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OFFICERS

Moderator

LYNN M. GRAY

Town Clerk

HELEN M. B. LANG

Selectmen

FREEMAN G. MARSHALL ALBION PARKHURST
JOHN R. JACKSON

Treasurer

HELEN M. B. LANG

Tax Collector

LYNN M. GRAY

Highway Agents

GEORGE A. JACKSON LEON GRANT
IRVING BLODGETT CLAYTON BENNETT

Supervisors

GEORGE A. JACKSON HARRY LANG

ERNEST PILBRO

Trustees of Public Library

ALDA JACKSON MAUDE V. GRAY

Librarian

HATTIE NOYES

Board of Health

ALPHEUS B. FRIZZELL

Surveyor of Wood and Lumber

LYNN PARKHURST

Auditors

ERNEST PILBRO HARRY LANG

Trustees of Public Funds

JOHN R. JACKSON ALLEN GRAY

WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Columbia, in the County of Coos, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on Tuesday, the 14th day of March, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose by ballot and major vote a Town Clerk for the year ensuing.
2. To choose by ballot and major vote one Selectman for three years ensuing.
3. To choose by ballot and major vote one or more Auditors for the year ensuing.
4. To choose by ballot and major vote, Library Trustees for the year next ensuing.
5. To choose by ballot and major vote, one Trustee of Trust Funds for two years next ensuing.
6. To choose by ballot and major vote, one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years next ensuing.
7. To choose by ballot and major vote a Tax Collector for the year ensuing.
8. To choose by ballot and major vote all other necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
9. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of the poor for the year ensuing.
10. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the repairs of highways and bridges.

11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and instruct its Selectmen to take such action regarding rolling, plowing or otherwise, in keeping winter roads open in said Town for the year ensuing, as in their judgment seems most conducive to the best interest of the Town, and appropriate money for the same.
12. To see if the Town will accept State Aid for construction of Class V roads and raise and appropriate or set aside for said purposes the sum of \$179.08; and the State will contribute the sum of \$716.29.
13. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the upkeep of cemeteries.
14. To see what action the Town will take with reference to hiring the Colebrook Fire Department for the purpose of extinguishing of fires, in said Town, and in event of favorable action, to make the necessary appropriation for the the same.
15. To see if the Town will vote to fix the price per day for the hiring of manual labor, teams and trucks for work on town roads.
16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to incur the debts for temporary loans in anticipation of the taxes of the ensuing municipal year and to pay such debts out of the tax money when it is received.
17. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to administer or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town through Tax Collector's Deeds.
18. To see what sum of money the Town will raise

for the support of the town charges for the ensuing year.

19. To see if the Town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the Division of Municipal Accounting, and to make an appropriation to cover the expense of such audit.
20. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue a certain highway, situate in said Town, described as follows: Commencing at a point on the southerly side of the Grand Division Road, which point is approximately fifty (50) feet northerly from the "Drew House", so-called, thence following southerly as said cross road is now travelled, until it intersects the Allen Gray, road, so-called.
21. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of Agents, Auditors, Selectmen, and all other officers, and ratify and confirm the same.
22. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.
23. To bring in your ballots for the election of Delegates at Large, Alternate Delegates at Large; Delegates and Alternate Delegates; to the National Conventions of the various political parties to be held to nominate party candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States.
24. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to apply on Town indebtedness.

Given under our hand and seal, this 23th day of February, A. D. 1944.

F. G. MARSHALL, (L. S.)

ALBION PARKHURST, (L. S.)

J. R. JACKSON, (L. S.)

Selectmen of Town of Columbia

A true copy:

Attest:

F. G. MARSHALL,
ALBION PARKHURST,
J. R. JACKSON,
Selectmen of Town of Columbia

BUDGET

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing
Year February 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944

Compared With
Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous Year
February 1, 1943 to January 31, 1944

SOURCES OF REVENUE:	Actual	Estimated
	Revenue Previous Year 1943	Revenue Ensuing Year 1944

From State:

For fighting Forest Fires	\$ 7.60	\$ 150.00
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From Local Sources Except Taxes:

Rent of Town Hall and other buildings	25.00	
Income from Trust Funds	6.00	
Cash on Hand (Surplus)	1,935.33	
Amount to be raised by Property taxes	19,079.06	

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES :	Actual	Estim.
	Expenditures Previous Year 1943	Expenditures Ensuing Year 1944

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 680.00	\$ 800.00
Town Officers' Expenses	440.14	700.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	114.19	104.19

Protection of Persons and Property:		
Fire Department	159.85	300.00
Health:		
Vital Statistics	18.25	
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Maintenance	1,532.96	2,000.00
Street Lighting	10.00	10.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	259.89	200.00
Town Road Aid	348.39	179.08
Winter roads	5,300.20	4,500.00
Libraries:		
Libraries	100.00	100.00
Public Welfare:		
Town Poor	1,658.59	
Old Age Assistance	332.30	300.00
Patriotic Purposes:		
Aid to Soldiers and their families	17.50	50.00
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries	48.00	150.00
Interest:		
On Temporary Loans	124.69	125.00
Payments to Other		
Governmental Divisions:		
County taxes	2,839.61	
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 6,222.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,913.50</u>

TAXES ASSESSED

County Tax	\$ 2,839.61
Town Poor	1,200.00
Highways and Bridges	2,500.00
Winter Roads	3,500.00
Class V Roads	357.79
Cemeteries	150.00
Fire Department	300.00
Town Charges	1,200.00
Fire Protection (war) defense	500.00
Library	100.00
School Tax	6,222.00

\$18,869.40

Less Estimated Revenue:

Auto Permits	\$190.00
Railroad Tax	70.00
Savings Bank Tax	50.00

\$ 310.00

\$18,559.40

Plus Overlay

917.66

\$19,477.06

Less Poll Taxes

338.00

\$19,139.06

Total Property Taxes Assessed

INVOICE OF PROPERTY

Electric Plants	\$ 70,600.00
Land and Buildings	354,375.00
105 Horses	15,775.00
592 Cows	46,300.00

81 Neat Stock	4,780.00
375 Fowls	375.00
13 Sheep	120.00
8 Hogs	290.00
Standing Timber	18,110.00
Gas Pumps and Tanks	400.00
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	\$511,125.00
Soldiers' Exemptions	2,350.00
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Total Valuation, less Exemptions	\$508,775.00

FINANCIAL REPORT OF TOWN OF COLUMBIA

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1944

ASSETS

Cash:	
In hands of Treasurer	\$ 2,252.20
Due from State:	
Bounties	73.50
Unredeemed Taxes: (from tax sale acct. of)	
(a) Levy of 1940	103.38
(b) Levy of 1941	19.67
(c) Levy of 1942	91.22
Uncollected Taxes:	
(a) Levy of 1942	7.50
(b) Levy of 1941—none	
Money due Forest Products Asso.	5.00
Taxes Bought by Town	217.95
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Total Assets	\$ 2,770.42
Excess of Liabilities Over Assets	3,515.38
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Total Liabilities	\$ 6,285.80

LIABILITIES

Due to School District, Dog Licenses	\$ 63.80
Due to School District, Appropriation	6,222.00
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	\$ 6,285.80
Net Debt January 31, 1943	\$ 2,709.31
Net Debt January 31, 1944	3,515.38
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Increase in Debt	\$ 806.07

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 5,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Libraries: Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	2,500.00
Equipment	2,500.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	24,000.00
Equipment	4,000.00
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Total	\$39,500.00

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand Feb. 1, 1943	\$ 1,935.33
F. Gordon Kimball, Treas., Forest Fire	7.60
Colebrook National Bank	2,500.00
Colebrook National Bank	2,500.00
F. Gordon Kimball, bounties	18.00
Colebrook National Bank	5,000.00
Charles Hill, overpaid	.94
Leon W. Cilley, payment Hospital bill	50.00
Ethel Bennett, rebate on George Smith	23.04
Albion Parkhurst. Rent for Town Hall	25.00
Leon Cilley, payment Hospital bill	75.00
State of N. H., F. G. Kimball rebate on road money	4.20

F. G. Kimball, R. R. Tax	121.51
Dog Licenses	73.80
Auto Permits	220.26
L. M. Gray, 1940 Taxes	10.87
L. M. Gray, 1941 Taxes	49.68
L. M. Gray, 1942 Taxes	563.01
L. M. Gray, 1943 Taxes	19,037.97
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	\$32,216.21

PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 680.00
Town Officers' Expenses	440.14
Winter Roads	5,320.80
Town Hall Expenses	114.19
Bounties	73.50
Fire Department	159.85
Vital Statistics	18.25
Town Maintenance	1,532.96
General Expense Highway Department	259.89
Libraries	115.65
Town Poor	1,658.59
Old Age Assistance	332.30
Schools	5,570.20
Cemeteries	46.00
Taxes bought by Town	217.95
Interest	124.69
Temporary Loans	10,000.00
County Tax	2,839.61
T. R. A.	348.39
Victory Tax	55.86
Columbia Bridge	10.00
Aid to G. A. R. and Soldiers	17.50
Abatement Refunded	.94
Auto Permits, Fees	26.75
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	\$29,964.01

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Lucy Stewart, clerical work	\$	5.50
Sentinel Pub. Co., printing		130.25
F. G. Marshall		12.00
Elsie Annis, Bonds		50.00
Sentinel Pub. Co., printing		9.75
Lucy Stewart, clerical work		4.00
Brown & Saltmarsh, Supplies		13.70
Clayton Bennett		3.00
F. G. Marshall		7.00
Albion Parkhurst		1.03
Lucy Stewart, clerical work		10.00
Brown & Saltmarsh, supplies		6.70
F. G. Marshall		25.00
Albion Parkhurst		25.00
Harry Lang		.20
Helen M. B. Lang		17.00
L. D. Ripley		50.00
N. H. Collection Assoc., Dues		2.00
F. G. Marshall		30.36
	\$	440.14

TOWN MAINTENANCE

Irving Blodgett	\$	169.00
Clayton Bennett		439.82
Leon Grant		627.87
George A. Jackson		296.27
	\$	1,532.96

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Marion Wells, Ballot Clerk	\$	3.00
Harry Lang, Auditing		3.00
Roy Parkhurst, Auditing		3.00

Geo. A. Jackson	12.00
Lovell Oakes, Ballot Clerk	3.00
Geo. A. Jackson, Supervisor	9.00
Harry Lang, Supervisor	21.00
Helen M. B. Lang	110.00
Albion Parkhurst, Selectman	100.00
Ernest Pilbro, Supervisor	21.00
J. R. Jackson, Selectman	100.00
L. M. Gray, Collector, Dog Con., Moderator	135.00
Hattie Noyes, Librarian	60.00
F. G. Marshall	100.00
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	\$ 680.00

WINTER ROADS

Total Amount Expended	\$ 5,320.80
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TOWN HALL EXPENSES

Total Amount	\$ 114.19
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BOUNTIES

Albion Parkhurst	\$ 49.50
F. G. Marshall	13.50
J. R. Jackson	10.50
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	\$ 73.50

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Arthur Daley	\$ 3.00
Colebrook Village Fire Dept.	151.00
Irving Blodgett	5.85
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	\$ 159.85

VITAL STATISTICS

Helen M. B. Lang	\$ 18.25
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T. R. A.

Treasurer State of N. H.	\$ 348.39
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GENERAL EXPENSE HIGHWAY DEPT.

Total Amount	\$ 259.89
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TOWN POOR

Total Amount	\$ 1,658.59
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OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Treasurer State of N. H.	\$ 332.30
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CEMETERIES

Total Amount	\$ 46.00
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TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN

L. M. Gray, Col.	\$ 217.95
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SCHOOLS

Marion Wells, Treas.	\$ 5,570.20
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INTEREST

Colebrook Guaranty Savings Bank	\$ 124.69
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TEMPORARY LOANS

Colebrook Guaranty Savings Bank	\$10,000.00
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COUNTY TAXES

William Weston, Treasurer	\$ 2,839.61
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VICTORY TAX

Helen M. B. Lang	\$ 55.86
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COLUMBIA BRIDGE

N. H. Electric Corp.	\$ 10.00
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ABATEMENT REFUNDED

Lynn Gray	\$.94
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AUTO PERMIT

Helen M. B. Lang, Fees	\$	26.75
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LIBRARIES

Alda Jackson	\$	100.00
C. O. Stevens		15.65
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	\$	115.65

AID TO G. A. R. AND SOLDIERS

Coos County Hospital, Charles Bunnell	\$	17.50
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REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS, JAN. 31, 1944

Jan. 1, 1923 Miles Gray Trust Fund:

Amount of Principal	\$	100.00
Rate of interest—2%		
Balance of Income on hand at beginning of year		139.59
Income during year		2.71
Expended during year		None
Balance on hand at end of year		138.30

Mar. 27, 1933 Ellen Cleveland Trust Fund:

Amount of Principal	\$	100.00
Rate of Interest—2%		
Balance of Income on hand at beginning of year		120.33
Income during year		2.41
Expended during year		None
Balance on hand at end of year		122.74

Aug. 29, 1935 Mrs. Warren Marshall Trust Fund:		
Amount of Principal	\$	75.00
Rate of Interest—2%		
Balance of Income on hand at beginning of year		86.97
Income during year		1.73
Expended during year		None
Balance on hand at end of year		88.70

LIBRARY TRUSTEES' REPORT

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1943	\$	34.53
Received from Francis Parkhurst		2.26
Received from Town Treasurer		100.00
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	\$	136.79

Payments

Paid for books	\$	35.46
Paid for service charge		.88
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		36.34
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Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1944	\$	100.45

No. Books Purchased—32

ALDA L. JACKSON,
MAUDE V. GRAY.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

During the year of 1943, I have recorded 17 births, 3 marriages and 5 deaths.

Licenses have been paid me on 40 dogs, amounting to \$63.80 after the clerk's fee was taken out.

I have issued 107 Automobile Permits amounting to \$220.26.

1 for 1942 amounting to	\$.63
106 for 1943 amounting to		217.47
1 for 1944 amounting to		2.16
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	\$	220.26

These sums have been paid to the Treasurer.

HELEN M. B. LANG,

Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1943	\$ 1,935.33
Received from all sources	30,280.88
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Total receipts to date	32,216.21
Less Selectmen's orders drawn	29,964.01
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Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1944	\$ 2,252.20

HELEN M. B. LANG,

Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**Levy of 1943:**

Warrant		\$19,477.06	
Added Tax		209.25	
Abatements	\$ 191.50		
Uncollected	456.84		
Paid Treasurer	19,037.97		
Land Sales	217.95		
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Total	\$19,686.31	\$19,686.31	

Levy of 1942:

Abatements	\$ 54.00	
Uncollected	7.50	

Levy of 1941:

Abatements	\$ 41.83	
Uncollected	None	

Unredeemed Taxes from Tax Sales on Account of

Levies of:	1943	1942	1941	1940
Gurney Reynolds	\$177.74	\$	\$	\$
Milton Adair	7.24			
Harold McMann	22.11			
Effie Cilley	10.86			
Charlie Parker		17.86	18.17	
Richard Wainwright		73.36	1.50	72.75
Wendell Hughes				30.63

I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of February 1, 1944, on account of the tax levy of 1943, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

LYNN M. GRAY,

Tax Collector

LIBRARY REPORT

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1943	\$ 2.58
Received from fines and subscriptions	3.25
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	\$ 5.83
Paid for postage and supplies	\$ 2.47
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Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1944	\$ 3.36
Circulation for 1943—2,044.	

HATTIE A. NOYES,

Librarian

AUDITORS' REPORT

Feb. 12, 1944

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of Tax Collector, Treasurer, Town Clerk and Selectmen and find them to be correctly computed and accounted for.

HARRY LANG,

ERNEST A. PILBRO,

Auditors of Columbia

