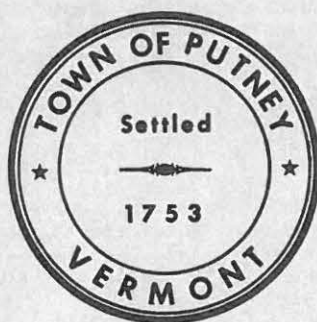


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**1962**



*Town of*

**PUTNEY**

*VERMONT*

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## TOWN OFFICERS — 1962

### Putney, Vermont

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<i>Moderator</i> .....	John Wallace
<i>Town Clerk</i> .....	Ernest W. Parker
<i>Treasurer, Town and Town School District</i> .....	Leonard A. Howard
<i>Selectmen:</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Roscoe Hodgdon .....	1963
William Lyons .....	1964
Roy Hallock .....	1965
<i>Listers:</i>	
James Ellis .....	1963
Homer Barton .....	1964
Carl Stockwell .....	1965
<i>School Directors:</i>	
Barbara Rockwell .....	1963
Ellwyn Miller .....	1964
William Darrow, Jr. ....	1965
Malcolm Jones (Union District) .....	1965
<i>Auditors:</i>	
Mrs. Cecil Lawrence .....	1963
Joseph D. Post .....	1964
Mrs. Anthony Kray .....	1965
<i>Library Trustees:</i>	
Mrs. Samuel Bennett .....	1963
Mrs. Ernest Parent .....	1964
Mrs. Nicholas Miller .....	1965
Mrs. John Scott .....	1966
Mrs. William Darrow, Jr. ....	1967
<i>Cemetery Commissioners:</i>	
Carleton Clark .....	1963
Austin Gassett .....	1964
Randall Rhoades .....	1965
<i>Grand Jurors</i> .....	Philip Chase, John Wallace
<i>Road Commissioners</i> .....	The Selectmen
<i>Delinquent Tax Collector</i> .....	Mrs. Robert Rosegrant

<i>Overseer of the Poor</i> .....	Mrs. Grace Kerr
<i>Constable</i> .....	Fred Robinson
<i>Second Constable</i> .....	Harris Coomes
<i>Sexton</i> .....	Randall Rhoades
<i>Town Agent</i> .....	Frank Wilson
<i>Trustee of Baldwin and West Hill Cemetery Funds,</i>	Austin Gassett
<i>Surveyor of Wood and Lumber</i> .....	Frank Wilson
<i>Fire Chiefs</i> .....	Carl Snyder, Harold Frost, Laurie Brown
<i>Forest Fire Warden</i> .....	Roscoe Hodgdon
<i>Truant Officer</i> .....	Fred Robinson
<i>Justices of the Peace</i> .....	Mrs. George Gassett, George Hamilton, Mrs. Everett Harlow, Sr., Roscoe Hodgdon, Ernest W. Parker, Walter Hendricks, Ellwyn Miller
<i>Town Representative</i> .....	George Hamilton
<i>Fence Viewers</i> .....	C. K. Loomis, R. Hallock, H. Phelps
<i>Tree Warden</i> .....	Allen Thurber
<i>Planning Board:</i>	
Miss Carol Maynard .....	1963
Morris Mitchell .....	1963
Father Hebert .....	1964
George Heller .....	1964
Russell Ellis .....	1965
Roy Stromberg .....	1965
<i>Health Officer, Appointed by State</i> .....	Dr. J. N. Houpis
<i>School Medical Officer, Appointed by State</i>	Dr. J. N. Houpis



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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To the Taxpayers of Putney:

Again this year enough taxes were paid in advance to make it unnecessary to borrow as much money as we had anticipated. We have finished the year in sound financial condition, and we feel that you have received good value for your tax money.

HIGHWAYS: The Town Road Construction Money was used to straighten a bad curve on the River Road in East Putney, and the State Aid Construction Money was used to widen a section of the West Hill Road.

At this point there appears to be some question as to whether the State Aid Classification will be continued. This will not affect us to a great extent, however. Our only State Aid Roads at present are the Westminster West Road from Route 5 to the Westminster line, the West Hill Road from the Westminster West Road to the Dummerston line, and that section of Old Route 5 from the present Route 5 to the Dummerston line. If the State Aid Classification is done away with, we will probably receive increased Town Road Money to partially offset it.

We have not yet planned the construction work for this year.

MACHINERY: Following our established policy, we traded the 1960 Chevrolet truck for a 1962 Model in the Spring.

We are asking for authority to purchase a new Loader this year. The old one has more than paid for itself but it is worn out, and it is too small for our present needs. This is a very necessary piece of equipment, not only for loading and construction work, but also for plowing and removing snow where the trucks and grader are too large and unmaneuverable to do a satisfactory job. The cost of such a Loader is \$13,000 to \$14,000. We feel that we can pay for this with \$2,000 tax money per year for the next 3 years. The balance of the cost will come from money paid by the State for the use of the Loader on construction work on Town Roads.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: The Fire Department has had a good year with all fires being handled in an efficient and satisfactory manner. We still feel, however, that there is not enough public interest in the Department.

The Firemen, through their own efforts, have purchased a base station and 5 two-way mobile radios for the Department. These units not only enable the men with the various pieces of equipment

to keep in touch with each other and the Fire Station, but also to contact other Fire Departments. These are not strictly for use at fires, but may be called upon in any emergency when they might be useful.

We recommend a tax rate of \$3.45. This is 35% higher than last year, but we feel that it is necessary if we are to continue the present services and keep the Town solvent.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSCOE B. HODGDON

WILLIAM R. LYONS

ROY W. HALLOCK

Selectmen

February 5, 1963

## GENERAL FUND

### Comparative Financial Statement (Two Year Period Ending Dec. 31, 1962)

#### CURRENT ASSETS

	Dec. 31, 1961	Dec. 31, 1962
Cash on Hand and in Bank:		
Town Treasurer:		
Cash on Hand		
Cash in Bank	\$ 3,184.29	\$ 4,412.98
Tax Collector:		
Cash on Hand	1,305.77	
Delinquent Taxes Receivable		
Real Estate	\$ 6,781.68	\$ 4,603.51
Personal Property	1,050.04	953.14
Poll Taxes	2,441.14	2,513.16
	\$ 10,272.86	\$ 8,069.81
Accounts Receivable		
State of Vermont:		
Winter Roads	\$ 1,833.60	\$ 2,400.00
Resurfacing	403.00	2,505.56
Town Road		
Cons.	12,626.05	.....
State Aid Cons.	4,947.00	2,635.00
New Fire Truck		
Fund	297.02	310.15
Sinking Fund—		
Grader Interest	210.00	.....
School District—		
Town Admin.	.....	643.18
Total Current		
Assets	\$ 20,316.67	\$ 8,493.89
	\$ 35,079.59	\$ 20,976.68
ADD: TO BE BORROWED AGAINST		
FIRE TRUCK	18,000.00	16,000.00
	\$ 53,079.59	\$ 36,976.68

### CURRENT LIABILITIES

Overseer of Poor Salary	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Town School District	40,000.00	28,673.65
Sinking Fund - Use of Equip.	1,320.00	.....
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 41,370.00	\$ 28,723.65
Total Assets	53,079.59	36,976.68
Surplus	\$ 11,709.59	\$ 8,253.03

### Financing of 1961 Fire Truck — Cost \$20,000.00

Short Term Loan	\$ 18,000.00	
Interest	336.38	
Repaid		\$ 18,336.38
Appropriation From Town	\$ 1,973.26	
Fire Truck Fund	310.15	
General Fund	16,052.97	
		\$ 18,336.38

## TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

### Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

Balance on Hand and in Bank January 1, 1962		\$ 3,184.29
RECEIPTS:		
Taxes —		
Current	\$111,051.19	
Delinquent:		
Taxes	\$ 8,361.37	
Interest	329.54	
Warrants	7.35	
	8,698.26	
		\$119,749.45
State of Vermont:		
Winter Maintenance		
State Aid Highways	\$ 1,455.00	
Town Highways	2,000.00	
Resurfacing	403.00	
Town Road Construction 1961	12,626.05	
Town Road Construction 1962	12,380.80	
State Aid Highways	4,947.00	
	33,811.85	
New Fire Truck Fund	\$ 323.25	
Town Sinking Fund	4,373.75	
Cemetery	225.06	
Dog Account	375.00	
Dummerston—For Asphalt	385.33	
Perini Corp.—Equipment Tax	280.41	
Post Office Rent	802.12	
Town Hall Rent	395.00	
Poor Department	265.00	
Beer Licenses	75.00	
Miscellaneous	110.61	
	7,610.53	
Total Receipts		\$164,356.12
Short Term Loans		41,000.00
Total Funds Available		\$205,356.12
Total Disbursements		200,943.14
Balance on Hand December 31, 1962		\$ 4,412.98

## DISBURSEMENTS

### TOWN ADMINISTRATION

Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,959.17	
Adm. Supplies and Expense	479.04	
Petty Cash	120.77	
Town Reports	445.30	
1% of Taxes	1,110.51	
Old Age Assessments	2,479.50	
Lawyers' Fees	216.83	
Insurance	2,113.22	
Fire Department	2,467.96	
Poor Department	1,518.66	
Cemetery	336.42	
Vt. Agric. Ext. Service	212.85	
Street Lights	890.04	
Library	1,250.00	
Memorial Day	150.00	
Town Dump—Upkeep and Rent	684.50	
Bond Town Officers	39.00	
Rent Town Clerk's Office	60.00	
Making Out Tax Bills	100.00	
Printing and Stationery	86.00	
Medical Fees	86.20	
		\$ 16,805.97

### TOWN ROADS

Town Highways	\$ 9,787.03	
State Aid Highways	1,681.28	
State Aid Construction	2,840.29	
Winter Roads	8,917.38	
Culverts, Bridges and Railings	892.02	
Brush	326.80	
Town Highway Construction	11,050.04	
Resurfacing	3,742.88	
		\$ 39,237.72

### ROAD EQUIPMENT

Truck #1	\$ 335.16	
Truck #2	384.23	
Grader, Conveyor and Loader	2,834.30	
Tractors, Plows and Sanders	1,140.51	
Gas, Oil and Grease	2,965.72	
Welding Supplies	169.82	
Small Tools and Hardware	246.88	
Pickup Truck	151.88	
Rental of Equipment	72.00	
		\$ 8,300.50

# FINANCE

Sinking Fund—1961 Construction	\$ 1,320.00	
Sinking Fund—1962 Winter Roads	1,200.00	
Sinking Fund—1962 Construction	2,402.00	
Sinking Fund—1962 Retreatment	338.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,260.00

# NOTES

Interest on Short Term Loans		\$ 206.19
New Truck	\$ 2,270.00	
1955 Chevrolet Pickup	75.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,345.00

# TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

1961 Tax Money	\$ 40,000.00	
1962 Tax Money	42,500.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 82,500.00

# MISCELLANEOUS

Town Hall	\$ 1,380.91	
Dog Account	84.78	
Interest on Fire Truck	336.38	
County Tax	281.08	
Land Tax to Brookline	26.77	
Coal	103.03	
Town Social Security	618.24	
Coal, Community Center	500.00	
Road Signs	62.72	
Interest on Grader	393.85	
Grader Payment	1,500.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,287.76

Payment of Short Term Loans	41,000.00
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Total Disbursements	\$200,943.14
Total Receipts	205,356.12

Balance on Hand December 31, 1962	\$ 4,412.98
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## AUDITORS' REPORT

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In accordance with Section 3593, V. S. as amended, we have verified the existence of stated cash balances, examined the accounts and records of town officers and Town School District, and to the best of our knowledge, the following financial statements and reports of receipts and disbursements present the financial position of the town on December 31, 1962, and accurate record of funds handled in the year then ended.

JOSEPH D. POST  
WINNIE LAWRENCE  
MURIEL KRAY



## TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES — 1962

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Leonard Howard, Treasurer	\$ 380.04
Ernest Parker, Town Clerk	350.04
Joseph Post, Auditor	75.00
Stanley Hollis, Auditor	50.00
Winnie Lawrence, Auditor	50.00
Fred Robinson, Constable	132.50
William Lyons, Selectman	225.00
Roy Hallock, Selectman	150.00
Roscoe Hodgdon, Selectman	150.00
Carl Stockwell, Lister	110.00
James Ellis, Lister	81.25
Grace Kerr, Overseer of the Poor	100.00
Inez Harlow, Assistant Treasurer	20.00
Harris Coomes, Assistant Constable	85.34
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	\$ 1,959.17

## TOWN EMPLOYEES' SALARIES

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Paul M. Carr	\$ 4,570.60
Cecil Wood	3,981.80
Paul L. Carr	2,161.10
Charles Holt	3,323.00
Carl Snyder	1,007.75
Edwin Amidon	596.88
Addis Robinson	500.00
Hurel Hale, Sr.	8.75
George Starkey	45.38
Errol Wood	157.95
Stephen Wood	5.00
Gerould Perry	57.50
Charles Wade	101.89
Ellis Derrig	4.50
Roland Robitaille	7.50
Herbert Roberts	6.25
Paul Wade	9.00
Sherman Stockwell	8.75
Randall Rhoades	16.25
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	\$ 16,569.85

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS

(Exclusive of School District)

### INVENTORIES

Furnishings of Town Hall	\$ 1,500.00
Library Books and Equipment	2,500.00
Safe	700.00
Fire Truck, Seagrave 1930	1,250.00
#1 Chevrolet Tank Truck 1954	800.00
#2 Chevrolet Tank Truck 1942	200.00
Hose	2,000.00
2 Stationary Pumps	200.00
Misc. Fire Equipment	500.00
Road Scrapers and Tools	600.00
2 Road Sanders	600.00
Snow Fence	100.00
#1 Chevrolet Dump Truck 1962	4,000.00
#2 Chevrolet Dump Truck 1961	3,000.00
Chevrolet Pickup 1955	200.00
3 Plows	1,500.00
Tractor and Plow	1,000.00
Grader	14,500.00
Loader	2,000.00
1961 American-LaFrance Fire Truck	17,400.00
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	\$ 54,550.00

### REAL ESTATE

Dam and Water Rights	\$ 8,000.00
Town Hall	45,000.00
Fire House and Garage	15,000.00
Vault	300.00
Lower Mill Site	100.00
Triangular Piece of Land at Old and New Route 5	250.00
Town Shed	1,500.00
Andrews Pasture	1,700.00
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	\$ 71,850.00

## SINKING FUND ACCOUNT

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### Fire Department

Balance on Hand January 1, 1962	\$	0.00	
Balance on Hand December 31, 1962			\$ 0.00

### Trucks and Shovel

Balance on Hand January 1, 1962	\$	659.71	
From General Fund —			
Use of Equipment 1962		3,940.00	
		4,599.71	
Grader Payment	\$ 1,500.00		
Interest on Grader		393.75	
Purchase of 1962 Dump Truck	2,270.00		
		\$ 4,163.75	
Balance on Hand December 31, 1962		\$	435.96

### Garage

Balance on Hand January 1, 1962	\$	906.51	
Balance on Hand December 31, 1962			\$ 906.51

### Town Hall

Balance on Hand January 1, 1962	\$	111.35	
Balance on Hand December 1, 1962			\$ 111.35
Total Balance — Sinking Fund December 31, 1962			\$ 1,453.82

## STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED — 1962

Taxes Levied:		
Appraised Value of Real Estate		\$ 1,220,745.00
Appraised Value of Personal Property		85,028.00
Total Real Estate and Personal Property		\$ 1,305,773.00
1% of Appraised Values		13,057.73
551 Polls @ \$1.00		551.00
Total Grand List		\$ 13,608.73
Taxes Billed:		
General Property	13,057.73 @ \$8.33	\$ 108,770.89
Polls	551 @ \$8.33	4,589.83
Old Age Assistance	551 @ \$5.00	2,755.00
		*\$ 116,115.72
Accounted for as Follows:		
Collections:		
General Property	\$104,986.04	
Polls and Old Age Assistance	6,065.15	
		\$ 111,051.19
Delinquents:		
General Property	\$ 3,571.13	
Polls	1,279.68	
		\$ 4,850.81
		\$ 115,902.00
Taxes abated		214.08
		*\$ 116,116.08

\* Fractional Differences \$ .36.

### Taxes Voted and Distribution of Collections:

<i>Account</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Voted</i>
General Fund	\$1.955	\$ 26,605.07
Town School	2.67	36,335.31
Union District	1.75	23,815.28
Town Highways	.90	12,247.86
Resurfacing	.10	1,360.87
School Bond	.81	11,023.07
New Fire Truck	.145	1,973.27
	\$8.33	\$113,360.73

## STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES

December 31, 1962

Tax Year	Real Estate	Personal	Polis	Balance Dec. 31, 1962
1951			\$ 11.15	\$ 11.15
1952			10.15	10.15
1953		\$ 15.50	21.50	37.00
1954	\$ 11.70		86.40	98.10
1955	80.85		42.50	123.35
1956	80.85	5.50	115.50	201.85
1957	190.25	15.00	200.00	405.25
1958	234.08	182.40	201.60	618.08
1959	148.35	7.53	225.54	381.42
1960	348.60	356.53	436.50	1,141.63
1961	721.50	211.58	442.50	1,375.58
1962	2,787.33	159.10	719.82	3,666.25
Totals	\$ 4,603.51	\$ 953.14	\$ 2,513.16	\$ 8,069.81

### Accounting of Delinquent Taxes

Balance January 1, 1962	
Real Estate	\$ 6,781.68
Personal	1,050.04
Polis	2,441.14
	\$ 10,272.86
Added July 1962	
Polis	\$ 1,279.68
Added October 1962	
Real Estate	3,412.03
Personal	159.10
	4,850.81
	\$ 15,123.67
Collected 1962	
Real Estate	\$ 5,590.20
Personal	256.00
Polis	1,207.66
	\$ 7,053.86

Balance December 31, 1962

Real Estate	\$ 4,603.51	
Personal	953.14	
Polls	2,513.16	
		8,069.81
		\$ 15,123.67

#### Breakdown of Delinquent Taxes Collected

Tax	Interest	Warants	Total
\$ 7,053.86	\$ 302.33	\$ 6.30	\$ 7,362.49

## DEFERRED LIABILITIES

#### Schedule of Grader Notes

Due Date		
Jan. 22, 1963	Mr. Deane C. Davis, Montpelier, Vt.	\$ 1,500.00
Jan. 22, 1964	Mr. Deane C. Davis, Montpelier, Vt.	1,500.00
Jan. 22, 1965	The Peoples National Bank, Barre, Vt.	1,500.00
Jan. 22, 1966	The Peoples National Bank, Barre, Vt.	1,500.00
Jan. 22, 1967	The Peoples National Bank, Barre, Vt.	1,500.00
Jan. 22, 1968	The Peoples National Bank, Barre, Vt.	1,500.00
Jan. 22, 1969	The Peoples National Bank, Barre, Vt.	1,500.00
		\$ 10,500.00

All notes bear interest at  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$  payable semi-annually on January 22 and July 22. The Town has the privilege of paying any or all notes in advance. Interest to be only for time money is actually owed by the Town.

## DOG ACCOUNT

135 @ \$2.00	\$270.00
15 @ \$6.00	90.00
4 @ \$3.00	12.00
3 @ \$1.00	3.00
	\$375.00

## VITAL STATISTICS — 1962

### RECORD OF BIRTHS FILED IN TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Sex</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Name</i>
Deborah Anne Hollis	F	Feb. 1, 1962	Stanley J. Hollis	Eliz. A. Newbegin
William Lyle Aiken	M	Feb. 14, 1962	William M. Aiken	Mary E. Blood
Mark Anthony Snow	M	Feb. 26, 1962	Raymond E. Snow	Susan C. Ray
Peter Donald Harlow	M	Mar. 15, 1962	Donald W. Harlow	Madeline L. Bryant
Patricia Anne Bryant	F	Mar. 17, 1962	Lawrence E. Bryant	Carol D. Poynton
Jeanette Bernadette Turner	F	Mar. 27, 1962	Edward C. Turner	Edna P. McLean
Brian Kendric Kedzierski	M	Apr. 6, 1962	Anthony Kedzierski	Barbara C. Loomis
Johnathan Ambrose Richardson	M	Apr. 20, 1962	Roy S. Richardson	Dorothy P. Hansson
Stephen Campbell Major	M	May 18, 1962	Randolph T. Major	Beverly J. Bruhn
Ronald Edward Rounds	M	July 3, 1962	Wilfred R. Rounds	Edith F. Coomes
Victoria Jean Waterman	F	July 4, 1962	Douglas Waterman	Barbara McKenzie
Cynthia Marie Ellis	F	July 14, 1962	David Ellis	Janet M. Davis
Lisa Ann Taylor	F	July 14, 1962	Edward J. Taylor	Ruth E. Morse
Timothy Gordon Ellis	M	July 17, 1962	Francis G. Ellis	Iris E. Derrig
Elaine Lynn Amidon	F	July 24, 1962	Walter J. Amidon	Marian E. Wood
Michael Alan Stockwell	M	Aug. 11, 1962	Fred A. Stockwell	Diane M. Buchanan
Kevin Matthew Kathan	M	Nov. 1, 1962	Wm. H. Kathan	Joyce E. Phelps
Kim Ann Coffin	F	Nov. 7, 1962	Harvey R. Coffin	Margaret Nickerson
Richard Aaron Stockwell	M	Nov. 25, 1962	Paul E. Stockwell	Melvina L. Elliott
Michael Edward Wright	M	Dec. 19, 1962	Norman E. Wright	Marie A. Longe
Allison Eliot Campbell	F	Dec. 21, 1962	Jeffrey W. Campbell	Phoebe J. Rood

# RECORD OF MARRIAGES FILED IN TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

<i>Name of Groom</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Name of Bride</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place of Marriage</i>
John R. Murphy	Putney, Vt.	Karen L. Waite	W. Chesterfield, N. H.	Feb. 15, 1962	Putney, Vt.
Henry P. Ellis	Putney, Vt.	Eveline M. Wilder	Marlboro, Vt.	Mar. 20, 1962	Westminster, Vt.
Allan R. Bartlett	Jacksonville, Vt.	Laura J. Mallory	Putney, Vt.	Mar. 25, 1962	Brattleboro, Vt.
Everett S. Harlow, Jr.	Putney, Vt.	Mary E. Aplin	Putney, Vt.	Mar. 22, 1962	Putney, Vt.
John F. Colven	Sun Valley, Idaho	Jean B. Chase	Putney, Vt.	Apr. 21, 1962	West Dover, Vt.
Maurice J. Boivin	Sanford, Maine	Anne E. Rourke	Putney, Vt.	May 19, 1962	Putney, Vt.
Larry Gay	Marlboro, Vt.	Gudrun Schulz	Putney, Vt.	June 16, 1962	Putney, Vt.
William D. Symmes	Glens Falls, N. Y.	Roberta J. Williams	Putney, Vt.	June 18, 1962	Brattleboro, Vt.
Eugene C. Cramer	New Haven, Conn.	Abigail G. Rosegrant	Putney, Vt.	June 22, 1962	Putney Vt.
Curran Robinson	Putney, Vt.	Rosemary Leach	Westminster West, Vt.	June 23, 1962	Putney, Vt.
Frank L. Dexter	Dummerston, Vt.	Virginia E. Hutchins	Putney, Vt.	June 23, 1962	Dummerston, Vt.
Charles Strickland	Whitestone, L. I., N. Y.	Martha Miller	Putney, Vt.	June 24, 1962	Putney. Vt.
Arlen H. LaMorder	Putney, Vt.	Mae R. Provenchia	West Chesterfield, N. H.	July 12, 1962	Dummerston, Vt.
Fred W. King	Dummerston, Vt.	Edith Akeley	Putney, Vt.	Aug. 4, 1962	Brattleboro, Vt.
Walter Hewes	Putney, Vt.	Elizabeth A. Dusavitch	Brattleboro, Vt.	Aug. 4, 1962	Brattleboro, Vt.
Curtis Sprague	Putney, Vt.	Patricia Sanborn	Brattleboro, Vt.	Aug. 25, 1962	Brattleboro, Vt.



Martin C. Collins	Westminster West	Jean A. Shattuck	Putney, Vt.	Sept. 1, 1962	Putney, Vt.
Raymond L. Long	Cleveland, Ohio	Cynthia J. Lyons	Putney, Vt.	Sept. 15, 1962	Putney, Vt.
Francis H. Mounsey	Putney, Vt.	Leona C. Wilkins	Putney, Vt.	Sept. 22, 1962	Putney, Vt.
David G. MacKay	New York, N. Y.	Helen H. O'Donnell		Sept. 29, 1962	Putney, Vt.

Sacramento, Calif.

#### RECORD OF DEATHS FILED IN TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

<i>Name</i>	<i>Sex</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Place</i>
Henry A. Gould	M	69	Jan. 6, 1962	Putney, Vt.
G. Evelyn Derrig	F	55	Jan. 18, 1962	Brattleboro, Vt.
William Cannon	M	59	Feb. 25, 1962	Brattleboro, Vt.
Worden J. Perry	M	50	Mar. 3, 1962	Putney, Vt.
Kristian G. Hansson	M	71	Mar. 11, 1962	Brattleboro, Vt.
Robert C. Ryder	M	50	Mar. 22, 1962	Brattleboro, Vt.
Gary F. Martin	M	80	May 5, 1962	Putney, Vt.
Leonard Taylor	M	81	May 5, 1962	Bellows Falls, Vt.
John J. Devine	M	85	May 25, 1962	Putney, Vt.
Glaydis M. Robbins	F	80	May 18, 1962	Brattleboro, Vt.
Janet S. Reynolds	F	47	May 28, 1962	Putney, Vt.
Cynthia M. Ellis	F	2 days	July 16, 1962	Brattleboro, Vt.
Hugh W. Goodell	M	84	Aug. 16, 1962	Brattleboro, Vt.
Ernest C. Beam	M	61	Dec. 16, 1962	Bellows Falls, Vt.

## REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR

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### Disbursements:

Hospitals	\$ 816.24
Doctors	368.00
Drugs	169.15
Department of Social Welfare	132.87
Miscellaneous	32.40
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	\$ 1,518.66

Received from State \$265.00

Expenditures were made on behalf of 8 persons.

MRS. GRACE S. KERR

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## REPORT OF VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

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This twenty-seventh in the series of annual reports submitted to the people of Putney presents tabulations for the calendar year 1962. In the Department of Social Welfare's programs of assistance to the aged, blind and disabled 30% of the costs of hospital and physician services, as well as the excess over \$75.00 per month in Nursing Home care, are assessed against the town of settlement of the recipients of such care. Participation charges incurred by your community during the past year for each of these types of care were as follows:

Nursing Home Care	
Hospitalization Services	\$ 213.56
Physician Services	6.00

Under similar settlement provisions town participation in the program of Aid to Families with Dependent Children is at the rate of one-eighth the assistance grants while costs incurred for the care of Committed Children are borne equally by the local and state agencies. Charges assessed against your community for the former amounted to \$0.00 and for the latter \$0.00 for the year just closed.

During April, 1962 there were 5 recipients of Old Age Assistance, 0 recipients of Aid to the Blind and 5 recipients of Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled residing in your community.

Direct money payments to these persons were financed entirely out of state-federal funds. Among the other programs financed from these same sources were Services for the Blind, Adoption Services and the recently inaugurated Medical Aid for the Aged. While no town-by-town records are compiled for these categories, their benefits were available to all qualified residents.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. WACKERMAN,  
Commissioner of Social Welfare

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## **REPORT OF VERMONT STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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The following health services were available from State-Federal tax money and local voluntary contribution to protect the health of the people of Putney, along with the people of the other towns and cities in Vermont. A tabulation of the principal State Health Department services which the residents of your town used last year\* follows:

With the aim of keeping children well and helping handicapped children, well-child and school conferences were attended by 231 children. Nutrition and dietary consultations numbered 0. At the request of attending doctors, 0 children received pediatric consultations, 0 received hospital diagnosis, 9 with orthopedic, cardiac, plastic or neurological conditions received services or appliances through clinics for handicapped children and 0 were given financial aid toward hospitalization costs. Mental retardation clinic services were extended to 0 children.

In the effort to control communicable disease 22 persons received chest x-rays; 67 children received immunizations, including boosters, against diphtheria, whooping cough and-or tetanus. Polio immunizations, including boosters, were given 102 children and adults in clinics and conferences. The state laboratory performed tests on 47 water samples, 0 food and dairy products, 151 blood specimens and 26 other specimens. Vaccines, antitoxins and biologicals were distributed for protection against communicable diseases.

There were 23 sanitary inspections or consultations made at the town's food and lodging places and 18 concerning water supply, sewage disposal, public buildings and other problems, to protect health through improved town sanitation. Services to maintain and improve adult health in industry included 0 chest x-rays and inspections and consultations at plants. In connection with the state licensing program and the Hill-Burton federal aid program for hospital and medical facility construction there were 0 inspections - consultations to hospitals, nursing homes and homes for the aged.

Mental health services by guidance clinics through educational meetings or consultations, were received by 5 persons and groups. Individual interviews with the psychiatrist, psychologist or psychiatric social worker were given 9. Under the community mental health program to develop local projects for prevention, treatment or education in mental health, financial assistance and staff consultations are available.

To promote better dental health 0 school children received instruction from dental hygienists.

In cancer work 2 received diagnosis and treatment at tumor clinics or were financially helped with hospitalization costs.

All programs in the department offer education services. Pamphlets, films, a news release and information service and speakers are available.

The public health nurse served at well-child and school conferences, x-ray and immunization clinics, assisted by local people. She visited homes, doctors, and agencies, making 201 visits on behalf of 50 persons and community health activities. Her service is an essential element in the department's program for health promotion, disease prevention, diagnosis, treatment and education.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. AIKEN, M.D., M.P.H.

Commissioner of Health

\* To show the amount of services and have this available by the time your town report is prepared we have tabulated most of our services in the 12 month period ending September 30, although some are in the fiscal year ending June 30th.

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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The Putney Free Library has been open to the public on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and Wednesday evenings.

Mrs. Donald Carey and Miss Elizabeth Lord are the present Librarians.

A tea was held in observance of National Library week at which Mrs. Emma Bailey, author of "Sold To The Lady In The Green Hat", was guest of honor. Mrs. Bailey commented on the warm reception she received.

A summer reading program for grade school children was conducted by the Librarians through July and August. The forty children who signed for the program read about nine hundred books. Books were awarded to two boys and two girls who had read the most books in the allotted time. They were: Gerald Larraway, Brady Sumner, Nancy Howard and Susan Bryant.

An art exhibit was held at the library with local artists loaning samples of their work. Tea was served and over eighty people attended the exhibit. Exhibitors were: Linn Bruce, Robin Campbell, Constance H. Crocker, Peter Ellis, Fernando Gerassi, Jon Hendricks, William Hunt, Linda Jones, Kamran Katauzian, Judy Lipton, Robert MacLean, Robert Phipps, Mrs. Ray Sanders and Aldren Watson.

A sale of discarded books was held in May.

The Trustees are looking forward to an expansion of the library quarters. The Post Office will be moving to their new building this year, which leaves part of their present space available as a reading room.

Due to the higher cost of books and salaries, the trustees would appreciate receiving \$1400 for the budget for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA D. PARENT  
SOPHIA K. MILLER, Treasurer  
ELIZABETH G. SCOTT, Secretary  
IDOLENE H. DARROW  
SUE MULCAHY

### LIBRARY STATISTICS

Number of books circulated:	
Adult	5386
Juvenile	4386
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Total circulation	9772
Books Purchased	147
Books donated	143
Money collected from fines	\$41.57
Number of borrowers	
Adult (beyond high school)	126
High school age	30
Juvenile (pre-school and grades 1-8)	171
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Total Borrowers	327

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## REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TREASURER

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### TOWN APPROPRIATION FUND

January 1, 1962 Balance on Hand	\$	858.80
Receipts:		
Mrs. Frost		10.00
Book Sale		31.60
Town Appropriation		500.00
Mrs. Bennett		6.03
Town Appropriation		750.00
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Total Receipts plus Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1962	\$	2,156.43
Disbursements:		
Books	\$	365.94
Salaries and Social Security	1,019.93	
Insurance	29.38	
Fuel	20.67	
Cleaning	39.73	
Typewriter repairs	6.50	
Supplies	18.63	
Map	5.00	
"Ad" Book Sale	5.40	
Total Disbursements	<hr/>	\$ 1,511.18
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Balance on Hand December 31, 1962	\$	645.25

### **Katherine Booth Martenis Memorial Book Fund**

(Income only to be used)

Receipts	\$	789.00
Invested in George Putnam Fund		781.00
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Balance in cash	\$	8.00

### **Benedict Bequest Fund**

Balance on Hand January 1, 1962	\$	424.90
Receipts: Dividends		224.15
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	\$	649.05

Disbursements:

Vermont Securities (Geo. Putnam Fund shares)	\$	354.20
Geo. Johnson, mowing Triangle		26.00
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		380.20

Balance on Hand December 31, 1962	\$	268.85
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Putney Public Library Assets:

Benedict Bequest Fund—

123 shares of Mass. Investors Trust

388 shares of Geo. Putnam Fund of Boston

Martenis Book Fund—

50 shares of Geo. Putnam Fund of Boston

Two Permanent Savings Accounts of \$250.00 each,

Interest only to be used.

## REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

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During the year 1962 work on Town Cemeteries consisted of a thorough preparation of said cemeteries for Memorial Day, followed by maintenance during the remainder of the year.

Funds received from stocks and investments amounting to \$225.06 have been turned over to the Town Treasurer.

The cost of cemetery care for 1962 was as follows:

Maple Grove	\$165.38
Old North	89.76
West Hill	28.13
East Putney	48.75
Miscellaneous	4.40
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	\$336.42

AUSTIN R. GASSETT

RANDALL RHOADES

CARLETON F. CLARK

Commissioners

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## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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The Department had a total of 29 calls during the year, as follows: 4 out of town calls, (one was mutual aid given); 2 Public Alarms, 3 Brush, 9 Grass, 3 Electrical, 2 Chimney, 2 Car, 1 House, 2 Dump, 1 Mutual aid received, (Brattleboro Rescue Squad.)

The Volunteer Fire Department now has five vehicles with F.M. two way radios. Vehicles with radios are two fire trucks and three cars. Purchase and installation of radios was by money donated or raised by Firemen. These radios will be used for Fire and emergency only.

The Ladies Auxiliary was active and a great help to the Department during the year. The Department wishes to thank the Ladies for food and coffee given to the firemen when returning from fires throughout the year.



The Department wishes to extend thanks to all townsfolk who so generously helped to defray the expense of the Department's new F.M. radio equipment.

CARL SNYDER, Chief  
HAROLD FROST, Assistant Chief  
LAWRIE BROWN, Assistant Chief

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## REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD

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Putney has grown in the past recent years. Its projected growth, along with the rest of Vermont, in the near future is expected to be considerable.

With these facts in mind the Planning Board this past year has undertaken a study of Putney with the idea of planning for the future. It has had several contacts with the Vermont Development Commission and has looked into the various aspects of zoning for the general good of the town.

The Planning Board members urge the taxpayers of Putney to communicate with them and ask them any questions concerning their work.

The Planning Board,  
GEORGE HELLER, Chairman  
CAROL MAYNARD  
RUSSELL ELLIS  
REV. PAUL HEBERT  
MORRIS MITCHELL  
ROY STROMBERG

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

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In 1953 some of the early records of the Town of Putney were reconditioned, using funds raised by the Bicentennial Committee, and stored in the Town vault at the side of the Town Hall. At that time a large shelf was built so the sheepskin documents, protected by special tissues and loosely wrapped so they could "breathe", might be stored flat.

Since 1953 the road around the vault has been built up to a level considerably higher than the entrance, thus creating a pocket which collects snow and rain water, and the building has deteriorated. Several bricks are missing from a corner above the entrance; cracks in the brick walls permit seepage of moisture to the interior; the outside door is secured by the top hinge only, the bottom one is broken; the middle door has stood open because of collection of silt, mice nests, etc., on the floor of the entrance; all three doors have rusty hinges and locks; stored documents are damaged by mold.

We discovered these conditions when sorting and listing the contents of the vault under authorization from the Selectmen. We reported to the Selectmen in a letter dated 22 September 1962, recommending that (1) damage to the building should be repaired, inasmuch as these early records of the Town are irreplaceable and should not be subjected to further deterioration, and (2) that certain records, particularly the old Grand Lists, should be cleaned, repaired and re-bound by professionals. The Putney Historical Society requests authorization to supervise this preservation of valuable records, and asks for funds for this purpose in the amount of \$200. or more.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. EVERETT S. HARLOW, Pres.

MRS. PHILIP B. CHASE

Committee For the Putney

Historical Society

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**SCHOOL**  
**DEPARTMENT**  
**PUTNEY, VERMONT**



**FOR THE YEAR ENDING**  
**DECEMBER 31st, 1962**

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Year Ended December 31, 1962

Receipts		
Balance on Hand January 1, 1962		\$ 2,256.54
Receipts:		
Town of Putney —		
Taxes Due From 1961	\$ 40,000.00	
Taxes Due From 1962	42,500.00	
State Aid to Education	23,378.86	
Loan from Sinking Fund	3,500.00	
Refunds:		
Instruction:		
Textbooks	40.09	
Instructional Supplies (N.D.E.A.)	52.33	
Administration:		
School Board Salaries	77.50	
Operation of Plant:		
Custodial Supplies	25.15	
Telephone (Windham College)	3.57	
Fixed Charges:		
Insurance	29.65	
Community Services:		
Vermont Firefighters Ass'n.	404.00	
Capital Outlay:		
Building	260.92	
Putney Central School Fund	3.75	
Gifts — Putney P.T.A.	383.92	
Rentals	25.00	
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		\$110,684.74
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Total Funds		\$112,941.28
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Disbursements		\$103,098.57
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Balance on Hand Dec. 31, 1962		\$ 9,842.71

NOTE: \$28,673.65 due from Town for 1962)

## Disbursements

### Administration

#### Salaries:

Board of Education	\$ 201.25
Treasurer's Office	120.00
Superintendent's Salary	1,820.16

Other Expenses		
Board Office Supplies	3.38	
Board Secretary	123.12	
Sup't. Office and Travel	1,272.71	
Total Administration	<u>          </u>	\$ 3,540.62
Instruction:		
Salaries:		
Instructional Salaries	\$ 34,699.89	
Principal's Office	303.75	
Total Salaries Instructional	<u>          </u>	\$ 35,003.64
Textbooks	\$ 782.62	
Teaching Supplies	1,202.84	
Total Instructional Supplies	<u>          </u>	\$ 1,985.46
Pupil Transportation		
Contracted Services	\$ 8,616.66	
B-For School	500.00	
Total Transportation	<u>          </u>	\$ 9,116.66
Operation of Plant		
Custodial Salaries	\$ 3,776.28	
Heat	1,328.39	
Electricity	888.94	
Gas (School Kitchen)	117.59	
Telephone	191.45	
Custodial Supplies	1,109.90	
Total Operation of Plant	<u>          </u>	\$ 7,412.55
Maintenance of Plant		
Repairs	\$ 514.12	
Total Maintenance of Plant	<u>          </u>	\$ 514.12
Fixed Charges		
Social Security	\$ 141.08	
Insurance	708.33	
Total Fixed Charges	<u>          </u>	\$ 849.41
Food Services		
School Lunch	\$ 55.06	
Total Food Services	<u>          </u>	\$ 55.06
Community Services		
Vermont Firefighters Ass'n	\$ 404.00	
Total Community Services	<u>          </u>	\$ 404.00
Capital Outlay		
Buildings and Equipment	\$ 831.62	
Total Capital Outlay	<u>          </u>	\$ 831.62
Expenditures to Other Schools		
Tuition:		
Special Education	\$ 2,368.57	
* Putney School		
Total Expenditures to Other Schools	<u>          </u>	\$ 2,368.57
Miscellaneous		441.66

Debt Service		
Bond Redemption	\$ 7,000.00	
Interest on Bonds	4,223.00	
Repayment Sinking Fund	3,500.00	
Total Debt Service	<u>          </u>	\$ 14,723.00
Outgoing Transfer Accounts		
Union District Tuition	\$ 25,852.20	
Total Outgoing Transfer Accounts	<u>          </u>	\$ 25,852.20
		<u>          </u>
Total Disbursements		\$103,098.57

#### SUMMARY

Elementary Program		
Administration	\$ 3,540.62	
Salaries Instructional	35,003.64	
Instructional Supplies	1,985.46	
Transportation	9,116.66	
Operation of Plant	7,412.55	
Maintenance of Plant	514.12	
Fixed Charges	849.41	
Food Services	55.06	
Community Services	404.00	
Capital Outlay	831.62	
Miscellaneous	441.66	
Total Elementary Program	<u>          </u>	\$ 60,154.80
Total Cost of Special Education		2,368.57
Total Cost of New School Debt Service		14,723.00
Total Cost of Union District Tuition		25,852.20
*Total Cost of Other High School Tuition		<u>          </u>
Total Disbursements 1962		\$103,098.57

#### NOTE:

1. Due The Putney School, Inc. Tuition: \$ 7,600.00
2. Due Town of Putney —  
    Share of Administration: 643.18

#### SCHOOL SINKING FUND ACCOUNT

##### (To be used for New Bus or Addition)

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1962		\$ 7,800.00
Repayment of Loan	\$ 3,500.00	
Repayment of Advance	3,500.00	
	<u>          </u>	7,000.00
		<u>          </u>
		\$ 14,800.00
Loan to School General Account	\$ 3,500.00	
Advance on Transportation Contract	3,500.00	
	<u>          </u>	7,000.00
		<u>          </u>
Balance on Hand December 31, 1962		\$ 7,800.00

### SALARY SCHEDULE

Teacher	Contract	1962
		Actual
Aleen Ashley — Grade 3	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 2,106.50
Marya Dull — Grade 3	3,800.00	1,005.88
Marjorie Jones — Grade 4	4,800.00	4,592.22
Arlene Kathan — Grade 1	4,600.00	2,012.00
Janice Lee — Grade 2	4,200.00	1,292.32
Marie Long — Grade 5	4,700.00	1,446.16
Bryce Lyndes — Grades 7 and 8	6,500.00	6,153.68
Martha O'Connor — Grade 1	4,300.00	2,965.34
Clair Oglesby — Grade 3	4,500.00	333.60
Evalena Osborne — Grades 7 and 8	4,400.00	4,261.38
Grace Quay — Grade 2	4,200.00	2,896.04
Addie Spaulding — Grade 6	4,200.00	4,061.44
Deborah Cobb — Music	900.00	765.40
Ethel Williams — Remedial	1,200.00	336.43
Emily Chapman — Substitute		92.00
Idolene Darrow — Substitute		11.50
Inez Harlow — Substitute		230.00
Hazel Marlow — Substitute		115.00
Marquerite Mazelli — Substitute		23.00
Marilyn Loomis, Principal's Office		303.75
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		\$ 35,003.64

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### ADMINISTRATION:

\* The material for this report is being prepared January 2, 1963.

The office of the Superintendent has seen some improvement in the administrative situation since the report for 1962 was prepared. The daily work output is greater, and the backlog of work that used to be nearly constant is seldom a problem at present. The Superintendent could do a better piece of administrative work by doing less supervisory work. Such a change is not under consideration at the moment.

As Superintendent I find it most gratifying to observe the strong and continuing interest of so many school directors. A committee of school directors is presently at work trying to find ways and means to further lighten the Superintendent's administrative load by improving or changing the administrative functions of the Superintendent's office. In addition to the above, the directors have held a special District-wide meeting to examine the report of the

State Committee on the Improvement of Supervision. Mr. Rupert Spencer from the State Department of Education, served as a consultant at this meeting on supervision and offered many timely and helpful suggestions.

Notice must be taken of Mr. Lyndes' assistance in the administrative field on budget preparation, the ordering of incidental supplies and equipment, and the control of the distribution and use of the supplies and equipment. This work on the part of Mr. Lyndes helps to stretch our dollars and relieves the Superintendent's office of considerable burden. Mrs. Ellwyn Miller's work with the payroll and bookkeeping has been of great assistance to the Superintendent and the school directors.

The School Lunch Program has been operating in a very satisfactory manner.

#### *SUPERVISION:*

As Superintendent I am pleased to report that the quality of instruction in Putney is at a high level. We must try to retain as many of our present faculty as possible. In order that Putney Central School may hold its own and show the desired amount of progress, additional classroom space will have to be provided in the very near future.

The present level of instruction in Putney Central School is largely attributable to two major factors:

1. Putney has secured and retained the services of an experienced teaching principal and has given him a better-than-average budget with which to work.
2. Most new faculty members are being recruited from applicants able to point to a number of years of successful teaching experience.

Working conditions and salaries play a large part in determining how successful we are with the two above-mentioned factors.

The administration still experiences difficulty in securing proper instruction in music and art.

Putney teachers have been extremely active and have joined with the other teachers of Windham South District to carry forward a number of projects which improved the learning situations in our schools. Without going into detail; we have completed our portion of an exhaustive State-wide survey of the academically talented; we have worked at length with the new State course of study in Mathematics; we are implementing a program following the new State course of study in Health and the Report of the President's Commission on Physical Fitness. Dr. Anne Peters, Pro-



fessor of Mathematics at Keene Teachers' College, conducted a two-week intensive summer workshop for us in the New Mathematics.

Mr. Lyndes has been extremely active in the Southeastern Association of Elementary School Principals and in the District Principals' Organization.

A large portion of our time and energy this year has been expended in setting up a new Standardized Testing Program. It is the fond hope of the Superintendent, the Principal and the School Directors that in the near future we will have a program which will yield a great deal of superior quality information concerning a child's potential and how well the child achieves considering his measured potential. This will lead logically to work in re-organization of our program toward a type of possibly un-graded primary and increased departmentalization or both.

#### ENROLLMENT:

Mrs. Arlene Kathan	Grade 1	26			
Mrs. Janice Lee	Grade 2	23			
Mrs. Claire Oglesby	Grade 3	28			
Mrs. Marjorie Jones	Grade 4	25			
Mrs. Marie Long	Grade 5	20			
Miss Addie Spaulding	Grade 6	14			
Mrs. Evalena Osborne	Grade 7 &	20			
English & Social Studies	8				
Mr. Bryce B. Lyndes, Principal	Grade 7 &	21			
Math & Science	8				
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	Total	177			
Grade	9	10	11	12	Total
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Brattleboro Union High	8	10	9	3	30
Putney School, Inc.	8	3	5	4	20

Respectfully submitted,

FLOYD C. RISING

Superintendent of Schools

\* The Superintendent is convinced that detailed accounts of the work of the Superintendent, both administrative and supervisory, should not be printed in the Town Report because of the cost of such printing.

In an attempt to present information with a minimum amount of expense, most of the items presented in this report are either summaries or outlines of longer reports. Additional material and detailed information is always available from the Superintendent's office.

## DEFERRED LIABILITIES

### TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT, PUTNEY, VERMONT

\$131,500 4.10% School Bonds dated September 1, 1957 payable  
\$7,500 - September 1, 1958, \$7,000 - September 1, 1959-68, and  
\$6,000 - September 1, 1969-1977, inclusive.

#### Debt Service Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Principal Payments</i>	<i>Interest Due March 1</i>	<i>Interest Due September 1</i>	<i>Total Yearly Payments</i>
1958	\$7,500.00 (Pd.)	\$2,695.75 (Pd.)	\$2,695.75 (Pd. 8/26)	\$12,891.50
1959	7,000.00 (Pd.)	2,542.00 (Pd.)	2,542.00 (Pd. 8/24)	12,084.00
1960	7,000.00 (Pd.)	2,398.50 (Pd.)	2,398.50 (Pd. 8/26)	11,797.00
1961	7,000.00 (Pd.)	2,255.00 (Pd.)	2,255.00 (Pd. 8/31)	11,510.00
1962	7,000.00 (Pd.)	2,111.50 (Pd.)	2,111.50 (Pd. 9/10)	11,223.00
1963	7,000.00	1,968.00	1,968.00	10,936.00
1964	7,000.00	1,824.50	1,824.50	10,649.00
1965	7,000.00	1,681.00	1,681.00	10,362.00
1966	7,000.00	1,537.50	1,537.50	10,075.00
1967	7,000.00	1,394.00	1,394.00	9,788.00
1968	7,000.00	1,250.50	1,250.50	9,501.00
1969	6,000.00	1,107.00	1,107.00	8,214.00
1970	6,000.00	984.00	984.00	7,968.00
1971	6,000.00	861.00	861.00	7,722.00
1972	6,000.00	738.00	738.00	7,476.00
1973	6,000.00	615.00	615.00	7,230.00
1974	6,000.00	492.00	492.00	6,984.00
1975	6,000.00	369.00	369.00	6,738.00
1976	6,000.00	246.00	246.00	6,492.00
1977	6,000.00	123.00	123.00	6,246.00
	<u>\$131,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 27,193.25</u>	<u>\$ 27,193.25</u>	<u>\$185,886.50</u>

**PUTNEY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPENSE  
BUDGET AND COMPARISON**

	Expenditures July 1, 1961 - June 30, 1962	Budget July 1, 1962 - June 30, 1963	Proposed Budget July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964
Administration			
Salaries	\$ 2,120.00	\$ 2,350.00	\$ 3,510.00
Other Expense	2,031.84	2,100.00	2,050.00
Instruction			
Salaries	32,372.36	34,700.00	43,900.00
Textbooks	1,064.39	1,000.00	765.00
Other Teaching Supplies	1,921.25	1,600.00	2,715.00
Health			
Supplies	6.65		35.00
Nurse			500.00
Pupil Transportation Services			
Contracted Services	7,000.00	7,900.00	7,900.00
Operation of Plant			
Salaries	3,626.21	3,925.00	3,960.00
Heat for Buildings	1,979.18	1,400.00	2,100.00
Utilities	1,273.14	1,050.00	1,050.00
Supplies	959.09	750.00	850.00
Maintenance of Plant			
Buildings, Equipment and Grounds	693.15	300.00	550.00
Fixed Charges			
Social Security	152.76	50.00	50.00
Insurance	936.05	900.00	850.00
Food Services			
Commodity Transportation	60.11	125.00	50.00
Community Services	404.00		
Capital Outlay			
Buildings and Equipment	47.95	400.00	985.00
Expenditures to Other Schools			
Tuition-Special Education	2,455.84	2,500.00	2,500.00
Putney School	5,525.00	8,000.00	10,000.00
Miscellaneous		300.00	500.00
 Total	 \$ 64,628.97	 \$ 69,350.00	 \$ 84,820.00
Union District	23,532.30	25,852.20	16,530.00
Debt Service			
Bond Redemption	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Interest on Bonds	4,366.50	4,079.50	3,792.50
 Total	 \$ 99,527.77	 \$106,281.70	 \$112,142.50

1962 Grand List — \$ 13,608.73

TAX RATE

1962-63 School Budget	\$2.67	\$ 36,335.31
Bonds — New School	.81	11,023.07
Union District	1.75	23,815.28
	<u>\$5.23</u>	<u>\$ 71,173.66</u>

Recapitulation

Budget	\$ 84,820.00
Deficit 1962-63	1,350.00

Total	\$ 86,170.00
State Aid	22,000.00
	<u>\$ 64,170.00</u>

1963 Grand List — \$ 13,600.00

PROPOSED TAX RATE

1963-64 School Budget	\$4.72	\$ 64,192.00
Bonds — New School	.80	10,880.00
Union District	1.22	16,592.00
	<u>\$6.74</u>	<u>\$ 91,664.00</u>

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## SCHOOL DIRECTORS' REPORT

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A year ago it was clear that with a staff of seven teachers we would have to open school in the fall with at least one room of thirty students or more. Therefore, the school directors' first decision was to hire an eighth teacher for the coming year of 1962-63. To make the necessary room, the stage has once more become a classroom for the smallest grade, the library has moved into the store room, and a much needed new store room has been made between the eighth grade room and the activities room. In addition the kitchen ell has been closed off to provide a shop for the custodian. There is no doubt in our minds that these changes, combined with an increasingly good teaching staff, have improved the quality of instruction for our children.

On the debit side, the library cannot operate to best advantage in its present quarters. The stage does not meet classroom requirements for light, ventilation or size: nor can it be used as a stage in connection with the activities room. Band lessons must once again be held in the kitchen, remedial reading in the teachers' room. Clearly, more space is needed to carry out the present program.

To meet the growing competition for good teachers, the board continued work on a salary schedule with long-range aim of attracting and holding good teachers in Putney. A schedule was finally adopted in December as a basis for hiring teachers in the coming year.

The school board has decided to take more responsibility for the hot lunch program, hiring the cook and allotting funds for much needed equipment. The PTA has served an average of 150 meals daily. The activities room is in almost constant use during the school day, and its use by the community has increased considerably since it has been available free of charge.

We have been fortunate in having Dean Kneeland take over the bus contract this year to succeed William Fuller.

A new budget form has been adopted to coincide with the new state bookkeeping system. We hope the new headings will simplify the bookkeeping and clarify the budget for the tax-payers. Due to the increased time and knowledge needed for keeping the books, we have turned our salaries over to a bookkeeper, and we have allocated funds for a bookkeeper in the ensuing year.

Our estimated deficit for the present year is due partly to the salary for the eighth teacher and partly to the building expenses of making over the stage and the store room.

We believe the proposed budget adequate for the expenses of the coming year. It will be noted that the major increase is for teachers salaries. We urge serious consideration by the community of a tax assessment able to support the continually rising cost of education.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA ROCKWELL, Chairman  
ELLWYN MILLER  
WILLIAM DARROW, JR.

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## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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### Brattleboro Union High School District

A new Biology lab was made this past year by converting one of the classrooms to accommodate an increased eleventh grade.

The coming year will, without doubt, see a committee appointed to study a recommendation made by the evaluation committee this past year in regard to having department heads for certain subjects within the present curriculum.

The enrollment this year, 1962-1963, is 1327 with an expected enrollment for 1963-1964 of 1372, or an increase of about 3.39%. You will note from the Union Report, the anticipated expenditures for 1963-1964 will be increased by about 2.9% over the current year. Again, the majority of this increase is due to increased salaries and three additional teachers. Putney's estimated enrollment for next fall will be about 44 students as compared to the present 31, or an increase of about 42% (per pupil cost for 1963-1964 — \$671.54).

The tax for the Union District for the coming year is estimated at \$1.22 based on the following figures:

An accumulated credit carried forward for the years 1957-1958 through 1961-1962 inclusive of (see 1961 Town Report)	\$ 2,016.96
Actual tax raised 1962-1963 on Grand List of \$13,608.73 @ \$1.75	23,815.28
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Tax money available	\$ 25,832.24
Tax assessed and paid for same period	25,852.20
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Short on tax money available	\$ 19.96

Proposed 1963-1964 Assessment	16,530.73
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Tax money to be raised to meet assessment	\$ 16,550.69
Tax of \$1.22 necessary to raise this assessment on an estimated Grand List of \$13,600.00	—16,592.00
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Estimated Overage	\$ 41.31

Respectfully submitted,

MALCOLM S. JONES, Director

## TOWN MEETING — 1962

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The Annual Town Meeting of Putney, Vermont was held at the Town Hall, March 6, 1962.

Meeting opened at 10:00 A.M. with John A. Wallace acting as Moderator. The Moderator announced that the polls were open for voting by Australian Ballot on Articles 2, 3, and 4. Voting on Articles 3 and 4 would end at 3 P.M. and on Article 2 at 6 P.M.

ARTICLE 1. To see whether the Town School District will vote upon Articles 11 and 12 by Australian ballot.

Under this Article Dr. Wallace advised that Vermont State law demands that the question of Australian Ballot for towns less than 8000 population must appear each year as part of the Warning of the Town Meeting. Last year it was voted to use Australian Ballot this year, and this year under Article 15 you will indicate whether it is to be used next year. At the time it was voted on last year the vote was to use it only for the election of town officials. The School Board thought questions 11 and 12 broad enough, so proposed they be voted on by Australian Ballot and that is what you are now voting on. If you vote for Australian Ballot you can vote for or against Article 11 and 12. If you oppose Australian Ballot the question will have to be settled by voice vote or check list.

There was no discussion. Lawrence Bryant moved, it was seconded and so voted:—To use Australian Ballot for Articles 11 and 12, voting to end at 6 P.M.

ARTICLE 2. To choose all Town and Town School District officers required by law to be elected at the Annual Meeting. (Voting on this Article to be by Australian Ballot.) Ballot on this Article to close at 6 P.M.

### RESULTS:

Moderator, John A. Wallace  
Town Clerk, Ernest W. Parker  
Town Treasurer, Leonard A. Howard  
Selectmen, Roy Hallock, Roscoe Hodgdon, William Lyons  
Overseer, Mrs. Fred Kerr  
Lister for 3 years, Carl Stockwell  
Auditor, Mrs. Muriel Kray  
First Constable, Fred Robinson  
Second Constable, Harris Coomes  
Collector of Delinquent Taxes, Mrs. Robert Rosegrant



Town Agent, Frank Wilson  
Grand Jurors, Philip Chase, John A. Wallace  
Road Commissioners, The Selectmen  
School Director, William Darrow, Jr., Malcolm Jones  
(Union District)  
Cemetery Commissioner, Randall Rhoades

ARTICLE 3. Shall licenses for the sale of malt and vinous beverages be granted in the Town. (Ballot on this article to close at 3 P.M.)

Results:	Yes	168
	No	71
	Total	239

ARTICLE 4. Shall spirituous liquors be sold in this Town? (Ballot on this article to close at 3 P.M.)

Results:	Yes	71
	No	161
	Total	232

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will accept the report of the last Town Meeting.

It was moved by William Darrow, Jr., and seconded by Malcolm Jones that the report be accepted and so voted.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will accept the Auditor's report.

Philip Chase moved the acceptance and it was seconded by several people. Henry Bentley said he would like to see a better breakdown of the Poor Department Report. Mrs. Kerr, Overseer of the Poor, said the State would not allow detailed financial reports. Mr. Bentley said he thought it would be helpful to have at least a general report as to how many people were helped; how many, if any, made restitution; and suggested that next year the report should include some statistical breakdown without the mention of any names. After this discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Auditors to employ the services of an accountant from the office of the Auditor of Accounts as provided for in Section 1692 and Sections 1693-1697 of Title 24 to conduct an audit of the accounts of the Town.

The Moderator explained this was a routine article which had to be taken care of every two years. Mr. Parker said if the Town wanted auditors it can ask Montpelier and the auditors will be sent at a specified charge. If this is done the regular auditors would

also have to be paid as well as the State Auditor. At one time Putney did hire an outside auditor but not from the State. The cost was between \$800 and \$900 over the regular audit charge. Mr. Post said at times the auditors would have appreciated assistance but so far have been able to work it out. It was moved, seconded and unanimously voted to continue to have confidence in the local auditors and not to request assistance from the State.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will have one or two Road Commissioners.

It was moved by Roy Stromberg, seconded by Philip Chase and unanimously voted to have one Road Commissioner.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will empower and authorize the Selectmen to appoint the Road Commissioner or Commissioners.

It was moved by Roy Stromberg, seconded by Morris Mitchell and unanimously voted to so empower and authorize the Selectmen.

Moderator Wallace suggested immediate consideration of Articles 11 and 12 before action was taken on Article 10. Edwin Gray moved, William Darrow, Jr., seconded and it was so voted.

Carlton Lyons having had to resign his membership on the School Board because of illness, leaves a vacancy. This occurred too late to appear on the ballot for this particular town meeting so the Moderator called for suggestions of names of candidates. Voters could then pick one of the names suggested or write in their own choice.

Morris Mitchell suggested the name of Miss Carol Maynard who he said was interested in education and he knew she would be willing to serve.

Doris Southard suggested the name of William Darrow, Jr.

Mrs. Oliver Wood suggested the name of Mrs. Inez Harlow.

Mrs. Harlow declined to enter the race and extended thanks.

Moderator Wallace said in order to have the votes count it is necessary to have the full legal name of the candidate on the ballot. He posted a sign in the front of the hall with the names of the two suggested candidates and stressed that a voter could write in any other name if he so desired.

The Town Meeting was recessed on motion by Roy Stromberg, seconded by Norma Thorsen and the Town School District Meeting convened. The Moderator requested that the School Board consisting of Barbara Rockwell and Ellwyn Miller come to the platform to be available to answer questions.

ARTICLE 11. The meeting of the Town School District was called to order. Mrs. Rockwell was asked to amplify Article 11. She stated there would be 30 more children in school next Fall than five years ago. The two extra rooms are needed to separate grades 5 and 6 and to move grade 8 out of the present shop room. If the school doesn't have two extra rooms next fall there will be 35 children from two grades in one room with one teacher. The Board feels this is the year to build the extra rooms because there is a surplus in the school budget due to two factors. A larger amount was received from the State than was expected and the Grand List was higher than expected. A lower school tax rate is possible this year even if the addition is voted. The School Board has for many years been urging an expanded physical plant and feels that this is the best year to effect it.

Irene Coombs informed the meeting that in the schools in Brattleboro there were at least 30 children in some of the classes and she couldn't understand why Putney should have to build more rooms on the school. Mrs. Rockwell said teachers used to be willing to teach 35 children, but no more. Good teachers won't take jobs like that and the poorer ones take over.

Ion Laskaris said he would absolutely refuse to teach that number of children because the job to be done today can't be done with 35 pupils. You would be a baby-sitter, but not a teacher.

Mrs. Woods said all the children that came out of her classes in Brattleboro are well-prepared and she has had from 28-35 in her classes.

Mr. Lyndes suggested that probably people were overlooking the fact that the 35 students will be in two grades in one room. Teaching today is not just standing up in front of the class and lecturing. The classes need to be broken into small groups to work better with them. The number in a classroom has an effect on how large the groups are. In this situation there will be 35 in 2 grades with 1 teacher. Here is one division to start with (grades 5 and 6). You would need to have six groups with the two grades. Not much time could be spent on each child if one teacher has to have six groups.

Wilmont Howard cited statistics from various towns in the vicinity with regard to number of pupils and teachers and wondered how these surrounding towns could hire good teachers when Putney is paying higher salaries.

Mrs. Rockwell stated the School Board was aiming for better teaching and not comparing Putney to other towns with more pupils.

Mr. Howard then asked if anyone could tell him if the children of these other towns were behind those of Putney when they left elementary school. No one had an answer to this question.

There was a question from the floor as to what the tax rate would be in '63 if the addition to the school was authorized. Ellwyn Miller said it would undoubtedly raise the tax rate somewhat. No one knows what the Grand List will be and if this were lower the tax rate would be higher. Added to this would be the cost of maintaining the addition and paying off the loan. If the tax of \$6.46 was approved for this coming year it might go as high as \$7 next year.

Russell Ellis said he couldn't understand why the rate should go up for next year. He said it looked to him as though there would be a 73c reduction in the tax.

Mr. Miller responded that this past year more money had been received from the State than anticipated and The Board is not counting on it next year. When asked reasons for the larger amount, he stated he did not know why.

Wilmont Howard said this would be the first of many expenses, just "a drop in the bucket" because more would be asked in the future. He referred to page 16 in the Town Report to show that poll taxes were only 4% of the amount collected, the balance was property taxes.

Norma Thorsen asked for information on the present school building. When built it was going to house 210 and the expected enrollment next fall is 190. If these figures are correct why is an addition to the school necessary.

Mrs. Rockwell said she did not know how many pupils the school was expected to hold, but the size of the present rooms (800 square feet) was sufficient to accommodate 30 in each room which would make the recommended capacity 180. Six classrooms are available and we are using seven (the seventh being the one intended for use for Shop).

Miss Thorsen also asked for information as to intended location for the new rooms, if it was to be where plans were tentatively made when the school was built.

Mr. Miller said the School Board had met with Mr. Arnold Pellett, Contractor, of Brattleboro. Mr. Pellett suggested a different location for the addition which he said would cost little more to build but would effect savings in heating, etc.

Henry Bentley wanted to know how all this would be paid for. He made the comparison on cost of property and poll taxes in West Townshend where he formerly lived and in Putney. Said he had to work for one week to pay his taxes in West Townshend and had to work for two months and one week to pay Putney taxes.

Mr. Parker introduced Mr. Barton who had been an engineer on the Brattleboro school. Mr. Barton said that Mr. Pellett was fam-

iliar with the present school building having been in on the planning stages but had nothing to do with the construction of Putney Central School. Mr. Pellett has made studies on the proposed addition to the school.

Mr. Lyndes said there were two reasons why he was in favor of the present suggested location of the addition. There was no advantage to having it at the far south end. Present plans would divide the play area — lower side for lower grades and upper side for the upper grades. At present there is no real division and the older children get down with the younger ones. It would also form a wing for the 7th and 8th grades. These two rooms would be nearer the library, lunch room, activity room and central parts of the building. It would be easier in this way to supervise the 7th and 8th grades going to and from the library and the use of the activities room.

The Moderator pointed out that both Articles 11 and 12 were being voted on by Australian ballot but that so far the discussion had pertained only to Article 11. He asked the School Board for comments on the proposed Article 12 and suggested that the balance of the morning be devoted to the joint discussion of both articles.

Mrs. Rockwell said the School Board thought they would get a better job by going to a reliable contractor and having him build the addition if it was voted. It would also save money, probably \$5000 which would go to an architect for fees, plans and specifications. She felt money could have been saved on the present building if a closer check had been made on it. She added that Mr. Pellett had been extremely helpful and probably would be interested in supervising and building the addition.

Aldren Watson, Edwin Gray, Russell Ellis and Addis Robinson all heartily endorsed Mr. Pellett from their experiences with him.

Virginia Milster asked how the School Board had arrived at a figure of \$45,000 for the addition. She cited figures from several large southern cities where schools were built anywhere from \$6000 to \$12,000 a room.

Ellwyn Miller said in addition to the two school rooms there would be some much needed storage space and a shop for the caretaker plus a principal's office and health office. The addition would contain approximately 3300 square feet. He said there was a floor plan and blue print on the bulletin board in the hall and downstairs in the building.

Henry Bentley then asked how figure of \$45,000 was arrived at and was told it was a rough figure.

Mrs. Rockwell said she believed they would get a better job by getting a contractor to supervise. The lowest bid isn't always the best job and if the contract for the addition was put up for bid it would probably cost more in the end and take more time.

Mrs. Oliver Wood wanted to know if the price included all equipment or just the rooms. Mrs. Rockwell said it included built-in equipment and some of the present desks would be moved.

Lawrence Bryant wanted to know the square or cubic foot cost of the new addition compared to the present one. The present school cost \$173,000 and the proposed addition \$45,000. The Moderator replied that for \$173,000 we got seven rooms, while the proposed \$45,000 would build two rooms, suggesting that the costs were quite comparable.

Russell Ellis wanted to know what might have been the cost of the addition if it had been added at the time the school was built. Ellwyn Miller said two years ago they had a price of \$37,000 and this year it is \$40,000. The extra \$5,000 takes in other parts. Two years from now will probably be still higher.

Wilmont Howard posed a question as to whether any records were available to show that children now leaving the school were better equipped to go to high school than previously. He was told there were no records and it would be hard to give proof.

Mr. Lyndes said it would be impossible to prove one way or the other. It would take a longer period of time and many factors enter into it including the quality of the teachers and the attitude of the town.

Ion Laskaris said last year there was some mention of a committee exploring ways to broaden the base of the taxes and wanted to know of any results.

Morris Mitchell said his sympathy was with the property tax payers. Said everyone wants good schools and will have them if they can afford them. He thought law should be changed so that completely exempt institutions should help support education. He suggested the salaries of people who work in these institutions should be taxed and spoke of George Hamilton's effort to get this proposal in the works at Montpelier.

A suggestion was made by Mr. Laskaris that people who were not property owners might be willing to donate something into the Town treasury. He wondered if something could be done in a voluntary way.

Mr. Parker brought out the fact that when Jack Caldwell was at Putney School each year a donation was received from the school

to help on town expenses but since Mr. Caldwell's departure nothing has been received. He asked — "If people say they want to give voluntarily, why hasn't it been done."

Morris Mitchell said usually people didn't voluntarily do these things, only what the law requires.

George Hamilton gave a report on his efforts in Montpelier to get through a town income tax law. It has some support but until there is some assurance that the bill will receive favorable consideration it will be impossible to do anything more. Further questioning brought out that the bill was presented to allow any town in the State to take action at their local Town meeting. The taxes would be collected by the State Collector of Taxes and returned to the town. The property owner would also be taxed but his property and income tax together would be less than the property tax now, as those who now pay only poll taxes would have to pay the income tax in addition.

Philip Chase said there was lots of talk around the State that a sales tax might get more favorable action than the income tax. The money from the sales tax might also come back to the town for school purposes.

George Hamilton said it was being studied very carefully and it is possible that the sales tax will receive favorable consideration.

Barbara Rockwell reported that the School Board had studied all these problems and came up with the report presented, that the least they could get along with would be a two-classroom addition in order that all the youngsters may have a better education in this time of complex and exciting developments in the world.

The question was asked that if the addition was built there would be eight classrooms; there are now 7 teachers and one would have to be hired, but who was to teach Shop? The answer was that for a year or two the instruction would probably be by local persons who would put in part time for Shop and Home Economics, and probably the cost would not be more than about \$300-\$500. The equipment would be simple, no power tools for Shop.

Russell Ellis suggested that the town budget be looked at as a whole, not just in relation to education. He said there may be other possible ways to save rather than always saving at the expense of education.

Archie Whitney brought up the question of how much money the town owed and was told \$28,500 plus the school debt which was originally \$131,000 but is now \$103,000. The \$103,000 amount is the only bonded debt. If the new addition is voted the money would be borrowed on notes, not bonds.



Malcolm Jones advised that the Town and Town School District could each borrow up to \$135,000 so the total borrowing could be up to \$270,000.

Malcolm Jones moved that debate on Articles 11 and 12 be terminated. This was seconded by Philip Chase and so voted without dissent.

The Town Meeting recessed at 11:55 for lunch and reconvened at 1:05 P.M. to vote on Article 10.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town School District will vote to pay tuition, not to exceed \$400, of high school students attending private secondary schools.

There was quite a little discussion on this question. Wilmont Howard suggested that it would save money if the town gave up paying this money. The town does not pay for St. Michael's students so why pay for any private school. Morris Mitchell voiced the opinion that children of faculty of Putney School should not have their tuition paid while going to Putney School as the school does not charge faculty for their children's education. For town children attending The Putney School it would be paid.

Russell Ellis asked what is the scholarship policy of Putney School as regards town students who go there.

Mr. Treat said scholarships of the school apply to Putney or anywhere else. If a student needs help he goes through the procedure of asking for such help and they do the best possible with the money they have. Of the 17 students from Putney town there this year almost all of them get some form of reduction in fees. Another question brought out the fact that about half of this number were children of staff members of The Putney School.

Philip Chase suggested that perhaps Mr. Mitchell would care to make an amendment to Article 10 so that faculty children will not receive tuition from the Town of Putney.

Morris Mitchell pointed out that if eight children of faculty would be attending Putney School at \$400 each the town is in effect paying the school a grant of \$3200. That amount is far less than what Putney School might pay on property taxes. He offered an amendment to exclude from Article 10 children of Putney School faculty and staff who may wish to attend The Putney School. The amendment was seconded by several persons.

Norma Thorsen said why the increase to \$400 this year as it was \$325 last year, and Mrs. Rockwell answered Putney School was charging \$400 this year in line with the legal \$400 limit adopted in Montpelier.



Addis Robinson said he worked at Putney School but did not approve of Mr. Mitchell's amendment. Edwin Gray asked what would happen if a child was not admitted to Putney School. Would he be sent to Brattleboro at Putney's expense? The Moderator answered in the affirmative.

Ion Laskaris asked the question as to why some institutions were exempt from taxes and Moderator Wallace replied it was a State as well as a Federal law that no tax is charged to educational institutions, both in the Vermont statutes and Federal statutes.

Mrs. Rockwell asked for clarification that Mr. Mitchell's amendment referred specifically to Putney School as possibly next year the School Board may be asked to pay tuition to Northfield Schools, Mt. Hermon, etc. The Moderator stated that the intent of the amendment seemed to be solely to save the town the expense of paying The Putney School to educate children of its own faculty.

The question was then asked if the meeting wished to vote on Mr. Mitchell's motion for an amendment. The answer was Yes. The hand vote was 42 to exclude children of the faculty of Putney School and 25 against excluding them.

At this point Father Hebert, who had not been in the room for all of the discussion, asked for a resume and upon receiving it said he was against voting for any such exclusion. He said that it was asking for exception to a law for a particular group and urged that such action not be taken by the town. It should be a school policy and not a vote of the town. Said it was setting a precedent which could in the future raise all sorts of complications to the town. It should not be denied to them when they have a right to it by law.

Mrs. Harlow said she didn't think we had any right to discriminate.

Russell Ellis replied that it was simply a question of financial relation between town and school.

William Darrow Jr. said that Putney School guarantees the children of the faculty and staff tuition free education at Putney School. Putney School can contribute a fair share of The Town tax burden by returning to Putney approximately \$3200 this year.

Father Hebert made a motion for reconsideration of the vote on Morris Mitchell's amendment regarding the exclusion of Putney School faculty children from Article 10. The motion was seconded and the question posed by show of hands.

For reconsideration	49
Opposed to reconsideration	40
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Total	89

Mr. Bentley wanted to know if Article 10 included children going to St. Michael's in Brattleboro and was assured it didn't.

There being no further discussion on suggested amendment Mr. Hollis moved Article 10 be passed as presented in the warning. It was seconded and a show of hands resulted:

In favors	54
Opposed	10
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Total	64

Moderator Wallace suggested to Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Darrow that as members of the Board of Trustees of The Putney School they should report on the discussion to their fellow Trustees, and it is not beyond the range of possibility that the exemption policy suggested might be adopted by the Board.

Mr. Darrow said he had heard some comments that some of the people didn't understand they were voting on Article 10, and thought they were to vote on reconsidering whether Putney staff children should be excluded.. Moderator Wallace said he was ready to be over-ruled but the questions had been stated. There being no objection or comment from the floor, the action on Article 10 was declared a matter of record.

ARTICLE 13. To see what sum the Town School District will vote to raise by tax on the Grand List of 1962 to pay for the support of schools for the ensuing year.

It was moved by William Darrow, Jr. that the school budget on pages 36 and 37 be approved depending on whether Articles 11 and 12 were favored. This was seconded and so voted.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town School District will authorize the School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay current expenses of the Town School District.

This was moved by William Darrow, Jr., seconded by Mr. Hollis and so voted.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town and Town School District will vote to use the Australian Ballot system for the election of officers at the next Annual Meeting as well as any Special Meeting which may be called before the next Annual Meeting *for any questions which may be brought before such meetings and on which a record of town opinion is desired.*

Moderator Wallace suggested the inclusion of underlined sentences. It was moved by Wilmont Howard that this revised wording be accepted, seconded and so voted.

It was moved, seconded and so voted to recess the meeting of the Town School District and reconvene the meeting of the Town.

ARTICLE 16. To see what sum, if any, the Town will appropriate for the proper observance of Memorial Day.

It was moved by Malcolm Jones, seconded and so voted that the sum of \$150 be appropriated for the proper observance of Memorial Day.

ARTICLE 17. To elect a Trustee for the Putney Library for a term of five years.

Mrs. Ernest Parent, Chairman of the Library Board of Trustees nominated Mrs. William Darrow, Jr. It was moved by Mrs. Hodgdon and seconded by a couple of voices that the nominations be closed. Mrs. Darrow was elected.

ARTICLE 18. To see what sum, if any, the Town will appropriate for the support and maintenance of the Putney Public Library.

Mrs. Parent said the Library needed \$1250. Mr. Lyons moved that this sum be appropriated, it was seconded by Mrs. Darrow and so voted.

ARTICLE 19. To see what sum, if any, the Town will appropriate for fuel for the Community Center.

Mrs. Shirley Ellis moved that the sum of \$500 be appropriated. This was seconded by Mrs. Darrow and so voted.

Mr. Brown asked if that amount was sufficient for fuel. Information was given that the total fuel bill was \$776 but the Community Center made up the balance from its own resources. Mrs. Myrtle Clark said the money taken from the Center for fuel took away from the children and prevented the conducting of a full program.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$1,200.00 to be used for resurfacing on the black top roads, with an additional \$201.50 to be used for gravel resurfacing so that we may take advantage of State funds allocated for gravel and black top roads.

Mr. Miller explained that many people think this is used to add new black top roads but actually this appropriation is used to maintain present roads. We previously asked for \$800 and the State gave \$1600 but this wasn't enough and we feel \$1200 plus \$2400 from the State is needed. \$201.50 is the maximum for State-aided

gravel roads. There is only one stretch of such road, that running from the old nursery school to Dummerston. Henry Bentley made the observation that all of it is in front of his place and he sees no need for improving the road any further. Mr. Lyons pointed out that the money will be used to maintain but not improve. He moved approval of Article 20. The motion was seconded and so voted, with Mr. Bentley noting a negative vote.

ARTICLE 21. To set a date for the collection of taxes on real and personal property, to see if a discount shall be allowed for early payment of these taxes and to determine by whom these taxes are to be received.

Mr. Ellwyn Miller stated that last year the date set was October 1 for payment of taxes, no discount allowed for early payment and the Town Treasurer collected the taxes.

Mr. William Darrow, Jr. wanted to know if this arrangement worked out as well as they hoped and Mr. Miller said it did as they didn't have to borrow as much money as expected.

A question was asked regarding delinquent taxes. The Selectmen responded that except for one large piece of property with a \$1500 tax due, delinquency was no higher than normal.

Mr. Carleton Lyons moved that the date for payment of taxes be October 1, no discount be allowed and that the taxes be received by the Town Treasurer. This was seconded by Nat Hendricks and so voted.

ARTICLE 22. To set a date for the collection of poll taxes, to see if a discount shall be allowed for the early payment of these taxes, and to determine by whom these taxes are to be received.

Mr. Miller stated poll taxes last year were due on July 10, no discount was allowed and the taxes were received by the Town Treasurer.

It was moved, seconded and so voted that the date for collection of poll taxes be July 10, no discount be allowed and that they be collected by the Town Treasurer.

ARTICLE 23. To determine what sum the Town will raise by tax on the Grand List of 1962 to pay all demands against and expenses of the Town for the ensuing year.

Ion Laskaris and Nat Hendricks gave a report on the very successful response they had in asking for voluntary contributions to help out the fire department. Everyone was most generous. They received 42 contributions totaling \$1,035.61 and of this amount

\$288.73 was paid for the interest on the loan for the new fire truck. They advised they would be very happy to accept additional contributions for this year. The balance of the money is in the Putney Credit Union earning interest and is available when needed by the Selectmen.

Information was given that the Grand List would be reduced due to the fact that a survey of the town lines gave some property to Brookline which had been in the Putney Grand List. Mr. Lyons was asked why the Selectmen had let Brookline have the property. He replied they had no choice in the matter. When the lines were surveyed in 1829 the property was in Putney and Putney collected the taxes. Brookline started action three years ago and wanted a re-survey and this was done last Fall. The survey was ordered by the Court and report was made to the Court but haven't heard whether it has been accepted by the Court or not.

William Darrow, Jr. moved a rate of \$3.10 on the Grand List for the ensuing year. This was seconded by Walter Hendricks and so voted.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay current expenses of the Town.

It was moved by Malcolm Jones, seconded by Wilmont Howard that the Selectmen be authorized to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay current expenses of the Town and so voted.

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

Philip Chase asked for a little more information on the land that is being taken by Brookline. He thought before any decision was made the Town Meeting should have a say in the matter.

The observation was made that probably the Selectmen in Brookline might not feel that way as they have little enough and probably feel they are entitled to the land. Mr. Lyons said he had been with the surveyors and felt they were entitled to the land. Philip Chase suggested that no land be turned over to Brookline until the Court gives the order.

Mr. Lyons said the Town attorney advised the Selectmen not to spend too much money contesting the claim as he didn't think the Town had a leg to stand on.

Mr. Wilmont Howard wondered if the Town of Putney would have to return to Brookline all taxes collected on the property but was told Brookline had not petitioned for any of the back taxes.

Mr. Howard also wanted to know how much land was involved and was told it included two camps, Bolster's and Freeman's.

Archie Whitney asked how much was collected for taxes on these camps and was told approximately \$110.

Mr. Philip Chase suggested that the Selectmen be empowered to decide the right thing to do. He just wished to have the transaction on the records.

Mrs. Gray suggested it might be a good idea for the Selectmen to put a notice in the paper when the matter was finally settled indicating just how much acreage and whose property was involved. This could be put under the Putney news or posted in the Town Hall.

Mr. Lyons advised there was a map of the area being surveyed in the Town Clerk's office.

Mr. Philip Chase brought up the matter of paying taxes for the Putney Mt. Association. Last year the hat was passed and sufficient money collected. Moderator Wallace told Mr. Chase to pass his hat. This was done and later in the meeting Mr. Chase thanked everyone who contributed. The amount of \$39.76 was collected toward the payment of the taxes and to help keep the trails open.

Ion Laskaris wanted to know if there was a report from the Planning Board. The terms of Russell Ellis and Ellwyn Miller expire this year.

Morris Mitchell made nomination of Russell Ellis and Ellwyn Miller to fill these vacancies and this was seconded by Walter Hendricks. Mr. Miller asked to withdraw and nominated Mr. Roy Stromberg for the other candidate. Mr. Campbell moved that the nominations be closed, this was seconded by several people and Mr. Ellis and Mr. Stromberg were elected to the Planning Board.

Carol Maynard said the Planning Board was interested in having citizens of Putney suggest problems of interest for their consideration this year. They couldn't operate effectively without fuel.

Mr. Laskaris wanted to have a report of what was done last year and was told it was in the Town Report.

Miss Maynard said one major concern of the Planning Board next year was the problems of zoning and they had contacted the State agencies for information.

The Selectmen made the following appointments for the ensuing year:

Sexton -- Randall Rhoades

Trustee of Baldwin & West Hill Cemetery Funds —  
Austin Gassett  
Surveyor of Wood and Timber — Frank Wilson  
Fire Chiefs —  
Forest Fire Wardens — (appointed by State)  
Health Office — (appointed by State)  
Truant Officer — Fred Robinson  
Fence Viewers — C. K. Loomis, R. Hallock, H. Phelps  
Tree Warden — Allen Thurber

The Town Meeting and Town School District Meeting were recessed at 2:40 P.M. on motion of Malcolm Jones seconded by Wilmont Howard. At 7:35 P. M. the Australian Ballots having been tabulated and the results announced, the meeting was adjourned on motion of Mrs. Prentice, seconded by Ernest Parker. Motion was carried unanimously.

ALICE B. MANNINGS, Clerk

*Aug 9 - Town celebration - 240 anniversary  
9-10-11*

## WARNING OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

For Town and Town School District Meeting. All Persons legal Voters of the Town and Town School District of Putney, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Town Hall of Putney on Tuesday March 5, 1963 at 10 o'clock A. M. to act upon the following Articles:

- Article 1. To choose all Town and Town School District Officers required by law to be elected at the Annual Meeting. (Voting on this article to be by Australian Ballot. Ballot on this article to close at 6 P. M.)
- Article 2. Shall licenses for the sale of malt and vinous beverages be granted in this town. (Ballot on this article to close at 3 P. M.)
- Article 3. Shall spiritous liquors be sold in this Town? (Ballot on this article to close at 3 P. M.)
- Article 4. To see if the Town will accept the report of the last Town Meeting.
- Article 5. To see if the Town will accept the Auditor's report.
- Article 6. To see if the Town will have one or two Road Commissioners.
- Article 7. To see if the Town will empower and authorize the Selectmen to appoint the Road Commissioner or Commissioners.
- Article 8. To see if the Town School District will vote to pay tuition, not to exceed \$400, of high school students attending private secondary schools.
- Article 9. To see what sum the Town School District will vote to raise by tax on the Grand List of 1963 to pay for the support of schools for the ensuing year.
- Article 10. To see if the Town School District will authorize the School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay current expenses of the Town School District.



- Article 11. To see if the Town and Town School District will vote to use the Australian Ballot System for the election of Officers at the next Annual Meeting or at any Special Meeting which may be called before the next Annual Meeting.
- Article 12. To see what sum, if any, the Town will appropriate for the proper observance of Memorial Day.
- Article 13. To elect a Trustee for the Putney Public Library for a term of five years.
- Article 14. To see what sum, if any, the Town will appropriate for the support and maintenance of the Putney Public Library.
- Article 15. To see what sum, if any, the Town will appropriate for fuel for the Community Center.
- Article 16. To see what sum, if any, the Town will appropriate for repair and preservation of early Town records, and authorize the Putney Historical Society to supervise this work. (By Request)
- Article 17. Will the Town authorize the Selectmen to contribute the sum of \$100.00 for the purpose of participating in the defense of the suit challenging the right of each Town to elect one Representative to the House of Representatives, instituted in the United States District Court for the District of Vermont, such fund to be administered by the Committee to Defend the Vermont Constitution? (By request)
- Article 18. To see if the Town will empower and authorize the Selectmen to rebuild the "Old Ferry Road" to the Connecticut River, in order to have a dock and boat landing for public use. (By request)
- Article 19. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be used for resurfacing on the blacktop roads, so that we may take advantage of State Funds allocated for blacktop roads.

- Article 20. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to purchase a new bucket loader, at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00, and, if so, to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money to finance such loader.
- Article 21. To set a date for the collection of taxes on real and personal property, to see if a discount shall be allowed for early payment of these taxes, and to determine by whom these taxes are to be received.
- Article 22. To set a date for the collection of poll taxes, to see if a discount shall be allowed for the early payment of these taxes, and to determine by whom these taxes are to be received.
- Article 23. To determine what sum the Town will raise by tax on the Grand List of 1963 to pay all demands against the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year.
- Article 24. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay current expenses of the Town.
- Article 25. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to propose zoning regulations. (By request)
- Article 26. To transact any other business that may legally come before said Meeting.

ROSCOE B. HODGDON,  
WILLIAM R. LYONS,  
ROY W. HALLOCK,  
Selectmen, Town of Putney

## TOWN BUDGET FOR 1963

*(Subject to Change)*

Miscellaneous	.15	\$ 2,040.00
Highways	.82	11,152.00
Winter Roads	.39	5,304.00
Resurfacing	.073	992.80
Bridges, Culverts, and Railings	.06	816.00
Cutting Brush	.03	408.00
Trucks	.07	952.00
Grader, Loader, Etc.	.215	2,924.00
Gas and Oil	.22	2,992.00
Poor	.10	1,360.00
Fire Department	.19	2,584.00
Administration, Salaries, and Supplies	.316	4,297.60
Street Lights	.066	897.60
Insurance	.158	2,148.80
Library	.103	1,400.80
Interest	.02	272.00
S. S., County Tax, and Agr. Ext.	.085	1,156.00
Town Hall	.07	952.00
Fire Truck	.147	1,999.20
Cemeteries	.02	272.00
Loader	.147	1,999.20
	\$3.45	*\$ 46,920.00

\* Based on Grand List of \$13,600.00.