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## Annual Town Report 1994

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Sharon Christie, Editor

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Newport, New Hampshire**

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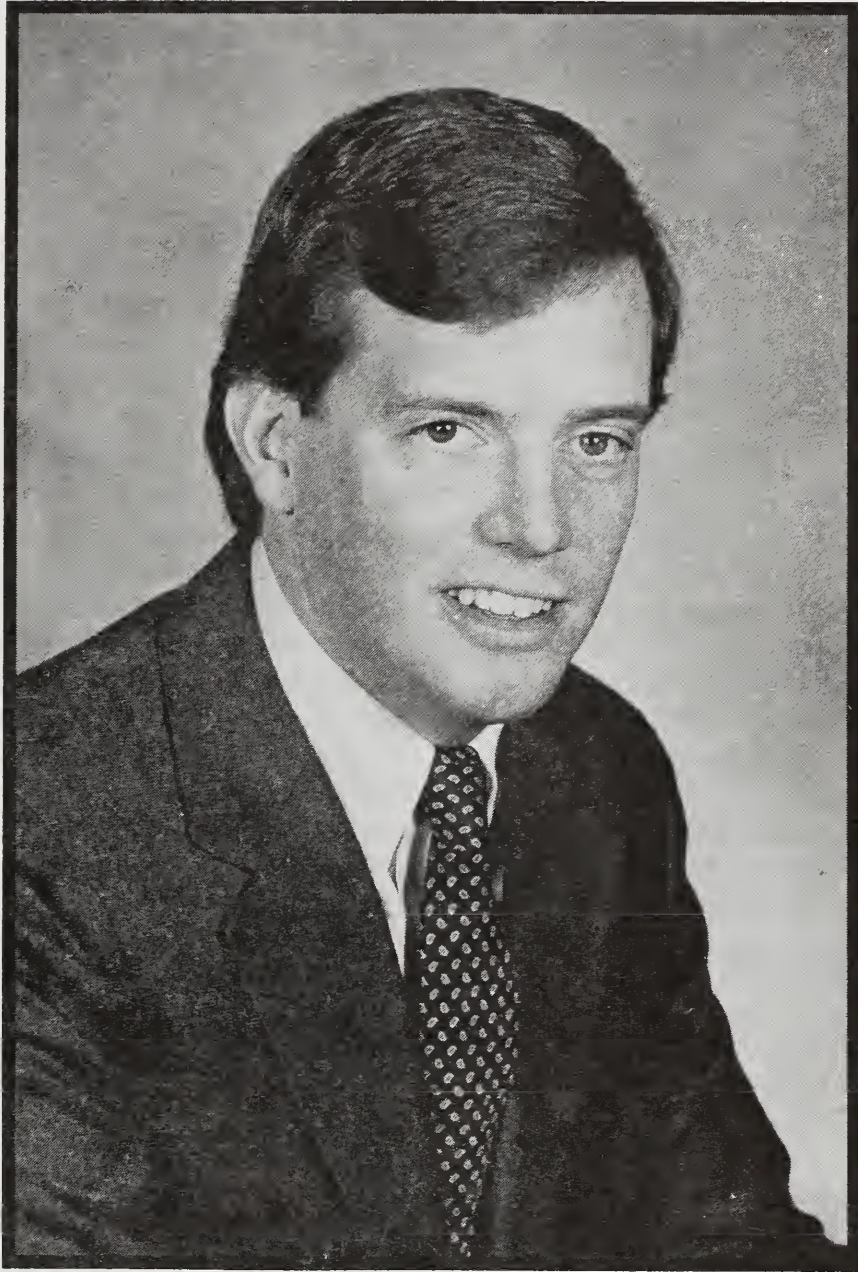
## DEDICATION



**Captain David A. Heath**  
**May 10, 1951 — May 6, 1994**  
**In Memorium**



## DEDICATION



**Matthew J. Bonaccorsi**  
**June 14, 1956 — August 6, 1994**  
**In Memorium**

## Captain David A. Heath

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Born in Newport to John and Dorothy (Eastman) Heath, David Heath was a lifelong resident of the Town of Newport, graduating from Newport High School in 1969. He later attended the University of New Hampshire in Durham, majoring in Soil and Water Conservation, graduating in 1972. David returned home in 1972 to marry Patricia Zullo and to begin work for Heath & Field Plumbing & Heating, a Newport business he came to own and ran by himself until 1994.

David joined the Newport Call Fire Department in 1973 and began working his way up the ranks, first elected to a position on the Standing Committee, then to First Lieutenant and finally to the position of Captain, an appointment made by the Town. In addition to his responsibilities as a fire fighter, he was also a member of the Association, always in the forefront to benefit fundraising activities for the organization and community. Instead of assuming a Director's role which could have been his prerogative, he would be found collecting money, cooking, climbing ladders to hang Christmas lights, and setting or cleaning up items required for the function.

It was David's self-assigned role to be positioned in day-to-day demanding situations either in the Fire Department or his work. He answered calls at any hour to fight fires and to do heating and plumbing repairs within the community and was known even during his period of ill health, to respond to Newport High School and repair broken heating system pipes. In addition to these professional tasks, he always was there to donate his services for his friends. He was proficient in many trades, a resident expert for the First St. neighborhood, and is best remembered for helping friends.

He made projects good times and used them to provide him rest time. Other relief periods consisted of collecting antique miniature fire engines, gathering classic old rock 'n roll tapes, and an annual get-away to a Patriot's football game. He enjoyed many trips to his camp in Milan, NH with his family and friends. Most of the community knew when he would embark on a vacation with First St. neighbors as he would entertain everyone with accounts of the trip.

His most valued relaxation periods had to be when he spent time with his family. In spite of all of his commitments to his work, friends, and the community, the time spent with his wife, Patty, and children Tara and Matthew, was most valuable to David. He became a champion of supporters for his entire family, encouraging nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles to participate in the community and school projects and supporting them throughout.

David passed away on May 6, 1994. We are thankful that he chose to live and raise his family in Newport, and we gratefully dedicate this 1994 Town Report to the memory of Captain David Heath with appreciation for his long, voluntary, dedicated public service.



## Matthew J. Bonaccorsi

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Born June 14, 1956 in Claremont, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Loui F. Bonaccorsi, Matt's roots were also deep in Newport. Although he was raised and schooled in Claremont, his grandparents ran Lucca's Fruit Store on North Main Street for many years. Ken Andler wrote about Matt's grandfather in *Looking Back on My Boyhood*. Reflecting on memories of summer events on the Town Common, Ken wrote: *If we had a nickle or two, we would dash down the street to buy an ice cream cone at Joe Bonaccorsi's store... or buy peanuts or chestnuts from his wonderfully fragrant roasting machine.*

Joe's grandson would also be called a memory maker. An avid outdoorsman and athlete, he excelled at soccer and was the prototype for his high school soccer team. He was also fun-loving, dedicated to his family and friends, civic minded, and hard-working. Matt received a Bachelor of Science degree in hydrology from the University of New Hampshire in 1978 and in 1985 used that expertise to develop and form a hydro-electric power company, Sweetwater Hydroelectric, Inc., with Tim Buzzell of Plainfield. Tim commented that he didn't think people realized what a successful businessman Matt was, starting his business from scratch 12 years ago, building and developing this company until it came to own five generating plants in the Connecticut River basin, providing power from renewable energy resources to the electric utility system. He became so well known in the industry, he was contacted by people all over the country for his opinion on hydro matters.

For the past 15 years, Matt lived in Newport with his wife, Cindy (Bennett) and daughter Hilary. His civic and business contributions to his adopted town have been repeatedly praised. Aside from his work, Matt devoted much of his time for the betterment of the Newport community. He served two terms as Selectman and served on the Planning Board, Zoning Board and Historic District Commission. He recognized the importance of public health and was instrumental in putting together the \$2 million water filtration plant at Gilman Pond and the \$5 million waste water treatment plant on Rte. 10. He was also a former President of the Vermont Independent Power Producers Assn. and was Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Valley Regional Hospital in Claremont.

On August 6, 1994, Matt passed on at the age of 38, but not before waging a valiant battle against cancer. Hundreds came to celebrate Matt's short-but-full life, and in that same way, Tim Buzzell eulogized the attainments of his friend and partner: "Matt achieved everything he set out to accomplish."

Matt set a standard for courtesy and competency for a job often done behind the scenes, and he did this so well and so quietly, many of us may not have had time to thank him.

For Matt's love of Newport, his compassion, vision, and commitment, we gratefully dedicate this 1994 Town Report to his memory with appreciation for his outstanding leadership and dedicated public service.

## In Recognition of Shannon Hastings

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**Miss NH Shannon Hastings**

Last May 13th, Newport's own Shannon Hastings was crowned Miss New Hampshire 1994. Born in Newport, Shannon is the daughter of Milton & Susan Hastings and is a junior, majoring in theater, at the University of New Hampshire in Durham. She was crowned Miss New Hampshire in Manchester, qualifying her to compete in the Miss America pageant in Atlantic City, New Jersey in September, 1994.

All contestants spent time researching their platforms, and Shannon's platform is drug and alcohol prevention. She developed a community lecture program called "Stepping Up & Out" to get the message to children and teenagers that "the only way to achieve our goals and dreams is to stay drug free." That platform grew out of Shannon's involvement with the DARE program at Newport High School.

Shannon referred to the Miss America pageant as a pageant of role models, who actually competed against themselves.

Wonderful friends were made and many life lessons were learned at the pageants Shannon participated in.

Another former Miss New Hampshire from Newport, Monica Rastallis Cashin encouraged Shannon to make the most of the memories she has, to enjoy the rest of the year, and to be proud of herself since she has been formally recognized as one of 50 of the most beautiful and talented young women in the country.

Congratulations to Shannon for her wonderful accomplishment of attaining the Miss New Hampshire Crown for 1994. She is a role model for all young people — that dreams can be realized and goals can be obtained.

Newport is extremely proud of Shannon Hastings, honored to recognize her national achievements, and expresses its appreciation for bringing very positive attention to one of our younger citizens.

## Town of Newport General Information

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Date of Incorporation . . . . . October 6, 1761

Total Land Area . . . . . 43.6 Square Miles

Elevation Above Mean Sea Level

Minimum (On Sugar River at Claremont/Newport Line) . . . . . 584 Feet

Maximum (On Unity/Newport Line) . . . . . 1,980 Feet

U.S. Congressional District . . . . . Second

Representatives:            William Zeliff,  
   340 Commercial St., Manchester, NH 03101  
   Charles Bass  
   142 No. Main Street, Concord, NH 03301

U.S. Senators                Robert C. Smith  
   332 DSOB, Constitution Ave. & First St. NE,  
   Washington, DC 20510  
   Judd Greg  
   513 SHOB, Constitution Ave. & Second St. NE  
   Washington, DC 20510

Senatorial District . . . . . Eighth

State Senator                Beverly Rodeschin  
   336 Sunapee Street, Newport, NH 03773

State Representatives:      Gordon Flint, Sr.  
   21 Lincoln Terrace, Newport, NH 03773  
   Fredrik Peyron  
   PO Box 8, Newport, NH 03773  
   Robert Scott  
   34 Summit Road, Newport, NH 03773

District Court . . . . . Newport

Number of Registered Voters . . . . . 3,054

Population . . . . . 6,110

**1994 Tax Rate:**

Town . . . . . \$9.72

School . . . . . 16.18

County . . . . . 2.30

**Total** . . . . . **\$28.20**



## Elected Town Officials

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### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

	<u>Term Expires</u>
Virginia O. Irwin, Chair . . . . .	May, 1995
John K. Lunn, Vice Chair . . . . .	May, 1997
Roland V. Stoodley . . . . .	May, 1996
Gary E. Nichols . . . . .	May, 1995
George H. (Jim) Martin* . . . . .	May, 1996
Sharon K. MacDonald** . . . . .	May, 1995

\*Resigned February, 1995

\*\*Appointed until May, 1995

### LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Nancy H. Black . . . . .	May, 1997
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### MODERATOR

Louie C. Elliott Jr. . . . .	May, 1996
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### SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Heather E. Fraser . . . . .	May, 2000
Martha E. Lovely . . . . .	May, 1996
Ella M. Casey . . . . .	May, 1998

### TOWN CLERK

Karlene W. Stoddard . . . . .	May, 1996
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### TOWN TREASURER

Jonathan A. Howard . . . . .	May, 1996
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### TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND

Peter R. Lovely . . . . .	May, 1997
Louise K. Hastings . . . . .	May, 1995
C. Michael Sanderson . . . . .	May, 1996



## Appointed Town Officials

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TOWN MANAGER .....	Daniel P. O'Neill
Executive Assistant .....	Sharon H. Christie
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS .....	Larry A. Wiggins
Airport Manager .....	Albert A. Gobin
Cemetery Superintendent .....	Brian T. Richardson
Highway Superintendent .....	Gilbert A. Stearns
Sewage Treatment Plant Superintendent .....	Arnold L. Greenleaf
Water & Sewer Superintendent .....	Donald R. Boynton
AMBULANCE DIRECTOR/HEALTH OFFICE .....	Brian W. Tracey
CIVIL DEFENSE CO-DIRECTORS .....	David A. Hoyt Bruce E. MacDonald
FINANCE DIRECTOR .....	Paul J. Brown, C.P.A.
FIRE CHIEF .....	John J. Marcotte
PLANNING & ZONING DIRECTOR .....	David J. Jescavage
POLICE CHIEF .....	David A. Hoyt
RECREATION & PAKRS DIRECTOR .....	Floyd (Bud) T. Deyo
TAX COLLECTOR .....	Daniel P. O'Neill
Senior Deputy Tax Collector .....	Elaine Van Dusen
TOWN COUNSEL .....	Harry V. Spanos

\*In each Department Annual Report, there is a full listing of all Town of Newport employees.

## Current Appointed Committee Members

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### AIRPORT COMMISSION

Francis Collins, Co-Chair	May, 1997
Cary Whipple	May, 1995
Peter Anastos	May, 1995
Herbert Findeisen	May, 1995
Soterios Saggiotes	May, 1996
Robert Snow, Alternate	May, 1996
Virginia Irwin, BOS Rep	May, 1995
Larry Wiggins, Staff Rep	May, 1995

### BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lou Dean Franz, Chair	May, 1997
Polly Andrews, Vice Chair	May, 1997
Richard Brewer	May, 1995
Ella Casey	May, 1996
Carl Fitz	May, 1995
Gene Hoyt	May, 1997
David Little	May, 1997
Patricia Rude	May, 1997
George Martin/Sharon MacDonald, BOS Rep	May, 1995
Frank MacConnell, Jr.	May, 1995

### CDBG LOAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Louie Elliott	Chair
Ella Casey	Louise Hastings
Anthony Maiola	Michael Sanderson

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Nancy Parssinen, Chair	May, 1997
John Liberman	May, 1995
June Liberman	May, 1995
Clifford Richer	May, 1995
Tracey Martino	May, 1997
Richard Petrie	May, 1997
Ray Reid	May, 1996
Jeanette Scales, Alternate	May, 1995

## COVERED BRIDGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Daniel O'Neill	Chair
Michael Dixon, Vice Chair	Geraldine Black
Margot Estabrook	John Lunn, BOS Rep
Nicholas Kanakis	Ray Reid
Edwin Sielewicz	Andrew Andrews
Clifford Richer, Alternate	Mary Schissel, Alternate
Paul Brown, Ex Officio	David Jescavage, Ex Officio
Larry Wiggins, Ex Officio	

## ECONOMIC CORPORATION OF NEWPORT (ECON)

Shaun Carroll, Sr.	President
Mary Lou Reed	Vice President
Daniel O'Neill	Secretary/Treasurer
Rodman Black	Stanley Berube
Ella Casey	Stephen Ensign
Kathleen Hubert	Michael Johnson
Stephen Marro, SCEDC Agent	Willis Reed
Paul Skarin	Roland Stoodley, BOS Rep
Vernon Studer	Michael Work

## HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Lunn, Chair & BOS Rep	May, 1996
Clifford Richer, Vice Chair	May, 1995
Sharon Christie, Secretary	May, 1995
Rogers Claggett, Historic District Rep	May, 1995
Jean MacConnell	May, 1996
Patrice Brewer	May, 1995

## NCTV CABLE ACCESS BOARD

Roland Stoodley	President & BOS Rep
William Johnson	Vice President
Andrew Andrews	Secretary
Daniel P. O'Neill	Treasurer
Lori Barnes	Philip Chapman
Peter Franklin	Carl Boardman
Michael Johnson	William Johnson
James Lantz	Frank Quimby
Ben Boulton	

**PLANNING BOARD**

W. Howard Dunn, Chair	May, 1997
Jeffrey Kessler, Vice Chair	May, 1995
Ella Casey	May, 1996
Pauline Andrews	May, 1995
Frederick Jones	May, 1997
Karol Bentley	May, 1996
Clifford Richer, Alternate	May, 1995
Gary Nichols, BOS Rep	May, 1995
Sharon MacDonald, Alterate BOS Rep	May, 1995

**POLICE FACILITY COMMITTEE**

Gary Nichols	BOS Rep and Chair
Marion Adams	Karol Bentley
Philip Corbett	Kevin Corliss
Carol Gutowski	Chief David Hoyt
James Lantz	Anthony Maiola
Richard Thomas	Daniel O'Neill
Paul Brown	Chief John Marcotte
Brian Tracey	Larry Wiggins

**RECREATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Gary LaFountain, Chair	May, 1997
Dean Smith	May, 1997
Wayne Weed	May, 1996
William MacDonald	May, 1995
Keith DeGraffe	May, 1995
MaryBeth Jewhurst	May, 1996
Tabetha Nichols, Student Rep	May, 1996
Matthew Meunier, Student Rep	May, 1995

**SULLIVAN COUNTY REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT**

David Kibbey	May, 1997
Peter Franklin	May, 1996
Don Lader, Jr., Alternate	May, 1996
John Lunn, Alternate & BOS Rep	May, 1997

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Anthony DiPadova, Chair	May, 1996
Fred Maxfield, Vice Chair	May, 1995
Ben Nelson	May, 1997
Peter Anastos	May, 1996
Richard Doxter, Alternate	May, 1997
David Kibbey	May, 1997



## Board of Selectmen 1994 Annual Report

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Virginia O'Brien Irwin, Chair  
Roland V. Stoodley

Gary E. Nichols

John K. Lunn, Vice Chair  
Sharon MacDonald

It is difficult to write a report detailing the activities of the Newport Board of Selectmen for the past year. In part, this is due to the fiscal year '95 beginning in July of 1994 and ending just before you read this in June of 1995, and the calendar year beginning in January. What follows then is our recollection of the highlights of the Town's activities for the timeframe outlined above.

We begin the fiscal year with Selectmen Virginia Irwin as Chairman, John Lunn as Vice Chairman, Roland Stoodley as Clerk, George Martin and Gary Nichols. Mr. Lunn was elected to a three year position and Mr. Nichols was elected to fill the unexpired term left by Selectman Steve McKenney, who resigned in December, 1993.

The spring saw a flurry of activity in preparation of the replacement of the Corbin Covered Bridge. The Bridge Committee worked untold hours with the builder, Mr. Arnold Graton, and the architect/engineer, Mr. David Fischetti, to reproduce as accurate a structure as possible and keep within modern roadway requirements. Its construction was not without much discussion and frustration, as well as endless hours of private fundraising insuring 100% local control. Throughout the summer the project moved ahead. Fall saw the setting of the bridge in place by oxen pulling it across the Sugar River, culminating a three day "Spanning Generations" celebration. It was paired with the Newport Middle High School's Homecoming weekend and these events drew close to 10,000 people to Newport. The final celebration was the official opening of the bridge on January 8, 1995. This very successful project gave rise to creating another covered bridge committee to investigate replacing the Pollards Mills bridge with a Whipple covered bridge. And so, on and on it goes... Newport may become the covered bridge center of the North East.

In June, the Board appointed a Police Facility Study Committee with specific directions to recommend a site for a new police facility. Following on the heels of the defeated motion to construct a new facility and with specific "intent of the meeting" vote to locate it "downtown," presented at the May 1994 Town Meeting, the Committee, chaired by Mr. Nichols, meet weekly and are almost ready to make a recommendation. There will be some further action at our next Town Meeting.

We also appointed a committee to "investigate methods for the Town to consider to sever its contractual relationship with the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District...." The Committee, chaired by Mr. Lunn, has been working very hard at getting the entire Disposal District to look at itself and the way it does business, as well as review its relationship with the Vermont District. It is unlikely that any substantive recommendation will come forward at the next Town Meeting except to recommend continuation of the process. It goes without saying that this is the most taxing problem our community faces, both emotionally and fiscally. Your Board is working hard at resolving some of the waste disposal issues.

In addition to these special committees, the Board continued to work on infrastructure improvement issues, such as requesting another CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) to rehabilitate and repair houses, water and sewer lines, and roads in the Pleasant Street target area; investigated the safe and cost effective replacement of our underground storage tanks; completed the process to let a contract for the water system investigation study which is designed to help us locate and evaluate all our water lines; challenged the State of New Hampshire Highway Department relative to access on Routes 11/103 as the Kelleyville Bridge Replacement Project goes forward; reviewed the Town's goals for the next five years by conducting a citizen survey (results to be announced); and managing the everyday tasks that a town of our size must attend to. Governance is ongoing.

We are looking into the ownership of the Newport Opera House. We know that the building is one of our greatest treasures, and we need to begin the process of refurbishing it. We continue to look at our physical resources and try to maximize their uses for the community's best interests. We are always attentive to any economic development opportunity, and each one of your Board members as well as the collective Board, strives hard to work with the private sector to stabilize our base, enhance our community, and make Newport the best kept secret in New England.

The 1994 Board of Selectmen appreciate the support you have given us during the past year and hope that your involvement and concern for the Shire Town will lead to greater support in the year to come. And we all bow our heads as we note the passing of our beloved Town Counsel, the Honorable Harry V. Spanos. He will be sorely missed.

## Town Manager's 1994 Annual Report

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**Town Manager**

Daniel P. O'Neill

**Executive Assistant**

Sharon H. Christie

The Annual Report is a valuable source for information about your government activities. I hope you will take a few minutes to read the Department reports and contact us with any comments, suggestions or questions that you may have. We are here to serve the citizens of Newport and want to provide the best services we can at an affordable cost.

As each year passes by, providing high quality services at affordable cost becomes more challenging. This occurs because the cost of running our operations and projects increases at a rate greater than our tax base increases. Did you know that a parcel of property valued at \$1,000,000 will generate approximately \$30,000 in taxes and from this \$30,000 about 10% goes to the County, 30% goes to the Town and 60% goes to the school. Can you imagine the amount of building that would need to take place in Newport for us to maintain or lower our tax rate. It should be clear to anyone who looks closely at the problem that we cannot depend upon new construction alone to control our tax rate. We must look to other sources of revenue and reductions or consolidations in our operations.

In the upcoming year I hope to be presenting some ideas to the Selectmen for consideration. I would also like to hear from citizens about their ideas. Please stop in at my office or give me a call so we can talk about Newport's future.

This year's Town Report includes responses to a citizens' concerns survey distributed by the Board of Selectmen in the Fall of 1994. The questions and responses begin on page 187 and will provide for some interesting reading.



## Ambulance Department

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### Director

Brian W. Tracey

### On-Call Attendants

Paul Bellacicco . . . . .	Thomas Clough . . . . .	Michael Dixon
John Galloway . . . . .	Susan Gregory . . . . .	Keith Gregory
Charles Johnson . . . . .	Andrew Miller . . . . .	Russ Mitchell
Gary Nichols . . . . .	Clay Odell . . . . .	Gail Osgood
Allen White . . . . .		Wenda White

In calendar 1994, the Ambulance Department responded to 845 calls for service. This was an increase of approximately 10% over the 765 calls handled in 1993. Except for a few transfers and public assists, all responses were for emergencies. The call volume was consistent with projections and an increase of about 10% is anticipated again this year.

We are pleased to report that our operating deficit for the year was the lowest in history, at roughly \$16,000. This may be compared to last year's operating loss of about \$50,000. This year we are restructuring our accounting system to address capital expenditures as operating costs. The increased capital reserve request in this year's budget is a reflection of that bookkeeping change. It will allow us to recover a portion of our capital costs through user fees which are customarily charged to surrounding communities who utilize our service. We anticipate that ongoing improvements to our computerized billing system, and maintenance of a fair but competitive fee structure, will result in further deficit reductions after an initial stabilization period.

We are also pleased to report that our recruitment efforts are paying off. We have recently added three new EMT's, with two more qualified applicants showing interest. We are looking at the possibility of developing an EMS oriented "Explorer" post and are talking with the school system about a "First Responder" class. Both of these programs would encourage volunteerism in EMS and could provide a source for future ambulance attendants. We are always looking for qualified help. If you, or someone you know, would like to help the community through volunteer EMS work, please contact the Director or any ambulance attendant.

The members of the ambulance service wish to extend their thanks to the citizens of Newport; the other Town departments that are there whenever we need them; and especially the Newport Service Organization for their continued support.

\*\*\*\* LEARN CPR — SAVE A LIFE! \*\*\*\*



## Cemetery Grounds Department 1994 Annual Report

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### Superintendent

Brian T. Richardson

### Seasonal Employees

Terri Downs

Timothy Temple

Andrew Temple

The Cemetery Department had a total of 60 burials during 1994.

During the first quarter of 1994, the Cemetery/Grounds Department worked on our winter maintenance program of rebuilding push mowers, string trimmers and riding mowers. We also repaired and painted picnic tables and trash receptacles.

We assisted the Water & Sewer Department with water line freeze-ups, water main breaks, sewer line plugs, harrowing filter beds at the Water Treatment Plant, a chlorine leak and snow removal from around fire hydrants after major storms. We assisted the Recreation Department with plowing and sweeping the public skating rink and assisted the Highway Department with plowing and sanding sidewalks.

During the second quarter, we worked on the spring clean-up program and routine mowing and trimming. We also repaired roadways in North Newport Cemetery, loamed, seeded and fertilized all our winter burials, pruned and fertilized the crabapple trees at the Town Office and small common, repaired and placed park benches about Town, put out tennis nets, turned water on at the ARC area and assisted the Water & Sewer Department with hydrant flushing in April and June.

During the third quarter, we laid NCTV cable to the bandstand on the common, assisted the Water & Sewer Department with water main breaks on Beech Street. We also worked on the finishing of the new Meadow Park Garage.

During the fourth quarter, we assisted the Corbin Bridge project with mowing and marking out vendor spaces. We assisted the Water & Sewer Department with hydrant flushing and the Highway Department with sidewalks. We also had to have one of the big pine trees at North Newport Cemetery removed.

In 1995-96, we are in hopes of replacing the fence and gates at Pine Grove and North Newport Cemeteries.

## Conservation Commission 1994 Annual Report

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Nancy Parssinen, Chair  
June Liberman  
Raymond Reid

Priscilla Hill  
Tracey Martino  
Clifford Richer

John Liberman  
Richard Petrie  
Jeanette Scales, Alternate

The primary concerns of Newport's Conservation Commission are:

- \*Acquisition and management of conservation lands
- \*Protection and wise use of the Town's natural resources
- \*Development of recreational and educational resources — our current focus continues to be the Outdoor Education Area, which is part of Newport's Town Forest.

Early in the summer of 1994, the Conservation Commission received approval from the NH Wetlands Board to move ahead with our plans to build a boardwalk across a small, marshy pond near the Middle High School. Three Newport High School students, Justin Brown, Chris Lee and Jonathan Ryba, from the New Hampshire Conservation Corps and members of our Commission began the initial ground work. Old tires and litter around the wetland area were collected and properly disposed of, brush was cut, collected and burned. The boardwalk area was surveyed and marked, and a trail was cleared from the woods road to the water's edge. The students also replanked an existing bridge and built an additional bridge with hand-hewn logs. An assembly-line process was developed to cut and install support pipe and timbers.

Materials were procured using grant money from the Land & Water Conservation Fund and by donations from Gardiner Stetson, LaValley Building Supply, and RDS Foundry. Advisory assistance was given by the NH Division of Parks and Recreation and Trailwrights. Laying of the planks on the pipe foundation was begun prior to the arrival of another crew of young volunteers from the International Youth Camp. This second crew spent nine days in Newport continuing work on the boardwalk. At the end of this time we had completed approximately 75 feet of the structure.

It is expected that we will have another crew of high school students working under the New Hampshire Conservation Corps in 1995. It is planned that the International Work Camp will also participate this summer. We hope to complete a major portion of the boardwalk, as well as work on forest trails and do further clearing on the Pinnacle. We welcome any volunteers from Newport who would be interested in working on this project.

In addition to our work in the Town Forest, our Commission followed up on inquiries by several citizens as to possible wetland violations. Site inspection and required documentation were completed on land having conservation easements in the Town.

Two Commission members attended the annual meeting of the NH Assn. of Conservation Commissions in November. As well as voting on important state conservation issues, we attended group sessions on vernal pools, archeology, conservation, and shoreline protection.

# Fire Department 1994 Annual Report

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## Fire Chief

John J. Marcotte

## Full-Time Employees

Dep. Chief Bruce MacDonald  
Lt. William Carley

Lt. Peter Cadenhead  
Lt. David Jones

## Firefighters

Chris Amos	Edward Bailey
John Barton	Robert Brunt
Ken Carlton	Alan Collins
Deborah Collins	Cptn. Wayne Conroy
Stephen Dube	James Geschwindner
Leo Goyette	Dean Gregory
Michael Hartwell	Steven Haselton
<i>*Cptn. David Heath</i>	<i>*Passed Away May 6, 1994</i>
Patrick Howe	Edward Karr
Joel Lussier	Lt. Christopher Marcotte
Jason McCarthy	David McCrillis
Andrew Miller	Lawrence Ouellette
Matthew Pollari	Michael Rastallis
Charles Sanderson	Michael Slay
Barry Sleath	William Stone

I am pleased to submit my fifth annual report as Chief of the Newport Fire Department. The past year has been a good one in relationship to dollars lost in fires. I am happy to report that Newport only suffered from one total loss structural fire during 1994. We feel that the Fire Prevention Program is having a very positive effect on the reduction of loss due to fire. We are, however, seeing a greater incidence of responses to motor vehicle accidents and rescue calls. During the past year, our responses have been:

16 Structure Fires	52 Rescue Calls
53 Accidental or Unintentional False Alarms	12 Outside Fires
23 Mutual Aid Requests	6 Vehicle Fires
9 Chimney Fires	2 Malicious False Alarms
17 Hazardous Materials Incidents	69 Miscellaneous Calls



This totals 259 alarms answered for the year and is 1% below our five year average of 262.6.

We are happy to report that we have taken delivery of our new engine which was built by 3D Fire Apparatus Inc. of Shawano, WI. It is a 1250 GPM pumper, carrying 750 gallons of water. The engine was designed with safety in mind. The crew compartment is fully enclosed, with space for six firefighters to be seated and belted while responding to a call. The pump panel is located mid-ship to insure that the operator will not be in flow of traffic and to give him a better field of vision on the fireground. The ladders and suction hoses are lowered hydraulically to shoulder height to prevent back injuries while removing them from the engine. The engine is also equipped with a 4" supply hose to provide a better water supply on the fireground. We would like to express our appreciation to the townspeople for their support in purchasing this badly needed replacement for the 1963 GMC.

During the year, the firehouse was on the list of buildings being considered for a replacement police station by the Police Facilities Committee. In the course of their investigations, it was learned that the floor in the "old" section of the building is in poor shape and is in need of replacement in the near future. In the interim, we have placed additional support columns in the basement to stabilize the floor. We also have money in this year's budget to replace the roofs over both sections of the building, which are in great need of repair. We still are in need of an emergency generator since, as reported in last year's report, ours is non-operational. Replacement windows, an exhaust removal system, and electrical work have also been deferred until a later date.

During the year, the Newport Firefighters' Association and the Newport Historical Society have undertaken the restoration of the Town's original hand pumper "DEXTER". The work is being performed by Don Hallock and Company of Tuftonboro, NH and is a complete restoration to its original condition when manufactured. The restoration work is being accomplished through donated funds and additional contributions are still needed. When the restoration is complete, "DEXTER" will be displayed in the lobby of Lake Sunapee Savings Bank on Main Street.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the continued support which we have received and for their continued fire prevention efforts to keep the file losses at an all-time low.

## Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger 1994 Annual Report

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In calendar year 1994, our three (3) leading causes of fires were No Permit, Children and, and Rekindles of fires where the fire was not properly extinguished.

Violations of RSA 224:27 II, 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.

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and State Forest Fire Officials, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required. This also helps to prevent unnecessary response to a controlled burn.

<u>Fire Statistics</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>Average 1990-1993</u>
Number of Fires Reported to State for Cost Share Payment	283	443
Acres Burned	217	246

Suppression cost = \$90,000+

### 1994 Fires Reported by Lookout Towers   Fires Reported by Detection Aircrafts

Fires Reported	588	89
Assists to Other Towers	363	
Visitors	21,309	

Local communities and the State share the cost of suppression on a 50/50 basis. The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid the quick response from the local Fire Departments.

**"REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!"**

Robert B. Stewart, Forest Ranger

John J. Marcotte, Forest Fire Warden

# Highway Department 1994 Annual Report

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Superintendent  
Gilbert A. Stearns

Full-Time Employees  
Stephen Carley, Foreman

Bryan Bartley .....	Kenneth Dennis
William Fletcher .....	Larry Glidden
Wilbur Martin .....	Everett Sanborn

During 1994, the Highway Department took care of 22 snow and rain storms. Again this year, dirt roads showed a mild mud season.

In August, one mile of Maple Street Extension was reconstructed. One thousand feet of geotex was rolled out and covered on the flat before Hoy's hill, 3,820 tons of gravel added to the base, 13,378 gallons of asphalt emulsion blended into the top three inches of base and two inches of hot mix placed over the length of the road. In October of 1993, the traffic count was 90 vehicles per day. In September of 1994, after reconstruction, the traffic count was 336 vehicles per day.

Barton-Whitney Road was shimmed and overlaid with hot mix from Route 11/103 for approximately one mile. The Highway Department grader-shimmed a section of Oak Street, Belknap Avenue, and School House Road.

All bridges were washed. Cement decks and abutments were sprayed with linseed oil to help seal and preserve them.

Granite curb was installed around the Little Common by United Construction.

Robinson Paving was hired to work with the Highway Department to pave both approaches of Cross Street Bridge.

One hundred sixty-four feet of guardrail was installed on Sunapee Street sidewalk by the Highway Department.

The price of road salt went from \$36.19 per ton in the 1993-94 season to \$40.19 per ton in the 1994-95 season. With the third computerized spreader, the Town should be seeing a decrease in tonnage of salt used each year.

Thanks to Newport taxpayers for their support on Highway projects and for their patience and understanding while we work on Town roads and bridges.



## Historic District Commission

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John Lunn, Chair/Selectman Rep  
Cliff Richer, Vice Chair  
Sharon Christie, Secretary  
Gerry Claggett, Historic District Rep  
Jean MacConnell, Treasurer  
Patrice Brewer, Alternate

This year the Historic District Commission approved two fence permits. There was also a move to tidy up the signs on the Town Common according to the town ordinance. That will probably take effect before this summer season opens.

A hearing was held on a new flagpole proposal on the Little Common by the American Legion. The proposed flagpole is 60' tall (an increase of 12') to mount a larger flag on and to have a 24 hour light to illuminate it from across the street. It also has a crossbeam for smaller flags to hang on. The Commission did not feel this was appropriate for the Newport Town Common and did not approve the proposed change of size or height. However, the Little Common is just outside the District and the change was approved by the Board of Selectmen.

The most significant work that the Commission has started this year was in preparing an application for attaining Certified Local Government (CLG) status from the New Hampshire Division of Historic Resources. This status would allow the Commission the opportunity to apply for grant money to help promote and develop Newport's own historic resources. In order to qualify and best develop the CLG status, the Commission hopes to expand its membership from five to seven full members in 1995. There is a warrant article for Town Meeting this year to ask the voters to approve this expansion from five to seven members.

We also plan to work with the Newport Historical Society to develop our application for CLG and combine our resources for common projects and goals to enhance Newport's heritage.

## National Register of Historic Places

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The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation's cultural resources worthy of preservation. The Register lists properties of local, state and/or national significance in the area of American history, architecture, archeology, engineering and culture.

In New Hampshire, any individual may prepare a nomination application. National Register forms, maps and photographs are submitted to the NH State Historic Preservation Office in Concord for review by the State Review Board. Following approval at the State level, it is sent to Washington, DC for final review, approval and listing. Assistance in the preparation of any nomination is available from the Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Council.

Benefits of National Register listing include the following:

1. Recognition of local, state or national significance often stimulating appreciation of local resources and encouraging pride in ownership.
2. Provides for review and amelioration of effects which any Federally funded, licensed or assisted project might have on the property.
3. Eligibility for certain federal tax benefits including the 25% investment tax credits for the rehabilitation of income-producing buildings and the charitable deduction for donations of easements.
4. Qualification for federal preservation grants when funding is available.

Listing in the Register does not interfere with a property owner's right to alter, manage, dispose of or even demolish his property unless Federal funds are involved. Nor does National Register listing require that an owner open his property to the public.

National Register listing can be an important tool for identifying and planning the future of significant resources. Listing can act as a catalyst to change public perception and improve an area's image. It remains an important psychological first step towards historic awareness, respect and protection.

*National Register Nomination, 1984  
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Council*

## Newport Historic District

(Properties abutting the Town Common)

Richards Free Library*	Post Office	Towle School
Sugar River Savings Bank	Zullo Residence	Lucas Residence
Methodist Church	Cain Residence	Community Alliance
Episcopal Parsonage	First Baptist Church	Claggett Residence
49 Park St. (Spence)	Episcopal Parsonage	First Baptist Church

## Newport Downtown Historic District\*

2-66, 35-48 No Main Street, 17 Depot Street, Depot Square

## Newport Properties on National Register of Historic Places\*

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1. 1802-28 Revere Bell - Exhibited in front of the Town Hall
2. 1816 Gauthier & Woodward (formerly the Cheney Block) 48 Main St., 1873 and 1930.
3. 1822 South Congregational Church
4. 1825-26 Eagle Block, 64 Main Street
5. 1826 District Court and Town Museum
6. 1835 Little Red Schoolhouse
7. 1837 Just Johnson's (formerly Old Universalist Church, sold to John Johnson in 1895, who renovated it for commercial purposes and whose descendants still operate this store.)
8. 1842 Twin Valley Cable (formerly the County Jail), 29 Main Street
9. 1843 Police Station (formerly County Safe Building) Main Street
10. 1850 McCrillis & Eldredge, Depot Street
11. 1858 Wheeler Block, 46-48 Main Street (Huberts)
12. 1869 Dr. Isaac Reed House, 30-34 Main St (Kelley's Real Estate)
13. 1872 Pier Railroad Covered Bridge
14. 1872 Wright Railroad Covered Bridge
15. 1873-4 Richards Block (Lake Sunapee Savings Bank), Main Street
16. 1888 Town Hall/Court House/Opera House
17. 1886 The Lewis Block, 2 Main Street
18. 1890 Dr. J. L. Cain Residence, 42 Main Street (Newton/Bartlett)
19. 1893-4 The DeWolf Block (County Offices) — See next page
20. 1896 Richards Free Library
21. 1897 B & M Railroad Passenger Depot
22. 1898 Rowell Watering Trough, north end of Main Street. Donated by Franklin Pierce Rowell (1850-1927)
23. 1912 Lantz Building (formerly Citizens Bank Bldg.), 35 Main St
24. 1917 Kendall-Emerson Block, 19-23 Main Street.
25. 1917 Gamash Block, 15 Main Street
26. 1948 Sullivan County Records Building



## #19 — The DeWolf Block



(l-r) Lewis Block, DeWolf Block, Town Hall

Photo courtesy of Ray Reid

Built one hundred years ago by local architect Samuel DeWolf Lewis, and seven years after he designed the adjacent Lewis Block, the DeWolf Block echoes the Romanesque Revival detailing of the Lewis Block building, named for his family.

Samuel DeWolf Lewis, was born January 3, 1867, the only son of Frederick W. Lewis of Newport and Mary J. Travis of Natick, MA. Frederick early on was a partner with Bela Nettleton in his retail store and later became its owner. He was also chosen cashier of Sugar River Bank in 1862 (later First National Bank of Newport), was elected Treasurer of Newport Savings Bank, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Chairman of the committee which was chosen to superintend the building of the new Town Hall and Court House, instrumental in procuring the establishment of the telegraph to Newport and worked to secure the building of the railroad through town. His substantial and elegant residence on Cheney Street was erected by him in 1876.

Samuel DeWolf Lewis was noted less as a banker than for his interest in building. Evidence of his handiwork meets the eye almost anywhere you look in Newport. He built the DeWolf block, the Newton Bartlett property for Dr. Cain, and was chief architect of Newport's highly artistic Episcopal Church. Newport's most widely traveled business man, he inspected the Panama Canal in 1913, and attended the great Dewey reception in Washington in 1899 as a Colonel on Governor Quimby's staff. Back in Newport, he was elected Selectman in 1905. His wife, Maude I. Lewis was the first President of the Newport Womens' Club and his daughter Goldina Lewis (Mrs. Homer Sibley) was the President of the Board of Trustees of Newport Hospital in 1963. Col. Sam Lewis died September 13, 1943, his death antedating that of his only grandson, Lewis Sibley, killed in Germany during World War II.

— *Tales from the History of Newport*, Sam Edes

## Newport Historical Society 1994 Annual Report

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Roger Nelson, President ..... Nick Kanakis, Vice President  
Andy Andrews, Treasurer ..... Margot Estabrook, Secretary  
Ray Reid, Historian ..... Michael Dixon, Past President

The goals of the Newport Historical Society include preserving, protecting and teaching about Newport's historical past. We remain dedicated to this aim. Several projects are currently being worked on include a photographic survey of the history of Newport and the possibility of the erection of another covered bridge.

Membership in the society has continued to increase, and we encourage anyone who is interested in Newport's history to join us at our monthly meetings, held on the third Thursday of each month at the Sugar River Savings Bank community room.

A special thanks is given to Milly Johnson. She owns a set of 200 glass photographic plates portraying Newport in the late 1800's. She has graciously consented to allow the Historical Society to make prints from them to add to the museum collection.

During the summer of 1994, many of our members were seen at every town function selling articles and memorabilia to help meet the commitment we made to the rebuilding of the Corbin Covered Bridge. It culminated with the Corbin Bridge Festival October 14-16, 1994 and the pulling of the bridge across the river. Thousands of people were treated to a unique and historical occurrence that weekend.

The Corbin Covered Bridge was finally opened for use on Sunday, January 8, 1995 when several townsfolk participated in the dedication. After cutting the ribbon, there was a parade led by a horse and wagon and followed by several antique autos, and everyone wanted to be the first to walk across the bridge. What a wonderful series of events in the on-going story of Newport!

We still make an urgent plea to all of Newport's residents to contact us if you have any material or artifacts that illustrate the history of Newport and would like to see them preserved for future generations to see and appreciate.

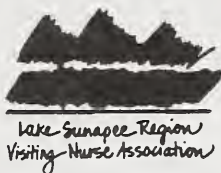
## Lake Sunapee Area Mediation 1994 Annual Report

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1. The Youth and Family Mediation Program provided direct mediation services to fifty-two youths who live in Newport, from July 1, 1994 to December 31, 1994.
  
2. Additional services were provided to youths and families through information and referral support and follow-up. Nine Newport families used resources from our resource library.
  
3. Lake Sunapee Area Mediation Program conducted outreach with the Police, clergy, courts, counselors and schools during this period to coordinate efforts and to assist the referral and follow-up process with youths who live in Newport. The Youth and Family Mediation Program also participated as a member of the Newport Child Protection Team.
  
4. Lake Sunapee Area Mediation Program will continue working toward the reduction of and prevention of violence through our mediation service and working with community organizations and schools. During this period Lake Sunapee Area Mediation Program introduced non-violent conflict resolution skills to approximately seventy middle school youths in Newport.



Lake Sunapee Home  
Care and Hospice



Lake Sunapee Community  
Health Services

**1994 Report of Services**

**People Served  
in Newport**

home care	238
hospice care	9
bereavement	4
homemaker	13
well child clinic	110
parent child program	10
flu shots	186
immunizations/TB	23
foot care	3
summer child care	2

Thank you for your support of our services. We continually strive to ensure that all of our services are of the highest quality and available to all people who need them.

As a locally based tax-exempt organization, we support our communities by employing qualified people who live in towns from which we receive town appropriations and by purchasing goods and services from local vendors. In 1994, we employed 35 people from Newport.

We depend heavily on the selfless support of volunteers who contribute hours to the success of our programs. For them and our Trustees, we are grateful. Trustees who live in your town are Cathryn Baird, Lori Barnes, John H. Sokul and H. Newcomb Eldredge.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cheryl Blik*

Cheryl Blik  
President and CEO

Depot Square, Newport 863-4088  
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**Joint Commission**  
on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

## Library Arts Center

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### Director

Doris Nelson

### Trustees

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Gina Kanakis  
Lauri McCrillis

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Jean MacConnell  
Robert P. Odell, Jr.

The Library Arts Center had a full schedule of exhibits, classes and performances during 1994. The year began with a series of Montshire Museum of Science workshops for Newport's school children including the **Star Lab Planetarium**, provided by a grant from the Newport Fund. **Library Arts Center Selections** exhibit was opened in time for Winter Carnival with **Dreamkeepers**, a jazz and poetry performance as a special event for the opening day of carnival, followed by local entertainment on the weekend.

March through mid-April was the **Newport Elementary Art Extravaganza**. The focus shifted to regional history with the **Main Street, New Hampshire** photography exhibit and **Calling Ourselves Home** from the NH Humanities Council. As a special project from the NH State Council on the Arts, the LAC presented several events in May, including an **Evening of Finnish Music and Dance**, a gallery talk by **Dick Parker** and **Yankee story-telling** by **Bill O'Neal**. **John O. C. McCrillis** from the New Haven, Connecticut, had an exhibit of 50 years of his art and design in June, along with the **Newport Camera Club's Exhibition and Competition**. July 15-August 13, the focus was **Newport Furniture and Decorative Arts: The Continuing Tradition**, with furniture made here in the early 1800's, plus contemporary furniture made by Terry Moore. The NH Historical Society, the Newport Historical Society, and many local crafts people contributed quilts and other crafts, antique and current, for the exhibit.

This was followed in late August by **Illustrations in Metal**, an exhibit put together by the League of NH Craftsmen, which ran through September. Many school children toured and took delight in the life-sized storybook characters, and **John Stadler**, author of **Animal Cafe** did a demonstration and book signing. The **Juried Regional Exhibit**, with work of over 35 artists in all media, opened in time to be a great setting for the Hale Award Dinner. **Heidi Bartlett**, aided by Helen

Skarin put together an exhibit, **Medley of Miniatures** that featured several hand-crafted dollhouses, plus the Asher Benjamin model from Historic Windsor.

The Gallery of Gifts boutique and the Dickens Crafts Fair were fundraisers in addition to the bigger-than-ever Apple Pie Craft Fair held August 27 with Richards Library Festival. The Friends of RFL again sponsored a series of summer performances for kids: **Dan Grady Puppets, Michael Zerphy — Mime; Tattle Tales**, and the **Little Red Wagon**, drew audiences of 200 or more for each performance.

The LAC provided a special place for school events such as the prize-speaking contest, the **Write A Song** project for the Towle School, and other school plays and performances, as well as Winter Carnival events and performances for the Corbin Bridge project.

The LAC has its own board and budget and operates on funding from memberships, corporate sponsorships, interest from endowment and grants from the NH State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts, as well as the Newport Fund of the NH Charitable Foundation. Volunteerism and support from the community are very important to the LAC, and indirect support of this kind is invaluable, with volunteer time and in-kind donations making a very strong contribution. Special projects in 1994 revolved around repairing damage from the severe winter: a heating failure with frozen and bursting pipes, and roof leaks with ceiling damage in both galleries and the studio. A generous contribution helped finance several projects to improve the space, with lots of in-kind services provided by area people: Nancy Parssinen and volunteers painted the Main Gallery, Doug Windsor repaired and painted the Backstage ceiling, Joe Davidson re-ballasted the fluorescent fixtures, Ray Reed helped with the Hoyt trucking clean-up of the basement, and Tom St. Martin put the moisture-damaged darkroom back together. These are just a few of the many volunteers that helped the LAC throughout 1994.

A new dimension in programming has been added with the cooperation of Jeff Nintzel and the volunteers at Newport Community Television. Several LAC events, such as the Finnish music, were taped, edited and shown on Channel 13 in 1994, and a grant from the Newport Fund will enable the Arts Center to continue providing access to programs through video and television during 1995.



**Newport Community Television  
NCTV/13 Public Access Channel  
1994 Annual Report**

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**Board of Directors**

Roland V. Stoodley, President

Andy Andrews .....	Benn Boulton	
Donald Boutin .....	Phil Chapman	
Peter Franklin .....	Virginia Irwin	
Michael Johnson .....	Brad Lane	
Judeann Langlois .....	James Lantz .....	P.J. Lovely

**Executive Director**

Jeffrey Nintzel

Newport Community Television inaugurated live cablecasting with the Board of Selectmen meeting on February 7, 1994. Since that date, we have furnished a window into the working of town and school district government that has, we hope, fostered both awareness of and involvement in town affairs. In addition to our government-access mission, we have been actively involved in the schools; both individually and in classes, teachers and students have made use of our resources. Public use of the facility has also been very exciting: a number of community members have become certified producers in order to communicate their interests to their neighbors. Locally produced programs have included church services, concerts on the common, Opera House events, and a host of forums and interviews during the election campaign.

We here at your community television facility look forward to continuing to inform and entertain and to giving an electronic voice to anyone who wishes to speak. We urge everyone in town to make use of this valuable community resource.

# Newport Police Department Annual Town Report

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## CHIEF OF POLICE

David A. Hoyt

### Full-Time Officers

Cpt. Robert E. Ballou  
Lt. Thomas P. Cummings  
Sgt. Terry Reamon  
Sgt. Timothy Julian  
Ptl. Richard Lee  
Det. James Brown  
Ptl. Denis O'Sullivan III  
Ptl. Shady Blackwell III  
Ptl. Eric Daignault  
Ptl. Thomas Anderson  
Ptl. Michael Nelson  
Canine "Cito"

### Communications Specialist

Marie Brown  
Marnell DiLorenzo  
John Taylor  
Susan Gregory  
\*Amy Maslan  
\*Chris Baker

### Special Officers

\*David Burnham  
\*Barbara Sprague  
\*Jayson Almstrom  
\*Craig Robertson  
\*John Kennedy  
\*James Burroughs

### Crossing Guards

\*Debbie Porter  
\*Marilyn Charlette

### Custodian

\*Antonio Batista

### \*Part-Time

This past year has seen an increase in overall service related calls for the Police Department — in criminal investigations and time necessary to investigate them. With today's case load, uniformed patrol officers are busy handling initial calls for service, leaving them with little time for proper follow-up/investigation. Because of the complexity of cases and investigations, as well as current laws and guidelines, each case requires more man hours to investigate and process through the judicial processes. There is also an increase in offenses involving juveniles and the laws and rules that pertain to investigating juvenile incidents. This makes the Detective position a very important position. In 1994 the Police Department had one patrolman, who worked as a part-time detective. This officer worked a total of 108 days as a detective. He investigated 161 cases, yielding 37 felony arrests. While several misdemeanors and violations were investigated and arrests made, these were not counted. This one detective made more felony arrests through investigations than the rest of the Department combined. The need for additional man-hours for investigations is necessary. It is important for an investigator to be actively involved with juveniles and school programs, and to have proactive programs available to our young, instead of reactive measures.

There have been changes occurring internally in an attempt to improve the quality of service at a minimal cost. These changes allow for more investigative time, while not reducing patrol time.

Several new programs will be implemented in the near future which involve "Community Policing." Newport has always practiced "Community Policing." With changing times and laws, we are finding it extremely difficult to find citizens who want to volunteer information and/or get involved, expecting that if the Police are informed of a complaint, that is all that is required. With current laws, and legal judgments, it is necessary for a person making a complaint to become actively involved with the Police if they wish criminal proceedings to take place.

Contrary to popular belief, Community Policing does not mean the "Old cop on the beat" walking up and down the street swinging his Billyclub. Community policing means the involvement on the part of the community. This not only includes community involvement in the process but also volunteering time and sharing of ideas and information, which may be appropriate to problem solving.

In an effort to bring the community closer to the Police Department while reducing crime, a bicycle patrol program was initiated. Newport was the 12th NH community to implement such a program. Local businesses and individuals donated over \$3300 to purchase two high performance bicycles, equipment, and uniforms to start the program. Two officers were assigned to bicycles and patrolled the compact area of Town on almost a daily basis between April 20 to August 28. It is hoped that we will be able to expand this concept in 1995 as it proved extremely popular with the public and was most effective during it's use. The Bicycle Patrol provided greater mobility by covering a larger area than a foot officer, while having more public contact.

This summer a new program will be initiated to get officers out of their cruisers and walking through neighborhoods. During the early evening hours a patrol officer will periodically park his cruiser and walk the streets of neighborhoods to allow residents to meet officers and give residents a chance to discuss problems or ideas.

In March of 1994, our Police Cruisers were entered in a national design contest sponsored by the law enforcement magazine Law and Order and the 3M Company. Newport was awarded Honorable Mention and received a plaque and had a picture of the design published in the monthly publication which is distributed world wide.

A section of the Police Department that is seldom recognized is the Communications Section, which employs four full-time and two part-time people and is budgeted through the Police Department. Communications is the lifeline not only to the residents but to Emergency Services Personnel. They dispatch Police, Fire, Ambulance, and the Public Works Department for Newport, on a 24 hour basis. In addition, they also dispatch for 12 other agencies in four neighboring Towns, and the



Sullivan County Sheriffs' Department. A Communications Specialist answers up to ten phone lines, and receives and transmits messages on eight radio frequencies, often talking on several phone lines and radio frequencies at the same time, while trying to get necessary information from frenzied callers and dispatching several emergency service personnel, keeping them informed of the incident.

The State of New Hampshire plans on having the Enhanced 9-1-1 emergency telephone system in operation on July 5, 1995. The implementation of E-9-1-1 does not diminish any duties from our local dispatch center. When a call is placed to 9-1-1, it will be received at a control point in Concord, N.H., then immediately transferred to Newport Dispatch, where the caller will talk to a Newport Communications Specialist. The benefit of E-9-1-1, is that the caller's name and address will appear on a screen in Concord, and should the call be disconnected, operators in Concord will be able to advise us of this vital information. The operator in Concord may stay on the line and assist the Newport Communications Specialist if requested. Remember to only use 9-1-1 if you have an emergency. All non-emergency calls should be made to 863-3232. A non-emergency call made to E-9-1-1 will be disconnected, and misuse of the system will be reported to the local Police.

This year voters will be asked to approve a special article to purchase replacement recording equipment for the Police Department. Current equipment is over 12 years old and is not repairable for the cost of a new unit. Current equipment has a "band-aid" fix to it. This equipment records incoming telephone and radio messages 24 hours a day. It also allows for instant playback, and this is an essential piece of equipment for an emergency dispatch center for it provides liability insurance for the center as well as for residents. The equipment will be moved to a new facility at no additional cost when necessary.

For the past year, Police Chief David Hoyt has been a member of the Police Facility Committee. Countless hours have been spent by this Committee to find the best solution and most cost-effective package for the Police and the Town. Please read the report from the committee in this Town report.

Thanks to all those who assisted the Newport Police Department over the past year, to the other Town Departments who provide invaluable assistance, to the members of the Police Department who strive to provide the highest quality service possible, to the appointed and elected officials who serve the Town with the best interest of Newport at heart, and finally to you, the citizens of the Town, who provide the funding and support that allows us to continue in our efforts to keep Newport one of the finest places to live.

## Dispatch/Police Activity for 1994

Alarms answered . . . . .	707	Hazardous material . . . . .	1	Power out rptd . . . . .	4
All others . . . . .	98	Home acc investigated	1	Pranks . . . . .	75
Ambulance Disptchd	798	House checks . . . . .	329	Public accidents inv . . . . .	3
Assault . . . . .	117	Indecent exposure . . . . .	4	Rape . . . . .	2
Assist other agency	703	Info/intel rpts . . . . .	805	Rec stolen prop . . . . .	1
Assist public . . . . .	634	Insurance request . . . . .	182	Referl to other dept	177
Attempt to locate . . . . .	219	Intoxicated person/ protctv custody . . . . .	183	Relay of ppw . . . . .	80
Auto fire/acc disp . . . . .	39	Junk car compl. . . . .	12	Rpt of shots fired . . . . .	21
Bicycles registered	174	Juv delinquency . . . . .	7	Reposs notifications	34
Brady record checks	174	Kidnapping . . . . .	1	Resisting arrest . . . . .	15
Burglary . . . . .	58	Liquor law viol . . . . .	23	Robbery . . . . .	1
Check on well being	68	Littering . . . . .	22	Runaways . . . . .	41
Chimney fires disp . . . . .	99	Lost or found prop	312	Sex offenses . . . . .	40
Compl on kids . . . . .	186	M/V accidents, damage . . . . .	305	Sex off registered . . . . .	5
Compl on roads . . . . .	94	M/V accidents, fatals . . . . .	2	Shoplifting . . . . .	25
Compl against town	19	M/V accidents w/injury . . . . .	64	Stalking . . . . .	4
Compl re snow rem . . . . .	3	M/V complaints . . . . .	737	Structure fires disp . . . . .	10
Cont to delinquency . . . . .	1	M/V lockouts . . . . .	152	Subj trans, detained	76
Contempt of court . . . . .	1	MV off rd (no dam)	116	Suicide attempt . . . . .	20
Criminal trespass . . . . .	27	M/V stops . . . . .	2752	Suicides . . . . .	3
Criminal mischief . . . . .	196	M/V towed . . . . .	37	Suspicion . . . . .	380
Criminal threats . . . . .	78	Mental persons . . . . .	13	Suspicious veh . . . . .	318
Deaths, investigated . . . . .	7	Mistreat/of children	10	Suspicious prsns . . . . .	137
Directions given . . . . .	96	Money escorts . . . . .	5	Tamprng w/witness . . . . .	1
Dischg firearms illeg	29	Mutual aid disp . . . . .	24	Theft . . . . .	240
Disobeying a P/O . . . . .	12	Neighbrhd disputes . . . . .	60	Theft, motor veh . . . . .	8
Disorderly Conduct	55	Noise complaints . . . . .	205	Town permits issued	62
Disrdly con w/MV . . . . .	33	Obstruction in road	92	Town ord viol . . . . .	70
Dog Complaints . . . . .	520	Offenses agnst/family	4	Truancy . . . . .	45
Domestics . . . . .	311	Open doors found	225	Unauth use of mv . . . . .	3
Drugs . . . . .	32	Other animal comp incl susc rabies trnspts	176	Uncontrollable child	15
Dumping Rubbish . . . . .	18	Other fire disp . . . . .	30	Unfounded calls . . . . .	7
DWI . . . . .	71	Parking complaints	280	Unwanted subj . . . . .	194
Emerg msg del . . . . .	47	Parole/prob viol . . . . .	2	Warrant arrest . . . . .	61
Escape from custody . . . . .	2	Perjury . . . . .	2	Weapon violations . . . . .	2
False fire alarm disp	47	Pistl prmits issued	191	Wires/trees down . . . . .	67
Federal offenses . . . . .	1	Possession/Sale obscene matl . . . . .	2		
Fights . . . . .	62			9-1-1 calls . . . . .	1664
Forgery . . . . .	5			9-1-1 traces . . . . .	119
Fraud . . . . .	54				
Fugitives . . . . .	1				
Grass fires dsptchd . . . . .	32				
Harassment . . . . .	168				

## Police Facility Committee

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Gary E. Nichols, Chair . . . . . David A. Hoyt, Police Chief  
Marion Adams . . . . . Karol Bentley  
Kevin Corliss . . . . . Philip Corbett  
James Lantz . . . . . Anthony Maiola  
Richard Thomas . . . . . Daniel O'Neill, Town Manager\*  
Paul Brown, Finance Director\* . . . . . Jack Marcotte, Fire Chief\*  
Brian Tracey, Ambulance Director\* . . . . . Larry Wiggins, DPW Director\*

### \* Ex Officio Members

The Police Facility Committee was selected by the Board of Selectmen in June of 1994, in response to the vote of Newport's citizens in May of 1994. The citizens of the Town clearly stated that they felt the Police Department needed a new facility, but they wanted one that was located in Newport's business district. The Committee began meeting almost every Thursday since its inception, keeping in mind the budgetary constraints, limited areas for possible sites, and the needs of both the Police Department and the citizens of Newport.

The present Police Station was assessed and toured by each of the Committee members to identify problems with the existing building and if it could be updated. It was found that the current building is too small, and there are many problems that would make it very difficult and expensive to update the present building. It was found that the present building has the potential to create hazards not only to the public, who have need of the Police Department's services, but also to the officers as they try to go about doing their daily duties. The layout of the building makes it impossible to be in compliance with all of the laws that govern Police buildings, including many of the Americans with Disabilities Act laws for access and juvenile and women site and sound separation.

The Committee identified an area in Newport that could be considered the Central Business District. This area for the Committee's purposes runs from Pearl Street to South Main just past South Church, Sunapee Street to the Hilltop Motel. During our search for a suitable site, the Committee requested any and all Town citizens interested in having their property considered for possible selection to come forward. In all, over 32 sites were considered. Some of the criteria used to find the best location were: Cost to purchase both land and buildings; Loss of tax revenue; Location, Site contamination concerns; Cost of site preparation; and Accessibility.



The Committee also visited other Police stations in the area and went through a room-by-room space needs assessment exercise. Through this exercise, a range for space for each room in the Police Facility was able to be calculated. The existing furniture was assessed for its current usefulness, and a list of furniture that needs to be purchased was made. The Committee split into subgroups to be able to efficiently and effectively study the needs for the purchasing of new equipment and furniture. Some of the subgroups were: Telephone and Communications; Computer Equipment; Evidence Storage; File Storage; and Furniture.

The H.L. Turner Group, Inc. in Concord, New Hampshire was chosen out of a group of three architectural groups to work with the Committee in designing the new Police Station. The Turner Group has been to look at four of the sites that the Committee had identified as possible sites. Those sites are: The Newport Fire Station; Just Johnson's; Property on Mechanic Street/Elm Street; and the Eagle Block. After the Turner Group's suggestions about the Fire Station, it was dropped from the Committee's list of viable sites due to: The cost of renovation; the limited access to the building; the cost of building a new Fire Station; and the problem of finding a site to relocate the Fire Department.

As of this writing on April 3, 1995, the Police Facility Committee is considering three sites as viable options for a new station. Those sites are: Mechanic Street/Elm Street, which would be a new building; Just Johnson's on Main Street, which would be a renovation; and the Eagle Block on Main Street, which would be a reconstruction.

Each of the above-mentioned sites has their pros and cons. In the order of cost, the new building would be less expensive, with Just Johnson's second, and the Eagle Block being the most expensive. In the order of visibility, Just Johnson's and the Eagle Block are more visible, with the new building being off of the Main Street area and the furthest from the courts.

There are still many more questions that need to be answered before the Police Facility Committee can make their recommendation for one of the three sites. We hope to have our questions answered and the site selected by the day of Town Meeting.

## Public Works Department 1994 ANNUAL REPORT

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Larry A. Wiggins, Director . . . . . Judy Schinck, Secretary  
Edward Schinck, Chief Mechanic . . . . . James Gagner, Mechanic  
Terry Temple, PW Laborer

**GREEN ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT** — Over 50% of the project was completed when it was shut down due to winter conditions in November. Underground work is complete on Oak Street, Middle Street, Dale Street and Walnut Street Extension. I would like to express my appreciation to the residents in the project area for their cooperation during the project. It is a delicate balancing act to maintain engineering standards on the project, meet all grant criteria, satisfy all residents' concerns and yet insure the project is under budget at completion. The understanding and tolerance of the residents make this possible.

**GRANTS** — In 1994, the Public Works Department worked with the Office of Planning and Zoning to a) administer the Green Road Infrastructure Improvement Project per grant criteria, b) develop the Pleasant Street Infrastructure Improvement Project grant application and c) secure a \$12,000 grant for the Water Distribution System Modelling.

The department has also maintained grant eligibility requirements throughout the bidding/contracting phases on the Sewage Treatment Plant Ultraviolet (UV) Disinfection System. The UV project is eligible for up to 30% reimbursement through the NH State Aid Grant Program. The project was delayed due to grant criteria/review, but is scheduled for completion by mid-summer 1995.

**BRIDGES** — The Corbin Bridge opened to traffic on January 8, 1995. In addition to the engineering and construction contracts for the bridge, the department contracted engineering services to obtain the required wetlands and FEMA permits for the project.

Miller Construction completed the Cross Street Bridge superstructure replacement in early June and it was opened to traffic on June 10, 1994. The concrete deck utilized a high range water reducing agent and epoxy coated rebar which should provide a durable corrosion resistant bridge for many years to come.

**WATER & SEWER** — In early 1994, extremely cold weather strained a two-man Water Dept. with frost to depths of 6.5 feet. The extended cold froze the water main on Oak St. (above Pine St.) and 26 additional house services throughout the town. I would like to express my gratitude to those residents who patiently waited while the dept. made temporary hookups and dug and thawed services.

It has been my priority to improve the Town's water distribution system to bring consistent quality water to the users. With the Town's support of my 1994-95 budget requests, major steps have been taken toward that goal.

Black & Veatch is under contract to recommend an optimum treatment which addresses both corrosion control and water quality. In late 1994, the department began the consultant selection process to perform a computer modelling of the water system. In addition to the invaluable information the model will provide for daily operations, it will dramatically enhance our knowledge of the systems capabilities/deficiencies and allow for accurate future planning. A critical segment of the modelling is to evaluate current water storage needs at Summer Street and to also assess fire protection capability if the present 2.5 million gallon tank is out of service for rehabilitation. This information is necessary for the department to determine whether to rehabilitate the existing tank or construct a new downsized tank. The department also began contracting to repair the pressure reducing valve and to implement automatic control of the Summer Street water tank level.

Sabourn Surveying completed a survey of the Town's property at Gilman Pond.

In late 1994, Stearns & Wheler submitted a final Industrial Pretreatment Report and a draft Sewer Use Ordinance for Town review.

**MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS** — In mid-1994, the Public Works Dept. issued a bid package for engineering services on the removal and replacement of the fuel storage tanks at the Public Works Garage (PWG) and Parlin Airport. After bid evaluation, it was decided to solicit design-build bids to replace certain tanks and remove others to comply with NH DES regulations. Tanks to be addressed are at the Public Works Garage, the Airport and Meadow Park.

The Cemetery & Grounds Dept. garage at Meadow Park is functional except the street sewer connection. This garage should provide a more central and, therefore, a more cost effective, location for dispatching mowing equipment versus the old Pine Grove Cemetery location.

**GENERAL** — The Public Works Dept. consists of the Highway, Water & Sewer, and Cemetery & Grounds Depts., the Sewage Treatment Plant, and the Public Works Garage Vehicle Maintenance personnel. In fiscal 1994-95, there are nineteen full-time employees in the Public Works Department, including the Director and Secretary. The 1995-96 department budget requests an additional man for the Water & Sewer department due to growing operational demands and a much needed infrastructure upgrading.

The Public Works Dept. purchased a Highway Dept. dump truck and a 1-ton dump truck for the Water & Sewer Dept. in 1994.

Don Boynton, a Grade II Distribution and Treatment Operator, was hired in March, 1994. Mike Denno was hired in April 1994 in the Water & Sewer Dept. Utilities Technician position.

On behalf of the department, thanks to the citizens of Newport for their support of the numerous infrastructure projects in 1994.



## Recreation Department 1994 Annual Report

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### Director

Floyd (Bud) Deyo

### Recreation Supervisor

Peter (PJ) Lovely Jr.

### Secretary

Bethany Rexford

### Game Room Supervisors

Shannon Heath

John Hopkins

Kathleen Neault

### Day Camp Counselors

Kathleen Neault, Director

Catrina O'Connor

Lanissa Simoneau

Bob Scheele

### Swim Program

Mandy McMahon

Wally Rendzia

### Custodian

Charles Westover

As in the past, 1994 has seen Community participation in Recreation Department programs increase significantly. This year total participation visits grew to 64,300 visits, an increase of more than 4,000 visits over 1993. These numbers become even more significant when one considers that the 1994 total reflects an increase of nearly 30,000 visits since 1990. In addition, this growth has occurred during a period when there have been no significant increases to the Department's budget.

Community support continues to be a key to maintaining Department growth. Newport Friends of Recreation provide the Department with outstanding support. Their efforts in maintaining the ice rink on the Common have provided Newport with one of the finest seasonable community rinks in the State (when Mother nature cooperates). Events such as the Skate-a-Thon, Donkey Basketball, Sunshine 5K Road Race, Home Run Derby, Three-on-Three Basketball Tournaments and the Summer Basketball League are regular events which many local residents look forward to. As a major project this year, Friends of Recreation took the initiative to replace the old homemade plywood backboards in the Community Center gymnasium with new glass backboards. Besides improving the look of the facility, the units are much sturdier and provide a safer environment for program participants.

Another way that we've looked to expand our program base is through exploring alternative funding sources and entering into cooperative efforts with other Community service agencies. By working with the Library Arts Center to secure a grant from the New Hampshire Council for the Arts, we now offer a photography program introducing youngsters in grades 7-12 to basic photographic and darkroom techniques. Through a cooperative relationship with Towle School

and the interest of community volunteers, we are able to reinstate our girls' basketball program, as well as offer indoor soccer to area youngsters. We will continue to pursue joint sponsorship of community activities. Presently, we are working with NH YMCA, Family Services, and CYA to coordinate family-oriented special events for later this Summer and next Fall.

The Newport Recreation Department continues to be a multi-disciplinary agency serving the entire Newport community. The Department serves church groups, schools, youth organizations and government social programs such as WIC, Headstart, and Developmental Services, as well as providing its own recreation programs. A significant program which we provide extensive support for is Newport Friends of Youth. This "Big Brother/Big Sister" program was developed in 1994 and to date has created seven successful matches while a dozen youngsters are involved in a structured waiting-list program. Friends of Youth operates on a budget of more than \$20,000 per year, all received through grants and private contributions. The program has a part-time Director, Jane Morgan, whose office is located at the Community Center.

The Recreation Advisory Council continues to play an active role in our overall program, making decisions regarding Department policies and procedures. Council members include: Gary LaFountain, Chairman; MaryBeth Jewhurst, Secretary; Wayne Weed, Dean Smith, Judi Tatem, Keith DeGraffe and Bill MacDonald. Tabetha Nichols joins Matt Meunier as the Council's Student Representatives.

I would like to thank all the volunteers whose time and effort make our programs successful. I also want to thank the other Town Departments, especially the Cemetery Department, for their assistance. I would also like to publically recognize my Recreation Supervisor, PJ Lovely, who received the Town's Superior Service Award for Performance and Community involvement (he wouldn't let me put it in the newspaper), and I want to thank my entire staff for all their hard work and [to] express my appreciate for a job well done.

# Richards Free Library 1994 Annual Report

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## Librarian — Andrea Thorpe

Victoria Carl, Asst. Librarian . . . . . Sandra Trybulski, Children's Librarian  
Pauline Horan, Library Asst. . . . . Harriet Davis, Adm. Asst.  
Amy Nemeth, Page . . . . . Michael Rybicki, Page

## Trustees

Barbara Kvetcovsky, Chair

Judith Freeman Clark, Vice Chair . . . . . John C. McCrillis, Secretary  
Nancy Black, Treasurer . . . . . Joe Davidson, Bldg. Supervisor  
Marty Lovely, LAC Liaison . . . . . Cindy Williams, LAC Alternate  
Patricia Davis . . . . . Michael Dixon

In 1994 Richards Free Library patrons began checking out books using a computer and researching magazine articles using a CD ROM. As new technology entered the library more books were checked out. Circulation for 1994 rose 13.6% over 1993 circulation. Patrons requested 482 books from other libraries, utilizing the State Library's database and van service. The upstairs rooms were used 395 times for research, meetings or instruction. Nearly 5,000 children attended library sponsored programs with 179 children participating in the 1994 summer reading program, "Go Under Cover With Books."

The library received four grants to enhance library programs. The Newport Fund funded the addition of the library's historical collection to the database. The New Hampshire Humanities Council underwrote the third annual Mud Season Series, which included lectures on the law, literature and foreign policy. The New England Foundation for the Humanities provided funds, materials and speaker for the "Family Scrapbooks" program sponsored jointly with the Senior Center. Children's librarian, Sandy Trybulski, with the help of Nancy Parssinen won a grant from the American Chemical Society to create five science kits. Each kit will contain books and materials for children and parents to discover and share the wonder of science.

The Raymond Holden Fund continues to underwrite the Sarah Joseph Hale Award. The 1994 recipient, Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, gave a speech that outlined Sarah Hale's influence on our view of the self-sufficient individual.

The library received several gifts in the past year including a donation to update electronic reference tools, subscriptions to three major daily newspapers, two weekly papers, several magazines and many current bestsellers. Memorial Fund donations to the library honored many people this year including two long-time library friends, Ken Aandler and John Kvetcovsky. John's memorial fund bought the first CD's to begin the library's music CD collection.

The library staff is grateful to its volunteers, who provide children's programs, repair and cover books, maintain and update files, clean basements, rake lawns and decorate the library for the holidays. They are: Dottie Collins, Barbara Doe, Pam Gay, Virginia Parker, Pat Rude, Chris Schroeder, Ellen Soucy, Kathie Stackpole, the Newport Garden Club, and the officers of the Friends, Walter Gay, Maura Stetson and Barbara Yeomans.



## Newport Safety Committee 1994 Annual Report

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Bruce MacDonald, Fire Dept., Chair . . . . . Robert Ballou, Police Dept.  
Carole Carley, TOPAZ . . . . . Eric Daignault, Police Dept.  
Sue Gregory, Ambulance Dept. . . . . Brian Tracey, Ambulance Dept.  
Ken Dennis, DPW . . . . . Bud Deyo, Rec Dept. . . . . Dan O'Neill, Town Mgr.

During the past year, the Newport Safety Committee has been busy promoting a safe and healthy environment for both employees and citizens of Newport alike. We have stressed not only workplace safety, but safety at home and at play as well.

Town employees have participated in "A Slice of Life" wellness program, sponsored by Compensation Funds of New Hampshire, our workers' compensation carrier. The program stressed not only physical fitness, but seat belt safety, stress, and smoking. Employees who participated were awarded T-shirts at the conclusion.

Safety issues have been addressed in the Town Offices with the installation of new fire doors, and additional security equipment. The Highway Department has installed safety ladders on its sanders to avoid the necessity of the driver climbing on the dump body to clear accumulations of sand from the hopper.

Since many employees are at risk of exposure to certain blood born diseases, a program is being established to inoculate personnel against Hepatitis B and possibly rabies. A CPR Course is also in the planning stages.

The Newport Fire Department has received its new pumper, and it is designed with safety in mind. All personnel must be seated and belted prior to the vehicle moving. The pump controls are located so that the operator is in a safe location, and the ladder rack is hydraulically operated to ensure less stress on the back.

Workers' Compensation claims are being reviewed to determine the cause of the injury and to make suggestions on ways to be sure that the accident not happen in the future.

We have just received a new set of guidelines from the State Dept. of Labor, which sets forth the requirements of the Joint Loss Management Committee (formerly called the Safety Committee). It is very specific in its content to insure that the municipality is doing everything it can to provide a safe work environment for its employees. As a result, we are working towards establishing a program to inspect twice a year all Town-owned buildings for safety violations. These inspections will be conducted by members of the committee on a rotating basis.

Through programs we have planned, we hope to provide a safer environment for all citizens of Newport and, in the process, help to keep the tax rate low through elimination of costly time-loss injuries. Thank you all for your cooperation in making Newport a safer community in which to live.

## Sewage Treatment Plant 1994 Annual Report

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Arnold L. Greenleaf, Superintendent . . . . . Robert Naylor, Operator

1994 was our first full year of operation with the new REEF aeration system operational in both lagoons. It has been extremely successful, saving both in electrical costs as well as eliminating the need to handle the hazardous gas required with the old system. We have also found that our treatment ability has improved. According to State permit compliance personnel, our effluent quality has improved over the course of the last year.

Work was started for the installation of the new Ultraviolet light (UV) disinfection system. It is planned to put the UV system into the existing chlorine contact tank after plant personnel make the necessary modifications to the concrete tank. Unfortunately, due to weather and NHDES requirements, it was not possible to have the system installed by Thanksgiving as we had planned. It is expected that it will now be completed by the end of July 1995. Once the system is up and operational, we will be able to eliminate our need for the use of the chlorine and bisulfite that we presently use in the disinfection/dechlorination process. Once this change has been made, it should result in further improvements in our effluent quality, as we will have eliminated the addition of the two chemicals to the river.

The Industrial Pretreatment Program (IPP) work is still ongoing. It is expected that work should be completed and the program will be instituted by the end of 1995. In the interim it would be good if all sewer users, especially commercial/industrial users, be aware that the new regulations will be much more restrictive than before. You must be aware of what you are discharging through your process stream and make the necessary changes to restrict those materials which do not belong there. There must be an extra effort on everyone's part to eliminate the disposal of any volatile, petroleum, hazardous or toxic compounds into the sewer system which could impact the treatment system.

For those interested in weather data, our annual recorded rainfall here at the plant was 39.59". That was about 4.4" more moisture for the year than we received in 1993. The total for the year nearly matches our 23 year average of 39.95".

The increase in rainfall for the year seemed to have made an impact on flow, as we averaged 727,540 gallons per day (GPD) flow into the plant, 70,690 GPD more that we had in 1993.

1993 figures are in parentheses.

WASTEWATER . . . . .	267,539,000 . . . . .	(239,737,000)
SEPTAGE . . . . .	73,850	(34,400)

## 1994 Report on the Activities of the Sullivan County Economic Development Council, Inc.

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Stephen A. Marro, Acting Executive Director . Suzette Chamberlain, Secretary

The Sullivan County Economic Development Council (SCEDC) is active in the areas of job creation, business retention, business expansion, and relocations to the area. In the past twelve months, the Council has been extremely active and exceptionally successful in developing jobs, working to stabilizing the economy of the area, and acquiring funding for a variety of clients.

The funding for the 1994-95 budget year has remained very flat. The sources are as follows:

1.	Sullivan County	\$53,333.00
2.	Claremont	14,000.00
3.	Charlestown	3,200.00
4.	Newport	2,732.00
5.	Other sources (grants, interest, etc.)	<u>app. 10,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	app. \$83,265.00

Our budget has increased only \$1,905.00 since 1992.

SCEDC began the year by finalizing the relocation and building of the Water's Edge facility in the Charlestown Industrial Park. This was secured by the subordinated position of the County with a \$21,250 loan from the SCEDC Revolving Loan Fund Program. This new industry provides an additional \$10,000 in taxes for the town and added five new jobs as a further result.

SCEDC and the Claremont Industrial Development Authority jointly processed two industrial requests, TANX, Inc., and APC Paper. Both of these concerns have stabilized and shown great profits throughout the year. Their payments are ahead of schedule and the future looks very profitable with backlogs being built. Neither of these concerns would be here today had it not been for the joint efforts of the SCEDC and the Claremont IDA. APC Paper has expanded by thirteen jobs in the past twelve months. TANX, Inc. has remained steady with its employment levels but has built a 3-5 year backlog for their product. This effort saved fifty three jobs.

Together with the Small Business Development Council and The Claremont Chamber of Commerce, SCEDC has funded and applied for \$22,000 to retain a



SBDC consultant in Sullivan County. This person is available at the wish of small business to develop their business plans, cash flow, and participation in a variety of free business training programs. We have secured funding from the following:

1.	SCEDC	\$1,500.00
2.	Sugar River Savings Bank	5,000.00
3.	Connecticut River Bank	1,000.00
4.	Claremont Savings Bank	5,000.00
5.	Lake Sunapee Savings Bank	5,000.00
6.	First NH Bank	<u>6,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$23,500.00

In cooperation with the interest of the local banks, we will continue to make available to business all of the information and assistance they need to expand or secure themselves.

The Council finalized their application to the US Economic Development Administration for formal approval of the Sullivan County Overall Economic Development Plan. This is an extremely lengthy and detailed study that demonstrates the needs and projected directions of almost every organization and community within the County's boundaries. It also makes it much easier for the communities of Sullivan County to apply for and receive federal dollars. This plan will need to be updated continually each year to remain intact.

Sullivan County has taken the role of leadership in a multitude of areas concerning state policies and programs. SCEDC is just another example of this. Members of this organization and its Executive Director have been invited to Concord and other counties to present the Sullivan County model for other county economic development projects. To date, both Belknap County and the Alexandria area have implemented programs that are very similar to this project and could only have done so by your example. We have been asked to make a similar presentation to the County Commissioner's in Grafton County because they are now showing the same interests. The successes of SCEDC have made such great impact with their results and foresight, that the State is showing signs of promoting the concept on a state-wide basis and allocating funds to these efforts because it applies its ability and capital access across the board with no discrimination.

The new Sullivan County brochure is available. This publication took approximately one year and \$7,000.00 to produce. It is one of the major inclusions in our inquiry responses to interested parties. On the subject of client inquiries, we processed over 50 inquiries during 1994, 23 of them became very likely prospects. Nine of the 23 prospects were expansions within our own area,

five were acquisitions, and nine were relocations to the County from other areas. We were successful in about fifteen of these endeavors and several are still in the works. The success rate for SCEDC is due only to the efforts of the County in realizing the value of a program such as this.

Our data bases are very exclusive and useful to us in yielding information about the County to the County or outside interests. We have a file that allows us to count the net increase in the County during 1994 as 859 jobs created. Newport enjoyed an increase of 201 jobs during this period while Claremont created 172 jobs. Information such as this is essential to firms looking in from the outside. It demonstrates tremendous interest in economic development and a positive direction for growth.

Another data base we use constantly is the "available properties listings." This profile gives detailed information about particular land and buildings that we try to fit to prospective firms. We work directly with the realtors in the area and establish a strict confidentiality relationship with all realtors. We currently are in the process of updating this information in the towns of Newport and Charlestown.

One of the greatest aspects to the program is the information, knowledge availability, and locations of funds that is so essential to the communities that make up Sullivan County. Together, SCEDC, the communities and economic development groups can combine and become as powerful a force in the grant and development field as the larger more prosperous cities within the state. We can and have also made tremendous strides in job creation and business retention through our joint programs. And last, but surely not least, we have created a presence within the New Hampshire State Legislature so that the businesses and communities of the County are heard and understood.

Our projects for the immediate future of Newport are to complete the second round of the Business Visitation Program, securing an area that we can develop as an industrial park for the community, the establishment of guidelines for the ECON Revolving Loan Program, and to finalize several client searches that are currently being exercised there.

One final note, Sue Elder, Executive Director, is out on extended leave of absence and will continue so until the end of June. At this time, she is expected to return to her former position. We all wish her the best.

## Sullivan County Nutrition Services 1994 Annual Report

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Rodney Walker, Director  
Ruth Gardner, Bookkeeper  
Jean Dodge, Secretary  
Bonnie Avery, Site Manager  
Colleen Walker, Social Services Coordinator  
and Outreach Supervisor  
Donna Reynolds, Cook  
Donna Newton, Assistant Cook  
June Gould, Asst. Cook, Diningroom Supervisor  
Ray Hudson, Transporter  
Bill Lantis, Transporter  
Leola Lantis, Meals Transporter  
Sam Leiderman, Meals Transporter  
Carl Boardman, Meals Transporter  
Alice Bruno, Receptionist

The Sullivan Nutrition Meals-On-Wheels Nutrition Services Program provides nutritious meals and other nutrition services to older Americans, particularly those in greatest economic and social need, who are homebound by reason of illness or disability due to transportation problems. Services are designed to maintain or improve the health of these older Americans, preserve and support their independence and prevent premature or unnecessary institutionalization.

Sullivan Nutrition serves the Town of Newport in four ways:

1. Meals-On-Wheels
2. Congregate Meals
3. Transportation for the elderly
4. Outreach services

**Meals-On-Wheels** — Sullivan Nutrition will serve over 22,000 home delivered meals during the 1994-95 Fiscal Year (July 1, 1994 through June 30, 1995). This will be an increase of 4,000 meals over Fiscal Year 1993-94.

**Congregate Meals** — Sullivan Nutrition will serve over 10,000 Congregate meals during the 1994-95 Fiscal Year (July 1, 1994 through June 30, 1995). This will be an increase of 200 meals over Fiscal Year 1993-94.

**Transportation** — Sullivan Nutrition will provide 6,500 rides to Newport senior citizens during Fiscal Year 1994-95 (July 1, 1994 through June 30, 1995). This is an increase of 2,000 rides over Fiscal year 1993-94.



**Outreach Services** — Sullivan Nutrition will provide over 1,000 hours of outreach services during the 1994-95 Fiscal Year. Our Outreach Worker can also help provide insurance counseling, Senior Companions and commodity foods. Our outreach worker makes approximately 300 home visits a year to homebound seniors to assess their needs and assist them in applying for housing, Medicaid, food stamps, SSI and any other needed services.

Our number of home-delivered meals in Newport continues to grow each year, and we feel this trend will continue. We are finding that more and more senior citizens are in need of some kind of assistance.

Sullivan Nutrition provides over 90,000 meals each year to the senior citizens of Sullivan County. Over 60,000 of these meals are home delivered. Our Meals-On-Wheels drivers are responsible for checking on our clients each day when a meal is delivered. If there are any problems, the appropriate person or agency will be notified.

We are very thankful for the financial assistance we receive from the Town of Newport and also for the volunteer efforts of so many citizens of Newport. This assistance enables Sullivan Nutrition to continue the nutrition program at a high level. We have over 100 volunteers that offer their time and efforts to the senior citizens of Newport.

## Town Clerk 1994 Annual Report

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### Town Clerk

Karlene Stoddard

### Deputy Town Clerk

Adelaide Kozlik

1994 was a busy year in the Town Clerk's office, with the Town Meeting, the September 13th Primary Election, the November 8th General Election and our other projects.

We have had two more of our older Town books restored. Both were Vital Records. These restorations were partly funded by the Town and the rest by generous donations from our citizens. We are hoping to have two more books restored in 1995.

The Voters' Checklist has been completed in our computer system. It will be much easier for people to purchase the checklist, and for us to copy when needed.

We continue to be a State Municipal Agent. Reminder: We do new passenger plates, renewals and transfers up to 8,000 pounds. The Town fee for this service is \$2.50.

Dog licenses are due May 1, 1995. The fees are the same as last year: \$9.00, \$6.50 if neutered and \$2.00 for citizens over 65. The penalty for late registrations is \$1.00 a month after May 31. The civil forfeiture for unregistered dogs was raised to \$25.00.

## **Town Office of Planning & Zoning 1994 Annual Report**

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David Jescavage, Planning Director . . . . . Brad Lane, Building Inspector  
Carole Carley, Dept. Secretary . . . . . Brad Lane, Rehabilitation Specialist

The Town Office of Planning and Zoning (T.O.P.A.Z.) Annual Report is organized according to the different functions that the office is responsible for and includes reports for the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

### **Building Inspector**

The Building Inspector issued 193 building permits in 1994 for a total estimated construction cost of \$4,574,635.00. Ninety-two building permits were for new construction with an estimated cost of \$3,873,325.00. One-hundred-one of the building permits were for remodeling, renovation and small structures with a total estimated cost of \$701,310.00. Nine demolition permits were issued. The Town received fees totalling \$12,179.71 for these permits.

The Building Inspector conducted over 300 code inspections for the year. The Building Inspector also worked with the Deputy Fire Chief and Health Officer in the investigation of code and safety concerns in existing buildings throughout the year. The Building Inspector also attended BOCA workshops concerning new building regulations and floodplain regulations.

### **Planning Board**

The Planning Board held fourteen public hearings in 1994. Six were for site plan reviews, five were for annexations of residential lots, two were for minor subdivisions for residential purposes, and one for a major subdivision for commercial purposes.

The Planning Board reviewed and revised most of the Master Plan which is expected to be adopted in 1995. The board also met with NHDOT officials to review the proposed engineering plans for the Kelleyville Bridge Project and registered its opposition to the DOT's proposed "controlled access" designation for Rt. 11/103. The board also held a special joint meeting with the Historic District Commission at which Linda Wilson and Jim Garvin of the NH Division of Historic Resources conducted a discussion of the historic significance of the Eagle Block and possible preservation strategies that could be linked to downtown revitalization and heritage tourism.

Howard Dunn and Jeff Kessler were elected Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Planning Board respectively.

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment**

The ZBA held thirteen public hearings in 1994. Four were for variances and the remainder for special exceptions. Variances were granted for car sales, inground pool setback, fine antique sales and a second exterior affixed sign. Special exceptions were granted for an auto body shop, used car sales and repairs, temporary placement of a mobile home, excavation and removal of sand/soil, TV/VCR home business, sundeck



addition on a nonconforming structure, sale of automobiles and recreational vehicles, and a shed addition to a nonconforming structure.

Tony DiPadova was elected Chairman of the ZBA. Fred Maxfield was elected Vice Chairman.

### C.D.B.G. Programs

Monies from C.D.B.G. grants are used to improve housing conditions for low to moderate income people and also benefit the Town by improving the tax base and injecting money into the local economy. Typical renovations have consisted of electrical and plumbing systems replacement, new roofs, porches and stairs, refinishing floors, walls and ceilings, and structural repairs. In addition, energy-efficient measures such as heating systems, building insulation, pipe and hot water tank insulation, weather stripping, set-back thermostats and water saving devices were implemented. The property owners, through sweat equity, put in time or money to help maximize the work that could be done on each project. Owners of residential property in a C.D.B.G. target area who wish to participate in the housing rehabilitation program or to receive more information may call this office at 863-6278 during regular business hours.

Currently, the Town has a \$12,000 C.D.B.G. Grant for a Water Distribution Feasibility Study underway. Also, C.D.B.G. funding totaling \$350,000 is helping to pay for the Green Road Target Area comprehensive housing rehab/infrastructure improvement project. The Target Area is bordered by Green Road, the Sugar River, Oak Street and North Main Street. Twenty-eight dwelling units are planned for rehabilitation in addition to significant water and sewer line replacement, road reconstruction, and new sidewalk construction. Much of the infrastructure work was completed by the end of 1994. However, **there is an urgent need to get more households participating in the housing rehabilitation portion of the project. It is extremely important that the Town come as close as possible to reaching the goal of rehabbing twenty-eight dwelling units in the Target Area.** If you live in the Target Area and have not yet applied, please call T.O.P.A.Z. at 863-6278 immediately while funds are still available. It is a very worthwhile program which can dramatically improve the living conditions in a dwelling unit. The Green Road C.D.B.G. Program is scheduled to end June 30, 1995.

### Miscellaneous

Other responsibilities of T.O.P.A.Z. include providing advice and assistance to Town Departments and the Planning and Zoning Boards, assisting permit applicants, providing information to the public, serving as the Planning and Zoning liaison with Town Counsel, obtaining planning and zoning information from the N.H. Department of Historic Resources, and the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, and enforcement of the site plan, subdivision, zoning regulations, and the building code.

All T.O.P.A.Z. personnel attended professional seminars for the purpose of enhancing and updating their knowledge and skills in order to provide more beneficial service to the Town. The support and encouragement given by other Town officials and citizens is greatly appreciated. Public participation at all Planning and Zoning Boards meetings is strongly encouraged.

## Water & Sewer Department 1994 Annual Report

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### Superintendent

Donald Boynton . . . . .

### FullTime Employee

Michael Denno

Brent Richardson

1994 went on record as being the coldest winter in history. The Water and Sewer Department can attest to the severity of this occurrence with 26 house service freeze ups and one frozen 6" water main on Oak St. that never thawed out until May. There were also three sewers that froze and countless water meters that broke due to freezing, taxing the limited manpower of the Water and Sewer Department to the max! To assist in the thawing process, the Water Department purchased a de-icing machine to thaw water lines.

Until March 1st, the Water Department was under the direction of the Public Works Director. Brent Richardson was the only Utilities Technician in the department until Donny Boynton was hired as the Superintendent on March 1st. Mike Denno was hired on April 26th as a Utilities Technician.

In March, the Water Department had a violation with its regular monthly bacteria samples which resulted in a boil order. A total of 75 samples were taken directly following that event and all tests came up absent of any bacteria. The regular monthly samples have all come back absent of bacteria since that time. The chlorine residual was increased by .2 mg/l to ensure adequate disinfection.

The Water Treatment Plant produced 207,308,064 gallons of water through the slow sand filters. The plant has performed as designed with the water quality of Gilman Pond dictating the operating procedures. In late July, Gilman Pond experienced a Blue-Green Algae bloom which presented operational problems. A normal filter run should be around 90 days, but because of the algae bloom the filter runs were shortened to 20 days. This premature clogging of the filters continued throughout the Fall. On the other side of the coin, the filters have also provided filter runs of 199 days. The yearly average filter run was 69.7 days, so the success of the Slow Sand Filters will be directly proportional to the quality of the water put on them. The plant produces high quality water with turbidity measurements consistently below .2 NTU's, meeting all criteria the Department of Environmental Services and Environmental Protection Agency place upon water treatment facilities.

The Water Department repaired eleven leaks to mains that broke through out the system. This is the historical average. The fragile condition of the system has become evident when emergencies arise and components have to be operated to control the situation. Our valves and appurtenances need attention for many do not work or are lost. The Water Department raised 75 valve boxes from beneath the newly paved Unity Road and Sunapee Street. We also discovered nine valves and five manholes that had



been buried at the approach of the Cross Street Bridge. The condition of the system reflects the need for a preventative maintenance program. We repaired eight fire hydrants and oiled over forty. All 217 hydrants have been prepared for winter and the caps greased for quick access.

Confined space has become an issue with OSHA and a training program had to be established. Five people have been trained in confined space entries through the American Water Works Assoc. and all confined spaces have been identified and labeled.

The CDBG Infrastructure Improvement Project in the Green Road area started in June until November and will resume in the spring. This project brought new water and sewer facilities to the area.

The Water Distribution Modeling will take place in May of 1995. This will give us a modern tool that will illustrate the dynamics of our system and become a useful tool for future planning. Our most current map before this project was done in 1965. We will take a great leap forward with this tool.

The Water Chemistry Study took place in December through March. This will identify the problems we've experienced with red and yellow water complaints. Different treatment techniques will be implemented to correct the problems, but time will be needed for this slow process to take place.

Corrosion control has been installed at the Pollards Mills Well at the request of the State of NH. This is part of the Lead and Copper Program.

The 2.5 million gallon water storage tank on Summer Street needs to be repaired and painted or replaced soon. The tank is the equalizer to our system and provides near-by storage for fire emergencies. Nothing has been done to it since its erection back in 1967.

The Water Department tests daily total residual chlorine, Ph, and turbidity at the Treatment Plant, weekly for iron, manganese and alkalinity, monthly for bacteria, quarterly for nitrates and nitrites, and twice a year for calcium and hardness.

There have been 31 sewers that have been unplugged throughout the system. Twenty-one of these plugs occurred on overtime. There is a great need to start a regular sewer flushing program. The sewers are old and need attention. Regular maintenance will reduce the number of plugs and the cost of operations.

The Water and Sewer Department is seeking another person to assist with operations and provide much needed manpower.

I would like to thank Larry Wiggins for his direction during the interim. Thanks to Brent Richardson for handling the vast number of operational problems that came about during the year and all the people that made the department work. The dedicated people that have provided services through out the years are surely Newport's greatest assets.



## Welfare Department 1994 Annual Report

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Director  
Mary E. Young

Requests for General Assistance have decreased slightly over the past year. We have assisted clients in the following ways:

- 927 meals from our Food Pantry
- 23 families assisted with fuel
- 101 days of shelter were provided to homeless people

Since the passage of House Bill 1124 Local in July of 1992, the Town has recouped over \$44,500.00 in delinquent taxes and water and sewer bills from landlords receiving rent vouchers from Town Welfare recipients.

Since our Food Pantry opened three years ago, we have been fortunate to receive over \$1,500.00 of surplus food from the USDA. At the present time, our Food Pantry is stocked with well over 60% of free food from the government.

Through reimbursements from clients, lien pay-offs and SS Interim reimbursements, the Town has received over \$4,000.00 this year.

To date we have taken 374 applications and have assisted 803 individuals..

**"I have come back again — to where I belong!"  
— Dorothy H. Rath**



**The newly completed Corbin Covered Bridge,  
replicated by Arnold Graton Associates, Ashland, NH  
1994**

**Sharon Christie photo**



## The Corbin Covered Bridge — 1994

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During 1994, the Newport community saw the realization of a dream with the rebuilding of the Corbin Covered Bridge (CCB). Destroyed by arson on May 25, 1993, our community responded with a profound voice. A special town meeting voted to replace the CCB not with modern technology but to replicate it as it was.

Selectmen (BOS) appointed citizens to a Bridge Advisory Committee which met frequently. The committee chose to recommend to the BOS not to go through the DOT process, but to hire Arnold Graton Associates of Ashland, NH, to perform the replication. Newport's Historical Society (NHS) volunteered to gap fundraise between the insurance settlement and final construction cost. Leading the parade of fundraisers for the CCB were Gerri Black, Mary Schissel and Margot Estabrook, taking charge of the highly successful sale of CCB T-shirts, sweatshirts, and coffee mugs. Sierra Photo became the reporting center for this effort. Other fundraising projects included symbolically adopting one of 1200 trunnels (wooden tree nails) used to hold the bridge together, coordinated by Michael and Alicia Dixon. In May, 1994 Andy Andrews proposed a CCB pictorial stamp cancellation (Newport's first ever), designed by Andy Rollins, Newport High School junior. It was a very successful fundraiser for the bridge. The design became its logo. A children's book *The Corbin Covered Bridge* was also published for the occasion.

In the summer of 1994, as construction on the bridge began, the reconstruction site became a popular place to visit. CCB was replicated by Graton Associates using 19th century methods, and the historical craftsmen drew crowds.

The NHS set about planning a 19th century homecoming celebration for the CCB, for when the bridge would be pulled across the Sugar River by oxen. It would be a three day event, held Oct. 14-16, 1994, which would attract over 9,000 visitors. Preparations for the celebration involved an immense effort by community organizations and volunteers, including Newport's youth, and Town employees.

Meanwhile, community energy focused on a 20 acre field adjacent to the bridge site. Once a favorite picnic area along the Sugar River, it had become thick and overgrown. Undertaken by the NHS, and led by Ray Reid, Andy & Polly Andrews, Tasia and Christy Ambargis, other volunteers signed on: Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Newport Tech Center agriculture class, NH Student Conservation Corps, families, Town employees, concerned citizens and senior citizens, working together to clear brush, creating an area from which to not only photograph the new bridge, but suitable for outdoor recreation as well.

The event went off without a hitch, and Newport made national news. Not only did we witness history in the making, watching oxen pull the new bridge back across the river, we were treated to one of Newport's best parades ever, organized by Earl Nelson — horses and vintage carriages steeped in Newport history; classic automobiles; big wheel bicycles; period dress; crafts, foods, and music from another era; woodland animals; and the best "Indian Summer" weather Mother Nature had to offer.



Many factors contributed to the successful CCB weekend, and although the impetus for the CCB Homecoming presented itself as a one-time event, the seed has been sown for an annual event, since "Spanning Generations" not only gave Newport back its Corbin Covered Bridge but also recreated a beautiful common area for future use by all.

The bridge has now been completed, is open to traffic, and fundraising has exceeded the \$69,000 goal. The initial insurance settlement offer had left a significant gap to complete the new bridge, but through the efforts of the Town Manager's Office, the insurance settlement was negotiated to be increased by over \$28,000, and the entire settlement was then invested which generated an addition \$10,000. These efforts reduced the amount of Historical Society money needed to complete the project to approximately \$10,000, leaving nearly \$60,000 for future projects.

NH Historical Architect James Garvin said the arson of the Corbin Covered Bridge was a tragedy that may have given back to the community something greater than what was taken away from it. Our Town now knows itself a little better and has raised the consciousness of civic involvement.

The Town of Newport wishes to recognize — the **Newport Historical Society** for its generous support and steadfastness to return the CCB to our community; — the **Covered Bridge Advisory Committee** for its commitment, perseverance and confidence it had in this project; and — the **CCB Homecoming Celebration Committee** for organizing and coordinating an event that will stand out — in the memories of all who were there. It was the finest illustration of the preservation of our cultural history we could have hoped for.

#### Newport Historical Society

Michael Dixon, President thru 11/94, Roger Nelson, President as of 11/94, Alicia Dixon, VP/Treas through 11/94, Nick Kanakis, Vice President as of 11/94, Andy Andrews, Treasurer as of 11/94, Margot Estabrook, Secretary, Polly Andrews, Anastasia Ambargis, Dorothy Bartholomew, Gerri Black, Ella Casey, Sharon Christie, Phil & Margot Estabrook, Henry & Babe Frye, Peter & Virginia Irwin, Gina Kanakis, Erna McCormick, Ray Pammett, Francis Pratt, Ray Reid, Brian & Michelle Rossiter, Andy Rollins, Mary Schissel, Charen Urban, Amelia Whipple, Patryc Wiggins, David Wright.

#### Covered Bridge Advisory Committee

Dan O'Neill, Chair  
Michael Dixon, Vice Chair  
Gerrie Black, Margot Estabrook, John Lunn, Nick Kanakis, Ray Reid, Ed Sielewicz,  
Andy Andrews, Cliff Richer, Mary Schissel, Paul Brown, David Jescavage, Larry Wiggins.

#### Corbin Covered Bridge Homecoming Celebration Committee

Ella Casey, Co-Chair  
Sharon Christie, Co-Chair  
Tasia Ambargis, Andy Andrews, Polly Andrews, Gerri Black, Mary Jane Cross, Alicia &  
Michael Dixon, Margot Estabrook, Kathy Hubert, Ed Karr, Judeann Langlois, Erna  
McCormick, Earl Nelson, Roger Nelson, Ray Reid, Andy Rollins, Mary Schissel, Gloria  
Taylor, Amelia Whipple.

To put some perspective on what was on the minds of Newport citizens when the first Corbin Covered Bridge was built, what follows are verbatim excerpts from the **Town Warrant for the year 1835, Newport, NH.**

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**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
1835**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Newport in the county of Sullivan, qualified to vote in the choice of Senators in the State Legislature, you are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in said Newport on Tuesday the tenth day of March next at nine of the Clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting;
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year;
3. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen;
4. To hear and act upon the report of the Auditors;
5. To bring in your votes for Governor Councilor, Senator, Treasurer and Register of Deeds;
6. To bring in your votes for five persons duly qualified to represent this State in the Councils of the United States for the term of two years from and after the third day of March of this present month;
7. To choose two persons to represent this Town in the General Court of this State for one year from the first Wednesday of June next;
8. To see if the Town will vote thru the petition of Josiah Stevens Jr. and others wishing to be set off in School District to be called District No. 7 should be granted;
9. To see if the Town will vote to set off the Inhabitants living on the road from Isaac Griffins to Andrew Aikens inclusive into a school district by themselves.
10. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing;
11. To see what sum of money the Town will raise to defray Town charges;
12. To see what sum of money the Town will raise to repair highways;
13. To see what method the Town will take to support their town the year ensuing;
14. To see if the Town will vote to defray the ringing of the Bell the year ensuing;
15. To see if the Town will vote the privilege to William H. Cheney and others the privilege to fence town land and improve the common south of the First Baptist Meeting House in Newport without expense to the Town.

Given under our hands and seals this twenty-first day of February in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Thirty-Five.

James Breck        ) Selectmen  
Henry Kelsey       ) of  
Samuel F. Chellis ) Newport

1835  
Newport, New Hampshire

We, the subscribers, hereby certify that we gave notice to all the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in the choice of Senator in the State Legislature to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up in an attested copy of the within warrant in the North Baptist Meeting House and a like copy at the two meeting houses in the Village in said Town on the twenty first of February last past.

And we further certify that on the same twenty first day of February, we posted up an alphabetic list of all said inhabitants to the best of our knowledge at the Eagle Hotel John Silver in said Newport and left with the Town Clerk a like list. James Breck, Henry Kelsey, Samuel F. Chellis, Selectmen of Newport.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
1835

At a legal town meeting duly notified and holden at Newport in the County of Sullivan on the second Tuesday of March in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Thirty Five

- 1st. Read the warrant to call said meeting
- 2d. Josiah Stevens Jr. was chosen Moderator of said meeting and sworn by James Breck Esq. Prayers was offered by Rev. Ira Persons
- 3d. Read the act more effectively to seem to the citizens of this State the rights of Suffrage
- 4th. Read the warrant the 2d time
- 5th. Nathaniel B. Cutting was chosen Clerk for the ensuing year and sworn by Josiah Stevens Jr. Esq.
- 6th. Heard the reports of the selectmen and Auditors and voted the same be excepted.
- 7th. Voted for State and County officers and members of Congress.
- 8th. Voted that the selectmen furnish lights this evening at the expense of the Town.
- 9th. Voted to sort and count the votes for State and County offices the following votes of the inhabitants of said Town present and qualified to vote for Senators were given in and were received in person of the Selectmen of said Town in open Town Meeting by the Moderator thereof who in said meeting in presence of the Selectmen and the Clerk of said Town sorted and counted said votes and at the close of the Poll made a public declaration thereof when the name of every person voted for and the number of votes for each person as follows:  
**For Governor** — William Badger (220 votes); Joseph Healy (135 votes); Bela Nettleton (1 vote).  
**Councillor** — Jonathan Gove had (215 votes); Enas Stevens (145 votes).  
**For Senator** — Samuel Edgarton (214 votes); Samuel Morse (147 votes).  
**For County Treasurer** — Daniel M. Smith had (215 votes); Abner Chase had (146 votes).



## The year was 1835...

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**For Register of Deeds** — Nathaniel B. Cutting had (356 votes)

**For Representatives in Congress** — Samuel Hale (152 votes); Samuel W. Carr (152 votes); Anthony Colby (152 votes); James Wilson Jr. (151 votes); Joseph Bell (152 votes); Samuel Cushman (213 votes); Benjamin M. Bean (213 votes); Franklin Pierce (213 votes); Joseph Weeks (213 votes); Robert Burns (213 votes).

- 10th. Voted for Representatives in the general Court in this State and made no choice
- 11th. Voted to adjourn this meeting til tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock at the Town Hall March 11th 1835. Met agreeable to adjournment.
- 1st Voted to pass over the 7th article until the choice of Selectmen
- 2nd Voted that the petition of Isiah Lewis Jr. et al be granted.
- 3rd Voted that the inhabitants on the road from Isaac Griffins to Andrew Aikens be set off into a District by themselves.
- 4th Alvin Hatch was chosen first Selectman.
- 5th Edward Wyman was chosen 2d Selectman
- 6th Charles Corbin was chosen 3d Selectman. All sworn by James Breck Esq.
- 7th Voted that each Religious society may have any number of Tythingmen not to exceed six.
- 8th Lou Walker & Adolphus King were chosen Tythingmen for the 1st Baptist society and both were sworn by Josiah Stevens, Esq.
- 9th Jeremiah Newell, David B. Chapin and Joseph Willcox were chosen Tythingmen for the Congregation Society. All sworn by Josiah Stevens Jr., Esq.
- 10th John Johnson was chosen Tythingman for the Free Will Baptist Society.
- 11th James Breck & Henry Kelsey were chosen Auditors to settle the Selectmen and sworn by J. Stevens Jr. Esq.
- 12th The following persons were chosen fire wards for the year ensuing to wit: James D. Walcott, Ruel H. Keith, Alvin Hatch, Amos Little, Henry Kelsey, Adams Dickey, sworn by J. Stevens Jr. Esq.
- 13th The following persons were chosen Highway Surveyors for the year ensuing to wit: Sam A. Dow 2d, Jerimiah D. Nettleton, Josiah Bailey, Tim Perry Jr., Simon C. Freeto, Horace Everett, Eben.z Cheney, Armoir Sweet, David Morrill, Lorenzo Freeto, Tim.o Fletcher, Moses Hutchinson, Calvin Thatcher, Josiah Stevens, Jr. Nathaniel B. Smith, Austin L. Kibbey, Moses Goodwin, A. A. Watson, Abner Hall, Stephen How, - Adolplus Thricy, Samuel Osgood, Charles Comstock, Aaron Clark, John Nash Jr., John Wilmarth, Joel Kelsey, Jonathan Cutting, Jabes Bowman, Ruel C. Durkee, Orlando B. Kidder, Albert Willcox, Edwin Wyman, Austin Perry, Silvan S. Willcox — Surveyors. Josiah Stevens Jr. was sworn by James Breck Esq. Aaron Clark was sworn by N. B. Cutting, Esq. All the others sworn by Josiah Stephens Jr. Esq. except Josiah Bailey and Calvin Thatcher.
- 14th. **Voted** to raise the sum of one thousand and five hundred dollars to defray Town charges.
- Voted** that the sum of one thousand dollars be raised for repairs of highways, the ensuing sum to be wrought out at 8 cts. pr hour.

**Voted** that the Selectmen of Newport be authorized to obtain a Loan of Money in the Sum of nine hundred dollars upon the credit of the Town of Newport on an interest not exceeding 6 pr. cent to meet the outstanding demands against said Town.

**Voted** to appropriate the sitting fund for the same purposes and in the same way as last year.

**Voted** that the Selectmen bind out any children of the Towns poor if they think proper.

**Voted** that the Towns poor be set up at public auction to be struck off to the lowest bidder and that said poor all which are now in said Town and all which may come with said Town the ensuing year shall be wholly supported by said Bidder free from expense to said Town of Newport to the acceptance of the Selectmen from the 15th of April 1835 to the 15th April 1836. The support of the Towns poor being set up at auction as above was struck off to Josiah Hurd for \$340 he being the lowest bidder for the same.

**Voted** that \$25.00 be appropriated as extra expenses for the Towns poor provided any might be one and be at the option of the Selectmen.

**Voted** that the bell in the South Meeting house be rung the ensuing year as usual at the expense of the Town

**Voted** that the sum of twenty five dollars be appropriated for Ringing the said Bell and paid Hartwell Dunkler provided he performs such services for the ensuing year.

**Voted** that the Town will not give William H. Cheney and others the right to withdraw the Common as named in the 15 Article.

**Voted** to appoint a committee to attend the Courts of Common Pleas and appraise the building of a road as laid out from Newport Village to Cornish line and report progress to the Selectmen of Newport immediately after the Sitting of said Courts. And that Alvin Hatch, Edward Wyman and Charles Corbin be said committee.

**Voted** to pay the Collector of Taxes in this Town one cent on the dollars for all monies collected as taxes the ensuing year. Jeremiah Newell was chosen Collector of Taxes and Constable for the Town of Newport for the ensuing year. Jeremiah Newell produced James Breck and Timothy Perry as Bondsmen and were excepted Jeremiah Newell sworn by Josiah Stevens, Jr. Esq.

John Russ and William P. Wheeler were chosen Sealers of the Leather and sworn by Josiah Stevens, Jr. Esq.

Oliver Emersen was chosen Pound Keeper for the year ensuing and sworn by J. Stevens Jr. Esq.

The Selectmen were chosen Hog Reaves the year ensuing and sworn by Josiah Stevens Jr. Esq.

**The year was 1835...**

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**Corders of Wood**

Oliver Emerson x, Warren Rider, N. B. Cutting x, Israel Kelly, Wm H. Cheney, John Silver and Frederick Aikins x were chosen Corders of Wood th eyear ensuing. All the persons marked thus x were sworn by Josiah Stevens Jr. Esq. & John Silver was sworn by N. B. Cutting, Esq.

Voted that the office of Sextons should be set up at auction and struck off to the lowest bidders. Albert Willcox being the lowest bidder for said office in the Village the same was struck off to him @ 99 cts each grave. Daniel Muzzy being the lowst bidder for said office in the north part of Town it was struck off to him at one dollar per grave.

**Sealers of Weights**

William J. Duncklee was chosen Sealer of Weights and Measures and sworn by Josiah Stevens Jr. Esq.

Alvin Hatch, Edward Wyman and Charles Corbin were chosen fence viewers and sworn by J. Stevens Jr. Esq. Summer Miller, Barry M. Gilmore, David Harris, and James Haven were chosen Surveyors of Lumber and sworn by Josiah Stevens Jr. Esq.

**Voted** to adjourn this meeting

N. B. Cutting, Town Clerk

The Selectmen of the Town of Newport ask leave to report the final concerns of said Town for the year ending March 10, 1835

<b>Paid</b> the committee for the repairs of the Town Hall agreeable to a vote of said Town of March 11, 1834 4% allowed interest on the sum to the first of Nov 1834, 17.79, making in the whole \$482.79 . . . . .	\$482.79
<b>Paid</b> Soldiers Muster Day 1834 . . . . .	65.62
<b>Paid</b> Israel Kelly rebuilding bridge over the sugar river near the said Kellys House . . . . .	345.00
<b>Paid</b> interest on note against said loan of 626.31 dated March 10th 1834 up to the 18th April 1835 . . . . .	41.66
<b>Paid</b> for the support of the Town poor for year ending April 1835 . . . . .	310.00
<b>Paid</b> Superintending schools committee for the year ensuing March 1835 . . . . .	10.00
<b>Paid</b> Harris & Clement & Wheeler & Hale for the new hearse and repairs to the old one and repairs of harness to the same . . . . .	80.92
<b>Paid</b> for ringing bell agreeable to a vote of said Town . . . . .	21.15
Abatement on the John Webster tax for for stud horse . . . . .	9.50
<b>Paid</b> agent on Cornish road for 1833 & 1834 . . . . .	25.14
<b>Abatement</b> of taxes for 1832, 1833 & 1834 . . . . .	63.95
<b>Paid</b> Ebenezer F. Perry for outstanding debt of Saul Thompson . . . . .	22.00



<b>Paid</b> for Plank repairing of Bridges and repairing of Roads including the new road to Claremont & road to Windsor . . . . .	196.22
<b>Paid</b> Sextons bills . . . . .	31.08
<b>Paid</b> for stationery and books . . . . .	2.75
<b>Paid</b> collector for Collection of taxes . . . . .	29.22
<b>Paid</b> selectmen for their services . . . . .	90.00
<b>Paid</b> Town Clerk for his services including a chest the Town Clerk purchased for to contain Town papers . . . . .	16.25
<b>Interest</b> paid on money for the benefit of the Town . . . . .	6.00
<b>Paid</b> Solicitors for their services . . . . .	1.00
<b>Paid</b> William Wins for old Mrs. Rankin County Pauper . . . . .	<u>35.96</u>
	\$1,886.26

There has been need for the benefit of the Town for the year ending March 9th 1835 as follows

<b>Cash recd</b> of the County on the account of old Mr. Teal . . . . .	20.00
<b>Cash Recd</b> for license for the exhibition of wax figures & . . . . .	12.00
<b>Cash Recd</b> for Tavern license Mr. John Silver/\$2.00 cash, Joel Nettleton/\$2 & Mr. H. Brigham/\$2, making the well . . . . .	6.00
<b>Surplus</b> of state tax . . . . .	9.38
<b>Surplus</b> of county tax . . . . .	10.48
<b>Surplus</b> of school tax . . . . .	18.76
Nonresident taxes for 1834 . . . . .	14.29
Town tax assessed for the benefit of the town . . . . .	525.65
<b>Recd</b> from said tax . . . . .	<u>1475.55</u>
	1566.56

Leaving a balance against the Town for to defray the expenses of said Town for the ending March 10th 1835 . . . . . 319.68

For said sum of \$319.68, the selectmen gave their note in behalf of the Town payable to Jeremiah Newell or order on demand with interest. There is an outstanding demand against the Town agreeable to the report of your selectmen for the year ensuing March 10, 1834 by their note payable to Jeremiah Newell on order or demand and interest 626.31

Sum total against the Town . . . . . 945.99

The interest on the note against the Town of \$626.31 is paid to the 18th of April next. To meet said sum there is out Standing in the Collectors hands to Collect in part of Town tax . . . . . 50.00

Due from the county on the part of Mrs. Rankin 35.96 85.96  
Should said sum be recd the balance will be against the Town . . . . . 860.03

Newport March 9th 1835, James Breck, Henry Kelsey [and] Samuel F. Chellis, Selectmen of Newport.

## The year was 1835...

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The Auditors of the Town for the year ending March 10, 1835 respectfully report that they have examined the selectmens bills and accounts of the Town for the year past and find them reasonable, correctly cast and well vouched.

Seth Richards [and] J. D. Nettleton

Your committee chosen by the Town of Newport to oppose the acceptance of the report of the committee who surveyed and reported in favor of laying out a road from the Baptist Meeting House so called to Cornish. Attended as he supposed faithfully to the duties of his appointment but without success the report was accepted by the Court of Common Pleas and the record of the Court now stands that said road is to be made in one year from October last passed. The said road Committee assessed damages to certain individuals through whose land said survey passes as follows:

William Stannard \$55 ", Heirs of Samuel Hutchinson \$130 ", Mrs. Phebe Webster \$8", Ephram Fletcher \$5, Frederick Chapin \$30, Gideon Gould \$183, Heirs of Moses Peabody \$38, John Therrien \$40, Ichabod Morse \$160", Alpheus Goodwin \$35.00 & Jesse Wakefield \$63.00 amounting in the whole as to damages to the survey of \$647.00. The expenses charged by said Committee for their service be paid \$137.24 which last sum the Court allowed \$88.70 which last sum added to the aforesaid damages amount to \$735.70. All which is respectively submitted.

Josiah Forsaith

March 10, 1835

N. B. Cutting, Town Clerk

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### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Newport in the County of Sullivan in said State qualified to vote in the choice of Senators in the State Legislation

You are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in said Newport on Wednesday the third day of June next at one of the Clock in the afternoon to act upon as follows

- 1 To Choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting
- 2d To See what sum of money the Town will raise to defray the expense of building the road laid out from the Croydon Turnpike near William Plummers to Cornish line
- 3 To See what Measures the Town will take relative to said road
- 4 To [see] if the Town will vote to set off Moses Chapin, John Webster, Phinhas Chapin Jr., Oliver Chapin into a school district by measures to be known as District No. Seventeen in said Town
- 5 To see what measures the Town will take to support Mrs. Rankins the year ensuing
- 6 To see what method the Town will take to fence the buying grounds in said Town

Given under our hands and seal this sixteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five — Alvin Hatch, Edward Wyman, Charles Corbin, Selectmen of Newport.

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At a legal meeting held at the Town Hall in Newport on the 3d day of June 1835 agreeably to a notice previously given provided as follows

- 1st Read the warrant
- 2d Chose Silas Wakefield Moderator and sworn by N. B. Cutting
- 3d Read the warrant 2d time
- 4th Voted to postpone the 2d article until the 3d article is acted upon
- 5 Voted that the selectmen be authorized to lay out a road from Willard Wakefield's on what is called the Kimball route to intersect to the Cornish Turnpike above Doct Dudleys
- 6th Voted to act on the 2d Article
- 7th Voted to raise one thousand dollars for building the new road to be laid out by the Selectmen
- 8th Voted to choose a committee of two to superintend and then expend the money for building said road
- 9th Samuel F. Chellis and Oliver Jenckes were chosen said committee
- 10th Voted their said Committee assist the selectmen to lay out said road
- 11th Voted that when said road is laid out the road agents are to set the making of the same at auction to the lowest bidder in such Lots as they may think proper and that they are hereby authorized whenever the contracts in their opinion is half performed to pay half the amount of the contract and the residue when the contracts are completed said contractors to be required to file good security for the performance of their contract.
- 12th Voted that Moses Chapin, John Webster, Phinehas Chapin and Harry Chapin be set off as a District by themselves to be known as District No. 17.
- 13th Voted that the support of Mrs. Rankins be by the week up to the 15th of April next be sold at auction to the lowest bidder and the same was set up and struck off to Josiah Hurd he being the lowest bidder at one dollar and twenty cents per week.
- 14 Voted that the selectmen be authorized to fence the burying grounds according to their best judgment.

Voted to adjourn this meeting

N. B. Cutting, Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Newport qualified to vote in Town affairs, duly warned and holden in the Town Hall in said Newport, on the 3rd day of June AD 1835

"It was voted that the selectmen be authorized to lay out a road from Willard Wakefield on what is called the Kimball Brook rout to intersect the Cornish turnpike above Doctr Dudleys."

The undersigned selectmen of the said Town of Newport having given one notice to all the proprietors and owners of land through which the highway hereinafter



**The year was 1835...**

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mentioned is laid out, to appear at the house of Joseph Kimball in said Newport on the 22d day of June 1835 at nine of the Clock in the forenoon to show cause if any they have why said highway should not be laid out and having met at said time and place, and fully heard all the said proprietors and owners who chose to be heard, as well as in relation to the propriety and expediency of laying out said highway, as to the damages they might respectively sustain thereby, and having fully and materially considered the same — are of opinion that there is occasion for a highway on the road mentioned and as laid and described below.

We thereafter lay out the same as follows:

Beginning on the north line of the highway leading by Joseph Kimballs to Orlando Chapin and a poplar tree one rod and 4 links from the SW corner of said Kimballs dwelling house —

Thence measuring...to land of Daniel Story -...then on land of Jonathan Wheeler Jr...

Thence N... to birch tree... — on Maj. Wakefield's land... to line of D. S. Newell's land

Thence N...through D. S. Newell's land to land of Wakefield and Chapin —

Thence N...to line of Jona. Wheeler Jr.'s land;

Thence on to Wheeler's land... to Orlando Chapin's land;

Thence on to Chapin's land... to the Widow Peabody's dower or heirs.

Thence N... to land of the heirs of the late Moses Peabody.

Thence N... to line of Gideon Gould's land.

Thence on to Gould's land...to Frederick Chapin's land.

Thence N... to Cornish Turnpike a little way above Dr. Dudleys.

The above described line to be the middle of the highway and the same highway to be three rods and a half wide — and we do hereby award to the respective owners of the land through which said highway is laid out the following sums to be paid by the said Town of Newport:

To Joseph Kimball . . . . .	\$72.00
Daniel Story . . . . .	2.00
Jona. Wheeler Jr. . . . .	95.00
Josiah Wakefield . . . . .	26.00
David S. Newell . . . . .	35.00
Jesse Wakefield & Phinehas Chapin . . . . .	14.00
Orlando Chapin . . . . .	20.00
Wid. Hannah Peabody . . . . .	56.00
Heirs of Moses Peabody . . . . .	28.00
Gideon Gould . . . . .	167.000
Frederick Chapin . . . . .	26.00
	<u>\$541.90</u>

Given under our hands and seals this 25th day of September in the year of Our Lord Eighteen Hundred and thirty five. Alvin Hatch ) Selectmen

Edward Wyman ) of Newport

A true record attest.

N. B. Cutting, Town Clerk

Upon the foregoing application the undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Newport having given notice and aforesaid to all the proprietors and owners of land through which the highway hereinafter mentioned is laid out to appear at the house of Lemuel Osgood in said Newport on the first day of June inst. at one of the Clock in A.M. to shew cause if any they have why the request of the said applicants should not be granted and having met at said time and place and fully heard all the said proprietors and owners who chose to be heard as well in relation to the propriety and expediency of laying out said highway as to the damages they might respectively sustain thereby, and having fully and materially considered the said application are of opinion that there is occasion for a highway in the place mentioned in said application we, therefore, lay out the same as follows:

Beginning at a stake standing on the old road east side leaving by Lemuel Osgood's House and being thirty nine rods north of the brook where it crosses the road near said Osgood's house...

Then on Samuel Abbott's North 10° W. 10 R. and Strikes the road near where it turns to go to Roger Phelps house. The stakes to be the middle of the highway — the same highway is to be two rods wide. And we do hereby award to the respective owners of the lands through which said highway is laid out the following the following sums to be paid by the said town of Newport:

Lemuel Osgood . . . . . \$8.00

Given under our hands at Newport this 24th day of September in the year of Our Lord Eighteen Hundred and twenty [sic] five.

Alvin Hatch                    ) Selectmen  
Edward Wyman                ) of  
Charles Corbin                ) Newport

A true Record attest.

N. B. Cutting, Town Clerk

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Notice is hereby given that Simeon Wheeler, Albina Wheeler, Asa G. Jones and their associates have formed themselves into a society to be known by the name of the Newport North Village Library Company, agreeably to an act of the Legislature of this State approved July 1st 1831.

James Haven, Clerk of the Company

Newport Dec. 28, 1835

N. B. Cutting, Town Clerk

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**Note:** The above historical excerpts are part of the archival records of the Town of Newport, New Hampshire for the year 1835, transcribed for this Town Report. A complete chronicle of Town records for the year 1835 has been entered in the Town's computer and can be accessed for hard copy.

# INHERIT NEW HAMPSHIRE

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## PRESERVATION AWARD

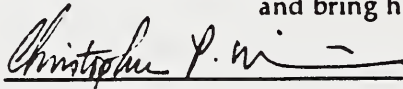


*wood engraving by Randy Miller*

*presented to*

TOWNSPEOPLE OF NEWPORT,  
COVERED BRIDGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
and  
NEWPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

for their extraordinary joint effort to rebuild the Corbin Covered Bridge  
and bring history to life



Chairman, Board of Directors

*4 November 1994*

Date



*The Man Who Thinks He Can*

— Walter D. Wintle

If you think you are beaten, you are,  
If you think you dare not, you don't.  
If you'd like to win, but think you can't,  
It's almost a cinch you won't.

If you think you will lose, you're lost,  
For out in the world we find  
Success begins with a person's will  
It's all in the state of mind.

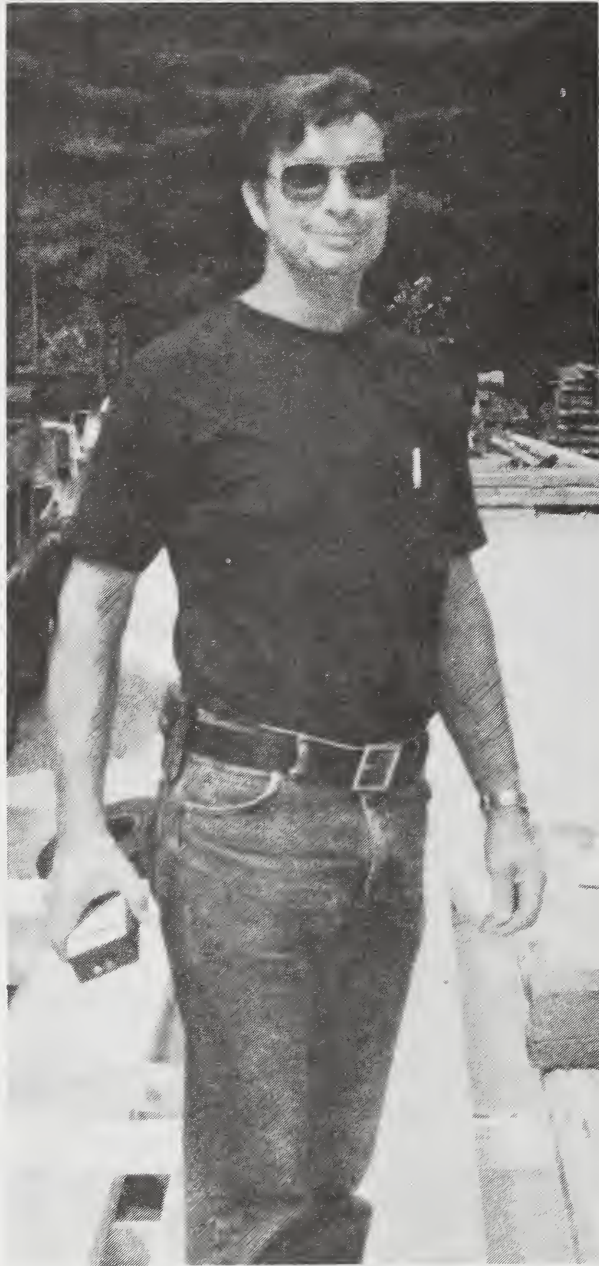
If you think you're outclassed, you are  
You need to aim high to rise.  
You've got to be sure of yourself  
Before ever winning a prize.

Life's battles don't always go  
To the stronger or faster man;  
But sooner or later the man who wins  
Is the one who thinks he can.

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What follows is a photo essay on the 1994 Corbin Covered Bridge Replication  
and the community effort that made it happen.

"The right man comes along at the right time."  
— Italian Proverb



In recognition of  
Master Bridgewright Arnold M. Graton  
Gerrie Black Photo

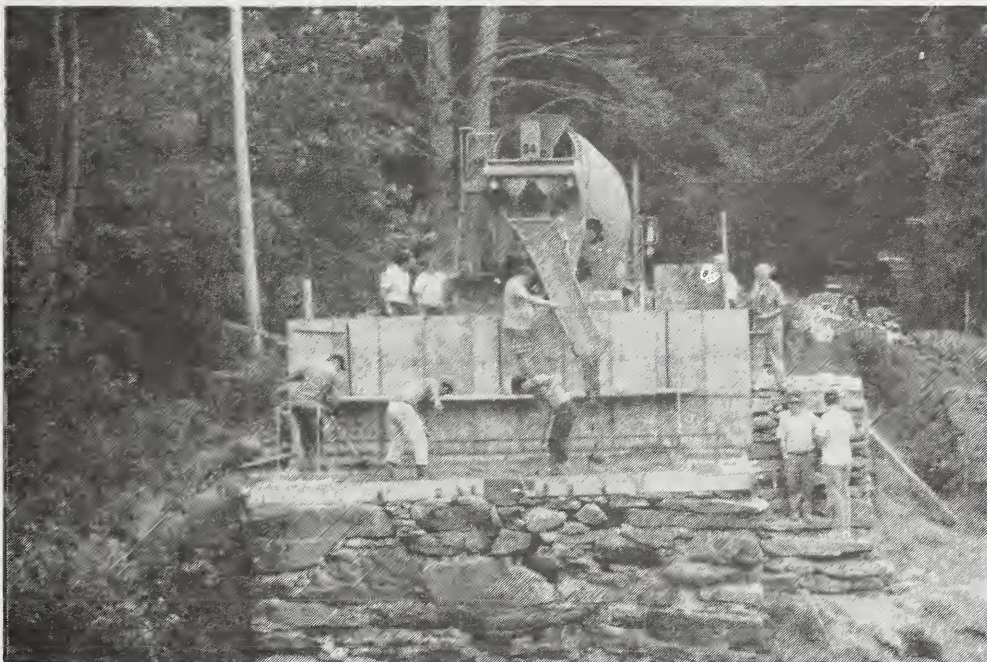


"A pile of rocks ceases to be a rock pile when someone sees it as a cathedral."  
— St. Exupery



Work begins with the determination that the 158 year old abutments were sound and needed little restoration.

Andy Andrews photo



Local businesses were involved whenever possible.

Gerrie Black photo



"Less Advice and More Hands." — German Proverb



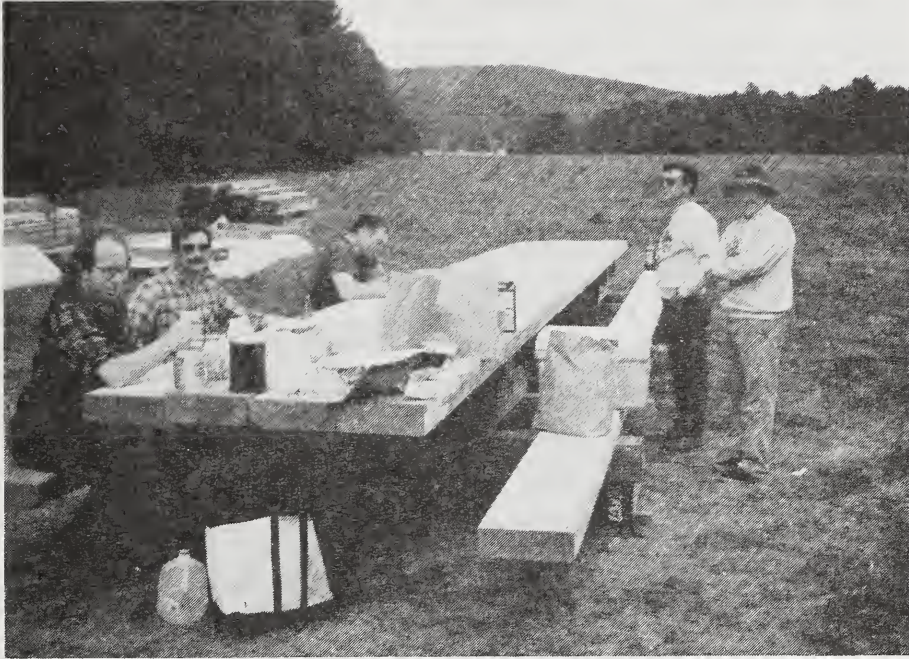
Margot Estabrook tying rebar  
Patrick O'Grady photo



Newport resident and Graton employee, Bob Turgeon, and audience  
Andy Andrews photo



**"A good rest is half the work." — Yugoslavian Proverb**



Leo Maslin, J.R. Graton, John Panigutti, Arnold Graton, Andy Andrews  
Ray Reid Photo

**"So many of the covered bridges are anonymous..."  
but this one will not be!**



Polly Andrews (bkgnd), Engineer Dave Fischetti, DPW Director Larry Wiggins  
Gerri Black photo



"Great works are performed not by strength,  
but by perseverance." — Samuel Johnson



School Board Member Bert Spaulding Sr.  
Gerrie Black photo



Graton employee John Panigutti  
Patrick O'Grady photo



**"A nation that has no regard for its past  
will have little future worth remembering." — Blake Clark**



**Historical Society President Michael Dixon  
Patrick O'Grady Photo**



**1929 Model A driven by Spunky Dodge and Ray Reid  
Patrick O'Grady photo**



**"Let us not be content to wait and see what will happen,  
but give us the determination to make the right thing happen."**



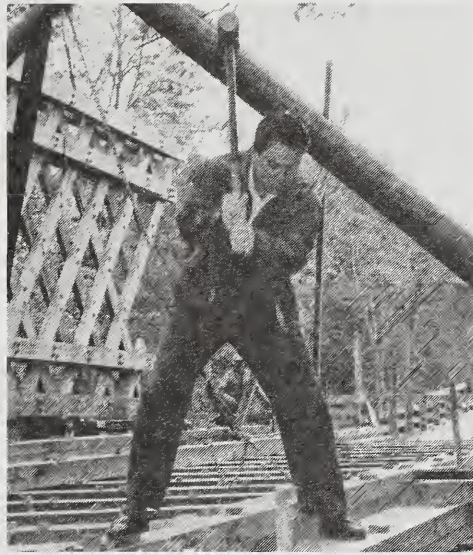
Gerrie Black, one of Newport's first citizens to step forward as an advocate, drilling holes for the trunnels. — Andy Andrews Photo

**"Some people make things happen; Some watch them happen;  
While others wonder what has happened."**



Arnold Graton fine-tuning one of 1200 trunnels used to hold the new bridge together. — Patrick O'Grady photo



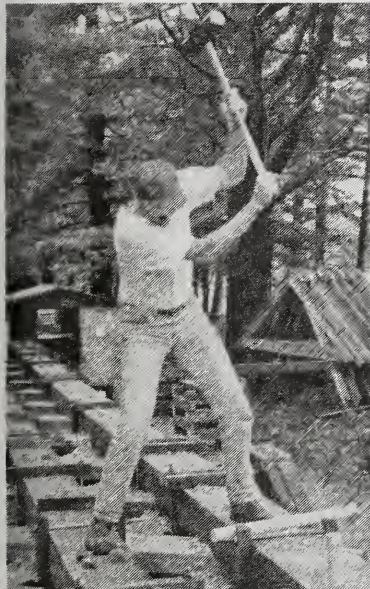


Town Manager Dan O'Neill  
Patrick O'Grady photo

**"Let us be equal  
with differences."**



Ray Reid  
Sharon Christie photo



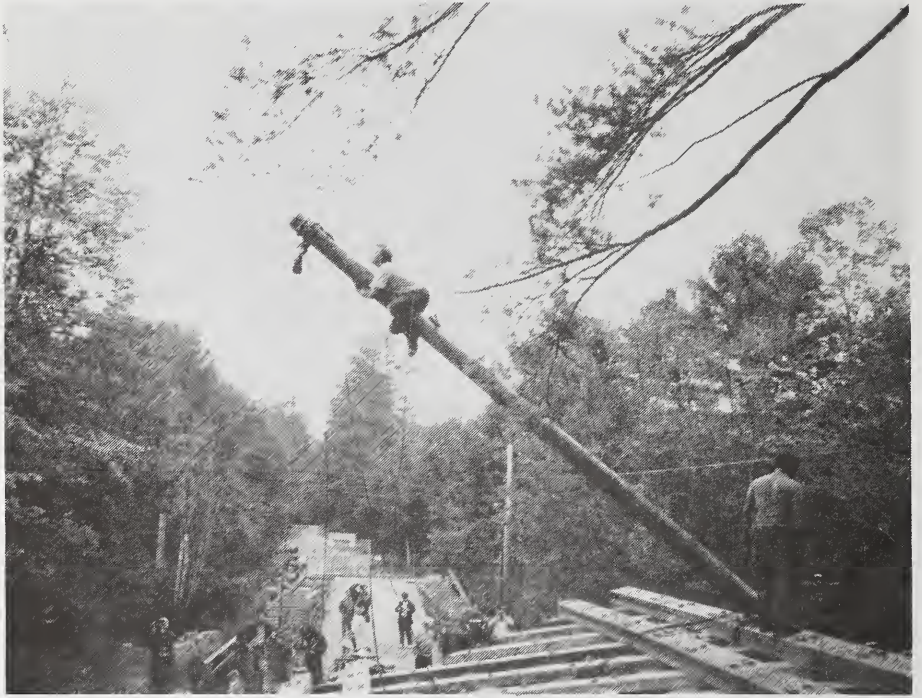
Patrick O'Grady  
Patrick O'Grady photo



Andrea Christie  
David Fischetti photo



"You will be better advised to watch what we do instead of what we say." — Robert F. Kennedy

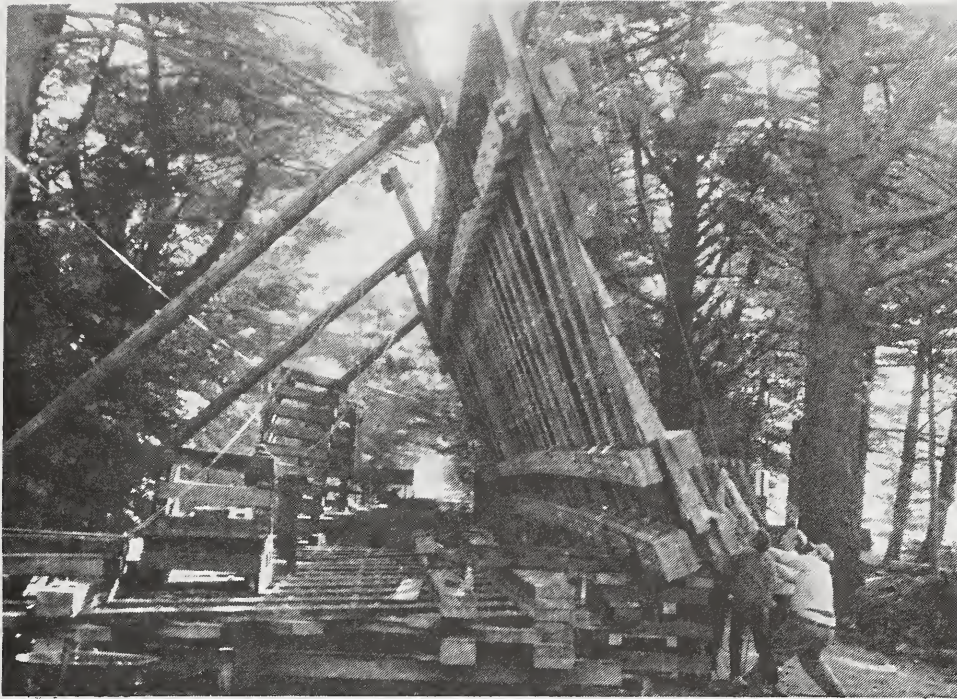


Graton employee Tim Andrews climbing gin pole  
Patrick O'Grady photo



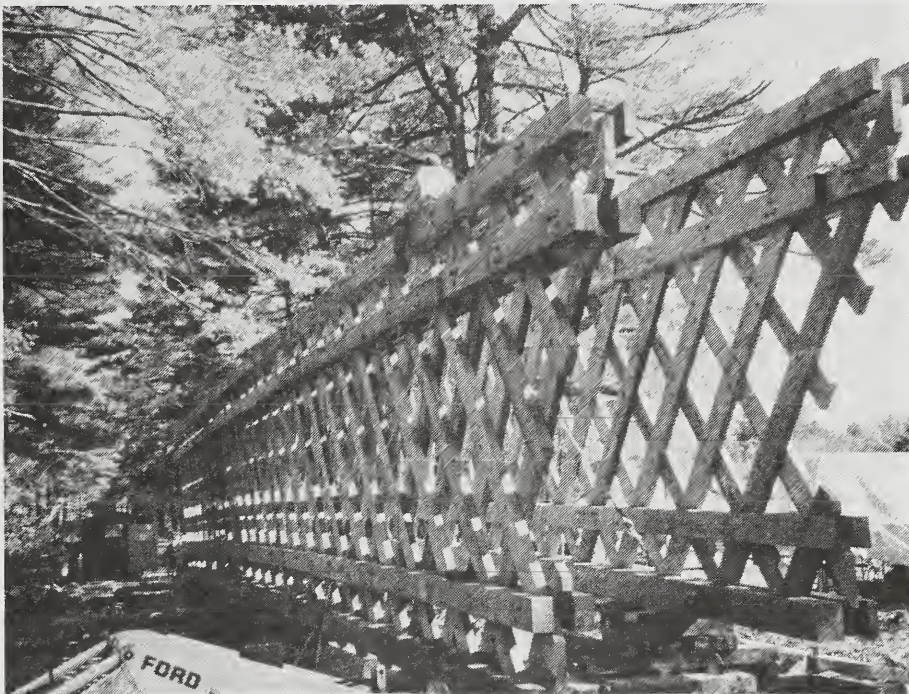
Raising the walls  
Andy Andrews photo





Andy Andrews photo

**"It is hard for an empty bag to stand up straight." — Ben Franklin**



Patrick O'Grady photo



**"Enthusiasm is like a ripple in the water... it spreads."**



Alicia Dixon  
Michael Dixon photo

**"Necessity is the mother of invention."**



Andy Andrews' machetti proved to be a handy tool clearing brush.  
Andy Andrews photo



**"Good things don't happen by themselves,  
and rarely come when one only waits and hopes."**



Town employees helped clear and chip brush and return it to the land  
(l-r) Bryan Bartley, Wilbur Martin, Steve Carley, Ken Dennis  
Andy Andrews photo



Through the lattice work... the end result.  
Ray Reid photo



**"We stand apart as individuals. We come together in a common goal."**



JR Graton, Arnold Graton, Police Chief David Hoyt,  
Ambulance Director Brian Tracey, Police Captain Robert Ballou  
Ray Reid photo



The Historical Society fundraises at the bridge site.  
Patrick O'Grady photo

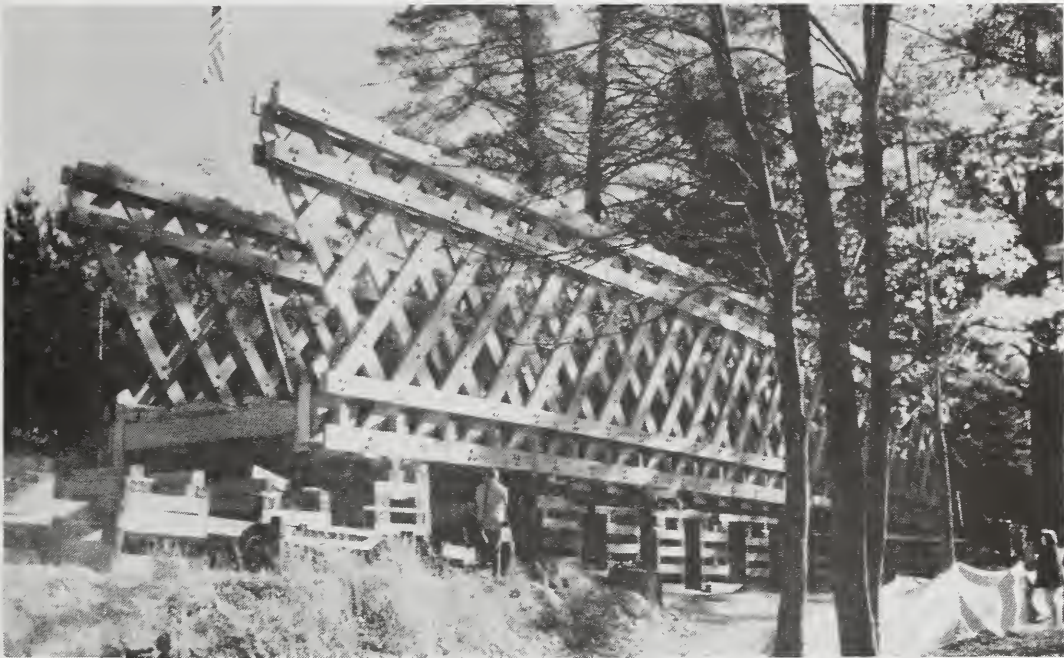


**"We can succeed at almost anything for which we have unlimited enthusiasm."**



(l-r) Graton employees Nick Kanakis, JR Graton & Leo Maslin  
Patrick O'Grady photo

**"When spider webs unite, they can tie up a lion." — Ethiopian Proverb**



Gina Kanakis (far rt.) watches as the bridge is readied to move  
Linda Bergstrom photo, Worcester, MA



"A journey of a thousand miles  
must begin with a single step." — Chinese Proverb



Parade participants, Shari Elden (center) and her llamas, Palio and Spindle,  
(top) Patricia Shaw Davis photo  
(bottom) Patrick O'Grady photo





**"If you survive long enough,  
you are revered."  
— Katharine Hepburn**

The High Wheelers came  
from Merrimack, NH  
to participate in the parade  
Archie Mountain photo



The parade route travels down North Main St. to Parlin Field  
Addie Kozlik photo



"A future that values its past."



Stetson grandchildren  
enjoy a ride in the family vintage blacksmith wagon  
Jean Preston photo, Weare, NH



Jane Elliott and Carolyn Terhune enjoy a ride in a carriage  
once owned by the family of Austin Corbin's daughter, Mary Champollion  
Margot Estabrook photo



**"Memories are the moments that last forever,  
even though the days disappear."**



Andy Andrews photo



Kristie Kathan and her pony Pody  
Margot Estabrook photo



"Now is the time to begin."



The Patten family, Springfield NH brought the most important guests of all — the oxen that would move the bridge back over the Sugar River  
Patrick O'Grady photo



Malcolm Patten with oxen, Rocky and Spud  
Ray Reid photo



**"The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say can't be done."**



**Tim Patten leading Wilbur and Pete around the capstan  
Patrick O'Grady photo**



**Bridge-movers, Dasher and Comet, thrill the crowd  
Patrick O'Grady photo**



"Take a look, the day is passing."



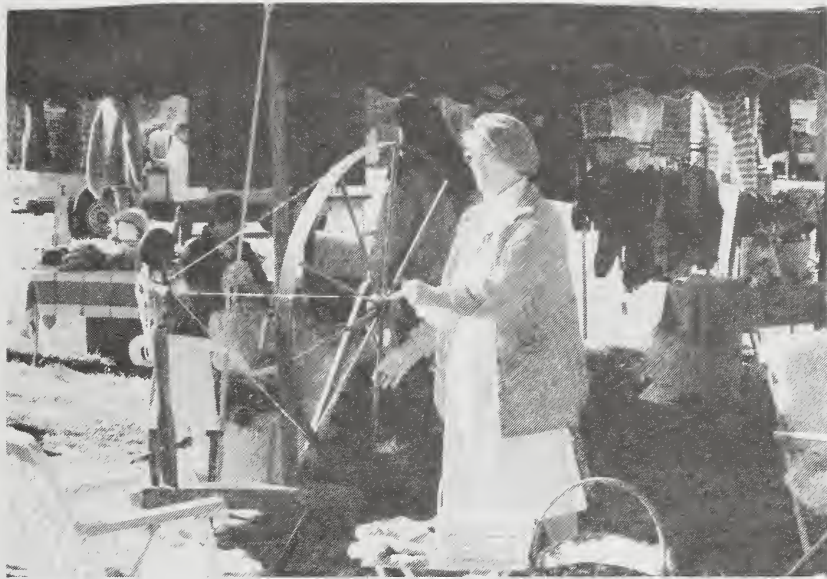
NH Touring Artists, R. P. Hale & The King's Shilling  
Martha Harrison photo, Washington, NH



Blacksmith Steve Tanzini, Greenville, NH  
Addie Kozlik photo



**"Take your job seriously and yourself lightly."**



**Sugar River Spinners, Newport  
Margot Estabrook photo**



**Marlene Gardner, Peter Lovely, Terry Spanos  
Andy Andrews photo**



"A wish for our children to share in the past."



Rod Black with grandson, Ethan  
Gerrie Black photo



Vintage automobiles came to watch the historic bridge moving  
Jean Preston photo, Weare, NH





Andy Rollins, Newport High School junior  
designed logo for Corbin Covered Bridge  
Dave Nelson photo, Brecksville, Ohio



(bk l-r) Tommy Estabrook, Katy Callum, Madeline Schissel, Ethan Black,  
Jeff Anderson, Agnes amd (frnt) Sophie Schissel, Charles Estabrook, Chris Anderson  
Margot Estabrook photo



**"A Historical Timepiece."**



**Moira & Dean Stetson,  
Stetson's Steam Powered Peanut Machine  
Joanne Cronin photo, Worcester, MA**



**Gardiner Stetson and grandson Tim, age 11,  
with the family vintage blacksmith wagon  
Boston Globe photo**



"Time to savor and remember."



Special Guests — Descendants of Austin Corbin

(back l-r) Ellen Edgell Simmons\*, Ron Lemire, Liza Edgell Voyiatzakis\*  
(front l-r) Cody Lemire‡, Shirley Simmons Lemire†, Jennie Voyiatzakis†

\* 4th generation descendant of Austin Corbin

† 5th generation descendant of Austin Corbin

‡ 6th generation descendant of Austin Corbin

Susan Tierney photo, Fitzwilliam, NH

**"A good conscience is a soft pillow."**



**Peg Dixon**  
Linda Bergstrom photo, Worcester, MA

**"It is far easier to start something, than to finish it."**



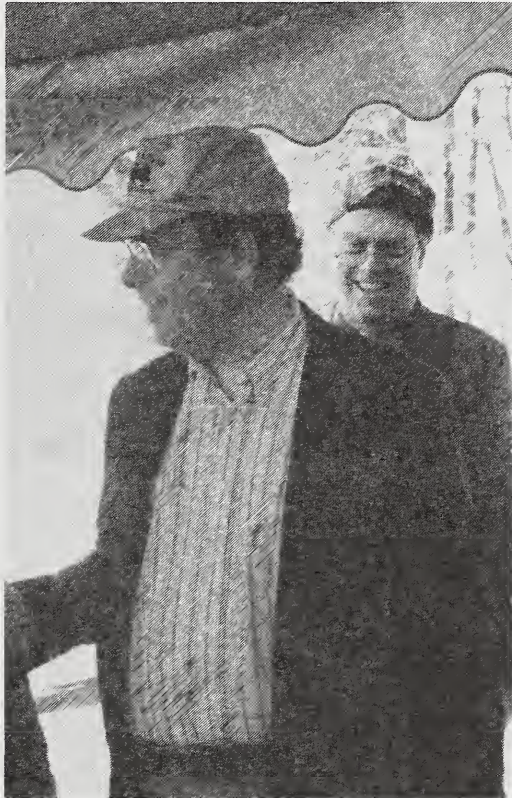
**Carol Harootian and Sharon Christie,**  
illustrator and author of *The Corbin Covered Bridge*  
Al Worley photo, Brockton, MA



**"May we leave our corner of the world a little better than we found it."**



**Tasia Ambargis, Gerrie Black, Margot Estabrook, Ella Casey, Erna McCormick  
tend the Newport Historical Society table — Andy Andrews photo**



**David Fischetti, CCB Architect/Engineer (front)  
David Wright, Pres./Soc. for Preservation of Covered Bridges (back)  
Gerrie Black photo**



**"This town now knows itself a little better."**



**Peter Franklin, Celestine Wiggins, Peter Burling  
Andy Andrews photo**



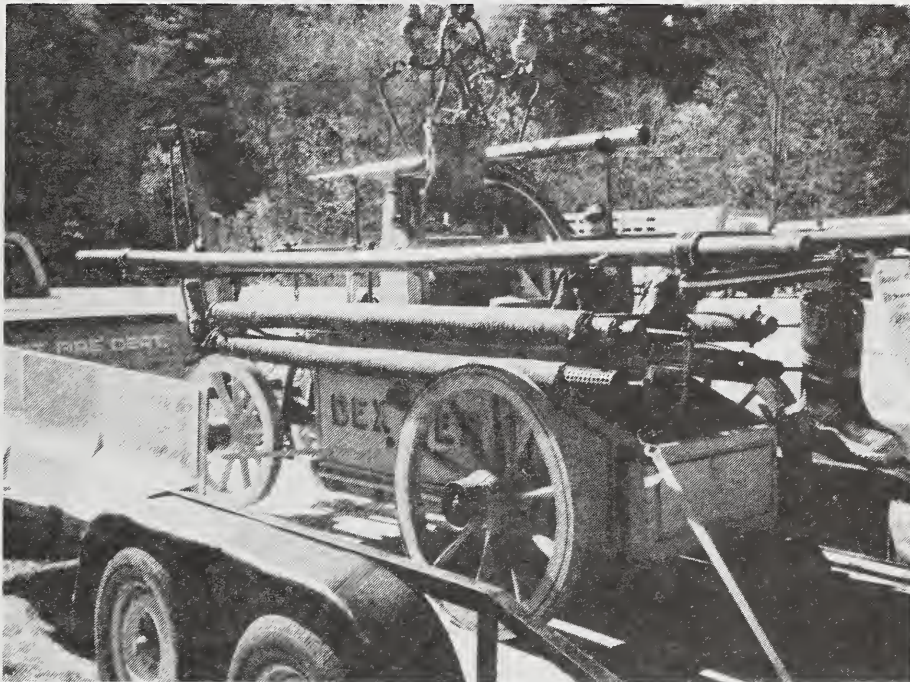
**Kathy Hubert  
Michael Dixon photo  
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**"My favorite thing is to go where I've never been."**



Through the lattice work  
Archie Mountain photo



One of Newport's oldest artifacts, The Dexter, now in restoration  
and soon to be on display at Lake Sunapee Savings Bank  
Addie Kozlik photo



**"I found a space in all the noise and listened to the silence."**



Tommy Estabrook  
Patrick O'Grady photo



Towle students in Peggy McKenney's 6th Grade class visited the bridge site on a field trip while studying Colonia America — Stephanie Dumais, chaperone Michael Truell and daughter, Valerie Ray Reid photo



**"The goal of yesterday will be the starting point of tomorrow."**



Graton employee Tim Andrews  
Patrick O'Grady photo



Winter has come and the bridge is almost done.  
Patrick O'Grady photo

**"We don't know who we are until we see what we can do."**



**Volunteer Tasia Ambargis  
Andy Andrews photo**

**"Recognize anything worth having has its price." — J. Didion**



**Arthur Gokas, Christy Ambargis, Phil Estabrook  
Andy Andrews photo**



**"Bridges are America's cathedrals."**



(Back l-r)

David Black, Andy Andrews,  
Gerri Black, Bob & Gina Anderson,  
Larry Schissel, Lorraine Witham,  
Mary Schissel, Phil Estabrook,  
(front) Margot Estabrook, Tommy  
and Charles Estabrook, Jeffrey &  
Chris Anderson, Ethan Black  
Margot Estabrook photo



Ray Reid, Newport historian, and  
Virginia Irwin, Board of Selectmen Chair  
Opening Day Ceremonies

**"The most available, least expensive, constantly renewable energy source  
is inner strength."**



(r-l) CCB Engineer David Fischetti, Master Bridgewright Arnold Graton,  
Selectman John Lunn, Rev. Jim Gray (center), and crowd  
Sharon Christie photo

**"And be alive this day, as though it were not the first,  
or the last, just the best."**



Long-time North Newport resident Jack Harding  
cuts the ribbon with the children of Newport  
Margot Estabrook photo



**"We continue now this joyous task of living."**



Sharon Christie photo



The Corbin Covered Bridge Advisory Committee  
Margot Estabrook photo

**"Out of the strain of the doing, into the peace of the done."**



The Bridge Advisory Committee are the first to cross the new bridge  
Patrick O'Grady photo



**"Gratitude is the heart's memory."**



(l-r) Bob Anderson, Dick Rossiter,  
Arnold Graton signing autograph with granddaughter, Celina Graton  
Sharon Christie photo

**"Our heritage of covered bridges serves as a monument  
to the integrity of the men who built them."**



**The Town of Newport salutes:**

(l-r) Tim Andrews, Arnold Graton, Leo Maslin, J.R. Graton, Dave Fischetti, Bob  
Turgeon, Patrick O'Grady, (front row) Ray Reid, Andy Andrews and Nick Kanakis  
Andy Andrews photo

**Prayer at the Dedication of the  
Corbin Covered Bridge  
January 8, 1995**

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Innumerable prayers and myriad hours and immeasurable energy offered by countless hopeful citizens of this town have brought us to this one day and moment...to pray once more, O God, as this bridge becomes open again, and we dedicate its new service to Thee.

We offer thanksgiving from the bottom of our hearts...thanksgiving for a phoenix dream that rose from ashes of despair, was blown upon at first by a dedicated few, then grew to a flame that thawed some others, caught fire with others, until at last the whole community was ablaze with the vision.

I thank Thee that this bridge does more than just cross the Sugar River. It also crosses a spiritual rift with good hope, the value of great expectations, and the enormous possibilities of a town when it comes together. Such a bridge we need to cross on so many days of challenge.

We thank Thee for the skill of the builders, the support of the North Newport neighbors, the organization of the Historical Society, and the tide of enthusiasm from the whole community. May our every passage through this new and artful structure be as a prayer that whispers "Thank you, thank you, thank you."

As good spirit, strong virtue and caring energy have built this...may its ongoing commerce bring an up-building future for both sides of this river. May it constantly teach us that separation and burned-out bridges are never meant to be the final word. That new connections, new cooperation, new resurrections are the bridges you call us to build each and every day of our lives.

Remind us that this bridge is held together by more than treenails. It is held together by spiritual powers shared by all of us to cross into better days ahead. Beckon us into that new day...across this new bridge...for Thy gracious sake, O God. Amen.

The Rev. James H. Gray  
South Congregational Church, Newport, NH



**1995 Town Warrant**  
**For the Newport Town Meeting of May 9, 1995**  
**State of New Hampshire**

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To the inhabitants of the Town of Newport in the County of Sullivan in said state, qualified to vote on Town affairs:

You are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in said Town of Newport on the second Tuesday of May, 1995, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

- ARTICLE 1:** To elect two (2) Selectmen for three (3) year terms.
- ARTICLE 2:** To elect one (1) Selectman for a one (1) year term.
- ARTICLE 3:** To elect one Trustee of the Trust Funds for a three (3) year term.
- ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote in favor of increasing the Historic District Commission from five (5) to seven (7) full members.
- ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed One Million (\$1,000,000) Dollars to be used for engineering, design, construction (renovation), purchase of land and finance costs of a new police facility, with an amount not to exceed One Million (\$1,000,000) Dollars to be raised by the issuance of serial bonds and or notes under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33:1 et seq. as amended) with the Board of Selectmen authorized to issue and negotiate said bonds and/or notes and determine the rate of interest and the time period thereof, and to take other such actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds and/or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town; and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend such monies as become available from the Federal and/or State governments for use in connection with said project and pass any votes thereto.
- ARTICLE 6:** To direct the Board of Selectmen to petition the court to instruct the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District to follow relevant agreements and the laws of the State of New Hampshire.
- ARTICLE 7:** To continue the Solid Waste Study Committee's efforts to review and monitor Newport's relationship with the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District and present any findings and recommend further action at a Board of Selectmen Public Hearing or, if appropriate, at a Special Town Meeting or at the next regular Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of its surplus equipment and/or vehicles no longer needed.

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey any real estate acquired by the Town by Tax Collector's deed; such conveyance shall be by deed following public auction or the property may be sold by advertised sealed bids or may be otherwise disposed of as justice may require as determined by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to RSA 80:80.

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to accept and continue the Newport Fire Department under the requirements of NH RSA 154:1 (a). This statute establishes the Fire Department as a Municipal Department.

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Newport and the Newport Police Union AFSCME Local #3657 for a two year period starting July 1, 1995 expiring June 30, 1997, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
1996	\$8,983
1997	11,218

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Three (\$8,983) Dollars for the 1996 fiscal year. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee.)**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000) Dollars to be placed in the Earned Time Trust created under NH RSA 31:19-a for funding termination payments; and to further name the Selectmen trustees of this trust as provided for under NH RSA 31:19-a. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to create a Town Trust Fund per NH RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of funding the negotiation and settlement with the Public Works/Fire Department bargaining unit, naming the Selectmen as the Trustees as per NH RSA 31:19-a; and to further authorize the transfer of unexpended appropriations for this purpose into this fund. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to approve and adopt the proposed budget, raise and appropriate the sums contained in the report and listed in the budget and take any action thereon. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**



- ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Five (\$16,555) Dollars, for Finance Dept. computer replacement, said sum to consist of Ten Thousand Five Hundred Nineteen (\$10,519) Dollars from the General Fund, said funds to come from the Finance Department Capital Reserve, and Three Thousand Eighteen (\$3,018) Dollars each from the Water and Sewer Funds. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**
- ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred (\$13,500) Dollars to purchase a recorder for the Police Department. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**
- ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000) Dollars to repair the fire station roof. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**
- ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000) Dollars to replace the recreation center heating system, and to withdraw Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars plus accrued interest from the Recreation Department capital reserve fund. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**
- ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Five (\$14,175) Dollars to replace the fences at North Newport and Pine Grove cemeteries. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**
- ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred (\$168,600) Dollars for the rehabilitation and overlay of Oak Street. Any unexpended portion of this appropriation shall be utilized for the purpose of repairing other roads as determined by the Board of Selectmen. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**
- ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund per NH RSA 35:1 for Central Street Reconstruction and to further raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand (\$55,000) Dollars to be placed in this fund. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

- ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Seven Thousand (\$47,000) Dollars from the Water Fund for the purchase of land around Gilman Pond in Unity. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3 VI and will not lapse until the land is purchased or five years, whichever is sooner. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**
- ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand (\$35,000) Dollars for engineering and related costs of replacing or rehabilitating the 2.5M gallon water tank. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3 VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or five years, whichever is sooner. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**
- ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand (\$76,000) Dollars for the removal of underground fuel storage tanks at the Public Works Garage and Meadow Park, replacement of the waste oil tank at the Public Works Garage, and the removal/replacement of the underground fuel storage tank at the airport; said sum to consist of Fifty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty (\$51,930) Dollars from the General Fund and Twenty-Four Thousand Seventy (\$24,070) Dollars from the Airport Fund; and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend such monies as become available from the Federal and/or State governments for use in connection with said project and pass any votes thereto. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and not recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.)**
- ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote on the following question: "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:1-c which authorize any town or city to elect not to assess, levy and collect a resident tax?"
- ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to approve the Board of Selectmen's conditional layout of Woodhull Way, which is an existing private right-of-way, as a public street. Woodhull Way extends 158 feet in a southerly direction from Pleasant Street across lots 2285 and 2287 to a row of garage bays on lot 1332 and lot 1439 of Tax Map 42 and is 20 feet wide. If approved, the abutting land owners will convey a highway easement to the town. No damages will be paid to the abutting landowners. **(Approved by the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board.)**

**Board of Selectmen**

Virginia O. Irwin, Chair  
John K. Lunn, Vice Chair  
Roland V. Stoodley  
Gary E. Nichols  
Sharon L. MacDonald



Budget for the Town of Newport, NH  
Estimated Sources of Revenue

	Estimated	Estimated Revenue 1995 – 96	
	Revenue 1994 – 95	Selectmen	Budget Advisory Committee
<b>Taxes:</b>			
Land Use Change Taxes	1,000	1,000	1,000
Resident Taxes	42,000	42,000	42,000
Yield Taxes	10,000	10,000	10,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	35,157	36,325	36,325
Penalties & Interest	260,000	260,000	260,000
<b>Total Taxes</b>	<b>348,157</b>	<b>349,325</b>	<b>349,325</b>
<b>Licenses and Permits:</b>			
Motor Vehicle Permits	380,000	400,000	400,000
Building Permits	12,000	8,000	8,000
Other Licenses and Permits	11,000	11,000	11,000
<b>Total Licenses and Permits</b>	<b>403,000</b>	<b>419,000</b>	<b>419,000</b>
<b>Intergovernmental Revenues</b>	<b>394,084</b>	<b>400,427</b>	<b>400,427</b>
<b>Charges for Service:</b>			
Income from Departments	176,360	185,500	185,500
Garbage/Refuse	60,000	50,000	50,000
Water Department	424,351	470,568	470,568
Sewer Department	587,889	571,107	571,107
Airport	20,667	42,370	27,760
<b>Total Charges for Service</b>	<b>1,269,267</b>	<b>1,319,545</b>	<b>1,304,935</b>
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>			
Sale of Property	1,500	1,500	1,500
Interest on Investments	20,000	30,000	30,000
Rent of Property	37,240	37,240	37,240
Insurance Reimbursements	8,000	8,000	8,000
Transfer from Trust Funds	20,000	20,000	20,000
Other Miscellaneous	89,856	40,351	40,351
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	<b>176,596</b>	<b>137,091</b>	<b>137,091</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources:</b>			
Transfer from Special Revenue Funds			
Transfer from Capital Reserve – General	55,500	21,019	21,019
Transfer from Capital Reserve – Water	11,966		
Transfer from Capital Reserve – Sewer	11,966		
Proceeds from LTD – General Fund	65,615		
Use of Fund Balance – General Fund	200,000	150,000	150,000
Use of Fund Balance – Sewer Fund	91,877		
Use of Fund Balance – Airport Fund		23,108	37,718
<b>Total Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>436,924</b>	<b>194,127</b>	<b>208,737</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$3,028,028</b>	<b>\$2,819,515</b>	<b>\$2,819,515</b>

Budget for the Town of Newport, NH  
Purpose of Appropriations

	Approved Budget 1994-95	Estimated Revenue 1995-96	
		Selectmen	Budget Advisory Committee
<b>General Government:</b>			
Executive	\$87,627	\$92,786	\$92,786
Election/Registration	44,688	42,466	42,466
Financial Administration	153,628	151,989	151,989
Legal	20,000	20,000	20,000
Personnel Administration	430,289	430,326	430,326
Town Office of Planning and Zoning	66,937	72,805	72,805
District Court	5,980	8,022	8,022
General Government Buildings	97,038	72,797	72,797
Cemeteries	71,286	76,168	76,168
Insurance	5,000	5,000	5,000
Advertising & Regional Associations	2,763	3,016	3,016
Other General Government	84,895	88,686	88,686
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>1,070,131</b>	<b>1,064,061</b>	<b>1,064,061</b>
<b>Public Safety:</b>			
Police Department	708,108	709,137	709,137
Ambulance Department	127,068	134,799	134,799
Fire Department	231,345	264,709	264,709
Building Inspection	7,348	7,948	7,948
Emergency Management	1,200	1,897	1,897
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>1,075,069</b>	<b>1,118,490</b>	<b>1,118,490</b>
<b>Highways and Streets:</b>			
Public Works Garage	125,401	127,262	127,262
Highways and Streets	446,568	424,320	424,320
Bridges	2,000	3,400	3,400
Street Lighting	60,400	63,900	63,900
Airport	20,667	17,338	17,338
<b>Total Highways and Streets</b>	<b>655,036</b>	<b>636,220</b>	<b>636,220</b>
<b>Sanitation:</b>			
Solid Waste Collection	60,000	50,000	50,000
Solid Waste Disposal (Recycling)	4,960	97	97
Sewer Department	312,792	318,830	318,830
<b>Total Sanitation</b>	<b>377,752</b>	<b>368,927</b>	<b>368,927</b>
Water Department	263,577	295,576	295,576
<b>Health:</b>			
Health Administration	2,254	2,454	2,454
Health Agency	30,107	31,146	31,146
<b>Total Health</b>	<b>32,361</b>	<b>33,600</b>	<b>33,600</b>

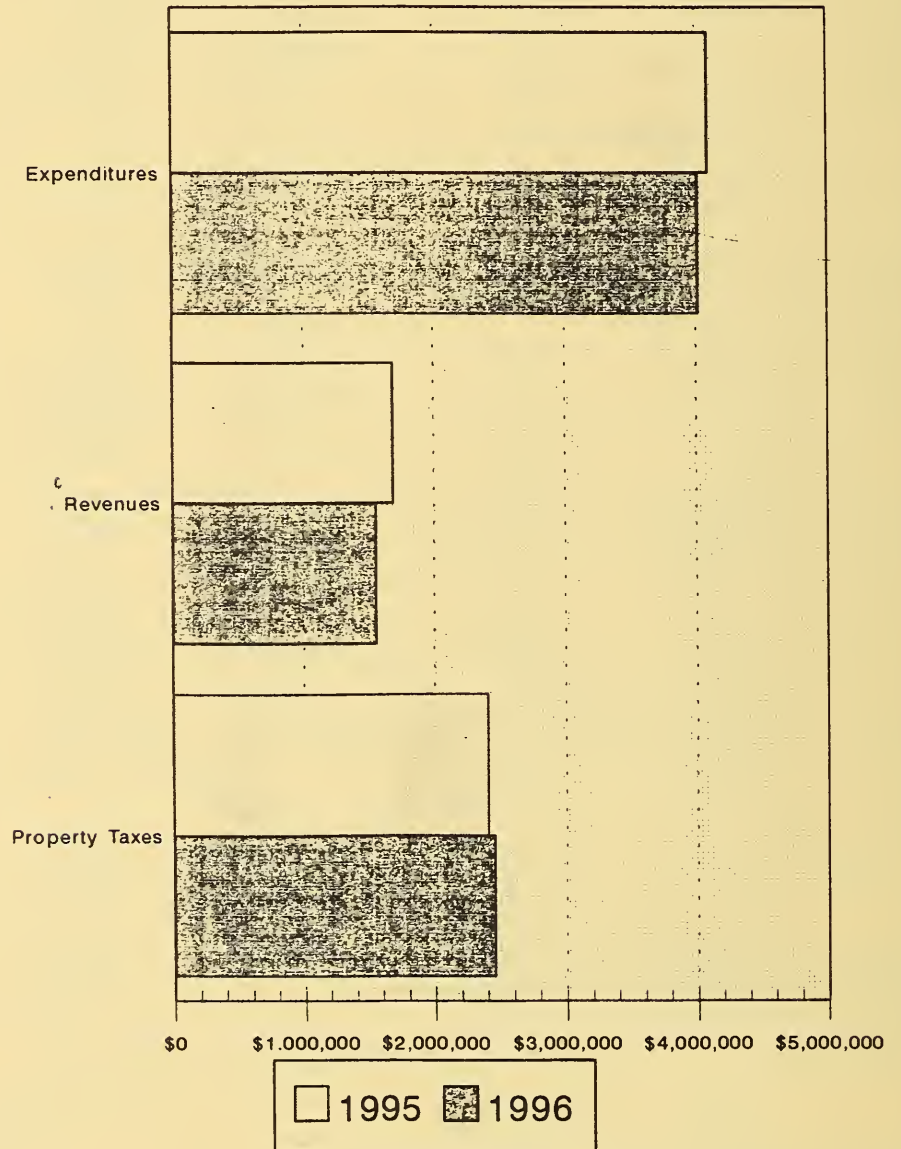


Budget for the Town of Newport, NH  
Purpose of Appropriations

	Approved Budget 1994-95	Estimated Revenue 1995-96	
		Selectmen	Budget Advisory Committee
Welfare:			
Welfare Administration	22,800	22,298	22,298
Welfare Direct Assistance	85,000	85,000	85,000
Total Welfare	<u>107,800</u>	<u>107,298</u>	<u>107,298</u>
Culture and Recreation:			
Recreation	122,655	118,758	118,758
Library	132,910	135,399	135,399
Patriotic Purposes	2,500	2,500	2,500
Total Patriotic Purposes	<u>258,065</u>	<u>256,657</u>	<u>256,657</u>
Conservation Administration	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
Debt Service:			
Principal LTD	280,000	345,615	345,615
Interest LTD	93,263	73,986	73,986
Tax Anticipation Interest	3,000	2,000	2,000
Water Fund Debt	91,966	89,974	89,974
Sewer Fund Debt	257,474	249,259	249,259
Debt Service	<u>725,703</u>	<u>760,834</u>	<u>760,834</u>
Capital Outlay:			
General Fund Articles	468,630	319,654	319,654
Water Fund Articles	80,774	85,018	85,018
Sewer Fund Articles	121,466	3,018	3,018
Airport Fund Articles		48,140	48,140
Capital Outlay	<u>670,870</u>	<u>455,830</u>	<u>455,830</u>
Transfer to Special Revenue Funds	<u>2,647</u>	<u>24,070</u>	<u>9,460</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$5,242,011</u>	<u>\$5,124,563</u>	<u>\$5,109,953</u>
Add:			
War Service Credits	50,800	50,800	50,800
Overlay	139,949	100,000	100,000
Less:			
Estimated Revenues	3,028,028	2,819,515	2,819,515
Estimated Property Taxes to be Raised	\$2,404,732	\$2,455,848	\$2,441,238

# 2 YEAR COMPARISONS GENERAL FUND

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## Finance Department 1994 Annual Report

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### Finance Director

Paul J. Brown, C.P.A.

### Charge Bookkeeper

Amy G. Spreadbury

### Accounting Clerks

Sandra L. Ouellette

Donna M. Lizotte

### Custodian

Michael Hale

The year 1994 was a year of stability and improvement in the Finance Department. The previous years turnover in staff, and ensuing office realignment has resulted in an improvement in overall operations.

The normal operations of the department have gone smoothly in the past year. The Town continues to have strong financial position and cash flow, and all revenues and expenditures should be within budget. The budget for the next fiscal year has a reduction in expenditures, but budgeted revenues continue to decline, so a minor increase in the Town tax rate is proposed.

The Finance Department has worked on two major goals from the previous year. The first was the implementation of a new purchasing policy. The new policy allows some flexibility, while defining the various steps required for major purchases. The other goal was an analysis of the departments computer system. The current computers are not always capable of handling the information requests from the different departments, resulting in computer lockups and downtime. Also, we are working with computers which are at their memory capacity or have other hardware limitations which do not allow us to run some of our programs. We have addressed this problem in the current budget, with a proposal to replace the computer system. The proposal is for computers which may not be leading edge technology, but which will be able to grow and change with the department. The total cost of the system replacement is \$16,556 with the General Fund's portion \$10,519, with the Water and Sewer Fund's portion of \$3,018 each. The General Fund's amount will be withdrawn from the Finance Department capital reserve.

Accordingly, the primary goal of the Finance Department for the next year is the approval, purchase, and installation of the new computer system. Other goals for the year are bringing the payroll system back in house and reviewing and improving of our billing procedures for ambulance and water and sewer.

In conclusion, I would like to thank my staff for their hard work and dedication and other Town departments for their assistance and input.

Statement of Revenues  
For the Year Ended June 30, 1994

	Adjusted Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget	
			\$	%
Property Taxes	\$2,029,042	\$2,068,794	\$39,752	1.96%
Land Use Change taxes	1,000	1,040	40	4.00%
Resident Taxes	42,000	46,080	4,080	9.71%
Yield Taxes	5,000	34,079	29,079	581.58%
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	31,500	31,452	(48)	-0.15%
Penalties and Interest	310,000	285,117	(24,883)	-8.03%
Taxes	<u>2,418,542</u>	<u>2,466,562</u>	<u>48,020</u>	<u>1.99%</u>
Motor Vehicle Permits	350,000	404,074	54,074	15.45%
Building Permits	8,000	9,333	1,333	16.66%
Other Licenses and Permits	11,500	11,081	(419)	-3.64%
Licenses and Permits	<u>369,500</u>	<u>424,488</u>	<u>54,988</u>	<u>14.88%</u>
Intergovernmental Revenues	<u>421,034</u>	<u>421,797</u>	<u>763</u>	<u>0.18%</u>
Income from Departments	162,000	182,486	20,486	12.65%
Garbage/Refuse	87,746	40,850	(46,896)	-53.45%
Charges for Service	<u>249,746</u>	<u>223,336</u>	<u>(26,410)</u>	<u>-10.57%</u>
Sale of Property	1,500	431	(1,069)	-71.27%
Interest on Investments	23,000	18,731	(4,269)	-18.56%
Rent of Property	35,000	36,408	1,408	4.02%
Insurance Reimbursements	8,000	17,105	9,105	113.81%
Other Miscellaneous	50,100	53,054	2,954	5.90%
Miscellaneous	<u>117,600</u>	<u>125,729</u>	<u>8,129</u>	<u>6.91%</u>
Transfer from Trust Funds	<u>113,500</u>	<u>114,385</u>	<u>885</u>	<u>0.78%</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$3,689,922</u>	<u>\$3,776,297</u>	<u>\$86,375</u>	<u>2.34%</u>



Statement of Expenditures  
For the Year Ended June 30, 1994

	Adjusted	Actual	Over (Under) Budget	
	Budget		\$	%
Executive	\$81,015	\$86,860	(\$5,845)	-7.21%
Election/Registration	41,211	40,408	803	1.95%
Financial Administration	155,017	153,320	1,697	1.09%
Legal	25,000	25,000	0	0.00%
Personnel Administration	407,741	347,677	60,064	14.73%
Town Office of Planning and Zoning	73,337	70,777	2,560	3.49%
District Court	6,082	7,535	(1,453)	-23.89%
General Government Buildings	75,837	89,969	(14,132)	-18.63%
Cemeteries	90,618	86,650	3,968	4.38%
Insurance	9,000	9,000	0	0.00%
Advertising and Regional Associations	2,790	3,434	(644)	-23.08%
Other General Government	27,800	27,533	267	0.96%
<b>General Government</b>	<b>995,448</b>	<b>948,163</b>	<b>47,285</b>	<b>4.75%</b>
Police Department	674,504	667,211	7,293	1.08%
Ambulance Department	124,714	114,053	10,661	8.55%
Fire Department	236,882	236,386	496	0.21%
Building Inspection	12,708	10,902	1,806	14.21%
Emergency Management	1,228	1,492	(264)	-21.50%
<b>Public Safety</b>	<b>1,050,036</b>	<b>1,030,044</b>	<b>19,992</b>	<b>1.90%</b>
Public Works Garage	111,591	106,561	5,030	4.51%
Highways and Streets	437,256	460,213	(22,957)	-5.25%
Bridges	2,000	1,927	73	3.65%
Street Lighting	54,700	56,609	(1,909)	-3.49%
<b>Streets and Highways</b>	<b>605,547</b>	<b>625,310</b>	<b>(19,763)</b>	<b>-3.26%</b>
Solid Waste Collection	87,616	44,964	42,652	48.68%
Solid Water Disposal (Recycling)	11,405	1,779	9,626	84.40%
<b>Sanitation</b>	<b>99,021</b>	<b>46,743</b>	<b>52,278</b>	<b>52.79%</b>
Health Administration	2,152	1,979	173	8.04%
Health Agency	26,130	26,130	0	0.00%
<b>Health</b>	<b>28,282</b>	<b>28,109</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>0.61%</b>
Welfare Administration	21,027	21,485	(458)	-2.18%
Welfare Direct Assistance	70,000	82,484	(12,484)	-17.83%
<b>Welfare</b>	<b>91,027</b>	<b>103,969</b>	<b>(12,942)</b>	<b>-14.22%</b>

Statement of Expenditures  
For the Year Ended June 30, 1994

	Adjusted Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget \$	Budget %
Recreation	119,407	114,540	4,867	4.08%
Library	122,990	122,990	0	0.00%
Patriotic Purposes	2,500	2,364	136	5.44%
Culture and Recreation	<u>244,897</u>	<u>239,894</u>	<u>5,003</u>	2.04%
Conservation Administration	<u>3,000</u>	<u>2,984</u>	<u>16</u>	0.53%
Principal LTD	280,000	280,000	0	0.00%
Interest LTD	112,298	112,298	0	0.00%
Interest on Short Term Debt	<u>30,000</u>	<u>1,293</u>	<u>28,707</u>	95.69%
Debt Service	<u>422,298</u>	<u>393,591</u>	<u>28,707</u>	6.80%
Machinery/Vehicles/Equipment	191,866	191,023	843	0.44%
Buildings	5,000	5,000	0	0.00%
Petition Articles	3,000	3,000	0	0.00%
Other Improvements	<u>225,500</u>	<u>225,500</u>	<u>0</u>	0.00%
Capital Outlay	<u>425,366</u>	<u>424,523</u>	<u>843</u>	0.20%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$3,964,922</u>	<u>\$3,843,330</u>	<u>\$121,592</u>	3.07%



## **Financial Statements**

The following financial statements for the 12 month fiscal period ending June 30, 1993 were prepared by Plodzik & Sanderson Professional Association, independent auditors for the Town. A complete audit report is available for review in the Town Manager's Office.

TOWN OF NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

To the Members of the  
Board of Selectmen and Town Manager  
Town of Newport  
Newport, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Newport as of and for the year ended June 30, 1994, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with 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.

As described in Note 1B, the general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the General Fixed Assets Account Group, which should be included to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amount that should be recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Newport as of June 30, 1994, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its proprietary fund types and 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 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 Newport. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

October 31, 1994

  
PLODZIK & SANDERSON  
Professional Association

EXHIBIT A  
TOWN OF NEWPORT  
Combined Balance Sheet – All Funds Types and Account Groups (Continued)  
June 30, 1994

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	Governmental Fund Types		
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Cash Overdraft		\$523	
Accounts Payable	\$143,756	36	\$8,702
Accrued Expenses	5,000		
Accrued Payroll and Benefits	55,381		
Contracts Payable		1,000	
Retainage Payable		5,843	
Intergovernmental Payable	511		
Interfund Payable	10,986	63,705	4,916
Other Current Liabilities	17,363		
Deferred Tax Revenues	3,371,822		
Other Deferred Revenues	1,492		
General Obligation Debt Payable			
Compensated Absences			
Total Liabilities	3,606,311	71,107	13,618
<u>Equity and Other Credits</u>			
Contributed Capital			
<u>Retained Earnings</u>			
Reserved			
Unreserved			
<u>Fund Balanmces</u>			
Reserved for Tax Deeded Property	23,394		
Reserved for Endowments			
Reserved for Encumbrances	195,979		
Reserved for Inventories		13,543	
Reserved for Special Purposes			260,170
Unreserved			
Designated For Special Purposes		670,245	
Undesignated (Deficit)	564,765	(523)	
Total Equity and Other Credits	784,138	683,265	260,170
TOTAL LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS	\$4,390,449	\$754,372	\$273,788



Proprietary Fund Type Enterprise Funds		Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group General	Totals
Water Department	Sewer Department	Trust Funds	Long-Term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
				\$523
\$5,548	\$9,666	\$58,027		225,735
				5,000
				55,381
				1,000
				5,843
				511
23,014	38,521	19,692		160,834
				17,363
				3,371,822
				1,492
1,013,793	1,855,000		\$1,475,000	4,343,793
			24,333	24,333
<u>1,042,355</u>	<u>1,903,187</u>	<u>77,719</u>	<u>1,499,333</u>	<u>8,213,630</u>
332,500	3,413,358			3,745,858
73,024	80,277			153,301
1,418,326	1,380,550			2,798,876
				23,394
		569,761		569,761
				195,979
				13,543
		313,670		573,840
				670,245
				564,242
<u>1,823,850</u>	<u>4,874,185</u>	<u>883,431</u>		<u>9,309,039</u>
<u>\$2,866,205</u>	<u>\$6,777,372</u>	<u>\$961,150</u>	<u>\$1,499,333</u>	<u>\$17,522,669</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT B  
TOWN OF NEWPORT  
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1994

	Governmental Fund Types		
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects
<u>Revenues</u>			
Taxes	\$7,013,432		
Licenses and Permits	424,488		
Intergovernmental	674,283	\$242,109	
Charges For Service	223,336	20,698	
Miscellaneous	108,729	33,787	\$364,054
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
Operating Transfers In	131,385	607,936	
<u>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</u>	<u>8,575,653</u>	<u>904,530</u>	<u>364,054</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
<u>Current</u>			
General Government	923,275	23,286	
Public Safety	1,009,355	783	
Highways, Streets, Bridges	586,210		
Sanitation	46,743		
Health	31,109		
Welfare	103,969	118	
Culture and Recreation	112,369	182,518	
Conservation	985	445	
Debt Service	393,591		
Capital Outlay	339,980	273,214	125,623
Intergovernmental	4,799,355		
<u>Other Financing Uses</u>			
Operating Transfers Out	180,490	49,000	2,327
<u>Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	<u>8,527,431</u>	<u>529,364</u>	<u>127,950</u>
<u>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>			
	48,222	375,166	236,104
<u>Fund Balances – July 1</u>	<u>735,916</u>	<u>308,099</u>	<u>24,066</u>
<u>Fund Balances – June 30</u>	<u>\$784,138</u>	<u>\$683,265</u>	<u>\$260,170</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.



Fiduciary Fund Type	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<u>Trust Funds</u>	
	\$7,013,432
	424,488
	916,392
	244,034
\$61,395	567,965
<u>88,339</u>	<u>827,660</u>
<u>149,734</u>	<u>9,993,971</u>
	946,561
	1,010,138
	586,210
	46,743
	31,109
	104,087
42,675	337,562
	1,430
	393,591
	738,817
	4,799,355
<u>132,962</u>	<u>364,779</u>
<u>175,637</u>	<u>9,360,382</u>
(25,903)	633,589
<u>335,365</u>	<u>1,403,446</u>
<u>\$309,462</u>	<u>\$2,037,035</u>

EXHIBIT C  
TOWN OF NEWPORT  
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
Budget and Actual (GAAP Basis)  
General and Special Revenue Funds  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1994

	General Fund		Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Budget	Actual	
<u>Revenues</u>			
Taxes	\$6,965,411	\$7,013,432	\$48,021
Licenses and Permits	369,500	424,488	54,988
Intergovernmental	673,520	674,283	763
Charges For Service	249,746	223,336	(26,410)
Miscellaneous	100,600	108,729	8,129
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
Operating Transfers In	130,500	131,385	885
<u>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</u>	<u>8,489,277</u>	<u>8,575,653</u>	<u>86,376</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
<u>Current</u>			
General Government	970,608	923,275	47,333
Public Safety	1,029,587	1,009,355	20,232
Highways, Streets, Bridges	566,447	586,210	(19,763)
Sanitation	99,021	46,743	52,278
Health	31,282	31,109	173
Welfare	91,027	103,969	(12,942)
Culture and Recreation	117,372	112,369	5,003
Conservation	1,000	985	15
Debt Service	422,298	393,591	28,707
Capital Outlay	340,823	339,980	843
Intergovernmental	4,799,355	4,799,355	
<u>Other Financing Uses</u>			
Operating Transfers Out	180,490	180,490	
<u>Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	<u>8,649,310</u>	<u>8,527,431</u>	<u>121,879</u>
<u>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>			
	(160,033)	48,222	208,255
<u>Fund Balances – July 1</u>			
(As Restated Note 7)	735,916	735,916	
<u>Fund Balances – June 30</u>	<u>\$575,883</u>	<u>\$784,138</u>	<u>\$208,255</u>



Special Revenue Funds			Totals (Memorandum Only)		
Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
			\$6,965,411	\$7,013,432	\$48,021
			369,500	424,488	54,988
\$350,000	\$242,109	(\$107,891)	1,023,520	916,392	(107,128)
34,394	20,698	(13,696)	284,140	244,034	(40,106)
	33,787	33,787	100,600	142,516	41,916
124,990	607,936	482,946	255,490	739,321	483,831
509,384	904,530	395,146	8,998,661	9,480,183	481,522
34,394	23,286	11,108	1,005,002	946,561	58,441
	783	(783)	1,029,587	1,010,138	19,449
			566,447	586,210	(19,763)
			99,021	46,743	52,278
			31,282	31,109	173
	118	(118)	91,027	104,087	(13,060)
122,990	182,518	(59,528)	240,362	294,887	(54,525)
2,000	445	1,555	3,000	1,430	1,570
			422,298	393,591	28,707
384,016	273,214	110,802	724,839	613,194	111,645
			4,799,355	4,799,355	
	49,000	(49,000)	180,490	229,490	(49,000)
543,400	529,364	14,036	9,192,710	9,056,795	135,915
(34,016)	375,166	409,182	(194,049)	423,388	617,437
308,099	308,099		1,044,015	1,044,015	
\$274,083	\$683,265	\$409,182	\$849,966	\$1,467,403	\$617,437

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT D  
TOWN OF NEWPORT  
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses and  
Changes in Retained Earnings/Fund Balances  
All Proprietary Funds and Nonexpendable Trust Funds  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1994

	<u>Proprietary Fund Types</u>	
	<u>Enterprise Funds</u>	
	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>
	<u>Department</u>	<u>Department</u>
<u>Operating Revenues</u>		
<u>Charges For Sales and Services</u>		
User Charges	\$422,742	\$440,711
Job Works	1,760	14,472
New Funds		
Interest and Dividends		
Capital Gains (Losses)		
<u>Total Operating Revenues</u>	<u>424,502</u>	<u>455,183</u>
<u>Operating Expenses</u>		
Salaries and Wages	133,098	141,135
Contracted Services	16,587	4,679
Maintenance and Repairs	16,557	28,675
Chemicals and Supplies	23,548	17,192
Utilities	10,967	48,748
Administration	7,474	4,220
Vehicle and Equipment	6,669	8,788
Other	3,950	35,483
Depreciation	72,428	139,316
Depreciation		
<u>Total Operating Expenses</u>	<u>291,278</u>	<u>428,236</u>
<u>Operating Income</u>	<u>133,224</u>	<u>26,947</u>
<u>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</u>		
Interest Revenue	22,302	22,969
Interest Expense	(57,750)	(133,196)
State Water Pollution Aid		87,403
<u>Net Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</u>	<u>(35,448)</u>	<u>(22,824)</u>
<u>Income Before Operating Transfers</u>	<u>97,776</u>	<u>4,123</u>
<u>Operating Transfers</u>		
Transfers In	10,846	31,885
Transfers Out	(5,000)	(5,000)
<u>Net Operating Transfers</u>	<u>5,846</u>	<u>26,885</u>
<u>Net Income</u>	<u>103,622</u>	<u>31,008</u>
<u>Add Depreciation on Fixed Assets Acquired</u> <u>by Grants, Entitlements and Shared Revenues</u> <u>Externally Restricted for Capital Acquisition and</u> <u>Construction that Reduces Contributed Capital</u>	<u>8,750</u>	<u>98,938</u>
<u>Increase in Retained Earnings</u>	<u>112,372</u>	<u>129,946</u>
<u>Retained Earnings/Fund Balances – July 1</u>	<u>1,378,978</u>	<u>1,330,881</u>
<u>Retained Earnings/Fund Balances – June 30</u>	<u>\$1,491,350</u>	<u>\$1,460,827</u>



Fiduciary Fund Types  
 Nonexpendable Trust Funds

Town	Library	Total (Memorandum Only)
		\$863,453
		16,232
\$7,350		7,350
21,442	\$14,018	35,460
(2,182)		(2,182)
<u>26,610</u>	<u>14,018</u>	<u>920,313</u>
		274,233
		21,266
		45,232
		40,740
		59,715
		11,694
		15,457
		39,433
		211,744
1,750		1,750
<u>1,750</u>		<u>721,264</u>
24,860	14,018	199,049
		45,271
		(190,946)
		87,403
		<u>(58,272)</u>
24,860	14,018	140,777
		42,731
(19,692)	(13,540)	(43,232)
(19,692)	(13,540)	(501)
5,168	478	140,276
		107,688
5,168	478	247,964
311,958	256,365	3,278,182
<u>\$317,126</u>	<u>\$256,843</u>	<u>\$3,526,146</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT E  
TOWN OF NEWPORT  
Combined Statement of Changes in Cash Flows  
All Proprietary Funds and Nonexpendable Trust Funds  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1994

	Proprietary Fund Types	
	Enterprise Funds	
	Water Department	Sewer Department
<u>Cash Flows From Operating Activities</u>		
Cash Received From Customers and Users	\$629,156	\$500,780
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(183,378)	(125,400)
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	(133,098)	(141,135)
Interest and Dividends Received	22,302	22,969
New Funds Received		
Trust Income Distributions		
Operating Transfers Out	(5,000)	
<u>Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities</u>	<u>329,982</u>	<u>257,214</u>
<u>Cash Flows From Investing Activities</u>		
Proceeds From Sales of Investments		
Purchase of Investment Securities		
Purchase of Fixed Assets	(250,794)	(253,453)
<u>Net Cash Provided (Used) in Investing Activities</u>	<u>(250,794)</u>	<u>(253,453)</u>
<u>Cash Flows From Financing Activities</u>		
Principal Payments – Bonds	(36,207)	(130,000)
<u>Net Increase (Decrease) In Cash</u>	<u>42,981</u>	<u>(126,239)</u>
<u>Cash – July 1</u>	<u>427,877</u>	<u>520,302</u>
<u>Cash – June 30</u>	<u>\$470,858</u>	<u>\$394,063</u>
 <u>Reconciliation of Net Income to New Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities</u>		
<u>Net Income</u>	<u>\$103,622</u>	<u>\$31,008</u>
<u>Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net</u>		
<u>Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities</u>		
Gain (Loss) on Sales of Investments		
Depreciation Expense	72,428	139,316
<u>(Increase) Decrease in Receivables</u>		
Accounts	53,710	73,798
Interest		
(Increase) Decrease in Prepaid Expenses	(458)	(536)
(Increase) Decrease in Due From		
Other Governments		82,986
(Increase) Decrease in Due From		
Other Funds	146,404	(975)
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	3,017	(462)
Increase (Decrease) in Deferred Revenues	(257)	(325)
Increase (Decrease) in Due to Other Funds	(48,484)	(67,596)
<u>Total Adjustments</u>	<u>226,360</u>	<u>226,206</u>
<u>Net Cash Provided By Operations</u>	<u>\$329,982</u>	<u>\$257,214</u>



Fiduciary Fund Types  
 Nonexpendable Trust Funds

Town	Library	Totals (Memorandum Only)
		\$1,129,936
		(308,778)
		(274,233)
\$21,617	\$14,018	80,906
7,350		7,350
(1,750)		(1,750)
(20,868)	(13,540)	(39,408)
<u>6,349</u>	<u>478</u>	<u>594,023</u>
146,273		146,273
(144,776)		(144,776)
		(504,247)
<u>1,497</u>		<u>(502,750)</u>
		(166,207)
7,846	478	(74,934)
6,049	41,110	995,338
<u>\$13,895</u>	<u>\$41,588</u>	<u>\$920,404</u>
<u>\$5,168</u>	<u>\$478</u>	<u>\$140,276</u>
2,182		2,182
		211,744
		127,508
175		175
		(994)
		82,986
		145,429
		2,555
		(582)
(1,176)		(117,256)
<u>1,181</u>		<u>453,747</u>
<u>\$6,349</u>	<u>\$478</u>	<u>\$594,023</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the statement.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Town have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to the governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

The Town of Newport, New Hampshire, is a municipal corporation governed by an elected Board of Selectmen and Town Manager. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the Town of Newport (primary government), and its component units. Component units are organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable or for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Based on the foregoing criteria, no other organizations are included in the Town's financial reporting entity.

B. Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting

The accounts of the Town are organized on the basis of funds or account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures/expenses, as appropriate. Governmental resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds are grouped by type in the financial statements. The following fund types and account groups are used by the Town:

*Governmental Fund Types*

Governmental Funds are those through which most governmental functions of the Town are financed. The acquisition, use and balances of the Town's expendable financial resources, and the related liabilities (except those accounted for in proprietary funds) are accounted for through governmental funds. The following are the Town's Governmental Fund Types:

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Town. All general tax revenues and other receipts that are not allocated by law or contractual agreement to another fund are accounted for in this fund. From the fund are paid the general operating expenditures, the fixed charges, and the capital improvement costs that are not paid through other funds.



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total. Unexpended balances of special articles for specific purposes may not be transferred. All annual appropriations lapse at year-end unless encumbered.

State statutes require balanced budgets, but provide for the use of beginning unreserved fund balance to achieve that end. In 1994, \$275,000 of the beginning General Fund fund balance was applied for this purpose.

*Encumbrances*

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and continuing appropriations (certain projects and specific items not fully expended at year end) are recognized, is employed in the governmental funds. Encumbrances are not the equivalent of expenditures and are therefore reported as part of the fund balance at June 30 and are carried forward to supplement appropriations of the subsequent year.

*Reconciliation of Town Budget to GAAP Basis of Accounting*

The Statements of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual (GAAP Basis) present comparisons of the legally adopted budget as adjusted to present the budget on the GAAP basis with actual data on a GAAP basis. Since accounting principles applied for purposes of developing data on a budgetary basis differ from those used to present financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), reconciliations of the excesses (deficiencies) of revenue and other sources of financial resources over (under) expenditures and other uses of financial resources for the year ended June 30, 1994 were required as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>
<u>Appropriations</u>		
<u>Budgetary Basis -</u>		
<u>Legally Adopted Budget</u>		
Municipal	\$3,964,922	\$509,384
School	4,165,164	
County	634,191	
<u>Total Appropriations</u>	<u>8,764,277</u>	<u>509,384</u>
Adjustments to Restate Budget to GAAP Basis		
Carryover Appropriations		
Reserve for Encumbrances		
Beginning of period	\$ 81,012	\$ 34,016
End of period	(195,979)	
<u>Total Adjustments</u>	<u>(114,967)</u>	<u>34,016</u>
<u>Total Appropriations - GAAP Basis</u>	<u>\$8,649,310</u>	<u>\$543,400</u>

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accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financial sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. For Proprietary Fund Types, the measurement focus is on the determination of net income.

All Nonexpendable Trust Funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the balance sheet.

The accounts of the Governmental, Expendable Trust, and Agency Funds are maintained and reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined, and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Application of the "susceptibility to accrual" criteria requires judgement, consideration of the materiality of the item in question, and due regard for the practicality of accrual, as well as consistency in application. Those revenues susceptible to accrual are taxes, intergovernmental revenues, charges for services and interest revenue. Licenses and permits and most other local source revenues are not susceptible to accrual, because generally they are not measurable until received in cash. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. Accumulated unpaid vacation and sick pay, and principal and interest on general long-term debt are recorded as fund liabilities when due. All Nonexpendable Trust and Proprietary Funds are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred.

D. Budgetary Accounting

*General Budget Policies*

General governmental revenues and expenditures accounted for in budgetary funds are controlled by a formal integrated budgetary accounting system in accordance with various legal requirements which govern the Town's operations. At its annual meeting, the Town adopts a budget for the current year for the General, Richards Free Library, Airport Operating, Green Road Rehabilitation, Conservation Commission, Water Department and Sewer Department Funds. Project-length financial plans are adopted for all Capital Project Funds. Except as reconciled below, budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

Management may transfer appropriations between operating categories as they deem necessary, but expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations in



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The following funds are included in this fund type:

Nonexpendable Trust Funds

Town Trusts  
Library Trusts

Expendable Trust Funds

Library Trusts  
Capital Reserve

Agency Fund

ICMA Deferred Compensation

*Account Groups*

Account groups are not "funds." They are concerned only with the measurement of financial position. They are not involved with measurement of results of operations. The Town uses the following account groups:

**General Fixed Assets Account Group** - General fixed assets have been acquired for general governmental purposes and have been recorded as expenditures in the fund making the expenditure. These expenditures are required to be capitalized at historical cost in a General Fixed Asset Group of Accounts for accountability purposes. In accordance with the practices followed by most other municipal entities in the State, the Town does not maintain a record of its general fixed assets and, accordingly, a statement of general fixed assets, required by generally accepted accounting principles, is not included in this financial report.

**General Long-Term Debt Account Group** - This account group is established to account for all long-term debt of the Town except that which is accounted for in the proprietary funds.

*Total Columns (Memorandum Only) on Combined Statements*

Amounts in the "Total (Memorandum Only)" columns in the combined financial statement line items of the fund types and account groups are presented for analytical purposes only. The summation includes fund types and account groups that use different bases of accounting, includes interfund transactions that have not been eliminated and the caption "amounts to be provided", which is not an asset in the usual sense. Consequently, amounts shown in the "Total (Memorandum Only)" columns are not comparable to a consolidation and do not represent the total resources available or total revenues and expenditures/expenses of the Town.

C. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds and expendable trust funds are

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**Special Revenue Funds** - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than expendable trust or major capital projects) requiring separate accounting because of legal or regulatory provisions or administrative action. The following funds are included in this fund type:

- Richards Free Library
- Airport Operating
- Conservation Commission
- Community Development Block Grants
- Newport New Horizons
- Evidence
- Ambulance Donations
- Emergency Shelter
- South Main Street Revolving Loan

**Capital Projects Funds** - Transactions related to resources obtained and used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of capital facilities are accounted for in Capital Projects Funds. Such resources are derived principally from proceeds of long-term notes or bonds and from Federal and State grants. The following funds are included in this fund type:

- Sewage Treatment Plant Construction
- Richards Free Library Building
- Corbin Covered Bridge
- Water Treatment Plant Construction

*Proprietary Fund Types*

**Proprietary Funds** - These funds account for operations that are organized to be self-supporting through user charges. The funds included in this category are the Enterprise Funds.

**Enterprise Funds** - These funds are established to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises, where the intent is that costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

The Water and Sewer Department Funds are included in this fund type.

*Fiduciary Fund Types*

**Fiduciary Fund Types** - These funds account for assets held by the Town as a trustee or agent for individuals, private organizations, and other units of governments.



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E. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Equity

*Cash and Investments*

The Town Treasurer is required by State statute to have custody of all monies belonging to the Town and shall pay out the same only upon orders of the selectmen. The Town Treasurer shall deposit all such monies in solvent banks in the state or in participation units in the public deposit investment pool established pursuant to RSA 383:22. Funds may be deposited in banks outside the state if such banks pledge and deliver to the state treasurer as collateral security for such deposits in value at least equal to the amount of the deposit in each case.

Whenever the Town Treasurer has an excess of funds which are not immediately needed for the purpose of expenditure, State statutes require the Treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to invest the same in obligations of the United States government, in savings bank deposits of banks incorporated under the laws of the State of New Hampshire or in certificates of deposits of banks incorporated under the laws of the State of New Hampshire or in national banks located within this state or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Any person who directly or indirectly receives any such funds or monies for deposit or for investment in securities of any kind shall, prior to acceptance of such funds, make available at the time of such deposit or investment an option to have such funds secured by collateral having a value at least equal to the amount of such funds. Such collateral shall be segregated for the exclusive benefit of the town. Only securities defined by the bank commissioner as provided by rules adopted pursuant to RSA 386:57 shall be eligible to be pledged as collateral.

For financial reporting purposes, cash and equivalents include amounts in demand deposits and money market funds, as well as certificates of deposit and short-term investments.

The Town is authorized by State statute to invest Trust Funds, except Capital Reserve Funds, in obligations of political subdivisions and stocks and bonds that are legal for investment by New Hampshire savings banks. Capital Reserve Funds must be kept in a separate account and not intermingled with other funds. Capital Reserve Funds shall be invested only by deposit in some savings bank or in the savings department of a national bank or trust company, or in the share of a cooperative bank, building and loan association, or federal savings and loan association, in this state, or in bonds, notes or other obligations of the United States government, or in bonds or notes of this state, or in participation units in the public deposit investment pool established pursuant to RSA 383:22.

Investments are stated at cost.

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*Receivables*

Revenues for the most part are recorded when received, except for the following items for which receivables have been recorded:

- a. Tax revenue is recorded when a warrant for collection is committed to the Tax Collector. However, a reserve has been recorded in the amount of \$123,211 representing future potential abatements of the current and prior years' tax levies.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Codification Section P70 - *Property Taxes*, requires that if property taxes are not collected within 60 days after year end, the revenue is not considered an "available spendable resource" and should be deferred. An exception to the general "available 60 day" rule is allowed in unusual circumstances. The Town has concluded that the circumstances relating to the responsibility for, and payment of, the School Tax Assessment, along with the timing of the issuance of the tax warrant, which is late in the budget year, justifies a period greater than 60 days. Since this practice of recording the property tax revenue when levied is widely recognized as being generally accepted as the prevalent practice in New Hampshire, the Town believes that such practice is a knowledgeable application of the GASB Codification Section P70 exception, and therefore Level 4 GAAP compliance may be reached.

As prescribed by law, the Tax Collector places a lien on properties for all uncollected property taxes in the following year after taxes are due. The lien on these properties has priority over other liens and accrues interest at 18% per annum.

If property is not redeemed within the 2-year redemption period, the property is tax-deeded to the Town.

- b. Interest on investments is recorded as revenue in the year earned.
- c. Certain grants received from other governments require that eligible expenditures be made in order to earn the grant. Revenue for these grants is recorded for the period in which eligible expenditures are made.
- d. Various service charges (ambulance, water, sewer) are recorded as revenue for the period when service was provided. The receivables for such services are shown on the balance sheet net of an allowance for estimated uncollectibles with respect to charges for ambulance fees calculated at 100% of prior amounts and 66% of all others.

*Interfund Receivables and Payables*

During the course of normal operations, the Town has transactions between funds, including expenditures and transfers of resources to provide services and fund



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capital outlay. The accompanying governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary fund financial statements reflect such transactions as transfers. To the extent that certain transactions have not been paid or received as of June 30, balances of interfund amounts receivable or payable have been recorded.

*Inventories*

Inventory in the General and Special Revenue Funds consists of expendable supplies held for consumption. The cost thereof has been recorded as an expenditure at the time individual inventory items were purchased. The Airport Operating Fund inventory is stated at lower of cost or market, with cost determined by the first-in, first-out method.

*Fixed Assets*

The accounting and reporting treatment applied to the fixed assets associated with a fund are determined by its measurement focus. All Proprietary Funds are accounted for on a cost of services or "capital maintenance" measurement focus.

This means that all assets and all liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activity are included on their balance sheets. Their reported fund equity (net total assets) is segregated into contributed capital and retained earnings components. Proprietary fund type operating statements present increase (revenues) and decreased (expenses) in net total assets.

All fixed assets are valued at historical cost, or estimated historical cost, if actual historical cost is not available. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair value on the date donated.

Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets used by proprietary funds is charged as an expense against their operations. Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives using the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

	<u>Years</u>
Buildings	20 - 40
Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	5 - 20
Other Improvements	40

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or extend the asset's life are not capitalized.

*Deferred Revenue*

The government reports deferred revenue on its combined balance sheet. Deferred revenue arises when a potential revenue does not meet both the "measurable" and "available" criteria for recognition in the current period. Deferred revenue also arises when resources are received by the government before it has a legal claim

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to them, as when grant monies are received prior to the incurrence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, or when the government has a legal claim to the resources, the liability for deferred revenue is removed from the combined balance sheet and revenue is recognized.

*Long-Term Liabilities*

**General Obligation Debt** - General obligation bonds, notes, capital leases, and other forms of long-term debt supported by general revenues are obligations of the Town as a whole. Accordingly, such unmatured obligations of the Town are accounted for in the General Long-Term Debt Group of Accounts.

**Compensated Absences** - Employees may accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vested benefits, which will be paid to employees upon separation from the Town's service. In Governmental Fund Types and Fiduciary Fund Types, the cost of vested benefits paid or expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources are reported as an expenditure and fund liability of the fund. Amounts of vested or accumulated leave benefits that are not expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources are reported in the general long-term debt account group. No expenditure is reported for these amounts. In accordance with the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 43, *Accounting for Compensated Absences*, no liability is recorded for nonvesting accumulating rights to receive benefits.

*Fund Equity*

The portion of fund balance which has been legally segregated for a specific future use, or which indicates that a portion is not appropriable for expenditures, is shown as reserved. The following reserves were used by the Town during the year:

**Reserved for Endowments** - represents the principal balance of Nonexpendable Trust Funds which must be held for investment purposes only.

**Reserved for Encumbrances** - is used to account for open purchase orders, contracts and other commitments at year end for which goods and services have not been received.

**Reserved for Tax Deeded Property** - represents properties for which the Town took a deed through the tax lien process and which are expected to sell in the near future.

**Reserved for Inventory** - represents inventory which, under the purchases method, does not represent expendable available resources, even though it is a component of net current assets.

**Reserved for Special Purposes** - is used to account for the unencumbered balance of restricted funds. These include the uncommitted balances of bond proceeds,



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grant revenues, the Town's Expendable Trust Funds, and the income portion of the Town's Nonexpendable Trust Funds.

NOTE 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Deficit Fund Balances

*Richards Free Library Fund*

There is a deficit of \$523 in the Richards Free Library Fund at June 30, 1994. This deficit is a result of operations from prior fiscal periods.

B. Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations

The following governmental funds had an excess of expenditures over appropriations for the year ended June 30, 1994:

<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>	
Richards Free Library	\$ 59,528
<u>Community Development Block Grants</u>	
North Main Target Area Project	32,000
Guild Target Area Project	193,353
Newport New Horizons	413
Ambulance Donations	17,000
Emergency Shelter	<u>118</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$302,412</u>

Overexpenditures occurred primarily due to the receipt and expenditure of unanticipated funds or the expenditure of existing fund equity.

NOTE 3 - ASSETS

A. Cash and Equivalents

At year end, the Town's cash deposits categorized according to risk assumed were as follows:

*Category 1* Includes deposits that are insured (Federal Depository Insurance).

*Category 2* Includes deposits that are uninsured, but are collateralized by securities held by the pledging financial institution, its trust department or agent in the Town's name.

*Category 3* Includes deposits that are uninsured and uncollateralized.

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	Category			Total	
	1	2	3	Bank Balance	Carrying Value
<u>Cash</u>					
Bank Deposits	<u>\$529.072</u>	<u>\$-0-</u>	<u>\$3,153.898</u>	<u>\$3,682.970</u>	<u>\$3,527.072</u>

B. Investments

Investments made by the Town are summarized below. The investments that are represented by specific identifiable investment securities are classified as to credit risk into three categories as follows:

*Category 1* Includes investments that are insured or registered, for which the securities are held by the Town or its agent in the Town's name.

*Category 2* Includes uninsured and unregistered investments, for which the securities are held by the Town, broker, counter party's trust department or agent in the Town's name.

*Category 3* Includes uninsured and unregistered investments, for which the securities are held by the broker, counter party, counter party's trust department, or agent, but not in the Town's name.

Most of the Town's investments are under the management of Charter Trust Company, who is the Town's agent for these funds. These investments are designated as Category 3 because they are held by an agent of the bank but not in the Town's name.

	Category			Carrying Amount	Market Value
	1	2	3		
US Government Obligations	\$	\$	\$196,437	\$196,437	\$195,461
Corporate Bonds	5,600		35,723	41,323	39,741
Common Stocks			48,340	48,340	52,124
	<u>\$5,600</u>	<u>\$-0-</u>	<u>\$280,500</u>	285,100	287,326
Mutual Funds				249,456	304,669
New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool				<u>262,857</u>	<u>262,857</u>
<u>Total Investments</u>				<u>\$798,413</u>	<u>\$854,852</u>

C. Property Taxes

The property tax year is from April 1 to March 31 and all property taxes are assessed on the inventory taken in April of that year.

The Town subscribes to the semi-annual method of tax collection as provided for by RSA 76:15-a. Under this method, tax bills are sent on or around June 1 and



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November 1 of each year, with interest accruing at a rate of 12% on bills outstanding for more than 30 days.

The June 1 billing is considered an estimate only and is one half of the previous year's tax billing. The remaining balance of taxes due is billed in the fall after the State Department of Revenue Administration has calculated and approved the Town's tax rate for the fiscal year.

In connection with the setting of the tax rate, the Town Officials establish and raise through taxation an amount for abatements and refunds of property and resident taxes, known as overlay. This amount is reported as a reduction in tax revenue and is adjusted by management for any tax reserves at year end. The property taxes collected by the Town include taxes levied for the Newport School District, and Sullivan County, which are remitted to these governmental units as required by law. The ultimate responsibility for the collection of taxes rests with the Town.

The tax rate for the year ended June 30, 1994, was as follows:

Municipal Portion	\$ 8.96
School Tax Assessment	15.98
County Tax Assessment	<u>2.46</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$27.40</u>

As prescribed by law, within 18 months of the date assessed, the Tax Collector places a lien on properties for all uncollected property taxes in the following year after taxes are due. The lien on these properties has priority over other liens and accrues interest at 18% per annum. If property is not redeemed within the 2-year redemption period, the property is tax-deeded to the Town.

During the current fiscal year, the Tax Collector on September 16, 1993, and March 2, 1994, placed liens for all applicable uncollected taxes.

Taxes receivable at June 30, 1994, are as follows:

<u>Property Taxes</u>	
Levy of 1994 (first semi-annual billing)	\$1,308,994
Levy of 1993	878
Levy of 1992	3,890
Prior Levies	5,142
<u>Unredeemed Taxes (under tax lien)</u>	
Levy of 1993	642,478
Levy of 1992	419,272
Levy of 1991	37,521
Levy of 1990	27,384
Levy of 1989	2,056
Resident Taxes	28,500
Yield Taxes	910
Less: Reserve for estimated uncollectible taxes	<u>(123,211)</u>
<u>Total Taxes Receivable</u>	<u>\$2,353,814</u>

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D. Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable as of June 30, 1994, are as follows:

<u>General Fund</u>		
Ambulance Service	\$116,292	
(Less) Reserve for Uncollectible Amounts	<u>(89,170)</u>	
<u>Total General Fund</u>		\$ 27,122
<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>		
Airport Operating - Miscellaneous	\$ 86	
North Main Target Area Project - Homeowner Loans	46,140	
South Main Street Revolving Loan - Homeowner Loans	<u>27,624</u>	
<u>Total Special Revenue Funds</u>		73,850
<u>Capital Project Fund</u>		
Corbin Covered Bridge - Miscellaneous		30
<u>Enterprise Funds</u>		
Water Department - Water Fees and Charges	\$202,262	
Sewer Department - Sewer Fees and Charges	<u>230,281</u>	
<u>Total Enterprise Funds</u>		<u>432,543</u>
<u>Total Accounts Receivable</u>		<u>\$533,545</u>

E. Intergovernmental Receivable

Receivables due from other governments at June 30, 1994 include:

<u>General Fund</u>		
Various Other Towns - Ambulance and Forest Fire	\$13,778	
Newport School District/SAU - Rent and Miscellaneous Reimbursements	<u>11,868</u>	
<u>Total General Fund</u>		\$ 25,646
<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>		
<u>Community Development</u>		
Guild Target Area Project - Grant Reimbursement	\$ 1,314	
Green Road Rehabilitation - Grant Reimbursement	<u>21,735</u>	
<u>Total Special Revenue Funds</u>		23,049
<u>Enterprise Fund</u>		
<u>Sewer Department</u>		
State of New Hampshire - Bond Aid		<u>1,184,156</u>
<u>Total Intergovernmental Receivable</u>		<u>\$1,232,851</u>

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F. Interfund Receivables/Payables

Individual fund interfund receivable and payable balances at June 30, 1994 are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Interfund Receivable</u>	<u>Interfund Payable</u>
General Fund	\$142,697	\$ 10,986
<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>		
Airport Operating		10,909
<u>Community Development</u>		
Guild Target Area Project		4,833
Green Road Rehabilitation		45,845
Emergency Shelter		2,118
<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>		
Corbin Covered Bridge	464	4,916
<u>Enterprise Funds</u>		
Water Department	11,848	23,014
Sewer Department	5,825	38,521
<u>Trust Funds</u>		
<u>Nonexpendable Trusts</u>		
Town	_____	19,692
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$160,834</u>	<u>\$160,834</u>

G. Fixed Assets

The following is a summary of Proprietary Fund Type Fixed Assets at June 30, 1994.

	<u>Water Department</u>	<u>Sewer Department</u>	<u>Total Enterprise Funds</u>
Land	\$ 16,455	\$ 356,163	\$ 372,618
Buildings	1,763,541	4,505,892	6,269,433
Improvements other than Buildings	539,865	661,568	1,201,433
Machinery and Equipment	76,441	175,700	252,141
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(218,706)</u>	<u>(736,812)</u>	<u>(955,518)</u>
Net Fixed Assets	<u>\$2,177,596</u>	<u>\$4,962,511</u>	<u>\$7,140,107</u>



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NOTE 4 - LIABILITIES

A. Deferred Revenue

*General Fund*

Deferred revenue at June 30, 1994, consists of property taxes and other revenue collected or levied in advance of the fiscal year to which they apply. Deferred revenues at June 30, 1994, include:

Property Taxes Committed for 1994-95 Fiscal Year	<u>\$3,371.822</u>
Deferred Revenue - Other	<u>\$1.492</u>

B. Defined Benefit Pension Plan

*Plan Description and Provisions*

Substantially all full-time employees participate in the State of New Hampshire Retirement System (the System), a multiple-employer cost-sharing public employee retirement system (PERS). The payroll for employees covered by the System for the year ended June 30, 1994, was \$1,402,648; the Town's total payroll was \$1,732,910.

All full-time employees are eligible to participate in the System. The System is divided into two employee groups; Group I - teachers and all other employees except firefighters and police officers, and Group II - firefighters and police officers.

Group I Employees who retire at or after age 60 are entitled to retirement benefits equal to 1.667% of the average of their three highest-paid years of compensation, multiplied by their years of service. Earlier retirement allowances at reduced rates are available after age 45 with 10 years of service. Benefits fully vest upon reaching 20 years of service or attaining age 60.

Group II Employees are subject to the same age and vesting requirements as Group I employees. They are, however, entitled to retirement benefits equal to 2.5% of the average of their three highest-paid years of service, multiplied by their years of service, not to exceed 40.

The System also provides death and disability benefits, and cost-of-living increases have been periodically granted to retirees by the State Legislature.

*Description of Funding Policy*

The System is financed by contributions from both the employees and the Town. By State statute, Group I employees are required to contribute 5% of earnable compensation. Group II employees are required to contribute 9.3% of gross earnings. The Town must contribute the remaining amounts necessary to pay benefits when due.

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The contribution requirement for the year ended June 30, 1994, was as follows:

Town's Portion	\$ 47,935
Employees' Portion	<u>93,563</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$141,498</u>

The amount shown as "pension benefit obligation" in the System's financial statements is a standardized disclosure measure of the present value of pension benefits, adjusted for the effects of projected salary increases and step-rate benefits, estimated to be payable in the future as a result of employee service to date. The measure, which is the actuarial present value of credited projected benefits, is intended to help users assess the System's funding status on a going-concern basis, assess progress made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due, and make comparisons among PERS and employers. The System does not make separate measurements of assets and pension benefit obligations for individual employers. The pension benefit obligation at June 30, 1993, for the System as a whole, determined through an actuarial valuation performed as of that date, was \$1,797,292,347. The System's net assets available for benefits on that date (valued at market) were \$1,897,337,693. The System holds none of the Town's securities.

*Trend Information*

Historical trend information showing the System's progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is available for only seven years and is presented in the System's June 30, 1993, annual financial report (the latest year available).

C. Deferred Compensation Plan

The Town offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The plan, available to all employees, permits the employees to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency. The plan assets and a corresponding liability to employees for deferred compensation is recorded in an agency fund. Plan assets are reported at fair market value.

The plan is administered by an independent company, and the Town remits all compensation deferred to this administrator for investment as requested by the participant employees. All compensation deferred and funded under the plan, all investments purchased and all income attributable thereto are solely the property and rights of the Town (until paid or made available to the employee or other beneficiary), subject only to the claims of the Town's general creditors. Participants' rights under the plan are equal to those of general creditors of the Town in an amount equal to the fair market value of the deferred account for each participant.

It is the opinion of Management that the Town has no liability for losses under the plan but does have the duty of due care that would be required of an ordinary

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prudent investor. The Town believes that it is unlikely that it will use the assets to satisfy the claims of general creditors in the future.

D. Operating Leases

The Town is obligated under certain leases accounted for as operating leases. Operating leases do not give rise to property rights and therefore the results of the lease agreements are not reflected in the Town's Account Groups.

The following is a schedule by years of future minimum rental payments required under operating leases that have initial or remaining noncancelable lease terms in excess of one year as of June 30, 1994:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending</u> <u>June 30,</u>	<u>Amounts</u>
1995	\$2,051
1996	<u>1,880</u>
<u>Total Minimum Pavments Required</u>	<u>\$3,931</u>

E. Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of the Town's general long-term debt transactions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1994:

	<u>General</u> <u>Obligation</u> <u>Debt Payable</u>	<u>Compensated</u> <u>Absences</u> <u>Payable</u>	<u>Total</u>
<i>General Long-Term Debt</i>			
<i>Account Group</i>			
Balance, Beginning of Year	\$1,755,000	\$24,302	\$1,779,302
Retired	(280,000)		(280,000)
Net increase in compensated absences payable		31	31
Balance, End of Year	<u>\$1,475,000</u>	<u>\$24,333</u>	<u>\$1,499,333</u>
<i>Enterprise Funds</i>			
<u>Water Fund</u>			
Balance, Beginning of Year	\$1,050,000	\$	\$1,050,000
Bonds Retired	(36,207)		(36,207)
Balance, End of Year	<u>1,013,793</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>1,013,793</u>
<u>Sewer Fund</u>			
Balance, Beginning of Year	\$1,985,000	\$	\$1,985,000
Bonds Retired	(130,000)		(130,000)
Balance, End of Year	<u>1,855,000</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>1,855,000</u>
<u>Total Enterprise Funds</u>	<u>2,868,793</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>2,868,793</u>
<u>Total Account Group</u> <u>and Enterprise Funds</u>	<u>\$4,343,793</u>	<u>\$24,333</u>	<u>\$4,368,126</u>



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Long-term debt payable at June 30, 1994, is comprised of the following individual issues:

Description of Issue	Original Amount	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate %	Outstanding at 6/30/94
<u>General Long-Term</u>					
<u>Debt Account Group</u>					
<u>General Obligation</u>					
<u>Debt Payable</u>					
Remodeling Bonds	\$190,000	1975	1998	6.95-7.05	\$ 35,000
Fiscal Year Change Bonds	\$1,200,000	1990	2000	6.90	840,000
Road Construction Bonds	\$1,500,000	1987	1997	Variable	600,000
					<u>\$1,475,000</u>
<u>Compensated Absences Payable</u>					
Vested Earned Time					<u>24,333</u>
<u>Total General Long-Term</u>					
<u>Debt Account Group</u>					<u>\$1,499,333</u>
<u>Enterprise Funds</u>					
<u>Water Department</u>					
<u>Water Treatment</u>					
Plant Bonds	\$1,050,000	1992	2022	5.5	\$1,013,793
<u>Sewer Department</u>					
<u>Sewer Treatment</u>					
Facilities Bonds	\$2,522,000	1988	2008	6.85-7.55	1,855,000
<u>Total Enterprise Funds</u>					<u>2,868,793</u>
<u>Total Account Group</u>					
<u>and Enterprise Funds</u>					<u>\$4,368,126</u>

*Annual Requirements To Amortize General Obligation Debt*

The annual requirements to amortize all general obligation debt outstanding as of June 30, 1994, including interest payments, are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	General Obligation Debt		
	Principal	Interest	Total
1995	\$ 280,000	\$ 93,263	\$ 373,263
1996	280,000	73,965	353,965
1997	280,000	54,480	334,480
1998	275,000	34,770	309,770
1999	120,000	20,700	140,700
2000-2001	240,000	16,560	256,560
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$1,475,000</u>	<u>\$293,738</u>	<u>\$1,768,738</u>

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Annual Requirements to Amortize Enterprise Fund Debt

Fiscal Year Ending June 30.	Enterprise Fund Debt		
	Principal	Interest	Total
1995	\$ 166,207	\$ 183,232	\$ 349,439
1996	161,207	173,026	334,233
1997	161,207	162,404	323,611
1998	161,207	151,762	312,969
1999	161,207	140,829	302,036
2000-2022	<u>2,057,758</u>	<u>996,993</u>	<u>3,054,751</u>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$2,868,793</u>	<u>\$1,808,246</u>	<u>\$4,677,039</u>

All debt is general obligation debt of the Town, which is backed by its full faith and credit. Enterprise Fund debt will be funded through user fees. All other debt will be repaid from general governmental revenues.

NOTE 5 - FUND EQUITY

A. Reservations of Fund Balances

*Reserve for Encumbrances*

Funds encumbered at year end were as follows:

General Fund (Exhibit A-2) \$195,979

*Reserved for Special Purposes*

In the Capital Projects Funds, the reserve for special purposes represents the unexpended and unobligated balance of bond funds, insurance proceeds, or the interest earned thereon. These funds can only be used for the bonded purposes or, in the case of interest earned, for the repayment of such debt if not subsequently reappropriated for another purpose. Individual fund balances reserved for special purposes at June 30, 1994 were as follows:

<u>Capital Projects Funds</u>	
Sewage Treatment Plant Construction	\$ 1,735
Corbin Covered Bridge	<u>258,435</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$260,170</u>

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In the Trust and Agency Funds, the reserve for special purposes represents the unspent balance of the Town's Trust Funds which may be spent for the purposes specified as follows:

<u>Nonexpendable Trust Funds (Income Balances)</u>		
Cemetery Perpetual Care		\$ 4,208
<u>Capital Reserve Funds</u>		
Sewer Department	\$116,048	
Ambulance	10,656	
Cemetery Department	560	
Fire Department	33,975	
Police Department	1,008	
Opera House	11,053	
Highway Department	16,860	
Revaluation	34,618	
Water Department	34,333	
Town Office	11,385	
Recreation Department	<u>5,113</u>	
<u>Total Capital Reserve Funds</u>		275,609
<u>Other Expendable Trusts</u>		
Library		<u>33,853</u>
<u>Total</u>		<u>\$313,670</u>

*Reserved for Tax Deeded Property*

The \$23,394 reserved for tax deeded property represents tax deeds to properties which the Town has taken through the tax lien process and expects to sell in the near future.

*Reserved for Endowments*

The reserved for endowments at June 30, 1994 represents the principal amount of all Nonexpendable Trust Funds which is restricted either by law or by terms of individual bequests, in that only income earned may be expended. The principal balances of the Town's Nonexpendable Trust Funds at June 30, 1994 are detailed as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Principal</u>
Cemetery Perpetual Care and Improvements	\$312,918
Richards Free Library	<u>256,843</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$569,761</u>



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*Reserved for Inventory*

The \$13,543 reserved for inventory represents the Airport Operating Fund inventory which, under the purchases method, does not represent expendable available resources, even though it is a component of net current assets.

B. Unreserved Fund Balances

*Designated for Special Purposes*

The designated for special purposes at June 30, 1994, represents Special Revenue Fund balances which management intends to use in the subsequent years, and are as follows:

Special Revenue Funds

Airport Operating	\$ 41,761
Conservation Commission	17,344
<u>Community Development</u>	
North Main Target Area Project	111,914
Guild Target Area Project	32,216
Green Road Rehabilitation	422,344
Ambulance Donations	6,551
South Main Street Revolving Loan	<u>38,115</u>

Total

\$670,245

NOTE 6 - SUMMARY DISCLOSURE OF SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENCIES

A. Litigation

There are various claims and suits pending against the Town which arise in the normal course of the Town's activities. In the opinion of management, the ultimate disposition of these various claims and suits will not have a material effect on the financial position of the Town.

B. Grants

Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the Federal government. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time although the Town expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

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NOTE 7 - RESTATEMENT OF FUND BALANCES

Fund balances at July 1, 1993, were restated to give retroactive effect to the following prior period adjustments:

	<u>General Fund</u>
Adjustment	
To recognize payroll accrual not previously recorded	\$(12,837)
Fund balance as previously stated	<u>748,753</u>
Fund balance as restated	<u>\$735,916</u>

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## *INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE BASED ON AN AUDIT OF GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

To the Members of the  
Board of Selectmen and Town Manager  
Town of Newport  
Newport, New Hampshire

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Newport, as of and for the year ended June 30, 1994, and have issued our report thereon dated October 31, 1994.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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.

In planning and performing our audit of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Newport for the year ended June 30, 1994, we considered its internal control structure in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

The management of the Town of Newport is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of general purpose financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

For the purpose of this report, we have classified the significant internal control structure policies and procedures in the following categories:

### *Activity Cycles*

- Budgeting
- Treasury or financing
- Revenue/receipts
- Purchases/disbursements
- External financial reporting
- Payroll/personnel
- Data processing



For all of the internal control structure categories listed above, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk.

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 general purpose 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 general purpose 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 structure 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.

The following other matters came to our attention that we have discussed with management as opportunities for efficiency and/or cost savings related to the administration of the Town:

*ENTERPRISE FUNDS (WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT FUNDS)*

Inventory is not recorded in the General Fund, which is common accounting practice for municipalities in the State. However, the Enterprise Funds (Water and Sewer Departments) should record the expense for inventories when the inventory is consumed rather than when it is purchased, similar to commercial accounting. We do not know the materiality of the inventory in these funds. We recommend that the accounting procedures be reviewed to determine the feasibility of establishing basic inventory records.

*FIXED ASSETS RECORDS AND CONTROLS*

All fixed asset acquisitions are listed as expenditures in the General Fund. This procedure is standard in municipalities. However, these fixed assets should be accounted for in a separate self-balancing group of accounts. The purpose of recording general fixed assets is primarily to provide for physical and dollar value control for stewardship needs. In addition, by maintaining fixed assets records, the Town will realize several benefits:

1. Fixed assets can be inventoried periodically to ensure that they are properly controlled.
2. Responsibility for custody and effective use of fixed assets can be clearly established.


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3. Records will be readily available to substantiate the amount of grants used to finance expenditures for fixed assets. Furthermore, the determination of costs for building or equipment use is facilitated. The latter is important to obtain reimbursement for the use of buildings and equipment in federal and state aid programs.
4. Information is readily available to determine insurance needs and to substantiate losses recoverable from insurance.
5. Information is available for the preparation of a Statement of General Fixed Assets.

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.

October 31, 1994

  
PLODZIK & SANDERSON  
Professional Association

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION  
61 So. Spring St.  
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### Report of Trust and Capital Reserve Funds

City/Town Newport NH

For the Calendar Year Ended December 31, 19 \_\_\_\_\_

or

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 19 94

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.

Date AUGUST 21 19 94

[Signature]  
[Signature]  
[Signature]



Trustees of TRUST FUNDS

(Please sign in ink and also print/type clearly)

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1. For Towns reporting on a calendar year basis, this report must be filed on or before March 1st.
2. For Towns reporting on an optional fiscal year basis (FY ending June 30), this report must be filed on or before September 1st.

**Where To File:**

**ONE COPY TO:**  
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MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION  
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CHARITABLE TRUST DIVISION  
STATE HOUSE ANNEX  
CONCORD, N.H. 03301-6397



REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS  
JULY 1, 1993 – JUNE 30, 1994

<u>Date of Creation</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>			<u>Ending Balance</u>
		<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>New Funds Created</u>	<u>Gain/ (Loss)</u>	
1972	Fire Department	20,000.00	10,000.00		30,000.00
1984	Highway Department	30,000.00	15,000.00	(30,000.00)	15,000.00
1984	Property Reappraisal	25,000.00	5,000.00		30,000.00
1974	Ambulance	15,000.00	10,000.00	(17,000.00)	8,000.00
1989	Cemetery Department	0.00			0.00
1989	Sewer Department	83,500.00	20,000.00	(4,500.00)	99,000.00
1989	Police Department	13,000.00		(13,000.00)	0.00
1990	Water Department	28,500.00	5,000.00	(4,500.00)	29,000.00
1991	Opera House	5,000.00	5,000.00		10,000.00
1992	Bridge	30,000.00		(30,000.00)	0.00
1992	Town Office Computers	5,500.00	5,500.00		11,000.00
1993	Recreation Department		5,000.00		5,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS		<u>\$255,500.00</u>	<u>\$80,500.00</u>	<u>(\$99,000.00)</u>	<u>\$237,000.00</u>

Beginning Balance	INCOME		Ending Balance	TOTAL
	Income	Expenses		Principal & Income
3,095.59	879.43		3,975.02	33,975.02
1,930.28	1,430.15	(1,500.00)	1,860.43	16,860.43
3,434.11	1,183.76		4,617.87	34,617.87
1,962.07	693.88		2,655.95	10,655.95
539.25	20.38		559.63	559.63
12,965.95	4,082.03		17,047.98	116,047.98
2,458.90	549.27	(2,000.00)	1,008.17	1,008.17
3,992.29	1,341.11		5,333.40	34,333.40
735.76	317.15		1,052.91	11,052.91
277.11	915.46	(1,192.57)	0.00	0.00
63.57	321.68		385.25	11,385.25
	112.84		112.84	5,112.84
<u>\$31,454.88</u>	<u>\$11,847.14</u>	<u>(\$4,692.57)</u>	<u>\$38,609.45</u>	<u>\$275,609.45</u>

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Balance – July 1, 1993	\$1,229,157.34
Receipts:	
Tax Collector	\$8,116,174.04
Town Clerk	456,636.28
Selectmen	2,580,128.14
Tax Anticipation Notes	320,000.00
Interest	<u>18,772.62</u>
	11,491,711.08
Disbursements	<u>(11,081,249.32)</u>
Ending Balance – June 30, 1994	<u>\$1,639,619.10</u>
Checking	\$1,629,619.10
Savings	<u>10,000.00</u>
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1994	<u>\$1,639,619.10</u>

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS:

Beginning Balance – July 1, 1993	\$10,884.77
Receipts:	
State of New Hampshire	\$228,529.00
Loan Repayments	6,555.91
Interest	<u>691.19</u>
	235,776.10
Disbursements	<u>(193,591.74)</u>
Ending Balance – June 30, 1994	<u>\$53,069.13</u>
Checking – Guild Admin	\$216.43
Checking – Guild Program	42,361.65
Savings – So. Main Street	<u>10,491.05</u>
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1994	<u>\$53,069.13</u>

## EVIDENCE FUND:

Beginning Balance – July 1, 1993	\$776.74
Interest Received	6.61
Disbursements	<u>(783.35)</u>
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1994	<u>(\$0.00)</u>

## GREEN ROAD CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

Receipts:	
Transfer from Water Fund	\$206,824.00
Transfer from Sewer Fund	206,824.00
Transfer from Neighborhood Improvement Fund	32,000.00
Interest	<u>805.82</u>
	\$446,453.82
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1994	<u>\$446,453.82</u>



**AIRPORT FUND:**

Beginning Balance – July 1, 1993		\$83,614.16
Receipts:		
User Charges and Sales	\$14,190.92	
State of New Hampshire	36,684.16	
Town of Newport		
Interest	<u>1,494.46</u>	
		52,369.54
Disbursements		<u>(83,363.98)</u>
Ending Balance – June 30, 1994		<u><u>\$52,619.72</u></u>
Checking		\$12,349.30
Savings		<u>40,270.42</u>
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1994		<u><u>\$52,619.72</u></u>

**EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT:**

Beginning Balance – July 1, 1993		\$2,059.68
Interest		<u>58.25</u>
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1994		<u><u>\$2,117.93</u></u>

**NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT FUND:**

Beginning Balance – July 1, 1993		\$87,858.73
Receipts:		
Loan Repayments	\$7,093.26	
Interest	<u>2,821.39</u>	
		9,914.65
Transfer to Green Road Capital Projects Fund		<u>(32,000.00)</u>
Ending Balance – June 30, 1994		<u><u>\$65,773.38</u></u>

**AMBULANCE FUND:**

Beginning Balance – July 1, 1993		\$17,622.42
Receipts:		
Donations	\$5,385.00	
Interest	<u>543.66</u>	
		5,928.66
Disbursements		<u>(17,000.00)</u>
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1994		<u><u>\$6,551.08</u></u>

**CORBIN BRIDGE FUND**

Receipts:		
Transfer from Water Fund	\$356,973.83	
Interest	<u>5,883.64</u>	
		\$362,857.47
Disbursements		<u>(100,000.00)</u>
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1994		<u><u>\$262,857.47</u></u>

**CORBIN ROAD TREE FUND:**

Beginning Balance – July 1, 1993		\$772.33
Interest Received		20.72
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1994		<u>\$793.05</u>

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION:**

Beginning Balance – July 1, 1993, adjusted		\$14,698.12
Town of Newport	\$2,000.00	
Interest Received	298.27	
		<u>2,298.27</u>
Disbursements		<u>(445.70)</u>
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1994		<u>\$16,550.69</u>

**WATER FUND:****OPERATING:**

Beginning Balance – July 1, 1993		\$397,743.04
Receipts:		
User Fees	\$491,752.83	
Interest	14,056.40	
		<u>505,809.23</u>
Disbursements		(409,613.41)
Repayment – Loan to Water Treatment Plant Fund		150,000.00
Transfer to Green Road Capital Projects Fund		<u>(206,824.00)</u>
Ending Balance – June 30, 1994		<u>\$437,114.86</u>
Checking		\$86,425.31
Savings		<u>350,689.55</u>
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1994		<u>\$437,114.86</u>

**WTP CONSTRUCTION:**

Beginning Balance – July 1, 1993		\$165,751.39
Interest		595.07
Disbursements		(16,346.46)
Repayment – Loan from Water Fund		<u>(150,000.00)</u>
Ending Balance – June 30, 1994		<u>\$0.00</u>

**ACCESS FEES:**

Beginning Balance – July 1, 1993		\$30,083.73
Receipts:		
User Fees	\$2,575.00	
Interest	1,034.01	
		<u>3,609.01</u>
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1994		<u>\$33,692.74</u>

**SEWER FUND:****OPERATIONS:**

Beginning Balance – July 1, 1993		\$463,918.15
Receipts:		
User Fees	\$1,049,325.80	
State of New Hampshire	170,389.00	
Interest	<u>11,153.57</u>	
		1,230,868.37
Disbursements		(1,135,101.86)
Transfer to Green Road Capital Projects Fund		<u>(206,824.00)</u>
Ending Balance – June 30, 1994		<u>\$352,860.66</u>
Checking		\$122,407.53
Savings		<u>230,453.13</u>
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1994		<u>\$352,860.66</u>

**STP CONSTRUCTION:**

Beginning Balance – July 1, 1993		\$28,713.58
Interest		406.61
Disbursements		<u>(18,682.84)</u>
Ending Balance – June 30, 1994		<u>\$10,437.35</u>
Checking		\$1,014.55
Savings		<u>9,422.80</u>
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1994		<u>\$10,437.35</u>

**ACCESS FEES:**

Beginning Balance – July 1, 1993		\$37,354.83
Receipts:		
User Fees	\$2,525.00	
Interest	<u>1,273.08</u>	
		<u>3,798.08</u>
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1994		<u>\$41,152.91</u>



**Tax Department**  
**1994 Annual Report**

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**Tax Collector**  
Daniel P. O'Neill

**Senior Deputy Tax Collector**  
Elaine Van Dusen

**Deputy Tax Collector**  
Kaara Gonyo

Dear Citizens,

The Tax Department wishes to thank you for your continued cooperation and attention to paying your property taxes. Collections have been very good, and we realize that it is because you are making an effort to meet the due dates. If you have any questions at any time concerning your bills, please call us at 863-6407.

Kaara Gonyo, the Deputy Tax Collector, will be attending her last year of certification classes this summer. When she graduates, both Deputies will be Certified Tax Collectors in the State of New Hampshire. There will be scheduled classes and required annual meetings to maintain that certification status. These classes and meetings serve to keep our office updated as to new laws and procedures and are invaluable in the technical dealings that involve the tax collection procedures.

This year the Department is going to start using the new bulletin board at the counter to alert you to the events that concern you, such as mailing dates, due dates, lien dates, etc. Please make it a point to read the notices when you come in. We hope that these notices will be helpful in planning your tax payments.

We appreciate all your cooperation and hope to make your visit to the office a pleasant one.

Sincerely,

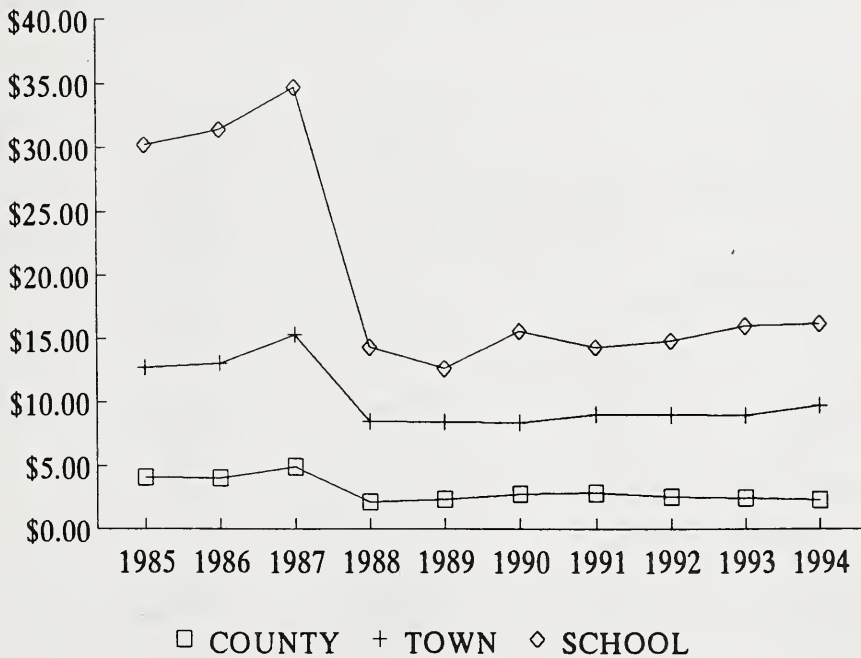
*Daniel P. O'Neill*

*Elaine Van Dusen*

*Kaara Gonyo*

# TEN YEAR TAX RATE COMPARISON 1984-1993

	<u>School Rate</u>	<u>% of Total Rate</u>	<u>Town Rate</u>	<u>% of Total Rate</u>	<u>County Rate</u>	<u>% of Total Rate</u>	<u>Total Rate</u>
1985	30.21	64.3%	12.69	27.0%	4.10	8.7%	47.00
1986	31.43	64.8%	13.03	26.9%	4.04	8.3%	48.50
1987	34.76	63.1%	15.32	27.8%	4.97	9.0%	55.05
1988	14.33	57.4%	8.49	34.0%	2.14	8.6%	24.96
1989	12.62	53.9%	8.44	36.1%	2.34	10.0%	23.40
1990	15.59	58.3%	8.38	31.3%	2.79	10.4%	26.76
1991	14.31	54.7%	9.00	34.4%	2.86	10.9%	26.17
1992	14.84	56.3%	8.99	34.1%	2.54	9.6%	26.37
1993	15.98	58.3%	8.96	32.7%	2.46	9.0%	27.40
1994	16.18	57.4%	9.72	34.5%	2.30	8.2%	28.20



Downward trend in 1988 is the result of the Town revaluation.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT  
REPORT OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Uncollected Taxes, July 1, 1993:			
Property Taxes		\$1,228,608	\$360
Resident Taxes		24,280	
Yield Taxes			1,008
Elderly & Disability Liens			9,032
Taxes Committed to Collector:			
Property Taxes	\$3,375,445	3,501,879	
Resident Taxes	42,260	3,790	
Land Use Change taxes		1,040	
Yield Taxes		34,079	
Elderly & Disability Liens		878	
Prepaid Property Taxes	902		
Overpayments	20	12	
Interest and Costs – All Taxes	60	76,999	72
Resident Tax Penalties		465	
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$3,418,687</u>	<u>\$4,872,030</u>	<u>\$10,472</u>
Remitted to Treasurer:			
Property Taxes	\$2,062,828	\$4,725,429	\$360
Resident Taxes	13,800	18,860	
Land Use Change taxes		1,040	
Yield Taxes		33,169	1,008
Interest and Costs	60	76,999	72
Resident Tax Penalties		465	
Prepaid Property Taxes		1,011	
Abatements:			
Property Taxes	3,802	3,888	
Resident Taxes		9,200	
Property Taxes Deeded to Town	723	161	
Uncollected Taxes, June 30, 1994:			
Property Taxes	1,308,994		
Resident Taxes	28,480	20	
Yield Taxes		910	
Elderly & Disability Liens		878	9,032
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$3,418,687</u>	<u>\$4,872,030</u>	<u>\$10,472</u>



TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT  
REPORT OF UNREDEEMED TAXES

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Unredeemed Taxes, July 1, 1993		\$720,987	\$519,015
Tax Liens Executed	\$843,393	48,869	
Interest and Costs Collected After Lien	<u>8,063</u>	<u>59,478</u>	<u>143,547</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$851,456</u>	<u>\$829,334</u>	<u>\$662,562</u>
Remitted to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	\$196,572	\$330,827	\$443,590
Interest and Costs	8,063	59,478	143,547
Abatements	2,780	3,162	4,154
Deeded to Town	1,563	16,596	4,310
Unredeemed Taxes, June 30, 1994	<u>642,478</u>	<u>419,271</u>	<u>66,961</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$851,456</u>	<u>\$829,334</u>	<u>\$662,562</u>

PROPERTY TAX LIEN  
SEVEN YEAR HISTORY

<u>Year of Levy</u>	<u>Total Tax Committed*</u>	<u>% of Taxes Uncollected</u>	<u># of Liens</u>
1988	5,761,466	8%	341
1989	5,659,500	12%	449
1990	6,544,132	16%	593
1991	6,383,897	16%	549
1992	6,445,399	15%	513
1993	6,709,059	13%	458
1994	6,928,514	9%	343

\* Committed taxes includes town, school and county taxes.

## Assessing Department 1994 Annual Report

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George Hildum III, Assessor . . . . . Tara Kavanagh, Assessing Clerk

One of the major areas in which the Assessing Department has been able to effect change was to our manual record-keeping system. We are very pleased to have completed the task of integrating alphabetically-sorted property assessment record cards and related information into a manual record-keeping system, indexed by Map & Lot numbers. Indexing by Map & Lot number provides for a more efficient means of accessing information as well as a more efficient method for conducting property-related research. We offer our thanks to all the staff who assisted with the tedious and time-consuming process. The change has proven to be a beneficial step forward in the way we organize and maintain property assessment information.

In August of 1994, Tara Kavanagh assumed the duties and responsibilities of the Assessing Clerk position from her predecessor, Edna Chandler. Tara and her family make their home in Sunapee, NH where they have resided for the past 13 years. Tara is a graduate of Paul Smith's College where she earned her Associate's Degree in Forestry. Since moving to New Hampshire, Tara has held positions in the fields of banking, human services, and also owned and operated her own small business.

In addition to maintaining the Town's assessing related records, both the Assessing Clerk and the Assessor attended the New Hampshire Assn. of Assessing Officials State Statutes Court held in Nashua, NH in October of 1994. The purpose of this course is to educate and update local assessing officials with regard to the many State Statutes pertaining to the assessment function and process.

We wish to remind the public that the Assessor for the Town of Newport holds office hours two days per month. All appointments must be made through the Assessing Clerk who is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-12 noon. Please contact us with any property-related questions or concerns you may have. We look forward to working with you in the future.

As always, the Assessing Department wishes to thank all the taxpayers for their continued feedback, support and assistance in keeping the Town's appraisal records accurate.

## 1995 Net Taxable Valuation

	1995 Preliminary Valuation*	% of Total Valuation
Current Use Property	<u>\$1,798,563</u>	0.727%
Residential:		
Property	43,550,400	17.604%
Buildings	<u>130,052,000</u>	52.571%
Total Residential	<u>173,602,400</u>	70.175%
Commercial/Industrial:		
Property	13,111,600	5.300%
Buildings	<u>57,029,300</u>	23.053%
Total Commercial/Industrial	<u>70,140,900</u>	28.353%
Utilities:		
Property	217,100	0.088%
Buildings	<u>4,092,800</u>	1.654%
Utilities – Property and Buildings	<u>4,309,900</u>	1.742%
Less: Blind/Elderly Exempt Property Included Above	<u>(2,467,000)</u>	-0.997%
Net Taxable Valuation	<u><u>\$247,384,763</u></u>	
Tax Exempt Property and Buildings	<u><u>\$27,139,500</u></u>	10.971%

\* Adjustments anticipated prior to setting tax rate.

## COMPARISON TO PRIOR YEAR VALUATION

	1994 Final Valuation	1995 Preliminary Valuation	Change
Current Use	\$1,612,300	\$1,798,563	11.553%
Residential	170,379,500	173,602,400	1.892%
Commercial/Industrial	72,859,300	70,140,900	-3.731%
Utilities	4,309,900	4,309,900	0.000%
Exemptions	<u>(2,621,200)</u>	<u>(2,467,000)</u>	-5.883%
	<u><u>\$246,539,800</u></u>	<u><u>\$247,384,763</u></u>	0.343%



## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Location	Map/Lot	Purpose/Use	Valuation
Cemetery Street	0019-2012	Cemetery	\$73,700
North Newport	0020-0056	Vacant	34,900
8 Airport Road	0020-2364	Airport	493,400
Sugar River	0020-2471	Vacant	31,000
Sugar River	0025-001	Vacant	9,700
Old Hurd	0025-2367	Vacant/Gravel Pit	30,100
Summer Street	0027-0131	Vacant/Conservation Easement	7,043
North Main	0027-0170	Vacant	28,300
365 North Main	0027-0443	Vacant	36,400
268 North Main	0027-1583	Vacant	107,200
North Main	0027-1753	Vacant	37,700
Off Rte 10	0027-1832	Vacant/STP Easement	1,404
North Main Street	0027-2121	Vacant/STP Easement	51,200
North Main Street	0027-2121-2	STP Lagoons	252,200
Summer Street	0027-2365	Water Tower	54,500
Putnam Road	0028-2468	Sewer Treatment Plant	1,726,100
Spruce Street	0029-0861	Vacant	500
Cheney Extension	0029-2470	Wilmarth Park	64,400
428 Sunapee Street	0031-2502	Pine Grove Cemetery	63,900
Sunapee Street	0031-2505	Cemetery	24,900
Sunapee Street	0032-2508	Vacant	20,400
Sugar River	0033-1113	Waste Treatment Lagoons	167,100
Sunapee Street	0034-2518	Pump House	2,800
Sugar River	0036-1523	Vacant	105,500
Sunapee Street	0036-1635-1	Pump House	30,100
Sugar River	0037-2410	Vacant	3,200
Endicott Road	0040-0677-5	Tax Deeded Property	11,200
65 Belknap Street	0042-1268	Recreation Building	236,000
Court Street	0042-1576-1	Vacant	300
North Main Street	0043-0506	Town Common	83,500
40 Pine Street	0044-0084	Vacant	21,400
Pine Street	0044-0112	Vacant	22,600
Meadow Road	0045-0027	Vacant	27,200
Elm Street	0045-0121	Vacant	60,700
Mechanic Street Rear	0045-0202	Vacant	300
20 Main Street	0045-0258	Town Hall/Opera House	1,597,400
20 Main Street	0045-0258	District Court	188,900
32 Main Street	0045-0258	Police Station	90,500
15 Sunapee Street	0045-0258	Town Office	353,200
11 Sunapee Street	0045-0258	Fire Station	227,400
59 Sunapee Street	0045-0400	Vacant	40,300

47 Central	0045-0590	Vacant	20,300
Pearl Street	0045-2022-1	Vacant	1,900
Meadow Road	0045-2509	Ambulance Building	59,600
Meadow Road	0045-2510	Vacant/Floodplain	49,700
Mechanic Street Rear	0045-2511	Vacant	6,200
Various	0046-1118	Right-Of-Way	23,700
Sunapee Street	0046-2348	Pumping Station Easement	7,900
Various	0048-0325	River Right-Of-Way	200
104 Maple Street	0048-0860	Tax Deeded Property	13,100
Maple Street	0048-2498	Cemetery	43,900
Chandlers Mills Road	0052-2427	Vacant	5,500
Chandlers Mills Road	0052-2493	Vacant	4,900
Chandlers Mills Road	0052-2494	Vacant	5,300
153 South Main Street	0055-0631	Tax Deeded Property	28,600
Breakneck Road	0063-1516	Vacant	68,900
449 South Main Street	0063-1735	Public Works Garage	351,500
Pollards Mills	0063-2388	Water Department	74,500
Blaisdell Road	0064-0817	Vacant	300
Unity Town Line	0066-2455	Vacant	14,100
South Main Street	0076-0544 Bd/O	Pump House	2,000
Unity Road - Unity	M13 F3 - 457	Water Treatment Plant	466,300
Unity Road - Unity	M8 J8 - 734	Chlorination Building	85,200

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## SCHEDULE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY

A schedule of taxable property can be found in the 1992 Town Report. Some values may have changed. Please consult the records in the Town Office for current valuations.

## 1994 Marriages Registered with the Town Clerk Newport, New Hampshire

Date	Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence
Jan 01	Joseph David Boone	Newport	Anna Marie Ackerman	Newport
Jan 29	Joshua Hoy	Newport	Ellen Mae Willets	Newport
Feb 14	Michael Scott Holt	Newport	Laura Lee Clough	Keene
Feb 19	Christopher S Hathaway	Newport	Carol A Hahn	Winooski Vt
Mar 05	George E Watling	Newport	Helen Mary Hokkanen	Newport
Mar 05	Henry Brenton Johnson Jr	Newport	Susan Nancy Rheault	Newport
Apr 30	Michael J McLaughlin III	Newport	Edith Vivian Cummings	Newport
May 07	Daniel C Rapisura	Newport	Susan Marie Hutchins	Newport
May 14	Shawn Allen Belanger	Newport	Lucille Ann DePhillips	Newport
May 28	Edward Hollie Osgood	Newport	Dorresa Lynn Gonyea	Newport
May 28	Sidney A Gobin	Newport	Brenda L Hebert	Newport
May 28	Allen H St.Germain	Newport	Andrea J Thomas	Newport
May 28	Mark Joseph Contrael	Kittanning	Christina Barbara Jacobs	Newport
May 30	Mark Alan Huff	Newport	Christina Marie Poulos	Newport
Jun 04	Thomas Edward Eagan Jr	Newport	Lori Michelle Hull	Newport
Jun 04	Christopher Mark Hastings	Newport	Dawn Michelle Yeager	Newport
Jun 04	Keith Powers Chadwick	Newport	Mindy-Jo Lussier	Newport
Jun 11	Paul Joseph Hamilton	Newport	Sherry Anne Patten	Newport
Jun 11	Dale Elliott West	Newport	Sherry Ann Robie	Newport
Jun 18	Dale Robert Getman	Newport	Korrie Ann Onnela	Lempster
Jun 25	James Andrew Chrimes	Newport	Jill M Blackington	Newport
Jul 02	Jon Claude Brusseau	Newport	Cheryl Lynn Bonor	Newport
Jul 08	Clifford Charles Whalen	Newport	Aimee Lee Wentzell	Newport
Jul 23	Charles Harold Cheney	Newport	Dianna M Walker	Newport
Jul 23	Christopher Jon Ayotte	Newport	Laurel Christine Call	Newport
Jul 23	Robert Sears Maheu Jr	Acutney Vt	Lisa Ann Paquette	Acutney Vt
Jul 23	Raymond Everett Blake	Newport	Mary Agnes Matthews	Newport



Jul 23	Robert Sears Maheu Jr	Ascutney Vt	Lisa Ann Paquette	Ascutney Vt
Jul 23	Raymond Everett Blake	Newport	Mary Agnes Matthews	Newport
Jul 30	William R Devon	Weathersfield	Kathy Lee Griffin	Newport
Aug 02	Carl D Breuning	Newport	Christine E Callum	Newport
Aug 06	Wilfred James Rency	Grantham	Jean Marie Benoit	Newport
Aug 07	Dana Verton Waterman	Newport	Laurie Ann Reilly	Newport
Aug 13	Randy A Bly	Newport	Jenny M Malarich	Newport
Aug 20	Todd R Stetson	Newport	Ann M Kibbey	Newport
Aug 27	William Francis Porter	Newport	Kim Bridgeo	Newport
Aug 27	Brian Earl Gebo	Newport	Marjorie Ann Calkin	Newport
Sep 03	Bruce S Taylor Jr	Newport	Suzanne L Bonor	Newport
Sep 10	Nick Ryan Avery	Croydon	Jodie Lyn Vincelette	Newport
Sep 10	Allen Carl Beattie	Newport	Diane Marie Cummins	Newport
Sep 17	Edwin L Jennings II	Newport	Carolyn A Waters	Newport
Sep 24	Christopher Michael Gaspar	Newport	Brenda Lee Stone	Newport
Sep 24	Brian James Currier	Newport	Stefanee Ann Pike	Newport
Sep 24	Nathan Robert St Clair	Newport	Brenda Lee Martin	Newport
Sep 24	Sidney Clayton Laquire Jr	Newport	Jennifer Carroll Harris	Newport
Sep 29	Jean Paul Matoe	Rome Italy	Anne Veronica Katomski	Newport
Sep 30	Richard Paul Kimball	Newport	Susan Marie Whipple	Newport
Oct 05	Craig Arthur LaClair	Newport	Jennifer May White	Sunapee
Oct 08	Jason Allan Raymond	Newport	Ann Marie Hathaway	Newport
Oct 09	Jean Paul Helie	Newport	Judith Gail Pierce	Newport
Oct 11	Cory Michael Safford	Newport	Dawn Raylene Boucher	Newport
Oct 15	Evan D Kemp	Newport	Tammi Anne Adams	Newport
Oct 22	Robert George Perham Jr	Newport	Evelyn Rose Martin	Newport
Nov 05	Stanley Grant Holt	Newport	Carol Julie Dwire	Newport
Nov 26	Montriville F Graham II	Newport	Joann Marie Lenstra	Newport
Dec 01	Andrew A Bailey Jr	Newport	Patricia M Sylvester	Newport
Dec 16	Dennis F Pariseau	Newport	Patricia A Young	Newport
Dec 18	Yakov Elmakiss	Newport	Ruth Marie Holmes	Newport

## 1994 Births Registered with the Town Clerk Newport, New Hampshire

Date	Birth/Place	Child's Name	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
Jan 31	Claremont	Kristian Reino Kainu	John Oscar Kainu	Charlene F Gregory
Feb 02	Claremont	Zachery Joshua Bass	Patrick James Bass Sr	Rebecca L Igou
Feb 15	Lebanon	Michael Dominic Gentile	John Dominic Gentile	Cheryl Ann Stevens
Feb 23	Lebanon	Montana Marcus Gorey	James Kenneth Gorey Sr	Pamela Jean Lamott
Mar 01	Claremont	Steven Michael Dube Jr	Steven Michael Dube Sr	Louise Mae Longley
Mar 02	Claremont	Tiffany Lea Ayotte	Robert Martin Ayotte Sr	Joyce Marie Heino
Mar 27	Lebanon	Samantha Rae Kimball	Michael Steven Kimball	Nancy Lee Berube
Apr 10	New London	Logan Joshua Kenney	William Earl Kenney Jr	Nichole C Blanchard
Apr 26	New London	Katelyn Eve Spanos	Timothy C Spanos	Kelley Jo Emery
Apr 30	New London	Brett Andrew Pare	Kevin Arthur Pare	Lori Ann Jones
May 03	Claremont	Danielle E MacConnell	Anthony P MacConnell	Teriko Alana Laporte
May 03	Lebanon	Devin Bryant Noyes	Dean Russell Noyes	Pamela Jean Fann
May 05	Claremont	Maxine Evelyn Hartwell	Thomas L Hartwell	Desiree S Tourville
May 08	New London	Perley John Rich	Daniel J Rich	Andrea E Pickering
May 18	Claremont	Angelique Rose Watts	Ernest Kelly Watts	Rebecca Leclerc
May 27	Lebanon	Johnathan David Boone	Joseph David Boone	Anna Marie Ackerman
May 29	Claremont	Brittany Marie Piktin	Mark Alan Pitkin	Lisa Marie Kingsbury
Jun 05	Lebanon	Devin B Hubbard	Brian M Hubbard	Ann-Marie Griffeth
Jun 14	Lebanon	Dalton Robert Campbell	George Robert Campbell	Cynthia Jean Dulac
Jun 30	Claremont	Stefan Jules Beliveau	Edward Jules Beliveau	Susan Jane Plant
Aug 03	Claremont	Marysa Anne Bocko	Fredrick Walter Bocko Jr	Susan Kay O'Mara
Aug 22	Claremont	Ethan Wendell Gardner	Greg Forrest Gardner	Michelle L Rossiter

## 1994 Births Registered with the Town Clerk Newport, New Hampshire

Date	Birth/Place	Child's Name	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
Sep 05	Lebanon	Jacob Michael Booth	Dennis Allen Booth	Tara-Kay Stanley
Sep 08	New London	Benjamin James St Laurent	James Maurice St Laurent	Linda D Robitaille
Sep 08	Claremont	Alissa Jasmine Simino	Joseph George Simino	Samantha Ann Cook
Sep 10	Claremont	Sarah Michelle Huff	Shawn David Huff	Angela Diane Avery
Sep 12	New London	Nicholas Quinn Hastings	David Machael Hastings	Margaret B Quinn
Sep 13	Lebanon	Meagan Judith Ann McCarthy	Jason Daniel McCarthy	Melissa Kay Sullivan
Sep 14	Claremont	Marlon Garcia Alfafara	Martin S Alfafara Jr	Amelia G Manliquez
Sep 24	New London	Rick Otis Breuning	Carl Donald Breuning	Christine E Callum
Oct 03	Claremont	Emily Mary-Elizabeth Hoy	Joshua Hoy	Ellen Mae Willets
Oct 08	Lebanon	Jonathan Michael Davis	Matthew Wayne Davis	Theresa Marie West
Oct 11	New London	Samantha Susan Russell	Michael Sim Russell	Jeneth Mary Edeman
Oct 15	Claremont	Samantha Marie Lane	Timmy Alan Lane	Ellenita Sargent
Oct 26	Claremont	Daniel Lawrence Huot	Lawrence Leon Huot	Nancy E Lavalley
Dec 03	New London	Jessica Lynn Fish	Steven Laroey Fish	Sharon Ann Smith
Dec 08	New London	Joseph Michael Salinardi	Gerald N Salinardi	Pauline Drgan
Dec 18	Claremont	Kara Alana Hicks	Timothy Richard Hicks	Wendy Lee Ouellette



## 1994 Deaths Registered with the Town Clerk, Newport, New Hampshire

Date	Name of Deceased	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
Jan 06	Maud M Bridgeo	New London	Frank Hoard	Mercy A Colby
Jan 07	Kathleyn P Lee	Newport	Fitz A Polgreen	Mary O Regan
Jan 19	Alice Emma Shaw	Newport	William F Rowden	Martha J Gill
Jan 22	Erma Eudora Perry	Lebanon	George Pearson	Helen Bennett
Jan 27	Nellie Ethel Mutney	Newport	Elihu Slack	Vinnie Merrill
Feb 02	Karen Mae Walker	New London	Kenneth Walker	Dianna Erskine
Feb 08	Bruce F Patten	Lebanon	Walter Patten	Delphine Scarle
Feb 13	Edward W Shaw	Claremont	Arthur Shaw	Maria Small
Feb 25	Rena D LaCasse	Newport	Jack LaCasse	Albina Lacroix
Mar 07	Thomas J Nelson	Newport	Asher R Nelson	Rose Therrien
Mar 09	Dan Charles Barton	Newport	David Barton	Patsy Judkins
Mar 24	Nancy L Wiles	New London	Paul Miner	Elizabeth Lee
Apr 10	Shirley Moulton	New London	Fred W Henry Sr	Gladys Penn
Apr 21	Katharine Coggeshall	New London	Robert Emery	Emily Amsden
Apr 27	Nicholas Coidakis	Newport	Cosios Coidakis	Kiki P Chrysafigides
May 05	Raymond T Parker	Claremont	George Parker	Helen Harvey
May 06	David Aubert Heath	Lebanon	John Heath Sr	Dorothy Eastman
May 11	Marie P Dodier	Newport	Michael Descoteau	Alexina Labonie
May 17	Charles E McDermott	New London	John McDermott	Margaret Hart
May 20	Gregory J Patnode	Claremont	Bruce J Patnode	Vera V Connors
May 23	Clyde E Bartlett	New London	George Bartlett	Grace Moody
May 23	Wesley James Shaw	Newport	James C Shaw	Eva L Bean
Jun 16	Nora Mortimer	New London	Michael Mortimer	Margaret Faherty
Jun 16	Anna Marie Davis	New London	Paul Leskevitch	Mary Charapovitch
Jun 23	John Charles Petry	Newport	John Petry	Ethel Braden
Jul 02	Kenneth David Andler	New London	Lewis D Andler	Emma Byars

Date	Name of Deceased	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
Jul 04	Blanche E Russel	Newport	Joseph Morin	Celanire Pelletier
Jul 15	Eino Ilmari Logren	Newport	Fred Logren	Elma Kemppainen
Jul 16	Vennessa Lee Ann Holt	Newport	Michael Holt	Laura Clough
Jul 25	Gilbert R Morrow	Wolfeboro	Gilbert A Morrow	Ellen M Santti
Jul 30	Anna M Lather	New London	Joseph Ochlast	Maria Heumos
Aug 06	Matthew J Bonaccorsi	Lebanon	Loui F Bonaccorsi	Rebecca Ahde
Aug 16	Lucille F Partlow	Lebanon	Leonard Patten	Vera Lord
Aug 26	John W Wiggins	Newport	Edgar Wiggins	Lula Pitkin
Sep 09	Lucille B Walsh	Newport	Leland Batchelder	Margaret F Morgan
Sep 27	Marie Louise Gardner	Lebanon	Raymond Cutts Jr	Sandra Smith
Oct 03	Alma Jeanne Candy	Newport	Frank Eavis	Emma Kurtz
Oct 04	Fern Edell Elwood	New London	Lyndon Abell	Cara Stone
Oct 09	Maurice E Bickford	New London	Minot W Bickford	Etta Dow
Oct 13	Harold J Greenwood	Newport	Joseph A Greenwood	Izalla A Emery
Oct 15	Raymond Wescott	Unity	Clarence Wescott	Elizabeth Lafoe
Oct 15	Sophie T Slate	Newport	Elia Kisley	Alexandria Salalayko
Oct 15	Timothy John Patten	Newport	John Patten	Lucille Descoteaux
Oct 17	John E Call	Claremont	George S Call	Clara Tremper
Oct 22	Ruth B Kenyon	Newport	Richard T Bothroyd	Elizabeth Jordan
Nov 09	Cleon L Johnson Jr	Newport	Cleon L Johnson Sr	Ida Ford
Nov 09	Meta Marie Petry	Newport	Charles Schnaarz	Anna Hildenbrandt
Nov 17	Arthur R Baird	Newport	Arthur Baird	Ella Walker
Nov 21	Mary F Sheehan	New London	John Hynes	Carolyn Keenie
Nov 23	Charles F Rich Sr	Newport	Ray Bliss Rich	Luviebelle Fowler
Nov 26	Anthony Tedeschi	Newport	Angelo Tedeschi	Margaret Policastro
Dec 07	Helen C Hale	Newport	Mark E Hale	Carrie Thompson
Dec 11	Wenonah A Babb	Newport	William H Royce	Elizabeth C Adams
Dec 25	Calvin C Burpee	Newport	George Burpee	Florence Moses

## Voting Results — 1994 Warrant Articles May 10, 1994

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- Article 1.** Elected John Lunn Selectman for three year term.
- Article 2.** Elected Gary Nichols Selectman for one year term.
- Article 3.** Elected Louie C Elliott Jr Moderator for two year term.
- Article 4.** Elected Heather Fraser Supervisor of Checklist for six year term.
- Article 5.** Elected Nancy Black Library Trustee for three year term.
- Article 6.** Elected Peter Lovely Trustee of Trust Fund for three year term and all other officers, auditors, agent and committees be left for appointment by selectmen.
- Article 7.** Voted to amend the Town Zoning Ordinance by amending Sections 206a.1 by adding "Planned Commercial Development" as a permitted use.
- Article 8.** Voted to amend the Town Zoning Ordinance by amending Section 409.6 (Off street parking for retail businesses.) changing the square feet of gross first floor space required from 200 to 250.
- Article 9.** Voted to amend the Town Zoning Ordinance by amending Section 413 (Home Business) by permitting a home business as an accessory by special exception provided the criteria is met.
- Article 10.** Voted to amend the Town Zoning Ordinance by amending Section 212.1 by adding a new definition for Recreational vehicle.
- Article 11.** Voted to amend the Town Zoning Ordinance by amending Section 212.8 by adding a provision on Recreational vehicles.
- Article 12.** Voted to amend the Town Zoning Ordinance by amending Section 210.1 (Heavy Commercial District/b-2) by listing small machine shops as a permitted use.
- Article 13.** Voted to amend the Town Zoning Ordinance by amending Section 603 (Non-Complying Buildings) by allowing special exception provided it is not made more non-conforming.
- Article 14.** Voted to amend the Town Zoning Ordinance by amending Section 401.1 (Mixed Uses) by adding Rural Commercial and Kelleyville districts.



- Article 15.** Voted to amend the Town Zoning Ordinance by amending Section 208.1 (General Residential ect) by adding family daycare homes and family group homes as a special exception.
- Article 16.** Voted to amend the Town Zoning Ordinance by amending Section 211.1 by adding a group preschool as a special exception in accordance with Section 419.
- Article 17.** Voted to amend the Town Zoning Ordinance by amending Section 210.2 (Heavy Commercial [b-2]) by deleting a phase "if their location is first approved by the Planning Board".
- Article 18.** Voted to amend the Town Zoning Ordinance by amending Section 211.1 (Industrial [I]) by deleting the maximum lot size pf 5 acres from light industry.
- Article 19.** Voted to amend the Town Zoning Ordinance by amending Section 209.2 and 210.1 by deleting a phrase concerning service of motor vehicles.
- Article 20.** Defeated a motion to finance a Police Station.
- Article 21.** Voted \$168,615 for purchase of a pumper truck for Newport Fire Department.
- Article 22.** Voted to pass over this article concerning location of Police Station.
- Article 23.** Voted to pass over this article concerning Municipal Budget Law.
- Article 24.** Voted to pass over this article concerning Budget committee members.
- Article 25.** Voted indefinitely, until specific recision, to authorize the Selectmen to issue tax anticipation notes.
- Article 26.** Voted to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of its surplus equipment and vehicles.
- Article 27.** Voted authorizing indefinitely, until specific recision, the Selectmen to accept and expend money from state, federal and private sources.
- Article 28.** Voted authorizing indefinitely, until specific recision, the Selectmen accept gifts of personal property.
- Article 29.** Voted Selectmen to convey any real estate acquired by Tax Collectors deed.
- Article 30.** Voted budget of \$4,504,991.

- Article 31. Voted \$121,000 for paving of 1 mile of Maple Street Extension.
- Article 32. Voted \$25,000 for shim and overlay of appr. 1 mile of Barton-Whitney Road.
- Article 33. Voted \$10,895 for Underground Storage Tank Replacement Program.
- Article 34. Voted \$3,500 for computer for Finance Department.
- Article 35. Voted \$5,000 for Revaluation Capital Reserve.
- Article 36. Voted \$64,347 for purchase of dump truck for Highway.
- Article 37. Voted \$11,270 to reimburse Water & Sewer Fund for purchase of Federal surplus one-ton dump truck.
- Article 38. Voted \$20,000 for building modifications for compliance with the American With Disabilities Act.
- Article 39. Voted \$20,000 for improvements to the Opera House.
- Article 40. Voted \$14,003 for completion of the Cemetery building at Meadow Park.
- Article 41. Voted \$23,932 for purchase of a one-ton dump truck for Water & Sewer Department.
- Article 42. Voted \$68,808 for Water Department projects.
- Article 43. Voted \$109,500 for Sewer Department projects.
- Article 44. Voted to pass over article to ratify Earned Time Proposal for Police Union contract.
- Article 45. Voted to create an expendable trust fund for funding accumulated Earned Time termination payments and appropriate \$5,000 for that fund.
- Article 46. Voted \$56,150 to be held in contingency for negotiation/settlement purposes with the Public Works/Fire Department Bargaining Unit.
- Article 47. Voted \$4,500 for granite curbing on Little Common.
- Article 48. Voted \$5,000 for books and materials for Richards Free Library.
- Article 49. Voted to direct the Selectmen to investigate methods for the Town to consider to sever its contractual relationship with the Sullivan County Refuse Disposal District.
- Article 50. Adjourned meeting.

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN 1994 SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

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During 1994, the Board of Selectmen conducted a citizens' survey. The survey was part of a planning and goal setting process started early in October, and the results of the survey will be used to guide the Board of Selectmen in setting goals for the upcoming three to five years.

The Board of Selectmen and Department Heads responded to a preliminary survey which asked: What are the three to five most important issues the Town will be facing over the upcoming 3-5 years? The findings of the survey were that taxes, the tax base, economic development, the water/sewer distribution system, roads, and solid waste disposal costs are issues that need the most urgent attention.

One hundred forty-two citizens were surveyed. Response #'s are listed in parentheses ( ). Response numbers to questions may not total 142 because people may not have responded to all parts of a question or may have given more than one response to each question.

1. Are you satisfied with the extent of road improvements the Town has made over the past few years? Yes (79), No (50), No Opinion (12), No Response (1).
2. If you answered "no" to the previous question, would you be in favor of increasing property taxes to make improvements more quickly? Yes (23), No (51), No Opinion (2), No Response (66).
3. Do you have Town water? Yes (107) or No (35).
4. Do you have Town sewer? Yes (72) or No (70).
5. Are you satisfied with the quality of Town water. Yes (40), No (84), No Opinion (16), No Response (2).
6. If you answered "No" to the previous question, circle all of the responses that relate to why you are unsatisfied:
  - a. (53) Color
  - b. (43) Odor
  - c. (10) Pressure
  - d. (73) Taste



6. e. Other: (10)
- i. (2) Cost
  - ii. (1) Germs
  - iii. (1) Quality
  - iv. (1) Stains clothes
  - v. (5) Unidentified
7. Would you be willing to pay a higher water/sewer bill to repair the distribution system faster? Yes (26), No (79), No Opinion (26), No Response (11).
8. Should non-water/sewer funds (property taxes) be used to improve the water/sewer distribution system faster? Yes (54), No (74), No Opinion (13), No Response (1).
9. The property tax rate in Newport is reasonable. Do you agree (26), disagree (106), or have no opinion (10).
10. If you disagree with the previous question, what specifically do you think could be done to make the tax rate more reasonable?
- a. (27) Reform tax system
  - b. (25) Economic Development
  - c. (23) Control/Reduce School Spending
  - d. (21) Cut Cost, Increase Efficiency, Reduce Expenditures
  - e. (09) Town Assessments
  - f. (05) Eliminate Mandates
  - g. (05) Other
  - h. (05) Welfare Reform
  - i. (50) No Response
11. Are there services or programs the Town performs that should be eliminated or cut back? Yes (31), No (58), No Opinion (46), No Response (7).
12. If you answered "yes" to the previous question, which specific services and/or programs are you referring to?
- a. (15) Welfare programs
  - b. (03) School Programs
  - c. (02) Library
  - d. (02) Rec center
  - e. (01) Airport
  - f. (01) Cap programs
  - g. (01) Cut full-time Ambulance personnel

12. h. (01) Cut Public Works management personnel
- i. (01) Cut back Police personnel
- j. (01) Cut full-time firemen
- k. (01) Cut maintenance of town buildings
- l. (01) Federal monies
- m. (01) Leaf pickup program
- n. (01) Legislature
- o. (01) Plowing snow
- p. (01) Study all programs
- q. (01) Town vehicles
- r. (01) Unemployment
- s. (01) Winter salt
- t. (109) No response

13. Are there services or programs not currently provided that you would like the Town to start providing? Yes (31), No (67), No Opinion (38), No Response (6).

14. If you answered "yes" to the previous question, what services and/or programs would you like to see started or expanded?

- a. (14) Solid Waste/Recycling
- b. (09) Teen center/rec programs
- c. (03) Swimming facility
- d. (02) Children's education
- e. (02) Economic development
- f. (02) Opera House programs/access
- g. (01) Elderly transportation
- h. (01) Extend sewer system
- i. (01) Library Programs
- j. (01) Monthly tax payment program
- k. (110) No response

15. Do you know what percentage of your property taxes go to the:

Average of responses:

- (a) (58) School
- (b) (30) Town
- (c) (12) County

16. Do you feel that the taxing system of New Hampshire, which relies heavily upon property owners, is fair? Yes (26), No (103), No Opinion (11), No Response (2).

17. Are there other methods of taxation that you feel need to be explored? Yes (100), No (16), No Opinion (22), No Response (4).

18. If you answered "yes" to the previous question, what other methods should be explored?
- a. (55) Sales tax
  - b. (46) No response
  - c. (32) Income tax
  - d. (08) Broad base state tax
  - e. (06) Gambling
  - f. (06) State property tax
  - g. (03) Liquor, cigarette tax
  - h. (02) Families with kids pay more
  - i. (02) Renters' tax
  - j. (02) Gasoline
  - k. (02) Eliminate current use
  - l. (02) No new taxes
  - m. (01) Bread & Breakfast tax
  - n. (01) Business profits tax increase
  - o. (01) Cut taxes for married with children
  - p. (01) Energy
  - q. (01) Luxury tax
  - r. (01) Road tax
  - s. (01) Stop State & Federal Mandates
  - t. (01) Tax professionals
19. Do you read *The Town Times*, the Town's newsletter which is put out twice a year? Yes (121) or No (17), No Response (4).
20. If you answered "yes" to the previous question, do you find the information provided in the newsletter helpful and interesting? Yes (110), No (9), No Opinion (10), No Response (13).
21. If you answered "no" to the previous question, what should be changed in the newsletter to make it helpful and interesting?
- a. (126) No response
  - b. (06) More current information
  - c. (04) Broaden scope
  - d. (03) Eliminate letter
  - e. (02) Redundant, papers cover Town
  - f. (01) Increase to monthly
  - g. (01) List upcoming community events
  - h. (01) Make bigger
22. Do you have cable television? Yes (116) or No (23), No Response (3).



23. Have you watched the Board of Selectmen's meetings on Channel 13? Yes (97) or No (38), No Response (7).
24. If you answered "yes" to the previous question, how often do you view the Selectmen's meetings? Always (7), Often (42), Occasionally (51), No Response (42).
25. Solid waste (garbage) disposal costs are reasonable. Do you agree (23), disagree (86), or have No Opinion (28), No Response (4).
26. How do you dispose of your household garbage?
- a. (75) Private hauler
  - b. (47) Dump tickets
  - c. (05) Burn barrel
27. Should solid waste disposal cost be paid by:
- a. ( 19) Property tax
  - b. (106) Individual Users
  - c. (14) No Opinion
28. Check off what you think are the three biggest obstacles to a business wanting to locate or expand in Newport.
- a. ( 35) Availability of labor with proper skills
  - b. ( 24) Water/Sewer availability to sites
  - c. ( 52) Water Sewer user cost
  - d. ( 44) Roads, access to major routes
  - e. ( 46) Available land for industrial/commercial purposes
  - f. ( 20) Financing
  - g. (107) Tax rate
  - h. ( 45) Solid waste disposal costs
  - i. ( 41) Electric utility cost and availability
  - j. ( 13) Other
    - i. (2) Education
    - ii. (1) Attitude
    - iii. (1) Lost food market
    - iv. (1) Zoning
    - v. (8) Unidentified
29. Should the Town employ someone whose sole responsibility is economic development of Newport? Yes (43), No (72), No Opinion (26), No Response (1).

30. What do you think can be done to enhance the economic development of Newport?

- (a) (16) Reduce tax rate
- (b) (15) Public relations/image
- (c) (11) Improve support/work with school
- (d) (08) Incentives
- (e) (07) Industrial park
- (f) (06) Improve roads
- (g) (04) Do nothing, no more development
- (h) (04) Relax zoning
- (i) (03) Available land
- (j) (02) Chamber of Commerce involvement
- (k) (02) Think small business
- (l) (02) Develop downtown
- (m) (01) Abatements for new industry depending on jobs created
- (n) (01) Build two more covered bridges for uniqueness
- (o) (01) Change tax structure
- (p) (01) Expand TOPAZ for economic development
- (q) (01) Expand water/sewer system
- (r) (01) Expand classes at Tech Center
- (s) (01) Improve representation in Concord
- (t) (01) Reduce welfare numbers
- (u) (01) Reduce cost of Federal mandates which deter growth
- (v) (01) Spend more on Opera House
- (w) (01) Taxi service
- (x) (01) Traffic control
- (y) (01) Waste disposal

31. What does the Town do well?

- a. (35) Highway
- b. (21) Public Safety
- c. (11) Culture and recreation
- d. (08) Administration
- g. (04) School
- e. (04) Spend money
- f. (04) Town grounds maintenance
- h. (03) Raise/charge taxes
- i. (03) Listening to taxpayers/communication w/ residents
- j. (03) Fiscal responsibility/pinch pennies
- k. (02) Annual Town Report
- L. (01) Billing tax/water
- m. (01) Cemetery care
- n. (01) Children's activities

- 31. o. (01) Christmas decorations
- p. (01) Community spirit
- q. (01) Community events
- r. (01) Courteous employees
- s. (01) Human services
- t. (01) Keeping town tax down
- u. (01) Live within means
- v. (01) NCTV
- w. (01) Nothing
- x. (01) Public access
- y. (01) Support Department Heads
- z. (01) Unfair to Public Works employees
- aa. (01) Variety of services
- bb. (01) Water Department
- cc. (01) Welfare users feel comfortable

- 32. What does the Town do poorly?
- a. (14) Road repair
- b. (03) Communicates with taxpayers
- c. (03) Solicits new business
- d. (03) School management
- e. (02) Reducing taxes
- f. (02) Water quality
- g. (02) Youth activities
- h. (02) Schools
- i. (01) Capital improvements
- j. (01) Coordination with school
- k. (01) Delegation of authority
- l. (01) Enforcement of dog ordinance
- m. (01) Evaluate expenses
- n. (01) Image
- o. (01) Opera House maintenance
- p. (01) Payroll offerings
- q. (01) Police patrol of Main Street
- r. (01) Property assessment
- s. (01) Recycling
- t. (01) Save money
- u. (01) School discipline
- v. (01) School-variety of programs
- w. (01) Spends Water/Sewer funds on roads
- x. (01) Support Schools
- y. (01) Unnecessary snow removal
- z. (01) Use of employee time



32.    aa.   (01)   Waste disposal  
        bb.   (01)   Water/Sewer repair
33.    Should the Newport School Board and the Board of Selectmen work together coordinating and budgeting large capital improvement expenditures?  Yes (127), No (6), No Opinion (8), No Reponse (1).
34.    Are there other specific areas you would like to see more cooperation or coordination between town and school operations?  Yes (66), No (21), No Opinion (50), No Response (5).
35.    If you answered "yes" to the previous question, what are the areas you are referring to?
- a.     (17)   Taxes/budget  
        b.     (07)   Buildings & Programs in general  
        c.     (06)   Purchasing  
        d.     (04)   Rec center  
        e.     (03)   Building usage  
        f.     (02)   Activities for young people  
        g.     (02)   Participation in SAU #43  
        h.     (01)   Adult ed to taxpayers  
        i.     (01)   Combined annual meetings  
        j.     (01)   Computer network  
        k.     (01)   Cooperative ed experience with town departments  
        l.     (01)   Employee sharing  
        m.     (01)   Get more people involved  
        n.     (01)   Long range planning  
        o.     (01)   Make school town department  
        p.     (01)   Police  
        q.     (01)   Salaries  
        r.     (01)   Skating rink  
        s.     (01)   Transportation
36.    Do you think the Board of Selectmen and the School Board should meet together regularly?  Yes (88), No (29), No Opinion (20), No Response (5).
37.    Do you have children or grandchildren attending Newport schools?  Yes (70) or No (70), No Response (2).
38.    Did you vote at the last annual school meeting?  Yes (86) or No (56).

39. If you answered "no" to the previous question, why didn't you vote?
- a. (11) No interest, apathy, does not matter
  - b. (11) Out of town
  - c. (04) Don't remember
  - d. (04) Non Resident
  - e. (04) Work
  - f. (03) Shut in, sick
  - g. (03) Unavailable
  - h. (02) Did not know when it was
  - i. (02) Inconvenient
  - j. (01) Not old enough
  - k. (01) Not present

40. Do you have any questions or comments?

General Comments

- a. A Learning Disabilities teacher trained to save out-of-district expense
- b. Airport users should pay user fee
- c. Alternative funding for education needed
- d. Buy local
- e. Combine ambulance and fire
- f. Concerned about School Board operations
- g. Consistency in curriculum
- h. Discipline in school
- i. Employees should be more careful working near private property
- j. Enhance historical
- k. Gardening Club needed in Newport
- l. Good that people can register to vote on election day
- m. Improvements can't be done on tight budget
- n. Is this similar to the third grade test, will we ignore?
- o. Lower taxes
- p. More openness of Clerk's records
- q. More harmony in town
- r. NCTV schedule in Eagle daily
- s. Newport needs to be more positive
- t. Newport has same problems as other towns
- u. People do not care about school politics, administrators run school
- v. Put police station on West Street
- w. Reassess priorities in town
- x. School employees control school meeting
- y. Schools need improvement
- z. Schools need to provide more to good students
- aa. Selectmen need to be more involved

40. bb. Settle labor disputes  
 cc. Should be proud of rec, library, Opera House  
 dd. Teacher's salaries are adequate  
 ee. Town meeting held on Saturday  
 ff. Town does ok
41. Do you own property in Newport? Yes (125) or No (17).
42. Do you live in Newport? Yes (135) or No (7).
43. Do you own your home or rent? Own (125) — Rent (14), No Response (3).
44. Do you work in Newport? Yes (89) or No (48), No Response (5).
45. Are you between the ages of:
- a. (04) 18-29
  - b. (26) 30-39
  - c. (36) 40-49
  - d. (24) 50-59
  - e. (29) 60-69
  - f. (21) 70 and over
  - g. (02) No Response
46. Are you male or female? Male (76), Female (63), No Response (3)
47. Are you married or single? Married (109), Single (31), No Response (2)
48. How many people live in your household? 1 (21), 2 (58), 3 (18), 4 (28), 5 (8), 6 (5), 7 (0), 8 (1), No Response (2).
49. Did you vote at the last Town Meeting? Yes (114) or No (26), No Response (2).
50. Would you like to serve on a town-appointed committee? Yes (36) or No (89), No Response (17).



## Town Hours

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Ambulance — Emergency .....	24 Hour Service
Ambulance (Office) .....	Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fire Department .....	24 Hour Service
Library Arts Center .....	Tuesday - Saturday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Police Department .....	24 Hour Service
<u>Public Works Department</u> .....	Monday - Friday
Cemetery Department	7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Highway Department	
Water & Sewer Department	
Recreation Department .....	Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Recycling Center .....	Friday and Saturday 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Richards Free Library .....	Mon 1-6 p.m. Tu & Th 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Wed & Fr 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sewer Treatment Plant .....	Monday - Friday 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday - Sunday 7 a.m. - 11 a.m.
<u>Town Municipal Offices</u> .....	Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Finance Department	
Tax Department	
Town Clerk	
Town Manager	
Welfare Department	
Town Office of Planning & Zoning .....	Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meetings

All meetings are held in the Board of Selectmen Meeting Room,  
15 Sunapee Street unless otherwise indicated.

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- Airport Commission . . . . . 1st Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
- Board of Selectmen . . . . . 1st & 3rd Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
- Budget Advisory Committee . . . . . T/B/A
- Conservation Commission . . . . . 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.  
Meets in Lobby
- Economic Corp. of Newport (ECON) . . . . . 3rd Monday at noon  
Lake Sunapee Savings Bank Board Room
- Historic District Commission . . . . . 3rd Thursday at 6:30 p.m.  
Sugar River Savings Bank Community Room
- Newport Community Television (NCTV) . . . . . 3rd Wednesday  
Every other even month alternates between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
Thompson Room, Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center
- Planning Board . . . . . 1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
- Police Facility Committee . . . . . Check Master Calendar in Town Office Lobby
- Recreation Advisory Board . . . . . 2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m.  
Meets at Rec Center on Belknap Avenue
- Zoning Board of Adjustment . . . . . 4th Thursday  
October - April at 6:30 p.m.  
May - September at 7:30 p.m.

## Newport, NH Municipal Telephone List

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<b>EMERGENCY — POLICE — FIRE — AMBULANCE</b> .....			9-1-1
Airport .....	Parlin Field .....		863-1220
Ambulance Billing .....	Billing Clerk .....		863-1360
Appeals & Variance .....	Planning & Zoning .....		863-6278
Assessments .....	Assessing Clerk .....		863-6407
Auto Registrations .....	Town Clerk .....		863-2224
Birth Certificates .....	Town Clerk .....		863-2224
Building Permits .....	Planning & Zoning .....		863-6278
Cemetery/burials .....	Cemetery Dept. ....		863-8013
Death Certificates .....	Town Clerk .....		863-2224
Dog Complaints .....	Police Department .....		863-3240
Emergency Management .....	Director .....		863-2416
Finances .....	Finance Director .....		863-1360
Fire Department .....	Business Phone .....		863-1416
Fishing/Hunting Licenses .....	Town Clerk .....		863-2224
Gun Permits .....	Police Department .....		863-3240
Health .....	Health Officer .....		863-5577
Highways .....	Public Works Dept. ....		863-3650
Landfill (coupons) .....	Town Clerk .....		863-2224
Landfill Questions .....	Claremont Public Works .....		542-7020
Library .....	Richards Free Library .....		863-3430
Library Arts Center .....			863-3040
Marriage Licenses .....	Town Clerk .....		863-2224
Planning & Subdivision .....	Planning & Zoning .....		863-6278
Police Department .....	Business Phone .....		863-3240
Police Department .....	FAX .....		863-1372
Property Tax Bills .....	Tax Department .....		863-6407
Public Works .....	Public Works Dept. ....		863-3650
Recreation & Parks .....	Community Center .....		863-1332
Resident Tax .....	Tax Dept. ....		863-6407
Rubbish Disposal .....	Town Clerk .....		863-2224
<u>Schools:</u> .....	Superintendent, Eliz. Durocher .....		863-3540
Newport High School .....	863-2414	Richards Elementary	863-3710
Towle Elementary .....	863-2050	Sugar Rvr Val Tech Ctr	863-3759
School Buses .....			863-1007
Senior Citizens .....	Senior Center .....		863-3177
Sewage Treatment .....	Treatment Plant .....		863-4338
Sewer Department .....	Public Works Dept. ....		863-4271
Streets .....	Public Works Dept. ....		863-3650
Town Manager .....	Daniel P. O'Neill .....		863-1877
Town Manager .....	FAX # .....		863-8009
Voting Registration .....	Town Clerk .....		863-2224
Water & Sewer Bills .....	Billing Clerk .....		863-1360
Water Service .....	Public Works Dept. ....		863-3650
Welfare .....	Welfare Department .....		863-1360
Zoning .....	Planning & Zoning .....		863-6278



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