

## ENERGY COORDINATOR'S REPORT FOR 1980

Our "Firewood Coop" began operations in July, 1980. The logger, Edward Godfrey, agreed to cut 3 to 10 cords in 4-foot lengths per week, and pile them by the road in 4-cord units. Town residents paid \$45.00 a cord for the desired wood and carried it away at their own expense. The logger was paid \$50.00 per cord. Only trees marked by the county forester were harvested. By Nov. 1, 85 cords of firewood were cut and trucked away, providing a cash balance of over \$400 for this part of the total operation.

After Nov. 1st no more wood was cut. There were various delays including the need to find a forester with the time to mark more trees. Then in December, ice began building up in the creek adjacent to the logging area, so that the road became impassable and is expected to remain so until May or June of 1981.

We were disappointed to have our logging season cut short; many orders for firewood had to be cancelled. We still hope in the future to log the year round as much as possible, in spite of problems which will arise.

During the past year, considerable effort was made to improve the insulation and fuel efficiency of the Town Hall. The following costs were incurred:

Weather stripping and caulking	\$ 155.00
New storm windows	120.00
Three storm shades for front	570.00
Blocking and insulation of stair well and insulation of ceiling between first and second floors	3,975.16
Two furnaces cleaned and repaired	104.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$4,924.16</u>

By June we will have data on how much oil and electricity have been saved this winter as compared with the previous winter, with proper adjustments being made for the number of heating degree days each year.

Fairlee's greatest need now for energy saving is to step up the home insulation program. Remember! Energy audits are free and some insulating materials can be obtained free of charge.

Margaret G. Watt  
Energy Coordinator

## REPORT FROM THE LANGE FOREST BOARD

Five members were appointed to the Lange Forest Board in April of 1980. The board has worked on:

1. Getting a map that accurately shows the boundaries and is a convenient size.
2. Walking the boundary lines to learn the terrain and how existing roads and trails can be utilized.
3. Planning an initial trail system to interconnect town lands.
4. Coordinating efforts with the town energy coordinator and the snowmobile club.

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5. Engaging the county forester in planning trails and land use.

No trails have been marked for use. We welcome any suggestions and help planning for the use of this land.

Dorothy L. Dooley  
John W. Hall  
Peter Lange  
Robert L. Stone  
James Watt

## TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE LANGE FOREST ACCOUNT

### Receipts:

September 24, 1980—Donation	\$253.26	
Interest earned	1.46	
	<u>\$254.72</u>	\$254.72

### Disbursements:

Bank Charges	\$ 8.89	
Taylor Palmer Insurance Company	53.00	
	<u>\$71.89</u>	\$71.89
Balance in Bank		\$162.83
December 31, 1980—\$162.83		<u>\$162.83</u>

Shirley D. Godfrey

As proclaimed by the Fairlee Select Board via SB motion of 3/17/1980... Treasurer:

•••NO PUBLIC VOTE•••

## RULES AND REGULATIONS OF FAIRLEE HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE PROJECT (LANGE FOREST)

Pursuant to the provisions of V.S.A. Title 31, section 202 and 203 there is hereby created a recreational board to be designated the Lange Forest, to consist of five members appointed by the Selectmen such that the term of one member shall expire at the end of each calendar year. The conduct of the Fairlee Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service project is delegated to such board as follows:

A. The FHCRS project shall at all times be conducted in conformity with the provisions of law, both Federal and State, and the conditions set forth or implicit in the terms of the grants therefor, in order to accomplish the development and maintenance of the recreational facilities outlined in the application for the said grants.

B. The project is to be managed by the board in such a way as to require no financial support from the Town's general fund or highway fund. When the proceeds received from the sale of logs and wood products become available from cutting the same in accordance with the Forest Management Report, such proceeds shall be separately held and accounted for by the Town Treasurer and invested in certificates of interest-bearing deposits in banks or in U.S. government bills or bonds or in agencies whose obligations are guaranteed by the U.S. Government, in order to produce the highest income consistent with safety; and only the income from such funds is to be used by said board in conducting the project, except as the Selectmen may from time to time

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authorize the use of any of the principal of said funds. Authorization to the amount of \$,000, when the first such proceeds are received is hereby given for the "start up" expenses of the project during 1980. In subsequent years, authorization for expenditures of principal shall be limited to 10% of the principal then on hand. The board however shall have the power to accept and use for the project suitable gifts and requests to the Town for the project as restricted by the donor or testator or as unrestricted in the use of principal, which donations or bequests, if unrestricted as to the use of principal, shall be held by the Town Treasurer separate and apart from the funds which are limited as to the use of income only.

C. The board shall at all times conduct the project as a system of public recreation having in mind the goal of expanding and enhancing four types of recreational activities on FHCRS land, namely; hunting, hiking, snowmobiling and ski touring.

D. Subject to the foregoing the board shall have full power to conduct the project, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to lay out, construct and maintain trails and other areas for the above types of recreational activities and to make all reasonable rules and regulations for the use and enjoyment of the same by the public. The layout of any trails crossing other lands of the Town shall be submitted, before construction, to the Selectmen for approval.

E. The board shall make an annual report to the Selectmen of receipts and expenses and operations for the year just past to be delivered to the Selectmen and Town Auditors in time for publication in the Annual Town Report.

## COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES, INC. REPORT FOR 1980

To: The Board of Selectmen, Town of Fairlee

Community Health Services, Inc. is a Certified Home Health Agency providing home care and clinic services to your town. We request the annual appropriation from each town served to enable us to be ready to provide service, to provide reduced rate and free service, to hold adult town nurse clinics, to make newborn visits and to participate in well child clinics and child abuse teams. The advantage of having a Certified Agency is that home care benefits under Medicare and other health insurances can then be used by the citizens.

This year the request to Fairlee is for \$1,237.00. This appropriation is based on a per capita rate of \$1.60 using the preliminary 1980 U. S. census figures. The new census figures adjust the individual town appropriation but not the total member town appropriation.

Again we urge all your citizens to utilize our services when necessary. Feel free to contact our offices or your local board representatives concerning any services we provide. Our office hours are Monday thru Friday from 8 - 4. Telephone 295-7516 or 222-4708.

Mary E. Ford, R. N.  
Director

David R. Munro,  
President, Board of Trustees

## ORANGE EAST SENIOR CENTER, INC. REPORT FOR 1980

The Orange East Senior Center would like to thank the Town of Fairlee for its support during the past year. Although our expenses have risen and our federal and state funding will not be increased this year, we ask only that the Town maintain the same rate as last year, that of one dollar per capita. Our funding from State and Federal sources requires that we match those funds from local sources. This rate will meet these requirements.

During the past year we have provided the following services to senior citizens of the Town of Fairlee:

Number of people served	51
Amount spent	32,600.00
Amount of Town support	702.00
Services included	Transportation for Medical Appointments and Congregate Meals, Home Delivered Meals, Information and Referral, Shopping Assistance, Tax and Fuel Assistance.

Many services are available to anyone age 60 and over. We have a 14-passenger van for transportation of seniors in this area. This covers transportation to doctors, hospitals, emergency transporting, food shopping, transportation to meal sites, and home-delivered meals. Other services of the Center include congregate meals two days a week at the Oxbow High School and once a week at the Wells River Congregational Church, Outreach and Advocate follow-up visits, Legal Aid & Tax Assistance, Information & Referral, shopping assistance, and discount cards. Emergency fuel assistance and help with Food Stamps and Medicaid applications are provided. A Center in Bradford is maintained for social activities and business meetings.

The Board of Orange East Senior Center, Inc.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TWO RIVERS- OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION

After more than a year of study, the Two Rivers Regional Commission, serving the towns of the White River and Upper Connecticut River Valleys and the Ottauquechee Regional Commission, serving the towns of the Ottauquechee River Valley, decided to pool their resources into one organization. Inflation, reduced federal funding and changing needs of our member towns prompted this effort. In June 1980, the two previously separate commissions approved the plan to join together and during the summer an office was established in Woodstock to serve 27 towns within the three river valleys. At town meeting in March, requests for continued support of the regional program will once again be made, this time with a slightly new name: The Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission.

By combining staff and budgets, administrative costs of the regional program have been held in check while achieving more diversity in the services available to member towns. Examples of services currently available include:

1. Special Municipal Studies—Past Projects Have Included: Housing and Land Use, Recreation, and Downtown Revitalization.