

# *Central Vermont Chamber*



- ◆ Region's largest business association
- ◆ Serving Central Vermont for 30 years
  - Government policy advocacy
  - Travel & tourism marketing
  - Business development & job creation
  - Economic & demographic data
  - Community development & promotion
  - Member services & discount programs

# *Chamber Mission*



*To responsibly improve the climate for  
doing business in Central Vermont*

- ◆ Success in the new millennium means...
  - Competing in a global economy
  - Focusing on communications technology
  - Maximizing community resources
  - Measuring progress

# *Trends We Must Change*



- Region's youth are leaving
- Declining share of national travel market
- Downtown retail space being converted
- Splintering of community resources
- Wages falling further behind national average
- Open space waning & crime rising
- Students unprepared to enter job market

# *Lorraine Beaulieu Memorial Project*



- ◆ Capital Campaign

- Conference Facilities

- Advanced Technology

- Community Resource Center

- New Chamber Offices

# *Improvements*



## ◆ Upgrade existing offices

- State of the art communications technology
- Eliminate water problems
- Connect to municipal sewer system
- High capacity internet connections
- New siding, central air
- Full handicapped access & restroom

# *Expansion*



## ◆ Additions to Beaulieu Place

- ◆ 2,000 square feet of office space
- ◆ Two conference rooms
  - One for 14 people
  - the other for 30 people
- ◆ Meeting space amenities
  - audio/video equipment, large-screen TV
  - computer projector, automated recording
- ◆ Computer & internet training facility
- ◆ Future video conferencing capability

## *Other Benefits*



- ◆ Improved communications & advocacy
- ◆ Better economic & demographic data
- ◆ Support for other organizations
- ◆ Shared resource center

# *Expansion Costs*



- ➔ \$ 240,000 Base Building Construction
- ➔ 65,000 Furnishings & Equipment
- ➔ 25,000 Computer/Internet Lab
- ➔ 9,000 Conference Room Divider
- ➔ 1,000 Programmable Door Locks
- ➔ 20,000 Fund-raising & project mgmt
- ➔ 30,000 Contingency
  
- ➔ **\$ 390,000 Total Expansion Costs**



# *Renovations*



- ➔ \$ 35,000 Municipal sewer connection
- ➔ 10,000 Drainage work
- ➔ 10,000 Re-side existing building
- ➔ 15,000 Interior renovations
- ➔ 5,000 New well
- ➔ 15,000 Central air conditioning

➔ **\$ 90,000 Total Renovation Costs**

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Preparing Central Vermont  
for 2000 and Beyond