

Town of

ORFORD

NEW HAMPSHIRE

*Annual  
Report*

*For the Year Ended December 31, 1997*



**Annual Report**  
**of the**  
**Officers**  
**of the**  
**TOWN**  
**of**  
**ORFORD**  
**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**for the**

**Year Ending December 31, 1997**

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## TOWN DIRECTORY

### SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Every Wednesday at 7:30 PM at the Town Office, Route 25A

### SELECTMEN'S OFFICE 353-4889

Gail Shipman, Administrative Assistant

Office Hours:           Monday   9:00 – 12:00  
                                  Wednesday 5:00 – 7:30  
                                  Thursday 12:00 – 2:30

The Selectmen's Office is in the Town Office.

### TOWN CLERK 353-4404

Deborah Williams-Matyka

Office Hours:           Tuesday 6:00 – 8:00  
                                  Wednesday 6:00 – 8:00  
                                  Thursday 6:00 – 8:00  
                                  2nd and 4th Saturday 9:00 – 12:00

The Town Clerk's Office is in the Town Office.

### TAX COLLECTOR 353-4831

Louise Mack

Office Hours:       Daily after 5:00 PM (Please call first.)

The Tax Collector's Office is in her home on Archertown Road.

### PLANNING BOARD MEETING

Every third Monday at 7:00 PM at the Town Office.

## ORFORD TOWN OFFICERS

### Elected by nonpartisan ballot on Town Meeting Day:

#### MODERATOR

Peter M. Thomson	353-4111	1998	2-Year Term
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#### SELECTMEN

Timothy Chase	353-4880	1998	3-Year Term
David Bischoff	353-9818	1999	3-Year Term
Paul Goundrey	353-9813	2000	3-Year Term

#### TREASURER

Charles Peters	353-4508	1998	3-Year Term
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#### SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Laura Verry	353-9450	1998	6-Year Term
Andrew Schwaegler	272-9202	2000	6-Year Term
Vacant		2002	6-Year Term

#### TAX COLLECTOR

Louise Mack	353-4831	1998	1-Year Term
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#### TOWN CLERK

Deborah Williams-Matyka	353-4404	1999	3-Year Term
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#### ROAD AGENT

James Fields	353-9366	1998	1-Year Term
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#### PLANNING BOARD

Paul Dalton	353-9844	1998	3-Year Term
Jonathan Sands	353-4746	1998	3-Year Term
Andrew Schwaegler	272-9202	1999	3-Year Term
Shawn Washburn	353-4207	1999	3-Year Term
Elizabeth Bischoff	353-4526	2000	3-Year Term
David Coker	353-4104	2000	3-Year Term
Guy Hebb	353-4848		Alternate
David Bischoff	353-9818		Ex Officio
Timothy Chase	353-4880		Ex Officio Alt.

### Nominated and Elected from the floor on Town Meeting Day:

#### AUDITOR

Joseph Arcolio	353-9504	1998	1-Year Term
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#### OVERSEERS OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Board of Selectmen	353-4889	1998	1-Year Term
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**Orford Town Officers** *(continued)*

**FENCE VIEWERS**

Mark Marsh	353-9007	1998	1-Year Term
H. Horton Washburn	353-4570	1998	1-Year Term

**HEALTH OFFICER**

David Bischoff	353-9818	1998	1-Year Term
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**SEXTON**

Cemetery Commission		1998	1-Year Term
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**BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

James Hook	353-4834	1998	1-Year Term
Jim McGoff	353-4835	1998	1-Year Term
Robert Palifka	353-9367	1998	1-Year Term
Andrew Schwaegler	272-9202	1998	1-Year Term
Herbert Verry	353-9450	1998	1-Year Term

**ORFORD FREE LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Juli Washburn	353-4207	1998	3-Year Term
Susan Kling		1999	3-Year Term
Carol Boynton	353-4874	2000	3-Year Term

**ORFORD SOCIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEE**

Ann Davis	353-4881	1998	3-Year Term
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**FIRE WARDS**

Arthur Dennis	353-4502	1998	1-Year Term
James Hook	353-4834	1998	1-Year Term
Larry Taylor	353-9865	1998	1-Year Term

**PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS**

Dave Thomson	353-9607	1998	3-Year Term
John O'Brien	353-9857	1999	3-Year Term
Ranson Perry	353-4793	1999	3-Year Term
Randy Fillian	353-9059	2000	3-Year Term
Brad McCormack	353-4469	2000	3-Year Term

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Larry Taylor	353-9865	1998	3-Year Term
Julia Fifield	353-4881	1999	3-Year Term
Vacant		1999	3-Year Term
John O'Brien	353-9857	2000	3-Year Term
George (Pat) Tullar	353-4120	2000	3-Year Term

**Orford Town Officers** *(continued)*

**TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS**

Cicely Richardson	353-4608	1998	3-Year Term
Mark Blanchard	353-9873	1999	3-Year Term
Bruce Schwaegler	272-4950	2000	3-Year Term

**CEMETERY COMMISSION**

Julia Fifield	353-4881	1998	3-Year Term
Paul Messer	353-4883	1999	3-Year Term
Ruth Brown	353-9092	2000	3-Year Term

**Appointed by the Board of Selectmen:**

**FIRE CHIEF**

Arthur Dennis	353-4502	1998	1-Year Term
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**POLICE CHIEF**

Michael LaChapelle	353-4252	1998	1-Year Term
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**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

Rita Pease	353-9070	1998	1-Year Term
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**INSPECTORS OF ELECTION**

Elizabeth Bischoff	353-4526	1998	2-Year Term
Judith Parker		1998	2-Year Term
Julie Peters	353-4508	1998	2-Year Term
Glyneta Thomson	353-4547	1998	2-Year Term
Elizabeth Blauvelt (Alternate)	353-4115	1998	2-Year Term
Ruth Brown (Alternate)	353-9092	1998	2-Year Term

**NILES FUND COMMITTEE**

Elizabeth Bischoff	353-4526	1998	1-Year Term
Paul Boone	353-4571	1998	1-Year Term
Barbara Dyke	353-9885	1998	1-Year Term
David Coker	353-4104	1998	1-Year Term
Timothy Chase (ex officio)	353-4880	1998	1-Year Term



**TOWN OF ORFORD**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 11, 1997**

**GRAFTON, ss.**

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

The polls were opened at 4:05 p.m. The ballots were counted (518) and the voting began for the Town Officers on the Australian Ballot.

The Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Orford was called to order at 7:13 p.m. Moderator Peter Thomson led the assembly in the salute to the Flag. The Moderator proceeded to introduce the Orford Chief of Police, Michael LaChappelle, along with some announcements concerning the Orford Historical Society exhibit at the back of the hall, the Mud Season Yard Sale sponsored by the Buildings and Grounds Committee, vacancies on the SAU Study Committee, a vacancy on the Supervisor of the Checklist, which of these positions need to be filled, and general housekeeping items.

The Moderator proceeded to read the posting of the Warrant which was posted and certified on February 6, 1997 by the Board of Selectmen: David Bischoff, Timothy R. Chase and Paul J. Goundrey.

A motion was made by Paul Messer, Sr. and seconded by David Bischoff to dispense with the reading of the Warrant and was passed with a voice vote in affirmation.

**ARTICLE 1:** To choose all necessary Town Officers.  
Officers to be elected from the floor:

For one year:	AUDITOR	Joseph Arcolio
For one year:	OVERSEERS OF PUBLIC WELFARE	Selectmen
For one year:	FENCE VIEWERS	Mark Marsh H. Horton Washburn
For one year:	HEALTH OFFICER	David Bischoff
For one year:	SEXTON	Cemetery Commission
For one year:	BUDGET COMMITTEE	James Hook Jim McGoff Robert Palifka Andrew Schwaegler Herbert Verry
For three years:	ORFORD FREE LIBRARY TRUSTEE	Carol Boynton

For one year: FIRE WARDS	Arthur Dennis James Hook Larry Taylor
For three years: PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS	David Braley Randy Fillian
For three years: CONSERVATION COMMITTEE	John O'Brien George (Pat) Tullar
For three years: TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS	Bruce Schwaegler
For three years: CEMETERY COMMISSION	Ruth Brown

**ARTICLE 2:**

To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 466:30-a which make it unlawful for any dog to run at large, except when accompanied by the owner or custodian, and when used for hunting, herding, supervised competition and exhibition or training for such?

**Yes: 167            No: 97**

*The article was passed.*

**ARTICLE 3:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$420,497.00 to include the following budget items:

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Executive	\$ 30,100.
Election	13,000.
Financial Administration	15,500.
Revaluation of Property	750.
Legal Expenses	20,000.
Planning	5,510.
General Government Buildings	7,000.
Cemeteries	6,750.
Insurance	12,000.
Regional Association	937.
Personnel Administration	23,000.
Contingency Fund	3,000.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Police	\$ 33,605.
Ambulance	14,112.
Fire Department	17,700.
Emergency Management	300.

**HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES**

Highways	\$113,610.
Bridges	6,000.
Street Lighting	4,300.

SANITATION

Solid Waste Collection	\$ 4,940.
Solid Waste Disposal	30,000.

HEALTH

Pest Control	\$ 1,350.
Health Agency	5,225.

WELFARE

Direct Assistance	\$ 4,550.
Intergovernmental Welfare	1,400.

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Parks and Playgrounds	\$ 11,800.
Libraries	12,720.
Patriotic Purposes	175.

CONSERVATION

Other Conservation	\$ 125.
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DEBT SERVICE

Principal — Long Term Bonds	\$ 10,000.
Interest — Long Term Bonds	2,069.
Interest — Tax Anticipation Note	2,500.

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Buildings	
Building Improvements	\$ 1,500.
Improvements Other Than Buildings	
Restoration of Town Records	2,069.
Fire Department Radios	2,400.
Office Equipment	500.

A motion was made by David Bischoff and seconded by Paul Goundrey. After some explanation from Selectman David Bischoff, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$420,497.00 by voice affirmation.

*The article was passed.*

**ARTICLE 4:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$56,000.00 for payments to capital reserve funds to be disbursed as follows:

Fire Truck	\$ 20,000.
Town Truck #2	8,000.
Grader	6,000.
Loader	7,000.
Bridge Replacement	10,000.
Police Cruiser	4,000.
Tractor-Mower	1,000.

A motion was made by Paul Goundrey and seconded by David Bischoff. It was voted by voice affirmation to disburse payments to the capital reserve funds as stated above.

*The article was passed.*

**ARTICLE 5:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for paving projects.

A motion was made by Paul Goundrey and seconded by David Bischoff. After much discussion the motion was passed by voice affirmation.

*The article was passed.*

**ARTICLE 6:**

To see if the Town will vote to establish pursuant to RSA 35:1 a capital reserve fund for the purchase of trucks for the Highway Department, to be known as the Highway Department Truck Capital Reserve Fund.

A motion was made by David Bischoff and seconded by Gete Thomson, a voice vote in the affirmation.

*The article was passed.*

**ARTICLE 7:**

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Town Truck #1 Capital Reserve Fund and the Town Truck #2 Capital Reserve Fund as provided in RSA 35:16-a.

A motion was made by David Bischoff and seconded by Paul Goundrey, a voice vote in the affirmation.

*The article was passed.*

**ARTICLE 8:**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$58,606.84 plus accrued interest to be paid into the Highway Department Truck Capital Reserve Fund. This sum represents the amount formerly in the Town Truck #1 and Town Truck #2 Capital Reserve Funds.

A motion was made by Paul Goundrey and seconded by Gete Thomson, a voice vote in the affirmation.

*The article was passed.*

**ARTICLE 9:**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$68,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a new truck for the Highway department, and to name the Selectmen as agents of the Town to withdraw \$55,000.00 from the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund to be used for the purchase of the new truck and raise the balance of \$13,000.00 by general taxation.

A motion was made by Paul Goundrey and seconded by Pat Hammond. After some discussion there was a voice vote in the affirmation.

*The article was passed.*

**ARTICLE 10:**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of hiring additional part-time personnel and for contracted services on town roads.

A motion was made by Gete Thomson and seconded by Paul Messer, Sr. After a great deal of discussion there was a voice vote in the affirmation.

*The article was passed.*

**ARTICLE 11:**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the interest, \$5,000.00 from the Lenore Niles Trust Fund for the purpose of planting trees on town owned property, improving community facilities and sponsoring organizations of Orford with financial aid for opportunities that otherwise might be unattainable.

A motion was made by Julia Fifield and seconded by Paul Goundrey. After little discussion, a voice vote in the affirmation.

*The article was passed.*

**ARTICLE 12:**

To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Orford, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years of age, \$5,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years of age, \$10,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$20,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income, if single, of not more than \$15,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$23,000, and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000, excluding the value of the person's residence.

A motion was made by David Bischoff and seconded by Paul Goundrey. After some explanation of the requirements by Selectman David Bischoff a paper ballot was cast.

**Yes: 85                      No: 14**

*The article was passed.*

**ARTICLE 13:**

To see if the Town will vote to modify the Section 218 agreement currently held with the State of New Hampshire to reflect the changes made to the Social Security Independence and Program Act of 1994 which raised the exclusion for election workers to less than \$1,000 annually for services performed by election workers for the Town of Orford.

A motion was made by Paul Goundrey and seconded by David Bischoff. The motion was passed by an affirmative voice vote.

*The article was passed.*

**ARTICLE 14:**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-c providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the public library trustees to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the town meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year.

A motion was made by Julia Fifield and seconded by David Bischoff. After little discussion, the motion was passed by a voice vote in affirmation.

*The article was passed.*

**ARTICLE 15:**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d authorizing, indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the library trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose, provided, however, that no acceptance of personal property by the library shall be deemed to bind the town or the library trustees to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property.

A motion was made by David Bischoff and seconded by Paul Goundrey, there was a voice affirmation vote

*The article was passed.*

**ARTICLE 16:**

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to apply for and receive Federal Disaster Assistance Funds through the State Disaster Coordination Office and to expend the funds so received to repair the damage done to town roads and/or bridges caused by any disaster for which federal funds are available.

A motion was made by David Bischoff and seconded by Paul Goundrey. After some discussion, the motion was passed in a voice affirmation vote.

*The article was passed.*

**ARTICLE 17:**

To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors and Committees heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto.

A motion was made by Teke Tomlinson and seconded by David Bischoff to pass over this article. There was a voice affirmation vote.

**ARTICLE 18:**

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

Sheila Perry asked the Selectmen if there was any more news about the 911 system.

The Selectmen replied that the 911 map is still not completed by the State and hope to have this information within 6 months to a year.

Toni Pease asked the Selectmen is there any way to attract some new business to our Town to help the economy. Selectmen Paul Goundrey reported that he would be attending a Grafton County Economic Development meeting concerning this issue.

**The business portion of the Town Meeting was completed at 8:55 p.m. The ballot box was closed at 9:02 p.m. and the Supervisors of the Checklist and Ballot Clerks proceeded to count the ballots for the elected Town Officers.**

**SELECTMAN: Three-Year Term**

165 – Paul Goundrey;

Write-ins: Larry Norton – 22; Paul Messer – 9; Mark Marsh – 5; Larry Taylor – 5; Harold Taylor – 4; Bill Wilson – 3; Chase Kling – 2; Andy Schwaegler – 2; Rendell Tullar – 2; Charlie Waterbury – 2; Larry Hibbard, Dick Hendrick, Robert Palifka, Charles Clifford, Dan Daisey, Bruce Streeter, Jane Hebb, David Thomson, Don Davis, Jay Gordon, Randy Perry, Charlie Parker, Joyce McKee, Gary Mosley, Paul Boone, John Sands, Linda Aldrich, Ron Taylor, Roger Hadlock, Judy Franklin, Terry Dyke, Jim McGoff, and Jim Fields each had one vote.

**TAX COLLECTOR: One-Year Term**

263 – Louise M. Mack

**PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS: Three-Year Term**

213 – Elizabeth Bischoff;

Write-ins: Jon Sands – 18; Paul Messer – 5; Quentin Mack – 2; Lori Raynes, Steve Hook, Dan Daisey, Larry Sargent, Chase Kling, Harold Taylor, Robb Thomson, Calvin Dyke, and Bill Wilson each had one vote.

**PLANNING BOARD MEMBER: Three-Year Term**

20 – David Coker;

Write-ins: Jon Sands – 8; Quentin Mock – 5; Chase Kling – 5; Judy Franklin, Bill Wilson, Andy Schwaegler, and Paul Messer each had three votes; Gete Thomson, Tom Thomson, Shawn Washburn, John O'Brien, Carl Schmidt, Tom Trunzo, Julia Fifield, and Stacy Thomson each had two votes; Jim McGoff, Joe Arcolio, Rendell Tullar, Bryson Beeson, Carol Boynton, Ron Taylor, Charles Clifford, David Thomson, Dan Daisey, Peter Thomson, Mark Blanchard, Larry Taylor, Guy Hebb, Emily Bryant, Randy Perry, Larry Sargent, Robert Palifka, Scott Marsh, Harold Taylor,

Dick Hendricks, Calvin Dyke, Floyd Marsh, Forrest Buntin, Jenny Littlewood, Rose Angwin, Sheila Thomson, Debra Hawthorne, Marion Jones, Richard Hill, Jim Hook, Linda Gordon, Susan Taylor, Charlie Parker, and Larry Norton each had one vote.

ROAD AGENT: One-Year Term

51 – Peter Angwin;

214 – James E. Fields;

Write-ins: David Thomson and Floyd Marsh each had one vote.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m. The ballots were sealed at 10:05 p.m.**

The foregoing is a true copy.

Attest: Deborah A. Williams-Matyka, Town Clerk



**TOWN OF ORFORD  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
1998**

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF ORFORD, County of Grafton, in said state, qualified to vote on Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Memorial Hall in said Orford on Tuesday the 10th of March next at seven o'clock in the evening to act on the following subjects:

**ARTICLE 1.**

To choose all necessary Town Officers. The polls will be open from four o'clock in the afternoon and will close no earlier than nine o'clock in the evening for you to cast your ballot for the following officers:

Moderator	2-Year Term
Selectman	3-Year Term
Treasurer	3-Year Term
Supervisor of the Checklist	6-Year Term
Supervisor of the Checklist	4-Year Term
Tax Collector	1-Year Term
Road Agent	1-Year Term
Planning Board Member	3-Year Term
Planning Board Member	3-Year Term

and to vote for anything that may be on your ballot.

**ARTICLE 2.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$432,436 (four hundred thirty-two thousand, four hundred thirty-six) to include the following budget items:

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Executive	\$ 32,660.
Election	15,325.
Financial Administration	17,550.
Revaluation of Property	1,600.
Legal Expenses	8,000.
Personnel Administration	20,820.
Planning Board	5,450.
General Government Buildings	7,050.
Cemeteries	7,900.
Insurance	11,275.
Regional Association	937.
Contingency Fund	3,000.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Police	\$ 38,749.
Ambulance	14,112.
Fire Department	17,125.
Emergency Management	300.

**HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES**

Highways	\$120,422.
Bridges	6,000.
Street Lighting	4,400.

**SANITATION**

Solid Waste Collection	\$ 4,780.
Solid Waste Disposal	31,370.

**HEALTH**

Pest Control	\$ 1,310.
Health Agency	5,250.

**WELFARE**

Direct Assistance	\$ 4,550.
Intergovernmental Welfare	1,480.

**CULTURE AND RECREATION**

Parks and Playgrounds	\$ 12,575.
Libraries	15,570.
Patriotic Purposes	125.

**CONSERVATION**

Other Conservation	\$ 125.
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**DEBT SERVICE**

Principal — Long Term Bonds	\$ 10,000.
Interest — Long Term Bonds	4,725.
Interest — Tax Anticipation Note	2,500.

**CAPITAL OUTLAY**

Buildings	
Building Improvements	\$ 1,500.
Improvements Other Than Buildings	
Restoration of Town Records	2,401.
Fire Department Radios	1,500.

**ARTICLE 3.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$56,000 (fifty-six thousand dollars) for payments to capital reserve funds to be disbursed as follows:

Fire Truck	\$ 20,000.
Town Truck #2	8,000.
Grader	6,000.
Loader	7,000.
Bridge Replacement	10,000.
Police Cruiser	4,000.
Tractor-Mower	1,000.

*(The Selectmen recommend this article.)*

*(NOTE: Under RSA 32:5 V, the Selectmen are required to indicate whether or not they approve of an appropriation which appears as part of a separate warrant article. The notation at the end of the following money articles gives the opinion of the majority of the Board.)*

#### **ARTICLE 4.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new cruiser for the police department, and to name the Selectmen as agents of the Town to withdraw \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund and authorize the Selectmen to trade in the present police cruiser. *(The Selectmen recommend this article.)*

#### **ARTICLE 5.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 (sixty thousand dollars) for the purpose of repairing the Brook Road bridge and to name the Selectmen as agents of the Town to withdraw \$60,000 (sixty thousand dollars) from the Bridges and Roads Capital Reserve Fund to pay for said project. *(The Selectmen recommend this article.)*

#### **ARTICLE 6.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) for the purpose of hiring additional part-time personnel and for contracted services on town roads. *(The Selectmen recommend this article.)*

#### **ARTICLE 7.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000 (thirteen thousand dollars) to replace the culverts and raise the roadbed on Prettyman Road. *(The Selectmen recommend this article.)*

#### **ARTICLE 8.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,000 (twenty-four thousand dollars) for paving projects. *(The Selectmen recommend this article.)*

#### **ARTICLE 9.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 (nine thousand dollars) to make repairs to Creamery Road. *(The Selectmen recommend this article.)*

#### **ARTICLE 10.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,900 (six thousand nine hundred dollars) for a new computer system for the town clerk's office, New Hampshire town clerk and motor vehicle software and cash receipts/dog license software. *(The Selectmen recommend this article.)*

#### **ARTICLE 11.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 (four thousand dollars) for a professional audit of the town accounts. *(The Selectmen recommend this article.)*

#### **ARTICLE 12.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,026 (one thousand twenty-six dollars) (\$1.00 per capita) to pay for certain studies of electric load profiles within the Town and other related research in furtherance of the possible aggregation of the Town's and/or its residents' and businesses' electric loads in the NHMA Pooled Energy Plan in preparation for deregulation of the electric industry in New Hampshire. *(The Selectmen recommend this article.)*

#### **ARTICLE 13.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,026 (one thousand twenty-six dollars) to help fund a household hazardous waste collection day being planned by the North Country Council. *(The Selectmen recommend this article.)*

#### **ARTICLE 14.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the interest, \$5,000 (five thousand dollars), from the Lenore Niles Trust Fund for the purpose of planting trees on town owned property, improving community facilities and sponsoring organizations of Orford with financial aid for opportunities that otherwise might be unattainable. *(The Selectmen recommend this article.)*

#### **ARTICLE 15.**

To see if the Town will vote to designate Piermont Heights Road from the Orford/Piermont town line to its intersection with Bear Tree Road as a highway to summer cottages, as provided in RSA 231:81.

#### **ARTICLE 16.**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance adopted March 8, 1994 to read as follows: "The consumption of an alcoholic beverage or the possession of an open container, full or partially full, of an alcoholic beverage is prohibited on municipal property." *(This shall replace the line, "The consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on municipal property.")*

#### **ARTICLE 17. (by petition)**

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Class V Highway a portion of a Class VI highway beginning at a point about 0.5 mile southerly from the Junction of the Lower Stonehouse Mt. Road and Rte. 25A to a brook and continuing southerly up that road about 1200 feet, provided that section of road is first brought up to Class V Highway standards by Nelson Kennedy.

**ARTICLE 18.**

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to apply for and receive Federal Disaster Assistance Funds through the State Disaster Coordination Office and to expend the funds so received to repair the damage done to town roads and/or bridges caused by any disaster for which federal funds are available.

**ARTICLE 19. *(by petition)***

To see if the Town will vote to urge the New Hampshire Department of Transportation to continue its efforts to rehabilitate the historic Orford-Fairlee arched bridge at the earliest possible date, and to petition the New Hampshire Congressional delegation in Washington, D.C., to obtain sufficient federal demonstration project funds to expedite such rehabilitation work.

**ARTICLE 20.**

To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors and Committees heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 21.**

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

Given under our hand and seal at Orford the 4th day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight.

David Bischoff  
Timothy Chase  
Paul J. Goundrey  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN, TOWN OF ORFORD

A true copy:  
Attest:  
David Bischoff  
Timothy Chase  
Paul J. Goundrey  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN, TOWN OF ORFORD

## 1998 BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ORFORD

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS		Appropriations 1997	Actual Expenditures 1997	Recommended Appropriations 1998
Acct. No.	<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>	Warrant Article #		
4130-39	Executive	\$ 31,950.	\$ 31,813.43	\$ 32,660.
4140-49	Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics	13,700.	13,433.03	15,325.
4150-51	Financial Administration	17,250.	16,907.15	17,550.
4152	Revaluation of Property	800.	568.64	1,600.
4153	Legal Expense	20,000.	10,328.38	8,000.
4155-59	Personnel Administration	12,400.	13,515.66	20,820.
4191-93	Planning & Zoning	5,510.	5,710.89	5,450.
4194	General Government Buildings	7,050.	5,339.72	7,050.
4195	Cemeteries	6,750.	7,193.21	7,900.
4196	Insurance	12,000.	11,858.00	11,275.
4197	Advertising & Regional Associations	937.	937.00	937.
4199	Other General Government	3,000.	2,434.00	3,000.
	<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>			
4210-14	Police	35,105.	35,134.41	38,749.
4215-19	Ambulance	14,112.	14,112.00	14,112.
4220-29	Fire	17,700.	17,712.14	17,125.
4290-98	Emergency Management	300.	0.00	300.
	<u>HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</u>			
4311-12	Administration & Highways & Streets	117,750.	116,763.67	120,422.
4313	Bridges	6,000.	5,402.48	6,000.
4316	Street Lighting	4,300.	4,373.17	4,400.
	<u>SANITATION</u>			
4321-23	Administration & Solid Waste Collection	4,940.	4,680.00	4,780.
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	30,000.	31,177.79	31,370.
	<u>HEALTH</u>			
4411-14	Administration & Pest Control	1,400.	938.14	1,310.
4415-19	Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other	5,225.	5,250.00	5,250.



**1998 BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ORFORD — 3**

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS			Appropriations 1997	Actual Expenditures 1997	Recommended Appropriations 1998
Acct. No.	SPECIAL * WARRANT ARTICLES	Warrant Article #			
4909	Niles Fund	13	\$ 5,000.	\$ 609.00	\$ 5,000.
4901	Brook Road Bridge	5			60,000.
4909	Paving	8	20,000.	20,330.00	24,000.
4901	Creamery Road	9			9,000.
<b>SUBTOTAL 2 Recommended</b>					<b>\$ 98,000.</b>

\*Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as appropriations 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriating to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS			Appropriations 1997	Actual Expenditures 1997	Recommended Appropriations 1998
Acct. No.	INDIVIDUAL ** WARRANT ARTICLES	Warrant Article #			
4902	Cruiser	4			\$ 30,000.
4909	Additional Personnel, etc.	6	\$ 20,000.	\$ 12,055.71	20,000.
4901	Prettyman Road	7			13,000.
4909	Computer & Software	10			6,900.
4909	Audit	11			4,000.
4909	PEP Studies	12			1,026.
4909	Hazardous Waste Disposal	13			1,026
<b>SUBTOTAL 3 Recommended</b>					<b>\$ 75,952.</b>

\*\*“Individual” warrant articles are not necessarily the same as “special warrant articles.” An example of an individual warrant article might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.



**1998 BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ORFORD — 4**

SOURCE OF REVENUE		Estimated Revenue 1997	Actual Revenue 1997	Estimated Revenue 1998
Acct. No.	<u>TAXES</u>			
3120	Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 2,130.	579.00	\$ 1,000.
3185	Yield Taxes	10,250.	8,266.82	10,000.
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	900.	904.00	900.
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	45,000.	50,320.73	50,000.
	<u>LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES</u>			
3210	Business Licenses & Permits	200.	0.00	0.
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	110,000.	123,210.00	123,000.
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	2,200.	2,832.86	2,500.
3311-19	<u>FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</u>		1,528.00	
	<u>FROM STATE</u>			
3351	Shared Revenues	9,541.	39,417.02	13,400.
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	11,110.	11,121.59	11,180.
3353	Highway Block Grant	44,855.	44,854.85	44,290.
	<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>			
3401-06	Income from Departments	11,100.	16,213.07	12,000.
3409	Other Charges	3,750.	4,896.00	4,500.
	<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</u>			
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	800.	800.00	20,000.
3502	Interest on Investments	2,000.	8,003.67	8,000.
3503-09	Other	4,000.	15,850.76	5,000.
	<u>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</u>			
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	113,607.	95,000.00	80,000.
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds	5,000.	209.00	5,000.
<u>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; CREDITS</u>		<u>\$ 376,443.</u>	<u>424,007.37</u>	<u>\$ 390,770.</u>

BUDGET SUMMARY

SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended	\$ 488,436.
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended	98,000.
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended	75,952.
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$ 662,388.
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	390,770.
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	<u>\$ 271,618.</u>

## **BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Budget Advisory Committee has worked with the selectmen during several rounds of budget request presentation meetings, other working meetings, and a formal budget meeting. No taxpayers other than committee members were present.

The capital reserve fund deserves credit for helping to smooth out tax burden bumps.

A new police cruiser is on the agenda for this year and this reserve reduces the amount we have to raise by taxes.

Each department presented their proposals that were very compatible with last year's figures.

The selectmen have worked with all departments to keep budgets in line. The work the selectmen did was admirable in keeping costs down.

We now agree with the proposed budget for 1998.

THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE



SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 2

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
<b>EXECUTIVE</b>				
Town Meeting				
01-4130.30-550	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,125.00	\$ 675.00	17.76
01-4130.30-625	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-4130.30-690	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
• TOTAL • Town Meeting	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,125.00	\$ 675.00	17.76
• TOTAL • EXECUTIVE	\$ 31,950.00	\$ 31,813.43	\$ 136.57	.43
Copies		(203.00)		
Junkyard Licenses		(70.00)		
CU Application Fees		(108.00)		
		\$ 31,432.43		

**ELECTION AND REGISTRATION**

Town Clerk				
01-4140.10-120	\$ 500.00	\$ 94.50	\$ 405.50	81.10
01-4140.10-130	1,300.00	1,881.71	(581.71)	(44.75)
01-4140.10-190	8,800.00	7,335.79	1,464.21	16.64
01-4140.10-220	600.00	531.16	68.84	11.47
01-4140.10-225	150.00	181.19	(31.19)	(20.79)
01-4140.10-341	500.00	504.68	(4.68)	(0.94)
01-4140.10-560	50.00	78.00	(28.00)	(56.00)
01-4140.10-570	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-4140.10-610	200.00	1533.82	(1333.82)	(666.91)
01-4140.10-620	400.00	169.94	230.06	57.52
01-4140.10-625	350.00	198.38	151.62	43.32
TC Wages – Deputy Town Clerk	\$	\$	\$	
TC Salary – Town Clerk	1,300.00	1,881.71	(581.71)	(44.75)
TC Town Clerk Fees	8,800.00	7,335.79	1,464.21	16.64
TC Social Security	600.00	531.16	68.84	11.47
TC Medicare	150.00	181.19	(31.19)	(20.79)
TC Telephone	500.00	504.68	(4.68)	(0.94)
TC Dues and Subscriptions	50.00	78.00	(28.00)	(56.00)
TC Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TC Miscellaneous	200.00	1533.82	(1333.82)	(666.91)
TC Office Supplies	400.00	169.94	230.06	57.52
TC Postage	350.00	198.38	151.62	43.32

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 3

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
<b>ELECTION AND REGISTRATION</b>				
Town Clerk (continued)				
01-4140.10-693	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
01-4140.10-740	0.00	203.33	(203.33)	0.00
01-4140.10-850	400.00	280.04	119.96	29.99
• TOTAL • Town Clerk	\$ 13,250.00	\$ 12,992.54	\$ 257.46	1.94

Voter Registration				
01-4140.20-130	\$ 200.00	\$ 188.75	\$ 11.25	5.63
01-4140.20-570	50.00	58.24	(8.24)	(16.48)
01-4140.20-620	125.00	123.50	1.50	1.20
01-4140.20-690	75.00	70.00	5.00	6.67
• TOTAL • Voter Registration	\$ 450.00	\$ 440.49	\$ 9.51	2.11
• TOTAL • ELECTION AND REGISTRATION	\$ 13,700.00	\$ 13,433.03	\$ 266.97	1.95

Town Clerk Fees				
Copies				
		(5,632.00)		
		(49.00)		
		\$ 7,752.03		

<b>FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION</b>				
Tax Collection				
01-4150.40-190	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 11,442.57	\$ 557.43	4.65
01-4150.40-390	700.00	700.00	0.00	0.00
01-4150.40-560	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-4150.40-620	200.00	504.80	(304.80)	(152.40)

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 4

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT  
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION**

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<i>Tax Collection (continued)</i>				
01-4150.40-625 TX Postage	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,150.10	\$ 49.90	4.16
01-4150.40-740 TX Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-4150.40-850 TX Training and Seminars	175.00	174.68	0.32	0.18
• TOTAL • Tax Collection	\$ 14,275.00	\$ 13,972.15	\$ 302.85	2.12
<i>Treasury</i>				
01-4150.50-130 T Salary – Treasurer	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
01-4150.50-220 T Social Security	62.00	62.00	0.00	0.00
01-4150.50-225 T Medicare	15.00	14.50	0.50	3.33
01-4150.50-340 T Bank Fees	245.00	159.50	85.50	34.90
01-4150.50-620 T Office Supplies	23.00	226.51	(203.51)	(884.83)
01-4150.50-625 T Postage	250.00	262.40	(12.40)	(4.96)
• TOTAL • Treasury	\$ 1,595.00	\$ 1,724.91	\$ (129.91)	(8.14)
<i>Data Processing</i>				
01-4150.60-330 DP Software Support	\$ 800.00	\$ 630.70	\$ 169.30	21.16
01-4150.60-342 DP Software Upgrades	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-4150.60-610 DP Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-4150.60-740 DP Hardware Upgrades	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
• TOTAL • Data Processing	\$ 800.00	\$ 630.70	\$ 169.30	21.16

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 5

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
<b>FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION</b>				
Auditor				
01-4150.70-130	AUD Auditor's Salary	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
01-4150.70-220	AUD Social Security	31.00	0.00	0.00
01-4150.70-225	AUD Medicare	7.00	(0.25)	(3.57)
01-4150.70-690	AUD Miscellaneous	42.00	41.14	2.05
	• TOTAL • Auditor	\$ 580.00	\$ 0.61	0.11
	• TOTAL • FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 17,250.00	\$ 342.85	1.99
<b>REVALUATION OF PROPERTY</b>				
01-4152.10-390	AS Contract Appraiser	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00	100.00
01-4152.20-110	TM Wages – Tax Maps	500.00	0.00	0.00
01-4152.20-220	TM Social Security	31.00	0.00	0.00
01-4152.20-225	TM Medicare	7.00	(0.24)	(3.43)
01-4152.20-620	TM Supplies	62.00	31.60	50.97
	• TOTAL • REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	\$ 800.00	\$ 231.36	28.92
<b>LEGAL EXPENSE</b>				
01-4153.10-320	LE Town Attorney	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 9,174.62	50.97
01-4153.10-690	LE Other Legal Expenses	2,000.00	497.00	24.85
	• TOTAL • LEGAL EXPENSE	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 9,671.62	48.36
	Reimbursement: Legal Fees	(12,334.93)		
		\$ (2,006.55)		

**SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 6**

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>				
01-4155.10-210	EMB Group Health Insurance \$ 12,150.00	\$ 13,369.94	\$ (1219.94)	(10.04)
01-4155.10-215	EMB Group Life Insurance 200.00	118.00	82.00	41.00
01-4155.10-220	EMB Employee Benefits – Misc. SS 50.00	27.72	22.28	44.56
<b>• TOTAL • EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>	<b>\$ 12,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,515.66</b>	<b>\$ (1,115.66)</b>	<b>(9.00)</b>
Reimbursement: Health Insurance				
		(1,767.10)		
		\$ 11,748.56		
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>				
01-4191.10-310	PB Engineering Reviews \$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
01-4191.10-341	PB Telephone 0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-4191.10-390	PB Recording Fees 150.00	106.32	43.68	29.12
01-4191.10-391	PB UVLSRPC – Planning Assistant 5,040.00	5,320.00	(280.00)	(5.56)
01-4191.10-550	PB Printing 0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-4191.10-560	PB Dues and Subscriptions 100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
01-4191.10-570	PB Advertising 70.00	54.19	15.81	22.59
01-4191.10-620	PB Office Supplies 0.00	51.43	(51.43)	0.00
01-4191.10-625	PB Postage 100.00	75.61	24.39	24.39
01-4191.10-690	PB Miscellaneous 50.00	20.00	30.00	60.00
01-4191.10-740	PB Equipment 0.00	83.34	(83.34)	0.00
<b>• TOTAL • PLANNING BOARD</b>	<b>\$ 5,510.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,710.89</b>	<b>\$ (200.89)</b>	<b>(3.65)</b>
Subdivision Fees				
		(317.00)		
		\$ 5,393.89		



SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 7

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS</b>				
01-4194.10-220	\$ 31.00	\$ 21.57	\$ 9.43	30.42
01-4194.10-225	7.00	5.01	1.99	28.43
01-4194.10-360	500.00	380.83	119.17	23.83
01-4194.10-410	1,500.00	1,476.46	23.54	1.57
01-4194.10-411	1,650.00	1,621.51	28.49	1.73
01-4194.10-430	700.00	162.99	537.01	76.72
01-4194.10-610	162.00	118.83	43.17	26.65
01-4194.10-690	300.00	30.50	269.50	89.83
01-4194.10-710	300.00	100.00	200.00	66.67
01-4194.10-720	1,500.00	1,011.99	488.01	32.53
01-4194.10-750	400.00	410.03	(10.03)	(2.51)
<b>• TOTAL • GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS</b>	<b>\$ 7,050.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,339.72</b>	<b>\$ 1,710.28</b>	<b>24.26</b>
<b>CEMETERIES</b>				
01-4195.10-220	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,936.28	\$ (186.28)	(10.64)
01-4195.10-490	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
01-4195.10-635	0.00	257.00	(257.00)	(257.00)
<b>• TOTAL • CEMETERIES</b>	<b>\$ 6,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,193.28</b>	<b>\$ (443.21)</b>	<b>(6.57)</b>
		(1,936.28)		
		(257.00)		
		\$ 5,000.00		

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 8

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
<b>INSURANCE</b>				
01-4196.10-520	IN Property and Liability	\$ 11,858.00	\$ 142.00	1.18
<b>• TOTAL •</b>	<b>INSURANCE</b>	\$ 11,858.00	\$ 142.00	1.18
Dividend: Comp. Funds of NH				
		(1,187.00)		
		\$ 10,671.00		
<b>ADVERTISING AND REGIONAL ASSOCIATION</b>				
01-4197.10-560	UVLSRPC Dues	\$ 937.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
<b>• TOTAL •</b>	<b>ADVERTISING AND REGIONAL ASSOCIATION</b>	\$ 937.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
<b>OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
01-4199.10-000	Contingency Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,000.00	100.00
01-4199.10-740	Contingency Fund – Acct. Program	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.00
01-4199.10-741	Contingency Fund – Printer	434.00	(434.00)	0.00
<b>• TOTAL •</b>	<b>OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	\$ 2,434.00	\$ 566.00	18.87
<b>• TOTAL •</b>	<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	\$ 131,347.00	\$ 11,307.89	8.61



**SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 10**

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>				
<b>AMBULANCE</b>				
01-4215.10-351	\$ 14,112.00	\$ 14,112.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
<b>• TOTAL • AMBULANCE</b>	<b>\$ 14,112.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,112.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>				
01-4220.10-120	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 1,082.00	\$ 1,668.00	60.65
01-4220.10-130	250.00	0.00	250.00	100.00
01-4220.10-390	1,300.00	1,363.66	(63.66)	(4.90)
01-4220.10-430	1,200.00	557.10	642.90	53.58
01-4220.10-440	2,600.00	3,000.00	(400.00)	(15.38)
01-4220.10-560	50.00	300.00	(250.00)	(500.00)
01-4220.10-610	300.00	48.25	251.75	83.92
01-4220.10-635	200.00	132.09	67.91	33.96
01-4220.10-740	8,050.00	11,204.04	(3,154.04)	(39.18)
01-4220.10-741	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-4220.10-830	200.00	0.00	200.00	100.00
01-4220.10-850	800.00	25.00	775.00	96.88
<b>• TOTAL • FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>\$ 17,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 17,712.14</b>	<b>\$ (12.14)</b>	<b>(0.07)</b>
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>				
01-4290.10-690	\$ 300.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 300.00	100.00
<b>• TOTAL • EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>• TOTAL • PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>\$ 67,217.00</b>	<b>\$ 66,958.55</b>	<b>\$ 258.45</b>	<b>0.38</b>

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 11

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<b>HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</b>				
<b>ROAD MAINTENANCE</b>				
01-4312.20-110	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 47,866.42	\$ 4,133.58	7.95
01-4312.20-120	20,000.00	10,295.71	9,704.29	48.52
01-4312.20-220	4,500.00	3,643.84	856.16	19.03
01-4312.20-225	1,050.00	852.35	197.65	18.82
01-4312.20-341	550.00	713.94	(163.94)	(29.81)
01-4312.20-410	650.00	895.96	(245.96)	(37.84)
01-4312.20-411	1,250.00	1,886.55	(636.55)	(50.92)
01-4312.20-440	0.00	1,760.00	(1,760.00)	0.00
01-4312.20-490	3,000.00	2,870.00	130.00	4.33
01-4312.20-560	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-4312.20-610	400.00	1,113.71	(713.71)	(178.43)
01-4312.20-630	18,500.00	21,717.99	(3,217.99)	(17.39)
01-4312.20-635	500.00	286.16	213.84	42.77
01-4312.20-636	4,500.00	5,615.04	(1,115.04)	(24.78)
01-4312.20-637	750.00	812.29	(62.29)	(8.31)
01-4312.20-640	0.00	398.27	(398.27)	0.00
01-4312.20-730	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	100.00
01-4312.20-740	1,000.00	3,326.65	(2,326.65)	(232.67)
01-4312.20-861	3,600.00	903.70	2,696.30	74.90
01-4312.20-862	12,000.00	10,737.00	1,263.00	10.53
01-4312.20-863	500.00	2,766.54	(2,266.54)	(453.31)
01-4312.20-864	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 9,348.51	\$ (1,348.51)	(16.86)
01-4312.20-865	1,000.00	1,008.75	(8.75)	(0.88)
<b>• TOTAL • ROAD MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>\$ 137,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 128,819.38</b>	<b>\$ 8,930.62</b>	<b>6.48</b>

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 12

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<b>HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</b>				
<b>BRIDGES</b>				
01-4313.10-110	BRG Wages – F/T	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
01-4313.10-120	BRG Wages – P/T	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-4313.10-220	BRG Social Security	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-4313.10-225	BRG Medicare	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-4313.10-440	BRG Equipment Rental	4,000.00	145.00	3.62
01-4313.10-610	BRG Miscellaneous	100.00	50.00	50.00
01-4313.10-630	BRG Supplies	900.00	788.64	87.63
01-4313.10-862	BRG Gravel	0.00	(1,044.17)	0.00
01-4313.10-866	BRG Lumber	1,000.00	753.05	75.31
01-4313.30-310	BRG Bridge Inspection	0.00	(95.00)	0.00
<b>• TOTAL • BRIDGES</b>		\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,402.48	9.96
<b>STREET LIGHTING</b>				
01-4316.10-410	SL Street Lighting	\$ 4,300.00	\$ (73.17)	(1.70)
<b>• TOTAL • STREET LIGHTING</b>		\$ 4,300.00	\$ (73.17)	(1.70)
<b>• TOTAL • HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</b>		\$ 148,050.00	\$ 9,454.97	6.39

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 13

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<b>SANITATION</b>				
<b>SOLID WASTE COLLECTION</b>				
01-4323.10-390	WC Collection – Floyd Marsh	\$ 4,680.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
01-4323.10-610	WC Supplies	260.00	260.00	100.00
<b>• TOTAL •</b>	<b>SOLID WASTE COLLECTION</b>	\$ 4,940.00	\$ 260.00	5.26
	Trash Tickets	(4,896.00)		
		\$ (216.00)		
<b>SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL</b>				
01-4324.10-390	WD Disposal – North Country Environmental Services	\$ 28,650.00	\$ (1,149.67)	(4.01)
01-4324.20-610	WD Supplies	30.00	(28.12)	(93.73)
01-4324.40-390	WD Recycling – Floyd Marsh	1,320.00	0.00	0.00
<b>• TOTAL •</b>	<b>SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL</b>	\$ 30,000.00	\$ (1,177.79)	(3.93)
<b>• TOTAL •</b>	<b>SANITATION</b>	\$ 34,940.00	\$ (917.79)	(2.63)
<b>HEALTH</b>				
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL</b>				
01-4414.10-120	AC Wages P/T	\$ 800.00	\$ 353.34	44.17
01-4414.10-220	AC Social Security	50.00	28.55	57.10
01-4414.10-225	AC Medicare	10.00	4.97	49.70
01-4414.10-390	AC Veterinary Services	140.00	84.00	60.00
01-4414.10-680	AC Supplies	200.00	(42.86)	(21.43)

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 14

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<b>HEALTH</b>				
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL</b> <i>(continued)</i>				
01-4414.10-690 AC Mileage Reimbursement	200.00	166.14	33.86	16.93
01-4414.10-850 AC Training	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
<b>• TOTAL • ANIMAL CONTROL</b>	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 938.14	\$ 461.86	32.99
<b>HEALTH AGENCIES</b>				
01-4415.20-352 HA VNAVNH/Hospice	\$ 5,225.00	\$ 5,250.00	\$ (25.00)	(0.48)
<b>• TOTAL • HEALTH AGENCIES</b>	\$ 5,225.00	\$ 5,250.00	\$ (25.00)	(0.48)
<b>• TOTAL • HEALTH</b>	\$ 6,625.00	\$ 6,188.14	\$ 436.86	6.59
<b>WELFARE</b>				
<b>DIRECT ASSISTANCE</b>				
01-4442.10-410 DIR ASST Electricity	\$ 500.00	\$ 398.67	\$ 101.33	20.27
01-4442.10-411 DIR ASST Heat	500.00	257.00	243.00	48.60
01-4442.10-440 DIR ASST Rent	3,000.00	800.00	2,200.00	73.33
01-4442.10-690 DIR ASST Food/Miscellaneous	550.00	132.98	417.02	75.82
<b>• TOTAL • DIRECT ASSISTANCE</b>	\$ 4,550.00	\$ 1,588.65	\$ 2,961.35	65.08
Reimbursement		(20.00)		
		\$ 1,568.65		



SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 15

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<b>WELFARE</b>				
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL WELFARE</b>				
01-4444.10-390	\$ 550.00	\$ 504.00	\$ 46.00	8.36
01-4444.20-390	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,354.00	\$ 46.00	3.29
<b>• TOTAL • INTERGOVERNMENTAL WELFARE</b>				
<b>• TOTAL • WELFARE</b>	\$ 5,950.00	\$ 2,942.65	\$ 3,007.35	50.54
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>				
<b>PARKS AND RECREATION</b>				
01-4520.10-120	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,904.00	\$ (404.00)	(6.22)
01-4520.10-220	405.00	460.29	(55.29)	(13.65)
01-4520.10-225	95.00	107.65	(12.65)	(13.32)
01-4520.10-360	910.00	1,165.00	(255.00)	(28.02)
01-4520.10-410	150.00	188.60	(38.60)	(25.73)
01-4520.10-490	600.00	400.00	200.00	33.33
01-4520.10-610	0.00	190.56	(190.56)	0.00
01-4520.10-630	400.00	940.21	(540.21)	(135.05)
01-4520.10-635	50.00	0.00	50.00	100.00
01-4520.10-636	300.00	256.33	43.67	14.56
01-4520.10-691	1,350.00	1,335.00	15.00	1.11
01-4520.10-740	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-4520.10-821	800.00	800.00	0.00	0.00
01-4520.10-822	800.00	626.72	173.28	21.66
<b>• TOTAL • PARKS AND RECREATION</b>	\$ 12,360.00	\$ 13,374.36	\$ (1,014.36)	(8.21)

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 16

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>				
<b>LIBRARY</b>				
01-4550.10-220	LIB Social Security \$ 803.00	\$ 1,599.10	\$ (796.10)	(99.14)
01-4550.10-225	LIB Medicare 267.00	287.40	(20.40)	(7.64)
01-4550.20-490	LIB Free Library – Appropriation 6,650.00	6,650.00	0.00	0.00
01-4550.30-490	LIB Social Library – Appropriation 5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
<b>• TOTAL • LIBRARY</b>	\$ 12,720.00	\$ 13,536.50	\$ (816.50)	(6.42)
Reimbursement: Federal Taxes				
		(1,947.81)		
		\$ 11,588.69		
<b>PATRIOTIC PURPOSES</b>				
01-4583.10-610	PP Patriotic Purposes – Misc. \$ 125.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 125.00	100.00
<b>• TOTAL • PATRIOTIC PURPOSES</b>	\$ 125.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 125.00	100.00
<b>• TOTAL • CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>	\$ 25,205.00	\$ 26,910.86	\$ (1,705.86)	(6.77)
<b>CONSERVATION</b>				
01-4619.10-000	CONS Conservation Commission \$ 25.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 25.00	100.00
01-4619.10-550	CONS CT River – Printing 100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
<b>• TOTAL • CONSERVATION</b>	\$ 125.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 25.00	20.00

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 17

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>				
<b>LONG TERM PRINCIPAL</b>				
01-4711.20-980 DS Debt Service – Bond Principal	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00
<b>• TOTAL • LONG TERM PRINCIPAL</b>	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
<b>LONG TERM INTEREST</b>				
01-4721.20-981 INT Interest Due on Bond	\$ 2,069.00	\$ 4,725.00	\$ (2,656.00)	(0.78)
<b>• TOTAL • LONG TERM INTEREST</b>	\$ 2,069.00	\$ 4,725.00	\$ (2,656.00)	(0.78)
<b>INTEREST ON TAN</b>				
01-4723.10-981 INT TAN Interest Due on TAN	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,675.46	\$ 824.54	32.98
<b>• TOTAL • INTEREST ON TAN</b>	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,675.46	\$ 824.54	32.98
<b>• TOTAL • DEBT SERVICE</b>	\$ 14,569.00	\$ 16,400.46	\$ (1,831.46)	(12.57)
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>				
01-4901.10-730 CO Land and Improvements	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
01-4902.10-740 CO Machinery and Equipment	2,400.00	2,133.58	266.42	11.10
01-4902.10-760 CO Vehicles	68,000.00	68,000.60	(0.60)	0.00
01-4903.10-720 CO Buildings	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	100.00
01-4909.10-731 CO Improvements other than Buildings – Restoration	2,569.00	2,172.00	397.00	15.45

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 18

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b> <i>(continued)</i>				
01-4909.10-732				
CO Improvements other than Buildings – Niles Fund	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 609.00	\$ 4,391.00	87.82
01-4909.10-733				
CO Improvements other than Buildings – Paving	20,000.00	20,330.00	(330.00)	(1.65)
<b>• TOTAL • CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	\$ 99,469.00	\$ 93,245.18	\$ 6,233.82	6.26
		(68,000.00)		
		\$ 25,245.18		
<b>TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS</b>				
01-4915.10-930	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
CRF Transfers to CRF				
<b>• TOTAL • TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS</b>	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
<b>• TOTAL • APPROPRIATED FUNDS — CURRENT YEAR</b>	\$ 589,497.00	\$ 563,237.77	\$ 26,259.23	4.45

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS**  
**Voted by the Town of ORFORD on March 11, 1997**

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. RSA 21-J:34.

Selectmen of the Town of Orford

April 25, 1997

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS	Warr. Art. #	Appropriations as Voted
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>		
4130 – 4139 Executive	3	\$ 30,100
4140 – 4149 Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics	3	13,000
4150 – 4151 Financial Administration	3	15,500
4152 Revaluation of Property	3	750
4153 Legal Expense	3	20,000
4155 – 4159 Personnel Administration	3	23,000
4191 – 4193 Planning and Zoning	3	5,510
4194 General Government Buildings	3	7,000
4195 Cemeteries	3	6,750
4196 Insurance	3	12,000
4197 Advertising and Regional Associations	3	937
4199 Other General Government	3	3,000
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>		
4210 – 4214 Police	3	33,605
4215 – 4219 Ambulance	3	14,112
4220 – 4229 Fire	3	17,700
4290 – 4298 Emergency Management	3	300
<u>HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</u>		
4312 Highways and Streets	3	133,610
4313 Bridges	3	6,000
4316 Street Lighting	3	4,300
<u>SANITATION</u>		
4323 Solid Waste Collection	3	4,940
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	3	30,000
<u>HEALTH</u>		
4414 Pest Control	3	1,350
4415 – 4419 Health Agencies and Hospitals and Other	3	5,225
<u>WELFARE</u>		
4441 – 4442 Administration and Direct Assistance	3	4,550
4444 Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	3	1,400

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION — 2**  
**Voted by the Town of ORFORD on March 11, 1997**

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS		Warr. Art. #	Appropriations as Voted
<u>CULTURE AND RECREATION</u>			
4520 – 4529	Parks and Recreation	3	\$ 11,800
4550 – 4559	Library	3	12,720
4583	Patriotic Purposes	3	175
<u>CONSERVATION</u>			
4619	Other Conservation	3	125
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>			
4711	Principal — Long Term Bonds & Notes	3	10,000
4721	Interest — Long Term Bonds & Notes	3	2,069
4723	Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	3	2,500
<u>CAPITAL OUTLAY</u>			
4901	Land and Improvements	5	20,000
4902	Machinery, Vehicles and Equipment	3 & 9	70,400
4903	Buildings	3	1,500
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	3	2,569
<u>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</u>			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	4	114,607
4916	To Expendable Trust Funds (except Health Maintenance Trust Fund)	11	<u>5,000</u>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>			<b><u><u>\$ 648,104</u></u></b>

**STATEMENT OF REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES**  
**For the Town of ORFORD — 1997**

SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art. #	For Use by Municipality
Account #	<u>TAXES</u>	
3120	Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 2,130
3185	Yield Taxes	10,250
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	900
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	45,000
	<u>LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES</u>	
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	200
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	110,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits and Fees	2,200
	<u>FROM STATE</u>	
3351	Shared Revenues	9,541
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	11,110
3353	Highway Block Grant	44,855
	<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>	
3401– 3406	Income from Departments	11,100
3409	Other Charges	3,750
	<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</u>	
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	800
3502	Interest on Investments	2,000
3503– 3509	Other	4,000
	<u>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</u>	
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	7, 8 & 9 113,607
3916	From Trust and Agency Funds	11 5,000
<b>SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES</b>		<u><u>\$ 376,443</u></u>
General Fund Balance		
	Unreserved Fund Balance	\$ 65,851
	Fund Balance — Retained	30,000
	Fund Balance — Reduce Taxes	<u>35,851</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS</b>		<u><u>\$ 412,294</u></u>
<b>REQUESTED OVERLAY</b>		<u>\$ 20,000</u>
(RSA 76:6)		

**SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION  
Town of ORFORD in Grafton County**

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Selectmen of the Town of Orford

September 24, 1997

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>1997 Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<u>VALUE OF LAND ONLY</u>		
Current Use (At Current Use Values)	\$ 1,462,140	
Residential	14,426,600	
Commercial/Industrial	31,900	
Total of Taxable Land		\$ 15,920,640
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable	XXXXXX	
<u>VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY</u>		
Residential	\$ 40,710,800	
Manufactured Housing	937,000	
Commercial/Industrial	665,300	
Total of Taxable Buildings		\$ 42,313,100
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable	XXXXXX	
<u>PUBLIC UTILITIES — ELECTRIC</u>		
Connecticut Valley Electric	\$ 389,032	
New England Power Co.	117,289	
New Hampshire ElectricCoop	817,467	
Central Vermont Electric	462	
Total of Electric Utilities		\$ 1,324,250
<u>VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS</u>		\$ 59,557,990
<u>BLIND EXEMPTION</u>	(1) \$ 15,000	
<u>ELDERLY EXEMPTION</u>	(8) \$ 95,000	
Elderly Exemptions <u>GRANTED</u> :		
3 (age 65 – 74) at \$ 5,000		
2 (age 75 – 79) at \$10,000		
3 (age 80+) at \$20,000		
<u>TOTAL &amp; PERMANENTLY DISABLED EXEMPTION</u>	(3) \$ 15,000	
<u>TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS</u>		\$ 125,000
<u>NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED</u>		\$ 59,432,990



**SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION — 2**  
**Town of ORFORD in Grafton County**

<u>REVENUES RECEIVED FROM PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES</u>	<u>MUNICIPALITY</u>
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	\$ 900

<u>TAX CREDIT</u>	<u>Limits</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>ESTIMATED TAX CREDITS</u>
Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty	\$1,400	2	\$ 2,800
Other war service credits	\$50	<u>46</u>	<u>2,300</u>
TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT		48	\$ 5,100

CURRENT USE REPORT

CATEGORY

Farm Land	1,542.19
Forest Land	21,698.62
Unproductive Land	1,004.51
TOTAL	<u>24,245.32</u>

OTHER CURRENT USE STATISTICS

<u>OTHER CURRENT USE STATISTICS</u>	<u># OF ACRES</u>
Receiving 20% Recreation Adjustment	12,811.59
Removed from Current Use during current year	5.00
# of Parcels in Current Use	323

**1997 TAX RATE CALCULATION  
Town of ORFORD**

TAX RATES

Appropriations	648,104		
<i>Less: Revenues</i>	412,294		
<i>Less: Shared Revenues</i>	3,827		
<i>Add: Overlay</i>	20,085		
War Service Credits	<u>5,100</u>		
Net Town Appropriation		257,168	
Special Adjustment		<u>0</u>	
Approved Town/City Tax Effort		257,168	
Municipal Tax Rate			4.33

— SCHOOL PORTION —

Due to Local School	1,487,667		
Due to Regional School	0		
<i>Less: Shared Revenues</i>	<u>24,814</u>		
Net School Appropriation		1,462,853	
Special Adjustment		<u>0</u>	
Approved School(s) Tax Effort		1,462,853	
School(s) Tax Rate			24.61

— COUNTY PORTION —

Due to County	80,866		
<i>Less: Shared Revenues</i>	<u>1,256</u>		
Net County Appropriation		79,610	
Special Adjustment		<u>0</u>	
Approved County Tax Effort		79,610	
County Tax Rate			<u>1.34</u>

COMBINED TAX RATE

30.28

Total Property Taxes Assessed	1,799,631
<i>Less: War Service Credits</i>	(5,100)
<i>Add: Village District Commitment(s)</i>	<u>0</u>
Total Property Tax Commitment	<u>1,794,531</u>

— PROOF OF RATE —

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
59,432,990	30.28	1,799,631

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

DESCRIPTION	ASSESSED VALUE
Library, Land and Building	81,900
Furniture and Equipment	10,100
Police Department	
Furniture and Equipment	22,000
Fire Department	
Equipment	342,000
Highway Department, Land and Buildings	90,000
Equipment	240,000
Materials and Supplies	8,000
Parks and Playgrounds, Land and Buildings	154,800
Equipment	12,000
Town Office, Land and Building	157,000
Furniture and Equipment	10,000
Schools, Land and Buildings	1,808,000
Furniture and Equipment	530,000
Cemeteries	23,600
All Land and Buildings Acquired through Tax Collector's Deeds	
8-29-16	1,500
8-29-50	2,000
8-29-42	1,500
8-29-18	1,500
8-29-41	2,000
8-29-29	2,000
8-29-39	2,000
8-29-40	2,000
8-29-30	2,000
8-29-49	2,000
8-20-48	2,000
8-29-15	1,500
8-29-09	2,000
8-29-10	2,000
1-93-19	4,300
1-91-08	<u>18,800</u>
	<u>49,100</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u><u>\$3,538,500</u></u></b>

**STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT**

**TOWN OF ORFORD**

**December 31, 1997**

Showing Annual Maturity of Outstanding Bond

**FIRE TRUCK BOND (1995) — 5.25%**

<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Original Amount: \$98,000.00</u>
1998	10,000.00
1999	10,000.00
2000	10,000.00
2001	10,000.00
2002	10,000.00
2003	10,000.00
2004	10,000.00
2005	<u>10,000.00</u>
	TOTAL \$80,000.00

## **AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that I have audited the various Town Officers' books for the fiscal year ending 12-31-97 as required by State law and have found them to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

The Trustee of the Funds' books were not available as of my certification date; consequently that portion of the audit is not included in this report. As soon as they are made available they will be reviewed and my report will be made to the Town of Orford and the State of New Hampshire.

Joseph J. Arcolio  
TOWN OF ORFORD AUDITOR

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**In Account with**  
**The Town of ORFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Cash on Hand January 1, 1997		\$ 449,718.31
State of New Hampshire		95,393.46
Louise Mack, Tax Collector		
1997 Property Tax	\$1,585,307.38	
1997 Yield Tax	8,266.82	
Previous Year's Property Tax	251,217.51	
Interest Collected and Costs	50,320.73	
Land Use Tax	<u>579.00</u>	1,895,691.44
Deborah Williams-Matyka, Town Clerk		
Motor Vehicle Registration	123,210.00	
Boat Registration	728.36	
Dog Licenses	1,800.50	
Marriage Licenses	304.00	
Miscellaneous Income and Fees	<u>7,672.43</u>	133,715.29
Other Receipts		
Tax Anticipation Note	250,000.00	
Interest Earned	8,003.67	
Federal Government	2,432.00	
Copier Receipts	258.99	
Income from Departments	5,407.83	
Trust Fund Income	95,209.00	
Miscellaneous Income	40.96	
Insurance Adjustments	15,850.76	
Trash Income	4,896.00	
Sale of Town Property	<u>800.00</u>	382,899.21
Total Receipts		\$ 2,507,699.40
Total Disbursements		\$ 2,420,963.61
Cash on Hand December 31, 1997		\$ 536,454.10

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997**

	1997	1996	Prior
<b>Uncollected Taxes —</b>			
<b>Beginning at Fiscal Year</b>			
Property Taxes		\$236,919.67	
Yield Taxes		1,339.77	\$1,417.05
Bankruptcy		5,104.91	
<b>Taxes Committed to Collector</b>			
Property Taxes	\$1,801,817.00		
Yield Taxes	10,567.79		
Current Use	579.00		
Bankruptcy		6,716.00	
<b>Refunded overpayment</b>			
<b>Property Tax</b>	163.00		
<b>Interest Collected on</b>			
<b>Delinquent Taxes</b>	2,914.35	14,517.13	
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$1,816,041.14	\$264,597.48	\$1,417.05
<b>Remitted to Treasurer</b>			
<b>During Fiscal Year</b>			
Property Taxes	\$1,583,008.90	\$234,254.67	
Yield Taxes	10,022.78	1,339.77	
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	2,914.35	14,517.13	
Current Use	579.00		
Bankruptcy Payments		3,379.87	
<b>Abatements Allowed</b>	\$ 4,396.00	\$ 1,762.00	
<b>Funds in Bankruptcy</b>		\$ 903.00	
<b>Uncollected Taxes</b>			
<b>End of Fiscal Year</b>			
Property Taxes	214,575.10		
Yield Taxes	545.01		1,417.05
Bankruptcy		8,441.04	
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$1,816,041.14	\$264,597.48	\$1,417.05

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT — 2**

**SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS**

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997

	1996	1995	1994	Prior
<b>Balance of Unredeemed Taxes</b>				
Beginning of Fiscal Year 1/1/97		\$ 83,913.60	\$ 55,513.60	\$ 5,758.30
Mortgage Fees		1,477.00	894.00	23.00
<b>Taxes Executed to Town</b>				
During Fiscal Year	\$ 130,527.92			
Mortgage Fees	1,791.00			
<b>Interest Collected</b>				
After Lien Execution	2,774.91	5,354.25	19,064.09	
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<u>\$ 135,093.83</u>	<u>\$ 90,744.85</u>	<u>\$ 75,471.69</u>	<u>\$ 5,781.30</u>
<b>Remitted to Treasurer</b>				
<b>During Fiscal Year</b>				
Redemption	\$ 47,788.11	\$ 27,638.29	\$ 51,065.91	
Mortgage Fees	325.00	525.00	828.00	
Interest and Cost after Lien	2,774.91	5,354.25	19,064.09	
<b>Abatements</b>				
Funds in Bankruptcy		\$ 2,055.75	\$ 2,370.42	
Mortgage Fee Adjusted		23.00	23.00	
Deeded to Town	\$ 177.88	631.89	625.11	
Mortgage Fees	10.00	20.00	33.00	
Unredeemed Taxes	82,561.93	53,587.67	1,452.16	5,758.30
Mortgage Fees	1,456.00	909.00	10.00	23.00
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<u>\$ 135,093.83</u>	<u>\$ 90,744.85</u>	<u>\$ 75,471.69</u>	<u>\$ 5,781.30</u>



**TOWN CLERK'S ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE REPORT**  
**January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997**

TOTAL AMOUNT OF REVENUE

\$ 171,920.39

**Registrations**

1453 Auto Permits Issued  
 1346 Municipal Agent Functions

**Town Tax Collected** \$ 123,210.00

**State Tax Collected** \$ 38,205.10

**Town Clerk Fees**

1453	Registrations	@ \$1.00	\$ 1,453.00	
122	Title Applications	@ \$2.00	244.00	
114	Transfers	@ \$5.00	570.00	
1346	Municipal Agent	@ \$2.50	3,365.00	\$ 5,632.00

**Dump Tickets** \$ 170.00

**Photocopies & Postage** \$ 48.93

**Boat Registration Revenue** \$ 728.36

**Dog Licenses**

321	Licenses Issued		\$ 1,538.50	
	Late Penalties		262.00	
	Town Clerk Fees		321.00	\$ 2,121.50

**Marriage Licenses**

8	Marriage Licenses Issued			
	State Revenue		\$ 304.00	
	Town Clerk Fees		56.00	\$ 360.00

**Vital Record Copies**

37	Certified Copies Issued			
	State Revenue			
	33 Copies	@ \$6.00	\$ 198.00	
	4 Copies	@ \$3.00	12.00	
	Town Clerk Fees			
	33 Copies	@ \$4.00	132.00	
	4 Copies	@ \$3.00	12.00	\$ 354.00

**U.C.C. Filings** \$ 884.00

**Miscellaneous Fees** \$ 153.00

**Miscellaneous** — Refund of Returned Check \$ 53.50

**TOWN CLERK'S ACCOUNT**  
**January 1 — December 31, 1997**

**Boat Registrations**

54 Registrations Issued	
State Fees Collected	\$ 1,134.00
Town Tax Collected	728.36
Boat Agent Fees	162.00

Total Boat Revenue \$2,024.36

**OHRV Registrations**

30 Registrations Issued	
State Fees Collected	\$ 958.00
OHRV Agent Fees	30.00

Total OHRV Revenue \$ 988.00

**N.H. Fish & Game Dept. — Licenses/Duck Stamps Sold**

31 Hunting/Fishing Licenses Issued	
State Fees Collected	\$ 747.25
Agent Fees Collected	43.50

Total N.H. Fish & Game Revenue \$ 790.75

**Summary of Fees Paid to Town Clerk**

Auto Fees	\$ 5,632.00
Boat Agent Fees	162.00
Certified Copy Fees	144.00
Dog License Fees	321.00
Fish & Game Fees	43.50
Marriage License Fees	56.00
OHRV Agent Fees	30.00
UCC Filing Fees	884.00
Miscellaneous Fees	153.00

Total Fees \$ 7,425.50

## DOG LICENSE FEES

Male or Female	\$ 9.00
Altered Animals	6.50
Senior Citizens: for one animal	2.00
thereafter, the regular fee (owner over 65 years of age)	

License fee for a puppy (older than 3 months but younger than 7 months) is **\$6.50** for the first initial year. (effective 01/01/97)

### GROUP LICENSES (effective 08/09/96)

The minimum number of dogs required to qualify for a group license is five (5) dogs, and a standard fee of **\$20.00**.

Proof of rabies and altering is required.

All dogs should be licensed by **April 30, 1998** to avoid any penalty.

The Town Clerk's Office will be receiving the triplicate copy of the rabies vaccination for dogs and cats directly from New Hampshire veterinarians for the dogs or cats whose owners reside in Orford. If your dog is not licensed with the Town of Orford by May 31, 1998, we will be obligated to inform the Orford Animal Control Officer of a violation of RSA 466:1. A civil forfeiture will be issued which carries with it a **\$25.00** fine plus late fees.

## RABIES CLINIC

A "Rabies Clinic" has been scheduled to be held on Monday, **April 20, 1998**, between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. at the Orford Fire Station. This has been arranged with the Oxbow Veterinary Clinic of Bradford, Vermont, the Orford Town Clerk, and Orford Fire Department. Attendance at this program is not only convenient, but offers these shots at a reduced rate.

Dog Rabies	\$ 7.00
Dogs EPI Vaccine (distemper, etc.)	12.00
Cat Rabies and Distemper	12.00
Cat Leukemia	12.00

If people see an animal they suspect of being rabid, contact Roy Daisey, Orford Animal Control Officer, Orford Police Department or the N.H. Fish and Game Department.

RSA 436:99, II-VI requires that **all dogs and cats** have rabies shots once they reach the age of **3 months**. This became effective on January 1, 1993. The first rabies shot will be good for only one year, on a young dog or cat, but a three-year vaccine will be given thereafter.

Rabies is a viral disease which attacks the central nervous system in mammals including wild animals, pets and **humans**. If untreated, it is almost always **fatal**.

**Rabies is spread from a bite or contact with the saliva of an infected animal.** An indication that an animal has rabies is a noted change in its behavior, such as loss of the normal fear of humans or a display of hostile actions. Rabies is impossible to diagnose without a medical test that can only be done after the infected mammal is dead.

Rabies is preventable. Dogs, cats, horses and other domestic animals can be vaccinated against the disease. If the vaccinated pet comes into contact with an infected animal, the disease will not spread. **However, humans that come into contact with the saliva from a rabid animal on their pet can get the disease.** If exposed to saliva from any animal which may be suspected of carrying rabies, the wound or infected area should be soaked for 10 minutes in soap and water prior to going to the emergency room of a hospital.

## SELECTMEN

The town-wide reappraisal was completed for the 1997 tax billing. The Selectmen did not simply accept the new values. We reviewed and then discussed with appraising personnel concerns we had with values of particular categories, areas of town and certain parcels. Taxpayers are welcome to contact us if they have questions about their new valuations.

Except for final map approval and addressing, 911 is operational. The Selectmen understand and share the frustration of townspeople with the delay. The following is an indication of why it is taking so long. In June we received maps showing driveway locations on all roads in Orford. On two consecutive Mondays, the Selectmen drove the roads to verify the locations of the driveways. We found some inaccuracies and sent the maps back to Concord before the end of June. In November, four months later and after several phone calls, the mapping personnel finally returned to Orford to do the remapping. To date, we still have not received the new maps.

In 1997, the Board of Selectmen, in conjunction with the Road Agent, decided to spend the Town's paving budget on sealing those town roads that would benefit from this preventive maintenance practice. This should help maintain the present condition of these paved roads and slow their deterioration. During 1997 Road Agent Jim Fields gathered information on different methods for repairing 1.3 miles of Archertown Road. These prices ranged from \$42,000 to \$93,000. It was decided that the best option would be to repair this 1.3 miles with a shim and overlay of cold mix over the next two years at a cost of \$24,000 each year. Article 8 requests the funds necessary for this year's work.

Brook Road bridge over Jacob's Brook is on the State's red list of critical bridges. Article 5 addresses this problem. We have been working with engineer Tim Ruggles on a plan for replacing this bridge. We are asking the voters to raise and appropriate \$60,000 for this project. As the article states, we will be using capital reserve funds to accomplish this replacement.

There are two other road projects that must be done this year. Article 7 asks for \$13,000 to make repairs on Prettyman Road. Presently, this road floods on a regular basis making travel hazardous and, at times, impossible. The plans call for increasing the size of the two existing culverts to 48" and raising the roadbed two feet. The passage of Article 9 will allow us to stabilize the bank along Jacob's Brook which is collapsing and threatening Creamery Road. In order to stop the erosion, rip-rap would be placed at the bottom of the bank and cribbing filled with rocks and soil would be placed above the flow line. This would allow for revegetation which would further stabilize the bank. Bendway weirs would be placed in the streambed to divert flow away from the bank to prevent future erosion.

The Police Department cruiser is due for replacement in 1998. The Board of Selectmen recommends Article 4 which would authorize us to withdraw the necessary funds from the police cruiser capital reserve fund and trade in the present cruiser to fund the purchase and equipping of the new cruiser.

The passage of the 1998 budget and all money articles in the 1998 warrant would require a projected \$271,618 to be raised by taxes. This compares to \$271,661 which was needed in 1997. The Town's ability to accomplish the projects described above and not increase the tax rate reflects well on the people that work for the town, both paid and volunteer.

In the coming years, we anticipate some major expenditures. The Fire Department will need a new rescue/equipment truck that could cost \$100,000 or more (at this time there is approximately \$66,000 in the fire truck capital reserve fund); a new highway department truck will be needed at a cost of approximately \$70,000 and bridges will need to be replaced or repaired. To accomplish this without increasing the tax rate will continue to be a challenge.

We would like to note with appreciation Jim Field's two years of service to the Town as road agent. To all those individuals whose terms expire this year, our sincere thank you. We would also like to encourage everyone to get involved in town affairs.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

David Bischoff  
Timothy Chase  
Paul Goundrey

**SPECIAL THANKS**

We would like to thank fellow selectman Tim Chase for the time and effort he has given in the past three years.

## ORFORD CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Cemetery Commissioners report with regret the retirement of Fay Bean as groundskeeper of the Orford cemeteries. Fay has been a most faithful and caring person and has given many years of service. His knowledge of our cemeteries and his help to all who visit our cemeteries from near and far away places will be greatly missed. We all thank you, Fay, for your dedication in this, a "job well done."

The maintenance work for 1997 has been ably done by Kurt Gendron with Shirley Gendron assisting. As in past years, the Dame Hill Cemetery is maintained by Fred and Judy Siemons.

We applaud the fine work done in all our cemeteries. We wish our workers and the town to know how often we receive compliments on the care of our cemeteries and the courteous help given when people come to visit.

We are well aware of the condition of our fencing and expect to start working on the problems in 1998. Extensive and unexpected tree work done in the East (Davis) Cemetery took time and stressed our 1997 budget.

Respectfully submitted,  
COMMISSIONERS  
Paul B. Messer, Sr.  
Ruth L. Brown  
Julia M. Fifield

### FINANCIAL REPORT Year Ending December 31, 1997

Cash on Hand January 1, 1997 \$ 831.77

#### Receipts

Town of Orford	\$ 5,000.00	
Trustees of Trust Funds	6,500.00	
Donations (stone repair)	1,000.00	
Miscellaneous	135.00	\$12,635.00
		<u>\$13,466.77</u>

#### Disbursements

Wages and Federal Taxes	\$ 8,592.98	
Gas and Oil	222.42	
Repairs	633.59	
Supplies	139.05	
Restoration and Cleaning	1,200.00	
Miscellaneous	2,109.50	\$12,897.54
		<u>\$12,897.54</u>

Cash on Hand December 31, 1997 \$ 569.23

\$13,466.77

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Our accomplishments in 1997 were:

1. An emergency plan was created for Orford School. This was started with Dr. Berliner and work continues with the help of our new principal, Sheila Moran, and Bob Thatcher.
2. With the help of Greg Champlain of the New Hampshire Office of Emergency Management, we are trying to get a generator for the school. The Orford School is designated as the community's emergency shelter and a generator is needed to run the necessary systems.
3. We hope to purchase a generator for the Town Office. The Town Office is designated as the communications/emergency management headquarters for the town.

There will be free training on procedures for handling different types of disasters for anyone who would like to volunteer their services. You may contact Rita Pease at 353-9070 or the school at 353-4321 and talk with Sheila Moran or Bob Thatcher. Anyone interested in having a fundraiser to help with these programs, please call me at 353-9070.

Rita Pease  
Emergency Management Director

## ORFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 1997 the Orford Volunteer Fire Department responded to 32 calls.

Mutual Aid	6	Power Lines	4
Fire Alarms	4	Ambulance Assists	5
Car Accidents	7	Woods Rescue	1
Illegal Burns	5		

In 1999 the Fire Department will be asking to replace equipment truck #5 at a projected cost of \$135,000.

Respectfully submitted,  
Arthur Dennis  
FIRE CHIEF



**TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN  
AND STATE FOREST RANGER**

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The 1997 fire season was a safe period for wildland firefighters with no major injuries reported. The drought conditions experienced during the early summer months were a significant factor resulting in the total number of fires reported during the season.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

**1997 Fire Statistics**

(All Fires Reported through December 23, 1997)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY		CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED	
Belknap	58	Smoking	54
Carroll	96	Debris Burning	261
Cheshire	63	Campfire	99
Coos	29	Power Line	33
Grafton	51	Railroad	3
Hillsborough	145	Equipment Use	23
Merrimack	148	Lightning	14
Rockingham	54	Children	60
Strafford	63	OHRV	0
Sullivan	19	Miscellaneous	130
		Incendiary	33
		Fireworks	16
<b>TOTAL FIRES</b>	<b>726</b>		
<b>TOTAL ACRES</b>	<b>177.17</b>		

Stephen Kessler  
Forest Ranger

Gerald Pease  
Forest Fire Warden

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Dear Orford Residents,

We started out the year with a lot of late snow and then we had a lot of mud in the spring — which is one of the “**JOYS**” of living on the back roads.

The new truck with the front-mounted sander and two-way plow works very well. We purchased a used wood chipper from the New Hampshire Surplus Department which is doing a good job.

We removed the old wooden bridge and installed a 12' x 8' x 40' pipe arch on Town Road #100. We sealed five miles of tar road which will help save some roads. Archertown Road should be 1998's big project.

Two points that need to be addressed are:

1. It is getting harder and harder to find good **QUALIFIED** part-time help with a CDL when **YOU** need them!
2. It is time that the school's plowing and driveway and parking lot maintenance work come out of the school's budget **NOT** the highway budget.

James E. Fields  
Road Agent

## ORFORD FREE LIBRARY

The Orford Free Library had an active year in 1997. The library hours expanded to 13½ per week with the addition of Saturday morning hours. A new sign with the open times is in place outside the library. The attendance by patrons and circulation of materials have both increased. The computer was available to the public and was used to access the Internet for 40 hours. Through the computer, 55 Interlibrary Loans were made. Additionally, the meeting room was used twelve times this year by committees and tutor/student pairs.

The library presented a variety of programs for adults and children. Topics for these included: perennial gardening, home schooling, orienteering, wildflowers, living with wildlife, languages, a teddy bear picnic, story hours and the Summer Reading Program. In many of these programs, townspeople were the leaders and were able to share their knowledge with other community members. These programs have proved very popular and will continue in the coming year.

In addition to providing books and magazines, computer access and programs, the library also has audio and video tapes which are provided through the LUV Coop. Music tapes are available thanks to a donation. A collection of materials of special interest to home schoolers, educators and parents is now available. The library also has materials pertaining to town organizations and of community interest.

Increased cooperation between the libraries was a goal for 1997 and continues into 1998. Books may be dropped off at the Free Library for return to the Social Library. In May, the Trustees from both libraries met at the Free Library to discuss common concerns and fundraising. As in the past, the Summer Reading Program was presented jointly.

The Free Library is very appreciative of the donations of time, materials, money and baked goods it has received. Volunteer hours at the library were many — 331 hours in all. Special thank yous go to Barbara Hall, Florence Wyman, Hannah Marsh, Sarah Hook, Sarah Roberts, Nancy Grandine and Marion Jacobus for their generous donations of time.

In the upcoming year, several new features are planned for the library. The long awaited stove will be installed in the historical collection room making this area available for quiet study or meetings. The purchase of a copier for public use is expected by tax time. Finally, in response to requests for a larger selection of current fiction and nonfiction books, the library will begin participation in the McNaughton Lease Program. We welcome you all to see our growing and active library.

Respectfully submitted,  
Board of Trustees:  
Carol Boynton  
Susan Kling  
Juli Washburn

Librarian:  
Roberta Roberts

**ORFORD FREE LIBRARY — 2  
LIBRARY STATISTICS**

Total Attendance:	1,304
Total Items Circulated:	1,969
Library Open:	169 days (679 hours)
Volunteer Hours:	331
Books and Magazines Donated:	120

**FINANCIAL REPORT 1997**

**Receipts**

Cash on hand January 1, 1997	\$ 4,164.15
Town of Orford	6,650.00
Friends of the Orford Libraries Gift	236.80
Book/Bake Sale	114.50
Interest	83.00
Computer Services	4.00
Gift	100.00
	<u>\$ 11,352.45</u>

**Expenditures**

Books	\$ 987.59
Multimedia	286.58
Magazines	135.85
Librarian	2,659.68
FICA/SS	440.64
Dues/Memberships	230.00
Fuel/Heat	1,000.42
Maintenance	152.45
Postal	33.00
Telephone	443.00
Computer Services	84.65
Supplies	52.99
Grounds	68.00
	<u>\$ 6,574.85</u>

Balance in checking account December 31, 1997	\$ 4,777.60
	<u>\$ 11,352.45</u>

## ORFORD SOCIAL LIBRARY

The Trustees of the Orford Social Library are pleased to report a most productive year.

Our new larger and more efficient computer went on line in the spring. It provides word processing, CD Rom capabilities, and internet access. We encourage the public to take advantage of this wonderful resource.

We wish to thank the Orford School for their donation of the proceeds from their Winter Workshop towards the purchase of the computer; Joe Arcolio for designing and constructing a special computer table; and the Connecticut River Network for providing free access to the internet.

Our library has responded to increased demand by expanding our hours on Mondays from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., thereby bringing the number of hours of library access to 15 hours a week. We have joined the Video and Audio Cooperative Rotating Collections of the Upper Valley, providing our users with an increased supply of worthwhile audio/visual material.

Another addition to our schedule is a well-attended story hour for preschool youngsters which is held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. The Orford Elementary School children continue to visit and take out books on a regular basis. We are also aware of more older students using our resource materials.

We are most grateful for our regular volunteers including Pat O'Bryan, Florence Wyman, Rika Schmidt, Jean Dyke, Joe Davis, Ruth Brown and newcomers Marie Hemenway and Gary Dimick. They have given a total of 325 hours. To these names we add many other loyal people who give many unrecorded hours in various capacities.

This year we had 5,081 people use the library. Our total circulation was 6,761 and we purchased 289 additional items.

We acknowledge with appreciation the many donations of books, magazines and other materials.

Sarah Putnam, our librarian, devotes many long hours above and beyond the call of duty assisting our patrons and providing a most welcoming atmosphere in an efficient library. The Trustees extend our special thanks and appreciation to Sarah.

Orford Social Library Trustees,

Ruth L. Brown

Judith H. Cross

Ann G. Davis, *Secretary*

Jean W. Dyke

Julia M. Fifield, *Chairman*

Ellen R. Gluek

Jude Parker

Julie A. Peters, *Treasurer*

**ORFORD SOCIAL LIBRARY — 2  
FINANCIAL REPORT 1997**

Cash on Hand January 1, 1997 \$ 1,027.05

**Income**

Town of Orford	\$ 5,000.00	
New Gifts	267.00	
Interest and Dividends	6,679.21	
Money Market	11,751.43	
Book Sales	203.25	
Education	533.44	
Miscellaneous	945.43	<u>\$25,379.76</u>
		<u>\$26,406.81</u>

**Disbursements**

Book Purchases	\$ 5,136.79	
Lights	799.84	
Heat and Water	1,398.22	
Supplies	461.05	
Telephones	1,175.54	
Maintenance	1,074.50	
Miscellaneous	326.93	
Librarian	9,350.00	
Education	849.54	
Cleaning	220.00	
Grounds	956.17	
Furniture	933.99	
Historical	431.80	
Payroll Tax	827.04	<u>\$23,941.41</u>

Cash on Hand December 31, 1997 \$ 2,465.40

\$26,406.81

## **NILES COMMITTEE**

The Niles Committee was formed in 1988 to dispense by request the interest on a gift of \$50,000.00 to the Town of Orford by Mrs. Lenore Niles. Both Mr. and Mrs. Niles, who moved to Orford in 1950, had a deep affection for our town and its people. Mrs. Niles passed away in 1988, and left us a generous and unrestricted gift to be used for the betterment of Orford and its residents.

The Niles Committee did not receive any applications or dispense any funds in 1997. The Committee will meet in January and May in 1998 to act on any applications received at those times.

Applications to the Niles Committee for funds for community-wide efforts, service projects and programs are kept at the Town Office and may be picked up during regular office hours. Applications are encouraged and may be received at any time during the year, and are to be addressed as stated on the form.

## ORFORD PLANNING BOARD

Major actions taken were:

Approved two (2) applications for minor lot line adjustments	no new lots
Approved one (1) application for voluntary merger of lots	minus 1 lot
Approved three (3) applications for minor subdivisions	3 new lots
Held five (5) informal discussions before application	
Approved one (1) gravel pit extension	
Total new building lots	2

Other actions taken:

Completed and approved a thorough revision of the Orford Subdivision Regulations. The new regulations became effective September 1, 1997.

Approved a revised and expanded Driveway Permit procedure.

Initiated exploration of a special permitting procedure applicable to the situation of 2-dwelling units on one lot which is a non-conforming use under the existing regulations. We would appreciate public comment.

Granted final approval of the Stonehouse Mountain major subdivision upon confirmation by the Town's contract engineer that the access road was completed in conformance with the Board's specifications and all requirements of the original Conditional Approval were completed.

Submitted letters of support for the expedited renovation of the Orford-Fairlee bridge and the proposed Connecticut River Scenic Byway program.

Hosted a presentation of the final report of the Upper Valley Regional Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions explaining the newly published Connecticut River Management Plan. The Board subsequently adopted the Plan recommendations by reference as a planning document until they can be incorporated into the Master Plan. It was noted that while Orford's ponds and lakes are protected by the New Hampshire Comprehensive Shoreline Protection Act, the Connecticut River is not. As a vital asset and part of the Town, its future is a paramount concern of the Board.

Planning Board officers were elected at the March 1997 meeting:

Chairman	Paul Dalton
Vice-Chairman	Elizabeth Bischoff
Secretary	Andrew Schwaegler
Selectmen's Rep.	David Bischoff

Guy Hebb was appointed a Board Alternate. We seek two more citizens willing to serve.

The Board continues to contract with an UVLSRPC Planning Assistant, Shelly Hadfield, to be at the Town Offices one Friday per month from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. (dates posted at Town Hall) to help applicants with questions and procedures. She is also available for appointments by calling the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission in Lebanon, 603-448-1680. We urge everyone to avail themselves of the "informal discussion" process to simplify applications, keep costs to a minimum and understand the issues before they become problems.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Dalton  
Chairman



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

1997 has been a busy year for your Police Department. As reflected by the statistics contained in this report, it is clear that Orford is not immune from crime. However, I am glad to report that the Town had its lowest burglary rate in seven years, with two-thirds of those burglaries solved. The Police Department also had a 98% Court Conviction rate in 1997, with three felony indictments in Superior Court.

I attribute the above statistics to the initiation of pro-active patrol procedures and cooperation from the citizens of Orford in reporting suspicious activity to the Police.

As you will note, there is an increase in the Police Department budget. A large portion of this increase is due to the increase in dispatch services provided by the Town of Hanover. Also the cost of Police Medicare, and Retirement is now being taken from the Police budget. This expense was previously paid from the Personnel Administrative Account.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Officer John Richardson for his contribution to the Orford Police Department. John has donated over 500 hours of his time to your Town's Police Department. John is a certified Part-Time Officer and has completed the advanced Part-Time Officers School.

Your Department also presented the DARE program to the sixth grade class and a Halloween Safety program to grades K-5.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Orford for their continued support and involvement. The Police Department cannot accomplish the mission with which it is charged unless the community it serves supports the Department and involves itself with the problems we face.

The essential purpose of the Orford Police Department is to protect life, property and the right of all persons within its jurisdiction to be free from criminal attack, to be secure in their possessions and to live in peace. The Department seeks to serve the people of Orford, New Hampshire by performing these functions in a professional manner, and is ultimately responsible to the people for their proper performance.

Respectfully,  
Michael LaChapelle  
Chief of Police

**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR OF 1997**

Accidents . . . . .	24	Larceny. . . . .	03
Aid Persons . . . . .	49	Liquor Laws . . . . .	00
Aid Other Dept. . . . .	72	Littering. . . . .	03
Alarms . . . . .	24	Lost & Found Property . . . . .	08
Animals. . . . .	75	Mental Persons. . . . .	00
Arson . . . . .	00	Miscellaneous. . . . .	32
Assaults . . . . .	02	Missing Persons . . . . .	01
Auto Theft. . . . .	01	M/V Complains. . . . .	29
Ambulance Calls . . . . .	07	M/V Summons . . . . .	86
Bad Checks . . . . .	07	M/V Warnings. . . . .	198
Burglary . . . . .	03	OHRV Complaints. . . . .	01
Civil Problems. . . . .	15	Pistol Permits . . . . .	07
Criminal Homicide. . . . .	00	Possible Stolen Property . . . . .	00
Criminal Mischief. . . . .	22	Property Checks . . . . .	35
Criminal Threatening . . . . .	00	Sex Offenses . . . . .	00
Disorderly Conduct . . . . .	13	Suicide Attempts . . . . .	01
Domestic. . . . .	14	Suspicion . . . . .	32
Drug Offense. . . . .	01	Town Ordinances . . . . .	00
Fire Calls . . . . .	08	Unattended Death. . . . .	01
Harassing Phone Calls . . . . .	05	Wanted Persons . . . . .	04
Juvenile Laws . . . . .	05	Weapons . . . . .	03

**Total Calls for Service in 1997 . . . . 791**

## SKI PROGRAM

The program offers beginner, intermediate and advanced instruction in alpine skiing on eight consecutive Wednesday afternoons from the beginning of January to early March at the Dartmouth Skiway. Bus transportation is provided to and from the Skiway. The program is open to all school-age residents of Orford and to all students in the Orford Schools. A nominal fee is charged, supplement funding is received from the Parks and Recreation Commission and the volunteer instructors run fundraisers during the off-season to insure financial soundness.

The 1997 season was very successful aided by heavy early season snow. We did have to cancel one week during the January thaw due to rain which extended the season one more week in March. As has become traditional, the last week was a "Carnival" with races, games and refreshment for all participants.

A total of 73 children participated again this year, about a third of the entire school enrollment. We had one Kindergartner and nine first-grader beginners, 51 children in grades 2–8 and 12 high school students.

We had 18 instructors volunteer their time and talents, 11 in the beginner group and 7 for more advanced skiers. Four additional substitutes proved invaluable as schedule conflicts and illness absences are inevitable over an 8-week period. Thank you all for volunteering and once again providing an unequalled opportunity for 70-plus youngsters to learn and enjoy the lifelong sport of alpine skiing. A special thanks to the non-skiing volunteers, JoAnn Morris and Juli Washburn, who rode the bus, handed out schedule assignments, maintained head counts and kept a modicum of peace and tranquillity in the Lodge.

### SKI PROGRAM COORDINATORS

Paul Dalton

Esther Marsh

## SWIM PROGRAM

The summer swim program got off to a good start with a day-long clean-up project at Indian Pond. Brush that obstructed the parents' view of their young swimmers was cut back, new docks were put into the water, and sand was dumped to add to the beach. There were about fifteen individuals who helped. There isn't room to include all the names, but thanks for the effort!

Sixty children participated in the Swim Program in the summer of '97. We had our usual summer with a few days seeming more like April than July, but in spite of cool water, leeches, and stormy days, most continue to enjoy the lessons with a spirit of adventure. In addition to our usual swim instruction, we were able to graduate four swimmers in the Red Cross certified "Water Safety Aide" program. They were Josh Titus, Jennifer and Sarah Hook, and Anna Knapp. It is our hope that they will be available as aides, and then possibly become instructors, when they reach the age of sixteen and can take further Red Cross courses.

For the coming summer we will be in need of a new instructor and some new members for the swim committee. Again, it would be ideal to find a local person who would be willing to be available for several years as instructor. Parents of younger children make great members of the committee for continuity. Please contact Peggy Villar at 353-4552 if you or someone you know would be willing to serve.

Peggy Villar  
Brenda Hook  
Cara Dyke  
Marcia Knapp

## **CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS UPPER VALLEY RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE**

In 1997, the Upper Valley River Subcommittee completed its work on the Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan. The Plan, a product of the local representatives serving on the Subcommittee from riverfront towns in New Hampshire and Vermont, recognizes the Connecticut River as an invaluable resource and provides a coordinated approach for local residents and municipalities to practice good stewardship of the river in the future.

Containing recommendations regarding water quality, recreation, fisheries, habitat and wildlife, agriculture, bank erosion, and future land use, the Management Plan is intended as a guide for use by local towns, public agencies, private organizations, and landowners and other individuals.

In July, copies of the Management Plan were provided to members of the Orford Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and Parks and Playgrounds Committee, as well as to the libraries and the school. In August, Orford's Subcommittee representatives met with the Planning Board to review the Plan's contents and findings, and to recommend that specific steps be taken to protect and conserve the shoreline and areas adjacent to it along the Connecticut River in Orford. On November 17, following a public hearing, the Planning Board took the first step in this regard by adopting the Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan as a reference document for the Town of Orford's Master Plan. Since then, the Planning Board has given active consideration to the Subcommittee representatives' recommendation that the Town of Orford adopt specific measures to provide protection for the Connecticut River shoreline.

The Upper Valley River Subcommittee, formed in January 1993, under the N.H. Rivers Management and Protection Act, includes citizens nominated by the selectmen of towns on both sides of the Connecticut River, from Bradford to Hartford, VT, and from Piermont to Lebanon, NH. It continues to meet and advise the states of Vermont and New Hampshire, the federal government, and the Connecticut River Joint Commissions on local matters affecting the river, such as bank stabilization, boating access, and permit applications for river-related projects. The Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory powers. All meetings are open to the public and take place on the second Monday of the month from 7–9 p.m. at the Lyme Town Office. Local residents are encouraged to attend and contribute their ideas. If you are interested in serving as a member of the Subcommittee, please contact the Board of Selectmen.

Carl Schmidt  
Pat Tullar

## **GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.**

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. works through its local programs to support the health and well-being of our older citizens and to assist them to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible. Through eight locations throughout the County, including Plymouth, Bristol, Canaan, Lebanon, Orford, Haverhill, Littleton and Lincoln, older adults and their families are able to obtain community-based long-term care services such as home delivered meals, senior dining room programs, transportation, social work services, information and referral, health and educational programs, adult day care, recreation and opportunities to be of service to the community through volunteering.

During 1997, 59 older residents of Orford were able to make use of one or more of GCSCC's services, offered through the Orford Area Senior Services. These individuals enjoyed 763 balanced meals in the company of friends in a senior dining room, received 1,146 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers, were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 153 occasions by our lift-equipped buses, were helped through 2 visits by a trained social worker and found opportunities to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 691 hours of volunteer service. The cost to provide these services for Orford residents in 1997 was \$10,452.13.

Community based services provided by GCSCC and its many volunteers for older residents of Orford were often important to their efforts to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care despite chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars and contributing to the quality of life of our older friends and neighbors.

GCSCC very much appreciates the support of the Orford community for services which enhance the independence and dignity of our older citizens and assists them to meet the challenges of aging in place.

Carol W. Dustin  
Executive Director

Orford Area Senior Services  
P.O. Box 98, Orford, NH 03777  
Gail Dimick, Coordinator  
353-9107

## UPPER VALLEY AMBULANCE

Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. has continued to grow to meet the complex challenge of providing emergency transport ambulance service to the eight-town region. UVA has had another very busy year in 1997. We responded to approximately 650 requests for medical assistance. Of those 650 requests, care was delivered without transporting the patient about 25% of the time. UVA does not charge in those instances. Our efforts to keep costs down for the townspeople by diversifying operations have been successful. The per capita charge to the eight towns will remain \$14.00 for the upcoming year. As a point of reference, \$1.00 per capita equals roughly \$10,000. We are continuing with the policy of not requiring the eight member towns to guarantee payment for unpaid ambulance bills. Also, when Upper Valley Ambulance started in 1990 the per capita cost was \$14.00. Of the \$14.00, \$1.15 goes directly to Hanover for dispatch services. We recently received notice that there will likely be a significant increase in those dispatch service fees.

The Board of Directors of Upper Valley Ambulance has reviewed the budgetary needs for the upcoming year. Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement rates do not cover the cost of providing service and UVA expects to write off over \$100,000 in those charges. We expect to turn over an additional \$50,000 in unpaid bills to our collection agency. The Dartmouth helicopter service (DHART) has also had an impact in our transport services, especially in the area of infant transport.

Now, to summarize the activities of Upper Valley Ambulance. The primary focus for the ambulance service is to provide emergency transport services. We project a volume of 650 emergency responses from the eight-town area for the upcoming year. UVA continues to provide DHMC with transport services for their ICN and PICU. We expect to do 215 and 55 of these transports respectively. Also, we expect to do 350 non-emergency transfers. UVA has had continuing success with a vigorous campaign to increase the volume of our non-emergency transfers. Of course, even though we are doing these non-emergency services, there is no compromise of the ambulance service to serve its primary mission of providing emergency services in the eight-town coverage area.

We continue to use a mix of full-time and part-time paid ambulance personnel. The day to day operations of the ambulance service are being expertly managed by John Vose, Administrator, and Kevin Cole, Field Supervisor, who report directly to the committee of Town Directors who are appointed by the Selectmen of the towns. UVA has worked very hard to become a focal point for training for the local F.A.S.T. squads and Fire Departments in the region. We also train area residents in CPR. Last year, 217 residents were trained.

We have set some ambitious goals for 1998. It has been our goal since we started providing this service to deliver the highest level of emergency care possible. Two more of our full-time staff have enrolled in paramedic level training which allows the

administration of IV fluids, medications and advanced airway control. All of our staff are now trained in the use of defibrillation for heart attack victims. In addition, we will implement a Domicile Risk Assessment Program this year where our crews will go to the homes of the elderly citizens and assess their homes for potential fall hazards, and make recommendations for a safer home environment in the hopes of preventing an injury from occurring.

As a resident of a member town, we strongly urge you to take advantage of our Subscription Service. The yearly membership fee of \$35 entitles you to medically necessary Emergency Medical Services at no additional cost to you. Subscription applications are available at your local Town Offices, at Upper Valley Ambulance's Business Office in Fairlee, or area places of business. Call 802-333-4043 for further information.

Larry A. Lancaster  
Chair, Board of Directors



## UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) is a voluntary association of 31 towns. The Commission is concerned with the development of comprehensive plans for beneficial and balanced economic, environmental and social growth in the Region. It functions as a research, resource and informational agency and, when appropriate, acts to obtain Federal, State and other approvals, grants-in-aid, loans and similar assistance for individual member towns and for the Region. The Commission provides technical assistance to member communities in the areas of planning (land use, transportation, water quality, etc.), mapping, community development, grantsmanship and grant administration. In addition, regional studies such as our Regional Transportation Plan, and regional projects such as household hazardous waste collections and the Lake Sunapee and Connecticut River Scenic Byway Studies are undertaken to the benefit of more than one community.

Our economic development program for communities in Grafton County has certainly grown this year! The program is fully staffed and funded for two years. In order to qualify for certain State funds, it was necessary to create a new organization, the Economic Development Corporation of the Upper Valley (EDCUV). Governed by its own board, EDCUV offers community development services, individualized business assistance, and a revolving loan fund, with financing available to businesses in the \$15,000 to \$50,000 range.

In 1997, our work specifically for the Town of Orford included:

- Provided circuit-riding planner to support work of the Planning Board.
- Assisted Planning Board with developing amendments to the Subdivision Regulations.
- Provided education statistics.
- Discussed implementation of the Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan and Scenic Byways with the Planning Board.
- Met with Board of Selectmen to discuss economic development needs in town.
- Discussed RSA 155-E as it applies to the expansion of a grandfathered gravel pit.
- Kept the town updated on potential grant funding sources.
- Began update of two-page economic initiative summary to be made available on the Internet and in brochure form.
- Maintained geographic information system data for Orford.

Our Commission looks forward to serving Orford in the coming year.

## VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC.

We are very grateful for the continued support Orford provides to help VNA meet the home care and hospice needs of its community members. Here are some crucial points to consider regarding the importance of funding VNA programs in your town.

- VNA services are available to persons of all ages and all economic means.
- Hospital discharge planners and attending physicians work closely with VNA to decide a course of treatment for each home health care patient.
- Our VNA staff from the Bradford Branch provides skilled services for people who:
  - are recovering from surgery, have an acute illness, or disability;
  - require long-term care;
  - need support and symptom control during a terminal illness.
- Town funds help provide care for people who do not have adequate insurance or the ability to pay.

Changes in health care systems nationally are placing the very heart of patient care responsibility in the hands of home care agencies. VNA is pleased to help ensure a health care safety net for the people of Orford.

The following services were provided in the Town of Orford during the past year.

		<u>Visits 7/1/96 – 6/30/97</u>
	Nursing	1272
	Physical Therapy	103
	Occupational Therapy	10
	Social Services	1
	Home Health Aide	2162
	Homemaker	<u>215</u>
	TOTAL	3763
Well Child Clinic:	Unduplicated Children	17
	Visits	23
	Dental Clinic Visits	4
Blood Pressure Screening Clinics:	Attendance	114 persons
Flu Clinics:	Attendance	80 persons
Family Support Services:	Families	1
	Individuals	5
	Home Visits	4
Child Health Services:	Home Visits	12
	WIC Clients	41
	Clinic Visits	274

On behalf of the patients and families we serve, thank you for your continuing support.

Elizabeth J. Davis, RN, MPH  
Chief Executive Officer

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORT

It is a pleasure to report to the people of District One, which consists of 98 towns and four cities here in northern New Hampshire. The Council acts much like a board of directors at the very top of the Executive Branch of your New Hampshire State Government. We confirm gubernatorial nominations to many regulatory, advisory and governing boards and commissions within the Executive Branch of your government. We also confirm gubernatorial nominations to the entire Judicial Branch of the New Hampshire State Government, approve contracts to outside agencies, businesses, municipalities and individuals and a host of other duties.

A good list of phone numbers for citizens to gain information throughout this district to have on hand would be the following:

AIDS Hotline	1-800-752-AIDS
Children, Youth & Families	1-800-852-3345
Consumer Complaints, Utilities	1-800-852-3793
Consumer Complaints, Insurance	1-800-852-3416
Disabilities Assistance	1-800-852-3345
Elderly & Adult Assistance	1-800-442-5640
Fuel Assistance	1-800-552-4617
Emergency Assistance	9-1-1
Employment Opportunities	1-800-852-3400
Job Training Information	1-800-772-7001
NH State Library	1-800-499-1232
NH State Police	1-800-525-5555
NH Tech. Community Colleges	1-800-247-3420
NH Help Line (24-hour)	1-800-852-3388
NH Operation Game Thief	1-800-344-4262
NH Veterans Council	1-800-622-9230
NH Corrections Dept.	1-800-479-0688
NH Dept. of Labor	1-800-272-4353
NH Housing Authority	1-800-439-7247
NH Higher Educational Ass't.	1-800-525-2577
Headrest Teenline	1-800-826-3700
NH Independent Living Found.	1-800-826-3700
NH Charitable Foundation	1-800-464-6641

It is a pleasure to work for you as one of your public servants. My office is at your service.

Councilor Ray Burton  
RR1 Box 106  
Woodsville, NH 03785  
747-3662  
271-3632 (State House)



**Annual Report**  
**of the**  
**Orford School District**

**Orford**

**New Hampshire**

**Fiscal Year July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997**

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**of the**  
**ORFORD SCHOOL BOARD**  
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**ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE ORFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Orford, New Hampshire  
1997**

The School Board of the School District of Orford herewith submits its Annual Report.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION**

<b>School Board</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Richard Dion, Vice-chair	1999
Jane Gardner-Duffany	2000
Bethany B. Miller, Chair	1998
Jonathan Sands, Secretary	1998
Sally Tomlinson	2000
 Peter M. Thomson, Moderator	 1998
Edna J. Adams, Clerk	1998
Edna J. Adams, Treasurer	1998
 Joseph Della Badia, Superintendent	
Mary Ellen Gallagher, Assistant Superintendent	
William H. Moorman, Business Manager	
Sheila W. Moran, Principal	
M. Amos Kornfeld, Assistant Principal	

**SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT**  
**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Grafton, S. S.

School District of Orford

To the inhabitants of the School District of Orford qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Memorial Hall in said District on Friday, March 13, 1998 at 4:00 P.M. to act on the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1: To choose by non-partisan ballot a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, each to serve one year, two members of the School Board, each to serve three years, and one member of the School Board to serve one year.

(POLLS WILL OPEN NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M. AND WILL CLOSE NO EARLIER THAN 9:00 P.M.)

NOTE: ARTICLES 2 THROUGH 11 WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNTIL 7:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 2: To hear the Report of the Orford Committee for Educational Partnerships established at the Annual District Meeting on March 15, 1996.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the Report of the Orford School Administrative Unit Withdrawal Study Committee.

ARTICLE 4. To hear the Report of the Orford/Fairlee Interstate Planning Committee.

ARTICLE 5. For 1997-98: To see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500.00) as a deficit appropriation, in addition to the 1997-98 appropriation, for the purpose of meeting unanticipated vocational education tuition, such sum to be made available to the District prior to June 30, 1998. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 6. For 1997-98: To see if the District will vote to make the following Capital Reserve Fund changes:

a) Discontinue the Gymnasium Floor Repair Capital Reserve Fund created in 1991. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, estimated to total approximately Twenty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000.00) are to be transferred to the school district's general fund.



b) Establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of architectural, legal, and consulting services in connection with the Orford/Fairlee Interstate study, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000.00) from the 1997/98 general fund surplus, to be placed in this fund; and

c) Establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of gymnasium floor repair, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000.00) from the 1997/98 general fund surplus to be placed in this fund. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the School District will authorize the School Board to apply for, accept and expend, without further action of the School District Meeting, money from any source which becomes available during the fiscal year, provided that (1) Such money is used for legal purposes for which a school district may appropriate money, (2) The School Board holds a public hearing on the expenditure of such money before it is expended, (3) The expenditure of such money does not require the expenditure of other School District funds, and (4) The funds are exempt from all provisions of RSA 32 relative to limitation and expenditure of school district monies.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the School District will determine and fix the salaries of school district officers as follows: school district treasurer \$400.00; school district clerk \$50.00; school district moderator \$50.00. (The School Board recommends this action.)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Orford School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Orford School Board and the Orford Teachers Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase In Total Compensation
1998/99	\$38,432 (3.25%)
1999/00	\$48,789 (3.99%)

These sums represent the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million, One Hundred Forty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-four Dollars \$2,146,764.00 for the payment of salaries for School District officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District for the 1998-99 fiscal year. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 11: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals at said Orford this third day of February, 1998.

Richard Dion, Vice Chair  
Jane Gardner-Duffany

Bethany B. Miller, Chair  
Jonathan Sands, Secretary  
Sally Tomlinson

School Board,  
School District of Orford

NOTE: Due to printing schedules for the Orford Town Report, this Warrant does not include petitioned articles which might be presented for inclusion in the official Warrant which will be posted and advertised.

ORFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
COUNTY of GRAFTON

ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING  
MARCH 14, 1997

The meeting was called order at 4:00 by Moderator Peter Thomson. The ballot Clerks were sworn in and the ballots counted, (558) after which the polls remained opened for balloting. At 7:00, the Moderator called the meeting to order and immediately a motion was made by Richard Dion and seconded by Janice Grady: "to recess the Annual School District Meeting to Friday March 21, 1997 at 7 P.M. (time certain) because of the inclement weather". The motion carried with a voice vote without a negative response by the handful of people present.

A second motion made by Richard Dion and seconded by Janice Grady was made to recess balloting as well and to reopen the balloting at 7 P.M. (time certain) on March 21, 1997.

This motion also passed with a voice vote. The ballots were resealed, the ballot box remained locked and was transported to the vault at the Selectmen's office by the Chief of Police and Moderator Peter Thomson. Meeting recessed at 7:05.

MARCH 21, 1997

The recessed meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Moderator Peter Thomson with a salute to the Flag.

The first order of business was an explanation of the recess --weather -- and the procedure leading up to the recess which included several phone calls made by Bethany Miller with SAU, Peter Thomson and the Secretary of State's office.

Mud Season yard Sale to benefit the Building & Grounds will be held on Saturday, March 22 from 9-2.

The Booster Club is in need of help running bingo on Wednesday evenings. Call Jerry Washburn or Terre Mitchell.

Thanks to Nancy Thatcher and Bob Thatcher and to Principal Berliner for the spaghetti supper served to the supervisors, ballot clerks, Moderator and School Clerk on March 14. It was greatly appreciated by us all.

The Committee to study the withdrawal from SAU is in need of members. Anyone interested, please contact Moderator Thomson. (This committee is the result of the special meeting held in January in which the majority voted to study the withdrawal.)

Bethany Miller expressed appreciation to the volunteers who have serviced the school in many areas over the past year. A round of applause was given as those volunteers stood to be recognized.

The Certificate of the posting of the warrant was read by Moderator Thomson after which a Motion by Pat Hammond and Seconded by Mark Blanchard to dispense with the reading of the warrant was passed with a voice vote.

ARTICLE 1: To choose by non-partisan ballot a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, each to serve one year, one member of the School Board to serve one year and two members of the School Board to serve three years.

Polls opened at 7 P.M. and remained open until 9:27. The results of the balloting was announced after all other business was finished

ARTICLE 2: To hear the report of the Orford Committee for Educational partnerships established at the Annual District Meeting on March 15, 1996.

Motion: Richard Dion

Second: Bethany Miller

Action: The following report was read by Judith Parker:

The Orford Committee for Educational partnership (OCEP) was created at last year's School District Meeting to "explore, negotiate and endorse a plan for an educational partnership with neighboring towns..." OCEP began its work against a background of considerable change and uncertainty surrounding high school education in the Upper Valley region. As area high schools are reaching capacity, towns without high schools, such as Lyme, Piermont, Fairlee and Strafford, are seeing their choices diminish and possibly vanish altogether

After considerable deliberation, the committee chose to begin reaching out at the grass roots level. We identified individuals active in education in the Towns of Fairlee, Lyme, Piermont, Thetford and Strafford and invited them to form with us, an intertown committee, the CEE, to plan a conference for the fall of 1996 to address regional educational concerns. The purpose of the conference, CROSSING BOUNDARIES, BUILDING BRIDGES-THE NURTURING OF EDUCATION IN THE UPPER VALLEY, was to meet people in neighboring communities, find common educational concerns, and build upon that for continued joint exploration of ways to enhance regional educational opportunities. Participants were selected to represent a cross section of each town, OCEP raised \$1600 from area banks, businesses, the Niles Foundation, and the U.N.H. Public Conversations Project to underwrite the costs of the conference. Bruce Mallory, director of the Public Conversations Project worked with the CEE to help plan and facilitate the conference.

Participants were asked the questions "What aspects of education in your community would you like to preserve and what would you like to change?" At the end of a fruitful discussion, the Conference arrived at the following concerns:

- Maintain and strengthen involvement of all parents in school affairs;
- Maintain and strengthen community support
- Ensure diversity of economic, social and political orientation
- Ensure that choice/options are taken into consideration when considering school policy and/or structure;
- To the extent possible, seek stability of funding

Maintain class size consistent with the objective of providing the best instruction for the student.

Ensure adequacy of physical plant and the necessary tools for teaching.

Encourage pooling and sharing of resources among communities

In curriculum, ensure that there is;

- Breadth, diversity and challenge for ALL students

- Development of citizenship

- Responsive curriculum

- Development of reading, writing and other skills to enhance literacy.

- Development of math and science

- Development of music and the arts.

While the conference did not address the specific issues facing Orford High School, it provided OCEP and the attendees from other towns the beginning of a network of individuals ready to think about more regional solutions to education.

Following the conference, members of OCEP continued to meet with the CEE, and currently a working group of that committee is researching successful multi-town educational collaborations and will be developing a proposal for a regional meeting of school boards in the near future. We also held smaller, informal meetings with school board members in Lyme, Piermont and Fairlee.

Lyme is not currently interested in a partnership with Orford. Their focus is primarily on a Hanover solution to the diminishing High School choices available to them. They are interested in being informed as things develop within our conversations with other towns.

OCEP members have also met with the Administration and School Board Chair in Piermont to keep them informed of what we are doing and to ascertain what level of interest they may have in partnerships. While Piermont is currently committed to high school choice, there is interest in exploring the possibility of program partnerships on the middle school level.

Discussions with Fairlee have progressed quickly on two parallel tracks. After several informal meetings with Rebecca Holcomb, principal and Allen Avery, School Board Chair, OCEP received a letter indicating Fairlee's interest in pursuing possible secondary school partnership and also interest in "exploring ways to take advantage of our combined resources at the elementary level to see if we can provide all of our students with a richer program". Discussions have already moved forward with the elementary/middle school partnership possibilities with an anticipated start in the Fall of 1997.

On February 27, Fairlee School Board scheduled a meeting for members of the Fairlee community to present high school options and have a preliminary discussion of their hopes and values related to this issue. In addition to the open discussion, a written survey was taken. The majority of those in attendance favored a

high school option including Orford. (Cicely Richardson)

OCEP anticipates that with the seating of our new school board after the District meeting, both towns will be prepared to begin substantive discussions on high school partnership. We feel that a number of circumstances have created a unique window of opportunity available to us to address serious educational issues in both Fairlee and Orford. Orford needs to stabilize its financial base for education funding and to improve and expand the educational options available to its middle and high school students. In addition to high school issues, Fairlee is facing a serious problem with classroom space in the elementary / middle school population and wishes to make decisions regarding construction of new school space in conjunction with resolving its high school question.

As we enter discussions with Fairlee, we need to understand that a partnership does not mean the status quo with Fairlee now attached. Partnership means a mutually derived educational philosophy and curriculum, shared governance, and educational solutions that are affordable to both towns. In our initial conversations we have been very excited about the possibilities-ways to be more creative in the design of staff and curriculum, use of community resources and even broader regional partnerships as part of a long term plan, while still maintaining a small school that operates on a human scale. This is an exciting time with many possibilities. It will also mean change which can sometimes feel awkward and cause anxiety. Orford High School has always been ours, a partnership means that it will now be somebody else's school as well.

Members of the committee who attended 129 meetings were:

Emily Bryant, Judy Dion, Susan Turpin, Tekle Tomlinson, Barb Dyke and Marty Duffany.

Bethany Miller made the motion to accept the report. Seconded by Janice Grady. Report was accepted with a voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 3: The School District voted to authorize the School Board to apply for, accept and expend, without further action of the School District Meeting, money from any source which becomes available during the fiscal year, provided that ( 1 ) Such money is used for legal purposes for which a school district may appropriate money, ( 2 ) The School Board holds a public hearing on the expenditure of such money before it is expended, ( 3 ) The expenditure of such money does not require the expenditure of other School District funds, and ( 4 ) The funds are exempt from all provisions of RSA 32 relative to limitation and expenditure of school district monies.

MOTION: Richard Dion

SECOND: Bethany Miller

ACTION: Voice vote in the affirmative.

Note: Sheila Perry asked for an explanation of the article which the Board explained as "a housekeeping " procedure.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the School District will reauthorize the Committee to study the advisability of withdrawing from School Administrative Unit #22 which Committee was originally authorized by vote of the District on January 14, 1997.

MOTION: Bethany Miller

SECOND: Richard Dion

ACTION: Question from Pat Hammond that if there is no interest to serve on the committee would it be necessary to pursue. The Moderator asked for volunteers and said that the committee would pursue.

Terre Mitchell asked if this would affect the partnership pursuit with area towns.

Bethany Miller - that the two committees would inform each other and all action should run on parallel tracks.

ARTICLE 5: Vote in the affirmative that the School District will determine and fix the salaries of school district officers as follows: school district treasurer \$400.00: school district clerk \$50.00: school district moderator \$50.00 ( The School Board recommends this action. )

MOTION: David Bischoff

SECOND: Paul Goundry

ACTION: Voice vote in the affirmative

ARTICLE 6: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO MILLION FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN DOLLARS (\$2,005,587.00 ) for the payment of salaries for School District officials and agents and for payment of statutory obligations of the District for the 1997-98 fiscal year. ( The School Board recommends this action. )

The amount in the original article as printed on the warrant was changed to \$2,018,892.00 because of last minute adjustments in State Aid and Insurance.

MOTION: Richard Dion

SECOND: Bethany Miller

ACTION: All who expressed their concerns for the cuts complimented the board and the budget committee for the conscientious job done. Tim Dyke & John O'Brien expressed concern that the proposed elimination of grade school sport coaches and officials could be of concern to area schools who are interested in the "partnership".

Toni Pease showed concern about the elimination of funds for the Army Engineers and the free labor that we have received.

Mr. Berliner explained that there is "no emergency " in the work to be done by the engineers and that they would continue at a later date.

John O'Brien made the motion to increase the amount to be raised by \$20,000.00 (TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS) making a total to be raised (\$2,038,892.00)

TWO MILLION THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY TWO DOLLARS and let the Board and the Principal decide to which programs it should be applied.

SECOND by Sheila Perry

A paper ballot was cast on the amendment.

Total cast 125 YES 69 NO 56

The amended motion was passed with a voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 7: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 194-B, implementing a charter and open enrollment school program? (Inserted by Petition.)

MOTION: Doug Tift

SECOND: Sue Kirscher

Richard Dion made the motion to amend the motion to read "to continue to study" instead of "adopt". His motion seconded by David Bischoff.

Doug Tift explained that there really wasn't time to execute an application before the April first deadline which prompted Richard Dion to make the amendment in order to leave the door open for the Board to pursue as a option.

ACTION: A voice vote in the affirmative on the amendment. A voice vote in the affirmative on the amended motion.

9:27 The Moderator declared the ballot box closed

ARTICLE 8: Shall no more than 0 percent of the district's current pupil enrollment be eligible for tuition to attend charter and open enrollment schools located outside the school district? (Inserted by petition)

MOTION: Motion to pass over this article was made by Richard Dion

SECOND: Kathy Baker

Voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 9: Shall no more than 0 percent of the district's current pupil enrollment be eligible for the tuition to attend charter and open enrollment schools located inside the school district? (Inserted by petition)

MOTION: Richard Dion made the motion to pass over

SECOND: Kathy Baker

ACTION: Voice vote in the affirmative

ARTICLE 10: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Mr. Berliner presented a floral arrangement to Janice Grady in appreciation of her service on the Board.



Mr. LeBarron presented a floral arrangement to Sherri Tullar for her years of service on the board.

Barb Dyke expressed appreciation for the help and cooperation from the Board and the Administration in the Partnership quest.

Bethany Miller thanked Janice and Sherri and also Laurel Berwick who served for two years on the Board. She also recognized the OM teams who are going on to State competition.

Judith Parker encouraged participating in support of the school.

Maple Week-end is being held and the Moderator invited everyone to visit a sugar house. Gerald Pease requested that you bring your own sap!

The results of the balloting was announced:

Board Member for one year: Jon Sands had 106 votes. Each of the following had one vote: Dennis Johnston, Harold Taylor, Linda Gordon, Larry Taylor, Laurie Raines and Judy Pushee.

Board member three years --two elected

Jane Gardner-Duffany had 94 votes: Sally Tomlinson had 98 votes. Each of the following had one vote: Paul Messer, Judy Franklin, Marion Spottswood, Kathy Baker, Paul Dalton, Brenda Thomson, Althea Goundry, Jane Hebb

Clerk for one year:

Edna J. Adams had 107 votes, 3 votes for Deb Matyka, 1 vote for Judy Franklin

Moderator for one year:

Peter M. Thomson had 111 votes, Jeff Gordon had one vote

Treasurer for one year:

Edna J. Adams had 108 votes, Deb Matyka had 4 votes

Those officers being present were sworn in by Moderator Thomson.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

A true record, attest.

(signed ) A true copy of record, attest Edna J. Adams.

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

This past year has been one of notable progress. Our inexperience as a board served as both a burden and a blessing as we approached new hurdles with few preconceived ideas about the way things should be done. We are all now in a pivotal time that demands innovation.

The School Board took steps toward improving the efficiency and effectiveness of its work. It held a retreat to develop board goals and a training workshop with the New Hampshire School Boards Association to focus on effective board operations. A board mission statement and board goals were defined and adopted. Board members served on committees to: recruit a new principal, negotiate a new teacher contract, study the SAU withdrawal issues, and plan for a potential interstate district with Fairlee. The latter involves feasibility and facilities studies as well as educational design and Articles of Agreement with Fairlee on issues such as finance, organization and governance. While the work has seemed at times ponderous, it is vital to push forward during this time of providential opportunity.

The School Board is working with community members and educators to develop a forward-looking plan for our educational system. We have welcomed thoughtful initiatives brought in by new administrators this past year. We were fortunate to have Sheila Moran join us as Principal, bringing us her educational vision and appreciation for rural communities. Many volunteers have contributed their time and resources to our school. Both faculty and community can be proud of their combined commitment to improving our school system with the limited resources of a small town. At the same time, we recognize that we cannot continue to maintain our current educational structure indefinitely. We must continue working toward partnerships with other towns to create schools that are more affordable and better equipped to meet future instructional needs. The potential formation of an interstate district with Fairlee holds the most promise for meeting these objectives while allowing Orford to retain some of the benefits of local education and control. It will require more hard work, embracing change, deciding what we can preserve and what we must leave behind, investment of civic energy and financial support. Constructive public engagement in this project can ensure a sustainable, high-quality educational institution that our citizens can benefit from and proudly support for years to come.

Meanwhile, as we transition toward this, we still have to face some difficult financial realities to maintain the programs we have now. Financial planning and development of a capital funding program are areas that will need more focus at this time. Additionally, we will need to examine how to provide supervisory services after our contract with the new SAU 70 ends in July 1999. I ask that the people of Orford continue to support their schools as it implements changes toward a new model, and that they take the time to be informed and involved. The quality of communities and schools is made and sustained by citizens taking an active role. We are grateful to all those who have invested their time and energy in shaping the future, and we invite others to join in the work.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bethany B. Miller, Chair

## Principal's Report

I am honored to be writing my first *Principal's Report* to the citizens of Orford. There are monumental changes in the life of the Orford School. In fact, it is a time of great change for public schools all across the country and I find it helpful to think about some of our challenges and opportunities from this perspective. For example, on this day in January when I am writing this report, I hear the news that Vermont has reversed itself on the subject of school consolidation. That state had mandated that small schools be closed in favor of larger, more cost effective consolidated schools. The evidence, however, that small but financially viable schools are better for students and their communities is mounting. The people of Orford are to be commended for understanding instinctively that it is worth struggling to achieve both fiscal viability and the sort of healthy connections attainable in a relatively small, community-based school.

What changes are in progress? Our current School Administrative Unit, SAU 22, is unraveling. On July 1 of this year Lyme and Orford, the district's two small cousins, will be on their own. We will continue for one year, and one year only, to contract equivalent services from the new SAU being formed by Hanover and the Dresden District. Lyme and Orford are also proceeding toward withdrawing from the SAU, Lyme to continue on its own and Orford to seek a new alliance that is both financially sound and educationally meaningful. The particular alliance that both excites and challenges us is a possible Fairlee-Orford interstate K-12 school district. Such a school district would assure us of the fiscal viability we so badly need by increasing our economy of scale with a larger pool of secondary students. From an educational point of view it would reconstitute a slightly larger community out of two river towns that once were all but one before state and school district boundaries artificially divided them. It will be for the two towns to decide whether they want to bring this interstate district into existence.

Students and teachers are involving themselves in these changes by working on committees, defining what we expect of our graduates, looking critically at curriculum and instructional practices, and adjusting responsibly to the painful aspects of reform. We are striving to strengthen certain programs that promise to put the Orford School on the map as a destination for potential tuition students. Mind you we are not there yet. We are seeing, in the short run, a serious loss in tuition students, partly because of the uncertainty around the future of the Orford School and, we are told, because of students who want a larger, more diverse athletics program. The exciting initiatives which will, eventually, be building blocks in a new image of our school include both technology education and the greenhouse/environmental education program. These both grew out of a community School-to-Work program which is designed to bring the academic lives of students closer to the realities of the work place. Our particular interpretation of this charge is that students growing up in rural places must learn not only skills to get a job, but skills to create jobs so they might live wherever they want, including Orford. The single largest export from rural America today is its young people. We are hoping to reverse this trend, while at the same time developing an academic program that is second to none and connected with the wide world of national and international intellectual, artistic and commercial life.

Our state assessment results this year are particularly gratifying. With an on-site curriculum coordinator who was able to analyze previous test results with an eye toward targeted improvement, we were able to see significant improvements. Of the three grades tested, our tenth and third grade results were particularly satisfying because they were above the state average in virtually every category. I would be happy to share comparative data with anyone who might be interested.

We have had considerable success, thanks to our busy grants committee, in obtaining additional support for our technology program. A "Technology Literacy Challenge Grant" from the state doubled the number of computers in our computer lab and allowed us to wire the lab for whole class internet access. A private donation again increased the number of computers and Phase II of the state grant would enable us to develop internet accessible computing centers in all elementary classrooms.

To support the greenhouse initiative we are making plans for K-6 classroom gardens and, eventually, natural habitats in the hope that this work will help the children appreciate the way of life that grew up around cultivating the earth. This will be done with community members, and especially with elders who themselves know the value of working and protecting the earth. We are also developing with Antioch Graduate School a *CoSeed* team which will involve older students in meaningful decisions in the life of the school and community, decisions which would have an impact on the long-term sustainability of Orford as a place where people want to live.

In the meantime school continues. Young children learn to read and compute. Older students learn to take responsibility for the world into which they are growing. Along the way they learn respect and how to listen. If any of you would like to be a part of the life of this wonderful school, please give me a call.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila W. Moran, Principal

**ORFORD COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP  
SUMMARY REPORT  
MARCH 1998**

“The aim of education must be to develop individuals who are open to change. Only such persons can constructively meet the perplexities of a world in which problems spawn much faster than their answers. The goal of education must be to develop a society in which people can live more comfortably with change than with rigidity. In the coming world the capacity to face the new appropriately is more important than the ability to know and repeat the old.”

Carl Rogers: Freedom to Learn

The Orford Committee for Educational Partnership (OCEP) was established at the 1996 Annual School District meeting to...”explore, negotiate and endorse a plan for an educational partnership with neighboring towns...” in Warrant Article 3.

During our two year mandate, OCEP has accomplished the following:

- defined an approach to the task given us by the town.

- identified individuals in surrounding towns interested in exploring the idea of inter-town educational partnerships.

- formed an inter-town committee, the Committee for Educational Exploration (CEE), to design a conference that would begin a dialogue between residents of Orford and neighboring towns of Fairlee, Lyme, Piermont, Strafford, Thetford, and Warren.

- raised \$1,600.00 from area businesses to fund a conference-Crossing Boundaries...Building Bridges, held in September 1996 at the Hulbert Outdoor Center

- initiated contacts with School Board representatives from Fairlee, Lyme, Piermont, and Thetford.

Two major avenues of activity evolved from the Conference. First, OCEP launched into discussions with Fairlee that subsequently developed into the formation of the Interstate Compact Committee. Second, we have identified an interest in surrounding communities to continue exploration of regional educational partnerships.

In 1997, the newly created Interstate Compact Committee (ICC) assumed a major portion of the charge to OCEP in Warrant Article 3. Statutes from Vermont and New Hampshire define the committee's membership and its charge. OCEP, however, has continued to participate in the process through attendance at ICC meetings and in an advisory capacity to the Orford delegation.

After much discussion in our committee, OCEP chose not to actively pursue partnerships with other towns to concentrate on developing the partnership with Fairlee. We believe this is a critical, first viable arrangement that will enable Fairlee and Orford to have a high quality, affordable education system for all of our children, kindergarten through twelfth grade. OCEP believes that we will continue to pursue

educational partnerships with other towns once an interstate school district with Fairlee has been formalized.

**OCEP recommends the following to the Orford School Board:**

Endorse the Orford/Fairlee Interstate Compact as a unique opportunity to assess and design a high quality affordable school system that will meet the educational needs of our children in a rapidly changing society.

Establish a committee to continue pursuing educational partnerships with neighboring towns which will enhance educational opportunities for our students: e.g.

- create a school consortium of the Upper Valley  
share resources.

- identify social, cultural, intellectual spheres around which communities in the Upper Valley can build together and create new relationships with each other.

Establish working groups to facilitate multi-town forums of the school boards to discuss mutual educational issues.

Recognize the benefits of, and find ways to foster community involvement in education.

Promote clear, ongoing communication among the town, school, and school board and develop mechanisms to achieve this goal e.g.

- periodic roundtable discussions or forums.

- a quarterly town newsletter including reports of committees; items of interest and editorials.

**OCEP strongly recommends to the town of Orford**

We are convinced that the best schools are those in which the town is actively involved. We have observed the results of increased community involvement in our schools and strongly recommend that the citizens of the town continue and even increase their involvement through service on committees, School Board, Booster Club, volunteering in the classroom, sharing special talents and skills, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Jude Parker, Chair

Orford Committee for Educational Partnership

Jude Parker, Chair

Judith D. Dion, Vice-chair

Martin Duffany, Secretary

Emily Bryant

Barbara Dyke

Tekle Tomlinson

Susan Turpin

**ORFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
COMPARATIVE YEARLY ENROLLMENTS  
FOR OCTOBER FIRST OF EACH YEAR**

Year	Kindergarten	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
1986	11	17	8	5	12	10	16	14	13	26	34	27	15	208
1987	20	13	17	9	8	12	10	27	19	32	31	33	25	256
1988	11	21	14	17	7	10	14	21	29	27	34	36	31	272
1989	16	10	23	13	16	8	8	23	21	36	26	35	32	267
1990	22	17	11	25	16	17	5	11	19	17	26	26	32	244
1991	14	19	14	10	21	13	14	10	13	21	20	31	21	221
1992	20	12	19	20	12	24	17	29	12	25	30	19	32	271
1993	18	14	11	18	16	9	21	20	30	22	25	30	18	252
1994	16	14	13	10	13	15	10	27	18	34	20	25	28	243
1995	13	13	14	14	11	17	14	15	29	24	35	22	17	238
1996	14	11	13	14	14	14	15	21	16	31	26	30	16	235
1997	13	13	13	11	13	10	15	18	19	26	31	28	28	238

## ORFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

### INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF AS OF JANUARY 1, 1998

Anna D. Alden	Music, Choral & Drama
Richard J. Barsotti	Science Grades 9-12
Gary E. Barton	Grade 3
Sharen T. Conner	Special Education 7-12
Barbara D. Conroy	Grade 5
M. Bridget Fariel	Social Studies Grades 9-12 and Curriculum Coordinator Grades K-12
Lauren M. Fiekers	French
Karen J. Fryer	Grade 4
Phyllis A. Hanley	Business Education
Bonnie L. Harris	Mathematics and Science 7 & 8
Joy Leland Harden	Art K-12
Michael Ivanoski	English & Social Studies Grades 7 & 8
Susan B. Klin	Grade 2
Roberta W. Kcer	English and Spanish 9-12
Theresa L. Langley	Grade 1
Richard D. Newton	Physical Education K-8
Amy A. Nickerson	Media Generalist
Deborah T. O'Brien	Kindergarten & Reading Recovery
Charles L. Papirmeister	Technology Coordinator
Eric O. Reichert	English
Barbara H. Smith	Mathematics
Joseph L. Stallsmith	Guidance
Karen L. Strickling	School Psychologist
Kristen A. Surprenant	Social Studies 9-12
Nancy T. H. Thatcher	Home Economics 7-12
Robert M. Thatcher	Physical Education 9-12
Roberta L. Traub	Special Education K-6
Olga T. Valencia	Grade 6
Elmer Ward	Industrial Arts



DUE TO PRINTING SCHEDULES FOR THE ORFORD TOWN REPORT, THE AUDITORS' REPORT FOR THE 1996-97 FISCAL YEAR IS NOT INCLUDED HERE. COPIES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MARCH 13.

**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 22  
 REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENTS  
 1997-98**

<b>District Assessments</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Hanover	23.169	\$ 171,303
Norwich	17.753	131,259
Dresden	41.233	304,861
Lyme	10.213	75,511
Orford	7.632	56,428
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 739,362</b>
Revenues from Other Sources		<u>46,848</u>
<b>SAU 22 OPERATING BUDGET</b>		<b>\$ 786,210</b>

ORFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REVENUES

CATEGORY	1996/97 TOTAL YEAR ACTUAL	1997/98 ORIGINAL ESTIMATE	1997/98 REVISED BUDGET	1997/98 TOTAL YEAR ESTIMATE	1998/99 PROPOSED BUDGET
Balance Carry-Forward	43,822	10,000	33,513	33,513	0
Local Sources:					
Approp. for Operating Budget	1,480,241	1,525,638	1,487,667	1,487,667	1,594,638
Tuition	432,136	450,824	443,600	457,383	406,850
Other Local Sources:					
Checking Acct Interest	5,699	3,500	4,000	3,088	4,000
Trust Fund Income	0	50	50	0	0
Gate Receipts	1,216	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Insurance Refunds	9,920	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Sale of Instructional Services	0	0	0	19,900	21,000
Rent & misc.	0	0	0	0	100
Total Other Local Sources	16,835	10,550	11,050	29,988	32,100
State Sources:					
Foundation Aid	29,523	11,880	23,312	29,381	51,456
Building Aid	19,500	19,500	19,500	19,500	19,500
Catastrophic Aid	0	0	0	0	0
Kindergarten Aid	6,500	0	9,750	9,750	9,750
Vo Tech Tuit/Transp	8,747	10,000	10,000	13,541	32,470
Total State Sources	64,270	41,380	62,562	72,172	113,176
Federal Sources:					
Dept of Agric. Grant	491	0	0	0	0
Medicaid	361	500	500	0	0
Total Federal Sources	852	500	500	0	0
<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>2,038,156</b>	<b>2,038,892</b>	<b>2,038,892</b>	<b>2,080,723</b>	<b>2,146,764</b>

ORFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
EXPENDITURE BUDGET

DESCRIPTION	1996/97	1997/98	1997/98	1997/98	1998/99
	TOTAL YEAR ACTUAL	APPROVED BUDGET	REVISED BUDGET	TOTAL YEAR ESTIMATE	PROPOSED BUDGET
<b>REGULAR INSTRUCTION:</b>					
Teacher Salaries - Instructional	836,721	841,006	845,373	854,004	899,116
Local Remedial Services	9,902	13,041	13,931	13,931	13,931
Ed Asst Salaries - Instructional	10,678	9,274	9,432	0	0
Substitutes	8,559	10,500	10,500	12,139	11,000
Supplies	27,006	15,005	13,630	15,438	20,225
Books	17,661	9,809	10,981	10,865	11,570
Equipment	7,727	9,000	9,370	9,731	13,180
Copier Expenses	8,428	9,000	9,000	8,524	10,000
Contracted Service, Repairs, etc	1,322	3,800	4,240	4,210	4,560
Voc School Tuition	16,200	14,800	14,800	41,800	39,000
<b>TOTAL REGULAR INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>944,204</b>	<b>935,235</b>	<b>941,257</b>	<b>970,642</b>	<b>1,022,582</b>
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION:</b>					
Teacher Salaries - Spec Ed	82,453	83,594	83,594	83,913	88,951
Ed Asst Salaries - Spec Ed	50,990	32,960	33,521	58,320	64,113
Speech Therapy Salaries	19,901	24,252	24,252	28,808	26,745
Contracted Special Ed Services	18,170	21,700	21,700	15,641	19,200
Spec Ed Tuition	2,495	2,916	2,916	1,600	0
Other Spec Ed Expenses	1,876	1,500	1,500	1,521	2,050
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>175,885</b>	<b>166,922</b>	<b>167,483</b>	<b>189,803</b>	<b>201,059</b>
Co-curricular/Athletics	32,183	25,113	31,581	29,472	32,777
Health Services (Nurse, etc)	14,128	13,866	14,866	14,307	16,943
Guidance Books, Supplies, Ass't	3,711	3,382	4,022	3,965	3,323
Staff Development	9,049	11,200	11,200	12,259	13,800
Curriculum Development	41	1,000	500	500	1,000
Library Books, Supplies, Ass't, etc	12,150	12,267	7,620	7,360	3,580
<b>DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION:</b>					
SAU Central Office Assessment	63,228	56,428	56,428	56,428	52,656
Other District Admin Expenses	14,062	9,034	14,034	12,844	8,650
<b>TOTAL DISTRICT ADMIN</b>	<b>77,290</b>	<b>65,462</b>	<b>70,462</b>	<b>69,272</b>	<b>61,306</b>

ORFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
EXPENDITURE BUDGET

DESCRIPTION	1996/97 TOTAL YEAR ACTUAL	1997/98 APPROVED BUDGET	1997/98 REVISED BUDGET	1997/98 TOTAL YEAR ESTIMATE	1998/99 PROPOSED BUDGET
<b>SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:</b>					
Pncipal's Salary	55,886	56,100	56,100	53,946	55,000
Asst Principal's Salary	17,529	17,117	17,408	17,631	18,581
School Secretary's Salary	27,148	27,148	29,609	29,211	29,211
Telephone	7,296	9,000	9,000	7,590	7,600
Salary increase pool - non-union	0	3,000	0	0	6,450
Other School Admin. Expenses	14,607	27,875	11,250	11,603	11,005
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL ADMIN</b>	<b>122,466</b>	<b>140,240</b>	<b>123,367</b>	<b>119,981</b>	<b>127,847</b>
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:</b>					
Medical Insurance	122,577	149,367	149,367	158,677	149,564
Dental Insurance	18,944	20,246	20,246	22,351	24,435
Social Security	90,132	90,797	90,797	92,524	98,050
Life Insurance	1,539	1,512	1,512	1,494	1,512
Disability Insurance	320	576	576	661	696
Workers' Comp Insurance	8,981	11,652	11,652	8,201	9,120
Retirement	26,362	33,374	33,374	35,877	37,676
Unemployment	3,119	3,669	3,669	3,035	2,935
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>	<b>271,974</b>	<b>311,193</b>	<b>311,193</b>	<b>322,820</b>	<b>323,988</b>
<b>CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE:</b>					
Custodial Salaries	50,255	48,778	49,607	47,158	47,158
Custodial Overtime/Subs/Summer	7,476	9,135	9,135	8,825	7,000
Contracted Maintenance Services	10,289	14,000	14,000	14,876	15,000
Property/Liability Insurance	11,035	11,000	11,000	10,446	11,000
Electricity	22,237	20,500	20,500	20,051	23,500
Heat	13,198	14,000	14,000	13,197	14,000
Other Plant Operation Expense	14,476	16,930	16,930	16,039	15,460
<b>TOTAL PLANT OPERATIONS</b>	<b>128,966</b>	<b>134,343</b>	<b>135,172</b>	<b>130,592</b>	<b>133,118</b>
Pupil Transportation	93,594	101,200	102,200	98,277	92,400
Food Service Subsidy	0	0	0	0	0
Site & Bldgs / Capital Outlay	6,234	4,000	4,500	4,500	4,000
Debt Service	112,767	113,469	113,469	113,469	109,041
<b>GRAND TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>2,004,642</b>	<b>2,038,892</b>	<b>2,038,892</b>	<b>2,087,219</b>	<b>2,146,764</b>



**VITAL RECORDS OF THE TOWN OF ORFORD**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 1997**

**BIRTHS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Child's Name</b>	<b>Father and Mother</b>	<b>Place of Birth</b>
11/30/96	<i>Jacques Pardee Celestino</i>	Leon Angelo Celestino Alice Rodgers Celestino	Orford, NH
03/16/97	<i>Taylor Mae Stout</i>	Arthur Elkins Stout Barbara B. Sargent Stout	Lebanon, NH
05/21/97	<i>Jacob Orrin Chapin</i>	Jayne Owen Chapin Alicia May Mock Chapin	Lebanon, NH
05/28/97	<i>Kayla Jean Gould</i>	Clayton Edward Gould Laurie Jean Denis Gould	Lebanon, NH
05/31/97	<i>Paige Elaine Gray</i>	Michael Shawn Gray Laura Ingrid Taylor Gray	Lebanon, NH
06/13/97	<i>Mackenzie Maria Schwarz</i>	Clinton George Schwarz Robin Elaine Dugdale Schwarz	Lebanon, NH
06/16/97	<i>Jenna Jade Whitehill</i>	Norman Frank Whitehill, Jr. Cindy Anne Sanborn-Whitehill	Lebanon, NH
06/17/97	<i>Cody Scott Woodward</i>	Scott Edward Woodward Theresa Marie King Woodward	Lebanon, NH
06/30/97	<i>Isabel Iris Eaton</i>	Gregory Kent Eaton Suzanne Norris Rozgonyi Eaton	Lebanon, NH
07/01/97	<i>Kyle John McKinnon</i>	David Louis McKinnon Donna Marie Olivere McKinnon	Lebanon, NH
07/28/97	<i>Griffin Porter McMahon</i>	William Post McMahon Sabina Leigh Miller McMahon	Lebanon, NH
09/17/97	<i>Ian Sullivan Kosnik</i>	Christopher Paul Kosnik Lindsay Elaine Hance Kosnik	Lebanon, NH

**BIRTHS** *(continued)*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Child's Name</b>	<b>Father and Mother</b>	<b>Place of Birth</b>
09/27/97	<i>Allisen Marie Britch</i>	Cecil Jay Britch Lisa Marie Goodrich Britch	Lebanon, NH
11/27/97	<i>Shannon Elizabeth Pike</i>	Matthew Edward Pike Kelley Lynn Williams Pike	Lebanon, NH
12/07/97	<i>Erik James Knapp</i>	David Kevin Knapp Marcia Lynn Anderson Knapp	Lebanon, NH
12/14/97	<i>Montanna Rae Germana</i>	Kirk James Germana Amy Louise Pierson Germana	Lebanon, NH
12/20/97	<i>Ryan Michael Landgraf</i>	Michael Bruce Landgraf Kathleen Joan Murray Landgraf	Lebanon, NH
12/20/97	<i>Megan Ann Landgraf</i>	Michael Bruce Landgraf Kathleen Joan Murray Landgraf	Lebanon, NH

**MARRIAGES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Groom</b>	<b>Bride</b>	<b>Residence</b>
05/17/97	Bruce F. Taylor, Jr.	Lisa A. Mayotte	Guilford, VT
06/14/97	Thomas E. Dorman	Jill M. Forbush	Sharon, VT
07/04/97	Peter E. Beaupré	Malissa J. Daisey	Orford, NH
07/05/97	Rodney L. Taylor	Donna L. Merrill	Orford, NH
08/09/97	Jason C. Williams	Danielle T. LaBruna	Salisbury, MD
09/06/97	William A. Wilson	Shannon L. Kendall	Orford, NH
09/12/97	Erik J. Germana	Amy L. Heath	Orford, NH
09/21/97	Shawn R. Langley	Christine S. Pike	Hartford, VT
10/11/97	Malachy G. Flynn	Shannon M. Ziehm	Orford, NH
10/22/97	Richard M. Hendrick	Delia Cimpean	Orford, NH



## DEATHS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name of Deceased</b>	<b>Father</b>	<b>Mother</b>	<b>Place of Death</b>
03/01/97	Benjamin F. Dyke, Jr.	Benjamin Dyke, Sr.	Ethel Jesseman	Orford, NH
05/07/97	Donald R. Reed	Clarence Reed	Josephine Allen	Lebanon, NH
06/03/97	Robert Wyman	Joseph Wyman	Margaret (unknown)	Lebanon, NH
09/06/97	Leighton A. Perry	Charles A. Perry	Inez Lindsey	Hanover, NH
09/18/97	Helen M. Mack	Lewis McKenzie	Annie (unknown)	Haverhill, NH
11/25/97	Ralph F. Bischoff	Rudolph Bischoff	Louise Burkhardt	Orford, NH
12/26/97	Nathaniel J. Dyke	Daniel Dyke	Cara Shepard	Lebanon, NH

The above Vital Records of Births, Marriages and Deaths have been duly recorded as received.

Deborah Williams-Matyka  
Town Clerk





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