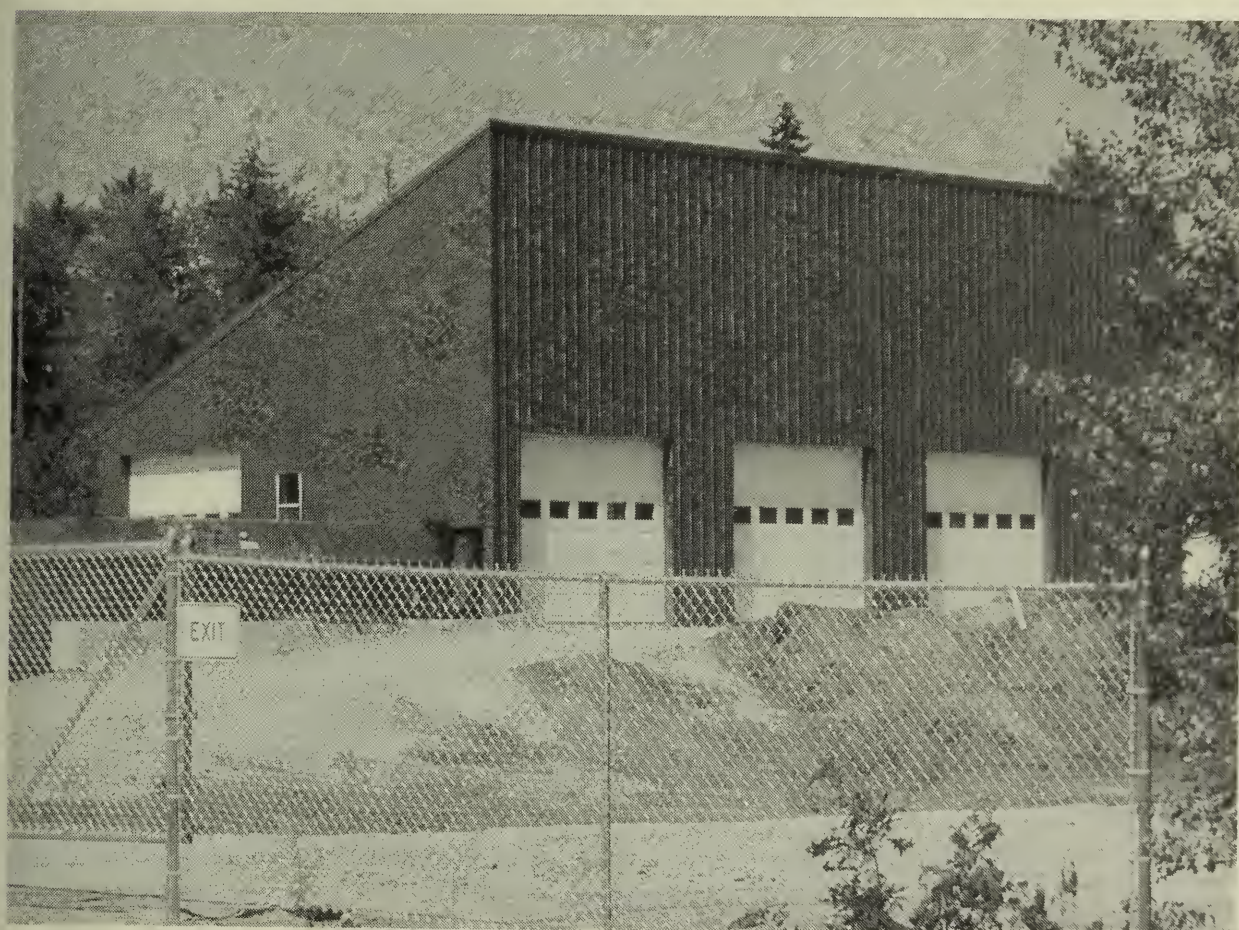


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DIRECTORY

Police/Fire/Rescue - Emergency 911

Police (Non-Emergency)	863-3232
Police (Office)	863-7908
Sheriff	863-4200
Dog Officer - Animal Control	863-3232
Road Agent	863-6779
Town Office	863-3213
Fire Station	863-6375
Fire Chief (home phone)	863-6213
Forest Fire Warden - Burn Permits (home phone)	863-3670
Building Inspector (home phone)	863-6213
Health Officer	863-3213
Welfare Officer	863-3213
Library	863-0051
Town Office Fax Number	863-8105

The following boards meet at the Town Office, 856 Rte. 10
Selectmen - 2nd and 4th Wed. of each month at 7:00 PM
Planning Board - 2nd Mon. of each month at 7:00 PM

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Town Clerk	Mon. - Fri. - 9 AM to 12 Noon Wed. 5 PM to 7 PM Last Sat. of ea. month 9 AM to 12 Noon
Tax Collector	Wed. 5 PM to 7 PM
Selectmen's Office	Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM

MEETINGS AT THE FIRE STATION

Fire Department	1st Wed. - 7 PM
Rescue Squad	3rd Wed. - 7 PM

MEETINGS AT MINOR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Conservation Commission	2nd Wed. - 7 PM
Library Trustees	1st Mon. of Jan/Mar/May/July/Sept/Nov
Friends of the Library	3rd Mon. - April to November

Library Hours: Mon. & Wed. - 3:30 PM to 8:00 PM

MEETINGS AT LEMPSTER STREET MEETING HOUSE

Historical Society	4th Wed. of Jan/Apr/Jul/Oct
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TRANSFER STATION - LOVEJOY ROAD - HOURS

Sunday 10 AM to 4 PM
Summer: Wed. 1 PM to 5 PM
Winter: Wed. 10 AM to 2 PM

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**TOWN OFFICERS
2002**

SELECTMEN	Doris A. Adler	(2003)
	Harold Whiting, Sr.	(2004)
	Keith R. Fulton	(2005)
TOWN CLERK	Phyllis M. Clark	(2005)
TAX COLLECTOR	Phyllis M. Clark	(2005)
TREASURER	Danny B. Morse	(2003)
PLANNING BOARD	R. Mark Adams	(2003)
	William Rodeschin	(2003)
	Kevin Onnela	(2004)
	Charles Newton	(2005)
	Harold Whiting, Selectmen's Rep.	
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	David Diehl	(2003)
	Tami Geuser	(2003)
	Yorick Hurd	(2004)
	Roger Ferland	(2004)
	Emily Fairweather	(2005)
	Gilbert Pinkney	(2005)
	Madeline Ferland	(2005)
	Carol Stamatakis, Alternate	
	Richard Fairweather, Alternate	

POLICE DEPARTMENT	Shady Blackwell, Chief James Burroughs Craig Robertson William Russell, Jr. Michael Batista Timothy Barone	(Resigned)
ROAD AGENT	Jeremy Hodskins	
SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST	John Terrell Richard Schur Judith Patterson Madeline Ferland	(Resigned) (2003) (2004) (2007)
AUDITOR	Mark Miller Lynn Lagasse	(Resigned) (Appointed)
HEALTH OFFICER	Lynn Lagasse	
WELFARE OFFICER	Linda Spaulding	(2003)
FIRE CHIEF	Philip J. Tirrell, Sr.	
FOREST FIRE WARDEN	James Richards	
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR	James Richards	
LIBRARIAN	Gail Warren	
TOWN COUNSEL	Michael Shklar	

TRUSTEES OF TRUST
FUNDS

Erik Walker (2003)
Barbara Richards (2003)
Yorick Hurd (2004)
John Terrell (Resigned)

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

David Diehl (2003)
Carol Stamatakis (2005)
Yorick Hurd (2003)
John Terrell (Resigned)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Susan Fratus (2003)
Yorick Hurd (2003)
Emily Fairweather (2003)
David Diehl (2004)
James Morone (2004)
Dorothy Hathaway (2005)
Deborah Stone (2005)
John Terrell (Resigned)

MODERATOR

Michael Shklar

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Philip J. Tirrell, Jr.

PERAMBULATOR

Erik Walker

Ballot Clerks (from left to right)
Barbara Richards, Claire Thurber,
Alice Bard & Emily Fairweather



To the Citizens of Lempster:

The past year has gone very quickly, perhaps due to the number of projects that needed to be faced after town meeting last year. Your Board of Selectmen, as well as all other town departments has been kept very busy. We began with the urgent need to find a replacement for the Road Agent who resigned the day after town meeting. We were fortunate to have our newest selectman, Keith Fulton step into a highway department advisory position as well as a plowing position when the snows began soon after the meeting. Eventually Jeremy Hodskins was appointed to the position, one he has filled extremely well for almost a year now. Shortly thereafter, Jeremy hired Peter Cooley to join him. David Howard completes the road crew. They have not only diligently worked to repair roads and cut back brush, but this summer numerous hours were spent in site preparation for the new transfer station. We all know what a great job they have been doing since we got our first snowfall in October. The Board of Selectmen has been pleased to hear the numerous compliments that have been extended for the condition of the roads this winter.

The new transfer station was completed by mid summer and Harold Whiting deserves full credit for its design, organizing the volunteer labor that was used and for overseeing the construction. Not only is it in full operation, but Harold has contracted for lower fees for hauling our solid waste thereby saving the town money, not only for this year, but for the next several years as well.

Town employees, elected officials and visitors to the Lempster Town Office have been very grateful to the entire town for passing the article to install a bathroom with running water in that building. Just think, Lempster has come into the 20th Century just in time to shoot for the 21st. With your help we will continue to move forward.

Several projects face the selectmen that have yet to be seen. We have contracted to have our state required revaluation done, and thanks to the forethought of the Planning Board and our CIP program committee this costly item has been pre-planned and will cost the town only about \$30,000 in new money. Some time before the end of 2003 all land and buildings in Lempster will be re-assessed to ensure equity throughout the town. With the State of NH requiring all towns to be re-assessed over the next several years we should also be assured of equity for state funding. We have also begun planning for the closure of the old landfill. Those of us who have been around this town know that this has been a topic that was discussed as far back as the 1980s, but is now becoming a requirement. By the end of 2004 we must have the old landfill closed according to state requirements. We continue to look into the most cost-effective way of doing this.

Your Board of Selectmen have also worked diligently this year to have all departments understand the budgeting process and we have set up a purchase order system so that the board is always aware of when, where and how much money is being spent. We are also requiring careful planning in the future so that we know exactly what the money will be spent on when the budget is designed. No "extras" will be purchased if money is left at the end of the year unless it has been budgeted for, unless there is an emergency repair or replacement needed. By now, all departments have been informed of this.

With the help and cooperation of all departments I am happy to report to the community that the Town of Lempster has not only ended the year in the black with all bills paid, but with an approximately \$28,000 surplus. Some of this will be applied to the 2003 year, simply to pay the already extremely high fuel bills due to the very low temperatures that we have had during the month of January. The remainder will be used to offset your taxes. When you see a department head, take a moment to say "Thank you" as without their assistance it would not have been possible.

Looking to the future, the Board of Selectmen has been meeting with the Planning Board as well as many citizens to begin the process of reviewing the Lempster Master Plan which is now over 15 years old. You will be hearing a lot about it over the next few years, please think about joining a committee. The more input we have from residents and taxpayers within the community, the more accurate will be the planning. This will allow us to have **Lempster be the town that everyone wishes it to be through careful planning.**

Lastly, please **POST YOUR STREET NUMBERS** where our fire, police and rescue squads can see them. None of us plan on needing any of these services, but without a posting of your address where it can be seen, both day and night, and in deep snow, precious minutes may be lost in an emergency. Please help these departments as well as yourself and check to make sure your numbers are posted where they can be seen.

The Board of Selectmen wish to thank the many volunteers that clean up our town, paint our buildings, publish our Owl, put out our fires and respond to medical needs. You are ALL appreciated for what you do. Thank you also for your cooperation and interest in the myriad topics that have come before us during 2002. May 2003 prove to be as fruitful.

Doris A. Adler
Harold Whiting
Keith Fulton

2002 DEDICATION

One item that the Board of Selectmen must ponder over each year, is to who, or to whom, do we dedicate the Town Report . By pondering we mean to express that it is a very hard decision as there are so many wonderful people that contribute to our local government each and every year. However, we feel that there is a certain group of individuals who have been overlooked far too long. These are those dedicated and giving men and women who volunteer their time, freely, each and every year. These are the individuals we depend upon, 24 hours a day, 365 days per year, without even realizing that we do! These individuals are our volunteer firefighters and rescue personnel.

Anyone that has been in the position to have had these individuals arrive at their home or business to assist them either with a fire or a medical emergency, know that the feeling of gratification is beyond expression. In some instances their arrival offers an instant feeling of safety and security.

Lempster has been so lucky to have had residents of our community, and yes, non-residents, volunteer their time to do this for us each and every year since - well who can remember? We realize that they do this because they care and are dedicated to the service they provide. No, they don't receive any payment, which is a hard thing to believe in this day and age when volunteers are rapidly becoming an "endangered species". These people need to be truly thanked for their generosity in giving of their very valuable personal time. Is it better to "give than to receive"? We believe these individuals will tell you that it is. That is why they serve us so well and efficiently.

Therefore, the Board of Selectmen dedicate the 2003 Town Report to Lempster's Fire and Rescue personnel, present and past. Thank you - thank you - thank you. These individuals know who they are, and so do most of the members of our community. If you don't, please make sure that you acquaint yourself with the Lempster Fire and Rescue. It has been sadly reported to the Selectmen that membership is waning. The Fire Department meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 PM at the Fire Station, 11 Lempster Street and the Rescue Squad meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 PM

also at the Fire Station. The Selectmen are confident that Fire Chief, Philip J. Tirrell, Sr. and Rescue Squad Captain, Barbara Chadwick, would be happy to introduce you to the activities of their respective departments.

Speaking of dedication and hard work, there is another department the Board of Selectmen can't ignore. Please note the savings in the Solid Waste Budget for 2002. With the dedicated and spirited hard work of Harold Whiting, Sr., you can see that the savings to the Town is great over the anticipated cost. How did he do this? Perseverance, and, yes, the ever helpful nagging, which has provided the Town with a much less cost to truck our waste. Harold has managed with non-ending hard efforts to negotiate a contract with our trucking company which has saved, and will save, the Town of Lempster hundreds of dollars over the next year or two.

As for the new Transfer Station, how could this have happened without the efforts of Harold? He was determined from day one to construct the station with the money budgeted. Did he manage to do this? Yes! And with approximately \$6,000.00 left over which was carried over by the Board of Selectmen for expenditure in 2003.

For these hard efforts, Harold should be recognized, along with our volunteer fire fighters and rescue personnel. These efforts are that which make our community unique and which are sought by all who are looking for the idyllic community in which to live.

Again, thank you Lempster Fire Department, Rescue and Harold!

Respectfully,

Doris A. Adler, Chairman
Harold R. Whiting, Sr.
Keith R. Fulton
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**TOWN WARRANT
TOWN OF LEMPSTER
State of New Hampshire
2003**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Lempster, in the County of Sullivan, in said State qualified to vote on town affairs,

You are hereby notified to meet at the Goshen-Lempster Cooperative School in said Lempster on Tuesday, the 11th day of March, 2003 at two thirty (2:30 PM) in the afternoon to open the polls for the voting of candidates, and at seven o'clock (7:00 PM) in the evening for the discussion of the articles of the warrant.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Article 2: To receive all reports and act thereon.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote of the 2002 Town Meeting taken under Article 7 which provided that the highway department take over the Transfer Station/Recycling Center operations effective March 2003, and to see if the Town will vote to establish that the Transfer Station/Recycling Center operations become a part of the highway department effective January 1, 2004.

Article 4: Shall the Town vote to adopt, as the organizational form of the Lempster Fire Department, the provisions of RSA 154:1 (III) which provides that the Fire Chief, Officers, and Firefighters are to be chosen by vote of the Firefighters. This article does not change the existing practices of the Fire Department. The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 5: Shall the Town vote to adopt an organizational form for the Lempster Rescue whereby the Department shall consist of a Captain who will act as head of the department. The Captain and members will be elected by vote of the members, subject to any licensing requirements of RSA 153-A. This article does not change the existing practices of Lempster Rescue. The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$590,904.00 for the purpose of General Town Operations. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote Required)

Executive	\$ 61,815.00
Election & Registration	1,190.00
Financial Administration	1,500.00
Legal Expense	2,500.00
Employee Benefits	49,900.00
Planning Board	5,500.00
General Government Buildings	15,325.00
Appraisal of Property	1,000.00
Conservation Commission	500.00
Cemeteries	4,300.00
Insurance	17,500.00
Contingency	5,000.00
Police Department	33,357.00
Ambulance Service	3,500.00

Fire Department	26,450.00
Rescue Squad	6,700.00
Building Inspection	1,200.00
Emergency Management/Forest Fire	2,700.00
Highway Department	228,462.00
Street Lights	650.00
Solid Waste	72,900.00
Transfer Station Attendants	10,150.00
Health Agencies	3,900.00
Sullivan Hospice*	250.00
Southwest Community Services*	700.00
Direct Assistance	5,500.00
Sullivan Nutrition	500.00
Parks & Recreation	600.00
Library	9,955.00
Patriotic Purposes	500.00
Principal/Long Term Notes	14,000.00
Interest/Long Term Notes	900.00
Interest/Tax Anticipation Notes	2,000.00

* These services are provided to residents of Lempster. Please read their reports that follow. Any questions regarding these services can be addressed by calling the Town Office.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$83,000.00 for the purpose of conducting a town-wide revaluation in 2003 and for the purchase of hardware to support the new revaluation program and to withdraw the sum of \$50,000 from the capital reserve fund previously established for this purpose. Of the remaining \$33,000.00, \$29,400.00 to come from the 12/31/02 Unreserved Fund Balance and \$3,600.00 to be raised by taxation. (CIP Article) The Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 5,500.00 to purchase self contained breathing apparatus (ten bottles and air masks) for the Fire Department. (CIP Article) The Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 to purchase up to ten pagers for the Fire Department. (CIP Article) The Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,450.00 to purchase updated software and printer for the Town Clerk's motor vehicle registration, dog licensing and voter registration program. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,500.00 to make improvements to the Town Office to include a new heating system, repair and replacement of windows, insulation, replacement of exterior door to meet life safety codes and the painting of the exterior of the building. (CIP Article) The Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,600.00 to help in assisting for the cost of the printing of the newsletter "The Lempster Owl". The Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to assist West Central Behavioral Services, an agency that supplies counseling and other therapeutic services to citizens of Lempster. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$9,000.00 for improvements to the new cemetery and to authorize the withdrawal of this amount from the Cemetery Improvements Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (CIP Article) The Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be placed in the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (CIP Article) The Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 to be placed in the Town Building Expendable Trust Fund previously established. (CIP Article) The Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be placed in the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (CIP Article) The Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to be placed in the Cemetery Improvement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (CIP Article) The Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$61,000.00 to be pave Allen Road. (Submitted by Petition)

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be placed in the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (CIP Article) The Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following resolution as presented by petition by Health Care for New Hampshire:

Whereas, New Hampshire residents pay the 12th highest cost of insurance in the country; and

Whereas, the cost of health insurance premiums for families has increased by 45% over the past three years; and

Whereas, 100,000 New Hampshire residents have no health coverage and 77% of them have a full-time worker at home; and

Whereas, due to these rising costs almost half of New Hampshire's small business cannot afford health coverage for their employees, therefore be it resolved

That we, the citizens of Lempster, New Hampshire, call on our elected officials from all levels of government, and those seeking office, to work with consumers, businesses, and health care providers to ensure that:

- Everyone, including the self-employed, unemployed, and un- and under insured, and small business owners has access to an affordable basic health plan similar to what federal employees receive;

- Everyone, including employers, consumers, and the state, local and federal government makes a responsible and fair contribution to finance the health care system;

- Everyone receives high quality care that is cost efficient and medically effective; and

- That these efforts help control the skyrocketing cost of health care.

(Submitted by Petition)

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to allow a one percent (1%) discount on taxes if paid in full within ten days of issue.

Article 23: To transact any other business that may legally come before said Town Meeting.

Doris A. Adler, Chairman

Harold R. Whiting, Sr.

Keith R. Fulton

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
PROPOSED BUDGET 2003**

	2002 Appropriated	2002 Expended	2003 Proposed
Executive	\$ 59,640.00	\$ 59,475.83	\$ 61,815.00
Election & Regis.	2,200.00	2,632.02	1,340.00
Financial Admin.	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Legal Expense	2,500.00	500.00	2,500.00
Employee Benefits	43,650.00	36,641.16	49,900.00
Planning Board	5,500.00	3,271.18	5,500.00
Gen. Govern. Bldgs.	13,200.00	14,201.44	15,325.00
Appraisal of Property	1,750.00	1,900.00	1,000.00
Conservation Com.	650.00	650.00	500.00
Cemeteries	4,300.00	3,697.30	4,300.00
Insurance	16,000.00	17,018.40	17,500.00
Contingency	5,000.00	2,393.30	5,000.00
Police Dept.	30,945.00	29,311.70	33,357.00
Rescue Squad	5,500.00	4,844.21	6,700.00
Ambulance Service	3,500.00	3,000.00	3,500.00
Fire Dept.	27,160.00	24,604.26	26,450.00
Building Inspt.	1,200.00	1,325.00	1,200.00
Emgcy Mgnt/For Fire	1,750.00	1,015.78	2,700.00
Highway Dept.	210,000.00	210,473.74	228,462.00
Street Lights	650.00	422.13	650.00
Solid Waste	88,050.00	83,129.46	72,900.00
Trans. Sta. Attend.	9,850.00	9,166.86	10,150.00
Health Agencies	3,900.00	4,508.50	3,900.00
Sullivan Hospice	250.00	250.00	250.00
Southwest Com. Services	700.00	698.00	700.00

Direct Assistance	5,500.00	874.55	5,500.00
Sullivan Nutrition	500.00	500.00	500.00
Parks & Recreation	600.00	511.54	600.00
Library	9,965.00	9,965.00	9,955.00
Patriotic Purposes	500.00	455.89	500.00
Princ./LT Notes	14,000.00	14,000.00	14,000.00
Int./LT Notes	900.00	906.38	900.00
Int./TAN	2,000.00	-0-	2,000.00
TOTAL	\$573,310.00	\$543,843.63	\$590,904.00

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
2003 WARRANT ARTICLES**

	Selectmen's	Petition
Art. 6 - Operating Budget	\$590,904.00	
Art. 7 - Revaluation	83,000.00	
Art. 8 - Bottles & Air Masks	5,500.00	
Art. 9 - Pagers	3,500.00	
Art. 10 - Town Clerk Software	6,450.00	
Art. 11 - Town Office Improvement	15,500.00	
Art. 12 - Lempster "Owl"	2,600.00	
Art. 13 - West Central Services	1,000.00	
Art. 14 - Cemetery Improvements	9,000.00	
Art. 15 - Cruiser Capital Reserve	3,000.00	
Art. 16 - Town Bldg. Expendable Trust	7,000.00	
Art. 17 - Bridge Capital Reserve	5,000.00	
Art. 18 - Cemetery Improvement Cap. Res.	1,000.00	
Art. 19 - Pave Allen Road	61,000.00	61,000.00
Art. 20 - Landfill Closure Capital Reserve	10,000.00	
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$743,454.00	\$804,454.00
MINUS ESTIMATED REV.	\$408,912.00	\$408,912.00
TOTAL TO BE RAISED	*\$334,542.00	** \$395,542.00

*.6% decrease over 2002 budget

**10% increase over 2002 budget

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
SOURCES OF REVENUE
2002
Estimated 2003**

	<u>2002</u> <u>Estimated</u>	<u>2002</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2003</u> <u>Estimated</u>
TAXES:			
Land Use	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,585.00	\$ 2,000.00
Yield Tax	10,000.00	7,516.00	10,000.00
Int. & Penalties	20,000.00	38,531.00	30,000.00
Excavation Tax	1,700.00	2,545.00	3,500.00
 LICENSES, PERMITS, & FEES:			
Business Lic./Per.	70.00	70.00	70.00
Motor Vehicles	120,000.00	107,816.00	120,000.00
Building Perm.	1,200.00	1,488.00	1,200.00
Other Lic./Per.	3,000.00	4,164.00	3,500.00
 FROM STATE:			
Shared Revenue	5,400.00	5,474.00	5,400.00
Meals & Rooms	25,000.00	28,418.00	25,000.00
Highway Blk Gnt	68,431.00	68,431.00	72,992.00
Forest Land Reim.	600.00	726.00	700.00
 CHARGES FOR SERVICES:			
Income From Dept.	2,000.00	2,308.00	2,500.00
Transfer Station	2,500.00	4,734.00	4,000.00
 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:			
Sale of Twn Property	25,000.00	-0-	25,000.00
Rent of Twn Property	3,150.00	3,153.00	3,150.00
Int. on Investments	1,500.00	3,167.00	3,000.00
Misc. Refunds	4,150.00	9,042.00	8,500.00

	2002 <u>Estimated</u>	2002 <u>Actual</u>	2003 <u>Estimated</u>
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS:			
Capital Reserve	\$102,000.00	\$104,193.00	\$ 59,000.00
Carry Over:			
Cemetery	9,000.00	9,000.00	-0-
Fund Balance	-0-	-0-	29,400.00
 TOTAL	 \$401,151.00	 \$403,361.00	 \$408,912.00

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM 2003												
DEPARTMENT	PROGRAM	TOTAL EST COST	CAPITAL RESERVE	YEAR 1ST FUNDED	YEAR PURCHASED	YEAR LAST FUNDED	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
POLICE	Cruiser 2004	\$35,000	\$9,007	1999	2004	2004	\$3,000	\$3,000				
	Cruiser 2009			2005	2009	2009			\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
	Radio	\$3,000	\$940	1994	1994	1999						
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	Commun.	\$2,500	\$3,236	1983	1983	1988						
FORESTRY	Truck	\$2,000	\$92	2001								
FIRE	Water Sys.	\$60,000	\$3,502	1990	1990							
	Tanker 2000	\$120,000		1999	1999	2009	\$14,907	\$14,907	\$14,907	\$14,907	\$14,907	\$14,907
	Pumper 2010	\$200,000	\$3,099	2001	2011			\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
	NFPA Equip	\$23,800										
	Bottles/Masks Pagers	\$5,500 \$3,500					\$5,500 \$3,500					
RESCUE	Truck 2011	\$100,000		2004				\$3,333	\$3,333	\$3,333	\$3,333	\$3,333
GOVERNMENT	Twn Bldg											
	Exp. Trust		\$27,318	1986	1986		\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
	Twn History	\$7,500	\$8,169	1983	1983							
	Revaluation	\$83,000	\$50,833	2001	2001	2003	\$33,000					
	T.O. Improve.	\$15,000					\$15,000					
HIGHWAY	Plow 2000	\$110,000		1999	1999	2004	\$24,051					
	Plow 2004	\$150,000		2005	2005	2009		\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
	Bridges		\$18,560	1997	1997		\$5,000					
	Plow Equip. Equipment Road Signs	\$7,300	\$1,256 \$346				\$7,300					
SOLID WASTE	Trans. Sta.	\$177,175		1989		2002						
	Landfill Clos.	\$206,885	\$15,560	1989			\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
CEMETERY	Cemetery Improvement		\$11,342	1996	1996		\$1,000	\$4,000				
			\$153,260				\$129,258	\$70,240	\$70,240	\$71,240	\$66,240	\$66,240
TOTAL												

TOWN OF LEMPSTER
State of New Hampshire
MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING
March 12, 2002

The 2002 meeting convened at the Goshen-Lempster Cooperative School in said Lempster on Tuesday, the 12th day of March, 2002, at two thirty (2:30 PM) in the afternoon to open polls for the voting for candidates, and at seven o'clock (7:00 PM) in the evening for the discussion of the articles of the warrant.

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Motion by: Phyllis M. Clark
Seconded by: Fred Bard

The motion passed unanimously. The polls were opened by Moderator Shklar at 2:30 PM.

Elected were:

Selectman - 3 Years	Keith R. Fulton
Selectman - 1 Year	Doris A. Adler
Town Clerk - 3 Years	Phyllis M. Clark
Tax Collector - 3 Years	Phyllis M. Clark
Moderator - 1 Year	Michael Shklar
Auditor - 1 Year	Mark Miller
Treasurer - 1 Year	Danny B. Morse
Library Trustees - 3 Years	Dorothy Hathaway Deborah Stone
Supervisor of Checklist - 6 Years	Madeline Ferland
Planning Board - 3 Years	Charles Newton

Moderator Michael Shklar introduced himself and asked if anyone

present was not a registered voter of the town and if not a registered voter, then please raise their hand. He asked that those that raised their hands refrain from voting and from making any comments during the meeting.

Moderator Shklar then asked for a moment of silence to consider those that sacrificed their lives for our country in the tragedy suffered on September 11, 2001.

Moderator Shklar notified those present that he would keep the polls opened until 7:30 PM.

ARTICLE 2: To receive all reports and act thereon.

Motion by: Fred Bard
Seconded by: Dan Morse

The motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to change the position of Road Agent from an elected position to one appointed by the Board of Selectmen to be effective March 2003. (Ballot Vote) (Majority Vote Required)

Motion by: Fred Bard
Seconded by: Leonard Brown

F. Bard explained that voting in the affirmative for this article will give the Board of Selectmen the responsibility of appointing an individual to fill the position of Road Agent rather than having the position elected. He stated that he feels this authority by the Selectmen is required as an appointment would be based upon experience. An affirmative vote would also allow the Selectmen to seek out of the area for a qualified individual to fill the position. As it stands now, an elected official, such as the position of Road Agent, has to be a resident of the town.

Harold Whiting spoke to address the next article, 4, which would allow the position of Road Agent to be elected but on an annual basis rather than for a 3 year term. He believes the position should remain an elected one to give the people a choice.

James Grenier spoke in favor of having the position continue to be

elected.

David Williams asked if a job description existed for the Road Agent and questioned the responsibilities of the Road Agent to work at the dump. He noticed that an article appears on the warrant for that.

Deborah Stone spoke in favor of retaining the position as elected. She believes that this particular position effects all residents on a daily basis and would like to have a say in who has the position. She also questioned if Article 3 were to pass would the position have a term.

Terry Spada and Fred Heineman spoke in favor of having the position an appointed one.

Ralph Jones asked if any resident in town was qualified to fill the position if it remained elected and if so, then why would the Selectmen want to go out of town to seek someone.

Danny Morse spoke in favor of having the position as appointed.

Kevin C. Onnela asked if someone could win on a write-in if not a resident.

Andy Whitman asked that the question be called. This was seconded by Fred Bard. Moderator asked for a vote on Article 3. The article passed with 62 yes and 52 no.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to change the Road Agent's term from 3 years to 1 year, and to keep the position as an elected office. (Submitted by Petition) (Ballot Vote) (Majority Vote Required)

As Article 3 passed, no action was taken on Article 4.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$581,050.00 for the purpose of General Town Operations. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote Required)

Executive	59,640.00
Election & Registration	1,850.00
Financial Administration	1,500.00

Legal Expense	2,500.00
Employee Benefits	43,650.00
Planning Board	5,500.00
General Government Buildings	13,200.00
Appraisal of Property	1,750.00
Conservation Commission	650.00
Cemeteries	4,300.00
Insurance	16,000.00
Contingency	5,000.00
Police Department	30,945.00
Ambulance Service	3,500.00
Fire Department	35,250.00
Rescue Squad	5,500.00
Building Inspection	1,200.00
Emergency Management/Forest Fire	1,750.00
Highway Department	210,000.00
Street Lights	650.00
Solid Waste	88,050.00
Transfer Station Attendants	9,850.00
Health Agencies	4,850.00
Direct Assistance	5,500.00
Sullivan Nutrition	500.00
Parks & Recreation	600.00
Library	9,965.00
Patriotic Purposes	500.00
Principal/Long Term Notes	14,000.00
Interest/Long Term Notes	900.00
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	2,000.00

Motion by: Fred Bard
 Seconded by: David Diehl

F. Bard made a motion to amend Article 5 to add \$350.00 to the Election and Registration line item. The September Primary had not been budgeted for. The motion was seconded by Doris Adler and passed. The total is now \$581,400.

F. Bard explained that the proposed budget includes an increase of 8% over 2001. This increase is comprised of a 27% increase in health insurance costs and a \$14,000 increase in the Fire Department budget.

Kevin Onnela questioned the amount budgeted for legal expense as only \$2,500. He was assured that this is the correct amount.

Lynn Lagasse made a motion to amend the Fire Department line item

from \$35,250 to \$27,160. The motion was seconded by Richard MacPhee. Fred Bard questioned if individual items could be amended. Kevin Onnela stated that this has been done in the past.

Lynn Lagasse explained that she was very concerned about approving a 40% increase in the Fire Department budget and questioned why the department spent \$39,000 last year out of a town appropriation of \$25,000. Fire Chief Phil Tirrell explained that the additional funds came from excess appropriations, donations, gifts, etc. Lynn Lagasse stated that she was not aware of any extra funds in the department and asked if these were audited. Phil Tirrell explained that his department was audited every year and thought that all were very much aware of these additional funds the department had. Kevin Onnela asked how many calls the Fire Department had in 2001. Phil Tirrell responded that the department had 106 calls. Vote was taken on the amendment. The amendment to reduce the Fire Department budget line item passed with 54 yes and 51 no.

Phil Tirrell questioned the employee benefits line item and asked how many employees were covered by health insurance. Fred Bard responded 2, possibly 3 if a third is hired in the Highway Department.

By a voice vote Article 5 passed. Total budget approved is \$573,310.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to sell the 1999 American LaFrance ladder fire truck. (Submitted by Petition)

The moderator explained that the vote on this article will be by paper ballot as requested by voters prior to the meeting.

Motion by: Harrison Stover
Seconded by: Kevin Onnela

Charles Newton explained his reasoning for requesting this article by petition. He attended the public hearing with regard to the acceptance of a new ladder truck v.s. receipt of \$250,000 in cash. He felt that a hearing that was attended by only approximately 20 residents was not enough say by the people of the town and that it should be addressed at town meeting so that the citizens could have a say and vote on this issue. He would like to see the truck sold and a special fund set up with the proceeds. These proceeds could supply the Fire Department with equipment for a very long time. Some of the proceeds could be used to purchase a used ladder truck

for the town. He does not feel that Lempster is large enough for such a big truck.

Fire Chief Phil Tirrell spoke in favor of keeping the truck. He explained the insurance coverage the town had and how the truck was obtained. He also explained that the truck provided the town with 5 necessary pieces of equipment. He presented letters from surrounding communities that stated that they felt the truck was an asset to mutual aid.

Keith Fulton asked if the truck were sold would the town see a cut in taxes. Moderator Shklar explained that if the truck were sold nothing could be done with the proceeds until the following year. It would then become a vote of the town on what to do with the funds.

Robert DeAnne spoke in favor of keeping the truck.

Danny Morse stated that he felt the truck should be sold and the monies put into a special fund to provide the Fire Department with equipment.

Mark Hathaway wished to amend the article to request that the proceeds of the sale of the truck be put towards the closure of the landfill. Linda Spaulding seconded the amendment.

James Richards spoke in favor of retaining the truck.

Danny Morse asked if a petitioned article could be amended. Moderator Shklar stated that it could.

Vote on the amendment of Mark Hathaway was defeated.

Barbara Chadwick spoke in favor of retaining the truck stating that it was a necessary piece of equipment.

Danny Morse made a motion to amend the article to provide that any proceeds received from the sale of the truck go toward vehicles and equipment for the Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Harrison Stover.

Henry Frank asked if anyone had explored how much could be received for the truck.

Bruce Adams spoke in favor of retaining the truck.

Jessie Bell stated that she felt any interest earned by funds received for the truck would be so little they would not be very useful.

Fred Bard called the question. This was seconded by Mary Grenier. Vote on the amendment by Danny Morse was defeated.

John Fabrycky stated that he was in favor of keeping the truck as it will eliminate the pumper slated for the Fire Department in 2010.

Ronald Clark spoke in favor of keeping the truck as he felt not doing so was making a mockery out of insurance coverage.

Gayle Newton stated that she felt the discussion held tonight was good and that it gives the community a chance to say yes or no.

Fred Bard called the question. This was seconded by Kevin Onnela. A paper ballot vote was taken and the result was yes 40 and no 93.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to establish that the Transfer Station/Recycling Center operations become a part of the duties of the highway department effective March 2003.

Motion by: Fred Bard
Seconded by: Ralph Jones

Fred Bard explained that this will formalize the Highway Department being in charge of the Transfer Station and to provide employees to work at the station.

Kevin Onnela questioned whether or not the Highway Department would have the time to do this and if roads would be neglected. Fred Bard responded that this would be worked out and that the Selectmen would insure that road work would be done as required.

David Williams asked how many hours the department would spend at the dump. Harold Whiting responded what the hours were at the present time and possibly what would be required in the future.

Fred Heineman asked if the Highway and Transfer Station budget could become one due to this vote. Doris Adler replied that this was not anticipated at this time.

Elaine Heineman asked who would be in authority of the Transfer

Station. Fred Bard replied that the Selectmen would.

Andy Whitman asked that the question be called. This was seconded by Charles Newton. The article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to establish the Lempster Rescue Squad as the Town's municipal rescue squad and allow the department to utilize and maintain all rescue equipment.

Motion by: Doris Adler
Seconded by: Harold Whiting, Sr.

Barbara Chadwick asked for an explanation of the article. Fred Bard explained that this vote formalizes the position of the Lempster Rescue Squad as a department of the town. Harold Whiting stated that the Selectmen would be paying the bills and all appropriations would go through the Town Office. Phil Tirrell stated that he feels that all is operating fine now and doesn't see a need for the change. Kevin C. Onnela stated that this is tax money and the town and Selectmen should have control of it. Doris Adler explained that Town Officials, by law, must have control over tax dollars. James Richards stated that he felt this is just another power grab by the Board of Selectmen. Phil Tirrell feels that the Rescue is a private firm and should remain so. Fred Bard reminded Phil Tirrell who insures the members and vehicles of the squad, which is the town. James Grenier spoke in favor of the article stating that tax monies run the squad and should be protected by the Selectmen. Kevin Onnela asked what the problem was anyway, as long as the bills were being paid. Fred Bard asked that the question be called. This was seconded by Shaun Best. The article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000.00 for the purpose of installing a well, septic system and bathroom at the Town Office building. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion by: Harold Whiting, Sr.
Seconded by: Roger Ferland

Doris Adler explained that the Town Office is in need of plumbing and facilities for its employees. The article carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,600.00 to help off set the cost of printing the

newsletter, "The Lempster Owl". The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion by: Erik Walker
Seconded by: Yorick Hurd

Fred Bard could only simply say that the publication of the "Lempster Owl" is a breath of fresh air for the Town. The article carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,285.00 to pay off a loan at the Lake Sunapee Bank that is currently using two of the Town of Lempster fire trucks as collateral. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion by: Fred Bard
Seconded by: Harold Whiting, Sr.

Shaun Best expressed concern about the increase in the total town budget and wondered about this article. Doris Adler explained that this article would approve a pay-off of a mortgage at the bank for 2 fire department vehicles. The article carried by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$57,045.00 to construct a Transfer Station across from the present station on Lovejoy Road, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$57,045.00 plus interest from the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund established for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion by: Fred Bard
Seconded by: Doris Adler

Harold Whiting explained the plans for the set up of the new Transfer Station. Robert DeAnne asked why this was needed. Harold Whiting explained that the NH DES will be looking for Lempster to close the present facility in 2004. Linda Lane asked about recycling. Harold Whiting responded that this will be done voluntarily but containers will be provided. Harold Whiting also stated that Article 13 could be eliminated as this amount to pay off the compactor could be taken out of the total of this article.

Shaun Best made a motion to amend the article to the amount of \$51,000. This was seconded by David Richards.

Shaun Best explained that he would like to remove the payoff of the

compactor from this amount.

Vote on the Shaun Best amendment was defeated.

Fred Bard moved to call the question. This was seconded by Andy Whitman. The article carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,650.00 to purchase the electric compactor at the transfer station that is currently being leased. The Selectmen recommend this article.

No action was taken on Article 13 as this will be covered under Article 12.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$45,000.00 for the purpose of payment of consultant and engineering fees needed to begin the landfill closure process and to authorize the withdrawal of the sum of \$45,000.00 from the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund established for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion by: Fred Bard
Seconded by: Everett Thurber

Fred Bard explained that this money would be used for consultant and engineer fees for the beginning of the closure of the landfill which is slated by the State DES for 2004. This money is only for these fees and the actual cost of closure will be much more. Mark Hathaway asked what the total cost of closure might be. Fred Bard responded approximately \$100,000 to \$200,000. After this money is used, only \$5,000 will remain in the capital reserve fund.

Ralph Jones asked how the town would pay for the closure. Fred Bard responded that the town would apply for grants and loans. The article passed by voice vote.

At 9:30 PM Moderator Shklar called for a recess.

At 9:35 PM Moderator Shklar called the meeting back in session.

Moderator Shklar at this time informed the audience that Road Agent John Balla wished to address the meeting. He feels that even though Mr. Balla is not a resident he should have the opportunity to speak to the public as he requested.

John Balla stated that he has been on probation placed by the Selectmen since his hiring. The probationary period is 6 months and he would like to ask the people of the meeting to vote to take him off of probation as he is afraid he will be fired by the Selectmen. He stated that he does not like the idea of the Highway Department working at the Transfer Station without his in-put.

Discussion was held on the town personnel policy which provides for a probationary period of 6 months for all new employees. It was the consensus of the audience that this policy should not be tampered with and that the Selectmen have the right to enforce it. It was stressed by the Selectmen to the audience that personnel issues can not be addressed at a public meeting such as the Town Meeting. These are handled by the Selectmen in non-public session.

Danny Morse asked that discussion cease and the question be called. Termination of probation for the Road Agent was defeated by a vote of those present.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,500 to be placed in the Town Building Expendable Trust Fund previously established. Such funds to come from the December 31, 2001 unreserved fund balance. The Selectmen recommend this article. (CIP Article)

Motion by: Fred Bard
Seconded by: Doris Adler

Cecila Jeffrey wished to amend this article to request that the \$12,500 be put towards the landfill closure. Fred Bard explained that the article provided that monies appropriated in prior years but not spent be replaced in the trust fund for future expenditures. Vote on the amendment of Cecila Jeffrey was defeated. The article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be placed in the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (CIP Article) The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion by: Phil Tirrell
Seconded by: Rudolf Adler

The article was explained by Police Chief Blackwell as replacement funds for the cruiser on a 5 year rotation basis. The article

passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be placed in the Fire Department Pumper Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (CIP Article) The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion by: David Richards
Seconded by: Phil Tirrell

The article was defeated by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 to be placed in the Town Building Expendable Trust Fund previously established. (CIP Article) The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion by: Everett Thurber
Seconded by: Yorick Hurd

Gayle Newton questioned why this amount in addition to the other funds approved earlier. Fred Bard explained that the other funds were replacement funds - these were new funds. The article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (CIP Article) The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion by: Fred Bard
Seconded by: Everett Thurber

Kevin Onnela asked for an explanation. The article passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in the Highway Department Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (CIP Article) The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion by: Harold Whiting, Sr.
Seconded by: Fred Bard

The article passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (CIP Article) The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion by: Everett Thurber
Seconded by: Harrison Stover

The article passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be placed in the Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (CIP Article) The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion by: Everett Thurber
Seconded by: Yorick Hurd

The article passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to allow a one percent (1%) discount on taxes if paid in full within ten days of issue.

Motion by: David Diehl
Seconded by: Linda Lane

Rudolf Adler asked that the public hear from the Tax Collector regard her opinion on this. Phyllis Clark stated that she did not like it at all as it created extra work for her. She stated that the town loses approximately \$6,000 per year from this.

The article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 24: To transact any other business that may legally come before said Town Meeting.

Richard MacPhee asked if the Town still had a Road Agent. Fred Bard responded that there might be a possible opening due to tonight's events.

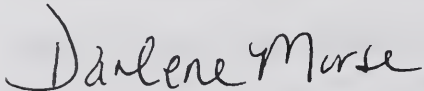
Everett Thurber stated that he felt Town Meeting should be held at the Lempster Street Hall next year and wished to put this in the form of a motion. The motion was seconded by Laura Pinkney. Linda Lane asked what the legal capacity of the hall was. Phil Tirrell responded that he felt it was 250 people. The sense of the meeting

was that this be investigated.

Motion was made by Ralph Jones to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 PM.
The motion was seconded by Fred Bard and carried.

Moderator Shklar thanked the audience for their cooperation at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darlene Morse". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Darlene Morse
Deputy Town Clerk

TOWN OF LEMPSTER
2002 BUDGET
As of 12/31/02

	2002 APPROPRIATION	2002 EXPENDED	BALANCE	
Executive	\$59,640.00	\$59,475.83	\$164.17	99.72%
Election & Registration	\$2,200.00	\$2,632.02	-\$432.02	119.64%
Financial Admin.	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00		
Legal Expense	\$2,500.00	\$500.00	\$2,000.00	20.00%
Employee Benefits	\$43,650.00	\$36,641.16	\$7,008.84	83.94%
Planning Board	\$5,500.00	\$3,271.18	\$2,228.82	59.48%
General Govern. Bldgs.	\$13,200.00	\$14,201.44	-\$1,001.44	107.59%
Appraisal of Property	\$1,750.00	\$1,900.00	-\$150.00	108.57%
Conservation Com.	\$650.00	\$650.00		100.00%
Cemeteries	\$4,300.00	\$3,697.30	\$602.70	85.98%
Insurance	\$16,000.00	\$17,018.40	-\$1,018.40	106.37%
Contingency	\$5,000.00	\$2,393.30	\$2,606.70	47.87%
Police Dept.	\$30,945.00	\$29,311.70	\$1,633.30	94.72%
Rescue Squad	\$5,500.00	\$4,844.21	\$655.79	88.08%
Ambulance Service	\$3,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$500.00	
Fire Department	\$27,160.00	\$24,604.26	\$2,555.74	90.59%
Building Inspection	\$1,200.00	\$1,325.00	-\$125.00	110.42%
Emgcy Mgnt/Forest Fire	\$1,750.00	\$1,015.78	\$734.22	58.04%
Highway Department	\$210,000.00	\$210,473.74	-\$473.74	100.23%
Highway Income	\$6,404.02	\$6,404.00		100.00%
Street Lights	\$650.00	\$422.13	\$227.87	64.94%
Solid Waste	\$88,050.00	\$83,129.46	\$4,920.54	94.41%
Transfer Sta. Attendants	\$9,850.00	\$9,166.86	\$683.14	93.06%
Health Agencies	\$4,850.00	\$5,456.50	-\$606.50	112.51%
Direct Assistance	\$5,500.00	\$874.55	\$4,625.45	15.90%
Sullivan Nutrition	\$500.00	\$500.00		100.00%
Parks & Recreation	\$600.00	\$511.54	\$88.46	85.26%
Library	\$9,965.00	\$9,965.00		100.00%
Patriotic Purposes	\$500.00	\$455.89	\$44.11	91.18%
Princ./LT Notes	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00		100.00%
Int./LT Notes	\$900.00	\$906.38	-\$6.38	100.71%
Int. TAN Notes	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00	
TOTAL	\$573,310.00	\$543,843.63	\$29,466.37	94.00%
Highway Income not included				
SPECIAL ARTICLES				
Art. 9 - Twn Office Bathroom	\$13,000.00	\$12,351.73	\$648.27	95.00%
Art. 10 - Lempster "Owl"	\$2,600.00	\$1,640.38	\$959.62	63.00%
Art. 11 - Fire Loan Payoff	\$3,285.00	\$3,285.00		100.00%
Art. 12 - Transfer Station	\$57,045.00	\$50,092.60	\$6,952.40	87.00%
Art. 14 - Landfill Closure	\$45,000.00	\$4,440.91	\$40,559.09	9.00%

Art. 15 - Twn Bldg Exp Trust	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	100.00%
Art. 16 - Cruiser CR	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	100.00%
Art. 18 - Twn Bldg Exp Trust	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	100.00%
Art. 19 - Revaluation CR	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	100.00%
Art. 20 - Bridge CR	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	100.00%
Art. 21 - Landfill CR	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	100.00%
<u>Art. 22 - Cemetery CR</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

TOTAL EXPENDED \$679,154.25

OTHER PAYMENTS

Sullivan County	\$181,581.00
Goshen-Lempster School	\$872,845.00
Refunds/Taxes & Regis.	\$6,171.43
Purchase of Tax Liens	\$90,293.52
Refund to Forest Fund	\$165,000.00
Repayments to Cap. Reserve	\$9,000.00
Forestry Truck	\$1,938.42
Cemetery Lot Purchases	\$500.00
Highway Income Expended	\$5,872.29

TOTAL OTHER \$1,333,201.60

TOTAL EXPENDED 2003 \$2,012,355.91

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS 2002

EXECUTIVE

	<u>Approp.2002</u>	<u>Exp. 2002</u>	<u>Prop. 2003</u>
Town Office Salaries:			
Selectmen	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
Admin. Assistant	19,400.00	19,313.22	19,950.00
Twn Clk/Tax Coll.	13,600.00	12,987.50	14,000.00
Treasurer	2,070.00	2,070.00	2,130.00
TOTAL	\$42,570.00	\$41,870.72	43,580.00
Town Office Expense:			
Advertising	1,400.00	2,350.18	2,000.00
Office Supplies & Maintenance	2,200.00	2,162.46	2,200.00
Sullivan County Registry Of Deeds	500.00	558.27	500.00
Postage	500.00	568.10	500.00
Town Officer's Dues	2,250.00	2,295.29	2,500.00
Tax Map Maintenance	1,000.00	765.00	750.00
Town Report	950.00	986.50	950.00
Computer Technical Support Twn Clk	2,500.00	2,755.19	2,500.00
Tax Lien Searches	2,200.00	2,195.00	2,600.00
Dog Licenses	1,000.00	910.00	1,000.00
Seminars	100.00	93.62	100.00
Law Book Updates	500.00	-0-	500.00
Vital Stats	500.00	86.63	350.00
Drug Testing	1,100.00	875.50	850.00
G L School (Yearbook & KidsnMoshun)	120.00	80.00	150.00
Preambulation	150.00	135.00	135.00
Miscellaneous	-0-	150.00	150.00
Mileage	100.00	229.34	250.00
Hep B Shots	-0-	233.80	250.00
	-0-	175.00	-0-
TOTAL	\$17,070.00	\$17,604.88	\$18,235.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$59,640.00	\$59,475.83	\$61,815.00

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ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Supervisors	720.00	930.00	510.00
Ballot Clerks	560.00	944.64	350.00
Moderator	300.00	450.00	150.00
Postage	100.00	12.32	-0-
Advertising	100.00	56.00	110.00
School Rental	70.00	-0-	70.00
Supplies	-0-	58.71	-0-
Meals	-0-	180.35	-0-
TOTAL	\$ 1,850.00	\$ 2,632.02	\$ 1,190.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT
BUILDINGS

Electricity (all buildings)	5,700.00	4,794.04	5,500.00
Heat (Town Office & Town Hall)	2,400.00	3,914.76	4,500.00
Telephone (Police/Town Office/Fax/Trans. Sta.)	2,200.00	2,858.69	2,900.00
Town Office Cleaning	600.00	475.00	600.00
Highway Garage Alarm	150.00	-0-	150.00
Extinguishers	100.00	62.00	75.00
Town Office Bldg. Maint.	450.00	617.48	500.00
Town Hall Portable Toilet	100.00	75.00	300.00
Water Supply Town Office	150.00	315.25	200.00
Town Office Toilet Maint.	650.00	210.00	-0-
Septic Design Town Office	700.00	600.00	-0-
Furnace Maint./Office & Garage	400.00	260.00	400.00
Town Hall Tables	-0-	-0-	200.00
TOTAL	\$13,200.00	\$14,201.44	\$15,325.00

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Auditor	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
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LEGAL EXPENSE			
Michael Shklar, Town Counsel	2,500.00	500.00	2,500.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS			
FICA/Medi.	12,000.00	12,143.65	14,000.00
Health Insurance	22,500.00	16,818.52	25,750.00
NH Retirement	4,000.00	2,599.68	5,000.00
Workers' Comp.	5,000.00	4,966.00	5,000.00
Unemploy. Comp.	150.00	113.31	150.00
TOTAL	\$43,650.00	\$36,641.16	\$49,900.00
PLANNING BOARD			
Salaries	\$1,400.00	850.00	1,400.00
Upper Valley Dues	930.00	932.00	930.00
Law Books	70.00	70.00	70.00
Postage	100.00	183.90	150.00
Advertising	200.00	72.00	200.00
Seminars	50.00	-0-	50.00
Subdivision Regs. Rewrite	2,700.00	1,163.28	-0-
Rewrite Master Plan & Write Excavation Regs.	-0-	-0-	2,700.00
TOTAL	\$5,500.00	\$3,271.18	\$5,500.00
APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY			
Cole-Layer-Trumble	\$1,750.00	1,900.00	\$ 1,000.00
CONSERVATION COMMISSION			
Appropriation	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 500.00

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CEMETERIES			
Mowing/Maintenance	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 3,697.30	\$ 4,300.00
INSURANCE			
Property & Liability	\$16,000.00	\$17,018.40	\$17,500.00
CONTINGENCY			
	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,393.30	\$ 5,000.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT			
Chief's Salary	\$ 9,315.00	\$9,443.28	\$ 9,315.00
Officer's Salaries	10,590.00	8,669.27	10,692.00
Vehicle Maintenance	716.00	704.94	716.00
Fuel	1,296.00	571.14	1,000.00
Communications			
Dispatch	6,750.00	6,750.00	7,000.00
Cell Phone	550.00	569.70	550.00
Radios	280.00	190.00	290.00
Office Supplies	290.00	113.61	290.00
Computer		1,218.00	
Uniforms	518.00	422.76	500.00
Publications	60.00	24.00	60.00
Firearms	180.00	635.00	210.00
Animal Control Boarding	400.00		400.00
Training Salaries	-0-		54.00
Beach Monitor	-0-		1,380.00
Equipment Purchases	-0-		900.00
TOTAL	\$30,945.00	\$29,311.70	\$33,357.00
AMBULANCE SERVICE			
Marlow Ambulance	\$ 3,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$ 3,500.00

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Radio Repair	\$ 500.00	\$ 210.25	\$ 500.00
Radio Sys. Improvements	500.00	500.00	500.00
Dispatch	1,907.00	1,907.00	2,000.00
Fire Equipment	2,578.00	2,367.91	2,000.00
SCBA's			
Hydrostat Testing	150.00	-0-	
Unit Testing	760.00	751.58	
SCBA Maintenance			1,000.00
Helmets	810.00	809.50	
Coats	700.00	700.00	
Protective Equipment			3,000.00
Training	3,000.00	1,554.00	2,000.00
Computer/GPS		1,389.00	
Ladder Truck Certification	555.00	500.00	500.00
Ground Ladder Certification	240.00	240.00	300.00
Fluids/Filters	300.00	290.60	300.00
Inspections	140.00	120.00	200.00
Exhaust Replacement/ Eng. 2	435.00	435.24	-0-
Equipment Maintenance	1,000.00	323.89	1,000.00
Mortgage	2,935.00	2,935.00	-0-
Heating Oil	1,750.00	1,615.66	2,000.00
Gasoline	500.00	-0-	500.00
Diesel Fuel	1,250.00	555.71	1,250.00
Lights	1,500.00	1,270.30	1,500.00
Phone	1,250.00	1,548.07	2,000.00
Station Repairs/Supplies	600.00	456.84	1,500.00
Dues & Fees			500.00
Office Supplies	300.00	377.03	400.00
Miscellaneous	500.00	746.93	500.00
Mileage Reimbursement	3,000.00	2,999.75	3,000.00
TOTAL	\$27,160.00	\$24,604.26	\$26,450.00

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RESCUE SQUAD

Office	\$ 300.00	\$ 244.03	\$ 300.00
Training	1,000.00	35.00	500.00
Telephone	-0-	143.05	-0-
Supplies/First Aid Medical/Oxygen	200.00	1,162.38	2,000.00
Equipment	2,500.00	1,252.36	-0-
Truck Repairs	1,000.00	1,026.89	1,000.00
Radio Systems Improve.		500.00	500.00
Mileage	500.00	480.50	500.00
Repr./Replace. Equip.	-0-	-0-	1,900.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,500.00	\$4,844.21	\$6,700.00

BUILDING INSPECTION

Phil Tirrell, Inspector	\$ 1,200.00	\$1,325.00	\$1,200.00
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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Forest Fire Equipment/Control	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 820.54	\$2,000.00
Training	150.00	69.00	300.00
Equipment Maintenance/Fuel	250.00	126.24	400.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,750.00	\$1,015.78	\$2,700.00

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Salaries	\$80,000.00	\$ 80,882.15	\$97,000.00
Garage Sup. & Tools	10,000.00	7,759.92	7,000.00
Safety Equipment	500.00	448.00	500.00
Telephone	1,000.00	1,853.74	1,500.00
Parts & Repairs/Rentals	8,700.00	14,811.96	9,000.00
Mower Rental	1,800.00	6,245.00	2,000.00
Salt/Calcium	14,000.00	17,985.94	15,000.00
Gas/Oil/Diesel	10,000.00	7,824.54	9,000.00
Heating Fuel	1,000.00	820.06	1,200.00
CAT Payments	8,669.00	8,668.82	8,669.00
Road Signs	400.00	120.35	300.00
Tires/Plow Equip.	4,000.00	1,043.17	4,000.00
Professional Seminars	1,500.00	-0-	300.00

Sub Total \$141,569.00 \$147,463.65 \$155,469.00

Highway Block Grant (68,431.00) (68,414.11) (72,993.00)

(BG Breakdown:

MACK Lease	24,052.00	24,050.67	24,051.00
Crush Gravel	12,000.00	8,555.70	
Culverts	5,500.00	-0-	
Hired Equipment	3,500.00	1,268.74	
Hot Mix/Paving	15,000.00	33,454.00	41,612.00
Sealing Oil	8,380.00	-0-	
Sand	-0-	1,085.00	
Plow	-0-	-0-	7,330.00

TOTAL \$210,000.00 \$215,877.76 \$228,462.00

Minus Income:

Labor/Other Departments -6,404.02

TOTAL \$210,473.74 \$228,462.00

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SOLID WASTE			
Chemical Toilet	590.00	591.00	-0-
Equipment Maintenance	500.00	616.40	500.00
Trucking:			
Onnela	7,200.00	1,735.00	3,000.00
Gobin Disposal	17,160.00	12,090.07	14,000.00
NH/VT Solid Waste District	50,000.00	51,228.10	50,000.00
Attendant's Certifications	50.00	110.00	150.00
Decals	250.00	420.40*	250.00
Site Clean Up/Preparation	-0-	776.28	50.00
Building/Heater	-0-	47.69	-0-
Gasoline	50.00	9.50	-0-
Hazardous Waste Disposal	200.0	258.60	250.00
Tire Disposal	2,000.00	-0-	2,000.00
Well Testing	2,200.00	-0-	2,200.00
Miscellaneous	500.00	500.00	500.00
Equipment/Bailer/Container	-0-	1,627.21	-0-
Compactor Lease	7,350.00	7,350.00	-0-
Engineering	-0-	1,719.21	-0-
Recycling Equip.	-0-	3,050.00	-0-
Plowing	-0-	1,000.00	-0-
 TOTAL	 \$88,050.00	 \$ 83,129.46	 \$72,900.00

*Two years decals

ATTENDANT'S SALARIES	\$ 9,850.00	\$ 9,166.86	\$10,150.00
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	<u>Approp.. 2002</u>	<u>Exp. 2002</u>	<u>Prop. 2002</u>
STREET LIGHTS			
NH Electric Coop.	\$ 650.00	\$ 422.13	\$ 650.00
HEALTH AGENCIES			
LSVNA	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,741.00	\$ 2,750.00
Physicals/Shots	150.00	642.00	150.00
Health Officer	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Sullivan Hospice	250.00	250.00	250.00
Southwest Com. Services	700.00	698.00	700.00
TOTAL	\$4,850.00	\$5,456.50	\$ 4,850.00
DIRECT ASSISTANCE			
Welfare Officer	\$ 500.00	\$ 458.32	\$ 500.00
Assistance Rendered	5,000.00	416.23	5,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 874.55	\$ 5,500.00
SULLIVAN NUTRITION			
Newport Senior Meals on Wheels	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
PARKS & RECREATION			
Mowing	\$ 500.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 500.00
Long Pond Dam Reg.	100.00	100.00	100.00
Beach Sign	-0-	86.54	-0-
Water Test	-0-	125.00	-0-
TOTAL	\$ 600.00	\$ 511.54	\$ 600.00

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LIBRARY			
Miner Memorial	\$ 4,765.00	\$ 4,839.00	\$ 6,240.00
Librarian's Salary	5,200.00	5,126.00	3,715.00
TOTAL	\$ 9,965.00	\$ 9,965.00	\$ 9,955.00

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES &
SPECIAL EVENTS

Old Home Day:

Fall Mountain Printing	\$ 500.00	\$ 117.00	
Postage		112.20	
C & F Chemical Toilets		75.00	

Markers 151.69

TOTAL	\$ 500.00	\$ 455.89	\$ 500.00
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PRINCIPAL/LONG TERM NOTES

Fire Truck Municipal Finance	\$ 14,000.00	14,000.00	14,000.00
TOTAL	\$14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$14,000.00

INTEREST/LONG TERM NOTES

Fire Truck Municipal Finance	\$ 900.00	906.38	900.00
Int. Tax Anticipation Notes	2,000.00	-0-	2,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 906.38	\$ 2,900.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 573,310.00	\$543,843.63	\$590,904.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY:

2002 Special Articles:

Art. 9 -	Well & Septic/Town Office	\$12,351.73
Art. 10-	Lempster "Owl"	1,640.38
Art. 11-	Fire Loan Payoff	3,285.00
Art. 12-	Transfer Station Construction	50,092.60
Art. 14-	Landfill Closure	4,440.91
Art. 15-	Unexpended Town Building	12,500.00
Art. 16-	Cruiser Cap. Res.	3,000.00
Art. 18-	Town Building Expendable Trust	7,000.00
Art. 19-	Revaluation Cap. Res.	25,000.00
Art. 20-	Bridge Cap. Res.	5,000.00
Art. 21-	Landfill Closure Cap. Res.	10,000.00
Art. 22-	Cemetery Improvements Cap. Res.	1,000.00

Total Expended Capital Outlay \$135,310.62

TOTAL EXPENDED 2002 BUDGET \$679,154.25

OTHER PAYMENTS:

Sullivan County	\$181,581.00
Goshen-Lempster School District	872,845.00
Refunds - Taxes & Registrations	6,171.43
Purchase of Tax Liens	90,293.52
Refunds to Forest Fund	165,000.00
Repayments to Capital Reserve Funds	9,000.00
Forestry Truck	1,938.42
Cemetery Trustees	500.00
Highway Income Expended	5,872.29

Total Other \$1,333,201.66

TOTAL EXPENDED 2002 \$2,012,355.91

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION
Tax Year 2002

Value of Land:	
Current Use Land	\$ 845,050
Residential	12,709,150
Commercial	296,850
Total Taxable Land	\$ 13,851,050
Value of Buildings:	
Residential	\$ 26,960,400
Manufactured Homes	549,150
Commercial	2,100,500
Total Taxable Buildings	\$ 29,610,050
Total Public Utilities	\$ 1,357,050
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	\$ 44,818,150
Exemptions:	
2 Blind	30,000
14 Elderly Exemptions	390,000
Total Exemptions	\$ 420,000
Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate for Municipal, County and Local Education Tax is Computed	\$ 44,398,150
Less Public Utilities	1,357,050
Net Valuation Without Utilities on Which Tax Rate for State Education Tax is Computed	\$ 43,041,100

**HISTORY OF TAX RATE
BREAKDOWN**

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>
Town	\$ 6.30	\$ 6.32	\$ 6.61	\$ 7.51	\$ 7.62
School	20.87				
Local School		10.69	14.06	13.25	14.96
State School		7.09	7.02	6.71	6.18
County	2.98	2.93	4.10	5.08	4.06
TOTAL	\$ 30.15	\$ 27.03	\$ 31.79	\$ 32.55	\$ 32.82

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY**As of December 31, 2002**

Description	Estimated Value
Town Hall - Land & Building	102,800
Furniture & Equipment	15,000
Town Office - Land & Building	74,800
Furniture & Equipment	25,000
Library - Land & Building	77,900
Furniture/Equipment/Books	20,000
Police & Emergency Management Building	23,600
Equipment & Vehicles	75,000
Highway Garage-Land & Building	119,400
Equipment & Vehicles	506,500
Fire Station - Land & Building	47,400
Furniture	10,000
Equipment & Vehicles	750,000
Cemeteries:	
Mountain Road	15,900
Route 10	15,000
Transfer Station - Land & Building	75,000
Equipment	31,500
Long Pond Beach	60,200
Other Long Pond Property	106,800
Town Forests	100,400
Other (Tax Deeded Property, etc.)	109,200
TOTAL	\$2,310,000
Goshen-Lempster Cooperative School	\$1,852,200

TOWN CLERK REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2002 TO DECEMBER 31, 2002

RECEIPTS

VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS	120,315.50
VEHICLE TITLE APPLICATIONS	273.00
MUNICIPAL AGENT FEES	3,160.00
DOG LICENSES	
TOWN LICENSE	1,750.50
LATE FEES	79.00
STATE FEES	266.00
MARRIAGE LICENSES	
TOWN	49.00
STATE	266.00
UCC'S	595.00
INSUFFICIENT FUND CHARGES	75.00
VITAL STATISTIC FEES	
TOWN	104.00
STATE	60.00
IRS LIEN	15.00
OVERPAYMENTS	7.00
CIVIL FORFEITURE	275.00
REPAYMENT OF BAD CHECKS	301.80
TOTAL	127,591.80
REVERSING ENTRY (BAD CHECKS)	-301.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS	127,290.30

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

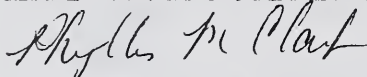
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PHYLLIS M. CLARK
TOWN CLERK

MONEY RECEIVED BY TOWN CLERK FOR SELECTMEN
JANUARY 1, 2002 TO DECEMBER 31, 2002

HIGHWAY	155.00
CEMETERY	970.00
BUILDING INSPECTOR	1,488.25
PLANNING BOARD	314.06
POLICE	183.50
TRUST FUNDS	720.00
TRANSFER STATION	
DECALS	2110.00
COUPONS	75.00
TIRES	131.00
DEMO	939.50
MISCELLANEOUS	1,478.00
SELECTMEN	391,422.86
TOTAL	399,987.17

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



PHYLLIS M. CLARK
TOWN CLERK

State of New Hampshire
Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics
RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT

01/01/2002 - 12/31/2002

--LEMPSTER--

SFN	Groom's Name	Groom's Residence	Bride's Name	Bride's Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
2002000599	HENDLEY, MARCUS L.	LEMPSTER, NH	FARRAR, MELODIE A.	LEMPSTER, NH	LEMPSTER	LEMPSTER	02/02/2002
2002002205	HODSKINS, JEREMY	LEMPSTER, NH	OWEN, AMY E.	LEMPSTER, NH	LEMPSTER	SUNAPEE	05/18/2002
2002003068	MURGATROY, WILLIAM A.	LEMPSTER, NH	FOGG, LINDA A.	LEMPSTER, NH	LEMPSTER	CROYDON	06/01/2002
2002003315	BRALEY, HAROLD B.	LEMPSTER, NH	ROGERS, PATTI R.	LEMPSTER, NH	LEMPSTER	MANCHESTER	06/08/2002
2002003740	OSGOOD, TIMOTHY W.	LEMPSTER, NH	TASSINARI, TONI-MARIE	LEMPSTER, NH	LEMPSTER	UNITY	06/29/2002
2002004256	CONTOIS, GLEN R.	LEMPSTER, NH	TAPMAN, MARCY A.	LEMPSTER, NH	LEMPSTER	NEWBURY	07/06/2002
2002008600	KAPCHENSKY, ANDREW W.	LEMPSTER, NH	LAPAMIE, MARGARET M.	LEMPSTER, NH	LEMPSTER	NEWPORT	10/12/2002
2002008583	FOLLANSBEE, MATTHEW L.	LEMPSTER, NH	ROGERS, JENNIFER C.	HUDSON, NH	HUDSON	HUDSON	10/19/2002

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State of New Hampshire
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RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT
 01/01/2002 - 12/31/2002
 --LEMPSTER--

SFN	Child's Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Father's Name	Mother's Name
2002005481	HENDLEY, JOSHUA LEE	05/21/2002	LEBANON, NH	HENDLEY, MARCUS	HENDLEY, MELODIE
2002005993	CARON, ANNA ROSE	06/08/2002	LEBANON, NH	CARON, GARY	CARON, KELLY
2002006811	DURGIN, SHELBY LYNN	07/01/2002	CLAREMONT, NH	DURGIN, ANTHONY	DURGIN, LISA
2002008271	ADAMS, SHELBY LYNN	08/04/2002	CLAREMONT, NH	ADAMS, BRUCE	ADAMS, KAREN
2002009318	ASH, ERINN LAURA	08/31/2002	CLAREMONT, NH	ASH, PATRICK	ASH, TIFFANY
2002009725	TAPMAN CONTOIS, ETHAN CHRISTOP	09/09/2002	CLAREMONT, NH	CONTOIS, GLEN	TAPMAN CONTOIS, MARCY
2002011948	BUNNELL, JADEN MATTHEW	11/07/2002	CLAREMONT, NH	BUNNELL, JEFFREY	BUNNELL, LISA

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RESIDENT DEATH REPORT
01/01/2002 - 12/31/2002

--LEMPSTER--

SFN	Decedent's Name	Date of Death	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
2002001490	JOHNSON, MARJORIE M.	02/24/2002	NEWPORT, NH	LUCE, HARRY	HALL, HESTER
2002001830	FRATUS, WILLIAM F.	03/04/2002	LEBANON, NH	FRATUS, JOSEPH	MCINDOE, MABEL
2002003612	SMITH, WILLIAM T.	05/04/2002	LEMPSTER, NH	SMITH, WILLIAM	HAYDEN, BETTY
2002003617	PARKER, ELIZABETH L.	05/07/2002	LEBANON, NH	WIGGINS, HAROLD	BROOKS, RUTH
2002003938	EDSON, MYRTON W.	05/17/2002	WESTMORELAND, NH	EDSON, MYRTON	THORNTON, MABEL
2002004230	BENOTT, KEITH L.	05/29/2002	LEMPSTER, NH	BENOTT, ARTHUR	DAVIS, ELIZABETH
2002004571	HEISER, WARREN T.	06/12/2002	LEMPSTER, NH	HEISER, WILLIAM	SAGER, MARJORIE
2002005643	DOW, CHARLES S.	07/19/2002	LEBANON, NH	DOW, CHARLES	COOK, ALICE
2002006250	KIEFFER, MABEL A.	08/20/2002	NEW LONDON, NH	GARVIN, JAMES	MACK, SOPHIA
2002007171	BURRELL, LOUIS V.	09/24/2002	CONCORD, NH	BURRELL, LOUIS	PATCH, MARILYN
2002007284	SHANKLIN, ANNA M.	09/28/2002	NEWPORT, NH	WIELAND, JULIUS	MOUSETT, FRIEDA
2002007440	LANGHORST, TERRY T.	10/03/2002	LEBANON, NH	LANGHORST, UNKNOWN	RILEY, ALVERA
2002009298	SHANKLIN, HAROLD M.	12/13/2002	NEWPORT, NH	SHANKLIN, HADDON	AKERLEY, MARY

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**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
TOWN OF LEMPSTER
Year Ending December 31, 2002**

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES-
BEGINNING OF YEAR

	2002	2001
Property Taxes		\$ 1,183,575.99
Supplement		195.30
Land Use Change Tax		1,265.00
Yield Taxes		827.38
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd		9.99

TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR

Property Taxes	\$ 1,403,617.10	
Land Use Change Tax	2,220.00	
Yield Taxes	11,456.89	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	2,544.93	
Utility Charges	39,102.20	

OVERPAYMENT

Property Taxes	3,016.53	
Excavation Tax Interest	47.20	147.78
Interest-Late Tax	1,086.44	57.16
Yield Tax Interest	7.64	12,350.53

TOTAL DEBITS	\$1,463,098.93	\$ 198,430.13
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**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
TOWN OF LEMPSTER
Year Ending December 31, 2002**

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	2002	2001
Property Taxes	\$ 1,223,386.13	\$101,482.58
Land Use Change	1,320.00	740.00
Yield Taxes	6,810.90	647.99
Interest	1,086.44	4,536.19
Yield Tax Interest	7.64	57.16
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	2,544.93	
Excavation Tax Interest	47.20	
Conversion to Lien		90,293.52
Current Use Interest		50.40
Discounts Allowed	7,065.54	
 ABATEMENTS MADE		
Property Taxes	1,228.39	42.31
Yield Taxes	676.78	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd		9.99
Current Levy Deeded	195.36	390.60
 UNCOLLECTED TAXES- END OF YEAR		
Property Taxes	213,860.41	
Land Use Change Tax	900.00	
Yield Taxes	3,969.21	179.39
 TOTAL CREDITS	 \$ 1,463,098.93	 \$198,430.13

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
TOWN OF LEMPSTER
Year Ending December 31, 2002**

	DEBITS		PRIOR LEVIES	
	2001	2000	1999	1998
Unredeemed Liens Bal. Beg. Of Year	\$	\$72,793.92	\$41,159.06	\$3,872.60
Liens Excuted During Year	90,293.52			
Int. & Costs After Excution - Int.	1,162.05	6,772.41	11,214.92	1,324.85
- Cost	343.77	520.32	1,480.00	59.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 91,799.34	\$80,086.65	\$53,853.98	\$5,256.45

CREDITS

REMITTED TO
TREASURER:

Redemptions	\$ 21,561.42	\$32,588.29	\$38,610.10	\$2,446.51
Int. & Costs After Excution - Int.	1,162.50	6,772.41	11,214.92	1,324.85
- Cost	343.77	520.32	1,480.00	59.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality		444.46	181.75	
Unredeemed Lien Bal. End of Year	68,732.10	39,761.17	2,367.21	1,426.09
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 91,799.34	\$80,086.65	\$53,853.98	\$5,256.45

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
TOWN OF LEMPSTER
Year Ending December 31, 2002**

DEBITS

PRIOR LEVIES

1997

Unredeemed Liens Bal.	
Beg. Of Year	\$ 2,444.22
Int. & Costs After	
Lien Excution - Int.	1,764.54
- Cost	153.75
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 4,362.51

CREDITS

Redemptions	\$ 2,444.22
Int. & Costs After	
Lien Excution - Int.	1,764.54
- Cost	153.75
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 4,362.51

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis M. Clark
TAX COLLECTOR

Treasurers Report
2002

Tax Collector

Property Tax	\$ 1,406,725.21
Property Tax Int.	\$ 11,301.72
Current Use	\$ 2,585.00
Current Use Int.	\$ 148.78
Yield	\$ 7,516.05
Yield Int.	\$ 7.64
Excavation	\$ 2,544.93
Excavation Int.	\$ 47.20
Excavation Activity	\$ -
Redemptions	\$ 97,554.95
Redemptions Int.	\$ 22,329.50
Cost	\$ 4,696.25
Total	 \$ 1,555,457.23

Town Clerk

Agent	\$ 3,160.00
Auto Reg. Excise	\$ 120,014.00
Title	\$ 273.00
Town Dog License	\$ 1,750.50
State Dog License	\$ 152.00
Late Dog Fees	\$ 79.00
Vet Dog Fees	\$ 606.00
Marriage License	\$ 49.00
State Marriage Lic.	\$ 266.00
Vital Records	\$ 104.00
State Vital Records	\$ 60.00
Filing Fees	\$ 24.00
Ucc Filings	\$ 350.00
Misc.	\$ 737.80
Insufficient Funds	\$ 75.00
IRS Leans	\$ 15.00
Civil Forfeiture	\$ 75.00
Totals	 \$ 127,790.30

Selectman

Unemployment Comp.	\$ 61.28
Highway Block Grant	\$ 68,431.22
Current Use	\$ 10.00
Junkyard	\$ 70.00
Voter Checklist	\$ 65.00
Copies	\$ 73.00
Revenue Sharing	\$ 41,533.57
Long Pond Rent	\$ 3,153.00
Trust Funds	\$ 104,193.13
Misc.	\$ 8,812.66
Copy Machine	\$ 20.00
Borrowed From Forest	\$ 165,000.00
Totals	 \$ 391,422.86

Treasurers Report
2002

	Borrowed From Forest	\$ 165,000.00	
Trustees			\$ 165,000.00
		\$ 720.00	
	Totals		\$ 720.00
Planning Bd.			
	Subdivision Application	\$ 101.98	
	Misc.	\$ 187.08	
	Subdivision Regulations	\$ 25.00	
	Totals		\$ 314.06
Transfer Station			
	Decals	\$ 2,110.00	
	Coupons	\$ 75.00	
	Tires	\$ 131.00	
	Demolition	\$ 939.50	
	Misc.	\$ 1,478.00	
	Totals		\$ 4,733.50
Building Inspector			
	Permits	\$ 1,363.25	
	Occupancy Permits	\$ 125.00	
	Totals		\$ 1,488.25
Police			
	Pistol Permits	\$ 120.00	
	Accident Reports	\$ 30.00	
	Auction	\$ 2.00	
	Witness Fees	\$ 31.50	
	Totals		\$ 183.50
Highway			
	Graves	\$ 35.00	
	Driveway Permits	\$ 45.00	
	Misc.	\$ 75.00	
	Totals		\$ 155.00
Cemetery			
	Plots	\$ 185.00	
	Misc.	\$ 535.00	
	Lot Fees	\$ 250.00	
	Totals		\$ 970.00
Interest			
	Checking Account	\$ 369.31	\$ 369.31
	Forest Fund	\$ 1,035.21	\$ 1,035.21

Treasurers Report
2002

Total Income		\$ 2,249,639.22
Disbursements		\$ 2,012,355.91
Forest Fund	Balance	\$ 114,607.22

Respectfully Submitted
Danny B. Morse
Treasurer 2002

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Lemster

on December 31, 2002

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			Grand Total of Principal & Income		
			Balance Beginning	New Funds Created	Withdrawals End Year	Balance Beginning	Income During Yr	Expended During Yr		Balance End Year	
04/07/11	F. Davis	Perpetual	75.00			75.00	267.45	3.77	3.34	267.88	342.88
4-29-15	A. Booth	Care	100.00			100.00	356.68	5.02	4.45	357.25	457.25
4-25-16	C. Booth	"	500.00			500.00	1,792.34	25.12	22.27	1,795.19	2,295.19
4-25-16	A. Honey	"	150.00			150.00	539.34	7.53	6.68	540.19	690.19
4-25-16	E. Honey	"	150.00			150.00	592.31	7.53	6.68	593.16	743.16
3-9-17	L. Hill	"	200.00			200.00	717.84	10.05	8.91	718.98	918.98
3-26-17	Wm. Thissel	"	200.00			200.00	717.76	10.05	8.91	718.90	918.90
2-14-20	H. Fund	"	300.00			300.00	1,073.02	15.07	13.36	1,074.73	1,374.73
9-12-24	M. Gee	"	75.00			75.00	267.45	3.77	3.34	267.88	342.88
6-6-25	F. Huntoon	"	100.00			100.00	349.84	5.02	4.45	350.41	450.41
3-30-33	A. Mitchell	"	200.00			200.00	712.44	10.05	8.91	713.58	913.58
12-13-33	M. Shanks	"	200.00			200.00	721.46	10.05	8.91	722.60	922.60
3-21-36	A. Hodgman	"	100.00			100.00	386.06	5.02	4.45	386.63	486.63
6-1-37	H. Bingham	"	100.00			100.00	386.06	5.02	4.45	386.63	486.63
1-3-40	C. Harris	"	125.00			125.00	438.30	6.28	5.57	439.01	564.01
3-25-40	F. Parker	"	200.00			200.00	783.71	10.05	8.91	784.85	984.85
4-18-40	L. Nichols	"	100.00			100.00	392.80	5.02	4.45	393.37	493.37
12-26-41	E. Hooper	"	100.00			100.00	389.54	5.02	4.45	390.11	490.11
3-31-43	W. Hodgman	"	100.00			100.00	389.54	5.02	4.45	390.11	490.11
3-31-43	H. Huntley	"	40.00			40.00	169.51	2.01	1.78	169.74	209.74
5-2-47	J. Cumberland	"	200.00			200.00	707.17	10.05	8.91	708.31	908.31
9-28-49	A. Bellows	"	100.00			100.00	355.73	5.02	4.45	356.30	456.30
8-28-50	J. McLaughlin	"	150.00			150.00	593.57	7.53	6.68	594.42	744.42
3-16-53	E. Cutler	"	200.00			200.00	768.44	10.05	8.91	769.58	969.58
3-16-53	F. Lovejoy	"	125.00			125.00	481.42	6.28	5.57	482.13	607.13
3-18-54	R. Schrenk	"	300.00			300.00	1,157.21	15.07	13.36	1,158.92	1,458.92
4-16-54	G. Breed Fund	"	500.00			500.00	1,957.38	25.12	22.27	1,960.23	2,460.23
6-10-55	H. Nichols	"	150.00			150.00	532.58	7.53	6.68	533.43	683.43
4-6-56	G. Richardson	"	150.00			150.00	525.98	7.53	6.68	526.83	676.83
4-20-56	C. Parker	"	300.00			300.00	1,062.52	15.07	13.36	1,064.23	1,364.23
3-17-58	L. H. Davis	"	100.00			100.00	342.20	5.02	4.45	342.77	442.77
3-17-58	Wm. Way	"	100.00			100.00	342.20	5.02	4.45	342.77	442.77
6-27-58	G. Evans	"	100.00			100.00	378.99	5.02	4.45	379.56	479.56
6-27-58	J. Evans	"	100.00			100.00	378.99	5.02	4.45	379.56	479.56
3-30-59	G. Leslie	"	50.00			50.00	170.89	2.51	2.23	171.17	221.17
3-30-59	L. Nichols	"	200.00			200.00	684.75	10.05	8.91	685.89	885.89
5-10-61	C. Campbell	"	200.00			200.00	659.79	10.05	8.91	660.93	860.93
9-21-62	H. Hansen	"	100.00			100.00	326.48	5.02	4.45	327.05	427.05
1-28-64	F. Welch	"	300.00			300.00	945.63	15.07	13.36	947.34	1,247.34
2-19-70	C. Abbott	"	200.00			200.00	623.74	10.05	8.91	624.88	824.88
5-13-70	C. Rudenfeldt	"	200.00			200.00	588.48	10.05	8.91	589.62	789.62
3-2-72	H. Hartwell	"	100.00			100.00	302.14	5.02	4.45	302.71	402.71
3-2-72	R. Pitkins	"	150.00			150.00	453.13	7.53	6.68	453.98	603.98
12-21-73	M. Skie	"	200.00			200.00	560.14	10.05	8.91	561.28	761.28
2-18-75	Wm. Heiser	"	100.00			100.00	257.82	5.02	4.45	258.39	358.39
4-12-76	R. Champney	"	150.00			150.00	393.52	7.53	6.68	394.77	544.77
4-12-76	E. Kelso	"	200.00			200.00	525.42	10.05	8.91	526.56	726.56
3-11-86	E. Kosotsky	"	100.00			100.00	164.69	5.02	4.45	165.26	265.26
3-11-86	T. Wirkkala	"	200.00			200.00	326.19	10.05	8.91	327.33	527.33
3-8-88	H. Starkey	"	150.00			150.00	213.05	7.53	6.68	213.90	363.90
3-14-89	G. Clayton	"	300.00			300.00	392.43	15.07	13.36	394.14	694.14
8-22-90	F. Pitman	"	200.00			200.00	222.55	10.05	8.91	223.69	423.69
2-15-91	K. Ordway	"	200.00			200.00	207.06	10.05	8.91	208.20	408.20
6-7-91	A. Grotheer	"	200.00			200.00	191.12	10.05	8.91	192.26	392.26

9-22-93	D. Allen	"	425.00	223.99	21.35	18.93	226.41	651.41
11-1-93	A. Reynolds	"	300.00	230.65	15.07	13.36	232.36	532.36
2-3-94	E & R Frink	"	250.00	188.15	12.56	11.14	189.57	439.57
9-7-94	O. Golonka	"	500.00	355.73	25.12	22.27	358.58	858.58
11-9-94	C. Cragin	"	500.00	349.73	25.12	22.27	352.58	852.58
TOTAL	-----		11,165.00	30,585.49	560.85	497.30	30,649.05	41,814.05
5-2-47	R. Beckwith	Cemetery &	1,000.00	2,177.98	50.22	74.54	2,153.66	3,153.66
3-18-54	J. Bean	Common	2,000.00	3,549.55	100.44	149.08	3,500.90	5,500.90
6-1-79	C. Allen	"	2,000.00	2,250.77	100.44	149.08	2,202.12	4,202.12
TOTAL	-----		5,000.00	7,978.30	251.09	372.70	7,856.69	12,856.69
PRE 1896	Asa Way Fund	School	447.50	122.03	8.10	0.00	130.13	577.63
PRE 1912	Hurd Fund	"	166.66	45.44	3.01	0.00	48.45	215.11
TOTAL	-----		614.16	167.47	11.11	0.00	178.58	792.74
			Grand Total					
			55,463.48					

11/30/83	Town History	Capital Reserve	8,048.16	0.00	120.53	0.00	120.53	8,168.69
11-30-83	Emerg. Mgmt.	"	3,187.93	0.00	47.68	0.00	47.68	3,235.61
12/29/89	Landfill Closure	"	50,309.92	45,000.00	249.94	0.00	249.94	15,559.86
12/29/89	Transfer Station	"	57,045.05	57,045.05	0.00	209.66	209.66	0.00
12/31/92	Police Cruiser	"	5,815.53	3,000.00	191.86	0.00	191.86	9,007.39
12/31/93	Fire Ponds	"	3,450.59	3,450.59	51.44	0.00	51.44	3,502.03
05/11/86	G-L Cap. Improv.	"	904.43	0.00	14.22	0.00	14.22	918.65
04/01/98	Town Bldg. Repair	Expend. Trust	7,565.98	19,500.00	252.57	0.00	252.57	27,318.55
12/31/96	New Cemetery	Capital Reserve	1,319.63	10,000.00	22.77	0.00	22.77	11,342.40
01/02/87	Police Radio	"	925.50	0.00	14.58	0.00	14.58	940.08
12/19/97	Town Bridges	"	13,358.47	5,000.00	201.67	0.00	201.67	18,560.14
12/19/97	G-L SpEd	"	2,105.17	0.00	31.57	0.00	31.57	2,136.74
12/19/97	Roadsign Maint.	"	342.10	0.00	4.15	0.00	4.15	346.25
01/14/00	G-L Boiler	"	10,855.99	0.00	162.47	0.00	162.47	11,018.46
01/14/00	G-L Gym Floor	"	16,008.82	5,000.00	249.90	0.00	249.90	21,258.72
12/19/01	Forestry Truck	"	2,001.09	0.00	28.99	0.00	28.99	91.66
04/11/01	Hwy. Dpt. Equip.	"	1,238.01	0.00	18.41	0.00	18.41	1,256.42
12/19/01	Fire Pumper	"	3,000.00	0.00	98.96	0.00	98.96	3,098.96
12/19/01	Revaluation	"	25,000.00	25,000.00	824.76	0.00	824.76	0.00
12/19/01	Revaluation *	"	0.00	50,824.76	8.70	0.00	8.70	50,833.46
TOTALS	-		212,482.37	128,983.47	186,823.66	0.00	1,770.41	188,594.07
05/17/96	Gen. Cem. Main.	Cemetery Care	2,470.00	500.00	2,970.00	543.61	0.00	3,559.64

* This account was started from closing the above CD and the \$25,000 contribution from the town. The trust funds have been invested with NHPDIP with an avg. yield of 1.37% interest and in a money market with 0.86% interest. Police Cruiser, Fire Pumper and Revaluation Capital reserves were invested in a 1 year CD at a 3.25% interest. All other Capital Reserves were invested in NHPDIP at 1.37% interest.

Report of the Common Trust Fund Investments of the Town of Lempster

on December 31, 2002

HOW INVESTED	Description of Investment	PRINCIPAL				INCOME			Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
		Balance Beginning Year	Additions	Gains or (Losses) from Sales	Balance End Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year	
#1	Lake Sunapee Savings Bank Acct No. 8-28-001581-0 Interest Checking @ 0.86%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21.38	150.00	1,641.93	1,641.93
#2	New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (Acc't 10) Cemetery & Common Interest Annual Avg. 1.37%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	512.20	720.00	34,156.35	34,156.35
#3	New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (Acc't 16) Way & Hurd School Fund Annual Avg. 1.37%	614.16	0.00	0.00	614.16	11.11	0.00	178.58	792.74
#4	New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (Acc't 17) Cemetery Perpetual Care Principal Annual Avg. 1.37%	11,165.00	0.00	0.00	11,165.00	192.32	0.00	1,868.84	13,033.84
#5	New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (Acc't 15) Cemetery & Common Annual Avg. 1.37%	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	86.05	0.00	838.62	5,838.62
Total	Beginning Year	16,779.16			16,779.16		End of Year		55,463.48

2002 AUDITOR'S REPORT

The 2002 Auditor's Report is not included in this annual report. The Auditor, Mark Miller, resigned his position as auditor in January of 2003. He has taken a position out of state which did not allow him the time to complete the audit for 2002. In January 2003 the Board of Selectmen advertised the position for appointment. On February 5, 2003, Lynn Lagasse was appointed Auditor by the Selectmen. Due to the late appointment, Mrs. Lagasse did not have time to complete a thorough financial examination of the town books. However, upon completion of the audit, copies will be made available at the Town Office for the public. The 2002 audit will also be printed in the 2003 Annual Town Report.

Doris A. Adler, Chairman
Harold Whiting, Sr.
Keith R. Fulton
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

*Old Home Day
August 2002*



Descendants of the first settlers of Lempster: Raymond Tittian, Linda Norman, Mark Strickland



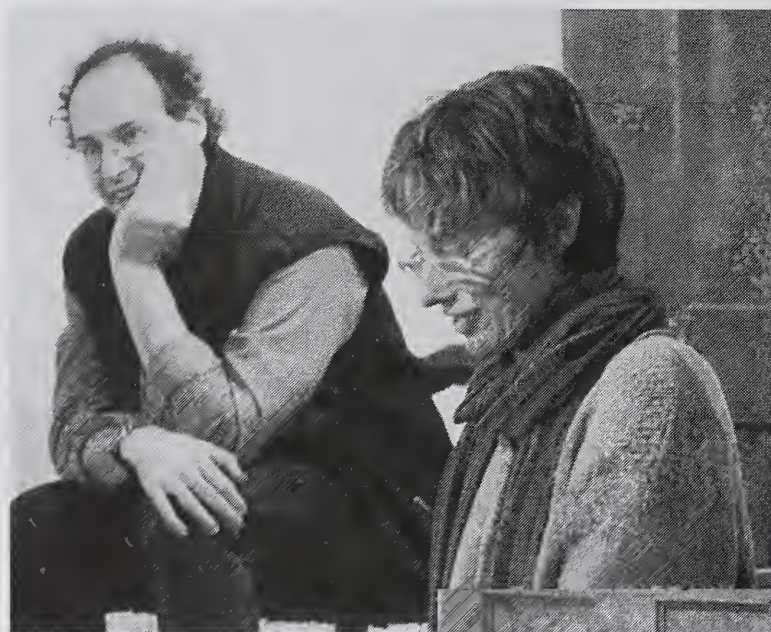
First pole in Lempster, Allen Road. Members of the NH Electric Coop: L to R: Eleanor Pinkney, Margaret Clark, Keith Fulton and Robert Odell.



*Some of Lempster's
Many Volunteers*



Carol Stamatakis & son, Abraham Shklar



James Morone &
Deborah Stone

Eleanor Pinkney
& Laura Pinkney



*Christmas at the
Meeting House
2002*



Horace Craigin &
Gilbert Pinkney

Everett Thurber
entertains Irene,
Cody, Heidi &
Emily Best



Henry Hoyt,
Harold Whiting,
Beverly Whiting &
Jenny Hoyt



Notes

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 2002 REPORT

December 2002 brought about my 8 month anniversary of working as your Road Agent. Those eight months were an accumulation of many various learning experiences. Although I have lived in Lempster all of my life and knew the roads like the backs of my hands, I did not know the day to day operations of the Highway Department. The department and responsibilities that go with it are varied, but I have found it a truly enjoyable experience. Not only getting to know the position, but getting to know the many residents of the Town.

The highway department's summer was quite busy. We had two main projects. The first was to install a septic system at the Town Office. The second was to assist Selectman and Transfer Station Manager Harold Whiting with the construction of the new Transfer Station. Another project that we accomplished was the paving of portions of roads in the town. We would have liked to have done more paving, but the funds were not available to do this. During the fall months, the department busied ourselves with preparing the equipment for winter maintenance. With the Selectmen's blessing, we purchased a high lift wing plow for the 1994 International. This has greatly assisted us in keeping the snow banks plowed back to insure a wider roadway.

I would like to thank many people for helping my transition into this position much easier. They are the Selectmen, Keith Fulton, Harold Whiting, Sr. and Doris Adler. My department staff, David Howard and Peter Cooley. The other departments of the town, fire, rescue and police and the many residents who have stopped me to introduce themselves and shake my hand. All of you have made me feel welcomed and have been of great assistance. Again, thank you.

Jeremy Hodskins,
ROAD AGENT

BUILDING PERMITS**2002**

Date	Name	Type	Fees Paid	Occupancy
3/02	Berardi	House	\$ 54.12	\$ 25.00
3/02	Duffy	House/Garage	\$137.80	
3/02	Lund	Shed	\$ 12.88	
4/02	Osgood	Garage	\$ 36.50	
5/02	Towne	House	\$ 54.12	
5/02	Lund	Deck	\$ 10.00	
5/02	Ayers	Deck	\$ 10.00	
7/02	Groat	Barn	\$ 20.08	
7/02	MacIntyre	House	\$ 31.80	
7/02	Kachensky	Garage	\$ 79.40	
7/02	McGinnis	Replace Shed	\$ -0-	
7/02	Osgood	Shed	\$ 12.40	
7/02	Fairweather	Garage	\$ 36.52	
7/02	LaClair	Garage	\$ 35.56	
9/02	Fulton	Garage	\$ 68.20	
9/02	Picco	Addition	\$ 29.80	
9/02	Ferland	Renewal	\$ -0-	
9/02	Nudd	House	\$ 61.86	
9/02	Dubois	Addition	\$ 13.20	
9/02	Burrows	Shed	\$ 28.00	
9/02	Barnett	Garage	\$ 28.44	
9/02	Martintty	House	\$ 43.50	
9/02	Wright	Barn	\$ 15.68	
9/02	Fairweather	House	\$ 49.86	
10/02	Brookens	Shed	\$ 14.40	
10/02	Simino	House	\$ 44.20	
10/02	Caron	Addition	\$ 29.00	
10/02	Geuser	Garage	\$ 37.32	
10/02	Truell	House/Garage	\$ 56.00	
10/02	Burnham	House	\$ 42.68	
10/02	Thurber	Shed	\$ 10.00	
10/02	Hussey	Mobile Home	\$ 44.76	\$ 25.00
11/02	Stobbs	Addition	\$ 16.48	
11/02	Rittenhouse	Addition	\$ 34.60	
11/02	Andros	Shed	\$ 11.60	

Date	Name	Type	Fees Paid	Occupancy
11/02	Baker	Deck	\$ 10.00	
11/02	McCullough	Shed	\$ 12.00	
11/02	Brookens	House	\$104.50	
12/02	Hibbard	Garage	\$ 30.36	
	Wiley	House		\$ 25.00
	Ferrucci	House		\$ 25.00
	Thurber	House		\$ 25.00
12/02	TOTALS		\$1,367.62	\$125.00

Philip J. Tirrell, Sr.
Building Inspector

2002 Fire Chief's report

It's 3:00 am, a cold winter's night. Snow is falling and the area is quietly blanketed in white. You're nestled in sound sleep, when suddenly you're torn awake by the sound of your pager going off. Duty calls. You leave the warmth of your bed to head out into the cold, but you don't complain, not loudly, you don't ask for thanks. You do your job; you save lives and protect property. You do it for free. You are a volunteer firefighter. So what do you need to become a firefighter for one of the best volunteer departments in the state of New Hampshire?

Applicants must be 18 years of age, have a valid driver's license and be able to handle the physical requirements and demands of a firefighter. One of the biggest requirements from you will be the time commitment. Being a volunteer firefighter is not easy, and will consume large amounts of your off time.

The department provides members with a fire pager that alerts members of emergency calls, all gear including bunker pants, coat, helmet, boots, hood, and gloves.

Although there is no financial gain, becoming a volunteer with the Lempster Fire Department is a highly rewarding experience. It's a great way to become an active member of the community and make new friends.

The department meets the first Wednesday of every month and several of the other Wednesdays.

The fire department has stayed very busy this year fighting fires, assisting rescue, training, working on the fire station, and attending meetings.

We have belonged to the Southwestern New Hampshire District Fire Mutual Aid System for 20 years. This affiliation has allowed us to save insurance premiums for anyone living within 5 miles of our fire station. If we were not a member town we could only provide discounts to residents 3 miles from the station. As a member of a bonifide mutual aid system, the NH Insurance Underwriters allow for additional 2 miles coverage. The towns that surround us are also members of this system, and because of that the entire community is allowed the discounts. The State of NH experienced an unusual number of large brush fires last summer and fall. Many members were called upon to assist with fires throughout the state. We were called upon to assist with brush fires in Claremont, New Durham, and Hebron. It is comforting to know that we have so much help available to us through our mutual aid system.

9 members of the department were certified as NH Firefighter level 2. To obtain this level of certification, members had to pass the following requirements: Fire Fighter level 1, Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations, Current CPR card, Current EMS module, Portable Fire Extinguisher module, Fire Department Organization, Incident Management, Ventilation, Ladders, Fire Hose, Appliances, and Streams, Rescue, Sprinklers, Fire Prevention, Fire Cause Determination, Fire Behavior, Fire Alarms, Communications, Building Construction, Foam Fire Streams, Water supplies, and Incident Command System. That would be a minimum of 260 hours of fire education to reach that level. Several other members of the department have reached their Firefighter level 1 requirements and are waiting for an opportunity to attend level 2 training. I was one of the members that completed the Level 2 certification. I also had the opportunity to attend the Supervisors Level 3 academy in Concord, having previously completed Levels 1 and 2, I also attended The Weapons of Mass Destruction Advanced Workshop, Employment Law Seminar, Ethics in Municipal Government Seminar, and Successfully Managing the Multigenerational Workforce Seminar. These classes have helped me manage

Lempster's fire department professionally. It is important to note that our firefighters are not being paid for taking these classes.

It has been an interesting year to say the least. I have had the pleasure of working with a group of firefighters who have gained my respect by their hard work, dedicated service and commitment to the citizens of Lempster. Thank you to the town's people, without your continued support we would not be able to provide the service that you require and deserve.

Philip J. Tirrell
Fire Chief
Serving since 1971

Lempster Rescue
2002

The Lempster Rescue has had a very busy year. Each year the amount of calls we have responded to has increased. The only problem with this is that the membership has decreased. Time, work, family, and assorted other reasons the amount of EMT's, First Responders that are certified in Lempster has gone down. The hours of continuing education and certification is putting a strain on this department. We are looking for people that would like to join the Rescue to help our Town. If you would be interested in helping please contact any Rescue member or come up to the Fire Station on the third Wednesday of the month to our meetings.

Please be careful in the area on Route 10 near Honey Brook, this has seen a drastic increase in Motor Vehicle Accidents. We had 14 Motor Vehicle Accidents in 2002 and most were in this area. The other calls we responded to were for; subject ill, cardiac emergencies, difficulty breathing, falls, seizures, lacerations, diabetic emergencies, assaults, pain, subject down, stabbing, allergic reaction, public assists, lifeline, shooting, stroke, broken bones, suicide threat, possible drowning, and physiological emergencies. Treating a total of 89 patients.

To the members of the Rescue, THANK YOU. You are a dedicated group of people to work with. Thank You for the time and energy that you put into this Squad to make it the best in the area. To the people of this Town, Thank You, we appreciate your support.

Barbara Chadwick
Captain

Lempster Police Department

Yearly Report To The Town

2002

I have completed my first full budget year as Chief of Police for the Town of Lempster. I have enjoyed meeting and working with many community members. The department accomplished several things during 2002. We put into place office hours which are on Wednesday nights beginning at 6:00 PM. This allows citizens to come in and meet the officer's for whatever reason. Many residents took advantage of the hours. Sometimes to voice concerns about a particular problem. Other times just to shoot the breeze or tell a joke or two.

The department, in cooperation with the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department obtained a records management system known as CrimeStar. This system allows the department to track incidents within the town by computer. A multitude of information is now tracked and shared with several other towns within Sullivan County. Having the system has made my, as well as the other officer's, jobs a little easier.

The department also obtained a new desk top computer for the office. We are now able to write police reports from the cruiser (through the use a laptop received from the State) and while in the office. The CrimStar records management system allows information to be shared between the computers. Thus, always having a back up system for the data.

The department asked for six new 40 caliber handguns from Sturm Ruger. The company graciously agreed to provide the weapons at no cost to the town. We have not taken possession of the weapons but expect to in the near future. I wish to thank Officer James Burroughs who spearheaded the effort to obtain the weapons as well as Sturm Ruger for the contribution.

Officer Timothy Barone resigned from the department in August. He was replaced by Officer Michael Batista who is a full time certified officer with more than 2 years experience. Officer Barone left law enforcement to enter the private sector.

One major problem which occurred in Town during 2002 was at the Long Pond Beach. There were many complaints of non residents causing damage, throwing trash on the beach, drinking and having loud parties. There was one incident in which a small child was cut by broken glass. The department began regular patrols of the area and the problems decreased slightly. I have proposed funds in my 2003 budget to try and reduce the problem further. I am proposing hiring a person to monitor the beach for 20 hours per week beginning after school gets out. This person will not have arrest powers but will keep any eye of the beach to make sure the beach rules are followed. I hope the citizens will support this proposal.

There were 693 call reported for the town in 2002. This is up 102 from 2001. The department handled more than seventy percent of those calls. As a part time department I and my men tried our best to offer professional service to the town. In the eyes of some citizens this was not always the

case. To those citizens I empathize. However, I will not make excuses for me or the members of my department as I am proud of what we have accomplished and look forward to serving the community in the future.

The following is a selected list of calls received during 2002.

911 Hang Up	21
Alarms	16
Animal Complaints	51
Assaults	6
Burglary	4
Check Well Being	8
Civil Problems	10
Criminal Mischief	15
Criminal Threatening	3
Criminal Trespass	2
Domestic	10
Family Offenses	3
Fights	3
Fraud	4
Harassment	9
Illegal Dumping/Littering	8
Missing Person	7
Motor Vehicle Accidents	29
Motor Vehicle Complaints	22
Motor Vehicle Stops	182
Noise Disturbance/Disorderly Conduct	13
OHRV Complaints	3
Paperwork Served	24
Sex Offenses	3
Stolen Vehicle	1
Suicide/Threats/Attempts	4
Suspicious Activity	23
Theft	10
Weapon Offenses	5
All Other Offenses	194

Respectfully submitted,

Shady Blackwell III
Chief of Police

**TRANSFER STATION/
RECYCLING CENTER
2002 REPORT**

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the many people who helped make building the new Transfer Station possible this past year. We not only managed to build the station, but also paid off the balances due on the containers so that we now own all of our equipment and are no longer leasing or renting equipment. Even after these expenditures, we had money left over. This was carried over by the Board of Selectmen for expenditure in 2003 for other equipment and items that may be needed at the station.

The station is now set up for recycling. I encourage each and everyone to attempt to recycle. This saves your town tax dollars. You can now recycle newspaper, magazines, bottles, tin cans and aluminum cans. Recycling saves trucking cost. In 2002 we saved 50% in trucking cost over 2001 by negotiating with the trucking company. Help increase this percentage in 2003 by recycling! Containers are in place for recycling. At the present time, the station receives on a weekly basis 100 gallons of tin cans, 100 gallons of glass, 900 pounds of newspaper (in a week and one-half), 900 pounds of magazines (in a week and one-half) and 100 gallons of aluminum cans. Let's see if we can do better and increase those figures for 2003!

I am open to any suggestions from anyone to make the station more efficient. Volunteers are always appreciated to assist with the various tasks at the station.

Thank you again for your wonderful comments and support.

Harold Whiting, Sr.
Station Manager

2002 PLANNING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

The Board has been busy in several areas this year. Discussions were begun and continue regarding excavation regulations; we worked with the road agent on issues related to paving, bridge replacement, and his scheduled plan for road work in 2003; in September Sharon King, from the Sullivan County Registry of Deeds, informed the Board relative to the filing of subdivision plans. The Board worked on several CIP issues this year including new gear for firemen, the repair of a fire hydrant on Dodge Pond, and the town fire truck. We have also been working alongside the Selectmen on some projects of larger scale.

Various subdivisions, lot line adjustments, and driveway permits were proposed. In May the Board approved a merger of James and Mary Grenier's property on Benway Hill Road; in June a voluntary merger was approved for Richard and Judy Schur on Long Pond. In July a 2 lot minor subdivision on Grandview Road was approved for J. McDonough representing Landmark Land Sales & The Red Bird Trust, and in November a 2 lot subdivision of the Robert Simino property on Keyes Hollow Road and a 3 lot subdivision for Marc Gagnon of International Wildlife LLC on Route 10 were both approved.

Ken McWilliams, from the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, presented the Board with procedure guides for minor subdivisions, voluntary mergers and annexations, including checklists for both.

With anticipated changes for Lempster, discussions were initiated in November relative to zoning.

The Board meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 PM in the town offices. All are invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Mark Adams
CHAIRMAN

CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2002 REPORT

Six children expressed interest in going to Conservation Camp, but only two responded with an essay so they were the ones that were chosen. They were Jacqueline Lund and Erick Wirkkala. The Conservation Commission sent them each for one week paid for by the Commission.

Tami Geuser made a new map for the Duck Pond Trail. The Boy Scouts worked on the trail under the supervision of Yorick Hurd.

We had Clean-Up Day on May 4th. We cleaned Allen Road, Lovejoy Road, Hurd Road, Benway Hill Road, Long Pond Road, Mountain Road to Long Pond Road, and 2nd NH Turnpike from Lempster Street to Route 10. The turnpike road was picked up three times. Anyone that wants to volunteer is welcome. Many hands make less work.

We donated to Kidz 'N Moshun, a school summer project.

We reviewed and discussed many Intents to Cut.

We all went to a meeting on stone wall building at Unity Town Hall put on by Kevin Gardner.

Some members went to a meeting of the NH Association of Conservation Commissions in Concord at Rundlett Middle School. This is an annual meeting.

Tami Geuser did a second year of monitoring frogs and amphibians for the North American Amphibian Monitoring Program.

The 2nd NH Turnpike is an adopted highway of the Lempster Conservation Commission.

Madeline Ferland, Secretary

Members: Gilbert Pinkney, Chairman
Madeline Ferland, Secretary
Roger Ferland
Emily Fairweather
Tami Geuser
David Diehl
Yorick Hurd
Carol Stamatakis
Richard Fairweather



Yorick Hurd with Camp Kirkham Boy Scouts at Duck Pond

Miner Memorial Library

This was a year of change and growth for the Miner Memorial Library. Late in 2001, our librarian Susan Fratus had to take a leave of absence to care for her husband, Bill. Bill died in March of 2002. Lempster is the less for this loss of a passionate teacher, vibrant outdoorsman, and fun-loving man, and we extend our deepest sympathies to Susan.

We are indebted to Suzanne Kelly, who immediately stepped into the breach as temporary librarian. She threw herself into organizing and cataloguing the collection, and accomplished an extraordinary amount in the several months she worked. In April, the Trustees hired Gail Warren as the new Librarian. Gail came to the job with stories of her own childhood love of reading and a desire to bring reading into the lives of others. She has continued culling and building the library's book, audiotape and video collections, and she has brought energy and ideas to the library. This year, the library acquired 105 new adult fiction books, 55 adult non-fiction, 46 junior and teen books, and 48 children's books. Also 23 videos and 12 audiotapes. Laura Pinkney donated a spectacular collection of 63 books on tape, all a wonderful mix of classics, current fiction and non-fiction, mystery, and romance.

We have replaced the computer that was stolen, thanks to a donation from Sylvania Corporation arranged by Bob Cilley and hours of patient fiddling by David Diehl.

During the summer, John Terrell, our dedicated and full-of-good-ideas trustee, moved to Claremont. John was active in acquiring hundreds of children's books for the library, and helpful in every endeavor, from book sales to building maintenance to wise counsel. We hope John will continue to stay active and make him an honorary lifetime Patron of Miner Memorial Library.

Susan Fratus had to resign as Librarian, but happily, she's back in another capacity. The Board of Selectmen appointed her as a Trustee to fill in for John Terrell, and we welcome Susan back and thank her for her dedication and enthusiasm. Miner Library is indeed fortunate.

On the program front, the library held two wonderful events. The Children's Literacy Foundation awarded us a "children's author/illustrator" program, and on September 28, author/illustrator Don Johnson visited Goshen-Lempster School. Mr. Johnson read from his award winning book *Henry Hikes to Fitchburg*, talked with the children about his process of

writing, and demonstrated how he draws his most lovable bear character, Henry.

On October 25th, the library sponsored a “Pizza and Poetry Evening.” Thirty-five people gathered at the Meeting House to hear some of Lempster’s poets and poetry lovers recite their original creations and read their favorites aloud. The group drew culinary inspiration from pizzas baked fresh at the Lempster General Store by John Goodliff and Laura Reardon.

The library held its 2nd annual Cabin Fever Book Sale on Groundhog Day, February 2, and another sale on September 31 in conjunction with the Lempster Community Church Fair. Together, the sales raised \$270. The Trustees voted to use money raised from our book sales to purchase new children’s books.

The Trustees want to close by thanking the Friends of Miner Memorial Library for their support of the library. With their fundraising, financial donations, and volunteer help with library events and maintenance, they make Miner a warm and bustling place and a rich cultural resource for the town. The Friends held a Turkey Basket raffle this fall and raised \$526 dollars. The Friends meet once a month from April to October on the third Monday of the month at the library at 7 pm and they welcome new members to join.

Bud Newton recites a poem at Pizza and Poetry Evening

Deborah Stone
for the Trustees

Yorick Hurd, President
David Diehl
Emily Fairweather
Dorothy Hathaway
Jim Morone
Deborah Stone
John Terrell (January to July)
Susan Fratus (August to December)



FRIENDS OF THE MINER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Friends are volunteers who contribute time and other resources to support the activities and needs of the Library that are not paid for by the annual budget appropriation from the town.

Our long-standing fund-raising activity, the annual Rabies Clinic, held in March at the Town Office with Dr. Jolyon Johnson presiding, provides an opportunity for area residents to protect their cats and dogs from the disease at reasonable cost and at a convenient location.

In 2002 the Friends inaugurated a new fund-raising activity: the Thanksgiving Basket Raffle. Ticket buyers got a chance to win a turkey and all the trimmings for a holiday dinner. All items were donated by members so the entire proceeds, \$526, will go to support Library and community activities. The winner of the basket was Frances Wirkkala, the former teacher whose interview appeared in the early Fall issue of *The Lempster Owl*. We thank those who supported the Library by purchasing tickets and the Selectmen who gave us the opportunity to sell tickets at the Transfer Station.

The Friends co-sponsor the annual February Cabin Fever Book Sale, that, in 2002, raised \$150.

Donations from the Friends paid for a long-needed library stool—kick it and it rolls; step on it and it locks—and the purchase of a paperback book display rack. Other Friends' purchases were the audiocassette lecture series *Elements of Jazz: from Cakewalks to Fusion* and the videocassette lecture series *Understanding the Universe: an Introduction to Astronomy*.

Contributions of \$100 were made to the Kidz'n Mo-shun summer activities program and \$75 to the Poetry and Pizza program. Friends' funds paid for storytelling programs featuring Judith Witters.

The Friends host an Open House on the Sunday of Old Home Day Weekend.

Members of the Friends are: Jill Schuler, Chairman, Elizabeth Wirkkala, Vice-Chairman, Emily Fairweather, Secretary, Dorothy Hathaway, Treasurer, Susan Fratus, Cheryl McGinnis, Jane Skeie, Claire Thurber, and Irene Tice

The Friends meet in the Library at 7pm on the third Monday of the months of April through October. We welcome new members who wish to promote the opportunities for learning and recreation provided by the Library. Dues are \$1/year.

Jill Schuler, for the Friends



Children's author
Don Johnson reads
and draws with stu-
dents at
Goshen/Lempster
School on
September 28.

CEMETERY TRUSTEE REPORT

As reported in last years Town Report, Lempster purchased 5 acres of land for cemetery expansion. The approximately half acre of useable property lies at the southern end of our present cemetery and will be connected to it by landscaping, including an access road.

Progress on developing the new land for use as burial plots has been slowed by concern for its impact on the adjacent wetlands and the need for various permits and approval by the state before work can begin. A plan for this development was presented to and accepted by the Select board in late fall of this year, which assumed no delay by the State. It would utilize town employees and town businesses to the maximum extent. This work should begin this spring.

This last May, we were fortunate to have the Lempster 4H Club volunteer for our spring clean-up of leaves and pine branches, needles and cones. Many thanks to all the kids and adults who worked quite hard on a cool but glorious spring day.

Flags were placed on 91 veterans graves for Memorial Day, as well as flowers and flags for the 2 Veteran's Monuments, one across from the Library, the other on the Lempster Street Common. The one on the Common almost suffered the same fate as last year, with two errant vehicles sliding across our ever shrinking Common. As many of you may have noticed, the Civil War Monument, across from the library, was highlighted this winter with colored lights, courtesy of Richard and Emily Fairweather.

David Diehl

Cemetery Trustees: Yorick Hurd, Carol Stamatakis, David Diehl



Spring cleanup help

Lempster Historical Society-Old Home Day

The 103rd Old Home Day, sponsored by the Lempster Historical Society, was held on August 9-11, 2002. The celebration started on Friday evening with the showing by Yorick Hurd of old 16 mm movies taken on past Old Home Days and Lempster Fair Days.

On Saturday morning the Historical Society Museum, which is upstairs in the Meeting House, was open for display of Lempster artifacts and historical documents. These include old school desks that were found stored above the classroom at the East Lempster School, as well as school books from the same period (late 19th century).

Also in the Saturday forenoon, an historic house tour was available. This year it was the Nichols Family Homestead, presently the home of David and Chris Kelsey. Formally owned by the Jolly Farmer organization, much of the house is under restoration by the owners. The Kelseys, with enthusiastic help from their children, pointed out interesting features of the old house, which included views of the original interior wall construction, original room layout and floor design. The house and adjacent sheds had been extensively modified after leaving the Nichols family.

At noon the traditional chicken barbeque was served, tasting especially good, given the advantages of the culinary arts of the Marlow Odd Fellows, the open air setting, and the company of friends and neighbors. An Odd Fellow for many years, Society member Gil Pinkney organized the barbeque as well as preparing the Old Home Day invitations and program.

Following lunch, dignitaries and other attendees gathered for a major event, the unveiling of Lempster Streets first historic marker. Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of our then Senator-in-training, Bob Odell, the marker was installed just in time for the days unveiling and dedication. The NH State marker commemorates the nearby location of the first electric pole set by the Rural Electrification Administration in NH, in 1939. The original pole is still in place and is just over the wall on Allen Road to the rear of the old inn. The marker was positioned conveniently for our dedication and also to permit tourists to park away from our nearby accident-prone Common. The ceremony also provided a perfect photo-op, combining the historic marker with historic people gathered round.

A delightful evening program, produced by impresario Erik Walker, was the highlight of the day. First on the agenda was a well researched talk and slide presentation by Sheila and Larry Drew entitled "Glimpses of Old Lempster 1823-1865" Following intermission, which included refreshments provided by the Lempster 4-H Country Clovers, a showcase of local talent began, energetically MC'd by Jim Marone. This included 2 selections by the Lempster Community Church Chime Choir, poems by Bud Newton, keyboard favorites from Doug Fellows, a song and dance number from Becky Farrand, Keith Fulton and family singing with guitar accompaniment, an Erik Walker sing-along, and a recreation of

an ancient Old Home Day skit called "A Rural Argument" starring Torvie, Albert and Yorick Hurd with Erik Walker.

On Sunday morning the Miner Memorial Library held an Open House, allowing visitors to socialize and enjoy the historic character of this former Universalist Church. Refreshments were congenially provided by the Friends of the Library. Then at 11:00, Old Home Day services were held at the Lempster Community Church, coincidentally coinciding with Boy Scout Sunday, with 80 plus Scouts from Camp Kirkam, across Dodge Pond, attending.

Please feel welcome at our Historical Society meetings and to join the Society if you like. We meet about 8 times a year, either at the Meeting House or the Miner Library. The dues are \$5/year. Call David Diehl at 863-6775 for date of the next meeting. Also you are welcome to use the Society Collections in the Meeting House for genealogic research by contacting Emily Fairweather at 863-5105. Help wanted: volunteers to help with the planning of Old Home Day and the evening program. They will be greeted with open arms.

At present, the Society Officers include Everett Thurber, usually the president, Yorick Hurd, our vice president and Old Home Day stalwart, David Diehl the secretary, and Emily Fairweather the treasurer. Everett can be reached on 863-2125 and Yorick on 863-3619.

David Diehl



Keith Fulton with Erik Walker



Maddie Ferland with great
granddaughter Kianne Nobel

THE LEMPSTER OWL

In December 2002, as people around the world were celebrating various holiday seasons, the editors of The Lempster Owl paused to celebrate the 2-year birthday of our town's adopted newsletter, and came to the inescapable conclusion that the little bugger is getting fatter, older, and (happily) wiser.

Fatter for sure, anyway. We preened like proud parents when we noticed the heft of the two 20-page issues that closed out the year – issues so chock-full of news, history, poetry, musings, and community adventures that we really had to do some actual EDITING for a change! The fact is, so many people in town have graciously given their time and skills to The Owl that we see no foreseeable shortage of great community news.

Older – well that goes without saying, I guess. But it bears mentioning that the December 2002 issue was the ninth issue published since the Owl hatched (anyone remember that one – blandly titled “Fall 2000”?). The four issues put out in 2002 were accomplished with the help of approximately 30 writers and the willingness of scores of people who willingly provided interviews, information, and encouragement.

And wiser, of course. After all, Who (no pun intended) could help but learn something when fed on a diet of Furry Frogs, Lempster Grade A maple syrup, and Bud Newton's Baked Beans? Did you get a chance to read about Kirsten Halverson's time as a student in Poland or Nicholas Scalera's architectural history of our Meeting House? How about the history of the first town meeting held in Lempster? Did you marvel at Tami Geuser's astute commentary on local wildlife; or laugh at the varied and hilarious remembrances of going to school in Lempster? Did you follow the Fellows on their cross-country Odyssey; or take a sneak-peak at excerpts from Jim Morone's eagerly anticipated book “Hellfire Nation”? Amazingly, it was all in there – and more.

Once again the Lempster Owl is looking forward to another year of exploring the riches of our town. With the continued support of all of our contributors and the town in general, we are confident that we will be able to close each new year out by asserting that “The Lempster Owl is the best town rag in all of New Hampshire!”

Erik Walker
Deborah Stone
David Diehl



THE LEMPSTER OWL

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission
Annual Report for 2002

The UVLSRPC is a nonprofit, voluntary association of 30 communities in Vermont and New Hampshire. Our service area is based on clusters of communities united by a long history of employment, transportation and education connections as well as by other issues of common concern. We serve Sullivan County and its Claremont-Newport socioeconomic center, the towns of the Lake Sunapee area, and the Upper Valley. Each year we strive to focus on activities that will best meet the needs of each of these three areas, while we balance the differing concerns of larger and smaller communities. Your community's membership in UVLSRPC provides you with a voice in both regional and statewide decision-making that affects the future of your community.

We provide the communities of the region with a mechanism to work together toward balanced growth, in part by developing and implementing a comprehensive regional plan. In 2002, we began an update of the UVLSRPC Regional Plan, incorporating and responding to what we have learned from 2002 Census data and the Upper Valley Housing Needs Analysis. Among other activities, we:

- Worked with area organizations and businesses to increase awareness of the serious housing shortage in the Upper Valley, and worked with communities to address the problem.
- Helped several communities obtain grant funds for a variety of projects, including planning for economic development, protection of watersheds, wildlife habitat, scenic resources and agricultural land, and building visitor facilities and bikepaths.
- Provided guidance to the Sullivan County Economic Development Council on organizational issues; explored a possible new partnership with the North Country Economic Development District for Grafton County communities; continued work on the East-Central Vermont Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy in partnership with Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation to ensure business growth meets the needs of our communities; and helped launch the Eastern Vermont Gateway Regional Marketing Organization to support tourism in the Upper Valley.
- Assisted 11 communities with updates of their master plans and 10 with local land use regulations.
- Utilized special-purpose grants to develop a plan for Hartford's Route 5 South corridor that balances resource protection and industrial development goals; for Hartland's Three Corners area that improves the safety of the pedestrian and bicycle circulation; and for the areas surrounding Hartland's Interstate 91 interchange to maintain scenic vistas while facilitating appropriate development.
- Continued our assistance to watershed organizations planning for the stewardship of the Connecticut River and its tributaries, including the Sugar River, Cold River, Mascoma River and Lull's Brook.
- Organized four hazardous waste collections that gave 805 households a way to keep approximately 9,000 gallons of hazardous chemicals out of the region's groundwater.



Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

UVLSRPC HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ANNUAL REPORT - 2002

During 2002, the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) organized four Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection events in three different locations throughout the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Region. The events covered thirteen New Hampshire communities, the ten member communities of the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste District--which co-sponsors events held in Hartford--and three additional Vermont communities. Eight hundred and five households, together with a small number of local businesses, brought over 9,000 gallons of hazardous waste to the collections. (Although collections are for residents only, businesses may pre-arrange to bring their waste to a collection). New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services grants, acquired by UVLSRPC for participating NH communities, saved over \$12,000 for NH towns. The collections have continued to be successful and four (with one additional event currently being negotiated) are scheduled for the summer and fall of 2003.

As part of the collection events, UVLSRPC provides promotional flyers to participating towns and advertises the event in local newspapers. Additionally, flyers detailing oil collection sites, computer recycling, and other topics are available to interested households or municipalities

The Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee (UVHHWC), acting as the "educational arm" of the HHW project, provides support at collection events held at the Hartford Hazardous Waste Facility site. The UVHHWC is a volunteer committee working to reduce harm to the environment and human health caused by the use and improper disposal of household hazardous waste in the Upper Valley. The Committee aims to:

- Educate the public to the dangers of hazardous waste.
- Encourage the use of less hazardous products in the home.
- Promote proper disposal of household hazardous waste.
- Support local agencies which reflect/promote their mission.

Although the Committee serves only the core Upper Valley region, the interactive exhibits and educational materials managed by them are available to all UVLSRPC member towns.

Sullivan County Hospice, Inc.

P O Box 1247

Claremont NH 03743

November 5, 2002

Selectmen, Town of Lempster
PO Box 247
Goshen NH 03752

Dear Selectmen:

We at Sullivan County Hospice are requesting \$250 from the Town of Lempster.

Sullivan County Hospice has been in existence since 1984. We are a volunteer agency, governed by a 12 member Board of Directors, all of whom reside in Sullivan County.

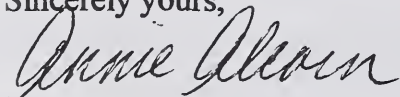
Our mission is to provide practical and emotional support to terminally ill patients and their families within Sullivan County. The majority of the individuals we serve are home hospice patients, who have decided to remain at home under the care of their families. It is in this setting that we provide most of our services. However, we have the flexibility to follow and serve our patients and their families in a hospital or nursing home setting, as well. Our volunteers are fully trained in areas such as death and dying, the grieving process, active listening and universal precautions. A few of the ways our volunteers provide practical support include respite for caregivers, running errands and light meal preparation. Our volunteers also provide emotional support to both the patient and their family, by being available to listen and offer reassurance and encouragement.

Our referrals come from doctors, nurses, visiting nurse associations, discharge planners, as well as from family members or patients themselves. Our only requirements for service are that the patient be terminally ill and that they reside in Sullivan County. We accept all referrals on that basis and there is never a charge for our service.

In addition to providing volunteer services, Sullivan County Hospice offers a bereavement support group. This group is scheduled for six sessions a year, each lasting a period of five weeks. These groups are open to anyone working through the grieving process.

We thank you in advance for your consideration. We hope that you will continue to support our work with your financial contribution, as we continue in our efforts to support the terminally ill and their families in Sullivan County.

Sincerely yours,



Annie Alcorn
Director, Sullivan County Hospice

Sullivan County Hospice, Inc.

P.O. Box 1247
Claremont, NH 03743

PROPOSED 2003 BUDGET

INCOME

DONATIONS	\$2,500.00
FUND RAISING	\$5,154.00
INTEREST	\$25.00
MEMBERSHIP	\$2,000.00
MEMORIALS	\$1,000.00
TOWNS	\$8,500.00
UNITED WAY	\$6,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$25,179.00</u>

EXPENSES

ANNUAL MEETING	\$250.00
CONFERENCES & MEETINGS	\$250.00
FUND RAISING	\$500.00
HOSPICE DUES	\$100.00
INSURANCE	\$3,000.00
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE	\$525.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$200.00
PAYROLL TAXES	\$1,379.00
POSTAGE	\$325.00
SALARY & WAGES	\$18,025.00
TELEPHONE	\$325.00
TRAVEL	\$200.00
VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT	\$100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$25,179.00</u>

Sullivan County Hospice, Inc.

PO Box 1247

Claremont NH 03743

Volunteer Function

Purpose: The Hospice Volunteer offers support and respite care to the terminally ill patient and their families after completing a prescribed training program.

To develop their own potential and skills, the Volunteer will:

- Learn basic Hospice concepts
- Maintain confidentiality regarding the patient and family
- Complete the training course in which he/she will:
 - Acquire basic listening skills
 - Understand experiences of loss and grief
 - Faces and examine his/her own encounters with death
 - Gain basic information on the dying person's physical and emotional needs.
- Attend support groups and ongoing educational sessions relevant to Hospice
- Meet with professional healthcare members responsible for patient care
- Learn their role in a team approach
- Keep a log of the time spent volunteering direct service functions including, but not limited to the following:
 - Transportation/escort
 - Sitter-companionship/respite
 - Personal care/meals, some housework or laundry
 - Providing emotional support/friendship
 - Home maintenance
 - Being a good listener
 - Being sensitive to the needs of the patient, family and self
 - Cooperating with other "care-givers" involved with the family
 - Reading, writing letters, running errands
 - Recognizing patient needs or problems on a daily basis and reporting them to the Coordinator
 - Continuing the Hospice Volunteer service through the bereavement period

The Volunteer should constantly practice self-assessment regarding the personal reward of involvement in the Hospice Program.



CITY/TOWN REPORT - 2002

**** Economic Impact: \$94,474.25**

*** Direct Assistance to Residents: \$37,789.70**

1% of Direct Assistance: \$500.00

Total Number of Households Served: 52

Total Number of Residents Served: 133

Average Benefit per Household: \$726.73

Average Benefit per Resident: \$284.13

* Property Taxes and Payroll are NOT included in the Direct Assistance or Economic Impact totals.
** Economic Impact is calculated by multiplying the Direct Assistance by 2.5

SULLIVAN COUNTY NUTRITION SERVICES

Newport Senior Center

P.O. BOX 387•76 SOUTH MAIN STREET•NEWPORT, NH 03773•(603) 863-3177

Jerry E. Durant
Executive Director

December 10, 2002

Board of Selectmen
Town of Lempster
P.O. Box 33
Lempster, NH 03605

Dear Members of the Board,

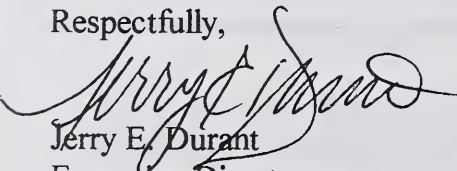
It's that time of the year when we submit our request for your support. During 2002 we worked very hard at improving our operations to serve the communities of Sullivan County. These efforts resulted in a number of positive ways. We ended the year in a cash neutral position, received two capital project grants allowing us to strengthen our operations, and once again received support through the benevolence of the county.

As of the program year June 30, 2002 we delivered 75,280 meals. We are projecting based, on current trends, that 76,293 will be delivered in 2003. Of this number we anticipate that 1,900 will be delivered to residents of your community in 2003.

We are requesting that the Town of Lempster provide support in the amount of \$500 and obtain the support of your community at the upcoming town meeting. The federal and state government provides 80% with the balance being raised through county, municipal, and private support. We hope that you see the importance that this program provides to your community and that your assistance is a valuable component.

Please let me know if you would like to meet with me to discuss our request and to provide additional information as might be required. I would appreciate a note as to whether our request has been approved or not.

Respectfully,



Jerry E. Durant
Executive Director

Ashuelot River Local Advisory Committee

Washington Lempster Marlow Gilsum Sullivan Surry Keene Swanzey Winchester Hinsdale

2002 Annual Report

In January the large print order of The Ashuelot River Corridor Management Plan arrived, along with about one hundred copies of the Ashuelot River Atlas. Those were distributed to local boards of selectmen, and conservation commissions. A second order finally arrived in June, and those were distributed to every planning board and town library in the watershed. Also at that time multiple copies of the Ashuelot River Atlas were distributed to each elementary, middle, and high school in the watershed, to the best of our ability. Further distribution to town halls was accomplished at the same time.

The volunteer monitoring program expanded to a five-month effort, with sampling being conducted once per month from May through September. Analyses were done for *E. coli*, pH, total phosphorus, dissolved oxygen (DO), turbidity, conductivity, copper, and chloride. Air and water temperatures, DO, and pH were measured in the field. The City of Keene donated lab services for *E. coli*, chloride, and copper. Samples were transported to the NHDES lab in Concord for the phosphorus tests. Problems with apparent sewage pollution (bacterial counts), and high total phosphorus were observed, mostly from Keene downstream. Sporadic low DO and high turbidity problems were also found in Keene. ARLAC, with the assistance of Americorps volunteer Rebecca Caswell, secured a \$5000 grant from the Connecticut River Joint Commission. This funded payment for the phosphorus tests and the purchase of our own water quality monitoring equipment for next year.

Public education and awareness efforts were expanded, partly by featuring the monitoring results in local newspaper articles, and partly via several radio interviews, some aired statewide. An end-of-year presentation and discussion of results for all volunteers and several other interested citizens was held in November at the Keene Library.

Review of various NH Wetlands permit applications continued all year long, and ARLAC lent its support to several *ad hoc* projects, e.g. the NHDES Ashuelot Pond Drawdown Study, Instream Flow regulations, the Isinglass River nomination into the NH Rivers program, and the Winchester dam removal.

The Winchester downtown dam was removed during the summer, providing fish and other fauna dam-free access to ten more miles of the Ashuelot. Combined with last year's removal of the McGoldrick dam in Hinsdale, this should place the Ashuelot first in the state in this category. The application for removal of the Homestead dam in West Swanzey was withdrawn temporarily, pending completion of further studies relative to the effects of such removal on the nearby covered bridge. Historical and well-impact issues, among others, remain.

The Committee meets monthly on the third Tuesday evening in the Keene Public Library, entertaining several presentations a year for its own education and information.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Skuly, Swanzey, Chairman
Pablo Fleischman, Gilsum, Vice Chairman
Stephen Stepenuck, Swanzey, Co-Secretary
Al Stoops, Keene, Co-Secretary
Carol Andrews, Washington
Michael Andrews, Washington
Warren Little, Washington

John Asseng, Marlow
Roger Sweet, Sullivan
Barbara Richter, Surry
Patrick Eggleston, Keene
Steve Poole, Winchester
Gary Pelton, USACE

Cold River Local Advisory Committee: 2002 Annual Report

The Cold River Local Advisory Committee has had a busy year. We have:

- Implemented a water quality monitoring program along the River and have plans to expand that effort. Preliminary testing results for pH, temperature, conductivity, dissolved oxygen and turbidity appear to support our assumption that the Cold River generally has excellent water quality.
- Hired an AmeriCorps member, Travis Hussey, to work for with the 3rd, 4th, and 6th grades in Acworth, Langdon, Goshen-Lempster, and Vilas School and one high school class at FMRHS. Travis is teaching students about macroinvertebrates as part of water quality studies and is helping them to keep a nature journal. All efforts will ultimately guide what will become the "River Journal Calendar" at the end of the school year.
- Made comment upon four major wetland permit requests that have come before us: the replacement of three state bridges by NH DOT and a trout habitat enhancement project proposed by the NH Coldwater Fisheries Coalition.
- Held the 2nd Annual Winter Workshop Series at the Alstead Shedd-Porter Library. Three workshops, all well attended, were on: Wildflowers of the Cold River Watershed; Fish of the Cold River; and Bugs! Macroinvertebrates of the Cold River. Many thanks to the Alstead Shedd-Porter Library for letting us hold our workshops there.
- Worked with the Walpole Outdoor Education Committee and the Cheshire County Conservation District to bring David Carroll of Warner, NH to a wildly successful evening about TURTLES.
- Attended workshops and continued to educate ourselves on topics that pertain to rivers.
- Received several small grants to further projects in the Fall Mountain school district and beyond. We are grateful to the Fall Mountain Educational Endowment Association, the Vermont Institute of Natural Science, the town of Alstead, & one anonymous grant source.
- Provided assistance to towns in the watershed as needed.
- Continued our work to develop a voluntary river management plan for the Cold River.

The Advisory Committee welcomes your participation in any or all of our projects. If you are interested in joining our committee, please speak with the selectboard in your town. If there is an opening on the committee, they make nominations to the board. However, with or without official membership status, we welcome all volunteers!

We thank everyone who has worked with us during the past year. In particular, the students, teachers, parents, community members, and administrators working with our "River Journal Calendar" project in the Fall Mountain District & Goshen-Lempster schools have been wonderful. A special thank you goes to David Carrol, "the turtle guy", for his inspiration and enthusiasm, and to Marilou Blaine of Alstead for her cheerful encouragement. Finally, we thank all the people of our beautiful watershed towns, for you are the ones who show your love for the land and waters around us in every way and for whom we put forth our endeavors.



Sincerely, Deborah Hinman, Chair, Acworth and Pam O'Hara, Vice Chair, Walpole

Langdon: Jenny Polcari, Cathy MacDonald, Joanna Dennett

Alstead: Howard Weeks, Mike Heidorn, Sam Sutcliffe

Acworth: Laura Malinoski-Adams

Lempster: Erik Walker

Vicky Boundy, Senior Planner of Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission
Steve Couture, Director, NH River Management and Protection Program.

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Many thanks to previous CRLAC participants Gordon Gowen and Torrey Greene of Acworth; Max Warren of Lempster; Duncan Watson and Tina Tidd of Walpole; Almut Yakoleff of Alstead; and agency staff Tara Bamford of UVLSRPC and David Neils of NH DES.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
GOSHEN-LEMPSTER
COOPERATIVE
SCHOOL DISTRICT

FOR THE YEAR 2002

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SCHOOL DISTRICT

2002 - 2003

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Janet Gibson	Term expires 2003
Marianne Dennis, Chairperson	Term expires 2004
Erik Walker, Chairperson	Term expires 2005
Lilyan Wright	Term expires 2006
Carol Whitman	Term expires 2007

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #71 PERSONNEL

Dr. John Handfield	Superintendent of Schools
Lori Wilcox	Administrative Assistant

OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Michael Shklar	Moderator
John P. Hopkins	Clerk
Debra Dustin	Treasurer

Goshen-Lempster School District Personnel
2002 - 2003

NAME	Position	COLLEGE	Degree	Years in Teaching	Years At Goshen Lempster
John Bonfiglio	Principal/Advanced Math	Univ. of MA	Med.	28	28
Janis Bellavance	Grade 1	Keene State College	BS	12	11
Christine Bourne	Grade 2	Keene State College	BS	3	3
Angela Conrad	Grade 6	Keene State College	BA	2 1/2	2 1/2
Ralph Davidson	Grades 7 & 8	Univ. of S. California	MA+30	36	11
Frances Davis	Special Ed	Keene State College	Med.+30	20	15
Conrad Ekstrom	Special Ed	Keene State College	Med.	27	24
Dayle Finn	Grades 7 & 8	Univ. of New England	Med.+15	18	15
Maureen Goodwin	Kindergarten	Univ. of Rhode Island	BS	9	6
Vicky Goss	Technology Facilitator	Plymouth State College	BS	8	4
Donald Lavalette	Grades 7 & 8	Plymouth State College	BS	4	4
Sandra Lord	Grade 5	Keene State College	MS	19	19
Peter Newbern	Title I	Antioch	MS	3	3
Deloris Netzband	Guidance 40%	Plymouth State College	Med.+MA	34	2
Susan Roberts	Grade 4	Univ. of NH	BS+30	10	5
Joan Perry	SAFE Prog. Coordinator	Boston University	MSW	7 1/2	1
Christine Santerra	Special Ed	Keene State College	MA	3	2
Darlene Scimemi	Art & Aide	Keene State College	BS	2	2
Elizabeth Tilton	Multiage	Antioch NH Grad. School	Med.	4	3
Rachel Tirrell	Grade 3	Keene State College	BSed.	5	4
Patricia Waltzer	Music	State Univ. College- NY	BA+15	20	5
Christine Williams	Physical Education	Plymouth State College	BS	23	9
Sandra Leigh Sprecker	School Psychologist	U Mass.	PhD	8	3
Rhonda Colcord	Nurse	Univ. of Maine	ASN	15	5
Tanna Cota	Library Aide				
Peggy Brown	Food Service Director	Keene State College	BS		
Michele Webster	Cafeteria Assistant				
Annette Howard	Administrative Assistant- School				
Matthew Hoyt	Custodian				
Donald Hufault	Custodian				
Michael Lewis	Custodian				
Anna Audette	Special Education Assistant				
Susan Bagnall	Part Time Special Ed. Assistant/ Speech Assistant				
Justin Bellevance	Special Education Assistant				
Lori Bugbee	Special Education Assistant				
Barbara Chadwick	Special Education Assistant				
Karen Delorier	Special Education Assistant				
Donna Hatch	Special Education Assistant				
Kim Heath	Special Education Assistant				
Laurie Herr	Special Education Assistant				
Chrissy Jenison	Special Education Assistant				
Kelly Kiblin	Special Education Assistant				
Jen Lussier	Special Education Assistant				
Sandra Murchie	Special Education Assistant				
Donna Newton	Special Education Assistant				
Paul Pockett	Special Education Assistant				
Elizabeth Rossiter	Special Education Assistant				
Andrew Santerre	Special Education Assistant				
Darlene Scimemi	Part Time Special Ed. Assistant				
Jane Skeie	Special Education Assistant				
Sarah Symonds	Special Education Assistant				
Sherry Menard	Title I Aide				
Jean Bates	Title I Aide				

SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Goshen-Lempster Cooperative School District in the towns of Goshen and Lempster, in the County of Sullivan, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Goshen-Lempster Cooperative School gymnasium in Lempster on the 8TH day of March, 2003, at seven o'clock PM to act upon the articles set forth in the Warrant. Articles 1 & 2 of the Warrant covering the election of Moderator, Member of the School Board from Goshen will be acted upon at three o'clock PM., and voting will be by official ballot and checklist. The polls will remain open for this purpose from three o'clock (3:00) PM until seven thirty (7:30) PM.

ARTICLE 1.

To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2.

To choose a member of the School Board from Goshen for a five year term beginning March 9, 2003.

ARTICLE 3.

To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 4.

Whereas NH School Districts face ever tightening budgets; and Whereas NH School Districts are finding it increasingly difficult to raise and appropriate sufficient dollars on the local level to provide their students a quality education; and Whereas newly enacted and existing federal mandates have placed an undue and heavy financial burden on local school district budgets:

Be It Therefore Resolved: That the voters of the District vigorously oppose any and all unfunded and under-funded federal educational mandates, including but not limited to, those contained in the recently enacted No Child Left Behind Law as well as those mandates historically unfunded within the IDEA/Special Education Laws.

ARTICLE 5.

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE MILLION THREE HUNDRED ELEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY NINE DOLLARS (\$3,311,969.00) for the support of the school, for the payment of salaries of School District officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority Vote required)

Note: The Board anticipates that \$1,829,201.00 from sources other than general taxation will be available to apply towards these expenditures.

ARTICLE 6.

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$9,000.00) for the purpose of repairing the roof over the library. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 7.

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) to be added to the School District gym floor replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

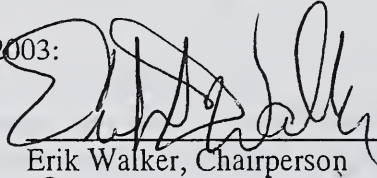
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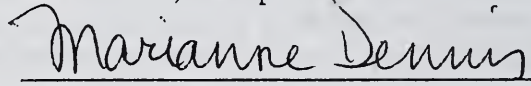
To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FOURTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$14,000.00) for the purpose of implementing Phase II of the School District's three year technology plan. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

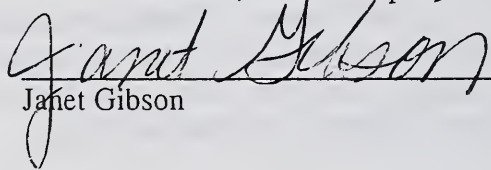
ARTICLE 9.

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands this 17TH day of February 2003:


Erik Walker, Chairperson


Marianne Dennis, Vice Chairperson


Janet Gibson

Lilyan Wright

Carol Whitman

**Goshen-Lempster School District
Estimated Revenue**

02-14-03

	Revenue 02-03	Estimated 03-04	inc/decrease
Earnings on Investments	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	0
Medicaid	\$23,000.00	\$27,000.00	4000
Catastrophic Aid	\$167,323.00	\$199,272.00	31949
Adequacy Grant	\$901,251.00	\$960,019.00	58768
State Ed. Tax	\$494,721.00	\$477,790.00	-16931
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$31,785.00	\$0.00	-31785
E rate REIMBURSEMENT		\$6,120.00	6120
			0
Revenue Anticipation Note	\$75,892.00		-75892
Total	\$1,701,972.00	\$1,678,201.00	(\$23,771.00)
Federal income	\$115,000.00	\$115,000.00	0
Lunch income	<u>\$36,000.00</u>	<u>\$36,000.00</u>	0
Federal total income	\$151,000.00	\$151,000.00	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,852,972.00	\$1,829,201.00	(\$23,771.00)

GOSHEN-LEMPSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROPOSED BUDGET 2003 - 2004

DESCRIPTION	2001 - 2002 BUDGET	2001 - 2002 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	2002 - 2003 CURRENT YEAR BUDGET	2003 - 2004 BUDGET	PERCENT INC/DEC
INSTRUCTION 1100					
Salary - Teachers	489,274.00	474,389.90	474,532.00	514,357.00	8.39%
Salary - Aide	4,208.00	650.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Salary - Substitute	8,880.00	7,502.50	8,880.00	8,880.00	0.00%
Health Insurance	68,684.00	82,414.25	92,753.00	99,792.00	7.59%
Dental Insurance	6,765.00	7,224.44	7,262.00	6,217.00	-14.39%
Life & LTD Insurance	4,602.00	4,617.78	4,431.00	5,079.00	14.62%
Social Security	38,431.00	37,312.97	36,981.00	40,027.00	8.24%
Retirement	12,935.00	12,111.91	10,783.00	11,804.00	9.47%
Unemployment Comp.	750.00	0.00	750.00	750.00	0.00%
Worker's Compensation	3,215.00	2,331.02	1,789.00	1,936.00	8.22%
Contracted Services	21,519.00	22,756.92	10,985.00	20,328.00	85.05%
Repairs to Equipment	750.00	162.45	750.00	750.00	0.00%
High School Tuition	877,078.00	814,230.28	898,454.00	936,362.00	4.22%
Supplies & Materials	39,554.00	39,622.66	35,225.00	33,772.00	-4.12%
Textbooks	5,632.00	5,763.77	2,337.00	3,625.00	55.11%
Software purchases	0.00	0.00	1,530.00	4,307.00	181.50%
New Equipment under \$100.	4,131.00	4,417.26	1,853.00	110.00	-94.06%
New Equipment	0.00	0.00	1,870.00	696.00	-62.78%
Replacement Equipment	0.00	0.00	1,541.00	2,726.00	76.90%
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	1,586,408.00	1,515,508.11	1,592,706.00	1,691,518.00	6.20%
SPECIAL EDUCATION 1200					
Salary - Teachers	88,777.00	111,044.99	129,955.00	107,902.00	-16.97%
Salary - Aide	131,124.00	146,563.21	167,164.00	197,686.00	18.26%
Health Insurance	17,529.00	17,580.03	28,113.00	28,567.00	1.61%
Dental Insurance	1,724.00	1,478.19	2,010.00	2,024.00	0.70%
Life & LTD Insurance	841.00	696.93	1,220.00	1,024.00	-16.07%
Social Security	17,360.00	19,535.16	22,729.00	23,377.00	2.85%
Retirement	8,272.00	7,744.74	8,887.00	13,568.00	52.67%
Worker's Compensation	1,452.00	500.63	1,099.00	1,131.00	2.91%
Tuition	195,484.00	228,448.86	257,851.00	351,691.00	36.39%
Preschool tuition	17,166.00	8,604.15	18,700.00	58,000.00	210.16%
Summer tuition	4,800.00	330.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00%
Contracted Services	0.00	239.95	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Supplies & Materials	2,709.00	2,184.81	4,707.00	5,641.00	19.84%
Textbooks	0.00	0.00	0.00	266.00	100.00%
New Equipment	605.00	2,211.75	380.00	0.00	-100.00%
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	487,843.00	547,163.40	645,215.00	793,277.00	22.95%
Gifted and talented 1270	7,500.00	7,342.73	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00%

DESCRIPTION	2001 - 2002 BUDGET	2001 - 2002 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	2002 - 2003 CURRENT YEAR BUDGET	2003 - 2004 BUDGET	PERCENT INC/DEC
1400					
OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL					
Coaches - Salary	2,350.00	1,800.00	2,600.00	2,600.00	0.00%
Coaches - Retirement	0.00	3.11	0.00	69.00	100.00%
Coaches - FICA	0.00	45.89	0.00	199.00	100.00%
TOTAL	2,350.00	1,849.00	2,600.00	2,868.00	10.31%
OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL					
2120					
GUIDANCE SERVICES					
Counselor's Salary	10,964.00	19,183.00	19,759.00	20,351.00	3.00%
Social Security	839.00	1,447.62	1,512.00	1,557.00	2.98%
Worker's Compensation	70.00	62.90	73.00	75.00	2.74%
Testing	1,157.00	1,204.02	1,156.00	975.00	-15.66%
Supplies & Materials	946.00	932.93	1,219.00	943.00	-22.64%
TOTAL GUIDANCE SERVICES	13,976.00	22,830.47	23,719.00	23,901.00	0.77%
HEALTH SERVICES					
2130					
Salary - Nurse	14,904.00	20,171.00	15,649.00	22,079.00	41.09%
Health Insurance	0.00	8,142.45	0.00	11,512.00	100.00%
Dental Insurance	0.00	750.90	0.00	948.00	100.00%
Social Security	1,140.00	1,368.56	1,197.00	1,689.00	41.10%
Retirement	0.00	544.71	0.00	569.00	100.00%
Workers Comp.	95.00	62.14	58.00	82.00	41.38%
Conferences	250.00	234.00	300.00	0.00	-100.00%
Supplies and Materials	541.00	541.00	489.00	561.00	14.72%
New Equipment	674.00	655.44	0.00	105.00	100.00%
Professional Dues	194.00	194.00	194.00	194.00	0.00%
TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	17,798.00	32,664.20	17,887.00	37,739.00	110.99%
PSYCHOLOGIST SERVICES					
2140					
Salary - Psychologist	2,780.00	2,780.00	3,387.00	4,084.00	20.58%
Psychologist Social Security	213.00	212.68	259.00	312.00	20.46%
TOTAL PSYCHOLOGIST SERV	2,993.00	2,992.68	3,646.00	4,396.00	20.57%
SPEECH SERVICES					
2150					
Speech Assistant - salary	5,628.00	5,878.52	6,697.00	6,895.00	2.96%
Speech - social security	431.00	452.25	512.00	527.00	2.93%
Pathologist contracted services	9,980.24	12,089.95	11,566.00	11,990.00	3.67%
TOTAL Speech Services	16,039.24	18,420.72	18,775.00	19,412.00	3.39%

DESCRIPTION	2001 - 2002 BUDGET	2001 - 2002 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	2002 - 2003 CURRENT YEAR BUDGET	2003 - 2004 BUDGET	PERCENT INC/DEC
PHYSICAL THERAPY 2162					
Physical Therapy contracted	9,500.00	9,552.51	7,631.00	9,552.00	25.17%
TOTAL PHYSICAL THERAPY	9,500.00	9,552.51	7,631.00	9,552.00	25.17%
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY 2163					
OT Contracted Services	21,508.96	29,128.35	11,984.00	28,990.00	141.91%
TOTAL OT SERVICES	21,508.96	29,128.35	11,984.00	28,990.00	141.91%
SUPPORT SERVICES 2213					
Tuition Reimbursement	4,410.00	1,995.00	4,050.00	4,400.00	8.64%
Conference	2,520.00	3,224.40	2,700.00	3,700.00	37.04%
TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES	6,930.00	5,219.40	6,750.00	8,100.00	20.00%
EDUCATIONAL MEDIA SERVICES 2222					
Salary - Librarian	12,376.00	12,037.87	12,995.00	13,382.00	2.98%
Social Security	947.00	920.90	994.00	1,023.00	2.92%
Retirement	553.00	498.37	538.00	789.00	46.65%
Workers Comp.	79.00	45.79	48.00	50.00	4.17%
Conferences	495.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Supplies and Materials	1,100.00	1,100.02	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00%
Books	2,750.00	2,707.12	2,750.00	1,650.00	-40.00%
New Equipment			0.00	0.00	0.00%
TOTAL MEDIA SERVICES	18,300.00	17,360.07	18,425.00	17,994.00	-2.34%
BOARD OF EDUCATION 2310					
Salary - School Board	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	0.00%
Salary - Moderator	50.00	53.10	50.00	50.00	0.00%
Truant Officer	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00%
Social Security	0.00	0.73	0.00	103.28	100.00%
Criminal Checks	204.00	272.00	204.00	272.00	33.33%
Insurance Treasurer's Bond	350.00	270.00	270.00	0.00	-100.00%
Advertising	2,500.00	1,766.71	2,500.00	2,000.00	-20.00%
Supplies and Materials	500.00	350.32	500.00	500.00	0.00%
Dues/fees & medicaid expense	0.00	4,713.04	0.00	0.00	0.00%
TOTAL BOARD OF ED.	5,004.00	8,725.90	4,924.00	4,325.28	-12.16%
School Board Clerk 2312					
Salary - Clerk	350.00	162.51	500.00	500.00	0.00%
Social Security	0.00	11.17	0.00	38.25	100.00%
TOTAL CLERK	350.00	173.68	500.00	538.25	7.65%

DESCRIPTION	2001 - 2002 BUDGET	2001 - 2002 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	2002 - 2003 CURRENT YEAR BUDGET	2003 - 2004 BUDGET	PERCENT INC/DEC
School Board Treasurer 2313					
Salary - Treasurer	425.00	425.00	425.00	425.00	0.00%
Social Security - Treasurer	0.00	0.00	0.00	32.51	100.00%
TOTAL TREASURER	425.00	425.00	425.00	457.51	7.65%
School Board Ballot Clerks 2314					
Salary - Ballot Clerk	420.00	360.00	378.00	378.00	0.00%
Social Security Ballot Clerk	0.00	27.52	0.00	29.00	100.00%
TOTAL BALLOT CLERKS	420.00	387.52	378.00	406.92	7.65%
School Board - Auditor 2317					
CONTRACTED SERVICES	1,350.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00%
School Board - legal 2318					
LEGAL FEES	1,500.00	1,650.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00%
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT 2321					
Superintendent Salary	23,138.00	23,138.00	24,295.00	26,053.00	7.24%
Super. negotiaions salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	-100.00%
Administrative Assistant	25,338.00	25,338.00	26,604.00	27,403.00	3.00%
Health Insurance	11,051.00	11,399.69	11,723.00	11,319.00	-3.45%
Dental Insurance	862.00	738.68	534.00	538.00	0.75%
Social Security	3,785.00	3,635.05	3,970.00	4,010.00	1.01%
Retirement	1,131.00	1,052.25	1,101.00	1,617.00	46.87%
Worker's Compensation	316.00	138.62	192.00	194.00	1.04%
Professional Services	4,672.00	4,415.87	4,672.00	5,200.00	11.30%
Mileage	800.00	806.63	600.00	600.00	0.00%
Telephone	1,200.00	1,246.43	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00%
Postage	600.00	588.49	450.00	450.00	0.00%
Supplies and Materials	1,800.00	1,216.78	1,600.00	1,600.00	0.00%
New Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
TOTAL OFFICE OF SAU	75,693.00	74,714.49	77,941.00	80,184.00	2.88%
OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL 2410					
Salary - Principal	43,222.00	43,221.92	45,384.00	46,745.00	3.00%
Salary - Secretary	17,483.00	18,205.49	18,357.00	20,640.00	12.44%
Health Insurance	12,985.00	12,825.88	16,784.00	17,055.00	1.61%
Dental Insurance	978.00	1,002.38	1,023.00	1,076.00	5.18%
Social Security	4,644.00	4,681.07	4,876.00	5,155.00	5.72%
Retirement	2,037.00	1,870.42	1,931.00	2,452.00	26.98%
Worker's Compensation	389.00	224.61	236.00	249.00	5.51%
Repairs to Equipment	500.00	429.70	200.00	200.00	0.00%
Telephone	6,000.00	6,393.27	6,000.00	6,400.00	6.67%
Supplies and Materials	1,770.00	1,769.35	1,770.00	1,770.00	0.00%
Graduation	350.00	209.76	350.00	350.00	0.00%
New Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Professional Development	645.00	575.00	645.00	645.00	0.00%
TOTAL OFF. OF PRINCIPAL	91,003.00	91,408.85	97,556.00	102,737.00	5.31%

DESCRIPTION		2001 - 2002 BUDGET	2001 - 2002 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	2002 - 2003 CURRENT YEAR BUDGET	2003 - 2004 BUDGET	PERCENT INC/DEC
SCHOOL LUNCH	2560	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00%
	2600					
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT						
Salary - Custodians		36,306.00	35,789.01	38,121.00	39,081.00	2.52%
Health Insurance		0.00	0.00	0.00	11,512.00	100.00%
Social Security		2,777.00	2,714.51	2,916.00	2,990.00	2.54%
Retirement		868.00	885.61	846.00	1,242.00	46.81%
Worker's Compensation		1,213.00	565.00	804.00	825.00	2.61%
Contracted Services		5,460.00	6,142.45	4,995.00	5,520.00	10.51%
Snow Removal		4,000.00	3,550.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00%
Repairs to Equipment		4,000.00	7,727.55	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00%
Repairs to Building		7,500.00	8,492.84	4,800.00	6,870.00	43.13%
Insurance		4,637.00	4,334.00	5,840.00	6,700.00	14.73%
Supplies and Materials		10,500.00	9,991.26	10,500.00	10,500.00	0.00%
Electricity		26,780.00	23,310.08	24,102.00	24,000.00	-0.42%
Fuel - Oil/Gas		6,500.00	4,007.02	5,850.00	5,850.00	0.00%
Propane		18,750.00	9,402.37	16,875.00	16,875.00	0.00%
New Equipment		8,742.00	8,760.51	244.00	0.00	-100.00%
Replacement Equipment		0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	100.00%
TOTAL OPERATION/ MAINT.		138,033.00	125,672.21	123,893.00	142,965.00	15.39%
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	2700					
Bus Transportation	2721	115,650.00	115,650.00	118,541.00	121,504.00	2.50%
TOTAL REGULAR		115,650.00	115,650.00	118,541.00	121,504.00	2.50%
Transportation	2722					
Special Education transport		23,212.00	35,750.85	66,527.86	51,604.00	-22.43%
TOTAL SPECIAL ED TRANSPORTATION		23,212.00	35,750.85	66,527.86	51,604.00	-22.43%
Transportation	2725					
Field Trips		3,500.00	2,254.80	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00%
TOTAL FIELD TRIPS		3,500.00	2,254.80	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00%
Transportation	2730					
Feeder Routes		0.00	0.00	11,310.00	0.00	-100.00%
TOTAL FEEDER ROUTES		0.00	0.00	11,310.00	0.00	-100.00%
TOTAL BUDGET		\$2,648,286.20	\$2,671,344.94	\$2,869,833.86	\$3,160,968.96	10.14%
Food Service in/out		36,000.00		36,000.00	36,000.00	0.00%
Federal Projects in/out		115,000.00		115,000.00	115,000.00	0.00%
GRAND TOTALS		2,799,286.20		3,020,833.86	3,311,968.96	9.64%

A. Way & Hurd School Fund

Principal Beginning Balance	614.16
Interest Beginning Balance	167.47
Interest Income for 2002	11.11
Total Principal and Interest	792.74

Goshen-Lempster Special Education Capital Reserve

Beginning Balance 01-01-02	2,105.17
Interest Income for 2002	31.57
12-31-02 Ending Balance	2,136.74

Goshen-Lempster Replacement or Repair of Existing Equipment Capital Reserve

Beginning Balance 01-01-02	904.43
Interest Income for 2002	14.22
12-31-02 Ending Balance	918.65

Goshen-Lempster Capital Reserve for Boiler Replacement

Beginning Balance 01-01-02	10,855.99
Interest Income for 2002	162.47
12-31-02 Ending Balance	11,018.46

Goshen-Lempster Gym Floor Capital Reserve

Beginning Balance 01-01-02	16,008.82
Interest Income for 2002	249.90
New Funds Created	5,000.00
12-31-02 Ending Balance	21,258.72

All of these funds are currently invested in the NH Public Deposit Investment Pool with an average yield of 2.8%.

2000 - 2001 Special Education cost for the school year

	Instruction	Related Services	Transportation	Totals
Elementary	\$234,519.00	\$54,094.00	\$13,098.00	\$301,711.00
Middle School	\$18,494.00		\$4,365.00	\$22,589.00
High School	\$168,936.00		\$13,097.00	\$182,033.00
				\$506,333.00

Revenues received to offset special education costs \$66,833.60 catastrophic Aid
 \$36,337.99 Medicaid Revenue

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2001 - 2002 Special Education cost for the year.

	Instruction	Related Services	Transportation	Totals
Elementary	\$414,655.91	\$67,718.02	\$35,750.85	\$518,124.78
Middle School				
High School	\$165,254.00			\$165,254.00
			Totals	\$683,378.78

Revenues received to offset special education costs \$99,810.53 Catastrophic Aid
 \$38,304.05 Medicaid Revenue

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

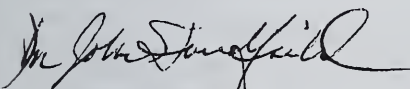
The past school year in the Goshen-Lempster School District saw several notable achievements occur and it is with pleasure that I can share certain of these with the citizens of Goshen and Lempster at this time. They are:

- The Goshen-Lempster School received the largest grant in the state from the Health Trust to create a cross country track that promotes a healthy lifestyle for our students.
- Our faculty became involved in Success For All training which is designed to have teachers hone their instructional skills in effectively teaching a wide variety of students.
- Our students have continued to be exposed to Thinking Maps training which improves one's reading comprehension and promotes higher-ordered thinking.
- Administration and faculty continue to align our curricula with the NH Assessment which is producing positive student performances.

In light of the above, I believe it is altogether appropriate for us to reflect upon our school's Vision Statement which is: "It is the vision of the Goshen-Lempster Cooperative School District to work with the community to enable students to become lifelong learners and contributing members of society by providing social, intellectual and physical experiences which develop leadership and problem solving skills essential in an ever changing environment."

As we bring forward our plan to sustain our accomplishments to voters at the Annual Meeting, I sincerely hope that the school's efforts to effectively educate the youth of our communities will continue to receive your staunch support.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. John Handfield

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

2002

Two Thousand Two began as a year of reaffirmation of patriotism for the people of our community and our nation. In the wake of the devastating events of the previous September, we found ourselves in a new world of heightened awareness; we began to understand just how precarious the delicate balance of world power is. As an educational community, we understood more than ever how important it is that we prepare our children for a challenging future. It is imperative that school and community become one to bolster our children's achievement and sense of security. The following events of the past year (not all inclusive) illustrate the great number of benefits that our students enjoyed as a result of that school/community alliance.

JANUARY

Ms. Williams, Physical Education teacher, in an effort to help students overcome the "winter blahs", provided after school programs several afternoons per week. The activities consisted of alternating basketball and volleyball team competitions.

Women's Supportive Services of Sullivan County began a twelve week program of Personal Safety and Awareness training for our eighth grade students. This grant supported program provided the students with skills development in assertiveness and decision making. The focus topics were substance abuse, issues of sexuality, and harassment. The program assists our students, who are dispersed to different well established peer groups throughout our region after graduation, to make responsible decisions when confronted with potentially harmful situations.

FEBRUARY

School Librarian Tanna Cota created the program Terrific Tuesdays to take the place of our traditional winter program. The individual presentations, which were sponsored through a Library fundraising project, were:

- The Drum of the Elephant King, a show combining Caribbean culture and African story forms played on the drums.
- The Magic Inside, an outstanding educational and motivational magic show.
- Food Play, an educational (and comical) show on food and nutrition.
- This is Your Life, another comical presentation on health and nutrition.

In coordination with the Terrific Tuesday's nutrition program, our school wellness team provided a unique nutritional food choices buffet during the school lunch periods.

Our Math Team attended the annual MATH COUNTS competition at Keene State College. Our team members, who experienced an exhilarating day of competition with their peers from throughout the state of New Hampshire, were: Danny Gonyea, Brittney Murray, Caitlin Peck, Isaiah Whitman, Hilary Porter, and Dane Adams.

MARCH

The theme for this year's PROJECT FAIR was Wellness, in conjunction with the many wellness activities that had been taking place throughout the school year. The students presented projects which focused on health and healthy life styles. The Goshen-Lempster Wellness Team brought in outside health agencies to be available for parents and guests at the Fair. Just prior to the opening of the Fair, the Third Grade Class fed an incredible number of guests at its annual Cheap Night Out spaghetti supper.

APRIL

Mr. Gene Maier, a professional trainer of seeing eye dogs, gave a presentation to students on the techniques for training and the function of seeing eye dogs. The presentation was arranged for by school volunteer coordinator Marianne Dennis.

Counselors from Women's Supportive Services of Sullivan County worked with our students in the Bully Stopper Program. The program, which educates students on techniques for dealing with bullying and harassment, was supported by a joint grant involving the Goshen-Lempster School and Women's Supportive Services.

The Goshen-Lempster P.T.C. adopted goals that targeted school playground needs. Under the direction of Ms. Debra Dustin, long range plans for the development of the playground were considered. The short term plan focused on repairing the playground play structure to make it safe. An article on the School District Warrant was presented at the March School District Meeting to support the effort. The citizens overwhelmingly voted in favor of the repairs. In addition, Mr. George Peck of Lempster donated loam for the playground area.

MAY

In an educational program about our legal system, Lawyer In Every School Program, students were treated to a presentation by Attorney Michael Shklar, County Prosecutor Mark Hathaway, and New Hampshire State Trooper Jason Alstrom. The presenters set-up a mock jury trial, involving students in a role play, which facilitated a lesson on how the law deals with cases of bribery. This situation, The Case of "A+ Annie", was artfully made relevant to the students by creating an investigation which involved a student who tries to bribe a teacher for an improved grade.

On Teacher Appreciation Day, parents of students (under the organization of the P.T.C.) set-up a magnificent luncheon for the staff in the teachers' room. The wonderful gesture was very much appreciated by the school staff.

On May 22, Ms. Chris Williams and many of her students who had attained a notable level in the school walking program traveled to Concord to participate in the Annual Intergerational Wellness Walk. At the activity, Ms. Williams received an award from Governor Shaheen citing her outstanding School Fitness Program.

A Lacrosse Program was offered to students under the volunteer direction of Dr. Lilyan Wright. Several years ago, Dr. Wright began a Fall Field Hockey Program for students where they have been competing in games with other schools. This year, Dr. Wright wanted to expand the sports program to include a Spring Lacrosse Program.

On the evening of May 29, a student play production of The Ransom of Emily Jane was presented to parents and guests. The 1900 era comedy was directed by Ms. Patty Bechok, Ms. Christian Stetson, and Ms. Beth Titlton; the set design was developed by Ms. Darlene Scimemi with the assistance of Joscelyn Howard. The key student players in this outstanding presentation were: Emily Robinson, Erik Wirkkala, Taylor Zajac, Jessica Potter, Tania Ross, Rachel Potter, Kelsie Heath, Caitlin Robinson, Brooke Ross, Richie Cortese, Rachel Shklar, and Seth Roberts.

Author Donald Johnson (New York Times Bestseller and recipient of many awards), Henry Hikes to Fitchburg and Henry Builds a Cabin, made a presentation to our students on his process of creating and illustrating stories. The presentation was a product of a library grant submitted by Ms. Deborah Stone of Lempster.

JUNE

Our school music program, brilliantly coordinated and directed by Ms. Pam Waltzer, provided two music events in June. One program was a Recital presentation to parents and community members with performances by the school band and the chorus. The other program was a talent show for students and staff whereby students were able to demonstrate their various talents.

Eighth Grade graduation was held in the school gymnasium on the evening of June 13. Jessica Potter and Daniel Gonyea, Co-Salutatorians, welcomed parents and guests. Co-Third Honors students Hillary Porter and Brittney Murray introduced the graduates, and Caitlin Peck, Class Valedictorian, bid farewell to the Goshen-Lempster School on behalf of her classmates. Awards were presented by Mr. Lavalette and Mr. Bonfiglio, and Superintendent Handfield addressed the graduating students. School Board member Carol Whitman issued diplomas. The P.T.C. sponsored a reception for the graduates following the ceremony.

JULY

A two week summer program, Kidz'n Mo-shun, was again provided through the coordination efforts Linda and Brad Lane and Stacy Koscielniak. There were an incredible number of activities for students to participate in. Many community members volunteered their time and their expertise to make this a fantastic event for the children of the community.

AUGUST

The school staff began the new school year with several days of professional development. Under the direction of Dr. Sprecker, school psychologist, there was a training session on the techniques of including the handicapped student in the regular classroom. In addition, through a grant supported activity, the staff worked with a consultant from Designs For Thinking in a project called Thinking Maps. The emphasis was to incorporate the strategies of Thinking Maps in improving reading comprehension.

The first day of school began with the student theme "Success Comes By Trying"; effort means everything. The theme was the focus of the opening day assembly, and success posters and book marks were distributed. The staff theme for the new school year was, "Whatever You Want From Students You Must Give Them". Educators must center their effort on motivating our students to learn.

SEPTEMBER

The new school year brought several changes among the teaching staff. Ms. Joan Perry replaced Ms. Patty Bechok as our S.A.F.E Room teacher, and Ms. Angela Ferland filled the sixth grade classroom position left vacant by Ms. Christian Stetson. Our new Title I teacher, reading and mathematics, is Mr. Peter Newbern, replacing Ms. Heidi Sprague; the previous school year, Mr. Newbern was associated with the S.A.F.E. program.

The Goshen-Lempster School sign at the juncture of School Road and Route 10 was replaced by Kevin and Carlene Scarlett. The unsightly sign was deemed to be an eye sore by many. Through their donation and efforts, the Scarletts provided a very handsome sign that has received many compliments.

OCTOBER

On Saturday, October 5, the Goshen-Lempster School band (under the direction of Ms. Waltzer) played for the citizens of Goshen in the Goshen Old Home Day Parade.

During Fire Prevention week the Lempster Fire Department made presentations to the students regarding fire safety and preventing house fires. Conducting the program were Lempster Fire Chief Phillip Tirrell, Captain David Loring, Lieutenant Barbara Chadwick, and rescue personnel Loretta Hull.

Ms. Rachel Tirrell's third grade class began a project with the The Cold River Local Advisory Committee in the water quality testing program. Travis Hussey, an AmeriCorp volunteer, has been instructing the students about watersheds, ecology, and local history.

NOVEMBER

The Goshen-Lempster School staff worked with Susie Girardin, a middle level consultant, addressing the challenging needs of middle school adolescents. The staff explored effective strategies designed to provoke a more constructive way of thinking and a more productive and practical way of teaching. The focus was on differentiation, recognizing the wide variety of differences in the classroom and using those differences to everyone's advantage.

The results of the previous Spring's New Hampshire Assessment were released; the results for the Goshen-Lempster School were less than encouraging. The mean scaled scores for the third grade language arts and mathematics were 243 (state average = 253) and 244 (state average = 255) respectively. The categories for the mean scaled scores are: 200 - 240 (Novice), 240 - 260 (Basic), 260 - 280 (Proficient), and 280 - 300 (Advanced). Upon investigation, it was discovered that the third grade class had a population that was comprised of 41.7% students coded as handicapped (the school wide rate is 19%), 20.8 % Title I students, and 37.5% regular education students. The average mean scaled score per group was: handicapped (lang. arts - 229.4, math - 239); Title I (lang. arts - 244.4, math - 236.4); and regular education (lang. arts - 256.2, math 254.4). This year, as part of an effort to enhance our handicapped students' participation in the assessment, our staff is involved with other New Hampshire Educators in workshops which train staff for alternative assessment strategies for handicapped students.

The analysis of the sixth grade assessment brought out some interesting data. The advantage of working with the sixth grade statistics is that data from previous years can also be considered. Out of a class of thirty eight students, twenty four scored in the novice range and fourteen scored in the basic through proficient ranges. Of the twenty four students in novice range, 33% had moved in after the fourth grade (half of which were coded as handicapped). All fourteen students in the basic through proficient ranges have been at the Goshen-Lempster School since the third grade. There were dramatic gains among these students from the third grade to the sixth grade assessment (some by as many as 30 mean scaled points). In the comparison of the two assessments, there was a total drop of mean scaled points of 6 and a total gain of 148. In comparing each student to him or herself, the achievement level improvements were remarkable. The New Hampshire State Department of Education has a website at which the assessment results are posted. As part of the data, there is an anticipated score range for each school given a variety of factors (special education, socioeconomic, Title I data, etc.). According to that data, our mean scaled scores have fallen in the range that was anticipated by the State Department of Education.

DECEMBER

Ms. Waltzer and her music students put on an outstanding Holiday Concert for parents and guests. There were selections by the school band, the school choir, individual classrooms, and individual students. Ms. Rudenfeldt also prepared a group of students for a presentation of the Chimes Choir. The Concert was a testament to the magnificent music program that Ms. Waltzer has created at the Goshen-Lempster School.

The Goshen-Lempster School Wellness Team received a grant award of \$3,770.00 to develop a trail on school grounds. The team (Christine Williams, Annette Howard, Rhonda Colcord, and Janis Bellavance) submitted the proposal to the Health Trust Health Promotion Department in an effort to create a worksite wellness program. The trail is considered to be an extension of the wellness walking program that was initiated last year; the cross-country trail will be used for snowshoeing and hiking. The funds from the grant will be used for trail blazing, the purchase of snowshoes, and the production of educational pamphlets and signage.

There is an incredible amount of time, energy and financial support that goes into a public school operation. The members of the School Board and the S.A.U. 71 administrative staff continually wrestle with many issues, and they labor feverishly to present a responsible budget to the people. Members of the support staff (custodians, food service, secretarial, nurse, and transportation workers) keep the operation "humming" along. Teachers and paraprofessionals strive to make the educational program the best it can be. School volunteers are a blessing that we have been very fortunate to be well endowed with. The citizens of this community should be proud of the school program that it provides for its children.

Special education continues to exert an inordinate strain on our resources for public education. As a result, the school budget continues to grow out of proportion, and the regular education program continues to be trimmed to compensate for the budget increase. This year, we have experienced a number of cuts during the budget formation process to compensate for those costs over which we have no control. One of those compromises was in technology, an area in which we have maintained a respectable growth pattern to this date. The following is a passage from the 1982 Head Teacher's Annual Report....

The momentum of computers in education is so great, and events are moving so rapidly, that we must hustle to keep pace. We pray that our society is able to guide its rampant technology into continued development for humane use. The pace is frightening, but we should keep upper most in mind that even though the computer is more efficient at coming up with the answers, we are still asking the questions. Now we have the responsibility for effectively educating our youth for a life with rapidly advancing technology; we must all share that responsibility.

Have our goals changed? Are we "cashing in our chips"? Should we be making the concessions that compromise our childrens' future? These are monumental questions. Let's take a close look at the faces that are giving us the answers.

Respectfully submitted,

John Bonfiglio

SCHOOL WARRANT

The inhabitants of the Goshen-Lempster Cooperative School District from the towns of Goshen and Lempster, in the County of Sullivan, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs, met at the Goshen-Lempster Cooperative School gymnasium in Lempster on the 9TH day of March, 2002, at seven o'clock PM to act upon the articles set forth in the Warrant. Articles I & 2 of the Warrant covering the election of Moderator, Member of the School Board from Lempster were acted upon at three o'clock PM and at seven o'clock to act upon articles set forth in the warrant. Voting was by official ballot and checklist. The polls remained open for this purpose from three o'clock PM until eight forty five (8:45) PM.

ARTICLE 1.

To choose a moderator for the ensuing year. (By ballot vote)

Michael Shklar was elected.

ARTICLE 2.

To choose a member of the School Board from Lempster for a five year term beginning March 10,2002.

Carol Whitman was elected.

The public meeting was opened by Moderator, Michael Shklar, at 7:08 PM. He proceeded to outline the rules and procedure of the meeting. In order to cast votes on any Warrant Articles you must be a registered voter. He then asked if anyone was unfamiliar with any rules or had never attended a public meeting before. He asked everyone to use their manners, keep tempers under control. All agreed and the meeting began.

The meeting was started with a moment of silence for the events of this past year.

ARTICLE 3.

To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

Erik Walker motioned to accept and Marianne Dennis seconded. This article passes

ARTICLE 4.

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE MILLION TWENTY THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY THREE DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (3,020,833.00) for the support of the school, for the payment of salaries of School District officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. The School Board recommends, this appropriation. (Majority Vote required)

Note: The Board anticipates that \$1,852,272.00 from sources other than general taxation will be available to apply towards these expenditures.

Marianne Dennis motioned to accept, and Lilyan Wright seconded. M. Dennis addressed this article by showing there are increases in High School tuition, Spec Ed Transportation, and in Health Insurance. These are three areas that we really don't have much control over. There are also some decreased in revenues. She concluded by encouraging everyone to ask questions of the

board. Ms. Nelson asked what are needs are for special Ed because we have several spec Ed teachers on staff. M. Dennis replied that we are at 20% rate at the present time. Janet Gibson made a motion to amend the article by increasing the budget by \$30,889.00 to replace the teacher that was cut out of the budget. She expressed concern that our student numbers are up and we need the extra teacher. Erik Walker explained that the board voted 3 to 2 to cut the teacher. He explained that it was not a unanimous vote by the board, the voters can vote to add that teacher back in.

The motion was called to a vote, discussion ceased. The call to vote passed. The vote was done by hand vote 25 yes and 31 no. The motion to amend was defeated.

Jean Barrett asked where the other revenues were from. It was pointed out that it show on page 5 in the books.

Mr. Deihl commented that he thought the school board did a good job putting the budget together. He also asked where the board gets the Special Ed numbers for the budget. M. Dennis explained we take the students we have now and put them in for next year. She also explained that it is subject to change if people move or placements change.

Kevin Onella asked if high school tuition will go down if Sunapee does not take our students. Erik Walker explained that they already cut 28,000 out of high school tuition. Any extra from tuition cannot be set aside for something else the lawyers were asked about this. Doris Adler asked why is tuition up if we have the same number of students and there was a cut. E. Walker explained we have more students going into high school. Moderator Michael Shklar asked if any further questions. Called for a vote, this article passes.

ARTICLE 5.

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) for the Purpose of repairing and upgrading the existing playground. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Marianne Dennis motioned to accept, and Erik Walker seconded.

Lilyan Wright addressed this article by saying she asked the teachers to give their ideas to improve the playground. She has received a list of problems and things that are in need of fixing. She also explained that there are a lot of organizations for playground safety. There is also serious liability if someone is injured. Carlene Scarlett asked if they thought \$5,000 was enough money to fix the playground. John Bonfiglio explained the money from the board was taking care of liability and the safety of the children. She also wanted to know if anyone had looked into what the cost is to replace the playground. The board has not received a price for replacement. Mr. Nelson calls to the question, and C Phillips seconded. Call to the question passes, this article passes.

ARTICLE 6.

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$6,840.00) for the purpose of implementing Phase I of the School District's three year technology plan. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Marianne Dennis motioned to accept, and Lilyan Wright seconded.

Marianne Dennis addressed this article explaining it is to upgrade the line from a 56k to a 384k also for upgrades and other set up fees. J. Barrett asked why the taxes on the phone bill isn't being used for this. Vicki Goss explained that to get the erate you have to apply for it. Which will be coming to the school.

She also explained there are 40 computers being used on the Internet between K-8th grades. They use it for reference, research and the teachers use it for additional lesson.

Article 6 passes

ARTICLE 7

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of EIGHTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS (\$18,790.00) for the purpose of bringing the position of school nurse from 70% time to full time. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Marianne Dennis motioned to accept, and Lilyan Wright seconded. Lilyan Wright addressed this article by listing the importance of having a school nurse. Some things the nurse has done include entering all the student data into the computer, offering a baby-sitter course, giving prescription medicines. Also the nurse received a \$600 cot for the school at no cost, has scheduled the state dental van to come to the school. The staff does not want to give medication because of liability. The school also receives some Medicaid reimbursement for the nurse.

Erik Walker spoke as a voter not as a school board member, he explained that he felt we did not need a full time nurse. He feels it is a luxury we can not afford at the time, and that we do not need a full time nurse for the size of the school. Mrs. Roberts spoke to the fact that students need to be healthy to learn. Also with most two working parent families kids come to school more not feeling well. Carol Stamatikis has seen an improvement having a full time nurse. Parents receive more information when kids are sick or hurt. Vicki Goss expressed that she is concerned about what our school has it shouldn't matter what other schools are doing.

Kevin Onella called to question, Erik Walker seconded. Call to question passed. Vote was taken by a hand count 44 yes and 42 no. Article passed

ARTICLE 8.

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) to be added to the School District gym floor replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Marianne Dennis motioned to accept and John Hopkins seconded. John Hopkins addressed this article by explaining that we were adding to the account already established. Mr. Nelson asked what the problem is with the floor and what will be put down. The problem is the seams are opening which could be a hazard. There is no decision as to what will be put down. When the bids are in they will be brought to the voters. Mr. Bonfiglio explained that we had received a bid of \$22,000 to put down a similar surface. There has been some moisture found and the cost a the vapor barrier is as much as the floor. Ms. Phillips suggested that the moisture problem needs to be fixed before the floor is fixed. The board recommends adding \$5,000 each year then it will go to the voters. Article passed.

Article 9

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$4,400) to create a perimeter drain to divert the water away from the gymnasium portion of the building. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

John Hopkins motioned to accept and Marianne Dennis seconded. John Hopkins addressed this article by saying the school board withdraws this motion and request the voters to vote no. The board has talked to New England Testing Company to drill holes and see if there is a moisture problem. Kevin Onella asked why were we still putting money aside if there isn't a decision yet. John Hopkins explained we can either put all the money away at once or a little at a time. Article defeated.

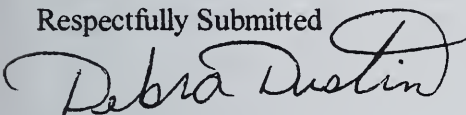
ARTICLE 10.

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Ms. Collins told everyone the Kidz N Moshun Program will be running again this summer. She also asked if there were anyone interested in volunteering to let her know. Kevin Onella asked if the school meeting could be after the town meeting. Also if it was possible to get books earlier to be able to look prior to meeting. Cindy Phillips said that Goshen received the books late and next year are going to try to make them. Erik Walker invited people to get involved earlier in the budget process. John Hopkins explained what some moneys were used for to save money. The school bought oil for 99.9 cents instead of waiting and paying more. Lori Wilcox explained we paid off \$19,500 bill instead of paying 5 years of interest. Also that \$90,000 was returned to the towns. John Terrell closed by inviting everyone to get a card for the Lempster Library. The Library received \$5,000 in new books as well as 4,000 books from Scholastic.

John Hopkins made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 PM and Lori Wilcox seconded. Motion passed unanimous

Respectfully Submitted



Debra Dustin (Substitute Clerk)

PUPIL STATISTICS

School enrollment for the last 15 years, on the opening day.

School Year	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Subtotal	Tuition	Total
1988-89	21	29	29	26	19	21	25	21	17	208	77	285
1989-90	29	20	23	30	25	24	24	24	21	220	73	293
1990-91	24	38	17	26	31	23	20	22	23	224	74	298
1991-92	21	37	20	13	29	31	24	21	23	219	65	284
1992-93	21	27	38	19	16	28	32	22	19	222	69	291
1993-94	26	23	26	36	20	17	30	27	24	229	72	301
1994-95	11	22	20	23	36	17	18	28	29	204	92	296
1995-96	27	16	26	18	28	37	19	24	28	223	89	312
1996-97	16	30	17	24	19	25	32	17	20	200	92	292
1997-98	16	22	27	15	24	17	32	35	22	210	93	303
1998-99	17	17	22	35	19	30	19	31	31	221	96	317
2-1-99	19	18	26	37	21	30	19	34	33	237	99	336
1999-00	15	19	20	24	35	19	26	17	33	208	99	307
2-1-00	15	20	24	25	39	20	26	20	34	223	98	321
2000-01	12	17	22	21	22	35	19	29	20	197	98	295
2001-02	12	14	19	20	18	23	32	19	28	185	95	280
2002-03	18	15	16	18	24	19	23	36	22	191	103	294



2002 Eighth Grade Graduates

Row 1 (L to R): Graduates – Steve Simonds, Logan LaCasse, Samantha Annala, Justina Willey, Jessica Potter.

Amber French, Jimmy Bednarczyk, Jason Gagnon, Ryan Howard, Jake Shinnars.

Row 2 (L to R): Graduates – Nicole Perra, Shanon Geuser, Pamela Jo Mileti, Caitlin Peck, Emily Robinson, Dane Adams, Daniel Gonyea, David Thatcher Jr., Helen Powell.

Row 3 (L to R): Marshal – Tania Ross, Graduates – Seth Roberts, Amber Stancil, Brittney Murray, Hilary Porter,

Jacquelyn Lund, Cory Bevilacqua, Isaiah Whitman, Henry Heath Jr., Lauren Kowalczyk, Megen Williamson,

Marshal – Ira Fellows.

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