

**ANNUAL REPORT  
TOWN OF SUNAPEE  
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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**For The Year Ending  
December 31, 2007**



TAX COLLECTOR  
William E. Roach

William “Bill” Roach is a lifelong resident of Sunapee. He is a graduate of Sunapee High School and Wentworth Institute in Boston. Early on, Bill drove the mail boat Fortuna route on Lake Sunapee (47-48).

Bill’s dedication and service to his community began in 1950 when he became a volunteer fire fighter, which he did for 36 years. He has served as Tax Collector- acting as President of the Tax Collectors Association in 1968, Water Sewer Commission for 27 years, and Selectman since 2000 – serving twice as Chairman. His dedication to his community extended to the Lion’s Club and several school committees including the addition of the science lab and classroom to the Central School, building of the Sherburne Gymnasium, Kearsarge Cooperative School Study and the original SAU Separation Study. In 1968 he was a member of the Sunapee Bicentennial Committee.

Bill has always had an interest in Sunapee sports teams. He played basketball in high school and followed his children and grandchildren in all sports throughout the state. In 2003 he was named “Fan of the Year”. You will often see him at soccer, basketball, baseball and softball games cheering the Lakers to victory!

In recognition of his dedication to the community, Bill was named “Citizen of the Year” in 2005 and was Grand Marshal for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

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## **BALLOT CLERKS**

John V. Chesson	Democrat
Sally J. Putonen	Democrat
Justine Cutting	Republican
Robert Haselton, Jr.	Republican

## **BEAUTIFICATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Donna Gazelle	Term Expires 2008
Barbara Cooper	Term Expires 2008
Robin Pollard	Term Expires 2008

## **BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Arthur Muller	Term Expires 2008
Scott Unsworth	Term Expires 2009
Stephen Nilsen	Term Expires 2008

## **CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS**

Robert M. Haselton, Jr.	Term Expires 2008
Norman Dalton, Appointed	Term Expires 2008

## **COFFIN PARK COMMITTEE**

Represented by Town Office Employees

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Van Webb, Chairman	Term Expires 2008
Bruce Burdett	Term Expires 2009
Rem Mastin	Term Expires 2010
Lela Emery	Term Expires 2008
Timothy Fleury	Term Expires 2008
Robert Hill	Term Expires 2010
Roger Whitaker	Term Expires 2010

## **CROWTHER CHAPEL COMMITTEE**

Francis Nolin, Jr.	Term Expires 2008
Jessica Leavitt	Term Expires 2008
D. Randall Richards	Term Expires 2010
John Augustine	Term Expires 2008
Richard Leone	Term Expires 2008
J. Anthony Bergeron	No Expiration Date

## **ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Richard C. Haines	Term Expires 2010
Ron Verblauw	Term Expires 2008
T. Parssinen	Term Expires 2009

## **ESCAPE COMMITTEE**

Donna Nashawaty	Term Expires 2009
William Roach	Term Expires 2009
Guy Alexander	Term Expires 2009
Frederick Gallup	Term Expires 2009
Harry Gazelle	Term Expires 2009
John Mapley	Term Expires 2009
Mary Epremian	Term Expires 2009

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

Howard G. Sargent

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT ENGINEERS**

Daniel R. Ruggles, Chief	Term Expires 2008
Dana Ramspott	Term Expires 2010
Howard Sargent	Term Expires 2011
David Williams , Resigned	Term Expires 2009
Mark Scott, Appointed	Term Expires 2008

## **FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

Daniel R. Ruggles	Term Expires 2010
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## **FOREST FIRE DEPUTY WARDENS**

Anthony Dipaola	Term Expires 2010
Duane Abbott	Term Expires 2010
Dana Ramspott	Term Expires 2010
Howard Sargent	Term Expires 2010
Mark Scott	Term Expires 2010

## **HEALTH OFFICER**

Michael Dashner	Term Expires 2008
Donna Nashawaty, Deputy	No Expiration Date

## **HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE**

J. Anthony Bergeron	Road Agent
David P. Cahill	Police Chief
Frederick C. Gallup	Selectman
Stephen Gray	Highway Engineer
Daniel R. Ruggles	Fire Chief

**HYDRO COMMITTEE**

Richard Mastin  
William Roach  
Michael Hogan  
Joe Adams  
Robert Collins  
Charles Smith  
David Montambeault

**JOINT LOSS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Donna Nashawaty      David Bailey  
Duane Abbott          Tim Puchtler  
Sharon Montambeault   Michael Barnhart

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

John Walden

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Peter Urbach, Chairperson	Term Expires 2009
John Mapley	Term Expires 2008
Steven Fair, Appointed	Term Expires 2008
Sarah Southard	Term Expires 2008
Lisa Bozogan	Term Expires 2010
Rhonda Gurney	Term Expires 2009
Faith Reney, Appointed	Term Expires 2008

**NH/VT SOLID WASTE PROJECT**

Thomas J. Alexander, Representative	Term Expires 2008
Donna M. Nashawaty, Alternate	Term Expires 2008

**OLD TOWN HALL COMMITTEE**

Kevin Rickard	Term Expires 2009
Dana Ramspott	Term Expires 2009
Betsy Katz	Term Expires 2009
Betty Tatlock	Term Expires 2009
Catherine Busheuff	Term Expires 2009
Michael Durfor	Term Expires 2009
Ron Garceau	Term Expires 2009
J. Anthony Bergeron	Term Expires 2009
Betsey Webb	Term Expires 2009

## **PLANNING BOARD**

Margaret Chalmers, Chairman	Term Expires 2008
Allan Davis	Term Expires 2010
Barbara Hollander, Resigned	Term Expires 2008
Bruce Jennings	Term Expires 2010
Derek B. Tatlock	Term Expires 2009
Philip Porter	Term Expires 2009
Peter White, Appointed	Term Expires 2008
Emma M. Smith, Ex-officio for Selectmen	Term Expires 2010
Frederick Gallup, Ex-officio Alternate	Term Expires 2010

## **POLICE CHIEF**

David P. Cahill

## **RECREATION DIRECTOR**

Scott Blewitt

## **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Brian Garland	Term Expires 2010
Patricia Halpin	Term Expires 2008
Charles Weinstein	Term Expires 2009
Paul Skarin	Term Expires 2010
Melissa Eastman	Term Expires 2009
Marilyn Morse	Term Expires 2009
Craig Heino	Term Expires 2010

## **ROAD AGENT**

J. Anthony Bergeron

## **SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST**

Jenny Dodd	Term Expires 2012
Faith W. Reney	Term Expires 2008
Kathy Weinstein	Term Expires 2010

## **TOWN PLANNER**

Michael Marquise

## **TREASURER**

Alan Doherty	Term Expires 2008
Billie Barry, Deputy	



**TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS**

James A. Southard, Chairman	Term Expires 2010
Michael Snow	Term Expires 2008
J. William Scharff	Term Expires 2009

**UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL  
PLANNING COMMISSION DIRECTORS**

Richard Mastin	Term Expires 2008
Stephen W. White	Term Expires 2008

**WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT**

David Bailey

**WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

Tracy Nangeroni, Chairman	Term Expires 2008
Charles F. Smith	Term Expires 2010
Aaron Simpson	Term Expires 2009
Helen Charpentier	Term Expires 2008
David Montambeault, Vice Chair	Term Expires 2008
Theodore Gallup	Term Expires 2010
Paul Manson	Term Expires 2010

**WELFARE DIRECTOR**

Community Alliance ~ Greg Vigue

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

Roger Landry

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Peter Urbach, Chairman	Term Expires 2010
James P. Lyons	Term Expires 2010
Robert Henry	Term Expires 2009
Alexander Kish	Term Expires 2008
Svend Filby, Alternate	Term Expires 2008
Harry Gazelle	Term Expires 2008
Bennie Cooper, Alternate	Term Expires 2008
Charles Balyeat, Alternate	Term Expires 2010

## 2007 TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

2007 was a year of change here at the Town Offices. The construction project to address the lobby, offices, and meeting room renovation was well established all year. Anyone who has visited us here will be able to attest to that. The Town of Sunapee is well served by Craig Heino who single handedly has rebuilt the Town Offices. We are very appreciative of his abilities and craftsmanship. As you enter the building to do town business, it will be easier to find the service you need off the new expanded lobby as well as the public computer and bulletin boards dedicated to the various department's information, making it easier to follow happenings by department. The availability of the forms that are unique to Planning and Zoning and Recreation are also very visitor friendly. Anyone who has the opportunity to attend a meeting here at the town offices will note the new entrance., Both the stairs and handicap ramp allow all visitors to be comfortable when entering. Our new tables allow for a more encouraging reason for the public to attend. The new room seats approximately 75, which has proved extremely convenient as meetings larger than 25 would have had to be moved someplace else in the past or late observers would stand in the hallway.

The total tax rate for 2007 came out to \$13.50. The Town portion of \$3.08 per thousand was up from the previous year by \$.57. In 2007 the town absorbed a full year of principal and interest for the loan for the Safety Services Building and the one time warrant article for paving Jobs Creek Road passed. Both of these were attributable to almost the entire increase. For the upcoming year we streamlined the budget process slightly as we kept the budget to an absolute minimum. There is no new staff, no addition to staff hours, and we held the line of services provided for 2008. Many 2008 projects were forgone since we had such an overwhelming increase to the total rate in 2007 and anticipate for 2008, with all warrant articles passing, the Town portion to go down to \$2.99 at least. My estimate is based on no new value and since we know we had a variety of building permits here for 2007, the number should go down even further than that. Speaking of values; we are entering our third year of our joint venture with New London and Newbury for the shared assessor, Norm Bernaiche. I am happy to report that the Town of Sunapee successfully complied with the guidelines established by the Assessing Standards Board. For 2008 you will see a data collector out and about as we are continuing our cyclical collection of data in order to comply with the State Statutes.

In June of 2007 the town was the host to Plan NH for a two day planning session to address the issues surrounding the "Livery". Thanks to all who participated either in the organizing or in the information gathering. What a

wonderful show of interest by the town. Anyone wishing to obtain a copy of the final document can get it online at [www.sunapeoldtownhall.org](http://www.sunapeoldtownhall.org) or pick up a copy at town offices. Some of the recommendations are being contemplated for development of this area as you will see by the warrant articles presented this year. Our own web site [www.town.sunapee.nh.us](http://www.town.sunapee.nh.us) has undergone a change this year with a lot of dedication from Melissa Heino, Holly Leonard, John Walden, Teresa Mastin, and support from the department heads for the new improved site. You will be able to subscribe to a variety of agendas, minutes or news, and get current documents for submission for most of our departments, as well as have assessing information and current links. Please take a minute and check it out as well as letting us know what works and doesn't. We are looking for feedback.

Also for 2007, the town entered into a contract with North Country Environmental Services in Bethlehem for our Solid Waste. We now will bring our municipal solid waste as well as our construction and demolition debris there. We continue to strive to collect all the recycling we can before it makes it to the waste stream to keep our costs down. Also relative to this subject, the Board of Selectmen started a new committee to examine the alternative solid waste approaches that the town could take and they have been working diligently to come up with some recommendations. Two years ago I told you we were working with a regional workgroup to find a way to bring broadband access to all of our residents and this is a continuing process. Also, our franchise agreement with Comcast was extended to January of 2008 and we are working on this contract as well.

I would also like to take this time to thank all of the employees of the Town of Sunapee without whose support I could not do my job as efficiently as possible. More and more I see all of the employees who work for the Town of Sunapee behind the scenes doing their jobs without recognition and striving to meet their own expectations, which in many ways exceed what they were hired for, and for that we all are very grateful. I am looking forward to an interesting and successful 2008.

Respectfully submitted  
*Donna M. Nashawaty*, Town Manager

## SELECTMAN'S REPORT 2007

As we closed the Board of Selectmen's message in 2006, we offered a toast to 2007. Our good wishes held. Two thousand and seven has been a busy, productive year for Sunapee.

In February, the Old Town Hall Committee submitted a grant request to Plan NH, and was awarded a grant to explore the preservation of the old town hall from every angle. In late June, the Plan NH Design Team came to Sunapee for two days to brainstorm, to observe, to listen, and ultimately, to develop strategies regarding the historic building. It was an exhilarating session. At this point, following investigation by Plan NH and those attending the Charrette, the Highway Department plans, in 2008, an explorative venture to reroute River Road as a one-way street around the harbor and onto Main Street. More information will be available in the New Year.

The Board of Selectmen is indebted to the superb volunteer firefighters, the Well-trained police team, and the efficient emergency medical technicians, whom we support with admiration and respect. They add to the independence and safety of Sunapee.

Following the Sunapee tradition of public service, committee members have contributed many volunteer hours to the town. Members of our community are generous in giving their time and talent to a full variety of issues and projects that mean so much to Sunapee. I said this last year, and I'll say it again ... the committees in town, either elected or appointed, know their charge and work diligently toward their established goals and objectives.

The *Sunapee Gardeners* and their *Beautification Oversight Committee*, with their plantings and designs, continue to bring pleasure and beauty to all, and we are grateful.

The Abbott Library Board of Trustees, following open meetings and input from the town, has proposed a plan for a new Sunapee library. This plan will be offered to townspeople on the 2008 Warrant, in March.

The *Escape Committee*, in its pursuit of tax relief, was *not* successful with its bills submitted to the State Legislature this past spring. The *Two Percent Bill* and the *County Accountability Bill* were killed in committee. They were determined "*inexpedient to legislate.*" The Board of Selectmen is not giving up! Stay tuned.

When Santa arrived in the harbor on a fire truck, the children were thrilled! It was very special. And what about the joy of Christmas in the Harbor? Lovely decorations and a joy to children and visitors ... a wonderful, fun time for everyone. Surely, Santa's heart is in our town. Thanks to everyone who participated in these lovely yuletide celebrations.

Who knows what 2008 has in store for Sunapee. As always, we will meet every challenge with an intelligent, practical solution. Happy New Year!

Respectfully, Emma M. Smith, Chair

**TOWN OF SUNAPEE TOWN WARRANT  
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE, County of Sullivan, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:**

**You are hereby notified to meet in the Sunapee Middle High School Gymnasium, located on North Road, in said Sunapee, on Tuesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008, at 7:00 pm for the deliberative portion of the annual Town Meeting, to discuss Articles 2 thru 5 and to amend, if deemed appropriate, Articles 7 through 34, hereinafter set forth. Final voting action on all articles shall take place by ballot on Tuesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008, at the Sherburne Gymnasium, Route 11, in said Sunapee. The polls shall be opened from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.**

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

**Article 2:** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 1, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Amend Article II, Section 2.30 - District Purpose and Description - by adding full written descriptions for each zoning district which are based on the official zoning map adopted in March 2000 and amended in March 2006?**

**Article 3;** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 2, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Amend Article III, Section 3.50(c) – Special Exceptions – by deleting this exception which allowed the ZBA to grant 50% reductions in side and rear setbacks on non-conforming lots, and Article III, Section 3.10 – Table of Dimensional Controls – by adding a new table of setbacks that are not subject to ZBA review?**

**Article 4:** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 3, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Amend Article III, Section 3.50(b) – Special Exceptions – by deleting the current wording and replacing it with wording that will clarify the type and location of neighboring structures which must be used for comparison purposes when applications for a reduction in the front setback are made through the ZBA?**

**Article 5:** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 4, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Amend Article III, Section 3.50 – Special Exceptions – by adding a new section 3.55 that will add the requirement that the ZBA must find that the special exception is necessary to fairly utilize the lot, and that granting the special exception is consistent with the intent of the zoning ordinance and Master Plan?**

**Article 6:** To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Auditors, Committees, and/or other officers heretofore chosen.

**Article 7:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating, as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles nor other appropriations voted separately, the amounts as set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$5,368,116? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$5,343,936 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by the previous action of the Town of Sunapee or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

**Article 8:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$612,000 for the replacement of the Treatment Road Bridge and all expenses related to such, authorizing the use of up to \$469,600 from the State Bridge Aid Fund, and authorizing the withdrawal of up to \$142,400 from the Town Bridges Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 25 of the 2001 Town Meeting. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**Article 9:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$87,000 to be added to the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 33 of the 1984 Town Meeting? Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**Article 10:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$137,300 to be added to the Highway and Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 29 of the 1989 Town Meeting and as amended by Article 14 of the 2004 Town Meeting? Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**Article 11:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Town Bridges Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 25 of the 2001 Town Meeting?  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**Article 12:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$6,000 to be used for designing the Harbor Loop Plan as defined in rough draft in the Charrette of the Old Town Hall plan?

**Article 13:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$40,000 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund as established by Article 19 of the 2003 Town Meeting for the purpose of paving dirt roads throughout the Town?  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**Article 14:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$160,000 to purchase and equip a new loader for the Highway Department, authorizing the sale or trade-in of the loader (H7), authorizing the withdrawal of up to \$160,000 from the Highway and Transfer Station Capital Reserve fund, as established by Article 29 of the 1989 Town Meeting and as amended by Article 14 of the 2004 Town Meeting, and authorizing the use of said trade-in or sale to reduce the amount withdrawn from said fund?

**Article 15:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$7,000 to be added to the Used Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 23 of the 1997 Town Meeting, for the purpose of purchasing used highway equipment?

**Article 16:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 11 of the 1999 Town Meeting?  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**Article 17a:** Are you in favor of enabling the Town of Sunapee to purchase the lot next to the French Livery (Old Town Hall), identified as a portion of Tax Map 133, Lot 87, on Main St, containing 0.7 acres, currently owned by Sunapee Harbor Riverway Corporation?

**Article 17b:** Are you in favor of raising and appropriating an amount not to exceed \$4,640,000 for a new public library? Details as follows:

- Authorizing the use of the following:

A) \$400,000 from private donations, to be solicited in a capital campaign by the Abbott Library Trustees, to enable the Town of Sunapee to purchase the lot described in article 17a contingent on 17a passing.

B) For up to \$4,240,000 to be spent by the Abbott Library Trustees for the design, construction, furnishing, and miscellaneous costs to build the library which shall come from the following sources:

a) \$3,885,000 from private donations to be solicited by the Abbott Library Trustees in a capital campaign, for design, construction, furnishing and miscellaneous costs to build the library.

b) \$71,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund established in 1999 for this purpose and miscellaneous capital campaign sources.

c) \$284,000 from capital campaign funds previously donated for the building of a new library, currently held by the Abbott Library Trustees.

This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the associated work is completed or December 31, 2013, whichever occurs first.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Revolving Fund for the provision of public safety services in connection with special events, highway construction and other projects in accordance with RSA 31:95-h. This will allow deposits into the fund in the amount of revenues received from fees, charges or other income derived from the activities or services supported by the fund, as well as any other revenues approved for the fund. Such funds may be expended for the payment of expenses and activities and services supported for the purposes for which the fund was created. Revolving money may accumulate from year to year and is not considered part of the Town's general surplus. All moneys in these revolving funds must be in the custody of the Town Treasurer, who shall pay out from the fund only upon orders of the governing body. No further approval of the legislative body is required for the use of the funds.

**Article 19:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$17,000 to be added to the Police Patrol Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 12 of the 2002 Town Meeting?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**Article 20:** Are you in favor of establishing a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1, to restore and renovate the building at 58 Main Street known as the "livery", to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,534 from the December 31, 2007 General Fund Balance to be placed in this fund; and to



appoint the Town Manager, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, as agent to expend. *Note: The amount designated represents the remaining balance of funds raised on the 2007 warrant to finance the charrette. The funds were not expended because the Old Town Hall Committee won a grant to pay for the charrette.*

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**Article 21:** Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Sunapee, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000); for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, Fifty Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000); for a person 80 years of age or older, Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000)? To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000) or, if married, a combined net income of less than Twenty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000), and own net assets not in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), excluding the value of the person's residence." This article shall take effect for the 2008 property tax year.

**Article 22:** Are you in favor of adopting RSA 41:14-a which allows the Selectmen to acquire or sell land, buildings, or both, provided, however, that they shall first submit any such proposed acquisition or sale to the Planning Board and to the Conservation Commission for review and recommendation by those bodies, and that they shall hold at least two public hearings on the proposed acquisition or sale?

**Article 23:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$55,000 to defray the cost of running the water line on Jobs Creek Road. These funds would be used to pay the Water Department.

**Article 24:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$25,000 to purchase a new truck and related equipment for the Water & Sewer Department; authorizing the sale or trade in of the existing 1997 Ford Truck; authorizing the withdrawal of up to \$25,000 from existing Water & Sewer Department fund balances and authorizing the use of said trade-in or sale to reduce the amount withdrawn from said funds?

**Article 25** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$50,000 for the upgrade of pump stations and to authorize the withdrawal of said funds from Sewer Department fund balance? This will be a non-lapsing

appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the work is completed or December 31, 2010, whichever ever occurs first.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**Article 26:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$40,000 for a Wastewater Treatment Facilities Plan, to prioritize potential necessary modifications and report a recommended schedule and cost for Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements; and to authorize the withdrawal of said funds from Sewer Department fund balance?

**Article 27:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$4,050 to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund, to be used for the acquisition and improvement of property, easements, and other interests in land within the Town, for the benefit of present and future generations, all in accordance with RSA 36-A?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**Article 28:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in the Milfoil Control Non-Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 16 of the 2002 Town Meeting?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**Article 29: (this article was removed prior to the warrant being posted but number has been skipped in order to avoid confusion)**

**Article 30:** Are you in favor of clarifying the purpose of the amount of \$21,000 that was made by the adoption of Article 24 at the 2004 town meeting, as follows: if this article passes, the appropriation as now amended shall be for the purpose of determining feasibility, plans, and costs to develop recreational facilities at the Ski Tow Hill property on Route 103B, and at the Dewey Woods Lot on Seven Hearths Road; the only change now being made to the original appropriation is that the recreational facilities at Ski Tow Hill are no longer in conjunction with the Library.

**Article 31:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$4,050 to be added to the Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund, as established by Article 43 of the 1989 Town Meeting, and as amended by Article 33 of the 1991 Town Meeting, under the provisions of RSA 31:19(a) for the general maintenance and care of burial lots of the Cemeteries, and to authorize the transfer of said sum from the December 31, 2007, General Fund balance?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**Article 32:** Are you in favor of raising and appropriating \$300 from the December 31, 2007 general fund balance, to be added to the Sunapee Beautification Fund (an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a)? These funds were received from private beautification fund donations in 2007.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**Article 33:** To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor:

Resolved: We the citizens of Sunapee, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor to reject the "Pledge", have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes.

By Petition.

**Article 34:** SHALL THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE PLACE A TAX CAP ON TOWN SPENDING BASED ON THE ANNUAL NATIONAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX? THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE ADVISORY ONLY AND A SENSE OF THE MEETING RESOLUTION BECAUSE THE ARTICLE IS UNENFORCEABLE AND NON-BINDING UNDER STATE LAW.

By petition.

This 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2008.

Frederick C. Gallup  
Stephen W. White  
Richard Leone

Emma M. Smith  
William Roach

**In order to explain the zoning changes the detail is included here.**

**Article 2:** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 1, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Amend Article II, Section 2.30 - District Purpose and Description - by adding full written descriptions for each zoning district which are based on the official zoning map adopted in March 2000 and amended in March 2006?**

The full text of Section 2.30 as amended will be as follows:

All district boundaries *are fully* described below and are *also shown* on the Zoning Map per Section 2.20 of this Ordinance.

**Village District** – The Village Districts of the Town of Sunapee are patterned after the typical New England town centers. These areas are characterized by the highest densities of land use and also contain the mix of land uses associated with village centers, including commercial, public, institutional, and both single-family and multi-family residential land uses. In general, the two village districts are located in Sunapee Village (including Sunapee Harbor and Lower Village Area) and Georges Mills *and are further described as follows:*

*In Sunapee Village, the Village District begins at a point at the intersection of Route 11 and Route 103B and goes southwesterly to the intersection of Route 11 and Winn Hill Road, thence northwesterly along old Winn Hill Road and North Road to the intersection of Bishop’s Landing, thence easterly to the end of School Street, thence due north to the center of Sargent Road, then north-northeasterly 600’ to a point, thence east-southeasterly 400’ to the center of Route 11, thence southeasterly to a point along the shore of Lake Sunapee which is 400’ northerly of the dam, thence southerly to said dam, thence along Lake Sunapee 600’, thence southeasterly to the intersection of Lake Avenue and Quarry Road, thence southwesterly to the end of Maple Court, thence southerly to a point which is 500’ east-southeasterly of the intersection of Route 103B and Schoolhouse Lane, thence westerly to said intersection of Route 103B and Schoolhouse Lane, thence northerly and westerly along Route 103B to the point of beginning.*

*In Georges Mills Village, the Village District is centered at a point at the intersection of Route 11 and Springfield Road and includes all the lands within a 600’ radius of said point.*

Mixed-Use District – The Mixed Use areas of the Town of Sunapee provide opportunities for commercial, light industrial, and tourism related businesses. The two mixed-use areas are generally located in the Wendell Village area and the area surrounding the intersections of Route 103, Brook Road and Cross Road *and are further described as follows:*

*In Wendell Village, the Mixed-Use District begins at a point at the center of Route 103 which is 300' south of its southerly intersection with Depot Road and goes due west to the Newport Town Line, thence north along the Newport town line to a point which is due east of a point on Route 11 which is 200' southwesterly of its intersection with Sleeper Road, thence westerly to aforementioned point 200' southwesterly of the intersection of Route 11 and Sleeper Road, thence southerly to the intersection of Route 103 and Youngs Hill Road, thence southerly along Route 103 to the point of beginning.*

*In the Route 103/Brook Road area, the Mixed Use District can be described as the area whose centerline is Route 103 starting 1000' westerly of the intersection of Cross Road and Route 103 and continuing to the intersection of Brook Road and Route 103. The district is all of the lands 400' northerly and southerly of this centerline.*

Residential District – The Residential Districts of the Town of Sunapee are areas of primarily characterized by medium density residential housing and home based businesses. These areas are generally located adjacent to the existing village district centers *and are further described as follows:*

*In the area surrounding Sunapee Village, the Residential District begins at a point at the intersection of Winn Hill Road and Stagecoach Road and goes northwesterly to the 90 degree turn in West Court, thence northerly to the intersection of North Road and Sargent Road, thence northeasterly to the center of the cul-de-sac of Sunapee Heights Court, thence easterly to the southerly intersection of Jobs Creek Road and Route 11, thence along Jobs Creek Road to its intersection with Garnet Street, thence southeasterly to the northeast corner of Dewey Beach, thence along Lake Sunapee through the Harbor area and out to Burkehaven where Tara Hall Lane intersects Burkehaven Lane, thence northerly along Burkehaven Lane to its intersection with Lake Avenue and Burkehaven Hill Road, thence along Burkehaven Hill Road to its intersection with Harbor Hill Road, thence southwesterly to a point 500' easterly of the intersection of Route 103B and School House Lane, thence westerly 500' to the aforementioned intersection of Route 103B and School House Lane, thence along School House Lane to its intersection with Stagecoach Road, thence along Stagecoach Road to*

*the point of beginning. This district includes all lands within the area described above with the exception of the Village District described above.*

*In the area surrounding Georges Mills Village, the Residential District begins at a point where the Towns of Sunapee, New London, and Springfield meet and goes southerly along the New London/Sunapee town line to the northerly shore of Lake Sunapee, thence northwesterly to the northerly intersection of Route 11 and Jobs Creek Road, thence northwesterly to the end of Meadow Brook Road, thence northerly to the Springfield town line at a point 600' westerly of Stony Brook Road, thence along the Sunapee/Springfield town line easterly to the point of beginning. This district includes all lands within the area described above with the exception of the Village District described above.*

Rural-Residential District – The Rural-Residential areas of the Town of Sunapee are primarily characterized by low-density residential housing and home-based businesses. There is also the opportunity in this district for low-impact commercial uses in appropriate locations near existing utilities and highways. *The Rural-Residential District includes the remainder of the Town of Sunapee not specifically described in this section and also includes all of the major islands of Lake Sunapee.*

Rural Lands District – The Rural Lands area of the Town of Sunapee are remote natural areas of the Town. Typical land uses include very low-density residential housing and associated recreational and forestry operations. This district is generally located in the Northwest corner of the Town of Sunapee *and is further described as follows:*

*The Rural Lands District begins at a point at the intersection of Route 11 and Trow Hill Road and goes westerly along Trow Hill Road to its intersection with North Road, thence westerly to the Croydon town line at a point 1000' north of Perkins Pond Road, thence northerly along the Sunapee/Croydon town line to the Springfield town line, thence easterly along the Springfield town line to a point 600' westerly of Stony Brook Road, thence southerly to the end of Meadow Brook Road, thence southeasterly to the northerly intersection of Route 11 and Jobs Creek Road, thence southerly along Route 11 to the point of beginning.*

Water Resources Overlay Districts – This District is comprised of three areas determined by naturally occurring phenomena. This is an overlay district; its boundaries are independent but contained within the five districts described above. The three areas comprising the Water Resources Overlay District are:

- 1) *Wetlands - The Wetlands Overlay District is defined as those areas delineated as very poorly and poorly drained soils by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Soil Conservation Service, in the Soil Survey of Sullivan County contiguous to surface waters such as lakes, ponds and*

*streams, subjected to high water tables for extended periods of time and includes, but are not necessarily limited to, all such areas delineated as Wetlands on the current Wetlands Overlay District Map, which is on file in the office of the Planning Board. Where it is alleged that an area has been incorrectly delineated as a wetland, or that an area is not so designated meets the criteria for Wetlands designation, the Planning Board shall determine whether the regulations contained herein have application. The Planning Board shall make their judgment under this section only upon the determination by a qualified wetland or soil scientist on the basis of additional on-site investigation or other suitable research that the information contained on the Wetlands Overlay District Map is incorrect. This evidence shall be acceptable only when presented in written form by said scientist to the Planning Board. Any such investigation, including soil tests, shall be conducted at the expense of the landowner or developer.*

- 2) Aquifers - The Aquifer Overlay District shall be defined as the areas having a high, medium or low potential to yield groundwater as shown on the Aquifer Overlay District Map on file in the Office of the Planning Board.
- 3) *Shorelines - The Shoreline Overlay District shall be defined as all lands within 300' feet of lakes and ponds greater than 10 acres as shown on the Shoreline Overlay District Map on file in the Office of the Planning Board.*

The purpose of the Water Resources Overlay District is to protect our water resources and protect these parts of Sunapee that are particularly ecologically fragile. The Water Resources Overlay District encompasses areas of the other districts. Where the Water Resources Overlay District is superimposed over another zoning district, the more restrictive regulations shall apply.

**Article 3; Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 2, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:**

**Amend Article III, Section 3.50(c) – Special Exceptions – by deleting this exception which allowed the ZBA to grant 50% reductions in side and rear setbacks on non-conforming lots, and Article III, Section 3.10 – Table of Dimensional Controls – by adding a new table of setbacks that are not subject to ZBA review?**

<i>Rural Lands</i>	<i>Village</i>	<i>Mixed Use Residential</i>	<i>Rural Residential</i>	
<i>Side &amp; Rear Setbacks for Lots Meeting or Exceeding Minimum 50' Lot Size or Lots which are not Pre-existing</i>	<i>10'</i>	<i>15'</i>	<i>15'</i>	<i>25'</i>
<i>Side &amp; Rear Setbacks for Pre-existing Lots 25' Below Minimum Lot Size</i>	<i>10'</i>	<i>10'</i>	<i>10'</i>	<i>15'</i>

**Article 4: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 3, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:**

**Amend Article III, Section 3.50(b) – Special Exceptions – by deleting the current wording and replacing it with wording that will clarify the type and location of neighboring structures which must be used for comparison purposes when applications for a reduction in the front setback are made through the ZBA?**

The full text of Section 3.50(b) as amended will be as follows:

*The ZBA may allow a lesser front setback provided that all of the following conditions are met:*

- 1) *the lot for which the lesser front setback is requested is a pre-existing lot and non-conforming due to lot size;*
- 2) *the majority of lots on the same side of the road and within 500' either side of the subject lot have structures of equal or greater type which do not meet front setback requirements (the hierarchy of structures from greater to lesser is house>garage>shed);*
- 3) *the proposed structure for which the Special Exception is being sought shall be no closer to the centerline of road right-of-way than any other structure of equal or greater type used in the comparison in Paragraph 2), above;*



- 4) *the proposed structure shall be no closer than 10' to the right-of-way line of the road and;*
- 5) *the portion of the proposed structure encroaching on the front setback shall be no higher than 25'.*

**Article 5: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 4, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:**

**Amend Article III, Section 3.50 – Special Exceptions – by adding a new section 3.55 that will add the requirement that the ZBA must find that the special exception is necessary to fairly utilize the lot, and that granting the special exception is consistent with the intent of the zoning ordinance and Master Plan?**

2008 Town Warrant Articles Summary

INFORMATIONAL COLUMNS

Article	Description	Amount	New Tax Dollars raised in 2008	Revenue Offset/No increase to tax rate
8	Treatment Plant Road Bridge 80% from State rest from cap res 336,000 from state 84,000 cap res	\$420,000		\$420,000
9	Add to Fire Equip Cap Res	\$87,000	\$87,000	\$0
10	Add to Highway Cap Reserve	\$137,300	\$137,300	
11	Add to Town Bridges Cap Reserve	\$25,000	\$25,000	
12	Harbor Loop	\$6,000	\$6,000	
13	Add to Paving Dirt Road Cap Reserve	\$40,000	\$40,000	
14	Purchase Loader w/d from Cap Reserve	\$160,000		\$160,000
15	Add to used highway equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$7,000	\$7,000	
16	Add to Library Capital Reserve	\$25,000	\$25,000	
17	New Public Library purchase land and build	\$4,640,000		\$4,640,000
19	Add to Police Capital Reserve	\$17,000	\$17,000	
20	Livery Stable Capital Reserve from Fund Balance	\$29,534		\$29,534
23	Water Line on Jobs Creek Road	\$55,000	\$55,000	
24	Water & Sewer purchase new truck from Water & Sewer Fund Balance	\$25,000		\$25,000
25	Sewer pump staion upgrade from Sewer Fund Balance	\$50,000		\$50,000
26	Wastewater Treatment Plant imporvements from Sewer Fund Balance	\$40,000		\$40,000
27	Conservation Commission Fund	\$4,050	\$4,050	
28	Milfoil Control Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	
31	Cemetery Expedable Trust from Fund Balance	\$4,050		\$4,050
32	Beautification Trust Fund from Fund Balance	\$300		\$300
	<b>totals</b>	<b>\$5,777,234</b>	<b>\$408,350</b>	<b>\$5,368,884</b>

**PRELIMINARY COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUE 2008**

	2005	2006	2006	2007	2008
Source	Actual	Budget	Actual	Actual	Budget
<b>Taxes</b>					
Land Use Charge Tax	\$54,190	\$30,000	\$40,485	\$91,900	\$42,500
Yield Taxes	\$6,843	\$3,000	\$7,209	\$5,339	\$4,225
Interest & Penalties	\$50,088	\$50,000	\$37,948	\$35,444	\$26,772
<b>Licenses, Permits &amp; Fees</b>					
Vehicle Registrations	\$589,079	\$600,000	\$673,762	\$651,568	\$650,000
Building & Land Permits	\$23,896	\$22,500	\$22,463	\$41,819	\$25,000
Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$32,403	\$28,950		\$42,780	\$22,000
<b>From Federal Government</b>					
FEMA Reimbursement	\$47,522		\$9,717	\$70,932	
<b>From State</b>					
Shared Revenue - State	\$15,628	\$31,656	\$13,414	\$31,656	\$13,414
Highway Block Grant	\$103,684	\$103,684	\$100,613	\$96,719	\$96,730
Water Grant	\$6,156	\$6,156	\$6,156	\$3,078	\$6,156
Other State Grants					\$336,000
NH Rooms & Meals	\$0	\$105,000	\$124,973	\$124,973	\$136,500
Police Safety Grants					
<b>Intergovernmental Revenue</b>					
Springfield for TIS	\$44,249	\$80,000	\$86,020	\$85,750	\$83,750
<b>Income from Departments</b>					
General Government Misc	\$9,185	\$8,325	\$8,102	\$17,159	\$15,000
Police Special Detail	\$41,902	\$8,000	\$15,252	\$7,755	\$8,000
Recycling	\$31,181	\$31,550	\$38,868	\$46,074	\$30,000
Town Deck Rental	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,985	\$16,203	\$16,046
Welfare reimbursement	\$132	\$500	\$2,655	\$600	
Office Rent/Services	\$0	\$4,000	\$0	\$3,742	\$2,000
TIS Ticket Sales	\$73,045	\$69,200	\$70,495	\$53,140	\$33,474
Other Grants					
<b>Other Charges</b>					
Sale of Cemetery Lot	\$0	\$2,000	\$3,725	\$6,875	\$2,200
Sale of Highway Equipment	\$0	\$15,000	\$15	\$6,778	
Sale of Cruiser					
Sale of Town Property	\$15,000				
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>					
Interest on Investments	\$98,000	\$66,000	\$81,276	\$117,956	\$62,278
Fines, Witness Fees	\$2,370	\$1,750	\$8,371	\$5,785	\$4,000
Other Revenues	\$862	\$900		\$2,825	\$7,638
Insurance Dividends	\$0	\$0		\$0	
Enterprise Fund - Sewer	\$584,921	\$713,842	\$713,842	\$764,221	\$907,146
Enterprise Fund - Water	\$312,159	\$486,952	\$486,952	\$374,820	\$465,682
Enterprise Fund - Hydro	\$64,882	\$144,832	\$144,832	\$76,420	\$77,367
Capital Reserve Fund	\$136,300	\$408,000	\$408,000	\$252,300	\$244,000
Trust & Agency Funds	\$17,500	\$1,044,220	\$1,044,220	\$5,710	\$4,940,000
Long Term Bonds & Notes	\$3,390,000	\$900,000	\$900,000		
Surplus to Other Tax Rate	\$200,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Surplus to Trust		\$5,450	\$28,810	\$5,710	\$33,884
Federal Grant					
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,738,662</b>	<b>\$4,985,023</b>	<b>\$5,393,890</b>	<b>\$3,345,911</b>	<b>\$8,291,785</b>

# TOWN OF SUNAPEE

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES 2008 (unaudited)

	2005 Voted	2005 Spent	2006 Voted	2006 Spent	2007 Voted	2007 Spent	2008 Proposed	% of Increase from 07 over 07 budget voted	\$ change from 07
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>									
Executive	168,194	165,081	185,538	177,749	200,229	197,181	200,106	-0.06%	-123
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	129,895	122,168	136,758	129,967	146,789	142,065	137,263	7.14%	10,474
Electrician	8,225	7,293	15,181	10,205	6,846	5,760	17,879	161.16%	11,033
Finance	102,211	91,958	112,220	106,793	131,878	113,358	139,683	5.92%	7,805
Assess-Appraising	20,000	14,190	79,387	78,396	88,906	80,266	90,000	1.23%	1,094
Legal - CG - Legal Services	22,000	10,129	20,000	9,313	18,000	11,846	18,000	0.00%	0
Employment Benefits - Other	700	600	750	1,900	2,500	1,250	2,500	0.00%	0
Planning/Zoning	35,574	37,343	37,828	34,470	44,068	36,992	43,216	-1.93%	-852
General Gov Buildings	31,080	23,936	54,373	50,587	75,278	68,040	76,529	1.66%	1,251
Cemetery	13,651	8,523	13,942	10,858	13,942	9,060	14,443	3.59%	501
Insurance - Prop, Liab, Veh	4,400	4,584	4,400	4,496	4,600	5,052	5,003	9.85%	453
Information Booth	10,603	12,473	9,025	9,994	8,959	8,849	9,555	6.65%	596
Other General Gov't	23,529	17,254	24,082	24,391	25,389	22,015	37,801	48.89%	12,412
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVT</b>	<b>570,062</b>	<b>516,372</b>	<b>603,484</b>	<b>649,119</b>	<b>767,384</b>	<b>703,734</b>	<b>812,028</b>	<b>5.82%</b>	<b>44,644</b>
Police	489,971	509,850	533,995	550,749	579,269	581,237	601,714	3.86%	22,345
Ambulance	46,034	45,834	38,420	28,420	40,000	30,000	34,936	-12.69%	-5,074
Fire	122,108	115,096	152,417	152,434	118,037	116,016	105,519	-10.61%	-12,518
Emergency Management	200	0	200	73	200	0	200	0.00%	0
Safety Services Building	0	0	0	57,321	57,321	51,703	92,600	61.55%	35,279
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>658,313</b>	<b>670,780</b>	<b>725,031</b>	<b>731,676</b>	<b>794,927</b>	<b>779,046</b>	<b>834,959</b>	<b>5.04%</b>	<b>40,032</b>
Highway	947,424	947,266	1,020,414	956,462	1,027,571	1,075,577	1,110,834	8.10%	83,263
Street Lights	31,000	28,358	31,000	29,668	31,000	33,627	31,000	0.00%	0
Transfer Station	542,259	491,498	542,543	491,606	528,205	486,549	470,741	-10.88%	-57,464
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>1,520,683</b>	<b>1,467,622</b>	<b>1,503,987</b>	<b>1,477,736</b>	<b>1,586,776</b>	<b>1,595,753</b>	<b>1,611,575</b>	<b>1.63%</b>	<b>25,799</b>

# TOWN OF SUNAPEE

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES 2008 (unaudited)

	2005 Voted	2005 Spent	2006 Voted	2006 Spent	2007 voted	2007 Spent	2008 Proposed	% of increase from 07	\$ change from 07
					12-31-07	YTD 12-31-07		over 07 budget voted	
Health	4,285	2,481	4,254	177	4,274	2,947	4,331	1.33%	57
Animal Control	500	249	500	0	500	126	500	0.00%	0
Health - LSVNA & KCOA	10,711	10,711	10,800	10,800	13,492	13,492	13,505	0.10%	13
Welfare	82,950	40,536	63,250	28,751	57,450	32,726	55,800	-2.87%	-1,650
Recreation	97,355	97,251	108,580	107,140	113,499	118,249	123,409	8.73%	9,910
Library	186,513	188,803	210,294	210,294	229,453	229,453	253,717	10.57%	24,264
Memorial Day Supplies	200	0	200	0	200	28	200	0.00%	0
Band Concerts	5,250	5,036	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.00%	0
Conservation Commission	2,875	1,605	3,125	2,193	3,125	3,125	3,150	0.80%	25
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICE</b>	<b>390,669</b>	<b>346,663</b>	<b>406,003</b>	<b>364,355</b>	<b>426,993</b>	<b>485,446</b>	<b>459,612</b>	<b>7.64%</b>	<b>32,619</b>
Debt Service - Principal	10,968	11,599	169,500	181,024	177,035	177,035	177,648	0.35%	613
Debt Service - Interest	21,918	21,287	66,738	50,283	118,149	118,149	135,119	14.36%	16,970
TAN Interest	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL DEBT</b>	<b>33,886</b>	<b>32,886</b>	<b>237,238</b>	<b>231,307</b>	<b>296,184</b>	<b>296,184</b>	<b>313,767</b>	<b>5.94%</b>	<b>17,583</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL GENERAL GOV'T</b>	<b>3,173,613</b>	<b>3,034,323</b>	<b>3,685,713</b>	<b>3,454,193</b>	<b>3,872,264</b>	<b>3,779,163</b>	<b>4,082,941</b>	<b>4.15%</b>	<b>160,677</b>
<b>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>									
Water	389,529	369,298	351,612	330,763	374,820	350,551	457,329	22.01%	82,509
Sewer	712,057	684,971	722,592	564,136	764,221	595,691	800,479	4.74%	36,258
Hydroelectric	64,882	37,507	69,705	36,552	76,420	36,563	77,267	1.24%	947
<b>SUBTOTAL SPEC REV FUNDS</b>	<b>1,166,468</b>	<b>1,091,776</b>	<b>1,145,909</b>	<b>931,451</b>	<b>1,215,461</b>	<b>982,805</b>	<b>1,335,175</b>	<b>9.85%</b>	<b>119,714</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>4,340,081</b>	<b>4,126,099</b>	<b>4,801,622</b>	<b>4,385,644</b>	<b>5,087,725</b>	<b>4,761,968</b>	<b>5,368,116</b>	<b>5.51%</b>	<b>280,391</b>
Special & Invidual Articles	3,390,000	3,390,000	2,578,500	2,578,500	1,371,405	1,371,405	5,323,350		
Expendable Trusts	17,500	17,500	41,310	41,310	5,710	5,710	33,884		
Capital Reserve Funds	467,000	467,000	175,000	175,000	252,300	252,300	220,000		
<b>TOTAL SEPARATE ARTICLES</b>	<b>3,874,500</b>	<b>3,874,500</b>	<b>2,794,810</b>	<b>2,794,810</b>	<b>1,629,415</b>	<b>1,629,415</b>	<b>5,777,234</b>		
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>8,214,581</b>	<b>8,000,599</b>	<b>7,596,432</b>	<b>7,180,454</b>	<b>6,717,140</b>	<b>6,391,383</b>	<b>11,145,350</b>		

## 2007 TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS REPORT



The trustees of the trust funds manage 13 capital reserve funds and 25 separate funds with the combined assets of approximately \$1,342,667. The funds serve a variety of interests and sponsors. These include capital funds for the town of Sunapee and trusts serving various charitable and civic programs and school scholarship programs as well as funds to support the Town Library and Cemeteries.

It is the policy of the trustees that all funds shall be invested and maintained in a professional manner that adheres to the principals of:

- Safety – preserving the value of principle through conservative investments that minimize the impact of negative influences and guard against loss due to error or fraud.
- Liquidity – maintaining the ability to convert investment assets into cash, when and as needed, without incurring financial penalties.
- Investment Return - obtaining the highest investment return possible, consistent with the concern for safety and liquidity.
- Convenience – maintaining a system of operational controls that facilitate the investment and reporting processes, while minimizing associated administrative and cost burdens.

All funds are currently invested in the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (PDIP), which was established and is operated by the State of New Hampshire Banking Commissioner. The custodian of all funds is Bank of America; the program administrator is the Municipal Investors Services Corporation (MBIA) of Armonk, NY; and the independent auditor is Price Waterhouse Coopers.

Respectfully Submitted,

*J. William Scharff (Chairman), James Southard and Michael Snow*

**REPORT OF THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE - TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS - YEAR 2007**

*Through December 31, 2007*

**NON EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS**

Year Created	Trust Name	Opening Balance	Principal Added	Interest Income	Total	Withdrawals	Ending Balance
Various	Cemetery	\$49,904.08	\$0.00	\$2,540.02	\$52,444.10	\$0.00	\$52,444.10
	Common #1						
Various	Student Awards	\$46,625.55	\$700.00	\$2,368.30	\$49,693.85	\$1,200.00	\$48,493.85
	Common #2						
1983	Bartlett Speaking	\$15,729.77	\$0.00	\$795.42	\$16,525.19	\$352.15	\$16,173.04
1983	Bartlett Park	\$18,680.59	\$0.00	\$950.76	\$19,631.35	\$0.00	\$19,631.35
1970	Library General	\$9,245.37	\$0.00	\$470.59	\$9,715.96	\$0.00	\$9,715.96
1972	Library Gardner	\$2,667.65	\$0.00	\$135.87	\$2,803.52	\$0.00	\$2,803.52
1969	Firemen's	\$16,522.62	\$0.00	\$829.98	\$17,352.60	\$350.00	\$17,022.60
	Knowlton						
1969	Firemen's	\$6,282.52	\$0.00	\$319.88	\$6,602.40	\$0.00	\$6,602.40
	Robinson						
1987	Fireman's	\$1,076.39	\$0.00	\$54.94	\$1,131.33	\$0.00	\$1,131.33
	Warren & Quaw						
1966	Parks-Coffin	\$9,427.02	\$0.00	\$479.90	\$9,906.92	\$0.00	\$9,906.92
1958	Visiting Nurses	\$2,405.08	\$0.00	\$122.41	\$2,527.49	\$0.00	\$2,527.49
1987	Historical Society	\$37,440.45	\$200.00	\$1,915.25	\$39,555.70	\$0.00	\$39,555.70
1990	Crowther Family Trust	\$8,351.73	\$0.00	\$425.30	\$8,777.03	\$0.00	\$8,777.03
<b>Total Non Expendable Funds</b>		\$224,358.82	\$900.00	\$11,408.62	\$236,667.44	\$1,882.15	\$234,785.29

**REPORT OF THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE - TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS - YEAR 2007**  
*Through December 31, 2007*

Ending Balances include deposits in process as of December 31, 2007  
**EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS**

Year Created	Trust Name	Opening Balance	Principal Added	Interest Income	Total	Withdrawals	Ending Balance
1989	Cemetery	\$36,010.83	\$4,500.00	\$1,906.87	\$42,417.70	\$0.00	\$42,417.70
1995	Insurance Deductible	\$7,301.81	\$0.00	\$371.48	\$7,673.29	\$0.00	\$7,673.29
1996	Paris - Memorial Gardens	\$5,025.31	\$0.00	\$255.92	\$5,281.23	\$0.00	\$5,281.23
1977	Paris - Dewey Woods	\$1,827.40	\$0.00	\$92.84	\$1,920.24	\$0.00	\$1,920.24
2000	Special Education Fund	\$4,400.43	\$99,000.00	\$4,639.71	\$108,040.14	\$0.00	\$108,040.14
2000	Sam Bond Memorial	\$6,959.61	\$0.00	\$354.21	\$7,313.82	\$0.00	\$7,313.82
2004	Raymond Leese Scholarship	\$3,141.36	\$0.00	\$159.87	\$3,301.23	\$0.00	\$3,301.23
1996	Molloy Scholarship	\$554.98	\$0.00	\$21.57	\$576.55	\$500.00	\$76.55
1995	Burrill Scholarship	\$2,827.45	\$0.00	\$142.62	\$2,970.07	\$100.00	\$2,870.07
1999	Journalism Award	\$0.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.04	\$0.00	\$0.04
2002	Milfoil Reserve	\$9,375.94	\$5,000.00	\$477.38	\$14,853.32	\$0.00	\$14,853.32
2004	Crossier Chapel	\$3,784.62	\$0.00	\$192.55	\$3,977.17	\$0.00	\$3,977.17
2005	Sunapee Beautification	\$31,995.29	\$6,920.00	\$1,148.16	\$40,063.45	\$12,514.00	\$27,549.45
<b>Total Expendable Funds</b>		\$113,205.07	\$115,420.00	\$9,763.18	\$238,388.25	\$13,114.00	\$225,274.25



**CAPITAL RESERVE TRUST FUNDS**  
**Through December 31, 2007**

\* Deposit completed in January 2008

Year Created	Trust Name	Opening Balance	Principal Added	Interest Income	Total	Withdrawals	Ending Balance	
* 1984	Fire Department	\$71,692.00	\$60,000.00	\$3,649.24	\$135,341.24	\$0.00	\$135,341.24	\$135,341.24
* 1989	Highway Department	\$135,045.70	\$137,300.00	\$6,873.86	\$279,219.56	\$0.00	\$279,219.56	\$279,219.56
1993	Tax Maps	\$4,856.27	\$0.00	\$247.10	\$5,103.37	\$0.00	\$5,103.37	\$5,103.37
1997	Revaluation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2003	Public Safety Bldg	\$192.51	\$0.00	\$10.95	\$203.46	\$0.00	\$203.46	\$203.46
* 1997	Used Highway Equipment	\$7,485.56	\$7,000.00	\$381.31	\$14,866.87	\$0.00	\$14,866.87	\$14,866.87
1989	School Bus	\$1,579.96	\$0.00	\$80.80	\$1,660.76	\$0.00	\$1,660.76	\$1,660.76
1992	School Buildings	\$104,329.45	\$0.00	\$4,959.60	\$109,289.05	\$0.00	\$109,289.05	\$109,289.05
* 1999	New Library Bldg Fund	\$55,060.14	\$25,000.00	\$2,802.60	\$82,862.74	\$0.00	\$82,862.74	\$82,862.74
* 2001	Town Road Bridges	\$113,190.79	\$25,000.00	\$5,761.57	\$143,952.36	\$0.00	\$143,952.36	\$143,952.36
2003	Dirt Roads Paving	\$84,664.71	\$0.00	\$4,309.54	\$88,974.25	\$0.00	\$88,974.25	\$88,974.25
2003	Police Patrol Vehicles	\$18,783.42	\$0.00	\$956.13	\$19,739.55	\$0.00	\$19,739.55	\$19,739.55
2005	Beech Street Reconstruction	\$1,116.33	\$0.00	\$56.54	\$1,172.87	\$0.00	\$1,172.87	\$1,172.87
2005	School Food Service	\$220.63	\$0.00	\$10.95	\$231.58	\$0.00	\$231.58	\$231.58
<b>Total Capital Reserve Funds</b>		\$598,217.47	\$254,300.00	\$30,100.19	\$882,617.66	\$0.00	\$882,617.66	\$882,617.66

TOWN OF SUNAPEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
December 31, 2006

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**GENERAL FUND:**

**Assets**

Cash & Cash equivalents	\$4,275,430
Investments	4,372
Taxes Receivable	456,417
Tax lien receivable	104,621
Accounts receivable	41,071
Due from other governments	36,640
Due from other funds	295,333
Other current assets	<u>1,504</u>

**Total Assests:** **\$5,215,388**

**Liabilities**

Warrants and accounts payable	68,875
Due to School district	3,339,555
Due to other funds	53,397
Deferred revenue	<u>732</u>

**Total Liabilities** **\$3,462,559**

**Fund Equity**

Reserve for encumbrances	220,648
Reserve for special purpose	3,460
Unreserved fund balance	<u>1,528,721</u>

**Total Fund Equity** **\$1,752,829**

**Total Liabilities and Fund Equity** **\$5,215,388**



**BALANCE SHEET – UNAUDITED**  
**Assets as of 12/31/07**

**CASH ON HAND**

General Fund	4,872,721.25
Hydro Electric Fund	98,043.84
Water Dept. Funds	562,638.84
Sewer Dept. Funds	1,490,578.76
Misc. Other Funds	598,154.27
Funds in Custody of Treasurer:	\$7,622,136.96

**ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

Due from Bandstand/Ben Mere Fund	2,420.96
Due from Dewey Woods Fund	2,418.60
Due from School	1,208.01
Due from Hydro Fund- Operating Expenses	12,390.64
Due from Special Recreation Fund	25,710.48
Due from Trustees of the Trust Funds	248,890.04
TOTAL:	293,038.73

**TAXES UNCOLLECTED:**

Levy of 2007	708,498.55
Levy of 2006	69,310.19
Levy of 2005	31,448.62
Levy of 2004	613.06

TOTAL:	809,870.42
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TOTAL AR/UNCOLLECTED	\$ 1,102,909.15
TOTAL ASSETS/GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 8,725,046.11

**LIABILITIES AS OF 12/31/07:**

Overpayment of Taxes \$ 41,712.13  
Unexpended Balances:

Transfer Station Budget 40,000.00  
Assessing 5,000.00  
Newport Ambulance 10,000.00

Due to Other Funds:

Friends of Town Hall 5,483.34  
Bartlett Tyler Fund 43,355.64  
Sunapee Center Associates 446.94  
Bandstand Account 1,580.34  
Conservation Commission 105,988.48  
Dewey Woods Commission 3,977.37  
Harbor Ridge Property Invest. Pool 3,116.16  
Special Recreation Account 33,982.88  
Coffin Memorial Park 253.89  
Special Fund – Pistol Permits 7,795.68  
Town Forest Fund 5,072.79  
Hydro Account 480,605.21  
Water Department Fund 562,638.84  
Sewer Department Fund 1,490,578.76  
Due to School 3,993,730.00

**TOTAL LIABILITIES: 6,835,318.45**

**FUND BALANCE (Assets vs. Liabilities): \$ 1,889,727.66**  
**Fund Balance December 31, 2006 \$ 1,156,739.61**  
**Fund Balance December 31, 2005 \$ 76,718.14**

**Change in Financial Condition: \$ 732,988.05**

## TREASURERS REPORT 2007

<b>Ending Balance December 31, 2006</b>		\$7,136,080.83
	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>
Selectmen	15,425,063.67	\$15,177,118.32
Interest(General Fund)	118,191.42	
Hydro Account	132,246.68	\$209,541.59
Friends of the Town Hall	29.82	
Bartlett-Tyler Fund	397.80	
Sunapee Center Association	1.10	
Bandstand Account	1,003.67	
Conservation Commission	48,462.21	
Town Forest Fund	27.76	
Dewey Woods Commission	21.81	
Harbor Ridge Property Account	17.08	
Special Recreation Account	97,313.06	\$49,220.16
Coffin Memorial Park	0.62	
Special Account - pistol permits	734.99	
Sewer Department General Fund	746,389.22	\$609,886.17
Sewer Department Replacement Fund	1,360.14	\$31,742.20
Sewer Department Capital Improve. Fund	62,078.19	
Water Department General Fund	941,098.85	\$993,143.95
Water Department Capital Improve Fund	7,865.82	
Water Department Replacement Acct.	450.17	\$11,305.50
Water Department 1997 Treatment Bond	2,032.50	\$16,772.56
	17,584,786.58	\$17,098,730.45
 <b>Balance on Hand December 31, 2007</b>		 <b>\$7,622,136.96</b>

### Long-Term Liabilities

Changes in the Town's long-term obligations during the year ended December 31, 2006, consisted of the following:

	General Obligation Bonds Payable	Accrued Landfill Postclosure Care Costs	Total
Balance, beginning	\$ 1,776,534	\$ 222,200	\$ 1,998,734
Additions	3,303,125	36,100	3,339,225
Reductions	(217,100)	-	(217,100)
Balance, ending	<u>\$ 4,862,559</u>	<u>\$ 258,300</u>	<u>\$ 5,120,859</u>

Long-term liabilities payable are comprised of the following:

	Original Amount	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate %	Outstanding at December 31, 2006	Current Portion
General obligation bonds payable:						
Water filtration bond	\$ 783,400	1997	2027	4.63-5.00	\$ 638,112	\$ 18,804
Water filtration bond	\$ 1,300,500	1997	2027	2.50-4.00	1,078,822	31,204
Public safety building	\$ 3,303,125	2006	2025	3.630	3,135,625	164,928
					<u>4,862,559</u>	<u>214,936</u>
Accrued landfill postclosure care costs					<u>258,300</u>	<u>12,300</u>
Total					<u>\$ 5,120,859</u>	<u>\$ 237,236</u>

The annual requirements to amortize the general obligation debt outstanding as of December 31, 2006, including interest payments, are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2007	\$ 314,936	\$ 181,264	\$ 496,200
2008	317,467	201,477	518,944
2009	220,127	191,929	412,056
2010	222,921	182,606	405,527
2011	225,658	173,122	398,780
2012-2016	1,178,803	718,315	1,897,118
2017-2021	1,278,001	455,101	1,733,102
2022-2026	1,243,060	164,408	1,407,468
2027	(4,386)	3,524	67,910
Totals	<u>\$ 4,862,559</u>	<u>\$ 2,271,768</u>	<u>\$ 7,134,326</u>

### Accrued Landfill Postclosure Care Costs

The Town ceased operating its landfill in 1998. Federal and State laws and regulations require that the Town continue to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the landfill site. A liability is being recognized based on postclosure care costs that will be incurred. The estimated liability for landfill postclosure care costs (\$258,300) is based on the amount that would be paid if all equipment, facilities and services required to monitor and maintain the landfill were required as of December 31, 2006. However, the actual cost of postclosure care may be higher or lower due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in landfill laws and regulations.



## 2007 TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

It does not seem possible that another year has rolled around but here we are.

Auto Registrations encompass a good deal of our time. In 2007 we processed 5914. The Municipal Agent Automated Program is working well for us, and I would like to thank the Division of Motor Vehicles for all the assistance they provide us throughout the year.

I would like to personally thank everyone for spreading the word for us that our office has the ability to process boat registrations. In 2007 we processed 494 registrations. This is very beneficial, as this allows the town to keep a portion of the fee on all renewals, transfers, and new registrations. If you process your registration at the State level, they retain the entire amount.

The dog-licensing program continues to run smoothly. It is required that New Hampshire Veterinarians notify the town clerk where the owner resides within 40 days of the rabies vaccination. The town clerk then notifies you if your dog has not been licensed. In accordance with RSA 466:1- **all dogs 4 months or older are required to be licensed prior to April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.** Dogs not licensed prior to June 1<sup>st</sup> will be subject to a \$25.00 fine.

In August we had a Vital Records Preservation Assessment performed at the town office, and as result of that the Sunapee Town Clerk's Office was



recipient of a Vital Records Preservation Grant. The grant money enabled us to purchase a Fire King Storage Cabinet, Archival boxes and folders, and a HOBOT data logger with software to monitor temperature, humidity and light. With the remainder of the money we will have a section of our vital records microfilmed, and install a burglar intruder alarm system throughout the building that is hardwired to a dispatch center. Our office feels very fortunate to be one of the beneficiaries of this money and also the assessment process that opened our eyes to many archival issues.

In 2007 we experienced a 95% collection rate for property taxes. Paying property taxes on time allows us to pay our obligation without having to obtain Tax Anticipation Notes. This is something that is costly to the town and taxpayers alike.

I would be remiss if I did not thank Deputy Town Clerk & Tax Collector, Melissa Heino for all her dedication and hard work throughout the year.

The Office of Town Clerk & Tax Collector looks forward to serving you in 2008.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty H. Ramspott  
**Town Clerk & Tax Collector**

<b>Town Clerk:</b>				
Remittances made to Treasurer - 2007:				
Auto Registrations:			\$	653,060.00
Boat Registrations:			\$	8,063.24
Dog Licenses:				
	Town of Sunapee		\$	3,266.00
	State of NH		\$	303.00
	Dept. of Agriculture		\$	1,102.00
Vital Statistics				
	State of NH		\$	564.00
Clerk Fees:				
	Auto Registrations		\$	13,386.80
	UCC Filings		\$	1,125.00
	Wetland's Applications		\$	302.00
	Vital Statistics		\$	1,597.00
	Election Filing Fees		\$	4.00
	Pole License		\$	30.00
	Registration Refunds		\$	-
	Return Check Fees		\$	150.00
	Disk Sales		\$	53.00
<b>Total Remittances:</b>				<b>\$ 683,006.04</b>



## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of SUNAPEE Year Ending December 31, 2007

## DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES- BEG. OF YEAR*		Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES		
			2006	2005	
Property Taxes	#3110	XXXXXX	\$ 464,904.68	\$ 116.00	
Resident Taxes	#3180	XXXXXX			
Land Use Change	#3120	XXXXXX	\$ 10,900.00		
Yield Taxes	#3185	XXXXXX	\$ 834.21		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/lyd	#3187	XXXXXX			
Utility Charges	#3189	XXXXXX			
Deferred Revenue		XXXXXX			

## TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR

Property Taxes	#3110	\$ 14,097,716.00	\$ 19,124.00
Added Tax	#3180	\$ 187.00	
Land Use Change	#3120	\$ 108,800.00	
Yield Taxes	#3185	\$ 4,428.42	\$ 510.28
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/lyd	#3187		
Utility Charges	#3189		
WATER/SEWER/BOND			\$ 40,943.27

## OVERPAYMENT:

Property Taxes	#3110	\$ 41,712.13	\$ 9,480.97		
Refunds	#3180	\$ 2,436.00			
Land Use Change	#3120				
Yield Taxes	#3185				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/lyd	#3187				
WATER/SEWER/BOND			\$ 15.51		
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	\$ 9,196.03	\$ 25,083.60	\$ 28.54	
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190				
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>		<b>\$ 14,264,475.58</b>	<b>\$ 571,796.52</b>	<b>\$ 144.54</b>	<b>\$</b>

\*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

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**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

For the Municipality of SUNAPEE Year Ending December 31, 2007

**CREDITS**

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for this Year	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)	
		2006	2005
Property Taxes	\$ 13,420,512.02	\$ 389,527.66	\$ 116.00
Prior Year Carryover	\$ 9,310.20		
Land Use Change	\$ 81,000.00	\$ 10,900.00	
Yield Taxes	\$ 3,994.89	\$ 1,344.49	
Interest (include lien conversion)	\$ 9,196.03	\$ 25,083.60	\$ 28.54
Penalties			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd			
Prior Year Deferred Revenue		\$ 731.74	
Conversion to Lien (principal only)		\$ 116,776.19	
WATER/SEWER/BOND		\$ 27,432.84	
<b>DISCOUNTS ALLOWED</b>			

**ABATEMENTS MADE**

Property Taxes	\$ 3,090.35		
Resident Taxes			
Land Use Change	\$ 8,500.00		
Yield Taxes			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd			
Utility Charges			
Tax Credit	\$ 500.00		
<b>CURRENT LEVY DEEDED</b>			

**UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080**

Property Taxes	\$ 708,498.55		
Added Taxes	\$ 140.01		
Land Use Change	\$ 19,300.00		
Yield Taxes	\$ 433.53		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd			
Utility Charges			
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$ 14,264,475.58</b>	<b>\$ 571,796.52</b>	<b>\$ 144.54</b>

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**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

For the Municipality of SUNAPEE

Year Ending December 31, 2007

**DEBITS**

	Last Year's Levy		PRIOR LEVIES	
	2006	2005	2004	
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Year		\$ 76,503.59	\$ 32,779.66	
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$ 126,758.87			
Interest & Costs Collected (AFTER LIEN EXECUTION)	\$ 3,457.84	\$ 9,397.00	\$ 10,784.53	
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$ 130,216.71</b>	<b>\$ 85,900.59</b>	<b>\$ 43,564.19</b>	

**CREDITS**

REMITTED TO TREASURER:	Last Year's Levy		PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)	
	Redemptions	\$ 55,282.17	\$ 45,054.97	\$ 32,166.60
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	\$ 3,457.84	\$ 9,397.00	\$ 10,784.53	
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	\$ 2,166.51			
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year #1110	\$ 69,310.19	\$ 31,448.62	\$ 613.06	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$ 130,216.71</b>	<b>\$ 85,900.59</b>	<b>\$ 43,564.19</b>	

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ? YES

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN OF SUNAPEE ACCOUNTS

Funds on Hand

<u>INSTITUTION</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
As of December 31, 2007			
<u>TOWN OF SUNAPEE ACCTS:</u>			
<u>Lk Sun Bank Trans</u>	General Account		26,701.31
"	"	3.09%	4,846,019.94
	Payroll		-
			<u>4,872,721.25</u>
<u>Lake Sunapee Bank</u>	Coffin Memorial Park	0.21%	253.89
<u>Stmt Savings</u>	Conservation Comm	0.49%	105,988.48
	Sunapee Ctr Assoc	0.23%	446.94
			<u>106,689.31</u>
<u>Sugar River Bank</u>	Bandstand Account	0.55%	1,580.34
	Bartlett Taylor Fund		43,355.64
	Dewey Woods Comm	0.55%	3,977.37
	Friends of the Town Hall	0.55%	5,438.34
	Harbor Ridge Property	0.55%	3,116.16
	Hydro Account	4.25%	387,155.86
	Spc Rds - Pistol Pemit	0.67%	7,795.68
	Special Recreation Fund	0.71%	33,982.88
	Town Forest	0.55%	5,062.69
			<u>491,464.96</u>
<u>NHPDIP</u>	General Fund	4.96%	4,594.49
	Hydro Account	4.96%	93,449.35
			<u>98,043.84</u>
	<b>Total - Town of Sunapee</b>		<b><u>5,568,919.36</u></b>
<u>WATER DEPARTMENT ACCTS:</u>			
<u>LkSunBk-Trans</u>	Water Dept - General Fund		27,581.32
<u>LkSunBk-StmtSav</u>	Water Dept - Surplus		61,931.37
	Water Dept - Replacement		103,145.61
			<u>192,658.30</u>
<u>Sugar River Bank</u>	Water Dept Cap Imprvmt		120,595.42
<u>NHPDIP</u>	Water Dept - General Fund	4.96%	219,606.32
	Water 1997 Trmt Bond	4.96%	29,778.80
			<u>369,980.54</u>

Total - Water Department	562,638.84
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**SEWER DEPARTMENT ACCTS:**

<u>LkSunBk-Trans</u>	Sewer Dept - General Fund		41,880.93
<u>LkSunBk-StmtSav</u>	Sewer Dept - Surplus		420,902.38
	Sewer Dept - Replacement		248,870.45
			<u>669,772.83</u>
<u>Sugar River Bank</u>	Sewer Dept Cap Imprvmt		123,096.02
<u>NHPDIP</u>	Sewer Dept Cap Imprvmt	4.96%	655,828.98
	<b>Total - Sewer Department</b>		<b>1,490,578.76</b>

Total:                      Total:    7,622,136.96



## SUMMARY OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT 2007

Article 1:	Officers elected on non-partisan	ballot March 13, 2007
Article 2:	Ballot vote	Passed
Article 3:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 4:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 5:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 6:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 7:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 8:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 9:	Ballot vote	Passed
Article 10:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 11:	To hear reports	
Article 12:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 13:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 14:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 15:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 16:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 17:	Ballot vote	Passed
Article 18:	Ballot vote	Passed
Article 19:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 20:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 21:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 22:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 23:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 24:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 25:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 26:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 27:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 28:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 29:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 30a:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 30b:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 31:	Ballot vote	Failed.
Article 32:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 33:	Ballot vote	Failed.
Article 34:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 35:	Ballot vote	Failed.
Article 36:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 37:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 38:	Ballot vote	Failed.
Article 39:	Ballot vote	Passed.

*Betty H. Ramspott ~ Town Clerk & Tax Collector*



## 2007 TAX RATE COMPUTATION

### TOWN PORTION

Appropriations	\$ 6,207,140	
Less: Revenues	\$ -3,258,672	
Less: Shared Revenues	\$ -13,156	
Add: Overlay	\$ 202,725	
Add: War Service Credits	<u>\$ 105,500</u>	
Net Town Appropriation		\$3,243,537
Town Tax Rate		\$3.08

### SCHOOL PORTION

Due to Local School	\$ 8,473,572	
Less: State Education taxes	<u>\$ -2,437,592</u>	
Net School Appropriation		\$6,035,980
School Tax Rate		\$5.73

### STATE EDUCATION TAXES

Equalized Valuation (without Utilities) x 2.24	\$2,437,592	
Less: Remitted to State	<u>0</u>	
Net State Education Taxes to School		\$2,437,592
Local Valuation (without utilities)	\$1,044,294,051	
State School Rate		\$2.33

### COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	\$ 2,490,077	
Less: Shared Revenues	\$ -5,086	
Net County Appropriation		\$2,484,991
County Tax Rate		<u>\$2.36</u>

**Total Tax Rate:** \$13.50

Total Property Taxes Assessed:	\$ 14,202,100	
Less: War Service Credits	\$ -105,500	
Total Property Tax Commitment		\$14,096,600

### 2007 ESTIMATED TOWN PORTION OF TAX RATE

Appropriations	\$11,145,350	
Less: Revenues	\$8,291,785	
Less: Shared Revenues	\$13,156	
Add: Overlay	\$200,000	
Add: War Service Credits	\$105,500	
Net Town Appropriation		\$ 3,145,909
Estimated Town Tax Rate		\$2.99
Total Anticipated Town Tax increased \$694,535 (IF ALL MONEY WARRANT		

#### ARTICLES PASS)

NOTE: Based on a 2007 total grand list of \$1,053,616,323 which does not include any new value from building permits or new subdivision value which could easily be over \$5,000,000 of new value and all warrant articles passing. Each new \$105,000 of raised tax dollars is approximately \$.10 on the rate.

**SUMMARY  
OF  
INVENTORY  
2007**

Value of Land Only:

Current Use	\$ 972,251
Residential	\$ 491,412,900
Commercial/Industrial	\$ <u>7,861,300</u>

Total Taxable Land: \$ 500,246,451

Value of Buildings Only:

Residential	\$ 517,685,200
Manufactured Housing	\$ 2,480,700
Commercial/Industrial	\$ <u>24,826,700</u>

Total Taxable Buildings: \$ 544,992,600

Public Utilities: \$ 9,322,272

Valuation before Exemptions: \$ 1,054,561,323

Exemptions:

Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities	\$ 0
Blind Exemptions	\$ 60,000
Elderly Exemptions	\$ <u>885,000</u>

Total Amount of Exemptions: \$ 945,000

Net Valuation on Which the Tax Rate for Municipal,  
County and Local Education is computed: \$ 1,053,616,323

Net Valuation without utilities on which Tax Rate for  
State Education Tax is computed: \$ 1,044,294,051

**SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY As of December 31, 2007**

<b>Map/Lot</b>	<b>Property</b>	<b>Assessed Value</b>
132/01	Town Hall, Building	377,300
133/12	Coffin Park Land	55,100
129/77	Library, Land & Building	264,900
133/88	Police Department, Land & Buildings	293,900
	<b><u>Fire Department Land &amp; Buildings</u></b>	
106/64	Georges Mills Fire Station	161,600
129/36	Sunapee Fire Station	3,634,600
218/82-1	Highway Department, buildings	939,400
129/37	Highway, Land (Ball field)	2,900
218/74&77	Transfer/Recycling Facility	345,800
	<b><u>Parks, Commons &amp; Playgrounds:</u></b>	
133/03	Ski Tow	66,000
123/21	Dewey Woods	227,000
122/31	Bartlett-Tyler Lot	250,500
106/19	Georges Mills Dock & Beach	943,600
133/13	38 Main Street	48,900
125/25	Dewey Beach (incl. Pump Station)	1,095,300
133/36	Town Docks - Sunapee Harbor	1,036,400
<b>Map/Lot</b>	<b>Property</b>	<b>Assessed Value</b>
133/84	Ben Mere Park/Bandstand	91,200
140/11	R.O.W. Burkehaven Lane	34,100
106/40&43	R.O.W. Jobs Creek Road	229,100
	<b><u>Water Supply Facilities:</u></b>	
133/90	Pump Station - River Road	148,500
104/12	Municipal Water Supply Land	162,800
203/08	Tank Site	417,400
133/77	Harbor Hill Road (land & buildings)	2,179,000
	<b><u>Sewer Plant &amp; Facilities:</u></b>	
225/86	Treatment Plant	3,771,900
Various	Land and Pump Stations	203,500
132/49	<b><u>Hydroelectric Plant / Info Booth</u></b>	1,781,900
	<b><u>Schools, Land &amp; Buildings</u></b>	
130/34	Middle/High School	4,398,300
129/22	Playground	190,700
132/38	Land off Lower Main Street	1,300

129/25&34	Elementary School, House, Gym	2,384,400
123/1 & 3	Ball field	117,000
<b>Map/Lot</b>	<b>Property</b>	<b>Assessed Value</b>
	<b><u>Land &amp; Buildings Acquired thru Tax Deed</u></b>	
238/54&55	Penacook Path	81,700
218/64 & 65	Land off Sargent Road	91,000
121/47	Fernwood Point Road	56,300
115/41	North Shore Road	35,700
147/5	Route 103	91,800
	Land (incl.: 210/35 & 37, 104/5, 132/45, 231/13 & 15)	196,400
<b><u>Cemeteries</u></b>		
104/79	Otter Hill Road	4,000
	<b><u>All Other Town Owned Property &amp; Equipment</u></b>	
	Ledge Pond (incl.: 206/7,8, 207/20,27,28)	2,160,900
	Parking Lots (133/33)	175,200
210/03	Webb-Flint Lot	13,700
125/54	Land on Route 11	3,500
102/04	Spaulding Property - Otter Pond	4,300
136/63	Birch Point Road	130,000
231/17	Crowther Chapel	41,300
132/03	Stagecoach Lane - Backland	6,500
225/87	Off Route 11 - Near Treatment Plant Rd.	3,000
120/22	Jobs Creek Road - Wooded Lot	35,600
102/03&05	Backland off Otter Pond	75,000
102/01	Backland	2,900
105/21	Keyes Rd	284,500
123/20	Granliden	16,800
125/46	Garnet St	69,700
136/49	Lovejoy Ln	41,300
218/83	Route 11	48,800
103/31	Route 11	36,600
129/39	Sargent Rd (common lot)	0
132/50	Edgemont	3,000
239/12	Off Messer Road, Backland	3,500
	<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>	<b>29,567,300</b>

## **EXEMPTIONS AVAILABLE TO RESIDENT PROPERTY OWNERS**

### **ELDERLY EXEMPTION:**

There is an exemption for those property owners who meet the following qualifications:

1. You must reside in the state of NH for at least 3 consecutive years preceeding April 1 in the year in which the exemption is claimed.
2. You must be at least 65 years of age on or before April 1st.
3. Your income cannot exceed \$13,400, if you are single or \$20,400, if you are married. This includes Social Security and other pensions, interest, and dividends, as well as any other earnings. Your net assets may not exceed \$50,000. This excludes the value of your residence.

If you are 65-74 years of age and qualify, \$35,000 is deducted from your assessed valuation.

If you are 75-79 years of age and qualify, \$55,000 is deducted from your assessed valuation.

If you are 80 years of age, or older and qualify, \$75,000 is deducted from your assessed valuation.



### **VETERAN'S CREDIT**

There is a credit for eligible Veterans and/or Widows of Veterans. The credit is \$500 and is deducted after your taxes have been calculated and prior to mailing your second half tax bill. We also offer a credit of \$2,000, if you have a service-connected total disability.

### **BLIND EXEMPTION**

If you are legally blind, as determined by the Blind Services Department of the Vocational Rehabilitation Division of the Education Department, you may be eligible for this exemption. For this exemption, \$15,000 is deducted from your assessed valuation.

For further information regarding exemptions, you can call the Department of Revenue at (603) 271-2687 or (603) 763-2212. Applications for these exemptions may be obtained from the Selectmen's Office.

# ABBOTT LIBRARY REPORT

For the Year ending December 31, 2007



2007 was a bittersweet year for the Abbott library. New library cards and a new computer automation system were introduced in 2007 but the new library building project which was slated to begin construction in late spring was overturned by the voters at the March town meeting.

The library launched its new automation system called Library Solutions from The Library Corporation (TLC) on May 9, 2007. The new system replaced the Follett software system which had been used by the library since 1987. The new system has streamlined staff functions and has also provided the library user with an array of services including book reserves, renewals and searches all accessed from home. A new library website was also launched in conjunction with the new automation system with a new and improved catalog of library holdings which include the real-time status of all library holdings. The new system also provides email notices for books that are ready for pick up, as well as courtesy and overdue notices.

New library cards were also issued to all library users in 2007. Postcards of the new cards were sent to all residents in the early spring and approximately 1700 cards have been issued since that time. The new cards include a color image of the Loon Island Lighthouse. A small key-ring card was also issued for each account and it has been very popular with many library users.

Controversy surrounding the Ski Tow Hill library site surfaced in late 2006 which resulted in 3 new warrant articles on the March 2007 ballot. The first article asked for authorization for the library trustees to sell the current library building and property. The article failed by a vote of 470 YES and 486 NO. The second warrant article asked that no more than 3 acres of the Ski Tow hill site be removed from Town Forest Designation. This article Failed 436 YES and 525 NO. The third warrant article was placed by petition and asked the voters to prohibit the construction of a new town library at the Ski Tow Hill location on 103B. This article passed with 482 YES and 472 NO. Due to these results, the construction of a new library on Ski Tow Hill was stopped.

A new building committee was formed in April of 2007 and during the summer and fall the committee ranked 14 sites using an objective formula to evaluate, weigh and rank the features of each site. Of the sites available, the Harbor Riverway location (across from the Knowlton House) ranked highest. The committee believes this site would bring new vitality and year-round activity to the harbor area. Therefore, a new warrant article will be placed on the March 2008 ballot for approval by the voters. If approved, the project will need several years for fundraising with the hopes of new library sometime in 2011 or 2012.

The Abbott library had another good year in 2007 as 43,167 items were circulated to 29,426 visitors to the library. The library added 1,963 new items to the collection in 2007 as well as 216 new patrons. Internet usage was up by 23% in 2007 due largely to the addition of 2 new workstations for the public in September which the Friends of the library funded. The library's Wi-Fi usage also increased greatly during the year.



The library's After School Kids (A.S.K) program continued to be well attended during the school year. Fall enrollment for the 2007-2008 school year was 66 students. The program was run on the following schedule: Mondays-Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades, and Thursday-4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades. Each session averaged approximately 14-20 students each week. A new part-time children's assistant was hired in September to help with the program. Student volunteers were also a big part of the A.S.K. program again this year. Sunapee High School's Honor Society and Service Club sent student volunteers each week to assist the librarians with the program.

The library participated in the Statewide Summer Reading on Wednesday Evenings during a five week period in late June and July. "Reading Road Trip USA" was the theme and the children focused on books, music and activities relating to the U.S.A. . As always the program was designed to encourage reading

for pleasure in a relaxed environment. A total of 58 children enrolled in the program and they read a combined total of 37,899 minutes or 632 hours during the five- week program.

Children's librarian, Joyce Martin, held a weekly toddler story hour on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. The story hour included the reading of several books plus a small craft activity. The toddler story time was moved to Thursdays in September in hopes of boosting attendance as the Wednesday session conflicted with local preschool hours.

The library book club met on the fourth Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. and the Library Board held their monthly meetings the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the library.

The Friends of the Abbott library continued to support the library and community with their annual fund-raising events, The Annual Pancake Breakfast and annual Appeal letter. The Pancake breakfast was successfully held for the first time at the new Safety Services building. Receipts from these events provided funding for the Annual Summer Reading program and other library needs such as new shelving units and computer desks for the reading room. I wish to thank the Friends for their continued support of library programs and materials in 2007.

Many thanks to our regular volunteers who provide 600 hours annually to help us keep the library operating smoothly. There are also many other volunteers who have helped with fundraising events for the Friends and the Annual Library Book Sale.

Our electronic newsletter "Book Bytes" was discontinued in the summer of 2007 due to the library's new website which allows for more updated information regarding new library materials and activities.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John Walden, Library Director



# ABBOTT LIBRARY TREASURERS REPORT FOR 2007

	<u>2006</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2007</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2007</u> <u>Actual</u>
OPENING BALANCE	-\$664	\$0	-\$64
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Interest Received	6	0	9
Donations For Books	281	0	2,629
Town Allotment	210,294	229,453	229,453
	\$210,58	\$229,45	\$232,09
TOTAL RECEIPTS	1	3	1
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Full Time Payroll	72,184	75,619	77,784
Part Time Payroll	35,142	46,937	47,233
Employee Benefits	<u>31,351</u>	<u>39,972</u>	<u>38,743</u>
Total Employee Costs	138,677	162,528	163,760
Telephone	1,159	1,200	1,215
Alarm System	300	300	300
Computer Costs	5,381	2,385	2,354
Copier Lease	1,712	2,400	2,739
Electricity	3,021	3,200	3,039
Heating	899	1,400	1,244
Water & Sewer	435	700	670
Repairs	2,269	2,200	1,782
Insurance	1,074	1,800	1,113
Training & Meetings	729	100	53
Printing & Advertising	764	1,300	1,302
Memberships	106	500	531
General Supplies	1,952	2,525	1,216
Machine Supplies	786	900	1,297
Program Supplies	3,079	2,500	908
Postage	937	1,075	1,197
Furniture & Office Equip.	519		2,403
Collections: Books	24,114	24,000	22,041
Subscriptions	3,078	3,400	3,304
Non-Print	5,847	6,000	6,799

Large Print	3,230	2,500	2,458
Software	8,062	3,940	4,437
Processing Supplies	1,851	2,600	3,322
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TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$209,981	\$229,453	\$229,484
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ENDING BALANCE	-\$64	\$0	\$2,543
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## SUNAPEE ASSESSORS OFFICE 2007



This past year saw a change in personnel. Dan Fitzgerald, Assistant Assessor left to start his own appraisal business and we hired Kris McAllister. Kris comes to us with 6 years experience in the assessment field, she has attained the Certified Assessor designation from the New Hampshire Association of Assessing Officials and is certified by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration as an Appraisal Supervisor.

We are scheduled to go thru assessment review in 2011. The New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration Property Appraisal Division is charged with monitoring our assessment program following state law, administrative rules and guidelines established by the Assessing Standards Board. This review will be the most comprehensive to date. In my opinion, the most significant change will be the writing of an industry compliant report by us explaining the thought process and corresponding data used to arrive at new values. The goal is to make the process transparent.

We were able to amicably resolve disputes with out utility property owners. Both utilities withdrew their appeals at the New Hampshire Board

of Land and Tax Appeals. Since the initial year of the revaluation we have had very few abatement requests. We have also processed several current use penalties over the past year.

Taxpayers sometimes feel the only mechanism to challenge their tax bill is thru the assessment. In fact, the only function we perform is how the total pie (State Education, Local School, County and Municipal budgets) is divided based on assessed values. The assessment function is a totally separate process from the budget process. Simply saying, "My Tax Bill Is Too High" is not a reason to adjust an assessment. We are regularly monitoring the relationship between assessment and sales price. The goal is to keep all classes of property (low value, high value, waterfront, non-waterfront and vacant land) at a similar assessment to sale price relationship.

We are completing the process of reviewing all properties in current use to comply with state standards.. This process is both required and necessary. It is our duty and responsibility to all taxpayers to assure property owners receiving reduced assessments are entitled to a reduced assessment according to State Law. Secondly, future administration of the current use program will become easier. Examples of deficiencies are lack of an up to date accurate map, updated forest management plan or discrepancies in acreage. It has been my experience that this process is both educational and enlightening for property owners. Many property owners have purchased property enrolled in the current use program but have never reviewed how their property is being treated under this program. I encourage all property owners with land in current use to review their property files at Town Hall.

It will be a busy spring reviewing this past years building activity. We have approximately 60 new permits since April of 2007 and another 100 properties that were not completed as of April 2006 that need to be re-visited to determine the status of the property for assessment purposes. We are also regularly reviewing sales to determine the status and accuracy of the data as of the date of sale. Sale properties are the control group analyzed to evaluate the overall accuracy and performance of our assessment program since the goal is to produce fair and equitable assessments. Additionally, we will be visiting properties that have not been inspected since 2005. If you are not at home, we will measure the exterior and then send you a letter to schedule an interior inspection.

A few interesting facts about Sunapee some may not know are; there are approximately 12,805 acres as compared to Newbury which has 20,800 acres and New London which has 13,350 acres. There are 3,074 separate and distinct parcels in Sunapee of which 130 are exempt from taxation. The total taxable

value is \$1,053,600,000 of which about half is direct waterfront. Add to that the indirect water access properties and the number becomes larger.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens for the opportunity to serve you over the past few years. I look forward to a cooperative and amicable relationship for many years to come. If you have any questions regarding how assessments are done or about your particular assessment please feel free to call (763-2212 ext 13 or 15) or stop by the office in Town Hall.

Also, please take the opportunity to review your property record file every few years or at a minimum your property record card [www.visionappraisal.com/sunapeenh/](http://www.visionappraisal.com/sunapeenh/) where the information used to calculate your assessment is depicted.

Respectfully submitted, *Normand Bernaiche*, Tri Town Assessor

## **BEAUTIFICATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2007**



The Sunapee Beautification Oversight Committee, established in 2003, functions with the consent and approval of the Board of Selectmen, the guidance of the Town Manager and in logistical coordination with the Road Agent.

Our mission is to act as good stewards of the Town land by enhancing and preserving the green spaces therein. These activities are facilitated by the revenue from Garden Tours, gifts-in-kind, and generous private donations. The funds are held in trust by the Town and disbursements are overseen by this committee.

In 2007, two trees were planted in the Harbor lawn area to replace a large spruce tree, in declining health, which was removed since it posed a safety hazard. In the coming year a granite bench, donated as a memorial, will be placed in the shelter of one tree and incorporated into the stepping stone maze, as described in the

## Master Landscaping Plan.

The new flower boxes installed on the Sugar River Harbor Bridge were glorious with summer's flowers and then decked with holiday greens. Subtle lighting was installed in the landscaping around the Ben Mere bandstand. This was a cooperative venture with the Highway Department.

Continued maintenance of the trees, landscaping and seasonal plantings around the Ben Mere bandstand and the lakeside lawn area is a perennial project.

Bids were accepted and a contractor chosen to do the permanent paving of the walkway to the bandstand in time for the first concert in the summer of 2008.

Other items approved in the Master Landscaping Plan will be addressed after the replacement of the water lines and repaving of Lake Avenue is complete.

The Beautification Committee participated in the annual Fourth of July parade and once again had the privilege of decorating Sunapee's historic Old Town Hall with a Winter Wonderland of snowmen for the Magical Harbor Holiday Celebration.

When the new Town Master Plan is enacted, this committee will work toward the goals of further beautification of our Town as outlined in that document.

The BOC is proud to join hands with the Volunteer Gardeners to create an oasis of gardens in our Town. We are appreciative of the generosity of volunteer friends, planning consultants and thoughtful donors in helping the Beautification Committee fulfill the stated mission.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Cooper, Donna Gazelle and Robin Pollard

## Town Budget



### THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT 2007

This is the first year of the budget committee operating under it's new directive from the town. In years past the recommendations put forth by the committee have appeared in the warrant for the voters and taxpayers to see and evaluate. Currently the budget committee only advises the selectmen and the school board during the budget creation process. As a result our recommendations will not be available for the taxpayers to see.

That issue aside, the budget process went smoothly this year. The directive from the selectmen for the coming year was for flat line budgets. This objective was largely achieved. Taxpayers can review the budget line items in the reports to view each department's level of compliance. Budget development took place during two full day sessions rather than many evening sessions and most were pleased with the new process.

The BAC was pleased with the progress that the school board has made with it's budgeting process. The SAU accounting was timely, complete and accurate- a refreshing change from previous years. Contracts, facilities costs and special education expenses drove most of the budget increases.

**The Budget Advisory Committee will be seeking several new members for the upcoming year. If you would like to know and understand the workings of your town please volunteer.**

Respectfully,  
*Bo Muller*

## **REPORT OF THE SUNAPEE CONSERVATION COMMISSION: 2007**



For several years now the Commission has been working on its comprehensive Town Forest Plan. With continuing and important help from our Forester Anita Blakeman, we hope to have completed the Plan during the coming year. It will guide all the Commission's stewardship activity on the various Town-owned tracts for the next 10 years, and will call for a broad mix of uses, such as trail creation, harvesting of mature timber, and necessary road-building to our trailheads.

Thanks partly to the tireless labors of Sawyer Webb, who made the work his Senior Project at the High School; we have created an Interpretive Trail in the Dewey Woods property. The trail is already in use as I write, and will be dedicated sometime in early 2008. It is a loop trail which passes through a number of varied forest environments whose unique features will be described by signs posted along the way.

The Commission's Capital Reserve Fund request for the year is to be \$50,000, a sum which will be offset by the monies we receive annually from the Change of Use tax. We would like the public to be aware of this fund, and of the sources from which it is derived, since it will vary from year to year as Change of Use income varies. There may be years, obviously, when our Warrant Article request may be somewhat larger than normal. Conversely, sometimes it may be uncommonly small.

Our work with the Planning Board continues as that body works to generate its Master Plan for the Town. We would like that Plan, in its final form, to include certain maps, charts, and narrative which we think are important planning elements.

Our plans for 2008 will include getting our information embedded in the Town's website. A number of maps are there already, and by the end of 2008 we hope that all our trail maps and other data will be available on-line.

One of the Commission's routine responsibilities is to process NH Wetlands Bureau applications by citizen and municipal landowners to perform a wide variety of water-related projects on their premises. The commonest of these projects are the construction or renovation of docks on the Town's lakefronts, but we also receive applications to install or repair culverts, add beach sand, cut or

trim trees, repair retaining walls, install steps, build decks, maintain boathouses, and remove rocks which interfere with navigation. The construction of new boathouses is no longer permitted, and the length and width of docks is limited by state law.

Wetlands Bureau applications may be obtained from the Town Clerk. Completed applications - in quintuplicate - must be turned in to her, along with a check for whatever fees are required. Instructions are printed on the application forms. A Commission member then inspects the site, and the Commissioners make their recommendation to the Bureau. Usually we advise approval, and usually the Bureau accepts our assessment. Most citizens complete their forms conscientiously and well, try to abide by the regulations, and receive their permits promptly. Now and then a landowner will try to skirt the law, and to do illegal work without a permit. In such cases, the State will exact penalties, including fines, but such instances are rare.

The Bluebird restoration project continues, and currently maintains 74 paired Bluebird houses in Sunapee - plus 2 in neighboring New London. Success varies from year to year depending on our weather, but occupation rates average about 70%. Nearly every 2-house site fledges a clutch of Tree Swallows.

Every year the Commission has large ambitions and relatively small fiscal resources, and we are constantly trying to acquire additional land for conservation. Sunapee lags behind most other New Hampshire towns in this regard, with only about 15% of its area devoted to conservation. The NH Forest Society recommends a goal of roughly 25% per Town.

As we do every year, we ask for your support and your generosity on Warrant Article Day, and we always encourage donations from private citizens, either of monies or of land for conservation.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bruce Burdett* for the Sunapee Conservation Commission



## **CROWTHER CHAPEL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2007**



A short walk through the Dexter's Inn property brings you to the serene setting of the Crowther Chapel. The Chapel sits within a small clearing with a right-of-way off of Stagecoach Road. The property is owned by the Town of Sunapee and the Board of Directors oversees the maintenance and activities available to the public.

The Directors discussed that a reduction of 5 on the Board rather than 7. This was approved by the Town and the newly elected officers are as follows:

Co-Chairs - Randy Richards and Skip Nolin

Secretary - Wendy Nolin

Treasurer – Dick Leone

Director – John Augustine

with Tony Bergeron and Jay Leavitt to serve in a advisory role.

The Chapel was open to the public the last Sunday of the month – beginning on May 27<sup>th</sup>, holidays, and by special requests, until closing on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

By publicizing these specific times the docents were quite busy with many local as well as summer visitors.

Again this year the chapel is in great shape. Many thanks go to the Town for mowing the field and trimming down the new growth as well as regularly maintaining the grounds. Also recognition to John Augustine, owner of Dexter's Inn for hosting the monthly Board meetings, for directing visitors to the Chapel and overseeing many of the duties involved with docent schedules.

The schedule for the Chapel in 2008 appears to be similar to 2007. We encourage church groups, school groups, organizations and interested individuals to contact us for a private historical tour. The Chapel is very unique and those who visit will be impressed and amazed with the history and the serenity that it beholds.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jay Leavitt*, Co-Chair - Crowther Chapel Committee

## SUNAPEE FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT 2007



This year has been another busy and exciting year The Fire/EMS Department had three hundred ninety-six (396) calls this year. This is up from last year.

We want to thank our members and our community for their dedication and caring .We had our second very successful and fun open house. More than 200 people from our communities attended. This was designed for those in our community that were not able to attend our last open house the past fall We are working to finish our upstairs for office space which wasn't included in the building cost. We have had and still having work details to get the upstairs finished.

We received a state grant for a new base radio and repeater to help with interoperability between towns .The repeater will help ensure better radio communication within our town.

We continue to have training every month for both Fire/EMS to keep up with our skills and requirements.

We have 2 firefighters who passed Firefighter 1 course and 2 who passed their EMTB this year. We have 2 members of our explorer program. These high school students went down to the State Fire academy for training over the summer for one week. They are able to assist us with certain tasks.

We continue to go out into our community to educate in the schools for fire safety and we have gone to the Senior Citizens to explain our roles within the community we assist with local organizations for EMS and Fire when needed.

We would also like to thank some members of the fire service. One member has served fifty years (50) on our Fire Department. Arthur Osborne and David Williams ,Deputy Chief who served seventeen years on the Department and 8 years on the Board of Engineers. He has moved to another State and continues to serve as a firefighter in

Massachusetts. Members who have received the citizenship award in the past voted 2 recipients of the community to receive The Citizenship of the Year Awards. John Gosselin EMTB and Ellie Goddard These recipients go over and beyond in helping our department and the community.

The Selectmen appointed a new Deputy, Mark Scott. The Board of Engineers voted Mark to be on the Board of Engineers. Mark has served on the department for thirty years.

Please remember to change your batteries every 6 months in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Please perform maintenance on you wood stoves and furnaces. Put your house numbers in a visible location (on house or driveway) so that emergency personnel can find your house in case of emergency. Remember to use your seatbelts and place your children in the correct car seats. They do Save Lives.

6 Hip injuries	2 Vomiting Blood
58 Fire Alarm activations	14 Diabetic Emergencies
2 Chimney Fires	14 Lift assists
39 Motor Vehicle Accidents	17 falls
20 Mutual Aid Responses	10 Sync opal episodes
6 Structure Fires	4 Smoke investigations
11 Carbon Monoxide Detectors Alarms	1 Brush Fires
15 Power lines Down	12 Odor Investigations
7 Gas/Oil leaks	5 Vehicle Fires
4 Electrical Problems	2 Seizures
9 Unconscious	7 Psych/suicidal
15 Cardiac Calls	4 Lacerations
20 Breathing Difficulties	6 Police assists
15 Dizzy complaints	5 Assaults
6 Stokes	6 Life Line Activation
6 Building Inspections	3 Arm injury calls
3 Back injuries	3 Leg injuries calls
11 Water Problems	12 Feeling Ill
7 Good intent calls	3 Abdominal Pains
1 Allergic Reaction	2 eye injuries
1 fish hook injury	2 snowmobile accidents
1 stabbing	2 furnace Problems
1 rectal bleeding	

Thanks to everyone in our community for your continued support and caring. Without your support, our department wouldn't have this great facility and trained, caring volunteer personnel.

Please Dial 911 for all Emergency Calls



From the Board of Engineers, *Daniel Ruggles*, Chief, *Dana Ramspott*, *David Williams* and *Howard Sargent*, Deputy, Chiefs



## FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER REPORT

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org).

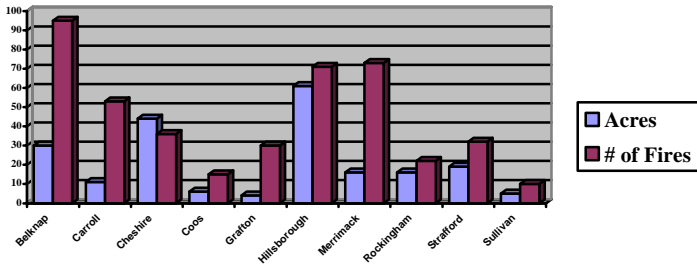
Fire activity was very busy during the spring of the 2007, particularly late April into early May. As the forests and fields greened up in later May the fire danger decreased. However, a very dry late summer created very high fire danger again from August into September, with fire danger reaching very high on Labor Day weekend. Even with the dry conditions, the acreage burned was less than half that of 2006. The largest forest fire during the 2007 season burned approximately 26 acres on the side of Wantastiquet Mountain in Chesterfield during the month of May. Our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2007 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

## 2007 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 8, 2007)

(figures do not include fires on the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	30	95
Carroll	11	53
Cheshire	44	36
Coos	6	15
Grafton	4	30
Hillsborough	61	71
Merrimack	16	73
Rockingham	16	22
Strafford	19	32
Sullivan	5	10



### CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

#### Acres

			Total Fires	Total
Arson	5	<b>2007</b>	437	212
Debris	197	<b>2006</b>	500	473
Campfire	38	<b>2005</b>	546	174
Children	22	<b>2004</b>	482	147
Smoking	41	<b>2003</b>	374	100
Railroad	5			
Equipment	3			
Lightning	7			
Misc.*	119 (*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)			



***ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE***



## **SUNAPEE GARDENERS REPORT – 2007**

After 16 years of dedicated service to the town of Sunapee, Ellie Goddard resigned as chairman of The Gardeners. A nominating committee was formed in the fall and the new chairman, Pat Hall and the new head gardener, Stephanie De Augustinis took over the reigns in the Spring of 2007.

The Gardeners honored Ellie in June with a reception at The Knowlton House with 70 people attending. She was presented with a scrap book that included many personal messages and photos from the many people who had worked with her over the years. Her big surprise was the unveiling of a photo of a bronze plaque recognizing her leadership that was placed on a large stone in the Memorial Garden in the Harbor.

The season started with the first meeting in April with the planning of the many gardens and planters in Sunapee and Georges Mills. The flowers were ordered for pick-up on June 1<sup>st</sup> for planting day. Our May meeting we had a guest speaker, Ted Janericco, who gave a presentation for growing Bonsai trees.

On June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> our many (40 plus) volunteers prepared and planted the gardens including the many planters and window boxes at the Town properties. Over the summer months many hours were spent attending to the gardens, including weeding, watering and dead heading to maintain the beautiful looks of the gardens.

In July we marched in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade behind our new Sunapee Gardener Banner made and donated by Diane Guyer. On August 1<sup>st</sup> we had our annual Memorial garden celebration at intermission of the Band Concert in the harbor. This celebration honors the people in whose memory donations have been made to support memorial gardens. We had another guest speaker at our September meeting. George and Katy Krozer, local orchid growers gave a presentation about the tips for growing and caring for orchids.

Our wrap-up party was held at the beautiful home of Suzanne and Harry Tether on a sunny warm evening in late September. It was a time to enjoy the many friendships made over the summer with new and old garden friends.

All gardens were put to sleep for the winter months after the Columbus Day weekend. The week before Thanksgiving was spent Greening the Harbor. Sunapee Harbor Riverway donates the greens and the Gardeners decorate the Harbor and town buildings. This year as a Gardener project Stephanie and her husband Dick transformed the Information Booth into a Gingerbread House with lights, lollipops, candy canes and gingerbread people.

We would like to thank the town officials and the residents for their continuing support that inspires the volunteers to continue to donate many hours of work to make Sunapee a wonderful place to visit and live.

The Sunapee Gardeners welcomes anyone who has a love of gardening to join our group. We welcome all levels of gardening expertise as long as there is willingness to work. For more information on joining our group please contact any gardener and they will pass along the information.

Respectfully submitted:

Pat Hall and Stephanie De Augustinis, Sunapee Gardeners

## **HEALTH OFFICER'S 2007 REPORT**



This year has been a routine one. We've had some more failed leachfields. One was for another multifamily complex and the owner was more than eager to get the problem fixed with a new approved system. We have fewer and fewer unapproved systems in town. The state has an excellent application and approval process for the construction of leachfields. Anyone building a new home or rebuilding or adding bedrooms to a home must submit to the NHDES. Also if a system is in failure and can't be replaced in kind, because the mandatory test pit revealed it to be too close to the seasonal high ground water or a well or surface water, it must have a new approval. If the system is for commercial and it fails it must be reapproved from Concord.



We have had a continuing problem with ducks in Lower Village. The concentrated feeding of wild animals is discouraged by the USDA and the NH Fish and Game Dept.

Neighbors complain of having their cars bombed and their driveways slippery with excrement. “Have you ever seen a kid try and play basketball with a ball covered with slime?” It is strongly urged not to feed ducks or other wildlife. With the ever growing concern over a bird flu style pandemic, a flock of ducks continuing for several years to come back and check on a food source that may have, by then, stopped, could prove to be deadly for the neighborhood. The burden of anyone dieing should be on whoever ignored this message. **Please Do Not Feed the Ducks.**

As always if you have a concern or question, I’ll make the appropriate inquiries, to get you a response.

Thank You and Respectfully Submitted,  
Mike Dashner, Health Officer

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT 2007



The winter of 2006-2007 was quite mild and not very snowy at the beginning. We only received an inch in November and eight and half inches in December. The temperatures were very mild until the middle of January, but then things changed. It was quite cold until Valentine’s Day, when we receive our first substantial snow (a 16” storm). We ended up with 35 events and 95” for the year. This was about 90% of our annual snow-fall and included 3 April storms of 7”-9”. The gravel roads were extremely muddy the middle of March and the beginning of April. Snow-plowing in April on these soft roads was really difficult. The storm on the 15<sup>th</sup> was 9” of snow and sleet which changed to 6” of rain on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Because the water couldn't get into the ditches we had severe erosion along the edges of the roads (the same as every town in N.H.). We incurred over \$90,000 in damages, of which FEMA paid over \$70,000.

We spent the last half of April and most of May repairing these washouts. Normally, we start sweeping winter sand in April, but this year it was mid-May before we could start. May was very busy! We rebuilt the sidewalk near the Anchorage with new granite curb and faux brick stamped concrete. We constructed a new sidewalk along the parking lot at the base of the Ben Meer property. This was stage two of improvements started last year and consisted of new granite curb and faux brick stamped concrete. We also constructed a new sidewalk at the Town Office, for the improvements at Town Hall, which has gran-ite curb and an asphalt surface. We repaved the parking lot by the Anchorage and Deck & Dock, placed the base course of asphalt on Sunny Lane and Gardner Bay Road. Thank you for the special article which allowed us to reclaim (grind up) about 11,500 ft. of Jobs Creek Road. Just before grinding, we replaced several culverts. The reshaping was completed and the base course of asphalt was installed as of June 1<sup>st</sup>. A very busy month!

During June we completed sweeping and painted parking stalls and crosswalks. All catch basins were cleaned and road grading with dust control was done. Gravel shoulders were added to the newly paved roads. We made several drainage repairs and improvements and continued making washout repairs. In July we finished the washout repairs and did roadside mowing. During August we did grader shimming on Young Hill Rd., Stage-coach Rd., Fernwood Rd., Scotts Cove Rd., School St., and Winn Hill Rd. We also reconstructed the intersection on Perkins Pond Rd. and North Shore Rd.

Directly after Labor Day, we raised all the manhole covers to final grade on Jobs Creek Rd., Fernwood Rd., and Scotts Cove Rd. Pavement overlays were installed on Stage-coach Rd., Young Hill Rd., Pine Ridge Rd., Scotts Cove Rd., and Fernwood Rd., The wearing course of asphalt was done on Jobs Creek Rd. More drainage work was done this month and next. The stockpiling of winter sand was done in October (winter will shortly return). In November we started cleaning ditches of leaves, a 10 week job that rarely gets completed before it snows. We made it past the

storm on 11/20 of 3", but only till 11/30. We had a 10" storm on 12/3 and then it got worse. There were 13 events and 45" of snow in December. So much for 10 weeks of grader ditching. Don't worry; we will pay dearly for that in the spring.

Should you have any questions regarding highway department procedures or operations, please do not hesitate to call me at 763-5060.

Sincerely submitted,  
J. Anthony Bergeron  
Road Agent

## **THE SUNAPEE, NH HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

### **2007 IN REVIEW**

In January, our Winter Program Meeting was the viewing of the documentary, "Taking Care of The Old Man", featuring the Neilson family who worked to preserve the Old Man of the Mountains for many years.

As spring approached, our plans for getting an early start on the museum was disrupted by bad weather. First, in April, our director's meeting was postponed a week due to a snow storm, then followed by a wet, windy Nor'easter on April 16<sup>th</sup> that tore the metal roof off one side of our museum. Thanks to quick action by many members and a little luck, the contents of the museum were covered with tarps and plastic, or moved out of harm's way. The entire roof had to be replaced, at a cost of \$34,250. This included putting an emergency tarp on the roof for temporary protection, removing the old standing seam roof, stripping old wood shingles, installing new plywood and installing a stronger standing seam roof. Iron Horse Standing Seam Roofing Co. did the work quickly and efficiently, and the roof looks great. Our insurance covered about 80% of the cost, the rest came out of our reserves.

In May, we scheduled a major cleanup inside the museum. At least 20 volunteers came and helped to sweep, vacuum and dust and restore the order to the exhibits. We were able to open on schedule for Memorial Day weekend, although our plans for a new exhibit had to be put on hold.

During June, Diana Wyman spruced up our landscaping at the front of the building, and a picture exhibit was put up in the Gallery Room with the theme "Recreation and Pastimes in Sunapee". A field trip on June 16<sup>th</sup> was taken by about a dozen members to the Washington, NH Historical Society - we had a good time, and recommend visiting!

Our summer programs during July and August included: "Life & Times of Billy B. Van" by Paul Rheingold, "History of the New London Barn Playhouse" by Tom DeMille, "Historical Images of Corbin Park" by Mary Kronenwetter, "Growing Up In Georges Mills", a Crackerbarrel Talk with Edythe Collins Dexter, Priscilla Holmes Roberts, and Babe Sargent, and several slide shows by Ron Garceau. Thanks again to all the volunteers who served as docents during the summer.

"The Great Race" was an event held on September 8<sup>th</sup>. About 24 antique Model T and A vehicles drove from New London to Sunapee Harbor to visit our museum. The Time Travelers Chorus provided wonderful old music, John Tariot's steamboat came to visit at the docks, and The MV Kearsarge donated corn chowder to feed our visitors lunch. The weather cooperated, and after lunch, the old cars left on their journey around the lake to return to New London Historical Society.

Our main fundraiser turned out to be a result of planning for "The Great Race". John "Babe" Sargent donated a 24" x 36" oil painting depicting a race to Lake Sunapee Station between steamboats, a train, horse & buggy, and a bicycle. 300 tickets, at \$20 per chance, were sold. The winning ticket was drawn by Santa at "Sunapee's Magical Christmas Celebration" held on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The winner of this raffle was Sally Eldredge, from Newport.

In early fall, we contracted Herb Stiles III to paint the entire building. He was able to scrape, clean and put 2 coats of fresh stain on most of the building, and will

finish this spring. The cost for this maintenance project is \$8,835.

An Inventory Committee was established this year to computerize our museum items. Flo Porat, Becky Rylander and Pat Hand have started this big job. Fred Gallup has the old steamroller running and nearly done refurbishing it. We expect to show it off sometime in 2008. At the fall meeting in October, the final presentation of the Old Town Hall Charrette was presented by Ron Garceau.

2007 turned out to be an expensive year for our organization, but through memberships, generous donations and a good fundraiser, we are in still in good financial shape. Currently we have 306 members, many of them life memberships. Over 30 people served as docents, and others helped with various chores. Looking forward to 2008, we will need new volunteers to help – docents, exhibits, maintenance and committees – come be a part of Sunapee’s history!

Current officers:

President: Ron Garceau

Vice-Pres: John “Babe” Sargent

Secretary Pro-Tem: Bev Cutts

Treasurer: Frank Gallup

Directors: Janet Ramspott, Eileen Stiles, & Becky Rylander

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Garceau, President

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## 2007 HYDROELECTRIC PLANT REPORT



It is my pleasure to provide this annual report for Sunapee's hydro-electric generating plant. 2007 was a mediocre year for generation, with the Plant off-line for a total of 122 days, spread over a period of 4 months. Snow pack was very minimal, as was early year precipitation. The plant was off-line from February 12<sup>th</sup> through April 12<sup>th</sup> due to a low lake level. Spring run-off started on April 13 and lasted until June 29, when the plant went off line and the Mill pond was drained for waste gate replacement. Minimum flow was discharged from Lake Sunapee until October 16, when the fall draw-down was started.

Generation for 2007 was 1,590,400 kilowatt hours. The average price paid by PSNH was \$0.069/kWhr, up from last year's average hourly rate of \$0.0618/kWhr. This generated gross revenue of \$109,737.60, which is substantially down from the 2006 revenue of \$171,213.78. In addition, with Sunapee hydro eliminating some transmission loss, PSNH paid another \$1,854.56 as a transmission line loss adjustment. In February, the NH Public Utilities Commission required PSNH to start paying Sunapee for a "Seasonal claimed capacity", which is an average of generation for winter and summer months over a five year period. This created an additional \$12,347.62 in revenue. The total generation revenue for 2007 was \$123,939.78.

This dollar amount is different from the revenue listed on the income side of the Town report due to the timing of payments from PSNH. I calculate revenue from January 1st through December 31<sup>st</sup>. PSNH calculates revenue from the 10<sup>th</sup> of one month to the 9<sup>th</sup> of the following month. December's generation payment is delayed until January.

I would like to thank Joe Adams for his continued commitment as assistant operator.

Respectfully submitted, *Robert A. Collins*, Plant Operator

## SUNAPEE INFORMATION BOOTH WELCOME CENTER 2007 REPORT



The Welcome Center began a new year opening on Memorial Day Weekend, Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> until Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

The month of June we were open only weekends until Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, when we began full time, 10-5.

Labor Day brought a close to seven days and we just opened weekends.

On Columbus Day, October 8<sup>th</sup> we closed until next spring.

It has been a successful season. Over 3400 visitors came through our door from 24 states and from England, Scotland and Europe.

Many admired our building and commented on the landscaping and the Riverwalk.

I would like to thank the Garden Club for the lovely flowers in the window boxes and the plantings at the signpost.

We want to thank everyone that stopped by. We hope to see many more visitors next year.

We three hope to return for another year.

Respectfully submitted, *Marilyn Morse, Isabel Torno & Rem Mastin*



CHAPIN SENIOR CENTER OF THE KEARSARGE AREA COUNCIL ON  
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**CHAPIN SENIOR CENTER**

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Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc., (COA) is a service organization for seniors which serves the nine towns of Andover, Danbury, Grantham, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sutton, Sunapee and Wilmot. In 2007 COA celebrated its 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! We continue to grow and services below show the increase in our participation levels and transportation provided to area seniors:

- 628 members in 1996
- 2,452 members in 2006.
  
- 4,900 people participated in programs in 1996  
10,000 people participated in programs in 2006
  
- 4,000 volunteer hours contributed in 1996  
11,600 volunteer hours contributed in 2006
  
- 16,000 miles of Transportation were given in 1996  
60,000 miles of Transportation were given in 2006

Our mobility lending program of walkers, canes, wheelchairs and other equipment is used almost daily. Programs of education, exercise, culture and sociability are available through the Chapin Senior Center every day. All these services continue to be free of charge to our members and we hope to keep it that



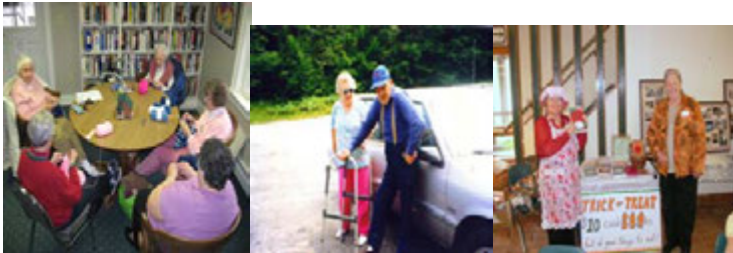
way. It is through the generosity of the towns serviced, the business sponsors and individual contributions that we are able to do this.

Our annual budget of \$100,000 is possible only because of the excellent volunteer support that COA receives from hundreds of people in all towns. COA has a paid staff of one Executive Director and one part time Administrative Assistant. Volunteers do the rest, sharing their talents and time to COA.

COA is most grateful for all donations. Without them, we would not have the vibrant organization that we have. We look forward to seeing you at the Center.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,  
Kay Butler  
Chairman  
2007





## Raymond S. Burton

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Executive Councilor  
District One

December 2006

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### Report to the People of District One By Raymond S. Burton, Executive Councilor

It is an honor to report to the people of this large Northern District in my capacity as Executive Councilor, one of several elected public servants. The five member Council was founded in the NH Constitution and much of NH law provides an additional avenue at the top of your Executive Branch of State Government.

2007 will be a year when members of the Council are charged with conducting public hearings on the State of New Hampshire 10-year transportation plan. With inflation affecting basic transportation costs, and presently no plan for an increase in the State gasoline tax, I don't look for any new projects becoming a reality. We'll be lucky to complete what is currently in the plan.

I continue to seek volunteers to serve on the 300 or so Boards and Commissions as prescribed by New Hampshire law. There are some great opportunities to serve your state government!  
Send your letter of interest and resume to my office, or to Kathy Goode, Director of Appointments/Liaison to the Council, Governor's Office, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301. Tel. (603) 271-2121. To find out what openings are available and to see a list of boards, visit the NH Secretary of State website at: [www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm](http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm).

The NH web site is a very valuable for citizens. If internet is not available to you, use your local public or school library to go to [www.nh.gov](http://www.nh.gov) and find all state agencies, general court (representatives) and senate members, mailing addresses, and where legislative bills and proposals are. I send my weekly schedule to some 500 e-mail addresses that include town offices, county officials, district media, NH House and Senate members, and others. If you would like to be on that e-mail list please send your e-mail address to [rburton@nh.gov](mailto:rburton@nh.gov). I often include other public notices and information.

It is an honor to continue to serve you now in my 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> years as a public servant. Contact my office anytime about your ideas, concerns and problems with state government. I respond to all inquiries and challenges.

Sincerely,

#### COOS COUNTY:

Berlin, Carroll, Clarksville,  
Colebrook, Columbia, Dalton,  
Dixville, Dummar, Errol,  
Gorham, Jefferson, Lancaster,  
Milan, Millsfield, Northumberland,  
Pittsburg, Randolph, Shelburne,  
Stewartstown, Stark, Stratford,  
Whitfield

#### SULLIVAN COUNTY:

Charlestown, Claremont, Cornish,  
Croydon, Grantham, Newport  
Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee



#### Towns in Council District #1

##### CARROLL COUNTY:

Albany, Bartlett,  
Chatham, Conway, Eaton,  
Ellingham, Freedom, Hart's Loc.,  
Jackson, Madison, Moultonborough,  
Ossipee, Sandwich, Tamworth,  
Tulonboro, Wakefield, Wolfeboro,

##### GRAFTON COUNTY:

Alexandria, Ashland, Bath,  
Benton, Bethlehem, Bridgewater,  
Bristol, Campton, Canaan,  
Dorchester, Easton, Ellsworth,  
Enfield, Franconia, Grafton,  
Groton, Hanover, Havenhill,  
Hebron, Holderness, Landaff,  
Lebanon, Lincoln, Lisbon,  
Livermore, Littleton, Lyman,  
Lyme, Monroe, Orange, Orford,  
Plymouth, Plymouth, Rumney,  
Sugar Hill, Thornton, Warren,  
Waterville Valley, Wentworth,  
Woodstock

##### BELKNAP COUNTY:

Alton, Belmont, Center Harbor,  
Gifford, Laconia, Meredith,  
New Hampton, Sanborton, Tilton

**A REPORT TO THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE  
VOTERS & TAXPAYERS BY  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE SUZANNE GOTTLING**



The first year of the 160<sup>th</sup> NH General Court was a busy one as many longstanding issues were resolved. Perhaps most important was the definition of an adequate education before the court deadline of June 30. One of the most contentious issues was the inclusion of half-day kindergarten. Sunapee residents should be proud that full day kindergarten has been offered here for many years. My granddaughter, now in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, was a member of our first full-day kindergarten class. Now lawmakers move on to the next step, deciding on the cost of an adequate education. It is likely the Governor will again present a Constitutional Amendment to allow targeted aid to the neediest communities.

Another issue important to Sunapee was the passage of a Senate bill with funding dedicated to the improvement of our state parks. The first phases of improvement will occur at the larger parks such as Hampton Beach. A bill before the committee on which I serve, Resources, Recreation, and Development, sought to establish a commission to oversee and promote our regional parks of Pillsbury, Sunapee, Rollins, Wadleigh, and Winslow. The bill was retained over the summer for further study but was ultimately voted Inexpedient to Legislate (ITL.) It is hoped the new statewide commission will pay attention quickly to the serious needs of our local parks.

LCHIP (Land and Community Heritage Improvement Program) funding was increased and a reliable source of future funding set up. This program may be useful in the future to our Old Town Hall Committee.

Two bills, written by our Select Board, that I sponsored were heard in the Municipal and County Committee. Members of the Board, our Town Manager, and members of the public attended the hearings. Excellent presentations were made in support of the town position that the system of County taxation is inequitable and needs to be changed. However, both bills were voted ITL. We will keep working on the issues highlighted in the bills.

I spent much time on County problems believing that If we can't have legislative overhaul of the County taxing system, we can try to control County expenditures as well as work to make its budget understandable to citizens. I was appointed to the Executive Finance Committee, a group responsible for final approval of the County budget and oversight throughout the year. This year's County audit affirmed what a few of us knew; Genesis was not saving us money at the Nursing Home, and there was no possibility of ending the year with no deficit or a small deficit. The Sullivan County Health Center is now back under County supervision and an interim County Manager is in place. The County's financial condition resulted from decisions of the past several years. One was the overestimation of Nursing Home revenues and expenditures that exceeded appropriations. The second decision was to use up the Fund Balance. Best practices suggest there should be a Fund Balance that is 5 to 10% of the budget. Because the fund balance is gone and revenues continue to be lower than expected, borrowing takes place earlier and earlier each fiscal year. Much work remains to reestablish the County's financial health.

Representing Sunapee in our General Court is a rewarding experience. While we have not won on all our issues, we have made progress in increased educational opportunities, medical benefits for families, preservation of our environment, and encouragement of business development. The 400 members of our General Court make sure that the voice of the people is heard in New Hampshire. Be assured that I am eager to hear from the citizens of Sunapee and do whatever I can to address their issues.

*Sue Gottling, State Representative*

## OLD TOWN HALL COMMITTEE



The charge of our committee is to determine what should be done with the Old Town Hall Property, make recommendations to the board of selectmen and then follow through on those recommendations. Our first year was spent gathering the information and opinions necessary for us to make those recommendations.

Our first goal was to hold a design charrette to jump start the process. A design charrette is a period of intensive work involving both professionals and local citizens as they explore potential solutions to a design issue.

The OTHC proposed a warrant article in 2007 to raise \$35,000 to hire a team of professionals for the purpose of conducting a design charrette and completing a property survey.

We also applied to Plan NH for a grant to conduct a charrette in Sunapee.

Plan NH is an organization whose members include professional planners, engineers, architects, landscape designers, bankers, builders. Each year Plan NH chooses three municipalities to conduct a charrette pro bono.

Our application was successful, resulting in \$29,000 of savings out of the \$35,000 acquired on the 2007 warrant.

The expended funds were for the land survey and other expenses related to hosting the charrette.

The charrette was held on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Knowlton House, the use of which was donated. Additional food and supplies were donated by several local businesses.

A website was created, ( [www.sunapeeoldtownhall.org](http://www.sunapeeoldtownhall.org) ), to act as a portal of information.

Included on the website were an opinion survey and a page for discussion to get the citizens opinions on the fate of the property.

To add to the polling, opinion boxes were distributed around town and questions were added to the Planning Boards master plan survey.

A good crowd attended the charrette and many ideas were discussed. A report summarizing the results of the charrette was presented to the board of selectman on August 13. The charrette report is available to everybody online at the OTHC website or at the town office.

After considering all the input gathered from the charrette and surveys, the Old town Hall committee voted at the August 21 meeting to make the following recommendations to the board of selectmen.

The Old Town Hall should be should be saved and restored.

The Select Board takes steps to implement the Harbor Loop Plan through appropriate town departments and committees.

The OTHC requested the selectmen's permission to;

- Explore and make applications for any grants to fund the needs of the Old Town Hall.
- Explore private/public partnership possibilities
- Pursue the application process for state and/or federal historical registration of the Old Town Hall, the Livery Building.
- The remainder of the charrette funds put on the 2008 warrant to begin a generic Capital Reserve Fund.

In September the OTHC held a joint meeting with the Library Building committee to assess the proposed location for a future library one the lot adjacent to the Old town Hall and discuss how the two committees could cooperate and combine efforts. The Old Town Hall building does not meet the requirements to become a library, but a portion of it may be appropriate for a future use that could offset some needs proposed in the current library plan. The Old town Hall committee voted to support the proposed location for the library and will continue to have cooperative dialogue with the Library Building committee in the future.

In 2008 the old town hall committee is following through on steps for historical registry and pursuit of grants. The OTHC has also submitted an article for 2008 to authorize use of the remaining funds raised in 2007 to be used to establish a capital reserve fund.

Respectfully submitted, *Kevin Rickard* – Chairperson

## 2007 PLANNING BOARD REPORT



In September, the Planning Board held a special Land Use Session as part of the Master Plan process. The session, facilitated by professional Land Use Consultant, Jeff Taylor, drew a standing-room-only crowd that voiced their likes, dislikes, and concerns about Sunapee and suggested improvements. In general, people like the same things about Sunapee they did ten years ago during the last Master Plan cycle: the quiet life presented by a small rural town, year-round recreation, our excellent school system, and the scenic views. Concerns include protection of Lake Sunapee's water quality, need for affordable housing and more year-round businesses, development of a stronger sense of community, and controlling speeding at the intersection of RT 11 and Main St. For those who could not attend, the session was taped and broadcasted on Channel 8 several times daily through November and December. DVDs of the session are still available through the Abbott Library. As part of the Master Plan process, the Board also circulated a survey questionnaire to all residents and land owners. 3055 surveys were mailed; 629 were returned (20%). In addition, the younger members of the community were polled via a separate survey distributed to juniors and seniors at Sunapee High School. The next step will be to consolidate all the information gathered during the departmental interviews, through the surveys and from the Land Use Session into a vision for Sunapee's future.

### Zoning Amendments

There will be four Zoning Amendments on the 2008 Town Ballot. Amendment #1 proposes a verbal definition of Sunapee's existing Zoning Districts. Previously the Districts were delineated by lines on the Town Map that sometimes did not provide sufficient detail as to exact boundary

locations. No changes to the actual boundaries will occur as a result of this Amendment.

Amendment #2 establishes side and rear setbacks for nonconforming lots based on the Zoning District. Previously nonconforming lot owners were granted an across-the-board 50% setback reduction via the Special Exception process. The new Amendment will decrease the setback reduction for all districts, except Rural Lands. With the setback reduction defined, the need for a Special Exception will be eliminated. The Amendment does not affect the setbacks for conforming lots which will remain unchanged.

Amendment #3 tightens the conditions that must be met in order to obtain a Special Exception for a front setback reduction. In particular, the majority of lots, within a specified distance of the applicant, must have similar or greater structures (structure hierarchy from greater to less is house>garage>shed) that do not meet the setback requirements, and the proposed structure can be no closer to the center line of the road than any of the structures used for comparison. The proposed structure shall also be no closer than 10 ft to the edge of the right-of-way of the road and the portion encroaching on the front setback shall be no higher than 25 ft.

Amendment #4 formalizes the present ZBA process regarding Special Exceptions. It states that a criteria for Special Exception is: it is necessary in order to fairly utilize the lot and the Special Exception is consistent with the intent of the Ordinance and Master Plan.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Peggy Chalmers* - Planning Board Chairman



## 2007 ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT



The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) operating under the Town Zoning Ordinance is a quasi-judicial body which grants variances and special exceptions to the zoning regulations. A variance is a permission to depart from the literal requirements of the zoning ordinance by virtue of a unique hardship due to special circumstances of the applicant's property. A special exception is a departure from the zoning ordinance specifically authorized by the regulations under particular conditions.

In 2007 the ZBA handled 35 cases from 19 applicants, a considerable decline in caseload from previous years. Whereas in previous years cases were essentially evenly divided between requests for variances and special exceptions, this year requests for variances declined dramatically. Special exception requests numbered 23 (against a four-year average of 29) while requests for variance numbered only 7 (against a four-year average of 22). Approval rates for special exceptions were 91% (equal to the four-year average of 91%) and for variances were 71% (against a four-year average of 78%).

As usual, the vast majority of cases dealt with lakefront properties whose sizes although not now permitted by the regulations were lawful at the time of the 1987 adoption of the zoning regulations (pre-existing, non-conforming properties). These small lakefront lots are the most difficult to adjudicate, balancing homeowner requests with the requirements of the ordinance.

The Board's experience has led to proposing several changes in the ordinance that tighten special exceptions. These have been approved by the Planning Board and are on the ballot for voter approval.

The State of New Hampshire enacted major changes in the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act, which go into effect on April 1, 2008. These changes will require applicants to apply to the State (Department of Environmental Services) in many instances for approvals previously granted only by the local ZBA. Learning to operate under these new requirements will be a challenge for

applicants, the ZBA and the DES. Applicants with questions should contact Roger Landry, the Town Zoning Administrator.

The five members of the ZBA are volunteers elected by the voters. The three alternates are volunteers appointed by the Board. The more senior alternates usually fill board vacancies. At this time the Board is fully staffed with members and alternates but interested citizens are invited to attend meetings and apply for alternate openings when they are available.

Edythe Dexter, who served as secretary to the board, retired after over 20 years of dedicated service to the Town on various boards and commissions. We thank her for her many years of service

*Peter Urbach - Zoning Board of Adjustment Chairman*

## **2007 PLANNING/ZONING REPORT**

### **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE PERMITS**

New Single Family Homes	22
New Single Family Additions	21
Garages and Outbuildings	39
Major Interior Renovations	23
Manufactured/Mobile Homes	0
Municipal Structures/Renovations	3
Commercial Structures	3
Commercial Structure Additions	0
Multi-Family Homes	2
Decks, Porches, etc	18
Bridges	1
<b>Total Applications Submitted and Approved</b>	<b>132</b>

**OTHER PERMITS**

	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Denied</u>	<u>Total</u>
Demolition	6	0	6
Tree Cutting	39	2	41
Driveway Permits	14	0	14
Land Disturbance Permits	30	0	30
Sign Permits	16	0	16
After-the-Fact Permits	10	0	10
<b>Total Applications</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>117</b>

**ZONING ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS**

- 2 Notice of Violation has been issued and resolved.
- 1 Cease and Desist Orders has been served and resolved.
- 1 Cease and Desist carried over into 2007 has been resolved and is in full compliance with our order and Zoning Regulations.

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPLICATIONS**

	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Denied</u>	<u>Extension</u>	<u>Withdrawn</u>	<u>Total</u>
Special Exceptions	21	2	1	1	25
Variances	5	2	2	0	9
Rehearing	0	1	0	0	1
Administrative Appeal	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Applications</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>35</b>

Again, in 2007, the members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment volunteered many hours in attending meetings, individually reviewing case sites and discussing possible changes to zoning ordinances for 2008. Their time and dedication is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Roger J. Landry ~ Zoning Administrator*

## PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS - 2007

	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Denied</u>	<u>Total</u>
Subdivisions*	7	0	7
Site Plans^	5	1	6
Mergers	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
Total Cases	<u>14</u>	<u>1</u>	15

\*A total of thirteen (13) new lots were approved in 2007.

^A total of four (4 ) lots were eliminated due to mergers.

Respectfully Submitted, *Michael Marquise* ~ Town Planner

## 2007 REPORT OF THE SUNAPEE POLICE DEPARTMENT



As 2007 closes the Sunapee Police will start 2008 with some important projects. As I reported last year the Sunapee Police was approved for Project 54. Project 54 will transform the police cars to be voice activated. Project 54 was developed by the University of New Hampshire CAT Lab in an effort to make safer Police cars for Law Enforcement. Project 54 allows the officer to change the police radio channels, turn the emergency lights on and off and activate the radar all by voice and not have to take their hands off the wheel. The control buttons are activated by the cruise control switches on the steering wheels. Project 54 is 100% funded by the Department of Justice. The total project cost is \$40,000.00 paid by the UNH. Our Police cars have started the transformation of new equipment such as laptops, lights and radar during December 2007 and should be completed by January 2008.

The Sunapee Police also received a Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$26,000.00 to obtain a repeater. The repeater will enhance and increase the area in which we are able to use our police radios without interruption. One area now that is a problem is Sunapee Harbor. We are finding it difficult to communicate with our dispatch center by portable radio adequately. By placing the repeater on Harbor Hill this will reduce the problem and increase our area of communication.

Over the past year we saw some changes in our personnel our secretary Brenda Chamberlin resigned in June 2007 so she could spend more time with her family. Teresa Mastin was hired to replace Brenda. Teresa has 6 years of experience as a police secretary with our friends in Grantham, NH. Preston Migdal was hired part-time and graduated the Police Academy in November 2007. Preston will serve the Town as a part-time Police officer and will spend a lot of his time in the Harbor with Officer Ranney. The department still utilizes 5 full-time officers and 6 part-time officers to include a part-time prosecutor.

The department spent a lot of time throughout the year maintaining visibility on our roads in an effort to increase the safety of the motoring public. We received two grants from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency one for 60 hours of radar patrol and one for our "Sobriety Checkpoint". The Sobriety checkpoint was conducted during the Labor Day weekend. We checked 217 vehicles and made two arrests one for DWI and the other for Possession of drugs. We plan to conduct more of the sobriety check points as they enhance the safety of our roadways.

The department saw a rise in our calls for service by 2,146 calls for service. A majority of these calls are not an indication of a rise in crime but better documentation on behalf of the police officers for their activity being proactive and not just reactionary. Total calls for service for 2007 were 5,135. The department also saw a rise in the amount of vehicles stopped by 667. During the Towns busy time which is typically the summer months the police department was at full staff. Total vehicles stopped for 2007 were 2,173. The departments' arrests were down for 2007 to 108 total.



The departments K-9 unit responded to 32 calls for service and logged 305 hours of in-service training including the annual certification as a K-9 Team in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. Officer Downing has been appointed as a trainer for the Working Dog Foundation which is one foundation that is utilized by Police departments all over New England for K-9 training.

Officer Puchtler will be certified in January of 2008 as the departments new DARE officer and will continue our tradition with teaching the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Sunapee Elementary School.

The Sunapee Police spends a lot of time researching new technology and how the technology can better serve the safety of the police officer and maintain our professional service to the citizens. Over the years as the Sunapee Police department implements technology, equipment, standards or philosophy we will never lose sight of our mission and commitment to serve the citizen of this Town with a friendly and approachable service that the citizens have enjoyed for years.

I would like to thank my staff and their families for all their support and dedication throughout the year. It is the department's *teamwork* that keeps us in a forward motion.

Sincerely,  
Chief David P. Cahill



## 2007 RECREATION COMMITTEE



*“If bread is the first necessity of life, recreation is a close second.”* Edward Bellamy

Recreation in Sunapee continues to grow and provide expanding programs because of the supportive community and wonderful volunteers. Special thanks to all town departments, Sunapee gardeners, and Sunapee elementary and high school for their continued efforts for assisting the Recreation dept in providing a quality of life within Sunapee heads and shoulders above the rest.

Outdoor Recreation space, specifically athletic fields, is going to be our main focus in 2008. Dewey Field and Ski tow hill are being studied so they may increase their usability during different seasons and Veteran’s field will be given a facelift with new infield material, flagpole and other much needed improvements. Veteran’s field is the gateway to the town and should represent a proud community.

### ***Winter Activities:***

**K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade Basketball:** 32 youngsters learned the basics of basketball every Saturday morning from 9:30-11am at Sunapee high school. Emphasis focused on participation, skills and fun. Coaches include Jennifer Duda, Tina Walker Cahill, and Rich Ducharme

**Basketball Referee Clinic:** Sunapee basketball has a wonderful bunch of referees. The quality and professionalism is greatly due to the training of Steve Whitehead. Referees for the 2007 season include Vinny Tagliatela, Sara Reney, Courtney Whitehead, Hannah Preston, Kate Milewski and Karissa Krause.

**3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade Basketball:** The Quad Valley basketball league is made up of boys and girls teams grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. This league includes Kearsarge area, Andover and Sunapee.

Many thanks go out to the following coaches 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade girls: Pam Richardson, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade boys: Mike Robinson, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade girls team #1

Rusty Fowler & team #2 Dave Clarenbach, 5th/6th grade Boys team #1 Paul Skarin & team # 2 Gordon Weinberger

**Open Gym:** We offered youth drop-in basketball for grades 3-12 on Saturday evenings at the Sherburne gym. This program runs from December to the end of February from 6pm to 9pm. Participants shoot baskets or takes part in more organized pickup games. Many thanks to Paul Skarin, Dan Banks, Katie Gioldassis, and Brian Emery for assisting with supervising open gym.

**Ice Skating Rink:** The ice skating rink is located at Ben Mere Park in Sunapee Harbor. Many thanks go to Greg Kelley for doing a wonderful job maintaining the ice.

### ***Spring Activities:***

**T-Ball:** Introductory baseball program for boys and girls ages 5-6. Special thanks to coaches Patricia Halpin, Jennifer Duda, Rich Ducharme, Kevin and Elaine Rickard, Billy Austin, Laura & Randy Henault, and many others for spending their saturday mornings teaching Americas' favorite pastime to our future big leaguers

**Youth Girls Softball:** Girls participate in an Under 10 and Under 12 softball league made up of teams from Newport, Grantham, and Sunapee. The U10 team was coached by Tina Naimie and the U12 team was coached by Joan Fowler. Both teams played very well and enjoyed the season. Special thanks for Steve Anglin and Jeff Trow for umpiring most of the softball and baseball games.

**Softball Clinic:** In a continued effort to increase the level of knowledge among our area female softball players, Tony Milewski spent a long weekend teaching all aspects of the game for softball.

**Cal Ripkin youth Baseball:** Seventy-three 7-12 year old boys turned out for the Kearsarge Valley baseball program this year. Sunapee hosted three rookie league teams coached by Kevin Rickard, Billy Austin, Rich Ducharme and Tim Hayes. two minor league teams were coached Mike Robinson and Peter Ippedico, two major league teams coached by Paul Skarin and Mike Coughlin. Thank you to Steve Anglin and Jeff Trow for their continued support in volunteering as umpires for many years.



## ***Summer Activities:***

**Drop-in Tennis:** Thank you to John Augustine, Dexter's Inn and Trails, for allowing Sunapee residents to use his Tennis facilities as an evening drop-in program during the summer months.

**Dewey Beach/Georges Mill's Beach:** Going to the beach is such a wonderful part of summers in Sunapee. We are very fortunate to have two beautiful beach facilities. Hours of operation are 9am until 7pm seven days a week at Dewey and 11-3 at Georges Mills. Beach managers were Mary Lyman, Darcie Gauthier and Simone Robinson. Special programs offered at the beach included the wonderful "store", swim lessons, snorkeling, kayaking, volleyball, arts and crafts, sailing, sand castle building or just soaking up the sun.

**Swim/Snorkeling lessons:** Darcie Gauthier, Cailee Hawkins, Jill Thorson and Kirsten Wolf all shared the duties of providing swimming instruction to 73 young swimmers. It is my goal as recreation director that swimmers of all ages get a quality learning experience from the Dewey beach swim staff. Thank- you to all the lifeguards and beach staff for their dedication and continual training. Thank-you to the Sunapee Fire Dept for their assistance with mock training for our staff.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration:** Thanks to \$10,000 fundraised by donations from local businesses and residents Sunapee recreation was able to display its spirit of patriotism with a spectacular fireworks show shared by 2,000 viewers in Sunapee Harbor. This weekend also included a parade along Central Street with more than 30 cars, trucks, lots of candy and even the Manchester Mounted Police.

**British Challenger Soccer camp:** This week long Soccer camp is designed for participant's enjoyment, and to enhance skills at virtually all ages and skills levels. 112 future soccer stars ages 3-12 attended the camp. Thanks to Brian Garland, Van Webb and Heather Cantagallo for opening their homes to host five British Soccer staff for the week.

**Rock Bass Fishing Derby:** Over 150 anglers of all ages joined the efforts on the second Saturday in August to rid Lake Sunapee of the pesky rock bass. 1200 fish were pulled out and donated to Vermont Institute of Natural science to be used as bird food.

**Tennis lessons:** Lessons were held at Dexter's Inn and Trails by longtime tennis instructor Bruce Cronin. This program offered 4 sessions throughout the

spring, summer and fall. Tennis is a wonderful summer activity that is fun for all ages.

**Movie Night:** In the spring of 2007, Sunapee Recreation purchased an inflatable 16x9ft movie screen. This purchase will allow us to offer movies a few times a year for many families to enjoy.

## ***Fall Activities:***

**K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade Soccer:** This Saturday morning program attracted over 42 players that came to Veteran's field to learn the basics of Soccer. Instruction and fun was offered by Katie Flint, Jon Reed, David Rowell, Rich Ducharme, Jeff Stoughton, Gary Summerton, Miles Cooney, Peter Salvitti.

**3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade Soccer:** Sunapee participates in the Merrimack Valley Soccer League. This year's program supported over 100 players in grades 3-6. 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade girl's coaches: Alan Abendroth. 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade boys coaches Brian Emery and Brian Vincent, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade girls coaches Rusty Fowler and Tina Naimie, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade boys coach Mike Emmond. Thank-you Ray Cline, Alan Abendroth jr, Vinny Tagliatela, and for refereeing soccer games and helping make the program a success.

**Drop in youth Volleyball:** Open to boys and girls grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> for the months of October-November at the Sherburne gym. Joan Fowler and members of the Varsity volleyball team volunteered to teach the fundamentals of the game.

**Turkey Trot 5K race:** Sunapee Recreation offered its 1<sup>st</sup> annual Turkey Trot in 2007. 230 runners/walkers lined Lake Ave on its 5K loop. Special thanks to Katie Flint, David Rowell, and all the sponsors for their dedicated efforts to make this event a success. All the proceeds will go to fund improvements at Veteran's field.

## *Year –round programs:*

**Adult Drop-in Volleyball:** Adult volleyball is played every Friday night from 7-9pm at the high school. Thank you, Aaron and Jessica Warkentien for volunteering your time to organize such a fun activity.

**Adult Drop-in Basketball:** Adult basketball for men and women runs Sunday from 7-9pm at the high school. Thanks to Ken Ricketts for organizing this program.

**Drop in Floor hockey:** A very well organized program that runs Sunday mornings from 8-10am at either Sherburne gym or the High School. This program is organized by Jeff Trow.

**Dewey Woods Trail:** Thanks to Sawyer Webb and the Sunapee Conservation commission residents can now enjoy a walking trail system that can be used year round. Located at the top of route 11, this is a wonderful trail for all hiking/snow shoeing levels.

## *Special Events:*

**Sunapee Harbor “Magical” Christmas:** Sunapee Recreation joined forces with the harbor businesses, Chamber of Commerce, Sunapee Seniors, and other town organizations to offer a Christmas celebration that shows the spirit of the whole community. Some highlights events by the Recreation dept. include the Looney Lunge and the fireworks.

**Spring Egg Hunt:** A fun spring event organized by the recreation committee. Over 100 young egg hunters raced inside the Sherburne gym to search for 1000 little treasures.

**Special Trips:** Sunapee recreation featured two trips to the Boston Red Sox, one to the Boston Celtics and one to Foxwoods Casino These trips provide a comfortable coach bus, plenty of friendly memories and a great way for seniors and sports enthusiasts to share in the fun.

### **Special Recreation Fund:**

Sunapee Recreation fund is where all monies are put that are taken in from registration of programs, special trips, clinics, Dewey beach store, and other money generating endeavors. This money in return is used to purchase tickets and buses for future special events, uniform tops and hats that players keep after

the season, and additional inventory for sale at the beach. This fund is also used to follow through with projects that were unanticipated the previous budget year. This type of revolving account ensures that recreation opportunities will exist along with the normal operating budget.

**Recreation Advisory Committee:**

Brian Garland                      Patricia Halpin                      Craig Heino  
Chuck Weinstein                  Melissa Eastman  
Paul Skarin                          Marilyn Morse

Thank-you so much for supporting recreation and all its benefits!

Respectfully submitted, - *Scott Blewett* – Recreation Director

**SUNAPEE SENIORS 2007**



The second and fourth Mondays of the month the Sunapee Seniors gather at 1:00pm at the Sunapee United Methodist Church. Our membership totals 78!

We have informative programs, luncheons and two day trips during the course of the year.

The High School Seniors serving Sunapee Seniors is a luncheon we look forward to every March.

The Recreation Committee budgets an appropriation for the seniors for our use on one or our trips and it is certainly appreciated.

We were able to donate to the Sunapee School Giving Tree.

Twenty-four members volunteer at the Sunapee Thrift Shop which was started about fifteen years ago by Mona Meacham and Flo Montana. It continues to provide clothing and other items for families and to support many groups within the town.

This includes scholarships for deserving Sunapee High School Seniors.

*Marilyn Morse*, President of the Sunapee Seniors

## TRANSFER STATION REPORT - 2007



Trash volumes decreased for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row. The total volume decreased by 428.26 tons or 13.6%. Municipal solid waste decreased by 105.69 tons or 8.2%, construction and demolition waste decreased by 266.07 tons or 24.9%, and recycling decreased by 56.5 tons or 7.1%.

However, our recycling percentage increased to 27.2%.

Some examples of what our recycling did for the environment:

We recycled 270.45 tons of paper which saved 4,598 trees!

We recycled 24.26 tons of plastic which conserved 36,396 gallons of gasoline!

We recycled 188 tons of steel which conserved enough energy to run a 60 watt light

bulb for 9,777,040 hours!! (that's 1116.1 years!!!)

July 1, 2007, marked the end of our using the Claremont incinerator. Now the municipal solid waste goes to a landfill. While this method reduces the risk of polluting the atmosphere, it is a terrible waste of space on our planet. The best way to solve this problem is to recycle more.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding operations or procedure at our facility, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the staff.

Respectfully submitted,  
*J. Anthony Bergeron*, Road Agent

## SUNAPEE FACILITY DECALS



A decal is necessary to gain access to Dewey Beach, Georges Mills Beach, and the Transfer Recycling Station. The decals expire October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and are available at the Town Hall Selectmen's Office. All Sunapee Taxpayers are entitled to one decal for each vehicle, when the registration is presented. All Sunapee residents are entitled to a decal when rent receipt or lease agreements, along with the vehicle registration, are presented. The decals should be placed on the driver's side front bumper, attached to an index card and placed on the dash board, or affixed to the sun visor. The registration number on the decal must match the vehicle's plates. Temporary decals are available for short-term renters and out-of-town contractors. If you are renewing your decals you may mail a request to Town of Sunapee, PO Box 717, Sunapee, NH 03782, e-mail a request to [frontdesk@town.sunapee.nh.us](mailto:frontdesk@town.sunapee.nh.us), or call the Selectmen's Office to request your new decals. Springfield residents, who also use the transfer station, have their own decals, which are issued only from the Springfield Town Office.

There is a fee for any materials placed in the open-top container. The tickets necessary for placing materials in this container are available at the Selectmen's Office. Brochures, explaining the fee schedule and the materials covered, are also available at the Selectmen's Office.



### **TRANSFER/RECYCLING STATION HOURS**

603-763-4614

Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday ~ 8:00 am - 4:15 pm  
Sunday ~ 8:00 am – 11:45 am. Closed Tuesday and Wednesday

The Town of Sunapee adopted an Ordinance at the Annual Meeting March 12, 1985 (amended March 1989 and 1990) covering our Transfer/Recycling Facility. Copies are available at the Sunapee Town Office.



### ANNUAL REPORT 2007

The Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee is a volunteer organization whose purpose is to reduce harm to the environment and human health caused by the use and improper disposal of household hazardous waste. The Committee aims to:

- Educate the public to the dangers of hazardous waste.
- Encourage the use of less hazardous products in the home.
- Promote proper disposal of household hazardous waste.
- Support local agencies which reflect/promote our mission.

During 2007 the Committee initiated a program to reduce the use of toxic products in lawn and garden care, hosted booths at the Upper Valley Home Life Exhibition and at the Mascoma Health Initiative, provided volunteers for household hazardous waste collections and continued to maintain a regional website.

**Toxicity Reduction Program** would educate on environmentally safe lawn and garden care through an article in town newsletters or an insert in utility bills. Towns have been contacted and the information will go out winter and spring of 2008. A bookmark size summary of this information was distributed at collections.

**Event Booths** The Household Hazardous Waste Committee's booth at the Upper Valley Home Life Exhibition again focused on non-toxic lawn and garden care and also supplied information on hazardous waste disposal and alternative cleaning recipes.

The booth at the Mascoma Health Initiative in Canaan consisted of similar displays and information and gave us exposure in another area of the Upper Valley.

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Support** The committee provided volunteer support at the Lebanon collections, keeping waiting times short and residents informed.

In New Hampshire 1,575 households brought 2,400lbs. of waste to collections in Lebanon, Newport and Sunapee. In Vermont 1,115 households contributed 10,055 gallons of waste. Collections were held in Hartford, Woodstock, Thetford, Vershire, W. Fairlee, Bridgewater, Pomfret, Norwich, Sharon and Strafford.

**Website** [www.uvhw.org](http://www.uvhw.org) provides detailed information about:

- when and where this year's collections will be held and who may attend
- what you can and cannot bring
- less toxic recipes for cleaning solutions
- links to other regional authorities

**Funding** A generous grant from the Dorothy Byrne Foundation is supporting our educational work.

The Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee is made up of volunteers from Upper Valley towns. We invite anyone interested to attend our meetings and become involved.

Margaret Bragg	Hanover, NH	Joyce Noll	Etna, NH
Jenny DeVost	UVLSRPC	Lili Paxson	Hanover, NH
Charlotte Faulkner	Hanover, NH	Marjorie Rogalski	Hanover, NH
Joy Gaine	Thetford, VT	Barbara Whitman, Chair	Lebanon, NH
John Hurd	GUVSWD		

## **TOWN REPORT 2007** **WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT**



I would again like to thank the water and sewer commissioners for their support and hard work over the past year. I would like to welcome Joshua Archibald and Ronald Oxland to the department I would also like to offer thanks to the highway, fire and police department for all their assistance during the year.

2007 was a year full of progress and change for the Sunapee Water & Sewer Department. In 2007 the Commissioners worked hard at completing the water main replacement project for Lake Avenue, and the project will be completed with the paving of Lake Avenue in the spring of 2008. The Capitol Improvement Plan project has helped provide information to prioritize some needed repairs and upgrades to both the water and sewer system in town, the Commission has utilized this information to bring some of the more important projects to the voters for consideration this March. Granliden has completed the water main to their complex, which has added some needed fire hydrants along Jobs Creek Road. Department employees have received 5 new certifications in water and wastewater treatment. This requires much work and studying to pass the required tests and I would like to acknowledge their hard work. Chris Roberts obtained a Grade 1 in Wastewater Treatment, Water Treatment, and Water Distribution. Arthur Mitts obtained his Laboratory Analyst Certification. Aaron Cartier received his Grade 1 in Water Treatment and Water Distribution. And I have now received my Laboratory Analyst Certification.

The department repaired 6 water main leaks, replaced 10 curb stops, repaired 9 service line leaks, replaced 1 gate valve, and installed 4 new water attachments. We tried something new this fall when flushing hydrants, we did this at night and it seemed to cause much less inconvenience to our users that way. The Georges Mills well system is still operating very well and required no major maintenance. The plant processed 13,219,427 gallons of potable water, which is 1,143,415 gallons less than in 2006. The Slow Sand Filter plant ran very well with no major maintenance issues and each of the three filters were cleaned once during the year. The Slow Sand Filter plant processed 51,941,932 gallons of potable water, which is 95,795 gallons more than 2006.



The Wastewater Treatment plant was challenged by the extreme cold weather early in 2007, but has been running more smoothly during the increased temperatures. The plant has seen success with removal of phosphorus in order to comply with the new EPA permit. In 2007 the Wastewater Treatment plant treated and returned over 136 million gallons of clean water back to the river to be used again. This is a whopping 15 million gallons less than last year. In doing so we produced over 50 tons of sludge that was trucked to Concord's Wastewater Treatment plant, dewatered, and then land applied as a fertilizer and 12 tons of sludge that was dewatered using the geo-tubes and trucked to Claremont to be land applied.

The Collection System ran fairly well this past year with about 33 pump station alarms. We did camera some of the sewer lines in certain areas and did not find any major problems with those lines. The department is working hard at keeping up with grease trap inspections to insure that businesses are keeping these cleaned out as necessary. 14 manholes were upgraded as part of our collection system yearly maintenance, one pump was rebuilt and four check valves were replaced in the pump stations.

In addition to all the projects and emergencies, the department personnel continues to do our daily routine of plant inspections, water and wastewater sampling, upkeep and maintenance of our system and stay current with the many additional and changing rules and regulations for both water and wastewater.

In closing, I would like to thank the Water and Sewer Department personnel for their commitment to the Town and the Department. We are on call 24 hours a day 7 days a week. And I would like to invite all of Sunapee and New London's citizens to tour your Water and or Wastewater Plant. To arrange for a tour, or to ask questions, please call (603) 763-2115.

Respectfully submitted,  
*David Bailey*- Superintendent

# Sunapee Water Quality Report - 2008

## Test Results for 2007 (1/07 – 12/07)

**Is my drinking water safe?**

*We are pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements.*

**What is the source of my water?**

The Sunapee water system source is surface water from Lake Sunapee. The water intake pipe is about 35 feet below the surface and is located in Sunapee Harbor. This water is treated and distributed from the Slow Sand Filter Plant located on Harbor Hill. The Georges Mills water system source is two bedrock wells located on Pleasant Street.

**Why are there contaminants in my water?**

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amount of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

**How can I get involved?**

Questions regarding your water systems can be directed to David Bailey, Water & Sewer Superintendent, at 603-763-2115, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday – Friday. The Water & Sewer Office is located in the Town Hall at 23 Edgemont Road. The Water & Sewer Commission meets the last Thursday of each month, unless otherwise posted. Meeting notices are posted in the Town Hall and in the Sunapee and Georges Mills Post Offices.

**Other information**

**Water & Sewer Department Personnel: David Bailey – Superintendent, Christopher Roberts – Foreman; Arthur Mitts – Operator in Training, Aaron Cartier – Operator I, Michael Spear – General Laborer, Joshua Archibald – General Laborer, Ronald Oxland – General Laborer Holly Leonard – Office Manager**  
**Water & Sewer Commissioners: Tracy Nangeroni – Chairman, David Montambeault - Vice-Chairman, Aaron Simpson, Charles Smith, Helen Charpentier, Theodore Gallup, Paul Manson .**

**Do I need to take special precautions?**

*Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from the health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).*

**Definitions:** MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal, or the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. • MCLs: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. • AL: Action Level, or the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. • TT: Treatment Technique, or a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water. pCi/l: picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity).

Environmental Protection Agency requires testing of 77 different contaminants. The following test results represent the only contaminants that were of a detectable level in the Sunapee Water System.

**2007 TEST RESULTS FOR  
SUNAPEE , NH  
SYSTEM #2271010**

**Abbreviations:** PPT: Parts per trillion, PPB: parts per billion, ppm: parts per million or, n/a: not applicable, NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Unit, MFL: million fibers per liter, nd: not detectable at testing limits.

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water, and is used because it is a good indicator of how well the filtration treatment process is functioning.

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected/ Range of Detection	Unit Meas.	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
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**Microbiological Contaminants**

Total Coliform Bacteria (% positive samples)	NO	0	ppm	0	Presence of coliform bacteria in $\geq 5\%$ of compliance samples	Naturally present in the environment
Turbidity	NO	.05	NTU	n/a	1 NTU	Soil runoff
Fecal Coliform and E. Coli	NO	0	ppm	0	A routine sample and repeat sample are total coliform positive or E. coli positive.	Human and fecal waste

**Inorganic Contaminants (#) Represents June 2005 Results**

Barium	NO	.012	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of <u>natural deposits</u> Corrosion of household plumbing system; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood <u>preservatives</u> . Corrosion of household plumbing system; erosion of <u>natural deposits</u> .
<u>Copper #</u>	NO	0.64	ppm	1.3	1.3	
<u>Lead #</u>	NO	0.005	ppm	0	0.015	

**Volatile Organic Contaminants**

Total HAA5	YES	69.5	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Trihalomethane	NO	66	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination

**Health Effects Information:**

**Barium** – Some people who drink water containing barium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience an increase in their blood pressure.

**Combined Radium** – Some people who drink water containing radium 226 or 228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**Lead** – Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

**Copper** – Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor.

**TTHms (Total Trihalomethanes)** Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**HAA5s (Haloacetic Acids)** Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of developing cancer.

Environmental Protection Agency requires testing of 77 different contaminants. The following test results represent the only contaminants that were of a detectable level in the Georges Mills Water System.

**2007 TEST RESULTS FOR  
GEORGES MILLS, NH  
SYSTEM #2271020**

**Abbreviations:** PPT: Parts per trillion, PPB: parts per billion, ppm: parts per million or, n/a: not applicable, NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Unit, MFL: million fibers per liter, nd: not detectable at testing limits.

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected/ Range of Detection	Unit Meas.	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Microbiological Contaminants</b>						
Total Coliform Bacteria (% positive samples)	NO	0	ppm	0	Presence of coliform bacteria in $\geq 5\%$ of compliance samples	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform and E coli	NO	0	ppm	0	A routine sample and repeat sample are total coliform positive or E. coli positive.	Human and fecal waste
<b>Inorganic Contaminants (*) 2005 Test results (#) Represents 2006 Test Results</b>						
Barium#	NO	.015	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Copper *	NO	.18	ppm	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing system; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
Lead *	NO	.005	ppm	0	.15	Corrosion of household plumbing system; erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride#	NO	1.5	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
<b>Radioactive Contaminants (*) Represents 2005 Test results</b>						
Combined Radium *	NO	2.7 2/05 1.1 6/05 .8 on 8/05 .3 on 10/05	pCi/l	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits.
(Compliance) Gross Alpha *	NO	3	pCi/l	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits.
Uranium *	NO NO YES YES NO	17 on 2/05 16.5 on 6/05 45 on	ug/L	0	30 (on 12/7/03 the MCL was set at 30 ug/L with compliance to be required on 12/7/07)	Erosion of natural deposits.

		8/05 31 on 10/05 18 on 11/05				
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**Volatile Organic Contaminants**

TTHM's	NO	9.5	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
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**Synthetic Organic Contaminants-did not exceed MCL / Volatile Organic Contaminants-did not exceed MCL.**

**Health Effects Information:**

**Barium** – Some people who drink water containing barium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience an increase in their blood pressure.

**Copper** – Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor.

**Combined Radium** – Some people who drink water containing radium 226 or 228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**Uranium** – Some people who drink water containing uranium in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer and kidney toxicity.

**Gross Alpha** – Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**TTHms (Total Trihalomethanes)** Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**Description of Drinking Water Contaminants:**

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

**Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

**Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic water discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

**Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

**Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

**Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining.

**In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink**, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

NH Department of Environmental Services has prepared a Source Assessment Report for the sources serving this public water system. The results of the assessments are as follows. For Sunapee's system no susceptibility factors were rated high, 4 were rated medium, and 8 were rated low. For the George's Mills Water Works, no susceptibility factors were rated high, 2 were rated medium, and 10 were rated low. The complete Assessment Report is available for inspection at the Sunapee Water & Sewer Department office located at 23 Edgemont Road. For more information, call David Brennan, Water & Sewer Superintendent, or visit NH DES's Drinking Water Source Assessment Program web site at [www.des.state.nh.us/dwssp](http://www.des.state.nh.us/dwssp).

## SUNAPEE WELFARE DEPARTMENT TOWN REPORT—2007



The Sunapee Welfare Department saw a 31% increase this year in the number of contacts handled regarding general assistance. Specifically, during 2007, the Department handled over 230 such contacts; during 2006, the Department handled over 160 contacts. An overwhelming majority of these contacts did not result in applications for general assistance; instead many individuals and families either had questions about services or were referred to other area resources that handle non-emergent cases. Referrals were made to: the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Southwestern Community Services, KREM, and the Sunapee Food Pantry.

Thirteen (13) Sunapee families received general assistance with housing expenses, electric bills, fuel bills, medication, and food during 2007. Town Assistance applicants are routinely referred to other appropriate services and resources available within Sunapee and Sullivan County. We have made referrals to services that include: New Hampshire Department of Health & Human Services (Medicaid, TANF, Food Stamps, and APTD), Serve New England (food), Social Security Offices (SSDI and SSI), Southwestern Community Services (fuel assistance, electric assistance, and rental assistance), The Sunapee Food Pantry, local churches, Partners in Health, and the Medication Bridges Program.

VIP vouchers are issued during an annual meeting with Public Service of New Hampshire that can postpone disconnection of a client's electrical service or restore a client's electrical service with no questions asked. This service saves Sunapee taxpayers hundreds of dollars because electrical service can be continued or restored to the applicant free of charge.

Additionally, where appropriate, we have encouraged families and individuals to negotiate directly with utility companies and landlords to make payment arrangements on amounts owed. Community Alliance of Human Services has promoted and encouraged self-sufficiency in all Town Assistance clients, which is consistent with our Agency's mission and reduces dependency upon general assistance. Staff makes certain that the humanitarian purpose of the general assistance laws are followed, yet makes

it clear to all applicants that general assistance is not a guaranteed monthly benefit that continues for an indeterminate period. Families receiving general assistance who fail to follow through with conditions of general assistance are suspended from receiving further general assistance from the Town of Sunapee. Once families have complied with conditions of general assistance, they are eligible for further general assistance. Staff have observed that over the years an overwhelming percentage of families have not followed through with conditions of general assistance and have, therefore, been suspended from receiving further general assistance.

In 2007, staff also attended and participated in the Governor's Local Welfare Advisory Group to assess the impact of changes to TANF (Temporary Aid To Needy Families) regulations upon general assistance Association. The Community Alliance of Human Services continued its participation in the New Hampshire Local Welfare Administrators Association where staff received updated information on local welfare guidelines, policies, and regulations. Attending these meetings promotes a broader knowledge of resources available to families. Gregory W. Vigue was elected to serve on the Executive Committee of the New Hampshire Local Welfare Administrators.

The Community Alliance continues to oversee the Sunapee Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is located at the Town Office and is open for business whenever the Town Offices are open.

The Community Alliance of Human Services also coordinated with the other agencies and individuals to assist families with special food assistance, during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Working collaboratively with the Sunapee Elementary School, we provided Christmas toys for many families in need in Sunapee during the 2007 holiday season.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide assistance to families and individuals in need, while, at the same time, reducing the amount of assistance provided by the Welfare Department. We would like to thank the Sunapee families and individuals for their generous contributions to the Sunapee Food Pantry, the Sunapee Welfare Department, and the Toys for Joy Program.

Respectfully submitted, *Gregory W. Vigue* - Town Welfare Administrator



Lake Sunapee Region VNA & HOSPICE

December 2007

Dear Friends,

Lake Sunapee Region VNA & HOSPICE is grateful for the opportunity to provide home health, hospice and community services for residents of Sunapee. Each year our focus is to provide the kinds of services that people in the community need in order to recover from an illness or injury, cope with chronic illnesses or deal with life events including births and deaths.

We invest in technology and training for staff to ensure the highest level of competence; and hire staff who go about their work with a high degree of caring and compassion. We continually seek feedback from patients, families, other health care providers and the community to help us improve our services.

During the past year, Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice increased our volume of services in all programs by more than 10 per cent. In addition, the following accomplishments will help the organization remain a provider of choice in this region:

- Achieved a patient satisfaction rate at the 94<sup>th</sup> percentile
- Eliminated all long-term debt except the building mortgage
- Improved nursing productivity by .5 visits per day
- Implemented an electronic newsletter for Friends of the VNA
- Hired a Hospice Facilities Coordinator to improve communication, satisfaction and consistency in our work with nursing homes and assisted living facilities
- Exceeded our annual fundraising goal by 16%
- Launched the "Good to Go" emergency planning initiative with staff, volunteers and trustees to encourage personal readiness in the event of an emergency of any kind. Without personal readiness, we will not be able to assist in the community.
- Initiated discussions with New London Hospital to contract for increased Hospice Medical Director time to improve staff support, communication with primary physicians and improve patient care
- Implemented specific care plans for certain chronic illnesses with associated patient education to improve communication and consistency with patients and help achieve positive patient goals

These actions and many more were undertaken so that Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice will be in the best position to provide the kind of care you



expect and deserve.

More than 642 residents of Sunapee received care and services through one or more programs of Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice. Over 460 residents participated in our community clinics including influenza, pneumonia, foot care and blood pressure. Forty-two adults and 35 children attended support groups during the year, including caregiver, bereavement and parent-child support. In addition, 164 residents received 1266 home care visits and 494 hospice visits. Families of hospice patients will receive bereavement support over the next year and beyond. Finally, over 3,394 hours of personal support services were provided for those needing long-term care at home.

The more than 120 staff and 100 active volunteers at LSRVNA are proud to provide care and services to promote a healthy community. Thank you to each and every one of you for the many ways in which you support Lake Sunapee Region VNA and HOSPICE.

Sincerely,

Andrea Steel  
President and CEO



**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE**  
**January 1 through December 31, 2007**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>GROOM/BRIDE</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>
April 9	Richard Modersohn	Sunapee
	Linda K. Lawson	Sunapee
June 10	Kyle S. Klunger	Claremont
	Kari A. Penny	Sunapee
June 23	Michael W. Kemp Sr	Sunapee
	Pamela L. Rickard	Newport
June 30	Lawrence A. Bilodeau	
Danbury		
	Sarah E. Cavis	Sunapee
July 4	Jeremiah J. Johnson	Sunapee
	Elisabeth Bailey	Sunapee
July 14	Mark A. Vandenberg	Sunapee
	Olivia E Carver Mulder	Sunapee
July 28	Michael J. Davis	Georges Mills
	Berniece F. Bunnell	Georges Mills
July 28	Dennis W. Macie	Sunapee
	Nannette L. Stone	Sunapee
August 21	Benjamin S. Lambert	Sunapee
	Heather A. Weghorst	Sunapee
September 2	Maurice Asselin	Sunapee
	Nicolette Andrews	Sunapee
September 15	Taylor K. Dunning	Sunapee
	Michelle E. Morgan	Sunapee
September 23	Jolyon Johnson	Sunapee
	Susan M. Deane	Sunapee
October 16	Christopher Corriveau	Grafton
	Amber L Leabo	Sunapee
October 20	Jonathan Lucas	Sunapee
	Kristie L Cusanelli	Sunapee
October 26	Michael J Hayward	Sunapee
	Kimberlee A Valentine	Sunapee
December 9	Larry G Beswick	Sunapee
	Bonnie Rozokat	Sunapee

I hereby certify the above to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
 Respectfully submitted, Betty H. Ramspott, Town Clerk & Tax Collector

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE**  
**January 1 through December 31, 2007**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>CHILD</b>	<b>FATHER</b>	<b>MOTHER</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
Jan 9	Ian Lucas Warkentien	Aaron Warkentien	Jessica Warkentien	Lebanon
Feb 21	Ashley Kay White	Gregory White	Jennifer White	Lebanon
March 17	Mark Anthony Flanders	Mark Flanders	Pamela Millet	Lebanon
March 18	August Joseph Shampney	Perley Shampney	Jessica Shampney	Lebanon
April 9	Keagan James Chartier	Eric Chartier	Danielle Chartier	Lebanon
May 9	Hayden Parish Brown	Maximilian Brown	Katherine Merrill	Concord
June 15	Samuel Duere Bush	Peter Bush	Monica Bush	Lebanon
June 27	Mia Haidden Cahill	David Cahill	Jennifer Cahill	Concord
July 19	Erica Lea Labrecque	Demais Labrecque	Ariel Marshall	Concord
July 29	Lillian Patricia Kelleher	Michael Kelleher	Jennifer Kelleher	Claremont
July 30	Code Evan Cochrane	Chad Cochrane	Leah Cochrane	Lebanon
Aug 17	Emma McCullough Reed	Jeffrey Reed	Megan Reed	Lebanon
Sept 19	Dylan Justin Smith	Duan Smith	Heather Smith	Lebanon
Oct 16	Susan Quinn Clayton	Adam Clayton	Sara Clayton	Lebanon
Oct 16	Olivia Rose Scheele	Robert Scheele	Lesley Scheele	Lebanon
Oct 22	Noah Mason Galusha	Chad Galusha	Eva Galusha	Lebanon
Nov 24	Lillian Ann Deane	David Deane	Heather Weir	Lebanon
Nov 26	Emily Rose Hayward	Daniel Hayward	Melissa Hayward	Lebanon
Dec 10	Caitlin Anne Richardson	Travis Richardson	Catherine Richardson	Lebanon
Dec 18	Alexander Caden Harper	Gregory Harper	Christie Harper	Lebanon
Dec 20	Andrew Robert Huff	Darren Alfred Huff	Heather Ann Huff	Manchester

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 Respectfully submitted, Betty H. Ramsport, Town Clerk & Tax Collector

**DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE  
January 1 through December 31, 2007**

DATE	NAME	PLACE	MOTHER	FATHER
Jan 5	Erik Gregory	Lebanon	April Shaw	Randy Gregory
Jan 23	Charles Carey	Sunapee	Adeline Oswald	Charles Carey
Feb 12	Judith Charon	New London	Helga Havrinen	Eino Anderson
Feb 12	Randy West	Sunapee	Ruth Hamel	Conrad West
March 4	Richard Guyer	Manchester	Manton Thompson	Raymond Guyer
April 6	Pasvo Logren	Hanover	Elna Kempainen	David Logren
April 13	Helen Conroy	Georges Mills	Alice Randall	Otho Nelson
May 18	Herbert Avery Jr	Sunapee	Grace Buck	Herbert Avery Sr
May 25	Courtland Field	Lebanon	Unknown	Unknown
May 29	Francis Jones Jr	Sunapee	Lorraine Coutermarsh	Francis Jones Sr
June 20	Georgia Weldon	New London	Suella Figgatt	Georges Meinecke
June 20	Myron Owens	New London	Nellie Knox	Clyde Owens
June 29	Robert Tosh	Sunapee	Catherine Sawers	David Tosh
July 7	Richard Malcathy	New London	Florence Perreault	Charles Malcathy
July 27	Raymond Hudson	New London	Marian Morgan	Clyde Hudson
Aug 2	Evelyn McGrath	New London	Mildred Anderson	Ernest Hoffman
Aug 6	Dorethy Merriman	New London	Dorothy Stacklenoth	John Seekamp
Aug 18	Daniel Waliski, Jr.	Sunapee	Helen Schultz	Daniel Waliski, Sr.
Sept 9	Eather Lloyd	New London	Esther Lawrence	John Columbus
Sept 12	Anna Fashkowsky	New London	Anna Garboly	John Radacowski
Sept 14	Joyce Richardson	Lebanon	Eleanor Richardson	Robert Hill
Sept 19	Frederick Buecher	Lebanon	Ayton Watts	Frederick Buecher
Oct 1	Michael Zoukee	Georges Mills	George Zoukee	Evangelina Chrysohos
Nov 4	Frank Morse	Concord	Ernestine Tolderlund	Frank Morse
Nov 5	Michael Davis	Lebanon	Leon Davis	Allhea Avery
Nov 10	Carolyn MacLeod	Sunapee	Helen Barrett	Arthur Wymann
Nov 27	Daniel Aherm	Georges Mills	George Aherm	Florence Landry

I hereby certify the above to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
Respectfully submitted, Betty H. Ramsport, Town Clerk & Tax Collector

## 2007 CEMETERY REPORT

### Burials

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Cemetery</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Grave</u>
May 25	Myrtle Gilchrist	New Eastman	62A	3
June 14	Geoffrey P. Lewis	South	36	1
June 29	Robert S. Tosh	New Eastman	73C	1
July 1	Robert S. Henry	New Eastman	50B	4
July 27	Raymond E. Hudson	New Eastman	59B	1
Aug 2	Evelyn R. McGrath	New Eastman	8A	3
Sept 14	Joyce W. Richardson	Old Eastman Ext.	67	3



### Cremations

Oct 5, 2006	Lida Griffin	New Eastman	60B	1
Dec 16, 2006	Jane Hardt	New Eastman	51B	4
Dec 30, 2006	David E. Atwood	New Eastman	92D	1
Jan 5	Erik M. Gregory	New Eastman	73D	1
Jan 23	Charles O. Cary	New Eastman	79B	4
Feb 12	Judith A. Charon	South	63	2
Feb 23	Lloyd D. Fairbanks	New Eastman	89B	4
July 3	Mary H. Eastman	New Eastman	13A	2
Aug 10	Kathleen V. Huff	New Eastman	85B	4
Sept 9	Esther J. Lloyd	New Eastman	80A	1

## NOTES