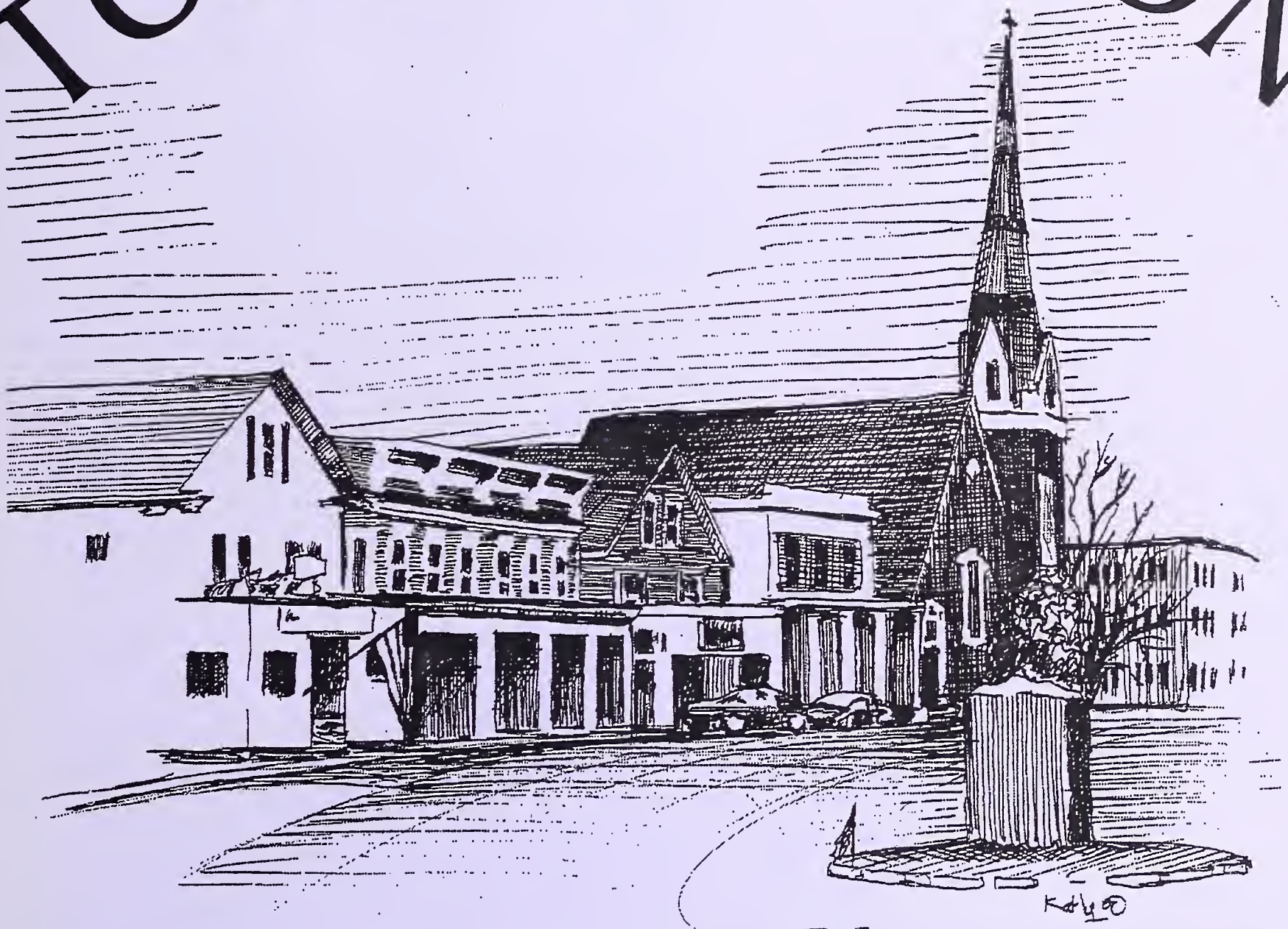


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TOWN OF TILTON TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

DIAL 911: FOR FIRE, MEDICAL OR EMERGENCY SERVICES

Town Web Site: WWW.TiltonNH.org
Fax #: (603) 286-3519

Animal Control Officer		286-8207
Assessor		286-4521
Building Permits (Inspector)		286-7817
Financial Officer		286-7817
Fire Station	(Non-Emergency)	286-4781
	Fax	286-4787
Health Officer		286-7817
Highway Department		286-4721
Library (Hall Memorial)		286-8971
Planning Board		286-7817
Police Department	(Non-Emergency)	286-8207
	Fax	286-2354
Selectmen's Office		286-4521
Sewer Commission		286-4606
Tax Collector		286-4425
Town Administrator		286-4521
Town Clerk		286-4425
Welfare (Health & Human Services)		286-7817
Zoning Board of Adjustments		286-7817

Schools

Sanbornton Central	286-8223
Southwick School	286-3611
Tilton School (Private)	286-2016
Union Sanborn	286-4332
Winnisquam Regional High	286-4531
Winnisquam Regional Middle	286-7143

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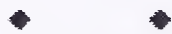
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ELECTION DAY

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2004

8:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.

WINNISQUAM MIDDLE SCHOOL
GYMNASIUM
WINTER STREET



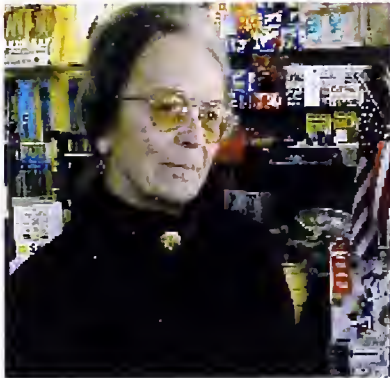
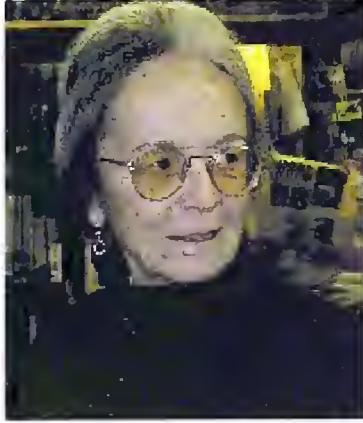
TOWN MEETING

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2004

8:00 A.M.

WINNISQUAM HIGH SCHOOL
CAFETERIA
WEST MAIN STREET

DEDICATION



With this dedication, this year the town recognizes the enthusiasm and years of dedicated service of long time Supervisor of the Checklist, former School District Treasurer, life-time Trustee of the Hall Memorial Library, charter member of the Tilton Historical Society, owner of the historic and unique Bryant-Lawrence Hardware Store, mother of four and grandmother to six, lover of cats and all things feline, Tilton's own Sally Lawrence, whose family roots in the Lakes Region date back to the early days of the harnessing of the rivers and the transformation of the area to a center of commerce and industry.

THANK YOU SALLY FOR YOUR CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO OUR
COMMUNITY



A PROCLAMATION

PRESENTED TO

GLADYS BETTENCOURT

THE BOSTON POST CANE

WHEREAS, In 1909 Edwin A. Grozier, publisher of the Boston Post, in an attempt to boost the newspapers sagging circulation, established the tradition of presenting a Boston Post Cane to the oldest resident of each New England town by distributing 700 canes to towns across New England; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Tilton has honored the tradition since its inception; and

WHEREAS, in the year of our Lord 2003, the Town of Tilton is pleased to recognize and honor its most important senior citizen; and

WHEREAS, Gladys Bettencourt has been nominated to be the recipient of a replica Boston Post Cane in recognition of her distinguished age of ninety- nine years, in addition to her charm and grace:

NOW THEREFORE, the Town of Tilton is pleased to present Gladys Bettencourt with the replica Boston Post Cane; and

FURTHERMORE, the Town of Tilton shall proudly display an engraved plate bearing the name of Gladys Bettencourt so that present and future generations will know of the high esteem by which she is held.

Given under our hands on this 20th day of September , 2003, by the Tilton Board of Selectmen with very best wishes and our expression of hope for future good fortune and continued success in all endeavors.

THE TILTON SCHOOL

We want to take this opportunity to salute and say a much deserved thank you to the administration, staff, faculty and Tilton School for hosting several of town meetings, public hearings and gatherings over the last several generosity of the school in providing place and support and assistance to both town and civic groups has magnanimous but very thoughtful and open-minded.



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We feel fortunate to have such a positive and cooperative town/gown relationship with the school—a partnership which recognizes them as a good friend, a good neighbor and a welcomed contributor to the community of Tilton.



Again, we say thank you.

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in the world.

Mahatma Gandhi

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TOWN OFFICERS

*Terms Expire Town Meeting
If elected position*

Selectmen

Richard Manseau, Chair	2005
Katherine Dawson, Vice Chair	2004
Robert Brown	2006
Steven O'Leary	2006
James Foye	2005

Administrator

Alice MacKinnon, *appointed*

Moderator

Kenneth Randall	2004
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Town Clerk

Cynthia Reinartz	2005
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Deputy: Katherine A. Yeo, *appointed*

Tax Collector

Susanne E. Fecteau	2005
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Deputy: Eliza Conde, *appointed*

Treasurer

Sandra J. Hyslop	2004
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Deputy: Catherine Brown-Herman, *appointed*

Supervisors of Checklist

Bernard W. Chapman, Chair	2005
Sally P. Lawrence	2008
Richard Montembeault	2004

Trustee of Trust Funds

Judy Tilton, <i>appointed</i>	2004
Joseph Plessner, <i>appointed</i>	2004
Robert Szot	2004

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Budget Committee

Scott Long, Chair	2004
Joseph Plessner	2006
Robert Szot	2006
Steven O'Leary, ex officio	2004
Ian Manseau	2006

Library Trustees

Annette Judy Sanders (Tilton)	Life
Eliza Conde	Life
Leif Martinson	Life
Barbara Converse (Northfield)	2004
Ken Norton (Tilton)	2004

Librarian

Mary Ahlgren

Sewer Commission

David E. Wadleigh, Sr., Chair	2006
John McCarvill	2004
Peter H. Fogg	2005
Johanna Ames, Assistant	

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

TOWN OFFICE STAFF

Building Inspector/Compliance Officer	Joseph B. Plessner
Deputy Town Clerk	Katherine A. Yeo
Deputy Tax Collector	Eliza Conde
Finance Officer	F. Gayle Twombly
Health & Human Services	Heather Thibodeau
Health Officer	Joseph B. Plessner
Health Officer - Assistant	Marie Mahoney
Land Use Administrative Asst.	Sandy Plessner
Secretary to Selectmen & Admin.	Catherine Woessner

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Dennis Allen – Director of Public Works
Staff: Arthur DeMass, Foreman
Fred Wells, Driver/Laborer
John Bilodeau, Driver/Laborer
Albert Laliberte, Driver/Laborer

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Kent G. Chapman – Chief of Police

Lieutenant	Scott S. Estes
Sergeant	Owen R. Wellington
Corporal	Richard P. Paulhus Ryan Martin
Detective	Michael Farrington Robert Dupuis
Officers	Kenneth Carr Lisa Carter Bruce A. Clough Kelly Kulig Nathan Morrison William Patten Mark Cefalo
Dispatcher/Office Manager Administrative Assistant	Carla Constant Lisa Auger
Special Officers	Dana Andrews Newman Daley Bart Perillo John Raffaely Merek Weisensee Carla Constant Salvatore Mills Robert Kawejsza
Animal Control Officer	William Patten
School Resource Officer	Bruce A. Clough

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

(Appointed)

Planning Board

Mike Curley, Chair	2006
George Helwig, Vice Chair	2005
Michelle Jackson, secretary	2004
Sandy Plessner	2006
Katherine Dawson, ex officio	2004
Robert Brown, ex officio (alternate)	2004

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Zoning Board of Adjustment

Foster Peverly, Chair	2004
Normand Boudreau, Vice Chair	2005
Calvin Brown	2006
Sandy Plessner	2006

Park Commission

Martha Andrus-Deroy	2005
Robert Hardy	2005
Victoria Virgin	2006

Conservation Commission

Charles Mitchell, Chair	2005
Robert Hardy, Vice Chair	2005
Susan Clark	2004
Helen Dawson	2005
Paul Rushlow	2006
Jon Scanlon	2006
Ben Wadleigh	2005
James Cropsey (alternate)	
Eliza Conde, Secretary	

TILTON-NORTHFIELD FIRE DISTRICT

Stephen Carrier, Fire Chief	
Harold Harbour, Chair	2004
Andrew Sleeper, Fire Commissioner	2006
Tom Gallant, Fire Commissioner	2005
Scott McGuffin, Moderator	2004
Janine Vary, Clerk	2004
Roland Seymour, Treasurer	2004

WINNISQUAM REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD

Larry Prince, Chair	(Tilton)	2004
Nina Gardner, Vice Chair	(Sanbornton)	2005
Thomas Salatiello	(Sanbornton)	2006
Elaine Lamanuzzi	(Northfield)	2005
Robert Mazur	(Northfield)	2004
Valerie Allen	(Northfield)	2006
Michael Gagne	(Tilton)	2005
Pam Washburn	(Tilton)	2006

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STATE & FEDERAL OFFICIALS

State Representative	(District 29)	Omer C. Ahern, Jr Robert J. LaFlam Francine Wendelboe
State Senator	(District 4)	Robert K. Boyce
Executive Councilor	(District 1)	Raymond Burton
U.S. Congress	(District 2)	Charles Bass
U.S. Senate		John Sununu Judd Gregg

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN OF TILTON 2003 TOWN ELECTION

The 2003 Town Election was called to order on March 11, 2003 at 8:00 a.m. at the Tilton School by Moderator, Mr. Kenneth Randall.

Mr. Randall read the first three articles on the warrant and announced that the business meeting would be held on Saturday, March 15, at 8:00 a.m. at the Tilton School – Hamilton Hall. He then led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The polls were then declared open. Prior to the opening of the polls it was verified that the ballot box was empty and the voting machine was zeroed. The absentee ballots were processed at 2:00 p.m. as posted.

Motion by B. Chapman, seconded by L. Burns to declare the polls closed. Motion passed. Polls were declared closed at 7:00 p.m.

The total number of ballots cast was 289, the total number of registered voters at the close of the polls was 1725.

Article 1. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year as presented on the ballot prepared for the same.

For Selectman – 3 years – vote for two		For Budget Committee – 3 years – vote for three	
Robert Brown	170	Ian Manseau	Write in 12
Steven O’Leary	154	Robert Szot	Write in 12
Victoria Virgin	134	Joseph Plessner	Write in 5
Write in	1	Other Write ins	27

For Treasurer – 1 year – vote for one		For Sewer Commissioner – 3 years – vote for one	
Sandra J. Hyslop	246	David Wadleigh	254
Write in		Write in	1

For Budget Committee – 1 year – vote for one		For Sewer Commissioner – 1 year – vote for one	
Scott Long	240	John McCarvill	235
Write in	5	Write in	

For Budget Committee – 2 years – vote for one		For Trustee of Trust Funds – 1 year – vote for two	
Rob Thompson	236	Joseph Plessner	2
Write in	4	Write in	13

Article 2. To choose the necessary school officials for the Winnisquam Regional School District as presented on the ballot prepared for the same.

For Moderator – 1 year – vote for one	
Kenneth A. Randall	256
Write ins	1

For School Board – Tilton Candidate – 2 years – vote for one	
Michael Gagne	120
Joseph Kevlin	26
Kevin Washburn	112
Write in	1

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For School Board – Tilton Candidate – 3 years – vote for one

Lynne Long	91
Pam Washburn	154
Write in	2

For School Board – Northfield Candidate – 3 years – vote for one

Valerie Allen	175
Rebecca Fredette	71
Write in	2

For School Board – Sanbornton Candidate – 3 years – vote for one

Thomas Salatiello	222
Write in	3

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote the changes in the Tilton Zoning ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board.

1. Are you in favor of adding a purpose paragraph to signage, Article 2.3, which would list the reasons for the need to protect the health, safety and public welfare of the community?
Yes 183 No 80
2. Are you in favor of changing and renumbering Article 2.3.1 to add banners, commercial flags and inflatable signs to the definition of signage?
Yes 146 No 118
3. Are you in favor of changing Article 2.3.2 to read, “ Off premise signs are not permitted. Roof signs are prohibited. No signs shall be erected or placed within a traffic median or right of way or public sidewalk. All signs and sign structures shall be properly maintained so as not to become a public hazard or to become a detriment to the street environment. Any business which has closed, other than for seasonal purposes, shall remove all signage associated with that business within 90 days.”?
Yes 209 No 64
4. Are you in favor of changing the limit of signage on the face of primary business structures from 10% to 5% of the front of the building?
Yes 126 No 138
5. Are you in favor of limiting portable or temporary signage to not more than one 90 day period per year?
Yes 188 No 84
6. Are you in favor of changing the Downtown signage regulation to insure visual impact, architectural details and promote visual attractiveness to the Downtown District?
Yes 223 No 54
7. Are you in favor of limiting signage in the Downtown District to twenty (20) square feet to be located on the façade only?
Yes 172 No 96
8. Are you in favor of limiting signage, in the Downtown District, for commercial establishments located above street levels to have window signs only?
Yes 104 No 168
9. Are you in favor of prohibiting animated and moving signs in the Downtown District?
Yes 177 No 100
10. Are you in favor of changing the signage description in the Downtown District to include, “Awnings or canopies may not extend over two-thirds of the sidewalk or six feet (6) from the building face, whichever is the lesser. Any lettering will be considered part of the total signage.”
Yes 144 No 126

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11. Are you in favor of adding the following definitions?

2.1.64.1 Sign-banners and or flags-commercial- A flag or banner, which presents commercial advertising copy or other graphic material (logos or other symbols) associated with commercial business. Yes 165 No 97

2.1.64.2 Sign-Inflatable signs- An inflated three-dimensional object, which is anchored or affixed to a structure or site for the purpose of advertising or attracting attention to a business. Yes 146 No 109

12. Are you in favor of changing the definition of structure to match the State definition? Yes 191 No 76

13. Are you in favor of changing the definition of wetlands to match the State definition? Yes 203 No 68

14. Are you in favor of changing the description of the Medium Density Residential District (MR) to read, "MR is designed to accommodate single-family and two family dwelling units and seasonal dwelling units served by collector and local streets where utilities and sewer service are limited or not now present." ? Yes 167 No 83

15. Are you in favor of adding 11.2.4 to read, "Flag poles are to be limited to the maximum structure height as depicted in the Table of Dimensional Values. Categories of local control shall include visual impact, aesthetics and height restrictions."? Yes 156 No 112

16. In the Table of Dimensional Values, are you in favor of changing "Maximum Building Height" to read "Maximum Structure Height" and adding note 9 to read Exception: Telecommunications Towers? Yes 179 No 88

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN OF TILTON BUSINESS MEETING MARCH 15, 2003

The 2003 Town Meeting Business session was called to order by the Moderator Mr. Kenneth Randall at 8:05 a.m. on March 15th at the Tilton School. Tilton Boy Scouts from Troop 248 led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Mr. Randall proceeded with the introductions of the Selectmen, Town Clerk, and Budget Committee. He also acknowledged the press and non-voter visitors. Mr. Randall stated that the Moderators rules were available at the front and explained some of those rules for the meeting which included and not limited to the following:

- The basic rules governing the conduct of the meeting will be the applicable NH RSA's and the following special rules to be adopted or rejected by the assembly. Robert's Rules of Order, New Revised, 1990, will be used as a guide when deemed necessary.
- All questions directed to the Board of Selectmen will be so done through the moderator.
- Any voter who wishes to address the meeting will first be recognized by the moderator and then will state their name before presenting their discussion. This does not apply to motions of privilege or rising to a point of order.
- All motions and amendments must be in written form and signed by the person so moving.
- Only one amendment to a motion will be allowed on the floor at any one time.
- No motion to amend an amendment will be allowed.
- Due to statutory funding requirements, no amendment cutting the budget to zero will be accepted. This concept has met the challenge of court cases.
- Motion to reconsider must be made immediately following vote and assembly is notified that action will be taken.
- Any person who wishes to use a cell phone will leave the assembly hall until their call is completed, at which time they may return. Failure to do so will result in the individual being found guilty of violating RSA 40:70 and will be fined in accordance with that statute.

J. Plessner made a motion to accept the moderator's rules as presented, 2nd by B. Brown. Vote was in the affirmative. The moderator then invited the Library Trustees up to the front of the assembly. J. Sanders, M. Alghren and E. Conde presented a gift to Sally Lawrence on behalf of the Library Trustees recognizing and thanking Sally for 37 years of service as a Library Trustee on the Hall Memorial Library Board.

The Town Clerk was called upon to read the results of the balloting, which took place on March 12th motion was moved, seconded and passed to accept as read.

The Moderator stated he would dispense with the reading of the complete warrant unless objection was raised.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000), if necessary, for the purpose of completing the clean up of hazardous waste at the Pillsbury Mill site (parcels no. U06-03-00 and U06-04-00 on the tax maps); to authorize, if necessary, the issuance of not more than three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) in bonds or long term notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Budget Act (RSA 33) to complete the clean up; and further to authorize, if necessary, the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such notes or bonds and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such other action as may be necessary to effectuate the issuing, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes. (RSA 33). This warrant article requires a ballot vote and must receive a 2/3 vote of approval from those present and voting (RSA 33: 8-a).

The moderator explained that this is a bond article and requires a ballot vote therefore the polls would be open for at least 1 hour 5 minutes but we would resume with other business after the assembly had voted.

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B. Brown made a motion to accept article as read and put it on the floor for discussion, 2nd by P. Clark. Moderator recognized B. Brown who spoke stating that this is a stop gap measure and that the town is waiting for two outstanding grants which were submitted to the DES and EPA last November. He also stated that it is the towns responsibility for the clean up regardless of the grants. P. Clark commended the Selectmen for doing such a fine job.

The question was called by J. Plessner, vote was taken – the vote was in the affirmative.

At 8:35 a.m. the Moderator declared the polls opened.

At 8:50 a.m. the meeting resumed with the polls remaining open for Article 4.

At 10:25 a.m. Moderator Randall announced the results of the ballot vote for Article 4 Yes 60, No 13 (49 votes needed for 2/3 vote). Article 4 passed as presented.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) as the Town's third payment on a State Aid Reconstruction project for drainage work and the reconstruction of Silver Lake Road, Church Street and River Road; pursuant to RSA 32:3 VI, this appropriation will be a non-lapsing, non-transferable account and will not lapse until the project is complete or in five years, whichever is less. (Majority vote required)

K. Dawson made a motion to move the article to the floor for discussion, 2nd by S' O'Leary. Moderator recognized K. Dawson who gave a brief definition of the different road classes. She continued by describing what would and would not happen if the town should vote to take over these roads and bridges given each scenario.

C. Sanders made a motion to amend, 2nd by H. Dawson. This amendment would be attached to the end of the existing article reading: "And further, relative to road reclassification, remove any reference to reclassification from this article, continue with the Road Committee and bring any question on reclassification forward to a future Town Meeting."

Moderator read the amendment and asked for a vote. The vote was taken and the amendment passed as written.

S. O'Leary called the questioned. The vote was taken - Article 5 passed as amended.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the Tilton Main Street Program. (Majority vote required)

Motion by R. Manseau, seconded by G. Twombly to place Article 6 on the floor for discussion and consideration. Mr. Manseau stated that this is a one year commitment instead of 3 year as was done in the past. He also stated that the Main Street Organization is doing a wonderful job. P. Clark spoke in favor.

P. Clark called the question. The vote was taken – Article 6 passed.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be deposited with the Trustees of the Trust Funds for the Recreation Trust Fund established by a vote of the 2002 Town Meeting. (Majority vote required)

R. Manseau made a motion to move the Article 7 to the floor for discussion, 2nd by S. O'Leary. Mr. Manseau stated that the town is now leasing a parcel of land from Church across from J. Jill for the purpose of creating a recreation field. We have also received some dirt from the schools construction. This field would be for little league, soccer etc. and for anyone who would want to use it.

R. Manseau made a motion to amend, 2nd by S. O'Leary by adding the following to the end of the article: "Further to authorize the release of up to \$10,000 for the development of the Rte. 132 Recreation Field."

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J. Crospey asked how much is the lease payment and do we have to carry any extra insurance? R. Manseau responded that the lease is \$1.00 per year and that the town does not have to carry any additional insurance. Other questions were raised regarding who would maintain this field and if the town would need to purchase more equipment for mowing etc. Mr. Manseau responded that the public works department would add this field to their maintenance schedule and no the town did not need to purchase any additional equipment. Mr. Manseau also stated that the towns desire would be to have the recreation field support itself by having corporate sponsorships.

C. Sanders called the question—vote was taken on amendment – amendment passed as presented.

The moderator read the article as amended and called for a vote – vote was taken – Article 7 passed unanimously.

Article 8. To see if the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be deposited with the Trustees of the Trust Funds for the reassessment fund and further to authorize the Selectmen to act as agents of the Town to withdraw funds from the Trust to complete the measure and list stage of the reassessment. (Majority vote required)

Motion by B. Brown, 2nd by S. Plessner to place the question on the floor for discussion and consideration. B. Brown stated that these are additional funds needed for the reassessment total cost approximately \$150,000.

The question was called – the vote was taken - Article 8 passed as written.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase from the State of New Hampshire land and buildings depicted as parcel no. U05-23-00 on the Tilton tax maps and located at 302 Main Street; and further to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) and to expend the same for the purchase of the property. (Majority vote required)

B. Brown made a motion, 2nd by K. Washburn to place the question on the floor for discussion. B. Brown addressed the assembly giving a brief history. At last years town meeting the voters approved and authorized \$10,000 for the cost estimate and development of architectural plans. Since the state offered the property to the town just recently partial drawings have been completed and are on display in the front room. B. Brown stated in the architect's opinion the cost of the renovations would be approximately \$150,000 to \$200,000. This space as depicted in drawings includes offices that could be rented out, public restrooms, reception area and a police sub-station. Just recently Chief Chapman made it known to the Selectmen that he is not in favor of having a sub-station down town but would rather have one in the Winnisquam area so therefore that space would also be available. Chief Chapman addressed the assembly re-iterating the same but included that he would like to see the Police Department located downtown.

K. Washburn made a motion to amend seconded by D. Craig to include at the end of the article “ Said property, in it's entirety, is to be leased to Youth Assistance Program with the option of “Lease To Own” with the intention that Youth Assistance Program shall occupy approximately one half of said property and sub-let the remaining space. Proceeds of the sub-let space to be utilized to offset the costs incurred by Youth Assistance Program. An agreement regarding the “Lease To Own” is to be entered into between the Selectmen and Youth Assistance Program on a future date. And further to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) and to expend the same toward the development and rehabilitation of said property.” P. Clark stated that he would be in favor of the purchase but to keep the space retail. D. Smart does want to see the town as real estate agents. S. Russell would like to see more businesses come into those spaces.

J. Cropsey ask how much would be taken off of the tax rolls and what would the tax revenue be if YAP was to take over space. R. Manseau responded that the building is not on the tax rolls now and that the approximate tax revenue would be \$1,000 to \$1,200, but to keep in mind that the town would not have to support the program. The question was called on the amendment – vote was taken – amendment was defeated.

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Both P. Clark and D. Craig voiced their concerns regarding notification to the state regarding the outcome of the meeting. It was explained that the state would be notified the first of next week. J. Cropsey asked what the assessment value on the property is. A. MacKinnon responded \$52,300. B. Brown said that the state arbitrarily set the price at \$75,000. C. Sanders called the question. The vote was taken – Article 9 was defeated.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of establishing a recycling center and solid waste facility, and further, to authorize the establishment of a solid waste committee as a standing committee of the Town consisting of four (4) legal residents appointed by the Moderator each to serve three year terms; however, the first terms will be staggered terms of one (1) one year term, one (1) two year term and two (2) three year terms and one (1) selectmen appointed by the Board of Selectmen and further to instruct the Solid Waste Committee to review all solid waste disposal options available to the Town and to develop and implement with the guidance and approval of the selectmen a solid waste plan which best meets the needs of the Town for now and for future generations. (Majority vote required)

At 10:05 Moderator Randall announced that the polls were now closed and that ballots regarding Article 4 will be counted by Mr. Plessner and Mr. Wadleigh.

R. Manseau made a motion, 2nd by R. Szot to place Article 10 on the floor for discussion and consideration.

M. Bonneville questioned why more money was needed since the town authorized \$25,000 at last years meeting for a recycling center and also questioned what was that money spent on if not on a recycling center. B. Brown responded that the town did not spend the \$25,000 because the plan that they were working did not materialize. A. MacKinnon noted that when monies are not spent they lapse into surplus and then used to offset the tax rate. M. Jackson asked why did we ask for \$25,000 last year and only \$10,000 this year. R. Manseau stated that the \$25,000 included a land purchase. S. Bungay stated that he would hope that a committee would be formed immediately. P. Clark asked who would be in charge of the \$10,000 the committee or the selectmen? B. Brown stated it would be the committee.

Moderator asked the assembly if they were ready for the question – K. Randall read the article – the vote was taken – Article 10 passed.

At 10:25 Moderator Randall announced the results of the ballot vote for Article 4 Yes 60, No 13 (49 votes needed for 2/3 vote). Article 4 passed as presented (see article 4).

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for use as grant matches as for the Franklin Savings Bank Fund for Community Advancement and to expend the same for the development of a park at the site of the former Pillsbury Mill; and further to appropriate and expend any additional monies that may become available from grants for the development of a park at the site of the former Pillsbury Mill. (By petition)

Motion was made by C. Sanders, 2nd by B. Hardy to place Article 11 on the floor for discussion. C. Sanders announced to the assembly that there would be a public hearing on March 26th and all are encouraged to attend. Mr. Sanders explained that the committee needs these monies to be able to go forward and hire a professional engineer so that they would be able to obtain the permits from the state necessary to apply for grants.

F. Peverly asked the Budget Committee why did not recommend this article. R. Szot responded by stating that the committee thought that it would be less expensive to use the designs that were already in place. Moderator asked the assembly if they were ready for the question - response in the affirmative – the vote was taken – Article 11 passed as presented.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), if necessary, to purchase the old grange building and its contents located at 11 Grange Road (tax map no. R09-54-00) from the Tilton Historical Society and to make any necessary repairs to the structure; and further to instruct the selectmen to seek grants and private funding for its purchase and any needed restoration work. (Majority vote required)

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Motion made by B. Brown, 2nd by V. Virgin to put this article on the floor for discussion. B. Brown stated that B. Joscelyn and J. Shepherd recently approached the selectmen and asked if the town would be interested in purchasing the old grange building and contents from them and noted that they neither have the time or money to continue being the Historical Society. Mr. Brown said that these gentlemen had already invested countless hours working on the building and approximately \$6,000 of their own money. Along with the money for the purchase there is some maintenance needed especially on the flat roof on the back of the building. Mr. Brown made mention that this building could not only be used to house all of the Tilton Historical items but could also be used for club meetings, gatherings and/or a police substation.

M. Bonneville stood in favor of and noted that the Historical Society obtained the building from Lochmere Community Association. B. Joscelyn – Point of Order – That the Historical Society purchased the building and land from the New Hampshire State Grange.

The question was called – the vote was taken – Article 12 passed unanimously.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Budget submitted by the Budget Committee and posted as part of this warrant, and pass any vote in relation thereto. (Majority vote required)

Moderator stated that copies of the budget in detail are available in the front for the assembly. Motion made by R. Szot, 2nd by M. Jackson to put this article on the floor for discussion. Discussion was open.

Motion made by M. Abbott, 2nd by C. Sanders to amend line item 4415.99.900 “The Youth Assistance Program respectfully requests that the funding for 2003 be increased from \$52,500 to \$54,289. This will be \$1,789 more than presented in the proposed budget.” The question was called on amendment – division vote taken on amendment, yes 36, no 21 - amendment passed as submitted.

Motion made by R. Manseau, 2nd by Mr. M. Jackson to amend. “Amend line 4415.99.908 Neighbor to Neighbor add \$500. to Budget Committee recommendation.” Discussion was open. R. Manseau stated that Neighbor to Neighbor has been doing a great job for those Tilton residents in need. B. Jocelyn questioned why the Budget Committee did not recommend. R. Manseau stated that the request was originally for \$1,500 which was not recommended but the selectmen thought that \$500 was more appropriate. M. Bonneville in favor. Discussion was closed – the vote was taken – amendment passed as presented.

H. Dawson made a motion to amend, 2nd by B. Hardy regarding line item 4415.99.9 account name Genesis “To include \$1,500 for Genesis under Health Agencies & Programs to help to offset the \$9,263.26 spent in “charity” care by Genesis for Tilton residents in the year 2002.” Discussion was closed – a hand vote was taken – yes 44, no 15 – amendment passed as presented.

The question was called. The vote was taken – Article 13 passed as amended with a total budget of \$3,636,061.00

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to change the manner of selection of the members-at-large of the Budget Committee from election to appointment by the Moderator as provided for in RSA 32: 15.

S. O’Leary motion to move seconded by V. Virgin to put Article 14 on the floor for discussion.

S. Hyslop ask how the moderator felt about appointing 6 people, moderator responded that he could find 6 interested residents. B. Brown said that there is a problem with getting residents to actually run for that office and that the majority of persons have been write ins who accept the position but do not always participate.

R. Manseau was not in favor he stated that the voting process is very important. V. Virgin stated to keep the vote. Discussion was closed - vote was taken – Article 14 was defeated.

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Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to deposit one hundred percent (100%) of the revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (the land use change tax) in the conservation fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25 II.

H. Dawson made a motion, 2nd by B. Hardy to place the question on the floor for discussion. H. Dawson addressed the assembly as a member of the conservation commission. She stated that Tilton is very late in the process of preservation compare to our neighboring town and this is the reason for the request of 100%. She explained that the town could only benefit by this not only for preservation, but she made mention that the town does not have access to the lakes. By having these monies in an account should a property become available then the funds would be in place for purchase. J. Plessner asked who would make the decisions on how and where the money is spent. B. Brown responded that the commission would make those decisions explaining that there are guidelines on what can and not be purchased with those monies. A. MacKinnon stated that there would have to be a separate fund established. Discussion was closed—vote was taken—Article 15 passed.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Heath Care Resolution: Whereas, New Hampshire residents pay the 12th highest cost for insurance in the country; and Whereas, the cost of health insurance premiums for New Hampshire families has increased by 45 % in three years and now averages \$8,500 a year; and Whereas, 100,000 New Hampshire residents have no health coverage and 77% of them have a full time worker at home; and Whereas, due to the rising costs almost half of New Hampshire's small businesses cannot afford health coverage for their employees, now, therefore be it resolved that we, the citizens of Tilton, New Hampshire call on our elected officials from all levels of government, and those seeking office, to work with consumers, businesses, and health care providers to ensure that: Everyone in New Hampshire, including the self-employed, unemployed, un- and underinsured; and small business owners, has access to an affordable basic health plan similar to what federal employees receive; Everyone, including employers, consumers, and the state, local and federal government makes a responsible and fair contribution to finance the health care system; Every family and individual in New Hampshire receive high quality care that is cost efficient and medically effective; and That these efforts help control the skyrocketing cost of health care. (By petition)

P. Chabot made a motion, 2nd by H. Dawson to place the question on the floor for discussion. M. Bonneville made a motion to amend by striking out the wording "similar to what federal employees receive" seconded by M. Abbott. M. Bonneville explained to the assembly that she feels this should be excluded. Discussion closed – vote was taken and amendment was defeated.

Moderator asked the assembly if they were ready for the question – the moderator read the article – vote was taken Article 16 was defeated.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to send the following resolution to the New Hampshire General Court: Resolved, in its first two years of operation, the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) has helped communities throughout New Hampshire preserve their natural, cultural and historic resources and therefore, the State of New Hampshire should maintain funding for LCHIP in its next biennial budget.

Motion made by B. Brown, 2nd V. Virgin to place Article 17 on the floor for discussion. Discussion was open. B. Brown stated that this article basically self-explanatory. Discussion was closed – the vote was taken - Article 17 passed.

Article 18. To see what action the Town will take in regards to the reports of its officers and agents.

G. Twombly moved to accept the reports of the officers and agents for the Town of Tilton be accepted as printed in the town report. Seconded by P. Chabot. The vote was taken – Article 18 passed

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Article 19. To enact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

R. Manseau made a motion seconded by B. Hardy "To order the Board of Selectmen to investigate the re-opening of the portion of Center St. which connects to Academy St. and to report to the 2004 town meeting". M. Manseau stated that the road was closed in 1926. Also by opening this road it would give an additional exit out of the parking lot. The vote was taken in the affirmative.

Motion by B. Jocelyn, second by M. Jackson to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting declared adjourned.
At 12:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Cynthia D. Reinartz
Town Clerk

A true record, attest:

Cynthia D. Reinartz
Town Clerk

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Following the annual 2003 Town Meeting the Selectmen took steps to fulfill the mandates given to the Board by the various votes of Town Meeting.

Here are a few of the highlights on which we have focused:

A major item discussed and developed is the implementation of a step and grade system for town employees. Essentially, this means that any increase in the salary or hourly wage of an employee (except for cost of living adjustments) will be based upon performance evaluations and therefore will be merit based. The final touches are presently being honed and implementation of the new system is scheduled for July 1st.

An ongoing concern of the Board's is the work and deliberations of the Formula Committee of the School District which spent much of the year reviewing the present formula for the apportionment of school district's costs. Presently, the Town of Tilton contributes approximately \$4,754,200 of the \$11,227,732 raised district wide by the property tax in support of the schools. The Town's contribution represents 42.4% of the total amount raised by local taxation in support of the schools. By contrast the Town of Northfield's contribution from the property tax is only \$3,150,572 or 28% of the amount raised at the local level. The Town of Sanbornton contributes slightly more: \$3,322,961 or 29.6% of the total raised by the property tax.

This inequity is even more pronounced when the data is reviewed in terms of cost per student. The taxpayers of Tilton are contributing approximately \$9,200 for each student from Tilton while Northfield's taxpayers contribute approximately \$3,750 per student and Sanbornton's taxpayers contribute \$8,350 per student.

We feel very strongly as a Board that this gross inequity needs to be corrected by the District and the present formula of apportionment (37.75% for Tilton and Northfield and 24.5% for Sanbornton) should be modified to reflect a more equitable distribution of the costs. This is an issue which will be discussed at the District Meeting and we urge all citizens of Tilton to attend this meeting and support a change in the formula.

On a related matter, with the upcoming onset of a town wide reassessment, we have included on the warrant an Article to increase the amount of the exemptions granted to elderly residential property owners to correct for the impact that the new assessments will have on their tax bills.

We have, likewise proposed new amounts for the veterans' exemption (both regular and for those veterans who are 100% disabled and the disability is service connected). Both these items will be discussed on the floor of the business portion of Town Meeting to be held on Saturday, March 13th.

Looking forward, one of the most compelling needs for the town will be to find and situate a new police facility which will correct and address the inadequacies of the present facility. With the continued commercial growth in the Exit 20 area and the influx of new residential neighborhoods, the expansion of the police department is unavoidable. The department has already outgrown its present facility and unfortunately, there is no room to expand either up or out and the pressures on the physical plant are mounting. The need to locate and construct a new facility is obvious and one for which we hope the planning will begin this year.

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We are also hopeful that with the spring, the construction of the ball field on the land leased on a long-term basis from the Catholic Church will begin. The Board would like to publicly recognize and thank Pike Industries for their willing to undertake the project for a minimal cost. We look forward to working with them to produce a ball field which will help meet the growing needs for recreational facilities in town.

Finally, we wish to recognize and thank the numerous citizens who give freely of their time to serve on the boards and commissions which are the "grass roots" of town government. A grateful town says thank you for your unselfish giving in helping to build the community which is Tilton.

Richard A. Manseau, Chairman

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES 2003

Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Actual Appropriations Prior Year	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Difference (over)/under
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
4130	Executive	\$236,010.00	\$239,532.00	(\$3,522.00)
4140	Election & Registration	\$4,600.00	\$3,644.00	\$956.00
4150	Financial Administration	\$72,200.00	\$73,003.00	(\$803.00)
4152	Revaluation of Property	\$9,400.00	\$3,764.00	\$5,636.00
4153	Legal Expense	\$30,000.00	\$29,565.00	\$435.00
4155	Personnel Administration	\$424,300.00	\$452,721.00	(\$28,421.00)
4191	Planning and Zoning	\$34,900.00	\$33,901.00	\$999.00
4194	General Government Buildings	\$26,350.00	\$26,165.00	\$185.00
4195	Cemeteries	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	
4196	Insurance	\$40,000.00	\$40,961.00	(\$961.00)
4197	Advertising and Regional Assoc.	\$3,372.00	\$3,372.00	
	PUBLIC SAFETY			
4210	Police	\$771,493.00	\$799,963.00	(\$28,470.00)
4220	Fire	\$700.00	\$324.00	\$376.00
4240	Building Inspection	\$20,600.00	\$20,168.00	\$432.00
4290	Emergency Management	\$2.00		\$2.00
4299	Other	\$12,000.00		\$12,000.00
	HIGHWAYS AND STREETS			
4311	Highway Department	\$280,750.00	\$277,125.00	\$3,625.00
4312	Highways & Streets	\$116,900.00	\$115,948.00	\$952.00
4316	Street Lighting	\$21,000.00	\$21,989.00	(\$989.00)
	SANITATION			
4323	Solid Waste Collection	\$85,000.00	\$72,515.00	\$12,485.00
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	\$241,783.00	\$241,366.00	\$417.00
4325	Solid Waste Clean up	\$13,256.00	\$8,181.00	\$5,075.00
	HEALTH			
4411	Health Officer	\$8,260.00	\$8,260.00	
4415	Health Agencies & Hospitals	\$94,558.00	\$84,372.00	\$10,186.00
	WELFARE			
4442	Direct Assistance	\$49,000.00	\$47,402.00	\$1,598.00

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Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Actual Appropriations Prior Year	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Difference (over)/under
	CULTURE AND RECREATION			
4520	Parks and Recreation	\$48,100.00	\$47,065.00	\$1,035.00
4550	Library	\$86,775.00	\$86,775.00	
4583	Patriotic Purposes	\$200.00		\$200.00
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	\$67,247.00	\$53,473.00	\$13,774.00
	CONSERVATION			
4619	Conservation Commission	\$2,875.00	\$2,003.00	\$872.00
4620	Milfoil	\$1,300.00		\$1,300.00
	DEBT SERVICE			
4711	Principal - Long Term Debt	\$154,890.00	\$170,601.00	(\$15,711.00)
4721	Interest - Long Term Debt	\$39,200.00	\$40,152.00	(\$952.00)
4723	Interest on TAN	\$22,500.00	\$13,198.00	\$9,302.00
	CAPITAL OUTLAY			
4902	Pillsbury Mill Clean Up	\$330,000.00	\$317,499.00	\$12,501.00
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.	\$35,000.00	\$36,874.00	(\$1,874.00)
	TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$3,386,271.00	\$3,373,631.00	\$12,640.00
	OPERATING TRANSFER OUT			
5100	Sewer	\$189,790.00	\$189,790.00	
4915	To Capital Reserves	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$3,636,061.00	\$3,623,421.00	\$12,640.00

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2003 SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

	ACRES	<u>ASSESSED VALUATION</u>
VALUE OF LAND ONLY		
CURRENT USE AT CU VALUES	3,379.23	\$413,879
RESIDENTIAL LAND	1,798.95	\$43,066,200
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	1,184.87	\$71,812,200
TOTAL OF TAXABLE LAND		\$115,292,279
TAX EXEMPT & NON-TAXABLE (\$4,850,500)	340.68	
 VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY		
RESIDENTIAL		\$77,342,900
MANUFACTURED HOUSING		\$7,144,900
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL		\$89,451,356
TOTAL OF TAXABLE BUILDINGS		\$173,939,156
TAX EXEMPT&NON-TAXABLE (\$23,600,600)		
 PUBLIC UTILITIES		\$11,177,000
 VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS		\$300,408,435
SCHOOL DINING/DORMITORY/KITCHEN EXEMPTION		(\$150,000)
 <u>MODIFIED ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES</u>		
		<u>\$300,258,435</u>
 LESS EXEMPTIONS:		
BLIND (5)		(\$195,000)
ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS (58)		(\$1,978,700)
TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS		\$2,173,700
 NET VALUATION UPON WHICH TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED		\$298,084,735
 LESS PUBLIC UTILITIES		(\$11,177,000)
 NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED		\$286,907,735

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2003 SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

TAX CREDITS	LIMITS	# OF INDIVIDUALS	ESTIMATED TAX CREDITS
Totally & permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty	\$1400	5	\$7,000
Other war service credits	\$100	152	\$15,200
TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT		157	\$22,200

UTILITY SUMMARY	2002 VALUATION
Section A: Electric Companies, Generating Plants	
Public Service	\$3,598,800
A1. Gas, Oil & Pipeline Companies	
Key Span	\$4,548,200
A2. Water Companies	
Tilton-Northfield Aqueduct	\$3,030,000
Grand Total Valuation of all Utility Companies	\$11,177,000

REVENUES RECEIVED FROM PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	MUNICIPALITY	SOURCE OF PAYMENT IN LIEU
	\$10,000	Clement Dam/HDI Associates/Loch CC

ELDERLY EXEMPTION REPORT

Number of applicants with <u>Initial Application</u> for Elderly Exemption for CURRENT YEAR			Total Number of individuals <u>granted</u> an elderly exemption for the current year & total amount of exemptions <u>granted</u>			
AGE	#	AMOUNT PER INDIVIDUAL EXEMPTION	AGE	#	MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE EXEMPTION AMOUNT	TOTAL ACTUAL EXEMPTION AMOUNT GRANTED
65-74	2	\$25,000	65-74	18	\$450,000	\$450,000
75-79	1	\$40,000	75-79	18	\$720,000	\$525,700
80+		\$65,000	80+	22	\$1,430,000	\$1,003,000
			Total	58	\$2,600,000	\$1,978,700

CURRENT USE REPORT

	Total # Acres Receiving Current Use Assessment	Assessed Valuation
Farm Land	618.40	\$142,940
Forest Land	2322.11	\$216,062
Forest Land with documented Stewardship	252.40	\$24,609
Wet Land	118.36	\$1,385
Discretionary Easement	67.96	\$28,883
Total	3379.23	\$413,879

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2003 TAX RATE CALCULATION

	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>Tax Rates</u>
Appropriations	\$3,636,061	
Less: Revenues	\$(1,821,556)	
Less: Shared Revenues	\$(28,512)	
Add: Overlay	\$49,506	
War Service Credits	<u>\$22,200</u>	
Net Town Appropriation	\$1,857,699	
Approved Town Tax Effort	\$1,857,699	
Municipal Tax Rate		\$6.23
 <u>SCHOOL PORTION</u>		
Regional School Apportionment	\$5,954,238	
Less: Adequate Education Grant	\$(1,287,798)	
State Education Taxes	<u>\$(1,398,747)</u>	
Approved School Tax Effort	\$3,267,693	
Local Education Tax Rate		\$10.96
 STATE EDUCATION TAXES		
Equalized Valuation \$284,298,113 (no utilities)	\$1,398,747	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation \$286,907,735 (no utilities)		
Excess State Education Taxes to be remitted to State	0	
<u>State School Rate</u>		\$4.88
 COUNTY PORTION		
Due to County	\$585,428	
Less: Shared Revenues	-\$7,096	
Approved County Tax Effort	\$578,332	
County Rate		\$1.94
<u>Combined Tax Rate</u>		\$24.01
 FIRE DISTRICT		
Approved Village Tax Rate		\$1.72
TOTAL 2003 TAX RATE		\$25.73
 Total Property Taxes Assessed		
	\$7,102,471	
Less: War Service Credits	\$(22,200)	
Add: Village District Commitments	\$512,706	
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$7,592,977	

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PROOF OF RATE

<u>Net Assessed Valuation</u>		<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
State Education Tax	\$286,907,735	\$4.88	\$1,398,747
Town, School, & County Taxes	\$298,084,735	\$19.13	\$5,703,724
			\$7,102,471

WINNISQUAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Apportionment 2003-2004

Based on Fixed Percentages of Northfield – 37.75
Sanbornton – 24.50
Tilton – 37.75

PRE-EXISTING DISTRICTS

AMOUNTS:

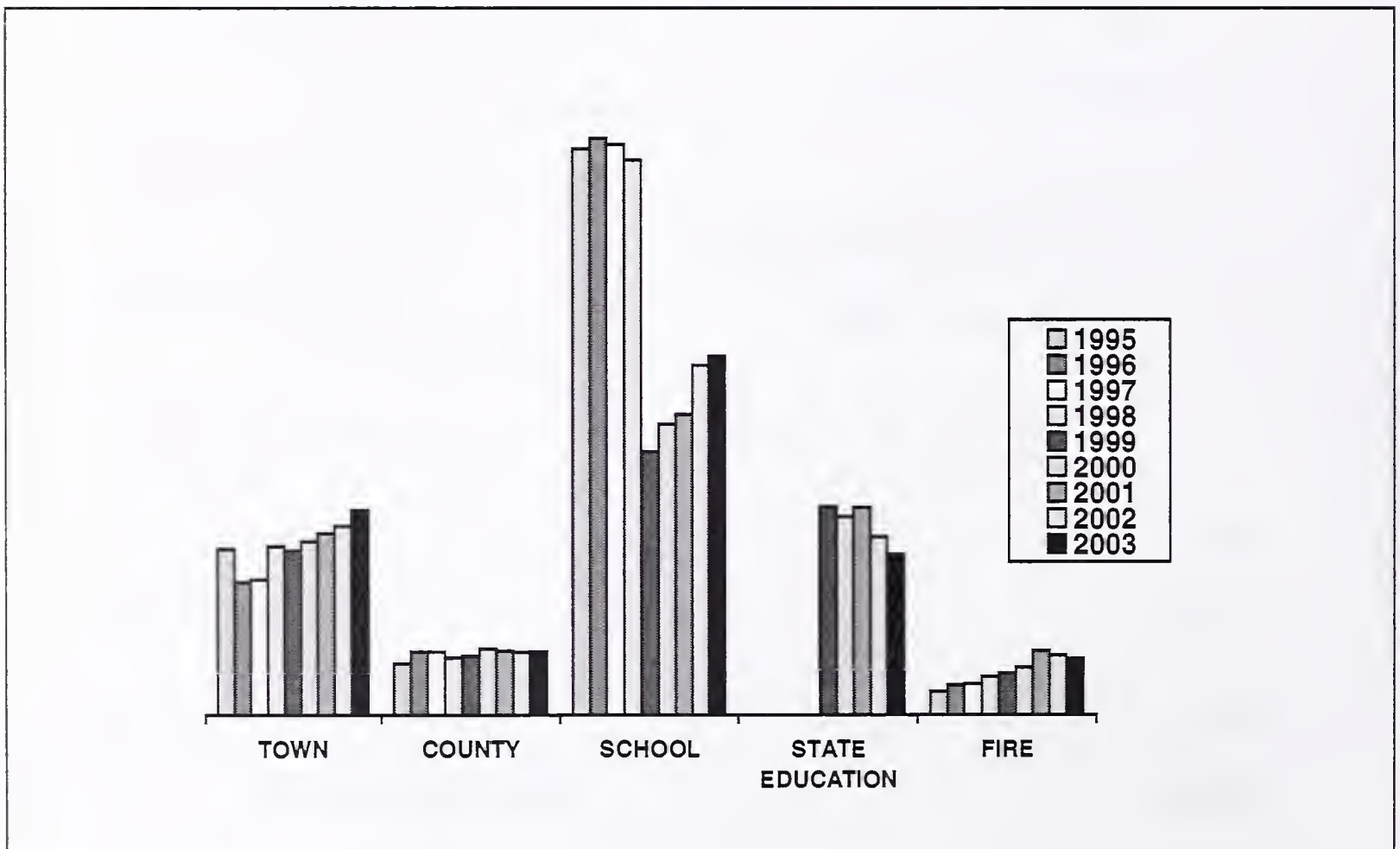
Northfield	\$2,145,017
Sanbornton	\$2,096,690
Tilton	<u>\$3,267,693</u>
Total Tax Assessment	\$7,509,400
Net Tax Assessment	\$15,771,817
Less Adequate Education Amount	<u>\$(8,262,417)</u>
Total Tax Assessment	\$ 7,509,400

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TAX RATE COMPARISONS:

	1996	1997	1998	1999*	2000	2001	2002	2003
TOWN'S SHARE	\$4.04	\$4.12	\$5.13	\$5.00	5.28	5.53	5.75	6.23
COUNTY'S SHARE	\$1.93	\$1.93	\$1.75	\$1.81	2.03	1.97	1.92	1.94
SCHOOL'S SHARE	\$17.60	\$17.41	\$16.94	\$8.04	8.89	9.18	10.68	10.96
STATE EDUCATION TAX SHARE				\$6.34	6.03	6.32	5.42	4.88
FIRE DISTRICT'S SHARE	\$0.92	\$0.95	\$1.17	\$1.28	1.46	1.97	1.83	1.72
TOTAL TAX RATE	\$24.49	\$24.41	\$24.99	\$22.47	23.69	24.58	25.60	25.73

*In 1999 the State enacted an education tax



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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

<u>MAP/LOT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ASSESSED VALUE</u>
R05-07-00	Simmons Ct.	2.5 acres/land	\$10,200
R05-33-00	7 Scenic Ln.	21.29 acres/land & bldg	\$180,900 *
R08-11-00	Chapman Rd.	1.33 acres/land & bldg	\$79,800 *
R10-10-00	540 Laconia Rd.	12 acres/land	\$39,400 *
R17-51-00	School St.	.004 acres/land (Historic marker)	\$200
R22-30-00	87 Andrews Rd.	.14 acres/land	\$15,300
R22-72-00	Manville Rd.	1.03 acres/land (row area)	\$4,500
R26-70-00	W. Main/Clark Rd.	6.19 acres/land	\$781,400
R26-70-0B	W. Main/Clark Rd.	1.32 acres/land	\$18,600
U03-47-00	Ashuelot Dr.	.275 acres/land	\$24,100 *
U04-05-00	E. Main St.	.95 acres/imp. (Police Station)	\$188,900
U05-01-00	E. Main St.	.096 acres/land	\$2,600
U5-02-00	E. Main St.	.09 acres/land	\$2,900
U05-21-00	Main St.	.30 acres/land (parking area)	\$6,800

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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

<u>MAP/LOT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ASSESSED VALUE</u>
U05-40-00	School St.	.084 acres/land (parking lot)	\$3,500
U05-42-00	Center St.	.19 acres/land (parking lot)	\$4,900
U05-44-00	Center St.	.274 acres/land (parking lot)	\$6,200
U05-50-00	Academy St.	.031 acres/land	\$1,900
U05-52-00	Prospect St.	.11 acres/land (parking area)	\$4,000
U05-113-00	Main St.	.06 acres/imp (Town Hall)	\$452,400
U05-117-00	Mechanic St.	.083 acres/land (parking area)	\$4,900
U05-120-00	Mechanic St.	.118 acres/land	\$8,300
U06-03-00	W. Main St.	1.569 acres/land (Pillsbury Park site)	\$51,900 *
U06-04-00	W. Main St.	0.38 acres/land	\$16,600 *
U06-20-00	W/ Main St./Winter St.	0.19 acres/land	\$5,800
U07-41-0A	School St.	2.9 acres/land	\$21,900
U08-05-00	W. Main St.	23.0 acres/land (cemetery)	\$83,100
<i>TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE</i>			<i>\$2,021,000</i>

*Represents property acquired through Tax Collector's deeds.

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PROPERTY OF THE WINNISQUAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

<u>MAP/LOT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ASSESSED VALUE</u>
R26-37-00	471 W. Main St.	3.41 acres/land	\$67,800
R26-39-00	Winter St.	6.819 acres/land	\$13,600
U08-13-00	451 W. Main St.	3.19 acres/land	\$44,600
U08-14-00	W. Main St.	2.602 acres/imp (agri.bldg.)	\$900,400
U08-15-00	W. Main St.	12.39 acres/imp (school)	\$1,625,100
U08-19-00	Deer St.	3.395 acres/land	\$40,200
U08-21-00	Deer St.	.286 acres/land	\$6,500
U08-22-00	Winter St.	3.79 acres/imp	\$4,313,200
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE			\$7,011,400

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PROPERTY OWNED BY THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

<u>MAP/LOT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ASSESSED VALUE</u>
R23-16-00	Backland	9.0 acres/land	\$10,900
U03-70-00	Silver Lake Rd.	1.67 acres/land	\$26,800
U04-73-00	Railroad Bed	32.75 acres/land	\$703,400
U05-23-00	302 Main St.	.086 acres/land & bldg	\$52,300
U05-24-00	302 Main St.t	.12 acres/land	\$13,700
U05-124-00	Railroad Bed	.59 acres/land	\$8,400
R18-16-00	Backland	17.0 acres/land	\$19,400
R19-14-0A	Sanborn Rd.	2.7 acres/land	\$13,600
R22-01-00	Laconia Rd.	5.0 acres/imp	\$228,400
R14-07-00	Backland	2.34 acres/land	\$2,800
R17-13-00	Winter St.	28.00 acres/imp (Veterans Home)	\$3,976,500
R09-46-00	Church St.	.90 acres/land	\$1,800
R10-59-00	River St.	1.12 acres/land (canal)	\$251,100
R21-07-00	Silver Lake Rd.	4.0 acres/imp (containment bldg)	\$227,100
R22-74-00	Backland	3.15 acres/land (island)	\$11,800
R23-26-0A	Backland	.69 acres/land	\$3,500
R26-72-00	Islands	2.78 acres/land	\$3,300
R26-73-00	Islands	3.69 acres/land	\$4,000
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE			\$5,558,800

TILTON ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2003

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Tilton
Tilton, New Hampshire 03276

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Tilton as of and for the year ended December 31, 2002, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Tilton's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

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

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the Blended Component Unit Proprietary Fund financial statements of the Tilton Sewer Commission, (as more fully described in Note 1), or the General Fixed Assets Account Group, which should be included in order to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The amounts that should be recorded in the Blended Component Unit Proprietary Fund and the General Fixed Assets Account Group are not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the general purpose financial statements of the omissions described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Tilton as of December 31, 2002, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

GRZELAK AND COMPANY, P.C., CPA's
Laconia, New Hampshire
July 21, 2003

TILTON ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2003

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET (GAAP) AND ACTUAL, GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES WITH ADOPTED BUDGETS

REVENUES	GENERAL FUND			CAPITAL PROJECT	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
Taxes, Net	\$7,200,733	\$7,261,459	\$60,726		
Licenses & Permits	\$475,000	\$492,558	\$17,558		
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$262,125	\$224,063	(\$38,062)	\$440,334	\$440,334
Charges for Services	\$224,500	\$192,951	(\$31,549)		
Miscellaneous	\$282,000	\$481,352	\$199,352		
	<u>\$8,444,358</u>	<u>\$8,652,383</u>	<u>\$208,025</u>	<u>\$440,334</u>	<u>\$440,334</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
Operating Transfers In	\$61,900		(\$61,900)	\$1,229,609	\$1,229,609
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	-	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$465,000	\$465,000
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	<u>\$8,506,258</u>	<u>\$9,152,383</u>	<u>\$646,125</u>	<u>\$2,134,943</u>	<u>\$2,134,943</u>
EXPENDITURES					
General Government	\$816,158	\$858,665	(\$42,507)		
Public Safety	\$712,744	\$725,707	(\$12,963)		
Highways & Streets	\$434,258	\$394,976	\$39,282		
Sanitation	\$312,509	\$302,558	\$9,951		
Health	\$89,369	\$83,826	\$5,543		
Welfare	\$48,000	\$31,937	\$16,063		
Culture & Recreation	\$135,475	\$134,150	\$1,325		
Conservation	\$3,322	\$3,024	\$118		
Debt Service—Principal	\$68,664	\$68,664	-		
Debt Service—Interest	\$48,500	\$34,220	\$14,280		
Capital Outlay	\$220,000	\$24,446	\$195,554	\$1,060,626	(\$1,060,626)
	<u>\$2,888,999</u>	<u>\$2,662,353</u>	<u>\$226,646</u>	<u>\$1,060,626</u>	<u>(\$1,060,626)</u>
OTHER FINANCING USES					
Operating Transfers Out	\$70,000	\$1,299,610	(\$1,229,610)		
Payment to Other Governments	\$5,547,259	\$5,546,729	\$530		
	<u>\$5,617,259</u>	<u>\$6,846,339</u>	<u>(\$1,229,080)</u>		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	<u>\$8,506,258</u>	<u>\$9,508,692</u>	<u>(\$1,002,434)</u>	<u>\$1,060,626</u>	<u>(\$1,060,626)</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES					
		(\$356,309)	(\$356,309)	\$1,074,317	\$1,074,317
CHANGES IN RESERVES					
		\$349,784	\$349,784	\$828,051	\$828,051
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE – CHANGE NET					
		(\$6,525)	(\$6,525)	\$1,902,368	\$1,902,368
BALANCE (DEFICIT) – JAN 1					
		\$327,113	\$327,113	(\$2,265,062)	(\$2,265,062)
BALANCE (DEFICIT) – DEC 31					
		<u>\$320,588</u>	<u>\$320,588</u>	<u>(\$362,694)</u>	<u>(\$362,694)</u>

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS	TOTALS
	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS	FIDUCIARY FUNDS	
REVENUES				
Taxes, Net	\$7,261,459			\$7,261,459
Licenses & Permits	\$492,558			\$492,558
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$224,063	\$440,334		\$664,397
Charges for services	\$192,951			\$192,951
Miscellaneous	\$481,352		\$110	\$481,462
	<u>\$8,652,383</u>	<u>\$440,334</u>	<u>\$110</u>	<u>\$9,092,827</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Operating Transfers In		\$1,229,609	\$70,000	\$1,299,609
Proceeds of Long-Term Debt	\$500,000	\$465,000		\$965,000
	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$1,694,609</u>	<u>\$70,000</u>	<u>\$2,264,609</u>
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	<u>\$9,152,383</u>	<u>\$2,134,943</u>	<u>\$70,110</u>	<u>\$11,357,436</u>
EXPENDITURES				
General Government	\$858,665			\$858,665
Public Safety	\$725,707			\$725,707
Highways & Streets	\$394,976			\$394,976
Sanitation	\$302,558			\$302,558
Health	\$83,826			\$83,826
Welfare	\$31,937			\$31,937
Culture & Recreation	\$134,150			\$134,150
Conservation	\$3,204			\$3,204
Debt Service	\$102,884			\$102,884
Capital Outlay	\$24,446	\$1,060,626		\$1,085,072
Payments to Other Governments	\$5,546,729			\$5,546,729
	<u>\$8,209,082</u>	<u>\$1,060,626</u>		<u>\$9,269,708</u>
OTHER FINANCING USES				
Operating Transfers Out	\$1,299,610			\$1,299,610
	<u>\$1,299,610</u>			<u>\$1,299,610</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	<u>\$9,508,692</u>	<u>\$1,060,626</u>		<u>\$10,569,318</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	<u>(\$356,309)</u>	<u>\$1,074,317</u>	<u>\$70,110</u>	<u>\$788,118</u>
CHANGE IN RESERVES	<u>\$349,784</u>	<u>\$828,051</u>		<u>\$1,177,835</u>
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE CHANGE, NET	<u>(\$6,525)</u>	<u>\$1,902,368</u>	<u>\$70,110</u>	<u>\$1,965,953</u>
BALANCE (DEFICIT) – JANUARY 1	<u>\$327,113</u>	<u>(\$2,265,062)</u>	<u>\$1,068</u>	<u>(\$1,936,881)</u>
BALANCE (DEFICIT)–DECEMBER 31	<u>\$320,588</u>	<u>(\$362,694)</u>	<u>\$71,178</u>	<u>\$29,072</u>

TILTON ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2003

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

CASH ON HAND – JANUARY 1, 2003 \$2,442,048.81

Received from the Town Clerk	\$495,508.37
Received from the Tax Collector	\$7,752,782.52
Received from the Selectmen's Office	\$691,527.56
Received from the Sale of Town Property	\$50,616.80
Interest Earned on Accounts	\$14,808.50
Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	\$1,000,000.00
Re-Deposited Checks / Credit Adjustments	\$6,071.12
RDA Grant	\$376,306.73
Voided Checks	\$4,610.54

TOTAL CURRENT REVENUES \$12,834,280.95

EXPENDITURES

Payroll	\$1,104,935.13
Accounts Payable	\$2,363,388.36
Acquisition of Tax Liens	\$170,548.53
Payments to School	\$4,567,370.00
Payments to County	\$585,428.00
Payments to Fire District	\$509,761.00
Long Term Debt--Interest	\$40,151.65
Long Term Debt--Principle	\$170,601.00
Refunds, Abatements, Overpayments	\$44,270.43
Payment of BAN Notes	\$465,000.00
Payment of BAN Interest	\$12,729.18
Payment of TAN Notes	\$1,000,000.00
Payment of Interest of TAN Notes	\$13,198.35
Returned Checks / Bank Fees	\$12,894.02

TOTAL EXPENDITURES (\$11,060,275.65)

CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2003 \$1,774,005.30

Respectfully submitted:

Sandra Hyslop, Treasurer

TILTON ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2003

TOWN CLERK REPORT

As our town is growing so is amount of money that we have collected. Please take a minute to look at the comparison chart on the next page. Scheduled for sometime between now and 2005 we will be going on line with the state motor vehicle system which will enable us to provide expanded vehicle registrations to better serve our residents. The State is also working towards vehicle registrations via the internet, this is very exciting to say the least.

Since we went on-line with the State's Vital Records Division revenue has increased along with customer service. Not only are we able to service our own residents but we are able to provide this service to anyone requesting vital documents and/or information in state or out of state. Events prior to 1989 must still be researched in the town where the event occurred for births and deaths and where the license was obtained for marriages.

I would like to remind everyone that 1990 and newer vehicles require a title to be sold and registered. Any non-titled vehicle 1989 and older must show in addition to a bill of sale one of these three documents: A) Previous owners registration – current or expired. A copy can be accepted. B) Valid NH or out of state title properly filled out. A copy of the front and back can be accepted. C) Verification of VIN – Form TDMV19A properly filled out - original only. As with any transaction please remember to verify all information on your registration and/or title application before leaving the office.

Again this year we have experienced an unusually high number of unlicensed dogs. You will notice on the 3 year comparison that the amount of fines collected is increased almost three times of the amount collected in 2002. This increase is mostly due to fines collected for those unlicensed dogs. **State Law Mandates** that ALL dogs over the age of 4 months be licensed by April 30th of each year. If you no longer have a dog that was previously licensed in town, please notify this office and we will update our records.

2004 will be a busy year with a total of 5 elections. Don't forget to make your opinion count by voting. Your vote will make a difference.

We are pleased to be able to continue to preserve and restore valuable town records. This year we have restored the Selectmen's Meeting Minuets for the years 1980 – 1982.

Volunteers are always needed to serve on various committees and boards in town.

Remember, together we can make Tilton a better place to live.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Town Clerk and I look forward another great year.

Respectfully submitted:

Cynthia Reinartz
Town Clerk

TILTON ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2003

TOWN CLERK REPORT

3 YEAR COMPARISON

TYPE OF TRANSACTION	2001	2002	2003
DOG LICENSING	\$ 3,841.50	\$ 3,833.00	\$ 4,250.50
FINES	\$ 460.00	\$ 440.00	\$ 1,260.50
VITALS	\$ 3,113.00	\$ 3,126.00	\$ 3,916.00
MVPERMITS	\$424,162.50	\$444,007.50	\$469,948.00
TITLE APPLICATIONS	\$ 1,846.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 1,958.00
MUNICIPAL AGENT FEES	\$ 9,417.00	\$ 10,823.50	\$ 10,102.50
OTHER	\$ 142.50	\$ 213.45	\$ 316.34
COPIES	\$ 152.50	\$ 67.92	\$ 378.58
UCC	\$ 3,872.03	\$ 4,966.00	\$ 3,197.95
IRS FILINGS	\$ 105.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 180.00
YEAR END TOTALS	\$447,112.03	\$469,677.37	\$495,508.37

TILTON ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2003

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

****WHAT HAPPENS WHEN PROPERTY TAXES ARE NOT PAID****

DECEMBER-If you do not pay taxes by the December due date, a **12%** interest rate starts computing on your unpaid balance.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY-Tax Collector sends you a delinquency notice advising you of all unpaid balances and when you are ready to pay your amount due, call and find out how much interest has been added to your unpaid balance, or another notice will be sent.

MARCH-Notice of Impending Lien. This is to inform you that in April a lien will be executed against your property if you have not paid the prior year Taxes.

APRIL- Now the lien is executed and now the interest rate rises to **18%** on your unpaid balance, which includes costs and interest and other charges prior to the lien date.

MAY- If 2 years have elapsed from a lien and the taxes are still not paid, now you receive a Notice of Impending Deed and now the Collector shall deed your property to the Town of Tilton for non-payment of taxes.

Susanne E. Fecteau
Tax Collector

TILTON ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2003

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 2003

<i>DEBITS</i>	<i>LEVY 2003</i>	<i>PRIOR LEVY 2002</i>
UNCOLLECTED TAXES-BEG. OF YEAR:		
Beginning of Fiscal Year:		
Property Taxes		\$462,565.71
Sewer		\$11,772.47
Betterment		\$12,124.88
Land Use		\$2,020.00
Yield Taxes		\$6,464.35
Excavation Taxes		\$777.80
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR:		
Property Taxes	\$7,602,409.34	
Land Use Change Tax	\$5,045.00	
Yield Taxes	\$7,347.67	
Sewer	\$8,394.15	
Boats/Excavation Tax	\$15,539.19	
Betterment Tax	\$37,600.00	
Other Charges	\$113.87	\$39.17
OVERPAYMENTS:		
Property Taxes	\$8,601.50	
Interest-Late Tax	\$2,849.15	\$15,909.01
Cost Before Lien		\$5,055.14
TOTAL DEBITS	\$7,687,899.87	\$516,728.53

<i>CREDITS</i>	<i>LEVY 2003</i>	<i>PRIOR LEVY 2002</i>
REMITTED TO TREASURER -		
Property Taxes	\$6,950,010.80	\$319,465.14
Land Use Change Tax	\$5,045.00	\$2,020.00
Yield Taxes	\$7,347.67	\$3,241.80
Sewer	\$341.20	\$5,232.56
Boats/Excavation Tax	\$15,539.19	\$777.80
Betterment Tax	\$40,553.00	\$7,168.19
Interest	\$2,849.15	\$7,941.33
Other Charges	\$69.17	\$39.17
Conversion to lien		\$160,478.85
Cost not liened		\$2953.14
ABATEMENTS MADE:		
Property Taxes	\$1,034.34	\$1,688.00
Yield Taxes		\$3,222.55
Betterment Tax		\$2,500.00
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED	-0-	
UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YR.		
Property Taxes	\$659,965.70	
Sewer	\$8,052.95	
Betterment Taxes	\$-2,953.00	
Other Charges	\$44.70	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$7,687,899.87	\$516,728.53

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 2003

<i>DEBITS</i>	<i>2002 LEVY</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2000</i>
BALANCE OF UNREDEEMED LIENS - Beginning of Fiscal Year:		\$89,532.32	\$43,213.39
TAX LIENS EXECUTED TO TOWN: During Fiscal Year:	\$160,478.85		
INTEREST COLLECTED After Lien Execution:	\$4,330.19	\$9,832.06	\$14,255.65
TOTAL DEBITS	\$164,509.04	\$99,364.38	\$57,469.04

<i>CREDITS</i>	<i>2002 LEVY</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2000</i>
REMITTANCE TO TREASURER - DURING FISCAL YEAR: Redemptions	\$91,066.99	\$49,090.20	\$37,095.17
Interest and Costs (After Lien Execution)	\$3,680.19	\$10,378.22	\$14,739.91
ABATEMENT OF UNREDEEMED TAXES: Liens Deeded to Municipality	\$2,822.82	\$2,749.08	\$1,755.28
UNREDEEMED LIEN BALANCE	\$67,239.04	\$37,416.88	\$3,878.68
TOTAL CREDITS	\$164,809.04	\$99,364.38	\$57,469.04

Respectfully submitted:

Susanne E. Fecteau
Tax Collector

TILTON ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2003

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS 2003

Cemetery, Library & School Trust Funds

	01-01-03 Beginning Balance	\$ 469,588.49
	Investment Growth	27,039.49
	2003 Distributions	20,214.82
	12-31-03 Balance	\$ 496,627.98

Winnisquam Regional School District Capital Reserve Account

	01-01-03 Beginning Balance	165,215.19
	Additional Deposit	200,000.00
	Interest Income	1763.61
	2003 Disbursements	68,500.00
	12-31-03 Balance	\$ 298,478.80

Winnisquam Regional School District Underground Tank Capital Reserve

	01-01-03 Beginning Balance	\$ 3,267.20
	2003 Interest Income	36.88
	Additional Deposits	1,695.38
	12-31-03 Balance	\$ 4,999.46

Lochmere Village Water District Capital Reserve Account

	01-01-03 Beginning Balance	\$ 73,649.35
	2003 Interest Income	683.16
	12-31-03 Balance	\$ 74,332.51

Lochmere Village Water District Maintenance Fund

	01-01-03 Beginning Balance	\$ 30,565.62
	2003 Interest Income	306.36
	2003 Disbursements	1,570.32
	Additional Deposits	5,000.00
	12-31-03 Balance	\$ 34,301.66

Tennis / Basketball Court Lighting Fund

	01-01-03 Beginning Balance	\$ 1,115.91
	2003 Interest Income	10.36
	12-31-03 Balance	\$ 1,126.27

Tilton Re-Assessment Cap Reserve Fund

	01-01-03 Balance	\$ 50,044.47
	2003 Interest	464.19
	12-31-03 Balance	\$ 50,508.66

Recreational Facilities Cap Reserve Fund

	01-01-03	\$ 20,017.81
	2003 Interest	185.71
	12-31-03	\$ 20,203.52

Scholarship Trust Funds (5)

	01-01-03	\$ 37,624.45
	2003 Disbursements	1,900.00
	2003 Interest	\$ 342.58
	12-31-03	\$ 36,567.03

Respectfully submitted:

Joseph Plessner, Robert Szot, Judy Tilton

TILTON ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2003

TILTON SEWER COMMISSION

In 2003, the Tilton Sewer Commission ("Commission") completed the construction on the original Route 3 (Anchorage to Jay's Marina) sewer line extension project. To date, several homes and businesses have connected and are using this new sewer line. We anticipate the majority of the remaining property owners on this project to tie into this sewer line and discontinue use of their septic system in 2004. Through negotiations with the Rural Development Authority, the Commission was able to obtain additional money to extend the sewer line down Murphy Lane to those properties along Lake Winnisquam. This part of the project should be completed in the spring or summer of 2004.

With one large construction project almost complete, the Commission is moving forward on another large project. The Lochmere sewer project covers properties on the following roads and streets: Brook, Silver Lake, River, Church, Grange, Lancaster Hill (lower portion) Lake, Lakewood, Sunrise Shores and Laconia Road (from Silver Lake Road to the Anchorage property). Our original estimate for construction was approximately \$2.7 million. Due to changes in project scope including an additional 5,000 linear feet of sewer and two to four additional pump stations, this project is now estimated closer to \$3.9 million. The Commission anticipates a 45% grant from Rural Development Authority and 20% grant from the NH Dept. of Environmental Services' State Aid Grant Fund. As this report is printed, the Commission is working on final betterment costs for owners affected by this project, holding a public hearing to review the new scope of work and associated costs, vote for or against the project by affected properties and vote to bond the project at Town Meeting in order to start construction on the sewer line extension in 2004 and complete the project in 2005. This project will add approximately 300 connections to the system including homes and businesses along the Route 3 corridor along Lake Winnisquam and the Winnepesaukee River.

During 2003, the Commission encountered two major repair projects, one anticipated and one unanticipated. In April, the Commission replaced a portion of sewer line crossing West Main Street and Winter Street at their intersection near the future Riverside Park. The existing line had settled causing the pipe to plug. A new line was laid over the existing plus a manhole was installed in Winter Street to accommodate two lines merging into one line.

The second project was the planned replacement of a portion of the sewer line along Deer Street from the Middle School side access entrance to Winter Street and up Winter Street until just past the Middle School entrance. In 2004, the Commission will return to Winter Street to reclaim and pave the portion of the road impacted by our project.

The Commission would like to introduce Mr. John McCarvill to the Commission replacing long time Commissioner Med Sattler who is in Florida as this is printed. John brings an engineering background to the Commission and his logical approach to problems that arise is appreciated.

The Commission also would like to thank Ms. Johanna Ames for her assistance as our Administrative Assistant. Due to an increase in workload and responsibilities within the Commission, Johanna is now working on a full-time basis for the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Fogg, Chairman
David Wadleigh, Commissioner
John McCarvill, Commissioner

TILTON ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2003

TILTON SEWER COMMISSION Profit & Loss January - December 2003

	Jan. - Dec. '03
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Application Fees	2,750.00
Capital Cost Recovery	7,976.07
Sewer Rents	<u>224,144.54</u>
Total Income	<u>234,870.61</u>
Gross Profit	234,870.61
Expense	
Abatements/refunds	418.70
Advertising	25.80
Bank Service Charges	36.00
Billing	
Meter Readings	630.00
Postage	<u>902.80</u>
Total Billing	1,532.80
Commissioners Salaries	1,605.00
Deeds	16.37
Electricity	3,026.98
Equipment	741.00
Maintenance & Repairs	85,360.71
NH DES -WRBP	
Administrative Charges	13,533.70
Capital Charges	17,330.38
Operations & Maintenance	120,044.13
Replacement Fund	<u>6,235.00</u>
Total NH DES -WRBP	157,163.21
Office Expenses	551.48
Office Maintenance	2,377.00
Office Supplies	539.55
Payroll Expenses	22,493.64
Printing & Reproduction	26.00
Professional Services	
Accounting	500.00
Engineering	682.50
Legal Fees	150.00
Policemen	<u>1,039.25</u>
Total Professional Ser.	2,371.75
Reimbursed expenses	157.86
Telephone	<u>1,861.21</u>
Total Expenses	<u>280,305.06</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-45,434.45

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Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Income	
NHPDIP Interest	1,723.72
Projects Interest	969.98
Providian Bank Interest	<u>362.15</u>
Total interest Income	3,055.85
Rebate	<u>5.00</u>
Total Other Income	<u>3,060.85</u>
Net Other Income	<u>3,060.85</u>
Net Income	-42,373.60

TILTON ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2003

TILTON POLICE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2003

The year 2003 was very eventful for the Tilton Police department. We had the World Run of the Hells angels shortly after Motorcycle weekend, which kept us very busy for the summer.

The implementation of a full time prosecutor has proved to be a very big asset. This has provided efficiency and consistency from the arrest to the prosecution. Sgt. Wellington has done an excellent job wearing many hats as well as being the prosecutor.

Traffic along Route 3 continues to be a concern because of the increase in traffic. We have tried to dedicate time to monitoring traffic, but, with other calls that we handled it is very difficult for officers to be effective. I am asking for two patrol officers for 2004 that can be dedicated to traffic enforcement from 7:00 AM to 11:00 PM. I feel this will make the roads safer and get the message out that if you drive through Tilton, you will obey the laws. So many times, you the citizens of Tilton have complained to us that vehicles drive recklessly and have no regard for traffic control devices. We want to change this.

We have seen an increase in sexual assaults this year. Most are known acquaintances of the victims. These have kept Detectives Farrington and Dupuis very busy, as they are also handling other major crimes. Both are doing an excellent job and we should be glad to have them.

We have outgrown the police station that we are in now, but we have nowhere else to go. We have no parking and our office space and workspaces are cramped. We are looking for a new home. If anyone has any ideas, please let us know.

The activity for the department has been up from 2002 and this I believe is due to the increase in business and people coming into the area. The growth the town is seeing is the fastest in the State. We will strive to keep up and appreciate your support. The officers of this department are very dedicated individuals and take their job very seriously. They are excellent workers and we have developed a team that I would defy any department to compare.

As always my door is open, feel free to stop by or call with any suggestions any time.

Respectfully,

Kent G. Chapman
Chief of Police

TILTON ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2003

TILTON POLICE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2003 CALLS FOR SERVICE

Calls for service	8310		
Motor vehicle summons	360		
Motor vehicle assists	387		
Motor vehicle accidents	454		
Motor vehicle stops	2268		
Abandoned vehicles	41	Domestic disputes	78
Assault	92	DWIs	29
Assist other agencies	404	Intoxicated subjects	49
Bad checks	37	Juveniles	63
Burglary	28	Parking complaints	251
Civil matters	166	Reckless operation	145
Criminal mischief	110	Robbery	2
Criminal threatening	26	Sex offenses	15
Criminal trespass	33	Shoplifting	48
Disorderly conduct	42	Theft	324

FUNDS GENERATED BY THE TILTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

	<u>2002</u>		<u>2003</u>
ACO fines	\$ 315.00	Special details	\$27,524.74
Extra details	\$14,123.00	Fines	\$ 4,021.00
Federal grant	\$32,839.00	Witness fees	\$ 2,899.31
Gun permits	\$ 532.00	Permits	\$ 625.00
Parking tickets	\$ 155.00	SRO	\$23,028.35
Reports	\$ 1,931.00	NH Highway	
School district	\$27,344.80	Safety DWI Patrol	\$ 282.24
Vendor permits	\$ 3,200.00	Radar grant	\$ 1,000.00
		Emergency Manage-	
		ment generator	\$15,000.00
		Dept of Justice	
		(HazMat suits)	\$ 8,596.50
		Federal grant	\$30,808
TOTAL	\$80,439		\$113,775.14

TILTON ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2003

PUBLIC WORKS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Once a year the Highway Department has the opportunity to inform the residents of Tilton about some of the special projects projected for the coming year.

The first week of January 2003 we had 30 inches of snow accumulation and cold temperatures. Then in February we had 20 inches of snow accumulation with fair temperatures. March was a normal with little snow accumulation and warmer temperatures. Then the first week in April we got dumped on with 12 inches of snow accumulation.

Drainage Projects Completed:

- ❖ Total new catch basin on Chapman Road
- ❖ Total new catch basin at Police Station
- ❖ Rebuilt two catch basin one on Chestnut Street and Linden Avenue
- ❖ 300 foot of 6 inch on Chapman Road
- ❖ 70 foot of 12 inch at Police Station

Paving Projects:

Chapman Road, Westwood Drive, Patricia Ann Drive

After the completion of the above construction projects we had two large projects to complete. One was to excavate, install retaining wall and pave at the Police Station for additional parking area. Next was to repair the roof at the Lochmere Grange Hall. We stripped all the shingles off, replaced the plywood on the kitchen roof. Plus repaired the knee walls that were rotted and then resingled the entire roof.

Major projects for 2004 are to continue with the shim and overlays of the town roads and sidewalks, drainage and reconstruction of Dunlop Drive.

Respectfully submitted:

Dennis Allen, Director of Public Works

TILTON ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2003

2004 ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP

TILTON RESIDENTS ONLY

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING RULES FOR THE ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP:

The recycling area and collection center (located behind the new public works facility located at 581 West Main Street) will be open to Tilton residents only (NO COMMERCIAL HAULERS OR CONTRACTORS, PLEASE). **Saturday, May 15th and Sunday, May 16th from 9 am to 5 pm for the purpose of collecting the following items:**

RECYCLEABLES (BUNDLED NEWSPAPER, CARDBOARD, ALUMINUM CANS, PLASTIC, GLASS BOTTLES), DEMOLITION MATERIALS (PAINTED WOOD, SHEET ROCK, ASPHALT SHINGLES), APPLIANCES, METAL, BATTERIES AND TIRES*

Vehicles using the facility must display a current town sticker. All material brought to the facility must be separated. Due to space limitations, the facility is not open to businesses, commercial haulers or contractors. All fees will be waived during the collection period.

- NO HAZARDOUS WASTE (OIL BASED PAINTS, ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, TV'S, PESTICIDES, HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS, ETC) WILL BE ACCEPTED
- *NO MORE THAN FOUR (4) RIMLESS TIRES WITH A MAX 16" DIAMETER PER HOUSEHOLD WILL BE ACCEPTED
- NO PROPANE TANKS
- DO NOT BRING BRUSH, LEAVES OR GRASS TO THE FACILITY (SEE BELOW)

CURBSIDE PICKUP

Residents who live on the **EAST** (Laconia) side of Interstate 93.

Monday, May 10th thru Thursday, May 13th (there will be no pick ups on Friday)

The Town will provide curbside pick up of dismantled and stripped furniture, wood (no larger than four (4) inches in diameter and six (6) feet in length), brush, bagged leaves and grass.

Residents who live on the **WEST** (Franklin) side of Interstate 93.

Monday, May 17th thru Thursday, May 20th, (there will be no pick ups on Friday)

The Town will provide curbside pick up of dismantled and stripped furniture, wood (no larger than four (4) inches in diameter and six (6) feet in length), brush, bagged leaves and grass

Inappropriate items will not be picked up and are the responsibility of the homeowner who is subject to the state littering statute.

Richard Manseau, Chairman
Tilton Board of Selectmen



DO WHAT YOU CAN,
WITH WHAT YOU HAVE,
WHERE YOU ARE.

Theodore Roosevelt

TOWN OF TILTON

WARRANT
TOWN MEETING
2004 BUDGET

MARCH 13, 2004

Town of Tilton 2004 Town Warrant

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the Tilton Main Street Program.

(Majority vote required)
(Recommended by the Selectmen)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be deposited with the Trustees of the Trust Funds for the Recreation Trust Fund established by a vote of the 2002 Town Meeting.

(Majority vote required)
(Recommended by the Selectmen)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Article 11. To see if the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to complete a reassessment of all real property in town.

(Majority vote required)
(Recommended by the Selectmen)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Budget submitted by the Budget Committee and posted as part of this warrant, and pass any vote in relation thereto.

(Majority vote required)

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to increase the amount of the property tax credit known as the "veterans' tax credit" under RSA 72: 28 from one hundred dollars (\$100) to two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to increase the amount of the property tax credit known as the "surviving spouse veterans' tax credit" under RSA 72: 29-a from one thousand, four hundred dollars (\$1,400) to two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to increase the amount of the property tax credit known as the "service-connected total disability veterans' tax credit" under RSA 72:35 from one thousand, four hundred dollars (\$1,400) to two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to increased the amount of the elderly exemptions from the property tax based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers as follows: for an individual 65 years of age up to 75 years of age from \$25,000 to \$50,000; for an individual 75 years of age up to 80 years from \$40,000 to \$80,000; for an individual 80 years or older from \$65,000 to \$125,000. To qualify the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five (5) 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 five (5) years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$24,000 if single or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$32,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$70,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

(Majority vote required)

Town of Tilton 2004 Town Warrant

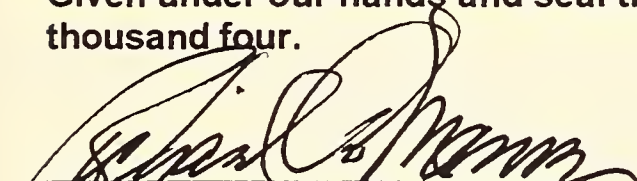
Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to continue the work of the committee established under Article 1 of the September 17, 2002 Special Town Meeting. Said Committee, now known as the Tilton Riverside Park Committee, was established for the purpose of reporting back to the voters at a town meeting with their recommended design and cost for a Town Park at the former "Pillsbury Mill site". The continued charge of the committee will be to seek further public input and outside funding, oversee the final design and construction of the park as approved by the town and to bring such issues as may be necessary to future town meetings in order to complete the construction of the park. The Selectmen would be responsible for putting the project out to bid and selecting the contractor once bid and construction documents are complete.


(by petition)

Article 18. To see what action the Town will take in regards to the reports of its officers and agents.

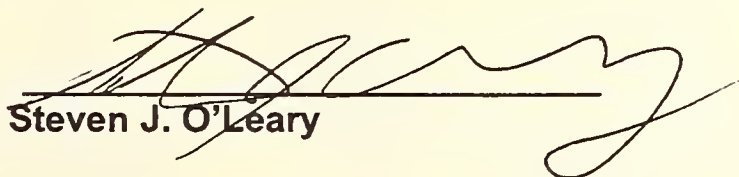
Article 19. To enact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 19th day of February in the year of our Lord, two thousand four.


Richard A. Manseau, Chairman


Robert G. Brown

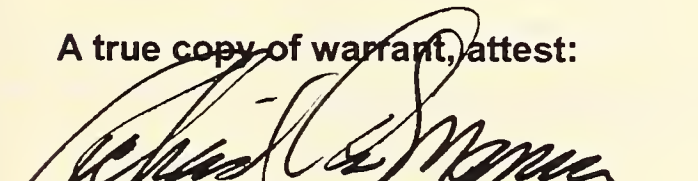
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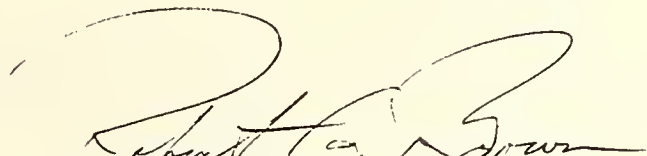

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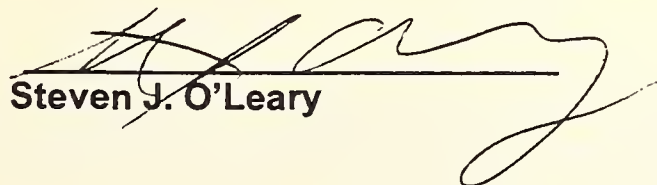
SELECTMEN OF TILTON, NH
February 19, 2003


A true copy of warrant, attest:


Richard A. Manseau, Chairman


Robert G. Brown

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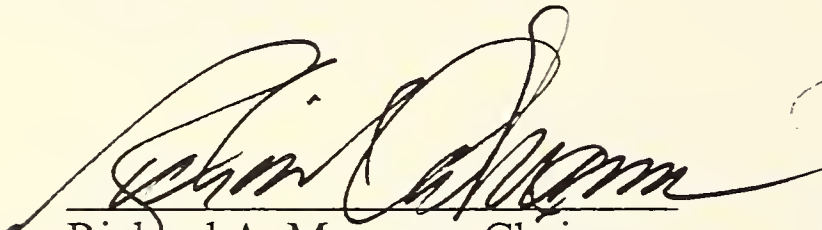

James W. Foye

SELECTMEN OF TILTON, NH
February 19, 2003


TOWN OF TILTON

AFFADAVIT OF WARRANT

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants of Tilton by posting an attested copy of the warrant for the March 9, 2004 election and the March 13, 2003 Business Meeting. This warrant was posted on the ^{19th} day of February, 2004 at Winnisquam Middle School, Lochmere Post Office, Tilton Police Department and at the office of the Town Clerk.

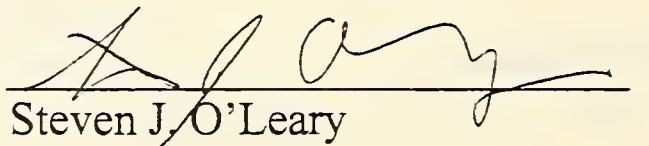


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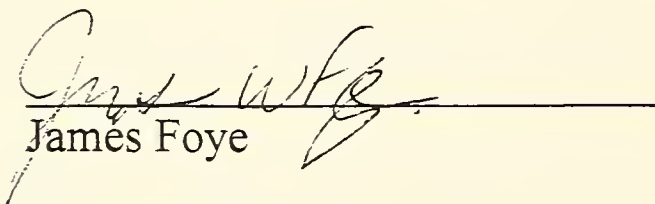


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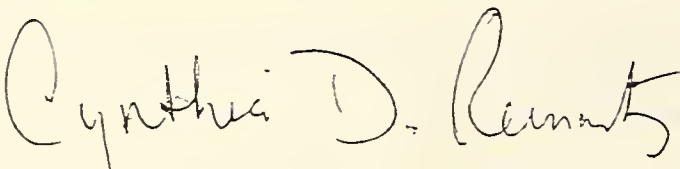


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James Foye

A true record, attest:



Cynthia D. Reinartz
Town Clerk

2004 SOURCES OF REVENUE

		ESTIMATED 2003 REVENUES	ACTUAL 2003 REVENUES	ESTIMATED 2004 REVENUES
ACCOUNT NO.	TAXES			
3120	Land use change tax	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,720.00	\$ -
3185	Yield taxes	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 7,348.00	\$ 5,000.00
3186	Payment in Lieu of taxes	\$ 5,376.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 13,500.00
3189	Other taxes/boat	\$ 15,400.00	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 15,000.00
3190	Interest on delinquent taxes	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 62,824.00	\$ 55,000.00
3188	Excavation Activity Tax	\$ 817.00	\$ 40.00	\$ -
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES				
3210	Business Licenses & Permits	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,858.00	\$ 4,000.00
3220	Motor Vehicle Permits	\$ 460,000.00	\$ 469,910.80	\$ 475,000.00
3230	Building Permits	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 14,120.00	\$ 12,000.00
3290	Other Licenses, Permits	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 20,264.20	\$ 20,000.00
FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
3319	Grants		\$ 30,859.00	\$ 15,000.00
FROM STATE				
3351	Shared Revenue	\$ 40,444.00	\$ 40,444.00	\$ 40,444.00
3352	Room & Meals Distribution	\$ 103,554.00	\$ 103,554.00	\$ 103,554.00
3353	Highway Block	\$ 51,114.00	\$ 51,114.00	\$ 52,300.00
	Other	\$ 6,261.00	\$ 29,124.00	\$ 10,000.00
CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
3401	Income from departments	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 230,061.00	\$ 230,000.00
	Other Charges	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 36,892.00	\$ 30,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
3501	Sale of Town Property	\$ 62,000.00	\$ 50,617.00	\$ 10,000.00
3352	Interest on investments	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,809.00	\$ 15,000.00
3353	Other/Insurance Dividends		\$ 3,880.00	
	Refunds/Reimbursements		\$ 40,491.00	\$ 35,000.00
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANS				
3912	Special Revenue Fund	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 58,280.00	\$ 90,000.00
	Proceeds from Surplus	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	
	Sewer	\$ 189,790.00	\$ 189,790.00	\$ 331,573.00
3916	Proceeds from Trusts	\$ 800.00	\$ 768.00	\$ 800.00
3934	Proceeds-Long Term Notes	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 4,843,690.00
TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS		\$ 1,821,556.00	\$ 1,828,768.00	\$ 6,406,861.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$ (3,636,061.00)	(\$3,636,061.00)	(\$8,613,155.00)
AMOUNT OF TAXES TO BE RAISED		\$ (1,814,505.00)	\$ (1,807,293)	\$2,206,294.00

2004 TILTON MUNICIPAL BUDGET

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION		Actual	Actual	Selectmen's	Budget Committee	Budget Committee
Acct. No.	W.A. No.	Appropriations Prior Year	Expenditures Prior Year	Recommended 2004 Budget	Recommended 2004 Budget	Budget Committee Not Recommended
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
4130 Executive	13	\$ 236,010.00	\$ 239,532.00	\$ 268,548.00	\$ 270,148.00	
4140 Elec., Reg., & Vital Stats.	13	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 3,644.00	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 9,800.00	
4150 Financial Administration	13	\$ 72,200.00	\$ 73,003.00	\$ 92,190.00	\$ 92,190.00	
4152 Revaluation of Property	13	\$ 9,400.00	\$ 3,764.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	
4153 Legal Expense	13	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 29,565.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	
4155 Personnel Administration	13	\$ 424,300.00	\$ 452,721.00	\$ 539,200.00	\$ 539,200.00	
4191 Planning & Zoning	13	\$ 34,900.00	\$ 33,901.00	\$ 41,450.00	\$ 41,450.00	
4194 General Government Bldgs.	13	\$ 26,350.00	\$ 26,165.00	\$ 31,500.00	\$ 31,500.00	
4195 Cemeteries	13	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00	
4196 Insurance	13	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,961.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	
4197 Advertising & Regl Assoc.	13	\$ 3,372.00	\$ 3,372.00	\$ 3,372.00	\$ 3,372.00	
PUBLIC SAFETY						
4210 Police	13	\$ 771,493.00	\$ 799,963.00	\$ 913,105.00	\$ 913,105.00	
4220 Fire	13	\$ 700.00	\$ 324.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	
4240 Building Inspection	13	\$ 20,600.00	\$ 20,168.00	\$ 19,580.00	\$ 19,580.00	
4250 Sewer Commission Assist	13	\$ 12,000.00				
4290 Emergency Management	13	\$ 2.00		\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	
HIGHWAYS & STREETS						
4311 Admin., Highways & Streets	13	\$ 280,750.00	\$ 277,125.00	\$ 286,794.00	\$ 286,794.00	
4313 Bridges	13	\$ 116,900.00	\$ 115,948.00	\$ 131,900.00	\$ 131,900.00	
4316 Street Lighting	13	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,989.00	\$ 23,500.00	\$ 23,500.00	
SANITATION						
4321 Admin. & Solid Waste Coll.	13	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 72,515.00	\$ 76,803.00	\$ 76,803.00	
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	13	\$ 241,783.00	\$ 241,366.00	\$ 241,783.00	\$ 241,783.00	
4325 Solid Waste Clean-Up	13	\$ 13,256.00	\$ 8,181.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	
HEALTH & WELFARE						
4411 Administration	13	\$ 8,260.00	\$ 8,260.00	\$ 8,682.00	\$ 8,682.00	
4415 Health Agencies & Other	13	\$ 94,558.00	\$ 84,372.00	\$ 104,406.00	\$ 104,406.00	\$ 4,500.00
4441 Admin. & Direct Assistance	13	\$ 49,000.00	\$ 47,402.00	\$ 62,100.00	\$ 62,100.00	
CULTURE & RECREATION						
4520 Parks & Recreation	13	\$ 48,100.00	\$ 47,065.00	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 46,000.00	
4550 Library	13	\$ 86,775.00	\$ 86,775.00	\$ 87,500.00	\$ 87,500.00	
4560 Main Street Program	6	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	
4583 Patriotic Purposes	13	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	
4589 Other Culture & Recreation	12,13	\$ 39,747.00	\$ 38,473.00	\$ 16,476.00	\$ 16,476.00	
4590 Statute Preservation	13	\$ 12,500.00		\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00	
CONSERVATION						
4611 Admin./Purchase Natl. Res.	13	\$ 2,875.00	\$ 2,003.00	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 4,850.00	
DEBT SERVICE						
4711 Prin.-Long Term Bonds	13	\$ 154,890.00	\$ 170,601.00	\$ 170,601.00	\$ 170,601.00	
4721 Interest-Long Term Bonds	13	\$ 39,200.00	\$ 40,152.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	
4723 Interest on TANs	13	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 13,198.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	
Milfoil Project	13	\$ 1,300.00				
CAPITAL OUTLAY						
4904 Improvements other than bldgs	5	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 36,874.00	\$ 410,000.00	\$ 410,000.00	
4905 Pillsbury Mill Cleanup	4,11,13	\$ 330,000.00	\$ 317,499.00			
4910 Riverfront Park				\$ 600,000.00	\$ 600,000.00	
4911 Lochmere Sewer Project				\$ 3,843,690.00	\$ 3,843,690.00	
4912 Reassessment				\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	
4914 To Enterprise Fund						
Sewer	13	\$ 189,790.00	\$ 189,790.00	\$ 331,573.00	\$ 331,573.00	
4915 Capital Reserve	7,8	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
Sub Total		\$ 3,636,061.00	\$ 3,623,421.00	\$ 8,611,555.00	\$ 8,613,155.00	\$ 4,500.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$ 3,636,061.00	\$ 3,623,421.00	\$ 8,611,555.00	\$ 8,613,155.00	\$ 4,500.00

TILTON-NORTHFIELD
FIRE DISTRICT

WARRANT
ANNUAL MEETING
2004 BUDGET

MARCH 15, 2004

TILTON ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2003

Tilton-Northfield Fire District Warrant Fiscal Year 2004

To the inhabitants of the Tilton-Northfield Fire District, qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Winnisquam Regional High School Cafeteria, on Rte 3 in Tilton, New Hampshire, on March 15, 2004 at 7:30 o'clock in the evening to act on the following:

Article 1: To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Article 2: To choose a clerk for the ensuing year

Article 3: To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year

Article 4: To choose a fire commissioner for the ensuing 3 years

Article 5: To see if the district will vote to appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) for the construction of a forty foot (40) by fifty foot (50), addition to the Park Street Station, and to authorize the issuance of not more than Four Hundred Thousand (\$400,000.00) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act RSA 33:8.a. (Two thirds ballot vote required) (Recommended by the Fire Commissioners)

Article 6: To see if the district will vote to appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) for the construction of a forty foot (40) by fifty foot (50), addition to the Park Street Station. Such addition will have a full walk out area and will be constructed on the South side of the existing Fire Station. This addition will allow the department to return all administrative functions to Park Street as well as, provide living quarters for full time personnel, in anticipation of providing twenty-four hour seven day per week coverage. The construction will provide for a large meeting room which will be used by the Department for training and will also be available to other Municipal Departments, i.e. Planning, Zoning and Select Boards, for meetings that require seating capacities which are not otherwise available in the Municipalities own Town Halls. This proposed addition will provide for four thousand (4000) square feet of usable area. (Recommended by the Fire Commissioners)

Article 7: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate \$40,000.00 to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Fire Commissioners)

Article 8: To see if the District will vote to renew the Water Contract and raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty Two Thousand Six Hundred Forty Two Dollars (\$132,642.00) for that purpose. (Recommended by the Fire Commissioners)

Article 9: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$14,100.00) for the support of the Winnisquam Fire Department. (Recommended by the Fire Commissioners)

Article 10: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of. One Million, five hundred eighteen thousand four hundred forty one (\$1,518,441.00) as the operating budget for the Fire District. This article includes all warrant articles with the exception of Warrant Article five (5). (Recommended by the Fire Commissioners)

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Article 11: To accept the report of the Treasurer and the Fire Commissioners and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 12: To see if the District will vote to authorize the Fire Commissioners to apply for, receive and expend federal and state grants, which may become available during the course of the year., in accordance with RSA 31:95-b and also to accept and expend money, from any other governmental unit or private source, to be used for the purposes for which the Fire District may legally appropriate money. (Recommended by the Fire Commissioners)

Article 13: To see if the District, in accordance with RSA 33:7, will vote to authorize the Fire Commissioners to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. (Recommended by the Fire Commissioners)

Article 14: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

A true copy of the Warrant attest:
Fire Commissioners

Harold Harbour
Chairperson

Thomas Gallant

Andrew Sleeper

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TILTON-NORTHFIELD FIRE DISTRICT Summary of Distribution of Expenses 2003 – Proposed Appropriations 2004

Account Category	2003 Budget	2003 Actual	2004 Proposed
Revenues			
Prop Taxes Northfield	329,402	288,401	515,654
Prop Taxes Tilton	494,104	509,761	806,537
Payment in Lieu	-	-	-
Revenue from Fed Govt	-	-	-
Shared Rev Block Grant	13,500	13,589	13,500
Other NH Grants & Reimb.	-	-	-
Interest on Investments	750	271	750
Ambulance Charges	140,000	157,056	180,000
Other Dividends	-	-	-
Other Insurance Reimb.	-	-	500
Misc Revenues	-	2,538	1,500
Transfers from CRFs	-	-	-
OFS Long Term Notes	-	-	-
Capital Leases	-	-	-
Long Term Bond	-	-	-
Unreserved Fund Balance	-	-	-
Total Projected Revenue	977,756	971,616	1,518,441
Total Projected Revenue	977,756	971,616	1,518,441
Total Projected Expenses	977,756	974,992	1,518,441
Balance	0	-3,376	0

Account Category	2003 Budget	2003 Actual	2004 Proposed
Expense			
Salaries and Wages	434,946	434,910	501,629
Benefits	96,325	112,185	154,689
Prof. & Tech. Services	54,476	44,434	52,026
Property Services	28,250	25,962	31,050
Purchased Services	148,453	152,491	154,742
Supplies	49,050	48,570	52,050
Capital Outlay	166,256	156,440	572,255
Expenditures Total	977,756	974,992	1,518,441

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TILTON-NORTHFIELD FIRE DISTRICT Detail of Distribution of Expenses 2003 – Proposed Appropriations 2004

Account Category	2003	2003	2004
Salaries & Wages	Budget	Actual	Proposed
Career Salaries & Wages	246,879	252,974	303,071
Call Salaries & Wages	165,217	165,088	164,833
Elected Officials	5,300	5,300	5,300
Overtime	15,750	11,258	18,184
Other	1,800	290	10241
Salaries & Wages Total	434,946	434,910	501,629

Benefits	2003	2003	2004
	Budget	Actual	Proposed
Group Health Insurance	42,404	39,669	69,930
Group Life Insurance	1,651	608	1,651
Social Security	15,458	15,548	11,931
Medicare	6,307	6,243	7,274
Retirement	19,143	20,850	38,652
Unemployment Comp.	250	45	250
Workers Comp.	11,111	29,222	25,000
Other	1	-	1
Benefits Total	96,325	112,185	154,689

Prof. & Tech. Services	2003	2003	2004
	Budget	Actual	Proposed
Auditing	2,575	2,575	2,575
Legal Services	750	813	750
Ambulance Billing Services	9,000	6,463	9,500
School/Training Tuition/Fees	12,500	14,231	12,500
Bank Charges & Interest(4.75%)	4,000	4,075	3,700
Telephone	6,000	4,934	6,000
Data Processing	3,600	3,373	3,600
Medical Services	2,500	220	3,500
Photo Lab. Services	200	7	200
Fire Alarm System	3,000	1,663	1,850
Vehicle Repairs	10,000	6,080	7,500
Elections	350	-	350
Other Prof. Services	1	-	1
Prof. & Tech. Services Total	54,476	44,434	52,026

Property Services	2003	2003	2004
	Budget	Actual	Proposed
Electrical	5,000	5,652	6,500
Heat & Oil	6,000	7,114	7,000
Water	1,000	929	1,000
Sewer	300	80	200
Repairs & Maintenance	7,600	3,335	7,000
Rentals & Leases	200	-	200
Property Insurance	7,900	8,692	9,000
Other	250	160	150
Property Services Total	28,250	25,962	31,050

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TILTON-NORTHFIELD FIRE DISTRICT Detail of Distribution of Expenses 2003 – Proposed Appropriations 2004

Account Category	2003 Budget	2003 Actual	2004 Proposed
Purchased Services			
Liability & General Ins.	4,197	5,411	5,500
Printing	300	464	500
Dues & Subscriptions	1,000	1,817	2,000
Winnisquam FD	14,756	14,757	14,100
Pressurized Hydrants	128,200	130,042	132,642
Purchased Services Total	148,453	152,491	154,742

Supplies	2003 Budget	2003 Actual	2004 Proposed
General	1,000	2,254	2,250
Office	3,500	4,648	4,000
Postage	550	727	800
Equip. Maint. & Repairs	7,100	7,764	8,000
Gasoline	5,500	4,900	6,000
Diesel	4,000	4,009	4,250
Custodial & Housekeeping	2,500	1,499	1,750
Ground keeping	500	280	500
Vehicle Repair Parts	10,000	7,316	7,500
Books & Periodicals	400	90	500
Departmental	500	1,014	500
Medical Supplies	8,500	7,234	8,000
Fire Alarm Parts	2,000	1,480	5,000
Miscellaneous	3,000	5,355	3,000
Supplies Total	49,050	48,570	52,050

Capital Outlay	2003 Budget	2003 Actual	2004 Proposed
Land	1	-	1
Building	10,000	-	10,000
Other	1	-	1
Machinery & Equipment	30,000	31,624	30,000
Furniture & Fixtures	500	35	500
Vehicles	-	-	-
21 Rescue 1	14,753	14,752	14,753
21 Car 1	6,480	6,480	6,480
21 Ambulance 2	25,520	25,520	25,520
21 Ladder 1	50,000	57,880	-
Dry Hydrants & Cisterns	9,000	-	10,000
Building Fund	1	-	400,000
Rescue Fund	-	-	-
Truck Fund	-	-	40,000
Rescue Equipment	20,000	20,149	10,000
Bond Amortization	-	-	-
Pillsbury Mill Site Cleanup	-	-	25,000
Capital Outlay Total	166,256	156,440	572,255

OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL	977,756	974,992	1,518,441
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TILTON-NORTHFIELD FIRE DISTRICT REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

It is with a tremendous amount of pride that I am able to address the citizens of our communities as your Fire Chief. Since coming to the department in July, I have been impressed by the dedication to duty of the members of our fire and EMS service. Their love of their jobs and the communities is always evident. What they accomplish in protecting the citizens and visitors of the Tilton-Northfield communities is no easy task.

In 2003, your Fire Department responded to 1365 incidents (a decrease of 4% from 2002). This is a considerable workload for a primarily call fire department such as ours. The department consists of 43 call firefighters (paid on call) and 6 career personnel. Even with the elevated workload, members were able to attend 2439 hours of training. (That's 102 full days or almost 15 weeks!!)

Each weekday, from 6am to 6pm, 3 career firefighter/EMTs, based at the Center Street station, and on-call firefighters, provide fire/EMS coverage to the communities. Weeknights after 6pm and weekend days and nights are covered by on-call firefighters, only, from their homes, or other locations where they may be throughout the communities. When compiling incident and response time data, it was noted that the time it takes for a fire engine or ambulance to reach an emergency doubles in the evening hours. This does not surprise us, but it does concern us. In an effort to reduce that response time to levels we are used to during the week, we must hire additional full-time staff. To support full-time, 24-hour coverage, we must address our infra-structure needs. We have proposed building an addition onto the Park Street Station to accomplish this.

Through funding of the initiatives outlined above, response times will be reduced and will fall within the range of nationally acceptable standards, full-time staff will have the necessary living quarters to provide 24-hour coverage, administrative offices will be improved, and meeting space will be added.

With the support of the taxpayers in Tilton and Northfield, we will be better prepared to meet our mission: *To protect the life, property, and environment of the citizens and visitors of Tilton-Northfield by delivering efficient, professional, high quality, cost effective, and timely services, including: fire suppression, rescue, emergency medical services, fire prevention, public safety education, and code enforcement.*

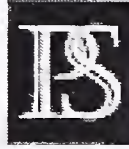
As noted, Fire Prevention, Public Safety Education, and Code Enforcement are clearly part of our mission. Captain Wilking continues to deliver the fire safety message through the schools, public events, consultations, and inspections. In 2003, 632 students received the fire prevention message and 225 inspections were conducted. In 2004 we are adding the Firefighter Phil program in the schools (funded with donations from the community), which will enhance the delivery of the message. We also will increase inspections of businesses, hotels and motels, public assemblies, and apartment buildings to protect the owners and occupants from potential fire hazards. This is a service provided at no cost to owner/occupant. Any home or business owner may contact the fire station to request a fire inspection of any type occupancy.

I would like to thank the Commissioners, Deputy Chiefs, officers, firefighters, and EMTs of the TNFD for making my transition a comfortable one. Chief Hilliard and Chief Chapman, along with their staffs, have been excellent resources and co-workers. The cooperation of the Public Works departments, the Aqueduct Company, the Town Administrators, Code Enforcement officers, School District, and all of the support staffs is greatly appreciated.

We want all of you to stay safe in 2004. We look forward to serving you. If there is anything we can do to assist you, please do not hesitate to call or stop by. Your continued support is important to us.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen M. Carrier, Fire Chief

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Commissioners
Tilton-Northfield Fire District

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Tilton-Northfield Fire District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2002 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

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

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Tilton-Northfield Fire District has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Tilton-Northfield Fire District as of December 31, 2002, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

May 28, 2003

***Financial Statements are available for review at the offices of
Tilton-Northfield Fire Department***

*Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association*

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Tilton-Northfield Fire Department Bank Accounts Summary – 1/1/03 to 12/31/03

Operating Account:

Balance January 1, 2003	\$ 50,443.22
Interest Earned	276.08
Deposits	995,392.90
Total Funds Available	\$ 1,046,112.20
Disbursements	(970,036.86)
Balance December 31, 2003	\$ 76,075.34

Insurance (Rescue) Proceeds:

Balance January 1, 2003	\$ 19,006.71
Interest Earned	22.19
Deposits	156,946.22
Total Funds Available	\$ 175,975.12
Disbursements	(125,797.64)
Balance December 31, 2003	\$ 50,177.48

NH Public Deposit Investment Pool

Balance January 1, 2003	\$ 82,688.99
Interest Earned	548.53
Deposits	
Total Funds Available	\$ 83,237.52
Disbursements	(60,000.00)
Balance December 31, 2003	\$ 23,237.52

Summary of all Accounts:

Balance January 1, 2003	\$ 152,138.92
Interest Earned	846.80
Deposits	1,152,339.12
Total Funds Available	\$ 1,305,324.84
Disbursements	(1,155,834.50)
Balance December 31, 2003	\$ 149,490.34

BALANCE SHEET - Cash Basis December 31, 2003

ASSETS

Assets	
Cash-Checking Accounts	\$ 126,252.82
Investments - NHPDIP	23,237.52
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 149,490.34

LIABILITIES and EQUITY

Liabilities	
Tax Anticipation Note	\$ 100,000.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 100,000.00

Equity	
Unreserved	\$ 49,490.34
Total Equity	\$ 49,490.34

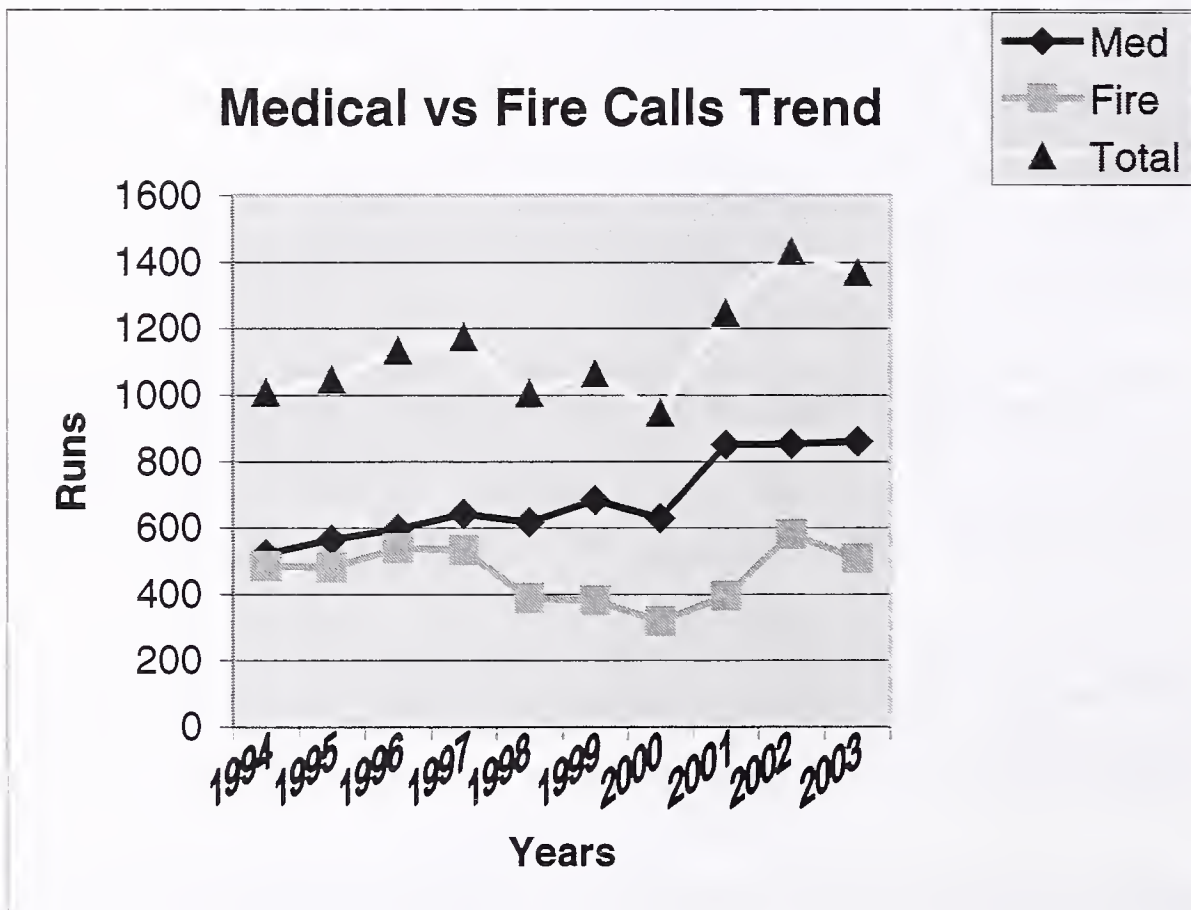
TOTAL LIABILITIES and EQUITY	\$ 149,490.34
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Respectfully prepared and submitted by
Roland C. Seymour, Treasurer
(Balance Sheet is unaudited; using a strict
cash basis)

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Tilton-Northfield Fire District Emergency Incidents 2003

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Med Aid	420	473	469	507	511	582	659	713	663	585
MVA	102	92	127	135	106	102	98	138	189	142
Structure	24	21	33	34	24	13	16	40	29	23
Fire Alarm	84	117	110	101	104	97	82	90	145	187
Other	191	191	208	179	97	80	100	265	347	300
Mut. Aid	84	60	60	83	57	88	90	88	59	128
Total	905	954	1007	1039	899	962	1045	1334	1432	1365



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REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WAREDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate and coordinate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ALL outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for all outside burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding areas) is completely covered with snow. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail, plus suppression cost.

A new law effective January 1, 2003 prohibits residential trash burning (RSA 125-N). Contact New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (800) 498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information

Help us to protect you and our forest resources. Most New Hampshire wildfires are human caused. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and make sure that the house number is correct and visible. Contact your fire department or the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands at www.nhdfi.org or 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES

2003 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires Reported thru November 03, 2003)

TOTALS BY COUNTY

	<u># of Fires</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Belknap	40	4.86
Carroll	46	13.99
Cheshire	8	.68
Coos	7	17.40
Grafton	22	12.60
Hillsborough	60	11.34
Merrimack	98	10.45
Rockingham	56	18.54
Strafford	34	7.94
Sullivan	32.03	

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson	10
Campfire	25
Children	13
Smoking	20
Debris	226
Railroad	3
Lightning	2
Equipment	8
Misc*	67

(*Misc: powerlines, fireworks, electric fences, unknown)

	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
2003	374	100
2002	540	187
2001	942	428
2000	516	149

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WINNISQUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

The officers and members of our all volunteer fire-rescue department would again like to extend our thanks for the continued support of the officials and residents of the Towns of Belmont and Sanbornton, and the Tilton-Northfield Fire District. Our operation is one of only three or four private fire departments in the State, certified by the State Fire Marshall. We operate under contract to the towns, working under the direction and authority of the Fire Chief of the town to which we are called. We were toned for 474 calls during the year 2003, an increase of almost 10% over the previous year.

A breakdown of the calls by type and location is as follows:

	Belmont	Sanbornton	Tilton-Northfield	Mutual Aid
Medical	86	65	53	5
Auto Accidents	28	17	23	3
Fire - Structure	10	4	5	8
Fire - Other	18	14	23	3
Alarm - No Fire	51	18	6	1
Other	10	8	8	7
Totals	203	126	118	27

We presently have 25 members, of which 11 are Licensed Emergency Medical Technicians, including four at the Intermediate Level of Advance Life Support. We are always open to new members. If interested contact us. About 60% of our calls were for medical problems or automobile accidents, situations that require Ambulance Response along with an Engine, so our EMT's were called upon for 280 of our calls in 2003. This is about the average in those department that have an ambulance.

We were fortunate in that in each of the past two years, we have been awarded a matching grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The grants provide 90% of the cost, with the department responsible for the remaining 10%. With the money from the 2002 grant, we were able to purchase 12 new sets of turnout gear and two new cold water suits for ice rescue. The 2003 grant provided money for a Thermal Imaging Camera, which allows us to "look into" the walls at a house fire to locate hot spots that could cause further damage. The cost of the items covered in the two grants was over \$30,000.

We operate with two engines, one built in 1980 the other in 1998, a 1997 ambulance, a four-wheel drive forestry unit on loan from the State, and our 1976 fire boat, which is the only fire/rescue boat in the water on Lake Winnisquam. All of the equipment is in good shape, except for the fireboat, which at almost 30 years old, is getting "tired", and hopefully can be replaced in 2005.

You are invited to stop by our fire station, located by the Winnisquam Bridge, and see our equipment. While we don't have a crew on duty at the station, there are often some members there who will be glad to show you around. We've had the building painted and the roof replaced over the past few years, as well as had drainage installed and paving for the parking area. The hall is available without charge for any community group, and to private parties for a minimal fee.

Richard W. Gray, Chief

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HUMAN SERVICE DEPARTMENT

The Human Service Department in Tilton has seen a drastic increase in activity this past year. This can be attributed to several factors including the desirability of living in the Tilton community, the downturn in the economy, and changes in the residency requirement that the courts have mandated, make it possible for people literally to get off the bus in Tilton and claim residency and the town must provide for their basic needs. This year we have seen a large number of applicants moving from out of state into properties that are on the lake and intended to be summer rentals, these individuals are then coming to the town to seek assistance. General assistance applicants are frequently awaiting a disability determination and have *large prescription costs* that the town must cover at least until the state Division of Human Services or the Social Security Administration determines eligibility and in some cases until the appeal process has been exhausted. The lack of affordable housing has plagued families and increased the amount of homeless individuals and families we have seen this past year as well. During the last six months of 2003 on average 10-15 times a week individuals who are either homeless, facing eviction or looking for assistance with shelter, contact us. If someone is physically able to work, we have maintained there are still jobs out there, however, the jobs that are now available are in the service industry where frequently the rate of pay is less and this is compounded by the fact that it is taking more skills and determination to secure employment than in recent years. This office offers assistance in helping clients find these opportunities and secure employment.

In Tilton the expectation is that of personal responsibility, and we maintain a philosophy that town assistance is a fund of last resort. Applicants must have exhausted all other economic resources prior to being granted assistance from the Town. The Welfare Administrator works with families and clients to facilitate problems solving around and identification of what the particular barrier they are facing in their journey to self-sufficiency. Referrals to appropriate resources and services as well as client advocacy are ongoing tasks of the Welfare Administrator in an effort to assist local families. Individual applicants are expected to vigilantly seek employment with a requirement of completing five applications each day. The Welfare Administrator assists this process by providing information on current job hunting techniques and skills as well as providing referrals and feedback from prospective area employers.

Attempts to identify characteristics of individuals/families who came to the Town during 2003 seeking assistance frequently involved the same two categories we saw in 2002: Working families/individuals who are searching for or seeking assistance in paying for housing and those awaiting determinations of disability insurance from Social Security due to documented and medically certified, physical or mental impairments including terminal illnesses. The later group of families who come in to apply due to disability, face the burden of unexpected uninsured medical expenses or prescription costs, loss of income, extended federal and state bureaucratic application certification processes and are left unable to buy food or pay the rent.

An area of particular concern that has been identified is the federal and states inability to keep their assistance dollars for programs that they administer in line with actual costs. State and Federal assistance programs are designed to provide for the poor sufficiently to meet housing costs and other basic needs. An example of this conflict in policy and practice is a single person receiving TANF (temporary assistance to needy families, state welfare formerly known as AFDC) with three children living in Tilton is eligible for a maximum state welfare monthly grant of \$677. In that calculation is their shelter allowance that the state computes at \$318. This is not adequate to provide shelter for a family of four, in the current rental market the reality is that a studio unit in town rents on average for \$460 per month.

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Unless the family quickly get into a rental subsidy program they are looking at homelessness and the town must pick up the costs and assist is searching out other potential sources of assistance. This situation is further complicated by the fact that the state is not supposed to downshift costs and individuals in theory should not require both town and either state or federal assistance to meet basis needs. This Department is seeing this same scenario repeated and other funding sources of aid are quickly becoming depleted or entirely exhausted as they are designed only to be accessed on an annual basis.

Tilton has benefited greatly by the assistance provided by the local church and community organizations. Local food programs as well as the Community Action Program has helped to minimize our expenditures and still serve the needy. The burden the town could encumber has again been alleviated by numerous local charities that wish to remain anonymous and this emergency assistance to residents is in excess of ten thousand dollars this past year.

This past holiday season the Welfare Administrator worked to coordinate the applications for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets as well as the community Christmas Fund. This is an effort that brings joy, happiness, clothing, and warmth to so many in our communities that rely on these programs. The dollar value for this Holiday assistance to the poor in our community is in excess of \$13000.

With the changes that we have seen in the economy, the transient increasing population and the instability of the local labor market the years of really low expenditures has unfortunately leveled off and we are experiencing a brief period of adjustment related to the economic changes and the above mentioned challenges. We will continue to meet our responsibility to provide assistance, referrals and support to the sick the needy and the working poor in Tilton. Total General Assistance of Tilton Human Service Department in 2003 did not exceed \$28500.

Applications for Town Assistance	2000	2001	2002	2003
Applications processed	142	216	268	367
Adults	184	246	289	381
Children	141	147	163	204

Respectfully submitted,

Heather D. Thibodeau, M.Ed.

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BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT

The Building activity for 2003 has been similar to 2002. We have seen 15 new homes and many significant alterations and modifications to existing homes, probably due to very low interest rates. It appears that a good many building lots were purchased last year and now we have a few (spec) homes going up. As in previous years we have seen a continued commercial growth in the exit 20 area also joined this year by growth in Lochmere, Winnisquam and West Tilton. Commercial building growth totaled about 3.5 million dollars in 2003.

2003 BUILDING REPORTS

NEW STRUCTURES

Commercial 5
Residential 15 (New Homes)

ADDITIONS & ALTERATIONS 84

MANUFACTURED HOUSING (Mobile Homes)

New 12
Removed 2

Total Permits Issued 134

TOTAL FEES COLLECTED \$ 12,165.00

Respectfully Submitted;
Joe Plessner
Building Inspector

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PLANNING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

The Tilton Planning Board had a very busy year in 2003. The 34 cases heard varied from subdivisions, new business site plans to conversions from existing uses. In addition, the Board took part in the following:

- Vollmer and Associates, engineering consultants, worked with the Planning Board to revise and update our subdivision regulations. After public hearings were completed, the new subdivision regulations were adopted June 24, 2003.
- Meetings continued this past year with volunteers from Belmont, Northfield & Tilton with Kristen Clothier from the Lakes Region Planning Commission to provide the three towns with a comprehensive assessment of their stratified drift aquifer resources, including exploring potential threats to the present and future drinking water supplies. These meetings were all made possible by a grant awarded by the Department of Environmental Services. Although the first grant was exhausted, a second grant was awarded by the Department of Environmental Services to continue this most important project. It is the aim of the three towns to protect our water supplies while working with landowners located on or near aquifers so that they can best utilize their properties while protecting the aquifer at the same time.
- The Master Plan committee has been hard at work updating the Master Plan. Updated sections will be ready for review by the Board during the 2004 calendar year.
- Workshops and public hearings on proposed changes to the zoning regulations began last year to be ready for a vote at the town meeting scheduled for March.
- This past fall, Board Members attended the annual law lectures in Meredith.

Once again, the members of the Tilton Planning Board did an exceptional and professional job. Those from the public that have attended meetings have had input into the process. This input is invaluable to the decision making process the Board uses and can only help in making us do a better job. I would like to thank all the members of the board and those from the public who have attended meetings. The Board is here to serve the Town, so we encourage you, the public, to attend.

Mike Curley, Chairman
Planning Board

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THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

The Zoning Board had a fairly busy year in 2003. We had seven meetings. Our meetings covered seven applications for Special Exceptions, seven applications for Variances and one special permit for the removal of topsoil due to the development of a site.

I would like to thank the members of the Board for their dedicated service to the Town of Tilton.

Respectfully submitted,

Foster Peverly, Chairman
Zoning Board of Adjustment

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The mission statement of the TCC is as follows: "The Tilton Conservation Commission shall be comprised of residents of the town of Tilton who have an interest and concern with any aspect of the proper utilization, conservation and protection of natural resources. The commission shall assist and advise the citizenry, property owners, State of New Hampshire, other municipal boards and/or commissions with information relevant to the proper utilization of Tilton's natural resources."

During 2003, several "Conservation Easement Deeds" were finalized and deeded to the Town of Tilton. These include of land surrounding Winnisquam Regional High School, a large wetland adjacent to the new Market Basket Store, and the picnic area at Ice House pond (behind Bank of NH). Conservation Easements are part of a mitigation process when a developer plans to disturb a wetland area in excess of 10,000 square feet. In such a situation, NHDES requires the developer to donate an easement on another portion of the land, which will never be disturbed. Beginning in 2004, the Conservation Commission will be monitoring easement parcels on an annual basis to confirm boundary locations, note any change in the resources and confirm that no development activity has occurred on the property.

Conservation Easements may also be donated by individuals who are interested in protecting their property from future development. There are many options to those who might wish to pursue this possibility including an outright donation of an easement, which can be beneficial by reduction of the landowner's federal income tax liability. There are also some funds available through competitive grants for purchasing easements. Any landowner who is interested in learning more about conservation easements is encouraged to contact the Conservation Commission for information.

Issues which have come before the commission include: Site Plans for Freedom Honda, Tilton Kawasaki, Lochmere Country Club, Lake Country Resort, Peter Paul Pools, dock permits, and on-site visitations to a variety of sites to inspect reported violations of work done in a wetland without a permit. Board members are ever on the lookout for the potential acquisition of shorefront land for public access to water. The Commission also worked on updating the Conservation chapter of the Master Plan for Tilton. In 2003, the Conservation Commission participated in meetings with Belmont and Northfield on the NH Drinking Water issues, with a number of other communities concerned with the quality of water in Lake Winnisquam and with Northfield for "Old Home Day" events.

During the year, members of the commission have attended meetings and workshops in order to stay up to date with issues that impact our town and relevant to our responsibilities. The conservation commission normally meets on the third Monday of each month and the public is welcome to attend. The minutes of our meetings are posted on the Tilton web site: <http://www.tiltonnh.org/Minutes/minutes.htm>

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Mitchell, Chair

TILTON ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2003

REPORT OF THE TILTON RIVERFRONT PARK COMMITTEE FOR 2003

The "Tilton Riverfront Park Committee", formerly referred to as the "Pillsbury Mill Park Committee", has completed a busy year, meeting over 52 times and accomplishing every basic goal. The committee was formed by special Town Meeting on September 17, 2002 and began meeting in November 2002. The seven-member committee is comprised of people appointed by the Board of Selectmen, Tilton Main Street Program, the Park Commission, the Conservation Commission, and two "people-at-large". The members include Katherine Dawson, Bill Lawrence, Bob Hardy, Center Sanders (co-chair), Pat Clark (co-chair), Judy Stewart and Mike Oaks. Ms. Stewart and Mr. Oak eventually left the committee and were replaced by Andrew Lawrence and Steve Thurston.

Accomplishments to Date

- January 2003 – Prepared and distributed a community survey on park fundamentals. This information was analyzed and presented at public meeting at the Union Sanborn School in March. Applied to Franklin Savings Bank and received \$10,000.00 matching grant for park design.
- March 2003 – Town Meeting 2003 raised \$30,000.00 to secure the Franklin Savings Bank Matching grant. Also held a public meeting for input towards park design.
- May – August 2003- Began exhaustive search for design firm. The committee decided on *Robert A. White* as the design firm. Community survey and input was used as their guiding reference.
- October 2003 – Accumulating grants, donations and public money is the focus. Clement Dam has agreed to donate land. Tilton Riverfront Place has agreed to donate parking, sidewalk and lighting; the town has agreed to donate loam salvaged from the High School project, totaling approximately \$80,000.00.
- November 2003- Succeeded in applying for Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant worth potentially \$100,000.00. Held another public informational meeting on current design of park and structures.
- January 2004- Held a Public Hearing to show final designs.
- March 2004- Will present final designs and budget considerations to Town Meeting.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Earlier this year, through the generosity of James Shepard, esq. and William Joscelyn, both former owners and historians, and the voters, we were able to purchase the old Grange building on Grange Road, Lochmere complete with artifacts, land and carriage house for the sum of \$6,000.00. Roof, painting and repairs were undertaken almost immediately, which consumed the remainder of our total appropriation of \$10,000.00. Some minor plumbing repairs were also begun in the restrooms and water-damaged ceilings/insulation were removed in several back rooms. Throughout the summer months the Public Works Director ensured that the exterior paint-work was refinished, lawns mowed and provided the help and equipment needed to do a total reroofing over the back section. This resulted in preservation of a valuable piece of Tiltons' history at a very low price tag. Many thanks to Dennis Allen and his crew.

This coming spring we plan to resume repairs to the heating system, water system and ceilings to restore habitability. The former Grange Room will possibly become a new Police sub-station. For this we will ask the taxpayers for an additional \$6,000.00. Once these upgrades are completed, a committee will be formed to determine the best use of its main hall and stage area, historic articles and other facilities.

Anyone wishing to tour the building or add their name to the list of volunteer workers may contact the Selectmen's secretary or the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Brown

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PARK CEMETERY ASSOCIATION JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2003

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2003		\$ 626.34
INCOME:		
Services & Lots	\$ 5,796.30	
Interest Tilton Trust Funds	14,804.25	
Town of Northfield	1,750.00	
Town of Tilton	1,750.00	
Foundations & Markers	1,805.00	
Interest P.C. Account	5,500.00	
Interest 1 st Deposit	31.13	
Subtotal		31,436.68
Total Income		\$32,063.02
EXPENSES:		
Wages	19,090 .86	
Taxes	3,530.78	
Telephone	343.19	
Electricity	291.20	
Oil/Gas	279.69	
Parts/Equipment Repair	798.41	
Supplies	1,109.81	
Insurance	2,804.00	
Office Supplies	147.67	
Dues	135.00	
Memorial Pots	304.30	
Tools	227.44	
Toilet	180.00	
Purchase Grave	100.00	
Heat	151.62	
Ads	29.00	
Snow Plowing (2002 & 2003)	895.00	
Sweeping Roads	75.00	
		30,492.97
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2003		\$ 1,570.05
INVESTED FUNDS:		
Perpetual Care Funds		8,209.69*
Perpetual Care CD		23,125.10*
Perpetual Care CD		20,460.32*
Investment Fund		11,248.13
Equipment Fund		4,393.23

*Interest only may be expended

Respectfully submitted
Judy A. Huckins, Secretary/Treasurer

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RECYCLE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Chairman: David Wadleigh

Committee Members; Jim Foye, Jon Scanlon, Carla Constant, Johanna Ames.

The Recycle Committee is a new Committee formed at the request of the Town to investigate the recycling issues of Tilton this year.

Currently there are mixed bins located behind the Town Garage accessible Wed. between 11:00am and 1:00pm and on Saturdays.

Mark Morgan from the Waste Management Division of DES met with the Committee after touring the current facility to discuss possible solutions. Mr. Morgan would be willing to offer further assistance should the Town request it.

Bestways has been working the past two years to develop a proposed regional recycling facility. Bestway has been unable to find a suitable location in Tilton as of yet and had begun to look at a piece of property on Rt. 140, across from the Coca-Cola plant. Belmont's recycling committee has a plan to bring a proposal for a Town recycling center before the Towns People at the Town Meeting in March of 2004. If that plan is approved, Bestways feels that DES will not approve a second recycling center in Belmont, nor would it be viable. Bestways feels they must now wait until after March to pursue any land in Belmont.

Bestways plan, should a recycling facility be built by them, would include Tilton, Northfield and Belmont, with the possibility of other towns that might want to be included. It would serve contractors as well as households.

The ultimate site for such a facility would be 4-5 acres. Away from both water and residential. Due to large trucks, the site would need to be located on a well maintained road.

The original design of such a facility is close to \$3,000.00. Once DES is involved the permitting, soil sampling and design process can run upwards of \$50,000.00.

The Committee feels that if it is possible for Bestway, a private company to absorb that cost rather than the town that solution would be best.

Bestway is charging the Town \$75.00/ month for 2 recycling containers, equally a total of \$150.00/month. To buy the containers outright the approximate costs would be as follows. Open Top Container - \$3,200.00, Closed Containers \$4,000.00 - \$4,500.00, Large Cardboard Containers \$5,000.00. Bestways does not sell the containers but gave the names of Levitt Business Enterprises (742-2970) and Lee Atlantic Leasing as possible sources to buy from. It may be in the Towns best interest to purchase the containers rather than rent them.

The current facility has limitations on space and hours of operation. However the lack of a suitable site is also an issue in pursuing the matter. To alter the current site would be a costly endeavor in that an engineering design would be needed. Constructing a new facility would be a heavy monetary burden. The Committee feels that if Bestway is willing and able to do so, it would be in the Towns best interest to support them.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Wadleigh

TILTON ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2003

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT SILVER LAKE RD, RIVER RD, AND CHURCH ST.

The Reclassification Committee was enabled under amended Article 5 during the 2002 Town Meeting and a subsequent letter dated May 2, 2002 from the Town Administrator to committee members and further was continued under amended article 5 during the 2003 Town Meeting. The committee's charge is to study; make recommendation; and if it is found to be in the best interest of the town, bring the question of road reclassification forward to a future Town Meeting. The committee has held over 25 committee meetings, met with the Selectmen , met and negotiated (subject to town approval) with State officials, and held Public Hearings.

We have found the following and recommend that the town take affirmative action on same:

- There is local support of the reconstruction of Silver Lake Rd., Church St., River Rd., and Brook Rd.
- The State will not participate in a State Aid Reconstruction Project (funded 1/3rd by the Town & 2/3rd by the State) unless the Town takes ownership (i.e. agrees to the reclassification from Class 2 State responsibility to Class 5 Town responsibility) of Church St., River Rd., and Brook Rd not including the bridges & the railroad crossing. This is a compromise from the State's former position, which also included Silver Lake Rd., the Bridges, and the Rail Road Crossing. The State has serious safety concerns about the Route 3/Brook Road intersection and strongly recommends that it be closed.

The committee is appreciative at the opportunity to serve the Town and further recommends the following:

- That the committee continues its work with the Selectmen and the Town Office in an advisory capacity to compliment the ongoing design and construction of the road project.
- That the town form a Road Committee or Highway Safety Committee whose charge would be to review and make recommendations on the town's road program dealing with issues such as safety aspects, long range maintenance program, and economical impacts.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Sanders, Clerk
David Wadleigh
Katherine Dawson

TILTON ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2003

HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY 2003

18 Park Street in Northfield, just across the bridge from Tilton 286-8971

Knitting classes, book discussions, story times, tutoring, quiet conversation, newspapers, public access computers, passes to 5 different local attractions, and a wide variety of books, periodicals, videos, and books-on-tape/CD are just some of the things available to you at your library. We are open every day but Sunday; Monday and Thursday evenings until 8; and have a friendly staff happy to help you find what you are looking for.
in 2003:

We sponsored a busy summer reading program with the help of local businesses including many on Tilton's Main Street, where participants could redeem coupons for treats. It was great! We received gifts of money from the Eloise Lyford Estate, Kidder Fuels, Walmart, Concord Awning, Gary and Virginia Greene, and Altrusa, and given in memory of Enid Williams, Belle Bayley and Armand Nadeau. We received many of our books-on-tape from Teresa Pucci, a bookcase from Donna Bouchard, a safe from Rowe Floor Care, Izzy, a "Jim Lambert" cat, from Joe and Grace LaPlante and many back issues of the WRHS yearbook from David Poisson. (We are still looking for more so if you have one you would like to share with the many people who want to show their children what they looked like in high school, we'd love to add it to our collection!) Arnold Adams gave us a copy of his book about the TNHS class of '51 which follows many of his classmates into their more recent years.

Many of our patrons let us "keep the change" to help augment our book budget. And last but certainly not least we receive invaluable hours of skilled volunteer help from people in the towns, most particularly Bonnie Randall, who gives us barcoding expertise nearly every day, and Morris Boudreau, who cleans, takes things to recycling and repairs and replaces things when we don't know how. We are so grateful to the generous people of our two towns.

About 4/5ths of the library's collection, (on December 31st that totaled 19,827 items), is accessible from your home if you have the internet, and once you find out that we have what you want, you can reserve it before you come and pick it up. There is a database of periodicals which library patrons can access from home as well. Our circulation this year is over 40,000, the number of weekly visits ranges between 550 and 725, and we expect to sign up our 3000th active patron sometime this year with bells and whistles. Come in for your library card and you may be the one!

Your library trustees are: Leif Martinson, Chair, life term Liza Conde, Treasurer, life term Judy Sanders, Secretary, life term, Barbara Converse, Northfield, through March 2004, Ken Norton, Tilton, through March 2004

Sally Lawrence, who served as a trustee of your library for 37 years, and Edna Southwick, who was a trustee for 50 years, serving longer than anyone else in the state of New Hampshire, resigned this year after seeing the library through many changes. We gratefully appreciate their time and dedication to the Hall Memorial Library.

Your library staff includes: Mary Ahlgren, library director, Kelly Finemore, children's librarian, Sandy Huckins, young adult librarian, Amy Lamanuzzi, library assistant, JayPomponio, reference librarian, Coral Theberge, technical services librarian, Pages Bonnie Fletcher and Bonnie Player and substitutes Bonnie Randall and Lynn Swenson

We welcome your visits to the Hall Memorial Library!

TILTON ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2003

TILTON MAIN STREET PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT

The year 2003 was a very productive year for the Main Street Program. Through a concerted effort, this year was one filled with many positive changes and accomplishments for the program and our Main Street. Having welcomed a new program manager in February, we were able to add to the accomplishments of our **all volunteer** committees and Board of Directors.

Below you will find a few of the successfully completed projects from volunteers and supporters of the Tilton Main Street Program for the year 2003.

- Engaged two new partners to the Program. We worked with Wal-Mart to enhance our Main Street this summer with flower barrel plantings. We also facilitated a paint donation from Home Depot to *Paint the Town*. This free paint was used by building owners to freshen up their building facades.
- Partnered with the Town of Tilton by donating 25% of the cost of a study to bury the power lines. Through this effort, the aesthetics of our Main Street could be greatly enhanced.
- Organized and held our 3rd Annual Fundraising Auction at the Northfield Train Station, with over 130 attendees. This fun event showcased the numerous supportive residents and businesses in and outside our community that support the revitalization efforts of our treasured historic town.
- Implemented the Inaugural Tilton Turtle Trek, over 1,000 rubber turtles raced down the Winni river proving to be a great success, showcasing our natural resource and a great volunteer effort from all to include the fire dept, police dept along with all those who showed their support by adopting a turtle.
- Continued and upgraded our Façade Grant Program, which enables local businesses the ability to enhance the aesthetics of their property and our streetscape, from new awnings to the painting of the Congregational church.

For 2004, we have our work plans in place and are already underway with some of the tasks at hand. While we are dedicated to keeping our history in tact and enhancing some of the already existing events, we are also focused on new plans that are committed to our mission. The Tilton Main Street Program is dedicated to the revitalization of the downtown area as a community center, promoting a healthy, friendly, economically viable, and attractive Main Street.

I would like to take this time to thank everyone who in any way has supported our efforts. Especially Gayle Twombly, co-founder of the program, who has recently resigned from the board. Gayle has given more to this program and this town, than can ever be acknowledged, and for this we are grateful. From sponsorships, donations, and more importantly volunteerism, I encourage your continued support. Thank you.

Volunteer Hours for the year 2003 = 3,761

***Cheryl LaBranche, Chair
Tilton Main Street Program***

TILTON ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2003

TILTON-NORTHFIELD OLD HOME DAY

The Tilton-Northfield Old Home Day Committee would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the people and businesses that help and support the Old Home Day. Your support and generosity makes for a very festive day for all. We would also like to thank all the people that come down and enjoy a day of fun, food and visiting with friends.

Old Home Day takes a lot of hours, planning, telephone calling, meetings, and most of all legwork. Every year we try to add a little more for you to enjoy. We are running into problems, Old Home Day, Parade and Horse Pull Committee members are getting TIRED. We start in February and still wonder sometimes if we are going to make it, we need some HELP. If you would like to help, if only for that day or for a few hours, please give me a call.

The DARE Road Race was well attended again. The Children Fun Run had 25 and the Road Race 204 participating. Thanks to Diane & Bob Watson, Chief Scott Hilliard, Sgt. Timothy Dow and Officer Joshua Beauchemin for all their time in organizing the DARE ROAD RACE.

Special thank you goes out to Chief Hilliard and his officers, Road Agent Albert Cross and his people, and the Tilton-Northfield Fire Department in setting up the Muster and all of the Old Home Day Committee members.

Congratulations to the Citizens of the Year

**Albert Cross from Northfield
and
David Fox from Tilton**

The Old Home Day Committee is very sad to hear the passing of one of its founders and up until now a very active member, MARION HOULIHAN. Marion helped start the Old Home Day in 1981, after she worked on the Bicentennial in 1980. The committee will miss her. Thank you Marion.

Sincerely,

Michael Summersett

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TILTON-NORTHFIELD OLD HOME DAY OCTOBER 1, 2002 – OCTOBER 1, 2003

BALANCE ON HAND OCTOBER 1, 2002 \$ 1,146.69

INCOME:

Town of Tilton	\$ 2,500.00	
Town of Northfield	2,500.00	
Gate Donations	1,520.00	
Ed's Trucking	132.00	
Raffle	730.00	
Fish Pond	319.00	
Coffee & Donuts	156.00	
Booths	580.00	
French Fries	962.15	
T-Shirts	416.00	
Ads & Donations	3,195.00	
BBQ	1,235.00	
Interest 1 st Deposit	9.74	
Subtotal	<u>14,254.89</u>	
Total Income		\$15,401.68

EXPENSES:

Fire Works	5,500.00	
Parade & Trophies	2,796.42	
Piper Printing	977.35	
Ossipee Mt. Electronics	125.00	
Brothers Donuts	29.75	
Spoofs Gabbling Circus	300.00	
BJ Hickman	325.00	
Prize Monies	500.00	
C.S. Woods	565.41	
Handy House	720.00	
Mullingans Restaurant	494.00	
BJ's Wholesale Club	77.52	
T/N Explorer Post #49	200.00	
Bryant & Lawrence	15.61	
Deroys Market	443.64	
Park N Go Market	99.00	
Nissen	18.32	
Maurice Clairmont	150.00	
Northeast Food Service	9.50	
Rhoda Island Novelty	275.65	
T-Shirts	797.80	
Hanaford	34.35	
WalMart	82.66	
Misc. Supplies	46.32	
Total Expenses	<u>14,583.30</u>	

BALANCE ON HAND OCTOBER 1, 2003 \$ 818.38

TILTON ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2003

SAVINA HARTWELL Concerts & Community Projects

TILTON ISLAND SUMMER CONCERTS

We had a great season of concerts in 2003 (with over 300 for our opener) and very good attendances and great website and press/radio—TV exposure.

Our record for attendance for a single concert was over 625 and our average was over 400 each.

The “Old Favorite” bands, *Amoskeag Strummers*, *East Bay Jazz Ensemble*, *Annie and the Orphans*, *Karen Morgan and Pony Express*, *Colada*, and *Swell Party* were great crowd-pleasers again, and are back on the schedule for 2003.

And I am really excited about having the Beatles Tribute Band “All Together Now” in concert on the Island again next year! They drew the largest audience (825) ever on the Island and drew an outstanding audience response.

Joining the roster in 2003, The “Wayback Machine” will bring a concert consisting exclusively of Music of the 1960’s to the Island again in 2004

The full schedule for 2004 (*our Twelveth season*) is complete and as usual lists our Co-sponsors, (everyone of whom volunteered their support without being asked!) which I think is a wonderful indication of the community’s commitment to the Free Concerts. Many of our sponsors have provided financial support almost from the beginning in ‘93, for which I have been, and continue to be very grateful.

The radio stations were again very gracious and provided a lot of airtime for our Public Service Announcements of the Concerts, and the Newspapers were very generous with space and ran articles weekly publicizing the various bands and concert dates. Our schedule was in the Union Leader’s Summer Events Edition, the WLNH Best Read Guide and also in the State’s Magazine “*VISIT NH*” and on the State’s website, as well as the sites of New Hampshire Happenings, Lakes Region Community Events, Franklin C of C, and of course on the Tilton and the Savina Hartwell Concerts websites.

I want to convey my appreciation to the folks at Trinity Episcopal Church and the Tilton Main Street Program for providing great food service for concert-goers, and to everyone involved for all their help making the concerts a success and Tilton / Northfield’s Summertime Classic event.

So then, I take this opportunity to share my satisfaction and to thank the Tilton Selectmen, for joining the Selectmen of Northfield and our gracious local business sponsors and the T/N Rotary Club in providing financial support, thus making the Concerts truly a community enterprise.

Alan Hartwell, Coordinator

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TILTON & NORTHFIELD'S Summertime Classic Series of

2004

SAVINA HARTWELL
MEMORIAL FREE CONCERTS
SUMMER SCHEDULE

2004

FREE EVERY SUNDAY EVENING

FROM 6:30 TO 9PM
DURING JULY & AUGUST

Refreshments Available Or Bring Your Own Picnic, Chairs Or Blankets

- JULY 4** ***A.MOSKEAG STRUMMERS***
Co-sponsor: KEN PARTRIDGE CONSTRUCTION / Tilton
- JULY 11** ***ALL TOGETHER NOW - BEATLES TRIBUTE***
Co-sponsor: PROVIDIAN NATIONAL BANK / Tilton - Belmont
- JULY 18** ***EAST BAY JAZZ ENSEMBLE***
Co-sponsor: THE GALE INSURANCE AGENCY, INC. / Tilton
- JULY 25** ***ANNIE AND THE ORPHANS***
Co-Sponsor: TILT'N DINER / Tilton
- AUG. 1** ***KAREN MORGAN / PONY EXPRESS***
Co-Sponsor: FRANKLIN SAVINGS BANK / Franklin - Tilton
- AUG. 8** ***The COLADA Ensemble***
Co-sponsor: GREVIOR FURNITURE COMPANY / Franklin
- AUG. 15** ***A.NOTHER NEW BAND***
Co-sponsor: SCOTT HILL at JACK WILLEY'S MOTORCYCLE SUPPLIES / Winnisquam
- AUG. 22** ***WAYBACK MACHINE***
Co-sponsor: TILTON - NORTHFIELD ROTARY CLUB
- AUG. 29** ***SWELL PARTY***
Co-sponsor: BRYANT & LAWRENCE HARDWARE / Tilton
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Savina Hartwell Bandstand / Tilton Island Park

Add'l Promotional Funding provided by WYMAN-GORDON Investment Castings / Tilton
Add'l Advertising Support provided by Providian National Bank / Tilton & Belmont
Supplemental Funding provided by the Savina Hartwell Memorial Projects Fund

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NEW HAMPSHIRE HUMANE SOCIETY

The New Hampshire Humane Society (NHHS) provides numerous services to the residents and companion animals in the Town of Tilton. Strays are safely housed for 7 days (cats 3 days) prior to becoming available for adoption to the public. NHHS takes in owner- relinquished pets by appointment and matches the animal with the best adoptive home. Our animals **are not** euthanized for reasons of space or time. We offer the residents of your town an alternative to releasing their animal to the streets when they can no longer care for them. Quarantine facilities are made available to the town as well as animal cruelty investigation. Educational programs are offered to town schools and civic organizations. If you are interested in any of the programs, please call the administrative offices at (603) 524-8236 or contact the shelter at (603) 524-3252.

The total number of animals brought to the New Hampshire Humane Society from your Town during 2003 (YTD 12/09/03) is as follows:

ANIMALS	From Town of Tilton	Owner Surrendered
Dogs & Puppies:	10	4
Cats & Kittens:	35	10
Other animals	0	
Deceased	1	
Total received from the Town of Tilton:		46
Total received from the Residents		14
Total number of all animals received		60

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Abdinoor
Executive Director

TILTON ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2003

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

As Youth Opportunities continues to establish itself within the community, and work toward becoming more independent, (non-profit status pending), some thanks are in order. Thanks to Youth Assistance, which has been greatly responsible for the success and financial stability of YO, with much of the grant money being overseen by YAP. Thanks also to the Franklin Elks Club, Tilt'n Diner, and all who have given time and effort to our progress.

With the relocation of the YO office into WRMS, the ability to generate enthusiasm for programming has increased as well as attendance. The support that YO receives in the school district is important to all. With several collaborative efforts with student council, such as dance fundraisers, this has been a positive and beneficial year for everyone.

In the fall of 2003, YO completed another session of the ALLSTARS curriculum, with 89 sixth grade students completing the program. We will instruct the remaining 85 sixth graders in the spring of 2004. YO has secured grant money to cover the expenses for both groups. YO continues to offer a wide variety of activities including: cooking, skate boarding, out door recreational trips, and learning experiences, for all middle and high school aged residents of Tilton, Northfield and Sanbornton.

Youth Opportunities' goals for 2004 include continuance of the skate park project, (we have almost \$8000), securing more transportation options for students, and expanding our links in the community even more with continued collaborative efforts with other agencies and businesses.

For more information on Youth Opportunities, please call Wendy Kenneson, Program Director, at 286-8008.

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YOUTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Youth Assistance Program of Northfield, Sanbornton and Tilton was formally started in 1975 by a group of citizens who felt that the youth of our towns from elementary school age through the end of high school should be served within their own communities.

Young people who get into trouble with the law may face the results of their actions without going through the court system if they are first time offenders. This saves the courts and local police time; and the towns money. Young people involved in the program will be required to face those in the community they have harmed. They also come to realize that members of the towns in which they live care enough about them as individuals to serve on volunteer boards that meet with them and their families.

A young person referred to the program by the police is required to meet with his/her parents and a program staff member. The staff member visits the home, look into the youth's school experience and set up a date for the young person and parent to meet with a board of staff and volunteers. This meeting is called a Juvenile Review Board. The purpose of the meeting is to design a contract that will help the young person face the consequences of his or her actions and to develop some constructive learning experiences that will help the youth keep out of further trouble with the law.

The fact that very few youths who have successfully completed their contracts get in trouble with the law again shows that the process works. Separate from the schools and the police the program is based in and for the communities it serves. Over the years needs in our communities have changed. In addition to court diversion we are doing prevention work. Issues around drugs, violence and assault, and the illegal use of tobacco are handled in groups at the program office or at the schools. Young people and/or their parents who need information and support are welcome to visit with a staff member.

There are two professionals on staff, a volunteer board of directors with members from each of the three towns served and additional program volunteers. The three police departments, elementary, middle and high schools and town governments are represented. Other town's people are also included.

It is only with the help of these wonderful volunteers that the Youth Assistance Program is able to bring quality services to our young people and their families. And so it is at this time that we would like to extend our sincere thanks to these people and to the communities who have been unflinching in their support.

Sincerely,

Martha C. Douglass, Director
Dawn B. Shimberg, Associate Director

Board of Directors: Marion Abbott, Kent Chapman, Norman Couture, Tom Croteau, Nina Gardner, Mark Barton, Scott Hilliard, Linda Pardy, Richard Robinson, Rick Stewart

Youth Assistance Program Statistics:

Court Diversion Cases – 45
Substance Abuse Cases – 18
Court Ordered Cases – 5

Prevention Activities – 282
Parents – 56
Total Youth Participation – 347

Each youth is counted only once even if they participate in more than one activity.

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LAKES REGION COMMUNITY SERVICES COUNCIL

Dedicated to serving the community by promoting independence, dignity and opportunity.

Lakes Region Community Services Council provides support and services to families with children and adults who have developmental disabilities and live in Tilton and the surrounding communities. Some of the supports we provide to people with disabilities includes: support to families, respite, help to find jobs, help with keeping employed, involvement with community activities, assistance with personal care needs and transportation.

The funds received from your town continue to be used to support the recreation coordinator's position. She has been working with recreation departments and community members in several towns organizing or assisting in events that create opportunities for all to participate.

We would like to thank the citizens of Tilton for your on-going and future support of making recreation opportunities available in your community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Crocker
Executive Director

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TILTON-NORTHFIELD RECREATION COUNCIL
THE PINES COMMUNITY CENTER
P.O. BOX 262
TILTON, N.H. 03276

286-8653/Fax 286-2211/e-mail: pinescc@metrocast.net
Hours: M-F 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m./Weekends: As scheduled

To the Residents of Tilton and Northfield:

The Tilton-Northfield Recreation Council has had an eventful year serving the residents of our two towns beginning with a major clean up of the center, revising of our policies and procedures and implementation of a GEI plan. Our membership and staff consists of some very hard working and motivated residents and non residents.

We had to say goodbye to Janice Houlne, our maintenance person and welcomed Bob Magoon to fill that position. Stephanie Gardner joined us as our new Program Director and Heide Hase as our nighttime supervisor.

Both have many years of recreation experience and we are excited to have them on board.

Our monthly newspaper "The Pines Times" is available at the center the first week of each month. Stop in and pick one up or subscribe for 5.00/year and we will mail you a copy each month (no issue July & August). **Better yet, give us your email address and we will email it each month.**

The Community Center is available for rentals for weddings, parties, showers, etc. Please contact us for further information. Several of our rooms are used on a daily basis by nonprofit organizations in the area for meetings.

Thank you.

Rose-Marie Welch, President

Council Members: Melba Read, Shirley Curdie, Dorene Tilton, Pat Laliberte, Bryan Mango, Gretchen Wilder, Lisa Boucher, Drina Harbour, Dave Tryon, Polly Mills Fife, Melissa D'Abbraccio and Rose-Marie Welch

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TILTON-NORTHFIELD RECREATION COUNCIL STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES For the Year Ending – December 31, 2003

REVENUE

Program Revenue	93,029.20
Town of Northfield Appropriation	45,000.00
Town of Tilton Appropriation	45,000.00
Rental Income	13,800.00
Merchandise Sales	5,720.85
Fundraising Programs	4,954.34

TOTAL REVENUE **207,504.39**

EXPENSES

Salaries	115,738.07
FICA & NH Unemployment	9,543.23
Health Insurance / Retirement Fund	5,359.24
Workmen's Comp	2,444.00
Utilities	11,942.06
Maintenance / Building	3,999.52
Accounting Services	2,692.00
Office Supplies / Equipment	5,519.63
Insurance	9,751.50
Telephone	1,541.36
Attorney Services	704.00
Printing / Advertising	919.00
Mileage – Employee	304.98
Professional Memberships	350.00
Program Expenses	27,457.36
Rental Expenses	175.00
Merchandise Sales	2,902.24
Fundraising Expenses	437.65

TOTAL EXPENSES **201,780.84**

Net Revenue (less) Expenses **5,723.55**

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November 21, 2003

To the residents of Tilton:

Genesis Behavioral Health is very grateful to the Town of Tilton for your 2003 appropriation. This funding helped Genesis cover the costs of providing mental health care to residents of your town who are unable to pay the full cost of their services.

During Fiscal Year 2003 (ending June 30, 2003), a total of 83 Tilton residents came to Genesis to find help for their mental health problems. Their ages break down as follows:

Ages 1 to 17	38
Ages 18 to 59	40
60 & over	5
Total	83

From this total, 12 residents did not have the resources to cover the costs of their services in full. This "charity care" totaled \$13,689 (an increase of 48% over the previous year). Your town appropriation helped cover a portion of those costs.

Since 1966, Genesis Behavioral Health has provided mental health services for residents of the Lakes Region. Services are provided to children in schools, at home and in special programs designed to help the children practice the skills they need to improve their lives. Elders may receive services in their homes, group homes or nursing homes. Our Gatekeeper Program trains community volunteers to be alert to elders living alone who may need assistance. The Genesis Community Support Program provides services for adults living with life-long mental illnesses. Finally, individual therapy for adults and children can help address issues causing distress as well as provide guidance towards positive behaviors. Genesis emergency services are available 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

It's a fact. One out of five Americans will experience some kind of mental illness every year. Residents seeking mental health care are urged to call Genesis in Laconia at 524-1100.

Sincerely,

Michael Coughlin
Executive Director

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NEW BEGINNINGS A WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTER

February 26, 2004

Thomas K. Schou
Budget Committee Chair
c/o Town of Tilton
257 Main Street
Tilton NH 03276

Dear Mr. Schou:

On behalf of New Beginnings – A Women's Crisis Center, I would like to thank the citizens of the Town of Tilton for their continued support. Your 2003 allocation, of **One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$1,300.00)**, has enabled us to continue to provide 24-hour crisis support, outreach, and assistance to victims of domestic and sexual assault in all of Belknap County.

Our organization operates a full-time shelter, staffs a 24-hour crisis line, provides advocacy at court, hospitals, and police stations, social service advocacy, and offers peer support groups for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. We also run community and school based education programs. We are members of the Belknap County Family Violence Prevention Forum, a task force made up of community members and professionals initiated by the Governor's Commission to take a stand against domestic and sexual violence in our county.

New Beginnings had advocated and staff in Belknap County courts each working day of this budget year. New Beginnings volunteers donated **over 16,000** service hours. All services are provided free of charge.

We are members of the state-wide NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, promoting statewide networking and resource sharing among domestic violence and sexual assault programs. The coalition is the evaluating body and administrator of state and federal contracts that provide some funding for member programs and advocates for legislative change that affects victims of domestic and sexual assault.

This year we are requesting the Selectmen to recommend our inclusion in the **2003 budget process for 2004**. We are requesting **\$1,300.00** from the Town of Tilton to continue the support of our programs.

If you need further information, please call 528-6511.

Sincerely,

Kathy Keller
Executive Director
New Beginnings – A Women's Crisis Center

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CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES LAKES REGION OFFICE

Child and Family Services very much appreciates the support that we have received from the Town of Tilton.

Child and Family Services is New Hampshire's oldest charitable social service organization that has been serving New Hampshire children and families for 150 years. Our Lakes Region Office is located in Laconia at 95 Water Street

Town support, combined with other funds has allowed us to offer a variety of free or low cost services to Tilton children and families who would otherwise be unable to afford them. Services are offered on a sliding scale basis. No one is denied service because of an inability to pay.

During 2003 town support combined with other funds enabled Child and Family Services to provide 369 hours of service to 31 residents of Tilton

Child and Family Services makes the following services available to residents of Tilton:

Family and Children's Counseling Professional social workers provide counseling services that utilize individual and family strengths to address a wide variety of problems including death, divorce, substance use, abuse and neglect, and other social and mental health issues.

Parent Education Courses are designed to help parents learn the skills necessary to address the challenges of parenting so that they can raise healthy children in loving and respectful families. Throughout the year, evening courses are held in local communities to accommodate the needs of working parents

Adoption Services help insure that children being adopted are placed in good families who are prepared for parenting and ready for the unique joys and challenges of raising an adopted child. Services are also available after the adoption is final for adoptive parents, their children and birthparents.

Intensive Tracking and Supervision helps prevent placement through provision of community based family counseling, intensive supervision, and support to CHINS or delinquent youth and their families.

Group Home provides long-term residential care and emergency overnight shelter for youth between the ages of 13 and 18.

Child Health Support workers assist families who have abused or neglected children to help solve the problems that led to the abuse or neglect and to strengthen the family.

Camp Spaulding provides residential camping for children 9 – 14.

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VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION OF FRANKLIN

It is a pleasure to report that the Visiting Nurse Association of Franklin continues to provide efficient and effective home care services to 196 residents of Tilton. Now in our 58th year of service, the VNA staff demonstrates compassion and commitment in providing personalized quality care to our patients while we adjust to the ever changing regulatory mandates of the health care industry.

In July, 2003 the agency clinical staff completed their first full year using the Smart Clipboard electronic documentation system. The transition has had its ups and downs, but overall using the computers to facilitate documenting in the patient's home has resulted in timely and accurate records, legible printed orders to physicians and a deficiency-free Medicare site survey in August 2003!

In April 2003 all health care agencies were required to be compliant with the regulations of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. This required a complete reassessment of all of our patient information forms and releases, as well as developing an extensive Notice of Privacy Practices given to all patients currently served and to all who are referred in the future. For the protection of our patients we have business agreements of with anyone who might be exposed to any confidential health information which further insures privacy of patients.

The "Healthy Families of the Twin Rivers" is a support program for young moms and their babies from the first trimester through the first year of life originally funded through a grant from the state using tobacco monies. That funding was cut in the budget process this year, but we are continuing to maintain the program as it supports some of our community's most vulnerable. It is our hope that that funding will be available to continue this program in the coming year.

Nationally the home care industry is facing additional cuts this year for services provided to elders many of whom are already having to choose between using their fixed income for food or needed medications. An additional cut was the April '03 10% decrease in the Medicare reimbursement for services provided to patients in rural areas. In New Hampshire the state's budgetary constraints resulted in another year of flat funding for Medicaid services and discussion of a need for waiting lists for those needing care. All of these fiscal constraints will impact our agency and the way in which we provide services within our communities.

Through all of the uncertainties of the funding sources, we remain committed to our mission of providing the highest quality home care services to those of our community who are in need. We salute each member of the staff of the VNA of Franklin who have faced the challenges of this year with patience and good humor. We have learned together and kept our patients' well being as our main focus. Our patients come first.

Carol S. Plumb
Executive Director

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CONCORD REGIONAL SOLID WASTE / RESOURCE RECOVERY COOPERATIVE 2003 ANNUAL REPORT

2004 BUDGET

1.	Wheelabrator Concord Company Service Fee	\$2,073,420
2.	Rebates and Reconciliation	64,800
3.	Bypass disposal Cost Reserve	224,000
4.	Franklin Residue Landfill	
	a. Operation and Maintenance	\$ 949,513
	b. Expansion Sinking Fund	2,100,000
	c. Closure Fund	24,000
	d. Long Term Maintenance Fund	<u>19,000</u>
	Total	\$ 3,092,513
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5.	Cooperative Expenses, Consultants & Studies	417,854
	TOTAL BUDGET	\$5,872,587
6.	Less: Interest, surplus, recycled tons and over GAT.	<u>-802,000</u>
	Net to be raised by Co-op Communities	\$5,070,587

2004 GAT of 136,489 and Net Budget of \$5,070,587=
Tipping Fee of \$37.15 per ton

We are happy to report to all member communities that 2003 marked our fourteenth complete year of successful operations. Some items of interest follow:

The 2004 budget reflects a tipping fee of \$37.15 per ton. This represents an increase of \$.15/ton. This tipping fee is now a blended fee including costs for tons at or above the FFT.

A total of 146,471 tons of waste was delivered to the Wheelabrator facility this year. This represents an increase of 6,345 tons over 2002, or a 4.5% increase. Compared to previous years this increase was significant.

A total of 65,811 tons of ash were delivered to the Franklin ash monofill for disposal. The ash landfill continues to operate very well. Phase III Stage V is being filled at this time. The most recent expansion will provide disposal capacity for the next two years.

The Cooperative continues to look to the future by planning for construction of Phases IV and V at the Franklin site.

Negotiations with Wheelabrator concerning the extension of the Service Contract are in progress.

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LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION 2002 -- 2003

The Lakes Region has changed tremendously in the past 20 years. Homes and businesses have expanded along major roadways, and many of our communities have experienced dramatic change. This growth has resulted in a number of regional challenges. The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is the area organization established to address the effects of growth at both the local and regional level. With a service area covering over 1,200 square miles in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton and Merrimack Counties, the LRPC provides a wide range of planning services to member municipalities. The Commission offers diverse direct and support services ranging from technical assistance, geographic information systems, and transportation planning, to land use and environmental planning, and economic development. The LRPC is primarily funded from local, state, and federal resources. We are contacted several times daily for answers to local issues. We also maintain a regular dialogue with state agencies as a resource for the entire Lakes Region. Our goal remains to provide support and leadership to the governments, businesses and citizens of the Lakes Region.

Here are some of our services performed on behalf of Tilton and the region in the past fiscal year:

- ❖ Sent digital map layers to a local engineer working on the Winnepesaukee River Trail who wanted to know the potential impact of the pathway on landowners.
- ❖ Provided regional and local documentation to the parks committee for a grant application, as requested.
- ❖ Attended and facilitated a public hearing on a proposed park.
- ❖ Reviewed and provided comments to the Tilton Riverfront Park Committee's draft request for qualifications.
- ❖ Provided information on reference resources to local officials interested in a parking standards ordinance.
- ❖ Created and provided maps of three industrial lots in Tilton to an agent working with the Belknap County Economic Development Council.
- ❖ Researched and provided information on the New Hampshire RSA's regulating conversion of commercial rental properties to condominiums.
- ❖ Provided regional and local documentation for a grant application to the Land and Community Conservation Fund for a riverside park and river public access site.
- ❖ Ordered for the Tilton Planning Board ten copies of the 2003-2004 N.H. Planning and Land Use Regulation Books and one CD/Publication at considerable savings.
- ❖ Co-hosted and organized three public Municipal Law Lectures where practicing attorneys provide a legal perspective on local planning, zoning and other municipal issues. Recent lectures included: Growth Management and Smart Growth, Effective Enforcement of Local Land Use Decisions and Regulations, and Nonconforming Uses and Vested Rights. We also prepared for the 2003 Law Lectures, in partnership with the NH Municipal Association.
- ❖ Completed and distributed the Lakes Region Demographic Profile; a comprehensive compilation of key socioeconomic indicators from the US Census, and other data sources.
- ❖ Convened several meetings of the LRPC Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to enhance local involvement in transportation planning and project development. The TAC usually advises the LRPC on projects are of regional significance.

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- ❖ Initiated the start of the Lakes Region Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. This planning effort will help provide a blueprint for the location of local bike and pedestrian routes.
- ❖ Hosted a National Flood Insurance Program Workshop for Local Officials that provided an overview of the National Flood Insurance Program and training for local officials.
- ❖ With assistance from the Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) SEED Capacity Grant, LRPC completed a number of work products including the Demographic Profile, coordination with area economic development organizations and Main Street communities, and the computerization of town-level economic development data.
- ❖ Reviewed project proposals through the NH Intergovernmental Review Agreement that provides the region and local communities an opportunity to respond to applications seeking state and federal aid. LRPC reviewed many proposals having a combined investment total greater than \$16 million in the Lakes Region.
- ❖ Conducted over 160 traffic counts and several road inventories around the region, in cooperation with the NH Department of Transportation.
- ❖ Continued technical support to the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee, in cooperation with the NH Department of Environmental Services.
- ❖ Convened four area Commission meetings that featured Natural Resources Planning: a Lakes Region perspective. The presentations were followed by facilitated discussions that identified issues and innovative natural resource initiatives.
- ❖ Planned the 18th annual household hazardous waste collection in the Lakes Region. In FY-04, two consecutive Saturdays were designated as collection days for the 24 participating communities. An estimated 20,000 total gallons of waste were collected, containerized, and transported to EPA approved end-of-life locations around the country.
- ❖ Updated the annual Development Trends in the Lakes Region, a survey of subdivision, housing construction, industrial, and commercial development.
- ❖ In consultation with the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), LRPC prepared, adopted, and submitted to the NH DOT the latest regional recommendations for Transportation Enhancement Funding.
- ❖ Represented the region on several committees including: the NH Transportation Enhancement Advisory Committee, the Statewide steering committee to update the NH Airport System Plan, the Belknap County Economic Development Council, the Northern Rail Task Force, among others.
- ❖ LRPC also continues to assist start-up efforts of the recently opened Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility.
- ❖ Secured funding from the NH Emergency Management Bureau to assist local communities with the preparation of all hazard management plans.

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REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT ONE By Ray Burton, Executive Councilor

It is a pleasure to report to you now in my 25th year of serving the 98 towns, 4 cities and Coos, Carroll, Grafton, Sullivan and Belknap counties of New Hampshire. All together there are 249,000 people who I consider my customers, clients and constituents. It has always been a pleasure to respond, as my duties within the Executive Branch of your state government mandate, to inquiries for information, relief and assistance as provided in NH state law and budget. It is an honor to serve you as a public servant.

Below are listed several documents that are available to citizens and I find them to be a valuable NH resource.

The 2003-2004 state telephone directory of state departments and personnel. This 180 page directory includes TDD access numbers, office information, coordinators, map of location of state buildings, legislative listings, judicial branch listings, department listings, personnel listing and a topical listing. This is available for a cost of \$6.00 plus \$2.50 postage. Make checks payable to the State of New Hampshire, or order on line at www.gencourt.state.nh.us/visitorcenter. The entire directory is available at <http://www.state.nh.us/government/agencies.html>

The 2003-04 NH County Directory of all NH County officials is free and available by calling (603) 224-9222. This is also on the web at www.nhcounties.org

Also available at no cost from the Secretary of State Office at 271-3242 or at elections@sos.state.nh.us, or mail at Secretary of State, State House Room 204, Concord, NH 03301 are the following publications:

The NH Election Procedural Manual for 2004-2005

The NH Election Laws for 2004-2005

The NH Political calendar for 2004-2005

The duties of the NH Executive Council, The NH Tour Guide book, the official tourist map and the NH Constitution are always available from my office at 271-3632 or 747-3662 or ray.burton4@gte.net

As long as I'm around as one of your elected officials never ever feel you are alone in your hour of need. Contact me anytime!

ALWAYS DO THE RIGHT THING.
THIS WILL GRATIFY SOME PEOPLE
AND ASTONISH THE REST.

Mark Twain





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MARRAIGES RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF TILTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003

<u>DATE OF MARRIAGE</u>	<u>GROOM AND BRIDE</u>	<u>RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE</u>
JANUARY 4	LAPIERRE, JASON E. HOYT, RENEE L.	TILTON, NH TILTON, NH
JANUARY 4	COUCH, JOSEPH L. BAGLEY, DONNA G.	TILTON, NH TILTON, NH
FEBRUARY 1	MATTO, CHRISTOPHER J. DRESHA, SARAH L.	TILTON, NH LACONIA, NH
FEBRUARY 14	MINER, JOHN R. LITTLE, SUSANNE R.	TILTON, NH TILTON, NH
MARCH 1	PAQUET, BRIAN K. LANGLITZ, WENDY D.	TILTON, NH TILTON, NH
MARCH 15	MARINI, STEVEN D. STONE, MILDRED P.	TILTON, NH TILTON, NH
MARCH 19	NASH, KENNETH R. BARRY, LAURA A.	TILTON, NH TILTON, NH
MARCH 29	RIORDON, MICHAEL S. MORTON, AMANDA J.	TILTON, NH LACONIA, NH
JUNE 7	AUDET, BRIAN P. RIBERDY, KELLIE L.	TILTON, NH TILTON, NH
JUNE 7	BISSONNETTE, BRIAN D. SCHULZE, JENNESSA L.	TILTON, NH TILTON, NH
JUNE 8	PELLETIER, JEREMY A. PECTEAU, AMANDA D.	TILTON, NH TILTON, NH
JULY 11	STACY, RYAN R. SHAW, JILL M.	TILTON, NH TILTON, NH
JULY 26	SZOT, THOMAS J. AUBE, BRIDGET M.	TILTON, NH TILTON, NH
JULY 28	DESPINS, PAUL L. WAGNER, BRENDA A,	TILTON, NH TILTON, NH

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MARRAIGES RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF TILTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003

<u>DATE OF MARRIAGE</u>	<u>GROOM AND BRIDE</u>	<u>RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE</u>
AUGUST 2	DURAND, BRIAN J. STINSON, JESSICA A.	TILTON, NH TILTON, NH
AUGUST 2	WORSTER, CRAIG D. ORBECK, KERRIE M.	TILTON, NH TILTON, NH
AUGUST 15	BAILEY, DOUGLAS J. TAYLOR, JESSICA P.	TILTON, NH CONCORD, NH
AUGUST 16	SEAVY, MARK R. ROGERS, LURA J.	TILTON, NH TILTON, NH
AUGUST 23	HANKS, JASON A. DAWSON, HELEN E.	NORTHFIELD, NH TILTON, NH
SEPTEMBER 9	KIRBY, PETER T. LIEGHTON, REBECCA L.	FRANKLIN, NH TILTON, NH
SEPTEMBER 20	GOLDTHWAITE, BRUCE W. HOWARD, TRACY L.	TILTON, NH TILTON, NH
SEPTEMBER 23	STOKES, GEORGE R. HOWE, PATRICIA E.	TILTON, NH TILTON, NH
OCTOBER 11	BOUGHTON, JUSTIN G. CHAMPOUX, JENNIFER A.	TILTON, NH TILTON, NH
OCTOBER 25	PICKNELL, PHILIP W. GLINES, SUSAN	TILTON, NH TILTON, NH
OCTOBER 31	ANGERS, MICHAEL S. NEDEAU, SHEILA L.	TILTON, NH TILTON, NH
NOVEMBER 15	STILLINGS, JOHN C. PUTNEY, JENNIFER R.	TILTON, NH TILTON, NH
DECEMBER 13	RENAUD, KEITH E. ROGERS, NICOLE A.	TILTON, NH TILTON, NH

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Cynthia D. Reinartz
Town Clerk

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BIRTHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF TILTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003

<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>BIRTH PLACE</u>	<u>NAME OF CHILD</u>	<u>FATHER'S NAME & MOTHER'S NAME</u>
JANUARY 13	CONCORD, NH	HOUGH, TAYLOR KAYE	HOUGH, GREGG HIGGINS, SUE
JANUARY 19	LEBANON, NH	LUANGRATH, VERONICA PHETLAM	LUANGRATH, DONNY LUANGRATH, SENGPHETSOUPHAN
MARCH 3	CONCORD, NH	WILLIAMS, AARON ROSELLI	WILLIAMS, PETER WILLIAMS, MICHELE
MARCH 15	LACONIA, NH	MAHONEY, GRACE ELLEN	MAHONEY, TIMOTHY MAHONEY, MONICA
APRIL 27	CONCORD, NH	CLOUTIER, KYLE JACOB	CLOUTIER, MICHAEL CLOUTIER, DAWN
MAY 29	CONCORD, NH	ANDREW, TEGAN ELIZABETH	ANDREW, DAVID ANDREW, TRACY
MAY 29	FRANKLIN, NH	GALLIEN, ARIANNA SKYE	GALLIEN, ERIC GALLIEN, JENNIFER
MAY 30	NASHUA, NH	PYRA, NICHOLAS ERIC	PYRA, ERIC PYRA, PAMELA
MAY 30	LACONIA, NH	MANNING, IAN JACOB ROBERT	MANNING SCOTT MANNING, TONI
MAY 31	LACONIA, NH	FINOGLE, GAVIN MICHAEL	FINOGLE, MICHAEL FINOGLE, LORIE
JULY 9	CONCORD, NH	LACHAPELLE, KAI YONG	LACHAPELLE, MIKEL LACHAPELLE, YUNHEE
JULY 10	CONCORD, NH	LARGE, AMELIA CAREY	LARGE, HENRY LARGE, KIRSTEN
AUGUST 12	CONCORD, NH	RIORDON, ABIGAIL ELIZABETH	RIORDON, MICHAEL RIORDON, AMANDA
AUGUST 31	CONCORD, NH	HARRIS, KIERNAN CHARLES	HARRIS, BRIAN HARRIS, GINA
SEPTEMBER 1	LACONIA, NH	PATTEN, TISHARA LYNN	PATTEN, LUCAS PATTEN, LISA

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BIRTHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF TILTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003

<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>BIRTH PLACE</u>	<u>NAME OF CHILD</u>	<u>FATHER'S NAME & MOTHER'S NAME</u>
SEPTEMBER 17	CONCORD, NH	LCHAPELLE, KEGAN RILEY	LACHAPELLE, KEVIN LACHAPELLE TARRA
SEPTEMBER 22	LACONIA, NH	DIMOND, MEGAN IVY	DIMOND, BRUCE DIMOND, JAMIE
OCTOBER 29	LEBANON, NH	THIBAULT, KRISTINA MARIE	THIBAULT, RICHARD THIBAULT, DOREEN
DECEMBER 5	CONCORD, NH	PEREZ, ZACHARY ELIJAH	PEREZ, CHRISTOPHER PEREZ, JEANNETTE
DECEMBER 6	LACONIA, NH	DALTON, LEA ROSE	DALTON, TIMOTHY DALTON, DEBORAH

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Cynthia D. Reinartz
Town Clerk

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DEATHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF TILTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003

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JANUARY 6	TILTON, NH	LARAMIE, ANDREW	LARAMIE, JOSEPH FORTIER, MARIE
JANUARY 12	FRANKLIN, NH	BYRNES, ALBERT	BYRNES, THOMAS THEVIDO, ZNEAIDE
JANUARY 13	TILTON, NH	BLISS, ROBERT O.	BLISS, ROBERT DANNIGKEIT, BRIGITTE
JANUARY 17	TILTON, NH	HILL, JAMES E.	HILL, ALOYSIUS CURTIS, CATHERINE
JANUARY 20	LEBANON, NH	LUANGRATH, VERONICA PHETLAM	LUANGRATH, DONNY SYHABOUT, SENGPHETSOUPHAN
JANUARY 29	TILTON	COLE, ERNEST R.	COLE, RALPH PRUE, JOSEPHINE
FEBRUARY 1	FRANKLIN, NH	HEINEMANN, ERNEST A.	HEINEMANN, ERNEST WINKLER, ROSINA
FEBRUARY 2	TILTON, NH	BAYLEY, ISABELLE W.	FLAGG, JOHN GILLON, ISABELLE
FEBRUARY 14	CONCORD, NH	HOPKINSON, WILLIAM P.	HOPKINSON, WILLIAM WALTON, HAZEL
FEBRUARY 15	FRANKLIN, NH	BENZ, LAWRENCE	BENZ, LAWRENCE DAVIS, ROSE
FEBRUARY 17	TILTON, NH	BRALEY, ERVIN H.	BRALEY, CLAUDE BATCHELDER, VIOLA
FEBRUARY 26	TILTON, NH	BRADFORD, HARRY B.	BRADFORD, HARRY WATERHOUSE, VERA
MARCH 21	CONCORD, NH	KING, ALBERTA	ROGERS, LESTER TATROE, RACHEL
APRIL 1	FRANKLIN, NH	BLANCHETTE, MARGARET I.	GRAY, ALBERT BROWN, BESSIE

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APRIL 5	FRANKLIN, NH	STANTON, ROBERT J	STANTON, WILLIAM BRENNAN, JULIA
APRIL 6	LACONIA, NH	EARLE, ROSELL E.	EARLE, FLOYD PRIEST, MERLE
APRIL 14	LACONIA, NH	THORPE, ELLERY V.	THORPE, HARRISON GREENHILL, FLORENCE
APRIL 17	LACONIA, NH	YORK, DONNA L.	MARDEN, HOWARD PIKE, SHIRLEY
APRIL 22	FRANKLIN, NH	LORDEN, MARY E.	LORDEN, CORNELIUS HANNON, HELEN
MAY 9	SANBORNTON, NH	COX, ROSEMARIE R.	COX, THOMAS SCHUG, GERMAINE
MAY 11	TILTON, NH	RIEL, ARTHUR D.	RIEL, WILFRED TREMBLAY, ALICE
MAY 17	TILTON, NH	MCCOLLIGAN, JOSEPH V.	MCCOLLIGAN, JOHN LOGAN, ALICE
MAY 21	TILTON, NH	LAFORREST, CONRAD V.	LAFORREST, VICTOR MAYNARD, LILLIANNE
MAY 23	LACONIA, NH	PHILLIPS, MARY J.	MILLS, WESLEY SHAW, MYRTLE
MAY 23	TILTON, NH	ROBY, HELEN I.	MOSEWICK, ALEXANDER UNKNOWN, IRENE
JUNE 7	TILTON, NH	STEBBINS, GEORGE E.	STEBBINS, DWIGHT BOARDWAY, ELIZABETH
JUNE 20	TILTON, NH	SPINNEY, JOHN E.	SPINNEY, IVAH JOHNSON, BERTHA
JUNE 29	TILTON, NH	SKINNER, HERMAN C.	SKINNER, HERMAN CODY, HAZEL
JUNE 29	TILTON, NH	CHAMBERS, PHILIP S.	CHAMBERS, HORACE JOHNSON, DOROTHY

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JUNE 30	FRANKLIN, NH	SMITH, JOANNE	MATUSKA, JOSEPH BECHTEL, ANNA
JULY 4	CONCORD, NH	BLAKESLEE, EDWARD R.	BLAKESLEE, EDWARD FITZGERALD, LILLIAN
JULY 13	TILTON, NH	RICHARDS, FRANK F.	RICHARDS, EDWARD BUTTON, MAUDE
JULY 16	LACONIA, NH	BROWN, LEO M.	BROWN, LEO CAMPATELLI, ELEANOR
JULY 27	FRANKLIN, NH	TOTI, ANTHONY E.	TOTI, PHILIPPO CALENTI, THERESA
JULY 31	TILTON, NH	GRANGER, EDNA L.	MOON, LEON CHURCH, FLORA
AUGUST 3	FRANKLIN, NH	LOZEAU, RAYMOND	LOZEAU, EUCHARISTE HEROUX, ELPHEMA
AUGUST 14	TILTON, NH	STEVENS, IDA A.	STEVENS, CURTIS MORRILL, HATTIE
AUGUST 18	TILTON, NH	DOWLING, HUGH G.	DOWLING, CHARLES GIBSON, PRISCILLA
AUGUST 18	LEBANON, NH	MEACK, ROBERT E.	MEACK, RALPH MCMANUS, ROBERTA
AUGUST 26	TILTON, NH	DOD, HALSEY H.	DOD, HALSEY TESDORF, MARIE
AUGUST 30	TILTON, NH	LITTLE, RAYMOND W.	LITTLE, WILLIAM LEAVITT, MABEL
AUGUST 31	TILTON, NH	COLE, CLINTON H.	COLE, JOHN PHELPS, ANNIE
SEPTEMBER 1	FRANKLIN, NH	LANDFARE, HARVEY L.	LANDFARE, ALLEN MOSS, ADA
SEPTEMBER 3	TILTON, NH	ATHERTON, DOROTHY E.	ABBOTT, IRA ASH, FLORENCE

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SEPTEMBER 10	TILTON, NH	BABCOCK, BASIL P.	BABCOCK, BASIL RANGER, KATHERINE
SEPTEMBER 24	FRANKLIN, NH	SWEENEY, ROBERT A.	SWEENEY, JEREMIAH LUDWIG, KATHERINE
SEPTEMBER 24	TILTON, NH	SKELDON, ROBERT A.	SKELDON, THOMAS HENDERSON, JANE
OCTOBER 19	MILFORD, NH	SEBILIAN, PAUL	SEBILIAN, MARKAR HAJARIAN, ELMAS
OCTOBER 24	TILTON, NH	DOULD, EDITH H.	DOULD, DOUGLAS MCGOWEN, EDITH
OCTOBER 27	TILTON, NH	STOREY, GREGORY J.	STOREY, CLAYTON BEAUPRE, ELLEN
OCTOBER 31	FRANKLIN, NH	EARLE, LYDIA M.	WILLETTE, ALFRED LOCKE, CLARA
NOVEMBER 1	LACONIA, NH	MASON, ALBERT J.	MASON, LOUIS TATRO, LYDIA
NOVEMBER 21	FRANKLIN, NH	STRICKLAND, GERGE E.	STRICKLAND, EDWARD POLLARD, MARY
NOVEMBER 24	LACONIA, NH	NORTON, RICHARD A.	NORTON, EDMUND SIMPSON, FLORENCE
NOVEMBER 25	TILTON, NH	LADOW, CHESTER F.	LADOW, WILLIAM UNKNOWN, ALICE
NOVEMBER 30	FRANKLIN, NH	WELLS, WINTHROP P.	WELLS, JOHN PORTER, BERTHA
DECEMBER 8	LACONIA, NH	WHITEHEAD, PHYLLIS L.	GRIFFIN, CHARLES GARRICK, SARAH
DECEMBER 11	FRANKLIN, NH	THERIAULT, BEATRICE E.	MCPHAIL, FRANK SEELEY, BERTHA

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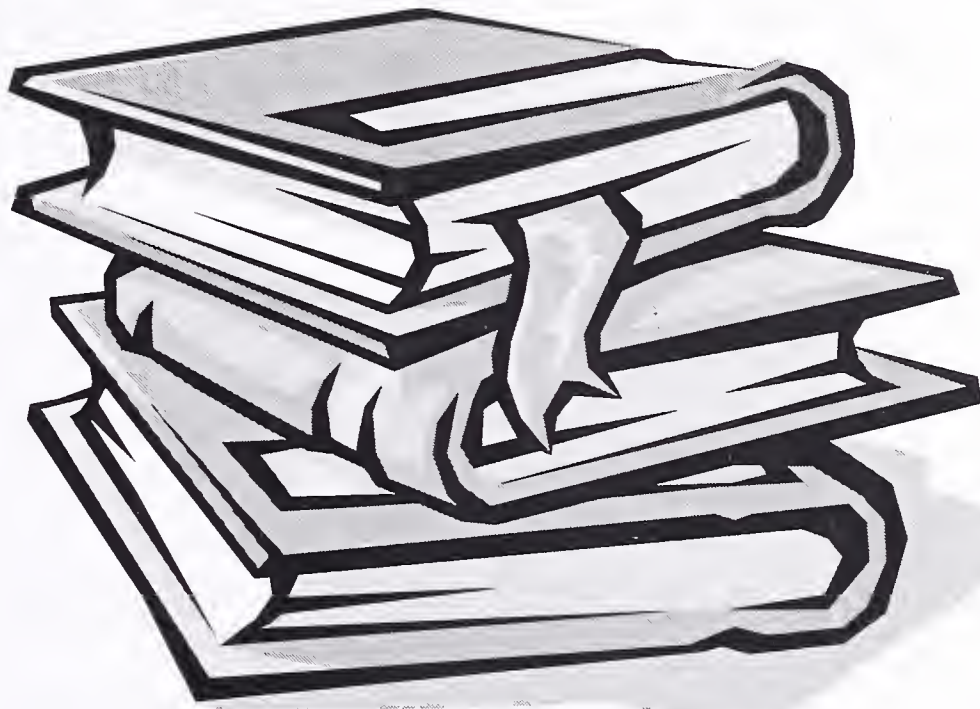
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DECEMBER 17	TILTON, NH	NAZER, ALBERT T.	NAZER, JAMES MURDOCK, ANN
DECEMBER 25	FRANKLIN, NH	GIBBONS, JOHN B.	GIBBONS, JOHN BETHUNE, ELIZABETH
NOVEMBER 25	FRANKLIN, NH	WALTER A. ZDON	JOHN ZDON MARY POFTAK
DECEMBER 3	FRANKLIN, NH	RITA E. TUCKER	PETER VACHON STELLA CLAIRMONT
DECEMBER 15	MEREDITH, NH	HERVE A. CARIGNAN	ARTHUR CARIGNAN CORDELIA UNKNOWN
DECEMBER 23	CONCORD, NH	ANTHONY V. SALERNI	HENRY SALERNI JOAN OUELLETTE
DECEMBER 26	TILTON	CLAYTON L. ROGERS	LESTER RODGERS RACHEAL TATRO
DECEMBER 29	TILTON	VERONICA L. OLIVER	JOSEPH GAMACHE LAURA GUYOTTE

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Cynthia D. Reinartz
Town Clerk

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Budget Committee	2 nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission	3 rd Monday	7:30 p.m.
Library Trustees	1 st Tuesday	5:30 p.m.
Park Commission	As Needed	
Planning Board (July & August)	2 nd & 4 th Tuesday 2 nd Tuesday	6:30 p.m.
Recreation Council	2 nd Monday	6:30 p.m.
Selectmen	Every Other Thursday	6:00 p.m.
Sewer Commission	3 rd Thursday	7:30 p.m.
Trustees of the Trust Funds	As Needed	
Zoning Board of Adjustment (no meetings during month of December)	3 rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m.



