landlord problems. If you are a landlord or a renter, information about your rights and your obligations is available at the Town Office.

I have investigated and reported on a number of animal bites this year. Most, but not all of these animals were up to date with their rabies inoculations. Some animals had to be quarantined at the owner's expense. 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.

Public health hazards on private properties were reported and investigated. Piles of cardboard and trash left uncontained can pose a public health risk due to the rodents which live in these piles or dangerous materials which are part of the pile. Please take your trash to the dump. There have been several other reports of illegal dumping on private property which can only be addressed through an alert community. We must all work to keep Shrewsbury the beautiful place it is.

Shrewsbury's most publicized health event in 2009 was the dumping of syringes and other hazardous waste on the bank of the Cold River near the Covered Bridge. Luckily, it was cleaned up before it became a hazard to the waterway or other people. Thanks are due to the Selectboard for their concern, diligence and support!

I have placed numerous pamphlets in the Town office regarding health issues that might be of concern to Town residents. Of course, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 492-8282.

Respectfully submitted,  
Irene Gordon,  
Town Health Officer

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2009 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

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Shrewsbury's Emergency Management Program had an effective year in 2009. Steve Spatz, our Selectboard Chairman, continues as our Director of Emergency Management, with a variety of Assistants in the areas of Selectboard, Fire Department, Road Crew, and Constables. Mark Goodwin, our Town Clerk, is now Communications Coordinator, with a radio both at the Town Office and at his home. All departments are continuing to keep their equipment current, even though grants from the Vermont Department of Emergency Management have become scarce because of the national and state economy. Shrewsbury continues to be an active participant in the Rutland Area Local Emergency Preparedness Council (LEPC).

One 2009 development which supports our emergency shelter at the Town Office is the August reopening of Pierce's Store, which is located only 150 yards from the shelter. With its supply of food and a complete kitchen, it could provide food for at least a week for citizens forced to use our shelter. Pierce's Store greatly strengthens the capability of our emergency shelter, and we are grateful.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Rice  
Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2009 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT**

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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 I have handled 28 animal related calls for the 2009 year.

The statistics include: sixteen missing animal reports in which ten were returned to their owners, four were not located and two were brought to the humane society. Six animal disputes, each of which were complaints of aggressive animals. Four cases of road kill.

Respectfully submitted,  
Matthew C. Walker

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2009 SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT**

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Thank you again, Shrewsbury, for your outstanding efforts with Green Up 2009. We would not be able to collect the mountains of trash, bottles, and assorted oddities without those of you who show up each year, regardless of the weather, to help keep our town beautiful. Give yourselves a pat on the back.

Other focuses this year included a purple loosestrife eradication evening, joining with the Wallingford Conservation Commission in the presentation of a Button Up Vermont Workshop, beginning a recycling program at the school, and informational articles in the Times. Look for more in 2010.

After 13 years of active involvement with the Conservation Commission, Liesbeth van der Heijden has decided to pursue other projects. We would like to extend special thanks to Liesbeth for all her hard work, insight, and enthusiasm for conservation issues.

We have been reviewing the Commission's past activities in an effort to determine how best to serve the community. New ideas and members are welcome.

Submitted by,  
Cynthia Mitchell

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2009 SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
FINANCIAL REPORT**

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Beginning Balance January 1, 2009	\$3,033.47
Cash Receipts:	252.48
Disbursements	<u>(108.45)</u>
Ending Balance December 31, 2009	\$ 2889.44

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2009 COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE TRUSTEES REPORT**

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The Shrewsbury Community Meeting House Trustees, established in 1972, are 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, and the list goes on.

As the building is used for both church and town purposes, the Meeting House Committee is comprised of seven members, with three members appointed by the Selectboard, three appointed by the Shrewsbury Community Church and one member appointed by the Committee. The building is available for any Town or Church function, general community gathering or civic group, and can be rented for private functions by Town residents. Use of the downstairs hall can be arranged by contacting the Committee, and appropriate use of the sanctuary can be arranged through the Shrewsbury Committee Church and the Committee.

Last year we temporarily reinforced a rotted beam in the bell tower and stopped use of the bell until permanent repairs are made. We are pleased to report that a grant application to the Vermont Department for Historic Preservation was accepted and the Town will receive a 50% grant toward the repair of the bell support. We have raised \$2,850 in donations for this project and have asked the Town for \$5,000 towards this \$17,000 project. The bell will ring again in 2010!

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. In addition, some interior and exterior painting will be completed. Within the next 5-10 years, the main roof will need replacing and the entire building will need repainting, both significant cost items that we will begin preparing for.

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

Submitted by,  
Mark Younstrom for the Community Meeting House Trustees



Town of Shrewsbury  
**SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE**  
**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009**

**BEGINNING BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 2009** **\$11,429.20**

**RECEIPTS**

Town of Shrewsbury	\$12,000.00	
Shrewsbury Community Church	\$0.00 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Hall Rental	\$1,225.00	
Interest	\$45.95	
Donations	\$1,000.00	
Other		
Total Receipts		<b>\$14,270.95</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

Electricity	\$1,194.64	
Propane	\$3,683.97	
Telephone	\$486.68	
Custodial	\$2,099.18	
Maintenance	\$1,920.57	
Insurance	\$3,422.47	
Supplies	\$60.16	
Improvements	\$307.37	
Total Disbursements		<b>\$13,175.04</b>

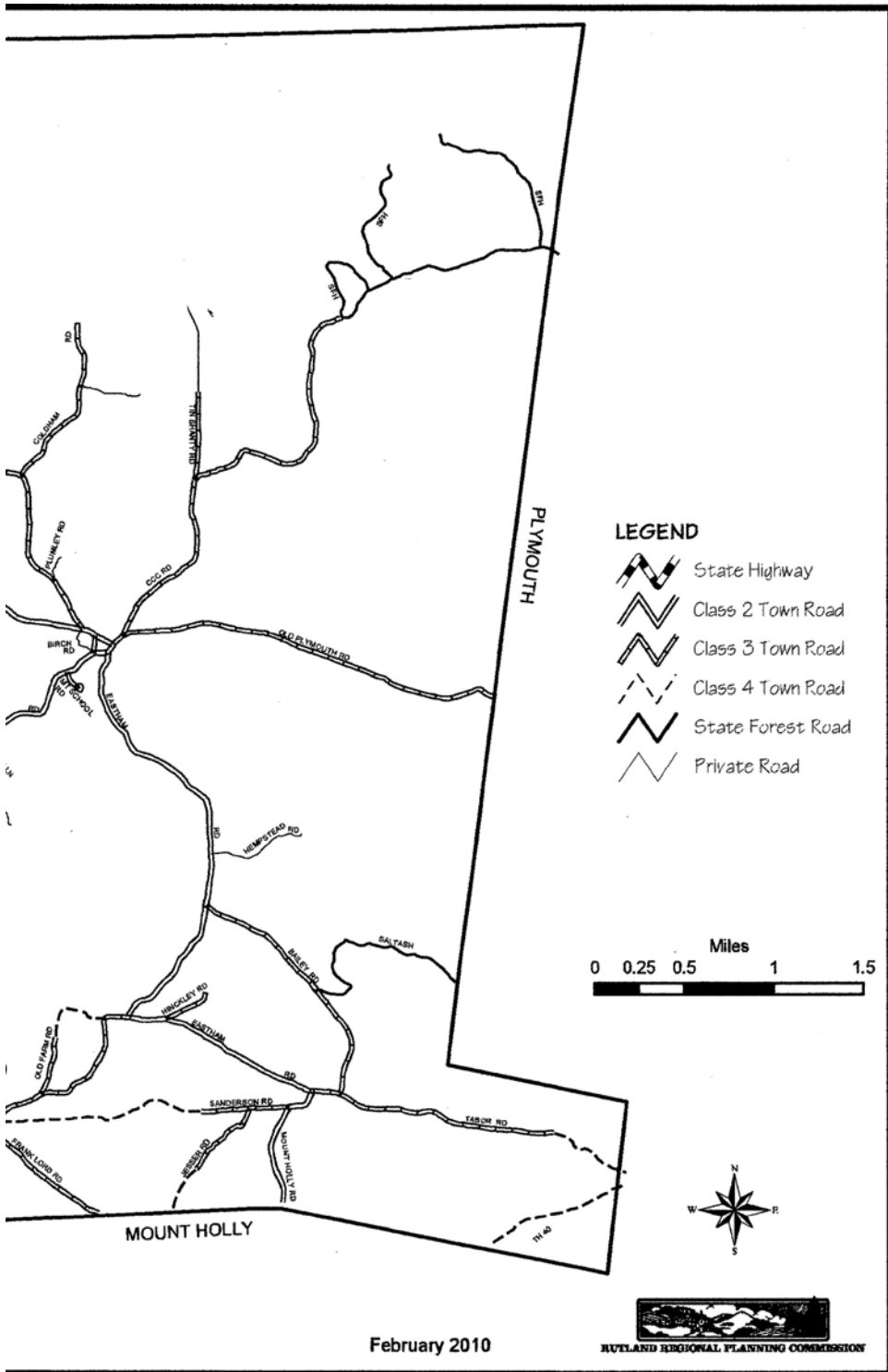
**ENDING BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2009** **\$12,525.11**

Town of Shrewsbury  
**SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE**  
**COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS**

	<b>2008 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2009 BUDGET</b>	<b>2009 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2010 BUDGET</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$12,400.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Town of Shrewsbury - Steeple Repair				\$5,000.00
Shrewsbury Community Church	\$4,600.00	\$4,350.00	\$0.00(1)	\$4,350.00
Hall Rental	\$2,570.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,225.00	\$800.00
Interest	\$174.91	\$150.00	\$45.95	\$50.00
Donations	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Historic Preservation Grant				\$8,500.00
Other (sale of range)	\$1,165.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
From checking account				\$3,000.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$21,909.91</u>	<u>\$19,000.00</u>	<u>\$14,270.95</u>	<u>\$34,700.00</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Electricity	\$864.93	\$1,000.00	\$1,194.64	\$1,200.00
Propane	\$3,353.48	\$4,000.00	\$3,683.97	\$4,000.00
Telephone	\$412.08	\$500.00	\$486.68	\$500.00
Custodial	\$2,334.63	\$2,400.00	\$2,099.18	\$2,400.00
Maintenance	\$1,114.59	\$1,500.00	\$1,920.57	\$2,000.00
Insurance	\$4,461.54	\$4,500.00	\$3,422.47	\$3,500.00
Supplies	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$60.16	\$100.00
General Improvements	\$10,257.30	\$5,000.00	\$307.37	\$4,000.00
Steeple Repair				\$17,000.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$22,798.55</u>	<u>\$19,000.00</u>	<u>\$13,175.04</u>	<u>\$34,700.00</u>

(1) \$4,350 payment from Shrewsbury Community Church received prior to 12-31-09 but deposited 1-8-10





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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2009 LIBRARY REPORT**

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This year, as we have since 2006, Library Trustees are requesting \$7,500 in town tax support to help cover basic operating expenses. Our fund-raising efforts will cover the remaining operating costs, which last year amounted to almost \$12,000, and will also provide new books, DVDs, CDs, and programs. We continue to add any surplus income to our Capital Fund, to maintain our historic building and update technological services.

In 2010, the Library will celebrate 35 years as a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to providing information and cultural events to townspeople free of charge. Last year, we loaned 4,793 books, DVDs, videotapes, and music CDs to adults, young adults and children, and recorded 3,164 visits by patrons. 264 people took advantage of our free high-speed internet connection; patrons also brought their laptops and accessed the internet through our WiFi (wireless service). We met the Minimum Standards for Vermont Public Libraries for the 9th straight year: the first (and almost only) volunteer-run library in the state to do so. Trustee John Wood continued our insulation project; Regan Bell and his son Jon painted much of the building.

Our Children's Librarian, and Vermont Certified Librarian, Ellie Tufano, moved from town in March after many years of wonderful service to Shrewsbury's children and parents. We were very sorry to see her go, but very glad that Trustee Gail Hartigan has stepped in as Children's Librarian. Gail and Co-President Donna Swartz are taking courses to be certified as Vermont Librarians. We offered seven children's programs last year - the Summer Reading Program, the Junior Librarians' Program, and the Teen Book Club - which were attended by 65 children. The Library held its first Annual Student Art Show, which featured art in many media made by Shrewsbury homeschoolers, and students at Mill River and Shrewsbury Mountain School.

386 people attended 15 programs for adults: a reading-and-discussion series, "You Are What You Eat," co-sponsored with the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission; a jazz concert with Jon Lorentz; a presentation by Dan Arthur-Sgalia on his work in Brazil; the documentaries "Food Inc." (thanks to Rural Vermont) the documentary on Sudan's child refugees, "God Grew Tired of Us," (thanks to Delia French); the Mettawee Theatre Company's annual outdoor production; the Annual Book, Bake, & Tag Sale; the "Famous Books" Book Club; and the Annual Cookie Swap & Silent Auction, which included an extraordinary art exhibit loaned by Donald and Patricia Oresman.

Donna Swartz and Lisa Sharrow continue cataloging and bar-coding all our new and older books. We approved a new Five-Year Plan to improve services and adopted new and easier to remember hours.

We are very grateful to the Town for its generous support; countless volunteer hours, individual donations, and the approval of our funding requests for the past 35 years.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Aleshire & Donna Swartz, Co-Presidents.

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2009 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT**

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BEGINNING BALANCE, January 1, 2009		\$ 55,457
RECEIPTS:		
Operating	23,831	
Capital Fund	-	
Restricted	1,160	
Total Receipts	<u>24,991</u>	24,991
EXPENDITURES:		
Operating	11,936	
Capital Fund	3,866	
Restricted	587	
Total Expenditures	<u>(16,389)</u>	(16,389)
ENDING BALANCE, December 31, 2009		<u><u>\$ 64,059</u></u>

<u>Capital Fund</u> - Beginning January 1, 2009	\$ 25,000
Receipts	-
Board designation of funds	8,866
Expenditures	<u>(3,866)</u>
<u>Capital Fund</u> - Ending December 31, 2009	<u><u>\$ 30,000</u></u>

Restricted and Grant Revenue and Expense:

	Beginning Balances	Receipts	Expended	Ending Balances
Ben Perry Fund	\$ 1,442	\$ 1,060	\$ 348	\$ 2,154
E. Jeffords Permanent Fund	3,500	-	-	3,500
Freeman Grant	40	-	-	40
Summer Programs	-	100	100	-
Allan YA Book Fund	121	-	-	121
Viola Parker Fund	416	-	59	357
Speakers Fund	675	-	80	595
Mitch Spencer Fund	29	-	-	29
	<u>\$ 6,223</u>	<u>\$ 1,160</u>	<u>\$ 587</u>	<u>\$ 6,796</u>

Town of Shrewsbury  
**2009 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT**  
 COMPARATIVE OPERATING REPORT

	2008	2009		2010
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Operating Revenue:				
Town	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Donations & Unrestricted Grants	7,398	4,000	9,708	4,000
Fundraising	4,565	4,335	5,549	3,500
Interest Earned	885	800	441	205
Other income	635	500	633	500
Total Operating Revenue	<u>20,983</u>	<u>17,135</u>	<u>23,831</u>	<u>15,705</u>
Operating Expenses:				
Advertising	220	220	220	220
Materials: Adults	1,306	1,900	1,350	2,050
Materials: Children & YA	332	500	68	450
Children's Program Expense	886	1,200	280	1,000
Equipment & Repairs	190	250	-	-
Electricity	914	1,150	1,621	1,590
Five year plan costs	-	-	-	1,130
Fuel	2,247	2,560	1,851	1,950
Fundraising & events expense	1,111	1,500	1,159	1,500
Insurance	1,772	1,900	1,874	1,970
Librarian Expense	115	150	110	150
Maintenance	2,080	2,000	925	1,280
Miscellaneous	87	115	43	150
Organizational Dues	-	15	-	-
Septic Pumping	1,350	1,500	600	1,200
Postage	139	140	64	120
Postage-Interlibrary loan	223	250	95	200
Program Expense	-	125	-	125
Supplies	505	650	599	700
Telephone	902	1,010	1,077	1,050
Total Operating Expense	<u>14,379</u>	<u>17,135</u>	<u>11,936</u>	<u>16,835</u>
Excess of operating revenue over operating expenses	<u>\$ 6,604</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 11,895</u>	<u>\$ (1,130)</u>

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## 2009 SHREWSBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

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It has been 10 years since the Shrewsbury Historical Society museum opened its doors in the historical church building on Route 103 in Cuttingsville. It happened after 15 months of planning and negotiations with the Shrewsbury Community Church, for which we are most grateful. It also happened with a great deal of help from our members and friends who transported box after box, artifacts, books, vintage clothing and files from our former home on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Shrewsbury Library to the church building.

Through the years the Society has maintained this old historical building by painting the outside and trim, fixing the roof tiles, building a new set of stairs and porch in front, and installing a handicap accessible door, earthen berm ramp and parking place in the rear. In December, 2009, necessary repairs and reinforcement of foundation were made to the bell tower section as it was beginning to lean towards the rear.

On the inside, the building was fully insulated, the electrical wiring was updated, new tin tiles replaced rusted ones in the vestibule ceiling, and the walls and ceilings of the museum were painted. Brand new archival pull up shades to protect the museum's exhibits were installed in all windows. In the basement, the old furnace was removed, a new furnace installed, and a vapor barrier shield was put down on the basement floor.

All of the aforesaid could not have been accomplished without the annual monetary help of Shrewsbury townspeople, grants, dues, fund-raising, donations, and mostly with the dedication and hard work of our House Committee and all members who take great pride in the Shrewsbury Historical Society museum.

The officers and members of committees have worked diligently to keep the exhibits interesting and placed on view each season the museum is open. The new acquisition table was full to brimming with paper collections covering many subjects, a special hand-made miniature Cuttingsville railroad station was donated by member Tom Tomlinson. Life member Lucille Fiske donated a beautiful handmade quilt, and an antique quilt from the Russell family was donated by Lynn McDermott.

The Cook family, brothers Edward J., Jr., George Wallace Foster, Frederick Nelson and sister, Edith Cook Penney, donated 64 Civil War letters written by their great grandfather, George Wellington Foster. The letters are a recent treasure and there will be an exhibit in the museum summer of 2010.

Genealogy requests have been constant and in many cases, special appointments were made to meet with families to help with their research.

The Shrewsbury Historical Society is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization and our annual request to the Town for \$2000 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 voters of the Town of Shrewsbury.

Respectfully submitted,

Co-Presidents: Fran Patten and Anne Spencer

Treasurer: John Elwert, Secretary: Ruth Winkler

Trustees: Kim Ridlon, Catherine Carrara, Chris Wiedmann, Grace Brigham,  
Richard Bettelli, Ann Ridlon

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**SHREWSBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2009**

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**BALANCE SHEET**

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Checking Account	\$ 1,582.22	
Money Market Acct	6,877.13	
Certificates of Deposit	<u>34,549.53</u>	
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE, January 1, 2009		<b>43,008.88</b>
Total Receipts		7,671.02
Total Operating Expenses		<u>(17,179.18)</u>
Checking Account	4,486.13	
Money Market Acct	5,716.03	
Certificates of Deposit	<u>23,298.56</u>	
ENDING CASH BALANCE, December 31, 2009		<b><u>\$33,500.72</u></b>

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**COMPARATIVE OPERATING STATEMENTS**

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	Actual 2008	Budget 2009	Actual 2009	Budget 2010
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Membership dues	685.00	800.00	830.00	850.00
Fund Raising	2,265.00	2,000.00	2,757.41	2,500.00
Contributions	484.36	2,500.00	1,812.50	2,000.00
Interest on CD's and MM	1,256.83	1,200.00	771.11	400.00
Other	<u>-</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>6,691.19</b>	<b>8,100.00</b>	<b>7,671.02</b>	<b>7,750.00</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Building Repairs & Maintenance	708.45	2,500.00	12,585.63	2,300.00
Insurance	1,179.00	1,200.00	1,208.00	1,250.00
Electricity	309.37	400.00	347.67	400.00
Heating Fuel	2,279.69	2,500.00	766.00	1,500.00
Archival Supplies	383.46	500.00	287.59	425.00
Supplies and misc	1,344.76	1,000.00	1,378.72	1,200.00
Postage	191.45	250.00	219.52	250.00
Telephone	<u>406.12</u>	<u>425.00</u>	<u>408.05</u>	<u>425.00</u>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>6,802.30</b>	<b>8,775.00</b>	<b>17,201.18</b>	<b>7,750.00</b>
<b>Excess Receipts over Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$ (111.11)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (675.00)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (9,530.16)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>



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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2009 SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

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In last year's Town Report, we told you that SVFD had responded to a record 37 calls, up from 30 in 2007. Well, as the saying goes, records are made to be broken. In 2009 our volunteers were busier than ever, responding to **49** emergency calls!

Unfortunately, two major property losses served as bookends for the year. On a frigid morning in January, 2009 the Town lost an historic barn in Cuttingsville, owned by the Beardmores. In December, Carrie Carrara's former home in Northam burned down. In each case, the structures were vacant. Both fires had a good head start, before the flames were noticed by passers-by and the Fire Department was summoned. As usual, your volunteers responded promptly and aggressively. Only minor injuries were incurred – by firefighters. Both buildings were insured.

For your volunteers, life safety is Job One. Each year, it seems, we respond to more and more motor vehicle or other accidents. Serious injuries suffered in a logging accident in November 2009 sent Fire Department members deep into the woods, to get an injured man safely out to the waiting ambulance and hospital. Chief Kevin Brown has developed strong mutual aid ties with our neighboring Fire Departments. These Departments have generously contributed manpower and equipment to assist your local volunteers on these occasions, and others as needed. In turn, SVFD responds to assist when there are major incidents in neighboring towns.

Calls like these are noticed. No less important is the time spent preparing for requests for assistance. Your volunteers put in unnoticed hours training for any emergency, maintaining our equipment, and raising funds to save tax dollars. When you see one of our members, thank him! If able, please consider joining us.

Among many achievements, the following deserve inclusion in this report. At the annual Vermont State Firefighters Convention in August, SVFD's 1992 Tanker received the Best Appearing Tanker Award -- in recognition of our efforts maintaining this vehicle -- for the seventeenth year in a row! Jesse Dambrackas was the recipient of VSFA's George Gibby College Scholarship. At SVFD's 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in October Paul Stewart received the Peter Cosgrove Award, while the Chief Snarski Award was given to Mark Stewart. In 2009 SVFD welcomed Ben Clarke and Jon Lees to the ranks of our dedicated volunteers. Congratulations to all!

Once again, SVFD's Trustees are pleased to present a "level funding" budget request to the Town. We have found a way to do this for 14+ years, in spite of our constantly increasing calls, operating expenses and equipment costs. Thanks for this go to the fundraising efforts of our members and Auxiliary, and the generous gifts and support received from our friends and neighbors. Your 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, 2009

	Actual 2008	Budget 2009	Actual 2009	Budget 2010
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Raised by SVFD	34,758.52	16,700.00	24,236.76	17,000.00
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$60,758.52</b>	<b>\$42,700.00</b>	<b>\$49,236.76</b>	<b>\$42,000.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
New Equipment	13,511.82	3,000.00	3,173.00	4,500.00
Operating	5,537.17	4,500.00	2,739.46	4,500.00
Maintenance	13,188.59	5,000.00	13,012.55	8,000.00
Stations	4,780.75	7,500.00	2,985.07	8,000.00
Insurance	10,705.00	11,000.00	15,334.00	8,400.00
Communications	2,317.33	2,500.00	2,118.60	2,400.00
Heating	5,515.28	5,000.00	2,379.00	2,500.00
Electric	1,427.91	1,500.00	1,335.80	1,500.00
Dues/Training	3,645.11	2,000.00	904.36	1,500.00
Fundraising	343.80	500.00	616.35	500.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	100.00	109.79	100.00
Bank Charges	84.84	100.00	82.56	100.00
Dedicated Transfer			4,500.00	
<b>Total Operating Exp.</b>	<b>\$61,157.60</b>	<b>\$42,700.00</b>	<b>\$49,287.54</b>	<b>\$42,000.00</b>

## GENERAL FUND Beginning Balance January 1, 2009

**\$35,061.99**

### Receipts:

Town of Shrewsbury	25,000.00
Race Pool Income	15,000.00
Coin Drops	4,001.50
Refunds	2,732.00
Donations	1,440.00
From Auxiliary	975.00
Interest Income	88.26

Total General Fund Receipts

**\$49,236.76**

General Fund Expenditures

**(49,287.54)**

## GENERAL FUND Ending Balance December 31, 2009

**\$35,011.21**

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**2009 SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
SPECIAL ACCOUNTS**

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**Replacement Fund**

Opening Balance 1/1/09	\$19,303.50	
From Tim Stewart Fund for Uniforms	1,000.00	
Dress Uniform Purchase	(1,961.60)	
Communications Donations (early '09)	2,205.00	
Radio Purchases	(5,362.50)	
Replace SCBA Donations (late '09)	4,495.00	
From Operating for Station Work	4,500.00	
Donation for Firefighters	100.00	
Interest Income	50.01	
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/09</b>		<b>\$24,329.41</b>

**Tim Stewart Memorial Fund \***

Opening Balance 1/1/09	\$4,087.78	
Transfer for Dress Uniforms	(1,000.00)	
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/09</b>		<b>\$3,087.78</b>

**Minnie Shaw Endowment Fund**

Opening Balance 1/1/09	\$318,948.45	
Change in Investment Value	(12,250.94)	
Toward 2009 Truck Payment	(17,308.00)	
Paid Investment Advisor Fees	(2,804.55)	
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/09</b>		<b>\$286,584.96</b>

**Race Pool Account**

Opening Balance 1/1/09	\$6,610.33	
Donations and Interest Income	32,059.52	
Prizes and Expenses	(21,108.80)	
Transfer to Operating	(15,000.00)	
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/09</b>		<b>\$2,561.05</b>

**\$316,563.32**

**Truck Lease Purchase Payment**

From Town SVFD Truck Reserve Fund	\$25,000.00
From Minnie Shaw Endowment Fund	\$17,308.00
Paid Payment #4 of 7 in March 2009	(\$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		

\* Funds maintained in Replacement Fund account; use of same tracked and reported separately.

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2009 FOREST FIRE WARDEN REPORT**

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We are pleased to report that there were no forest fires during the past year. 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 Kevin Brown.

Thank you and be safe!!

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

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

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2009 SHREWSBURY CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT**

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During 2009 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 within private property and were once the burying grounds of the families who lived nearby. They were in active use between 1790 and 1860. Therefore, the Cemetery Commission must work with the current owners to plan any work done on the cemeteries. The cemeteries themselves are regulated and protected by the Vermont State Statutes.

In September, 2009, David Rice attended a two-day workshop at the Carving Studio in West Rutland on the care and repair of grave stones. Using a cemetery in West Rutland as the worksite, the class straightened leaning gravestones, re-erected stones which had fallen completely over, and repaired with epoxy stones which had broken off. They also cleaned stones covered with moss and lichens. The rule of thumb is water, light soap, and a soft bristle brush. The goal is to avoid scratching the stone. The class also studied the texture and weather resistant qualities of various types of stone such as slate, granite and marble. Sadly, marble eventually simply disintegrates as rain water combines with the limestone.

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. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 144 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 14 workshops and 37 on-site training sessions that attracted over 1,300 people. MAC distributed almost 130 hard copy handbooks to municipal officials, but also made all of 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, enhancing local voter authority in governance decisions, land use discussions, and securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs. Municipalities will face significant challenges in the 2010 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 2008 for \$46 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services. Other pooled purchasing opportunities exist in such areas as assuring that towns are able to obtain road salt for winter highway maintenance at an affordable price and adequate quantities.

Individuals interested in finding out more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, can visit the VLCT website at [www.vlct.org](http://www.vlct.org).



THE COMMISSION'S MISSION:  
*Cooperative planning in the Region*  
[www.rutlandrpc.org](http://www.rutlandrpc.org)

THE COMMISSION'S 2009 ACTIVITIES INCLUDED:

- **Technical assistance** on community development issues - including the update and implementation of town plans, zoning & subdivision regulations.
- Regular **roundtables of local road commissioners** to share information and discuss common problems and solutions.
- Support of the **Local Emergency Planning Committee**.
- Used **GIS (Geographic Information Systems)** tools to work on transportation, watershed planning, town planning and zoning, 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, undertook 48 traffic counts, began implementation of the **Stone Valley Byway**, and worked with the Sustainable Communities Recreation Committee on the **Multi-use Creek Path**.
- The **Brownfields Assessment** program worked on four sites to identify and assess potentially contamination and make them useable for development.
- Supported **Agricultural Viability** through assistance to the Rutland Area Farm and Food Link.
- **Education, training, and information programs** for municipal officials, reimbursement for program fees as well as a periodic Newsletter, and an updated web site.

**In Shrewsbury the Regional Planning Commission:**

- Conducted traffic counts and drafted a traffic ordinance.
- Provided information on transportation stimulus grants.
- Included town on VT Community Energy Mobilization grant application.
- Updated local annex of the All-Hazards Mitigation Plan.
- Updated Zoning Maps.
- Review of town GIS parcel data and map contractors.
- Updating culvert information in VOBCIT.

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## 2009 RUTLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL REPORT

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The Rutland Region Transportation Council (RRTC) provides a forum for public involvement in transportation planning, the development of regional transportation planning and transportation projects, coordinates policies and priorities with the Vermont Agency of Transportation and promotes cooperation on transportation issues in the Rutland Region. The Rutland Regional Planning Commission provides planning, administrative, and geographic information system staff to the Council.

All municipalities in the Rutland Region can participate in the Transportation Council and those with representatives named to the Council may vote on any issues. Meetings are held once each month, normally on the fourth Thursday, in Rutland. All are invited to attend. Questions about the Transportation Council may be directed to the following individuals: Susan Schreiber, Senior Planner (775-0871) or Richard Baker, Chair (247-6366) or check the website- <http://rutlandrpc.org/transportation.php>.

Highlights of the last fiscal year (10/08-9/09) include:

- Assess and prioritize the Rutland Region's VTrans transportation project list. Differences this year were identifying new candidate town highway bridge projects and a proposal for substitution of Wallingford's realignment of 103 candidate roadway project for a project to construct shoulders on VT 22A in Benson and West Haven to correct the existing roadway deficiencies of Vermont 22A to solve regional transportation problems;
- Continued work on projects such as improvements to the US 7 and 4 corridors, the development of a US7 Corridor Management Plan for Rutland Town and Clarendon, improvements at Rutland Southern Vermont Regional Airport, and public transportation planning;
- Assisted with the planning, engineering and permitting for a multi-use path along the East and Otter Creeks in Rutland;
- Developing signs, a logo, promotional materials and a website and successfully sought funding for interpretive panels and podcasts for the Stone Valley Scenic Byway which extends along Route 30 from Poultney through Wells and Pawlet to Manchester in Bennington County;
- Advised VTrans on various studies, documents and programs, specifically the Western Corridor Management Plan, which is in final draft form;
- Assisted individual towns with infrastructure (culverts, road and equipment) inventories to reduce their local match on bridge and structure grants, speed studies, traffic counts in Ira, Pittsford, Poultney, Proctor, Rutland City, **Shrewsbury**, and Wells;
- High Risk Rural Road Studies in Castleton at the intersections of Main and North/South Streets and in Poultney at Church/York Depot Streets;
- Continued support on the Safe Routes to Schools Program with Poultney, Proctor, and Rutland City Schools, on the non-infrastructure component of the program;
- Worked with the Rutland Physical Activity Coalition to increase bicycle and pedestrian facilities and programs;
- Helped coordinate the Region's application for the elderly and disabled transit program;
- Coordinated monthly networking sessions for the Road Commissioners/Foremen;
- Promoted access management and sound land use / transportation planning practices for developments and in the review of Act 250 applications.

Currently and in the future the RRTC will continue working on these efforts, with the goal of coordinating land use and transportation to create a more balanced, efficient multi-modal transportation network.

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## 2009 REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT

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*R*EGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.

275 Stratton Road  
Rutland, VT 05701

Business: 802-773-1746  
Emergency: 911  
FAX: 802-773-1717

To the Honorable Citizens of the Town of Shrewsbury:

We are pleased to present our 26th annual report to the Citizens we serve. Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service for twenty-six years. From 1983 to the end of this fiscal year, Regional has responded to 135,529 ambulance calls. This past year, ending June 30, 2009, the service responded to a total of 7,453 ambulance calls in our 12 communities and an additional 403 "Medic One" paramedic intercept calls. Having reached our 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving the public.

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

Next year's assessment request has been lowered 5.8% from \$4.25 per capita to \$4.00 per capita. This would not be possible without the public support of our Membership program, direct donations, memorials and estate gifts that have been vital to our success. Thank you for your support. 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 25 years. Since 1990 the Assessment rate has been decreased by 36%.

This past year two new ambulances were put into service to replace older ambulances with more than 100,000 miles of service on each of them. Regional Ambulance has seven advanced life support equipped ambulances.

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, 1,682 people were trained in C.P.R. Tours, lectures, demonstrations, and C.P.R. classes are available for the general public. Child Car Seat inspections are held Thursdays at Regional Ambulance building. In cooperation with the Rutland County Safety Coalition 279 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

Gerry Martin  
R.A.S. Board of Directors  
Town of Shrewsbury Representative



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## 2009 RUTLAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT (RNRCD) REPORT

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*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 2008/2009:

#### 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 (4) teams from (3) high schools in the 2009 statewide competition.

**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.

**QuickBooks Training for Farmers** - The District in cooperation with UVM Extension sponsored this course taught by Pam Smith and Glenn Rogers of UVM Extension. This one day course was designed for agricultural operators who either do not own the QuickBooks program or for those using QuickBooks as a check register but who need information regarding additional features that this computer program offers.

#### 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](http://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 Stream Assessments on various tributaries to the Otter Creek.
2. Install a Rain Garden at the Clarendon Elementary School in Clarendon.
3. Continue working with business, institutional and private property owners in the Moon & Mussey Brook watershed regarding non-point source pollution from grounds care and promote adoption of low input grounds care practices.
4. Promote the use of portable skidder bridges. When properly installed and used as a temporary stream crossing structure, skidder bridges will reduce streambank and streambed disturbance which will minimize the potential for sedimentation. The District has (3) bridges for rent at a fee of \$100.00 per month.
5. Initiate an education and outreach program targeted at residents in the stormwater impaired Moon Brook Watershed. We developed and mailed educational materials to residents and installed (3) rain gardens to give residents a better understanding of what the issues are regarding stormwater in the City of Rutland and what property owners can do on their property i.e., rain gardens and rain barrels to address these issues.

#### 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 2009, 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 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.

Last year, RAVNAH's dedicated staff made more than 90,476 visits to 2,431 patients. In the town of Shrewsbury, we provided 517 visits to 19 individuals.

In closing, we wish to thank you for your past support. With your 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*

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**2009 GEORGE D. AIKEN RESOURCE CONSERVATION  
AND DEVELOPMENT (RC&D) COUNCIL REPORT**

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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. 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 2009 working with our partners, we secured and administered over \$90,000 for natural resource conservation, public safety, and community development projects. Examples of some of our projects include helping to develop parks, recreational trails and playgrounds, providing Electronic Benefits Transaction (EBT) card and debit card readers at farmers markets, promoting local agriculture, whole farm energy audits and traditional conservation projects like streambank stabilization.

We work on a request basis, so the first step is up to you, giving us a call. For information and free consultation call Ken Hafner our RC&D Coordinator at (802) 728-9526 or email: [kenneth.hafner@vt.usda.gov](mailto:kenneth.hafner@vt.usda.gov).

P.O. Box 1191  
Montpelier, Vermont 05601-1191  
(802)229-4586, or 1-800-974-3259  
[greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org)  
[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

**Annual report information**

“A strong sense of community spirit” is how Green Up Day 2009 was described by many participants. Many towns reported record turn-outs, and numerous volunteers reported less trash than in previous years.

Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization working 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](http://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 46,000 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](http://www.greenupvermont.org)**  
**[greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org)**

**Mark your calendars May 1, 2010, the first Saturday in May, when “Green Up Day” celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! 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!**



RSVP & The Volunteer Center 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, elder care, health care, education, literacy, and the arts, just to name a few. RSVP/VC involves individuals in service that matches their personal interests and makes use of their varied life and professional experiences. Through such efforts, RSVP/VC is meeting the needs that strained local budgets cannot afford. RSVP/VC enables people to contribute to their communities while enjoying the personally satisfying and rewarding experience that community engagement offers. Additionally, over the past 10 years RSVP/VC has implemented several “Signature Programs” aimed at addressing pressing community needs. These programs include ***RSVP TeleCare***, a telephone reassurance and safety check in program offered **FREE** to Rutland County seniors, a children's literacy and mentoring program called ***RSVP Rutland County Reads***, and after school program called ***RSVP After School Buddies***, an osteoporosis prevention program, ***RSVP Bone Builders***, which provides **FREE** strength and balance exercise classes with RSVP/VC volunteer instructors to Rutland County residents, and ***RSVP Operation Dolls & More***, in which RSVP/VC 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/VC is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services** serving the people of Rutland County with **811 volunteers**. From July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, RSVP/VC volunteers provided **127,535 hours of community service**. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals **\$2,349,195**. 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, volunteers donate their services to the following non-profit organizations:** Rutland Regional Medical Center, Headstart, Community Cupboard, Rutland County schools, area nursing homes, Godnick Adult Center, Northeast and Northwest Elementary School, Clarendon Elementary School, One-2-One, The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department, the ***RSVP Rutland County Reads*** program, ***RSVP Bone Builders***, and ***RSVP Operation Dolls & More***.

**The volunteer services they provide include:** Osher Lifelong Learning volunteer, knitting and sewing items for children and elders, teaching Sudoku to seniors, 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, 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 & The Volunteer Center, I would like to thank the residents of Shrewsbury for their support in the continuation of the RSVP/VC program. As financial constraints effect more and more non-profit organizations, the need for volunteers continues to increase. With your help, RSVP/VC will continue to respond to this need.

Sincerely,

Nan M. Hart, Director  
November 1, 2009



SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT  
COUNCIL ON AGING

*Report to the Citizens of Shrewsbury*

The Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging provided the following services to older persons in Shrewsbury over the past year:

***Senior Meals:***

The Council helped provide **872 meals that were delivered to the homes of 5 older persons in your community**; this service is often referred to as “Meals on Wheels”. The Council 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** enjoying good food as well as the company of others; 494 meals were provided to this group over the past year.

***Case Management Assistance:***

SVCOA Case Management staff worked with **12 elders in Shrewsbury** helping with them with application assistance and problem solving related to programs such as Fuel Assistance, SSI, Medicaid, Food Stamps, etc. They also helped elders connect with in-home assistance programs, including the Choices for Care Medicaid Waiver services. This service is especially valuable to frail elders who want to remain at home rather than to go into a nursing home.

***Other:***

The Council on Aging also provided: 1) Medicare D, health benefit counseling information and form assistance through its SHIP Program. This was especially helpful to elders having to deal with this ever changing federal assistance program; 2) Senior HelpLine telephone assistance to help to elders and others needing information about available programs and support (786-5991 or 1-800-642-5119); 3) Legal assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; 4) Information about elder issues through the “Elder Connection” column appearing weekly in the Rutland Herald; 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by the Council’s Registered Dietician; 6) Support for frail, homebound elders through its Senior Companion Program; 7) Assistance to those dealing with mental health issues through the Elder Care Clinician program provided in cooperation with Rutland Mental Health; 8) Funding help for transportation services delivered through the Elders on the Go and the One-2-One Program; 9) Community Development assistance and 10) Support and information for caregivers including respite grants for caregivers helping loved ones who have Alzheimer’s Disease or a related dementia.

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**2009 RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES REPORT**

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Rutland Mental Health Services, Inc., PO Box 222, 78 South Main Street, Rutland, VT 05702  
Phone: 802-775-2381 Fax: 802-775-4020 website: rmhscn.org

**802-747-7696**

**Information and Referral  
Toll Free: 877-430-2273**

**TTY/TDD: 802-253-0191**

September 17, 2009

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 2009, 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 2009, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 1,473 hours of services to 35 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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## 2009 RUTLAND COUNTY WOMEN'S NETWORK & SHELTER REPORT

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# HerStory

P.O. Box 313 • Rutland, VT 05702 • 802-775-6788

[www.rcwn.org](http://www.rcwn.org)



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 30 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 2010, 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 34 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

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## 2009 RUTLAND COUNTY PARENT CHILD CENTER REPORT

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**Rutland County Parent Child Center**  
61 Pleasant Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701-5009  
802-775-9711 Fax 802-775-5473 [caprice.hover@rcpcc.org](mailto:caprice.hover@rcpcc.org)

January 20, 2010

Town Clerk and Select Board  
Town of Shrewsbury

Gentlemen:

The Rutland County Parent Child Center (RCPCC) is a private, community based, nonprofit 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 for families ineligible for subsidy.

The Rutland County Parent Child Center is requesting funds in the amount of \$600.00 from your town in order to continue the RCPCC's efforts to support families with young children in your community.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,  
Caprice B. Hover



December 23, 2009

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, BROC helped meet the basic needs of 88 individuals in the Town of Shrewsbury.** In addition, BROC's Micro Business Development Program (MBDP) worked with 2 Shrewsbury residents interested in starting or expanding a small business and BROC 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, BROC is able to help many families facing the difficult decisions on how to make their budgets work with the economic instability and continuing rise in fuel and food prices. Sometimes being able to access a few meals from BROC 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,

Linda G. Rooker  
Executive Director

Home Office: 60 Center Street, Rutland, VT 05701 (802) 775-0878 Fax: (802) 775-9949

Satellite Office: 332 Orchard Road, Bennington, VT 05201 (802) 447-7515 Fax: (802) 447-7516

Linda G. Rooker, Executive Director [lrooker175@aol.com](mailto:lrooker175@aol.com)

Toll Free Phone Number: 800-717-BROC

Website: [www.broc.org](http://www.broc.org)





## 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 887 adult residents of Rutland County and provided 21,504 hours of instruction. **Of these totals, ten residents of Shrewsbury were served and provided with 517.50 hrs of instruction.** In addition to academic skill, other student achievements include acquiring job readiness skills, obtaining employment and increasing participation in their 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 = \$.97 (\$500/517.5 hrs of instruction).

We are requesting that \$500.00 be placed on the 2010 Town Warning to support these programs. Inquiries about our classes, programs, basic computer instruction and GED testing dates are welcomed at 775-0617.

### We appreciate your support!

John Campbell,  
Regional Manage

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## 2009 THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING REPORT

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Since 1979, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with significant disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

Preliminary data for FY '09 show that VCIL responded to over 1,450 requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information and referral and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to 300 individuals to help increase their independent living skills and assisted 360 households with financial and/or technical assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. We provided 255 individuals with assistive technology and delivered meals to 520 individuals through our Meals On Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we now have four branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Windham and Rutland Counties. Our Peer Advocate Counselors are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During FY '09, 2 residents of Shrewsbury received services from the following programs:

- Home & Community Access Program (HAP)
- Information and Referral (I&R)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at:  
1-800-639-1522, or, visit our web site at [www.vcil.org](http://www.vcil.org).



110 Marble St.  
West Rutland, VT  
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Phone: 802-438-2303  
Fax: 802-438-5338  
www.nwwvt.org



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## TOWN ANNUAL REPORT

The mission of **NeighborWorks® of Western Vermont** 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.

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, foreclosure intervention, financial fitness counseling, and emergency shelter services. 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. Our newest program loans homeowners funds for Energy Efficiency retrofits and include a certified energy audit.

**2009** has been quite a productive year for NeighborWorks® of Western Vermont.

- ❖ **202** families attended homebuyer education classes.
- ❖ **45** families purchased their first homes with help from the HomeOwnership Center and received loans totaling **\$6,365,060** toward their home purchase.
- ❖ **46** families repaired their homes with **\$622,219** in Revolving Loan Funds.
- ❖ NWWVT also provided **93** families with **\$37,641.45** of emergency services.
- ❖ Counseled **187** people in danger of foreclosure.
- ❖ **In Shrewsbury we received requests from one family for the Home Rehab Program to repair health and safety issues to the home.**

*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



13 Center Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Rutland VT 05701  
Phone: 802.775.3139 Fax: 802.775.0434  
[info@housingrutland.org](mailto:info@housingrutland.org)  
[www.HousingRutland.org](http://www.HousingRutland.org)

### YEAR 2009 ACTIVITY IN SHREWSBURY

**Housing Trust of Rutland County** (formerly The Rutland County Community Land Trust) is a local non-profit organization that works with communities and families to find **affordable housing solutions**. The Housing Trust 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.

One of our current goals is to expand our presence within the County. Housing Trust of Rutland County 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 **Housing Trust of Rutland County** (formerly known as Rutland County Community Land Trust) to assist Shrewsbury and its residents with their affordable housing needs?”

We thank the community at large for its support in the past and into the future.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elisabeth Kulas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Elisabeth Kulas  
Executive Director



*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 2009 and anticipating a hopeful 2010. We respectfully request your support by including an appropriation of \$30.00 in your 2010 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) 477-5075 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) 477-5075

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

# SHREWSBURY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT

## (For Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009)

### I. PERSONNEL (School Year 2009-2010)

#### A. School Board

Adrienne Raymond, Chairperson	2012
Ed Hemmer	2011
Sarah Bolster	2010

#### Mill River Board:

Andrew Richards-Peelle	2012
William Brown	2011

#### B. Administration and RSSU Programs

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

#### C. Faculty and Staff

Staff Member:	Assignment:	Employed by:	Time in the Building:
Mary Ramsey	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 Brutkowski	School Nurse	SMS	1 - Full Day/week
Jessica Taylor	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	4.5 Hours/Day
Debra Fishwick	Teaching Principal (30%/70%)	SMS	5 - Full Days/week
Susie Maxham	Title I	SMS	4 - Half Days/week
Darlene Remy	Speech & Language Pathologist	RSSU	2 - Half Days/week
Ann Garcia	Art Teacher	SMS	1 - Full Day/week
Trevor Kelson	PE/Health Teacher	SMS	2 - Full Days/week
Christine Starinkas	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		5 - Full Days/week
	MAP Assistant PM/ Breakfast Program	SMS	
Erin Rice	Grade 2 Teacher	SMS	5 - Full Days/week
Susan Duskiewicz	Special Education Assistant	SMS	5 - Full Days/week
Wendy O'Brien	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	1.5- Days/week
Ann Marie Witt	Library/Media Teacher	SMS	5 - Half Days/week
Connie Youngstrom	MAP Assistant AM	SMS	4.5 Hours/Day
Bill McGrath	Bus Driver	SMS	3.5 Hours/Day
Pam Bullock	School Cook		

**ENROLLMENT:**

The 2009-2010 enrollment at the Shrewsbury Mountain School is 63 students as of our January count. This is similar to our 2008-2009 enrollment. Presently there are 70 Shrewsbury students attending Mill River Union High School.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2007-2008</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2008-2009</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2009-2010</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2010-2011</u>
Preschool	7	5	11	13
K	8	5	6	2
1	9	8	7	6
2	7	6	8	7
3	9	7	5	8
4	9	10	4	5
5	12	9	12	4
6	10	14	10	12
Total Elementary	71	64	63	57
7	6	12	15	10
8	13	11	11	15
9	11	11	11	11
10	9	10	13	11
11	15	12	10	13
12	15	12	10	10
Total Mill River	69	68	70	70
Total	140	132	133	127

**Budget**

The school board is proposing a Shrewsbury District budget for the 2010-2011 school year with expenditures of \$996,310 for the operation of the elementary school. This represents a decrease from the previous year's warned budget of \$12,496 or 1.24%. If sinking funds are included, the proposed budget is for \$1,011,310 and has dropped \$13,496 or 1.32%. The proposed budget is contained within the financial reports on the ensuing pages. The board has proposed separate articles of \$10,000 for a building maintenance sinking fund and \$5,000 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 reduced the services of the Physical Education Program and Music Program by .1FTE each (half of a day each), reduced a classroom teaching position by .25FTE and eliminated a one-half paraeducator position.

**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. Clarendon, Shrewsbury, and Wallingford have their records audited by professional auditors once every year. 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**

This is the first time in almost 20 years that I have not been in the Mountain School, seemingly, everyday. The last of my three boys graduated from our elementary school last June. While I am pleased that he has moved on successfully to Mill River, I really miss being involved on a daily basis in the school. It is really a special place.

The past year has seen some physical changes at the school with the updated kitchen space complete and operational to great acclaim by our students. In the coming year, we hope to receive federal funds to complete an energy savings project that will cut our heat losses and increase the insulation in the building. This project is intended to both save on energy costs and prevent the ice dams and resulting water leaks that we have experienced in past winters. The energy project has been talked about for a

number of years, but in our efforts to keep the budget under control we have not been able to tackle it.

In last year's report, we reported that we were in negotiations with the Teachers' Associations from Shrewsbury, Clarendon, and Wallingford and had entered a non-binding fact-finding process. We received the FactFinder's report in early October. The Associations and the three elementary School Boards have met a number of times since then and while we have made significant progress we have not yet agreed to a contract. We will have had another meeting soon after the writing of this report, so perhaps we will have a contract by Town Meeting Day. This process has taken an exceptionally long time due to the number of entities that are negotiating together and the pressures of the current economic climate.

This year's budget work has been especially difficult. Governor Douglas has proposed a number of cuts to school funding in addition to the shifting of many costs to the Education Fund that will result in increased pressure on property taxpayers in Shrewsbury and around the State. Both your Board and administrators have worked long and hard on this budget by looking at every line item to see if it could be reduced without undue impact on the education we are providing. We looked at staffing levels and classroom configurations that best take advantage of the staff we have while complying with the program requirements set by the State and Federal governments. To lower this year's budget, we have reduced total teacher time by .45FTE and a .5FTE teaching assistant. We are doing these things while keeping foremost in our minds that the education of the children of this Town is our primary responsibility.

The good news: based on the 2010-2011 budget we are presenting to the voters, the Shrewsbury Town School District expenditure budget is 1.5% LESS than the 2009-2010 budgeted expenditures. Shrewsbury's CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) has only changed by 1%. Our Per Equalized Pupil Spending is DOWN 1%.

The bad news: the amount of Shrewsbury's revenue which comes from the State Education Fund (funded mostly by property taxes) is DOWN 10%, even though our per pupil spending is down. This is a result of a Dept. of Education decision on the formula used to calculate our school's Equalized Pupil Count (which generates the majority of dollars we receive in State funding). This has the effect of raising our tax rate by 5 cents (2.5%) even with a reduced budget. This increase happens even with Shrewsbury Elementary continuing to be a low spending district. Our Per Equalized Pupil Spending is 15% to 25% less than our neighboring districts and is less than the State average as well. The bottom line: between the Shrewsbury Elementary budget, the Sinking funds request (down \$1,000), and Mill River's budget, our tax rate, after CLA, will be up approximately 5.5% or 10 cents.

We hope that you will support the budget, as you have in the past, understanding that we have cut what we can without impacting the quality of education that should be available to our children. Thank you.

Submitted by  
Adrienne Raymond, School Board Chair



## **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

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

Included in this report is a section entitled “Comparative Data for Cost Effectiveness”. This document, prepared by the Department of Education’s School Finance Division, compares Shrewsbury Elementary 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 Elementary School is projected to drop by 6 students for the upcoming 2010-2011 school year.

The budgeting process was a very difficult one this year as the School Board responded to changes made at the state level. The base education support amount (\$8544), which usually increases by an inflationary figure, was held constant for school years 2009-10 and 2010-2011. Additionally, due to lack of growth in property values statewide, the Tax Commissioner recommended that the homestead tax rate go from .86 cents to .882 cents per \$100. The legislature will need to take action on this recommendation. However, the Department of Education recommended that districts utilize the .882 figure for their calculations. The bottom line – even if a budget is level funded, a tax increase would result based upon these two factors.

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 3.2%. Since Shrewsbury’s education spending per equalized pupil for FY2010 was below the statewide average, Shrewsbury School District is not subject to the two vote requirement. In addition, Shrewsbury’s equalized per pupil spending is \$11,001 (without sinking fund articles), less than the state’s penalty threshold spending per equalized student of \$14,549.

Act 130 directs how tax bills are computed and presented to taxpayers. As you may have noticed last year in your Town Reports, the Mill River Union High School Assessments are no longer included as part of the town budgets. All secondary costs 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, 43.3% of the equalized pupils attend Shrewsbury Elementary School while 56.7% of the equalized pupils attend Mill River Union High School. The Shrewsbury Elementary (PK-6) tax rate is projected to be \$1.14 and the Mill River Union High (7-12) tax rate is projected to be \$1.301.

Shrewsbury Elementary Component – 43.3% of \$1.14 is \$0.492  
Mill River Union Component - 56.7% of \$1.30 is \$0.738  
Town of Shrewsbury Projected Homestead Tax Rate = \$1.230\*

After being adjusted for the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) the combined rate is estimated to be \$1.886\*.

\*The above numbers are preliminary based upon Dept. of Education worksheets and do not include sinking fund articles.

Thanks to Adrienne Raymond, Sarah Bolster and Ed Hemmer for their dedicated work as school directors.

Thank you to Deb Fishwick and 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.

On a personal note, I will be retiring from education after a 40 year career, serving 22 years in Rutland South as Principal and Superintendent. It was an honor to serve the community.

Respectfully,  
Walter Goetz

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

The 2008-2009 school year ended with 68 students, and the 2009-2010 school year began with 63 students in preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. This includes several students who have come to our school through the School Choice Program. We are hopeful that our school community will continue to grow; our preschool class currently has 11 students enrolled in the program.

The New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) is 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 is given to students each 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 the previous years' standards and expectations. Our students in grades 3 – 6, as well as the students in grade 7, participate in this assessment. Students' scores fall in one of four categories; *Proficient with Distinction (4)*; *Proficient (3)*; *Partially Proficient (2)*; and *Substantially below Proficient (1)*. Approximately 75 % of our students scored in the Proficient or Proficient with Distinction range in reading and in mathematics, and 55 % of our students scoring in the Proficient or Proficient with Distinction range in writing. Please remember our testing population is small and includes all students. One or two students' scores could change our percentage by up to 10 %. The NECAP Science Assessment is administered to our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students each spring. Sixty percent of our students scored in the Proficient range. These scores are for students in the 2008-2009 school year. The NECAP

standardized assessments along with other local assessments are used to help us monitor student progress and assess the effectiveness of our curricula and programs.

Our Action Plan sets goals for our school to achieve over the next several years. These goals focus on improving student learning in the areas of math, writing and written responses. The Action Plan also includes goals that focus on the social curriculum and technology.

The Shrewsbury School community continues to change over time. Our school which once was structured with individual grade classroom is now structured with nearly all multi-grade or combined classrooms. Multi-grade classroom differ in philosophy from multi-age classroom. A multi-grade classroom combines students from 2 different grade levels and provides individual grade level instruction in reading and mathematics. Providing instruction at two separate grade levels is one of the greatest challenges. Teachers, staff and I have worked creatively to provide instruction to all students by using a team approach in teaching writing, creating a rotation of science and social studies units, using certified teaching staff to provide instruction in reading and mathematics.

The Shrewsbury Mountain School continues to use the *Houghtin-Mifflin Reading Program*, the *Everyday Math Program*, the *Prentice Hall Reading Program*, and the *Math Thematics Program*. All of these programs support the Rutland South Supervisory Union's curriculum allowing all students the same foundation. Teachers at the Shrewsbury Mountain School continue to incorporate differentiated instructional practices within these programs that allow students to work in a way that is most conducive to their individual learning styles.

The community has continued to support the Okemo ski program. We were again able to include all students in grades K – 6<sup>th</sup>. We had wonderful experiences 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 program would not be possible without the continued financial support from many generous donations. We also would not be able to offer this program without the dedication of many community volunteers.

Our school's Parent Teacher Organization has seen their fundraising efforts pay off. The PTO was able to purchase and install 3 new playground structures. Students are enjoying the new equipment. The PTO continues to support school programs with its fundraising efforts and has recently revised and updated the Shrewsbury Town Phonebook. Phonebooks are available at Pierce's Store, the Town Office and at the school.

In January of 2009 we installed a new water system. The system upgrade was a requirement of the State Water Supply Division. The new system includes two ultraviolet units. We are still in the process of making changes to the system. We continue to work on the system; engineering, equipment and installation to date have been eligible for reimbursement or loan forgiveness and the school has received approximately \$25,000 to cover the cost of the current system upgrades.

In the Spring of 2009, we began to explore the possibility of upgrading our kitchen in order to prepare meals on-site. We received a grant in the amount of \$3,500.00. With this grant, we were able to offset a portion of the cost of the upgrade. Construction of our kitchen was completed over the summer and we began serving meals prepared on-site in October, 2009. Since the program has started, the quality of the food has improved and we are seeing more students eating school lunch.

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 submitted,  
Deb Fishwick



SMS kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders presented the play “Obiyoyo” in June 2009

**Shrewsbury Town School District  
Combined Balance Sheet as of June 30th, 2009**

**Table III**

	<b>General</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Fixed Assets</b>	<b>Long Term Debt</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash	-67,523	5,309			-62,214
Accounts Receivable	3,399				3,399
Fixed Assets (Depreciated)			65,110		65,110
Retire Long Term Debt				15,000	15,000
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>-64,124</b>	<b>5,309</b>	<b>65,110</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>21,295</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Due to Other Fund	1,000				1,000
Bonds Payable				15,000	15,000
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>16,000</b>
<b>Fund Equity</b>					
Fund Balance	-65,124	5,309			-59,815
Capital Assets			65,110		65,110
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>-65,124</b>	<b>5,309</b>	<b>65,110</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,295</b>

Note: Excluded from Long Term Debt above is \$24,497 EPA Loan (Water Project) subject to loan forgiveness.

March 4th, 2008 school district meeting Article 7 was voter approved authorizing borrowing up to \$25,000 for upgrade of the water system as required by the State of Vermont Water Supply Rule.

The \$15,000 Long Term Debt retirement shown above represents the final principal payment on the Building Bond.

**Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses  
& Changes in Fund Balances**

**Table IV**

	<b>General</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Total</b>
Beginning Balance July 2008	-48,334	-46,172	-94,506
Expenditures	-1,032,971	-22,355	-1,055,326
Revenues	1,047,190	11,147	1,058,337
Transfer Revenue	20,180	11,500	31,680
Prior Period Adjustments	-51,189	51,189	0
<b>Ending Fund Balance June 2009</b>	<b>-65,124</b>	<b>5,309</b>	<b>-59,815</b>

**Sinking Funds**

**Table V**

	<b>Bus Fund</b>	<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>Preschool Fund</b>	<b>Total Sinking Funds</b>
Beginning Balance July 2008	30,779	61,569	11,166	103,514
Expenditures-Transfers out		-21,680	-5,000	-26,680
Revenues-Approved Transfers in	7,000	7,000	0	14,000
Revenue-Interest	870	2,012	362	3,244
Prior Period Adjustments	0	0	0	0
<b>Ending Fund Balance June 2009</b>	<b>38,649</b>	<b>48,901</b>	<b>6,528</b>	<b>94,078</b>

**Shrewsbury Town School District**  
**Operational Fund FY2011**

Description	Budget Approved 2008-2009	Unaudited Actuals 2008-2009	Budget Approved 2009-2010	Estimated 2009-2010	Budget Proposed 2010-2011
Total Revenue	996,953	1,065,863	1,079,953	1,118,014	1,006,178
Total Expenditures	997,161	1,031,463	1,008,802	1,062,758	996,310
Excess (Rebate) of Revenue	(208)	34,400	71,150	55,256	9,868
Beginning Balance July 1	208	(99,524)	(71,150)	(65,124)	(9,868)
Audit Adjustments - Transfers	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Balance June 30	0	(65,124)	(0)	(9,868)	0

**Revenue**  
**Table 1**

Code	Account	Budget Approved 2008-2009	Unaudited Actuals 2008-2009	Budget Approved 2009-2010	Estimated 2009-2010	Proposed Budget 2010-2011
<b>Local Revenue</b>						
1312	Tuition	1,440	288	1,440	0	0
1314	Tuition school choice	0	16,420	17,088	21,360	17,088
1422	Transport	26,276	26,562	29,341	27,443	27,000
1500	Investments	6,000	2,717	5,000	2,500	3,000
1940	Excess Cost Reimb.-Transfer Prog.	7,645	3,823	3,109	5,442	5,000
1990	Other Local	0	1,633	0	1,500	0
<b>Total Local Revenue</b>		<b>41,361</b>	<b>51,443</b>	<b>55,978</b>	<b>58,245</b>	<b>52,088</b>
<b>2000 Sub Grants</b>						
		<b>15,000</b>	<b>16,126</b>	<b>19,000</b>	<b>18,210</b>	<b>16,797</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>						
3110	ACT68 Res/Non Res EEGL Support	771,543	785,543	837,623	853,623	752,802
3114	ACT68 Technical Support Payment	0	0	0	0	0
3145	ACT 60 Small School Aid	68,888	76,644	76,644	77,601	77,303
3150	ACT 60 Transport Aid	19,244	17,126	15,746	15,231	10,910
3201	Spec Ed Block Grant	20,458	20,458	24,808	24,808	22,160
3202	Spec Ed Expenditures Reim	49,361	47,701	42,225	45,000	52,907
3204	Spec Ed EEE	7,898	7,898	7,929	7,870	6,300
3205	Spec Ed State Placed	3,200	0	0	13,600	14,911
3790	State EPA / Equipment Grant	0	20,447	0	0	0
<b>Total State Revenue</b>		<b>940,592</b>	<b>975,817</b>	<b>1,004,975</b>	<b>1,037,733</b>	<b>937,293</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b>						
5400	Prior year adj	0	2,297	0	(1,174)	0
5200	Transfers from Reserve Accounts	0	20,180	0	5,000	0
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>22,477</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,826</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Revenue - All Sources</b>		<b>996,953</b>	<b>1,065,863</b>	<b>1,079,953</b>	<b>1,118,014</b>	<b>1,006,178</b>
<b>5000 Transfers - Pending Approval</b>						
		<b>14,000</b>	<b>incl in # 3110</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>incl in # 3110</b>	<b>15,000</b>

**Shrewsbury Town School District  
Expenses**

**Table II**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>2008 - 2009 Approved Budget</b>	<b>2008 - 2009 Unaudited Actuals</b>	<b>2009-2010 Approved Budget</b>	<b>2009-2010 Estimated</b>	<b>2010-11 Proposed Budget</b>
<b>1100</b>	<b>General Instruction</b>					
	Salaries	301,172	292,961	300,241	307,015	253,891
	Benefits	89,989	82,497	92,606	105,129	111,379
	Tuition Reimbursement	5,000	5,917	5,000	5,000	5,000
	Purchased Services	13,625	7,959	13,725	3,805	5,075
	Tuition - School Choice	0	16,420	12,816	21,360	12,816
	Supplies/Snacks/Travel	10,150	9,451	10,850	10,850	8,850
	Books / Periodicals	5,000	3,580	5,000	5,000	4,000
	Equipment	500	257	500	500	500
	Licensing Fees/MAP Testing		0	1,150	1,150	1,150
<b>1100</b>	<b>Total Instruction</b>	<b>425,436</b>	<b>419,042</b>	<b>441,888</b>	<b>459,809</b>	<b>402,661</b>
<b>1150</b>	<b>Preschool</b>					
	Salaries	22,959	23,525	25,407	25,417	25,908
	Benefits	3,594	5,011	3,898	6,087	6,725
	Insurance	0	0	84	0	0
	Supplies & Snacks	1,400	1,545	1,250	1,250	1,400
<b>1150</b>	<b>Total Preschool</b>	<b>27,953</b>	<b>30,081</b>	<b>30,639</b>	<b>32,754</b>	<b>34,033</b>
<b>1400</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>1,468</b>	<b>1,971</b>	<b>1,468</b>	<b>1,463</b>	<b>1,468</b>
<b>1500</b>	<b>Title I</b>	<b>19,037</b>	<b>16,126</b>	<b>19,135</b>	<b>19,303</b>	<b>16,797</b>
<b>2120</b>	<b>Guidance</b>	<b>12,299</b>	<b>9,060</b>	<b>10,341</b>	<b>8,573</b>	<b>10,550</b>
<b>2130</b>	<b>Health Services</b>	<b>8,921</b>	<b>8,199</b>	<b>9,258</b>	<b>9,394</b>	<b>10,457</b>
<b>2210</b>	<b>Improvement of Instruction</b>	<b>11,865</b>	<b>12,674</b>	<b>11,909</b>	<b>11,909</b>	<b>10,166</b>
<b>2220</b>	<b>Library / Media</b>					
	Salaries & Benefits	10,889	10,150	7,830	8,290	7,999
	Supplies & Repairs	500	433	500	500	500
	Books / Periodicals	2,000	2,060	2,000	2,000	2,060
	Equipment	1,000	870	100	100	100
<b>2220</b>	<b>Total Library / Media</b>	<b>14,389</b>	<b>13,513</b>	<b>10,430</b>	<b>10,890</b>	<b>10,659</b>
<b>2230</b>	<b>Technology</b>	<b>9,200</b>	<b>4,893</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>9,500</b>
<b>2310</b>	<b>Board of Education</b>	<b>6,653</b>	<b>8,841</b>	<b>6,653</b>	<b>10,232</b>	<b>6,714</b>
<b>2320</b>	<b>Administration-RSSU</b>	<b>21,698</b>	<b>21,708</b>	<b>21,898</b>	<b>21,898</b>	<b>17,498</b>
<b>2400</b>	<b>Administration</b>					
	Salaries & Benefits	89,027	91,730	93,998	90,909	93,938
	Contracted Services	1,600	1,127	1,600	1,000	1,000
	Telephone / Postage	4,000	2,535	3,000	3,000	3,000
	Travel/Supplies/Books	1,100	890	950	950	969
	Equipment & Software	1,500	1,500	1,350	1,350	1,400
	Dues / Fees	700	310	700	539	500
<b>2400</b>	<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>97,927</b>	<b>98,092</b>	<b>101,598</b>	<b>97,748</b>	<b>100,807</b>
<b>2520</b>	<b>Fiscal Services</b>					

Code	Account	2008 - 2009 Approved Budget	2008 - 2009 Unaudited Actuals	2009-2010 Approved Budget	2009-2010 Estimated	2010-11 Proposed Budget
	Salary & Benefits	1,077	1,076	1,077	1,077	1,077
	S.U. Assessment	20,019	20,019	20,158	20,158	16,130
	Audit/Fees/Supplies	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,750	2,700
	Interest/ note anticipation	4,747	12,857	6,682	4,070	6,682
<b>2520</b>	<b>Total Fiscal Services</b>	<b>28,343</b>	<b>36,452</b>	<b>30,417</b>	<b>28,055</b>	<b>26,589</b>
<b>2600</b>	<b>Buildings / Grounds</b>					
	Salaries & Benefits	46,554	43,426	48,682	44,670	49,368
	Repair / Maintenance	7,500	43,553	4,000	12,622	10,000
	Equipment Rental - Copier	5,000	5,128	5,000	5,409	5,200
	Insurance	7,700	6,141	8,470	5,776	7,430
	Supplies	4,000	3,177	4,000	4,000	4,300
	Electricity	9,000	7,767	9,207	8,250	8,300
	Fuel Oil	21,000	25,990	19,500	16,250	18,000
	Equipment / Furniture	3,000	0	3,500	3,500	2,500
<b>2600</b>	<b>Total Buildings / Grounds</b>	<b>103,754</b>	<b>135,182</b>	<b>102,359</b>	<b>100,477</b>	<b>105,098</b>
<b>2711</b>	<b>Transportation</b>					
	Salaries & Benefits	16,653	9,077	17,840	17,000	16,987
	Repairs/Maint. & Services	7,450	8,374	8,450	8,450	9,556
	Contracted Transportation	9,913	8,337	10,877	7,592	9,150
	Insurance - Buses	1,162	937	1,278	906	1,100
	Diesel Fuel - Buses	13,114	7,100	12,869	9,000	10,650
<b>2711</b>	<b>Total Transportation</b>	<b>48,292</b>	<b>33,825</b>	<b>51,314</b>	<b>42,948</b>	<b>47,443</b>
<b>2720</b>	<b>Transportation -Activities</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>700</b>
<b>2790</b>	<b>Transportation -Field Trips</b>	<b>1,292</b>	<b>1,136</b>	<b>1,292</b>	<b>1,292</b>	<b>1,292</b>
<b>5100</b>	<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>15,559</b>	<b>15,559</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>5200</b>	<b>Prior Yr. Adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>5300</b>	<b>Food Svc. Subsidy/Transfers</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>8,000</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenses-General</b>		<b>854,624</b>	<b>872,334</b>	<b>868,799</b>	<b>875,066</b>	<b>820,432</b>
<b>1200</b>	<b>Special Education</b>					
	Salaries & Benefits	92,510	96,099	98,879	131,067	136,917
	Purchased Educ. Svc.	1,000	3,026	1,000	500	1,000
	RSSU - EEE Assessment	13,499	13,499	7,520	7,520	7,440
	Travel/Supplies/Equipment	1,400	1,296	1,500	1,500	1,550
	OT Services & Assessment	3,765	3,265	3,799	3,799	3,438
	Psych Services & Assessment	9,417	6,917	9,158	9,158	8,231
	Speech Services & Assessment	2,123	2,203	1,564	1,564	3,217
	Spec Ed. Admin. Assessment	18,824	18,824	16,584	16,584	14,085
<b>1200</b>	<b>Total Special Education</b>	<b>142,538</b>	<b>145,129</b>	<b>140,004</b>	<b>171,692</b>	<b>175,878</b>
<b>Total General &amp; Special Ed. Expenses</b>		<b>997,162</b>	<b>1,017,463</b>	<b>1,008,803</b>	<b>1,046,758</b>	<b>996,310</b>
Pending Approval						
<b>5350</b>	<b>Transfers-to Sinking Funds</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>
<b>Grand Total -Expenses</b>		<b>1,011,162</b>	<b>1,031,463</b>	<b>1,024,803</b>	<b>1,062,758</b>	<b>1,011,310</b>



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

The Comparative Data for Cost Effectiveness Chart is provided by the Department of Education.

Section 1 – “FY2009 School Level Data” represents enrollment, teacher, and administrator data from fall 2008 (FY2009). Teachers included are all secondary teachers and Special Educators. Administrators included are principals, assistant principals, Title I coordinators and Special Education Directors. Enrollment data are a headcount at a school regardless of district of residence.

Section 2 – “FY2008 School District Data” represents current expenditures per FTE (full time equivalent teacher) less special education costs. Supervisory Union assessments are included. Data are at the school district level.

Section 3 – “FY2010 School District Data” represents education spending per equalized pupil. Data are at the school district level.

Data can not be compared. The data are from three different years, are reported at three different levels, and represent different things.

### **Medicaid Reimbursement Funds 2008-09**

During the 2008-09 school year, the Shrewsbury Mountain School spent \$1,507 in Medicaid reimbursement funds. These funds are from grant sources and are not represented in the budget.

Funds were expended on a Homework Support/Tutoring Program (grades K-6)

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

**School:** Shrewsbury Mountain School  
**S.U.:** Rutland South S.U.

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

## **FY2009 School Level Data**

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

**Cohort Rank by Enrollment** (1 is largest)  
 28 out of 50

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller ->  -< Larger	Tinmouth Elementary School	PK - 6	56	5.29	0.80	10.59	70.00	6.61
	Leicester Central School	PK - 6	59	6.20	0.80	9.52	73.75	7.75
	Middletown Springs Elementary School	PK - 6	61	6.07	1.00	10.05	61.00	6.07
	<b>Shrewsbury Mountain School</b>	<b>PK - 6</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>7.90</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>8.23</b>	<b>65.00</b>	<b>7.90</b>
	Albert Bridge School	K - 6	67	6.00	1.00	11.17	67.00	6.00
	Jamaica Village School	PK - 6	68	7.10	1.00	9.58	68.00	7.10
	Lakeview UESD #43	K - 6	69	8.00	1.00	8.63	69.00	8.00
<b>Averaged SCHOOL cohort data</b>			<b>63.60</b>	<b>6.66</b>	<b>0.78</b>	<b>9.53</b>	<b>81.81</b>	<b>8.58</b>

**School District:** Shrewsbury  
**LEA ID:** T190

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

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

## **FY2008 School District Data**

**Cohort Description:** Elementary school district, FY2008 FTE < 100  
 (51 school districts in cohort)

School district data (local, union, or joint district)	Grades offered in School District	Student FTE enrolled in school district	Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs	<b>Cohort Rank by FTE</b> (1 is largest) 21 out of 51
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Smaller ->	Wardsboro	PK-6	74.34	\$10,672	Current expenditures are an effort to calculate an amount per FTE spent by a district on students enrolled in that district. This figure excludes tuitions and assessments paid to other providers, construction and equipment costs, debt service, adult education, and community service.
	Worcester	PK-6	74.65	\$12,369	
	Jay/Westfield Joint Elementary	K-6	75.94	\$11,279	
	<b>Shrewsbury</b>	<b>PK-6</b>	<b>76.00</b>	<b>\$10,876</b>	
	Brownington	K-6	76.16	\$11,464	
< Larger	Wells	K-6	78.07	\$13,194	
	Pomfret	K-6	79.83	\$11,741	
Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data			<b>63.77</b>	<b>\$12,473</b>	

## FY2010 School District Data

			School district tax rate			of prorated member district rates			
LEA ID	School District	Grades offered in School District	SD	SD	SD	MUN	MUN	MUN	
			Equalized Pupils	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Common Level of Appraisal	Actual Homestead Ed tax rate	
					Use these tax rates to compare towns rates.	These tax rates are not comparable due to CLA's.			
Smaller ->	T103	Isle La Motte	K-6	69.36	11,586.58	1.1663	1.1663	0.9090	1.2831
	T104	Jamaica	K-6	73.40	11,871.51	1.1949	1.2693	1.0156	1.2498
	T157	Pomfret	K-6	74.65	13,695.82	1.3786	1.3876	1.1220	1.2367
	T190	Shrewsbury	PK-6	75.61	11,289.82	1.1364	1.1814	0.6569	1.7985
	T239	Weybridge	K-6	76.11	13,194.68	1.3281	1.3930	0.9244	1.5069
< Larger	T022	Bolton	PK-4	76.17	13,948.76	1.4040	1.2771	0.9411	1.3571
	T032	Brookfield	K-6	85.91	13,156.82	1.3243	1.3037	1.0230	1.2744

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

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

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

District: **Shrewsbury**  
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Enter estimated homestead  
base rate for FY2011. See  
note at bottom of page

**0.882**

**Expenditures**

		<b>Act 68</b>
		<b>FY2008</b>
1.	<b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$954,256
2.	<i>plus</i> Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-
3.	<i>minus</i> Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending	-
4.	<b>Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget</b>	<b>\$954,256</b>
5.	<i>plus</i> Prior years Mill River UHSD #40 assessment	\$1,129,316
6.	<i>plus</i> No union elementary or junior high school assessment	-
7.	<i>plus</i> Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-
8.	<i>plus</i> Prior year deficit reduction if not included in expenditure budget	-
9.	<b>Gross Act 68 Budget</b>	<b>\$2,083,572</b>
10.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-
11.	Prior year deficit reduction (if included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-

	<b>Act 130</b>		
	<b>FY2009</b>	<b>FY2010</b>	<b>FY2011</b>
1.	\$1,011,161	\$1,024,802	\$996,310
2.	-	-	\$15,000
3.	-	-	-
4.	<b>\$1,011,161</b>	<b>\$1,024,802</b>	<b>\$1,011,310</b>
5.	NA	NA	NA
6.	NA	NA	NA
7.	-	-	-
8.	-	-	\$9,868
9.	<b>\$1,011,161</b>	<b>\$1,024,802</b>	<b>\$1,021,178</b>
10.	-	-	-
11.	-	-	-

**Revenues**

12.	<b>Local revenues</b> (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$372,850
13.	<i>plus</i> Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-
14.	<i>plus</i> Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues (negative revenue instead of expenditures)	-
15.	<i>minus</i> All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues	-
16.	<b>Total local revenues</b>	<b>\$372,850</b>

12.	\$225,618	\$171,179	\$253,376
13.	-	-	-
14.	-	-	-
15.	-	-	-
16.	<b>\$225,618</b>	<b>\$171,179</b>	<b>\$253,376</b>

17.	<b>Education Spending</b>	<b>\$1,710,722</b>
18.	<b>Equalized Pupils</b> (Act 130 count is by school district)	<b>175.87</b>

17.	<b>\$785,543</b>	<b>\$853,623</b>	<b>\$767,802</b>
18.	<b>74.97</b>	<b>75.61</b>	<b>68.43</b>

<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>		<b>\$9,727</b>	<b>\$10,478.10</b>	<b>\$11,289.82</b>	<b>\$11,220</b>	
3.	minus	Less net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$630.82	-	-	19.
1.	minus	Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	-	-	-	20.
2.	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	-	-	-	21.
3.	minus	Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	22.
			-	-	-	23.
			threshold = \$12,594	threshold = \$13,287	threshold = \$13,984	
4.	plus	Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	24.
5.		Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$9,727	\$10,478	\$11,290	25.
3.		<b>District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)</b>	<b>125.739%</b>	<b>127.626%</b>	<b>132.137%</b>	26.
			(\$11,220 / \$8,544)	based on \$7,735	based on \$8,544	
<b>Prorating the local tax rate</b>						
7.		Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (Tax rates were not prorated in FY07 - FY08) (131.323% x \$0.882)	\$1.094	\$1.1103	\$1.1364	27.
			based on \$0.87	based on \$0.87	based on \$0.88	
3.		Percent of Shrewsbury equalized pupils not in a union school district	Not applicable prior to Act 130	44.178%	46.170%	28.
3.		Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (43.300% x \$1.16)	Not applicable prior to Act 130	\$0.4905	\$0.5247	29.
1.		<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	74.44%	71.64%	65.69%	30.
1.		Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (Tax rates were not prorated in FY2008) (\$0.502 / 65.21%)	\$1.470	\$0.6847	\$0.7988	31.
			based on \$0.87	based on \$0.87	based on \$0.88	
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.						
2.		Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (131.323% x 1.80%)	Not applicable prior to Act 130	2.30%	2.38%	32.
			based on 1.80%	based on 1.80%	based on 1.80%	
3.		Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (43.300% x 2.36%)	2.26%	1.02%	1.10%	33.
			based on 1.80%	based on 1.80%	based on 1.80%	
4.		Percent of equalized pupils at Mill River UHSD	Not applicable prior to Act 130	55.82%	53.83%	34.
5.			Not applicable prior to Act 130	-	-	35.

- On 01-Dec-09, the Tax Commissioner made a recommendation for an FY2011 base education homestead tax rate of \$0.882. The base income percentage cap is 1.80%. Final figures will be set by the Legislature and approved by the Governor.  
 - The base education amount of \$8,544 was set by the Legislature, but could be subject to change.

FY2011 Estimates  
Preliminary Budgets

Act 130 Equalized Homestead Tax Rate Calculation, FY2011

**ESTIMATES ONLY**  
Official rates from Tax Dept.  
Base rate is not official

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1.	Local budgeted expenditures including any separate articles		1,011,310	1.
2.	Act 144 expenditures	-		2.
3.	Obligation to a regional technical center school district if any		-	3.
4.	Obligation to repay a deficit per 24 V.S.A. § 1523(b)		9,868	4.
5.	Obligation to repay difference between allowable and announced tuition		-	5.
6.	Total Expenditures net of Act 144 dollars	(lines 1 + 3) - line 2	1,021,178	6.
7.	Total local revenues		253,376	7.
8.	Act 144 dedicated revenues	-		8.
9.	Act 144 expenditures to raise locally	line 2 - line 8	-	9.
10.	Local revenues less Act 144 revenues	line 5 - (lines 6 + 7)	253,376	10.
11.	Initial Education Spending	line 4 - line 8	767,802	11.
12.	Capital debt hold-harmless aid	line 16, "CDaid" page	-	12.
13.	Education Spending	line 9 - line 10	767,802	13.
14.	Equalized pupils		68.43	14.
15.	Education spending per equalized pupil	line 11 / line 12	11,220.25	15.

**Excess Spending Calculation**

15.	NET Eligible FY2011 construction costs, including P&I		-	15.
16.	20 or fewer equip, excess due to NEW SpEd spending		-	16.
17.	New student tuition costs causing deficit if incurred after budget is passed (grades not offered by district)		-	17.
18.	SpEd costs two years prior in excess of \$50,000 per pupil		-	18.
19.	Cost of planning the merger of a small school (average grade size ≤ 20 students)		-	
20.	Total eligible exclusions		-	20.
21.	Eligible FY2011 construction costs per pupil, including P&I	line 17 / line 12	-	21.
22.	Per pupil figure to use for Excess Spending	line 13 - line 18	11,220.25	22.
23.	Excess spending threshold	Prelim	14,549	23.
24.	Per pupil spending above the threshold	line 19 - line 20	NA	24.

25. Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	line 13 + line 21	11,220.25	25.
26. District spending adjustment			
27. Equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated	max of 100% or (line 22 / 8,544)	131.323%	26.
28. Percent of Shrewsbury equalized pupils not in a union school district	line 26 x 0.88	1.1583	27.
29. Portion of equalized homestead tax rate to be assessed by town		43.30%	28.
30. Common level of appraisal	line 24 x line 25	0.5015	29.
31. Estimated actual homestead tax rate of district to be assessed		65.21%	30.
	line 26 / line 27	0.7691	31.
32. Equalized homestead rate from Mill River UHSD #40	Manual entry	1.3019	32.
33. Percent of Shrewsbury equalized pupils at Mill River UHSD #40		56.70%	33.
34. Prorated equalized rate from Mill River UHSD #40		0.7382	34.
35. Estimated actual rate from Mill River UHSD #40 to be assessed	line 31 / line 27	1.1320	35.
36.			36.
37.			37.
38.			38.
39.			39.
40. Total equalized homestead rate for Shrewsbury	lines 26 + 31 + 35	1.2397	40.
41. Total estimated actual homestead rate for Shrewsbury	lines 28 + 32 + 36	1.9011	41.
42. Equalized non-residential tax rate		1.372	42.
43. Estimated actual non-residential tax rate	line 39 / line 27	2.1040	43.
44. Education spending	line 11	767,802	44.
45. Tech FTE's		-	45.
46. Base education amount for tech FTE's	line 42 x 8,544 x 87%	-	46.
47. Adjusted education spending due the district from Ed Fund	line 41 - line 43	767,802	47.
48. Amount to raise locally for Act 144	line 7	-	48.
49. Prorated income cap percentage for Shrewsbury education property tax if eligible	1.80% x 43.30% x 131.32% (lines 23 & 25)	1.02%	49.
50. Spending adjustment from Mill River UHSD #40	Manual entry	147.61%	50.
51. Prorated income cap percentage from Mill River UHSD #40	1.80% x 56.70% x 147.61%	1.51%	51.
52.			52.
53.		-	53.
54. Estimated income cap percentage for Shrewsbury education property tax		2.53%	54.

**Rutland South Supervisory Union  
FY 2010-2011 Budget  
Operating Fund Revenue**

	<b>Budget Approved 2008-2009</b>	<b>Actual 2008-2009</b>	<b>Budget Approved 2009-2010</b>	<b>Estimated 2009-2010</b>	<b>Budget Proposed 2010-2011</b>
<b>Assessments to Schools</b>					
<b>1931 - Regular Education</b>					
Clarendon	167,171	167,171	178,334	178,334	135,282
Shrewsbury	50,592	50,592	50,965	50,965	41,544
Wallingford	104,048	104,048	98,446	98,446	78,797
Mill River UHS	447,297	447,297	472,582	472,582	405,346
<b>Total Assessments</b>	<b>769,108</b>	<b>769,108</b>	<b>800,327</b>	<b>800,327</b>	<b>660,969</b>
1500 - Interest	5,000	4,767	10,000	1,600	2,500
1941 - Service to Other LEA's	0	5,364	0	1,270	0
1990 - Other	0	21,889	0	22,594	0
1940 - Summer Camp Income	0	16,515	0	21,614	0
<b>Total Revenue-Regular Education</b>	<b>774,108</b>	<b>817,643</b>	<b>810,327</b>	<b>847,405</b>	<b>663,469</b>
<b>Assessments to Schools</b>					
<b>1932 - Special Education Services</b>					
Clarendon	148,463	148,463	150,529	150,529	119,163
Shrewsbury	44,428	44,428	35,275	35,275	33,061
Wallingford	92,772	92,772	62,473	62,473	51,569
Mill River UHS	209,493	209,493	205,888	205,889	197,358
<b>Total Assessments-Special Educ.</b>	<b>495,156</b>	<b>495,156</b>	<b>454,165</b>	<b>454,166</b>	<b>401,151</b>
3205 - State Placed Reimbursement	0	3,869	0	0	0
5400 - Prior Yr Spec. Educ. Adj.	0	0	0	129	0
<b>Total Revenue-Special Education</b>	<b>495,156</b>	<b>499,025</b>	<b>454,165</b>	<b>454,295</b>	<b>401,151</b>
<b>Total All Revenues</b>	<b>1,269,264</b>	<b>1,316,668</b>	<b>1,264,492</b>	<b>1,301,700</b>	<b>1,064,620</b>
Regular Education Expenses	775,109	767,034	813,646	814,523	786,964
Special Education Expenses	495,154	479,759	454,167	449,246	477,656
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,270,263</b>	<b>1,246,793</b>	<b>1,267,813</b>	<b>1,263,769</b>	<b>1,264,620</b>

**Summary of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes to Fund Balance**

	<b>Budget Approved 2008-2009</b>	<b>Actual 2008-2009</b>	<b>Budget Approved 2009-2010</b>	<b>Estimated 2009-2010</b>	<b>Budget Proposed 2010-2011</b>
Total Revenue	1,269,264	1,316,668	1,264,492	1,301,700	1,064,620
Total Expenditures	1,270,263	1,246,793	1,267,813	1,263,769	1,264,620
Excess Of Revenue	-999	69,875	-3,321	37,931	-200,000
Beg Balance July 1	999	604,947	3,321	674,822	712,753
Prior Period Adjustment	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Balance June 30	0	674,822	0	712,753	512,753



**Rutland South Supervisory Union  
FY 2011 Assessments**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Budget 2010-2011</b>	<b>Carry Over Applied</b>	<b>To Be Assessed</b>
Improvement of Instr	28,437	4,556	<b>23,881</b>
Treasurer	646	101	<b>545</b>
Central Office	239,316	38,313	<b>201,003</b>
Fiscal Service	313,794	50,240	<b>263,554</b>
Bldg/Grounds	31,156	4,981	<b>26,175</b>
Transportation	0		
Contingencies	0		
Sub Total	613,349		
Improv of Instr-Internet	19,600	3,139	<b>16,461</b>
Technology	154,015	24,665	<b>129,350</b>
Transportation	0		
<b>C.O. Admin Subtotal</b>	<b>786,964</b>	<b>125,995</b>	<b>660,969</b>

<b>Average Daily Membership</b>			
<b>District</b>	<b>K-6</b>	<b>7-12</b>	<b>Total</b>
Clarendon	202.16	0.00	202.16
Shrewsbury	60.10	0.00	60.10
Wallingford	116.90	0.00	116.90
Mill River	0.00	422.29	422.29
	<b>District</b>	<b>Tuition</b>	<b>Total</b>
Clarendon	196.16	6.00	202.16
Shrewsbury	60.10	0.00	60.10
Wallingford	116.90	0.00	116.90
Mill River	422.29	180.53	602.82

<b>Special Ed Fund</b>	<b>Budget 2010-2011</b>	<b>Carry Over Applied</b>	<b>To Be Assessed</b>
Special Ed	79,874	12,798	<b>67,076</b>
EEE	52,456	8,404	<b>44,052</b>
Health Services	46,351	7,432	<b>38,919</b>
Psych Services	111,508	17,861	<b>93,647</b>
Speech Services	45,201	7,229	<b>37,972</b>
Grants	0		
Special Ed Admin	142,266	22,781	<b>119,485</b>
<b>Special Ed. Subtotal</b>	<b>477,656</b>	<b>76,505</b>	<b>401,151</b>
<b>Grand Total Budget</b>	<b>1,264,620</b>	<b>202,500</b>	<b>1,062,120</b>
Carryover/ Revenue Applied	202,500		
<b>Total To Be Assessed</b>	<b>1,062,120</b>		

Improv of Instr-Internet/VPN				To Be
District	Internet	VPN	Allocation	Assessed
Clarendon	400	2,000	3,070	2,578
Shrewsbury	0	2,000	2,500	2,100
Wallingford	0	2,000	2,500	2,100
Mill River	8,520	2,000	11,530	9,683
RSSU	680	2,000	0	
	9,600	10,000	19,600	16,461
Total Expense:			19,600	
Less Carry Over Applied			(3,139)	
Amount to be Assessed			16,461	

**Rutland South Supervisory Union  
FY2011 Assessments**

	<b>Clarendon</b>	<b>Shrewsbury</b>	<b>Wallingford</b>	<b>Mill River</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>"A" ADM (40 day FY10 Total)</b>	202.16	60.10	116.90	602.82	981.98
Percent FY 2010	22.43%	6.06%	12.19%	59.32%	100%
<b>Percent FY 2011</b>	<b>20.59%</b>	<b>6.12%</b>	<b>11.90%</b>	<b>61.39%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>"B" ADM (40 day FY10 In District)</b>	196.16	60.10	116.90	422.29	795.45
Percent FY 2010	24.38%	8.59%	14.53%	52.49%	100%
<b>Percent FY 2011</b>	<b>24.66%</b>	<b>7.55%</b>	<b>14.70%</b>	<b>53.09%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>"C" ADM (40 day Elem in District)</b>					
EEE ADM - Elementary Only	196.16	60.10	116.90	0.00	373.16
EEE % By District	52.57%	16.11%	31.33%	0.00%	100%
Position Costs (SMS, CES only)	76.55%	23.45%			100%
	83%	17%			100%
<b>RSU Assessments</b>					
<b>Central Office Administration - General ("A" ADM)</b>					
<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>106,071</b>	<b>31,528</b>	<b>61,304</b>	<b>316,255</b>	<b>515,158</b>
FY 2010	140,802	38,056	76,530	372,379	627,767
<b>Central Office - Internet Access / VPN</b>					
<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>2,578</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>9,683</b>	<b>16,461</b>
FY 2010	4,570	4,000	4,000	13,030	25,600
<b>Central Office Admin - Total FY2011</b>	<b>108,649</b>	<b>33,628</b>	<b>63,404</b>	<b>325,938</b>	<b>531,619</b>
Central Office Admin - Total FY2010	145,372	42,056	80,530	385,409	653,368
<b>Computer Services - ("A" ADM)</b>					
<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>26,633</b>	<b>7,916</b>	<b>15,393</b>	<b>79,408</b>	<b>129,350</b>
FY 2010	32,962	8,909	17,916	87,173	146,960
<b>Special Education Assessments</b>					
<b>Speech Services - ("B" ADM)</b>					
<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>9,364</b>	<b>2,867</b>	<b>5,582</b>	<b>20,159</b>	<b>37,972</b>
FY 2010	4,379	1,214	2,442	8,101	16,136
<b>EEE - ("C" ADM)</b>					
<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>32,065</b>	<b>6,567</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,632</b>
	<b>2,849</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>1,698</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,420</b>
FY 2010	49,824	7,520	6,660	0	64,004
<b>Special Ed Admin - ("B" ADM)</b>					
<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>46,006</b>	<b>14,085</b>	<b>27,424</b>	<b>99,046</b>	<b>186,561</b>
FY 2010	59,798	16,584	33,349	110,635	220,366
<b>Psych Services - ("A" ADM)</b>					
<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>19,282</b>	<b>5,731</b>	<b>11,144</b>	<b>57,490</b>	<b>93,647</b>
FY 2010	24,632	6,658	13,388	65,144	109,822
<b>Health Services - ("B" ADM)</b>					
<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>9,597</b>	<b>2,938</b>	<b>5,721</b>	<b>20,663</b>	<b>38,919</b>
FY 2010	11,896	3,299	6,634	22,009	43,838
<b>Total FY 2011</b>	<b>254,445</b>	<b>74,605</b>	<b>130,366</b>	<b>602,704</b>	<b>1,062,120</b>
Total FY 2010	328,863	86,240	160,919	678,471	1,254,493

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**RESULTS OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**  
**March 3, 2009**

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Moderator Eldred French called the informational meeting for the Town School District to order at 5:35 pm on Monday March 2, 2009. 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. Ed Hemmer outlined Per Pupil Spending, and how it is derived, as well as other budget items in detail, particularly the funding shortfalls from the previous year. This meeting recessed at 6:25 pm. for voting by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, beginning at 10 am.

ARTICLE 1.	1 year term	Eldred French
Town School District Moderator		
ARTICLE 2.	3 year term	Adrienne
Town School Director		Raymond
ARTICLE 3.	2 years of a 3 year	Bill Brown
MRUHS Director	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? **Yes 229 No 118**

ARTICLE 5. Shall the town school district raise and appropriate the sum of **\$8,000** to be placed in the building maintenance reserve fund? **Yes 234 No 115**

ARTICLE 6. Shall the voters of the Shrewsbury School District raise, appropriate and expend the amount of **\$1,008,802.00** for the operational expenditures of the said school district, which includes the elementary school? **Yes 206 No 140**

ARTICLE 7. 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 232 No 115**

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**RESULTS OF MILL RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT #40**  
**Annual Meeting February 18, 2009**  
**Australian Ballot Vote – March 3, 2009**

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UNIFIED UNION BALLOT \*

ARTICLE 7 Shall the voters of the Mill River Union School District adopt an expenditure budget of \$9,880,470 for school year 2009-2010? (by Australian Ballot)  
**Yes 656 No 542**

\*The full text of the February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Warned Meeting can be found in the Town Proceedings, Book 13, pages 146 - 170 in the Shrewsbury Town Office.

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

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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 2, 2010 between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. to take action by Australian Ballot on the following matters:

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| 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 a term of three years.  |
| Article 4 | Shall the town school district raise and appropriate the sum of <b>\$5,000</b> to be placed in the bus replacement reserve fund?  |
| Article 5 | Shall the town school district raise and appropriate the sum of <b>\$10,000</b> 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 <b>\$996,310</b> 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: 18th of January, 2010

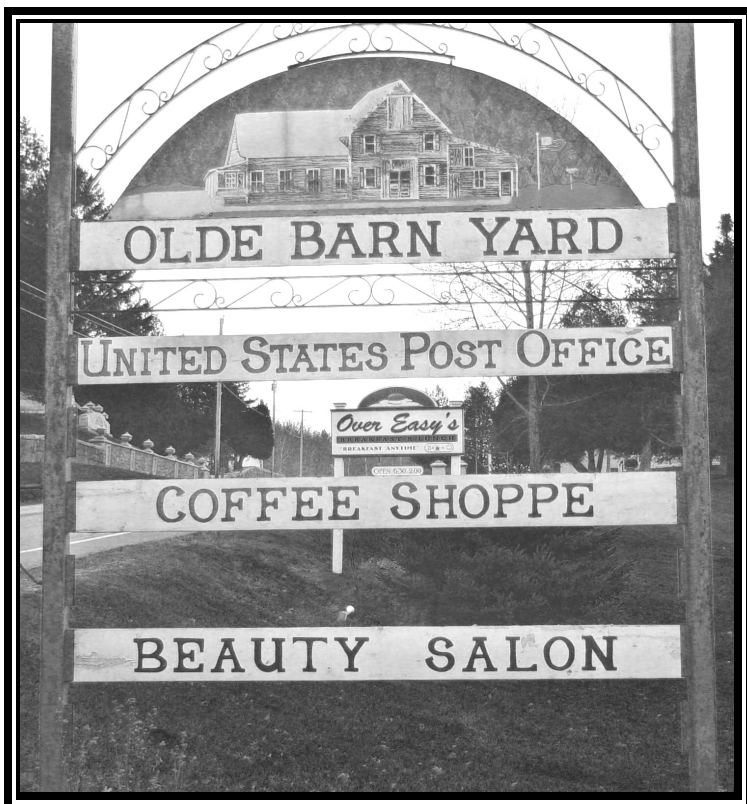
Sarah Bolster                      /s/

Edmund Hemmer                /s/

Adrienne Raymond            /s/

Shrewsbury School Directors

The annual Town School District informational meeting will take place on **Monday, March 1, 2010 at 5:30 P.M.** The meetings will be held at the **Shrewsbury Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road.**



## NOTES

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Shrewsbury, VT 05738*

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### Information Meetings

Monday, March 1, 2010

Shrewsbury Community Meeting House

Meetings begin at 5:30 PM

School District Followed by Town

Current Resident

Shrewsbury, Vermont 05738

### Australian Ballot

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Shrewsbury Community Meeting House

10:00 AM - 7:00 PM