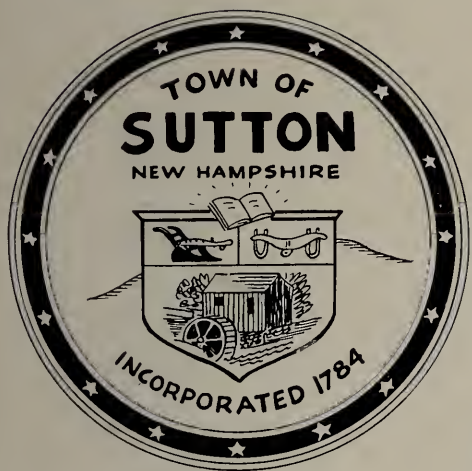


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# Annual Report

## SUTTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE



THE VILLAGE STORE, SOUTH SUTTON, N. H.

Year Ending December 31, 1976





## ANNUAL REPORT

of Town Officers and Committees

# SUTTON

NEW HAMPSHIRE

and

VITAL STATISTICS

For the Year Ending December 31, 1976

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## TOWN OFFICERS

### Moderator

Donald H. Lowe 1976-1978

### Select men

Robert S. Bristol Term expires 1977  
Howard M. Smith Term expires 1978  
Darrel Palmer Term expires 1979

### Town Clerk

George H. Hosmer, Sr. Term expires 1977

### Tax Collector

George H. Hosmer, Sr. Term expires 1977

### Treasurer

Irene C. Davis Term expires 1977

### Highway Agent

William R. Fifield Term expires 1977

### Trustees of Trust Funds

Stanley Chapman Term expires 1977  
Wilhelmina Prescott Term expires 1978  
Amelia R. Chapman Term expires 1979

### Trustees, Sutton Free Library

Amelia R. Chapman Term expires 1977  
Barbara Wade Term expires 1977  
Eleanor C. Lewis Term expires 1978  
Alice Keller Term expires 1978  
Jean A. Gerhard Term expires 1979  
Nancy Whitehead Term expires 1979

### Budget Committee

Carroll L. Thompson Term expires 1977  
Charles F. Whittemore (appointed) Term expires 1977  
Dwayne Hickam (appointed, resigned)  
George G. Wells Term expires 1978  
Andrew J. Chalmers Term expires 1978  
Harold B. Rowe Term expires 1979  
Robert E. Preston, Sr. Term expires 1979  
Darrel Palmer (resigned)

### Planning Board

Suzanne McNamara Term expires 1977  
William C. King Term expires 1977  
George G. Wells Term expires 1978

Thaddeus Johnson	Term expires 1978
Richard Lonsdale	Term expires 1979
Jonathan Burnham	Term expires 1979
Susan H. Lonsdale, Alternate	Term expires 1979
Charles F. Whittemore, Alternate	
Howard M. Smith, ex-officio	

**Board of Adjustment**

Carrole Whitcomb	Term expires 1977
John H. Hearne	Term expires 1978
Ellsworth S. Harding	Term expires 1979
Henry G. Carnavale	Term expires 1980
John H. Herrington	Term expires 1981

**Trustees of Old Store Museum**

Irene C. Davis	Term expires 1977
Barbara E. Allen	Term expires 1978
Lester A. Murphy	Term expires 1979
Dawson G. Fulton	Term expires 1980
Nellie Netolicky (resigned)	Term expires 1981
Myrtle R. Wells, Consultant	Life tenure

**Conservation Commission**

Laurence Goldthwaite	Term expires 1977
John Mansell	Term expires 1978
William C. King	Term expires 1978
Howard M. Smith	Term expires 1978
Richard L. Emerson	Term expires 1979

**Police Department**

Eugene F. Crowdle, Chief	Term expires 1977
Joan Crowdle, Police Matron	Term expires 1977
Michael C. Pugliese, Special Officer	Term expires 1977
Myron C. Traynor, Special Officer	Term expires 1977

**Fire Chief**

Carroll L. Thompson

**Forest Fire Warden**

Carroll L. Thompson

**Building Inspector**

John J. Wooten	Term expires 1977
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**Health Officer**

John J. Wooten	Term expires 1977
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**Overseer of Public Welfare**

George H. Hosmer, Sr.	Term expires 1977
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**Supervisors of the Check List**

Roy W. Prince	Term expires 1982
Frederick J. Rathbun	Term expires 1980
Ursula Wooten	Term expires 1978
Thelma W. Curtis, resigned	
Donald Evans, resigned	

**Custodian of the Town Hall**

Mary M. Csutor	Term expires 1977
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**Librarian**

Jeannette R. Couch

**Auditors**

John J. Wooten	Term expires 1977
Estelle W. Rooney	Term expires 1977

**Bicentennial Committee**

Robert S. Bristol, Chairman	Term expires 1977
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**Refuse Disposal Planning Committee**

Ellsworth S. Harding	Donald E. Rowe
Darrel Palmer	Pauline Mansell
Robert E. Preston, Sr.	Howard M. Smith
George Harkins	

**History of Sutton II, Committee**

Winifred Chadwick	Terms expire upon publication
Irene C. Davis	
Katherine M. Palmer	
Marguerite B. Rowe	
Audrey V. Sylvester	
Robert S. Bristol	

**Upper Valley - Lake Sunapee Council**

John Herrington	Term expires 1977
Howard M. Smith	Term expires 1978

## REPORT FROM THE ROUND ROOM — 1976

The Report of the year 1976 is made from the Round Room with the United States' Bicentennial year as a back drop. The two hundredth year since the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and the one hundred and ninety-second since the incorporation of the Town of Sutton. The theme of the Report might be called Sutton's celebration of the U.S. Bicentennial Year in retrospect.

So what was going on 200 years ago?

Sutton did not exist as an incorporated Town until eight years after the Declaration of Independence, but the beginnings of Town government did exist and were stirring in far away Plastow (Plaistow), New Hampshire as the Grantees or Proprietors were meeting to conduct the business of the propriety, and to try to live up to the conditions of the grant.

April 4, 1776, John Knight, Clerk - "warned the Proprietors of Perrys Town to meet" — at the House of John Hall innholder in Plastow — "at two o'clock in the afternoon." The Warning for the meeting includes familiar subjects:

- 1st To choose all necessary officers and committee men for Transacting the affairs of said propriety.
- 2ly To vote and Determine what is necessary with respect to Highways and Bridges.
- 3ly To receive the report of any comtee or comtees respecting the former collectors.
- 4thly To raise any Sum or Sums of money necessary for Discharging the Debts of said Propriety.

Atkinson April 4th 1776

By Desire of the Proprietors John Knight Prop. Clerk

The meetings, four of them in 1776, April 24, June 10, September 2 and November 4 struggled with the problems of roads:

At the meeting of April 24: "Voted that John Knight Samuel Peaslee Benjamin Wadleigh and Silas Russell be a committee to Determine what private ways are necessary to be opened or cleared for Settlers with power to lay out or exchange Such ways where wanted and to make a Due return thereof and also that said comtee or any two of them may labour or employ others for making said ways or repairing of Publick highways all at the charge of the said Propriety."

On September 2, 1776: "Voted that Samuel Bean be added to the former committee to repair Roads so far as to see their made passable To be paid for his Time when he worked not for going up from home nor coming Down."

and to pay the inn keeper for the accommodations:

November 4, 1776: "Voted that the Expence of this meeting at Mr. Halls be paid by said Proprietors which is one Shilling and three pence. Same Day John Knight paid Mr. Hall Seven Shillings and three pence Took a Receipt in full for the Expence at Perrys Town meeting there."

So what was going on 100 years ago?

The Town of Sutton had been operating as a municipal corporation for 92 years when the Annual Meeting was held March 14, 1876 and the business in the Warrant for the meeting is similar to the Perrys Town Proprietors' meeting of April 4, 1776, and the Annual Meeting of March 8, 1976.

1. to choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.



2d To bring in your votes for Governor, Railroad Commissioner, Councillor, Senator, Register of Deeds, County Treasurer, County Commissioners.

3d To choose one Representative to represent Sutton in the General Court to be held at Concord on the first Wednesday of June next.

4th To choose all necessary Town officers and agents for the year ensuing.

5th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools for the maintenance of the poor for Laying out and repairing highways and building and repairing bridges for paying the town debt and defraying the interest thereon and for other necessary charges arising in said Town.

6th To hear the reports of agents Auditors committees or officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

7 To take the sense of the qualified voters of said town on the following question: Is it expedient that a convention be called to revise the Constitution.

8 To see if the Town will vote to redistrict the town for school purposes and choose a committee to perform the same.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty fifth day of February A.D. 1876.

Asa Page  
Charles S. Watson  
John M. Pressey  
Selectmen of Sutton

The meeting was held in the Hall of Joseph P. Nelson. In a surprise action, no article in the Warrant, they voted: "to request the Selectmen to suppress the sale of intoxicating liquors and prevent the illegal sale of the same in town during the coming year." They voted "to raise what the law requires for school purposes," "four thousand dollars to defray town charges" and "to leave it to the Selectmen to fix the compensation for labor on highways." The redistricting of the town for school purposes and the question to call a convention to revise the Constitution, went 'down the tube.'

The auditors reported that the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer were in order and town business, March 1875 to March 1876 looked like this:

Ballance on hand March 1875	\$20,600.71
Paid out by Treasurer	16,641.13
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Balance in Treasury	\$ 3,959.58

The Selectmen made many appointments: School Committee, Treasurer, Tax Collector and Constable in one officer, Sealer of Weights and Measures; Fence Viewers; Auditor; Measurers of Wood; Surveyors of Highways; Surveyors of Lumber; and Surveyors of Wood.

Town business was conducted at another meeting November 7, 1876 when the vote was taken for President and Vice President. Sutton voted for Rutherford Hayes who was the successful candidate that year. The Warrant contained some parochial questions: (1) "to sever" two farms from School District No. 12 and annex the same to District No. 7. The action was affirmative; but the request to build a public highway to John S. Sargent's house was indefinitely postponed.

Town "affairs" were obviously more complicated in 1876 than in 1776.

So what happened in 1976?

The following is an attempt to recapitulate the events of the year. On re-reading

the account of 1975 it appears that 1976 could be characterized as less tumultuous. at least on the surface. 1976 was the year of: the results of the revaluation of 1975, the continuing case of the E.P.A. - New London sewage saga, of the computer, of adoption of absentee balloting for Town Officers, the continuing problem of Solid Waste Disposal, Bi-Centennial programs, primaries, elections and perambulations.

### Revaluation Results

Last year we "begged off" making a judgment about the revaluation "because the result of appeals that were made at the Hearings with the appraisers - (had) not been determined." The following is a summary of the results, and you may draw your own conclusions about the success of the venture. The following adjustments were made either by abatement or refund:

		Number of Appeals	Valuation Adjustment	Tax
Abatements	1975	70	\$431,050.00	\$ 7,758.90
Refunds	1975	5	27,757.00	499.64
Refunds	1976	58	451,017.00	8,118.31
		<u>133</u>	<u>\$909,824.99</u>	<u>\$16,376.85</u>

The total net valuation in 1975 was \$22,806,500; the adjustments represent .04 percent of the latter.

But there were other effects of the revaluation. As pointed out in 1975 the revaluation resulted in a drastic change in the value of land:

Gross land value UP 145 percent.

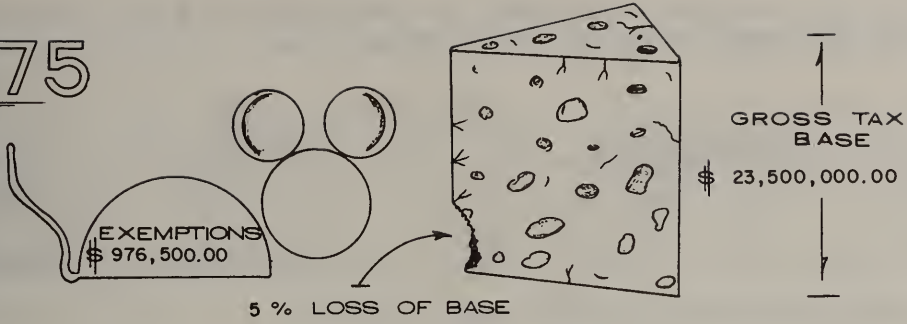
Gross building value UP 59 percent.

All valuations were made by the appraisers in response to the statutory requirement of setting assessments at 100 percent of full and true value - 'as you would appraise a just debt from a solvent debtor.' The two sides of the coin of the Law, one the 100 percent of Full Value concept, and the other that of Current Use Value. Obviously they are two differing sides. By following the dictate of Full Value the tax bills that resulted were drastically higher, and forced land owners to turn the coin over to the Current Use Value side, and to seek relief. In addition other forms of tax relief, Exemptions for the Elderly and Veterans exemptions brought about the following losses to the tax base.

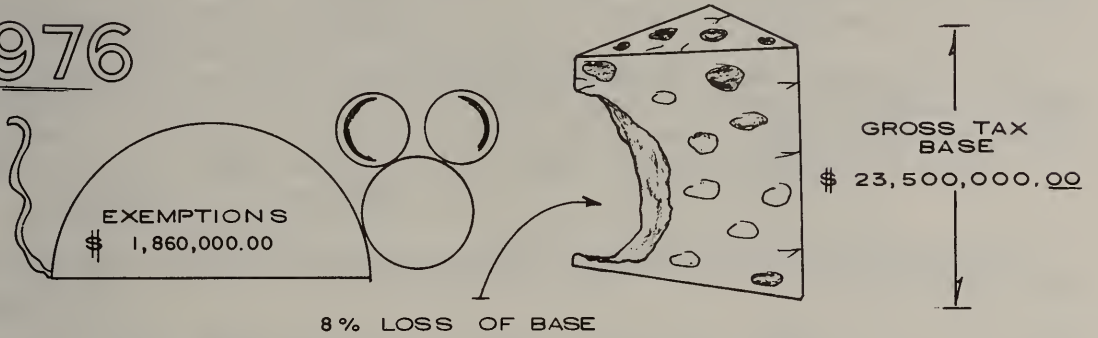
Elderly Exemptions	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 105,000.00	+06
Veterans Exemptions	283,333.00	243,119.00	-14
Current Use Value	613,150.00	1,512,700.00	+81
Total Loss, assessable	<u>\$976,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,860,800.00</u>	<u>+90</u>

2,349.5 acres were given Current Use Value status in 1975, there were 6,313.0 acres accorded the same treatment in 1976, an increase of 37 percent, an increase in the valuation lost by 81 percent for this reason alone. And 90 percent for all exemptions.

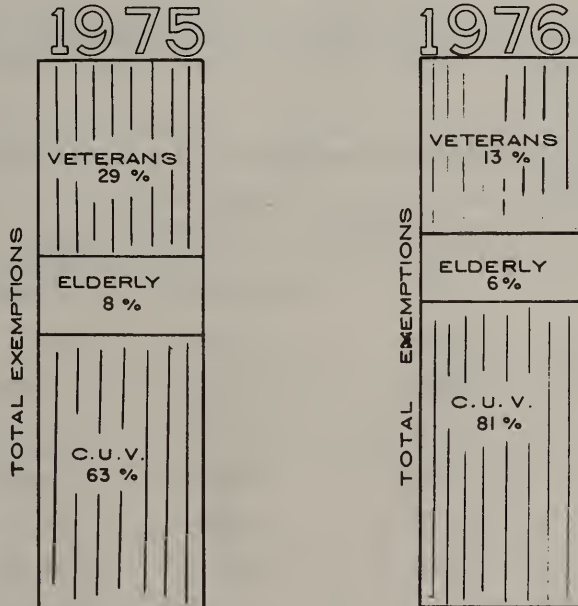
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As to how the different classes of exemptees faired, or the size of the bite of the tax base by those securing exemptions it looks like this:



Let us refer to the old familiar equation:

$$\text{TAX RATE} = \frac{\text{Amount to be raised}}{\text{Valuation}}$$

And look at the valuation side, or divisor. The value on which the tax rate is figured declined 1975 to 1976. This is probably due to the adjustments above referred

to, and this loss was not made up by any new assessables from new real gains of construction. Plus the fact of the loss of valuation as above:

	1975	1976
Valuation on which Rate is figured	\$22,866,500	\$21,646,100
Plus Losses	976,500	1,860,800
Full valuation	\$23,843,000	\$23,506,900

And a look at the numerator, the amount to be raised:

1975	1976	
\$410,157.00	\$471,515.00	UP 15 percent

Now if the amount to be raised was divided by Full Valuation, the resulting tax rate would look like this:

1975	1976	
\$17.20 per M	\$20.00 per M	+ 16 percent

But using the emaciated valuation (that on which the rate is really figured), the Rate looks like this:

1975	1976	
\$18.00	\$21.80	+ 21 percent

In 1976 with no exemptions, i.e. using the tax rate figured with "Full Valuation" the bill for the guy with a parcel of real estate valued at \$25,000.00 would be \$500.00

In 1976 with the exemptions, i.e. using the tax rate computed with "Valuation on which Tax Rate is figured" the guy with a parcel of real estate valued at \$25,000 would have a bill of \$545.00.

A 9 percent increase for Mr. Average guy with a \$25,000 value to help give his neighbors a freer ride!!

So how does Sutton's rate compare with neighboring Towns:

	1975	\$ Increase	1976	% Increase
Andover	\$33.50	\$ 1.70	\$35.20	+5 %
Bradford	34.20	1.20	35.20	+3.5 %
Newbury	22.40	1.70	24.10	+7.6 %
New London	13.90	1.50	15.40	+11 %
Sutton	18.00	3.80	21.80	+21 %
Warner	72.00	12.00	84.00	+17 %
Wilmot	36.00	3.50	39.50	+10 %

#### Keyser Lake - E.P.A. - New London Sewage Treatment Facilities:

The alphabetical names of the agencies to which frequent references are made are: E.P.A. - Environmental Protection Agency (Federal); N.H.W.S. & P.C.C. - New Hampshire Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission. And a new bureaucratice: NPDES - National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems.

As in the soap operas - in the last episode we left when - it was announced with

great fanfare at a public meeting in February 1976 that a “spray irrigation system” within the New London town lines was to be given consideration.

**February** — This meeting took place in spite of the fact that New London’s engineers had ruled out such a possibility! Under date of December 16, 1975 a letter from the engineering firm to E.P.A. reveals that at two meetings in December 1975 of New London - EPA - N.H.W.S.P.C.C. - engineers, four possible solutions were discussed and: “A fifth alternative, spray irrigation in New London is not considered technically or environmentally sound and was therefore not discussed!!

**March** — This proposal of intown spray system proved to be another false start and a new direction toward more serious exploration of connecting to the Sunapee Treatment Plant appeared in the Warrant of both towns. At Town Meeting New London rejected the idea while Sunapee accepted it.

E.P.A. issued an Administrative Order to New London dated March 4, 1976 - it is similar to the Order issued in the summer of 1975 except setting some new dates for New London to come up with an approvable plan and implementation schedule:

By May 10, 1976 shall submit to EPA an Approvable Facilities Plan.

By June 11, 1976 the Town shall submit to E.P.A. its proposed schedule for accomplishing:

Submission of applications for grants, preparation plans and specifications, initiation of construction, completion of same.

March 31, 1976 the results became known of our appeal to the New Hampshire State Supreme Court concerning the denial by the N.H. W.S.P.C.C. for a rehearing on the challenge of the validity and legality of the December 31, 1977 completion date. On the first issue we prevailed as the Court decided it did have jurisdiction to consider the case.

On the substantive issue involved, however, the Court decided against us, three to nothing, two members not participating. The essence of its decision is that the State’s certification of the Permit is proper if it is understood as certifying to E.P.A. that not later than July 1, 1977 the treatment facility will be in compliance with the Implementation Schedule established by State law, even though it does not meet State Water Quality Standards by that date.

Since there was little likelihood that the N.H. Supreme Court would change its mind upon rehearing, and since appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court would be expensive and with the possibility it might elect not to hear the case at all; on advice of counsel that there was not enough value or probability of success in further pursuit of the matter to justify it, we concurred and the matter was dropped.

**April** — April 14, 1976 by unanimous vote of the N.H.W.S.P.C.C. that New London have a period of 21 days to develop full information to be supplied one week prior to the May 12, 1976 meeting, at which time “the Commission will make a final decision as to the method of disposal for the Town of New London which will be acceptable for Federal and State financial participation.”

**May** — May 12, 1976 An order by the N.H.W.S.P.C.C. that New London join with Sunapee in a regional facility. The E.P.A. being present, told the Commission that as the Sunapee alternative was the most “cost effective” it was the only one for which federal funds would be made available. The Order: The Towns of Sunapee and New London are hereby ordered:

(i) develop joint sewage treatment facilities utilizing the sewage treatment plant in

existence in the Town of Sunapee.

- (ii) construct interceptor sewers to deliver sewage from New London to Sunapee's facilities
- (iii) develop a reasonable and equitable method for the allocation of costs between them --
- (iv) -- Commission's intention to adopt guidelines which will be binding upon the municipalities in this matter (allocation of costs).
- (v) negotiate with one another and to submit --- within 60 days an agreement --- of their joint participation ----."

**July** — Notice of a Public Hearing with respect to the proposed New London - Sunapee Joint Sewerage Treatment Plant August 2, 1976.

**August** — We and, at our insistence, Town counsel attended the Hearing of August 2. No statement was prepared by or for us in advance of the meeting as our intention was only to monitor the events. A great deal of time was spent in review of events that had led to the Hearing, and a review of the various proposals that had been rejected up to that point. It was evident that many of those who took part in this meeting were unacquainted with the background and did not comprehend that the Towns of Sunapee and New London were under order from the State agency. The Little Lake Sunapee Protective Association made a request that an environmental impact statement be prepared on the proposed New London-Sunapee regional sewage treatment project. Counsel, then did make our position known concerning this request since such a study would delay progress of the main project by a least two years.

August 2, 1976 Advices from the Regional Administrator of E.P.A. that E.P.A.'s General Counsel has decided that E.P.A. is without authority to issue an NPDES permit to a municipality, which permit does not require the construction and operation, by July 1, 1977 of a treatment facility. But E.P.A. intended to issue an Enforcement Compliance Schedule letter with a schedule for the Town's compliance with N.H.W.S.P.C.C. order of May 12, 1976, and with intention to refrain from enforcing the permit's July 1, 1977 requirement, provided that the Town complies with all other terms of the permit.

**September** — Would you believe?! The records of the Hearing of August were stolen from the stenographer and the Hearing had to be repeated on September 20, 1976. The request for the environmental impact statement was again made by the Little Lake Sunapee Protective Association.

**October** — Town Counsel filed with E.P.A. a strong letter pointing out why the E.P.A. should issue a Negative Declaration with respect to the request of Little Lake Sunapee Protective Association that an environmental impact statement be prepared prior to construction of interceptor sewers to deliver sewage from New London to the Sunapee sewage treatment facilities. E.P.A. in a response to the letter of our counsel has said they are reviewing the situation and will advise. To date, January 10, 1977, no word has been received.

**November** — The E.P.A. denied New London's engineers' request to allow until December 15, 1976 to submit a Facilities Plan and a proposed implementation schedule, and set November 26, 1976 as the dead line.

So the improvement of the New London sewage treatment facilities, and removal of the outflow from our watersheds has been on and off the track, and is on again except for the threat of the environmental impact statement request of the Little Sunapee Association. There have been some gains and some losses in our efforts,

however, we continue to be pleased with the attention paid and the results obtained by our Attorney

### Computer

The computerization of tax lists, real and resident taxes was carried forward as authorized by the Town Meeting and the results are 99 and 44 one-hundredths percent satisfactory. The master list is on key punched cards, and now that is completed only the annual changes need be made. The Supervisors of the Check List also got interested in a computerized voters' list; the beauty of this is that whenever changes are made a print-out can be made with the revisions at a fraction of the cost of reprinting the list. Total cost of all computer services, \$690.00; the original estimate for only the tax lists was \$700.00. The speed, accuracy with which the work is done is amazing - four days after receiving the tax rate from the Department of Revenue Administration we had at hand three complete invoice lists, and four copies of a tax bill for each parcel. We endorse the success and wisdom of the computer method. An added feature is the safety of the records as the punch cards are stored at the data center, available so that the computer can print out the information anew.

### Absentee Voting, Town Officers

1977 Town Meeting will see the first use of absentee voting for Town officers. The 1976 meeting vote was favorable on the adoption of the provisions of the R.S.A. Chapter by which this is permitted. Candidates must remember that the filing period is only two weeks long and ends nearly one month prior to Town Meeting.

### Solid Waste Disposal

The Solid Waste Disposal Committee presented an excellent report of their study of the problem for the Town Meeting last year. The Committee had mixed emotions about the recommendation that they made, and the proposal was received with mixed emotions also. "From the standpoint of a town the size of Sutton, compliance with the law is imposing an extremely high cost for the benefits in environmental improvement that will be obtained." This statement was made by the committee in their report, and rings as true this year as it did last.

The ownership of the land fill at Danbury has changed, and it now belongs to Lakes Region Disposal Co., Inc. While the concept of having a transfer station at the present dump site has not changed, the type of the station is somewhat different. The new proposal is that the refuse would be compacted on site into containers supplied by the Disposal Company. The compacter would also be supplied by them. The cost of a building to house this equipment, and the cost of having an attendant there would be ours. These new costs are as follows:

Capital	
Site Development	\$ 10,000.00
Building	1,800.00
Operation, maintenance:	
Wages	\$ 5,200.00
Electricity	500.00
Use of Landfill	13,620.00

The annual cost (cash paid out) would then be \$19,320.00. v. 1976 dump operational cost: \$2,900.00

The general extension of time for small towns makes July 1, 1977 the deadline to stop burning dumps, and to start with the new modus operandi. However, application

has been made for a hearing before the Air Pollution Control Commission of N.H. to request an extension of time for another year. Since this appeal is still in progress the results may not be known even by Town Meeting.

The Town has taken proper steps to comply with the regulations, and has made substantial effort toward solving its solid waste disposal problem. Witness the plan and report as presented at the 1976 Meeting; and the appropriation of \$9,250 of Revenue Sharing Funds, and a Capital Reserve Fund of \$14,000.00. Presently there is a balance of \$7,780 of the Revenue Sharing moneys.

### **Bi-Centennial Programs**

Of the events of 1976 among the most pleasant were the various programs that recognized the Bi-Centennial year of the United States - perhaps not eye-popping events, but shared by many people, in a variety of ways, on a manageable scale, and with some lasting values to the community. A fuller report appears in another part of the Town Report.

### **Primaries, Elections and Perambulations**

Two primaries, three elections kept Supervisors, ballot clerks, selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Moderator from getting bored with life.

Although started late in a cold wet Fall the septennial perambulations with the Towns of Newbury, Warner and Wilmot were completed - or nearly so. The incomplete one is the Warner line, but a major share of it is done, in particular the part on Black Mountain; only three markers in the "boonies" remain to be visited, and three near highways. In effect one can say that the perambulations are done. A missing marker was set in the Newbury line just north of the Gulf Road, the original one, a small rock was missing; now replaced by a handsome 6" x 6" granite post inscribed "T-L," "S," "N," "1976."

In VIEW for 1977, especially Town Meeting, March 8, 1977. Comments, where it appears necessary, about subjects in the Warrant will be taken up article by article:

### **ARTICLE No. 1**

**Town Officers' Salaries:** The 1976 overdraft showing in this category results from book-keeping procedures rather than actual over-spending. It comes about because fees for the Town Clerk from Motor Vehicle Permits used to be "kept out" by the Clerk before the registration fees were paid to the Treasurer. The procedure has been changed so that the Clerk now turns over the entire receipt from Motor Vehicle Permits to the Treasurer and gets paid the fees from the Town Treasurer. There is an increase of \$1,000.00 included in the higher request for this reason.

In addition to the above, greater pay is indicated for the following officers: \$300.00 each for the Selectmen, to make their annual "take" \$1,100.00; \$100.00 for the Treasurer to make the total pay \$600.00; and an additional \$300.00 for the Tax Collector for an annual wage of \$1,500.00. The Selectmen's pay has not been adjusted for five years, the Tax Collector's for three.

**Town Officers' Expenses:** This item is increased to cover two particular expenditures: microfilming of Town Records and evaluation of new and - or changed properties.

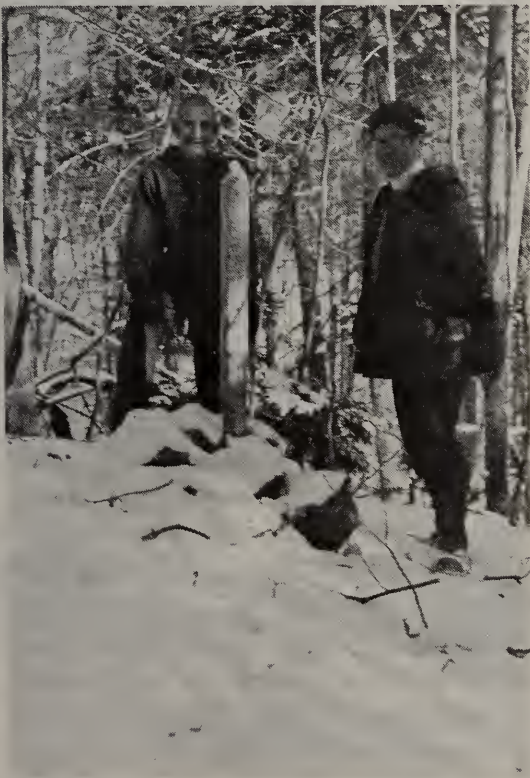
The first is a request for \$3,000.00 additional for microfilming Town Records, and the purchase of a suitable 35 MM viewer. If you have ever peered into the dark





**NORTHEAST CORNER BOUND OF THE TOWN OF SUTTON:** "Beginning at a monument established as the northeast corner bound of the Town of Sutton, marked T.L., W., S., 1906, other dates and other marks, near a beech tree, spotted and about 4 feet westerly of a fence running in a northerly and southerly direction and about one rod southerly of a fence corner from which a fence runs in a westerly direction from the first mentioned fence." From the records of the perambulation of the Town Line between Sutton and Wilmot.

Selectman Bristol of Sutton cuts "76" in a rock at the base of the stake marking the Northeast corner of Sutton, December 11, 1976.



**THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF WARNER:** "thence, 120 rods to the Northwest corner of Warner and the Southwest corner of Wilmot. Said corner is marked by a stake and stones, and stands on the southerly end of a hardwood ridge which lies westerly of Oak Hill, so called, and is about 3 rods east of a wire fence which runs in an easterly direction." - From the Perambulation of the Warner - Sutton Town Line.

Fire Chief Carroll Thompson, representative of Selectmen of Sutton, and Joseph Dorrington, Selectman of Warner at the Northwest corner of Warner, December 18, 1976.



**WARNER-SUTTON TOWN LINE, Dec. 18, 1976:** "Thence, same course, 262 rods to a stone, on the south side of the Gore Road, between the brook and the road, marked: T.L., 488, 1857, and other dates" - remarked '76. Mr. Joseph Dorrington, Selectman of Warner at No. 488, December 18, 1976.



**SOUTHWEST CORNER BOUND OF THE TOWN OF WILMOT:** "Thence same course 110 rods to a stake and stones marked W., S., W., 1906 and other dates, which is established as the southwest corner bound of the Town of Wilmot, said bound stands on the southerly end of a hardwood ridge which lies easterly of Oak Hill, so called, and is about 3 rods east of a wire fence which runs in an easterly direction, and about 1 rod south of the last mentioned fence. From the records of the perambulation of the Town Line between Sutton and Wilmot. Left to Right: Selectman Ernest Patten of Wilmot, and Robert Bristol, Darrel Palmer, Selectmen of Sutton at the southeast corner bound of Wilmot. December 11, 1976.



**WARNER - SUTTON LINE NO. 325:** "Thence, 27 rods, to a stone on the Mountain marked: T.L., 325, 1899, 1927, 1934, 1941, 1948, 1955, 1962, 1969, and re-marked '76." December 18, 1976, Selectman Robert Bristol of Sutton and "Missy" at the "stone on the Mountain."

recesses of the vault in the Selectmen's office you know that it is jammed with a priceless collection of Town Records, not worth a "plug nickel," but beyond any value that could be set on them. The wonder is that so much has been preserved and is in relatively good condition in a relatively safe place; many towns are not that fortunate, either as to quantity, or safety; or, even to have the records!

An important step would be to provide greater safety for this collection, and to reduce the space that it occupies. An original 35 MM microfilm would be made, a duplicate security roll of all records as per disposition scheduled by Statute. One copy to be available at the Town Hall, and one to be certified to a suitable location for permanent storage. The old records themselves could be moved to a less safe location, they need to be preserved, but the space in the vault and safe could be utilized for current town business.

\$700.00 of the increase is for the continuing evaluation process - an annual necessity - by appraisers of the Department of Revenue Administration. Since values were established by these men in 1975, Town-wide, continued in 1976, the updating needs to proceed in 1977.

**Town Hall:** The amount requested for the Town Hall is decreased because of the balance left from last year's appropriation. The latter is being kept, listed as an "unexpended balance" (Liability on Balance Sheet), for the repairs that were contemplated for last year, but were not made.

**Insurance:** The appropriation for insurance is up due to galloping increases in insurance rates.

**Town Poor:** The sudden jump in costs in this category is due to two juvenile cases; one of them the result of a court order; the second one could have been ordered by a Court. There was no choice except to pay the expenses. In fact, the first case was appealed, but to no avail. The increased budget amount is to continue the payments for the second mentioned case.

## **ARTICLE NO. 2:**

Overall there is no increase in the appropriation for Highways and Bridges. However, since payments for Street Lights in 1976 numbered thirteen months, it is believed that with a normal twelve month year a \$500.00 smaller appropriation will cover. The reduction just above is added to the General Expenses of the Highway Department to provide some money for painting at the Town Garage.

## **ARTICLE NO. 5**

A FAST squad, and an EMT - A are new names and new alphabet congeners for a new program. Basically the concept is to have some people on the immediate local scene who are trained to a National standard in First Aid. The service of the EMT - A would be to give medical treatment at the scene of any emergency, or before the arrival of the ambulance. Thus the names: EMT - A: Emergency Technician - Ambulance; and FAST - First Aid Stabilization Team. Already there are three trained people. However, a small amount of equipment and supplies are needed. These materials to be centrally located at the Fire Station.

Some of the next several articles involve Revenue Sharing Funds so it might be well to review how much is available from this source: (1) On advices from the Department of Revenue Administration it is anticipated that the receipts from the Federal Revenue Sharing may be expected to be the same in 1977 as in 1976, that sum was \$17,219.00 (2) There is a balance in the Savings Account, in which Revenue

Sharing Funds are segregated, that has not been encumbered, appropriated, allocated, or whatever term you wish to use. This money represents interest accrued, and funds not committed by votes in prior meetings. (3) In addition the sum of \$100.00 is left over from an appropriation from Revenue Sharing Funds for a sander body by vote of the Meeting of March 7, 1973.

Therefore, available Revenue Sharing Funds look like this;

1977 anticipated receipts	\$17,000.00
Unencumbered	2,700.00
For re-allocation	100.00
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Total available	\$19,900.00

The uses for these funds proposed as follows:

Article No. 3, Ambulances	\$ 600.00
Article No. 6, Sander	6,600.00
Article No. 9, Legal-technical fees	1,700.00
Article No. 11, CRF, Bicentennial	1,000.00
Article No. 12, CRF, Fire Truck	2,000.00
Article No. 13, CRF, Police Cruiser	500.00
Article No. 16, Debt Service	7,480.00
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	\$19,880.00

#### ARTICLE NO. 6

The request is to purchase a new type sander body for the Highway Department, the design of this equipment also permits it to be used in the summer as well as winter, it being possible to discharge its load through a swing tail gate without elevation of the body. The new sander would retire an old one, and also would be a body to be put on a new truck to be requested next year, thus to keep our equipment replacement schedule on course. The monies for the purchase of the sander body would be \$6,500.00 from "new" Revenue Sharing Funds and \$100.00 re-allocation from the appropriation under Article No. 7 for a sander body at the Meeting of March 3, 1973.

#### ARTICLE NO. 7

This article is a request to complete the Fire Station. As everyone knew when the building was erected it became usable and functional, but there were some missing features and incomplete parts. Also, it had been agreed that no further request for funds would be made for three years; that time has now expired. You will remember, too, that this major construction project was completed using our own resources, and solving our problems (there were some) at the local level - all with complete success. In 1974 from the Round Room: "--- a clear demonstration of how well things can be done at the local level, and that "home rule" is a good rule. Isn't it good to re-discover this after being brain-washed for years that Concord and Washington were our saviours (low case "s")."

The missing ingredients are as follows: "hot-top" driveway surface; a furnace and chimney to heat the meeting room, office, and kitchen area; the two rest rooms; hot water heater; septic system; completion of the kitchen. All estimated to cost \$15,000.00

## ARTICLE NO. 8

The action on this Article will influence the consideration of the next articles. The question posed in Article No. 8 is to get direction from the legislative body - Town Meeting - as to what the Town wants to do about Solid Waste. There are several options open at the point in time when this meeting is being held, but first to review where we are: First, above in this Report it was noted that the proposal of the Study Committee for Solid Waste is revised slightly by the use of different equipment at the transfer station by the new owner of the sanitary landfill at Danbury, but essentially the plan remains to use our dump site as a transfer station. Second, an appeal to the Air Pollution Control Commission of New Hampshire has been initiated to get an extension to July 1, 1978. It is important to note that the hearing before the Commission will probably not take place until later in March, and therefore any action we may wish to take on the results of our appeal would have to be at an adjourned session of this Annual Meeting, or at a Special Town Meeting. Third, to remember that we have taken considerable steps to try to solve the solid waste disposal problem by appropriating money, and have on hand in excess of \$21,000.00; and by providing a plan for a system of disposal.

The options seem to be as follows:

- (1) Appropriate the funds and continue the appeal already started for a year's extension of time; adjourning this meeting to specific date, time and place.
- (2) Start the operation of the Transfer Station July 1, 1977. This course means constructing the necessary facilities, including the road.
- (3) Build the proposed road for the safety of ingress and egress to the site; and await further results.

## ARTICLE NO. 9

Requests money to carry on the appeal as just outlined under Article No. 8. After some preliminary investigation about making a request for an extension of time for a burning dump it became apparent that a considerable amount of preparation and expertise is necessary to make an effective appeal of this sort. Therefore, based on the experience we have had with the E.P.A. - New London sewage case we engaged the same lawyer for this project. The price tag is around \$1,700.00. This sum to be drawn from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds. If the appeal is not made this year it can not be made another year as the transfer station - landfill operation would have to start July 1 of this year. Having one extension of time under our belt we might be able to get another one. There are also all sorts of possibilities in the realms of changes in regulations, new administrations, political solutions, or even new technology.

## ARTICLE NO. 10

This article asks for \$5,000.00 additional money to develop and operate a solid waste disposal system. As pointed out above any appropriation depends on the outcome of the vote on question No. 8.

## ARTICLE NO. 11

The Nation held its two hundredth Birthday Party last year, Sutton's two hundred year anniversary is only seven years away. Presently there is no plan for what form our party might take, but Town pride dictates that we should be making preparations and, of course, anything of this sort costs money. A starter fund of \$1,000.00 is suggested - from Revenue Sharing Funds.

**ARTICLE NO. 12**

Looking ahead a major expenditure of money will be required about 1983 when Underwriters regulations demand that the Fire Truck be replaced or the insurance rates in Town take a big boost. Indeed, the "rating" of the truck is withdrawn. This is one of the "rules of the game" that have to be adhered to; and while there is justification to question the inflexibility of the regulations, and there is a possibility that they might be relaxed, we should prepare ourselves for a new high cost truck. It is proposed to use \$2,000.00 from Revenue Sharing Funds as a start for laying aside money for a new Fire Truck about 1983.

**ARTICLE NO. 13**

This is another forward looking article - that is, toward the replacement of the Police cruiser.

**ARTICLE NO. 14**

The request in this article is for \$250.00 for Fire equipment and is the same as it has been for many years.

**ARTICLE NO. 15**

In keeping with long established policy we appropriate \$8,000.00 per year for a fund to keep Town equipment up-to-date, making replacements on a regular basis. As one reads the news stories about N.H. towns as they consider budgets one sees that many of the screams about their budgets arise from the ups and downs of requests for large sums for purchase of high cost equipment. Our system keeps the appropriations at a steady pace, and equipment from becoming antiquated.

This request for \$8,000.00 for a Capital Reserve Fund must be considered in the light of the vote on Article No. 6 as it is not expected to appropriate this \$8,000.00 in addition to the \$6,600.00 for the Sander Body. If the action on the latter is favorable the amount for the Capital Reserve Fund would be reduced by \$1,400.00; that is: \$8,000.00 less \$6,600.00 equals: \$1,400.00

This Capital Reserve Fund is needed in anticipation of a truck purchase next year when this money may be combined with the balance of \$2,863.24 in the truck appropriation of this year.

**ARTICLES NO. 17 AND NO. 18**

These articles are requests in favor of regional associations with differing purposes. Article No. 17 is from the Planning Council which concerns itself with municipal problems on a regional basis. Article No. 18 is a request from an organization whose thrust is promotion, to advertise the Region to encourage vacation travel.

**ARTICLE NO. 23 AND NO. 24**

These articles are inserted by petition to designate Keyser Street and Harvey Road as scenic roads. These two roads are particularly good subjects for this designation: Keyser Street because of the scenic beauty along the lake shore with vistas between the big trees, and the noble pines along the road between the site of the Huntoon House and the Hardy-Pillsbury farm; Harvey Road because of the forest approach between the stone walls lining each side of the right of way, and then opening into the broad views across the open fields to King Ridge on the west and Kearsarge Mountain on the east. Also because of the historic Harvey Homestead, the

birthplace of a New Hampshire Governor and Congressman.

The scenic road designation does not prevent improvement of the travelled surface, or interfere with normal maintenance operations. It does mean, however, that removal of trees or stone walls beyond 3 feet from the main travelled part of the road may only be done with the written consent of the town planning board, after a public hearing. At that a tree is of "good size" to require the above procedure - the definition is that a tree is a tree if it measures 15 inches or more, in circumference at a height of four feet from the ground.

#### FINIS

Surely the Proprietors of Perrystown in 1776 would be surprised by the complexities of the operations of the incorporated municipality of Sutton in 1976. It is a privilege to "have a hand" in the events of the year, but while one could hope for the apparent simplicity of two hundred years ago, the difficulties and hardships would probably surprise us. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service this Year past.



Commemorative Bell Ringing, July 4, 1976. First rung, July 4, 1870, North Sutton Meeting House.

## REPORT TO TOWNS

Since its beginning in 1893, the State Forestry Department has recognized the fact that forest fire prevention and suppression is a joint state and town or city responsibility. Local authorities recommend names of persons to the State Forester, who appoints one person as town or city fire warden and several other persons as town or city deputy fire wardens to a three year term.

The local forest fire warden controls the kindling of all outside fires, when the ground is not covered with snow, by issuing a written permit for kindling a fire. Permits are only issued at such times and in such places as the fire warden deems as safe.

The State Forest Fire Service trains the local forest fire organization in modern forest fire prevention and suppression tactics. The State also provides backup personnel and equipment for suppression and prevention activities.

The combination of State and local forces has resulted in one of the smallest acreage loss due to forest fires in the United States for the past 20 years.

### 1976 FOREST FIRE STATISTICS

	<u>No. of Fires</u>	<u>No. of Acres</u>
State	746	294
District	44	24
Town	2	$\frac{3}{4}$

Gerald S. Gross  
District Fire Chief

Carroll Thompson  
Forest Fire Warden



## **REPORT OF THE SUTTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The number of fire calls increased since 1975, from 21 to 36. In 1975 there were 17 town calls and 4 Mutual Aid calls. In 1976, 30 town calls, and 6 Mutual Aid calls.

We appreciate the assistance from our 14 Mutual Aid Towns for the equipment and man power; and also, to the tax payers of Sutton for their continued support of the Fire Department.

Respectfully Submitted

Carroll L. Thompson, Chief

## NURSE'S REPORT

December 31, 1976

Community health nursing is more than nursing in a setting other than the hospital. It is a unique blend of nursing and medical services woven together to best serve the people in their usual environment of home, school, and work.

Your town resident population 06-30-76, 930 assessed at \$1.50 per capita \$1,395.

Skilled nursing care visits, 93 (Includes care of catheters, colostomies, dressings, blood pressure check, injections, etc.)

Nursing intervention and prevention visits, 109 (Including preventive testing, health guidance and support, counseling, teaching). No charge to the patient.

Services provided:

- 1) Skilled nursing care for the sick and disabled
- 2) Physical Therapy
- 3) Occupational Therapy
- 4) Speech Therapy
- 5) Homemaker Service
- 6) High Risk Newborn Detection and Intervention Service
- 7) Community Health Education
- 8) Well Child Clinics every two months
- 9) Child Immunization Clinics every two months
- 10) TB Testing and Follow-up
- 11) Dental Screening Services for Preschoolers
- 12) Mental Health Care
- 13) Prenatal and Post partum Maternal Health Care
- 14) School Nursing Consultation

The Food Bank, Medical Equipment Loan Closet, and Emergency Fund are also within our program.

Total Visits (1976) — 3,059 (Including Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, and Nursing.)

Total Mileage (1976) — 18,387

Total Visits to your Town — 260 (Excluding Homemakers)

Homemaker Visits to your town — 95

We thank you for your support through appropriations, contributions, and the donations of food, clothing, and medical equipment.

Community health nursing touches the lives of people closest to you. It is only through your action as taxpayers, legislators, health workers, family members and citizens that we can continue and provide high quality professional services.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Animal Complaints	17	Malicious Damage	15
Assault	4	Messages Delivered	10
Assists to other Depts.	10	Missing Persons	8
Attempted Arson	1	Misc. Juvenile Problems	14
Brawl	1	Motor Vehicle Accidents	32
Building Check Requests	13	Motorists Assisted	45
Burglar Alarms Answered	6	Motor Vehicle complaints	24
Burglary	14	Nuisance Telephone Calls	5
Criminal Threatening	1	Obscene Telephone Calls	3
Criminal Trespass	16	Person Check Requests	7
Disorderly Conduct	11	Prowler	6
Dog Complaints	69	Snowmobile Complaints	5
Domestic Disturbance	1	Stolen Vehicle	1
Drug Offenses	8	Suspicious Persons Checked	17
Illegal Discharge Firearms	2	Suspicious Vehicles Checked	38
Information Requests	58	Thefts	28
Injured Persons	4	Total Calls	861
Larceny by Check	7	Hours	1398
Littering	5		

The number of incidents reported in all the major areas decreased in 1976. Burglaries dropped from 81 in 1975 to 14 in 1976. We feel this is due in part to the apprehension by the Sutton Police Department and the State Police of a group who was found guilty of numerous burglaries and also to the excellent response to our request last year for reports of suspicious vehicles and persons. Most times these people and vehicles that have been reported to us have legitimate reasons to be where they are but if we can prevent one crime by checking 38 vehicles, it's worth the effort. Please continue to be our extra eyes and ears.

In 1970 the Town of Sutton adopted a dog ordinance for the protection of its citizens and property. This ordinance states that no dog shall run at large outside the dog owner's property or in other ways make a nuisance of itself. It also requires payment by the owner of a \$10.00 impounding fee for each 24 hours the dog is impounded. Stricter enforcement of this ordinance seems in order due to the number of complaints about dogs running loose and creating nuisances.

Respectfully Submitted

Eugene Crowdle  
Chief

## CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

December 20, 1976

To Selectmen

Your Conservation Commission met regularly during 1976 to discharge its duties as defined in the State legislation (RSA 36).

It has reviewed a large volume of material relating to natural resources and environmental matters. It reports to the Selectmen or other Town agencies when such material appears important.

The Pinnacle Trail was opened in 1976 and has been used and enjoyed by many. Commission members maintain that trail and frequently improve it.

We again call your attention to legal authorization given the Conservation Commission to receive for the Town gifts of property or easements on property when conservation interests are advanced. Such gifts can often benefit both the town and the donors. If a land owner's interest is to provide open space or buffer protection for his dwelling a gift of land or of easements on land can be made with restrictions that accomplish the owner's objectives and at the same time eliminate or reduce taxes the owner must pay. Any legally proper restriction can be put upon the use to be made of donated land or rights to land use and tax relief would be related to the money worth of options the owner is willing to give to the town.

Richard L. Emerson  
Lawrence Goldthwaite  
John Mansell  
William King  
Howard Smith



### **REPORT OF THE SUTTON BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE**

Reported in the "Report from the Round Room" are activities of Town Government viewed in the perspective of the Bicentennial year of our Nation. Here are to be recorded the Bicentennial activities in the Town itself.

The actual events in Sutton (and for that matter throughout the Nation) are overshadowed by the chords of emotion, pride, patriotism, and the healing process that were evoked by the celebration of two hundred years of successful operation as a Nation under a system of government inaugurated as a new and daring concept.

It happened that the Bicentennial year came after a year in which the circumstances of a hated war and a scalding political experience really tried the system, indeed, the principles upon which the Nation was founded. Also, the Year came after a long period since World War II during which it appeared that the popular notion debunked patriotism, and an era in which there was rapid change and social upheaval.

This is to point out that the Bicentennial Year contrasted to the back-ground of the times. Suddenly: Emotions were felt and expressed in appreciation of how the trials of our predecessors brought us to where we are now. Pride was shown in recognition of a common heritage. Patriotism was expressed in so simple and direct a manner as display of flags and the songs of National pride. A Healing Effect of a feeling of togetherness as many people cooperated and participated in many events.

All this happened in Sutton, not that the events and programs were eye-popping, but it evoked the same emotions; provided some fun in the process; stirred interest in the local heritage, and produced some lasting, beneficial results; and many people participated, in a feeling of togetherness.

The Bicentennial Flag Presentation Ceremony, May 2, 1976 was well received, well attended; pride in Sutton and in the Nation were expressed here. The Award was given for the design of the Town seal, accepted by the Town at the Meeting in March; and quilts made by the school children were presented. Pride also demonstrated in several lasting projects of tree planting, landscaping, the covered pedestrian bridge at Smiley Grove, the Pinnacle walk, the flag pole at the Fire Station.

A delving into the local heritage: the anniversary ringing of the bell at the North Sutton Meeting House on July 4, the identification signs at the mill sites on Lane

River; two slide shows of the historic pictures collected by the History of Sutton II Committee.

Patriotism was exemplified by the presentation of a flag pole and flag to the Fire Department by the North Sutton Improvement Society; the Memorial Day Service featuring the memorial boat filled with flowers; the dedication of two War Memorial plaques at the Town Hall in November.

There was also fun for fun's sake along the route, in the Bicentennial square dance; the Fourth of July family picnic at North Sutton; the Old Home Day and picnic at South Sutton; the Bicentennial walk at the Pinnacle; and the harpsichord and recorder concert at the South Sutton church.

All of this was accomplished through the cooperation of many people who spent many hours in planning and making arrangements. There should be no embarrassment to indulge in some hearty self congratulations.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert S. Bristol, Chairman  
Sutton Bicentennial Committee.



Presentation of Bicentennial Flag by Congressman James C. Cleveland May 2, 1976. L. to R. Congressman James C. Cleveland; Selectman Darrel Palmer; Rev. Janet M. MacGray; Selectman Howard M. Smith; State Senate President Alf E. Jacobson; J. Duane Squires, Chairman State Bicentennial Committee; State Representative William F. Kidder; Town Moderator Donald H. Lowe; Selectman Robert Bristol.

SUTTON, N.H. 1976  
MINUTES, OF TOWN MEETING, MARCH 1976

The voters of the Town of Sutton were notified by the Board of Selectmen by the posting of three warrants in three public places to vote and elect all necessary town officers for the year 1976 at a meeting to be held at the Pillsbury Memorial Hall March 2, 1976 at 12:30 P.M. Also to vote on an Article to see if the Town will adopt absentee ballots for town officers.

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 P.M., March 2, 1976 by Moderator, Donald Lowe. The Town Warrant was read and the polls were open for voters to cast their ballots for officers of their choice.

There were 264 voters that chose to vote for their town officers. There were 630 names on the check list. The polls were closed at 6:30 P.M. The officials then proceeded to count the ballots. The official returns were given to the public the following evening, March 3, 1976, by Moderator, Donald Lowe. The days work was done at 10:30 P.M. The vote for adoption of the absentee ballot for town officers was voted in favor - Yes 174, No 37.

The Meeting was called to order March 3, 1976 at 7:30 P.M. by Donald Lowe, Moderator. Prayer by Rev. Janet MacGray. The Moderator read the town warrant to be acted upon by the voters of Sutton at this meeting. The results of the election of officers at the meeting was announced as follows:

Selectmen for Three Years - Darrel Palmer  
Town Clerk for One Year - George H. Hosmer, Sr.  
Town Treasurer for One Year - Irene C. Davis  
Tax Collector for One Year - George H. Hosmer, Sr.  
Budget Committee for Three Years - Harold B. Rowe and Robert Preston, Sr.  
Trustee of Library for Three Years - Jean A. Gerhard and Nancy Whitehead  
Overseer of Public Welfare for One Year - George H. Hosmer, Sr.  
Trustee of Trust Funds for Three Years - Amelia R. Chapman  
Auditor for One Year - John J. Wooten and Estelle W. Rooney  
Custodian of Town Hall for One Year - Mary M. Csutor

The officers elected were sworn into office by Moderator, Donald Lowe. The Moderator announced the results of the voting on the provisions for absentee ballot for election of Town Officers - Yes 174, No 37.

A certificate of appreciation was given Harold D. Hurd for the many things that had been accomplished and being a faithful Selectman for 15 years. This was presented by Robert S. Bristol.

**Article 1** Motion made and seconded and voted in the affirmative by voice vote to raise and appropriate \$75,714.57 to defray Town Charges.

**Article 2** Motion made and seconded and so voted in the affirmative by voice vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$73,500.00 for the maintenance by the Highway Department.

**Article 3** Motion made and seconded and so voted to raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed \$1,404.69 for Town Road Aid, the State to contribute \$9,364.60.

**Article 4 - 5** Motion made and seconded and voted in the affirmative to raise and appropriate \$300.00 for the Bradford Rescue Squad, also \$300.00 for the New London Ambulance Service.

**Article 6** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the purpose of

retention of engineer, and other experts required to provide technical, environmental, and legal services essential to meet and protect the health and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Sutton.

**Article 7** Voted in the affirmative to transfer the balance of the appropriation made for control of algae in Keyser Lake under Article No. 8 at the Meeting of March 8, 1972, amounting to the sum of \$5,000.00; and to apply the same against the appropriation for legal and technical services as proposed in Article No. 6 of this Warrant.

**Article 8** Voted in the affirmative by voice vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,764.46 for legal fees in connection with the case concerning the taxation of ski lifts (King Ridge, Inc., v. Town of Sutton).

**Article 9** Voted in the affirmative to accept this Article to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 for the purchase of a new Highway truck; \$3,000.00 to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund for Highway Equipment; and to authorize the withdrawal of \$5,000.00 for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and local Assistance Act of 1972; the balance of \$4,000.00 to be raised by taxation in 1976.

**Article 10** Motion made and seconded and voted in the affirmative to pass over this Article. (To raise and appropriate \$4,000.00 for a Capital Reserve Fund for Highway Equipment.)

**Article 11** Motion made and seconded and voted in the affirmative to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for a Capital Reserve Fund for the Fire Department.

**Article 12** Read by the Moderator. Ellsworth Harding explained what the Refuse Disposal Planning Comm. had been doing in the past year in regards to Solid Waste Disposal. He also explained the plans in which they had come up with as to their best judgment to date. After much discussion it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for a Capital Reserve Fund for Solid Waste Disposal and authorize withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund \$7,780.00 and the remainder \$2,220.00 to be raised by taxation 1976, and further authorize the Selectmen to make a pro-rata reduction in the amount if estimated entitlements are reduced or take any other action hereon.

**Article 13** Voted to accept this Article to authorize withdrawal from Revenue Sharing Funds the sum of \$4,000.00 for the note due on the Shovel-Loader, 1976 principal only; and to further authorize the Selectmen to make pro-rata reduction in the amount, if estimated entitlements are reduced, or take any other action hereon.

**Article 14** Motion made and seconded and voted in the affirmative to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for payment of costs of services of the appraisers of the Department of Revenue Administration in connection with the reappraisal made in 1975 in the amount of \$1,800.00; and in the amount of \$700.00 for continuation of the appraisal of new construction and changes in 1976.

**Article 15** Motion made and seconded and voted in the affirmative to continue its membership in the Upper Valley - Lake Sunapee Council and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$540.00 for the Town's share of the annual operating expenses of the said Council.

**Article 16** Voted in the affirmative to distribute the available interest from the F. E. Nelson, Town of Sutton Fund in the following way: \$62.50 for the South Sutton Community Church, \$100.00 each for the Free Will Baptist Church of Sutton, and



the First Baptist Church of Sutton.

**Article 17** After explanation and discussion on this Article it was voted in the affirmative by voice vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for services rendered by the Kearsarge Valley Area Center of the Community Action Program.

**Article 18** Voted to accept this article to exclude from the Old Age Survivors, Disability and Health Insurance Plan, services in any class or classes positions of election of officials or election workers for a calendar quarter in which the remuneration paid for each service is less than \$50.00

**Article 19** Voted to accept money received during the year since last Annual Meeting for the establishment of Trust Funds.

**Article 20** Voted in the affirmative to authorize Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes.

**Article 21** Motion made and seconded and voted in the negative by voice vote not to accept this Article as read in the Warrant 1976.

**Article 22** Voted to authorize the Selectmen to convey a certain parcel of land in East Sutton to the owners of land which entirely enclose said parcel, Francis E. Mitchell and Thelma P. Mitchell, for the sum of one Dollar and legal expenses. The said parcel consisting of twenty square rods (5,445 square feet), or one-eighth acre, and being the same premises described by conveyance of Philip S. H. Wadleigh to the Town of Sutton in deed dated December 26, 1891, and recorded in Merrimack County Registry of Deeds, Book 170, Page 110.

**Article 23** Voted in the affirmative to designate the following roads as scenic roads under the provisions of Chapter 253-17 and 18; namely "Wadleigh Hill Road" southerly from its junction with "Penacook Road" to its junction with "Corporation Hill Road" and "Corporation Hill Road" from this point to its intersection with Main Street in Sutton Mills Village.

**Articles 24, 25, 26** Voted to pass these Articles to discontinue the unnamed road beginning at the northerly end of Mastin Road and continuing easterly to its end; discontinue the road known as "Isaac Mastin Road," its exact location unknown, but which records indicate extends easterly 24 rods (396') approximately, from a point on Shaker Street adjacent to the north bank of Baker Brook; and to discontinue the road known as Wright Hill Road, beginning at the intersection of Andrews Avenue and High Mowing Road and extending to the Joshua Wright homestead.

**Article 27** Voted to accept this Article to petition the Selectmen to lay out a road from a point on Route No. 114 approximately 0.2 miles north of its intersection with Gile Pond Road, extending in a westerly direction to connect with the road known as "Wadleigh Road," the alignment of the new road to coincide with that of an existing road without legal status, having been discontinued in 1839. Such road should be laid out only if it involves no charge for acquisition of property.

**Article 28** Voted in the affirmative for the Town to accept the winning design of the Bi-Centennial seal design contest.

The motion made and seconded for the Selectmen to appoint Dwayne Hickam to the Budget Committee for one year to replace Darrel Palmer.

Respectfully submitted,  
George H. Hosmer, Sr.,  
Town Clerk.

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**TOWN WARRANT**

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Sutton in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Pillsbury Memorial Hall in said Sutton the eighth day of March next, at twelve thirty of the clock in the afternoon, the polls to be open from twelve thirty in the afternoon and to be closed no earlier than six thirty of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subject:

1. To choose all necessary officers.

Given under our hands and seal this eighteenth day of February in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-seven.

Robert S. Bristol  
Howard M. Smith  
Darrel Palmer

Selectmen of Sutton, N.H.

A true copy of Warrant Attest:

Robert S. Bristol  
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Selectmen of Sutton, N. H.

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**TOWN WARRANT**

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Sutton in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Pillsbury Memorial Hall in said Sutton the ninth day of March next at 7:30 of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges for the coming year and make appropriations for the same:

**General Expenses of Government**

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 7,800.00
Town Officers' Expenses	11,700.00
Election & Registration	600.00
Town Hall	4,000.00
Social Security	4,000.00

**Protection of Persons & Property :**

Police Department	8,500.00
Fire Department	4,000.00
Forest Fire	200.00
Planning & Zoning	400.00
Insurance	9,500.00

**Health & Sanitation :**

Health Department	150.00
New London Hospital	1,000.00
Kearsarge Visiting Nurse Ass'n	1,395.00
Vital Statistics	20.00
Care of Dump	3,000.00

**Libraries :**

Sutton Free Library	5,468.32
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**Aid To Persons On Public Welfare :**

Town Poor	1,400.00
Old Age Assistance	800.00
Soldiers' Aid	100.00

**Cemeteries :**

Town Cemeteries	3,500.00
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**Museums :**

Old Store Museum	1,000.00
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**Patriotic Purposes :**

Memorial Day & Other Celebrations	350.00
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**Recreation & Commons :**

South Sutton Common	100.00
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**Debt Service :**

Interest, Temporary Loans	500.00
Interest, Long Term Notes	1,460.00
Principal, (Fire Station, \$7,480.00)	7,480.00

<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION ARTICLE 1</b>	<b>\$78,423.32</b>
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2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the repair of Highways and Bridges :

Town Maintenance	\$68,000.00
Street Lighting	2,500.00
General Expenses of the Highway Department	3,000.00

<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION ARTICLE 2</b>	<b>\$73,500.00</b>
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3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed

\$1,353.37, and the State to contribute \$9,022.44 for Town Road Aid.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 to aid in defraying the costs of emergency medical service as provided by the New London Ambulance Service and by the Bradford Rescue Squad, the money to be divided equally; and to authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$714.60 to defray the expense of courses for five trainees (\$325.00) in the E.M.T. - A program (Emergency Technician - Ambulance); and for the purchase of equipment (\$389.60) for a "FAST" squad. (First Aid Stabilization Team).
6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$6,600.00 for a Sander Body; and authorize the withdrawal of the sum of \$6,500.00 for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972; and also to re-allocate the balance, amounting to \$100.00, of the appropriation made for a sander body under Article 7 of the Town Meeting of March 7, 1973.
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for the completion of the Fire Station.
8. To see what action the Town may wish to take in regard to the disposal of solid waste.
9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,700.00 for the purpose of providing the Town with technical and legal services to request a variance pursuant to RSA 125:83 and to Section 190:2-a of the laws of 1975 from the prohibition on open dump burning; and to authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the unencumbered balance of Revenue Sharing Funds in the Special Revenue Sharing Account. S. R. Savings Bank No. 40375
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for a Capital Reserve Fund for Solid Waste Disposal.
11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for a Capital Reserve Fund for the Town's Bicentennial; and to authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the unencumbered balance of Revenue Sharing Funds.
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund and authorize the withdrawal of this sum for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Funds established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund and to authorize the withdrawal of this sum for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Funds established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.
14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for a

Capital Reserve Fund for Fire Equipment.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 for a Capital Reserve Fund for Highway Equipment.

16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act for use as a set off against the following debt service:

1977 Fire Station Note, Principal only	\$7,480.00
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17. To see if the Town will vote to continue its membership in the planning commission named The Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Council, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$641.00 as the Town's share of the annual operating expenses of the regional commission to be used in conjunction with other State and Federal funds available for planning purposes.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$275.00 as its share of the cost of publicizing and promoting the natural attractions of the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the continuation of services to the low-income residents of Sutton through the Kearsarge Valley Area Center of the Community Action Program, Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc.

20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$262.50 from the interest available from the F. E. Nelson, Town of Sutton Fund, established for Town, Church and Library purposes: \$62.50 for the South Sutton Community Church; \$200.00 for the First Free Will Baptist Church of Sutton

21. To see if the Town will vote to accept any of the monies received during the year since the last Annual Meeting for the establishment of Trust Funds.

22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

23. To see if the Town will vote to designate Harvey Road from its beginning at Keyser Street to its end at Hominy Pot Road as scenic under the provisions of RSA 253:17 and 18, for the purposes of protecting and enhancing the scenic beauty of Sutton, and, further that the selectmen of said Sutton shall, regarding such road or roads designated as scenic, file the appropriate request for suspension of specifications when making application to the Commissioner of Public Works and Highways for Town Road Aid funds under RSA 241:7 (1).

(By Petition: William K. Pore, and others).

24. To see if the Town will vote to designate Keyser Street from its beginning at Route 114 to its end at Hominy Pot Road as scenic under the provisions of RSA 253:17 and 18, for the purposes of protecting and enhancing the scenic beauty of Sutton and, further, that the selectmen of said Sutton shall, regarding such road or roads designated as scenic, file the appropriate request for suspension of specifications

when making application to the Commissioner of Public Works and Highways for Town Road Aid funds under RSA 241:7 (1).

(By Petition: William K. Pore, and others).

Given under our hands and seal this eighteenth day of February in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy seven.

Robert S. Bristol  
Howard M. Smith  
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Selectmen of Sutton, N.H.

A true copy of Warrant Attest:

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Dedication, War Memorial Plaques, November 11, 1976 Congressman James C. Cleveland, Captain Stanley Champan, Mrs. Viola Thompson, State Senator Alf E. Jacobson.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1977**

Note: Budget items listed below are in the same order as the corresponding articles in the Warrant.

	1977 Recommen- dations	Percent Change from 1976 Appropri- ations
<b>ARTICLE 1</b>		
<b>General Government:</b>		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 7,800.00	+ 0.42
Town Officers' Expenses	11,700.00	+ 0.46
Election & Registration	600.00	0.0
Town Hall	4,000.00	- 0.39
Social Security	4,000.00	0.0
<b>Protection of Person &amp; Property:</b>		
Police Department	8,500.00	0.0
Fire Department	4,000.00	0.0
Forest Fire	200.00	0.0
Planning & Zoning	400.00	0.0
Insurance	9,500.00	+ 0.32
<b>Health &amp; Sanitation:</b>		
Health Department	150.00	0.0
New London Hospital	1,000.00	0.0
Kearsarge Visiting Nurse Ass'n.	1,395.00	+ 0.39
Vital Statistics	20.00	0.0
Care of Dump	3,000.00	+ 0.20
<b>Libraries:</b>		
Sutton Free Library	5,468.32	+ 0.03
<b>Aid to Persons on Public Welfare:</b>		
Town Poor	1,400.00	+ 6.00
Old Age Assistance	800.00	0.0
Soldiers' Aid	100.00	0.0
<b>Cemeteries:</b>		
Town Cemeteries	3,500.00	0.0
<b>Museums:</b>		
Old Store Museum	1,000.00	0.0
<b>Patriotic Purposes:</b>		
Memorial Day & other celebrations	350.00	- 0.56
<b>Recreation &amp; Commons:</b>		
South Sutton Common	100.00	+ 1.00
<b>Debt Service:</b>		
Interest, Temporary Loans	500.00	0.0
Interest, Long Term Notes	1,460.00	- 0.38

Principal, (Fire Station \$7,480)	7,480.00	- 0.52
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION ARTICLE 1</b>	<b>\$78,423.32</b>	<b>+ 0.035</b>
<b>ARTICLE 2</b>		
<b>Highways &amp; Bridges:</b>		
Town Maintenance	68,000.00	0.0
Street Lights	2,500.00	- 0.17
General Expenses, Highway Dept.	3,000.00	+ 0.20
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION, ARTICLE 2</b>	<b>\$73,500.00</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>ARTICLE 3</b>		
Town Road Aid	\$ 1,353.37	- 0.04
<b>ARTICLE 4</b>		
Ambulance Services	600.00	0.0
<b>ARTICLE 5</b>		
Emergency Technicians - Ambulance	\$ 714.60	+ 1.0
<b>ARTICLE 6</b>		
Sander Body	\$ 6,600.00	- 0.45
<b>ARTICLE 7</b>		
Fire Station	\$ 15,000.00	+ 1.0
<b>ARTICLE 9</b>		
Legal & Technical Services, Solid Waste	\$ 1,700.00	+ 1.0
<b>ARTICLE 10</b>		
Capital Reserve Fund, Solid Waste	\$ 5,000.00	- 0.50
<b>ARTICLE 11</b>		
Capital Reserve Fund, Town's Bicentennial	\$ 1,000.00	+ 1.0
<b>ARTICLE 12</b>		
Capital Reserve Fund, Fire Truck	\$ 2,000.00	+ 1.0
<b>ARTICLE 13</b>		
Capital Reserve Fund, Police Cruiser	\$ 500.00	+ 1.0
<b>ARTICLE 14</b>		
Capital Reserve Fund, Fire Equipment	\$ 250.00	0.0
<b>ARTICLE 15</b>		
Capital Reserve Fund, Highway Equipment	\$ 8,000.00	+ 1.0



<b>ARTICLE 17</b>		
Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Council	\$ 641.00	+ 0.19
<b>ARTICLE 18</b>		
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region	\$ 275.00	+ 1.0
<b>ARTICLE 19</b>		
Community Action Program	\$ 500.00	+ 0.66
<b>TOTAL RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS:</b>		
	\$196,319.79	+ 0.01
<b>LESS: ESTIMATED REVENUE</b>		
	\$ 91,099.76	+ 0.015
<b>ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX, Town Purposes</b>		
	\$105,220.03	+ 0.01



Memorial Flower Boat, Memorial Day, 1976 on Lane River.

**TAXES ASSESSED IN 1976**  
with percentage change comparison with 1975

	1976	Percent Change
<b>General Government</b>		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 5,500.00	+5.5
Town Officers' Expenses	8,000.00	+14
Election & Registration	600.00	+50
Town Hall	6,500.00	+62.5
Social Security	4,000.00	+62.5
<b>Protection of Persons &amp; Property</b>		
Police Department	8,500.00	+6
Fire Department	4,000.00	+4
Forest Fire	200.00	0.0
Planning & Zoning	400.00	0.0
Insurance	7,225.00	0.0
<b>Health &amp; Sanitation</b>		
Health Department, Vital Statistics	170.00	0.0
New London Hospital	1,000.00	+25
Kearsarge Visiting Nurse Assoc.	1,001.25	+11
Care of Dump	2,500.00	0.0
Ambulance Services	600.00	0.0
E.P.A. Hearing	6,500.00	+44
<b>Libraries</b>		
Sutton Free Library	1,200.00	+14
<b>Aid to Persons on Public Welfare</b>		
Town Poor	200.00	0.0
Old Age Assistance	800.00	0.0
Soldiers' Aid	100.00	0.0
<b>Patriotic Purposes</b>		
Memorial Day & Other Celebrations	800.00	+129
Commons	50.00	-75
<b>Interest</b>		
Temporary Loans	500.00	0.0
Long Term Notes	2,370.00	-18
<b>Highways &amp; Bridges</b>		
Town Maintenance	68,000.00	+05
Town Road Aid	1,404.69	-01
Street Lights	3,000.00	+04
General Expenses, Department	2,500.00	0.0
<b>Advertising &amp; Regional Association</b>		
Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee	540.00	+11
<b>Payment of Debt</b>		
Long Term Notes	15,480.00	-24
<b>Capital Reserve Funds</b>		
Solid Waste Disposal	10,000.00	+100
Fire Department, Equipment	250.00	0.0

<b>Special Appropriations:</b>		
Revaluation	2,500.00	-50
Legal Fees a-c King Ridge	300.00	+100
Community Action Program	2,764.46	+100
New Highway Truck	12,000.00	+100
Churches, a-c F. E. Nelson Fund	262.50	+100
Library, a-c Funds	4,118.32	+100
Old Store Museum, a-c Funds	1,000.00	+100
Cemeteries, a-c Funds	3,500.00	+100
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Total Town Appropriations	\$190,336.22	+31
County Tax	\$ 49,493.18	+52
School Tax	317,364.53	+06
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Total Appropriations	\$557,193.93	+17
Plus Overlay	\$ 3,219.94	-53
Plus War Service Credits	\$ 5,300.00	+04
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Total monies needed for all purposes:	\$565,713.87	+16

### SOURCES OF REVENUE 1976

with percentage change comparison with 1975

The money needed to provide the above listed appropriations made by Town, school district, and County is provided by estimated revenue from the following sources, including the amount raised by taxes. The Tax Rate was computed from this information:

Property Tax (Gross Assessed)	\$471,515.90	+15
Interest & Dividend Tax	10,250.80	-04
Savings Bank Tax	1,138.74	+15
Meals & Rooms Tax	4,966.93	0.0
Yield Tax	1,763.05	-33
Interest received on taxes	2,000.00	-10
Business licenses, permits, fees	200.00	0.0
Dog licenses	300.00	0.0
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	13,000.00	+11
Rent, Town Property	200.00	-11
Resident Tax	3,000.00	-43
Revenue Sharing	16,780.00	-01
Highway Subsidy Funds	17,053.95	-05
Business Profits Tax	2,667.00	+05
Appropriation reassigned	5,000.00	+100
Income Departments	3,000.00	+100
Capital Reserve Funds withdrawal	3,000.00	+100
Trust Funds	9,607.50	+100
Sale Town Property	200.00	+100
a-c Forest Fire	50.00	+100
a-c State and Federal Land	20.00	+100
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Total revenues to balance above listed monies needed:	\$565,713.87	+16

## TAX RATE

<b>TAX RATE</b>	=	$\frac{\text{Amount to be Raised}}{\text{Net Taxable Valuation}}$		
		\$ 471,515.90	=	
<b>1976 TAX RATE</b>	=	\$21,629,170.00	=	\$21.80 per M
		\$410,157.00	=	
<b>1975 TAX RATE</b>	=	\$22,786,500.00	=	\$18.00 per M

	1974	1975	1976
Tax Rate per \$1,000.00 of valuation:	\$34.80	\$18.00	\$21.80
Number of Veterans Receiving Exemptions		80	82
Number of Elderly Exemptions		16	21
Number of Owners granted Current Use Exemption		18	48

### SUMMARY OF INVENTORY OF VALUATION 1976

LAND (Net after Current Use excepted)	\$10,683,270.00
<b>BUILDINGS</b>	\$10,787,900.00
<b>ELECTRIC PLANT</b>	\$ 275,650.00
<b>TRAILER, assessed as Personal Property</b>	\$ 1,000.00
<b>BOATS &amp; LAUNCHES</b>	\$ 3,300.00
	\$21,751,120.00
<b>TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS</b>	\$21,751,120.00
Less 21 Elderly Exemptions	105,000.00
	\$21,646,120.00
<b>Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is computed:</b>	<b>\$21,646,120.00</b>

## REPORT ON CURRENT USE ASSESSMENTS

The following assessments were used in conjunction with the Summary Inventory of Valuation in the computation of the 1976 Tax Rate.

1. Total of all land valuation, improved and unimproved land (RSA 75:11) before application of Current Use: \$12,195,970.00 (1)

### ITEMIZATION OF QUALIFYING CURRENT USE, ACREAGES AND ASSESSMENTS

	A	B	C
Land Categories	No. Acres	Assesed Value RSA 75:11	Current Use Value Chap. 372, 1973
<b>Forest Land</b>			
Hardwood & other	3,257.0	\$877,800.00	\$85,450.00
Pine Type	936.5	266,900.00	31,850.00
Spruce-Fir Type	613.0	169,200.00	18,350.00
<b>Wild Land</b>			
Unproductive	40.0	2,000.00	400.00
Unmanaged	806.0	237,350.00	47,800.00
Inactive Farm	39.0	50,650.00	3,600.00
Wetlands	372.0	26,250.00	3,900.00
<b>Farm Land</b>			
Permanent Pasture	146.0	38,350.00	10,950.00
Forage Crops	102.5	59,350.00	16,250.00
Horticultural Crops	1.0	500.00	200.00
	6,313.0	\$1,728,350.00	\$218,750.00
Less 20 Percent Recreation Adjustment:			3,100.00
			\$215,650.00

2. Column "B" less Column "C" \$1,512,700.00 (2)
3. Line No. 1 less Line No. 2,  
net land value \$10,683,270.00 (3)  
See "Land" in "Summary Inventory of Valuation."

### COMPARISON 1975, 1976

	1975	1976	Percentage Change
Acres	2,349.5	6,313.0	+ 37
Assessed Val.	\$698,400.00	\$1,728,350.00	+ 40
Current Use Val.	\$ 85,550.00	\$ 215,650.00	+ 40

TOWN OF SUTTON, N. H.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES TO DECEMBER 31, 1976

Name of Appropriation	Appropriations	Receipts	Total Available	Expended	Balance	Overdraft
01 Town Officers' Salaries	\$5,500.00	\$	\$5,500.00	\$6,423.89	\$	\$ 923.89
02 Town Officers' Expenses	8,000.00	17.00	8,017.00	8,596.87		579.87
03 Election and Registration	600.00	8.00	608.00	1,067.09		459.09
04 Town Hall	6,500.00	120.00	6,620.00	3,047.89	3,572.11	
05 Reappraisal of Property	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,476.87	23.13	
06 Police Department	8,500.00	276.25	8,776.25	8,893.43		117.18
07 Fire Department	4,000.00		4,000.00	3,118.99	881.01	
08 Forest Fire	200.00	242.05	442.05	275.04	167.01	
09 Planning Board	400.00	165.69	565.69	169.69	396.00	
10 Insurance	7,225.00	600.60	7,825.60	9,001.55		1,175.95
11 Zoning Board of Adjustment		100.00	100.00	131.18		31.18
12 Article 6, Engineers & Legal	6,500.00		6,500.00	3,863.40	2,636.60	
14 Building Inspector		1,041.28	1,041.28	394.11	647.17	
15 Health Department	150.00		150.00	80.85	69.15	
16 New London Hospital	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		
17 Kearsarge Visiting Nurse Ass'n	1,001.25		1,001.25	1,001.25		
18 Ambulance Services	600.00		600.00	600.00		
19 Vital Statistics	20.00		20.00	20.00		
20 Care of Town Dump	2,500.00	40.00	2,540.00	2,912.94		
21 Town Maintenance	68,000.00	1,578.13	69,578.13	67,570.36	2,007.77	
22 General Expenses, Highway Dept.	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,108.29	391.71	
23 Street Lights	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,965.56	34.44	
24 "Duncan," Class V Maintenance		7,858.07	7,858.07	7,416.12	441.95	
25 Town Road Aid	1,404.69	4,115.01	5,519.70	4,945.73	573.97	
26 Libraries, Sutton Free Library	1,250.00	4,068.32	5,318.32	5,318.32		
27 Town Poor	200.00	25.00	225.00	2,628.22		2,403.22

28	Old Age Assistance	800.00		800.00	928.52		128.52
29	Memorial Day & other Celebrations	800.00		800.00	589.76	210.24	
30	Cemeteries		2,125.07	2,125.07	2,128.07		3.00
31	Old Store Museum		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00		
32	Community Action Program	300.00		300.00	300.00		
33	Regional Associations	540.00		540.00	540.00		
38	Social Security	4,000.00	149.00	4,149.00	3,531.78	617.22	
39	Churches, a-c F. E. Nelson Fund	2,764.46	262.50	2,62.50	2,782.46		18.00
41	Article 8, Legal Fees King R.	12,000.00		12,000.00	9,136.76	2,863.24	
43	Highway Truck		1,100.00	1,100.00	1,424.27		324.27
44	Solid Waste Disposal		791.09	791.09	817.59		26.50
45	War Memorial	2,370.00		2,370.00	2,340.69	29.31	
46	Interest, Long Term Notes	500.00		4,361.72	3,554.80	806.92	
46	Interest, Temporary Loans	15,480.00	3,861.72	15,480.00	15,480.00		
47	Long Term Notes, Principal	10,250.00		10,250.00	10,250.00		
50	Capital Reserve Funds	50.00		50.00		50.00	
* *	South Sutton Common	100.00		100.00		100.00	
* *	Soldiers' Aid						
	TOTALS	\$181,505.40	\$29,544.78	\$211,050.18	\$201,094.84	\$16,518.95	\$6,563.61

Appropriations  
Plus receipts

Total Available  
Less Expenditures

Balance

Balances  
Less overdrafts  
Balance

NOTE: Numbers in left hand column refer to "Detailed Statement of Payments"

# REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

Town of Sutton, New Hampshire  
For the Year Ending December 31, 1976

Cash Balance, January 1, 1976 \$30,310.30

## CURRENT REVENUE:

### Local Taxes:

Property Taxes - 1976	334,498.20	
Resident Taxes - 1976	4,390.00	
Resident Tax Penalties - 1976	14.00	
Yield Taxes - 1976	2,571.61	
Interest - 1976	4.97	
Property Taxes - 1975	122,626.39	
Resident Taxes - 1975	1,560.00	
Resident Tax Penalties - 1975	152.00	
Yield Taxes - 1975	214.75	
Interest - 1975	3,802.01	
Property Taxes - 1974	365.71	
Interest - 1974	42.05	
Tax Sales Redeemed (incl. int.)	29,022.98	
Tax Receipts, other years	22.88	
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		\$499,287.47

### From State of New Hampshire:

Class V Highway Maintenance	7,858.07	
Highway Subsidy	17,053.95	
Interest & Dividends Tax	10,250.80	
Savings Bank Tax	1,138.74	
Meals & Rooms Tax	6,193.56	
Business Profits Tax	2,668.92	
Reimbursement, Forest Fires	43.00	
Reimbursement, T.R.A.	4,115.01	
Hedgehog Bounties	6.50	
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		\$49,328.55

### Current Revenue Local Sources Other Than Taxes:

Dog Licenses	417.00	
Pistol Permits	26.00	
Building Permits	325.00	
Junk Licenses	50.00	
Filing Fees	8.00	
Income From Trust Funds:		
Old Store Museum	1,000.00	
War Memorial	735.00	
Churches	262.50	
School Funds	158.00	
Cemeteries	2,125.07	



Library	4,068.32	
		8,348.89
Income From Departments:		
Z.B.A.	100.00	
Planning Board	165.69	
Highway	1,578.13	
Police	200.25	
Town Hall	120.00	
		2,164.07
Motor Vehicle Permits		20,930.88
		<u>\$32,269.84</u>
<b>Total Current Revenue Receipts:</b>		<b>\$580,885.86</b>
<b>RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CURRENT REVENUE:</b>		
Temporary Loans, Tax Anticipation	155,000.00	
Forest Fire Repayment	199.05	
Insurance, Return Premiums	600.60	
Refund, FICA a-c Librarian	149.00	
New Trust Funds	555.34	
Withdrawals, Capital Reserve Funds	3,056.09	
Withdrawals, Revenue Sharing Funds	17,880.00	
Yield Tax, Security Deposits	3,250.00	
Revenue Sharing Funds	17,219.00	
Sale of Town Property	57.00	
Sale of "History of Sutton"	450.00	
Reimbursement, a-c Town Poor	25.00	
<b>Total Receipts other than Current Revenue:</b>		<b><u>\$198,441.08</u></b>
<b>Total Receipts, Including Cash Balance</b>		<b>809,637.24</b>
<b>Less Disbursements</b>		<b>685,808.50</b>
		<u>\$123,828.74</u>
Cash Balance		14,989.28
Revenue Sharing Savings Account		
<b>TOTAL BALANCE, December 31, 1976</b>		<b><u>\$138,818.02</u></b>

Irene C. Davis, Treasurer

Town of Sutton, N.H.

**REVENUE SHARING FUND**  
**Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1976**  
**Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, Encumbrances and Fund Balance**

Available Funds, January 1, 1976		\$14,701.11
<b>Add Revenue:</b>		
Entitlement Payments	\$17,219.00	
Interest (to 11-3-76)	949.17	
		\$18,168.17
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS</b>		<b>\$32,869.28</b>
<b>Less Expenditures:</b>		
<b>Operating-Maintenance Expenses:</b>		
Environmental Conservation (Art. No.10 3-7-73)	\$ 1,100.00	
Total Operating-Maintenance Expenses		\$ 1,100.00
<b>Capital Expenditures:</b>		
Transportation (Art. No. 9 3-3-76 Truck) (Art. No. 13 3-3-76 Note)	\$ 9,000.00	
Environmental Conservation (Art. No. 12 3-3-76 CRF)	\$ 7,780.00	
Total Capital Expenditures		\$16,780.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$17,880.00</b>
Available Cash December 31, 1976		\$14,989.28
<b>Less: Encumbrances (Appropriations Authorized)</b> December 31, 1976		
<b>Operating-Maintenance Expenses:</b>		
Environmental Protection (Art. No.11 3-5-75 Solid Waste Disposal)	\$1,500.00	
Financial Administration (Art. No. 8 3-7-73 Balance Enforcement, ordinances)	3,881.55	
Total Operating Encumbrances		\$ 5,381.55
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>		
Transportation (Art. No. 7 3-7-73 sander)	100.00	
Environmental Conservation (Art. No.10 3-7-73 balance Refuse Disposal System)	6,605.00	
Total Capital Encumbrances		\$ 6,705.00
<b>TOTAL ENCUMBRANCES</b>		<b>\$12,086.55</b>
Available Unobligated Funds, December 31, 1976		\$ 2,902.73

## **AUDITORS' STATEMENT**

We have examined the accounts and records of the Revenue Sharing Fund of the Town of Sutton, N. H., for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1976.

In our opinion, the above State of Revenue, Appropriations, Encumbrances, and Available Unobligated Funds presents fairly the revenue, expenditures and encumbrances incurred, and status of Revenue Sharing Funds of the Town of Sutton, N. H. for the year ended December 31, 1976.

Date: January 5, 1977

Signed:

John J. Wooten  
Estelle W. Rooney  
Auditors, Town of Sutton, N.H.

## **REPORT OF TOWN AUDITORS**

**Town of Sutton, New Hampshire**  
**For the year ending December 31, 1976**

We, the Auditors of the Town of Sutton, have examined the books of the Selectmen, Tax Collector, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Library Trustees, and the Trustees of the Trust Funds for the year ending December 31, 1976, compared their figures and vouchers, and find the same correct.

Estelle W. Rooney  
John J. Wooten  
Auditors, Town of Sutton, N. H.

## SCHEDULE OF LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

### Long Term Notes Outstanding:

Year	Purpose of Issue	Amount
1977	Fire Station	\$ 7,480.00
1978	Fire Station	7,480.00
1979	Fire Station	7,480.00
Total Long Term Notes Outstanding:		<u>\$22,440.00</u>

### RECONCILIATION OF OUTSTANDING LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding Long Term Debt, Dec. 31, 1975		\$37,920.00
New Debt Created During Year	\$0000.00	
		<u>\$37,920.00</u>
Long Term Notes Paid During Year	\$15,480.00	
		<u>\$15,480.00</u>
Outstanding Long Term Debt, Dec. 31, 1976		\$22,440.00

## REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

### Summary of Property, Resident and Yield Taxes Year Ending December 31, 1976

	1976	1975	1974
Property Taxes	\$466,120.85	\$124,195.95	\$1,021.38
Resident Taxes	5,790.00	1,770.00	100.00
Yield Taxes	2,430.31	1,047.10	
Added Property Taxes		71.10	
Added Resident Taxes	380.00	200.00	
Overpayment on Property Taxes	51.71		
Overpayment on Yield Taxes	141.30		
Interest on Property Taxes	4.97	3,729.45	42.05
Interest on Yield Taxes		85.25	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	14.00	152.00	
	\$474,933.14	\$131,250.85	\$1,163.43
 <b>Paid To Treasurer:</b>			
Property Taxes	\$334,498.20	\$122,626.39	\$ 365.71
Resident Taxes	4,390.00	1,560.00	
Yield Taxes	2,571.61	214.75	
Interest on Property Taxes	4.97	3,729.45	42.05
Interest on Yield Taxes		85.25	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	14.00	152.00	
Tax Receipts, other years		195.31	
 <b>Abatements:</b>			
Property Taxes	1,619.96	1,040.10	
Resident Taxes	310.00	300.00	20.00
<b>Uncollected, 12-31-76</b>			
Property Taxes	130,054.40	405.25	655.67
Resident Taxes	1,470.00	110.00	80.00
Yield Taxes		832.35	
	\$474,933.14	\$131,250.54	\$1,163.43

**SUMMARY OF TAX SALES**

**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976**

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Tax Sales on Account of Levies of:

	1975	1974	1973	Prev.Yrs.
(a) Balance of Unredeemed Taxes of Jan. 1, 1976	\$	\$16,318.76	\$9,990.79	\$4,377.68
(b) Taxes Sold to Town during Current Fiscal Year	23,433.21			
Interest Collected after Sale	136.86	583.28	1,980.10	940.12
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$23,570.07</b>	<b>\$16,902.04</b>	<b>\$11,970.89</b>	<b>\$5,317.80</b>

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**Remittances to Treasurer during year:**

Redemptions	\$8,036.57	\$5,450.89	\$9,514.31	\$2,380.85
Interest	136.86	583.28	1,980.10	940.12
Abatements during Year			25.20	
Unredeemed Taxes 12-31-76	15,396.64	10,867.87	451.28	1,996.83
<b>TOTAL CREDITS:</b>	<b>\$23,570.07</b>	<b>\$16,902.04</b>	<b>\$11,970.89</b>	<b>\$5,317.80</b>

**SUMMARY OF TIMBER TAX**

	1976	1975	Prev. Yrs.
Warrant Timber Tax	\$2,430.31	\$	\$
Uncollected Timber Tax 12-31-75		1,047.10	2,371.98
Interest Collected		85.25	
Overpayment	141.30		
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,571.61</b>	<b>\$1,132.35</b>	<b>\$2,371.98</b>
Paid to Treasurer	\$2,571.61	\$ 214.75	\$
Uncollected Taxes 12-31-76		832.35	2,371.98
Interest Collected		85.25	
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,571.61</b>	<b>\$1,132.35</b>	<b>\$2,371.98</b>

**Taxes not in Redemption, Uncollected**

Levy of 1972 Property Taxes, uncollected	\$329.12
Previous Years Property Taxes, uncollected	704.81
Resident Taxes for 1972, uncollected	330.00
Resident Taxes for 1971, uncollected	150.00
Levy of 1973 Property Taxes, uncollected	278.76
Resident Taxes for 1973, uncollected	240.00

**REPORT OF TOWN CLERK FOR YEAR 1976**

**Tax for Motor Vehicle Permits**

1263 Permits issued	\$ 20,930.88
Remitted To Treasurer	20,930.88

**Received for dog licenses:**

133 spaded and male dogs at \$2.00	\$ 266.00
18 females at \$5.00	90.00
1 kennel license	12.00
49 penalties at \$1.00	49.00
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Total \$ 417.00

Remitted to Treasurer \$ 417.00

Received for 8 filing fees \$ 8.00

Remitted to Treasurer \$ 8.00

George H. Hosmer, Sr.  
Town Clerk, 1976

**BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1976**

**ASSETS**

**Cash:**

General Fund	\$ 123,828.74	
Revenue Sharing Fund	14,989.28	
		\$ 138,818.02

**Capital Reserve Funds:**

1968 War Memorial	1,452.46	
1959 Town Bridge	1,128.45	
1961 Fire Department	3,497.30	
1974 Conservation Commission	1,082.59	
1975 Highway Equipment	135.88	
1975 Solid Waste Disposal	14,417.01	
1968 Land & Buildings, Town of Sutton	119.65	
		\$ 21,833.34

**Unredeemed Taxes:**

Levy, 1975	15,396.64	
Levy, 1974	10,867.87	
Levy, 1973	451.28	
Previous Years	1,996.83	
		\$ 28,712.62

**Uncollected Taxes:**

Levy, 1976, property	\$ 130,054.18	
Levy, 1976, resident	1,470.00	
Levy, 1975, property	405.25	
Levy, 1975, resident	110.00	
Levy, 1975, yield	832.35	
Levy, 1974, property	655.67	
Levy, 1974, resident	80.00	
		\$ 133,607.45

**Accounts due Town:**

a-c Solid Waste Disposal	324.27	
a-c Cemeteries	3.00	
a-c War Memorial	26.50	
		\$ 353.77

**TOTAL ASSETS**

**\$ 323,325.20**



**BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1976**

**LIABILITIES**

**Accounts Owed by Town:**

**Bills Outstanding:**

FICA	\$ 2,122.58	
a-c TRA	1,027.93	
Yield Tax Deposits	2,010.70	
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		\$ 5,161.21

**Unexpended Balances:**

Fire Station	1,530.41	
Building Inspector	647.17	
E.P.A. Hearings	2,636.60	
Town Hall	3,572.11	
Truck, Highway	2,863.24	
"Duncan," Class V Maintenance	441.95	
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		\$ 11,691.48

**Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds:**

Encumbered	12,086.55	
Unencumbered	2,902.73	
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		\$ 14,989.28

**Due State of New Hampshire:**

**2 Percent Bond Retirement Taxes:**

Collected, Unremitted	388.40	
Uncollected	534.07	
Collected, Not certified to DRA	52.44	
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		\$ 974.91

**School District**

Balance 1976-1977 Tax	\$ 237,862.16	
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		\$ 237,862.16

**TOTAL ACCOUNTS OWED BY TOWN:** \$ 270,679.04

**Capital Reserve Funds:**

Offset similar Asset account	\$ 21,833.34	
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		\$ 21,833.34

**TOTAL LIABILITIES** \$ 292,512.38

**Current Surplus (Excess assets over liabilities)** 30,812.82

**GRAND TOTAL** 

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\$ 323,325.20

## CHANGE IN FINANCIAL CONDITION

Current Surplus, December 31, 1975	\$ 26,534.68
Current Surplus, December 31, 1976	\$ 30,812.82
Increase of Surplus	\$ 4,278.14



Children's Program, Memorial Day, 1976, North Sutton Meeting House L. to R. Shawn McNamara; Wendy Sykes; Mary Dolittle; Shana McNair; Courtesy Rayno; Sara Randle; Christian Tower; Scott Ellison; Timmy Hayes.

## SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

### Current Maintenance Expenses:

#### General Government:

1. Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 6,423.89
2. Town Officers' Expenses	8,596.87
3. Election and Registration	1,067.09
4. Town Hall	3,047.89
5. Re-appraisal of Property	2,476.87

#### Protection of Persons and Property:

6. Police Department	8,893.43
7. Fire Department	3,118.99
8. Forest Fire	275.04
9. Planning Board	169.69
10. Insurance	9,001.55
11. Zoning Board of Adjustment	131.18
12. E.P.A. (Keseyer Lake)	3,863.40
13. Bounties	6.50
14. Building Inspector	394.11

#### Health:

15. Health Department	80.85
16. New London Hospital	1,000.00
17. Kearsarge Visiting Nurse Association	1,001.25
18. Ambulance Services	600.00
19. Vital Statistics	20.00
20. Town Dump	2,912.94

#### Highways and Bridges:

21. Town Maintenance	67,570.36
22. General Expenses, Highway Department	2,108.29
23. Street Lighting	2,965.56
24. "Duncan," Class V. Maintenance	7,416.12
25. Town Road Aid	4,945.73

#### Libraries:

26. Sutton Free Library	5,318.32
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#### Public Welfare:

27. Town Poor	2,628.22
28. Old Age Assistance	928.52

#### Patriotic Purposes:

29. Memorial Day & other celebrations	589.76
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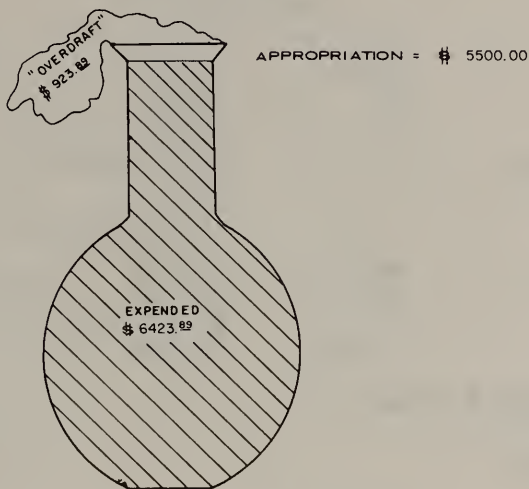
#### Public Service Enterprises:

30. Cemeteries	2,128.07
31. Old Store Museum	1,000.00

32. Community Action Program	300.00	
33. Advertising & Regional Associations	540.00	
<b>Unclassified:</b>		
34. Damages, legal expenses	116.00	
35. Yield Tax Deposits	1,104.00	
36. Taxes bought by Town	23,433.21	
37. Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	8,492.33	
38. Social Security	3,531.78	
39. Payment, a-c F. E. Nelson Fund	262.50	
40. Payment, a-c Eaton School Fund	158.00	
41. Legal Fee, a-c King Ridge	2,782.46	
<b>TOTAL CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:</b>		<b>\$ 191,400.77</b>
<b>New Equipment and Improvements:</b>		
43. Truck, Highway Department	\$9,136.76	
44. Solid Waste Disposal	1,424.27	
45. War Memorial	817.59	
<b>TOTAL, NEW EQUIPMENT &amp; IMPROVEMENTS</b>		<b>\$11,378.62</b>
<b>Debt Service:</b>		
46. Interest	\$ 5,895.49	
47. Principal, Long Term Notes	15,480.00	
48. Principal, Anticipation of Taxes	155,000.00	
<b>TOTAL, DEBT SERVICE</b>		<b>\$176,375.49</b>
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>		
49. Payment to Savings, Revenue Sharing	\$17,219.00	
50. Payments, Capital Reserve Funds	10,250.00	
51. Payments, New Trusts	555.00	
<b>TOTAL, CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>		<b>\$28,024.00</b>
<b>Payments to other Governmental Divisions:</b>		
52. Payments to State	\$ 346.79	
53. County Tax	49,493.18	
54. School District	228,789.65	
<b>TOTAL, OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS</b>		<b>\$278,629.62</b>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS, ALL PURPOSES:</b>		<b>\$685,808.50</b>

STATEMENT OF DETAIL

TOWN OFFICERS SALARIES:



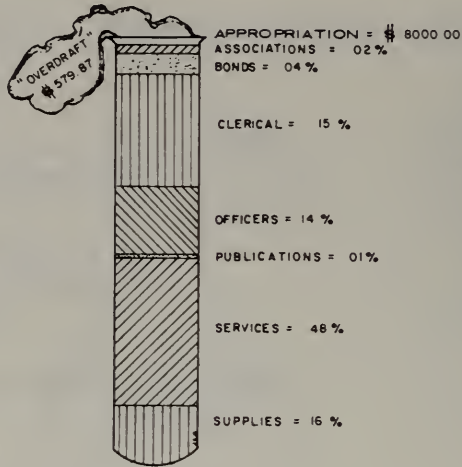
1. Town Officers' Salaries:

Appropriation:	\$5,500.00	
Payments:	6,423.89	
Overdraft:		\$ 923.89

Payments:

Robert S. Bristol, Selectman	\$ 800.00	
Irene C. Davis, Treasurer	488.30	- 500 (TM 1975)
George H. Hosmer, Town Clerk and Tax Collector	2,935.51	
Harold D. Hurd, Selectman	184.88	- 136 (63 days - 17%)
Darrel Palmer, Selectman	623.20	- 664 (303 days - 83%)
Estelle W. Rooney, Auditor	246.00	
Howard M. Smith, Selectman	960.00	- 800 (160 applied from 1975)
John J. Wooten, Auditor	186.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDED</b>		<b>\$6,423.89</b>

# TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSES:



## 2. Town Officers' Expenses:

Appropriation:	\$ 8,000.00	
Receipts:	17.00	
	\$ 8,017.00	
Total available	\$ 8,017.00	
Payments:	\$ 8,596.87	
	\$ 8,596.87	
OVERDRAFT:		\$ 579.87

### Payments:

#### Associations:

Assessing Officials	\$ 20.00	
Conservation Commissions	20.00	
City & Town Clerks	10.00	
Municipal Association	132.00	
Tax Collectors	10.00	
Local Welfare	5.00	
	\$ 197.00	%
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#### Bonds:

Kearsarge Insurance Agency	\$ 353.00	
	\$ 353.00	%
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#### Clerical:

Mary E. Smith	\$ 1,268.35	
	\$ 1,268.35	%
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#### Officers:

Robert S. Bristol	\$ 340.44	
Irene C. Davis	209.10	
George H. Hosmer	589.92	
Wilhelmina Prescott	45.00	

Howard M. Smith	3.95		
John J. Wooten	38.65		
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		\$ 1,227.06	14

Publications:

Argus-Champion	\$ 39.76		
Branham Publication	12.60		
Concord Monitor	4.50		
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		\$ 56.86	01

Services:

Robert S. Bristol & Associates	\$ 1,929.09		
Granite State Data Service	611.91		
New Hampshire Printers	1,560.00		
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		\$ 4,101.00	48

Supplies:

Brown & Saltmarsh	\$ 511.57		
R. L. Dodge Co.	.98		
Hill's Mimeo	10.00		
Hillsborough County, Probate	5.50		
Merrimack County, Deeds	182.80		
Merrimack County, Probate	.50		
M. G. Little	36.30		
Smith's Offset	20.32		
Upton, Sanders & Smith	92.00		
U.S. Postal Service	509.25		
Wheeler & Clark	24.38		
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		\$ 1,393.60	16

TOTAL PAYMENTS: \$ 8,596.87

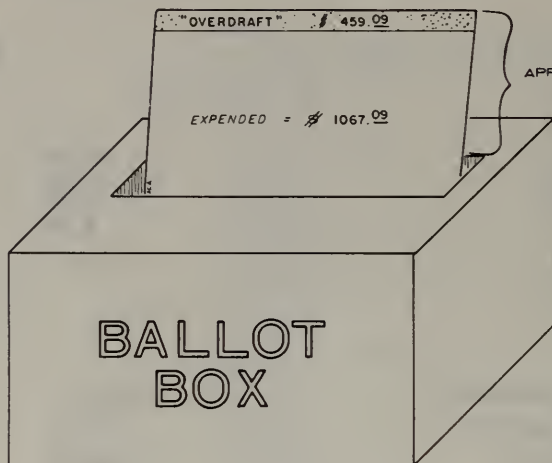
**3. Election and Registration**

Appropriation:	\$ 600.00		
Receipts, filing fees:	8.00		
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Total available:	\$ 608.00		
Payments:	\$ 1,067.09		
Overdraft:			\$ 459.09

Payments:

Supervisors:			
Thelma Curtis	\$ 113.03		
Donald Evans	83.75		
Roy Prince	32.00		

ELECTION & REGISTRATION:



APPROPRIATION  
RECEIPTS = \$ 608.00

Fred Rathbun	47.85	
Ursula Wooten	142.54	
		\$ 419.17

Ballot Clerks:		
Walter M. Couch	\$ 59.63	
Irene C. Davis	24.22	
Charlotte Goldthwaite	5.60	
Gertrude Holteen	64.99	
Clara J. Tillinghast	32.19	
Charles F. Whittemore	5.60	
		\$ 192.23

Officers:		
George H. Hosmer	\$ 54.39	
Donald H. Lowe	83.72	
Wilhelmina Prescott	69.59	
		\$ 207.70

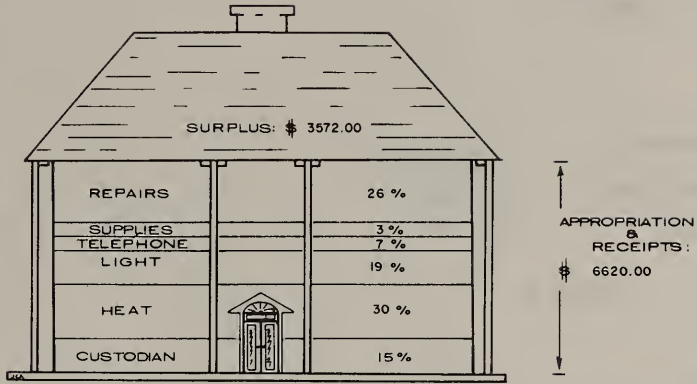
Publications:		
Argus-Champion	\$ 32.40	
Concord Monitor	24.00	
		\$ 56.40

Supplies:		
Country Press	\$ 66.00	
Brown & Saltmarsh	41.00	
Granite State Date Service	77.75	
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, Inc.	6.84	
		\$ 191.59

TOTAL PAYMENTS: \$ 1,067.09



# TOWN HALL:



## 4. Town Hall

Appropriation:	\$ 6,500.00	
Receipts, rent:	120.00	
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Amount available	\$ 6,620.00	
Payments:	\$ 3,047.89	
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Balance:		\$ 3,572.11

### Payments:

#### Custodian:

Mary Csutor, custodian	\$ 450.00	
Mary Csutor, (lawn)	15.00	
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		\$ 465.00

#### Services:

Merrimack County Telephone Company	\$ 210.07	
Public Service Company, N.H.	566.90	
Warner Fuel Co., Inc.	939.04	
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		\$ 1,716.01

#### Supplies:

R. L. Dodge Co.	\$ 72.15	
Sutton General Store	15.03	
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		\$ 87.18

#### Repairs & Improvements:

Chadwick & Whittemore	\$ 229.51
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George Dukette	45.00	
Maynard Fire Apparatus Co.	317.20	
Ernest E. Welch & Son	187.99	
		\$ 779.70

TOTAL PAYMENTS: \$ 3,047.89

5. Reappraisal

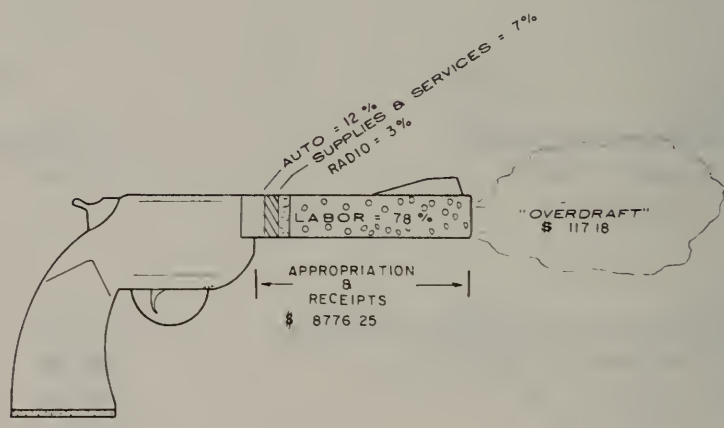
Appropriation:		\$ 2,500.00
Payments:		2,476.87
Balance:		\$ 23.13

Payments:

Treasurer, State of N.H. a-c 1975	\$ 1,857.13
Treasurer, State of N.H. a-c 1976	619.74
	\$ 2,476.87

TOTAL PAYMENTS: \$ 2,476.87

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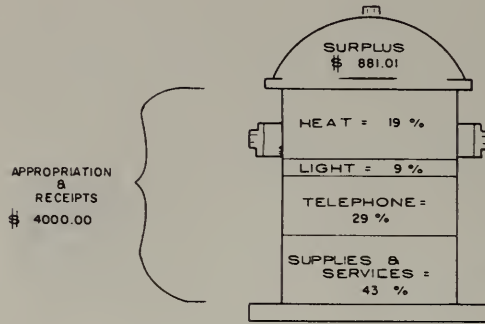


6. Police Department

Appropriation:	\$ 8,500.00
Receipts:	
Junque licenses	50.00
Pistol permits	26.00
Kearsarge Regional School District	180.25

Fines		20.00	
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Total available:		\$ 8,776.25	
Payments:		\$ 8,893.43	
Overdraft:			\$ 117.18
Payments:			
Officers:			
Eugene F. Crowdle	\$ 3,452.75		
Joan Crowdle	2,749.40		
Michael C. Pugliese	765.74		
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		\$ 6,967.89	% 78
Auto:			
Darrel's Service	\$ 407.76		
Gary Noble Chevrolet	7.70		
Mr. Gee's Tire Corp.	316.00		
Town (Gasoline)	295.80		
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		\$ 1,027.26	12
Radio:			
LaFayette Radio	\$ 199.95		
Wright's Communications	81.73		
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		\$ 281.68	03
Services:			
Merrimack County Telephone Co.	\$ 373.68		
William G. Moore	30.00		
Pleasant Lake Veterinary Clinic	186.00		
Smith's Offset	23.32		
Sutton General Store	3.60		
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		\$ 616.60	07
TOTAL PAYMENTS:		\$ 8,893.43	
<b>7. Fire Department</b>			
Appropriation:		\$ 4,000.00	
Payments:		3,118.99	
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Balance:			\$ 881.01

# FIRE DEPARTMENT:



**Payments:**

**Heat:**

Warner Fuel Co., Inc.	\$ 603.67	%
		19
	\$ 603.67	

**Light:**

Public Service Co., N.H.	\$ 274.07	%
		09
	\$ 274.07	

**Telephone:**

Merrimack County Telephone Co.	\$ 889.14	%
		29
	\$ 889.14	

**Supplies and Services:**

Braxner Co., Inc.	\$ 106.94	
Darrel's Service	126.24	
Decato Motor Sales	7.00	
"Fire Engineering"	12.00	
LaPorte's Skindiving	2.00	
Maynard Fire Apparatus Co.	218.95	
Memphis Equipment Co.	523.77	
Merriam Graves Corp.	29.10	
New London Hardware	2.70	
Radio Service Laboratory	47.06	
Smith's Offset	27.08	
Vernondale Store	249.27	
	\$ 1,352.11	43

**TOTAL PAYMENTS:**

\$ 3,118.99

**8. Forest Fire**

Appropriation:	\$ 200.00
Receipts:	
State of New Hampshire	\$ 43.00
Town of Sutton	10.00
Daniel J. Wing	189.05
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Total available:	\$ 442.05
Payments:	\$ 275.04
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Balance:	\$ 167.01

**Payments:**

Andrew J. Chalmers	\$ 11.76
Eugene F. Crowdle	2.94
Chester Ellison	2.94
William Fifield	2.94
Harold Fortune	16.56
George R. Gagnon	11.76
Jackson G. Merrill	20.04
Darrel Palmer	14.16
H. Douglas Palmer	5.88
Palmer Porter	2.76
David E. Rayno	3.40
Howard Rayno	2.76
Earl A. Rowe	2.94
Harold B. Rowe	5.88
Carroll L. Thompson	36.40
Phillip A. Thompson	10.20
Gary Thompson	2.94
Daniel Virgin	2.94
Peter Whitcomb	11.76
Town of Sutton	10.00
Town of Warner	94.08
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**TOTAL PAYMENTS:** \$ 275.04

**9. Planning Board**

Appropriation:	\$ 400.00
Receipts:	
a-c Subdivisions	\$ 133.00
a-c Sale, Zoning Ordinances	32.69
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Total available	\$ 565.69
Payments:	\$ 169.69
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Balance:	\$ 396.00

Payments:

Argus - Champion	\$ 14.72
Robert S. Bristol & Associates	19.50
Johnson's Radio & Television	70.00
Suzanne McNamara	32.47
Merrimack County Registry of Deeds	33.00

TOTAL PAYMENTS: \$ 169.69

10. Insurance

Appropriation:	\$ 7,225.00
Receipts:	
Return premiums	\$ 600.60

Total available: \$7,825.60

Payments: \$ 9,001.55

Overdraft: \$ 1,175.95

Payments:	
Concord General Mutual	\$ 3,241.00
Kearsarge Insurance Agency	5,760.55

TOTAL PAYMENTS: \$ 9,001.55

11. Zoning Board of Adjustment

Receipts, a-c fees \$ 100.00

Payments: \$ 131.18

Overdraft: \$ 31.18

Payments:	
Argus-Champion	\$ 75.59
John Herrington	55.59

TOTAL PAYMENTS: \$ 131.18

12. Environmental Protection Agency Hearings

Appropriation: \$ 6,500.00

Payments:	\$ 3,863.40	
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Balance:		\$ 2,636.60

Payments:		
Orr and Reno	\$ 3,819.00	
New London Inn	44.40	
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TOTAL PAYMENTS:		\$ 3,863.40

**13. Bounties**

Reimbursement, State of New Hampshire	\$ 6.50	
Payments:	\$ 6.50	
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		\$ 0.00

Payment:		
Walter M. Couch	\$ 6.50	
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TOTAL PAYMENTS:		\$ 6.50

**14. Building Inspector**

Balance, previous years	\$ 716.28	
Receipts: building permits	\$ 325.00	
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Total available		\$ 1,041.28
Payments:	\$ 394.11	
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Balance:		\$ 647.17

Payments:		
Smith's Offset	\$ 21.44	
John J. Wooten, Building Inspector	342.51	
John J. Wooten, expenses	30.16	
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TOTAL PAYMENTS:		\$ 394.11

**15. Health Department**

Appropriation:	\$ 150.00	
Payments:	\$ 80.85	
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Balance:		\$ 69.15

Payments:

R. P. Johnson and Son	\$ 11.52
J. J. Wooten, services	40.06
J. J. Wooten, expenses	29.27

TOTAL PAYMENTS: \$ 80.85

**16. New London Hospital**

Appropriation: \$ 1,000.00

Payments: \$ 1,000.00

Balance: \$ 0,000.00

Payments:

New London Hospital, Inc.	\$ 1,000.00
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TOTAL PAYMENTS: \$ 1,000.00

**17. Kearsarge Visiting Nurse Association**

Appropriation: \$ 1,001.25

Payments: \$ 1,001.25

Balance: \$ 0,000.00

Payments:

Kearsarge Visiting Nurse Association	\$ 1,001.25
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TOTAL PAYMENTS: \$ 1,001.25

**18. Ambulance Services**

Appropriations: \$ 600.00

Payments: \$ 600.00

Balance: \$ 000.00

Payments:

Bradford Rescue Squad	\$ 300.00
New London Hospital, Inc.	\$ 300.00

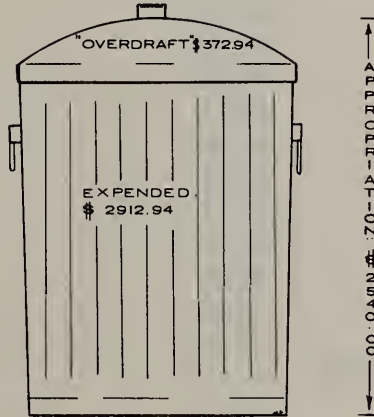
TOTAL PAYMENTS: \$ 600.00



**19. Vital Statistics**

Appropriation:		\$ 20.00	
Payments:		\$ 20.00	
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Balance:			\$ 00.00
Payment:			
George H. Hosmer, Town Clerk	\$ 20.00		
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TOTAL PAYMENT:		\$ 20.00	

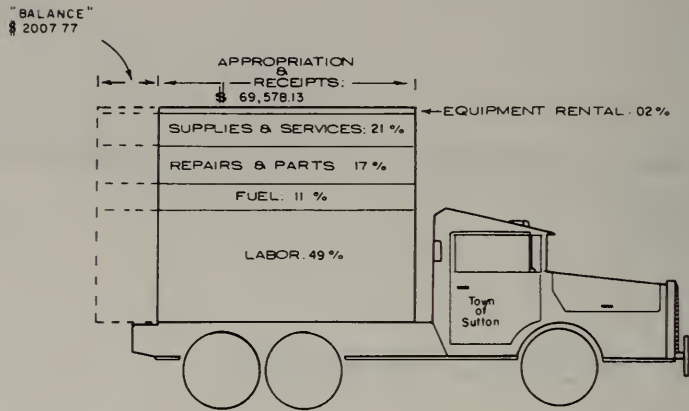
**TOWN DUMP:**



**20. Care of Town Dump**

Appropriation:		\$ 2,500.00	
Receipts:		\$ 40.00	
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Total available:		\$ 2,540.00	
Payments:		\$ 2,912.94	
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Overdraft:			\$ 372.94
Payments:			
Winifred Chadwick	\$ 45.00		
Walter M. Couch	2,727.78		
R. L. Dodge Co.	2.29		
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, Inc.	137.87		
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TOTAL PAYMENTS:		\$ 2,912.94	

# TOWN MAINTENANCE:



## 21. Town Maintenance

Appropriation:	\$68,000.00	
Receipts:		
Gas Tax refunds	\$ 1,171.53	
Services	406.60	
Total available:	\$69,578.13	
Payments:	\$67,570.36	
Balance:		\$ 2,007.77

Summary of Payments:		%
Labor	\$33,086.58	49
Fuel	7,675.03	11
Repairs and parts	11,057.66	17
Supplies and services	11,672.53	17
Equipment rental	1,508.00	02
Services	2,570.56	04
Total payments:	\$67,570.36	100

### Labor:

Eugene F. Crowdle	\$ 8,555.75	
Daniel Fifield	2,577.76	
William R. Fifield	11,276.73	
Dwayne Hickam	3,305.35	
Peter Oberst	61.80	
Daniel Virgin	7,309.19	

Total labor: \$33,086.58

### Fuel:

Tenney Fuel Co.	\$ 6,294.91	
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Warner Fuel Co., Inc.	1,380.12	
Total fuel:		\$ 7,675.03
Repairs and parts:		
Adams Glass	\$ 11.91	
Astles Lumber and Hardware	45.00	
Bailey Brothers	822.62	
Barrett Equipment Co.	89.00	
Car-Go	412.96	
Chadwick-BaRoss	1,207.59	
Connecticut All Wheel Drive	110.53	
Construction Equipment Co.	62.79	
Cressy and Williams	20.24	
Darrel's Service	149.45	
R. L. Dodge and Co.	81.83	
Genest Ford	19.24	
John Grappone	806.15	
Gulf Oil Co. (equipment)	100.00	
R. C. Hazelton	1,485.43	
Henry's Tire Service	181.37	
Hoaglund's Auto Body	13.00	
Jordan-Milton	1,193.36	
Kelley Tractor and Equipment Co.	407.69	
Merriam-Graves Corporation	342.09	
New London Hardware	29.02	
Palmer Spring Co.	46.28	
Panbro Sales	943.86	
Pittsfield Motor Sales	174.66	
Fred Rich	108.00	
Sanel Auto Parts	1,595.31	
E. W. Sleeper	511.94	
United Tire Corp.	57.34	
Weed's Service	29.00	
Total, repairs and parts		\$11,057.66
Materials and Supplies		
B. B. Chain	\$ 455.50	
Blacktop, Inc.	3,531.56	
Neale Carlson	254.00	
Max Cohen and Sons	443.41	
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, Inc.	544.33	
Morton Salt	2,353.21	
International Chemical	441.43	
L. Earl Nichols	939.13	
Northeastern Culvert Co.	1,937.48	
Elodie S. Palmer	680.00	
Smith's Offset	16.48	
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	76.00	
Total, materials and supplies:		\$11,672.53

Equipment Rental:

Wallace R. Brown	\$ 170.00
William R. Fifield	240.00
Donald E. Rowe	936.00
Wayne V. Wheeler	162.00

Total, equipment rental: \$ 1,508.00

Services:

Blue Cross - Blue Shield	\$ 2,031.12
Davis & Towle Agency	539.44

Total, services: \$ 2,570.56

TOTAL ALL PAYMENTS: \$67,570.36

22. General Expenses of Highway Department

Appropriation: \$ 2,500.00

Payments: \$ 2,108.29

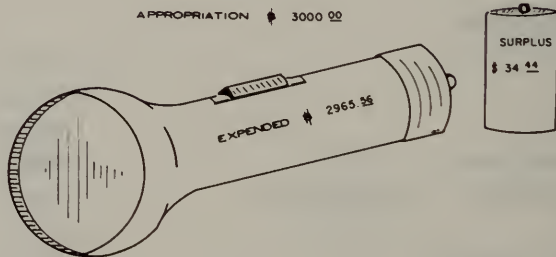
Balance: \$ 391.71

Payments:

Merrimack County Telephone Co.	\$ 309.87
Public Service Co., N.H.	609.63
Sutton General Store	19.96
Vernondale Store	5.70
Warner Fuel Co., Inc.	1,163.13

TOTAL PAYMENTS: \$ 2,108.29

STREET LIGHTING:



23. Street Lighting

Appropriation: \$ 3,000.00

Payments: 2,965.56

Balance: \$ 34.44

Payments:		
Public Service Co., N.H. (Newport)	\$ 2,810.58	
Public Service Co., N.H. (Hillsboro)	\$ 154.98	
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TOTAL PAYMENTS:		\$ 2,965.56
<b>24. "Duncan" — Class V Maintenance</b>		
Receipts:		\$ 7,858.07
Payments:		\$ 7,416.12
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Balance:		\$ 441.95
Payments:		
Labor:		
Eugene F. Crowdle	\$ 736.77	
Daniel Fifield	212.53	
William R. Fifield	1,072.29	
Daniel Virgin	620.24	
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Total, labor		\$ 2,641.83
Services:		
Donald E. Rowe	\$ 1,584.00	
Wallace R. Brown	880.00	
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Total, services		\$ 2,464.00
Supplies:		
Northern Culvert Corp.	\$ 2,310.29	
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Total, services		\$ 2,310.29
TOTAL PAYMENTS:		\$ 7,416.12

<b>25. Town Road Aid</b>		
Appropriation:		\$ 1,404.69
Receipts:		\$ 4,115.01
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Total available:		\$ 5,519.70
Payments:		\$ 4,945.73
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Balance:		\$ 573.97

Payments:

Eugene F. Crowdle	\$ 1,042.70
Daniel Fifield	573.19
William R. Fifield	1,248.49
Daniel Virgin	676.66
State of New Hampshire	1,404.69

TOTAL PAYMENTS: \$ 4,945.73

26. Libraries

Appropriation:	\$ 1,250.00
Receipts, Trust Funds	\$ 4,068.32

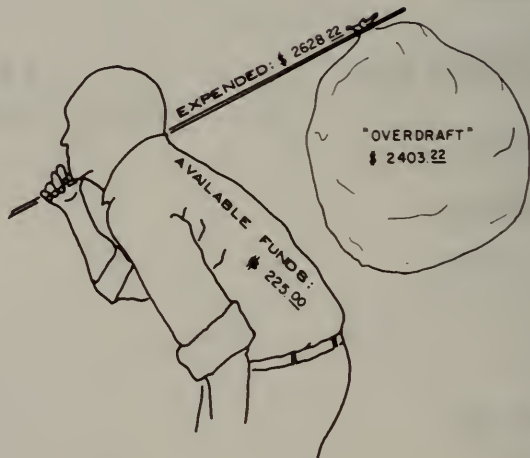
Total available: \$ 5,318.32

Payments:

Trustees, Sutton Free Library	\$ 5,318.32
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TOTAL PAYMENTS: \$ 5,318.32

*TOWN POOR:*



27. Town Poor

Appropriation:	\$ 200.00
Receipts:	\$ 25.00

Total available: \$ 225.00

Payments:		\$ 2,628.22
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Overdraft:		\$ 2,403.22
Payments:		
Teen Haven, Inc.	\$ 2,168.22	
Kathryn Stahl	460.00	
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TOTAL PAYMENTS:		\$ 2,628.22

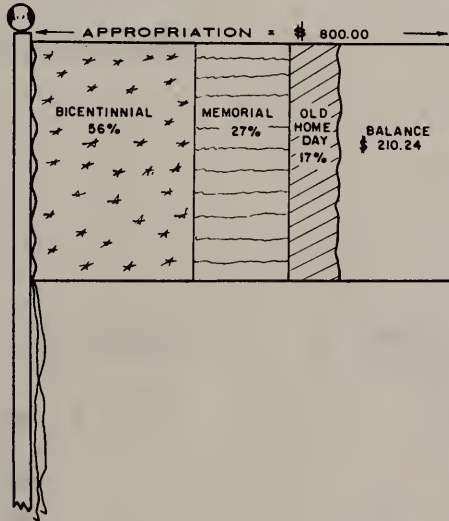
**28. Old Age Assistance**

Appropriation:		\$ 800.00
Payments:		\$ 928.52
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Overdraft:		\$ 128.52

Payments:		
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	\$ 928.52	
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		\$ 928.52
TOTAL PAYMENTS:		\$ 928.52

***PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:***



**29. Patriotic Purposes, Memorial Day and other celebrations**

Appropriation:		\$ 800.00
Payments:		\$ 589.76
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Balance:		\$ 210.24

Payments:

a-c Bi-Centennial:

Barbara L. Allen	\$ 12.50
Robert S. Bristol	10.37
Brown & Saltmarsh	40.10
Chedwado	4.24
Concord Camera Store	41.80
Hill's Mimeo	8.00
Merrimack County Commissioners	50.00
Marguerite B. Rowe	12.50
Rowland's Picture Framing	18.70
Darrell Sykes	83.50
Audrey V. Sylvester	50.55
Vernondale Store	0.50

Total payments: \$ 332.76

a-c Memorial Day

American Legion Post No. 40	\$ 100.00
H. A. Holt and Sons	57.00

Total payments: \$ 157.00

a-c Old Home Day

Old Home Day Association	\$ 100.00
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Total payment \$ 100.00

TOTAL ALL PAYMENTS: \$ 589.76

30. Cemeteries

Receipts: \$ 2,125.07

Payments: \$ 2,128.07

Overdraft: \$ 3.00

Payments:

Eugene F. Crowdle	\$ 40.75
Daniel Fifield	5.78
William R. Fifield	45.03
Dwayne Hickam	30.30
Merrill's Landscape Service	1,895.20
Newport Welding Co.	5.00
Public Service Co., N.H.	36.00
Earl A. Rowe	36.00
Daniel Virgin	34.01

TOTAL PAYMENTS: \$ 2,128.07



**31. Old Store Museum**

Receipts:	\$ 1,000.00	
Payments:	\$ 1,000.00	
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Balance:		\$ 0,000.00

Payments:		
Trustees, Old Store Museum	\$ 1,000.00	
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TOTAL PAYMENT:	\$ 1,000.00	
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**32. Community Action Program**

Appropriation:	\$ 300.00	
Payment:	\$ 300.00	
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Balance:		\$ 000.00

Payment:		
Community Action Program	\$ 300.00	
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TOTAL PAYMENT:	\$ 300.00	
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**33. Advertising & Regional Associations**

Appropriation:	\$ 540.00	
Payment:	\$ 540.00	
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Balance:		\$ 000.00

Payment:		
Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Council	\$ 540.00	
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TOTAL PAYMENTS:	\$ 540.00	
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**34. Damages & Legal Expenses**

Payments:		
C. W. McGinnis	\$ 41.00	
Lawrence O. Fredrickson, Jr.	\$ 75.00	
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\$ 116.00

### 35. Yield Tax Deposits

Received, a-c Deposits	\$ 3,250.00	
Paid to Tax Collector a-c Yield Tax	\$ 1,104.00	
Refunds to Depositors	\$ 135.30	
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Balance owed by Town a-c Taxes to be assessed:		\$ 2,010.70

#### Payments:

Tax Collector, a-c Yield Tax	\$ 1,104.00	
Stephen Y. Meding	120.06	
Controlled Forest Management	15.24	
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Total Payments:		\$ 1,239.30
Balance owed by Town a-c Taxes to be assessed:		\$ 2,010.70

### 36. Taxes Bought By Town

#### Payment:

George H. Hosmer, Collector of Taxes	\$23,433.21
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### 37. Discounts, Abatements & Refunds

#### Payments:

##### a-c Tax adjustments:

Blount, Sumner	\$ 305.10
Bradford, Muriel	32.40
Burnham, Jonathan	32.40
Burns, Robert E.	87.30
Cheney, Luke T.	178.20
Clough, John I.	115.20
Cloues, Alfred S., Jr.	62.10
Demarest, Lee W.	130.50
Engel, John	48.60
Erlandson, Bengt	84.60
Flynn, Jeannie S.	79.20
Forsberg, Charles P.	94.50
Forster, Herman	84.60
Gallagher, James R.	148.50
Granchelli, Avon C.	12.60
Greco, Emily & Anna Beck	6.30
Greenough, Elsa	17.10
Gubbelini, Charles	69.30
Harkins, George	4.21

Headley, William & David	141.30
Hersh, Burton D.	148.96
Hersh, Burton D. & James Eiseman	116.10
Jerram, James	22.50
Kearsarge Valley Golf Club	2,804.40
Kinney, Gary C.	74.70
Lager, Carl E.	15.00
Little, Earl & Isabelle	5.40
Manoogian, Leo & Naomi	9.40
Mather Memorial Hospital	150.30
Morgan Acres, Inc.	5.40
Norflo Estates, Inc.	287.10
Northland N.H., Inc.	559.80
Parker, Barbara	276.30
Petrini, James E.	112.50
Prescott, Wilhelmina	36.00
Preston, Robert Sr.	60.30
Prince, Roy	0.90
Rahr, Otto	159.14
Reardon, Edith	33.30
Robillard, Bratan	341.10
Robinson, Clarence & Rena M.	62.10
Rogers, Clifford A.	18.90
Sagar, Stephen & Susan	46.17
Sawyer, Clifford A.	36.90
Scotto, Anthony	97.20
Smith, Elliot	55.80
Stevenson, Marjorie E.	14.40
Taintor, Helen	88.92
Thompson, Carroll L.	26.10
West, Vernon F. Heirs	23.40
Wheeler, Dorothy	252.00
White, Stephen	38.70
Wilcox, Lawrence V.	38.70
Wooten, John J.	236.70
Wright, Robert W.	214.20
Wunderlich, Anna Heirs	45.00
Wunderlich, Herman	86.40
Yetman, Richard T.	1.33

TOTAL a-c Tax adjustments		\$ 8,335.53
a-c Auto registration:		
Prescott, Wilhelmina	\$ 11.50	
		\$ 11.50
a-c Building Permit		

Myers, Keith	\$ 10.00	
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TOTAL ALL Discounts, abatements & refunds		\$ 8,357.03
<b>38. Social Security</b>		
Appropriation:		\$ 4,000.00
Receipts:		\$ 149.00
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Total available:		\$ 4,149.00
Payments:		\$ 3,531.78
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Balance:		\$ 617.22
Payments:		
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	\$ 3,531.78	
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TOTAL PAYMENTS:		\$ 3,531.78
<b>39. Payments a-c F. E. Nelson Fund</b>		
Receipts:		\$ 262.50
Payments:		\$ 262.50
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Balance:		\$ 00.00
Payments:		
First Baptist Church of Sutton	\$ 100.00	
First Free Will Baptist Church	\$ 100.00	
South Sutton Community Church	\$ 62.50	
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TOTAL PAYMENTS:		\$ 262.50
<b>40. Payments, a-c Eaton School Fund</b>		
Receipts:		\$ 158.00
Payment:		\$ 158.00
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Balance:		\$ 00.00
Payment:		
Kearsarge Regional School District	\$ 158.00	
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TOTAL PAYMENTS:		\$ 158.00

**41. Legal Fee, a-c King Ridge**

Appropriation:	\$ 2,764.46	
Payment:	\$ 2,782.46	
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Overdraft:		\$ 18.00
Payment:		
Upton, Sanders & Smith	\$ 2,782.46	
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TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$ 2,782.46	

**43. Truck, Highway Department**

Receipts:		
Appropriation, taxes	\$ 4,000.00	
Withdrawn, Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 3,000.00	
Withdrawn, Revenue Sharing Funds	\$ 5,000.00	
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Total available:	\$12,000.00	
Payment:	\$ 9,136.76	
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Balance:		\$ 2,863.24
Payment:		
Genest Ford, Inc.	\$ 9,136.76	
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TOTAL PAYMENT:	\$ 9,136.76	

**44. Solid Waste Disposal**

Receipts:		
Withdrawn, Revenue Sharing Funds	\$ 1,100.00	
Payments:	\$ 1,424.27	
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Balance due from Revenue Sharing Account		\$ 324.27
Payments:		
Robert S. Bristol & Associates	\$ 1,100.00	
Winifred Chadwick	15.00	
R. L. Dodge Co.	16.36	
Eugene F. Crowdle	34.80	
Daniel Fifield	26.73	
William R. Fifield	69.72	
Daniel Virgin	29.76	
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TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$ 1,424.27	
Balance due from Revenue Sharing Account		\$ 324.27

**45. War Memorial**

Receipts:

Withdrawn, Capital Reserve Fund \$ 791.09

Payments: \$ 817.59

Balance due from Capital Reserve Fund \$ 26.50

Payments:

Chadwick & Whittemore \$ 26.50

Janet M. MacGray 20.00

Perry Brothers Monument Co. 735.00

Viola A. Thompson 15.94

John J. Wooten 20.15

TOTAL PAYMENTS: \$ 817.59

Balance due from Capital Reserve Fund \$ 26.50

**46. Interest**

Appropriations;

a-c Long Term Notes \$ 2,370.00

a-c Temporary Loans 500.00

Receipts:

a-c Taxes \$ 3,861.72

Total available: \$ 6,731.72

Payments: \$ 5,895.49

Balance: \$ 836.33

Payments:

a-c Refunds \$ 81.46

New London Trust Co., (Temporary) 3,473.34

First Citizens National Bank (grader) 197.25

First Citizens National Bank (Reval) 220.00

First Citizens National Bank (F. Sta.) 1,923.44

TOTAL PAYMENTS: \$ 5,895.49

Balance: \$ 836.33

**47. Principal, Long Term Notes**

Appropriation: \$15,480.00

Payments: \$15,480.00

Balance: \$ 00.00

<b>Payments:</b>		
First Citizens National Bank (Grader)	\$ 4,000.00	
First Citizens National Bank (Reval.)	4,000.00	
First Citizens National Bank (F. Sta.)	7,480.00	
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<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS:</b>		<b>\$15,480.00</b>
<b>48. Principal, Anticipation of Taxes</b>		
Receipts:		\$155,000.00
Payments:		\$155,000.00
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Balance:		\$ 00.00
Payments:		
New London Trust Company	\$155,000.00	
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<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS:</b>		<b>\$155,000.00</b>
<b>49. Revenue Sharing Funds</b>		
Receipts:		\$17,219.00
Payments:		\$17,219.00
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Balance:		\$ 00.00
Payments:		
Sugar River Savings Bank	\$17,219.00	
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Total Payments:		\$17,219.00
<b>50. Capital Reserve Funds:</b>		
Appropriations:		\$10,250.00
Payments:		\$10,250.00
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Balance:		\$ 00.00
Payments:		
Trustees of Trust Funds (Solid Waste)	\$10,000.00	
Trustees of Trust Funds (Fire Dep't.)	250.00	
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<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS:</b>		<b>\$10,250.00</b>

**51. New Trust Funds**

Receipts:	\$ 555.34	
Payments:	\$ 555.00	
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Balance:		\$ 0.34

Payments:

Trustees of Trust Funds:

a-c Peter Coe	\$ 140.00
a-c Lawrence & Margaret Ford	70.00
a-c Robert Langley	75.00
a-c Mabel M. Nelson	100.00
a-c Arline & Stuart Bruce Pepper	170.00
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TOTAL PAYMENTS:	\$ 555.00	
Balance:		\$ 0.34

**52. Payments to State of New Hampshire**

Payment:

State of New Hampshire	
a-c 2 percent Debt Retirement Tax	\$ 346.79
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TOTAL PAYMENT:	\$ 346.79
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**53. County of Merrimack**

Appropriation:	\$49,493.18	
Payment:	\$49,493.18	
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Balance:		\$ 00.00

Payment:

Treasurer, County of Merrimack	\$49,493.18
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TOTAL PAYMENT:	\$49,493.18
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**54. School District**

Balance due, 1975-76 appropriation	\$149,287.28
Appropriation, 1976-77	\$317,364.53
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Total due:	\$466,651.81



Payments:	\$228,789.65	
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Balance due; 1976-77 by June 30, 1977		\$237,862.16

Payments:	
Kearsarge Regional District a-c 1975-76	\$149,287.28
Kearsarge Regional District a-c 1976-77	\$ 79,502.37
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<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS:</b>	<b>\$228,789.65</b>
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State Senate President Alf E. Jacobson presents "Certificate of Official Recognition" as Bicentennial Community to Robert Bristol, Chairman, Town's Bicentennial Committee. May 2, 1976.

**SUTTON FREE LIBRARY**

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 1976**

Cash on Hand and in Bank January 1, 1976 \$ 207.42

**Cash Receipts**

Grace P. Nelson Trust Fund	\$3,853.24
Common Trust Fund	215.08
Town of Sutton - Appropriation - Librarian Salary and Social Security	1,250.00
Donations - Sale of Refreshments	191.71
Purchase Discount	3.11
Total Cash Receipts	<u>5,513.14</u>
Total Cash Receipts and Cash Balance, January 1, 1976	<u>\$5,720.56</u>

**Expenses**

Purchases - Books and Magazines	\$1,875.36
Librarian Salary	1,389.20
Fuel	468.06
Electricity	393.44
Telephone	162.16
Maintenance - Grounds	343.50
-Building	283.67
Book Mail and Postage	45.69
Photos	95.50
Social Security Expense	149.00
Cleaning Library	82.80
Donations	60.00
Refreshments	33.36
Book Reviews	72.00
Projector Repairs	42.43
Miscellaneous Supplies - Other	67.48
Advertising	14.50
Bank Service Charge	8.69
Total Expenses	<u>\$5,586.84</u>

Cash on Hand and in Bank December 31, 1976 \$ 133.72

Cash in Bank - Sugar River Savings Bank	\$ 91.66
- First Citizens National Bank - Checking	42.06
	<u>133.72</u>
	\$ 133.72

Millie R. Chapman,  
Treasurer



Kohlrausch Memorial Covered Bridge, dedicated July 4, 1976, Peter Whitcomb cuts the ribbon.

**REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF SUTTON, N.H. YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1976**  
**PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT**

Date of Creation	Name of TRUST FUND	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	%	Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Balance End of Year
	<b>Cemetery, various</b>	<b>Perpetual Care</b>	<b>Savings Banks</b>	<b>5 1/4</b>	<b>\$30,561.81</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>\$ 30,561.81</b>
1-30-76	Arline - Stuart Pepper	Perpetual Care	Sugar River Svgs.	5 1/4		70.00	70.00
4-29-76	Lawrence-Margaret Ford	Perpetual Care	Sugar River Svgs.	5 1/4		70.00	70.00
5-12-76	Peter Coe	Perpetual Care	Sugar River Svgs.	5 1/4		140.00	140.00
12-14-76	Robert Langley	Perpetual Care	Sugar River Svgs.	5 1/4		75.00	75.00
12-14-76	Mabel M. Nelson	Perpetual Care	Sugar River Svgs.	5 1/4		100.00	100.00
<b>Total a-c Cemetery Funds</b>					<b>\$30,561.81</b>	<b>\$ 455.00</b>	<b>\$ 31,016.81</b>
	<b>Library, Various</b>	<b>Library</b>	<b>Certificates</b>				
1971	Grace P. Nelson	Library	Sugar River Svgs.	7 3/4	\$48,560.10		\$ 48,560.10
1974	John Pressy	Library	Sugar River Svgs.	7 1/2	1,000.00		1,000.00
1974	Orin Nelson	Library	Sugar River Svgs.	7 1/2	1,000.00		1,000.00
1974	Lewis C. Richards	Library	Sugar River Svgs.	7 1/2	300.00		300.00
1974	Douglas Anderson	Library	Sugar River Svgs.	7 1/2	500.00		500.00
<b>Total a-c Library Funds</b>					<b>\$51,360.10</b>		<b>\$ 51,360.10</b>
	<b>Capital Reserve Funds</b>	<b>Various</b>					
1968	Town of Sutton	Land, Buildings	Sugar River Svgs.	5 1/4			
1944	Fred E. Nelson	Library, School, Churches	Sugar River Svgs.	5 1/4	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
1968	Capital Reserve	War Memorial	Sugar River Svgs.	5 1/4	1,500.00		1,500.00
1959	Capital Reserve	Town Bridges	Sugar River Svgs.	5 1/4	1,065.14		1,065.14
1961	Capital Reserve	Fire Department	Sugar River Svgs.	5 1/4	2,572.15	250.00	2,822.15
1974	Capital Reserve	Conservation Commission	Sugar River Svgs.	5 1/4	1,000.00		1,000.00
1975	Capital Reserve	Highway Equipment	Sugar River Svgs.	5 1/4	3,000.00	(3,000.00)	00.00
1975	Capital Reserve	Solid Waste Disposal	Sugar River Svgs.	5 1/4	4,000.00	10,000.00	14,000.00
<b>Total a-c Capital Reserve Funds</b>					<b>\$18,137.29</b>	<b>\$ 7,250.00</b>	<b>\$ 25,387.29</b>
	<b>Other Trusts</b>						
1909	Mary Eaton	School	Concord Svgs.	5 1/4	\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00
1944	Fred Nelson	Town Fund	Concord Svgs.	5 1/4	2,500.00		2,500.00
1916	Orin Nelson	Worthy Poor	N.H. Svgs. Bank	5 1/4	1,000.00		1,000.00
1930	John Eaton	School Fund	N.H. Svgs. Bank	5 1/4	500.00		500.00
1966	Old Store Museum	Town Museum	Sugar River Svgs.	5 1/4	7,063.88		7,063.88
1966	Old Store Museum	Town Museum	N.H. Svgs. Bank	5 1/4	3,054.37		3,054.37
<b>Total a-c Other Trusts</b>					<b>14,268.25</b>		<b>14,268.25</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL TRUSTS</b>					<b>\$114,327.45</b>	<b>\$ 7,705.00</b>	<b>\$122,032.45</b>

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF SUTTON, N.H. YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1976  
 INCOME ACCOUNT

Name of TRUST FUND	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year
<b>Cemetery, various</b>	<b>\$ 4,383.27</b>	<b>\$ 1,914.17</b>	<b>\$ 2,125.07</b>	<b>\$ 4,172.37</b>
Arline - Stuart Pepper	00.00	6.85	00.00	6.85
Lawrence-Margaret Ford	00.00	2.22	00.00	2.22
Peter Coe	00.00	4.17	00.00	4.17
Robert Langley	00.00	0.00	00.00	0.00
Mabel M. Nelson	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
<b>Total a-c Cemetery Funds</b>	<b>\$ 4,383.27</b>	<b>\$ 1,927.41</b>	<b>\$ 2,125.07</b>	<b>\$ 4,185.61</b>
<b>Library Funds</b>				
Grace P. Nelson	00.00	3,853.24	3,853.24	0.00
John Pressy	00.00	76.83	76.83	0.00
Orin Nelson	00.00	76.83	76.83	0.00
Lewis C. Richards	00.00	23.01	23.01	0.00
Douglas Anderson	00.00	38.41	38.41	0.00
<b>Total a-c Library Funds</b>	<b>00.00</b>	<b>4,068.32</b>	<b>4,068.32</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Capital Reserve Funds</b>				
Town of Sutton	\$ 113.45	\$ 6.20	\$ 0.00	\$ 119.65
Fred E. Nelson	396.33	295.31	262.50	429.14
War Memorial	635.13	108.42	791.09	(47.54)
Town Bridges	9.59	53.72	0.00	63.31
Fire Department	507.47	167.68	0.00	675.15
Conservation Commission	31.03	51.56	0.00	82.59
Highway Equipment	31.97	103.91	0.00	135.88
Solid Waste Disposal	188.05	228.96	0.00	417.01
<b>Special Accounts</b>				
Orin Nelson	800.10	43.74	0.00	843.84
John Eaton	582.25	31.83	0.00	614.08
Mary Eaton	373.48	20.42	158.00	235.90
<b>Total a-c Capital Reserve &amp; Special Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 3,668.85</b>	<b>\$ 1,111.75</b>	<b>\$ 1,211.59</b>	<b>\$ 3,569.01</b>
<b>Other Trusts</b>				
Mary Eaton	\$ 6.90	\$ 8.54	\$ 0.00	\$ 15.44
Fred Nelson	634.39	171.31	0.00	805.70
Orin Nelson	45.66	57.16	0.00	102.82
John Eaton	22.82	28.59	0.00	51.41
Old Store Museum	836.88	416.12	1,000.00	253.00
Old Store Museum	1,448.64	246.20	0.00	1,694.84
<b>Total a-c Other Trusts</b>	<b>\$ 2,995.29</b>	<b>\$ 927.92</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,923.21</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL TRUSTS</b>	<b>\$11,047.41</b>	<b>\$ 8,035.40</b>	<b>\$ 8,404.98</b>	<b>\$10,677.83</b>

BIRTHS

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUTTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1976

Date and Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Name of Father and Mother's Maiden Name	Residence of Mother	Birthplace of Father & Mother
May 18, 1976 New London, N. H.	Stephen Edward Chellis	M	Stephen S. Chellis Barbara A. Lorden	North Sutton New Hampshire	New Hampshire New Hampshire
June 9, 1976 New London, N. H.	Raymond B. Spaulding II	M	Raymond B. Spaulding Doris A. Sholes	North Sutton New Hampshire	New Hampshire New Hampshire
June 27, 1976	Sean Kelly Connors	M	Lester J. Connors Mary R. Olson	North Sutton New Hampshire	Massachusetts Michigan
June 30, 1976 New London, N. H.	Matthew Thomas Fencil	M	Thomas J. Fencil Kathleen Healy	South Sutton New Hampshire	New York New York
July 30, 1976 Concord, N. H.	James Peter Kavalauskas	M	Peter J. Kavalauskas Nancy A. Kelly	North Sutton New Hampshire	Connecticut Connecticut
August 17, 1976 Concord, N. H.	Bria Jean Seay	F	Wesley D. Seay Janice B. Sullivan	North Sutton New Hampshire	So. Dakota Massachusetts
September 24, 1976 New London, N. H.	Phillip Frederick Salathe, Jr.	M	Phillip F. Salathe Diane E. Patten	South Sutton New Hampshire	Massachusetts Massachusetts
November 7, 1976 Hanover, N. H.	Bobby Lee Ackerson	M	Randy L. Ackerson Betty J. Ballet	North Sutton New Hampshire	New Hampshire Florida
November 9, 1976 Claremont, N. H.	Janice Marie Partridge	F	Lawrence W. Partridge Jr. Marie D. Young	Sutton New Hampshire	New Hampshire New Hampshire
November 25, 1976 New London, N. H.	Valerie June Gardiner	F	Lohman Gardiner Jr. Sandra Rose Chadwick	Sutton New Hampshire	Maine New Hampshire

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

George H. Hosmer, Sr.

Town Clerk

MARRIAGES

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUTTON, N. H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1976

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Date of Birth of Each
April 27, 1976	North Sutton, N. H.	Donald Ernest Haynes Brenda Joyce Hatch	Danbury, N. H. Danbury, N. H.	01-12-54 01-23-58
July 6, 1976	North Sutton, N. H.	Walter Hughes Corbett Sharon Lee Hickman	Attleboro, Mass. Naughton, Mass.	10-08-27 11-03-43
September 11, 1976	South Sutton, N.H.	Paul M. McAllister Dawnah E. Grover	Lebanon, N.H. Lebanon, N. H.	05-27-47 02-22-56
September 11, 1976	South Newbury, N.H.	James Eugene Jillson Doreena LaPorte	Fort Worth, Texas South Sutton, N.H.	01-22-53 06-15-53
September 20, 1976	Windham, N. H.	Glenn Allen Grubbs Jr. Debra Ann Cameron	North Sutton, N. H. North Sutton, N. H.	12-13-53 09-03-52
October 16, 1976	South Sutton, N. H.	David Donald Doran Kim Ann Lowe	North Sutton, N. H. South Sutton, N. H.	05-05-52 12-18-56
March 22, 1976	Wilmot, N. H.	Jon Frederick Kendall Jeanette Marie Rocheleau	South Sutton, N. H. South Sutton, N. H.	12-07-52 11-03-58
November 7, 1976	Bradford, N. H.	Frederick Leo Willett Christine May Wheeler	Bradford, N. H. South Sutton, N. H.	09-19-51 01-03-58
November 13, 1976	Contoocook, N. H.	Alexander D. McKinnon Jr. Kathleen Marie Coe	Sutton, N. H. Sutton, N. H.	02-18-56 06-10-58

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

George H. Hosmer, Sr.

Town Clerk,  
Sutton, N. H.

DEATHS

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUTTON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1976

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age	Place of Birth
February 25, 1976	Hanover, N. H.	Carol L. Coe	37	New York
March 20, 1976	New London, N. H.	Ida C. Mourison	80	Massachusetts
April 11, 1976	New London, N. H.	Margaret F. Chadwick	84	New York
March 24, 1976	Haverhill, Mass.	Arthur Guilmond	70	Lynn, Massachusetts
April 14, 1976	Boscawen, N. H.	Elsie Cassidy	93	Wisconsin
May 22, 1976	South Sutton, N. H.	Sarah E. MacAllister	81	Cambridge, Mass.
June 9, 1976	New London, N. H.	Daniel J. Cronin	90	New Hampshire
June 22, 1976	New London, N. H.	Philip A. Denault	85	New Hampshire
July 29, 1976	Meriden, Connecticut	William E. Mason, Jr.	-	New Hampshire
August 29, 1976	Hanover, N. H.	Bernard T. Antonis	61	Illinois
September 23, 1976	Boscawen, N. H.	Margaret Weed	67	New Hampshire
September 24, 1976	Boscawen, N. H.	Ellon Downes	85	New Hampshire
November 30, 1976	East Andover, N. H.	Helen F. Seavey	86	New Hampshire

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

George H. Hosmer, Sr.  
Town Clerk





Mrs. Lois Palmer and son Scott and Mrs. Katherine Palmer attending Flag Presentation ceremony, May 2, 1976.



William Kidder, Jr. and David Kidder "firing up" the old field piece, at ceremonies of presentation of Bi-centennial flag. May 2, 1976.





