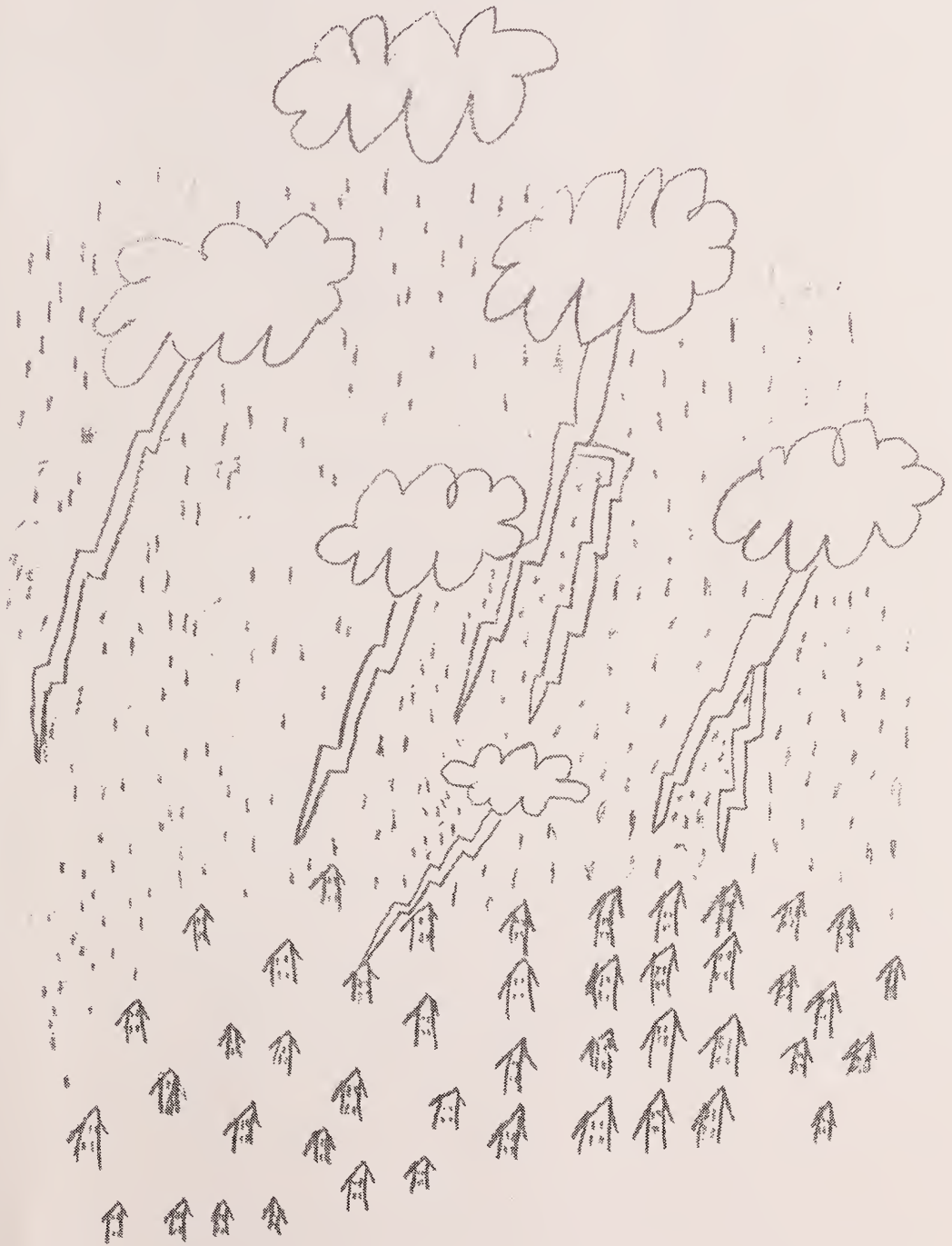


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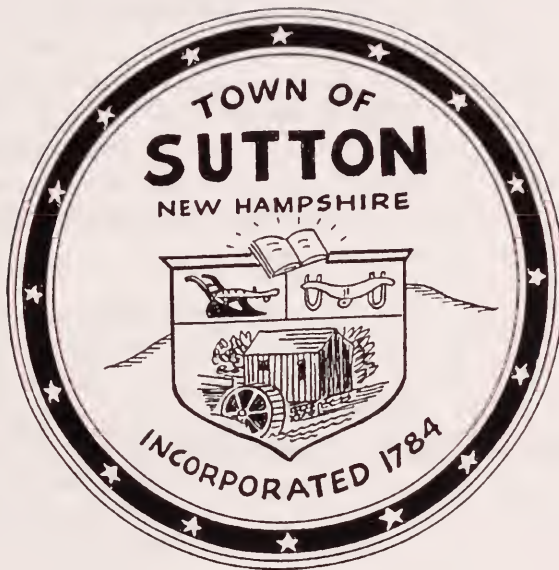
1998 Annual Report



Hurricane of 1938



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Annual Report and Vital Statistics

for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1998

Population (C.N.H.R.P.C.) 1,489

Registered Voters 1,136

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About the Cover



Did you think this was a drawing of the Ice Storm of 1998?

The students in Ms. Kathy Gill's fourth grade class and Ms. Amy Carrier's fifth grade class studied the history of Sutton with Don Davis of the Sutton Historical Society. We were only able to print two examples of their work. The drawing on the cover was created by fourth grader Dan Jones. The following is Dan's narrative to the event depicted on the cover...

Back in 1938 there was a big hurricane. Lots of houses were destroyed, even though I wasn't there, I'm telling you

there must have been a lot of damage. If I was there back then I would have run right out of my skin, I would have thought it was more like the end of the earth than like a hurricane, that's how bad it must have been. Now let's go back in time right about when the hurricane started. It's pretty shaky, huh.

Lightning

Usually there is a lot of lightning in a hurricane. As you all probably know lightning is dangerous. Now let's get off this metal dock and into a house where we can get shelter.

The Middle of the Storm

Now let's go to the middle of the storm because the storm was a couple of days long. Here we are. Gee! Look out for that lightning. You have to be careful, you know how powerful lightning is.

The Logging Mill

Now let's go back to where we came from and talk about the logging mill. Now that we are here again, do you know where the logging mill was? That's right, it was where the sawdust pile is near Gile Pond. That is why that sawdust pile is there. It was fun traveling through the 1938 Hurricane, huh.

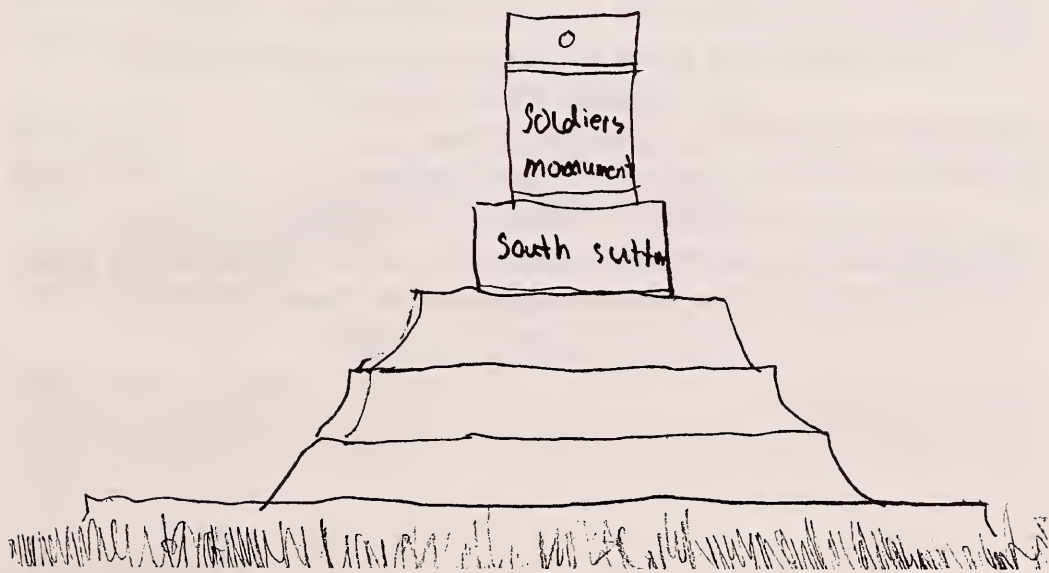
Rachel Kelly-Martin, fifth grader, wrote and illustrated the following...

Soldier's Monument

The Soldiers monument was dedicated on September 1, 1891. It was dedicated to the memory of the men of Sutton who served in the War of the Rebellion for the preservation of the union from 1861-1865. It was erected A.P. 1890. It was a gift from George Alfred Pillsbury who was born near the spot in 1816.

Pillsbury Gift

One night George Alfred Pillsbury sent a message to the town office saying that he would like to give some sort of gift to the town. Not a gift that you give to someone, like something small, but a gift that you would recognize when you walk by it. He also wanted to dedicate it to the men of Sutton who died in the War of the Rebellion. Two days later he received a letter from the Town Clerk saying that he thought it was a good idea. He said he had just the thing they could do. Later that week they found the place where they should put the gift. Day after day they worked on their present, going to bed way after dark and rising before sunrise. All the workers' wives were worried about their husbands and always asked questions about what they were doing, but the workers didn't respond. One day all the folks woke up to a cheer in the Common. When they looked out their windows, they saw a monument with all the men gathered around it. From that day on, when someone walked by the monument, they would stop and look at the gift that Pillsbury had given them .



Sutton Directory

Emergency Numbers

Police 911 (non-emergency 927-4422)
Fire 927-4233 or 911 (non-emergency 927-4740)
Sutton Rescue Squad (New London Ambulance) 911
Bradford Rescue Squad 911

Other Information

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR — Marjorie M. Friel 927-4575
PO Box 554, So. Sutton, NH 03273

Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri., 9 am – 4 pm & Wed., 4 pm – 8 pm

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE — Janice O'Connell & Elly Phillips 927-4416
PO Box 85, No. Sutton, NH 03260

Mon., Wed. & Fri., 8 am – 4:30 pm; closed 12:30 – 1:00 for lunch

SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS — Mondays at 4:30 pm; All items for the agenda must be submitted to the Selectmen's Office by noon the Friday before. Appointments only at meetings.

BUILDING INSPECTOR — Richard "Buzz" Call 927-4080

CONSERVATION COMMISSION — Eugene Aubert, Chair 526-6885
Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm.

FIRE WARDEN — Pete Thompson 927-4440

HEALTH OFFICER — Barbara MacDonald 927-4930

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT — Paul Parker, Road Agent 927-4411

INCINERATOR/RECYCLING — Regina Berube, Supvr. 927-4475
Wed., 12 noon – 5 pm/ Fri., 9 am – 5 pm/ Sun., 9 am – 3 pm

LIBRARY — Jeanette Couch, Librarian 927-4927
Mon., 1:30 – 4 pm/ Wed., 1 – 4 pm & 6:30 – 9 pm/ Fri., 7 – 9 pm/
Sat., 1 – 4 pm

Trustees meet the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

PLANNING BOARD — Naia Conrad, Applications Sec. 927-4637
PO Box 484, So. Sutton, NH 03273

Board meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm.

Appointments only.

WELFARE OVERSEER — Courtney Haase 927-4176

ZONING BOARD — Karin Heffernan, Secretary 927-4078
c/o Town of Sutton, PO Box 85, No. Sutton, NH 03260

Hearings held the last Wednesday of the month. Applications must be received by the secretary prior to the 7th of the month.

Town Officers/Employees

For the Year Ending December 31, 1998

Moderator*

Gregory Gill Term Expires 2000

Selectmen*

Leslie Enroth Term Expires 2001

Charles G. Ash Term Expires 2000

William I. Curless Term Expires 1999

Administrative Assistant

Janice O'Connell

Secretary/Assessment Technician

Elly Phillips

Clerk/Bookkeeper

Lynn A. King

Treasurer*

Charles F. Whittemore Term Expires 1999

Deputy Treasurer

Ralph C. Carroll

Town Clerk*

Marjorie M. Friel Term Expires 1999

Carol P. Young Resigned 12/98

Deputy Town Clerk

Marjorie Friel to 12/4/98

Tax Collector*

Marjorie M. Friel Term Expires 1999

Carol P. Young Resigned 12/98

Deputy Tax Collector

Marjorie Friel to 12/4/98

Highway Department

Paul Parker, Road Agent John Csutor

Dennis Stevens George Hosmer

Police Department

Patrick Tighe, Chief of Police Robert D. Nelson

John R. Lambert, Sergeant Philip E. Buteau John Niederriter

* Is an Elected Position

Incinerator/Recycling Center

Regina Berube, Supervisor 8/10/98 Herman Foster
Ed Butler, Supervisor to 7/30/98 David Smith

Overseer of Public Welfare*

Courtney E. Haase Term Expires 1999

Building Inspector

Richard "Buzz" Call

Health Officer

(Appointed by Selectmen and State Board of Health)

Barbara J. MacDonald Term Expires 2001

Librarian

Jeanette R. Couch

Buildings & Grounds Supervisor

Howard Friel

Trustees of Trust Funds*

Barbara B. Burns Term Expires 2001

John F. Biewener Term Expires 2000

George Wells Term Expires 1999

Budget Committee*

Robert Nelson Term Expires 2001

Darrel Sykes Term Expires 2001

Richard Reilein Term Expires 2000

Lynn King Term Expires 2000

William I. Curless, Ex-Officio Term Expires 1999

Norman Forand Term Expires 1999

Roger Lamson Term Expires 1999

Sarah Denz, Secretary

Planning Board

Robert Wright, Jr. Term Expires 2001

Robert "Dave" White Term Expires 2001

Daniel A. Sundquist Term Expires 2000

Stephen Enroth Term Expires 2000

Carl Olson, Alternate Term Expires 2000

Charles G. Ash (Ex-Officio) Term Expires 1999

Carol Rowe Term Expires 1999

Naia Conrad, Applications Secretary Term Expires 1999

Kenneth Uzdanovich, Alternate Term Expires 1999

** Is an Elected Position*

Zoning Board of Adjustment

William Hallahan	Term Expires 2001
Ed Canane	Term Expires 2001
Martha McLoughlin, Alternate	Term Expires 2001
Andrew R. Supplee, Chair	Term Expires 2000
Kathy Bizarro, Alternate	Term Expires 2000
Leslie Enroth (Ex-Officio)	Term Expires 1999
Lucy C. Hodder	Term Expires 1999
William Harrold	Resigned 1998
Karin Heffernan, Secretary	

Cemetery Commission*

Herman L. Foster	Term Expires 2001
Carroll L. Thompson	Term Expires 2000
Darrel Palmer	Term Expires 1999

Supervisors of the Checklist*

Marilyn Thompson, Chair	Term Expires 2004
Reva Bailey	Term Expires 2002
Margaret A. Forand	Term Expires 2000

Trustees, Sutton Free Library*

Brenda Wells, Treasurer	Term Expires 2001
Carrie Thomas	Term Expires 2001
Lori Himes	Term Expires 2000
Kathleen Chadwick	Term Expires 1999
Sandra Nelson	Term Expires 1999
Kathy Solomon (Appointed)	Term Expires 1999
Ann Lord	Resigned 1998

Trustees, Old Store Museum

Donald C. Davis, Jr.	Term Expires 2001
Robert O'Neil	Term Expires 2001
Margaret Forand	Term Expires 2000
Marsha Harrison	Term Expires 2000
George G. Wells	Term Expires 1999
Ann Lord	Resigned 1998

** Is an Elected Position*

Conservation Commission

George G. Wells	Term Expires 2001
Charles F. Whittemore	Term Expires 2001
Donald C. Davis, Jr.	Term Expires 2000
Joanna Murphy	Term Expires 2000
Charles G. Ash (Ex-Officio)	Term Expires 1999
Eugene Aubert, Chair	Term Expires 1999
David Anderson	Term Expires 1999
Dugald Arbuckle	Resigned 1998
Leslie Enroth (Advisory)	Sarah Denz, Secretary

Solid Waste Committee

Robert L. Nelson, Chair	Regina Berube
Norman Forand	Howard W. Friel
William Curless (Ex-Officio)	Linda Bitzer

Road Committee

Douglas H. Sweet, Chair	Paul Parker, Road Agent
Peter Blakeman	Carroll Thompson
Alexander McKinnon	Carol Rowe
Charles G. Ash (Ex-Officio)	

Cost of Community Services

Ad Hoc Study Committee

Leslie Enroth	Barbara MacDonald
Stephen Enroth	Richard Reilein
Don Davis	Daniel Sundquist
William Hallahan	George Wells

Emergency Management Director

Alexander McKinnon

Supervisor — Highway Notification Program

Charles F. Whittemore

Sutton Representative to KRSD School Board*

Jennifer K. Swett	Term Expires 2001
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** Is an Elected Position*

1998 Round Room Report

The year 1998 can best be described as coming “in like a lion and out like a lamb.” The abnormal weather pattern of the past year was not the only curve ball pitched to Sutton in 1998. At every level of the town’s organization, challenges were faced and embraced by all departments, boards and committees. In many instances, we were prepared to meet the challenges before us; and at times, we were forced to rethink our game plan and chart a new course of action.

No one will forget the devastating ice storm that descended upon our region last January. The northern New England states were especially hard hit, and Sutton was not spared the wrath of mother nature. The power was off for four days. Selectman Ash served as the interim Emergency Management Director. The National Guard was asked to assist with the storm damage and the Follansbee Inn provided accommodations for the Guard. Although our damages were not as severe as those of some surrounding communities, nonetheless, several of our departments were pressed into service and gladly stepped up to the plate. The Fire Department opened an emergency shelter at the North Road Fire Station for those of us who needed a warm place to stay and a hot meal. Firefighters also assisted our highway crew clearing downed trees and other related tasks. This type of team effort is what got us back on our feet quickly. The service and commitment to our community made by our fire, rescue and auxiliary volunteers cannot be matched anywhere else within our organizational structure. These individuals receive no compensation and selflessly respond within a moment’s notice throughout the year. At times they place their own life on the line to help others in need. We wish to take this opportunity to thank the firefighters, rescue squad and auxiliary members for their contribution to our town. When faced with a fire or medical emergency, take comfort in knowing that Sutton has the finest roster of team players around. We salute you one and all!

Unexpectedly, there were several changes in elected officials and personnel during the past year. In July, the Secretary/Bookkeeper for the Board of Selectmen, Betsy Forsham, resigned the position she held for seven years. During her tenure with the town, Betsy accomplished a great deal for us and judiciously handled the ever changing complexities of municipal work. Elly Phillips has transitioned nicely into the position of Assessment Technician/Secretary while Lynn King assumed the duties of Bookkeeper/Clerk. These positions were modified in order to meet the ever increasing demands of our municipal structure.

There was also a resignation to report from a member of the Board of Selectmen. Courtney Haase, a member of the board since 1996, resigned her position at the end of June. The Selectmen would like to thank Courtney for the time, effort and energy she put into her position as a board member. We are proud to have served with such a caring and compassionate individual. Serving as a Selectman involves a great deal of hard work and many long hours that are necessary to do the job. Following Haase's resignation, Bill Curless agreed to step down as Budget Committee Chairman to fill the vacant Selectman's position. Bill's background and experience with the municipal budgeting process proved to be an important asset as we soon began the process of reviewing department budgets for the upcoming year. The Board would like to thank him for his contribution and willingness to serve as a member of the Sutton Board of Selectmen.

In July, Ed Butler, Supervisor of our Solid Waste Facility, died unexpectedly. Ed worked for and managed the facility for over thirteen years. We could always depend on Ed to complete assigned tasks efficiently and expeditiously. Thanks to the efforts of our new supervisor, Regina Berube, and her staff, Herman Foster and Dave Smith, the facility functioned with no inconvenience to the public. We thank them for their hard work, cooperation and understanding during a difficult time.

With great regret, the Selectmen accepted the resignation of Carol P. Young from the position of Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Carol began working for the town in 1983 as Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector. In 1987, Carol succeeded George Hosmer, Sr. and remained in that position until her resignation in December. One of Carol's many contributions was the role she played in the transition to an in-house computer based tax billing system. She was also extremely helpful in assisting the Selectmen's Office with identifying names and house locations for our E911 project. Carol professionalized and upgraded the position of Town Clerk/Tax Collector and was well respected by her colleagues. Her friendly smile, kind words and dedication to her town will be sadly missed by all. We wish her well in the future and sincerely thank her for the years of service to the citizens of Sutton. The town was fortunate to have the experience of the Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector to rely upon. Marjorie Friel was selected to fill the vacancy created by Carol's resignation. Without losing a step, she assumed the important role of Town Clerk/Tax Collector. We are fortunate that she was willing and able to respond to this call of duty, and we extend our deepest appreciation and thanks for the smooth transition. Marjorie's most immediate task was to find a replacement for the deputy's position. To that end, we are pleased to report that Kristin Brooks will serve as Sutton's newest Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

The year 1998 also brought us discouraging news from the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. We were informed that we must close our ash landfill. We could no longer use the ash landfill, and we would also be expected to "remove the ash" or "cap in place" our ash landfill. Nobis Engineering conducted a study of our removal options. It was determined that the most cost effective solution was to remove the ash. The Board would like to thank the members of the Solid Waste Committee for their assistance with this process. Their experience and expertise is a valued asset to our town as we continue to monitor regulations and issues surrounding solid waste disposal. Their help is greatly appreciated. The Selectmen will seek approval at our 1999 town meeting for a long term bond to close the ash landfill. The anticipated cost is targeted at \$297,700 with 20% reimbursement coming from the State.

The Selectmen and the Administrative Assistant have begun the process of seeking assistance to resolve the issues surrounding the cleanup of the Carnevale property on Route 114. A few years ago, the town contracted and completed a Level I site assessment of this property. Based on the results of this study, the Selectmen are proposing that we move forward with a cleanup plan that will eventually get the property back on the tax roles. Property taxes are delinquent and have not been paid since 1991. All other taxpayers are carrying the burden created by this large delinquent tax bill. The total amount due now exceeds \$50,000. The board is seeking a grant from state and federal sources to remediate the issues surrounding this property. We are receiving the assistance in this endeavor from a remediation specialist, the Department of Environmental Services, and the Environmental Protection Agency. The Board of Selectmen hopes you will support our efforts to make this visible property a viable property once again.

The administrative offices of the Selectmen, Town Clerk/Tax Collector and the Police Department underwent an assessment of all computer hardware and software this past fall. This undertaking was prompted by the fact that the company who supplied and supported the current tax assessment/tax collection software was going out of business. Some of you might recall that this software was originally purchased in 1995. The company advised the town that it was unable to insure Y2K compliance. When we explored our options, it became evident that our current hardware systems were not Y2K compliant and also incapable of supporting any of our software options. With the help of a consultant, it was determined that our 486, 66 MHz, 8 RAM computers, purchased in 1994, were not Y2K compliant and needed to be replaced prior to any software conversion

and the year 2000. We have replaced the hardware and expect to complete our software conversion early in 1999. Thankfully, we will be far ahead of the anticipated rush of problems expected toward the end of 1999.

As the various board's, department's and committee's reports indicate, no one suffered from a lack of challenges in 1998. Buzz Call, Building Inspector, and Barbara MacDonald, Health Officer have also indicated an increased need for their services. Our Zoning Board of Adjustment was kept busy and experienced an increased load in comparison to previous years. The Planning Board has also been busy and at the forefront is the impending development of the former King Ridge Ski Area. In December, an application for 36 house lots and 441 acres of open space was formally accepted by the Planning Board. In 1999 the Planning Board hopes to re-address the Capital Improvement Program and begin the process of updating the master plan. Through the impetus of Selectperson Leslie Enroth and Planning Board Representative, Dan Sundquist, the Cost of Community Services ad hoc committee got into full swing and completed their work late in 1998. The results of this study will go a long way in determining what will be best for Sutton in the future. It will be an integral planning tool for meeting the challenges of anticipated growth patterns. This was an important and worthwhile project undertaken by a very dedicated group of volunteers. The Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Conservation Commission members have all played important roles in the town's growth and development during the past year. To the many individuals who tirelessly devote their energy to serve others—thank you for your help. Volunteering to serve your community is a rewarding experience.

In response to citizen's concerns regarding the impending Penacook/King Hill Bridge project, the Selectmen and our municipal staff engineer, Dick Heath, developed a modified bridge replacement plan. We continue to work with the state bridge design people in the hope that 1999 will see this project become a reality. In addition to the delay caused by a change in design, we were advised that the state did not have funds available for this project until fiscal year '99-00. According to the bridge inspection division of the state, Sutton has two bridges that are red listed. We will be asking the 1999 town meeting to appropriate moneys for the repair and/or replacement of Roby Road, Morse Loop and Grist Mill bridges.

The study of our highway facility was also conducted in 1998. The results showed that the existing building could not support an expansion. The recommendation was to construct a new facility. The Selectmen hope you will support their recommendation for an appropriation to a capital reserve fund

for the eventual replacement of the highway facility. At this time, no target date has been established for commencement of the project.

Not to be forgotten is the important work performed by both the Highway and Police Departments. Under the direction of Paul Parker, Road Agent, the department tackled and completed a lion's share of work during the past year. Road improvement continues during the better weather months; while snow and ice fighting is the order of business during the winter. Our highway department defines team effort. The Administrative Assistant would also like to thank Paul and the crew for all their assistance during the year. When she asked for help—they were there! Their generosity went a long way in helping us do a better job for the community. The Police Department, under the direction of Chief Patrick Tighe, continues to serve and protect the businesses and citizens of Sutton. You all help to make Sutton a wonderful and safe place to live.

A change in the laws pertaining to gravel and land assessments took effect in 1998. The Selectmen and administrative staff were faced with the task of implementing these new regulations and tax assessments. Anita Blakeman, Sutton's timber tax monitor, assisted Selectperson Leslie Enroth and office staff with the difficult and complex process of establishing bench marks for this new taxation system. The only taxpayers affected by this change in the law were gravel pit owners and operators. We would like to thank all those who attended our public meeting pertaining to the implementation of this new law. We appreciated your patience and understanding as we struggled to conform to the change created by our state legislature.

Progress continued in 1998 with the perambulation of another Sutton boundary line. The Sutton-Warner boundary was perambulated and a marker located that was last identified in 1899. Selectman Charles Ash welcomes any volunteers interested in continuing this process. In the near future, the Wilmot and Bradford boundaries will also need to be perambulated.

Yes, the year certainly has had its defining moments. Obviously, our dedicated and dependable volunteers and employees helped with the year's challenges. These individuals are the cornerstones of our community. They work as a team to protect and improve the quality of life that defines our town. But let us not forget the taxpayers that also shoulder the burden of paying for all that we need to do. Thanks especially to you for your support and the appreciation you showed to our volunteers and employees. We hope we can count on your continued support in 1999 as we endeavor to provide the services that you have come to expect and deserve.

Warrant Article Narrative

Ballot Article:

Tuesday, March 9th, 1999 at Pillsbury Memorial Town Hall. Polls open at 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Article 1:

Election of Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Business Meeting:

Wednesday, March 10, 1999 at Pillsbury Memorial Town Hall. Meeting begins at 7:00 PM.

Article 1:

In 1996 the Department of Environmental Services informed the town that we could no longer use our ash landfill. In 1998 we responded by purchasing a dumpster for our incinerator ash. As part of our permitting process, we were also told that changes had occurred in the State's solid waste laws, and we would be forced to close our ash landfill. In 1998 the town appropriated money to study several possible closure options. Nobis Engineering was hired to complete the study and options for closure. The Selectmen and the Solid Waste Committee determined that "off site removal" was our most cost effective option. The cost to close the ash landfill is estimated at \$297,700. The State of New Hampshire will reimburse 20% of our cost. This 20% reimbursement will be sent back to the town, yearly, over the life of the bond. The Selectmen are recommending a 10 year bond for this project. Pursuant to RSA 33:8, this article must be authorized by ballot and receive a 2/3rd's vote of the majority of voters present and voting at the annual meeting.

Article 2:

The proposed amount represents the Budget Committee's recommendations for the Town's general operating budget EXCLUSIVE of all special and individual warrant articles listed below. The Budget Committee is recommending a total of \$886,430 for a general operating budget and the Board of Selectmen are recommending a figure of \$891,429. The Budget Committee has made a recommendation to reduce the operating budgets of the following departments by:

Executive Dept.	\$1,999.
Financial Dept.	1,000.
Bridges	1,000.
Solid Waste Disposal	1,000.
Total reductions proposed by the Budget Committee = ... \$4,999.	

The budgetary figures recommended by the Selectmen will allow the various departments to continue to do the work that the citizens have come to expect and depend upon. There are no extravagances contained in the Selectmen's recommendations for the 1999 operating budget. In some areas of the budget, the Selectmen have already reduced department requests. Please consider supporting the Selectmen's recommended budget figure of \$891,429.

Article 3:

In 1894 the town purchased a well that was located on the property of George and Annie Woodward of Corporation Hill Road. The well supplied water to the Sutton Free Library and a horse trough that was located at the intersection of Main Street and Corporation Hill Road. Grace Hersey, daughter of George and Annie, lived in the home until her death in 1997. The heirs to the property have been unable to sell the property due to the town well that is located on the property. The town no longer uses the well and the Selectmen are asking for your approval to convey the well by quit claim deed to the Hersey heirs.

Article 4:

This article was submitted by petition. It requests \$685 for the Kearsarge Council on Aging to support their administrative and programming functions. The details of their work can be read in their report which has been printed in this town report along with other department reports.

Article 5:

This article was submitted by petition. It requests \$1,500 for Bradford/Newbury Youth Sports. The money will go towards defraying the various expenses of this organization (as stated in the petition article). The details of their program are contained in their annual report which has been printed in this town report.

Article 6:

The Selectmen are asking for this appropriation to remove the solid waste that is located on the Carnevale property. The town has also asked the State and Federal government for their assistance in removing any hazardous waste and petroleum by-products that might be located on the property. Once the cleanup has been completed the State will guarantee that the town and a new owner will be protected from any future liability. Without this guarantee, it is unlikely that anyone would want the property. We would like to tax deed the property, clean it up and get it back on the tax roles. Taxes haven't been paid on this property for many years and the amount due is in excess of \$50,000. When the property is sold we will be reimbursed for all of our expenses including the property taxes.

Article 7:

This article is a request to fund the upgrade of fire safety equipment for the Fire Department. The money could be used to upgrade any equipment determined to be safety related within the Fire Department. It will also be used to paint and make repairs to the windows of the old fire house on Rt. 114 in North Sutton.

Article 8:

In 1998 the Sutton volunteer firefighters' received approval to form an association. This association operates and functions separately from the Sutton Fire Department. Their association is not covered by our municipal insurance. Our municipal insurance will only cover the firefighters' when they conduct work and activities such as training and actual fire fighting. Therefore, this article represents the amount of money necessary to insure the Sutton Volunteer Firemen's Association. It will cover the firefighters in all non fire fighting activities.

Article 9:

This appropriation will be used to clear and remove debris from a one mile section of Poor Farm Road. This Class VI road received heavy damage during the ice storm of 1998. The Fire Warden and Fire Chief feel it is crucial to clear and remove the ice storm debris from this road for fire fighting purposes. The town has obtained a grant for this purpose. The reimbursement will be for 80% of the cost or approximately \$6,400. We will pay the remaining balance of 20% or approximately \$1,600.

Article 10:

This article provides funding for road improvements scheduled for 1999. The Road Agent needs to apply a top coat of asphalt to the first two sections

of Newbury Road that were reconstructed several years ago. If we do not apply this top coat, the asphalt base will crack and fail. The final application is necessary in order to protect our investment and increase the life of the road. The Road Agent is also planning on shimming and overlaying a portion of Roby Road. The Road Agent would like to accomplish as much as possible on this particular road. Finally, the Road Agent is also planning on adding gravel to portions of Beaver Pond, Stevens Brook and North Roads. The State of New Hampshire will send \$78,971 in Highway Block Grant Aid to Sutton in 1999. This revenue is used to offset the expenses of our highway maintenance and road upgrade projects. This request for road upgrade funding is in addition to the regular highway maintenance budget.

Article 11:

At the 1998 town meeting we created a capital reserve fund for the purchase of a pickup truck for the Highway Department. This article recommends that we withdraw the money from that fund and raise an additional \$11,000 in taxation to complete the purchase. The Road Agent recommends the purchase of a 1/2 ton, 4x4, two door truck, without a plow. The Road Agent and the Selectmen believe it would be more economical to run and operate a pickup truck than it would be to use the one-ton. The new pickup wouldn't need a plow because the one-ton has one. The one-ton will not be traded. The department needs to use the one-ton more as a work truck.

Article 12:

There isn't much that our existing loader doesn't need! It would not be cost effective to repair our 1986 loader. It is vital to our highway operations to have a reliable loader. This piece of heavy equipment is used all year round. It loads gravel and does ditching in the summer, and is also used to load sand and salt in the winter. If we were able to purchase a new loader, the Road Agent expects it will last approximately 12 to 15 years. This article proposes that we use \$25,000 from our Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to offset the expense of this purchase. We will, however, need to raise \$72,500 in taxation to complete the purchase.

Article 13:

This article represents a request to supplement various Capital Reserve Funds previously established. We need to continue to fund for capital expenses on an ongoing basis.

Article 14:

The funding of this article will provide for the necessary repairs to the Morse Loop and Roby Road bridges. The estimated cost to repair these two bridges is: Morse Loop - \$81,400 and Roby Road bridge - \$157,600. Both of these bridges have been "red listed" by the State of New Hampshire, Department of Transportation. The decking failed on the Morse Loop bridge in 1998 and temporary repairs were made to allow for safe travel. The Selectmen have applied for funding via the State's Municipally Managed Bridge Program. We do not know when the State will schedule these bridges for repairs so we are recommending the article not lapse until the year 2001. If we receive approval, the State will reimburse 80% of the total eligible costs or \$191,200. The cost to the town under this program would be \$47,800 to repair both of these bridges. The Selectmen are recommending that we withdraw \$38,000 from our Capital Reserve Fund for Town Bridges and raise the balance of \$9,800 from general taxation.

Article 15:

This appropriation will authorize the removal of the Grist Mill Street bridge and its replacement with a footbridge. The existing bridge is dangerous, unsightly and in disrepair. If you approve this appropriation, the footbridge could be constructed in 1999. In warrant article #16 you will be asked for approval to make this a vehicular bridge. If you approve both article 15 & 16, a footbridge would be constructed until the money for a vehicular bridge becomes available through the State bridge aid program. If you approve article 15 and not article 16 then only a footbridge will be built. If you reject both article 15 and 16 then no bridge will be built and the existing bridge will be removed by the Highway Department because it is dangerous.

Article 16:

This appropriation will be used to repair the Grist Mill Street bridge with a bridge that will handle vehicular traffic. If matching funds are available the State's share will be 80% or 85,200. Our share of the cost will be 20% or \$21,300. We are not sure if the State will approve this project due to the priority of the bridge relative to the other bridges that are also on the list for funding. We are not sure when the funds will be available to do this project and recommend that this article not lapse until the year 2002 (unless the bridge is completed prior).

Article 17:

This article allows voters to transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. Items brought up for discussion can only be advisory or informational in nature. Any items requesting the Town to raise and appropriate money cannot come before the meeting under this article.

TOWN OF SUTTON

State of New Hampshire

TOWN WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sutton in the County of Merrimack in said State qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at Pillsbury Memorial Town Hall in said Sutton on Tuesday, the Ninth day of March, 1999 next at eight of the clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

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

Given under our hands and seal, this Eighth day of February in the year of the Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-nine.

Leslie R.K. Enroth
William I. Curless
Charles G. Ash
Selectmen of Sutton, NH

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

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TOWN OF SUTTON

State of New Hampshire

TOWN WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sutton in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at Pillsbury Memorial Town Hall in said Sutton on Wednesday, the Tenth day of March, 1999 next at seven of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$297,500 for the closure of the ash landfill and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$297,500 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; (As required by State law, this article must be voted on by ballot and receive a 2/3rd's majority vote).
(The Selectmen and Budget Committee RECOMMEND this appropriation).

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$886,430 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include amounts appropriated in other warrant articles.

4130 Executive	\$ 86,288.
4140 Election & Registration	917.
4150 Financial Administration	58,330.
4152 Revaluation of Property	5,000.
4153 Legal Expense	12,800.
4155 Personnel Administration	43,541.
4191 Planning Board	3,377.
4192 Zoning Board	2,159.
4194 General Government Buildings	13,807.
4195 Cemeteries	7,000.
4196 Insurance	45,851.
4197 Advertising & Regional Association	1,415.
4210 Police Department	110,869.
4215 Ambulance	3,300.
4220 Fire Department	17,371.
4240 Building Inspection	1,500.

4290 Emergency Management	300.
4299 Dispatching Services	9,387.
4312 Highway Department	333,893.
4313 Bridges	2,000.
4316 Street Lighting	6,845.
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	86,235.
4325 Solid Waste Committee	200.
4411 Health Administration	950.
4415 Health Agencies	3,722.
4442 Direct Assistance	2,500.
4443 Welfare Administration	4,599.
4520 Culture & Recreation	5,163.
4550 Library	11,643.
4583 Patriotic Purposes	500.
4611 Conservation Commission	768.
4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	4,000.
4724 Interest on Abatements	200.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey by quit claim deed for a sum of \$1.00 any interest that the town may have in and to, the town well, so-called, located on Map/Lot #6-392,247 of the Hersey property on Corporation Hill Road. Said conveyance shall be made to the current owner(s) of said lot.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$685 for the purpose of supporting and funding the services of the Kearsarge Area Council on Aging. *(By Petition of Joan Bridges and 27 others.)*
(The Selectmen and Budget Committee RECOMMEND this appropriation).

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500 and authorize said expenditure by the Bradford/Newbury Sports organization; said expenditure is to assist in defraying the costs of building maintenance, replacing and buying new sports equipment, payment of fees to the baseball and soccer leagues, liability insurance for players, coaches, referees, empires and other volunteers, utility costs for electricity, fees for portable bathrooms and maintenance and improvements to the existing athletic fields. *(By Petition of Tami Raynor, Martha Wells and 24 others.)*
(The Selectmen and Budget Committee DO NOT RECOMMEND this appropriation).

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of site cleanup on the parcels known as the Carnevale property, Map 6/Lot #449,072 & 393,088 located on Route 114 and to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, contract for and accepts grants of federal and state aid or both as may be available.

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee RECOMMEND this appropriation).

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to upgrade fire safety equipment for the Fire Department and to paint and make repairs to the old fire house on Rt.114 in North Sutton.

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee RECOMMEND this appropriation).

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400 to defray the cost of insurance for the Sutton Volunteer Firemen's Association.

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee RECOMMEND this appropriation).

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 to clear and remove debris associated with the ice storm of January 1998 from a one mile section of a Class VI road known as Poor Farm Road, and to authorize the Selectmen to accept a grant constituting 80% or \$6,400 of the appropriation. The balance of 20% or \$1,600 is to come from general taxation. This appropriation is contingent upon the Selectmen's declaration that this section of Poor Farm Road is an emergency lane pursuant to RSA 231:59-a.

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee RECOMMEND this appropriation).

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for the upgrade of paved and gravel roads. An asphalt top coat will be applied to a portion of Newbury Road. Shimming and overlay will begin on Roby Road, and gravel will be added to Beaver Pond, Stevens Brook and North Roads.

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee RECOMMEND this appropriation).

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000 for the purchase of a four wheeled drive pickup truck for the Highway Department and further authorize the withdrawal of \$10,000 from the Highway Pickup Truck Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose. The balance of \$11,000 is to come from general taxation.
(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this appropriation but the Budget Committee RECOMMENDS ONLY \$11,000 for this appropriation using \$10,000 from the Pickup Truck Capital Reserve Fund and the balance of \$1,000 from general taxation).

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$97,500 for the purchase of a loader for the Highway Department, and further authorize the withdrawal of \$25,000 from the Highway Department Truck and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose. The old highway loader will be traded against the cost of the new loader. The balance of \$72,500 is to come from general taxation.
(The Selectmen and Budget Committee RECOMMENDS this appropriation but the Budget Committee recommends withdrawal of \$46,000 from the Highway Truck and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and the balance of \$51,500 from general taxation).

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$127,250 to be added to various Capital Reserve Funds previously established as follows:

Highway Equipment / Trucks	\$ 40,000.
Police Cruiser	10,000.
Forest Fire Equipment	250.
Fire Equipment	25,000.
Ambulance Replacement	2,000.
Property Revaluation	10,000.
Incinerator Recycling Building and Equipment..	15,000.
Highway Garage Renovation / Addition	25,000.

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee RECOMMEND this appropriation).

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$239,000 for repairs of the Roby Road bridge #146/037 and Morse Loop bridge #170/024 and further authorize the with-

drawal of \$38,000 from the Town Bridges Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose and to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept grants of federal and state aid or both as may be available. The amount of \$191,200 will come from State bridge aid and the balance of \$9,800 will come from general taxation. Pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI this appropriation shall not lapse until repairs are completed or until December 31, 2001.

(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this appropriation. The Budget Committee RECOMMENDS this appropriation for the Roby Road bridge ONLY, in the amount of \$157,600. The amount of \$126,080 from state bridge aid and the balance of \$31,520 to come from the Town Bridges Capital Reserve Fund).

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to remove the existing Grist Mill Street bridge and replace it with a footbridge.

(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this appropriation funded from general taxation).

The Budget Committee RECOMMENDS this appropriation ONLY if funded by a withdrawal of \$2,500 from the Town Bridges Capital Reserve Fund).

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$106,500 for the replacement of the Grist Mill Street bridge #099/090 and to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept grants of federal and state aid or both as may be available. Provided 80% of the estimated expense or approximately \$85,200 is made available as State bridge aid, the balance of 20% or \$21,300 is to come from general taxation. Pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI this appropriation shall not lapse until repairs are completed or until December 31, 2002.

(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this appropriation but the Budget Committee DOES NOT RECOMMEND this appropriation).

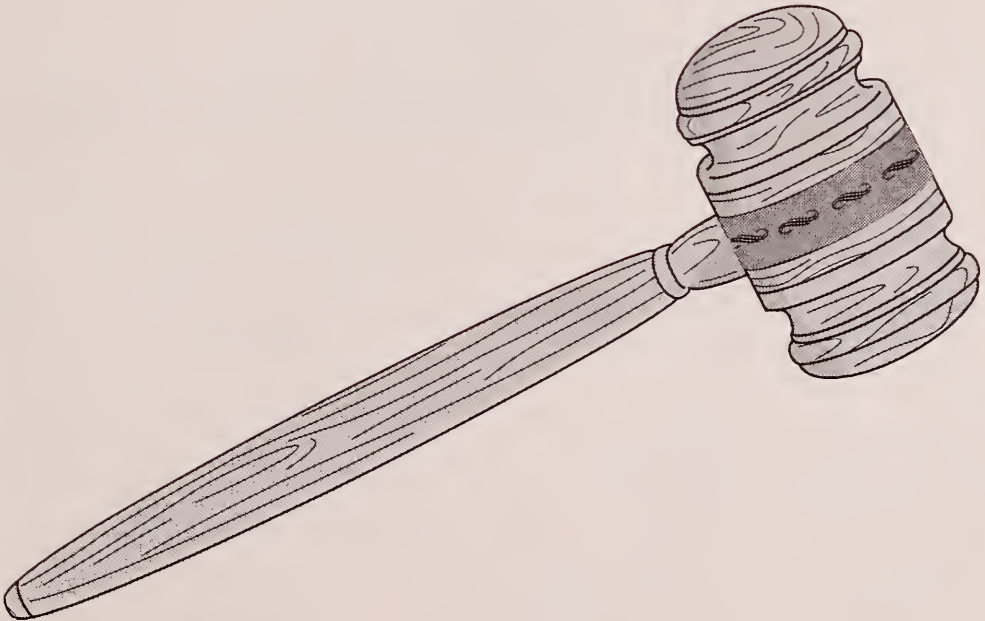
Article 17: To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this Eighth day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-nine.

Leslie R.K. Enroth
William I. Curless
Charles G. Ash
Selectmen of Sutton, N.H.

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

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Budget of the Town of Sutton, NH

REVISED 1998

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
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BUDGET OF THE TOWN/CITY

OF: Sutton, New Hampshire

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 99 to December 31, 99

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the above address.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

DATE: 2/7/99

Ray W. Samson
Norman F. Farand
Wayne S. Sykes
L. A. King
Robert J. Nelson
Richard C. Keirleir

William J. Cohen

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3, V)	WARR. Prior Year As ART. # Approved by DRA	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTION'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSURING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSURING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
4130-4139	Executive	2	74,430	87,180	88,287		86,288	1,999
4140-4149	Election, Reg & Vital Statistics	2	2,500	1,432	917		917	
4150-4159	Financial Administration	2	56,146	58,729	59,330	72	58,330	1,000
4160-4169	Revaluation of Property	2	5,000	4,778	5,000		5,000	
4170-4179	Legal Expenses	2	16,000	13,062	12,800	3,200	12,800	
4180-4189	Personnel Administration	2	39,829	36,619	43,541	3	43,541	
4190-4199	Planning & Zoning	2	4,316	4,711	5,536	137	5,536	
4200-4209	General Government Buildings	2	12,127	11,046	13,807		13,807	
4210-4219	Comptroller	2	7,000	6,790	7,000		7,000	
4220-4229	Insurance	2	50,309	48,713	45,851		45,851	
4230-4239	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	2	1,325	1,325	1,415		1,415	
4240-4249	Other General Government							
PUBLIC SAFETY								
4210-4214	Police	2	105,293	105,269	110,869	13,743	110,869	
4215-4219	Ambulance	2	3,300	3,300	3,300		3,300	
4220-4229	Fire	2	17,371	15,825	17,371		17,371	
4240-4249	Building Inspection	2	1,500	1,500	1,500		1,500	
4290-4299	Emergency Management	2	300	-0-	300		300	
4299	Dispatching Services Other (Including Communications)	2	9,600	4,957	9,387		9,387	
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER								
4301-4309	Airport Operations							
HIGHWAYS & STREETS								
4311	Administration							
4312	Highways & Streets	2	327,801	327,404	333,893	14,889	333,893	
4313	Bridges	2	3,000	39	3,000		2,000	1,000

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ACCT. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3, V)	WARR. ART. 8 Approved By DRA	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATION ENSUING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
HIGHWAYS & STREETS cont.								
4316	Street Lighting	2	7,145	6,845	6,845	300	6,845	
4319	Other							
SANITATION								
4321	Administration	2	200	36	200		200	
4323	Solid Waste Collection							
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	2	82,670	82,892	87,235		86,235	1,000
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up							
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other							
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT								
4331	Administration							
4332	Water Services							
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other							
ELECTRIC								
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4359	Other Electric Costs							
HEALTH/WELFARE								
4411	Administration	2	1,050	459	950		950	
4414	Pest Control							
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	2	8,650	4,973	6,222	1,500	6,222	
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.							
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other	2	4,290	4,290	4,599		4,599	

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ACCT. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3, V)	WARR. #	APPROPRIATIONS PRIOR YEAR AS APPROVED BY DRA	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES PRIOR YEAR	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSURING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATION ENSURING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
CULTURE & RECREATION								
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	2	5,163	5,163	5,163	5,163		
4550-4559	Library	2	9,368	9,321	11,643	11,643		
4583	Patriotic Purposes	2	400	466	500	500		
4589	Other Culture & Recreation							
CONSERVATION								
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources	2	983	983	768	768		
4619	Other Conservation							
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING							
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT							
DEBT SERVICE								
4711	Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes							
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes							
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	2	8,500	1,414	4,000	1,000	4,000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service	2	200	20	200		200	
CAPITAL OUTLAY								
4901	Land							
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment							
4903	Buildings							
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.							
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund							
4913	To Capital Projects Fund							
4914	To Enterprise Fund							
	Beer-							
	Water-							

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PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)		WARR. ART.#	APPROPRIATIONS PRIOR YEAR AS APPROVED BY DRA	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES PRIOR YEAR	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSURING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATION ENSURING FISCAL YEAR	
ACCT.					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT cont.								
	Electric-				XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
	Airport-							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund							
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except 84917							
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds							
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Agency Funds							
SUBTOTAL 1			865,766	849,541	891,429	34,844	886,430	4,999

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

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

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		PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)		WARR. ART.#	APPROPRIATIONS Prior Year As Approved by DRA		Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATION ENSUING FISCAL YEAR
Acct.								RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4313	Bridges			14,15	45,000		2,120	348,000		160,100
4415	Kearsarge C.O.A.			4	685		685			685
4901	Ash Landfill,Bradford/ Newbury Sports, Carnevale Cleanup			1,5	1,000		1,000	307,700	1,500	307,700
4902	Incinerator Repairs				5,000		-0-			
4912	CRF's & Exp. Fund Tr.			13	123,250		123,250	127,250	52,000	127,250
SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED					XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	783,635	XXXXXXXXXX	595,735
										XXXXXXXXXX

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

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

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		PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)		WARR. ART.#	APPROPRIATIONS Prior Year As Approved by DRA		Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATION ENSUING FISCAL YEAR
Acct.								RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4155	TC/TC Retirement				747		672			
4902	Pickup & Loader			11,12	38,500		38,143	118,500		108,500
4903	Hwy. Bridge Study				5,000		4,971			10,000
4909	Fire Safety, Fire Assoc.			7,8						
	Grants, Road Upgrade			9,10	120,000		112,632	88,400	50,000	88,400
SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED					XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	206,900	XXXXXXXXXX	196,900
										XXXXXXXXXX

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Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING YEAR
TAXES			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		4,500	5,704	10,000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		30,000	16,855	20,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes Power Profit		573	573	603
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		60,000	43,657	44,000
	Inventory Penalties				
	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		324		350
	Excavation Activity Tax		12,183	12,393	12,200
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		170,000	174,173	178,000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		1,500	1,930	3,000
3230	Building Permits		3,500	3,614	3,700
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees				
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		7,920	54,857	15,000
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		22,120		40,000
3353	Highway Block Grant		78,971	78,971	80,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	9	42	42	6,445
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Gas Tax & Bridge Aid Other (Including Railroad Tax)	14,16	36,258	58	276,490
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS	FEMA	35,000	28,980	
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		21,500	18,516	20,000
3409	Other Charges Bank Charges		80	124	125
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		700	573	650
3502	Interest on Investments		22,000	30,862	31,000
3503-3509	Other Cable, Ins. Div. & Reimb.		25,000	21,588	23,000
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				

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1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING YEAR
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN cont.		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	11, 12	38,732	38,732	73,000
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds	2	2,921	2,863	2,863
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes	1			297,700
	Amts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")				
Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes					
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			573,824	535,065	1,138,126

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Selectmen's RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 5)	891,429	886,430
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 6)	783,635	595,735
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 6)	206,900	196,900
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	1,881,964	1,679,065
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above, column 6)	1,138,126	1,004,826
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	743,838	674,239

TOWN OF SUTTON

State of New Hampshire

TOWN MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 11, 1998

The Moderator, Gregory Gill, called the meeting to order at 7 o'clock in the afternoon. Moderator Gill lead the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence was observed for those residents who were no longer with us. The results of the March 10, 1998 election were announced and those newly elected officials present were sworn in to office. Mr. Gill explained the rules of order and conduct.

Robert Wright moved to dispense with the reading of the warrant, seconded by Charles Whittemore and carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 1:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$848,266 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include amounts appropriated in other warrant articles.

4130 Executive	\$74,430.
4140 Election & Registration	2,500.
4150 Financial Administration	56,146.
4152 Revaluation of Property	5,000.
4153 Legal Expense	16,000.
4155 Personnel Administration	39,829.
4191 Planning Board	2,500.
4192 Zoning Board	1,816.
4194 General Government Buildings	12,127.
4195 Cemeteries	7,000.
4196 Insurance	50,309.
4197 Advertising & Regional Association	1,325.
4210 Police Department	105,293.
4215 Ambulance	3,300.
4220 Fire Department	17,371.
4240 Building Inspection	1,500.
4290 Emergency Management	300.
4299 Dispatching Services	9,600.
4312 Highway Department	317,801.
4313 Bridges	3,000.
4316 Street Lighting	7,145.
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	75,170.
4325 Solid Waste Committee	200.

4411 Health Administration	1,050.
4415 Health Agencies	3,650.
4442 Direct Assistance	5,000.
4443 Welfare Administration	4,290.
4520 Culture & Recreation	5,163.
4550 Library	9,368.
4583 Patriotic Purposes	400.
4611 Conservation Commission	983.
4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	8,500.
4724 Interest on Abatements	200.

Norman Forand moved to accept Article 1 as read, seconded by Eugene Aubert.

Leslie Enroth moved to amend Article 1 as follows: to increase the total operating budget from \$848,266 to \$868,766, as follows:

- 4153 Legal Expenses—change from \$16,000 to \$19,000
- 4312 Highway Department—from \$317,801 to 327,801
- 4324 Solid Waste Disposal—from \$75,170 to \$82,670.

Charles Ash seconded the amendment. After some discussion, the amendment was defeated by a show of hands.

Robert Wright moved to amend Article 1 as follows: to increase line item 4153 Legal Expenses form \$16,000 to \$19,000 seconded by Eugene Aubert. This amendment failed by voice vote.

Darrel Palmer moved to amend Article 1 as follows: to increase the total operating budget by 17,500 as follows:

- 4312 Highway Department—change from \$317,801 to \$327,801
- 4324 Solid Waste Disposal—from \$75,170 to 82,670.

This amendment was seconded by Robert Wright. The amendment carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 1 as amended:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$865,766 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include amounts appropriated in other warrant articles.

4130 Executive	\$74,430.
4140 Election & Registration	2,500.
4150 Financial Administration	56,146.

4152 Revaluation of Property	5,000.
4153 Legal Expense	16,000.
4155 Personnel Administration	39,829.
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4210 Police Department	105,293.
4215 Ambulance	3,300.
4220 Fire Department	17,371.
4240 Building Inspection	1,500.
4290 Emergency Management	300.
4299 Dispatching Services	9,600.
4312 Highway Department	327,801.
4313 Bridges	3,000.
4316 Street Lighting	7,145.
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	82,670.
4325 Solid Waste Committee	200.
4411 Health Administration	1,050.
4415 Health Agencies	3,650.
4442 Direct Assistance	5,000.
4443 Welfare Administration	4,290.
4520 Culture & Recreation	5,163.
4550 Library	9,368.
4583 Patriotic Purposes	400.
4611 Conservation Commission	983.
4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	8,500.
4724 Interest on Abatements	200.

Article 1 as amended carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 2:

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to adopt a retirement program for the salaried position of Town Clerk/Tax Collector if she/he desires to enroll in this program. The Town will contribute up to 5% of the gross weekly salaried wages and the employee to contribute the same amount to be deducted weekly from the regular pay check. And to raise and appropriate the sum of \$747 for the Town's share of this retirement program pro-rated for 7 months of 1998.

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee RECOMMEND this appropriation.)

John Dixon moved to accept Article 2 as read, seconded by Robert Nelson. **Article 2 carried by voice vote.**

The Moderator read Article 3:

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing agreement with the State of New Hampshire under Section 218 of the Social Security Act by excluding the services performed by election workers for a calendar year in which the remuneration paid for such service is less than \$1,000.

Norman Forand moved to accept Article 3 as read, seconded by John Dixon. **Article 3 carried by voice vote.**

The Moderator read Article 4:

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the parcel previously known as the Seymour property, Map/Lot #8-171,362, located on Kezar Lake, to the Conservation Commission for management and conservation purposes pursuant to RSA 36-A.

William Curless moved to accept Article 4 as read, seconded by Eugene Aubert. **Article 4 carried by voice vote.**

The Moderator read Article 5:

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with RSA 154:1, to adopt the following form of organization for the Town's Fire Department.

- a) The Fire Chief, Captain, 1st Lieutenant and 2nd Lieutenant shall be appointed by the Selectmen, upon nomination by vote of the firefighters.
- b) New members of the department shall be elected by vote of the existing firefighters.

Charles Whittemore moved to accept Article 5 as read, seconded by Robert Nelson. **Article 5 carried by voice vote.**

The Moderator read Article 6:

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to upgrade fire safety equipment for the Fire Department .

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee RECOMMEND this appropriation.)

Robert Nelson moved to accept Article 6 as read, seconded by Eleanor Alleman. **Article 6 carried by voice vote.**

The Moderator read Article 7:

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be added to the Forest Fire Salaries, Expendable General Fund Trust, previously established.

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee RECOMMEND this appropriation.)

Darrel Palmer moved to accept Article 7 as read, seconded by Charles Whittemore. **Article 7 carried by voice vote.**

The Moderator read Article 8:

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,000 for the purchase of a four wheel drive equipped police cruiser and further authorize the withdrawal of \$18,000 from the 1996 Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose. The balance of \$16,000 is to come from general taxation.

(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this appropriation but the Budget Committee RECOMMENDS ONLY \$29,000 for this appropriation.)

John Dixon moved to accept Article 8 as read, seconded by William Curless.

Darrel Palmer moved to amend Article 8 as follows: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,000 for the purchase of a police cruiser, a 1998 Ford Crown Victoria, and further authorize the withdrawal of \$18,000 from the 1996 Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose. The balance of \$11,000 is to come from general taxation. William Curless seconded the motion to amend. The amendment carried by voice vote.

John Biewener moved to amend Article 8 as follows: ...and to further authorize the withdrawal of all available funds in the 1996 Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose. The balance to come from general taxation. William Curless seconded the amendment. The amendment was defeated by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 8 as amended:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,000 for the purchase of a police cruiser, a 1998 Ford Crown Victoria, and further authorize the withdrawal of \$18,000 from the 1996 Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose. The balance of \$11,000 is to come from general taxation. **Article 8 as amended carried by voice vote.**

The Moderator read Article 9:

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$97,250 to be added to various Capital Reserve Funds previously established as follows:

Highway Equipment/Trucks	\$40,000.
Town Bridges	5,000.
Incinerator Replacement	10,000.
Forest Fire Equipment	250.
Fire Equipment	25,000.
Ambulance Replacement	2,000.
Property Revaluation	10,000.
Incinerator Recycling Building & Equipment	5,000.

(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this appropriation. The Budget Committee RECOMMENDS THIS APPROPRIATION PLUS AN ADDITIONAL \$5,000 for the Highway Equipment/Trucks.)

Darrel Palmer moved to accept Article 9 as read, seconded by Jennifer Swett. Robert Nelson moved to amend Article 9 as follows: to increase the line item for Highway Equipment/Trucks to \$45,000. The amendment was seconded by William Curless. The amendment carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 9 as amended:

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$102,250 to be added to various Capital Reserve Funds previously established as follows:

Highway Equipment/Trucks	\$45,000.
Town Bridges	5,000.
Incinerator Replacement	10,000.
Forest Fire Equipment	250.
Fire Equipment	25,000.
Ambulance Replacement	2,000.
Property Revaluation	10,000.

Incinerator Recycling Building & Equipment 5,000.

Article 9 as amended carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 10:

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purchase of a pickup truck for the Highway Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in this fund.

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee RECOMMEND this appropriation.)

William Curless moved to accept Article 10 as read, seconded by Darrel Palmer. Jennifer Swett moved to amend Article 10 as follows: to increase the amount of the appropriation to \$21,000. The motion was seconded by John Csutor. After much discussion, Ms. Swett withdrew her motion to amend. The second was also withdrawn. **Article 10 carried by voice vote.**

The Moderator read Article 11:

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of renovating or adding an addition to the existing highway garage building.

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee RECOMMEND this appropriation.)

Carroll “Pete” Thompson moved to accept Article 11 as read, seconded by Robert Nelson. **Article 11 carried by voice vote.**

The Moderator read Article 12:

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of building an addition or renovating the highway garage building and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for this purpose.

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee RECOMMEND this appropriation.)

Eleanor Alleman moved to accept Article 12 as read, seconded by William Curless. **Article 12 carried by voice vote.**

The Moderator read Article 13:

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for the upgrade of paved and gravel roads and further authorize the withdrawal of \$20,000 from the 1997 Highway Road Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose, and to discontinue said fund. The balance of \$55,000 is to come from general taxation. Gravel will be added to Eaton Grange, East Sutton, Gile and Birch Hill Roads. Newbury and Roby Roads will have pavement added.

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee RECOMMEND this appropriation.)

Norman Forand moved to accept Article 13 as read, seconded by Robert Nelson. **Article 13 carried by voice vote.**

The Moderator read Article 14:

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the purpose of roadside brush cleanup/removal and other expenses associated with the ice storm (FEMA #1199 disaster declaration), and to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, contract for and accept grants of federal or state aid or both as may be available provided that federal and state aid constitute 87.5% of the appropriation and to do all things necessary to carry out the purposes of this appropriation.

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee RECOMMEND this appropriation.)

Robert Nelson moved to accept Article 14 as read, seconded by Charles Whittemore. **Article 14 carried by voice vote.**

The Moderator read Article 15:

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 for repairs to Penacook Road bridge, and to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, contract for and accept grants of federal or state aid or both as may be available. Provided 80% of the estimated expense or approximately \$36,000 is made available as State bridge aid, the balance of \$9,000 is to come from general taxation. Pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI this appropriation shall not lapse until repairs are completed or until December 31,2000, which ever occurs first.

(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this appropriation but the Budget Committee DOES NOT RECOMMEND this appropriation.)

John Dixon moved to accept Article 15 as read, seconded by Eleanor Alleman. **Article 15 carried by voice vote.**

The Moderator read Article 16:

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,500 for the purchase of a stainless steel sander for the Highway Department.

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee RECOMMEND this appropriation.)

Robert Nelson moved to accept Article 16 as read, seconded by Eleanor Alleman. **Article 16 carried by voice vote.**

The Moderator read Article 17:

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for repairs to the incinerator facility. Pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI this appropriation shall not lapse until the repairs are completed or until December 31,2000, whichever occurs first.

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee RECOMMEND this appropriation.)

Norman Forand moved to accept Article 17 as read, seconded by Eleanor Alleman. **Article 17 carried by voice vote.**

The Moderator read Article 18:

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$685 for the purpose of supporting and funding the services of the Kearsarge Area Council on Aging.

(By Petition of Robert J. Bradley, Joan Bridges and 26 others)

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee RECOMMEND this appropriation.)

Eleanor Alleman moved to accept Article 18 as read, seconded by John Dixon. **Article 18 carried by voice vote.**

The Moderator read Article 19:

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum

of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and authorize said expenditure by the Bradford/Newbury Youth Sports organization; said expenditure is to assist in defraying the costs of building maintenance, replacing and buying new sports equipment, payment of fees to the baseball and soccer leagues, liability insurance for players, coaches, referees, umpires and other volunteers, utility costs for electricity, fees for portable bathrooms and maintenance and improvements to the existing athletic fields.

(By Petition of Gary Valerio, Theresa Patterson, Karen Cullens and 22 others)

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee DO NOT RECOMMEND this appropriation.)

John Dixon moved to accept Article 19 as read, seconded by David Benedict. **Article 19 carried by voice vote.**

Article 20: To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

The Moderator recognized Paul Bonn who read the following "Resolution":

Let it be known that we, the citizens of the Town of Sutton, do hereby resolve to publicly express our outrage and dismay at the State of New Hampshire, the Governor, the Governor's Council, and the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) for the lack of due process and notice for the erection of 180 foot tower at the summit of Mount Kearsarge; the disregard for the scenic and aesthetic values consistent with the use of the public park land; and the selling of public resources for commercial use under the guise of police and public safety and the betrayal of the public trust.

The resolution was moved, seconded and carried by voice vote.

Being no further business, it was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted;

Carol P. Curless
Town Clerk

Election Results: March 10, 1998

For Moderator — 2 years

Gregory Gill 251

For Selectman — 3 years

Leslie Enroth 236

For Treasurer — 1 year

Charles F. Whittemore 255

For Town Clerk — 3 years

Carol P. Curless 265

For Tax Collector — 3 years

Carol P. Curless 264

For Supervisor of Checklist — 6 years

Marilyn Thompson 265

For Overseer of Welfare — 1 year

Courtney Haase 265

For Trustee of Trust Funds — 3 years

Barbara B. Burns 254

For Budget Committee — 3 years

William I. Curless 239

Robert D. Nelson 12

For Cemetery Commission — 3 years

Herman Foster 256

For Library Trustee — 3 years

Carrie Thomas 226

Brenda B. Wells 238

For Library Trustee — 1 year

Kathleen Chadwick 168

Katherine Solomon 78

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment to the Sutton Floodplain Ordinance regulating construction in the federally designated floodplain areas of the town? This amendment will bring the town into compliance with the most current federal regulations and ensure the continued availability of property insurance through the National Floodplain Insurance Program. *The Planning Board recommends approval of this article.*

Yes 243

No 22

Auditor's Statement for 1998

Independent Auditor's Communication of Reportable Conditions and Other Matters

To the Members of The Board of Selectmen
Town of Sutton, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Sutton, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 1998, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structured that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily, disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We are pleased to report that, during the course of our review of internal controls, no material weaknesses in the Town's accounting systems and records were identified. Minor weaknesses or other considerations coming to our attention were generally procedural in nature and dealt with administrative or record keeping practices. In these instances, we made specific recommendations or provided instruction to those individuals involved during the course of our audit fieldwork.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

Paul J. Mercier, Jr.
The Mercier Group, a professional corporation
February 3, 1999

Independent Auditor's Report on Financial Presentation

To the Members of The Board of Selectmen
Town of Sutton, New Hampshire

Re: Recommittal Audit

We have audited the accompanying *Summary of Tax Warrants* and *Summary of Tax Lien Accounts* of Carol P. Young, Tax Collector for the period of January 1, 1998 to December 4, 1998. These summaries are the responsibility of the Tax Collector. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these summaries based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the *Summary of Tax Warrants* and *Summary of Tax Lien Accounts* are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the *Summary of Tax Warrants* and *Summary of Tax Lien Accounts*. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall summary of fees, warrants and tax liens presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the summary of warrants and tax liens referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, *Summary of Tax Warrants* and *Summary of Tax Lien Accounts* of Carol P. Young Tax Collector, for the period of January 1, 1998 to December 4, 1998 in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to cash transactions.

Paul J. Mercier, C.P.A.

The Mercier Group, a professional corporation

December 4, 1998

Independent Auditor's Report on Financial Presentation

To the Members of The Board of Selectmen
Town of Sutton, New Hampshire
Sutton, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Sutton, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of 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 generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit 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.

In our opinion, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Sutton, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 1998, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual 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 Sutton, New Hampshire. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applies in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Paul J. Mercier, Jr., CA
The Mercier Group, a professional corporation
February 3, 1999

1998 Tax Rate Calculation

Town/City of: Sutton

Tax Rates

Appropriations	1,204,948	
Less: Revenues	573,824	
Less: Shared Revenues	7,793	
Add: Overlay	18,896	
War Service Credits	<u>15,200</u>	
Net Town Appropriation	657,427	
Special Adjustment	<u>0</u>	
Approved Town/City Tax Effort	657,427	
Municipal Tax Rate		6.25

School Portion

Due to Local School	0	
Due to Regional School ...	1,811,817	
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>15,635</u>	
Net School Appropriation	1,796,182	
Special Adjustment	<u>0</u>	
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	1,796,182	
School(s) Tax Rate		17.06

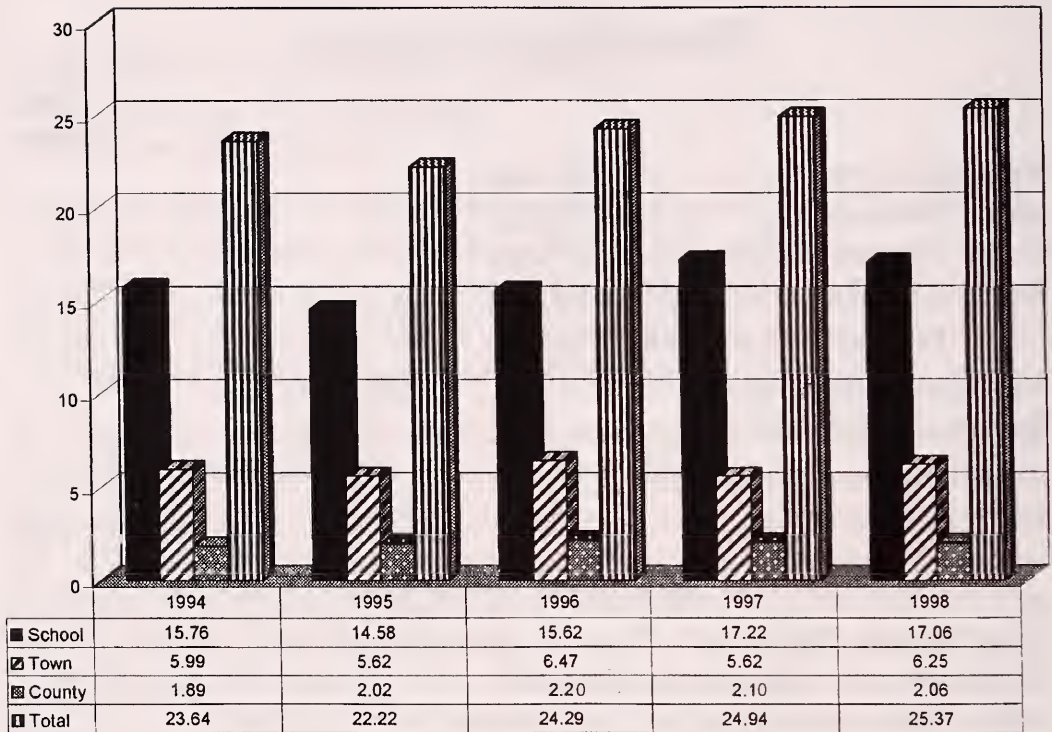
County Portion

Due to County	218,523	
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>1,390</u>	
Net County Appropriation	217,133	
Special Adjustment	<u>0</u>	
Approved County Tax Effort	217,133	
County Tax Rate		<u>2.06</u>
Combined Tax Rate		25.37
Total Property Taxes Assessed	2,670,742	
Less: War Service Credits	(15,200)	
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	<u>0</u>	
Total Property Tax Commitment	<u><u>2,655,542</u></u>	

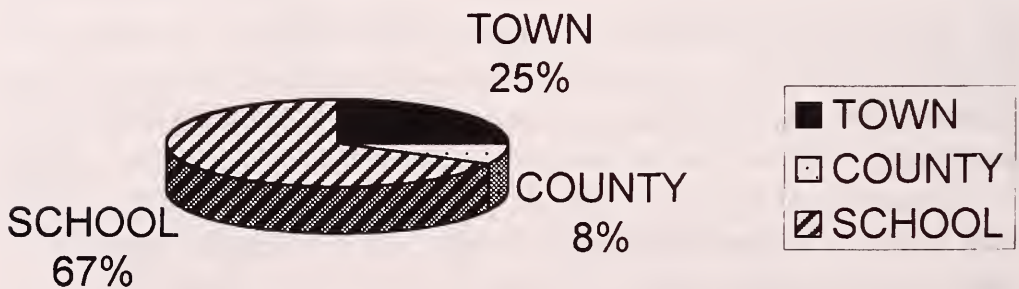
Proof of Rate

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
105,271,645	25.37	2,670,742

Sutton Tax Rate Comparison



1998 Tax Rate Apportionment



Town: 6.25
County: 2.06
School: 17.06

'98 Rate: \$25.37

Summary of Inventory Valuation 1998

MS-1

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487
CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603) 271-3397



1998

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

CITY/TOWN OF SUTTON IN MERRIMACK COUNTY

CERTIFICATE

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

Peggie Enos
David S. Ash
William I. Ash

Selectman of SUTTON
Date 8/31/98

(Please Sign in Ink)

REPORTS REQUIRED. RSA 21-J:34, as amended, provides for certification of valuations, appropriations, estimated revenues and such other information as the Department of Revenue Administration may require upon blanks prescribed for that purpose.

Return this completed Summary Inventory form to the Dept. of Revenue Administration, P.O. Box 487, Concord, NH 03302-0487 by September 1st.

You may duplicate Page 5 for each district whose valuation differs from the Town/City valuation: please note the name of the district at the top of each Page 5 provided. Thank you.

**PENALTY: FAILURE TO FILE BY SEPTEMBER 1st MAY RESULT IN \$5.00 PER DAY PENALTY
FOR EACH DAY'S DELAY. (RSA 21-J:36)**

**NOTE: PLEASE REMEMBER TO COMPLETE INFORMATION ON PAGE 3 AND 4 (ALSO PAGE 5,
IF APPLICABLE) OF THIS REPORT.**

Revised 1998

SUTTON

Name of Municipality:

Net Valuation Comparison

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Report on Current Use Assessment

CURRENT USE REPORT			
	# ACRES RECEIVING CURRENT USE ASSESSMENT	OTHER CURRENT USE STATISTICS	# OF ACRES
FARM LAND	577.36	RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUSTMENT	8,766.98
FOREST LAND	17,168.70	REMOVED FROM CURRENT USE DURING CURRENT YEAR	7.16
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND	39.44	# 292 OF OWNERS GRANTED CURRENT USE	X
WET LAND	768.63	# 370 OF PARCELS IN CURRENT USE	X
TOTAL	18,554.13	****	****

CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT REPORT - RSA 79-B			
	# ACRES RECEIVING CONS. RES. ASSMNT.	OTHER CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT STATISTICS	# OF ACRES
FARM LAND	75.34	RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUSTMENT	427.41
FOREST LAND	625.29	REMOVED FROM CONS. RES. ASSMNT. DURING CURRENT YEAR	0
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND	3.7	# 7 OF OWNERS GRANTED CONS. RESTRICTION	754.83
WET LAND	50.5	# 16 OF PARCELS IN CONSERVATION RESTRICTION	754.83
TOTAL	754.83		

ALL CURRENT USE VALUES ARE CALCULATED AT 106% AS
DETERMINED BY THE 1997 EQUALIZATION RATIO SET BY THE
NH DEPT. OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION.

Balance Sheet

December 31, 1998

Assets

Cash & Investments in hands of Treasurer:

Cash in Checking	690,453.81	
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	215,245.32	
Conservation Commission	5,672.38	
Cash in performance deposits	<u>3,582.95</u>	914,954.46

Capital Reserve Funds:

Town Bridges	38,049.63	
Forest Fire Equipment	1,933.95	
Incinerator	87,533.52	
Cemeteries	6,449.10	
Legal Fees	9,203.69	
Highway Department Equipment	46,307.67	
Fire Department Equipment	75,635.37	
Police Cruiser	1,068.65	
Revaluation	31,976.20	
Recycling Facility	26,952.00	
Highway Garage Addition	10,048.33	
Highway Pick-up Truck	10,048.33	
Bradford Ambulance	<u>6,395.17</u>	351,601.61

Uncollected Taxes:

Levy of 1998	224,358.64
Levies of prior years	2,276.99

Unredeemed Taxes:

Levies of 1997	57,473.66	
Levies of 1996	37,924.94	
Levies of prior years	26,100.45	
Allowance for uncollectible taxes	<u>(80,000.00)</u>	268,134.68
		<u>1,534,690.75</u>

Liabilities and Equity

Accrued Expenses	608.34
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Encumbrances:

Incinerator Repairs	5,000.00	
Penacook Bridge Repairs		
(Local Share)	<u>6,880.00</u>	11,880.00

Conservation Commission	5,672.38
Performance Deposits	3,582.95
Due to School District	908,817.00
Capital Reserve Funds	<u>351,601.61</u>
	1,282,162.28

Fund Balance

Unreserved Fund Balance	<u>252,528.47</u>
	<u>1,534,690.75</u>

Report of the Town Clerk
for period January 1, 1998 to December 4, 1998

Received for Motor Vehicle Permits	\$166,297.00
Remitted to Treasurer	166,297.00
Received for Title Fees	618.00
Remitted to Treasurer	618.00
Received for Dog Licenses	1,991.50
Remitted to Treasurer	1,991.50
Received for Vital Statistics and Marriage Licenses	547.00
Remitted to Treasurer	547.00
Received for UCC Filings	517.00
Remitted to Treasurer	517.00
Received for Town Clerk fees	2,545.27
Remitted to Treasurer	2,545.27
Received for Bank Service Charges	60.00
Remitted to Treasurer	60.00
Total Collected and Remitted to Treasurer	<u>\$172,575.77</u>

Respectfully Submitted;

Carol P. Young, Town Clerk

Report of the Town Clerk

for the period December 5, 1998 to December 31, 1998

Received for Motor Vehicle Permits	\$8,021.00
Remitted to Treasurer	8,021.00
Received for Motor Vehicle Title Fees	18.00
Remitted to Treasurer	18.00
Received for Dog Licenses	15.00
Remitted to Treasurer	15.00
Received for Vital Statistics and Marriage Licenses	0.00
Remitted to Treasurer	0.00
Received for UCC filings	252.00
Remitted to Treasurer	252.00
Received for Town Clerk fees	176.00
Remitted to Treasurer	176.00
Received for Bank Service Charges	0.00
Remitted to Treasurer	0.00
Total Collected and Remitted to Treasurer	<hr/> \$8,482.00

Respectfully Submitted:

Marjorie M. Friel, Town Clerk



Report from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Office

To the Townspeople of Sutton,

On December 4, 1998, after fifteen years of working in the office of the Town Clerk and Tax Collector, I left town hall for the final time. It was a day of great emotion and a certain amount of sadness.

I started working for George Hosmer, Sr. in November 1983. He was a wonderful man and I learned much from him. In March 1987, George decided to leave the position of Town Clerk and Tax Collector and I was elected to take his place. The office was moved from his home to the Town Hall, where the current selectmen's office was shared by all.

Over the years, I have watched the town government grow and change. The changes have been amazing and I'm sure that it would boggle Mr. Hosmer's mind. There are many more changes yet to come and I wish those people who follow me the best of luck.

My sincere thanks, to you all, for your support and friendship over the years. I will miss you.

Yours truly,

Carol P. Young

Former Town Clerk and Tax Collector

I have served as Deputy Town Clerk and Tax Collector since the Spring of 1993. On December 4, 1998, I was appointed Town Clerk and Tax Collector to serve until the Town Election to be held in March 1999. There is a two year term remaining on Carol Young's unfulfilled three year term.

In October 1998, our office became certified to distribute new motor vehicle license plates for the State Department of Motor Vehicles. In 1999 we will be distributing the new logo motor vehicle license plates. In their renewal month, residents will be receiving new plates of their current number or initial plate, or a new numeric plate.

Office hours will remain the same:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
and Wednesday 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Marjorie M. Friel

Town Clerk and Tax Collector

Report of the Town Treasurer

Year ending December 31, 1998

RECEIVED FROM TAX COLLECTOR

Property Tax 1997	224,984.17	
Property Tax 1998	2,444,146.41	
		2,669,130.58
Land Use Change Taxes		3,846.00
Yield Taxes		16,854.57
Power Profit		573.40
Interest & Penalties on Taxes 1998	2,952.67	
Interest & Penalties on Taxes 1997	14,393.10	
Interest & Penalties Prior	26,276.19	
		43,621.96
Tax Sales Redeemed 1997	28,234.12	
Tax Sales Redeemed 1996	44,217.19	
Tax Sales Redeemed Prior	41,961.59	
		114,412.90
Gravel Activity Tax 1998		3,962.00
Bank Service Charges		35.00

RECEIVED FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	174,318.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	636.00	
Dog License/Penalties	2,006.50	
Vital Statistics	547.00	
UCC's	769.00	
Clerk Filing Fees	2,721.27	
Bank Service Charges	60.00	
		181,057.77

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Shared Revenue Block Grants	54,857.32	
Highway Block Grant	78,971.03	
State and Forest Land Reimbursements	41.53	
Other State Grants/Reimbursements	58.42	
FEMA	28,980.00	
		162,908.30

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

Police Department	3,251.39	
Highway Department	1,534.11	
Fire Department	183.20	
Recycling Center	6,971.43	
		11,940.13

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE

Town Office	391.17	
Town History	210.50	
Town Ordinances	222.00	
ZBA	2,304.08	
Insurance Dividends & Refunds	18,366.44	
Cable Franchise Fees	2,519.80	
Sale of Cemetery Lots	140.00	
Building Permits	1,930.00	
Pistol Permits	190.00	
Planning Board	1,148.93	
Miscellaneous Revenue	730.37	
		28,153.29

INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS

Now Account	20,132.63	
MBIA Investment	10,729.06	
		30,861.69

OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES

Income from Capital Reserve Funds	18,000.00	
Perpetual Care Cemeteries	2,000.00	
Old Store Museum	600.00	
Churches	263.00	
Road Construction	20,731.76	
Tax Anticipation Notes	150,000.00	
		191,594.76

RECEIPTS 1998		3,458,952.65
Beginning Balance	613,939.26	613,939.26
Less Disbursements		-3,429,256.66
Encumbrances & Audited Adjustment		46,818.56
ACCOUNT BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1998		690,453.81

Respectfully Submitted
Charles F. Whittemore, Treasurer

The Town of Sutton holds no bonded debts as of December 31, 1998

Note: The financial statements presented for 1998 have been audited by the Mercier Group (Town auditors). The actual 1998 audit is available for review at Town Hall as of 3/5/99.

Treasurer's Report for the Conservation Fund Year ending December 31, 1998

Balance as of 12/31/97	4,532.28
Income from Appropriations, Interest, Petty cash, current use tax, etc.	<u>1,369.26</u>
	5,901.54
 Payout Expenses	 <u>-229.16</u>
 Balance as of 12/31/98	 5,672.38

Respectfully submitted,
Charles F. Whittemore, Treasurer



Report of Escrow Accounts (for road bonds), Year ending December 31, 1998

Depositor	Date Established	Purpose	Type of Deposit	Banking Company	Account Policy #	Beginning Balance	Deposits Received	Interest Credited	Deductions	Balance Ending
ITF Northwoodlands	05/21/97	Bond	Cash	Citizens	3350-285236	2,027.03		0.00	-2,027.03	0.00
ITF Warren Wesoja	11/03/97	Bond	Cash	Citizens	3350-759254	500.97		12.02	0.00	512.99
ITF Allan & Lee Wagner		Bond	Cash	Citizens	3350-283810	1,038.66		23.73	0.00	1,062.39
ITF Daniel Grace	05/18/98	Bond	Cash	Citizens	3350-757669	500.00		6.75	0.00	506.75
ITF Gerald Courser	12/21/98	Bond	Cash	Citizens	3344-394716	500.00		0.30	0.00	500.30
ITF Brooks McCandlish	12/21/98	Bond	Cash	Citizens	3344-394708	500.00		0.30	0.00	500.30
ITF Charles Beck	12/24/98	Bond	Cash	Citizens	3344-392535	500.00		0.22	0.00	500.22
						5,566.66		43.32	-2,027.03	3,582.95

Respectfully submitted,
Charles F. Whittemore, Treasurer

Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds For the Year Ending December 31, 1998 (Pg. 1 of 2)

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND <small>List first three letters invested in a common trust fund</small>	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED <small>Whether bank, deposits, stocks, bonds, etc. (if common trust, so state)</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	INCOME DURING YEAR		Expended During Year	Balance End Year		
									Percent	Amount				
VARIOUS	176 CEMETERY TRUST	PERPETUAL CARE	BANK DEPOSITS (COMMON TRUST)	29,775.81				29,775.81		1,737.76	1,700.00	1,785.16	31,560.97	
1966	CEMETERY BENJ TRUST	GENERAL CARE	BANK DEPOSITS	12,155.00				12,155.00		699.37	300.00	718.32	14,873.32	
	TOTAL CEMETERY TRUSTS			41,930.81				41,930.81		2,437.13	2,000.00	2,503.48	44,434.29	
	LIBRARY TRUSTS													
1916	ORIN NELSON	LIBRARY	BANK DEPOSITS	1,000.00				1,000.00		54.47	54.47		1,000.00	
1918	JOHN PRESSEY	"	"	1,000.00				1,000.00		54.47	54.47		1,000.00	
1943	LEWIS RICHARDS	"	"	300.00				300.00		16.38	16.38		300.00	
1967	DOUGLAS ANDERSON	"	"	1,000.00				1,000.00		54.47	54.47		1,000.00	
1971	GRACE P. NELSON	"	"	48,560.10				48,560.10		2,645.73	2,645.73		48,560.10	
1988	ADA P. ANDERSON	"	"	3,000.00				3,000.00		162.13	168.83	94.43	3,094.43	
1988	FANNIE B. WADLEIGH	BOOKS	"	4,168.21				4,168.21		106.18		184.53	4,354.74	
	TOTAL LIBRARY TRUSTS			59,028.31				59,028.31		3,093.83	2,994.35	278.96	59,307.27	
	OTHER TRUSTS													
1909	MARY EATON	SCHOOLS	BANK DEPOSITS	150.00				150.00		10.77		58.20	208.20	
1916	ORIN NELSON	WORTHY POOR	"	1,085.00				1,085.00		111.44		1,069.00	2,154.00	
1930	JOHN EATON	SCHOOLS	"	500.00				500.00		28.19		44.93	544.93	
1944	FRED E. NELSON	TOWN FUND	"	2,500.00				2,500.00		237.32		2,087.11	4,587.11	
1944	FRED E. NELSON	CHURCH, SCHOOL, LIBRARY ETC.	"	5,000.00				5,000.00		438.93	263.00	3,368.33	8,368.33	
1966	HELENA M. WELLS	OLD STORE MUSEUM	"	10,118.25				10,118.25		707.69	600.00	3,297.09	13,415.34	
	TOTAL OTHER TRUSTS			19,353.25				19,353.25		1,534.34	863.00	9,924.66	29,277.91	
	TOTALS	THIS PAGE		120,312.37				120,312.37		7,065.30	5,857.35	12,707.10	133,019.47	

Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds For the Year Ending December 31, 1998 (Pg. 2 of 2)

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND <small>List first three trusts created in a common trust fund</small>	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED <small>Whether bank deposits, stocks, bonds, etc. (If Common trust, so state)</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	INCOME DURING YEAR			Expended During Year		Balance End Year
									Percent	Amount				
	<u>EXPENDABLE TRUSTS</u>													
1989	FA.S.T. SQUAD	RESCUE SQUAD	BANK DEPOSITS	4,679.81				4,679.81	53.495		156.15		6,911.10	5,370.91
1990	SUTTON FIRE DEPT.	FIRE DEPT.	"	20,540.73				20,540.73	546.812		1,272.55		6,740.67	27,281.40
1994	FOREST-FIRE SALARIES	SALARIES	"	3,404.11	1,000.00			3,404.11	55.75		68.37		124.12	3,528.23
1994	ACCUMULATED BENEFITS	PAY BENEFITS	"	356,000.00				356,000.00	32.328		105.01		428.29	3,988.29
	<u>TOTAL EXPENDABLE TRUSTS</u>			31,184.65	1,000.00			32,184.65	638.210		1,602.08		7,984.18	40,168.83
	<u>CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS</u>													
1959	TOWN BRIDGES	BRIDGES	NH PDIP	26,890.72	5,000.00			31,890.72	448.55		1,670.36		6,158.91	38,049.63
1980	FOREST-FIRE EQUIP.	FIRE EQUIP.	"	1,417.13	250.00			1,667.13	181.66		85.16		266.82	1,933.95
1982	INCINERATOR	REPLACEMENT	"	6,447.54	10,000.00			7,447.54	914.77		3,910.61		13,058.38	27,533.52
1988	CEMETERIES	LAND/FENCING	"	4,759.67				4,759.67	136.790		321.53		1,689.43	6,449.10
1988	LEGAL FEES	LEGAL FEES	"	6,722.17				6,722.17	2,022.76		458.76		2,481.52	9,203.69
1993	HIGHWAY DEPT. EQUIP.	MAJOR EQUIP.	"		45,000.00			45,000.00	1,035.81		271.86		1,307.67	46,307.67
1995	FIRE DEPT. EQUIP.	MAJOR EQUIP.	"	45,000.00	25,000.00			70,000.00	2,996.62		2,638.75		5,635.37	75,635.37
1996	POLICE CRUISER	NEW CRUISER	"	18,000.00			18,000.00		751.46		317.19		1,068.65	1,068.65
1996	REVALUATION	REVALUATION	"	20,000.00	10,000.00			30,000.00	834.89		1,141.31		1,976.20	31,976.20
1996	RECYCLING FACILITY	BIDS/EMUP.	"	20,000.00	5,000.00			25,000.00	834.89		1,117.11		1,952.00	26,952.00
1997	ROAD CONSTRUCTION	ROAD CONSTRUCTION	"	20,000.00			20,000.00		428.14		303.62	731.76		
1998	MHW GARAGE ADDN	GARAGE BLDG.	"		10,000.00			10,000.00			48.33		48.33	10,048.33
1998	MHW PICK-UP TRUCK	P/U TRUCK	"		10,000.00			10,000.00			48.33		48.33	10,048.33
1996	BARNARD AMBULANCE	AMBULANCE	"	4,000.00	2,000.00			6,000.00	166.93		228.24		395.17	6,395.17
	<u>TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS</u>			231,264.83	122,250.00		38,000.00	315,514.83	2425.738		12,561.16	731.76	36,086.78	351,601.61
	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>ALL FUNDS AT DECEMBER 31, 1998</u>		382,761.85	123,250.00		38,000.00	448,011.85	424.13843		21,228.54	6,589.11	56,778.06	524,789.91

Respectfully Submitted,
John Biewener, Chairman

1998 Town of Sutton Expenditure Statement

4130	Executive Office		\$87,179.71
	Selectmen Salaries	6,300.00	
	Admin. Asst. Salary	26,791.66	
	Secretary & Clerk Wages	18,196.76	
	Health Insurance	9,937.03	
	Telephone	1,647.03	
	Other Professional Svcs.	7,800.92	
	Equip. Maintenance	1,649.82	
	Dataeast	33.83	
	Printing Costs	4,901.80	
	Advertising	1,058.73	
	Dues/Conf/Publications	1,890.78	
	Office Supplies	1,029.55	
	Postage & Envelopes	468.30	
	Mileage Reimbursement	261.76	
	Office Equipment	5,211.74	
4140	Election & Registration		\$1,431.98
	Supervisors Wages	784.11	
	Ballot Clerks Wages	509.92	
	Advertising	84.00	
	Supplies	53.95	
	Postage	—0—	
4150	Financial Administration		\$58,728.83
	Tax Collector/ Town Clerk Salary	27,319.28	
	Deputy Tax Collector/ Town Clerk Wages	2,891.89	
	Deputy Treasurer Salary	676.92	
	Treasurer Salary	4,423.02	
	Budget Committee	376.13	
	Health Insurance	7,041.24	
	Auditing Services	4,200.00	
	Recording Fees	366.00	
	Telephone	623.26	
	Mortgage Research	1,400.00	
	Equip. Maintenance	4,561.00	
	Printing	186.66	
	Dues/Conf/Publications	680.50	
	Office Supplies	1,502.47	

	Postage & Envelopes	1,564.39	
	Mileage Reimbursement	916.07	
	Capital Outlay	—0—	
4152	Revaluation of Property		\$4,777.50
	Appraisal Services	4,777.50	
4153	Judicial & Legal Expenses		\$13,062.41
	Expenses & Services	13,062.41	
	Claims/Deductions	—0—	
4155	Personnel Administration		\$36,619.12
	Group Ins.—Life/D/S-L	3,129.68	
	Group Ins.—Dental	3,723.25	
	FICA	16,734.40	
	Medicare	4,885.56	
	Police Retirement Contribution	2,495.31	
	Highway Retirement Contribution	4,765.64	
	Executive Retirement Contribution	885.28	
4191	Planning Board		\$2423.88
	Secretarial Services	1,249.93	
	CIP Secretarial Svcs.	—0—	
	Recording Fees	42.65	
	Telephone	1.27	
	Printing	—0—	
	Advertising	361.58	
	Dues/Conf/Publications	149.00	
	Photocopying Svcs.	47.08	
	Office Supplies	112.01	
	Postage	397.46	
	Mileage Reimbursement	62.90	
4192	Zoning Board of Adjustment		\$2,286.95
	Secretarial Services	1,077.15	
	Recording Fees	77.92	
	Telephone	1.10	
	Advertising	397.50	
	Dues/Conf/Publications	163.00	
	Photocopying Svcs.	7.57	
	Office Supplies	52.17	
	Postage	469.62	
	Mileage Reimbursement	40.92	
	Books & Periodicals	—0—	
4194	General Gov't Buildings		\$11,045.69
	Custodial Wages	3,495.64	
	Electricity	1,528.17	

	Heating Fuel	1,659.06	
	LP Gas	84.80	
	Repairs & Maintenance	3,087.81	
	Supplies	1,190.21	
4195	Cemeteries		\$6,790.00
	Cemetery Services	6,790.00	
4196	Insurance		\$48,713.00
	Unemployment Insurance	1,246.00	
	Workers Compensation	25,080.00	
	Property/Liability	22,387.00	
4197	Ads & Regional Associations		\$1,325.00
	Regional Planning		
	Association Dues	1,325.00	
4210	Police Department		\$105,268.63
	Full Time Wages	26,964.12	
	Part Time Wages	7,588.12	
	Special Duty Wages	1,737.00	
	On Call Wages	2,859.62	
	Overtime Wages	1,693.73	
	Police Chief Salary	33,443.16	
	Part Time Secretary	1,272.60	
	Health Insurance	14,082.48	
	Court Representation	500.00	
	Court Witness Fees	19.20	
	Telephone	3,015.36	
	Computer Services	2,732.91	
	Animal Control Exp.	210.00	
	Dues/Conf/Publications	886.12	
	Training Supplies	685.47	
	Office Supplies	641.39	
	Investigative Supplies	1,001.19	
	Cruiser Fuel	2,163.14	
	Cruiser Maintenance	3,193.24	
	Uniforms	579.78	
4215	Ambulance		\$3,300.00
	Sutton Rescue Squad	1,800.00	
	Bradford Rescue Squad	1,000.00	
	New London Ambulance	500.00	
4220	Fire Department		\$15,824.97
	LP Gas	123.81	
	Telephone	327.99	

	Electricity	1,399.75	
	Heating Fuel	962.32	
	Building Maintenance	1,707.86	
	Equip. Maintenance	259.03	
	Vehicle Maintenance	2,588.39	
	Training Supplies/Equip.	4,122.46	
	Equipment	1,102.95	
	Radios	3,230.41	
4240	Building Inspection		\$1,500.00
	Bldg. Inspection Services	1,500.00	
4290	Emergency Management		\$—0—
	Emergency Mgmt. Svcs.	—0—	
4299	Dispatching Services		\$4,957.26
	Dispatching Services	4,957.26	
4312	Highway Department		\$327,404.35
	Wages	103,349.07	
	Part Time Labor	2,521.10	
	Part Time Mechanic	1,074.10	
	Overtime Wages	10,903.66	
	Part Time Secretary	1,094.40	
	Health Insurance	22,039.92	
	Telephone	730.38	
	Other Professional Svcs.	8,332.53	
	Radio Repairs/Lease	1,294.83	
	Electricity	1,069.28	
	Heating Oil	1,396.28	
	LP Gas	101.04	
	Bldg. Maintenance	910.81	
	Dues/Conf/Publications	75.90	
	Equipment Rental	8,995.00	
	Grader Lease/Purchase	22,046.01	
	Mileage Reimbursement	36.02	
	Vehicle Fuel	9,062.70	
	Vehicle Maintenance	22,307.35	
	Oil & Filters	2,659.33	
	Tires	3,480.43	
	Materials & Supplies	6,404.22	
	Cutting Edges	4,246.10	
	Equip. Maintenance	9,085.87	
	Chains	2,438.50	
	Culverts	6,084.83	
	Hand Tools	907.00	

	Shop Equipment	1,744.81	
	Sand & Salt	36,432.02	
	Gravel	22,322.53	
	Asphalt products	8,255.85	
	Signs	991.51	
	Liquid Calcium Chloride	5,010.97	
4313	Bridges		\$38.50
	Bridge Expenses	38.50	
4316	Street Lighting		\$6,844.86
	Street Lighting Expenses	6,844.86	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		\$82,892.48
	Wages	33,567.25	
	Health Insurance	1,303.80	
	Telephone	329.81	
	Water Testing	2,827.67	
	Ash Disposal/Tests	2,957.21	
	Electricity	2,069.00	
	Heating Oil	2,018.51	
	Dues/Conf/Publications	195.45	
	Maintenance/Supplies	2,872.29	
	Portable Waste Unit	900.00	
	Safety Equipment	156.74	
	Operator Certification	192.16	
	Ash Landfill Closure Option	6,813.72	
	Repairs	371.15	
	Lagoon Maintenance	—0—	
	Demo Dumpster/Tipping Fee	21,521.45	
	Scrap Metal	—0—	
	Newspaper Containers	1,075.00	
	Hazardous Waste	696.27	
	Cardboard Dumpster	2,400.00	
	Aluminum/Steel Cans	625.00	
	Freon Recycling	—0—	
	Oil Filter Recycling	—0—	
	Household Batteries	—0—	
4325	Solid Waste Committee		\$36.00
	Solid Waste Committee Expenses	36.00	
4411	Health Administration		\$458.79
	Inoculations & Tests	333.75	
	Health Officer Expenses	125.04	

4415	Health Agencies/Hospitals		\$3,680.00
	Lake Sunapee Reg. VNA	3,680.00	
4442	Direct Assistance		\$1,293.20
	Misc. Direct Expenses	1,293.20	
4443	Welfare Administration		\$4,290.00
	Welfare Officer Svcs	1,200.00	
	Community Action Program	3,090.00	
4520	Culture & Recreation		\$5,163.00
	South Sutton Common	300.00	
	Sutton Early Learning Ctr.	4,000.00	
	Churches	263.00	
	Old Store Museum	600.00	
4550	Library		\$9,320.86
	Salaries	5,286.86	
	Custodian Wages	—0—	
	Appropriation	4,034.00	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		\$465.50
	Patriotic Purposes Expenses	465.50	
4611	Conservation Administration		\$983.00
	Secretarial Services	397.80	
	Dues/Conf/Publications	243.10	
	Expenses	327.10	
	Supplies	15.00	
	Debt Service		\$1,433.51
4723	Interest on TAN's	1,413.75	
4724	Interest on Abatements	19.76	
4914	Capital Reserve Funds		\$122,250.00
	Highway Equip/Trks	45,000.00	
	Town Bridges	5,000.00	
	Incinerator Replacement	10,000.00	
	Forest Fire Equipment	250.00	
	Fire Equipment Replacement	25,000.00	
	Ambulance	2,000.00	
	Property Revaluation	10,000.00	
	Incinerator Recycling		
	Building & Equipment	5,000.00	
	Highway Garage Addition	10,000.00	
	Highway Pickup Truck	10,000.00	
	Expendable Town Trust Fund		\$1,000.00
4916	Forest Fire Salaries	1,000.00	

4998	1998 Warrant Articles	\$160,222.44
	Highway Sander	9,143.05
	Road Upgrade	74,833.41
	Penacook/King Hill Bridge	2,120.00
	Kearsarge C.O.A.	685.00
	Police Cruiser & Equip.	28,999.75
	Incinerator Repairs	—0—
	Highway Bldg. Study	4,970.72
	Town Clerk/ Tax Collector Retirement	671.76
	Fire Safety Equipment Upgrade	4,967.03
	FEMA #1199 Cleanup	32,831.72
	Bradford/Newbury Sports	1,000.00
GRAND TOTAL:		1,133,011.42



Left to right: Paul Parker, Bob Wright and Steve Enroth prepare to walk North Road in preparation for Planning Board meeting to determine which trees will be cut for power line extension.

Photo courtesy of Charles Ash

Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues

for Year Ending December 31, 1998

	Estimated Revenues	Actual Revenues	Over (Under) Budget
TAXES			
Property Taxes	\$2,631,050.00	2,631,050.08	.08
Land Use Change Tax	4,500.00	5,704.04	1,204.04
Timber Tax	30,000.00	16,854.57	(13,145.43)
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	573.00	573.40	.40
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	60,000.00	43,656.98	(16,343.02)
Excavation Tax & Activity Tax	12,507.00	12,393.00	(114.00)
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	170,000.00	174,173.00	4,173.00
Building Permits	1,500.00	1,930.00	430.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	3,500.00	3,614.00	114.00
FROM STATE GOVERNMENT			
Shared Revenues			
Meals & Room Tax Dist.	30,140.00	54,857.32	24,717.32
Highway Block Grant	78,971.00	78,971.03	.03
State Forest Land	42.00	41.53	(.47)
Gas Tax Reimb. & Bridge Aid	36,258.00	58.42	(36,199.58)
FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT			
FEMA	35,000.00	28,980.00	(6,020.00)
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Income from Departments	21,500.00	18,515.58	(2,984.42)
Other/Bank Charges	80.00	124.01	44.01
MISC. REVENUE			
Sale of Municipal Property	700.00	572.50	(127.50)
Interest on Investments	22,000.00	30,861.69	8,861.69
Other/Cable, Ins. Div. & Reimbursements	25,000.00	21,587.60	(3,412.40)
TRANSFERS IN			
Capital Reserve Funds	38,732.00	38,731.76	(.24)
Trust Funds	2,921.00	2,863.00	(58.00)
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$3,204,974.00	\$3,166,113.51	(\$38,860.49)

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

for Year Ending December 31, 1998

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Balance
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
4130 Executive	74,430.00	87,179.71	-12,749.71
4140 Elections and Registrations	2,500.00	1,431.98	1,068.02
4150 Financial Administration	56,146.00	58,728.83	-2,582.83
4152 Revaluation of Property	5,000.00	4,777.50	222.50
4153 Legal Expenses	16,000.00	13,062.41	2,937.59
4155 Personnel Administration	39,829.00	36,619.12	3,209.88
4191 Planning Board	2,500.00	2,423.88	76.12
4192 Zoning Board of Adjustment	1,816.00	2,286.95	-470.95
4194 General Gov't. Buildings	12,127.00	11,045.69	1,081.31
4195 Cemeteries	7,000.00	6,790.00	210.00
4196 Insurance	50,309.00	48,713.00	1,596.00
4197 Regional Association	1,325.00	1,325.00	—0—
PUBLIC SAFETY			
4210 Police Dept.	105,293.00	105,268.63	24.37
4215 Ambulance	3,300.00	3,300.00	—0—
4220 Fire Dept.	17,371.00	15,824.97	1,546.03
4240 Building Inspection	1,500.00	1,500.00	—0—
4290 Emergency Management	300.00	—0—	300.00
4299 Dispatching	9,600.00	4,957.26	4,642.74
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS			
4312 Highway Dept.	327,801.00	327,404.35	396.65
4313 Bridges	3,000.00	38.50	2,961.50
4316 Street Lighting	7,145.00	6,844.86	300.14
SANITATION			
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	82,670.00	82,892.48	-222.48
4325 Solid Waste Committee	200.00	36.00	164.00
HEALTH ADMINISTRATION			
4411 Inoculations, Tests and Expenses	1,050.00	458.79	591.21
4415 Health Agencies	3,650.00	3,680.00	-30.00

WELFARE

4442	Direct Assistance	5,000.00	1,293.20	3,706.80
4443	Welfare Services and C.A.P.	4,290.00	4,290.00	—0—

CULTURE & RECREATION

4520	Churches, Commons, Museum & Pre-K	5,163.00	5,163.00	—0—
4550	Library	9,368.00	9,320.86	47.14
4583	Patriotic Purposes	400.00	465.50	-65.50

CONSERVATION

4611	Administration, Expenses & Supplies	983.00	983.00	—0—
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DEBT SERVICE

4723	Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	8,500.00	1,413.75	7,086.25
4724	Interest on Abatements	200.00	19.76	180.24

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Highway Equip./Trucks	45,000.00	45,000.00	—0—
Town Bridges	5,000.00	5,000.00	—0—
Incinerator Replacement	10,000.00	10,000.00	—0—
Forest Fire Equipment	250.00	250.00	—0—
Fire Equip. Replacement	25,000.00	25,000.00	—0—
Ambulance	2,000.00	2,000.00	—0—
Property Revaluation	10,000.00	10,000.00	—0—
Incinerator Recyc.			
Bldg. & Equipment	5,000.00	5,000.00	—0—
Highway Garage Addition	10,000.00	10,000.00	—0—
Highway Pickup Truck	10,000.00	10,000.00	—0—

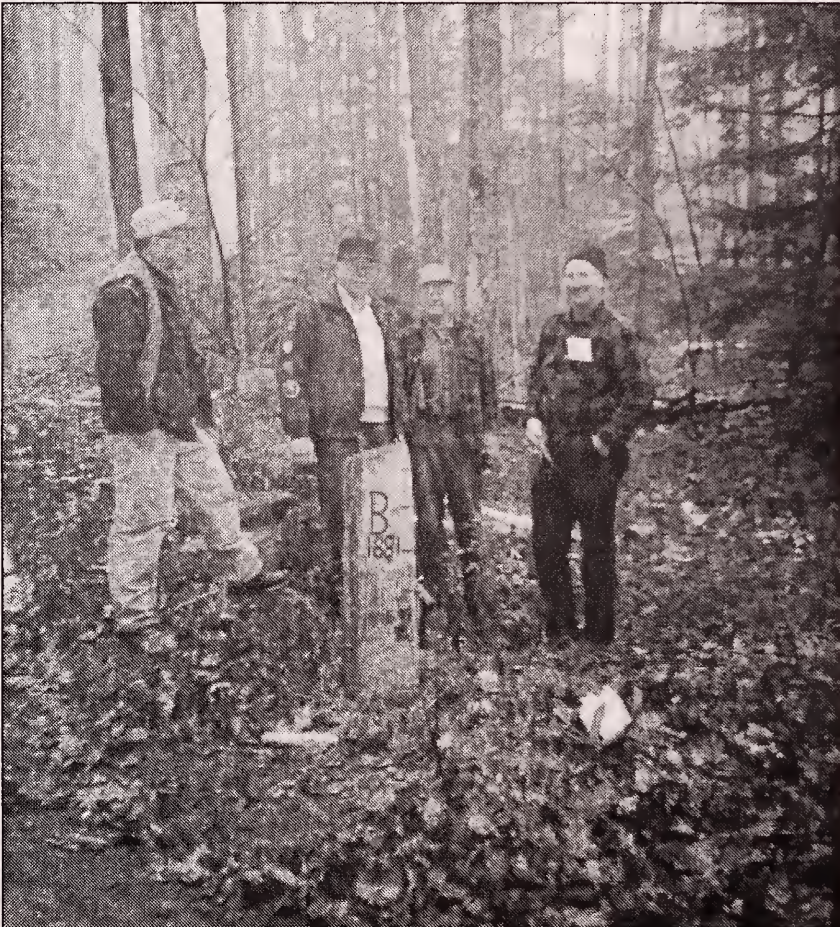
EXPENDABLE TOWN TRUST FUND

Forest Fire Salaries	1,000.00	1,000.00	—0—
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1998 WARRANT ARTICLES

Highway Sander	9,500.00	9,143.05	356.95
Road Upgrade	75,000.00	74,833.41	166.59
Penacock/King Hill Bridge	45,000.00	2,120.00	42,880.00
Kearsarge C.O.A.	685.00	685.00	—0—
Police Cruiser & Equip.	29,000.00	28,999.75	0.25
Incinerator Repairs	5,000.00	—0—	5,000.00
Highway Bldg. Study	5,000.00	4,970.72	29.28
TC/TC Retirement	747.00	671.76	75.24
Fire Safety Equip. Upgrade	5,000.00	4,967.03	32.97
FEMA #1199 Cleanup	40,000.00	32,831.72	7,168.28
Bradford/Newbury Sports	1,000.00	1,000.00	—0—

GRAND TOTAL: **\$1,204,948.00** **\$1,133,011.42** **\$71,736.58**



Perambulation of the north west corner of Warner where Bradford, Sutton and Warner meet off Archie Sawyer Road. From left to right: Gary Young, Charles Ash, Jack Noon and Jerry Courser.

Photo courtesy of Charles Ash

Inventory

Schedule of Town Property

Map/Lot	Location	Value
2-895,218	Old Sutton Road (old gravel pit)	\$2,200
4-246,386	Old Store Museum and Land	34,300
4-262,377	Soldiers Monument on Common	7,900
4-313,462	N/S Route 114 (ash disposal area)	46,200
4-387,478	Incinerator and Land	147,700
5-821,512	Settlers Fireplace	6,600
6-341,143	Highway Garage and Land	196,150
6-403,240	Library and Land	147,800
6-428,236	Pillsbury Memorial Hall and Land	322,000
6-513,305	Chalk Pond Road	13,800
6-544,342	Chalk Pond Road	7,900
7-912,283	Fire Station/North Road and Land	206,600
7-913,302	Bullard Land/North Road	7,400
9-284,237	Charles Avenue/R-O-W	N.A.V.*
9-906,090	W/S Route 114 adj. to I-89	3,400
9-935,453	Crockett Circle	6,400
	Total Town Property	\$1,156,350

Kearsarge School District

5-402,352	Kearsarge Regional High School and Land	\$159,100
5-505,365	Kearsarge Regional High School and Land ..	\$7,434,400
6-472,183	Sutton Elementary School and Land	684,250
	Total School Property	\$8,277,750

Conservation Land

1-113,554	North Road and I-89	\$2,410
3-126,029	North Road	9,900
4-070,198	off Eaton Grange Road	3,100
6-038,545	W/S Route 114	16,900
6-068,565	Corporation Hill Road	80,300
8-018,336	Kezar Lake/Shore	N.A.V.*
8-018,340	Keyser Street	126,750
8-171,362	off Park Ave. on Kezar Lake	80,350
	Total Conservation Property	\$319,710

Property Acquired through Tax Deed

3-293,290	Saddleback Road	4,300
	Total Tax Deeded Property	\$4,300

Cemeteries

1-162,131	Sutton Lane	N.A.V.*
3-277,473	Gore Road	N.A.V.*
4-124,402	Meeting House	N.A.V.*
4-358,511	Millswood, Route 114	N.A.V.*
6-365,163	near Union Church, Sutton Mills	N.A.V.*
7-203,396	Mastin, Baker Road	N.A.V.*
7-939,404	North Sutton/Route 114	N.A.V.*

**Reflects parcel with “no accessed value”*



Left to right: Leslie Enroth and a New London Representative from the Kezar Lake Protective Association, prepare to do water sampling on Kezar Lake, June 1998.

Photo courtesy of Charles Ash

Tax Collector's Report

Summary of Tax Accounts

Fiscal Year Ended 12/31/98

Town of Sutton	_____	Levies of _____	_____
	1998	1997	Prior
UNCOLLECTED TAXES			
Beginning of Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	226,091.17		
Resident Taxes			
Land Use Change Tax			
Yield Taxes		2,276.99	
Power Profit Assessment			
Gravel Activity Tax			
Taxes Committed to Collector			
During Fiscal Year			
Property Taxes	2,657,376.00		
Resident Taxes			
Land Use Change Tax	5,704.00		
Yield Taxes	16,854.57		
Power Profit Assessment	573.40		
Gravel Activity Tax	12,393.00		
Added Taxes:			
Property Taxes	748.00		
Resident Taxes			
Overpayments:			
Property Taxes	938.55		
Resident Taxes			
Land Use Change Tax			
Yield Taxes			
Power Profit Assessment			
Gravel Activity Tax			
Interest Collected on			
Delinquent Taxes	2,940.37	12,034.60	
Penalties Collected on			
Property Taxes	20.00	2,373.60	
Resident Taxes			
Other Taxes	12.32		
Total Debits	2,680,132.24	257,927.24	2,276.99

Tax Collector's Report

Summary of Tax Accounts

Fiscal Year Ended 12/31/98

Town of Sutton		Levies of	
	1998	1997	Prior
Remitted to Treasurer			
During Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	2,444,146.39	.....	147,094.41
Resident Taxes			
Land Use Change Tax	3,846.00		
Yield Taxes			16,854.57
Power Profit Assessment			573.40
Gravel Activity Tax	3,962.00		
Interest on Taxes	2,940.37	.....	12,034.60
Cost/Penalties	32.32	.....	2,373.50
Discount Allowed:			
Abatements Allowed:			
Property Taxes	846.50	.....	1,107.00
Resident Taxes			
Land Use Change Tax			
Yield Taxes			
Power Profit Assessment			
Gravel Activity Tax			
Tax Lien Executed During Year:			
.....			77,889.76
Deeded to Town During Year:			
Uncollected Taxes			
End of Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	214,069.66		
Resident Taxes			
Land Use Change Tax	1,858.00		
Yield Taxes			
Power Profit Assessment			2,276.99
Gravel Activity Tax	8,431.00		
Total Credits	2,680,132.24	.....	257,927.24 2,276.99

Tax Collector's Report

Summary of Tax Lien Accounts

Fiscal Year Ended 12/31/98

Town of Sutton	_____	Levies of _____	_____
	1997	1996	Prior
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes			
Beginning of Fiscal Year:	82,142.13	....	68,062.04
Tax Liens Executed to Town			
During Fiscal Year	85,707.78		
Subsequent Taxes Paid:			
Interest Collected			
After Lien Execution:	1,112.21	.....	7,177.11 15,244.30
Collected Redemption Costs:			
.....	493.61	.....	1,064.29 1,184.67
Total Debits	87,313.60	....	90,383.53 84,491.01
Remittance to Treasurer			
During Fiscal Year:			
Redemptions	28,234.12	....	44,217.19 41,961.59
Interest and Costs			
(After Lien Execution)	1,605.82	.....	8,241.40 16,428.97
Abatement of Unredeemed Taxes:			
Deeded to Town During Year:			
(Taxes, Interest & Costs)			
Unredeemed Taxes			
End of Fiscal Year:	57,473.66	.....	37,924.94 26,100.45
Total Credits	87,313.60	....	90,383.53 84,491.01

Respectfully Submitted
Marjorie M. Friel

Report of the Budget Committee

The Sutton Budget Committee has met weekly between October and February to receive and review Departments' 1999 budget requests. As of this writing, the requested operating budget for 1999 represents a 6% increase over last year's operating budget, and the requested total budget for 1999 represents a 64% increase over last year's budget. This significant increase can be attributed to several factors.

- A New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services mandate requires that the Town close the ash landfill at a cost of \$297,700. This item will be bonded.
- At a public hearing held by the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of discussing the Grist Mill Bridge Repair, residents indicated that a regular bridge is preferable to a footbridge; therefore, a warrant article of \$100,000 is being requested.
- In addition, a warrant article of \$239,000 is being requested for repair of the Roby and Morse Loop Bridges.

It should be noted that the State of New Hampshire will pay eighty percent of these last two line items. Twenty percent of these costs must be raised through taxes.



Report of the Highway Department and Road Agent

As everyone remembers, the ice storm of January 1998 wasn't a good beginning for the year. Fortunately, we were not as hard hit as some other area towns and I would like to thank any and all volunteers for their help.

The Highway Department has been very busy with several projects. Paving on Newbury Road will be completed in 1999 when one section is overlayed. Shimming was done on Gile Pond Road, North Road, Main Street and Roby Road. Roby Road was also ditched and rocks removed to prepare for a much needed overlay in 1999. Several roads received gravel and ditching: Eaton Grange Road (east), half of Birch Hill, Gile Road, Music Hill, Pound Road (north), half of Stevens Brook Road and part of Harvey Road. All dirt roads were graded, some done several times, and most had gravel where needed. A section of Blaisdell Hill Road was graveled, more to be done in the spring of 1999 and two culverts replaced at the expense of the N.H. Fish and Game Department as part of the Simmons Pond access. Also, the brush from the January ice storm was cleaned up.

Because the warm weather continued into early winter we were able to keep ditching on several trouble areas.

At this time I would like to thank Den, John, George and Lynn for jobs well done. I would also like to thank the employees in the Town Offices for all their help, to the various departments and Board of Selectmen. Not to be left out, the residents and tax payers for their cooperation and understanding.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Parker
Road Agent

Report of the Police Department

Greetings:

It seems like yesterday that I sat writing our Annual Report for 1997. The Sutton Police Department has seen some changes through the year. We lost the services of Officer Andersen, who went full time with the New London Police Department, but we gained the services of John Niederriter. John recently was discharged from the U.S. Coast Guard. He completed the part time police academy this past summer and is currently working the road.

Our numbers have remained about the same. We have had and are currently working on some major cases. One major case that was solved was an arson fire on Easter Sunday.

We taught and completed our first year with the DARE program at the Sutton Elementary School. Currently I am teaching the 5th graders of Ms. Carrier's class. The Sutton Police Department takes very seriously, its commitment to our young people in the area.

I would like to express my thanks to Sgt. Lambert, Officers Nelson, Buteau and Niederriter and Lynn King, our secretary. Without the co-operation of all involved this would be an impossible job. I would also like to thank the Sutton Volunteer Fire Department and Sutton Rescue Squad for their dedicated and professional manner. Our town is very fortunate for having such dedicated people willing to give of their time and energy.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone that YOU are the eyes and ears of OUR community. Without your support things would be much more difficult and this job next to impossible.

In the spirit of serving your community,

P.J. Tighe
Chief of Police

Statistics for 1998

Burglary	6
Theft	10
MV Theft	1 (recovered)
Simple Assault	3
Arson	1
Criminal Mischief	17
Shots fired	1
Pornography	1
Drugs	2
DUI	2
Civil Standby	1
Disorderly Conduct	28
Other	16
Juvenile Offenses	11
Misc Traffic Complaint	38
Misc Calls	75
MV Accidents	62
MV Violations	782
Non MV Accident	1
Assists	126
Service Calls	163
Animal Control	47
Alarms	39
Community Action	6
Untimely Deaths	5
Directed Patrols	292
Court	1
Follow up	8
Administrative	10
Total	<u>1,755</u>

Report of the Solid Waste and Recycling Facility

1998 brought sadness to our community with the passing of Ed Butler. Our recycling and waste center has evolved into the organized and well run facility that it is primarily due to Ed's thoughtful and dedicated management. Ed will be fondly remembered by the residents of Sutton.

During the summer months we experienced a substantial increase in waste volume, and therefore had to hire part-time help to help us through that period.

Our largest undertaking this year was the ash landfill closure project. Nobis Engineering was hired to give us cost comparison figures on either "capping" the landfill or "removal" of the ash. After much deliberation it was decided that the "removal" of the ash would be the most cost effective way to deal with this issue. By removing the ash, this released the town from having to monitor the ash landfill over a period of 30 years, which is what would have been required by the State of New Hampshire.

The end of 1998 brings us to a new "Plastic Recycling" test program at the facility. After much research earlier this fall, we found that the largest volume item being put into the incinerator was plastic. In order for us to prolong the life of the incinerator (this would be a very costly expenditure if it needed to be replaced) we knew that this matter had to be addressed quickly. Members of the Sutton Solid Waste Committee accompanied me to a few area waste facilities to see how they were handling plastics. We brought back plenty of information that will help us start a plastic recycling program, plus information to help guide us in possible future baling and recycling programs such as textiles, magazines, newspapers, and cardboard.

1999 will be the year that we address some of these new recycling programs plus the possible expansion of the Waste and Recycling Facility to help us become even more efficient at recycling the town's waste.

I want to express my gratitude to the Town of Sutton for allowing me to take over the management position at the Solid Waste and Recycling Facility. I hope that I can continue to run the facility as Ed would have wanted, and also bring to it some of my own creative ideas.

Respectfully submitted,

Reigna Berube

Supervisor, Sutton Waste & Recycling Facility

Report of the Solid Waste Committee

Important solid waste management and environmental permitting issues are facing the Town of Sutton. For Sutton, together with many other communities across the state which are experiencing growth and development, these issues will have far reaching fiscal and solid waste handling impacts, especially with the ever increasing involvement of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) regulatory agencies.

Relative to issues of the above nature, the Solid Waste Committee met five times during 1998 with major topics of deliberation as summarized briefly in the following report.

Closure of the Ash Landfill. Despite efforts by the Solid Waste Committee and the Selectmen to obtain permission from the NHDES to close the ash disposal area in a relatively simple and inexpensive manner (as approved by the state in 1978), the NHDES in a 2/6/98 letter to the Town stated, "Since that time, (1978) state statute and state rules have been adopted/ revised to require the disposal of municipal solid waste ash in a lined landfill, a practice currently being followed by your Town. The old Sutton Ash Disposal area is an unlined landfill and therefore subject to 'New Hampshire Solid Waste Management (RSA 149-M),' and the New Hampshire Solid Waste Rules (Rules), which require closure in accordance with an approved plan." Subsequently, early in 1998 the Solid Waste Committee was requested by the selectmen to review the several proposals for the closure of the ash disposal area submitted by environmental consultants in September 1997 and make recommendations. Following this review, the Selectmen selected Nobis Engineering of Concord, to provide cost estimates for the closure options (close in place or close by removal) and subsequently selected removal of the ash as the least costly closure option for the Town.

Expansion of the Sutton Waste and Recycling Facility. Based on growing concerns relative to the capability of the Recycling Facility as it presently exists (especially the incinerator) to handle the future solid waste handling requirements as our Town grows, the Solid Waste Committee acted on concepts originated by Ed Butler to develop a plastics recycling facility. By this effort it is hoped that by diverting plastic from the waste stream going to the incinerator (estimated about 30% of the total burnables by volume) extra capacity and longevity for the incinerator can be obtained (see Report of the Waste and Recycling Facility for more details on this effort). Early in 1999, preliminary cost estimates and funding concepts will be developed.

Groundwater Management and Discharge Permit. In March 1998, following an extensive application process, the NHDES issued the Town of Sutton Permit No. GWP-198704011-S-001 to monitor groundwater quality at the

Solid Waste Facility. Water quality results reviewed by the Committee suggests that the overall water quality at the facility has not changed significantly over the sampling history (8/25/88 to present) and it continues to appear that the facility is not creating a significant environmental impact of the area ground or surface waters. New to the sampling requirements for the permit include the EPA Drinking Water Metals and specific parameters aimed at the performance of the septage lagoons. None of the metals found above the detection limits approach the Ambient Groundwater Quality Standards for the two samplings to date. MW-F, located to test the lagoon effluent indicated a fecal coliform count of 4/100 ml during the July sampling. The State requires absence of this parameter in drinking water. Although groundwater within the groundwater management zone is not considered drinking water, the DES may have some comment concerning this detection. At about the time of the testing, heavy dumping into the lagoons occurred over a relatively short time. It was the committee's recommendation that the dumping of septage into the lagoons be spaced out if at all possible to reduce the possibility of exceeding the capacity of the natural biological attenuation process taking place in the saturated subsurface medium.

The frequency of the testing of the incinerator ash has been reduced by the NHDES from quarterly to semi-annually (through the efforts of Ed Butler). Of the metals tested for, only chromium has been detected in the incinerator ash consistently over the sampling history. The reported levels, however, have been less than regulatory limits.

The Solid Waste Committee would like to conclude its 1998 annual report with the Mission Statement presented to the committee by the Selectmen in May of this year, as follows:

"The mission of the Solid Waste Committee is to research, review and/or advise (to the Board of Selectmen) environmentally sound and economically viable solutions that will contribute to the successful operation and implementation of Sutton's solid waste program."

It is in this spirit that the Committee dedicates its efforts in service to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Nelson, Chair
Norman F. Forand

Linda Bitzer, Secretary
Howard Friel

In Memoriam
Mr. Edward J. Butler

Solid Waste Committee

Report of the Planning Board

The Planning Board meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at Pillsbury Town Hall at 7:30 pm. All meetings are open to the public and townspeople are invited to attend. The purpose of the Planning Board is to promote responsible growth in Sutton, while protecting the natural and cultural resources of the town.

Applications were steady and varied in 1998 and are as follows:

- Subdivision Approved:
Fournier, Pound Road, 3 lots.
- Scenic Road Cutting Approved:
North Road, Public Service of New Hampshire.
- Site Plan Reviews Approved
 - 1) Smith/Hopwood, Briar Hill Signs
Route 114, North Sutton.
 - 2) A.N. and C. Nikiforo, Arcadia Kennels
Lighted sign. Pound Road.

A major subdivision on King Ridge, on the site of the former ski area, was one of the largest ever received by the Town and involved the time and effort of not only the Planning Board, but the Conservation Commission, the Highway Department, the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee and the Fire and Police Departments.

After two non-binding consultations with the developer, Frank Stewart of Northland Property, two design review meetings were held on March 10 and April 12. These meetings were attended by town department heads and committee chairmen and were open to the public.

The Planning Board accepted the application on August 25 and a public hearing was opened. After several sessions the public hearing was closed November 10. Deliberations began November 24 and were still on the agenda into 1999.

Members of the Planning Board were involved in the Cost of Community Services (COCS) study committee formed to examine the relationship of Sutton's three types of land use (residential, commercial, open space) and their effect on taxes. The committee was a volunteer effort of members of several community boards, commissions and local organizations. The report was completed in December and is outlined elsewhere in the annual report.

The COCS committee recommended that the study be periodically reassessed and updated. The Planning Board is charged with preparing the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and might incorporate information from the COCS study into the CIP. The Master plan and land-use regulations might also be considered by the Planning Board in the light of results of the study.

Other future projects of the Planning Board include updating the Master Plan and the Capital Improvements Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Ash, ex officio
Naia Conrad
Stephen Enroth
Carol Rowe
Dan Sundquist
R.D. White
Robert Wright
Carl Olson, Alternate
Ken Uzdanovich, Alternate



Planning Board members and others review the proposed King Ridge project in the field. Left to right: Naia Conrad, Doug Sweet, Carl Olson, Dug Arbuckle, Frank Stewart.

Photo courtesy of Charles Ash

Report of the Cost of Community Services Committee

Does open space pay its own way, or is it subsidized by residential property taxes? Does commercial property bring in more in taxes than it costs in services? At the end of 1997 a group of volunteers representing Sutton town boards, commissions and organizations decided to do a cost of community services (COCS) study to answer these questions. Briefly, such a study investigates the relationship between the different types of land use (residential, commercial and open space) and their cost in community services. At least seven other towns in New Hampshire have done such studies. Methods developed by the University of New Hampshire were used in these towns and in Sutton.

The most recent year available at the time the study began, 1997, was used. A fiscal analysis of this year provides a snapshot in time. The results relate only to 1997.

All revenues for 1997 were allocated to the three kinds of land use: residential, commercial and open space. Property taxes accounted for 82% of Sutton's revenues. Other revenue sources, such as motor vehicle permit fees and the yield (timber) tax, contributed 18%.

When the revenues had been allocated to the land uses which produced them, the committee went on to allocate costs. All expenses for 1997 had to be allocated to one of the three kinds of land use. The Town Report for 1997 and interviews with town employees were used. The school appropriation for Sutton's 262 school children, \$1,803,287, was a significant cost.

Once the revenues and costs had been allocated, three ratios were calculated. The results? In Sutton, for every dollar of revenue generated by residential land \$1.01 was spent in community services. For every dollar generated by commercial land, \$0.40 was spent. And for every dollar open space (parcels of 10 acres or more) brought in, the town spent \$0.21.

The committee worked for just over one year. The COCS study includes an enormous effort by Bill Hallahan and Barbara MacDonald which resulted in a map showing locations of all home businesses in Sutton.

The Sutton study will be helpful to the Planning Board and the Budget Committee in planning for Sutton's future development. As a part of the whole picture of land use in New Hampshire it is especially valuable because of Sutton's rural nature.

Copies of this study are available at the Sutton Town Hall.

The committee wants to thank the following people:

Dan Sundquist, Planning Board member and Committee Chair

Leslie Enroth, Select Board member

Steve Enroth, Planning Board

George Wells, Conservation Commission

Don Davis, Conservation Commission & Sutton Historical Society

Bill Hallahan, Zoning Board of Adjustment &
Sutton Business Council

Barbara MacDonald, Sutton Business Council

Dick Reilein, Sutton Business Council & Budget Committee

The Committee also wishes to acknowledge the valuable insights and advice of several other people and their agencies/organizations who contributed significantly to the success of this study.

Phil Auger, UNH Cooperative Extension

Dijit Taylor, N.H. Wildlife Federation

Charles Neibling, Society for the Protection of NH Forests

Janice O'Connell, Sutton Administrative Assistant

Carol Young, Town Clerk & Tax Collector

Paul Parker, Sutton Road Agent

Ed Butler, Sutton Resource Recovery Center

Pat Tighe, Sutton Police Dept.

Darrell Palmer, Sutton Fire Dept.

Report of the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission

Established in accordance with state law, the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) is a voluntary association of 20 towns in Merrimack and Hillsborough Counties and the City of Concord. The Town of Sutton is a member in good standing of the Commission.

The Commission's mission is to improve, through education, training and planning assistance, the ability of the municipalities of the region to prepare and implement municipal plans; to prepare a plan for effective and appropriate development and utilization of the resources of the region; and to assist municipalities in carrying out the regional plan.

The Commission provides a variety of planning services, including telephone consultations on planning issues; planning research; sample ordinances, regulations, and planning documents; models, data and access to data sources; grant information; review and comment on planning documents; development review; and educational programs. Membership also entitles a community to affordable master planning assistance, GIS mapping, and grant preparation.

During 1998, our services in Sutton included:

Provided articles on performance zoning and other innovative zoning techniques; Followed up on King Ridge development proposal; Responded to a Census Data request by a member of the ZBA.

During 1998, the Regional Planning Commission:

- Continued to make substantial progress with the Regional Transportation Plan. Inclusion of a project in the regional Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) is a requirement for Federal and/or State Highway assistance. Regular meetings of the Transportation Advisory Committee are held to review regional transportation issues;
- Initiated a Natural Resources Planning program which includes assistance with river corridor planning and an environmental planning program focusing on identification of natural, cultural and historical resources of the community and region. As part of this effort, the Commission sponsored several workshops and conferences. Information will be used by the NH Heritage Commission.

- Participated in the review of several proposals classified as a “development of regional impact” and provided comments on the proposals.
- Coordinated with FEMA and the NH Office of Emergency Management regarding the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program.
- Assisted community representatives with implementing management plans for the Contoocook and Merrimack Rivers;
- Presented and sponsored educational programs on economic development;
- Distributed informational newsbriefs and announcements on current planning topics;
- Distributed the zoning amendment calendar to assist towns with the amendment process;
- Conducted about 100 traffic counts on state and local highways;
- Created a new informational brochure about CNHRPC and its services; and
- Enhanced its Geographic Information System program to better serve the needs of member Towns.

For additional information, please contact your town representative to the Commission, or CNHRPC staff.

Respectfully,

Michael Tardiff, Executive Director

Report of the Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Zoning Board of Adjustment schedules public hearings for the last Wednesday of the month (where possible) upon receipt of a request for a special exception or a variance to the Sutton Zoning Ordinance or an appeal from an administrative decision. Applications for such a hearing are available at the Selectmen's Office at Town Hall or from the Secretary of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Copies of the Zoning Ordinance are also available at the Selectmen's Office.

This year the Board granted six requests for variances, nine requests for special exceptions and denied one request for a special exception. The Board heard sixteen cases this year, up five from the last two years and the most in a single year since 1987 when the Board heard seventeen cases. During 1998, the Zoning Board of Adjustment held public hearings on the following appeals:

January 7, 1998 — Laurence E. Smith requested a special exception as provided in Article V, Section B-7 in order to establish a sign business with 2 employees in a barn formerly used for storage, on Route 114 in a rural agricultural district of North Sutton. GRANTED with 7 conditions.

March 25, 1998 — Phil Gomez of Accelerated Learning Systems, Inc. requested a special exception as provided in Article V, Section B-7 in order to establish an administrative office for a national seminar company in his home on Shaker Road in a rural agricultural district of North Sutton. GRANTED with 4 conditions.

March 25, 1998 — Nextel Communications of the Mid-Atlantic, Inc. requested a special exception as provided in Article III, Section O in order to attach wireless communication antennas to the existing communication tower, and erect a pre-fabricated concrete shelter within the existing compound to house radio equipment off Eaton Grange Road in a rural agricultural district of North Sutton. GRANTED with 2 conditions.

April 29, 1998 — Alan and Priscilla West requested a variance to Article VI, Section A-4 in order to rent the store space for use as an administrative office for Resicon Engineering Services, Inc. in their building on Main Street in a residential district of Sutton Mills. GRANTED.

April 29, 1998 — Jeff Johnson requested a variance to Article VI, Section A-1 in order to raise the roof of a house owned by Claude LaChance from flat to an 8/12 pitch, 49.8 feet from the edge of Kezar Lake on Penacook Road in a residential district of North Sutton. GRANTED.

June 25, 1998 — McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton, on behalf of Bell Atlantic Mobile, requested a special exception as provided in Article III, Section O in order to expand the commercial use of a wireless telecommunications facility by co-locating one microwave dish on an existing tower located on King Ridge in a rural agricultural district of North Sutton. GRANTED.

June 25, 1998 — Roger and Sandra Wells requested a variance to Article IV, Section C-4 in order to construct a garage/barn and a screened porch/sunroom on the back and side of an existing to construct a garage/barn and a screened porch/sunroom on the back and side of an existing building that is closer to Keyser Street than allowed by ordinance in a residential district of North Sutton. GRANTED with 3 conditions.

July 29, 1998 — A.N. Nikiforow and C.M. Nikiforow, owners of Arcadia Kennels, requested a special exception as provided in Article III, Section E in order to reactivate the existing flood and lamppost lights at their kennel on Pound Road in a rural agricultural district of South Sutton. Tabled pending site plan review of the lighted sign by the Planning Board. Reconvened October 28, 1998 and GRANTED with two conditions.

July 29, 1998 — Leon C. Malan requested a variance to Article IV, Section C-4 in order to construct a garage, the corner of which would be 4'4" closer to an abutter's property line than allowed by ordinance on Camp Kemah Road in a residential district of South Sutton. GRANTED with 2 conditions.

August 26, 1998 — Floyd and Julie Mundy requested a variance to Article III, Section G-1 and Article IV, Section C-4 in order to expand and enclose a rear side porch to create a utility room and half bath and to build an attached uncovered deck 15' from the right of way on their non-conforming lot off Rte. 114 in a residential district of South Sutton. GRANTED.

August 26, 1998 — Gary and Melissa Gambino requested a special exception as provided in Article IV, Section B-1 in order to create an apartment over their garage changing the use of their property from single-family to two-family in a residential district of East Sutton. GRANTED.

August 26, 1998 — McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton, on behalf of NH RSA 2 Partnership d/b/a/Bell Atlantic Mobile, requested a special exception as provided in Article VI, Section A-2 in keeping with Article III, Section O-2 in order to expand the commercial use of a wireless telecommunications facility by adding 4 microwave dishes to an existing tower located off Eaton Grange Road in a rural agricultural district of South Sutton. GRANTED with one condition.

August 26, 1998 — McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton, on behalf of NH RSA 2 Partnership d/b/a/Bell Atlantic Mobile, requested a special exception as provided in Article VI, Section A-2 in keeping with Article III, Section O-2 in order to expand the commercial use of a wireless telecommunications facility by substituting a 4' diameter microwave dish for a recently approved 2' diameter microwave dish on an existing tower located on King Ridge in a rural agricultural district of North Sutton. GRANTED with one condition.

October 28, 1998 — Jeffrey S. Lamoureux requested a special exception as provided in Article V, Section B-4 in order to open a small business selling and installing truck parts and accessories at his residence in a rural agricultural district of North Sutton. Applicant did not attend the hearing. Case heard on December 1, 1998. DENIED.

December 1, 1998 — Jeff Johnson, on behalf of Judith Powers, requested a variance to Article III, Section G-1 and Article IV, Section C-4 in order to construct a 12' by 24" addition with a 4' by 6' entry addition to an existing home on a non-conforming lot on Penacook Road in a residential district of North Sutton. GRANTED with 2 conditions.

December 30, 1998 — Barry Wheeler requested a variance to Article III, Section G-1 in order to construct a 12' by 12' shed behind the garage on his non-conforming lot on High Mowing Road in a residential district of South Sutton. GRANTED with one condition.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Case Log 1998

- 98-1 Laurence E. Smith
Tax Map #9-840,471
Special exception granted January 7, 1998
- 98-2 Phil Gomez, Accelerated Learning Systems, Inc.
Tax Map #9-618,283
Special exception granted March 25, 1998
- 98-3 Nextel Communications of the Mid-Atlantic, Inc.
Tax Map #1-338,510
Special exception granted March 25, 1998
- 98-4 Alan and Priscilla West
Tax Map #6-416,245
Variance granted April 29, 1998
- 98-5 Jeff Johnson for Claude LaChance
Tax Map #8-131,180
Variance granted April 29, 1998
- 98-6 McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton for Bell
Atlantic Mobile
Tax Map #8-369,498
Special exception granted June 25, 1998
- 98-7 Roger and Sandra Wells
Tax Map #8-057,374 and 058,365
Variance granted June 25, 1998
- 98-8 A.N. Nikiforow and C.M. Nikiforow
Tax Map #4-053,447
Special exception tabled July 29, 1998
Reconvened and granted October 28, 1998
- 98-9 Leon C. Malan
Tax Map #2-472,178
Variance granted July 19, 1998
- 98-10 Floyd and Julie Mundy
Tax Map #2-721,479
Variance granted August 26, 1998

- 98-11 Gary and Melissa Gambino
Tax Map #1-138,089
Special exception granted August 26, 1998
- 98-12 McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton for Bell
Atlantic Mobile
Tax Map #1-338,510
Special exception granted August 26, 1998
- 98-13 McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton for Bell
Atlantic Mobile
Tax Map #8-369,498
Special exception granted August 26, 1998
- 98-14 Jeffrey S. Lamoureux
Tax Map #9-712,361
Special Exception denied December 1, 1998
- 98-15 Jeff Johnson for Judith Powers
Tax Map #8-116,164
Variance granted December 1, 1998
- 98-16 Barry Wheeler
Tax Map #2-744,400
Variance granted December 30, 1998

Report of the Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer

The number of building permits issued in Sutton in 1998 increased substantially from last year. The number of permits issued for new homes doubled, and the number of permits granted for renovations tripled.

A total of 54 permits and two one-year extensions for new homes were approved. A breakdown comparing permits issued in 1997 to permits issued in 1998 follows:

	1997	1998
New Houses	3	6
Additions/Alterations	8	8
Roofs	0	1
Barns/Garages	9	9
Out Buildings	7	11
Decks	8	4
Docks	0	1
Renovations	3	9
Commercial Building	1	0
Wireless Communication Tower	1	1
Demolition of Existing Buildings	3	2
Renewals	2	2

Welcome to the many new residents of Sutton who filed for building permits this year. Anyone needing a building permit may pick one up at the Selectmen's Office on Monday, Wednesday or Friday, 8:00 am-4:30 pm, closed 12:30-1:00 for lunch.

In order to ensure a timely review of your permit by both the Building Inspector and the Selectmen, please return your completed application from, plot plan and fee to the Selectmen's Office by 12 noon the Friday before the Monday Selectmen's meeting at which you wish to have your application considered.

Lastly, if you need questions answered or an inspection conducted, I can be reached at 927-4080. Thanks to both townspeople and contractors alike for your continued cooperation.

Richard "Buzz" Call
Building Inspector

Report of the Fire Department and the Sutton Volunteer Firemen's Association

1998 sure started out as a busy year as we all endured the ICE STORM OF THE CENTURY. Many long hours were spent at the fire station, on roads with downed wires, in basements flooded due to no power, and providing assistance as needed to neighbors as the ice storm damage continued. The Fire Department is fortunate to have its own generator. People who may need assistance in the future can look to this facility as a means of warmth, food, and companionship should this type, or a similar disaster happen again. Motor vehicle crashes on the highway have decreased. We believe this to be in part due to the rumble strips that have been cut into the edges of the roadway. In April we received the "Jaws of Life" rescue tool. Several drills have taken place using this lifesaving tool. Recently the department purchased several airbags which are used in the stabilizing and/or lifting of motor vehicles or other heavy objects. Training is ongoing, as new technology is constantly coming along, to better enhance our department. The department would like to take this opportunity to extend a sincere thank you to all who help in one way or another to support our volunteers. Without your help we wouldn't be where we are today. As always, anyone wishing to become a member of the Sutton Volunteer Fire Department and the Firemen's Association is encouraged to attend meetings which are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at the fire station at 7:30 p.m. or contact a member for more information.

Fire Log for 1998:

Appliance Fire	1	Mutual Aid Drills	3
Service Calls	1	Motor Vehicle Fires	5
Brush Fires	2	Structure Fires	3
Chimney Fires	5	Mutual Aid (structure)	5
Fuel Spill	1	Private Alarms	2
Medical Assist	4	Smoke Investigations	6
Motor Vehicle Crashes	19	Total	57

Members of the Sutton Volunteer Fire Department

Chief Darrel Palmer 927-4629
Captain Chris Rowe 927-4316
1st Lieut. Matt Grimes 927-4321
2nd Lieut. Cory Cochran 927-4047
Pete Thompson
Arthur Chadwick
Stan Lebrun
Garrett Evans
Bob Gagnon
Loring Ford
Kevin Rowe
Shreve Soule
Ken Sutton
Kirk Chadwick
Chip Rowe
Gary Wilcox
Harold Rowe
David Lebrun
Richard Call
Tom McLoughlin
Kenneth Day
Stephen Enroth



Members of the Sutton Fire Department and Rescue Squad receiving training on the use of the Jaws of Life tool.

Photo courtesy of the Sutton Fire Department

Report of Town Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

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

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

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. Early in 1998 we experienced an ice storm, which caused severe damage to forests of New Hampshire. This damage created a greater potential fire hazard as well as safety hazards to many areas of the state. Your local fire warden and Forest Rangers need your assistance in preventing wildfires in these hard hit areas and throughout the State. If you need assistance or information dealing with ice damaged woodlands, please call 1-800-444-8978.

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

Sincerely,

Douglas Miner, Forest Ranger

Carroll Thompson, Forest Fire Warden

1998 Fire Statistics

(All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1998)

Fires Reported by County

Belknap	44
Carroll	89
Cheshire	67
Coos	18
Grafton	43
Hillsborough.....	232
Merrimack.....	108
Rockingham.....	121
Strafford	64
Sullivan	12
 Total Fires	 798
Total Acres	442.86

Causes of Fires Reported

Smoking	59
Debris Burning	38
Campfire	29
Power Line	14
Railroad	9
Equipment Use.....	24
Lightning	16
Children	95
OHRV	6
Miscellaneous	53
Unknown	140
Fireworks	6
Arson/Suspicious	16
Illegal	231
Rekindle	43
Disposal of ashes	19



Report of the Sutton Rescue Squad

The Sutton Rescue Squad responded to 100 requests for assistance during 1998.

68 Medical Emergencies
28 Motor Vehicle Accidents
4 Fire Responses

We would like to express our thanks to the Bradford Rescue Squad and New London Ambulance for their professional assistance throughout the year.

The Sutton Police Department provided crucial assistance with scene safety and have performed this role admirably.

Our special thanks goes to the Sutton Fire Department for their continued assistance. For several years we have shared their fire station and a rescue truck. They have provided financial support by absorbing all building and vehicle maintenance costs. Their willingness to share an already crowded facility and rescue truck has allowed us to achieve a degree of organizational and financial stability.

Our efforts are presently directed towards purchasing a replacement rescue vehicle that can hold additional equipment and serve as a patient treatment area while awaiting the transport ambulance.

With this truck purchase, we are working with the Selectmen and the Highway Department Building Committee to secure a facility for the Rescue Squad, its vehicle and equipment.

Your support for this effort will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Joseph Freire, Jr., Chief

Report of the Bradford Rescue Squad

In 1998, Bradford Rescue Squad responded to 250 calls; these calls were a variety of medical emergencies, motor vehicle accidents and assistance on fire scenes.

Our squad is currently comprised of 22 members; 10 from Bradford, 8 from Newbury and 4 from Sutton. In addition to answering calls in Bradford, we respond to parts of Newbury, Sutton, and Warner. Bradford Rescue is proud to be one of the few remaining volunteer rescue squads that does not charge for its services.

In May, we reluctantly accepted the resignation of Carl and Gail Olson, both past captains of Bradford Rescue. Carl devoted 20 years and Gail 19 years of volunteer service to our community. We wish them much happiness and uninterrupted sleep in their "retirement."

To provide evening (6pm-6am) coverage to our towns, Bradford Rescue is made up of 5 teams of 3 or more volunteers. Each team also covers 1 weekend every 5th week. During the daytime hours, we respond on an "all call" basis, which means that whomever is available will respond. As a majority of our calls occur during daytime hours, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly recognize several members who respond to most (if not all) of the daytime calls. Preston Starr and Dick and Sue Vitale have done an incredible job making sure that when there is an emergency, someone responds. All of our members put in many hours of service, but the daytime crews have been outstanding. To fully understand how much of their day is spent, the average call takes 1 1/2-2 hours. Some days we have more than one call. At this writing, we are looking for volunteers willing to take an EMT course so we may continue the work that we do.

Our sincere thanks for your continued financial support. It is because of you that we are able to supply and maintain our ambulance. We also are working toward purchasing a new defibrillator.

As always, in case of emergency, dial 911.

Please clearly post your house number so we can find you!

Best wishes for a healthy and safe year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Fenton, Captain

Bradford Rescue Squad Roster 1998

Kate Bailey, EMT
Rick Bailey, EMT
Mike Dunn, EMT-I
Peter Fenton, Driver
LeeAnn Freire, EMT
Mark Goldberg, EMT
Karen Hall, EMT-I
(Paramedic pending)

Alan McCartney, EMT-Paramedic
Bud Nelson, Driver
Christine Nelson, EMT
John Niederriter, Driver
Jim Powell, EMT
Linda Powell, EMT
John Simonds, EMT
Jim Valiquet, EMT (I pending)

Officers

Mary Beth Fenton, EMT, Captain
Dick Vitale, Driver, Lieutenant
Jenn Simonds, EMT, (I pending),
Secretary
Felicia Starr, EMT, Training Officer

Sue Vitale, EMT, Treasurer
Preston Starr, EMT-I,
Maintenance
Ralph Carroll, EMT, Supply

Report of the Conservation Commission

During the year we were again engaged in a variety of projects. One Commission member moved out of town and resigned; a new member was appointed to complete the second and third year of this term. Two members were reappointed for three-year terms. We continue to have an advisory member from the Kezar Lake Protective Association. Monthly meetings were held at the Pillsbury Town Hall usually on the third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

The major Commission activity during the year related to input provided to the Sutton Planning Board and to the developer during the various planning phases of the King Ridge property, i.e., the non-binding design review, the subdivision application and the conservation easement for the open space area. The Commission also examined the value to the Town of Sutton of the open space area as conservation land.

The following conservation concerns and priorities were expressed during the no-binding design review for protection of King Ridge:

1. Retain as much acreage as possible in King Ridge as undeveloped land to protect the scenic and open space character of Sutton;
2. Maintain a minimum buffer zone along Lyon Brook of 100 to 150 ft. Concentrated flows should be changed to dispersed flows before entering the buffer zone by water bars or spreaders.
3. Protect wetland areas. Concern was expressed regarding the wetland areas within residential area #2. The entrance road to residential area #2 should be oriented to avoid wetland areas and traverse the Lyon Brook buffer zone directly. The forest road from Hominy Pot Road that goes by the old pump house is not an acceptable entrance road.
4. The land development should not adversely affect Lyon Brook via stormwater runoff. Concerns include: erosion and sediment control, steep slopes of much of the land, need to keep steep slopes covered with forest, shrub or grasses.
5. Construction should avoid steep slope areas.

We have reviewed and provided comments on drafts of a conservation easement for the open space area with the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust as grantee.

The King Ridge open space area is a beautiful natural property — a valuable desirable asset to the Town of Sutton and the region. The Conservation Commission voted to accept a gift of King Ridge open space, if offered, conditional upon an acceptable deed (including conservation easement deed, property deed and deed restrictions) an approval by the Selectmen; and we would accept management responsibility for the King Ridge Conservation Land.

The Conservation Commission views on desirable uses of King Ridge Conservation Land include:

- *There should be multiple uses;
- *Develop and maintain a natural Sutton forest with quality forest management methods and procedures;
- *Develop and maintain a public trail system that connects points of interest and that augments present Sutton trails;
- *Insure that a suitable buffer zone is maintained adjacent to Lyon Brook and best management procedures are followed to minimize erosion in the open space area;
- *Maintain a natural wildlife habitat;
- *Public access will be available to King Ridge Conservation Land via the existing forest roads from Hominy Pot Road and from King Hill Road, and via the Quarry Walk trail from Stone House Road.

During 1998 Commission work focused on the following other activities:

- Monitored dredge and fill permit applications;
- Examined Intent to Cut wood and timber applications from the view of potential wetlands impacts;
- Inspected town properties under Conservation Commission management responsibility and maintained as appropriate;
- Coordinated roadside clean-up project;
- Further developed and maintained Sutton walking trails;
- Participated in the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition, coordinated walks on Sutton sections for Greenway walkabouts;

- Activity of the joint Sutton-New London Kezar Lake Watershed Committee continued with focus on: (a) monitor the water quality of the brooks in the Kezar Lake watershed during storm events, and (b) discuss plans and accomplishments to reduce pollution sources in the watershed, e.g., surface erosion, sediment transport, lagoons' overflow.
- Participated in a Cost of Community Services Study to organize and publish Sutton financial information to compare Town revenues vs. costs for various types of land use, i.e., residential, commercial/business and open space.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene J. Aubert, Chairman

Sarah A. Denz, Secretary

David Anderson

Dugald Arbuckle (resigned)

Charles Ash

Don Davis

Leslie Enroth

Joanna Murphy

George G. Wells

Charles F. Whittemore

Report of the Old Store Museum

There is not a whole lot new at the Old Store Museum, except that:

- The back of the building has been primed and painted. Unfortunately, it doesn't show from the road, but it was in dire need.
- Lee Cullens, of South Sutton, carved a beautiful sign that will be mounted on the outside of the building come Spring. It is a most generous gesture and is greatly appreciated.
- A portion of the vintage clothing collection was displayed at the Historical Society's Annual Pot Luck Supper. What a beautiful and extensive array we have!
- Board members are Don Davis, Peggy Forand, Marcia Harrison, Rob O'Neal, George Wells, and Dorothy Wright.

If you would like to become involved, we would be happy to have you join us. More volunteers would enable more openings on Sunday afternoons during the Summer. We try to keep Sutton's history a prominent part of the present.

Respectfully,

Peggy Forand
For the Board



Report of the Health Officer

The number of health related complaints and investigations has increased. The most prevalent complaints are over-flowing dumpsters and excessive clutter on the property. Household garbage must be removed from the property. Clutter is another matter. "One man's trash is another man's treasure." I investigate the complaint. Occasionally I invite the Selectmen and the Code Enforcement Officer to join me to inspect a property. All decisions concerning the complaint are acted upon in accordance with the town ordinances and state regulations. This is a time consuming process that is often complicated by working with tenants and absentee landlords. I understand the concerns of the complainant but I must act prudently.

The 1998 Sutton Health Officer investigations included: (19) on site property inspections including (8) dumpster or trash/clutter complaints, (4) septic system letters (2) requests for information (1) pre-school inspection, (1) tobacco vending machine removal, (1) board of health meeting, (1) senior citizen assistance.

I attended the Spring and Fall NH Health Officers Association Education Conferences. The programs include a wide range of topics. Another aspect of the conferences is the opportunity to discuss small town health issues with other health officers.

Please contact me for public health information or you wish to report a public health concern.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. MacDonald
Health Officer

Report of the Overseer of Welfare

A careful assessment of the welfare program for the Town of Sutton enables me to report that we can reduce the budget for the year 1999. This is due in part, to a better economic situation for many people and neighbor helping neighbor.

Direct assistance can help put food on the table, and keep a family physically warm during the winter. On occasion the program can assist with rent. This enables a family to concentrate on getting or upgrading employment. There are specific qualifying laws which determine whether or not assistance is given. Any reduction in the budget trickles down to reduce taxes.

It has come to my attention that neighborhoods are forming that keep watch on the elderly or those who have special needs. There is nothing in the world that can replace kindness — the extra set of eyes on the lookout for difficult situations. This constitutes rural living at its best. This is Sutton.

During the holidays I was again astounded by the generosity of the townsfolk. A “Secret Santa” adopted a family, another donated money for toys for children, another supplied a box of toys for an infant, and numerous people gave a “widow’s mite” to be used at my discretion. Extra turkeys were contributed by the King Solomon Chapter of the Mason’s and townsfolk. The food and turkeys fed many bodies. Generosity fed spirits.

Surplus gift certificates for food were donated. Many of these came after the holidays. Subsequently, they will be portioned out during the year.

A special thanks to Bev Hurd for coordinating the food boxes for me to deliver. The use of the Hurd barn meant the food wouldn’t freeze. Foxchase had their annual village display with proceeds of either food or funds for the Sutton welfare.

Amid the occasional conflicts of energy, or the politics that sometimes crop up, lets remember what goes on “under the table” that surfaces “on the table” for many here in our town. Aren’t you glad you call Sutton home!

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Haase, Overseer of Welfare

Report of the Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc.

The Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc. provides services and programs to enhance the health, well being, dignity and independence of the senior adults in our nine communities. We continue to celebrate basic beliefs:

- Given the opportunity to share and learn from one another, that older persons are capable of growth and development.
- Seniors, like all people have a need for relationships with others, and to sense achievement.
- To achieve our goals many exciting and diversified activities are offered at our program center as well as off site locations. Among them are:

*Education — Computer classes, beginner through Internet & Email.

*Library — Books with regular & large print. Plus a new audio cassette section.

*Skills — Bridge Lessons, Paint w/Peers, Wood Carving, Quilting and various creative crafts.

*Exercise — Chair Exercises, Tai Chi and Walk Your Way Through Winter.

*Social — Friday Afternoon Movies, Dominoes, Cribbage and Conversations with Lunch.

*Recreation — Hiking, Kayaking, Snowshoeing and Cross Country Skiing. All of these activities under the direction of our Outdoor Recreation for Seniors program. (ORFS).

*Health — Hearing screening, flu shots and blood pressure clinics.

*Services — Dial-A-Ride. (Transportation service.) Mr. Fix-It program. Friendly Visitor, Telephone Reassurance. Resource information and Monthly Newsletter.

There are 1539 members of COA of which **95** are **Sutton** residents. Over the last twelve months **Sutton** volunteers have given **over 300** hours of their time to help provide the services of COA to our communities.

Financial support from **Sutton** and other area towns account for approximately 20% of our required funds. We are asking that **\$685.00** be included as an item in the **Sutton** Town Budget for 1999 to sustain our growth of services, programs and activities for senior adults.

The strength of our mission has been reinforced by the generosity of our 200+ volunteers. This amazing team of people have given thousands of hours helping their neighbors through service and program leadership. A profound thank you to all the special people we call our volunteers! We are deeply grateful to **Sutton** and other area towns along with donors to our fund drive, foundation grants, advertisers in our newsletter and individual clients for past and future financial assistance.

Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc. is open to any person age 55 years of age or older. For more information concerning participation in any of the services or programs we offer, please call the COA Program Center at 526-6368.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Goddard

Chairman of the Board

Report of the Community Action Program

Over the past twenty 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.

As perhaps you are aware, Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. generates funds through the mobilization of available federal, state and local monies. 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 the residents of your community, from the development of programs which meet local needs, to outreach, referral and direct assistance.

The attached budget reflects the minimum costs of maintaining and continuing the operations of the Kearsarge Valley Area Center. I respectfully submit that an item be placed in the Town Budget in the amount of \$3,399.00 for the continuation of services to the residents of the Town of Sutton.

This figure is based on the operating costs of the area center, as well as on last year's local community participation level and the services provided to Sutton in the amount of \$22,465.20. The total dollar amount needed from the local towns to maintain and operate the area center is \$38,932.

I have attached a detailed summary which provides a brief description of our programs and the number of Sutton residents who participated in them.

The staff of the Kearsarge Valley Area Center wish to thank you and the Town of Sutton for your support in the past. With your continued interest, we will be able to continue to provide needed services to the members of your community.

Sincerely,

Barbara Chellis, Area Director
Kearsarge Valley Area Center

Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. 1999 Kearsarge Valley Care Center Projected Operating Budget

Personnel:

Area Center Director	\$22,731	
Outreach Worker (30 weeks at 22.5 hours)	5,879	
Payroll Taxes/Fringe Benefits	<u>5,906</u>	
		\$34,516

Other Costs:

Program Travel 5,000 miles x .28	1,400	
Rent	2,940	
Telephone	2,200	
Postage	370	
Office/Copier/Computer/Supplies	1,200	
Advertising	50	
Staff Development	100	
Publications/Subscriptions	295	
Liability and Fire Insurance	<u>375</u>	
		<u>8,930</u>

Total Budget: \$43,446

Federal Share:	10%	—	\$ 4,514
All Town Share:	90%	—	<u>38,932</u>
Total:	100%	—	\$ 43,446



Summary of 1998 Services Provided to Sutton Residents Kearsarge Valley Area Center Belknap-Merrimack Community Action Project

Service Description	Units of Service	Households/Persons	Total Value
COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM			
	Packages — 33	Persons — 3	\$709.50
CONGREGATE MEALS			
	Meals — 260	Persons — 7	\$1,557.40
EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRIES			
	Meals — 200	Persons — 20	\$600.00
FUEL ASSISTANCE			
	Applications — 12	Persons — 15	\$4,645.10
MEALS-ON-WHEELS			
	Meals — 884	People — 6	\$5,454.28
SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM			
	Volunteers — 1	Hours — 252	\$1,149.12
WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN			
	Vouchers — 165	Persons — 14	\$6,352.50
CAP TRANSPORTATION			
	Rides — 330	Persons — 9	\$1,997.30
GRAND TOTAL		GRAND TOTAL	\$22,465.20

Report of the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association

Services provided for the people of Sutton

Home Health Care:	1,202	Visits made to 19 patients
Hospice Care:	315	Visits made to 2 patients
Community Clinic/Wellness Programs:	65	Individuals served
Long-term Care:	409	Hours of care to 4 patients
Family health services and Clinics:	221	Visits made
School-age child care/after school/summer:	3	Children served

Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association cares for people where they most want to be, at home with their family and friends. The tradition of home care that began over 100 years ago has evolved into a highly sophisticated health care delivery system through partnerships with other providers and new medical technology available in the home setting.

What matters most is that home care partners with families, physicians and the community to promote healing and independence; to care for and support individuals and families at the end of life; and to encourage community wellness and education.

Community support is a vital component of this care system because it enables us to provide services to those who lack insurance or resources. The Board of Trustees, staff, volunteers and especially the patients and families who receive care and services appreciate the continued support of the town of Sutton.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Steel
President and CEO

Report of the Merrimack County UNH Cooperative Extension

UNH Cooperative Extension provides Merrimack County residents with research-based education and practical information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, forests, wildlife and agriculture, and improve the economy.

Because of our partnership with Merrimack County, the State of New Hampshire and the federal government, we go by the special name of UNH Cooperative Extension. In every Merrimack County community this partnership is at work, increasing economic development, enhancing the environment and developing human potential.

Merrimack County residents also benefit from statewide extension programming. Among these many local and state efforts are monitoring water quality in our lakes and rivers, reducing the use of pesticides, parenting programs, 4-H and youth development programs, land use management, food safety, forest stewardship, family finances, meeting the needs of low income families, strengthening our communities, developing a strong volunteer base through our local Advisory Council, Master Gardeners, Family Focus parenting volunteers and 4-H leaders, and providing research-based information to citizens.

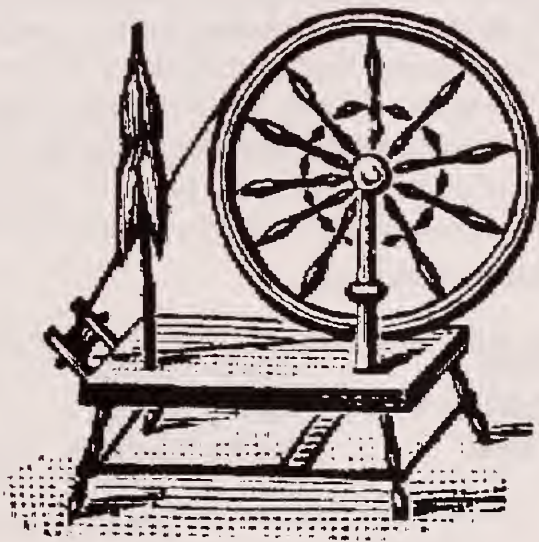
A major statewide extension initiative, Strengthening New Hampshire Communities, has impacted Merrimack County. County staff have worked with many communities in a variety of ways. Community Profiles have been held in Henniker, Loudon and Pittsfield within the past two years. This community event helps community members create a vision about what they want their community to be like and then helps form action groups to work toward their goals. Follow up support is available from UNH Cooperative Extension staff. If this community process might be of interest to your community, contact the Merrimack County office for more information.

Other community efforts include after-school programs, teen assessment projects, land use management planning, wellness teams, town office visits, master gardeners, working with schools on maintenance of landscaped areas, and providing updated extension publication notebooks to all town libraries. A family resource center and after-school project in Boscawen sees staff working with the community.

The staff in Merrimack County includes these Extension educators: Judith Bush, Debbie Cheever, Nancy Evans, Tim Fleury, Kathleen Jaworski, Debbie Luppold, John Porter, David Seavey, Marilyn Sullivan and three support staff. Educators reach approximately 1.5 out of every four families in the county.

Visit our office located at 315 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen (right next to the Merrimack County Nursing Home). We're open Monday-Friday, 8 AM until 4 PM. Call us at 225-5505 and 796-2151 or find us on the web at [HTTP://CEINFO.UNH.EDU](http://CEINFO.UNH.EDU).

Respectfully Submitted,
UNH Cooperative Extension



Report of the Sutton Free Library

The Sutton Free Library has continued to grow over the past year. We have been able to greatly enrich our children's collection of books due to the generosity of those who made donations to our library in memory of Dorothy Eachus. We also received a generous donation from the Kearsarge Cougars basketball team this year and this enabled us to purchase educational computer software for children of all age groups. The children of Sutton will benefit greatly from the generosity of all of these individuals.

We were able to welcome back Patrick Anderson for another book discussion group. This was made possible by the N.H. Humanities Council. We will be planning another one for April 1999. Please come to the library to find out what this year's reading selections will be. We hope you will join us.

We invite everyone to come in and browse through the library, you might just be surprised at how much our library has to offer. As always, we welcome any requests for books or authors that you have and we will make every effort to honor your requests. Library hours are Monday 1:30-4:00 p.m.; Wednesday 1-4 p.m. and 6:30-9:00 p.m.; Friday 7-9 p.m.; Saturday 1-4 p.m. Our Trustees meet at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month, and the public is always welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorri Himes
Kathy Chadwick
Brenda Wells

Carrie Thomas
Sandy Nelson
Kathy Solomon

Report from the Sutton Early Learning Center

It was another great year for the Sutton Early Learning Center. We continued with the same teacher, Janet Bauer, and aide, Mary Pelkey. There was also the addition of another part-time aide, Tasha Biron.

September brought with it an unusual year in terms of enrollment. Usually we average fifteen kids with seven or eight of those being kindergarten age. As of September there were seventeen Kindergarteners. Due to the number of children in kindergarten we do not have any preschoolers this year. This appears to be a one time high and we expect an average class for next year.

The children enjoyed the usual trips throughout the community and beyond. They continue to enjoy their monthly trips to the Sutton Library where a member of the community shares a story with them.

This year the children enjoyed a very exciting trip to Jerry Putnam's recording studio on Hominy Pot Road. There they sang songs they had practiced and recorded them to produce a tape of the school for a fund raiser.

On the budget side this is the second year we have asked the Town for less support. All seems to be running fine in spite of increases in plowing fees and the need to buy a new copier. This is partly due to an increase in tuition last year.

We look forward to the rest of this year and as always thank the Town for their support.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Swett, Chair

*Snack Time at Sutton
Early Learning Center.*

*L-R: Sonja Anderson,
Darcie Putnam,
Ashley O'Neil,
Libby Brooks,
Gabriel Grooer,
Ben MacLoughlin,
Daniel Brooks,
Brandy Bowles*



Report of the Bradford-Newbury Youth Sports

Bradford-Newbury Youth Sports had another busy and productive year. Youth and parent participation in our baseball and soccer programs this year was again resounding. We held our first annual meeting in November, and while not overwhelmingly attended, it was an opportunity for sharing of ideas that will hopefully improve our efforts in the future.

We have added several new board members over the past year. We would like to welcome them; Beth Rodd, Mike Bauer, Jim Bruss, Tao Schmidtke and Lynn Tracy. We would also like to thank the out-going board members for their years of hard work and dedication to the youth of the area; Karen Losik, Barry Caravan, Bob Raymond, Gary Valerio and Diane Kusinski.

Baseball and Softball

Approximately 150 youths participated in the spring baseball program from the towns of Bradford, Newbury and Sutton. We fielded baseball teams from T-ball through 14-15 year-old Babe Ruth. The success of the program can be measured by the amount of fun experienced and sportsmanship displayed by the coaches, players and parents. We can be proud of everyone's performance in each of these areas. Several teams won their division titles, an additional measure of the dedication by all those involved.

Soccer

The soccer program this year had 185 participants in the 1-6th grades from the towns of Bradford, Newbury and Sutton. We fielded 6 teams at the 1-2 grade level, 4 teams at the 3-4 grade level and 5 teams at the 5-6 grade level. It was a wonderful season enjoyed by all. At the end of the season the 3-6 grade teams celebrated the season at a dessert social where players, coaches, referees, and volunteers were recognized for their efforts.

Building

This year we were able to repair the backstop and fence at the Babe Ruth field at Brown-Shattuck. Funding for those repairs came from the Town of Bradford and Bradford-Newbury Youth Sports. As a result of those repairs and improvements the players are safer and the fields are more protected from potential vandalism.

Fields

As a result of many contributions from area residents and businesses, BNYS was able to purchase the land across the street from KRES in December. We have a small mortgage on the property which we hope to pay off by the end of 1999. The Babe Ruth field will be named in honor of Frank Mayo and will be dedicated this spring. The new soccer field will be ready for use either next fall or in the spring of 2000. Our future plans include building another soccer field and a full size softball field, constructing a building for storage, toilets and a snack shack and developing the land for other recreational opportunities. Additional fund raising will be needed to support the future plans for this land.

Volunteers

We are an all volunteer organization that relies heavily on community support. This past year that support has been overwhelming in terms of time, effort and financial assistance. Thank you for your continued support.

Fund Raisers

There has been great activity this year in obtaining funds for our programs. The Towns of Bradford, Newbury and Sutton each contributed money that was used towards operating the youth activities. Fund raisers included the BNYS Snack Shack, 4th of July Games, mailings, Turkey Raffle, used sports equipment sale and registration fees.

We are always looking for people to serve on our committees and board. I encourage you to contact me if you have a desire to take a more active roll in BNYS as we move to the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott MacLean, President BNYS

Report of the Sutton Business Council

The Sutton Business Council encourages all Sutton area businesses as well as all Sutton residents to join us in support of our mission which is TO PROMOTE THE GROWTH AND PROSPERITY OF SUTTON AND TO FOSTER GOODWILL AND COMMERCE.

Some of the activities we promote are as follows:

Networking and meeting with other local business associates

Learning about the businesses in our town and the services and products they provide

Supporting and patronizing member businesses.

Providing workshops and speakers on issues important to the businesses and residents of our town.

Working with the KRSD on the School-to-Work program.

Assisting town groups on worthwhile projects.

Producing a membership directory listing the various businesses and explaining what they do which is distributed throughout the area.

Supporting town efforts that make Sutton a better place to live and work.

Membership is open to all area residents and businesses with meetings on the second Thursday of the month at 7pm at the Town Hall. Our newsletter, which is published every other month, lists our activities and meeting schedules.

Respectfully,
Sutton Business Council
PO Box 433
S. Sutton, NH 03273

www.xcity.com/Sutton

Marriages Recorded for the Town of Sutton, New Hampshire

for the Year Ending December 31, 1998

Date of Marriage Place of Marriage	Name of Groom Name of Bride	Residence of Groom Residence of Bride
February 21, 1998 Sutton, NH	Michael L. Decelle Julie C. Gill	Sutton, NH Sutton, NH
May 9, 1998 Sutton, NH	Daniel H. Chadwick April A. Frost	Webster, NH Webster, NH
June 13, 1998 Sutton, NH	Clayton R. Young Carol P. Curless	Sutton, NH Sutton, NH
June 27, 1998 Sutton, NH	Christian Huber Sarah Conover Keith	Onondaga, NY Onondaga, NY
July 4, 1998 Sutton, NH	Arthur Ralph Rollins Joan Marie Goodale	Natrona, WY Natrona, WY
July 11, 1998 Bradford, NH	Joseph P. O'Reilly, Jr. Lynn Marie Burke	Sutton, NH Sutton, NH
September 19, 1998 S. Sutton, NH	Richard W. Stockwell Susan L. Lowe	Sutton, NH Sutton, NH
September 26, 1998 Wilmot, NH	Philip J.H. Bagley Laurie H. Nashawaty	Sutton, NH Sutton, NH
December 5, 1998 N. Sutton, NH	David M. LeBrun Tonjia C. Glasscock	Sutton, NH Enfield, NH

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie M. Friel, Town Clerk

Births Recorded in the Town of Sutton, New Hampshire

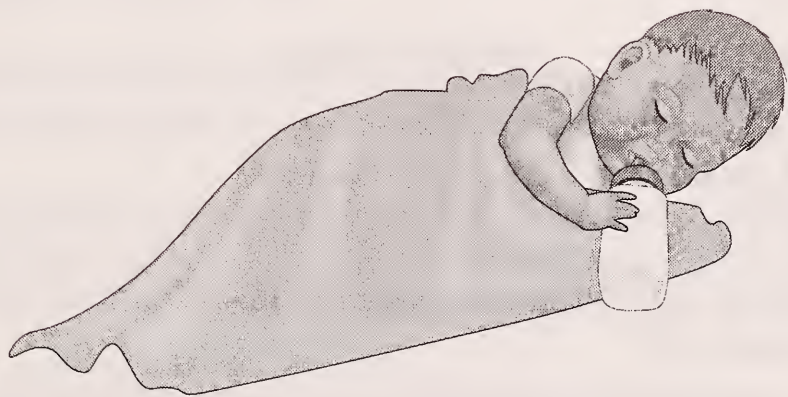
for the Year Ending December 31, 1998

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father
Place of Birth		Maiden Name of Mother
November 15, 1997	Isabelle Crane	Charles W. Lovett
New London, NH	Kittredge Lovett	Caroline F. Kittredge
January 7, 1998	Stephen Danial	Jeffrey David Miller
New London, NH	Bagley	Valerie June Bagley
January 12, 1998	Daniel David	John Samuel Dixon
New London, NH	Dixon	Jennifer Helene Glazer
January 19, 1998	Rebecca Jane	Robert D. Thomson
Concord, NH	Thomson	Lucy C. Hodder
January 30, 1998	William Michael	Michael J. Cornelio
Concord, NH	Cornelio	Lizabeth M. Shuts
February 17, 1998	Andrea Avery	Harold B. Rowe, Jr.
Concord, NH	Rowe	Jennifer A. Lamora
April 2, 1998	David Christian	Marc A. Moses
Concord, NH	Moses	Bianca B. Binette
April 17, 1998	Clara Blossom	Kevin M. Caccavaro
Concord, NH	Caccavaro	Terri A. Towle
June 11, 1998	Ryan Patrick	Albert V. Dauphinais
New London, NH	Dauphinais	Judeen C. McKenney
July 7, 1998	Silas Jack	Donald Allard
Concord, NH	Allard	Rachel De Tomas
August 4, 1998	Hannah Elizabeth	Mark A. Duquette
Concord, NH	Duquette	Irene M. Molly
October 8, 1998	Breanna Marie	Shayne Sowle
Concord, NH	Sowle	Kristen Blaney

October 8, 1998 Concord, NH	Mary Elizabeth Grace Hayes	David Hayes Laura Cole
October 23, 1998 Concord, NH	Carly Ann Decelle	Michael Decelle Julie C. Gill
November 10, 1998 Concord, NH	Caleb Lowe Cochran	Corbett C. Cochran Melina M. Ahrens
November 29, 1998 New London, NH	Emilie Jean Gambino	Gary Andrew Gambino Melissa Foley
December 3, 1998 Concord, NH	Margaret Faye Murphy	Denis Murphy Joanna Cobb
December 18, 1998 Concord, NH	Ashley Elizabeth Thompson	Brian Scot Thompson Martha Jean Chapman

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie M. Friel, Town Clerk



Deaths Recorded in the Town of Sutton, New Hampshire

for the Year Ending December 31, 1998

Date of Death Place of Death	Name of Deceased	State of Residence
February 20, 1998 New London, NH	William N. Ritch	NH
March 30, 1998 New London, NH	Warren S. Brook	NH
April 12, 1998 New London, NH	James D. Coromel	NH
May 30, 1998 Sutton, NH	Robert N. Gilmore	NH
June 19, 1998 Sutton, NH	Arthur B. Ordway	NH
July 30, 1998 New London, NH	Edward J. Butler	NH
August 16, 1998 Bradford, NH	Dorothy C. Eachus	NH
October 9, 1998 Sutton, NH	Mary Seale Petersen	NH
November 19, 1998 New London, NH	James Benjamin Mathis	NH
December 17, 1998 New London, NH	Eleni Ftergiotis	NH

Respectfully submitted,

Majorie M. Friel, Town Clerk

Are you considering logging your land in Sutton?

The Sutton Conservation Commission reminds owners of forest land that your timber is a valuable asset. Be wary of unsolicited offers to log your land or buy timber. Before you have your property logged, we *strongly* recommend you:

- ☐ Hire a licensed professional **forester** to represent your financial interests and to protect the long-term health and productivity of your woodlot.
- ☐ Obtain a good written timber harvesting **contract**.
- ☐ Learn more about current **wood markets** and prices.
- ☐ Obtain **free** forestry **advice** from Merrimack County Cooperative Extension. County Forester, Tim Fleury will arrange to visit your woodlot. Please call Tim at (603) 796-2151 or 225-5505.
- ☐ Learn more about NH **forestry laws** including: the Intent to Cut permit, the NH Timber Yield Tax, Wetlands permits, Best Management Practices for Erosion Control, Basal Area law for Stream and Shoreland Protection zones, Slash laws and Timber Trespass laws.
- ☐ Visit the resource library in the Town Hall. **Free fact sheets** include an excellent publication entitled: *Selling Timber? Do It Right!* Other publications include information on: Forest Management Plans, Marking Boundaries, Logging Contracts, Best Management Practices, Timber Harvesting Laws, Cost-Share Programs, Licensed Foresters and Certified Loggers in NH.

A timber tax monitor reviews Intent to Cut permits and visits timber harvests in Sutton as necessary to insure accurate reporting of timber yields.

NH Division of Forests & Lands inspecting foresters visit logging operations to insure compliance with NH timber harvesting laws and to respond to complaints of timber law violations. Call (603) 271-2217.

Proper timber harvesting provides multiple benefits: income, improved habitat, trails, views, and long-term forest health. Uncontrolled, exploitive cutting results in lost revenue, environmental degradation, public resentment and legal liability.

Your forest has been growing for many years.

It will continue to increase in value over time.

A timber sale should be an informed decision.

Please do your homework!

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