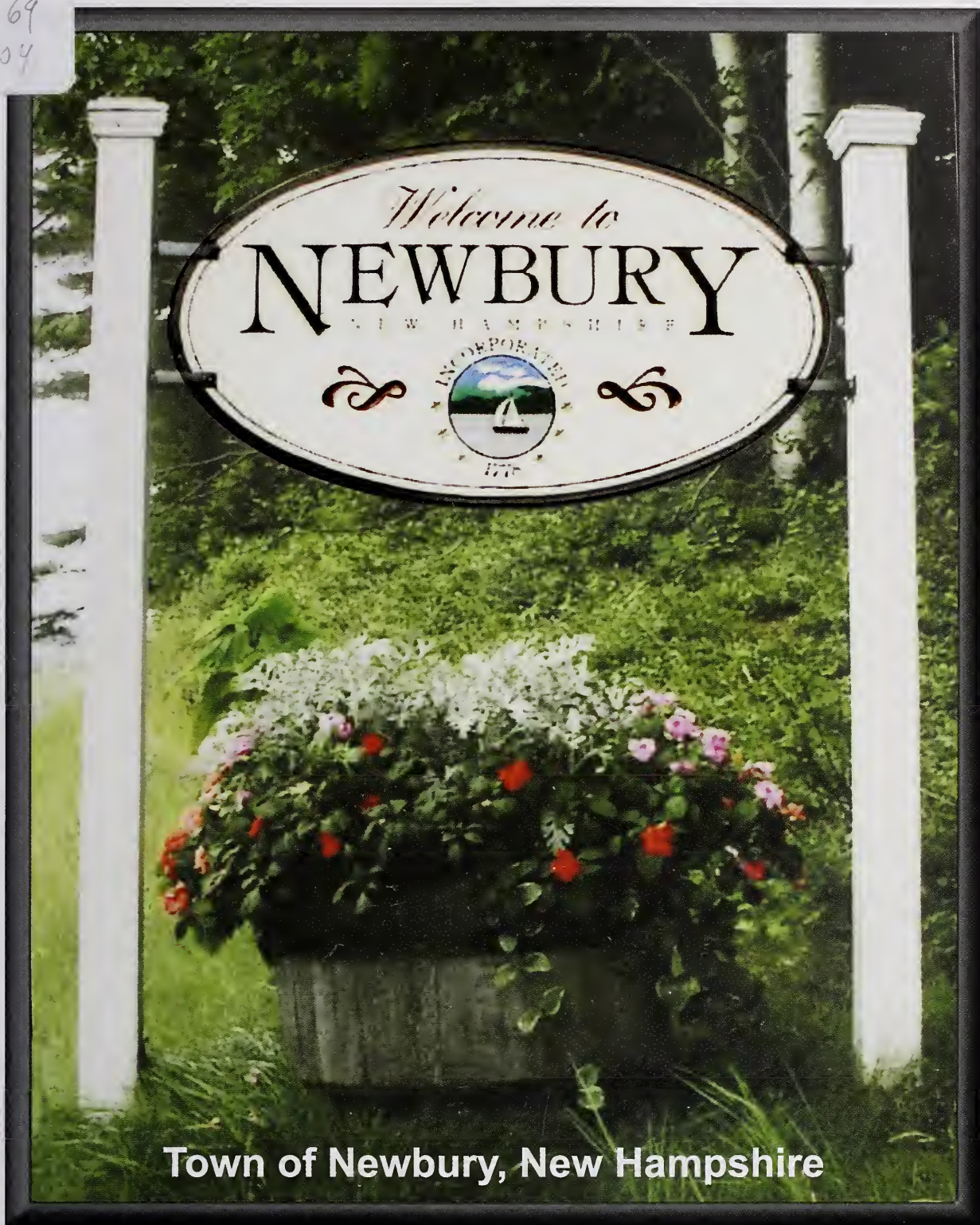


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Flowers planted by the local Girl Scouts



Flowers planted by Newbury Beautification Committee

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Annual Report
of the Selectmen, Treasurer, and other
Town Officers
for the Town of Newbury, New Hampshire



for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2004
with the Vital Statistics for the Year 2004

Front cover courtesy Tom Nowell

*This page: Jamie Tallman of Bruss Construction launches the goose
at the Town Hall addition. Photo courtesy Shelly Candidus.*

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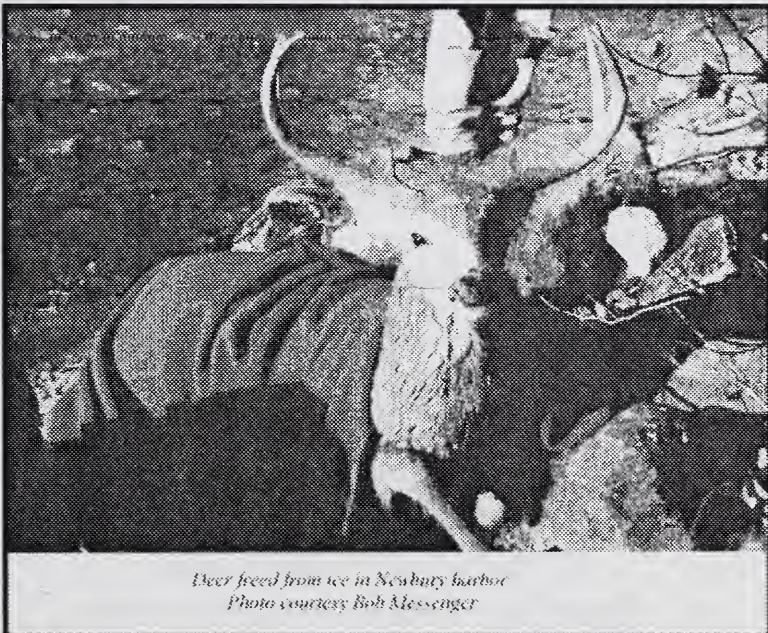
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In Recognition

This report is dedicated to the men and women of Newbury and neighboring towns who give their time and talents to keeping all our residents safe, secure, and protected. We are proud of and grateful to Newbury's Fire and Police departments, Bradford Rescue Squad, and those tireless volunteers who join forces to provide mutual aid to our area citizens.

Our fire and rescue organizations are made up of volunteers who come to our aid day and night, in any and all weather, and give us fast, expert, and caring service. These responders have special skills and training to handle all sorts of needs and emergencies. And they are always ready to go the extra mile to see to the safety and well-being of our human and non-human native population.

We salute you!



Town Officers

Selectmen*

Jim Powell, Chairman, term expires 2005

Gary Budd, term expires 2006

Richard Wright, term expires 2007

Town Administrator **

Dennis J. Pavlicek

Moderator*

Nancy Marashio, term expires 2006

Deputy Moderator*****

Vincent Iacopino

Representative to the General Court

Patricia McMahon

Town Clerk and Tax Collector*

Linda Champy, term expires 2006

Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Tax Collector**

Martha von Redlich

Treasurer*

Jennifer Goin, term expires 2005

Deputy Treasurer**

Debbie Sias

Trustees of Trust Funds*

Daniel H. Wolf, term expires 2005

Claire Vannatta, term expires 2006
Clayton Johnson, term expires 2007

Library Trustees*

Beverly Wolf, term expires 2005
Paula Falkowski, term expires 2006
Elizabeth Tentarelli, term expires 2007

**Newbury Member,
Kearsarge Regional School Board**
Dan Wolf, term expires 2005

**Newbury Member,
Kearsarge Regional School District
Municipal Budget Committee**
open

Supervisors of the Checklist*

Lane Bellman, term expires 2005
Clayton Johnson, term expires 2007
Al Bachelder, term expires 2009

Cemetery Trustees*

Charles Crickman, term expires 2005
Mary Bachelder, term expires 2006
Doris Morrow, term expires 2007

Planning Board*

Barbara Freeman, Chair, term expires 2005
William Weiler, Vice Chair, term expires 2005
David Thayer, term expires 2007
Ron Williams, term expires 2006
open, term to expire 2006
Al Bachelder, term expires 2007
Gary Budd, Ex-Officio Selectman, term expires 2007
Deane Geddes, Alternate, term expires 2007
Lacy Cluff, Alternate, term expires 2007, Land
Use Board Coordinator

Zoning Board of Adjustment*

Thomas Vannatta, Chair, term expires 2007
Betsy Soper, Vice Chair, term expires 2005
Ernie Paganan, term expires 2005
Tanya McIntire, term expires 2006
Katheryn Holmes, term expires 2007
William Cluff, Alternate, terms expires 2006
Alex Azodi, Alternate, term expires 2006
Helen Wright, Alternate, term expires 2007
Lacy Cluff, Land Use Board Coordinator

Chief of Police**

James S. Valiquet (ret. 12/31/04)

Chief of Fire Department****

Henry E. Thomas, Jr.

Officer of Emergency Management**

Jim Powell

Code Enforcement Officer**

Paul LaCasse

Highway Administrator**

Calvin Prussman, Jr.

Family Services Director**

Gail Bostic

Inspectors of Election**

Doris Newell, term expires 2005

Clare Bensley, term expires 2005

Election Officials*****

Claire Thomas

Alice Lynn

Conservation Commission**

William Weiler, Chair, term expires 2006

Suzanne Levine, term expires 2005

William Annable, term expires 2005

Eric Unger, term expires 2007

Ken Ames, term expires 2007

Clare Bensley, Alternate, term expires 2007

Dean Geddes, Alternate, term expires 2007

Frank Perrotta, Alternate, term expires 2007

Forest Fire Warden***

Dave Smith

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens***

John G. Croteau, Kevin Walker,
Henry E. Thomas, Jr., Ed Thorson,
Michael Bascom

* Elected at Town Meeting

** Appointed by Selectmen

*** State Appointment

****Elected by Fire Department

*****Appointed by Moderator



*Enjoying the town Holiday Party:
Dennis Pavlicek, Town Administrator;
Richard Wright, Selectman; Harry
Seidel, Parks & Rec Director
Photo courtesy Shelly Candulus*

Selectmen's Report

Change – some of us embrace it, some of us fear it, but the reality is that change is inevitable. Many changes took place in Newbury during 2004. The Board of Selectmen believes that those changes will have a positive impact on our community.

A positive change occurred in June, when the Town welcomed back Dennis Pavlicek, our town administrator. After a brief “hiatus” in Norwich, Vermont, Dennis came to his senses and returned to Newbury. We welcome the experience, leadership and enthusiasm that he brings to this position.

During October, the town administrators from Newbury, Sunapee and New London presented their Boards of Selectmen with a proposal for hiring a “Joint Assessor” to serve the three communities. The Joint Selectmen have embraced this proposal as it was clear from the comprehensive presentation that not only will we realize a cost benefit, but we will be gaining more standardized assessing within our three communities. This approach should alleviate many of the issues associated with our town revaluations.

With regret, the selectmen accepted the retirement of Police Chief Jim Valiquet in December. Chief Valiquet gave Newbury 13 years of service. His dedication to his responsibilities and the residents of Newbury will be missed. We hope that this change will bring Newbury a new police chief with the same enthusiasm and commitment that the citizens received from Jim.

We were delighted to learn that Alan Brown was named Librarian of the Year by the New Hampshire Library Trustees. We applaud his many accomplishments and recognize his dedication to residents of the community.

The selectmen would also like to recognize a few employee landmarks. Speaking of Alan Brown, 2004 marked his 10th anniversary. Churchill Heselton and Linda Champy reached their 15-year anniversaries, and Henry Thomas reaches his 25th this year. Howard Eaton has been with us since 1967! A special thanks goes out to them and all the dedicated employees working for the town.

The Board of Selectmen also wishes to recognize the volunteers who serve the town of Newbury. Without all their efforts, Newbury would not be the wonderful place that it is to live. We urge all of you to contact the Newbury Town Office if you are interested in helping the town. Volunteer positions include the Planning and Zoning Boards, Beautification Committee, Recreation Department, Cemetery Trustees, coaching through the Bradford-Newbury-Sutton Youth program, local school aides, the Town Library, volunteer firemen and many others. Your interest and effort can help us to build a stronger community.

The 2003 Selectmen's Report indicated that, "resolution will come to the proposed Wild Goose site for a boat launch, meeting the state requirement for public access to the lake." It was anticipated that resolution would take place during 2004. With that said, the alternative to the Fish & Game proposal, Senate Bill #512, submitted by our former State Senator Clifton Below, was rejected by the

State. The Board is hesitant to say that we anticipate a solution in 2005. We believe public hearings on this subject will take place before any further action. We continue to monitor this subject and will report any information as it becomes available.

At the Annual Meeting in March 2004, the Town voted to appropriate funds for a new highway garage and an addition to the town office building. As of this writing, the town office project is on schedule but because of delays for unanticipated site work, the highway garage will not be completed until later this year. Both these projects address the town's need for expanded space due to growth. The Board has monitored the work while attempting to maintain as fiscally responsible a budget as possible.

At the 2005 Annual Meeting, the selectmen will submit a warrant article recommending the purchase of the property known as "Bald Sunapee" on Route 103. While the Board recognizes that a specific long-range plan for using current and proposed town buildings is not yet in place, the location of this property adjacent to the library and town offices makes it an ideal spot for future expansion. The Board of Selectmen has initiated a review of all town-owned buildings, currently being done by an independent citizens' committee, to insure the most efficient use of each of them.

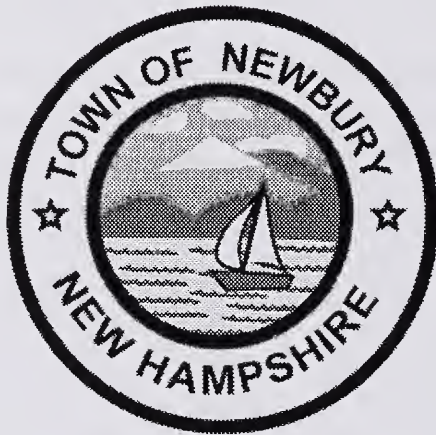
Mount Sunapee Resort's proposed expansion project continues to be a much debated topic. The selectmen are expending every effort to work towards a solution which meets the best interests of the community.

The Fishersfield recreation project continues to elicit

enthusiasm among many residents. The project is moving forward according to plan, with much initial site work being accomplished during 2004. The “Parks and Recreation” report within this Annual Report will give you more updates.

Again, the selectmen thank all the volunteers and town employees, for without you Newbury would not be the special place it is.

Jim Powell (Chair)
Richard Wright
Gary Budd



Town Administrator's Report

When author Thomas Wolfe wrote *You Can't Go Home Again*, he obviously didn't know about Newbury, New Hampshire. I have been fortunate to find out that not only is a return home possible, but it's a very rewarding experience. When I came back to Newbury last June, more than 100 old and new friends took the time and trouble to give me a warm welcome. Their best wishes have made this homecoming a great new beginning for me. Thanks to all of you for your support.

Not surprisingly, I found new town plans and projects under way as I resumed office. The most evident of these are the new Highway Garage and the renovation of the Town Office building, including a spacious new addition. These projects, approved at last year's Town Meeting, grew out of the need for more space for staff and equipment – a direct result of the growth in the town.

Work on the new Highway garage is going forward after a late start. There were unforeseen difficulties and delays in preparing the site for construction due to problems with extensive rock and ledge that had to be excavated. This preliminary portion of the job took more time and money than anticipated, exceeding budget by more than \$125,000 to prepare the site. The Board of Selectmen decided to go forward and try to find cost savings in the Highway budget, rather than having to come back to the residents. This they were able to do. As a consequence of the extra preparation time, we fell behind schedule on the construction phase, but the framework of the new building

is now up and we expect to move in this summer and have full use of the new building and salt shed this upcoming winter.

On a positive note, work on the Town Office building is going forward on schedule and within budget. The Building Committee worked with architect Peter Tennant to design a striking new plan, including a new meeting room, enlarged lobby, and new office space. We expect construction work to be complete by the end of March, and additional site work, including landscaping and paving, will be done this spring. We think you'll be proud of your new Town Office.

These building projects have had an impact on the 2005 budget, accounting for an increase of \$244,355 in debt service, which reflects the principal and interest to be paid on a 10-year bond for the new buildings. The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee have reviewed all the budgets and were able to make several cost savings. Another increase which they approved was Newbury's hosting of a joint assessor who will serve Sunapee, New London, and Newbury. The towns believe that sharing an assessor will give us greater consistency in property assessments and will also help us save considerable sums of money by doing revaluations in-house. In addition, this increased expense will be partly offset by revenues.

Even though the total budget is up, our revenues have increased significantly and we will not have to put aside as much money for abatements as we did last year. If the proposed 2005 budget and all the warrant articles are approved at Town Meeting as presented, the town portion

of the tax rate will be reduced. I am projecting the decrease to be approximately \$.03 per thousand.

While “coming home” has brought its share of challenges, overall it has been a time for reassessments, changes, and steps forward in our continued dedication to make Newbury the best town it can be. I am grateful for the support of the selectmen and the staff in all departments, who work well together even under difficult circumstances. Special thanks to the office staff, who have been able to keep going forward in the face of daily demolition and reconstruction.

Dennis Pavlicek
Town Administrator

Town Clerk

Debit

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	\$393,293.10
Dog Licenses Issued	1,998.50
UCC Filings	690.00
Boat Registrations	7,313.01
Vital Record	743.00
Filing for Offices	12.00
Miscellaneous.	194.74
Total Debits	\$404,244.35

Credit

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	\$393,293.10
Dog Licenses Issued	1,998.50
UCC Filings	690.00
Boat Registrations	7,313.01
Vital Record	743.00
Filing for Offices	12.00
Miscellaneous.	194.74
Total Credits	\$404,244.35

**Treasurer
General Fund 2004
Receipts**

Received from Tax Collector	\$8,528,311.71
Received from Town Clerk	\$404,244.35
Received from State of NH	\$179,583.55
Police Private Duty	\$6,034.00
Police Reports	\$1,901.00
Police Fines	\$2,361.54
Cemetery Lots	\$1,400.00
Building Permits	\$11,511.93
Pistol Permits	\$50.00
Reimbursements	\$18,226.33
Planning Board	\$3,737.70
Zoning Board	\$871.35
Recycling	\$12,977.10
Capital Projects	\$0.00
TAN	\$0.00
Town Office	\$60,696.73
Tax Lien	\$0.00
Park & Recreation	\$3,050.00
Interest on Checking Account	\$17,994.13
Sale of Town Property	\$500.00
Donations	\$0.00
Highway Department	\$86,171.27
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$12,985.00
Cable Fees	\$5,844.42
Miscellaneous	\$7,810.87
Transfer Station	<u>\$12,946.00</u>
Total	\$9,379,208.98
Transfers to and from Investment Accounts	-\$281,222.91
Beginning Balance January 1, 2004	<u>\$1,873,977.64</u>
Total Receipts & Beginning Balance	\$10,971,963.71
Selectmen's Orders Paid	<u>(\$8,538,787.22)</u>
Balance on December 31, 2004	\$2,433,176.49

Jennifer J. Goin, Treasurer

Investment Accounts

NH Public Deposit Investment Pool

Balance January 1, 2004	\$1,084.39
Plus: Interest	\$10.78
Plus: Deposits	\$0.00
Less: Transfers	<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2004	\$1,095.17

Mascoma Savings Bank

Balance January 1, 2004	\$11,550.05
Plus: Deposits	\$1,750,200.00
Plus: Interest	\$839.08
Less: Transfers	<u>(\$1,750,849.53)</u>
Balance December 31, 2004	\$11,739.60

Blodgett Sewer Money Market Account

Balance January 1, 2004	\$32,719.15
Plus: Interest	\$158.60
Less: Transfers	<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2004	\$32,877.75

Conservation Commission

Balance January 1, 2004	\$127,227.68
Plus: Interest	\$3,215.69
Less: Transfers	(\$46,411.71)
Plus: Transfers	<u>\$85,797.71</u>
Balance December 31, 2004	\$169,829.37

Recreation Revolving Fund

Balance January 1, 2004	\$1,101.16
Plus: Interest	\$2.75
Less: Transfers	(\$500.00)
Plus: Transfers	<u>\$375.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2004	\$978.91

Newbury Beautification Committee

Balance January 1, 2004	\$0
Plus: Interest	\$0.40
Less: Transfers	\$22.45
Plus: Transfers	\$1,267.14
Balance December 31, 2004	\$1,245.09

Report of The Trust Funds of The Town of Newbury, New Hampshire on December 31, 2004

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND <small>List first three funds, nested in 3 column trust fund</small>	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED <small>Where bank deposits held - bonds etc. (if Common Trusts only)</small>	PRINCIPAL					INCOME			Grand Total Of Principal & Income at End of Year		
				Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or (Losses) on Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	INCOME DURING YEAR	EXPENDED DURING YEAR		BALANCE EYO YEAR	
	GENEMETERY FUNDS:									%	Amount			
Various	GENEMETERY FUNDS:													
	Various	perpetual care	PDIP	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,398.79	\$19,623.04	100.00%	\$345.92	\$0.00	\$19,968.96	\$35,367.75
	TOTALS			\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,398.79	\$19,623.04		\$345.92	\$0.00	\$19,968.96	\$35,367.75
	AC CEMETERY FUNDS													
1972	SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Edith K. Eaton	Scholarship	Lake Sunapee Bank	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49.48	\$248.18	\$0.00		\$0.52	\$0.52	\$0.00	\$248.18
	TOTALS			\$297.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49.48	\$248.18	\$0.00		\$0.52	\$0.52	\$0.00	\$248.18
	A/C SCHOLARSHIP FUND													
	LIBRARY FUNDS:													
1954	Jennie J. Folsom	Library	SRSB	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,992.56	\$26.83		\$17.86	\$26.83	\$17.86	\$3,010.42
1966	Shirley Powers	Library	SRSB	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$8.92		\$5.97	\$8.92	\$5.92	\$1,005.92
2000	Patricia W. Stenfield	Library	PDIP	\$15,592.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,592.00	\$126.09		\$154.24	\$126.09	\$154.24	\$15,746.24
2002	White Library Fund	Library	PDIP	\$4,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,750.00	\$38.58		\$47.03	\$38.58	\$47.03	\$4,797.03
2004	Marion Smith Fund	Library	PDIP	\$0.00	\$13,812.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,812.35	\$0.00		\$117.49	\$0.00	\$117.49	\$13,929.84
	TOTALS			\$24,334.56	\$13,812.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$38,146.91	\$200.42		\$342.59	\$200.47	\$342.54	\$38,489.45
	A/C LIBRARY FUNDS													
	CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS:													
1962	Town of Newbury	Highway Equip.	PDIP	\$116,157.71	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$176,157.71	\$1,068.78		\$1,527.48	\$0.00	\$2,596.26	\$178,753.97
1971	Town of Newbury	Fire Equip.	PDIP	\$97,271.62	\$45,000.00	\$0.00	\$119,149.95	\$23,121.67	\$4,088.05		\$1,141.35	\$4,088.05	\$1,141.35	\$24,263.02
1984	Town of Newbury	Police Equip.	PDIP	\$17,788.55	\$12,600.00	\$0.00	\$23,297.34	\$7,091.21	\$68.86		\$244.36	\$68.86	\$244.36	\$7,335.57
1993	Town of Newbury	Ambulance Fund	PDIP	\$27,248.87	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,248.87	\$3,921.69		\$326.62	\$0.00	\$4,248.31	\$34,497.18
1996	Town of Newbury	Recreational Facility	PDIP	\$22,966.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,966.27	\$292.39		\$229.94	\$0.00	\$229.94	\$23,488.60
1997	Town of Newbury	Revaluation	PDIP	\$59,531.05	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$14,190.28	\$75,340.77	\$736.72		\$641.61	\$736.72	\$641.61	\$75,982.38
	TOTALS			\$340,964.07	\$150,600.00	\$0.00	\$156,637.57	\$334,926.50	\$10,176.49		\$4,111.36	\$4,893.63	\$9,394.22	\$344,320.72
	A/C CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS													
	GENERAL TRUST FUNDS:													
1977	Town of Newbury	Dock Repairs	PDIP	\$23,677.34	\$4,050.00	\$0.00	\$867.10	\$26,860.24	\$174.39		\$252.09	\$174.39	\$252.09	\$27,112.33
1984	Town of Newbury	Town Bldgs.	PDIP	\$29,155.89	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,155.89	\$1,129.43		\$330.08	\$0.00	\$1,459.51	\$35,615.40
1987	Town of Newbury	Cem. Monuments	PDIP	\$317.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$317.20	\$19.75		\$3.84	\$0.00	\$3.84	\$340.79
1995	Town of Newbury	Office Equip.	PDIP	\$7,698.20	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,698.20	\$26.65		\$199.32	\$0.00	\$225.97	\$27,924.17
2002	Town of Newbury	Mifoll	PDIP	\$6,500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$4,889.18	\$2,110.82	\$85.82		\$38.79	\$85.82	\$38.79	\$2,149.61
2004	Town of Newbury	Cemetery Maint.	PDIP	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00		\$18.44	\$0.00	\$18.44	\$3,018.44
	TOTALS			\$67,348.63	\$32,550.00	\$0.00	\$5,756.28	\$94,142.35	\$1,436.04		\$842.56	\$260.21	\$2,018.39	\$96,160.74
	A/C GENERAL TRUST FUNDS			\$447,943.71	\$197,362.35	\$0.00	\$162,443.33	\$482,862.73	\$31,435.99		\$5,642.95	\$5,354.83	\$31,724.11	\$514,586.84
	GRAND TOTALS													

Tax Collector's Report

Summary of Tax Accounts Fiscal Year Ended 12/31/2004

	2004	2003	Prior
UNCOLLECTED TAX			
BEGINNING OF YEAR			
Property Tax		\$1,409,908.28	\$1,015.00
Land Use Change			
Yield		\$2,275.07	
Excavation/yard		\$1.41	
Utility Charge		\$11,189.94	
Interest & Bounced Ck			
TAX COMMITTED			
Property Tax	\$7,185,121.00	\$3,071.00	
Land Use Change	\$41,470.00		
Yield	\$15,026.87		
Excavation/yard	\$1,525.26		
Utility Charge	\$144,710.00		
Other			

	2004	2003	Prior
OVERPAYMENT			
Property Tax	\$13,701.28	\$56,483.95	
Land Use Change			
Yield			
Excavation/yard			
Excavation Activity			
Sewer Tax			\$25.00
Insufficient Funds Fee	\$75.00	\$259.00	\$517.33
INTEREST - Late Tax	\$4,233.82	\$15,994.29	\$1,557.33
TOTAL DEBITS	\$7,405,863.23	\$1,499,182.94	

**REMITTED TO
TREASURER**

Property Tax	\$6,751,210.24	\$1,391,711.35	\$1,015.00
Land Use Change	\$34,713.01		
Yield	\$14,329.72	\$2,275.07	
Interest & Costs	\$4,201.28	\$15,994.29	\$517.33
Excavation Tax	\$1,525.26	\$1.41	
Utility Charge	\$125,150.00	\$11,189.94	
Conversion to Lien	\$73,517.26		
Other			

	2004	2003	Prior
Bounced Checks	\$75.00	\$234.00	\$25.00
ABATEMENTS			
Property Tax	\$24,834.77	\$77,773.88	
Land Use Change	\$1,450.00		
Yield			
Excavation/yard			
Utility Charge			
Interest			
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED	\$331.00		
UNCOLLECTED TAX			
EOY			
Property Tax	\$348,929.01		
Land Use Change	\$5,306.99		
Yield	\$697.15		
Excavation/yard			
Interest	\$32.54	\$3.00	
Utility Charge	\$19,560.00		
Bounced Checks			
TOTAL CREDITS	\$7,405,863.23	\$1,499,182.94	\$1,557.33

	2003	2002	2001
LEVIES OF			
Unredeemed Liens at			
Beginning of Year	\$49,635.27	\$30,069.78	\$113.63
Liens Executed During	\$80,083.21		
Fiscal Year			
Interest & Costs	\$8,568.85	\$10,088.45	\$70.16
Bounced Checks	\$25.00		
TOTAL DEBITS	\$138,312.33	\$40,158.23	\$183.79
REMITTED TO			
TREASURER			
Redemptions	\$51,750.00	\$29,743.56	\$113.63
Interest & Costs	\$8,568.85	\$10,088.45	\$70.16
Liens Deeded to Town	\$568.80	\$326.22	
Insufficient Funds Fee	\$25.00		
Unredeemed Liens at	\$77,399.65		
End of Year			
TOTAL CREDITS	\$138,312.33	\$40,158.23	\$183.79

**Summary Inventory of Valuation
2004 Assessed Valuation**

Value of Land Only:	Acres	Valuation	Totals
Current Use	6,634.31	\$982,511	
Residential	10,833.76	\$260,106,028	
Commercial/Industrial	1,713.01	\$6,969,040	
Total of Taxable Land	19,181		\$268,057,579
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (\$6,113,442)	3,088		
Value of Buildings Only:			
Residential		\$216,461,480	
Manufactured Housing		\$381,900	
Commercial/Industrial		\$18,525,820	
Total of Taxable Buildings			\$235,369,200

Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable
(\$34,558,416)

Public Utilities

Electric

\$3,012,900

Water

\$0.00

Valuation Before Exemptions

Blind Exemptions (Number: 0)

\$0.00

Elderly Exemptions (Number: 8)

\$390,000

Wood Heating Exemptions (Number: 6)

\$525.00

Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions

\$390,525

**Net Valuation on Which the Tax
Rate is Computed**

\$506,049,154

**Revenues Received from
Payments in Lieu of Taxes
State & Federal Forest Land Rec-**

recreation and/or Flood Control Land
 Other (John Hay Nat'l Wildlife)

\$1,028
 \$12,985

Tax Credit

	Limit	Number	Tax Credit
Totally & permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and widows of veterans	\$2,000	4	\$8,000
Other war service credits	\$500	98	\$49,000
Total number of amount		102	\$57,000

Budget Committee

The town budget committee is responsible for the preparation of the town budget and its attendant warrant articles for the ensuing fiscal year. It meets in public session as a portion of the regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen's meetings from mid-November until the public hearing in February. It is comprised of the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, and several appointed residents of the community.

The committee thoroughly reviews the individual line-item budget proposals as submitted by each of the municipal departments, boards, trustees, and commissions. In most cases, the department head or representative chairpersons are present during their scheduled review session. During the procedure, the budget proposals undergo a comparative analysis with previous and current budgets. Following the review process, the proposals may or may not be altered by the consensus of the committee. The final budgets are then approved by the Board of Selectmen for presentation at the annual Town Meeting.

The Budget Committee hereby recommends passage of the budget and other warrant articles as submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

*Jim Powell, Richard Wright, Gary Budd, Ivor Freeman,
Betsy Soper, Tom Vannatta, Dennis Pavlicek*

Newbury Public Library

In 2004, the library continued to grow and improve, completing its fifth full year in the renovated building.

The collection. At year's end, the library had 12,787 cataloged items. During the year, 1,013 items were added and 732 withdrawn. The collection included 55 periodicals, 1,072 videos, and 559 audiobooks.

Patrons. The library had 1,436 registered patrons, including 197 libraries that have borrowed materials through interlibrary loan.

Patron visits and checkouts. The library had 10% more patron visits and 7% more checkouts than in 2003.

Patron Visits and Checkouts: 2004 vs. 2003

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Patron visits	13,924	12,673
Checkouts	17,568	16,478

The library borrowed 597 books for its patrons from other libraries, and lent 633 to other libraries.

Programs. The library offered the following programs during 2004:

Reading discussion series. Ten book discussions were held on Monday evenings. Susan Crickman, Tom Forry, and Bruce Marquis each led one discussion; Nancy Marashio and Liz Tentarelli led two each. In the fall, thanks in part to a grant from the N.H. Humanities

Council, the library launched an eight-part author-led discussion series. In November, Ernest Hebert visited the library to discuss his book, *The Old American*. In December, Barbara Dimmick discussed her novel, *Heart-Side Up*. Six programs in this series will follow in 2005.

Tuesday morning cultural programs. In March, Debbie Stanley of New London presented a program on conservation land easements. Newbury poet Dianalee Velie again read a selection of her poems in April. In July, John Porter, author and barn expert, gave a slide presentation and discussed New Hampshire barns.

Summer reading program. "The Indian in the Cupboard and Ice Cream" was the summer's program for children in grades 1-5. It ran on Tuesday afternoons during July and August with book reading, craft activities, and ice cream. Liz Tentarelli and Beverly Wolf, both volunteers, conducted the program.

Librarian of the year. Elizabeth Ives, president of the N.H. Library Trustees Association, gave this award to Alan Brown at a reception at the library in December.

Preschool story hour. Preschool story hour was held on all 52 Wednesdays in 2004. Average attendance was 10 children and 8 adults. The library staff read stories and engaged the children in coloring, cutting, and pasting projects.

Computer lessons. Ken Tentarelli and Stu Hale, both of Newbury, offered free individualized computer and Internet lessons.

Friends of Newbury Public Library, Inc. The Friends, a nonprofit corporation, had 190 paid members for 2004. The Friends raised money to support the library through

dues and donations. At their annual meeting in September, the membership elected Regina Albro, Susan Hogan, Lee Fleming-Salt, Suzanne Levine, and Ken Tentarelli to the board of directors. The Friends gave the library 50 CD boxes, a year's subscription to *The Union Leader and New Hampshire Sunday News*, 4 sets of headphones, a book truck, 9 children's software packages, murals for the children's room painted by Newbury artist Patricia Sweet-MacDonald, a water cooler, acid-free photo albums and materials, a printer-copier, 3 folding tables, and a tablecloth; they spent \$500 for books, \$500 for audiobooks, and \$1,000 for videos. The Friends again conducted the library's annual Valentine's Day party, Memorial Day book and bake sale, Fourth of July parade, open house honoring the library's volunteers, and holiday tree lighting. Finally, as they have done for several years, the Friends paid for refreshments at the library's reading discussion, cultural, and story hour programs.

Volunteers. Volunteers helped with all aspects of library operations. Volunteers in 2003 were Regina Albro, Tom Albro Jr., Dave Barden, Ashleigh Barker, Bob Bergeron, Robert Brown, Shelly Candidus, Jonnalee Christiansen, Lorenda Christiansen, Jean Cole, Susan Crickman, Don Falkowski, Julia Falkowski, Paula Falkowski, Kelly Fayton, Joe Fayton, Lee Fleming-Salt, Tom Forry, Judy Hale, Stu Hale, Diane Heller, Sue Hogan, Lorraine Iacopino, Barbara Kamph, Chuck Kennedy, Suzanne Levine, Alice Lynn, Nancy Marashio, Bruce Marquis, Lucy Marquis, Hannah Nelson, Miriam Nelson, John Porter, Laurie Seaholm, Debbie Stanley, Ken Tentarelli, Liz Tentarelli, Dianalee Velie, Beverly Wolf, and Young

Uk Kim. For the year, volunteers contributed over 1,048 hours of labor, or over 20 hours per week.

Disabled access. The library is wheelchair accessible, and delivers materials to the homebound upon request.

Visit your library. All Newbury residents and property owners are welcome to visit the library and use its resources. The library is open daily except Fridays with free Internet access, comfortable reading areas, and books, audiobooks, and videos available for checkout. The library's catalog and information about library events are available at our website (www.newburylibrary.net).

Library Trustees

Beverly Wolf, Chairperson

Paula Falkowski, Treasurer

Elizabeth Tentarelli, Secretary

Librarians

Alan Brown

Alice Lynn

Meg Fearnley

Dave Barden



Newbury Historical Society

Certainly, the biggest event of the year was the “Vanishing Newbury” slide show presented by Tracy Messer at the society’s annual meeting in July. Fifty people came to that show. The people who missed it asked that we put it on again. We presented the show again in September and sixty more people came. The show was the result of hours of research by Tracy to find out what houses had been demolished or destroyed by fire, and to match them with images.

Last year the town passed a warrant article, supported by the society, to fund a feasibility study to renovate and upgrade the town hall in South Newbury. The septic design, structural analysis, and existing conditions drawings have been done. Location of the bathrooms still needs more study, and we are waiting for the cost estimates. We are also working on an application to place the town hall on the State Register of Historic Places. Such placement can improve chances for getting grants.

Last year in this space, we wrote of developing a digital archive of old photos and asked for assistance in locating old photos to copy. We were greatly pleased and excited when a descendant of Mark Shultis came forward with nine albums of family photos. The photos in the first three albums, covering the time from 1900 to 1912, have been scanned resulting in 359 images. Coincidentally society member John Grocott was researching the Bald Sunapee Golf Club which was built on Shultis land. This led to an in-depth study of Mark Shultis, his family, and his impact

on Newbury history. Again we ask you to share with us any old photos of Newbury places or people. Call Bill Weiler at the number below.

At the request of a resident, the society looked into restoring the Province Road schoolhouse. The land on which it stands was taken some years ago by the State for the park. They modified the schoolhouse, used it for storage, and then abandoned it. After a thorough investigation, the study committee concluded that it was beyond saving.

Cataloging of the collection has been proceeding slowly. After evaluating several options, the software was selected, and a computer was acquired. A lot of time has been spent installing the software and learning how to use it. We are looking forward to setting up the system in Sherman Hall and getting the project going in the spring.

The society held its annual meeting in July in the Town Hall. The membership reelected incumbent directors Joe Cronin, Alice Lynn, and Tracy Messer for three-year terms. The featured speaker was Tracy Messer as mentioned above.

Our membership now stands at 97, which includes 45 family memberships, 3 business memberships, and 49 individual members. Among the individual members, 29 are lifetime members.

The Treasurer reports that at the end of our fiscal year, May 31, our working fund balance was at \$3214.54. Our

conservation and preservation fund balance increased to \$1107.08. We have \$2850.00 in certificates of deposit, the interest from which pays the dues of the life members.

Our board of director meetings which are held about every two months are open to the public. We welcome anyone who wishes to sit in and listen or contribute. Contact a director or officer for dates.

The Historical Society collection is kept in Sherman Hall, South Newbury which is open to the public by appointment from April through October. Call Bill Weiler at 938-2892. Access to the collection may be arranged through other Board members as well.

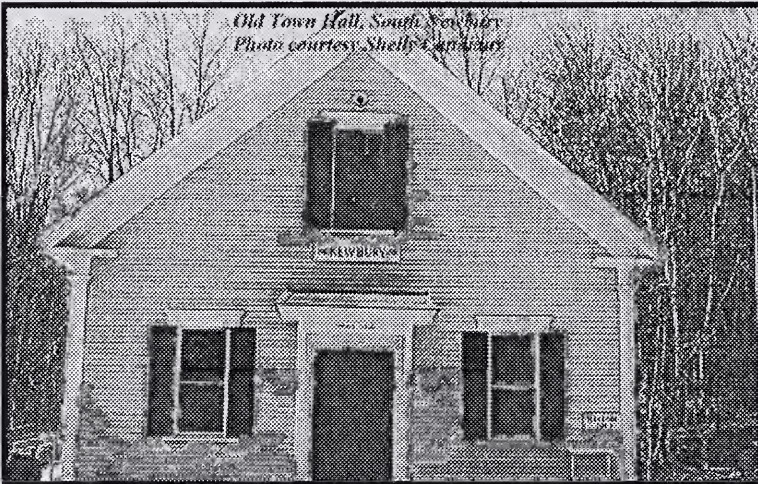
William Weiler, President 938-2892

William Annable, Vice President

Margaret Weiler, Treasurer

Joy Nowell, Secretary

*Directors: Joseph Cronin, Alice Lynn,
Tracy Messer, Barbara Steward, John Grocott*



Building Committee

The Building Committee began meeting regularly just after Town Meeting, 2004. Our first priority was to hire a construction manager and an architect to build the new addition to the Town Office, as well as to renovate the existing office space. Requests for proposals were sent out, interviews were conducted, and the decision was made to hire Bruss Construction and Tennant/Wallace, architect.

The Committee's priority was to provide much-needed additional space for employees and visitors to the Town Office and to conceive of a plan that was cost-effective, complemented our adjacent town buildings, and provided room for future growth.

By May, it had become clear that the original plan for a basement under the new addition would involve extensive excavation under unknown conditions, the installation of an elevator shaft, and a costly ventilation system. Since unused basement space already existed for possible future expansion, the committee decided to adopt a single-level plan with an additional 700 square feet in the new area, designed to serve as an expanded lobby, two new offices, storage, and a meeting room.

We broke ground for this project right after the Summer Town Meeting in August. Thanks to a mild and dry fall, the addition was framed and roofed before the snow began to fall. Interior work on the addition is 90 percent complete at the time of this writing, and renovations to the existing space are well under way.

This has been a highly satisfying project to be involved with. The work has progressed on time and within budget, and the committee has had the cooperation of the architect and builder at every step. Our thanks to them, and to those who have borne with us during the inconveniences of the construction process.

Building Committee:

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|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Barbara Freeman, Chair</i> | <i>Jim Powell</i> |
| <i>Dennis Pavlicek</i> | <i>Paul LaCasse</i> |
| <i>Shelly Candidus</i> | <i>Linda Champy</i> |
| <i>Jane Gold</i> | <i>Gerry Gold</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth Ashworth</i> | <i>Del Harris</i> |



Peter Tennant, architect; John Bruss, Bruss Construction; Richard Wright, James Powell, Barbara Freeman, Del Harris, and Gary Budd with his helpers break ground for the new addition to the Town Office on August 7, 2004. Photo courtesy Shelly Candidus

Transfer Station

Activity at the Transfer Station continues to increase, especially during the summer months. We have been able to handle the volume much more efficiently with the use of a second compactor.

We continue to examine and update our recycling efforts. During the summer, we made a change to our recycling of paper. We now have a container adjacent to the facility to accept a wide variety of paper and cardboard products – newspapers, business papers, magazines, cardboard inserts, and flattened cardboard food and juice boxes (excepting milk and dairy cartons). These materials do not need to be sorted or separated, and may be placed tied with twine or placed in brown paper grocery bags for disposal. This new system enables us to save on labor costs at the Transfer Station and to realize increased revenues for disposing of paper. With the help of the Recycling Committee, we will explore other ways to cut our operating costs while protecting the environment.

Thanks to all residents for displaying their green front bumper sticker which is needed for admittance to the Transfer Station. We appreciate your cooperation.

Churchill Heselton, Chief Operator
Will Willis, Assistant

Recycling Committee

The recycling committee spent the past year making major improvements to the collection and disposal of recyclables. Our efforts were aimed at making it easier for the public to partake in recycling. We also worked to make it easier for the staff of the transfer station to manage the growing amount of recycled material.

All paper that can be torn is now being put in the large roll-off container next to the main building. This means that the staff no longer needs to bale the paper and the users can just throw the paper into the container. Any paper that can be ripped may be recycled, with the exception of waxed cartons (such as juice boxes) and foil lined paper. No plastic or plastic bags should be thrown into the container.

Last year over 45 tons of paper were recycled. This saved the town almost \$4, 500 in disposal and trucking fees. We also received nearly \$1,000 from the sale of the paper.

Glass has also been a major focus. The recycled glass is taken to New London where it is ground and turned into products used for road construction. The staff no longer has to grind the glass or dispose of it in the landfill. This has saved us much in labor and again avoided trucking and landfill charges. 45.85 tons of glass we taken out of the waste stream, saving \$3,600 in disposal costs.

I would like to thank the committee for all their efforts. Please remember that you can save money and help the

environment with just a little time and effort. Please take a moment to think when you throw your trash into the compactor. Can it be recycled, if so do it.

Bill Annable
Elizabeth Ashworth
Robert Bergeron
Cheryl Fogwill
Dianne Heller

Carolyn Laclair
Suzanne Levine
David Thayer
Mary Thayer
Daniel Wolf



*Our native feathered friends.
Photo courtesy Al Bachelder.*

Information Booth

Summer at the lake – when you think how hard most people work all year in order to spend a few days at our beautiful Lake Sunapee, it reminds you how fortunate we are to live here all year round.

The atmosphere of an era gone by charms visitors to our town and we often hear comments about how Newbury recalls the life styles of the past. The peaceful, relaxed way of life contrasts favorably with the frantic, carnival attitude around the state's bigger lakes. Visitors comment about this often.

Our little antique Information Booth is a link to the past and it draws visitors to find out if things really are as peaceful as they appear. We offer brochures from all over the state as well as from our area. Simple pleasures like relaxing at the beach or hiking our trails rank as favorite activities.

Visitors are accustomed to paying for everything and our town receives much praise because our beach, picnic areas, and trails are all free and everyone is welcome. It is a surprise to many and there are visitors from all over the world who remember Newbury as a special bright spot in their travels.

Martha von Redlich, Jean Gaito, Jane Johnsen

Parks and Recreation

Parks and Rec. focused most of this year's time and energy on Fishersfield Park. I am happy to report that you may now visit the Fishersfield Park's web site due to the effort of Dale Jones, one of our enthusiastic volunteers. Go to www.newburynh.org, and at the home page, find the link for Town Government and then Fishersfield Park. This is a super way to learn about the Fishersfield property's past, present and future. The history of the property, the original site of the Colburn farm, has been researched in depth by Chuck Crickman, another of our dedicated volunteers. This information is on-line, complete with old maps and photographs. After reading the history, a walk through the park takes on added significance and appreciation. Fishersfield is a magical place and it not only continues to unfold new treasures, but the more time you spend there the more you love it.

The National Park Service notified the Town of Newbury of the final approval of the Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant last July. The grant amount for Fishersfield Park of \$100,000 is a matching grant, which means the town contributes an equal amount to match the funding. Newbury's contribution is made through a combination of in-kind volunteer effort with an important cash value of \$27,000; \$23,000 from the Recreation Capital Reserve Fund, and \$50,000 from the 2004 town general fund. In addition, the selectmen's office has had ongoing discussions with the Velie Family Memorial Fund about their potential involvement in the development of the playground and picnic area.

A Fishersfield Park management team has been set up, working with the selectmen's office and with other volunteer committees that are addressing specific tasks associated with the goals of the Park. A tremendous effort is required behind the scenes to organize, plan and execute the work you see. It is rewarding to watch our dreams slowly take shape and I encourage those with energy to lend us a hand. The major goals for Fishersfield Park are:

- Construction of a multiple use recreation field,
- Construction of a family playground and picnic area,
- Construction of a volleyball court,
- Construction of a new entrance road and parking area,
- Construction of a snack shack/public restroom/ storage area building, and
- Development of an extensive nature trail system through the forested backcountry.

The first of these goals to get attention was the network of trails. Teams worked through the summer and fall on weekends scouting, marking and clearing trails. As winter closed in and activity slowed, much of the trail system had been roughed out. They are not marked yet with trail paint or with signage; however, we are quite pleased with what was accomplished this year. We received great assistance from athletic teams from Colby-Sawyer College, who came in-groups of twenty or more and contributed volunteer service towards our match. They performed enthusiastically on the trail-clearing tasks that

required many hands and strong backs. We also received assistance from a Colby-Sawyer College intern, Joe Jennings, who is in the process of documenting the trails via GPS technology. This will be a valuable learning experience to share and we intend to tie it in with nature study lessons that can be used on field trips for local elementary schools.

In October logger Scott Hill coordinated the timber harvest of the areas associated with the current LWCF grant and also areas where a future field and parking area will be located. This work was done at one time to realize cost savings and logistical advantages and to complete the work before the wetland permit expires. After the loggers pulled out, the stump excavators and grinders came in. The conical mounds you see now are piles of the ground-up stump material. This organic matter will be salvaged in the spring for use with erosion-control efforts and possibly top dressing of our sloped areas.

Parks & Rec. is aware of the change in the character of the land along Old Post Road. Now there is a wide open space where there once was forest. This will change when we coordinate volunteer planting of new hardwoods along the Old Post Road to create a tree-lined buffer between the road and the field.

Our traditional summer activities, swimming instruction and the concert series, again were very successful. Due to cold and rainy weather, the swimming program had a lower number (23) than last year's banner year of 29. Even so, Nicole Wallace, our resident swim instructor,

did a wonderful job with the lessons and I encourage all parents to take advantage of her thoughtful approach to teaching children how to swim.

Parks & Rec. is dedicated to the ideas of building our community, working together cooperatively, and providing facilities that will enable and promote healthy habits for all Newbury residents. Please consider joining our growing team of volunteers to have fun and learn how good it feels to do something for your town.

Harry Seidel, Director

The Velie Memorial Fund, Inc.

We are delighted to report, with the overwhelming support from the Town of Newbury and our sister community in Connecticut, that our mission to raise funds to design, develop and build a public recreational facility (playground) in Newbury in loving memory of Currie-Hill Velie and her sons Joseph John Velie IV and Jack Jasper Velie is becoming a dream come true!

As we reflect on the past year, The Velie Memorial Fund, Inc. was officially granted 501 3(c) status by the Internal Revenue Service. This allowed us to move forward in July to secure a Memorandum of Understanding between The Velie Memorial Fund, Inc. and the Town of Newbury. By obtaining this official handshake, our group was able to take one step closer to building a beautiful children's playground.

On September 13, 2004, the Board of Directors of The Velie Memorial, Fund, Inc. together with Selectmen Gary Budd, Dickie Wright and Town Administrator Dennis Pavlicek met at the proposed site of "The Velie Family Playground" located on Old Post Road, Newbury in Fishersfield Park.

After walking the property, Dianalee Velie and her son, Joe Velie III, knew the site fulfilled their vision of a children's playground nestled amongst the huge pine trees and the beautiful mountains.

After spending many months completing necessary

paperwork, our Board of Directors once again engaged in fundraising projects. We worked closely with many local organizations and successfully held a Best-dressed Pet Contest, a golf tournament in Connecticut and completed our year with a Thanksgiving fundraising event.

Through the outpouring of support from friends across the country, in nearby communities and most importantly, in Newbury, we have raised over \$85,000 to date. Presently, we are reviewing playground designs and can't wait to see the smiles on children's faces as they enjoy their new playground.

Our current Board of Directors includes Dianalee Velie, Joe Velie III, Cathy Wooley, Catherine Budd, Holly von Svoboda, Catherine Feeney, Richard Sharp and David Fanning.

*Respectfully submitted,
The Velie Memorial Fund, Inc.*

Beautification Committee

One year ago a group of Newbury residents gathered to form the Newbury Beautification Committee (NBC). The objective was to see how we might help make Newbury an even more beautiful town. Our vision was to initially add more flower boxes, barrels and plantings to those already in place. It was decided that with the many historic public buildings located in town, the NBC could also be instrumental in fundraising efforts and support for much-needed restorations to these buildings.

Our first year was immensely successful. With donations from businesses, residents and NBC members, we were able to purchase, plant and maintain flower boxes, barrels and plantings at several sites in town. The Chicken Farmer Rock was a joint planting effort by the Girl Scouts and NBC. We obtained ten lilac bushes from the state and planted them in public areas. Fundraising was also accomplished with the sale of spring bulbs which will become an annual source of income. Additionally, we planted more bulbs at the Town Hall garden area.

The NBC decorated the town gazebo at Christmas, and we are thankful for several donations: the Bensleys donated the tree, NBC members provided the lights, and The Fells gave us wreaths and garlands. Additional greens decorated barrels and flower boxes, along with wreaths placed at the Center Meeting House.

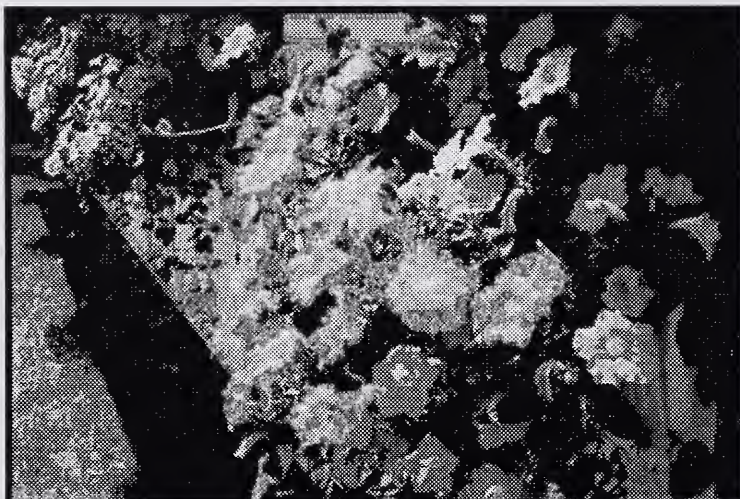
We are presently working with a landscape architect to coordinate the plantings at the new Town Office addition.

Our monthly meetings are held at various Newbury locations and we have been fortunate to tour the Center Meeting House, the old Grange Hall, and other historic buildings in Newbury. We enjoyed co-hosting two meetings with the Newbury Historical Society.

NBC needs your help with this civic endeavor. We are grateful for the overwhelming support that the town has given us and we are proud of the donation we have made. However, there is much left to do and your help in working with us to maintain our planting areas and raise funds is needed. With the cooperation of many, we can really make this wonderful community bloom.

To join us, contact Bonnie Guterl -763-2840, Diana Morris -763-5859, or Betsy Soper - 763-3367. Thank you again for your support.

Diana Morris, Chair



Window boxes at Veteran's Hall. Photo courtesy Tom Nowell.

Bradford/Newbury/Sutton Youth Sports

In 2004, Bradford/Newbury/Sutton Youth Sports (BNSYS) provided team-based athletic opportunities for 260* of our area youth. Our spring baseball/softball programs and our fall soccer program were both successful with many enthusiastic participants.

BNSYS also hosts summer soccer camps, staffed by professional athletes from major league soccer.

BNSYS participated in the Bradford Fourth of July celebration by opening the Brown-Shattuck snack shack and serving grilled burgers and hot dogs to the hungry midway visitors. BNSYS also hosted a golf tournament in the fall that was supported by many corporate-sponsored teams. Along with game-day sales from our snack shacks, these events are our major fundraisers.

BNSYS is fortunate to have wonderful facilities available to us. Warren Brook Park, where our Babe Ruth Baseball and soccer games are played, is owned by the organization. Our baseball and softball games for the younger children are played on the field at the Bradford Elementary School and Brown-Shattuck Park in Bradford. BNSYS maintains all of the facilities used during our seasons.

Upcoming projects and major purchases for this year will include:

- Installation of our new snack shack at Warren Brook Park
- Purchase and installation of a new batting cage at Warren Brook Park
- Purchase of two new large soccer goals to run consecutive 5/6 grade games as needed
- Begin work on new softball/tee ball field at Warren Brook Park

BNSYS is a volunteer organization that relies heavily on community support. This past year that support came from a core group of individuals, families and businesses. As our youth participation continues to grow with new families in the area, we look forward to reaching out to expand this volunteer effort in 2005.

Our current Board of Directors includes Joe Torro, Anne Holmes, Diane Gadoury, Tina Desfosses, Chris Way, Jennifer Iacopino and Steve Patten.

*Participating children:

112	Bradford
98	Newbury
50	Sutton

Joe Torro, President, BNSYS

The Fells

Friends of the John Hay National Wildlife Refuge

The Fells serves as an important cultural and natural resource within the town. The historic buildings and gardens are part of the 164-acre John Hay National Wildlife Refuge and are managed by a local not-for-profit without federal support. That's why we charge a site fee during the summer when the house and garden operations are at their peak. We also invite everyone to become members. Interest in The Fells has definitely grown over the years, and we currently have 687 members or families who support the site.

Each year we improve the site for visitors and provide new things to see and do. This year, we completed the restoration of the trellis and arbor in the Old Garden. A grant from the NH Arts Council allowed us to replicate the "Little Boy and Turtle" fountain statue in the Old Garden as well. The entrance kiosk was enlarged, and with additional volunteer staff we welcomed an estimated 7,000 visitors during the season.

At the end of June, we held a dedication, barn dance and barbecue to celebrate the completion of our new barn. After severe winter storms in 2001 caused the old building to collapse, Senator Judd Gregg worked to obtain a special US Fish & Wildlife Service appropriation to rebuild it. The barn also was used for a garden symposium in September, but primarily it provides valuable storage space for landscaping and maintenance equipment.

Within our three-part educational focus we offered varied programs in history, horticulture and the environment. New this year was a children's day camp that the Audubon Society of New Hampshire offered at The Fells. The five weeks of camp served 24 children each week, and we cooperated with the Lake Sunapee Protective Association to offer pontoon-boat trips on the lake for the campers. The Wellborn Ecology Fund of the Upper Valley Community Foundation generously funded the camp's start-up phase and also helped us hire our first education director.

We maintained strong partnerships with the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, which co-sponsored several programs, and with Colby-Sawyer College, which provided a summer intern to work in the landscaping department. Mount Sunapee Resort's Community Challenge Fund generously supported environmental education programs at The Fells also. As a project of the national garden preservation organization called The Garden Conservancy, we are grateful for their continuing guidance and national recognition in such publications as the *Wall Street Journal* and *Old House Interiors* magazine.

WMUR-TV's Tom Griffen and Tiffany Eddy came and filmed a feature at The Fells for *Chronicle*, and we made several appearances on the Yankee Cable Network as well.

Our best-attended program was "A Visit with Abraham Lincoln," sponsored by the NH Humanities Council and

featuring Steve Wood of Claremont as the Great Emancipator. One hundred and fifty people crowded into the Gatehouse Courtyard for his stirring speech and recitation of the Gettysburg Address. We offered classes on wildflowers, co-sponsored with the New England Wild Flower Society, a series of guided trail walks and Sunday afternoon programs in the library that included a talk by a NH Fish & Game specialist on moose.

Arts offerings included our always-popular Artists Weekend in late June, and solo art exhibits for New Hampshire artists Rosemary Conroy, Lisa Jelleme-Miller and Newbury's own Loa Winter. We continue to host a Valley Quest treasure hunt, annual visits from Kearsarge district fourth graders and various college classes from Colby-Sawyer.

The Shop at The Fells was re-defined with a much larger selection of books, gifts, gardening and nature-oriented products and a self-service coffee and cold-drink café for our visitors. The tables and chairs on the veranda are fast becoming *the* spot to conclude a visit to The Fells.

As always, much of the credit for the success of the Fells goes to our dedicated volunteers, who help maintain the gardens, give tours and staff our shop and organize several major fund-raising events each year. In 2004, our volunteers offered a tour of gardens in the Danbury-Wilmot-Andover area, a Sunset Cruise on the *MV Mt. Sunapee*, a Plant Sale and Auction, and a spectacular Christmas event at the Main House. For two weekends in November, Nutcrackers reigned supreme over fourteen

decorated rooms, each with a Christmas tree, greens, ornaments, and elegant furnishings. Nearly 2,000 people attended this event.

We extend our deepest thanks to the town for providing supportive services for our facility and to all the Newbury residents who are members or serve as volunteers. Newbury residents on the Board of Directors in 2004 were Fay Barden, Joe Cronin, Susan Mayer, Bob and Diana Morris, and Loa Winter. As a way of acknowledging the town's support in 2004, we offered free tours over Father's Day weekend to Newbury residents, town employees and civic volunteers - a tradition we plan to continue.

And I say goodbye after eight years as director. It has been a privilege to work at such a wonderful property and in such a great community. Thank you.

Maggie Stier
Executive Director

Kearsarge Regional School Board

The Kearsarge Regional School District has much to be proud of this year - the high school addition; a state award; a balanced budget; and improved test scores.

The High School addition was completed ahead of schedule and under budget. The excellent cooperation of staff, students, contractor and architect helped to make the project a total success. Students began occupying the added space after they returned from the New Year break. The new space greatly improves the learning environment and should lead to improved results in the years to come. It appears at this time that the cost will be more than \$50,000 under budget. Our thanks to the voters for approving the bond issue last March.

Jay Lewis, the assistant principal at the High School was named New Hampshire Assistant Principal of the Year. This is the second year in a row that one of our administrators has been recognized by the New Hampshire School Boards Association for his outstanding work.

The efforts of our business administrator, Peter Chamberlain, have continued to bear fruit. We have again balanced the budget and even shown a slight surplus. The school district is not allowed to carry a rainy day fund, as is the Town, and every dollar of surplus is returned to the taxpayers. Last year's surplus will be used to reduce this year's tax bill.

Our test scores continue to improve. The addition of Dr. Laura Nelson as assistant Superintendent is showing excellent results. We are well on our way to meeting the 2006 District goals set just three years ago. Grade 3 Math, Grade 6 Reading and Grade 10 Reading already exceed the District goal.

This year you will again be asked to vote to approve the construction of a new Middle School. Last year over 60% voted in favor of the building. Unfortunately, this was not enough to meet the requirement of a 67% affirmative vote.

The Middle School is overcrowded and an inefficient place in which to learn. The time is long past to replace the building. Please, put your personal interests aside and vote for this needed improvement to our educational facilities. We must provide a modern facility in which we can meet our goals. Spending money is never a pleasant choice, but there just is no other choice. Please support the Middle School and vote **YES** on the Bond issue.

I am available to answer any questions and I look forward to serving the citizens of Newbury and the entire Kearsarge community.

Daniel H. Wolf
Newbury Representative

Cemetery Trustees

2004 proved to be another busy, varied, and productive year for the Cemetery Trustees.

In March we welcomed our newest member, Charles Crickman. His interests and energies quickly went to work helping us organize and publish our first self-guided tour of Newbury cemeteries. Over the course of the summer months nearly two hundred copies were distributed to the public.

We soon saw the need to verify similar information on other town maps especially in regard to rights of way and access points to the cemeteries. Chuck continued his effort and still has more research to complete at the NH State Library in Concord and the Registry of Deeds in Concord and Nashua.

Restoration and repair of monuments continued to be a top priority again as we reset 22 stones in the Gillingham Cemetery and 85 gravestones in South Newbury. After having been missing for many years, the Hepzibah Gillingham gravestone has been returned to the town as a result of the effort of county authorities. The restoration process and procedure is under the direction of the town administrator and will be completed in April of 2005.

This year appeared to be the time to work on the single Simon's grave site just off Sutton Rd. We began improving the access path by clearing away downed

trees and other accumulated debris. To our dismay most of the stone wall that had enclosed the grave site was missing. Late in November, with help of the abutters and a local stone mason, the wall was restored and we cleared most of the access path as well. Next year we hope to repair the access wall and provide proper signage.

The Trustees decided to begin the incorporation of the Felton grant into the new section of the Marshall cemetery. In 2005 we are proposing a stone wall enclosure around the area to open up the original turn-around and create a cremains area on the slopeside under the pine trees. At the same time we plan to continue the wall to the Newell Rd. entrance, thus unifying the appearance of the entire new Marshall Cemetery area.

Numerous beautification projects proceeded as well. Lilacs were added to the previous plantings of sunset maples last year at the Booth Sherman Cemetery. A new official sign with the town logo was placed in Lakeside in May. Loaming and reseeded were done in sections of Gillingham, South Newbury, and Lakeside cemeteries.

The Trustees conducted a survey of the current cemetery areas and looked into future needs. We have also traveled near and far in assessing other community actions in this regard.

Friends of the Cemeteries are assisting in various projects. Currently we are trying to update the

information and location of all veterans in our cemeteries.

Our tasks and expectations increase each year. We plan for all burials, make out deeds and keep records, supervise all activity in the cemeteries, mark and confirm placement of stones and markers, do real work of planting, spraying, digging, watering, and cleaning up, do research and keep photographic and other records, attend seminars, meetings, and sessions to obtain information needed, and give selflessly and on demand a broad range of services to the town.

We wish to thank all those who assisted us in any manner as we continue to serve as the trustees and guardians of the families who have entrusted their loved ones into our care by choosing to be buried in Newbury's cemeteries.

*Cemetery Trustees:
Mary Bachelder, Chair
Doris Morrow
Charles Crickman*



Planning Board

The Newbury Planning Board conducts regular meetings on the third Tuesday of each month.

The Planning Board, like all town Planning Boards in New Hampshire, has two functions: regulatory and planning. In its regulatory capacity, the board advises on, holds public hearings, deliberates and takes action on subdivisions including lot-line adjustments, annexations and minor and major subdivisions, and on site plans for commercial properties which include multi-family housing. The board also writes and/or amends Zoning Ordinance regulations to be recommended to the town and writes and/or amends Regulations for Site Plan Review and Land Subdivision Control Regulations. In its planning capacity the Board develops and promotes the Town Master Plan and leads the effort to create the town's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

This year has been extremely busy for the Planning Board, reflecting ever-increasing development pressure on the town. Our Land-use Board Assistant, Lacy Cluff, has been kept very busy and we appreciate her hard work and diligence throughout the year. We are also pleased to have appointed three new Planning Board Alternates this year: Lacy Cluff (to add to her already heavy duties!), Travis Dezotell and Dean Geddes. These well-qualified residents of Newbury have already contributed a great deal through their participation in our meetings.

In its regulatory capacity, the Planning Board has reviewed (or is reviewing) and taken action on the following:

- Six (6) annexation and lot line adjustments.
- Seven (7) minor subdivisions.
- Three (3) major subdivisions (some still in the review and hearing process)
- Two site (2) plan reviews
- One extension of a permit to excavate
- Eleven (11) conceptual reviews

Due to the complexity of some of the site plans and subdivisions, the Planning Board has required developers to provide funds for independent engineering consultants to review the proposed projects both during the review process as well as to monitor construction during project implementation phases.

Throughout the year, the Planning Board was involved in monitoring projects, which have previously come before the board, for compliance with approved plans.

Planning and Regulatory Work:

Working to Protect Newbury's Rural Character and Control Growth

In the Town of Newbury Master Plan of 1997, town residents expressed a strong desire to preserve the rural character of the town.

In the past two years, the Planning Board and the Selectmen have heard many citizens express concern about Newbury's future as a rural community because of increased development, development pressure due to Mt. Sunapee and the lake, as well as the way in which land is subdivided. The Selectmen have seen a steady rise in the demand for services in town resulting in steady increases in town budgets directly related to town growth.

Development pressure has resulted in a steady rise in the number of major subdivisions and building permits per year. The popularization of our region as a lake and ski destination, as well as a safe and desirable living environment, will assure that this development pressure will continue. A build-out study performed by the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) showed that Newbury could have an additional 6,000 new development lots if completely developed. This would mean that there could be 6,000 potential new families.

Much of the land easily developed and suitable for subdivision has already been developed in Newbury. As a result, the Planning Board now sees development proposals for land with sensitive site characteristics such as wetlands, steep slopes, ledge escarpments, historic features, wildlife habitat and the like. These sites are much more difficult to develop and can require blasting and other extreme

measures to build roads. Significantly, wildlife habitat is being interrupted, preventing the natural movement of animals. This often results in conflict between animals and human habitation such as we have seen in the news this past year with the increase of bear and moose encounters in residential areas in New London and other towns surrounding Newbury.

As a result of these developments, the Planning Board realized that it no longer had the necessary tools to safeguard environmental quality and rural character.

The 1997 Master Plan gave the Planning Board direction and the Board actively sought a solution for managing growth. The Planning Board formed a subcommittee to develop changes to the Town of Newbury Zoning Ordinance in order to implement the Master Plan directive. Subcommittee members included: Al Bachelder, Lacy Cluff (alternate), Barbara Freeman (chair), Ken McWilliams (UVLSRPC consultant), Dennis Pavlicek (town administrator), Jim Powell (selectman), Tom Vannatta (zoning chair), and Dick Wright (selectman). In addition, the full Planning Board met the first Tuesday of each month to work on the proposals of the subcommittee. These meetings were in addition to regular business meetings.

The purpose of these zoning changes is to regulate the density, distribution and building envelope of

development and construction within the Residential District so as to:

- Reinforce the goals of the Town of Newbury Master Plan to preserve its rural character;
- Promote construction of housing which maintains and strengthens traditional New England settlement patterns of compact villages surrounded by open, rural landscape;
- Promote the economical and effective use of services and resources, including roads and highways, fire protection and police protection;
- Preserve natural, scenic and historic resources;
- Protect and minimize the fragmentation of natural areas, critical habitat and productive forest, agricultural land and open space.

It is the intent of these regulations to limit development density on land where fragile features and critical natural resources are located. The goal is to balance individual property rights with the protection of the town's community assets and rural character through appropriate and sensitive land use.

This is an innovative zoning approach, in that, rather than designating multiple zoning districts within the designated Rural Residential District, minimum lot size and maximum density for a site is based upon the unique characteristics of the parcel of land. It takes into account steep slopes, aquifers, wet lands, flood plains and deer wintering areas as well as road access and proximity to protected open space.

The Planning Board is proud to present these zoning changes to the town of Newbury for Town vote in March 2005.

Other work associated with our regulatory functions completed in the past year includes:

- Additional Zoning Ordinance Amendments to clarify language and definitions.
- Changes to the Newbury Land Subdivision Control Regulations to improve clarity and ease of use.

Other Planning Accomplishments:

- Capital Improvement Plan (CIP): Lead the up-dating process of the CIP for the current year to help guide the Select-board's budgetary process. Special thanks go to the CIP Committee: Al Bachelder (Chair), Gary Budd, Ivor Freeman, Ken McWilliams (UVLSRPC Consultant), Dennis Pavlicek (Town Administrator), Bill Weiler and Ron Williams and Dan Wolf.

Future Planning Efforts:

This past year, the Board postponed the commencement of the Master Planning Process in order to act on growth management. In 2005 we will begin our Master Plan process, which will continue over the next two to three years. The money for starting the Master Plan was

allocated last year and will be carried over into this year to begin work. In addition, the proposed budget for 2005 includes money for the second phase of work so that a major effort can be carried out this year.

Part of the Master Plan process will be the gathering of ideas and input from all the residents of Newbury. We encourage your participation in the development of this very important planning tool. Please attend public hearings and participate fully in the surveys. We are also looking for citizens who are willing to make the commitment to participate at regular meetings of the Master Plan Committee. Please contact any Board member to express your interest.

Throughout the year the Board has appreciated citizen participation in public hearings for various projects. The input has been invaluable and has helped enormously in the Board's decisions. We wish to thank you and to encourage your continued support and participation. For anyone who would like to become a member of the board, please contact any board member.

We would also like to thank Ken McWilliams of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) for his expert assistance in his capacity as the Board's planning consultant.

Lastly, this volunteer Board spends an enormous amount of time reviewing plans, researching sites, researching and crafting legislation and attending meetings to ensure that Newbury is a better place to live and that all

applicants are treated as fairly as possible. Please join me in thanking them for their service to our community. Our Planning Board members for 2003-2004:

Al Bachelder, Lacy Cluff (Alternate and Land Use Board Coordinator), Travis Dezotell (Alternate), Peter Fichter (Alternate Ex-Officio), Deane Geddes (Alternate), David Thayer, William Weiler (Vice-Chair), Ron Williams.

Barbara Freeman (Chair)

Zoning Board of Adjustment

The ZBA is a quasi-judicial municipal board that is granted authority by the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated 673, 674, and 676 to carry out specific functions. It operates as a 'relief valve' to allow the zoning ordinances to work to avoid unconstitutional taking of private property and unnecessary hardship in the application of the ordinances in individual cases. It seeks to interpret the purpose of the ordinances in the public interest, while protecting individual property owners from unfairness and hardship in the application of the ordinances.

2004 was another busy year for the volunteer members and alternates of the ZBA. The ZBA usually meets on an as needed basis to conduct hearings on applications submitted by property owners. Prior to each hearing, ZBA members individually review the applications and make every effort to visit the property of concern. Thus members can make responsible decisions based upon their understanding of the ordinances and the unique features of the property. The following hearings were held and the actions taken:

10 ZBA hearings were held during 2004.

11 Variances were granted as presented.

1 Variance was granted with conditions.

4 Special Exception were granted as presented.

1 Special Exception was withdrawn by the applicant.

The ZBA held three non-hearing work sessions and also met with the Selectmen and Planning Board in two joint

sessions. Five members and alternates attended planning and zoning conferences hosted by the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning. In addition, the ZBA was represented at the town Summer Informational Meeting in July and on the Residential District Density Project Sub-Committee hosted by the Planning Board.

As Chair of the ZBA, I would ask for your support on the proposed amendments to the existing zoning ordinances. The amendments will significantly impact development in Newbury in terms of density. The amendments, if enacted, will help to ensure controlled growth, the rural character of the town, and our ability to effectively meet the future needs of our community.

Finally, I would like to thank the members and alternates who have and continue to serve on the ZBA. They have given freely of their time and efforts in the performance of their assigned responsibilities. They have been a pleasure to work with and are individual assets to the town of Newbury.

Thomas W. Vannatta, Chairperson

Betsy Soper (Vice Chair), Katheryn Holmes, Tanya McIntire, Ernie Pagan, Alex Azodi, William Cluff, Helen Wright and Lacy Cluff (Land Use Board Coordinator)

UNH Cooperative Extension

One in four New Hampshire residents took advantage of at least one University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension program last year.

Our programs offer informal education in forest stewardship, parenting, family finances, food safety, agriculture, home gardening, 4-H (including clubs, camps and after school-programs) for children and teens, nutrition education for low-income families, strategic planning and leadership development skills for community groups.

County extension educators work extensively with towns and school districts – organizing and advising after-school programs, helping school and town groundskeepers maintain athletic fields and landscaped areas, providing guidance to town planners and boards on current use and other land-use issues. Because studies show that open space helps keep property taxes low, extension staff provides education to forest landowners and commercial farmers that helps keep their enterprises profitable, while preserving open space and protecting natural resources.

Merrimack County Extension provides fact-sheet notebooks to all town libraries and produces monthly “Coffee Chat” radio segments which offer information to residents throughout the station’s listening area.

UNH Cooperative Extension's Strengthening Communities Initiatives offers community leaders, grassroots organizers and community development specialists an opportunity for professional growth.

UNH Cooperative Extension operates a statewide toll-free Info Line at our Family, Home & Garden Education Center, staffed Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (1-877-398-4769). Last year, the Info Line handled more than 1,000 requests from Merrimack County residents. Extension also distributes a wide range of information from our Web site: www.extension.unh.edu.

Finally, UNH Cooperative Extension trains and supports a large corps of volunteers: 4-H leaders, master gardeners, wildlife coverts, community tree stewards, water quality monitors, parent mentors and others who extend the reach of Extension programs into many domains of New Hampshire life. If volunteer opportunities interest you, please call the Merrimack County Extension office at 225-5505 or 796-2151, or stop by the office at 315 Daniel Webster Highway in Boscawen next to the County Nursing Home on Route 3.

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

Regional planning provides a mechanism for communities that live, work and recreate together to collaborate on issues of common concern. The cities and towns of the Upper Valley, Sullivan County and Lake Sunapee area work together towards balance growth through UVLSRPC membership. Your community's active participation in UVLSRPC provides you with a voice in regional activities, as well as in decision-making at the State level that affects the future of your community.

Due to a Vermont decision to incorporate its Upper Valley communities into an existing Vermont-only region beginning July 1, 2004, the past year marked our transition to a New Hampshire-only service area for the first time since 1963. For communities in both states, some creative new approaches to regional planning will be required. We have already begun exploring options for continuing to address some of the Upper Valley's transportation, economic development, housing and watershed management needs across the region's state line.

Each year we strive to focus on activities that will best meet the needs of each area of the region, while we balance the differing concerns of larger and smaller communities. Some highlights of the past year:

- Work with state agencies to ensure that issues important to the region are understood and addressed, including local resource protection priorities, transportation choices and improvements, effectiveness fo state smart growth policies, and water quality protection needs.
- Participated in transportation programs that will bring additional funding in the region for sidewalks, public transit, and a US Route 4 corridor study.
- Developed a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Sullivan County, and continued to participate in CEDS programs in both East-Central Vermont and NH's Grafton County to guide growth in a manner consistent with local resources and needs, and increase eligibility for federal funding for economic development and infrastructure improvements.
- Continued to work with area and state organizations, businesses and communities to seek opportunities to improve the balance between economic growth and housing needs in the Upper Valley.
- Assisted 14 communities with updates of their master plans or capital improvement programs

and/or amendments to local land use regulations and floodplain ordinances.

- Provided technical assistance to local boards and committees addressing a number of issues, such as natural resource and open space protection, capital improvements programming, downtown or village redevelopment, trail mapping, school building and transportation needs, and parking needs and traffic circulation.
- Continued our assistance to those planning for the stewardship of the Connecticut River and its tributaries, including Lake Sunapee, and the Cold and Ompompanoosuc Rivers. Actively participated on Connecticut River Joint Commissions and Connecticut River Scenic Byway Council Steering Committee.
- Organized four hazardous waste collections in which 884 households participated to keep approximately 6,000 gallons of hazardous chemicals out of the region's groundwater; and assisted with public education on household hazardous waste, including outreach to small businesses on affordable disposal.
- Conducted 911 readdressing in Claremont to improve emergency response. Completed hazard mitigation plans for 11 communities as required for continued eligibility for federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation funds; arranged

funding to complete hazard mitigation plans for several more communities in the coming year; and assisted with all-hazard emergency operations plan for Southern Windsor County.

- Provided suggestions for minimizing potential regional impacts associated with several proposed developments through Act 250 in Vermont and to New Hampshire planning boards as requested.
- Collected traffic data in 22 communities, and completed road inventory in 5 communities to make sure that full state aid for maintenance is received. Provided traffic data to communities, residents and businesses on request.
- Continued to work with public transit providers serving the area's residents, employees, and visitors to identify opportunities to improve service using currently available funds, and to prioritize needs for additional funding. Assisted Upper Valley Transportation Management Association in efforts to reduce commuter traffic.
- Provided monthly circuit rider services to several communities to review subdivision and site plan applications for compliance with local regulations.
- Continued emphasis on informational programs and training for local officials. Topics of bi-

monthly program series included Smart Growth, Resource Conservation and Development Councils, Solid Waste, Community Water Supply, and Small Shared Septic Systems. Assisted with series of educational workshops for conservation commission members and VLCT VT Interactive TV workshops, and provided training for local officials in VT on conducting effective public hearings.

- Worked with Connecticut River Joint Commissions and League of women Voters of the Upper Valley to organize conference to educate planners, developers, landscape architects, engineers, and officials from NH and VT on techniques to minimize the negative effects of stormwater runoff through Low Impact Development techniques.
- Responded to day-to-day requests from local board members and staff for guidance on, e.g., road maintenance, design standards, scenic roads, traffic calming, traffic and parking-related zoning issues, development on private or unmaintained roads; implementation of local land use and excavation regulations, regulation of accessory apartments and buildings, emergency zoning, steep slope and ridgeline ordinances, site plan review; impact fees, capital improvement programs; stormwater management; flood insurance; mapping; and hiring consultants.

- Continued to utilize our geographic information system (GIS) to perform land use analyses and natural resource planning. Provided GIS services to 10 communities.
- Developed new website - www.uvlsrpc.org - to improve our ability to share information on planning issues and events. Maintained a library with the latest technical guidance, planning literature, and sample regulations; continued to expand regional socioeconomic database; and responded to numerous requests for information from local officials, businesses, and other area organizations.

We appreciate the high level of participation and support we receive from our communities, and look forward to continuing to serve the needs of the region in the coming year. We count on feedback from the Commissioners appointed by each community, as well as local officials and residents, to ensure that our work program focuses on those regional issues that are of the highest priority to you. Please feel free to contact us at (603) 448-1680 or email me at tbamford@uvlsrpc.org to share your thoughts.

Tara E. Bamford
Executive Director

Newbury Police Department

Our goals in 2004 were to monitor vehicle traffic in order to make our state highways safer, especially in our speed-zone areas of Rte. 103, 103A & 103B. We are also concerned with speed on our rural roads. Information from our residents concerning motor vehicle operations has allowed us to continue to concentrate patrol time in the problem areas.

In the area of community policing we keep an eye on the resident and non-resident properties in town. With the vacant house and business check patrols we have discovered numerous concerns of which we advise the owners.

The numbers of accidents are up from 2003, with an increase in property damage. Driving Under the Influence arrests have increased to 25 in 2004.

Cpl. Glen Drewniak returned home in September from serving our country in Afghanistan. We welcome him back. We would like to thank the Newbury Police Officers who covered shifts in his absence.

We say farewell to Chief James S. Valiquet who retired on December 31, 2004. The men and women of the Newbury Police Department thank you for your 13 years of service. We would also like to thank Officers Carolyn Cassady and David Seastrand who have resigned this year. Officers Stephen Valiquet and Jodi Bailey graduated from the full-time academy and continue to

work part-time here in Newbury. We also hired Warren Foote as a part-time Officer. Finally, we congratulate Jim and Carolyn on their marriage.

We want to thank the Newbury residents and visitors for providing us with their concerns and reports and helping this department make Newbury a great community in which to live and work.

Sgt. Henry Thomas, Corporal Glen Drewniak, Master Patrol Officer Bradley Wheeler, Officers Neill Cobb, Stephen Valiquet, Jodi Bailey, Warren Foote, & Administrative Assistant Deborah Lacombe



Photo courtesy Tom Nowell

**Newbury Police Department
Calls for Service 2004**

Death/Suicide	1
Drunk	1
Sexual Assault	1
Indecent Exposure	1
Rape	1
Assault	4
Harassment	1
Criminal Threat	3
Criminal Trespass	4
Criminal Mischief	23
Burglary	12
Shoplifting	1
Theft	55
Auto Theft	2
Fraud	2
Fraud-Bad Checks	3
Property-Found	15
Property-Returned	3
Property-Lost	15
Protective Order	2
Domestic Dispute	9
Disturbance	5
Shots Fired	5
Weapon Permits	13
Harassing Communications	13
Disorderly Conduct	2
Drugs/Possession	5
DUI	25

**Newbury Police Department
Calls for Service 2004**

Driving on Suspension/Revocation	5
Open Container	2
Liquor Law Violations	2
Parking Violation	31
Traffic Offense – Warning	976
Traffic Offense – Citation	303
Traffic Offense – Arrest	6
Motor Vehicle Check	12
Traffic Complaint	39
Traffic Crash/Personal Injury	6
Traffic Crash/Property Damage	53
Traffic Crash/Non Reportable	19
OHRV Accident	1
OHRV Complaints	8
Reckless Driving	4
Joy Riding	4
Defective Equipment Tag	2
Littering-Illegal Dumping	5
Animal-Complaint	16
Animal-Vicious	1
Animal-Cruelty	4
Animal-Stray	50
Animal-Nuisance	9
Animal-Bite	4
Animal-Livestock Complaint	2
Animal-Wild	14
Neighborhood Disputes	5
Noise Disturbance	12

**Newbury Police Department
Calls for Service 2004**

Assist – Fire/Police	27
Assist – In-County Police	91
Assist – Out-of-State Police	1
Assist – Newbury Fire	36
Assist – Medical/Rescue	10
Public Safety Response	3
Assist – Town Office	9
Assist – Public Works/EOC	13
Assist – Social Service Agencies	12
Assist – Court	3
Alarm – Bank	3
Alarm – Business	27
Alarm – House	90
911 Hang-up	20
Missing Person	7
Juvenile Complaint	3
Juvenile Runaway	1
Truancy	1
Fireworks Permit	1
Citizen-Requested Assistance	83
Welfare Check	14
Stranded Motorist	3
Abandoned Vehicle	16
M/V Unlock	5
Road Hazard/Obstruction	29
VIN Inspection	13
Manner of Operation	3
Ride Along	7

**Newbury Police Department
Calls for Service 2004**

Fingerprints/School, Ins/Other	11
Civil Issue/Stand-by	6
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Incident	42
Open Door/Window/Gate	3
Selective Enforcement Request	2
Police Information	73
House Check Request	27
Building Check-Business	430
Building Check-Public	237
Building Check-Residential	97
Warrant-Criminal	2
Paper Service	36
Case Follow up/Internal Affairs	5
Sexual Offender Registration	3
Total Calls	3327

Newbury Fire Department

Fire and Rescue calls went down 9 percent to 134 in 2004. These calls are detailed below. The time spent by personnel went up 24 percent. This increase was due to the scope of the calls and the time spent doing street numbering and inspections as a result of the commercial and residential growth in the community.

In the Fall, the department took delivery of the new Ford F 550 four-door rescue truck. The truck has been out on a number of calls and has met the goals of the Truck Committee, whose work on researching this purchase is appreciated.

Many thanks to my officers and members of the department for the time they spend responding to emergencies in Newbury and surrounding mutual aid towns.

The department also has functions that are not prompted by emergencies. Special thanks to members and other volunteers who support bingo, the annual auction, the Halloween party/haunted house, and the Christmas party.

A couple of reminders: during winter months, people who live on long driveways and private roads are asked to keep them plowed wide and avoid leaving vehicles in the way that would hinder emergency vehicles from getting through. Also, remember to check your smoke

detector and fire extinguisher for proper operation. Have a safe 2005!

Department Officers:

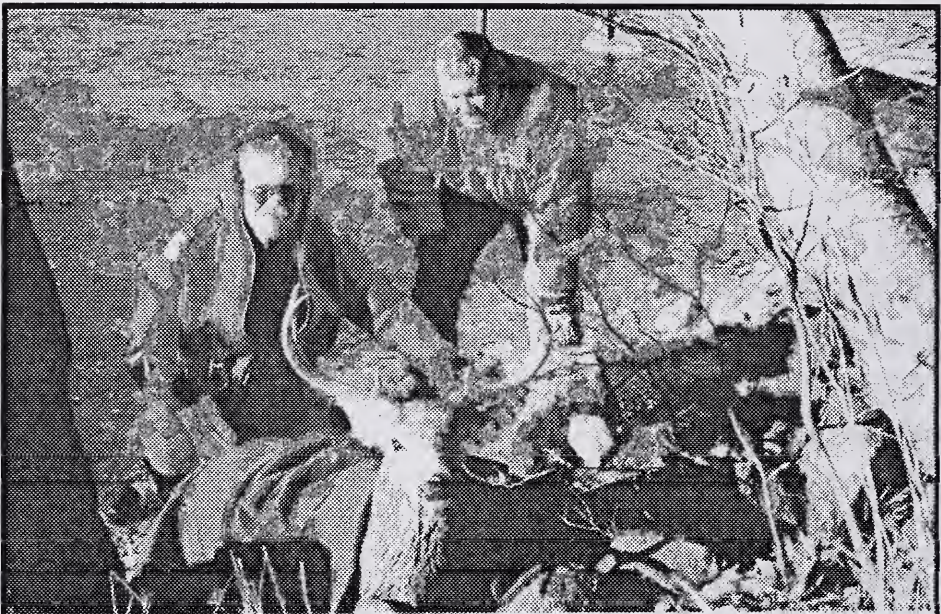
Assistant Chief	David Smith
Captain	Kevin Walker
Lieutenants	Ken Burnell, Ed Thorson, Scott Davis, Jamie Bechok
Clerk	Ken Holmes
Treasurer	Robin Parkhurst
Communications	David Kinsman
Prevention	George Mellen
Medical	Pam Drewniak
Standing Committee	John Croteau, Colin Nelson, Mike Meninno

Department Calls 2004

Auto Accident	26
Boat Rescue	1
Falls/Trauma	9
Mutual Aid	9
Chimney Fires	2
Fuel Spill	0
Cardiac Problems	2
Smoke/Odor Problems	8
False Alarm	14
Respiratory Problem	6
Vehicle Fire	1
In-House Medical	38
Brush Fire	1

Structure Fire	2
Natural Death	0
Search & Rescue	4
Wires Down	6
Service Call	4
Untimely Death	1
Total	134

Henry Thomas, Jr., Fire Chief



New London Fire Chief Peter Stanley and Newbury firefighter Mike Croean warm up the deer rescued from ice in Newbury harbor. Photo courtesy Bob Messenger.

Bradford Rescue Squad

In 2004 the Bradford Rescue Squad responded to 39 medical and fire calls in Newbury – a number that represents 25% of our total call volume of 155 calls in 2004. We are proud to provide primary ambulance service for part of the Town of Newbury, and to provide mutual aid when needed in the rest of town. Our association with Newbury Fire and Newbury FAST continues to be a rewarding one.

The Bradford Rescue Squad currently comprises 16 active EMTs and drivers who devote considerable time and energy to the squad. At this time we have openings for at least 3 EMTs and would welcome any Newbury volunteers living nearby – no previous experience is necessary and the squad pays for all training. It is very rewarding to help your friends and neighbors, and to work with fire and rescue personnel from Bradford and neighboring towns.

We thank you all for your support in 2004 and look forward to another rewarding year working together.

Deborah Bede, Captain

Newbury Forest Fire Warden

This past summer seemed like it never materialized. We stayed plenty wet until well into the fall. We never had any extended hot and dry weather which meant permits were able to be written for most of the year. Just under 400 permits were issued when counting both seasonal campfire and open brush burning. When I first became Warden 10 years ago, we were doing fewer than 150. Remember that campfire permits all expired on December 31, 2004 and must be reissued before burning once the snow is gone.

Please read the attached State Forest Ranger report. You will notice Merrimack County has the highest total of reported fire activity. I am glad to say our town did not contribute to that total. The minor incidents we did have were caused by trees burning on electric lines and negligence in disposing of charcoal grill ashes (resulting in the near loss of a building). During the winter, please use common sense when disposing of wood stove ashes – paper or plastic bags just don't work.

Once the snow is gone, permits will again be required. Permits can only be issued for clean, ordinary combustibles. Brush cannot exceed five inches in diameter. Household trash, rubber, plastics, foam, roof shingles, and treated wood may not be burned. Treated wood goes beyond pressure-treated and includes paints, stains, or glues (plywood and chipboard). If you have questions on what you can and cannot burn, please ask when you call for a fire permit. Please call ahead for permits to ensure you will be able to burn when you plan

to. We can always issue a permit pending rain or a couple of days ahead pending stable fire conditions. Also, please be considerate when calling for a permit. In the vast majority of cases, you are going to someone's home or place of business. Calls or visits late at night or very early in the morning are a real inconvenience.

As I start my 11th year as Warden, I would like to thank the citizens of Newbury for their support, understanding and concern for forest fire safety.

Thanks to the Deputy Wardens, the Newbury Fire and Police Departments, and New London Dispatch for their assistance. Special thanks to deputies John Croteau and Hank Thomas and my wife, Jennifer, for writing so many of the permits and handling many of the calls.

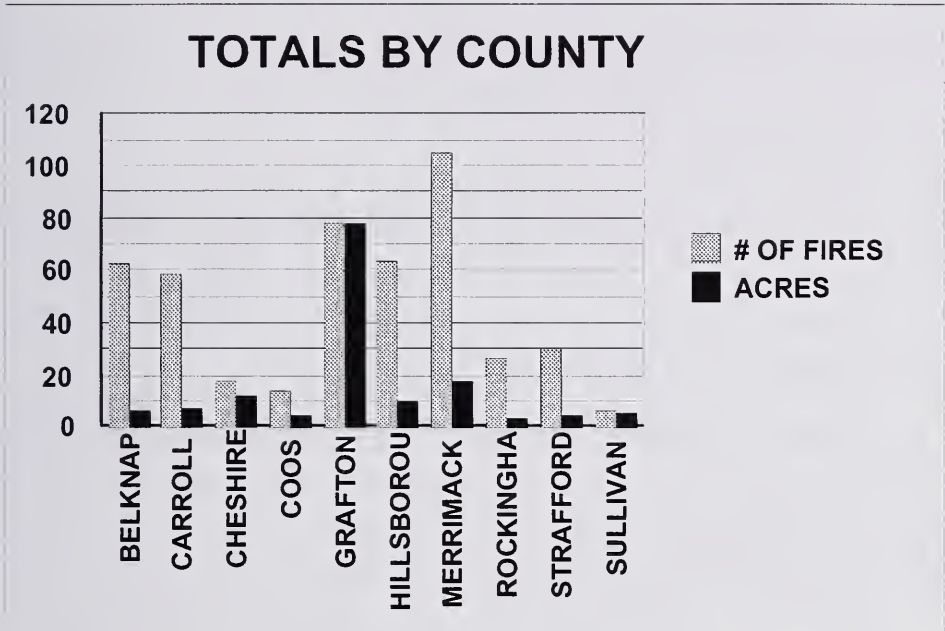
David G. Smith, Newbury Warden (938-5925)

State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and the NH Division of Forests & Lands cooperate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden to find out if a permit is required before doing any outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The open burning of household waste is prohibited by the DES. Violations of the state fire permit law and other burning laws are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail, plus the cost of suppressing the fire.

Despite a fairly wet spring and summer, we finished the year with an active fall fire season. To meet increased demand for services, the Forest Protection Bureau was reorganized into three regions with the smaller Forest Ranger Districts and over the last few years we have added two Rangers. The 15 state fire towers were first to report on many fires throughout the state and they completed other projects on the low fire danger days. The United States celebrated Smokey Bear's 60th birthday in 2004, and celebrations were held throughout the state. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire smart and fire safe!

2004 Fire Statistics (Reported through November 18, 2004)



Fires Reported by County:

<u>Causes</u>		<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
Debris	201	2004 462	147
Arson	15	2003 374	100
Campfire	41	2002 540	187
Children	12	2001 942	428
Smoking	19		
Railroad	1		
Equipment	5		
Misc.	163		

Douglas C. Minor, Forest Ranger

Code Enforcement

The year 2004 was a busy one again for our area builders and tradespeople. 191 permits were issued for a variety of construction, some of which were multiple projects, such as a house, porch, and garage, or similar combinations.

This is the first year a Certificate of Occupancy has been required before a newly completed building can be occupied, so be sure to call for inspections as your building project progresses.

Another important reminder: Newbury's building regulations require a permit for any structure that is built on a foundation. Construction without a permit has been a common violation in the past and can result in cease-and-desist orders and/or penalty fines. If you have any questions about permit requirements, the application process, or the latest code regulations, please call me at the town office – 763-4940, ext. 203. My hours are Mondays 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Wednesdays 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Building Projects 2004

Houses	36
Garages	31
Decks	49
Porches	34
Sheds	8
Barns	9
Pools	2
Warming Hut	1
Alterations	21

Paul LaCasse, Code Enforcement Officer

**Town Warrant
State of New Hampshire - 2005**

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Newbury in the County of Merrimack in said state qualified to vote in the town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Safety Services Building in said Newbury on Tuesday, the eighth (8) day of March, next at One of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
2. To vote on amendments to the existing building code.
3. To vote on amendments to the existing zoning ordinance.

The town shall recess the business portion of the meeting until Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. at the White Star Function Hall on Route 103 in South Newbury.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,662,162 for general operations:

ANNUAL BUDGET

2004

2005

1. Executive	\$103,274	\$117,811
2. Elections	8,681	3,725
3. Financial Administration	123,818	187,837
4. Legal Expenses	33,010	43,000
5. Personnel Administration	285,055	267,390
6. Planning	43,650	38,961
7. Zoning	9,193	8,609
8. General Government Bldg.	33,193	38,203
9. Cemeteries	20,341	20,755
10. Insurance	45,705	44,000
11. Other General Govt.	2,320	2,800
12. Police Department	254,156	280,826
13. Fire Department	80,955	78,061
14. Forest Fire	620	1,000
15. Code Enforcement	25,240	22,916
16. Emergency Management	20	100
17. Highway Maintenance	447,491	417,581
18. Highway Reconstruction	192,450	186,500
19. Street Lighting	14,500	13,225
20. Transfer Station	212,070	213,688
21. Health Agencies	26,459	25,962
22. Welfare	15,385	15,385
23. Information Booth	6,486	6,830
24. Parks & Recreation	30,085	31,880
25. Library	60,088	65,323
26. Conservation Commission	600	600
27. Historical Society	250	250
28. Tax Anticipation Notes	2,600	1,000
29. Sewer Department	162,390	128,195
30. Bond/Note Principal	30,000	192,000

Bond/Note Interest	8,400	88,056
Bond/Note Issuance Costs	12,500	0
31. Ambulance Deductibles	1,000	0
32. Safety Communication Svcs.	30,590	33,743
33. Capital Outlay Loaders P&L	18,627	0
Capital Outlay Improvements	32,460	85,950
34. Miscellaneous	15	0

TOTAL:\$2,373,677 \$2,662,162

5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$145,500 to be placed in the following capital reserve funds.

(Recommended by the Selectmen.)

FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$49,000
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	\$81,000
POLICE CRUISER	\$12,500
AMBULANCE	\$ 3,000

6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000 to be placed in the following existing RSA 31:19-a maintenance expendable trust funds previously established.

(Recommended by the Selectmen.)

DOCKS	\$3,000
TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$5,000
TOWN BUILDINGS	\$5,000
MILFOIL CONTROL	\$5,000

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,000 for a new tax map system. The tax map system will include

color ortho photos from a flyover this spring along with a 911 map, zoning map, buffer zone map, color digital tax maps, street map and GIS software. These maps will also be utilized in our new Master Plan, saving additional costs to the Town.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$340,000 to purchase property known as the “Bald Sunapee Garden Center,” 927 Route 103 (Map/lot# 020-073-257) and furthermore to authorize the use of the December 31, 2004 undesignated fund balance in that amount for this purpose. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,250 for the purchase of replacement sanders and plows and authorize the withdrawal of \$70,250 from the Highway Equipment fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$46,700 for a new diesel fuel pump and tank. The location will be at the new highway garage.
11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to replace a box culvert on South Road.
12. To see if the Town will authorize the Planning Board to require preliminary review of “Major

Subdivisions” in accordance with RSA 674:35, I and to make it the duty of the Town Clerk to file a certificate of notice with the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds showing the date the Planning Board has been so authorized in accordance with RSA 674:35, II.

13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to offset the cost of a new ambulance for Bradford Rescue Squad and to authorize the withdrawal of \$20,000 from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)
14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,010 to construct a boundary wall at the Marshall Cemetery.
15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,400 to be placed in the Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund and authorize the transfer of \$1,400 from the December 31, 2004 undesignated fund balance for this purpose. Said sum represents the sale of cemetery lots in the prior fiscal year.
16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$157,500 to pave approximately one mile of Old Province Road beginning at the Old Post Road end. It is currently a gravel road that requires constant maintenance. (By petition) (Not recommended by the Selectmen.)

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

Newbury Board of Selectmen

Jim Powell, Chair
Richard Wright
Gary Budd

Budget For The Town of Newbury, NH
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuring Year January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005

Purpose of Appropriation RSA 32:3v	Appropriations Prior Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Prior Fiscal Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year
General Government			
Executive	103,274	112,115	117,811
Election, Registration & Vital Stats.	8,681	11,084	3,725
Financial Administration	123,818	124,591	187,837
Legal Expenses	33,010	26,972	43,000
Personnel Administration	285,055	208,007	267,390
Planning	43,650	42,102	38,961
Zoning	9,193	11,126	8,609
General Government Buildings	33,193	52,830	38,203
Cemeteries	20,341	19,356	20,755
Insurance	45,705	44,425	44,000
Other General Government	2,320	2,745	2,800
Public Safety			
Police Department	254,156	235,629	280,826
Ambulance Deductibles	1,000	0	0

Fire Department	81,575	76,276	79,061
Code Enforcement & Inspection	25,240	24,020	22,916
Emergency Management	20	0	100
Safety Communications Services	30,590	30,916	33,743
Highway			
Streetlighting	14,500	12,898	13,225
Admin., Maintenance, Constr.	639,941	626,727	604,081
Sanitation			
Solid Waste Collection	91,370	74,016	85,888
Solid Waste Disposal	116,500	124,446	125,000
Solid Waste Recycling	4,200	3,560	2,800
Health			
Health, Community, School Programs	26,459	26,228	25,962
Welfare			
Administration & Direct Assistance	15,385	10,970	15,385
Culture & Recreation			
Parks & Recreation	30,085	34,495	31,880
Library	60,088	59,977	65,323
Other	6,736	6,817	7,080
Conservation Commission			
Administration & Operations	600	600	600
Debt Service			

Principal: Long Term Bonds & Notes	30,000	30,000	192,000
Interest: Long Term Bonds & Notes	8,400	7,050	88,056
Interest: Tax Anticipation Notes	2,600	2,584	1,000
Bond Issuance Costs	12,500	13,000	0
Capital Outlay		0	
Land	15		340,000
Improvements	253,060	19,582	252,960
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	168,627	146,604	90,250
Buildings	1,750,000	1,157,089	46,700
To Special Revenue Fund	162,390	139,167	128,195
To Capital Reserve Fund	150,600	150,600	145,500
To Expendable Trust Funds	31,500	32,550	19,400
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	4676377	3,701,154	\$3,471,022

Source of Revenue

Revenue Source	2004 Revenue Estimate	2004 Actual Revenue	2005 Revenue Estimate
Taxes			
Land Use Change Taxes	20,000	41,470	40,000
Yield Taxes	8,000	15,027	15,000
Payment In Lieu Of Taxes	13,510	12,985	12,900
Other Taxes	6,500	7,313	7,500
Interest&Penalties on Delinquent Tx.	40,000	39,152	40,000
Excavation Activity Tax	1,000	1,525	1,500
Licenses, Permits & Fees			
Busines Licenses & Permits	1,500	752	1,500
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	350,000	393,293	400,000
Building Permits	10,000	9,512	15,000
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	2,195	2,936	2,200
From State			
Shared Revenue	9,822	14,000	14,000
Meals & Room Tax Distribution	52,900	60,000	67,000
Highway Block Grant	86,804	86,982	94,221
Forest Land Reimbursement	1,352	1,028	1,352

Other	168,950		
From Other Governments	10,000	3,725	30,000
Charges For Services			
Income From Departments	46,665	46,717	50,000
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Sale of Municipal Property	500	500	4,000
Interest on Investments	10,000	18,395	20,000
Other	5,500	13,494	6,000
Interfund Operating Transfers In			
Special Revenue Funds	162,390	144,710	128,195
Capital Reserve Funds	189,000	168,598	90,250
Cemetery	0		
Other Financing Sources			
Long Term Bonds & Notes	1,750,000	1,750,000	0
Surplus	0	0	381,400
TOTAL REVENUES/CREDITS	2,946,588	2,832,114	1,422,000
			YEAR 2005
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	4,676,377		3,471,022
LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES	2,946,588		1,422,018
PLUS OVERLAY	340,392		50,000
PLUS WAR SERVICE CREDITS	57,000		59,000
AMOUNT OF TAXES TO RAISE	2,127,181		2,158,004

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Newbury, New Hampshire

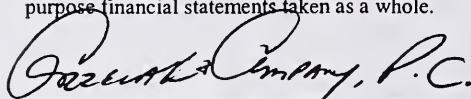
We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Newbury as of and for the year ended December 31, 2003, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Newbury's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit in order to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the General Fixed Assets Account Group, which should be included in order to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The amounts that should be recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group are not known.

In our opinion, except for the omission of the information discussed in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Newbury as of December 31, 2003, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The individual and combining fund financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Newbury. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.


GRZELAK AND COMPANY, P.C., CPA's
Laconia, New Hampshire

April 23, 2004

Exhibit A
TOWN OF NEWBURY

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
As of December 31, 2003

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Funds Trust and Agency Funds	Account Groups		<u>TOTALS</u> Memo Only
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds		General	Long-Term Debt	
ASSETS						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,885,324	\$ 176,350	\$ 24,334		\$ 2,086,008	
Investments	1,084	-	475,054		476,138	
Taxes Receivable	1,494,713	-	-		1,494,713	
Accounts Receivable	5,844	11,190	-		17,034	
Due from Other Governments	55,500	-	-		55,500	
Due from Other Funds	22,552	40,890	-		63,442	
Other Assets	20	-	-		20	
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt and Other Obligations						
				\$ 216,098	216,098	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,465,037	\$ 228,430	\$ 499,388	\$ 216,098	\$ 4,408,953	

LIABILITIES							
Accounts Payable	\$	125,013	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 125,013
Due to Other Governments		241,755		-		-	241,755
Due to School District		1,567,256		-		-	1,567,256
Due to Other Funds		40,890		22,552		-	63,442
Accrued Expenses		797		-		-	797
Notes Payable		1,100,000		-		-	1,100,000
Other Current Liabilities		-		-		20,008	20,008
Compensated Absences		-		-		\$ 66,098	66,098
Long-Term Debt		-		-		150,000	150,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	3,075,711	\$	22,552	\$	20,008	\$ 3,334,369

FUND EQUITY							
Fund Balance							
Reserved							
Encumbrances		-		-		-	-
Endowments		-		39,631		-	39,631
Unreserved							
Undesignated		389,326		205,878		439,749	1,034,953
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	389,326	389,326	205,878	479,380	-	-	1,074,584

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$	3,465,037	\$	228,430	\$	499,388	\$ 4,408,953
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Highway Department

2004 was another busy year for the Highway Department. Old Post Road was re-paved and shouldered from the east end of Route 103 to the Freeman property. Sutton Road was shimmed and topped with a one inch wear course from Village Road to Gillingham Road. A full-depth reclamation was done from the bridge on Sutton Road running 1,550 feet towards the Schroeder farm and this section was rebuilt with 3 inches of new hot mix. This work, along with some tree removal, lowering of a small rise plus drainage improvements will help this section of Sutton Road significantly.

The first half of South Road was reclaimed and is scheduled to be paved in the spring. Several drainage improvements were made on Old Post and Sutton Roads and on Pine Street, along with replacements of deteriorated culverts around town. A major drainage improvement was made at the intersection of Park 10 Road and Route 103, with the state supplying the materials and the town forces doing the installation. This, along with paving the first part of Park 10, has greatly improved the intersection and eliminated a serious ice problem in the winter months.

The department began an extensive roadside mowing program to clear all the rights-of-way on town roads. We have completed about half of the roads in town and will finish the job next fall.

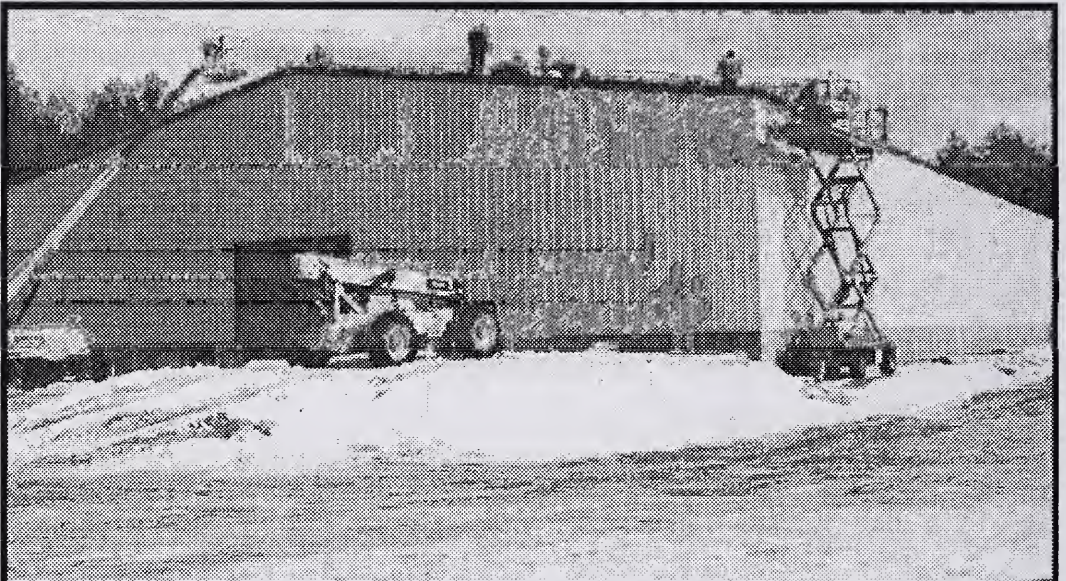
Winter brought its usual challenges. From January 1 through December 31, 2004 we plowed town roads and applied approximately 2,413 yards of sand and 272 tons of salt.

The new Highway Garage and salt shed on South Road are well under construction. We look forward to seeing the townspeople

at an open house upon completion – watch for an announcement!

I would like to thank the residents for their support of the new facility along with their continued support of the rest of our endeavors. Thanks also to the Highway Department staff for their dedication and hard work, and to the Board of Selectmen, Police and Fire personnel, and the Town Office staff for their continued assistance and support.

Cal Prussman, Highway Administrator



*New Highway Garage under construction.
Photo courtesy Shelly Candius.*

Blodgett Sewer Treatment Facility

Work continued on upgrading the Blodgett Sewer system in 2004. The remaining two beds were reclaimed, with new linings, piping and sand. All four filter beds are now in top-notch operating condition. I'd like to extend thanks to Clark Gunness and the staff at Resicon USA and to Josh Perkins for jobs well done on the reclamation of the beds.

Ongoing testing for nitrates has determined that the levels are now well below state standards. Weekly testing will continue, as required by the state.

Our test equipment, meters, lab, and both pumping stations are operating without problems. Test equipment purchased in 2004 has enabled us to save costs associated with using outside testing laboratories.

The Blodgett Sewer proposed budget for 2005 is down from last year, reflecting a reduction in funds needed for repair and maintenance. We know, however, that it is necessary to keep a close watch on the operation of this system which was installed in the 1950s. Toward this end, a committee has been formed to select an engineering company to do a study of the current system and to make recommendations for the future of the wastewater facility.

Tim Mulder, Chief Operator

Blodgett Landing Sewer Committee

In July the Board of Selectmen appointed the Blodgett Landing Sewer Committee. The Blodgett Landing Sewer System was constructed in the early 1950s and was expanded in the 1970s to include Croft's Beach. Operated under the management of the Town, the annual cost of the system is paid by approximately 139 landowners.

The sewer treatment plant's most recent groundwater discharge permit, issued by the state and essential for continued operation of the system, prohibited any additional user connections or additional discharge created by conversion of homes from seasonal to full-time occupancy. This restriction was issued as a result of elevated nitrate levels in groundwater monitoring. These restrictions, coupled with significantly increased fees associated with repairs to the system, prompted users to request a more active role.

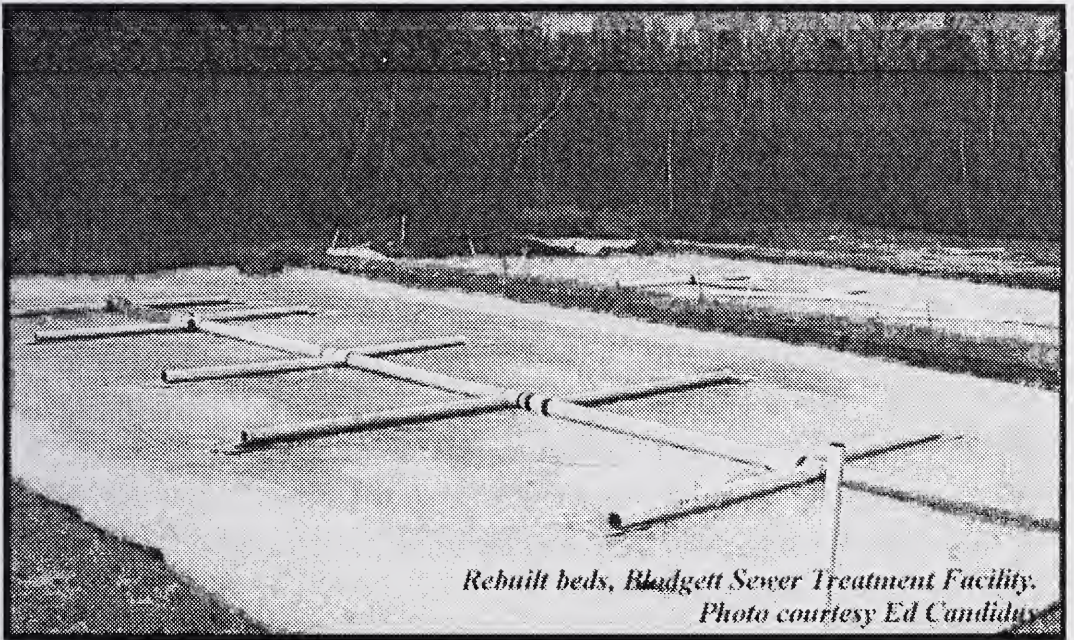
The primary responsibility of the Sewer Committee is to work with the Town to promote the efficient and effective operation of the current system. Such operation includes

- Repairing and maintaining the collection system to minimize infiltration and inflow which unnecessarily taxes the treatment plant's capacity
- Repairing and maintaining the treatment plant to serve all current users, permitting expansion for full-time use by current users while meeting state groundwater requirements.

As its first action the committee secured a consultant to report on the condition of the collection system and to recommend the most cost-effective repairs. That report is expected to be reviewed by the committee in January.

In the coming year the committee will work with the Board of Selectmen to obtain consultant recommendations regarding long-term viability of the treatment plant, will meet with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services regarding groundwater monitoring and will regularly communicate with the users of the system and the Selectmen.

*Gary R. Daniels
Committee Member*



Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association

As a health service organization, a primary responsibility of Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association and affiliates is to respond to changing community needs for home health and hospice care. We must continually “re-invent” ourselves in response to changes in regulations, provider reimbursement and best clinical practice standards so we can bring you value for your dollar as a member town of Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association.

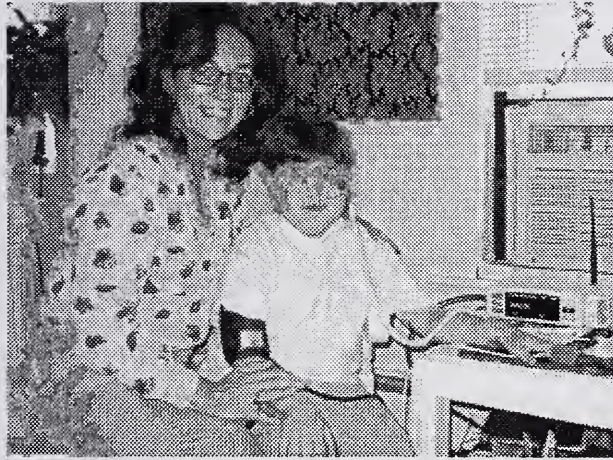
This year has been a memorable one for Lake Sunapee Region VNA in so many ways that we are referring to it as a “*renaissance*”, a rebirth. Over the past several years we adapted to changes in Medicare reimbursement, inadequate Medicaid reimbursement, changes in clinical practice, shortages of nursing personnel, three-fold increases in insurance costs and increased technology demands. With 80% of our costs related to salaries and benefits it became essential to look for ways to reduce overhead. One way to control costs was to invest in our own building.

This spring, guided by the Board of Trustees and with a great deal of support from the greater community, we were able to purchase a building. Our new office, The Halsey Building, will meet our needs for many years and will help ensure the availability of exceptional home health and hospice services in our community. Necessary building renovations were supported by generous gifts from individuals who believe in the mission of Lake Sunapee Region VNA.

Recently, Friends of the VNA opened *The Renaissance Shoppe* in the lower level of our building at 107 Newport Road in New London. These volunteers created the shop to raise funds and to

raise awareness of Lake Sunapee Region VNA. Quality furniture, estate pieces, glassware, china, jewelry and more generously donated by people in our area who may be moving or downsizing will be sold with all proceeds to benefit the VNA. Donors will, of course, receive documentation for tax purposes.

Support from the town of Newbury makes a difference in the lives of your friends and neighbors for whom Lake Sunapee



Region VNA provides care. The number of individuals and families who are uninsured or underinsured is rising. Currently, Medicaid reimburses at about 55-60% of what it costs to provide care. There has been no

adjustment in Medicaid rates since 1999. Looking to the future, we expect Medicare reimbursement to decrease as the Federal Government tries to ensure solvency of the Medicare program and a continued problem with Medicaid funding due to State budget challenges.

Your town appropriation dollars help us to provide medically necessary care to residents of Newbury. Town support also helps cover costs of things like medications and equipment for hospice patients; care for newborns and children, bereavement support for families of hospice patients for the year following the death of a loved one and bereavement support groups for adults and for children in our local schools. We are grateful for this support because it helps bridge the gap between

reimbursement and our costs. Town support and our other fundraising efforts allow us to continue our mission to keep people healthy and independent at home for as long as that is feasible.

Lake Sunapee Region VNA also offers many services either at no charge or with some subsidy from insurance plans to residents of the town including:

- .. Parent Child Program
- .. Well Child Clinics
- .. Hospice Volunteer Training
- .. Blood pressure and other screenings
- .. Home Telemonitoring to prevent unplanned hospitalizations and help patients learn self care
- .. Administration of the Lifeline program
- .. Storage space and distribution for the Kearsarge Area Food Pantry
- .. Speaker's Bureau for local organizations and churches
- .. Health Fairs
- .. Kearsarge Community Christmas project
- .. Educational programs on chronic illness and advance care planning
- .. File of Life and emergency information for each patient admitted to service
- .. Caregiver Support Groups

This year more than 303 residents of Newbury used one or more of the services offered by Lake Sunapee Region VNA. Services included 485 home care visits and 428 hospice visits for adults and children, 3672 hours in long-term care services, and over 179 immunizations. In addition, 6 residents used our Lifeline program, 11 residents used our home telemonitoring program and 25 residents attended our support programs including parent child program, caregiver support and bereavement support.

The Board of Trustees, the staff and our volunteers join me in expressing our appreciation for your support and your confidence in the work of Lake Sunapee Region VNA. We welcome the opportunity to bring care and services to residents of the town of Newbury.

Andrea Steel
President and CEO

New London Hospital

New London Hospital is very grateful to our community for the strong support you have given the hospital in 2004! Because of you, our physicians, staff and Board leadership, the hospital is back on track and continuing its work to provide excellence in patient care.

We are pleased to share the notable achievements of our past fiscal year, which ended September 30, 2004.

- The quality of our patient care has been formally recognized as excellent by state surveys, our scores on patient satisfaction surveys, and three national studies.
- We have added or expanded clinical services offered to the community, including: Neurosurgery, Mobile Lithotripsy, Mental Health, the Hospitalist Program, Outpatient Oncology Services, and a Coumadin Clinic.
- Three new primary care physicians joined the staff to provide improved access to primary care.
- Our 24/7 ambulance service continues to serve the community with financial support from all seven towns.
- The Emergency Department is staffed 24/7 with board-certified emergency room physicians who have formed a local physician practice, Kearsarge Valley Emergency Physicians, to serve our patients.
- The Clough Center, our extended care facility, expanded its skilled nursing services for patients who no longer require acute care yet are not able to return home or to an assisted living facility.
- For the first time in six years the hospital ended its fiscal year with a modest gain from operations.

- Gifts to the 2004 Annual Fund-used to support clinical programs and purchase medical equipment-were 52% higher than in 2003.
- New London Hospital Auxiliary presented the hospital with a gift in the amount of \$94,000 as a result of its fundraising activities.

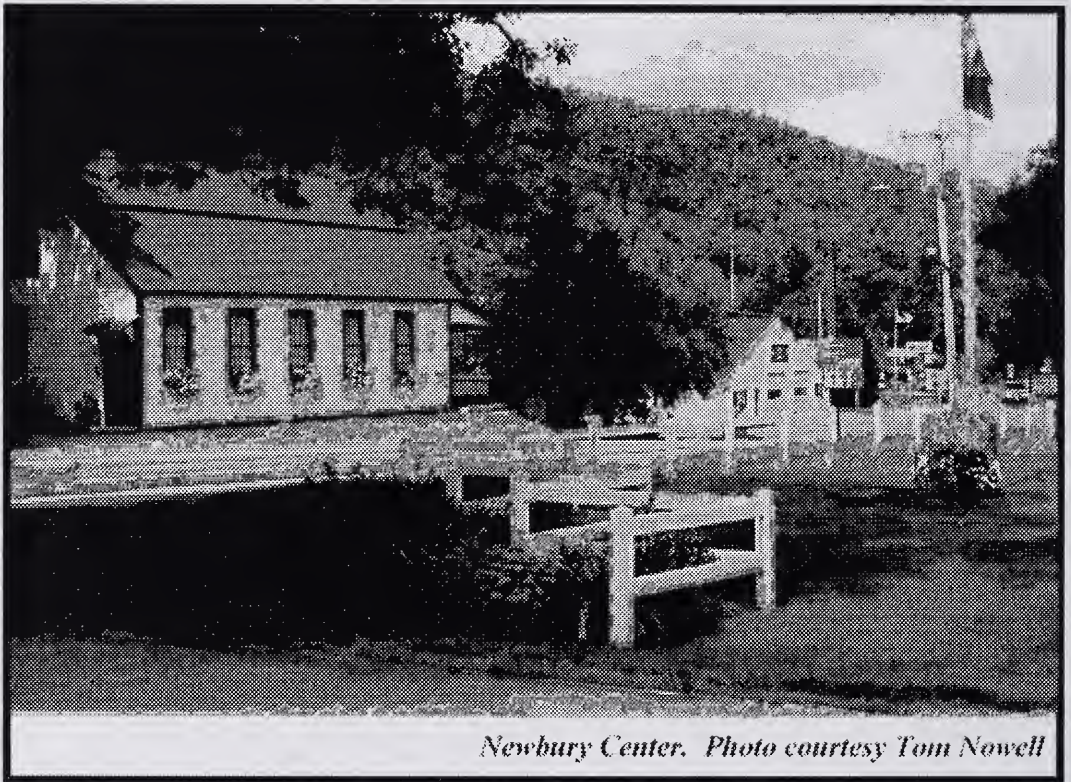
These accomplishments represent extraordinary effort on the part of many people working together.

We especially thank you, the community, for your confidence and loyalty.

*G. William Helm, Jr. Bruce P. King
Chairman, Board of Trustees President & CEO*

Community Action Program

Over the past 28 years, the Kearsarge Valley Community Action Program has been the focal point of social service delivery in this area, providing help when needed to the income eligible and elderly, as well as to the community at large. Support for the local Area Center is derived from a combination of federal appropriations and local tax dollars. This combination allows the Kearsarge Valley Community Action Program to provide a variety of services to Newbury residents, from the development of programs which meet local needs to outreach, referral, and direct assistance. The following summary provides a brief description of CAP programs and the number of Newbury residents who participated in them.



**Community Action Program
Kearsarge Valley Area Center
Services Provided to Newbury Residents in 2004**

<u>SERVICE DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>UNITS</u>	<u>PERSONS</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
<p>COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM: A nutrition program that offers participants free nutritious foods to supplement their daily diet. The program serves children under six years of age, women during pregnancy and up to 12 months after the birth of their baby. Value \$22.00 per unit. *(An individual may not be enrolled in both WIC Program and CSFP, but a family may have members on both programs.)</p>	38 Packages	4 Person	\$836.00

CONGREGATE MEALS:

All elders are welcome to our congregate meal sites/Senior Centers for nutritious hot meals, social/recreational activities and special events. Value \$6.72 per meal.

389 Meals

36 Persons

\$2,614.06

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRIES:

Provide up to five days of food for people facing temporary food crisis. Value \$5.00 per meal.

170 Meals

22 Persons

\$850.00

FUEL ASSISTANCE:

Available to income-eligible households to help with energy costs during the prime heating season. Priority is given to the elderly and disabled. The average benefit was \$506.00.

35 Applications

57 Persons

\$14,272.76

TRANSPORTATION:

Provides regularly scheduled demand response to and from towns in Belknap and Merrimack counties to medical and

151 Rides

9 Persons

\$1,309.17

professional facilities, shopping centers and congregate meal sites. Value \$8.67

MEALS-ON-WHEELS:

Provides the delivery of nutritionally balanced hot meals to homebound elderly or adult residents five days per week. Value \$6.59 per meal.

1095 Meals

7 Persons

\$7,216.05

WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN:

Provides specific food to supplement daily diet of pregnant or nursing women as well as children under five. Participants receive medical/nutritional screening, counseling and education. Value includes value of vouchers and clinical services at \$42.73 per unit.

45 Vouchers

4 Persons

\$1,922.85

FAMILY PLANNING:

Provides confidential, comprehensive gynecological care, including complete medical exams, breast exams, Pap smears pregnancy testing, birth control and counseling.

3 Visits

2 Persons

\$425.00

THE FIXIT PROGRAM:

Mobilizes volunteers such as plumbers and electricians, etc. to assist elderly clients with small household repairs.

2 Clients

4 Jobs

\$128.14

WEATHERIZATION:

Improves energy efficiency of income eligible households. Supplemental program includes furnace replacement, water heater replacement, and roof repair. Value includes average material and labor.

1 Home

1 Person

\$103.00

CORE:

An energy efficiency program sponsored by the electric utilities of NH.

1 Home

2 Persons

\$497.50

Grand Total

\$29,338.55

Family Services

In 2004, the Town of Newbury provided assistance to eight families.

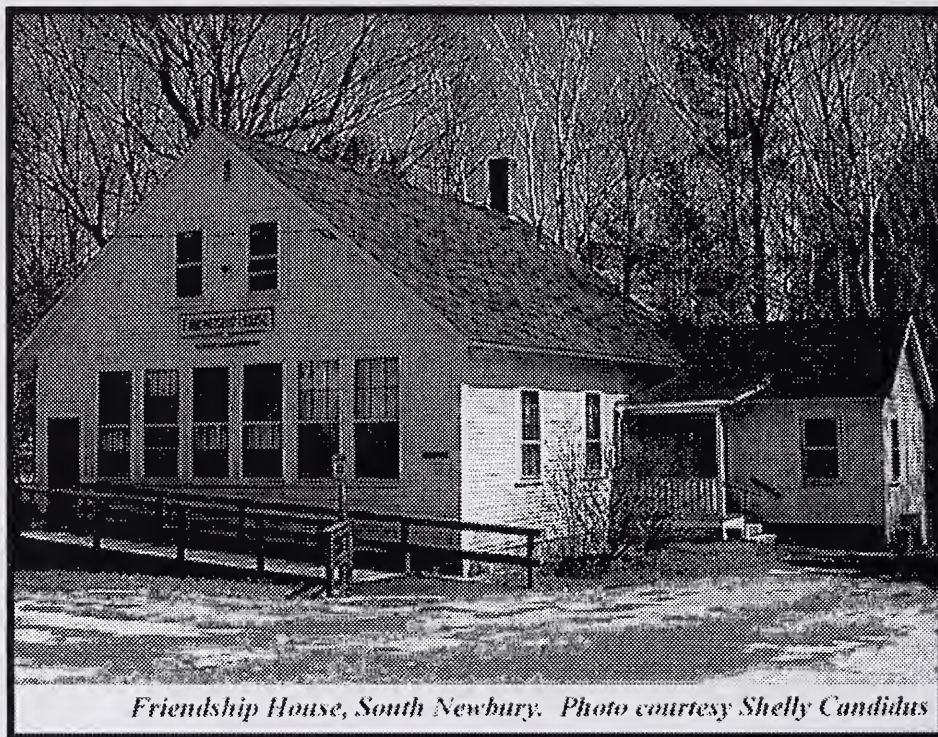
Again this year, Mt. Sunapee Resort offered a “Care & Share” Day at the mountain, and they have donated the collected food to Newbury Family Services. Along with the ongoing food pantry at the South Newbury Union Church, many Newbury families in need have benefitted from these two sources. There are still other people who could make use of this assistance, if they were aware of it. Please pass the word that this resource is available to those in need.

As in the past, community support has been overwhelming for the less fortunate Newbury residents. In coordination with South Newbury Union Church and the Healing Springs Church, 15 Thanksgiving and 15 Christmas baskets were distributed to those in need. Each year, the parishioners of these two churches work diligently to organize and assemble the baskets. The town extends gratitude to all involved, and extends a special thank you to the townspeople who donated towards the goods to supplement those baskets.

Thanks to the generosity of a local benefactor, gift certificates were sent to the parents of 26 children, enabling them to purchase gifts to brighten Christmas Day for their youngsters.

If anyone has any concerns or questions about Family Services, please contact me at the Town Office. I look forward to another year of continued community support in this great town.

Gail Bostic, Family Services Director



Friendship House, South Newbury. Photo courtesy Shelly Candidus

Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc.

Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc. (COA) is a non-profit organization founded in 1992 with the mission of providing needed programs and services for area citizens over the age of 55 and for adults of any age, who through disability may need assistance. Its service area includes the towns of Andover, Danbury, Grantham, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton and Wilmot. When contrasted with other senior centers in New Hampshire, COA is quite unique. Membership is free, and there are no program or activities fees except for cost-recovery fees for day and overnight trips. At the end of 2004, COA had approximately 200 members.

As reported last year, COA moved into its regional headquarters building at 37 Pleasant Street in New London on December 1, 2003. During 2004, COA'S staff and volunteers have devoted a great deal of time and effort to expanding and improving COA'S activities, programs and services, much of which was made possible by the acquisition of this building. For instance, we are now able to offer the use of a "lending inventory" of medical accessories such as crutches, walkers, wheel chairs, etc. Once again, COA takes this opportunity to thank all individuals, businesses and other contributors for making it possible for us to purchase this wonderful building and for establishing an endowment for its maintenance.

Currently COA has more than twenty-five (25) ongoing programs, activities and services tailored to the needs of our area seniors in a broad-gauge effort to enhance the quality of their daily lives in many ways. Overall participation increased by 15% in 2004 as compared with 2003. What many of us consider to be our most important service-providing free door-to-door transportation—continues to be well utilized. This service eases the lives of the many seniors who use it, and it is indeed critical to some as it provides the only means to get to medical appointments including those at Dartmouth-Hitchcock and Concord hospitals for such vital treatments as dialysis, radiation and chemotherapy. It also enriches the lives of those who would otherwise not be able to attend a book discussion, visit a friend or just go shopping. This vital community service is made possible by COA'S approximately 100 dedicated volunteer drivers who drove some 41,000 miles in 2004, spending some 2100 hours doing so.

All of the new and old programs and services are publicized by a monthly calendar of upcoming events in the COA Courier that is mailed each month to approximately 1700 households and businesses.

By way of changes and hoped-for improvements for the coming years, COA, late in 2004 amended its Bylaws to provide for a Board of Advisors which will meet periodically with the COA Board of Trustees offering the input of representatives from each of the nine COA

towns and from many other regional organizations in an ongoing effort to provide our senior population with needed enrichment for their lives.

COA appreciates very much the annual grants by which each town supports its work. COA would also like to acknowledge all of the individual, business, civic organization and foundations that respond so generously to COA'S annual appeal for operating funds and cooperate in so many ways to co-sponsor programs and services. COA considers it a privilege to serve all of its communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Hugh Chapin
Chairman

Conservation Commission

The commission continued in its role as advisor and advocate for the environment. During the year the commission reviewed twelve Intent-to-Cut notices and made visits to most sites to advise on potential environmental problems. The commission also reviewed DES Wetlands applications for twelve projects in Wetlands Bureau jurisdiction including seven for dock repairs. The most significant project was the laying of a water main across Chalk Pond. The commission reviewed the application and monitored the installation. The cooperation of the Chalk Pond Water Company and its contractors was much appreciated.

Two subdivision applications were referred to the commission for review, Angel Hawk and Deer Pines. In both cases, site visits were made and comments sent to the Planning Board. Also one Site Plan Review application for a warming hut at Mt. Sunapee Resort was reviewed and comments sent to the Planning Board.

Newbury is fortunate to have many environmentally conscious members on the Planning Board including a member of the commission. Thus there is excellent communication between the two bodies. As Newbury grows, they will work together to minimize the impact on the environment from development.

On that same note, the Planning Board is proposing a number of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to

reduce the density of subdivisions and protect environmentally sensitive areas. The commission urges voters to carefully review the amendments, and vote at the polls.

At the suggestion of a member, the commission looked into the question of whether Cunningham Brook is a permanent stream. After an investigation, the commission recommended to the Planning Board that the Zoning Ordinance be amended to include the brook in the list of permanent streams.

One of the major accomplishments of the year was the revision of the Hiking Trails Map. Money from the conservation fund was used to print 1500 copies at a cost of \$1589. Maps may be found at various locations around the town, and are priced at a dollar.

The commission meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:15 p.m. in the Town Office Building. Everyone is welcome to attend and join the discussion or offer new suggestions. There are openings for alternate members for those who would like to be more involved in protecting the environment.

William Weiler, Chair

**Town of Newbury
Annual Town Meeting
March 9, 2004**

Moderator Marashio called the March 9, 2004 Town Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The ballot boxes were examined and confirmed to be empty. Voting on Article 1, Article 2 and Article 3 of the Town Warrant began. THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

The polls were declared closed at 7:10 p.m. after the last voter had completed the ballot.

Business Meeting - March 10, 2004

Moderator Marashio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at which time she explained the rules of order and voting procedures.

Moderator Marashio read the voting results from the March 9, 2004 election:

Office of Selectman - 3 Years
Richard J. Wright - 315

Moderator - 2 Years
Nancy Marashio - 368

Trustee of the Trust Funds - 3 Years
Clayton Johnson - 357

Trustee of the Trust Funds - 2 Years
Claire Vannatta - 22 write-in votes

Library Trustee - 3 Years

Elizabeth Tentarelli - 369

Cemetery Trustee - 3 Years
Doris L. Morrow - 363

Cemetery Trustee - 1 Year
Charles Crickman - 353

Planning Board Member - 3 Years
Albert Bachelder - 307
David S. Thayer - 316

Zoning Board of Adjustment Member - 3 Years
Katheryn C. Holmes - 326
Thomas W. Vannatta - 307

Planning Board's Zoning Amendment No. 1
Yes - 295 No - 90

Planning Board's Zoning Amendment No. 2
Yes - 297 No - 88

Planning Board's Zoning Amendment No. 3
Yes - 324 No - 64

Planning Board's Zoning Amendment No. 4
Yes - 269 No - 120

Planning Board's Zoning Amendment No. 5
Yes - 286 No - 99

Planning Board's Zoning Amendment No. 6
Yes - 327 No - 59

Planning Board's Zoning Amendment No. 7
Yes - 329 No - 55

Planning Board's Zoning Amendment No. 8

Yes - 301 No - 86

Planning Board's Zoning Amendment No. 9

Yes - 297 No - 83

Planning Board's Building Code Amendment No. 1

Yes - 289 No - 94

Kearsarge Regional School District Ballot - Newbury
Results

Moderator - 1 Year
Multiple write-in votes

Article 1

Yes - 299 No - 114

Article 2

Yes - 267 No - 143

Article 3

Yes - 297 No - 111

Article 4

Yes - 275 No - 131

Article 5

Yes - 229 No - 110

Article 6

Yes - 257 No - 97

Article 7

Yes - 265 No - 93

Article - 8

Yes - 288 No - 79

Article - 9
Yes - 297 No - 71

Moderator Marashio explained that discussion of Article 4 and Article 5 will be held separately then voted on by separate paper ballots. The green yes/no ballots received by registered voters are for Article 4, and the pink yes/no ballots are for Article 5. There are two, clearly marked ballot boxes, one for Article 4 and one for Article 5. After discussion of both articles, voters will proceed to the front of the room where the ballot boxes are located and cast their ballots accordingly.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,100,000 for the construction of a new Town Highway Garage, Salt Shed and related site work, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,100,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (Two-thirds [2/3] ballot vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 4 as read. Discussion followed.

Selectman Wright explained that the conditions of the current highway department shed at 20 Sutton Road do not meet current federal or state regulations, nor is it adequate for the storage of equipment and drainage. The

land on which the shed is located is not conducive to expansion of the shed and necessary storage to conform to current regulations. Per Article 15 at the March 2003 Town Meeting, the town voted to purchase a three-acre parcel abutting South Road. This is the parcel where the new highway department building is to be located. The Highway Building Committee researched highway buildings in area towns for ideas and recommendations. The major part of the \$1.1 million is in the concrete and ancillary work such as the septic, well, excavation, protection standards for aquifer, etc. Paving of the yard is not covered under the \$1.1 million. A full breakdown of costs is available at the Town Office building upon request. The committee is still open to input from the public. The existing highway garage will be maintained for cold storage and will not be disposed of unless voted on at a future Town Meeting.

Sense of the meeting is that the need for a new highway department is not in question; however, some members of the public would like input regarding the building and site specifications.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450,000 for the construction of an addition and modifications to the Town Office building including related site work, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$450,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the

Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (Two-thirds [2/3] ballot vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 5 as read. Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell explained that as the town has grown over the years, it has had a greater workload and as a result increased the number of employees to handle that workload. Consequently, there is a need for more office space. Also, the need for a larger meeting room has become evident for regular monthly meetings and voting which prompts the new construction. Some of the walls of the existing building will be moved to accommodate the best use of space for offices, waiting/lobby areas and public bathroom facilities. The heating and electrical systems will need to be replaced and/or expanded upon. The new construction will consist of an entrance which could provide an elevator in the future for ADA requirements and a meeting room which can be divided with a privacy curtain so that more than one meeting can be held at the same time, with a full basement for future expansion if necessary.

Dan Wolf made a motion to amend Article 5 to replace the number to be appropriated of \$450,000 with the number of \$650,000, and the amount of the

bond to be increased to \$650,000. The Article will read:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$650,000 for the construction of an addition and modifications to the Town Office building including related site work, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$650,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.

Motion was made and seconded to adopt the amendment to Article 5. Discussion followed.

Mr. Wolf explained the reason for his amendment. When the \$450,000 was quoted, it did not include a filing system (Article 12) and a new telephone system (Article 13) which total \$52,000. If this amendment passes, Article 12 and 13 would then be passed over. Also, there was no contingency figured which could be a problem when the walls start to be moved if there is asbestos or other hazardous material. Also, there were no moving expenses, wiring, specialty glass, alarm system(s) or landscaping or additional parking figured which will all be necessary.

Selectman Powell added that the children's play area will not be eliminated but will have to be relocated on site. Question was called to vote on the amendment.

Vote: Majority in favor. Amendment carries. Discussion on Article 5 as amended continued.

Dan Wolf made a motion to amend Article 5 a second time to add a sentence at the end of the article which reads: Further, the Selectmen shall appoint a building committee to oversee the design, construction, and competitive pricing of the project.

Motion was made and seconded to adopt the second amendment to Article 5. Discussion followed.

Mr. Wolf commented that it would be in the best interest of the town to have a committee of volunteers familiar with building design and construction to oversee the project.

Vote: Majority in favor. Amendment carries. Discussion on Article 5 as amended twice continued.

Selectman Wright answered further questions regarding Article 5. There is a tentative plan, which is not cast in stone. It will more than likely be revised by the building committee. The existing building is not structurally sound to hold the weight of a second story; therefore, we have to build out, not up, for the addition of a meeting room. There are additional expansion possibilities by constructing a full cellar with an ADA lift. At the current time, the Town does not have any mechanisms in place to control the rate of growth, other than building lot size. The growth is controlled, not limited, based on the Master Plan and the Capital Improvements Plan prepared by the Planning Board.

Selectman Powell addressed the question of purchasing the neighboring property currently on the market and known as the Bald Sunapee Garden Center. He explained that the Town has been considering that purchase but the sellers are not willing to negotiate below their asking price of over \$500,000. Then, the town would be facing demolition of the building and the cost of a new building.

Question was called to vote on Article 5 as amended twice.

Casting of ballots for Article 4 and Article 5 began at 9:00 p.m. Moderator Marashio announced that the ballot boxes will remain open for one hour.

The Board of Selectmen read a Resolution in honor of Mr. Delbert Harris for his dedication to the Town of Newbury in the capacity of Zoning Board of Adjustment Member, Building Inspector, Perambulator and caring citizen. Additionally, the Board of Selectmen presented Mr. Harris with a chair in recognition of his dedication to the Town.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,373,677 for general operations:

ANNUAL BUDGET	2003	2004
1. Executive	\$126,842	\$103,274
2. Elections	6,200	8,681
3. Financial Administration	87,561	123,818
4. Legal Expenses	18,000	33,010
5. Personnel Administration	206,921	285,055
6. Planning	25,300	43,650

7. Zoning	11,050	9,193
8. General Government Bldg.	33,402	33,193
9. Cemeteries	19,092	20,341
10. Insurance	35,230	45,705
11. Advertising & Reg. Assoc.	3,484	Mvd to Exec & Plg
12. Other General Govt.	2,000	2,320
13. Police Department	241,492	254,156
14. Fire Department	61,434	80,955
15. Forest Fire	600	620
16. Code Enforcement	25,800	25,240
17. Emergency Management	100	20
18. Highway Maintenance	374,951	447,491
19. Highway Reconstruction	237,125	192,450
20. Street Lighting	14,500	14,500
21. Transfer Station	184,330	212,070
22. Health Agencies	11,685	26,459
23. Welfare	14,010	15,385
24. Information Booth	4,090	6,486
25. Parks & Recreation	28,400	30,085
26. Library	58,288	60,088
27. Conservation Commission	625	600
28. Historical Society	250	250
29. Tax Anticipation Notes	500	2,600
30. Sewer Department	101,400	162,390
31. Bond/Note Principal	30,000	30,000
Bond/Note Interest	9,675	8,400
Bond/Note Issuance Costs	0	12,500
32. Ambulance Deductibles	1,000	1,000
33. Safety Communication Svcs.	27,413	30,590
34. Capital Outlay Land	126,016	0
Capital Outlay Loaders	134,837	18,627
P&L		
Capital Outlay	25,000	32,460
Improvements		
35. Miscellaneous	0	15

TOTAL: \$2,288,603

\$2,373,677

**Motion to adopt Article 6 was made and seconded.
Discussion followed.**

Selectman Powell explained that the operating budget is for day-to-day operations of the Town. This budget is \$85,074 higher than last year. The majority of that increase, \$61,000, is due to the need to rebuild two of the sewer beds at the Blodgett Landing Sewer system which ends up being a wash because the sewer is paid for by those that are on the system. Additionally, the town will be purchasing its own testing equipment so we will not have to incur continuing costs for required testing. The majority of the personnel costs was due to an increase in insurance costs which went up 16%, equating to an overall increase of \$85,000 which was offset by decreasing other costs. The New London Ambulance has increased to \$14,000 which reflects an offset of cost of usage by Newbury residents.

Calvin Prussman, Highway Administrator, addressed the Highway Department budget. The Highway reconstruction line item is to pave part of Old Post Road and the grinding and shimming of the first part of Sutton Road. The Maintenance line item is for new guard rails and bridges that need work. The Overtime line item has increased in order to get the crew out earlier to service the roads for early-morning commuters.

Jim Valiquet, Police Chief, addressed the Police Department budget. Increases are basically a result of salary increases in order to make the Town of Newbury

competitive with area towns in an effort to retain good help.

Henry Thomas, Fire Chief, addressed the Fire Department budget. The increase of \$20,000 is due to an increase in the number of fire calls. Therefore, the payroll and equipment expenses are up. Due to reporting requirements by the Department of Revenue Administration, there is \$10,000 listed to offset grants that have already been given, but a cancelled check needs to be shown to collect the reimbursement. It is shown as a source of revenue on page 97 of the Town Report under 'From other Governments.'

Selectman Powell explained that increases in the Transfer Station are due to the volume of trash which has prompted the need for a second compactor and box.

Question was called to vote on Article 6.

Vote: Majority in favor. Article 6 was adopted as read.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,600 to be placed in the following capital reserve funds. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$45,000
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	\$60,000
POLICE CRUISER	\$12,600
AMBULANCE	\$3,000
REVALUATION	\$30,000

Motion to adopt Article 7 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell explained that the increase in capital reserve funds is to be sure there is enough money in the Fire Department reserve fund for fire equipment which is in a subsequent warrant article.

Vote: Majority in favor. Article 7 was adopted as read.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,500 to be placed in the following existing RSA 31:19-a maintenance expendable trust funds previously established. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

DOCKS	\$3,000
TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$5,000
TOWN BUILDINGS	\$5,000
MILFOIL CONTROL	\$500

Motion to adopt Article 8 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell explained that this article is decreased from 2003 because the Board of Selectmen feels there is enough money available.

Vote: Majority in favor. Article 8 was adopted as read.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 for the purchase of a new Fire Rescue vehicle and authorize the withdrawal of \$125,000 from the Fire Department Equipment fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion to adopt Article 9 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Fire Chief Thomas explained that the old fire rescue truck is a 1983 Chevy with only 14,000 miles, but in excess of 2,000 hours which includes idle time. The idle time also creates wear and tear on the vehicle because all of the systems are running even though the vehicle is not moving. The proposed new rescue truck will have four doors and four-wheel drive. It will have a rear seat to transport more rescue responders and reduce the number of vehicles on a scene. Equipment is now stored on the seat of the old truck, the new truck will have heated cabinets for equipment and hookups so the equipment can be charged. There will be a lock box for medical equipment and supplies. Additionally, the body will be made of plastic with more square footage for space, a generator for tools and lights, and a winch to pull heavier items in rescue operations. The old rescue truck will be put out for sealed bid and the proceeds will go to the general fund.

Question was called to vote on Article 9.

Vote: All in favor. Article 9 was adopted as read.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for a new police cruiser and authorize the withdrawal of \$25,000 from the Police Cruiser fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion to adopt Article 10 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Police Chief Valiquet explained that the 2000 Ford Crown Victoria currently has 126,000 miles and is getting too expensive because of frequent repairs. Next in turn will be the 1999 Chevy Lumina in exchange for another Crown Victoria. At this point in time, there is no need to invest in a four-wheel drive. They are very expensive and, with four good snow tires on a two-wheel drive, the officers haven't had trouble getting to where they need to be. In a pinch, the highway department can be called out for plowing and/or sanding to facilitate access to a site.

Question was called for a vote on Article 10.

Vote. All in favor. Article 10 was adopted as read.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$215,600 for the purpose of constructing Phase One of the Fishersfield Recreation Park. \$100,000 will be provided by a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grant, \$50,000 will be provided by the general fund, \$23,000 will be provided by a transfer from the Recreation Capital Reserve Fund, and the balance of \$42,600 will be raised through private contributions, and

donations of cash, services, and materials. If any of the funding sources fail to materialize, the scope of the project will be adjusted accordingly. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion to adopt Article 11 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Harry Seidel, Parks and Recreation Director, explained that the Newbury Parks and Rec Department has obtained a \$100,000 matching grant to help with the development of Phase I of the Fishersfield Park. There are four goals that are funded: 1) Construct a new access road. 2) Construct a 200' x 300' multi-use ball field. 3) Construct a service building. 4) Construct trails through the balance of the 75 acres for hiking, skiing, etc. There are two unfunded goals: 1) A family picnic area. 2) A basketball court. The cost of this proposal to the Town is \$50,000 and is a one-time charge of \$1.00 per \$1,000 of valuation per tax bill.

Moderator Marashio broke in to announce that it was 10:00 p.m., anybody who has not cast their ballot on Articles 4 & 5 needs to do so now. Subsequently, the ballot clerks began to count ballots. A 2/3 Yes vote is needed for each to pass.

Discussion on Article 11 continued. Mr. Seidel explained that the Master Plan for the Fishersfield Park shows different phases of development that may or may not be constructed, depending on the availability of funds. There is no determination of the final cost for all phases, because it is a work in progress and the work

will not be done unless the funds have been raised, mostly by donation and/or grants. The maintenance will be done by local contributors, as is the maintenance on the other ball fields in other area towns. If the need arises for a contractor to perform the maintenance, that is something the Parks and Recreation can put in its budget.

Question was moved to vote on Article 11.

Vote: All in favor. Article 11 was adopted as read.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,000 to modernize the Town's filing systems and storage units. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion was made to pass over Article 12 until the results of Article 5 are known. All in favor. Motion passed.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$16,000 to upgrade and install a new telephone system for the Town Office and Safety Services buildings and to do related site work, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$16,000 from the Town Office Equipment fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion was made to pass over Article 13 until the results of Article 5 are known. All in favor. Motion passed.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be placed in the

Office Equipment Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of purchasing upgraded computer hardware and software for use in the town's general operations, and appoint the Board of Selectmen as agent to expend. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Selectman Powell explained that the existing tax billing software is outdated and difficult to work with. It is difficult to find compatible software for other functions in the town. It needs to be upgraded and the Board of Selectmen is not sure that an upgrade is feasible for this year or a subsequent year. Being an expendable fund, if the Board of Selectmen is comfortable transferring to another program this year, it can be done. If not, it doesn't have to be spent and can be used another year.

Question was called to vote on Article 14.

Vote: All in favor. Article 14 was adopted as read.

The results of the ballot vote on Article 4 were read. There were 143 ballots cast. 2/3 of 143 equals 96 affirmative votes to pass. Yes = 116 No = 27. Article 4 passed.

The results of the ballot vote on Article 5 were read. There were 143 ballots cast. 2/3 or 143 equals 96 affirmative votes to pass. Yes = 111 No = 32. Article 5 passed.

Selectman Powell made a motion to pass over Articles 12 and 13. Motion was seconded.

Vote: All in favor to pass over Articles 12 and 13.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for architectural/engineering studies to determine the feasibility of renovating the Old Town Hall in South Newbury. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion to adopt Article 15 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Bill Weiler, Historical Society member, explained that the Town of Newbury's Capital Improvements Plan recommends a study to see what needs to be done to make the Old Town Hall usable. It is a fine building with ample meeting space. The windows need to be replaced, floors fixed, and it needs paint and toilet facilities. Two years ago, the Town Meeting vote authorized the town to purchase the adjacent land to accommodate a potential future septic system and parking area. The structure is basically in good shape. It can be used for meetings, gatherings of different groups, and the built-in stage is a good place for plays and recitals. In past summers teen dances and arts-and-crafts classes were held there as well. Additionally, the historic value should be preserved.

Vote: Majority in favor. Article 15 was adopted as read.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to create a revocable, expendable trust fund known as the Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of maintaining, expanding, and improving the cemeteries of the Town and

acquisition of equipment necessary therefore; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be placed in said fund. The Cemetery Trustees shall be the agents of said fund and may expend the interest and principal of the fund to carry out the purposes of the fund. The Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund shall be held in the custody and under the management of the Trustees of Trust Funds. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion to adopt Article 16 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell explained that there is a requirement for the cemetery trustees, on behalf of the town, to maintain and oversee the cemetery operations. This will allow them the flexibility they need to hire maintenance personnel for fencing, trimming of nearby trees, and other miscellaneous maintenance.

Vote: Majority in favor. Article 16 was adopted as read.

Article 17. To see if the town will authorize the Newbury Fire, Police, and Highway departments to go to the aid of another city, town, village or fire district within or without the state, for the purpose of extinguishing a fire, rendering other emergency assistance, or performing any detail requested in accordance with NH RSA 154:24. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion to adopt Article 17 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell explained that this article allows Newbury to be a part of a mutual-aid community which covers Hanover to Hillsborough. In the event of massive casualties, hazardous materials accident(s), etc., Newbury would give and receive assistance as needed. That assistance would include manpower and equipment.

Vote: Majority in favor. Article 17 was adopted as read.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:35 for an optional tax credit on the taxes due on residential property for a service-connected total disability. The optional disability credit is \$2,000 rather than \$1,400. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion to adopt Article 18 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell explained that this article is similar to the one passed at Town Meeting last year, except that it increases the dollar figure as approved by the legislature.

Vote: All in favor. Article 18 was adopted as read.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28 for an optional veterans' tax credit on the taxes due on residential property. The optional tax credit is \$500 rather than \$100. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 19 as read. Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell explained that this article increases the amount of the tax credit to \$500 for all veterans, regardless of disability caused by war service. Again, the dollar figure was approved by the legislature.

Vote: All in favor. Article 19 was adopted as read.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to accept the donation of the old Grange building on Village Road in South Newbury from the local Grange. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 20 as read. Discussion followed.

Doris Newell, Grange member, explained that the Grange began in 1886. The Grange building was built in 1902 on its current site. Grange members have been supporting its upkeep since it was built. The Grange membership has decreased to approximately 12 active members. The upkeep and usage of the Grange Hall is becoming unequal, and the Grange members thought the town could get better use out of the building for its money with the exception that the Grange members are allowed to use the building for meetings two to three times during the summer months. The building is heated, recently had a new roof put on, and there is running water (not drinkable). If the Grange members sell the building, it will probably be torn down and the town will lose an historic building. The Grange building was instrumental in beginning the fire department and the

library, and gave the original curtain and back drops for the Town Hall.

Vote: Majority in favor. Article 20 was adopted as read.

Article 21. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Moderator Marashio asked if in the future the Town Meeting was to continue to a second session, when should that be held? By hand vote, the voters indicated that the meeting should continue the very next night at 7:00 p.m.

Barbara Greenwood suggested that a calculated effect on the tax rate for each warrant article should be provided to the voters when addressing issues at Town Meeting.

Alice Lynn recognized all of the volunteers and board members for all of their donated work and time.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Champy, Town Clerk

Summer Town Informational Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2004

Present:

Selectmen: James Powell, Richard Wright, Gary Budd

Town Personnel/Chairs: Dennis Pavlicek, Shelly Candidus, Henry Thomas, Cal Prussman, Tim Mulder, Barbara Freeman, Tom Vannatta, Alan Brown, Paul LaCasse

Citizens: Al Bachelder, Joyce Barron, Barbara Gibson, Charley Schiess, Frank Perrotta, Dan Wolf, Jack Fisher, *et.al.*

Meeting Convened: 8:00 a.m.

Chairman Jim Powell opened the meeting by welcoming attendees. He explained that the summer town meeting is held to give non-resident taxpayers an opportunity to share in information about current and ongoing issues in the town. Town representatives were introduced and Powell asked Alan Brown to update attendees.

Alan Brown, librarian, reported that it was a record year for the library in terms of both attendance and circulation of materials. In July, there were 822 patron visits. There are 13,000 items for circulation on the shelves. Special programs offered by the library include a year-round weekly pre-school session with reading and crafts and a summer program for school children involving book reading and related activities. Book discussion groups meet monthly with local authors facilitating the discussion of their works. Author Frank Hebert will be

the featured author in October. Special interest groups meet several times a year with local writers, artists, and crafts persons to discuss their work and also to learn about preservation projects affecting the town. Volunteers put in about 20 hours of work per week to help keep the library running smoothly. Alan invited all to visit the library and take advantage of its resources.

Barbara Freeman, Chair of the Planning Board, discussed development in the town. She noted that the Planning Board has addressed three or four new subdivisions this year and the Board now has to meet twice a month: once for hearings and once for a work session to prepare for the meetings. The Board had budgeted to start updating the Master Plan this year, but did not have time to do this. The 1997 Plan is still valid and its emphasis on maintaining the rural character of the town is being kept in mind as the Zoning Ordinance is updated to deal with growth and development. The Planning Board has a copy of the Norwich, VT Master Plan which deals with issues similar to those in Newbury, including preserving natural resources and dealing with specific characteristics of the land. Freeman said the Planning Board will find this a valuable resource in updating Newbury's Master Plan.

Mr. Schiess commented that Evangelia Davis in Blodgett Landing was given a building permit to rebuild her deck and put a roof over it. However, a neighbor reported to the town that the work should not be permitted, and the town made her stop construction. Powell explained that rebuilding the deck was properly permitted, but adding a roof over it changed the footprint of the building, and

would require a review and decision by the Zoning Board for a Variance. Schiess said that people in Blodgett Landing are always objecting to construction, often just because they don't like the property owner in question. Powell said the Landing was a tight area where any construction is very obvious and can impact on many neighbors. All complaints are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Freeman added that she believed the building permit was issued in good faith since the actual area of the building will not increase. She believes it is unfair and unreasonable for people to object to building changes for personal reasons. LaCasse said the permit was issued in error; the deck work is permitted, but a variance will be needed to put a roof over it.

A resident of Echo Cove asked for a definition of a building footprint. Vannatta read this to her. Barbara Gibson asked for the definition of an abutter. Powell said this definition varies for Blodgett Landing, where there is an overlay with its own set of regulations. Freeman read the definition of an abutter for Blodgett residents and explained that a larger group – all neighbors within 200 feet of the proposed construction – were notified of ZBA hearings because issues such as erosion problems can have a far-reaching impact in the neighborhood. Budd commented that the Zoning Ordinance exists to maintain a balance between the overall interests of the town and the desires of individual property owners. An attendee asked when proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance would be heard. Freeman replied they would be addressed at a public hearing in November.

Powell advised attendees that two major building projects were under way on town property: a new Highway Garage and an addition to and renovation of the Town Office. Wright described the new Highway facility, located on the site of an old gravel pit on South Road, as a building of steel construction designed to meet the highway equipment needs for the next 50-60 years. The new building will be state-of-the-art and meet all environmental requirements. A salt shed will also be constructed. The building can also serve as an emergency shelter. A Sutton Road resident asked what will happen to the old garage. Wright said it will be kept for future storage and sand for public use. The town may elect to sell it someday.

Powell referred attendees to a picture of the addition to the Town Office. He said the Building Committee has selected architect Peter Tennant and Bruss Construction to work with the committee to optimize existing space and tie it into the new addition, which will include a new meeting room with increased capacity and room for future expansion. A question about the cost of the project was raised. Powell said the total approved appropriation was \$650,000, including phone and systems updates. He was asked when the addition would be complete, and replied that it was due to be finished by January 1, 2005, weather permitting. Renovation of existing space would take another couple of months. Joyce Barron suggested that there should be an outside depository box. Pavlicek said there was such a box in the basement and he would investigate incorporating it into the plan.

Highway Administrator Cal Prussman reported that road work had been completed on Old Post Road. The lower end of Sutton Road will be done next week. Work will begin on South Road after Labor Day. He noted that there was a public hearing next Monday to address work (including widening) on Cheney Road. Frank Perrotta asked if there were plans to pave Stoney Brook Road. Prussman said no; current paved roads had to be taken care of first. He explained roads were not paved unless so approved at Town Meeting in response to a petitioned warrant article, and if approved, such roads had to meet town highway specs before being paved. Need for paving is based on population density, and based on this criteria, Ramblewood would be next in line for paving. Wright added that the Highway Department 5-Year Plan addressed upgrading and maintaining existing town roads, including paved roads. A traffic count of 200 trips per day is a basic criteria for paving. The Planning Board requires road paving from developers of new subdivisions. Perrotta asked for a traffic counter to be put on Stoney Brook Road.

Fire Chief Henry Thomas reported that the Fire Department handles about 150 calls per year, which is an increase of 40 % from past years. He said this is a result of growth of the town, which results in more houses needing numbers, inspections, etc. A new Rescue vehicle is due the end of October. An attendee asked if there were any plans to have a full- or part-time fireman in residence at the Fire Station. Thomas said not for 10 years. He noted that while New London has one such resident fireman, on-call remains effective for Newbury.

Joyce Barron asked about the impact of development by the state of Wild Goose as a boat launch. Thomas replied it would increase traffic but wouldn't present a dangerous site in and of itself – just hazardous turns at the entrance and exit to Birch Bluff Road. Wright updated the group on the latest plans and progress of Fish & Game's design for Wild Goose and the hearings he has attended. It was suggested that those opposed to the plans send letters to the Executive Council and the Governor.

Dan Wolf remarked that the Wild Goose site was purchased by the state in 1992 as a planned addition to state park land. Then Fish & Game claimed it for public access to the lake. Their plans violate their own state shoreland protection acts, as well as town regulations, and citizen objections should make this clear.

Tim Mulder, chief operator at Blodgett Sewer, said improvements had been made to the system. Two beds were rebuilt last year and the other two are being upgraded this year. The system is running well and nitrate levels continue to be monitored closely. Powell added that the Board of Selectmen appointed a committee to address the long-range needs of the sewer system and to engage an engineering firm to do a study. Proposals are in hand to do the study and investigate infiltration problems. A question was asked about how many sewer systems served residents around Lake Sunapee. The Board responded that Blodgett residents and all town of Sunapee lake abutters were served by a sewer system. Barbara Gibson asked about the state mandate against converting summer cottages for winter

use. Pavlicek said bathrooms can be added but not bedrooms. Other interior updates including insulation are permitted. Gibson said the mandate doesn't seem to make sense, since summer use of the sewer system is much greater than winter use. Pavlicek said when the testing shows stable low nitrate levels, the state may relax this ruling.

Mr. Schiess commented that the cost per hookup for the sewer system is now close to \$1,200. He asked if this will ever be reduced. Pavlicek said it should go down next year. Gibson said Blodgett residents were paying more taxes per resident than other residents. Wright said this was not unique to Newbury and donor towns with waterfront properties have their taxes driven up. Dan Wolf said that given the fact that two beds are being replaced, as they were last year, there is still an increase in costs of more than 25 % this year. Wright said he believed the town used reserve funds for work on the beds last year, and had to raise funds for the current work on the remaining beds.

An attendee remarked that vehicles are speeding through the harbor area. He asked why there was not more police presence. Henry Thomas said that Chief Valiquet is tied up with daily operations and paperwork during much of the day. A South Road resident asked who sets the speed limits on Route 103 along the harbor and town beach areas. Powell replied that this is a state road, and the speed limit is set by the state.

The Board was asked about the status of the town as a donor town. Powell said the state legislature hasn't

addressed the issue and our contribution is doubling. While the current governor seems opposed to the donor program, Powell sees no solution to the problem any time soon.

Jack Fisher asked if there was ongoing dialogue between the town and Mt. Sunapee Resort regarding their Master Plan and what the town's position is regarding their planned expansion. Freeman said the Resort has no obligation to share their Master Plan with the town before sending it to the state, although the Planning Board is asking them to do so. There will be a public hearing on the proposed Master Plan the first Tuesday in September. Copies of the plan are available in the Town Office and at the Library. The Planning Board reviews all their Newbury building projects and has a voice in all their site plans.

Powell added that there is a Mt. Sunapee Advisory Committee and Dan Wolf keeps the town informed of ongoing issues and reports town input back to the Committee. A question was asked about why the Board opposes Mt. Sunapee Resort's expansion into Goshen. Wright replied that there would be fiscal and physical impacts on the town that have yet to be determined. We are asking the Resort to address these concerns. Information should be gathered by October and a decision by DRED is due in November.

Joyce Barron asked why the Resort's activities benefitted only winter residents. Pavlicek pointed out that the Resort brought a considerable tax advantage to the town for all residents. Wright added it is a state park

and open to the general public, although summer use is not encouraged. The annual Craftmen's Fair is a major summer area event. Some other summer activities they have proposed have been denied by the Zoning Board.

Al Bachelder asked Pavlicek to clarify the contribution the Resort makes to the town's tax rate. Pavlicek said this amounted to just over \$100,000 last year.

Joyce Baron asked how redistricting will affect the town. Powell said it should give Newbury (and Sutton) a stronger voice.

Frank Perrotta asked about density issues and town growth. He questioned the ordinance limiting apartments when huge 6-bedroom single family dwellings are being built in town. It was mentioned that it is impossible to control the practice of summer renters. Freeman said the question of density is being addressed by the Planning Board and recommendations for the town ordinance addressing this subject will be ready for town vote next year.

Police Chief Valiquet appeared and addressed some earlier questions about speeders at the harbor area. He said there is an increase in traffic and he is trying to handle it with fewer officers. He has been busy covering the Craftmen's Fair on the mountain. He agreed that speeders are an issue.

Concluding the meeting, Powell thanked all for coming and invited attendees to provide feedback or ask additional questions via calls, e-mail, or letter. He said town news is regularly updated on the town web page.

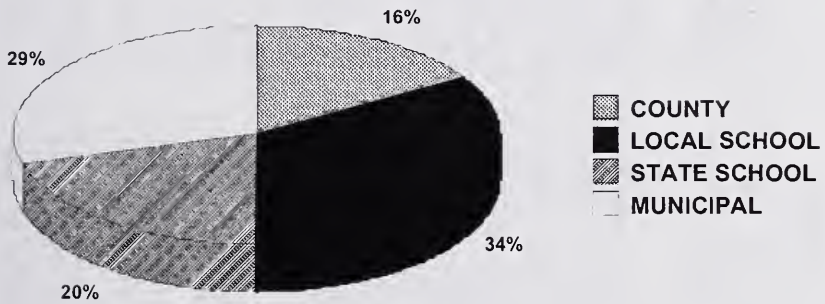
The meeting concluded at 10:05 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Shelly Candidus, Administrative Assistant*



*Summer Town Informational Meeting,
August 7, 2004. Photo
courtesy Shelly Candidus.*

YOUR TAX DOLLARS



COUNTY	2.32
LOCAL SCHOOL	4.86
STATE SCHOOL	2.90
MUNICIPAL	4.21
TOTAL	14.29

Births

Registered in the Town of Newbury, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2004

Date	Child's Name	Birth Place	Father's Name	Mother's Name
01/07/04	Finnian Hochstrasser Kasregis	Lebanon, NH	David Kasregis	Jennie Hochstrasser
02/25/04	Joshua James McComish	Concord, NH	Dennis McComish	Tonya Richmond
03/04/04	Nicholas Stuart Nester	Lebanon, NH	Jeffrey Nester	Bonnie Nester
03/07/04	Emma Lee Emanuel	Concord, NH	Jason Emanuel	Sherry LaVallee
03/11/04	Rachel Elizabeth Towne	Manchester, NH	Jay Towne	Erica Towne
03/16/04	David Mathias Denslow	Lebanon, NH	Noah Denslow	Rebecca Denslow
05/04/04	Elijah Gabriel Blais	Concord, NH	Adam Blais	Danielle Blais
05/28/04	Vivian Emily Eldridge	Lebanon, NH	Charles Eldridge	Laura Gatewood
08/24/04	Macie Norah Kendrigan	Concord, NH	Sean Kendrigan	Melinda Kendrigan
08/30/04	Evan Giehl Crawford	Lebanon, NH	Mark Crawford	Stacy Crawford
09/27/04	Owen James Conway	Concord, NH	Stephen Conway	Abby Conway
11/17/04	Lila Anne Hilton	Lebanon, NH	Christopher Hilton	Sunshine Goss
12/05/04	Eliza Huntington Lewis	Lebanon, NH	Barrett Lewis	Lisa Lewis
12/07/04	Dylan Patrick Selby	Plymouth, NH	Theodore Selby	Jessica Selby
12/15/04	Camden Michael Dezotell	Lebanon, NH	Travis Dezotell	Maureen Dezotell
12/24/04	Abigail Darcy Bourque	Concord, NH	Michael Bourque	Mary Bourque
12/31/04	Lily Grace Cicoria	Concord, NH	Matthew Cicoria	Lisa Cicoria

Marriages

Registered in the Town of Newbury, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2004

Date	Groom's Name	Groom's Residence	Bride's Name	Bride's Residence	Place of Marriage
01/11/04	Russell J. Swingle	Stoddard, NH	Melanie-Rose Smith	Newbury, NH	Stoddard
05/29/04	Philip L. Guerrette	Newbury, NH	Carrie R. Brown	Newbury, NH	Concord
06/27/04	Judwin H. Traub	Newbury, NH	Liliana Vukic	Lexington, MA	Newbury
07/10/04	Stuart D. Scott	Newbury, NH	Kathryn L. Johnson	Newbury, NH	Newbury
07/31/04	Benjamin J. Nester	Newport, NH	Colby J. Vandenberg	Newbury, NH	Concord
08/05/04	Steven John MacDonald	Newbury, NH	Maureen E. Mealey	Newbury, NH	Newbury
09/15/04	Richard S. Nelson	Newbury, NH	Nanette R. Thelemaque	Chelsea, MA	Sunapee
10/16/04	Matthew Scott Jeanson	Newbury, NH	KimberlyAnn Cossingham	Newbury, NH	Newport
11/27/04	James S. Valiquet	Newbury, NH	Carolyn Cassidy	Newbury, NH	Bradford

Deaths

Registered in the Town of Newbury, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2004

Date	Decedent's Name	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Name
10/12/03	Timothy Francis Cahill	Boston, MA	Maurice Cahill	Nancy Donohue
02/01/04	Roger Page	Newport, NH	Lawrence Page	Thelma Wells
04/11/04	James F. Murphy	New London, NH	Paul E. Murphy	Marjorie Finn
06/24/04	Corey MacFadden	Newbury, NH	Thomas MacFadden	Cathleen Winn
07/08/04	Joseph Stalk	New London, NH	Joseph Stalk	Eleanor Johnson
09/04/04	Michael Lyons	Lebanon, NH	John Lyons	Frances Kelley

Newbury Service Directory

Emergency Phone Numbers

ALL EMERGENCIES: DIAL 911

FIRE DEPARTMENT (non-emergency).....	763-4403
POLICE STATION (non-emergency).....	763-4104
POLICE DISPATCH.....	763-2221

After calling for Emergency help, please turn on all outside lights both during the day and at night to aid in locating your residence. If possible, have someone outdoors to meet the responding units.

Selectmen's Office.....	763-4940
Fax.....	763-5298

Monday, Tues., Thurs., Fri.: 8:00 a.m. – Noon

Selectmen meet every two weeks on a rotating schedule of Monday nights at 6:30 p.m.

See posted meeting schedules for dates.

www.newburynh.org

E-mail: townadmin@newburynh.org

Town Clerk & Tax Collector's Office.....	763-5326
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Monday: 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

(closed from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.)

Code Enforcement Officer.....	763-4940
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Monday 8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Wednesday Noon – 6 p.m.

Forest Fire Warden Dave Smith.....	938-5925
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Town Highway Department.....	938-5494
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Library.....763-5803

Monday 12:00 Noon – 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 12:00 Noon – 5 p.m.

Friday closed

Saturday 10 a.m.– 2 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 Noon – 5 p.m.

Transfer Station.....763-2289

Monday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

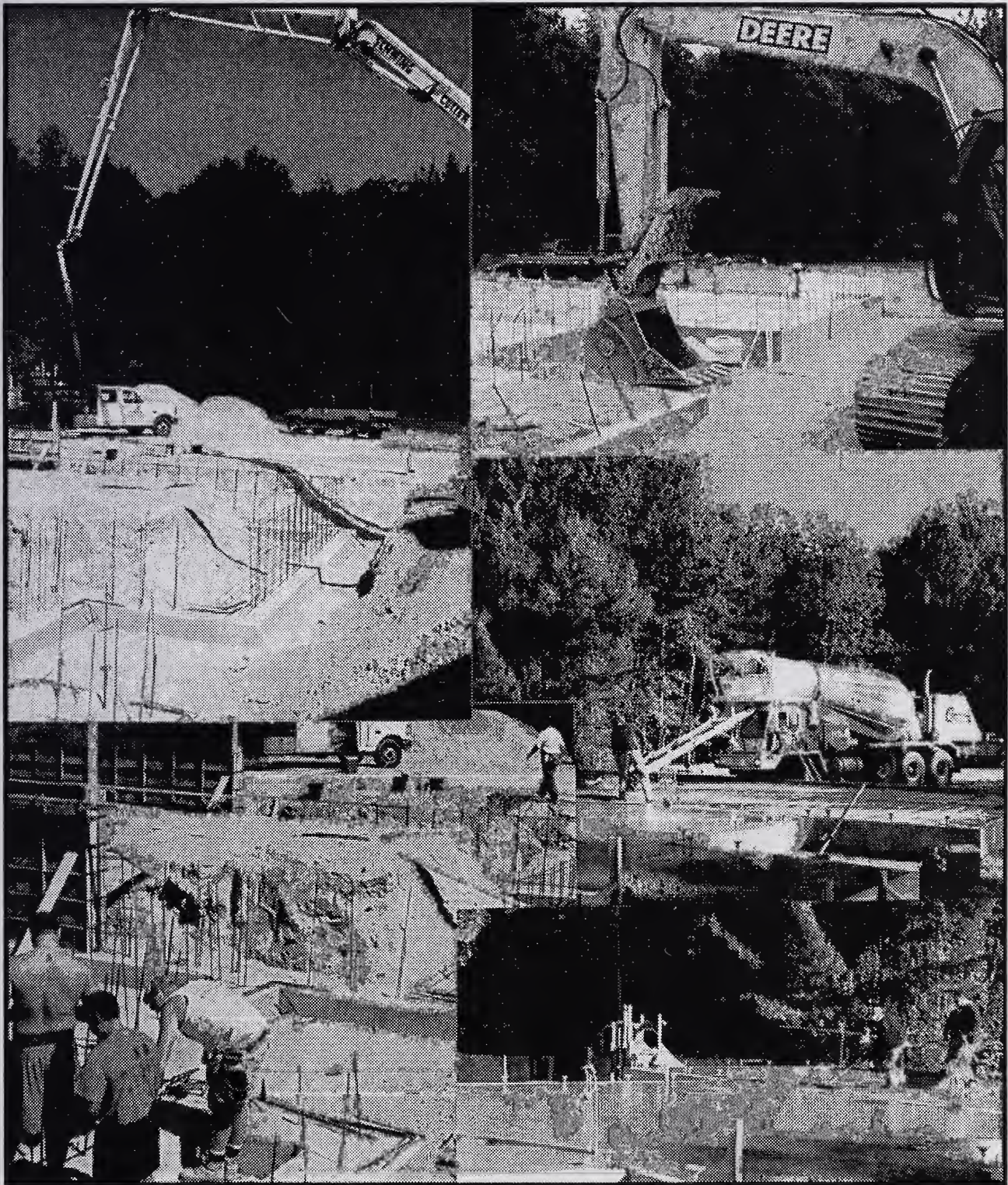
Wednesday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

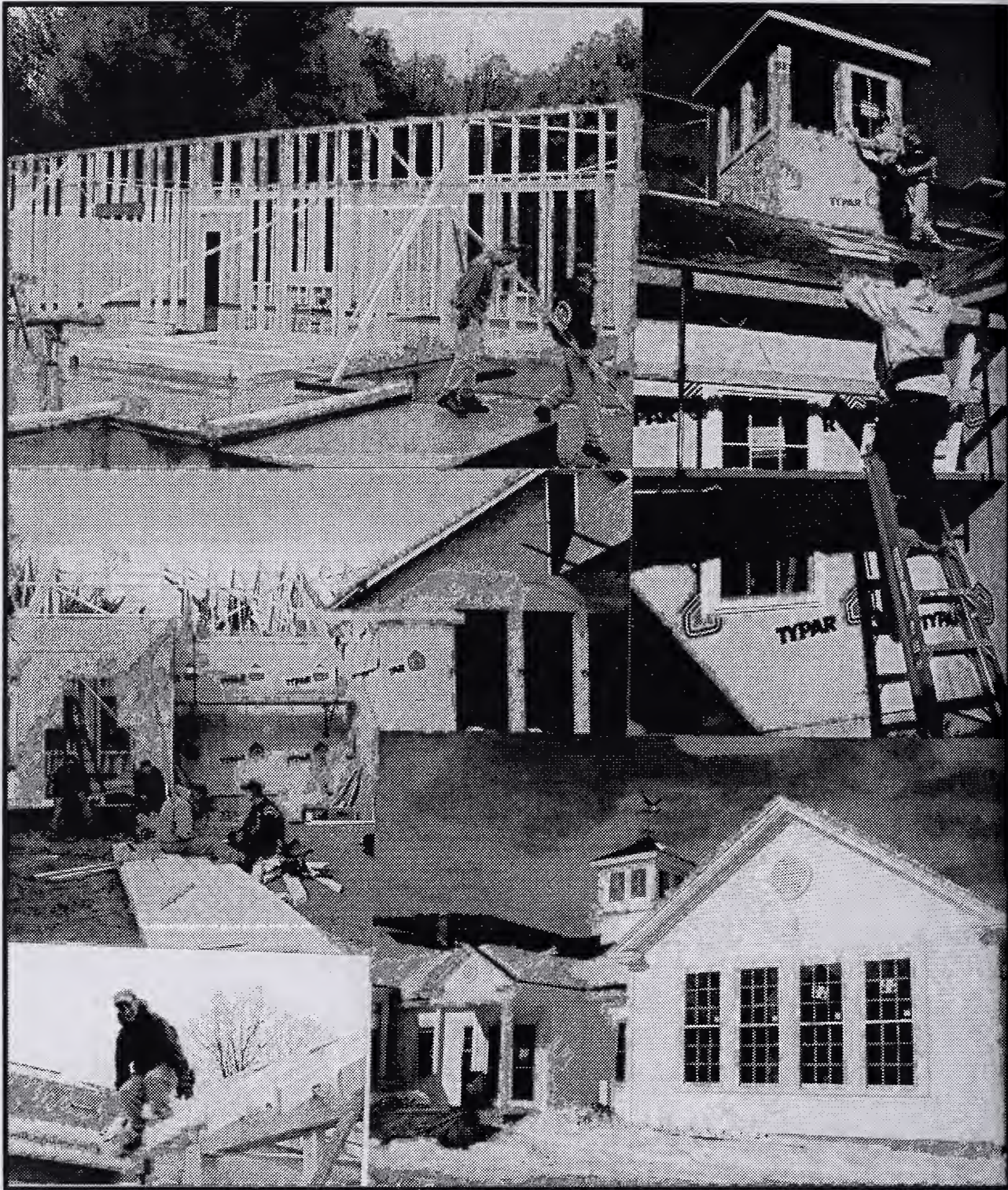
Saturday & Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Land Use Board Coordinator.....763-4940

Call for Zoning and Planning Board information.

*Planning Board meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday
of the month at the Town Office.*







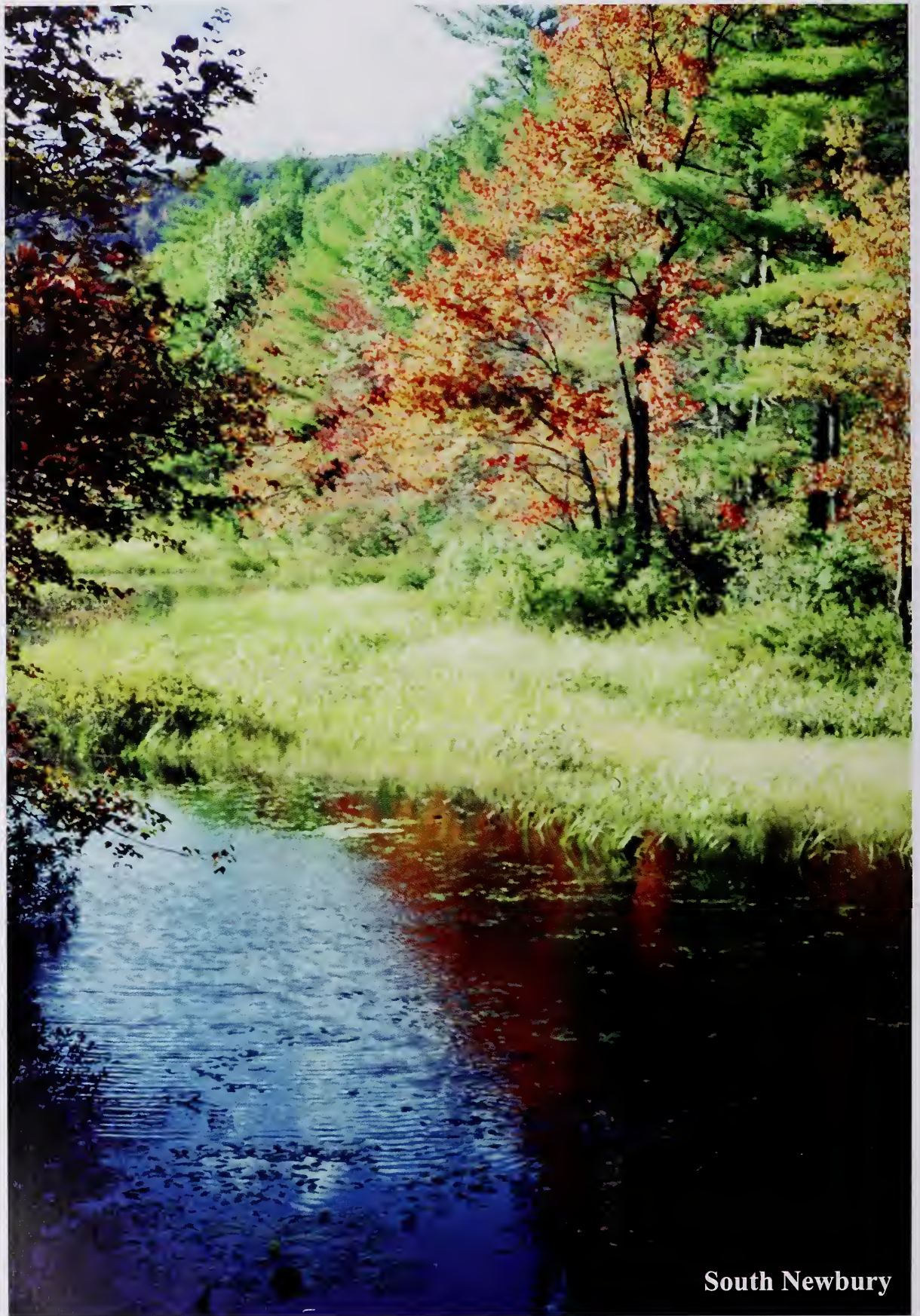
South Newbury, along South Road

Photo courtesy of Al Bachelder



Garden, Baker Hill Road

Photo courtesy of Shelly Candidus



South Newbury

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