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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Harry Gale, Jr. Term Expires 2010

SELECTMEN

Richard Leone, Chairman Term Expires 2009
Stephen W. White, Vice Chairman Term Expires 2011
Frederick Gallup Term Expires 2010
Emma M. Smith Term Expires 2010
William Roach Term Expires 2009

TOWN MANAGER

Donna M. Nashawaty
Barbara Vaughn, Administrative Assistant

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Betty H. Ramspott Term Expires 2009
Melissa Heino, Deputy

ALTERNATIVE WASTE COMMITTEE

John Chesson Term Expires 2010
Ronald Verblauw Term Expires 2010
Charles Balyeat Term Expires 2010
Richard Webb Term Expires 2010
Stephen White Term Expires 2010
J. Anthony Bergeron
Donna Nashawaty

ASSESSORS

Normand Bernaiche
Kris McAllister
Sarah R. Barton, Assessing Assistant & Town Report Coordinator

BALLOT CLERKS

John V. Chesson Democrat
Sally J. Putonen Democrat
Justine Cutting Republican
Vacancy Republican

BEAUTIFICATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Donna Gazelle Term Expires 2009
Barbara Cooper Term Expires 2010
Diane Guyer Term Expires 2011

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Scott Unsworth Term Expires 2009
Charles Smith Term Expires 2011
Spotswood (Spec) Bowers Term Expires 2012

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Robert M. Haselton, Jr. Term Expires 2011
Norman Dalton, Appointed Term Expires 2010

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Van Webb, Chairman Term Expires 2011
Bruce Burdett Term Expires 2009
Rem Mastin Term Expires 2010
Lela Emery Term Expires 2009
Timothy Fleury Term Expires 2011
Robert Hill Term Expires 2010
Roger Whitaker Term Expires 2010

CROWTHER CHAPEL COMMITTEE

Francis Nolin, Jr. Term Expires 2011
Wenda Nolin Term Expires 2010
D. Randall Richards Term Expires 2010
John Augustine Term Expires 2011
Richard Leone Term Expires 2010
J. Anthony Bergeron, Advisory

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Howard G. Sargent

FIRE DEPARTMENT ENGINEERS

Daniel R. Ruggles, Chief Term Expires 2012
Dana Ramspott Term Expires 2010
Howard Sargent Term Expires 2011
Mark Scott, Appointed Term Expires 2009

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Daniel R. Ruggles Term Expires 2010

FOREST FIRE DEPUTY WARDENS

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

HEALTH OFFICER

Michael Dashner

Donna Nashawaty, Deputy

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

Daniel R. Ruggles

Fire Chief

LIGHTING COMMITTEE

Daniel Banks	Term Expires 2011
J. Anthony Bergeron	Term Expires 2009
David Cahill	Term Expires 2009
Donna Nashawaty	Term Expires 2009
Victor Reno	Term Expires 2011
Aaron Simpson	Term Expires 2011
Emma Smith	Term Expires 2010

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

John Walden

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Rhonda Gurney, Chairperson	Term Expires 2009
Lisa Bozogan	Term Expires 2010
Tracy Nangeroni	Term Expires 2009
Lois Gallup	Term Expires 2010
Barbara Chalmers	Term Expires 2011
Xan Gallup	Term Expires 2011
Faith Reney	Term Expires 2009
Lisa Meehan, Alt.	Term Expires 2009
Terri White, Alt.	Term Expires 2009

OLD TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

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

PLANNING BOARD

Margaret Chalmers, Chairman	Term Expires 2011
Allan Davis	Term Expires 2010
Bruce Jennings	Term Expires 2010
Derek B. Tatlock	Term Expires 2009
Philip Porter	Term Expires 2009
Peter White, Appointed	Term Expires 2011
Emma M. Smith, Ex-officio for Selectmen	Term Expires 2010
Frederick Gallup, Ex-officio Alternate	Term Expires 2010

POLICE CHIEF

David P. Cahill

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Scott Blewitt

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Brian Garland	Term Expires 2010
Patricia Halpin	Term Expires 2011
Charles Weinstein	Term Expires 2009
Paul Skarin	Term Expires 2010
Melissa Eastman	Term Expires 2009
Marilyn Morse	Term Expires 2009
Craig Heino	Term Expires 2010

ROAD AGENT

J. Anthony Bergeron

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Jenny Dodd	Term Expires 2012
Faith W. Reney	Term Expires 2014
Kathy Weinstein	Term Expires 2010

TOWN PLANNER

Michael Marquise

TREASURER

Alan Doherty	Term Expires 2009
Billie Barry, Deputy	

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

James A. Southard, Chairman	Term Expires 2010
Richard Quinlan	Term Expires 2011
J. William Scharff	Term Expires 2009

SUNAPEE REPRESENTATIVES TO UPPER VALLEY LAKE

**SUNAPEE REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Aaron Simpson	Term Expires 2010
Stephen W. White	Term Expires 2011

WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT

David Bailey

WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Tracy Nangeroni, Chairman	Term Expires 2009
Aaron Simpson	Term Expires 2009
Helen Charpentier	Term Expires 2010
Theodore Gallup	Term Expires 2010
Paul Manson	Term Expires 2010
Kurt Markarian	Term Expires 2011

Charles F. Smith

Term Expires 2010

WELFARE DIRECTOR

Community Alliance ~ Julie Carson

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Roger Landry

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Peter Urbach, Chairman	Term Expires 2010
James P. Lyons	Term Expires 2010
Robert Henry	Term Expires 2009
Alexander Kish	Term Expires 2011
Harry Gazelle	Term Expires 2009
Edward Frothingham	Term Expires 2009
Bennie Cooper, Alternate	Term Expires 2011
Charles Balyeat, Alternate	Term Expires 2010

2008 TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

2008 was the year of information and how we communicate with the public to keep the residents of Sunapee informed about the business that happens here at town offices. I think more people are using our web site, and making it more interactive and user friendly was at the top of my list for the year. If you haven't checked it out, please visit www.town.sunapee.nh.us and sign up for news. We are most diligent in our posting to the site and departments are now thinking about this as a medium for communications. The Recreation Department section has become quite popular, as well as Meeting Minutes from various Boards. Relative to communications, on your ballot in March, there will be an article to join seven other communities that are participating in the broadband consortium. This article will not obligate expenditure, but will give the communities the authority to form a formal consortium. There will be further action in the coming months.

In 2008 we had a town-wide committee training session to make sure everyone was current on the "right-to-know" law. The law enables and ensures the greatest possible public access to the actions, discussions and records of all public bodies, and their accountability to the people. My office will continue to assist with this process, as we all want to make sure that the public is well informed.

Use of the Lower level meeting room also has been streamlined as this has been a great solution to meetings that were too large for our prior room and centrally located for 50-60 people, we have a meeting scheduled for almost every evening of the week. We have been able to do power point presentations and make sure that all can see and participate when necessary. As far as Town Offices go, we are finally done with the last of the renovations, and for anyone who has noticed, the entrance has been changed so that our heat loss is reduced. In the past, we had to chip ice off the threshold of the main door so it could be locked. As a result of the enclosure, we should see a reduction in the overall fuel used since the heat is not escaping so readily.

2008 also was the year for some personnel changes as prior employees moved on. We welcome Barbara Vaughn and Sarah Barton to the Selectmen's office. It was a challenge to have both critical positions in the office filled and trained at the same time; however we overcame that challenge and are moving forward to streamline some of the processes that occur here. One example is the transfer station decals renewing every 3 years instead of annually for property owners. Maureen Brandon is our newest addition, filling the part-time payroll position. Edythe Dexter retired at year end 2007 after many years of service and filling her zoning duties was a priority during 2008 as well.

Planning and Zoning was a busy informational time since the Shoreland Protection Act changes brought many calls and training sessions in order to help our residents know what to expect. The Board of Selectmen have established a new committee that is looking at street lights in the town so look for future updates and opportunity for public input on their recommendations. In addition to the spiking fuel prices, another challenge for finance in 2008 was trying to keep expenses within budget even though Mother Nature dropped the April floods on us so soon after the 2007 flooding which depleted our stock of supplies. Under Tony Bergeron's seasoned guidance as the Road Agent, we were able to cut some enhancements in order to compensate for the impact. The Hazard Mitigation Plan for Sunapee has been updated during 2008 with guidance from the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, Chief Ruggles, Chief Cahill, Tony Bergeron, Howard Sargent and Dave Bailey; and the same workforce, will for 2009, update our Emergency Management Plan.

I encourage you to read the detailed reports of each department as they contain the particulars that are too numerous for me to include in my report. As the Town Manager, I remain ready, willing and able to address your concerns and complaints and welcome as always, your comments. As we continue on in this declining economic period, please be assured that we are always looking for ways to economize and encourage your suggestions.

Respectfully submitted
Donna M. Nashawaty, Town Manager

2008 SELECTMAN'S REPORT

We cannot predict what will actually happen from January 1 to December 31st in any given year. Fortunately, as a board we have the mechanism of presenting a carefully planned budget to guide us to some type of structure and control of needed services to help our community function. Unknown contingencies can and will occur. We can shift some line items to stay within budget when feasible. In Sunapee we have the amenity of having a cadre of dedicated volunteers who serve on our boards and commissions. Coupled with our town Manager, department heads and work force personnel we have been able to maintain our infrastructure in a positive atmosphere.

One of our major expenditures this year was the necessary replacement of the Treatment Plant Road Bridge. Although, we had inklings that the State had concerns with the deterioration of the bottoms of the two-twenty four foot culverts, we didn't anticipate it would be so sudden. This project eventually ended up costing in the vicinity of \$612,000 and that included the expense of renting a "Bailey Bridge" while constructing the new one. Fortunately, we qualify for State reimbursement of 80% for bridge construction costs. In any event, this put the lower main bridge on hold. Tony Bergeron, our highway agent had hoped to make that next on the list as under present conditions buses nor heavy trucks can pass over it. This is especially costly to the school district for buses going to and from the Wendell area.

A spike in oil prices during much of 2008 created a scare with our highway and police budgets. Luckily, our manager and department heads were able to make the necessary adjustments to get us through.

Our board supports the efforts of the Water and Sewer Department to establish a sewer system for Perkins Pond. Not only do its waters join the outlets of pristine Long and Ledge Ponds and into the Sugar River, it also contributes \$29,000,000 to our tax assessments with relatively few services.

On a more positive note, the Old Town Hall Committee had the distinction of being honored by the NH Preservation Alliance by awarding the Old Town Hall a "seven to save" recognition for 2008. It is now listed on the

NH State Registry. The significance of this is that having this status opens up opportunities for government grants.

The closing of the Argus Champion, one of our two area newspapers, created a huge media vacuum. Not only was it a source for information, it acted as a sounding board for residents and was often used for town notices. It will be interesting to see how this void is going to be filled. Will it be expanded news coverage from other newspapers, radio, town website, local blog sites, or public access channel? All have their limitations. For instance, less than half of our community is on Comcast and many do not have computers.

Speaking of media issues, our town manager and office personnel have done an admirable job of streamlining our website. We hope more people will take advantage of it as it covers a multitude of items which we citizens can benefit from. If you wish to learn more about the issues our board has dealt with this year, type in "Sunapee" in search and check our agendas and minutes. We also hope you will scrutinize this town report and see who all of the board and commission volunteers are. If you have a bonafide interest or expertise in any given area, please contact the Town Manager for an application. We greatly encourage it.

The tri-town assessing program including Newbury, New London and Sunapee is well received by our board. Assessor Norman Bernaiche and his assistant, Kris McAllister do a reputable job. Thus far we have had a very limited number of contested assessments which is a good sign.

During the year we were able to negotiate a 7-year contract with Comcast which also included a public access channel if the town chooses to utilize it.

We wish to make special reference to Norman Perkins, a long time Sunapee resident who just passed away at the age of 97. How many people in this world impact a town to the tune of providing it with an average income of approximately \$150,000 a year? Norman was a 1929 graduate of Sunapee High School and had an emotional tie to that plant. During his school years he spent many an evening at the plant playing cribbage with Milland Bannister, the hydro operator for the public service

company. Thanks to Norman's passion and leadership we have our own Hydro working in our behalf.

There are so many things to include. However, we will list a few of those as items to be continued or as a possibility of being brought up again in the future. They include: the county expenses, one way harbor loop, solid waste, boat trailer parking, Perkins Pond sewer, RSA 91-A right-to-know law, our broadband involvement, exploration of developing the Sunapee access channel, need for more volunteers and the like.

On a personal note, it was 40 years ago this March that I was first elected to this board. I had two astute mentors in George Wiggins and Ernest Cutting. Absent of a sewer board, but with able assistance from our Secretary Jo Hill, we worked to purchase lands for the plant, and pumping stations to build the first municipal sewer system as most in-town sewers went into the Sugar River at that time. Upon retiring from the school district in 1994, it was a pleasure to serve another 3-year term with Fred Gallup and Jean Putonen. After spending the next eight years in the legislature, I returned again to serve another 4 years with the present board. The point I want to make is that all of the people I have worked with had and have one thing in common. They cared and have been dedicated to service to the core. I encourage those who have the desire and interest to get involved. Sunapee is worth the time.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Leone, Chairman

2009 TOWN OF SUNAPEE WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

You are hereby notified to meet in the Sunapee Middle High School Gymnasium, located on North Road, in said Sunapee, on Tuesday, the 3rd day of February, 2009, at 7:00 pm for the deliberative portion of the annual Town Meeting, to discuss Articles 2 thru 10 and to amend, if deemed appropriate, Articles 12 through 37, hereinafter set forth. Final voting action on all articles shall take place by ballot on Tuesday, the 10th day of March, 2009, at the Sherburne Gymnasium, Route 11, in said Sunapee. The polls shall be opened from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

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

2 Selectmen	3 Year Term
1 Treasurer	1 Year Term
1 Town Clerk & Tax Collector	3 Year Term
1 Fire Engineer	4 Year Term
1 Cemetery Commissioner	2 Year Term
1 Cemetery Commissioner	3 Year Term
3 Library Trustees	3 Year Term
1 Trustee of Trust Fund	3 Year Term
2 Planning Board Members	3 Year Term
2 Water & Sewer Commissioners	3 Year Term
2 Zoning Board Members	3 Year Term

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

Amend Article II, Section 2.30 – District Purpose and Description – by changing the description of the Village District in the area of Route 11 and Sargent Road to conform with the zoning map established on March 15, 2000?

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

Amend Article III, Section 3.40 – Additional Requirements – by adding a new subsection 3.40 (o) which would require the preservation of the existing vegetative buffer or creation of a new vegetative buffer extending 25’ back from the State Right-of-Way along Routes 11, 103, and 103B in the Rural-Residential and Rural Lands Districts for all new construction projects?

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

Amend Article III, Section 3.50 – Special Exceptions – by adding a requirement to subsection (a)(1) that approvals for boathouses must also be received from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) in addition to the Sunapee Conservation Commission and New Hampshire Wetlands Board?

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

Amend Article IV – Use Regulations – by adding a new section 4.70 to regulate Small Wind Energy Systems and Meteorological Towers per RSA 674.61-66.

and

Amend Article IV, Section 4.10 – Permitted Uses – All Districts – by adding Small Wind Energy Systems and Meteorological Towers to the list of uses permitted by Special Exception in all districts?

Article 6: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 5, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IV, Section 4.10 – Permitted Uses – All Districts – by adding language which would make it clear that any permitted use (by right or special exception) could be combined with any other use on a property provided all other Zoning and Site Plan Review Requirements are satisfied?

Article 7: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 6, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IV, Section 4.33 – Shorelines – Specific Provisions - by adding the requirement for obtaining permits from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services in subsections (B)(2)(a) and (B)(8)(b)?

Article 8: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 7, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:
Amend Article IV, Section 4.33 – Shorelines – Specific Provisions – by changing the reference for shoreline permits from RSA 483-A to RSA 483-B-1 in subsections (B)(4) and (B)(7)(e) and adding a reference requiring such permits under a new section (B)(9)(d)?

Article 9: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 8, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:
Amend Article IV, Section 4.33 – Shorelines – Specific Provisions – by adding language to (B)(8) that would require a permit from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services for removal of natural vegetation on lakes, ponds and fourth order rivers?

Article 10: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 9, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:
Amend Article XI – Definitions – Conforming Use – by changing this definition to reference more than one use?

Article 11: To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Auditors, Committees, and/or other officers heretofore chosen.

Article 12: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating, as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles nor other appropriations voted separately, the amounts as set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$5,691,897? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$5,584,048 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by the previous action of the Town of Sunapee or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Article 13: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$350,000 to purchase and equip a pumper truck for the Fire Department; authorizing the withdrawal of up to \$225,000 from the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 33 of the 1984 Town Meeting; \$125,000 to come from general taxation; authorizing the

sale or trade-in of the existing pumper truck; and authorizing the use of said trade-in or sale to reduce the amount withdrawn from said fund?

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

Article 15: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Town Bridges Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 25 of the 2001 Town Meeting? Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 16: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$16,000 to be used for putting in a sidewalk along River Road as defined in rough draft in the Charrette of the Old Town Hall plan? Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 17: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$90,000 for the paving of the gravel road, Hilltop Drive; and authorizing the withdrawal, for that purpose, of up to \$90,000 from the Paving of Dirt Roads Capital Reserve Fund as established by Article 19 of the 2003 Town Meeting? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until the road is paved, or December 31, 2010, whichever occurs first. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 18: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$93,000 to purchase and equip a new truck for the Highway Department, authorizing the withdrawal of up to \$93,000 from the Highway and Transfer Station Capital Reserve fund, as established by Article 29 of the 1989 Town Meeting and as amended by Article 14 of the 2004 Town Meeting, authorizing the sale or trade-in of the truck (H6), and authorizing the use of said trade-in or sale to reduce the amount withdrawn from said fund?

Article 19: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$300,000 to design and bid the Perkins Pond Sewer Project, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$100,000 from the Hydroelectric Revenue

Fund authorized by Article 38 of the 1987 Town Meeting for capital expenditures benefiting the Town, \$200,000 to come from general taxation and authorizing the use of any available grant monies to defray the total cost of the project. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the Project is complete, or December 31, 2011, whichever occurs first. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 20: Are you in favor of a children's playground being located at ski tow hill?

Article 21: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$100,000 to pay an additional principal payment on the Note for the Safety Services Building, the funds to come from the Hydroelectric Revenue Fund authorized by Article 38 of the 1987 Town Meeting for capital expenditures benefiting the Town?

Article 22: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the New Library Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 11 of the 1999 Town Meeting? Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 23: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$17,000 to be added to the Police Patrol Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 12 of the 2002 Town Meeting? Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 24: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$164,000 to purchase a rolloff truck for the Transfer Station, authorizing the withdrawal of up to \$164,000 from the Highway and Transfer Station Capital Reserve fund, as established by Article 29 of the 1989 Town Meeting and as amended by Article 14 of the 2004 Town Meeting, authorizing the sale or trade-in of the existing roll off truck (H-15), and authorizing the use of said trade-in or sale to reduce the amount withdrawn from said fund?

Article 25: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$20,000 to purchase a water meter reader and related software and equipment for the Water Department; authorizing the withdrawal of up to \$20,000 from existing Water Department Fund?

Article 26: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$43,000 for the installation of 310 feet of 8” waterline to extend from Chase Street to Main Street and to authorize the withdrawal of said funds from the Water Department Capital Improvement Fund, and authorizing the use of any available grant monies to defray the total cost of installing said waterline? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the work is completed or December 31, 2011, whichever occurs first.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 27: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$570,000 for the design of a Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade, and to authorize the withdrawal of said funds from Sewer Department Capital Improvement Fund and authorizing the use of any available grant monies or payments from New London to defray the total cost of said design? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the work is completed or December 31, 2014, whichever occurs first. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 28: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$15,000 to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund, to be used for the acquisition and improvement of property, easements, and other interests in land within the Town, for the benefit of present and future generations, all in accordance with RSA 36-A? Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 29: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in the Milfoil Control Non-Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 16 of the 2002 Town Meeting?
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 30: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$2,100 to be added to the Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund, as established by Article 43 of the 1989 Town Meeting, and as amended by Article 33 of the 1991 Town Meeting, under the provisions of RSA 31:19(a) for the general maintenance and care of burial lots of the Cemeteries, and to authorize the transfer of said sum from the December

31, 2008, General Fund balance? Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 31: Are you in favor of raising and appropriating \$3,000 from the December 31, 2008 general fund balance, to be added to the Sunapee Beautification Fund; an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a? These funds were received from private beautification fund donations in 2008. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a inter-municipal agreement by and among the towns of Orford, Lyme, Hanover, Enfield, Springfield, Newbury, New London, and Sunapee, to create a non-profit corporation to develop a broadband communications network, in accordance with RSA 53-A.

Article 33: To see if the town will vote to establish a Recreation Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 35-B:2 II. The monies received from fees and charges for recreation services and facilities use shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered to be part of the town's general unreserved fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same upon order of the Board of Selectmen (no further town meeting required). These funds maybe expended only for recreation purposes as stated in RSA 35-B, and no exceptions shall be made in such a way as to require the expenditure of other town funds which have not been appropriated for that purpose.

Article 34: Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(b) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds for contributions to "qualified organizations' for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property?"

Article 35: To see if the Town of Sunapee will go on record in support of working with the other five towns within the Sunapee Watershed to raise community awareness of important issues concerning the Lake Sunapee watershed and surrounding areas, to formulate clear guidelines for responsible, long-term stewardship of the water resources in those areas, and to promote cooperation among Sunapee watershed towns in using

those guidelines for the implementation of programs effective in addressing the salient issues to the common benefit of the area communities.

Article 36: Are you in favor of amending the procedures for receiving monies from the Sunapee Beautification Fund as established at the March 2004 Town Meeting, Warrant Article 37, by requiring that all projects relating to and expenditures from the Sunapee Beautification Fund be approved by vote of the Annual Sunapee Town Meeting?
By petition

Article 37: Are you in favor of keeping and maintaining the Sunapee Town property situated in Sunapee Harbor and known as the Lake Front Harbor area (Old Steam Boat Landing), which area is adjacent to the public restrooms, and the Ben Mere/Gazebo lawn area open and green without a maze, stepping stones or additional granite benches?
By petition

Richard Leone
Frederick C. Gallup
William Roach

Stephen W. White
Emma M. Smith

Sunapee Board of Selectmen

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

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

Amend Article II, Section 2.30 – District Purpose and Description – by changing the description of the Village District in the area of Route 11 and Sargent Road to conform with the zoning map established on March 15, 2000?

The full text of the amended description of the Village District in Section 2.30 will be as follows:

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

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

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

Article 3: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 2, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article III, Section 3.40 – Additional Requirements – by adding a new subsection 3.40 (o) which would require the preservation of the existing vegetative buffer or creation of a new vegetative buffer extending 25' back from the State Right-of-Way along Routes 11, 103, and 103B in the Rural-Residential and Rural Lands Districts for all new construction projects?

The full text of the new subsection 3.40 (o) would be as follows:

For all new construction projects in the Rural-Residential and Rural Lands Districts, the existing 25' vegetative buffer extending back from the state right-of-ways of Route 11, Route 103, and Route 103B shall be preserved. If no vegetation currently exists, then new plantings will be required, which shall include both trees and evergreen shrubs. Plantings preferably will be grouped, not evenly spaced and shall be located or trimmed to avoid blocking egress visibility. Driveways are exempt from this requirement.

Article 4: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 3, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article III, Section 3.50 – Special Exceptions – by adding a requirement to subsection (a)(1) that approvals for boathouses must also be received from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) in addition to the Sunapee Conservation Commission and New Hampshire Wetlands Board?

The full text of the new section 3.50(a)(1) would be as follows:

it has received all required approvals from the Sunapee Conservation Commission, the New Hampshire Wetlands Board, and the NH Department of Environmental Services.

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

Amend Article IV – Use Regulations – by adding a new section 4.70 to regulate Small Wind Energy Systems and Meteorological Towers per RSA 674.61-66.

and

Amend Article IV, Section 4.10 – Permitted Uses – All Districts – by adding Small Wind Energy Systems and Meteorological Towers to the list of uses permitted by Special Exception in all districts?

Full text is as follows:

4.70 Small Wind Energy Systems and Meteorological Towers

(A) Purpose and Intent.

It is the express purpose of this Section to:

- (1) permit residents to install Small Wind Energy Systems and Meteorological Towers, in all zoning districts in Sunapee, in compliance with RSA 674.61-66;
- (2) ensure that Small Wind Energy Systems and Meteorological Towers are installed in a manner that protects the public health, safety and welfare;
- (3) ensure that Small Wind Energy Systems and Meteorological Towers are consistent with the town's land use policies and goals;
- (4) ensure that Small Wind Energy Systems and Meteorological Towers are compatible with the rural setting and character of Sunapee, including its aesthetics and visual features. In particular, Sunapee wishes to preserve its many scenic views, its historic structures and areas, and its rural character; and
- (5) establish standards for compliance with the requirements established in this section.

All five of the above stated purposes have equal value, and none shall take precedence.

(B) Location

- (1) Small Wind Energy Systems and Meteorological Towers shall be ground-mounted on monopoles or guyed monopoles.
- (2) Two or more Small Wind Energy Systems shall not be co-located on a single ground-mount.
- (3) Small Wind Energy Systems and Meteorological Towers shall be limited to one installation per lot of record.

(C) Applicability

This Section shall apply to Small Wind Energy Systems and Meteorological Towers proposed to be located on property owned by an applicant.

(D) Definitions

The definitions set forth in this Section, when the context so requires, are controlling. When further definitions are required, the definitions of the Sunapee Zoning Ordinance shall apply. The following definitions apply only to this Section.

Co-location. The use of a single ground-mount by more than one Small Wind Energy System.

Equipment Shelter. An enclosed structure, cabinet, shed, vault, or box near the base of the mount within which is housed equipment for a Small Wind Energy System or a Meteorological Tower, such as batteries and electrical equipment.

Guyed Monopole. A monopole that is secured to the ground or other surface by diagonal cables for lateral support.

Lattice Tower. A type of tower with multiple legs and structural cross-bracing between the legs.

Meteorological Tower. A tower, with anemometers, wind direction vanes, data loggers and devices used to monitor wind speed and direction over a period of time, not to exceed eighteen (18) months, to characterize the wind resource at the proposed location of a Small Wind Energy System.

Monopole. A type of tower that is a single shaft of steel or concrete or other material.

Mount. The structure or surface upon which a Small Wind Energy System or a Meteorological Tower is mounted.

Shadow Flicker. The visible flicker effect when the rotating blades of a wind generator cast shadows in a repeating pattern of light and shadow.

Small Wind Energy System. A wind energy conversion system consisting of a wind generator, a tower, and associated control or conversion electronics which has a rated capacity consistent with the

net metering specifications of RSA 362-A:9 and which will be used primarily for on-site consumption.

System Height. The vertical distance from ground level at the base of the tower to the tip of the wind generator blade of a Small Wind Energy System when at its highest point.

Tower. A monopole, or guyed monopole.

Tower Height. The vertical distance from ground level at the base of the tower to the top of the fixed portion of the tower (excluding the wind generator of a Small Wind Energy System).

Wind Generator. The blades and associated mechanical and electrical conversion components of a Small Wind Energy System, mounted on top of a tower.

(E) Application Requirements

A Special Exception shall be required for the installation or modification of a Small Wind Energy System or a Meteorological Tower.

Applicants shall submit the following information:

- (1) A plan or plans showing:
 1. A plot plan or perimeter boundary survey, by a licensed land surveyor, certifying the location of the tower and that the setback requirements of this section are met. The Zoning Board may require additional information.
 2. Title of drawing, including name and address of applicant as well as town tax map and lot number;
 3. Appropriate signature block for the signature of the chair of the Zoning Board of Adjustment;
 4. Names and addresses of owners of record and names of abutting landowners; (Names and addresses of owners, abutters, engineer, architect, surveyor, or soil scientist shall also be provided on a separate 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper);
 5. A site location map (may be shown as an inset) which shows the location of the proposed Small Wind Energy System or Meteorological Tower in relation to major roads of the town;

6. North point, bar scale, date of preparation and dates of any revisions;
7. Name, address and seal, if applicable, of person or firm preparing the plan;
8. The shape, size and location of existing and proposed structures and of the proposed mount, guy wire anchorages and associated equipment shelters for the Small Wind Energy System or Meteorological Tower;
9. Existing streams or wetlands, marshes, lakes or ponds, whether natural or manmade, and any abutter's water rights;
10. Existing and proposed driveways and parking spaces;
11. Layout of existing and proposed sewage disposal systems, including septic tank(s), leach field and associated piping, or tie-in to the Town sewer, if located within the fall zone of the proposed tower;
12. Proposed landscaping showing proposed buffering for mount;
13. Location of wells, water supply pipes, power and telephone poles and lines, including the location and size of all existing and proposed utility lines and easements, if located within the fall zone of the proposed tower;
14. Location, size and wording of proposed signs related the installation of the proposed Small Wind Energy System;
15. Right-of-way of all fronting streets;
16. The proposed date of removal of a proposed Meteorological Tower and its associated equipment from the site.

- (2) A copy of the application documents submitted to the State of New Hampshire D.O.T. for driveway access permits where a new driveway connecting to a state highway is proposed;
- (3) A narrative describing how the proposal minimizes the visual impact of the Small Wind Energy System or Meteorological Tower on neighbors and the community through the choice of location of the mount. For a Small Wind Energy System, the narrative shall also address the steps taken, through the design of the wind generator, to minimize its visual impact on neighbors and the community, and, through siting or buffering, to minimize the impact of shadow flicker on neighboring dwellings.

- (4) Specifications for the Small Wind Energy System or Meteorological Tower, including manufacturer, model number, system height, tower height, tower type (monopole or guyed monopole).
- (5) For a Small Wind Energy System, a sound level analysis, prepared by a registered professional engineer or the wind generator manufacturer, demonstrating that the proposed Small Wind Energy System shall not cause sound levels to exceed 55 decibels, using the A scale (dbA), at any property line, except during severe wind storms.

(F) Use Provisions

A Small Wind Energy System or Meteorological Tower, after receiving Special Exception approval from the Zoning Board of Adjustment, shall require a Certificate of Zoning Compliance and may be permitted subject to compliance with all land use regulations as indicated by approval by the Zoning Administrator.

(G) Special Requirements

Small Wind Energy Systems and Meteorological Towers shall comply with the following special requirements:

(1) Height:

1. The system height of a Small Wind Energy System shall not exceed one hundred and fifty (150) feet.
2. The tower height of a Meteorological Tower shall not exceed one hundred and fifty (150) feet.

(2) Setbacks:

1. Small Wind Energy Systems shall be set back a distance, measured from the center of the tower, equal to one hundred and fifty percent (150%) of the system height from all property lines, public roads and utility lines.
2. Meteorological Towers shall be set back a distance, measured from the center of the tower, equal to one hundred and fifty percent (150%) of the tower height from all property lines, public roads and utility lines.
3. Guy wire anchorages and equipment shelters shall comply with the building setback provisions of the Sunapee Zoning Ordinance.

(3) Temporary Installations: Meteorological Towers shall be installed for periods of time not to exceed eighteen (18) months from date

of issuance of a Certificate of Zoning Compliance by the Zoning Administrator.

- (4) Non-conforming Sites and Structures: In the case of nonconforming sites or structures, Small Wind Energy Systems, Meteorological Towers, their guy wire anchorages and equipment shelters shall not increase any non-conformity.

(H) Standards for Small Wind Energy Systems and Meteorological Towers.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment, prior to approving a Special Exception, shall verify that the proposed Small Wind Energy System or Meteorological Tower complies with the following requirements:

(1) **Visibility**

1. **Siting** - The applicant's narrative shall demonstrate to the Zoning Board of Adjustment that the visual impact to neighbors and the community of the proposed Small Wind Energy System or Meteorological Tower has been minimized through the siting of the mount, the design of the wind generator (if applicable), and buffering of the mount and equipment shelters.
2. **Decorative Items** - Flags streamers and other decorative items shall not be attached to a Small Wind Energy System or a Meteorological Tower.
3. **Color** - A Small Wind Energy System or Meteorological Tower shall be finished in a single color, a non-reflective stock color of the manufacturer.

- (2) **Approved Wind Generators** - The manufacturer and model of the wind generator for a proposed Small Wind Energy System shall have been approved by the California Energy Commission or the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, or approved by the State of New Hampshire.

- (3) **Equipment Shelters** - Equipment shelters for a Small Wind Energy System or a Meteorological Tower shall be designed consistent with one of the following design standards:

1. Located in underground vaults; or
2. Screened behind an effective year-round landscape buffer and /or wooden fence, equal to the height of the proposed

building,. The style of fencing and/or landscape buffer shall be compatible with the neighborhood.

(4) **Access:**

1. **Tower:** Step bolts or ladder rungs for access to a tower shall not be installed below eight feet above the top surface of the mount.
2. **Equipment:** Ground mounted electrical and control equipment shall be labeled and secured to prevent unauthorized access.

(5) **Lighting and Signage:**

1. **Lighting:** Small Wind Energy Systems and Meteorological Towers shall not be lighted, except as required by the Federal Aviation Administration.
2. **Signage:** Signs shall be limited to those needed to warn of any danger. Signs shall be limited to two square feet in area and shall be mounted six (6) feet or less above ground level.

(6) **Towers** - All towers shall be of a monopole or guyed-monopole type. Lattice towers are prohibited.

(7) **Power Lines** - Power lines serving a Small Wind Energy System or a Meteorological Tower shall be buried.

(8) **Noise** - A Small Wind Energy System shall not cause sound levels to exceed 55 decibels, using the A scale (dbA), at any property line, except during severe wind storms.

(I) **Abandonment**

(1) **Notification** - No less than thirty (30) days prior to abandonment or discontinuation of use of a Small Wind Energy System, the owner shall notify the Zoning Administrator by certified U.S. mail of the proposed date of abandonment or discontinuation of use. In the event that the owner fails to give such notice, the Small Wind Energy System shall be deemed abandoned upon the discontinuation of its use for a period of twelve (12) months.

(2) **Removal:**

1. Upon abandonment or discontinuation of use of a Small Wind Energy System the owner shall physically remove the Small Wind Energy System within three (3) months from the date of abandonment or discontinuation of operation, or

by the definitive date stated in a notice from the Town of Sunapee.

2. The owner of a Meteorological Tower shall physically remove the Meteorological Tower on or before the approved date of removal indicated in the Certificate of Zoning Compliance.
3. "Physically Remove" shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Removal from the subject property of the tower, tower guys and anchors, wind generator, equipment shelters, and all other structures and equipment placed on the site or constructed in relation to the operation or support of the Small Wind Energy System or Meteorological Tower.
 - b. Proper disposal of the waste materials from the site in accordance with local and state solid waste disposal regulations.

(3) Failure to Remove:

1. If the owner of a Small Wind Energy System does not remove the Small Wind Energy System within three (3) months from the date of abandonment or discontinuation of operation, the Zoning Administrator shall issue a notice of violation to the property owner where the Small Wind Energy System is installed.
2. If the owner of a Meteorological Tower does not remove the Meteorological Tower by the approved date of removal indicated in the Certificate of Zoning Compliance, the Zoning Administrator shall issue a notice of violation to the property owner where the Meteorological Tower is installed.

(J) Regional Notification:

The Zoning Administrator shall review an application for a Certificate of Zoning Compliance to construct a Small Wind Energy System, pursuant to RSA 36:5, to determine whether it is a development of regional impact, as defined in RSA 36:55. If the Zoning Administrator determines that the proposal has the potential for regional impact, he or she shall notify the Board of Selectmen and the regional planning commission and the affected municipalities, by certified mail, who shall have thirty (30) days to submit comments to

the Board of Selectmen and the Zoning Administrator, prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Zoning Compliance.

Article 6: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 5, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IV, Section 4.10 – Permitted Uses – All Districts – by adding language which would make it clear that any permitted use (by right or special exception) could be combined with any other use on a property provided all other Zoning and Site Plan Review Requirements are satisfied?

The full text of the preamble to section 4.10 as amended will be as follows:

The following uses are permitted in each zoning district, subject to the other provisions of this ordinance. *Whenever a use is permitted by right or special exception in any district, it may be used in conjunction with any other permitted or special exception use in that district. All uses are subject to other provisions of this ordinance:*

Article 7: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 6, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IV, Section 4.33 – Shorelines – Specific Provisions - by adding the requirement for obtaining permits from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services in subsections (B)(2)(a) and (B)(8)(b)?

Article 8: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 7, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IV, Section 4.33 – Shorelines – Specific Provisions – by changing the reference for shoreline permits from RSA 483-A to RSA 483-B-1 in subsections (B)(4) and (B)(7)(e) and adding a reference requiring such permits under a new section (B)(9)(d)?

The full text of subsection 4.33(B)(9)(d) will be as follows:

(d) Permits or waivers as required under RSA 483-B-1

Article 9: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 8, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IV, Section 4.33 – Shorelines – Specific Provisions – by adding language to (B)(8) that would require a permit from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services for removal of natural vegetation on lakes, ponds and fourth order rivers?

The full text of subsection 4.33 (B)(8)(b)(i) as amended will be as follows:

- (i) A cutting and clearing plan shall be subject to the approval of the Planning Board for the following:
- (1) Cutting within the Natural Woodland Buffer of more than five (5) trees having a diameter of six (6) inches or more at a point 4.5 feet above the existing ground in any calendar year;
 - (2) Removal of large areas of vegetation (over one thousand <1000> square feet) within the Natural Woodland Buffer in any calendar year.

The Board of Selectmen or their Agent shall review and approve the cutting of all trees having a diameter of six (6) inches or more which are not included above.

In addition, on ponds, lakes or rivers, any cutting, or removal of natural vegetation must be by permit from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.

Article 10: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 9, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article XI – Definitions – Conforming Use – by changing this definition to reference more than one use?

The full text of Article XI – Definitions – Conforming Use – will be as follows:

Conforming Uses – Any uses that *are* in accordance with the Permitted Uses as specified elsewhere in this Ordinance.

2009 Town Warrant Articles Summary

INFORMATIONAL COLUMNS

Article Description	Amount	New Tax Dollars raised in 2009	Revenue Offset/No-Increase to tax rate
13 Purchase Pumper	\$225,000	\$123,010	\$225,000
14 Add to Highway Cap Reserve	\$117,500	\$117,000	
15 Add to Town Bridges Cap Reserve	\$25,000	\$25,000	
16 Sidewalk - River Road	\$16,000	\$16,000	
17 Pave Gravel Road - Hilltop Drive	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000
18 Purchase 4 N 4 H-6	\$93,000		\$93,000
19 Engineer Interconnect and Parking Bond	\$300,000	\$200,000	\$100,000
21 Reduce principal from Hydro	\$100,000		\$100,000
23 Add to Library Capital Reserve	\$25,000	\$25,000	
25 Add to Police Capital Reserve	\$17,000	\$17,000	
24 Purchase R-19 Relief	\$164,000		\$164,000
27 Water Department purchase water meter reader	\$20,000		\$20,000
26 Water Dept. install waterline charge to main	\$43,000		\$43,000
28 Sewer Dept. Wastewater headworks and sludge dewatering upgrade	\$570,000		\$570,000
29 Conservation Commission Fund	\$15,000	\$13,000	
20 Mitigal Control Fund	\$9,000	\$9,000	
30 Cemetery Expendable Trust from Fund Balance	\$2,100		\$2,100
31 Beautification Trust Fund from Fund Balance	\$5,000		\$5,000
total:	\$1,975,480	\$565,300	(\$1,410,180)

2009 TAX RATE ESTIMATED COMPUTATION USING 2008 VALUE OF PROPERTY FOR CALCULATION

	2008	2009 Projected
Appropriations	\$11,387,330	\$7,657,297
Less: Revenues	-\$8,991,219	-\$4,482,901
Less: Special Revenues	-\$130,500	-\$17,158
Add: Overlay	\$204,164	\$100,000
Add: Ww Service Credit	\$,000,000	\$,102,000
Net Town Appropriation	\$2,469,775	\$3,171,238
Tax Rate	\$2.83	\$3.16

Net Assessed Valuation 2008:

State Education Tax (on valities)	1,058,818,000
All Other Tax (Gross Less)	1,008,138,000

***** 2009 projected rate includes all warrant articles as proposed and uses 2008 assessed valuations. If growth at 2007/2008 is assumed for 2009 then rate would be \$3.11

TOWN OF SUNAPEE

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES 2009 (unaudited)

		2007	2008	2008	2009
		Revised Revenues	Revised Revenues	Actual Revenues (12/31)	Estimated Revenues
	TAXES				
3120	Land Use Change Tax	42,550	48,500	48,529	45,000
3180	Resident Tax				
3185	Timber Tax	4,225	3,600	3,955	3,600
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	26,772	47,004	51,553	45,000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)				
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		XXXXXXXX		
3210	Business Licenses & Permits			740	
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	650,000	600,000	616,661	600,000
3230	Building Permits	25,000	23,003	29,573	27,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	22,000	24,662	33,009	30,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT			11,367	
	FROM STATE		XXXXXXXX		
3351	Shared Revenues	13,414	13,414	15,828	13,414
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	136,500	145,266		140,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	96,720	100,230	99,885	100,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant	6,156	6,156	3,078	6,156
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		469,600	7,727	
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS	83,750	92,882	72,287	90,000
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES		XXXXXXXX		
3401-3406	Income from Departments	75,520	103,600	108,000	100,000
3409	Other Charges	16,203	9,677	58,450	5,000
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				

3501	Sale of Municipal Property	6,278	12,606	13,803	7,000
3502	Interest on Investments	75,000	48,000	48,661	42,000
3503-3509	Other	7,638	16,576	15,557	17,000
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		XXXXXXXX		
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)	839,221	907,145		1,433,057
	Water - (Offset)	374,820	465,663		596,554
	Electric - (Offset)	76,429	77,367		305,020
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		373,400		572,000
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds	374,775	4,569,000		0
3917	From Conservation Funds				
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		XXXXXXXX		
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES	2,952,962	8,157,351	1,238,663	4,177,801
	Fund Balance to reduce taxes	300,000	300,000		300,000
	Voted from Surplus	5,710	33,884		5,100
	Net Revenues	3,258,672	8,491,235		4,482,901

Health	4,295	5,441	4,227	4,254	4,415	177	4,273	2,947	4,311	4,246	3,943	4,945	4,504	6.17%	2%	554
Animal Control	10,711	10,791	10,886	10,800	10,711	10,809	13,492	13,492	13,492	13,492	13,492	13,492	13,492	3.41%	2,692	463
Health - LEVY & EDDA	42,966	40,554	43,000	41,250	44,960	42,751	47,490	52,728	53,800	57,450	44,025	55,699	54,800	-0.5%	4,806	-300
Welfare	97,345	97,251	95,056	108,350	102,478	107,140	112,469	112,549	123,409	120,031	123,913	131,400	131,400	6.80%	4,919	4,371
Recreation	186,211	184,393	205,208	210,224	192,768	210,224	229,151	229,413	251,317	245,422	247,615	271,766	266,134	9.11%	39,159	18,689
Libraries	206	206	206	206	206	206	206	206	206	206	206	206	206	0.00%	0	0
Mutual Inv. Supplies	3,255	3,034	3,000	3,000	3,200	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0.00%	0	0
Plant Control	2,878	3,665	3,125	3,125	2,878	2,193	3,125	3,125	3,125	3,125	1,445	1,170	1,110	0.00%	0	0
Construction Commission	398,669	346,463	398,748	400,000	403,845	404,555	416,993	406,436	409,612	409,611	429,531	406,719	407,133	5.90%	20,299	37,117
TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICES	10,046	11,209	10,200	109,200	109,500	111,024	177,035	177,035	177,648	177,648	179,643	178,292	178,292	0.36%	7,513	644
Police Services - Principal	21,911	21,287	46,718	66,778	66,778	90,233	118,140	118,140	118,140	118,140	133,362	130,828	130,828	-1.14%	31,411	-4,291
Police Services - Budget	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	9	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	0.00%	0	0
TAX DEPARTMENT	33,286	31,494	207,235	217,248	217,236	231,247	286,184	285,184	313,267	313,267	312,611	310,118	310,118	-1.16%	58,016	3,649
TOTAL GENERAL GOV	317,361	340,453	3,079,242	3,655,713	3,597,339	3,454,193	3,873,244	3,779,163	4,032,201	4,098,731	3,961,465	4,189,446	4,186,532	3.20%	216,551	156,521
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	1,602,579	1,602,579	1,602,579	1,602,579	1,602,579	1,602,579	1,602,579	1,602,579	1,602,579	1,602,579	1,602,579	1,602,579	1,602,579	0.00%	0	0
Water	720,957	644,971	711,732	722,942	722,942	684,116	704,231	593,621	606,478	603,470	786,076	803,017	803,119	7.82%	41,629	62,878
Sanitation	64,832	31,507	69,777	69,765	69,765	36,512	76,420	36,541	77,527	77,527	66,172	103,429	77,463	56.78%	6,311	28,453
SUBTOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	1,164,486	1,291,794	1,164,486	1,164,486	1,164,486	911,657	1,213,661	982,886	1,213,617	1,213,617	1,258,873	1,582,433	1,479,586	16.78%	6,311	28,453
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	4,346,081	4,736,674	4,854,774	4,819,422	4,743,876	4,365,844	5,086,775	4,551,965	5,245,416	5,312,346	5,115,328	5,691,887	5,661,118	7.16%	716,651	0

Special & Ind. of Accts	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	0.00%	0	0
Expendable Trusts	17,250	17,250	17,250	17,250	17,250	17,250	17,250	17,250	17,250	17,250	17,250	17,250	17,250	0.00%	0	0
Capital Reserve Funds	407,000	407,000	210,000	175,000	210,000	175,000	210,000	210,000	210,000	210,000	210,000	210,000	210,000	0.00%	0	0
TOTAL SPECIAL ACCT. VICTORIES	3,464,250	3,424,250	3,217,250	3,292,250	3,292,250	3,292,250	3,292,250	3,292,250	3,292,250	3,292,250	3,292,250	3,292,250	3,292,250	0.00%	0	0
TOTAL BUDGET	8,214,531	8,160,924	8,071,994	8,111,672	8,036,131	7,626,988	8,299,999	7,994,821	8,537,626	8,604,601	8,376,793	8,984,323	8,953,698	8.11%	1,167,804	1,167,804

2008 TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS REPORT

With the fluctuations in both the National and International financial markets, the Trustees have closely followed the investment vehicle used for the forty-six trusts in our care. We look for soundness in our investments and liquidity to ensure the monies are available when needed.

Along with the majority of cities and towns in New Hampshire, we invest with the Public Deposit Investment Pool (PDIP). In the fall of 2008, with government action required to shore up some financial institutions, we were in contact with the New Hampshire Banking Department which oversees PDIP and were assured of the appropriateness of these investments by the Banking Commissioner.

Currently the stability of the financial markets has improved. We will continue to closely monitor our investment vehicles throughout 2009 to safeguard the principle in all of our trust funds.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,
J. William Scharff (Chairman), James Southard and Richard Quinlan

REPORT OF THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE - TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS - YEAR 2008
Through December 31, 2008

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

Year Created	Trust Name	Opening Balance	Principal Added	Interest Income	Total	Withdrawals	Ending Balance
1989	Cemetery	\$40,167.70	\$2,250.00	\$1,037.86	\$43,455.56	\$0.00	\$43,455.56
1995	Insurance Deductable	\$7,673.29	\$0.00	\$188.63	\$7,861.92	\$0.00	\$7,861.92
1996	Parks - Memorial Grdns	\$5,281.23	\$0.00	\$129.71	\$5,410.94	\$0.00	\$5,410.94
1977	Parks - Dewey Woods	\$1,920.24	\$0.00	\$47.33	\$1,967.57	\$0.00	\$1,967.57
2000	Special Education Fund	\$108,040.14	\$25,000.00	\$2,947.84	\$135,987.98	\$0.00	\$135,987.98
2000	Sam Bond Memorial	\$7,313.82	\$0.00	\$179.79	\$7,493.61	\$0.00	\$7,493.61
2004	Raymond Leone Scholarship	\$3,301.23	\$0.00	\$81.21	\$3,382.44	\$0.00	\$3,382.44
1996	Molloy Scholarship	\$76.55	\$0.00	\$1.67	\$78.22	\$0.00	\$78.22
1995	Burrill Scholarship	\$2,870.07	\$0.00	\$70.79	\$2,940.86	\$0.00	\$2,940.86
1999	Journalism Award	\$0.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.04	\$0.00	\$0.04
2002	Milfoil Reserve	\$14,853.32	\$0.00	\$354.62	\$15,207.94	\$0.00	\$15,207.94
2004	Crowther Chapel	\$3,977.17	\$0.00	\$97.92	\$4,075.09	\$0.00	\$4,075.09
2005	Sunapee Beautification	\$24,089.45	\$3,550.00	\$670.01	\$28,309.46	\$90.00	\$28,219.46
<i>Total Expendable Funds</i>		\$219,564.25	\$30,800.00	\$5,807.38	\$256,171.63	\$90.00	\$256,081.63

REPORT OF THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE - TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS - YEAR 2008
Through December 31, 2008

NON EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

Year Created	Trust Name	Opening Balance	Principal Added	Interest Income	Total	Withdrawals	Ending Balance
Various	Cemetery	\$52,444.10	\$0.00	\$1,289.19	\$53,733.29	\$0.00	\$53,733.29
	Common #1						
Various	Student Awards	\$48,493.85	\$455.00	\$1,202.22	\$50,151.07	\$0.00	\$50,151.07
	Common #2						
1983	Bartlett Speaking	\$16,173.04	\$0.00	\$397.57	\$16,570.61	\$0.00	\$16,570.61
1983	Bartlett Park	\$19,631.35	\$0.00	\$482.66	\$20,114.01	\$0.00	\$20,114.01
1970	Library General	\$9,715.96	\$0.00	\$238.90	\$9,954.86	\$0.00	\$9,954.86
1972	Library Gardner	\$2,803.52	\$0.00	\$68.87	\$2,872.39	\$0.00	\$2,872.39
1969	Firemen's	\$17,022.60	\$0.00	\$418.39	\$17,440.99	\$0.00	\$17,440.99
	Knowlton						
1969	Firemen's	\$6,602.40	\$0.00	\$162.24	\$6,764.64	\$0.00	\$6,764.64
	Robinson						
1987	Fireman's	\$1,131.33	\$0.00	\$27.79	\$1,159.12	\$0.00	\$1,159.12
	Warren & Quaw						
1966	Parks-Coffin	\$9,906.92	\$0.00	\$243.56	\$10,150.48	\$0.00	\$10,150.48
1958	Visiting Nurses	\$2,527.49	\$0.00	\$62.14	\$2,589.63	\$0.00	\$2,589.63
1987	Historical Society	\$39,555.70	\$0.00	\$972.39	\$40,528.09	\$0.00	\$40,528.09
1990	Crowther Family Trust	\$8,777.03	\$0.00	\$215.74	\$8,992.77	\$0.00	\$8,992.77
<i>Total Non Expendable Funds</i>		\$234,785.29	\$455.00	\$5,781.66	\$241,021.95	\$0.00	\$241,021.95

CAPITAL RESERVE TRUST FUNDS
Through December 31, 2008

Year Created	Trust Name	Opening Balance	Principal Added	Interest Income	Total	Withdrawals	Ending Balance
1984	Fire Department	\$75,341.24	\$60,000.00	\$3,201.37	\$138,542.61	\$0.00	\$138,542.61
1989	Highway Department	\$141,919.56	\$137,300.00	\$6,575.87	\$285,795.43	\$0.00	\$285,795.43
1993	Tax Maps	\$5,103.37	\$0.00	\$125.53	\$5,228.90	\$0.00	\$5,228.90
1997	Revaluation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2003	Public Safety Bldg	\$203.46	\$0.00	\$4.88	\$208.34	\$0.00	\$208.34
1997	Used Highway Equipment	\$7,866.87	\$7,000.00	\$350.73	\$15,217.60	\$0.00	\$15,217.60
1989	School Bus	\$1,660.76	\$0.00	\$40.62	\$1,701.38	\$0.00	\$1,701.38
1992	School Buildings	\$109,289.05	\$0.00	\$2,686.72	\$111,975.77	\$0.00	\$111,975.77
1999	New Library Bldg Fund	\$57,862.74	\$25,000.00	\$1,937.00	\$84,799.74	\$25,000.00	\$59,799.74
2001	Town Road Bridges	\$118,952.36	\$25,000.00	\$3,486.52	\$147,438.88	\$0.00	\$147,438.88
2003	Dirt Roads Paving	\$88,974.25	\$0.00	\$2,187.27	\$91,161.52	\$0.00	\$91,161.52
2003	Police Patrol Vehicles	\$19,739.55	\$0.00	\$485.22	\$20,224.77	\$0.00	\$20,224.77
2005	Beech Street Reconstruction	\$1,172.87	\$0.00	\$28.72	\$1,201.59	\$0.00	\$1,201.59
2005	School Food Service	\$231.58	\$0.00	\$5.70	\$237.28	\$0.00	\$237.28
2008	Sunapee Elementary C/R	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$1,601.84	\$251,601.84	\$0.00	\$251,601.84
<i>Total Capital Reserve Funds</i>		\$628,317.66	\$504,300.00	\$22,717.99	\$1,155,335.65	\$25,000.00	\$1,130,335.65

TOWN OF SUNAPEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Balance Sheet

Governmental Funds

December 31, 2007

GENERAL FUND:

Assets

Cash & Cash equivalents	\$4,296,530
Taxes Receivable	575,096
Tax lien receivable	77,446
Accounts receivable	9,925
Due from other governments	227,602
Due from other funds	110,390
Other current assets	<u>1,504</u>

Total Assests: \$5,298,493

Liabilities and Fund Equity

Warrants and accounts payable	39,479
Due to School district	3,785,280
Due to other funds	650
Other Payables	<u>63,466</u>

Total Liabilities \$3,888,875

Fund Equity

Reserve for encumbrances	145,080
Reserve for special purpose	3,460
Unreserved fund balance	<u>1,261,078</u>

Total Fund Equity \$1,409,618

Total Liabilities and Fund Equity \$5,298,493

TOWN OF SUNAPEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
 Balance Sheet
 Governmental Funds
 December 31, 2007

Capital Projects Special Revenue

ASSETS:

Cash & equivalents	\$ 39,404	\$2,671,780
Accounts Receivable		129,415
Due from Other Funds	<u>-10,062</u>	<u>32,105</u>
Total Assets:	<u>29,342</u>	<u>\$2,769,090</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Liabilities

Warrants and accounts payable		98,929
Contract payables		
Due to Other Funds	9,461	68,194
Deferred Revenue	<u> </u>	<u>1,506</u>
Total Liabilities:	<u>\$ 9,461</u>	<u>\$168,629</u>

FUND EQUITY/CAPITAL

Reserve for encumbrances		
Reserve for special purposes		219,090
Unreserved Fund Balance	<u>19,881</u>	<u>2,381,371</u>
Total Fund Equity:	<u>\$ 29,342</u>	<u>\$2,769,090</u>

BALANCE SHEET – UNAUDITED

Assets as of 12/31/08

CASH ON HAND

General Fund	\$5,186,087.84
Hydro Electric Fund	688,384.24
Water Dept. Funds	572,507.52
Sewer Dept. Funds	1,511,761.01
Misc. Other Funds	223,248.60
Funds in Custody of Treasurer:	\$8,181,989.21

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Due from School	27,077.67
Due from Hydro Fund- Operating Expenses	26,612.26
Due from Special Recreation Fund	18,786.40
Due from Trustees of the Trust Funds	568,728.42
TOTAL:	641,204.75
TAXES UNCOLLECTED:	
Levy of 2008	616,582.13
Levy of 2007	77,576.71
Levy of 2006	43,334.57
TOTAL:	737,493.41
TOTAL AR/UNCOLLECTED	\$ 1,378,798.16
TOTAL ASSETS/GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 9,560,787.37

LIABILITIES AS OF 12/31/08:

Overpayment of Taxes	\$ 23,650.00
Unexpended Balances:	
Treatment Plant Bridge	175,802.56
Art 14 New Loader	10,870.07
Conservation Commission	4,050.00
Assessing	5,000.00
Newport Ambulance	10,000.00
Due to Other Funds:	
Bartlett Tyler Fund	46,738.99
Sunapee Center Associates	448.06
Bandstand Account	1,005.70
Conservation Commission	129,645.40
Dewey Woods Commission	1,570.57
Harbor Ridge Property Invest. Pool	3,133.39
Special Recreation Account	27,657.82
Coffin Memorial Park	254.53
Special Fund – Pistol Permits	7,703.45
Town Forest Fund	5,090.69
Hydro Account	688,384.24
Water Department Fund	572,507.52
Sewer Department Fund	1,511,761.01
Due to School	4,151,821.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES: \$7,377,095.00

FUND BALANCE (Assets vs. Liabilities):	\$ 2,183,692.37
Fund Balance December 31, 2007	\$ 1,889,727.66
Fund Balance December 31, 2006	\$ 1,156,739.61
Change in Financial Condition:	\$ 293,964.71

2008 Treasurer's Report

This will be a brief word about the status of Town of Sunapee Bank Accounts. By statute the Treasurer of a municipality or school district shall have custody of all moneys belonging to that municipal unit and shall pay out the same only upon orders from the appropriate governing board. The Treasurer is guided by investment objectives of preservation of funds (safety), sufficient liquidity to meet all operating requirements, and by return on investment (yield).

Despite assurances from the State of NH Bank Commissioner as to the safety of balances held in NHPDIP and managed by MBIA Asset Management, concerns from local governing bodies have convinced the Treasurer to move most fund balances from the NHPDIP to accounts in local banks. The local banks, Lake Sunapee Bank and Sugar River Bank, have agreed to provide dedicated collateral as guarantees of safety for the balances of greater than \$100,000 that the banks hold. In a manner similar to that instituted by the Town Manager for the Town of Sunapee General Account, the interest rate for accounts held at Lake Sunapee Bank greater than \$40,000 will be the 90-day US Treasury Bill Rate and accounts held at Sugar River Bank will be equal to the 13 Week Treasury Bill Rate, both as of the 1st of the month.

The summary schedule entitled Town of Sunapee Accounts, Balances per Bank Statements shows the movements in fund balances from the beginning of 2008 to the end of that year. By merging locally held smaller operating accounts with the larger savings balances, the principle of ease of liquidity has been achieved at the same time that security has been obtained. By the end of calendar year 2008 the interest yields at all financial institutions has decreased greatly. As of January 20, the annualized yield at funds held in the NHPDIP was down to 0.639%. The interest rate on Treasury Bills is similarly low.

Alan W. Doherty
Treasurer
Town of Sunapee, NH

TOWN OF SUNAPEE ACCOUNTS
Balances per Bank Statements

Printed: 2/5/2009

INSTITUTION	ACCOUNT NAME	RATE	BALANCE	RATE	BALANCE	RATE	BALANCE
		As of December 31, 2007		As of July 31, 2008		As of December 31, 2008	
TOWN OF SUNAPEE ACCTS:							
LkSunBk - Transaction Accts	General Account	3.09%	4,846,019.94	1.82%	5,442,288.48	0.07%	5,149,348.00
-	-		31,295.80				-
-	Payroll		-			0.05%	36,739.84
			4,877,315.74		5,442,288.48		5,186,087.84
LkSunBk - Stmt Savings Accts	Coffin Memorial Park	0.21%	253.89	0.29%	254.27	0.25%	254.53
-	Conservation Comm	0.48%	105,988.48	0.49%	129,380.70	0.49%	129,645.40
-	Sunapee Ctr Assoc	0.23%	446.94	0.24%	447.59	0.25%	448.06
			106,689.31		130,082.56		130,347.99
Sugar River Bank	Bandstand Account	0.55%	1,580.34	0.55%	1,003.38	0.55%	1,005.70
-	Bartlett Taylor Fund		45,473.27				46,738.99
-	Dewey Woods Comm	0.55%	3,977.37	0.55%	1,566.96	0.55%	1,570.57
-	Friends of the Town Hall	0.55%	5,438.34	0.45%	52.75		-
-	Harbor Ridge Property	0.55%	3,116.18	0.55%	3,126.18	0.55%	3,133.39
-	Hydro Account	4.25%	387,155.86	2.03%	551,761.19	0.15%	592,637.65
-	Spc Rds - Pistol Permits	0.67%	7,795.68	0.10%	7,700.22	0.10%	7,703.45
-	Special Recreation Fund	0.71%	33,982.88	0.75%	82,138.38	0.55%	27,657.82
-	Town Forest	0.55%	5,062.69	0.55%	5,078.97	0.55%	5,090.69
			493,582.59		652,428.03		685,538.26
NHPDIP	Hydro Account	4.96%	93,449.35	2.25%	95,067.71	1.11%	95,748.59
	Total - Town of Sunapee		5,571,036.99		6,319,866.78		6,097,720.68
WATER DEPARTMENT ACCTS:							
LkSunBk - Transaction Accts	Water Dept - General Fund		247,187.64	1.40%	258,561.62	0.08%	272,024.22
-	Water Dept - Surplus		61,931.37		-		-
-	Water Dept - Replacement		103,145.61	1.85%	126,436.25	0.07%	138,579.19
[LkSunBk]			412,264.62		384,997.87		410,603.41
Sugar River Bank	Water Dept Cap Imprvmt		120,595.42	2.02%	130,335.56	1.91%	131,377.90
NHPDIP	Water 1997 Trmt Bond	4.96%	29,778.80	2.25%	30,309.72	1.11%	30,526.21
	Total - Water Department		562,638.84		545,643.15		572,507.52
SEWER DEPARTMENT ACCTS:							
LkSunBk - Transaction Accts	Sewer Dept - General Fund		41,880.93	1.33%	228,499.22	0.08%	356,068.66
-	Sewer Dept - Surplus		420,902.38		-		-
-	Sewer Dept - Replacement		248,870.45	1.85%	311,986.00	0.07%	344,856.73
[LkSunBk]			711,653.76		540,485.22		700,945.39
Sugar River Bank	Sewer Dept Cap Imprvmt		123,096.02	2.03%	804,056.23	0.15%	810,815.62
NHPDIP	Sewer Dept Cap Imprvmt	4.96%	655,828.98		-		-
	Total - Sewer Department		1,490,578.76		1,344,541.45		1,511,761.01
TOTAL - ALL ACCOUNTS			7,624,254.59		8,210,051.38		8,181,989.21

2008 TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

There is not much doubt that elections took up a good deal of our time in 2008. Beginning with the Presidential Primary on January 8th, this election brought out 62% of our voters. On March 11th our Town and School Elections had a 28% turnout. September 9th marked the day for our State Primary with 19% of our voters marking their ballots that day. The National and State Election held on November 4th had voter participation of 77%. What a day that was! I want to personally thank everyone who assisted us in making all the elections a huge success.

Both automobile and boat registrations were down somewhat this year. We did anticipate this small downturn with the state of the economy. Nonetheless we still produced a substantial amount of income in these areas. The Municipal Agent Help Desk at the Division of Motor Vehicles is invaluable to us, and we appreciate all of their assistance throughout the year.

Tax collection has been very favorable with a 96% collection rate for 2008. Thank you taxpayers for all your efforts in getting your tax bills paid on time.

Just a reminder that all dogs 4 months or older are required to be licensed prior to April 30th of each year. Dogs not licensed prior to June 1st will be subject to a \$25.00 fine.

In July I graduated from the New England City and Town Clerk's Institute at St. Michaels's College. This was a three year program that covered topics including Municipal Finance, Record Keeping, and Public Speaking to name a few. I also had the honor of delivering the graduation speech for our class. I want to thank the voters of Sunapee for recognizing how important education is to our positions in town government.

The number of transactions that pass through our office could not be handled so proficiently if not for the team work that takes place on a daily basis between myself and Deputy Town Clerk & Tax Collector, Melissa Heino. I would like to personally thank Melissa for all her endeavors throughout the year.

It is my privilege to be able to serve you either by telephone, over the internet or in person. Please let our office know if there is anything we can do to improve our service to you.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty H. Ramspott
 Town Clerk & Tax
 Collector

Town Clerk:			
Remittances made to Treasurer - 2008:			
Auto Registrations:		\$616,660.75	
Boat Registrations:		\$6,073.43	
Dog Licenses:			
	Town of Sunapee	\$3,517.00	
	State of NH	\$326.50	
	Dept. of Agriculture	\$1,184.00	
Vital Statistics			
	State of NH	\$2,098.00	
Clerk Fees:			
	Auto Registrations	\$14,545.08	
	UCC Filings	\$740.00	
	Wetland's Applications	\$164.50	
	Vital Statistics	\$656.00	
	Election Filing Fees	\$8.00	
	Return Check Fees	\$124.50	
	Disk Sales	\$111.75	
Total Remittances:			\$646,209.51

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
For the Municipality of SUNAPEE Year Ending DECEMBER 31, 2008

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES-		Levy for Year	PRIOR LEVIES	
BEG. OF YEAR*		of this Report	(PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)	
Property Taxes	#3110	xxxxxx	\$	708,498.55
Resident Taxes	#3180	xxxxxx	\$	140.01
Land Use Change	#3120	xxxxxx	\$	19,300.00
Yield Taxes	#3185	xxxxxx	\$	433.53
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	xxxxxx		
Utility Charges	#3189	xxxxxx		
Property Tax Credit Balance**		< >	\$	(4,199.37)

TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR

Property Taxes	#3110	\$	14,818,520.00
Resident Taxes	#3180		
Land Use Change	#3120	\$	34,029.00
Yield Taxes	#3185	\$	4,062.72
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187		
Water/Sewer/Bond	#3189	\$	45,074.27
Adjustment		\$	189.32

OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS

Property Taxes	#3110	\$	12,087.00
Resident Taxes	#3180		
Land Use Change	#3120		
Yield Taxes	#3185		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187		
Water/Sewer/Bond			
Interest - Late Tax	#3190		
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190		
TOTAL DEBITS		\$	14,856,611.72
		\$	781,523.31
		\$	
		\$	

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

**Enter as a negative. This is the amount of this year's taxes pre-paid last year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a.

***The amount is already included in the warrant & therefore in line #3110 as positive amount for this year's levy.

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of SUNAPEE Year Ending DECEMBER 31, 2008

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for this Year	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)
Property Taxes	\$14,178,444.47	\$588,977.85
Resident Taxes	\$37,512.76	
Land Use Change	\$34,029.00	\$14,500.00
Yield Taxes	\$3,521.36	\$433.53
Interest (include lien conversion)		
Penalties		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd		
Water/Sewer/Bond		\$25,215.26
Conversion to Lien (principal only)		\$147,458.67
DISCOUNTS ALLOWED		

ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes	\$10,172.00	
Resident Taxes		
Land Use Change		
Yield Taxes		\$4,800.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd		
Utility Charges		
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED		

UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080

Property Taxes	\$616,040.77	\$140.00
Resident Taxes		
Land Use Change		
Yield Taxes	\$541.36	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd		
Utility Charges		
Property Tax Credit Balance*	(\$23,650.00)	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$14,856,611.72	\$781,523.31

*Enter as a negative. This is the amount of taxes pre-paid for next year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a

(Be sure to include a positive amount in the Property Taxes actually remitted to the treasurer).

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
For the Municipality of SUNAPEE Year Ending DECEMBER 31, 2008

DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy 2007	PRIOR LEVIES		
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Year		\$ 69,191.77	\$ 31,088.42	
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$ 158,416.78			
Interest & Costs Collected (AFTER LIEN EXECUTION)	\$ 6,378.27	\$ 6,408.14	\$ 10,170.45	
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 164,795.05	\$ 75,599.91	\$ 41,258.87	\$

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER:		Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
Redemptions		\$ 80,275.27	\$ 25,334.56	\$ 20,627.52	
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	#3190	\$ 8,378.27	\$ 6,408.14	\$ 10,170.45	
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens					
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$ 564.80	\$ 472.24	\$ 460.90	
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	#1110	\$ 77,576.71	\$ 43,334.57		
TOTAL CREDITS		\$ 164,795.05	\$ 75,599.91	\$ 41,258.87	\$

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE Betty W. Romo DATE Jan. 22, 2009

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT 2008

Article 1:	Officers elected on non-partisan	ballot March 11, 2008
Article 2:	Ballot vote	Passed
Article 3:	Ballot vote	Passed
Article 4:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 5:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 6:	To hear reports	
Article 7:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 8:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 9:	Ballot vote	Passed
Article 10:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 11:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 12:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 13:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 14:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 15:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 16:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 17:	Ballot vote	Passed
Article 17b:	Ballot vote	Passed
Article 18:	Ballot vote	Passed
Article 19:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 20:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 21:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 22:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 23:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 24:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 25:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 26:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 27:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 28:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 29:	Article removed prior to Town Meeting	
Article 30:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 31:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 32:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 33:	Ballot vote	Passed.
Article 34:	Ballot vote	Passed.

Betty H. Ramspott
Town Clerk & Tax Collector

2008 TAX RATE COMPUTATION

TOWN PORTION

Appropriations	\$ 11,337,350	
Less: Revenues	\$ -8,491,235	
Less: Shared Revenues	\$ -13,156	
Add: Overlay	\$ 203,464	
Add: War Service Credits	<u>\$ 102,000</u>	
Net Town Appropriation	\$3,138,423	
Town Tax Rate		\$2.93

SCHOOL PORTION

Due to Local School	\$ 8,561,821	
Less: State Education taxes	<u>\$ -2,541,205</u>	
Net School Appropriation	\$6,020,616	
School Tax Rate		\$5.64

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

Equalized Valuation (without Utilities) x 2.14	\$2,541,205	
Less: Remitted to State	<u>0</u>	
Net State Education Taxes to School	\$2,541,205	
Local Valuation (without utilities)	\$1,058,818,594	
State School Rate		\$2.40

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	\$ 3,215,056	
Less: Shared Revenues	\$ -5,086	
Net County Appropriation	\$3,209,970	
County Tax Rate		<u>\$3.01</u>

Total Tax Rate: \$13.98

Total Property Taxes Assessed:	\$ 14,910,214	
Less: War Service Credits	\$ -102,000	
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$14,808,214	

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY 2008

Value of Land Only:

Current Use	\$ 665,994
Residential	\$ 490,456,400
Commercial/Industrial	<u>\$ 8,480,500</u>

Total Taxable Land: \$ 499,602,894

Value of Buildings Only:

Residential	\$ 533,980,700
Manufactured Housing	\$ 2,483,200
Commercial/Industrial	<u>\$ 23,646,800</u>

Total Taxable Buildings: \$ 560,110,700

Public Utilities: \$ 9,320,400

Valuation before Exemptions: \$ 1,069,033,994

Exemptions:

Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities	\$ 0
Blind Exemptions	\$ 60,000
Elderly Exemptions	<u>\$ 835,000</u>

Total Amount of Exemptions: \$ 895,000

Net Valuation on Which the Tax Rate for Municipal,
County and Local Education is computed \$ 1,068,138,994

Net Valuation without utilities on which Tax Rate for
State Education Tax is computed \$ 1,058,818,594

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY As of December 31, 2008

<u>Map/Lot</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>
132/01	Town Hall, Building	377,300
133/12	Coffin Park, Land	55,100
129/77	Library, Land & Building	264,900
133/88	Thrift Store, Old Town Hall	293,900
<u>Fire Department Land & Buildings</u>		
106/64	Georges Mills Fire Station	161,600
129/36	Sunapee Safety Services Building	3,298,700
218/82-1	Highway Department, buildings	939,400
129/37	Highway, land (Ball field)	2,900
218/74&77	Transfer/Recycling Facility	345,800
<u>Parks, Commons & Playgrounds</u>		
133/03	Ski Tow	66,000
123/21	Dewey Woods	227,000
122/31	Bartlett-Tyler Lot	250,500
106/19	Georges Mills Dock & Beach	943,600
133/13	38 Main Street	48,900
125/25	Dewey Beach (incl. Pump Station)	1,095,300
133/36	Town Docks - Sunapee Harbor	1,036,400
133/84	Ben Mere Park & bandstand	91,200
140/11	Burkehaven Lane	34,100
106/40	Jobs Creek Road	121,500
<u>Water Supply Facilities</u>		
133/90	Pump Station - River Road	148,500
104/12	Municipal Water Supply Land	162,800
203/08	Tank Site	417,400
133/77	Harbor Hill Road	2,179,000
<u>Sewer Plant & Facilities</u>		
225/86	Treatment Plant	3,771,900
Various	Land and Pump Stations	203,500
<u>Hydroelectric Plant / Info Booth</u>		
132/49		1,781,900
<u>Schools, Land & Buildings</u>		
130/34	Middle/High School	4,398,300
129/22	Playground/ Mobile Classroom	223,200
132/38	Lower Main Street	1,300

129/25&34	Elementary School, House, Gym	2,384,400
123/1 & 3	Ball fields	117,000
<u>Land & Buildings Acquired by Tax Deed</u>		
238/54&55	Penacook Path	81,700
218/64 & 65	Sargent Road	91,000
121/47	Fernwood Point Road	56,300
115/41	North Shore Road	35,700
104/79	Otter Hill Road	4,000
<u>Cemeteries</u>		
210/35 & 37, 104/5, 132/45, 231/13 & 15	Eastman, Georges Mills, Weigle, Dexters, Lower Village	196,400
<u>All Other Town Owned Property</u>		
206/7,8; 207/20,27, & 28	Ledge Pond	2,160,900
133/33	Parking Lots	175,200
210/03	Webb-Flint Lot	13,700
125/54	Route 11	3,500
102/04	Spaulding Property - Otter Pond	4,300
136/63	Birch Point Road	130,000
231/17	Crowther Chapel	41,300
132/03	Backland Stagecoach Lane	6,500
225/87	Route 11 - near Treatment Plant Road	3,000
120/22	Jobs Creek Road	33,900
102/03&05	Backland Otter Pond	75,000
102/01	Backland	2,900
105/21	Keyes Road	284,500
123/20	Granliden	16,800
125/46	Garnet Street	69,700
136/49	Lovejoy Lane	41,300
218/83	Route 11	48,800
103/31	Route 11	36,600
129/39	Sargent Road (common lot)	0
132/50	Edgemont Road	3,000
239/12	Backland Messer Road	3,500
	<u>TOTAL</u>	29,062,800

**EXEMPTIONS & CREDITS AVAILABLE TO RESIDENT
PROPERTY OWNERS**

➤ **Elderly Exemption under RSA 72:39-a**

Applications must be turned in to the Selectmen's Office by April 15th. If approved, the exemption will be applied of the current tax year. It is the responsibility of the taxpayer to properly apply for any exemption or deferral program and to provide documentation of all assets and income. The Selectmen's office must be notified of any changes in asset and/or income status, as well as address changes. The following criteria are guidelines and may change at any time without prior notification. Also, additional criteria may be required for certain exemptions/credits. Please read carefully before completing any application.

- Applicant must be a New Hampshire resident for at least three (3) years preceding April 1st of the year for which the exemption is claimed.
- Applicant or spouse must be 65 years old on April 1st of the year of application.
- Property for which the exemption is applied must meet the definition of residential real estate per RSA 72:29a.
- Property cannot have been transferred to the applicant, from a person under the age of 65 and related to the applicant by blood or marriage, within the past five (5) years.
- If single, the applicant must have a net income, *including social security income*, of less than \$18,000.00. If married, the applicants must have a joint net income of less than \$27,000.00.
- The applicant must have assets that do not exceed \$50,000.00, excluding the value of the residence and land up to two (2) acres.
- Applicants whose property is owned by a Trust must complete Form PA-33, and supply the necessary documentation relevant to the Trust.
- Applicant(s) must reside at the property for which the exemption is applied.
- Benefits are as follows:

Age 65-74	\$35,000.00 reduction of assessed value
Age 75-79	\$55,000.00 reduction of assessed value
Age 80 and over	\$75,000.00 reduction of assessed value

➤ **Veteran's Tax Credit under RSA 72:28**

The applicant must own property on April 1st of the year of application, must be a New Hampshire resident for one (1) year prior to April 1st of the application year. The property must be residential and the applicant must notify the Assessor's office of any change of address. The following persons shall qualify for the Veteran's Tax Credit:

Every resident of this state *who served not less than 90 days* in the armed forces of the United States of America in any qualifying war or armed conflict listed in this section and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from service; or a disabled veteran; or the spouse or the surviving spouse of such resident. Service in a qualifying war or armed conflict shall be as follows:

- 1.) "World War I"- April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918, extended to April 1, 1920 for service in Russia; provided that military or naval service on or after November 12, 1918 and before July 2, 1921, where there was prior service between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918 shall be considered as World War I service;
 - 2.) "World War II" – between December 7, 1941 and December 31, 1946;
 - 3.) "Korean Conflict"- between June 25, 1950 and January 31, 1955;
 - 4.) "Vietnam Conflict" – between December 22, 1961 and May 7, 1975 or between July 1, 1958 and December 22, 1961 **if the resident earned the Vietnam service medal or the armed services expeditionary medal;**
 - 5.) "Persian Gulf War" – between August 2, 1990 and the date thereafter prescribed by Presidential proclamation or by law;
 - 6.) Any other war or armed conflict that has occurred since May 8, 1975, and in which the resident earned an armed forces expeditionary medal or theatre of operations service medal (Gulf War **if** earned Liberation of Kuwait medal and/or Southwest Asia service medal).
 - 7.) Honorable discharge from service (a copy of DD Form 214 or equivalent.)
- Benefits: annual \$500.00 tax credit

➤ **Blind Exemption under RSA 72:37**

- Every inhabitant owning residential real estate, who is legally blind, as determined by the administrator of blind services of the vocational rehabilitation division of the education department.
- Benefits: \$15,000 reduction of assessed value.

For further information regarding exemptions and credits, call the NH Department of Revenue @ 271-2687 or visit them online @ <http://www.nh.gov/revenue>. You can also call, visit or email Sarah Barton in the Assessing Department @ sarah@town.sunapee.nh.us or 763-2212. Applications for all credits and exemptions are available at the Selectmen's window at the Town Hall @ 23 Edgemont Road in Sunapee.

ANNUAL MATURITIES OF OUTSTANDING LONG TERM NOTES AND BONDS

GENERAL OBLIGATION Debt Payable:	ORIGINAL AMOUNT	ISSUE DATE	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	OUTSTANDING 31-Dec-08
Water Filtration Bond	\$783,400.00	1997	2027	5	\$611,551.00
Water Filtration Bond	\$1,300,000.00	1997	2027	5	\$1,031,429.00
Water Filtration Bond	\$3,303,125.00	2006	2025	3.63	\$2,638,842.00
Lake Avenue Water Line	\$707,292.00				\$707,292.00
TOTAL	\$6,093,817.00				\$4,989,114.00

The annual requirements to amortize all general obligation debt outstanding as of December 31, 2008, including interest payments, are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2009	\$120,126.00	\$185,401.00	\$305,527.00
2010	\$122,921.00	\$176,058.00	\$298,979.00
2011	\$225,857.00	\$166,826.00	\$392,683.00
2012	\$228,942.00	\$156,942.00	\$385,884.00
2013	\$232,183.00	\$147,154.00	\$379,337.00
2014-2017	\$964,545.00	\$487,521.00	\$1,452,066.00
2018-2021	\$1,031,124.00	\$315,887.00	\$1,347,011.00
2022-2025	\$1,112,226.00	\$130,136.00	\$1,242,362.00
2026-2027	\$192,193.00	\$11,555.00	\$203,748.00
	\$4,230,117.00	\$1,777,480.00	\$6,007,597.00

ABBOTT LIBRARY REPORT
For the Year ending December 31, 2008

2008 was an eventful year at the library. New services and programs were added, 4 trustees were elected to the library board and a new library site in Sunapee Harbor was approved by the voters at the March town meeting.

The library board of Trustees had a busy year working out the details for the new library site in Sunapee Harbor. Additional work had to be done by the library's architects and site engineers in order to make the site compliant with the new Shoreline Protection Act. A consultation was held with the State DES administrator in June and the library's site plan was in compliance with the new regulations. The library board also consulted with the Town Planning Board in September to get input on the site plan. A Capital Campaign Exploratory committee was formed in March and the committee spent summer searching for a consultant who could perform a feasibility study for the new library project. Kathleen K. Barger was hired in September and conducted her study during November and December and is expected to give her report the board in January 2009.

The library continued to deal with space constraints for library materials as 2,229 books and other materials were removed from the collection during the year to accommodate the addition of 2,173 new items to the collection. More than 500 books were put into storage at the Safety Services building during the year in order to free up needed shelf space. We would like to thank Police Chief, David Cahill, for providing us with the necessary storage space for library books in the Safety Services building basement. The books that were placed in storage are still listed in the library's catalog and can be retrieved from storage upon request.

The Abbott library had a great year in 2008 as 45,701 items were circulated to a record number 25,716 visitors to the library. The library added 2,173 new items to the collection in 2008 as well as 284 new patrons. Internet usage was up by 48% in 2008 due to the addition of 2 new Internet workstations in the late fall of 2007. The library's WI-FI usage also grew by an amazing 260% in 2008 with 219 users as compared to 60 in 2007.

The library also had a full year of participation in the Downloadable Audio-book Consortium. The consortium is managed by the State Library and allows Sunapee library cardholders to download audio-book files to their home computer which then could be downloaded to an MP3 player. 41 town residents signed up for the service in 2008 and downloaded a total of 383 titles during the year.

The library also participated in the Finlay Foundation challenge which rewarded \$25,000 to the library who issued the most new library cards during the year. The library did not win but we were able to increase our enrollment by 315 cardholders which was a 10% increase to our total number of cardholders. As part of the effort, librarian John Walden visited each advisory class at the SMHS to encourage library usage by middle/high school students.

The library's After School Kids (A.S.K) program continued to be well attended in 2008. Enrollment for the program totaled 71 students during the spring and fall and an average of 50 students have attended each week with approximately 14-20 participating in each session. The program is held on Mondays for Kindergarten and 1st Graders, Wednesdays for 2nd and 3rd Graders, and Thursdays for 4th and 5th Graders.

The library participated in the Statewide Summer Reading on Wednesday Evenings during a five week in July. "G'Day for Reading" was the theme and the children focused on books, music and activities relating to Australia. As always the program was designed to encourage reading for pleasure in a relaxed environment. A total of 70 children registered and weekly attendance averaged 38 during the program. The children who participated read a combined total of 27,632 minutes or 461 hours during the five- week program. A final week beach party was held at Dewey beach and participants received certificates and prizes.

A new Teen Summer Reading program was introduced in the summer and the theme was "Read for Charity." Students in grades 6-12 were invited to participate and for every page they read during the summer a "penny" was raised for one of two local charities. The program was underwritten by the Sugar River Bank and a total of 41,408 pages were read and \$510 was raised for the following charities, Children's Hospital at Dartmouth (CHAD) and the Upper Valley Humane Society. Participants were

eligible to win one of three weekly raffle prizes donated by local businesses such as Pizza Chef, Tattered Pages, Marzelli's deli, Quack Shack, and Wild Goose. A Kick-Off Concert for the program was held at Dewey Beach on July 7th and several local student bands performed.

Children's librarian, Joyce Martin, continued to hold a weekly toddler story hour on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. The story hour included the reading of several stories plus other craft activities. 3-8 children attend the program each week.

The Friends of the Abbott library continued to support the library with their annual fund-raising events, The Pancake Breakfast, Plant Sale and Appeal letter. The Pancake breakfast had a second successful year at the Safety Services building. Receipts from these events provided funding for the summer reading programs and are used to buy books and other non-print materials for the library collection. I wish to thank the Friends for their continued support of library materials and programs in 2008.

Many thanks to our regular volunteers who provide hundreds of hours annually which helped us keep the library operating smoothly. There are also many other wonderful volunteers who have helped with the various Friends fundraising events and the Annual library book sale.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Walden, Library Director

ABBOTT LIBRARY TREASURERS REPORT FOR 2008

	<u>2007</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2008</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2008</u> <u>Actual</u>
OPENING BALANCE	-64	0	\$1,191
RECEIPTS			
Book Reimbursement			463
Interest Received	9		3
Other Income			524
Non Resident Members			175
Friends of Abbott library		0	1,967
Donations	2,629	0	1,535
Trust & Fines			2,480
Town Allotment	229,453	253,717	253,717
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>232,091</u>	<u>\$253,717</u>	<u>260,864</u>
PAYMENTS			
Full Time Payroll	77,784	81,184	81,135
Part Time Payroll	47,233	54,706	55,512
Employee Benefits	<u>38,743</u>	<u>48,362</u>	<u>44,280</u>
Total Employee Costs	163,760	184,252	180,927
Telephone	1,215	1,250	1,282
Alarm System	300	300	300
Computer Costs	2,354	2,075	2,035
Copier Lease	2,739	2,775	2,631
Electricity	3,039	3,200	3,184
Heating	1,244	1,500	1,925
Water & Sewer	670	750	640
Repairs	1,782	1,850	3,331
Insurance	1,113	1,200	1,190
Training & Meetings	53	300	735
Programs		300	1,132
Printing & Advertising	1,302	150	33
Memberships	531	575	576
General Supplies	-531	1,150	1,697
Machine Supplies	1,297	1,200	3,215
Program Supplies	2,260	2,500	4,511
Postage	1,197	1,100	806
Furniture & Office Equip.	4,150	1,250	2,689

Collections: Books	22,041	24,000	23,952
Subscriptions	3,304	3,500	3,400
Non-Print	6,799	6,000	6,052
Large Print	2,458	2,600	2,521
Software	4,437	7,140	7,084
Processing Supplies	~ 3,322	2,800	2,974
TOTAL PAYMENTS	230,836	\$253,717	258,822
ENDING BALANCE	1,191		2,042

Library Use:	2008	2007
Circulation	52,415	12%
Adult Patrons (Library Visits)	25,716	11%
Children (Library Visits)	7,832	27%
New Registrations	284	31%
Internet Usage	3,683	43%
Reference	1,730	-5%
Wireless Usage	219	259%
Digital Audio Books	383	

Circulation Breakdown by Borrower Type:	Cardholders	% Checkouts
Adult (Resident 18 and over)	1609	58%
Non Resident (Out of District)	17	3%
Seasonal Adult	652	12%
Seasonal Student	173	2%
Student (Ages 3 - 11)	325	21%
Inter-Library Loan	228	2%
Young Adult (12 - 17)	238	1%
Other (Works in Sunapee; Probationary)	40	1%
Totals	3282	

**Circulation Breakdown by
Material Type:**

Adult Books	31%
Children's Books	19%
Non-print (audio books, music & films on video & DVD)	43%
Magazines, Inter-library loan and Temporary materials	7%

2008 Materials: Added

Adult Books	922
Large Print	116
Adult Audio Books	154
Children's Fiction	233
Children's Non-Fiction	62
DVD / Video	378
Music CD	98
Reference Books	6
Young Adult	76
Other	27
Total	2072

2008 Inter-Library Loans:

	Filled	Total	%Filled
Sunapee Requests	260	419	62%
Requests to Sunapee	938	1323	70%

* 1340 of Deleted Adult Books
were Non-fiction Titles

ALTERNATIVE WASTE FACILITIES STUDY COMMITTEE

2008

The committee was formalized in April 2007 and held its first meeting in May of that year. A number of the members had been traveling to various facilities gathering information.

One such facility was operated in the towns of Hebron-Bridgewater. During the tour we had the opportunity to see their incineration and recycling program that was employing the very latest technology available for that type of installation. We were impressed with the cleanliness of the operation and their use of recycling, compression and shredding to reduce the size of their waste stream.

We have found during this period of time that there are number of organizations operating with the same goal in mind to reduce waste an increase recycling. To that end members of our committee had attended various meetings held by these organizations in order to gather information and communicate with communities that are confronted with the same problem.

One such meeting was the Solid Waste Conference that was held in Manchester, NH that provided us with up to date disposal methods that had not been required by law in the past. The method of disposal of electronics equipment the effect on July 1, 2007 and will have an impact on all communities.

Numbers of adjoining communities are using a program called Pay-As-You-Throw and that method has been effective and cost efficient. The Chairman and Selectman for the town of Canterbury provided a program and a DVD so that we could become familiar with their successful program. The committee has explored this possibility for our community and at this time would not recommend its adoption.

The committee then began its exploration of cost recovery and a comparison of various programs presently in effect throughout the state. Tony Bergeron, Road Agent and Town Manager Donna Nashawaty provided costs and recovery at our Transfer Station and the actual individual costs to the community. It was deemed necessary to increase various disposal costs on items that have increased since 2005 and should

be passed on to the appropriate individuals who use our Transfer Station. The new rates were finally adopted by the Select board and put into effect on August 01, 2008.

On April 15 2008, Tony Bergeron and I joined a number of representatives from various towns within the state of New Hampshire and visited a recycling facility in Auburn, MA. This facility would be described as a Single Stream, "Recycling Made Simple" and a major business in this recycling industry. The facility operates sixteen hours a day and requires eight hours for maintenance on its equipment. The recovery cost for the community at this time would not justify participating in this program.

Over the past year the committee members has spent time at the Transfer Station to learn how our recovery program works and the needs to meet our higher recycling goals. Through economies and good business practices and the need to follow market pricing necessitated the building of additional storage and housing of equipment at the Transfer Station. This project was completed this fall and will enlarge our storage capacity and help increase our ability to market our recycled material.

A Warrant Article was approved earlier this year to fund the distribution of a more descriptive newsletter to the residents to reduce, reuse, recycle and recover from the waste stream. We will be applying to the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission for funds that they received on a USDA Grant to fund signage at the Transfer Station and the newsletter that will be distributed to all residents.

I must thank all the members of the committee who have participated not only by attending the monthly meeting but, attending various regional planning commission meetings and visiting waste disposal facilities. Anyone interested in joining our group should attend one of our meetings that are held in the Selectmen's Meeting room at Town Hall on the first Monday of the month at 2:30 PM.

Members of the committee are as follows:

Charlie Balyeat – Secretary	Donna Nashawaty – Town Manager
Dan Banks	Stephen White, Selectman
Tom Bennett - Transfer Station Supervisor	Tony Bergeron, Road Agent

Respectfully submitted-Ronald A. Verblauw, Chairman

2008 ASSESSOR'S REPORT

It's been about three and a half years since joining Sunapee as the town assessor. I started right at the completion of a full-blown town-wide revaluation, the first in many years. I have to say overall, it came off with very few problems. It is a solid basis to use going forward. The basis still remains solid as we are looking to tweak various areas or groups of properties as new evidence presents itself. Appeals have been very low as we continue to adjust assessments when they are wrong and educate the taxpayer when they are fairly assessed. In either case one of our goals is to educate the public on an on-going basis. No one likes paying taxes, but if property owners feel they are being treated fairly and are receiving answers to their questions, paying the bill becomes a little more palatable.

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

The State of New Hampshire annually performs ratio studies in every community within the state. The purpose is to determine the overall ratio (assessment divided by sale price) of all arms length sales occurring over a one-year period. Secondly, they calculate a COD (coefficient of dispersion). This number measures assessment equity or overall fairness. The closer the COD is to Zero the better. An acceptable standard for a community with our characteristics is for the COD to be less than 20%. The most recent study for 2008 indicated a COD of 11.2%. This number indicates overall, property owners are being fairly assessed. Overall, on average, properties are being assessed at 92.2% of their sale price. In 2007, properties were being assessed at 82.4% of their sale price. This indicates the market has retreated slightly combined with the fact that in my opinion, the 2007 ratio was artificially low.

When I first arrived here, our data showed the market to be on a slight increase. It appeared in the middle of 2006 that the Real Estate Market was showing signs of leveling off while news from many parts of the country was not good. The good news for our region was that we were not a big part of the sub-prime mortgage crisis that was prevalent in other parts of the country. The southern tier of our state and Southern New England seemed to be more involved in this crisis. This has caused a cooling of our market because of the perception that Real Estate values are in the tank. That is not so in our area.

According to a recent Forbes article as reported on WMUR –TV <http://www.wmur.com/money/17735706/detail.html> we are ideally situated for the long haul as being located between three of the cities (Keene, Lebanon and Concord) that are considered to be recession proof. These cities are employment centers for our area with many families going in different directions in the morning to work. These three areas do not have the added advantage of having the 4 season seasonal population and a steady influx of baby boomers of above average means choosing to relocate to this beautiful area.

Secondly, a recent New York Times article focusing on New London talked about the area and all the advantages. People read this stuff and many follow up with a visit. Lucky for us, everyone doesn't stay, just the ones that really want to be part of this vibrant area. This is one of the things that help to keep our market healthy. I have talked to several Real Estate Brokers who indicate they had an average or better than average year. I'm guessing that is not the case with everyone though.

The numbers indicate that our assessments are performing well overall in the 3 communities. On average, we are assessing property between 87% and 94% of market value. This means that if you have a home that is assessed at \$300,000, the market value is on the average showing your property worth between \$344,500 and \$319,200 respectively. The equation is to take your present assessment and divide it by the assessment ratio. The number will give you an indication of average market value for your property. In the three communities approximately 50% of the taxable value is from Lake Front property. This includes all lakes, not just Lake Sunapee. Based on our statistics over the past year waterfront property is performing on an even par with other classes. In other words, their

common level of assessment as compared to non-waterfront properties is consistent.

In conclusion, I believe our communities are influenced from factors outside of our control but these factors do not control our local market as some would like to believe. The assessor's office constantly monitors the Real Estate market and if the time ever comes to adjust values downward we are poised to do so. In my opinion, the data suggests this is not the case. Again, we will monitor the market and make appropriate adjustments if and when necessary to obtain fairness and equity among all classes and types of property.

I have created a mission statement for the Tri-Town Assessing office which applies to Sunapee. I have included it below. It is also available on the Town's web site, www.town.sunapee.nh.us I have included it in this Town Report because I feel it is very important to communicate.

MISSION STATEMENT

SERVICES PROVIDED:

The Tri-Town Assessing Staff provides professional and technical services to the three-member towns including Sunapee, New London and Newbury. The Department is responsible for discovering, identifying, and valuing all real estate within town boundaries. The Department provides real estate data including property record cards, maps (hard copy or GIS), specialized reports, ownership information, explanation of the assessment process, and various other information services. The Department manages an assessment roll of about 8,377 parcels totaling almost three billion dollars in property value.

DEPARTMENT OBJECTIVES:

- Maintain fair and equitable assessments.
- Provide a high level of customer service.
- Perform assessment function within budget.
- Comply with State Standards, Laws and Rules.
- Conduct town business in an ethical manner.

Address abatement requests in a timely and professional manner.
Adequately defend assessments.
Provide statutorily required reports in a timely manner.
Value property on an annual basis.
Process property ownership changes.
Expand staff knowledge base in the appraisal/assessment field.
Assist other town departments with vital data and analysis.
Provide digital information, via the Internet, including assessment data.
Ensure that the taxpayer is well informed.
Provide the best possible assessing program in an efficient and cost effective manner.

A few interesting facts about Sunapee some may not know are; there are approximately 12, 805 acres as compared to Newbury which has 20,800 acres and New London which has 13,350 acres. There are 3,084 separate and distinct parcels in Sunapee of which 130 are exempt from taxation. The total taxable value is \$1,069,033,994 of which half is direct waterfront. Add to that the indirect water access properties and the number becomes larger.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens for the opportunity to serve you over the past three and half years. I look forward to a cooperative and amicable relationship for many years to come. If you have any questions regarding how assessments are done or about your particular assessment please feel free to call or stop by the office in Town Hall. Also, please take the opportunity to review your property record file every few years or at a minimum your property record card where the information used to calculate your assessment is depicted.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman G. Bernaiche, Tri-Town Assessor

2008 BEAUTIFICATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT

This group evolved as an offshoot of the Sunapee Gardeners; officially established in 2003 with the responsibility of fiscal oversight of the Expendable Trust Fund holding the monies earned by the “Secret Gardens of Sunapee” tours (per Warrant Article 37 in 2004). The committee functions with the consent and approval of the Board of Selectmen, the guidance of the Town Manager and in logistical coordination with the Road Agent.

In the summer of 2008, the perimeter boundary of the Lakeside lawn area was landscaped with native plants as described by the LSPA and NH Shoreland Protection Act. At the request of the Board of Selectmen, we also coordinated the placement of three memorial granite benches donated for the park.

The first step to pave the walkways to the Ben Mere bandstand was done; the final chip coating, thwarted by rainy weather, was delayed and will be completed in 2009.

A Heritage birch tree was planted near the bandstand to replace one that was felled by an ice storm and disease. The family that donated the original tree 25 years ago provided the funds.

To provide continued good horticultural health, a certified arborist was contracted to deep root feed the trees and shrubs in the Harbor. Maintenance of the trees, landscaping and seasonal plantings around the Ben Mere bandstand, the Lakeside lawn area and the flower boxes on the Sugar River Dam bridge continues to be a perennial project.

In September, Selectman Fred Gallup joined the committee as ex officio member. The public was invited to submit applications to serve on the BOC. After consideration of resume’ and interviews, Diane Guyer was elected to replace retiring committee member, Robin Pollard, who has given generously of her time, energy and skills in service to the committee.

The BOC participated in other community events and coordinated the decorations and lighting for Sunapee's Magical Holiday Celebration. Santa and his reindeer at Old Town Hall was the scene of many family Christmas photos.

All of the above projects were obviously not accomplished by the three co-chairmen, but with the volunteer help of many generous friends of the committee who provided labor, in-kind gifts and financial donations to fulfill the mission. Our heartfelt appreciation is extended to one and all.

As the committee has evolved, so too has the mission. The Master Plan of 2003 for the Town Harbor has essentially been fulfilled. We intend to continue acting as good stewards of the land by enhancing and preserving other green spaces in the community, coordinating with the Planning Board's new Master Plan proposals for Sunapee.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Cooper, Donna Gazelle and Diane Guyer, Co-Chairmen

2008 BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT REPORT

The Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) was created by the Board of Selectmen and charged with participating in the annual budget meeting process for the Town as well as the School Board. The BAC attends the budget meetings, looks over the proposed budget documents, and asks questions of the Board of Selectman, Town Manager, Town Department Heads, School Board, Principals, Superintendent and others who may affect the annual budget. BAC has many sources of information available to assist in the formulation of meaningful, respectful questions. Some of these sources are historical documentation, newspapers, the web, and Federal and State government publications to name a few. The most important source however is the ability to listen to the citizens of Sunapee on the street. We recognize everyone cannot attend the meetings; that is no excuse not to voice your concerns however. BAC, Board of Selectmen, and School Board need to hear from you to prepare the best possible budget which reflects the will of the citizens to run the Town.

This budget season saw membership of the BAC turn over with just one returning member. New blood is essential to keep things current with ever changing real world conditions. Sadly, there was one appointment left vacant. This vacancy is an opportunity for someone in Town to step up and have the BAC reflect the demographics of the population of the Town. Look around town, and then look who is at the meetings deciding things for all of us, and you may agree there are some segments not represented. So, it is time for some folks to step up to the plate and participate in the wonderful freedom we have to run our own Town. Besides, there isn't a script writer alive that can write the entertainment you can see at some meetings!

The Town side of the budget shows an increase due mainly to contracted wage and benefits packages. The department heads, at the request of the Town Manager, did a good professional job preparing and presenting their information. The BAC raised concern that now is not the time to expand the town workforce either by increasing part time hours or creating new positions. BAC also would like to see the workforce remain flat at this time, meaning possibly leaving open positions unfilled.

BAC did note to the Board of Selectman that the Library Trustees have an annual warrant article to raise funds by taxation to build a new library at some undetermined future date. However, it was duly noted that the Library Trustees have advertised that the proposed new library would

be built at no cost to the town. The truth of the matter is taxpayers have been paying taxes for years already for the purpose of a new library. The estimated balance of this fund at the end of 2008 is just over \$110,000 that the taxpayers have already paid.

The School side of the budget process was significantly different from past years. We have a separate and solo SAU for the first time. The SAU did an outstanding job presenting the budget information in a meeting format similar to the way the Town holds its meeting. The atmosphere of the meeting was much more participative and respectful than past efforts. School budget discussion can be a tricky proposition.

If a respectful question is asked, it does not mean the questioner is anti-education. It does mean that the citizens should support a school system that delivers a great education for the dollar. Sometimes that means asking tough questions. Ultimately, the School Board has to make the difficult decision to fund, reduce or cut a program.

Similar to the town budget, the school budget is dominated by wages and benefits which is for the most part untouchable. However, the budget was presented with workforce cuts included. This reflects the somewhat smaller student population and student/services ratios that are more current with regional trends. BAC did suggest that the School Board be wary of reducing the number of Paraprofessionals as the "Paras" provide a very large impact for the money spent.

BAC also suggested the School Board put off the purchase of a new school bus. BAC suggested a simple shelter be built to park the fleet of busses. This shelter was suggested for safety reasons as well as adding to the useful life of the fleet.

To sum up, the budget season went very well. The citizens of Sunapee should trust the people they have running the Town and Schools. The citizens should also check and ask questions to reinforce that trust.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Unsworth, Charles Smith, Spec Bowers

2008 CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Conservation Commission would like to thank the community for the continued support you have shown for our projects and requests for funding during the last year. Without the backing of you, the voter, we would not be able to carry out some of the efforts that have been a pleasure for us to bring before the Town. This year the Commission has spent a significant amount of time working on the Master Plan which the Planning Board is hoping to publish in the middle of 2009. Our interest has been in the Natural Resource chapter of the Master Plan and making specific recommendations for conservation efforts during the next 10 year planning cycle. To obtain more information about what natural resources we have, where they are located and how they relate to lands that have already been protected in Town, we spent monies from our Conservation Commission Fund to obtain a Natural Resource Inventory that was done by the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission. We have a number of maps and a written report which document the status of natural features in Town and give us a baseline for planning the next ten years. These will be available on line at the Towns website for your review. They will also be included in the Master Plan as an appendix to the Natural Resource chapter.

Another effort that was a focus of study was the update and further implementation of the Town Forest management plan done by our Town forester. This document is available at the Town Office has a careful inventory of the six lots that are in the Town Forest and recommendations for future activities. We carefully reviewed the Goals and Objectives for management of each parcel and have outlined a number of things that we hope to accomplish on each lot over the next three to five years. Things you will see include trails to the summit of Garnet Hill on the Tyler/Bartlett lot, a timber sale on the Dewey Woods parcel, improvement of the trail to Ledge Pond and work on Ski Tow hill to bring further recreational uses to the property. We have also enrolled in the Tree Farm program, a national program that promotes good management on acreage that qualifies for use. You will see a sign on the trail kiosk that is at Dewey Woods, and there is one at the Ledge Pond lot.

We have spent a lot of time on studying the Gore Lot, a 1.2 acre parcel that is located at the end of Keyes Road and that has frontage on Ledge Pond.

It is near the Ledge Pond lot and is a focus of conservation efforts by your Commission. We have had several of our monthly meetings with its use as a topic of discussion and also held a public hearing in conjunction with the Selectboard to hear issues and discussions from members of the public and stakeholders from the Ledge Pond area. One thing that becomes clear in all discussions is the value of that area for conservation efforts and the way the northwest corner of the Town is a prime area for further study. We hope to have the Future Land Use map being developed by the Planning Board show where we can focus our protection efforts, and have the Natural Resources chapter have a thorough discussion of the values associated with that area.

Efforts are underway to expand the recreational uses of Ski Tow hill. We agree that this area is due for greater use and if you review the Town Forest plan it is one of the stated Goals and Objectives. A careful reading of the Town Forest enabling legislation also shows that recreational use of a Town Forest is compatible with management. When we did our review of lands that should be enrolled in the Town Forest, one of the reasons given to voters for the inclusion of Ski Tow hill was that it would give the Commission, whose specialty is resource management, a chance to review plans that are presented to insure that there is no environmental degradation of the site associated with its development. We also hoped to encourage the comments of the public in the process, and have the Town involved what it would like to see on Ski Tow hill. We firmly believe a professional recreation planner should be involved at the beginning of the process and that all the attributes of Ski Tow Hill should be studied before any structures are placed there. The public should be invited to a series of planning events that will help define the areas of interest and the work of the planner that is hired to do the study.

Our meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month at the Town Hall. We encourage the public to come and tell us what you would like to see coming from the Commission. Please read and study the Master Plan when it is released, it is an important document for our Town. Thank you again for your support.

Van O. Webb
Chairman



COA CHAPIN SENIOR CENTER

37 Pleasant Street, New London NH
03257

COA's motto in fulfilling its basic mission is "People Helping People". From a philosophical standpoint COA provides multiple ongoing opportunities for area seniors to get out and participate in activities and programs which keep

their minds and bodies in action and improve the quality of their lives. There are many studies, which support the fact that seniors who volunteer, get out to socialize and stay active, live longer, healthier lives and stay longer in their homes.

From a practical standpoint, in 2008 COA volunteers drove members from the nine town area 46,000 miles. COA's transportation program provides home pick up and return, to people who are unable to drive, all this at no charge and with no reimbursement. To put this overwhelming statistic in perspective, COA maintains ongoing separate listings of so called "ongoing- rides"- those people who require treatment at the VA Hospital, White River Junction, Concord or Hitchcock Hospitals. Oncology patients can often receive treatments only at hospitals other than the New London Hospital, sometimes requiring transportation on a daily basis.

COA has a thriving senior center, with over 54 programs. The center is open M-F 9-4. Come for exercises, cards, attend an enrichment educational program or just have coffee with friends! A full library and video library awaits, computer instruction, knitting group, a multitude of volunteer opportunities and most



importantly a community of people who care about each other.

COA is making significant contributions to the health, well being and quality of life of residents in the area and they value these services as

COA CHAPIN SENIOR CENTER ~ THEN & NOW		
	<u>2007</u>	<u>1996</u>
Membership	2452	628
Newsletter Delivery	2000	900
No. of COA Programs	54	10
No. of Volunteer Hours	10,905	4,900
No. of Volunteer Miles driven	46,000	16,000

evidenced by the high membership and the thousands of valuable hours of volunteer time they are willing to give.

2008 LAKE SUNAPEE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION REPORT

In 2008, LSPA had many opportunities to further environmental education, science, water quality and collaborations in and around the Sunapee area:

Invasive species

Many thanks to our Weed Watchers, who reported more plant growth in general and more green filamentous algae. These long and stringy algae can form cloud-like masses, usually near the lake bottom in shallow areas. These “lake balls” are on the increase and indicate increasing nutrient levels in the water.

Invasive milfoil was discovered in Sunapee Harbor this year. LSPA actually discovered the plants last year but we could not confirm the species. A new fragment was sent to NHDES this year and it was positively identified as variable milfoil through DNA analysis. The milfoil has been covered with benthic barrier since last year and it will continue to be monitored and managed. It is fortunate that we caught this batch early. There are/were only 2 or 3 plants stems under boat slips – a difficult location for visibility. Monitoring and management of existing invasive milfoil continued successfully at George’s Mills this past season. Licensed handpicking with root removal and benthic barriers contained the spread of the plant. Meanwhile, suspicious milfoil off the State Beach coast is being analyzed.

Lake Hosting

This year, over 2300 boats were inspected, an increase over the 1700 checked in 2007. Lake Host hours were increased, with a fourth launch site added. The launch sites are Georges Mills, Sunapee Harbor, State Beach and Blodgett Landing which was added as the fourth site in 2008. The largest number of boats came from NH, with MA, VT, CT, and NY following in that order. Increases were greatest from MA and NY. Outboards, JETS, sailboats and canoes and kayaks saw the greatest increase in numbers. An invasive Eurasian milfoil "save" was confirmed from a CT boat, which had the plant all over the boat. We are pleased to have many Lake Hosts now returning from year to year.

Education Programs

LSPA held many programs for children and families throughout 2008, with many in school programs as well. LSPA also began an adult/family education series primarily in the summer season. These activities were free of charge and very popular. Love Your Lakes Day was held in August and was well attended with new exhibits, and demonstrations, and the Antique Boat Parade.

Science

The instrumented buoy continues to monitor the lake's temperature, oxygen and other vital measurements, and is available in near-real time on www.lakesunapee.org. The data is supplemented with field measurements by staff and the many VLAP volunteers. The LSPA lab located at Colby Sawyer College analyzes water samples for over 25 local lakes and ponds.

In 2008, LSPA was a partner in a newly awarded NSF grant, to explore how the public, including schools, could best use scientific data, such as that from the buoy. A workshop was held and progress continues, with innovative potential interfaces.

Also in 2008, LSPA commissioned a bathymetric study of Lake Sunapee, with very accurate sonar soundings and GPS technology. The results showed that the lake is really several basins tied together. The study will help in understanding of how Lake Sunapee works by indicating flows, areas most likely for algae, such as *Gloeotrichia*, areas most vulnerable to milfoil, and most likely to have nutrient increases.

Watershed

LSPA continued to work with, support and guide many property owners, local municipalities, and the state on identifying problem areas and

reducing the effects of stormwater throughout the watershed and the Sunapee area.

Water Quality

LSPA's water quality laboratory, housed at Colby Sawyer College, continues to perform as a most well-respected analysis lab, designated as a DES satellite. It analyzed water quality samples for over 25 area lakes and ponds. The results are then sent to DES, which then become part of the VLAP (Volunteer Lake Assessment Program) reports, which go to the contributing lakes and ponds.

Respectfully submitted,
June Fichter

2008 SUNAPEE AREA WATERSHED COALITION REPORT

In 2008, the Watershed Management Plan for the Sunapee Area was completed. (Copies are available online at www.sunapeewatershed.org or www.lakesunapee.org, or at the town libraries). Over 100 copies have been distributed to all the Boards of the watershed towns, as well as to all the watershed town libraries, the NH State Library and Colby Sawyer College Library. During the year, while working on the Watershed Plan, members of SAWC toured the watershed, talking to experts and visiting the New London sub-station, the Sunapee water treatment plant, a managed forest, DOT sites, Sunapee Harbor and developments with stormwater controls. The Watershed Plan Sub-Committee also met with civil engineers, landscape architects, and foresters to understand effective methods of stormwater infiltration, such as swales, rain gardens, and level spreaders.

A major concern and threat to water quality is stormwater runoff, throughout the watershed, from roads, lawns, impervious surfaces. The top issues listed from the Watershed Plan investigation can be summarized into three general topics: Stormwater Runoff, Septic Systems, and Awareness and Compliance.

What is in the Watershed Plan

The first two chapters contain information about watersheds and in particular the Sunapee Watershed. Chapter Three contains water quality data, as well as the Federal and State regulations regarding water resource protection. The data sources indicate increasing levels of conductivity and phosphorus concentrations, increased occurrences of algal blooms and

toxic algae, and elevated sodium and chloride concentrations. This section also contains a description of the Water Quality Model developed to evaluate the phosphorus loading from the watershed under two conditions: current land use and full future build-out land use. The next chapters contain an overview of existing protection measures in the watershed, inventories of potential threats to water quality, and a summary of the top watershed priorities.

The Eight Areas of Major Concern are: Stormwater runoff pollution; Erosion from land development; Impacts of impervious cover to water quality and quantity; Impacts from aging septic systems and locations of new ones; Enforcement of existing ordinances and regulations; Road salt use and storage; Lack of a watershed approach for water protection; Insufficient education on watershed plan implementation

An overarching goal is to reduce phosphorus runoff rates and maintain in-water phosphorus concentrations. Why so much concern about phosphorus? Because it is a key indicator of pollution in a waterbody, as it occurs at a very low natural level. Human activity quickly increases phosphorus in a watershed, and more phosphorus means more algae and plants. Water quality trends from the last 18 years indicate increases of more than 50%. This added phosphorus accelerates the aging of water bodies, shortening its life effecting recreational activities, wildlife, drinking water resources and the local economy. Rapid increases can even lead to massive plankton blooms, low oxygen, and fish kills.

What's Next for SAWC and Watershed Planning

SAWC representatives continue to meet with Select Boards and Planning Boards from each watershed area town to discuss potential action items from the recommendations such as:

-Stormwater runoff: requiring low impact development for subdivisions and individual home construction.

-Erosion: Consider soil type and steep slopes.

Impervious surfaces: Since uncontrolled impervious surfaces leads to erosion and can downgrade aquifer recharge, retain as much runoff as possible onsite.

-Septic Systems: These play a long term role in degradation of water quality, especially with increasing population. Understanding the “what, when, where and size” of septic systems and their proper maintenance schedules would go a long way to limiting their problems.

-Enforcement: The primary tool for improving the environment is education, but enforcement of existing regulations is important, with funding from permit fees.

-Watershed Planning: the idea of establishing watershed overlay districts in critical areas should be examined.

-Education: SAWC is willing to play a major role in keeping communities informed on water quality issues and the economic benefits to avoid future problems.

What the Watershed Plan Feedback Has Been

Feedback from municipal board members has been positive. Each town by itself may not have sufficient resources to solve the problem, so sharing information and solutions is valuable. All are very interested in where the Watershed Planning goes from here.

What has Already Taken Place

- Information has been disseminated to the towns during the making of the Watershed Plan, leading to improvement in Zoning Ordinances for stormwater handling and Low Impact Development.

- Erosion and Sediment pamphlets have been prepared for distribution in several towns.

- A "Guide to Erosion Control and Stormwater Management" has been circulated to the towns. This is a well illustrated educational tool to be used by town officials, contractors, builders, and home owners. Copies are available at LSPA office, Sunapee Harbor or online at sunapeewatershed.org

The Sunapee Area Watershed Coalition (SAWC) was organized in 2005 by residents concerned with the future of water resources in the Sunapee region. SAWC is made up of representatives from each watershed town (Goshen, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sunapee and Sutton), area lake associations, and interested watershed residents. SAWC is assisted by Upper Valley Regional Planning Commission, Granite State Rural Water Association, and NH DES.

SAWC meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM in Room 201 of the Ivey Center at Colby Sawyer College.

Respectfully submitted,
June Fichter

CROWTHER CHAPEL REPORT
FOR THE 2008

The Crowther Chapel, owned by the town of Sunapee, adjacent to Dexter's Inn, saw more activity this summer. The board's charge is to make the chapel accessible to visitors and to oversee the maintenance of the grounds and building. Through the outreach efforts of board members Skip and Wendy Nolin who shared visitor information to local churches, more visitors saw the chapel for the first time. Co-chairs Randy Richards and Jay Leavitt, Secretary Wendy Nolin, John Augustine, Dick Leone, and Treasurer Skip Nolin decided to continue with the once monthly docent schedule.

The regular visitors schedule was the last Sunday of every month and was available to specific groups in the community by appointment. We opened May 25th and continued through September 28th. The chapel and grounds continue to fair well. The two-foot granite walls are as solid as ever, and the new gate at Stagecoach road is holding up well.

If anyone would like to help with the spring cleaning one Saturday in the end of May, please let us know. One can also volunteer to be a docent for one of the summer Sundays. The commitment would take about two or three hours on both of these volunteer opportunities. Thanks to the town maintenance crew who continue to mow and maintain the grounds, also to John Augustine, owner of Dexter's, who points docents and visitors to the chapel.

We plan on keeping the same schedule this year. For maintenance, the field to the east needs to be brush hogged this year, and this is our only planned maintenance project besides keeping the bore beetles off the door jam. The stone wall at the chapel's entrance is in need of straightening, due to tree roots or soft ground, so the board will vote on this next spring.

Stop by next summer, mid-day, the last Sunday of every month, May through September, to see a local treasure and learn about some of the local craftspeople from years ago who contributed to the furnishings and construction of this chapel.

Respectfully submitted,
Dexter R Richards, Co-Chair
Crowther Chapel Committee

2008 SUNAPEE FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

2008 has been another busy and exciting year. The Fire/EMS Department had four hundred seventy-four (474) calls, an increase of 21% from last year. We wish to thank our members and community for their dedication and mindfulness which helps to make us a strong and professional department.

The Fire and EMS Departments continue to train every month to keep current with skills and requirements. Two firefighters passed the Firefighter 1 course and two passed the EMT-B course.

In our ongoing efforts, we go out into the community to educate our children at schools and senior citizens for Fire Safety as well as to explain our roles within the community. The Fire and EMS departments are always willing to assist with local organizations when needed.

We wish to recognize some members of the fire service who have received the Citizenship Award. The recipients are: Richard Byrne, EMT-I and training officer for EMS; John Morse, Firefighter and town mechanic; and Richard Leone, one of our Selectmen. These recipients go above and beyond to help our department and the community.

As you drive into Sunapee from either direction, you can see Smokey the Bear who warns of the degree of fire danger. He was built as a project by Eagle Scout Alex Elder and we thank him for a job well done. Please observe this sign and pay attention to the message on fire danger. We would like to thank the volunteers from the CERT Team who helped us survive another ice storm. These volunteers helped in the shelters in New London and Sunapee working any and all shifts to make sure residents were safe and their needs met.

Please remember to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors every 6 months, and perform scheduled maintenance on you wood stoves and furnaces. Place your house numbers in a location visible from the road (on house or driveway) so that emergency personnel can find your home. Remember to wear your seatbelts and place your children in approved and appropriate car seats. They do save lives.

2008 FIRE/EMS CALLS

6	Hip injuries	11	Disoriented
52	Fire Alarm activations	6	Diabetic emergencies
5	Chimney fires	33	Lift assists
42	Motor vehicle accidents	27	Falls
47	Mutual aid responses	9	Syncopal episodes
5	Structure fires	4	Smoke investigations
7	Carbon Monoxide Alarms	4	Brush fires
30	Power lines down	11	Odor investigations
5	Gas/Oil leaks	2	Vehicle fires
2	Electrical problems	6	Seizures
5	Unconscious	1	Dog attack
15	Cardiac calls	4	Lacerations
21	Breathing difficulties	1	Bee sting reaction
5	Dizziness complaints	1	Chest injury
8	Strokes	7	Life line activations
6	Building Inspections	3	Arm injuries
5	Back injuries	1	Gun shot
9	Water problems	8	Head injuries
1	Good intent call	1	Nose bleed
1	Allergic Reaction	3	Welfare checks
1	Plane crash	1	Lost person
1	Elevator Rescue	12	Feeling ill
2	Boat fires	3	Abdominal pains
1	Urology problem	2	Dog rescues
1	Finger injury	2	Choking
1	Overdose	6	Illegal burning
3	Asthma attacks	15	Special details

Thanks to everyone in the Sunapee community for your continuing interest and support. Without it, our department wouldn't have a splendid facility, or the trained and compassionate volunteer personnel.

DIAL 911 FOR ALL EMERGENCIES

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Ruggles, Chief

Dana Ramspott, Howard Sargent, and Mark Scott, Deputy Chiefs

**2008 REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST
RANGER**

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

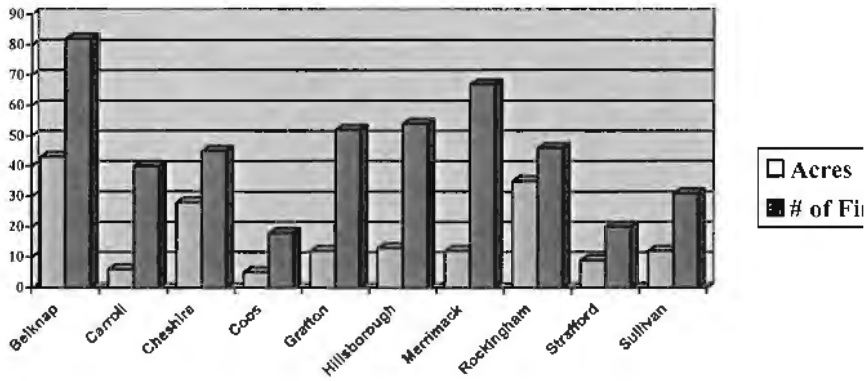
Spring fire season lasted unusually long this past year, with very high fire danger stretching into the first week of June. Once again, the rains started to fall during the summer and the fire activity was fairly light for the remainder of the year. The acreage burned was less than that of 2007. The largest forest fire during the 2008 season burned approximately 54 acres on Rattlesnake Mountain in Rumney on White Mountain National Forest property. Another 39 acre fire occurred on Mount Major in Alton during the month of April. Our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2008 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2008 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 24, 2008)

(Figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	43	82
Carroll	6	40
Cheshire	28	45
Coos	5	18
Grafton	12	52
Hillsborough	13	54
Merrimack	12	67
Rockingham	35	46
Strafford	9	20
Sullivan	12	31



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

<u>Acres</u>	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total</u>
Arson	2008	455
Debris	2007	437
Campfire	2006	500
Children	2005	546
Smoking	2004	482
Railroad		147
Equipment		
Lightning		
Misc.*		
162 (*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)		

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

2008 SUNAPEE GARDENERS REPORT

The 2008 season began at our April meeting. The various gardens in Sunapee and Georges Mills were planned and flowers were ordered for pick-up on May 30th. Thank you to Peggy Chalmers for her wonderful article in Soo Nipi Magazine. During the May meeting, discussion centered on preparation for planting and it was noted that two new barrels were installed at Town Hall.

The first week of June, our volunteer gardeners planted gardens, the majority of which are on town property. Garden care such as weeding, watering and dead heading continued throughout the summer. Gardens were mulched after planting, and despite a run of some wet weather, the gardens remained very attractive for the season. The June meeting featured a plant swap and guest speaker Allison Vernon of Little Brook Gallery in New London.

In July, many gardeners marched in the 4th of July parade. We received numerous "thank yous" and compliments from the people along the parade route. The traditional August Memorial Garden Ceremony at the bandstand did not take place due to poor weather and a schedule mix up. A list of all the names that were to be read at the ceremony was published in the Kearsarge Shopper. At the July meeting Pat Hall reminded everyone that the two-year positions of Chairman, Head Gardener and Secretary/Treasurer would end in October. Pat stated that she would like to be replaced as Chairman. The existing Nominating Committee sought candidates for all positions and presented them at the August meeting. At our August meeting, those present voted as follows: Chairman: Diana Wyman, Head Gardener: Stephanie DeAugustinis and Secretary/Treasurer: Linda Urbach.

Suzanne Tether hosted a lovely wrap-up party in September. The gardeners thanked Pat Hall for her hard work and presented her with a gift. A relaxing and fun gathering was enjoyed by all.

In October we cleaned up the gardens and made them ready for winter. Greening of the harbor was done before Thanksgiving. Greens were donated by Sunapee Harbor Riverway and the gardeners help decorate various town and harbor buildings. Gardeners use their own funds for the

many bows that go with the greens and for all the decorations at the information booth.

Thank you to Town of Sunapee officials and residents who continue to support our time and effort. These efforts help keep Sunapee a beautiful place to live and vacation in. We welcome new volunteers who are willing to work and keep Sunapee blooming. Contact any gardener if you would like to join. We are happy to answer your questions.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie DeAugustinis and Pat Hall

HEALTH OFFICERS REPORT FOR 2008

There are variations in the type of questions and concerns that come before us every year. This year it seemed the weather stemmed numerous complaints about mold. With the extremely wet weather this summer especially in July, there was an overly active mold season. Mold growing on everything from shoes, and clothes stored in closets to mold growing on walls and buildings. Response from the State, recommended just rewashing the clothes and bleaching whatever could be and using dehumidifiers.

As always there were several septic system complaints, most of which were taken care of amicably. The State of NH has revised it's rules and anyone wishing to repair a leach field has to meet certain conditions and get preapproval from the NHDES before doing the repair or get a new state approval.

We take care of health inspections of the Schools, Day Care, Foster Care, and Adoptive Services. If anyone needs help with anything, please feel free to call.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael G. Dashner

2008 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

The winter of 2007-2008 was above average in several ways. It started out easy in November, 3 rain & snow events and 1 snow event of 3". Things changed in December, we had 13 events with 45" of snow. Another change in January, 7 events – 18.5" of snow, but 2 freezing rain storms. It got worse in February, 10 events – 36.5" of snow with 7 of these storms having freezing rain. It wasn't much better in March, 11 events, 18.5" of snow but 5 of these contained rain or freezing rain. Spring finally arrived in April with only 1 snow and rain that had 2" snow. At the end of winter we had received 124.5" of snow, about 20% above normal; 46 winter events, 31% above normal; and 50% of the storms contained rain or freezing rain, which is way above normal.

While April was slightly wetter than normal, we got a good start on the cleanup of winter. We fixed the gravel roads that were muddy, not very many, and started light grading of all gravel roads. We also started sweeping winter sand from the asphalt roads. On the Lake Ave. water project, we did some drainage improvements, which was the Town's responsibility, and started the reconstruction of about 350 ft of sidewalk. In May we finished the sidewalk (this is a concrete sidewalk with a granite curb). We reconstructed the infield at the Rte. 11 field for the Rec. Dept. We started the complete road grading process – grade, water, roll, and apply dust control. Our contractor reclaimed (grind-up) Lake Ave. from the end of the Water Project to Birch Pt. Rd. The base course of asphalt was placed on the Water Project and the reclaimed portion to Birch Pt. During June, we painted all the crosswalks and most of the parking spaces. We pumped the debris from most of the catch basins. We constructed a temporary sidewalk along River Rd., this was a recommendation of the Charette. A permanent sidewalk is a special article on this year's warrant. We also built a new swing set and slide at Dewey Beach for the Rec. Dept. The new loader was received this month, the older was moved to the Transfer Station, and the old loader was traded for the new one. Lake Ave received the top coat of asphalt from the Harbor to about 500 ft beyond the end of the Water Project. We will finish the project next year, pending funding. A supply of salt for November and December was received this month at last year's prices, this saved almost \$5,500. The new salt price has gone up 30%.

July was a drainage month. Several ditches were paved with asphalt and several were paved with stone. We also repaired many minor washouts from the hard T-storms. This month, we only mowed the drainage runoffs. Roadside mowing was postponed until fall pending whether funding was available. Most of August was spent cleaning ditches and replacing culverts. During September, we replaced more culverts. We also had to repair and regrade most of the gravel roads because of the frequent rains. We grader-shimmed on Cross RD., Harding Hill Rd., Nutting Rd., Prospect Hill Rd., John Avery Ln., GM Lake Ave., and Avery Rd.

In October, the budget stabilizing and fuel prices back down, we did our roadside mowing. The contract for the replacement of the Treatment Plant Road bridge was signed this month and construction was started. More drainage work was done this month. Storms this month caused many drainage problems from our beautiful fall foliage. November starts the race to clear as many drainage ways of leaves as possible before snow arrives. The first winter storm was Nov. 25; we got 3" snow and 2.9" of rain. The ditches that were cleaned survived very nicely. During December we took care of winter weather events and removed dead trees along the roads. A lot of these dead trees are a result of the ice storm of '98. The bridge project was substantially complete this month and will be completed next year. I want to thank the Water & Sewer Department employees, who never complained about the inconvenience of getting to and from the waste-water plant during this project. As of Dec. 10, we have received 52.3" of precipitation, which is 42% more than normal.

Respectively submitted,
J. Anthony Bergeron, Road Agent

SUNAPEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
2008 IN REVIEW

The Executive Board met monthly to discuss plans for the museum and exhibits, fundraising, maintenance, membership, programs and other business associated with operating our historical society. Each quarter, a general meeting was held with a program open for members and anyone interested. During the summer months, the museum was open 6 days a week, with free admission to the public.

Programs in 2008: Our theme for 2008 was “Accommodating Guests around the Lake”, which had been established by the collaborative group PALS (Partners Around Lake Sunapee). This group consisted of: The Fells, the New London Historical Society, the LSPA, the Newbury Historical Society, the New London Barn Playhouse, and the Sunapee Historical Society. PALS produced a program brochure, which aided greatly to promote and publicize our programs. All were very well attended.

The Winter Meeting program was a movie titled “Stone Rising”, a documentary of a master stonewall builder from Vermont. In April, our Spring Meeting program was “Sunapee Trivia”, intended to help educate our Docent volunteers to some of Sunapee’s history. At our Annual/Summer Meeting in August, Fred Gallup gave a slide show of the restoration of the old steamroller, which was outside the building in operating condition! Our Fall Meeting had a showing of a movie made in 1915 by Billy B. Van in Georges Mills.

Summer programs, held Thursday nights at the museum, included: “The Woodsum Steamboat Company” - a slide show by Ron Garceau, “Life in Georges Mills” - a Crackerbarrel Talk by Charles Russell, “Identifying Postcards” – by Larry Cote, “The Gals of Burkehaven” – a Crackerbarrel Talk with Virginia Soule and Sally McCrillis, “Hotels, Guest houses & Cottages” – a slide show by Ron Garceau, and “A Cottage Industry” – a slide show by Paul Rheingold.

“Sunapee’s HeyDay” took place in the harbor on September 13th. Fred Gallup drove the steamroller to the harbor to exhibit, Richard Osborne showed off his antique fire truck, Lois Gallup displayed her antique pickup truck. Inside the museum, an old silent movie was shown, and Richard Osborne demonstrated the Woodsum machine Shop equipment. Outside, the Time Travellers Chorus entertained with old-time songs, and a special concert by the Newmont Military

Band entertained several hundred people at the Riverway Pavillion. Over 200 people attended.

In December, the museum was decorated and the lights were turned on for “Christmas in the Harbor”

Misc. Projects: Ongoing projects such as archiving, filing and maintenance continued. Diana Wyman generously took care of our landscaping in front of the building. Herb Stiles finished painting the entire building, which looks great!

Finances: We did not have a major fund raiser in 2008; our income came from donations and purchases from visitors at the museum, and of course annual membership dues. Our income for the year was \$6,790, our expenses were \$6,880.

Needless to say, all this activity could not happen without numerous volunteers and generous contributions from our community. Currently, we have 314 members. In 2008, approximately 40 members volunteered some time to help, either as a docent, or behind the scenes on various tasks that needed to be done. As with other organizations, we continue to need new people to help, as each year our roster of active volunteers fluctuates due to people moving or no longer able to help. We urge others to participate with us – it’s a great way to be involved in our town. A HUGE THANK-YOU is extended to all those who helped!

Current officers: **President:** Ron Garceau **Vice-Pres:** Becky Rylander
Secretary: Beverly Cutts **Treasurer:** Lois Gallup
Directors: Janet Ramspott, Eileen Stiles, & Babe Sargent
Membership Chair: Pat Hand

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Garceau, President
Home: 763-4626
Office: 763-2441
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2008 HYDROELECTRIC PLANT REPORT

It is my pleasure to write the annual report for the Town of Sunapee's hydro-electric generating plant. 2008 was a near record year for precipitation and generation revenue was up as a result. The Plant shut down towards the end of May as Lake Sunapee reached a level of 10.12' at the staff gage in Sunapee Harbor, which the State considers "full lake" for summer activities. The Plant was off line for a total of 133 days during the year due to low flow.

The Lake went from a low level of 8.82' at the beginning of January to a high of 10.94' at the beginning of June. The maximum flow discharged out of Lake Sunapee during 2008 was approximately 250 cubic feet per second, which is in excess of the amount of water the Plant can use to produce electricity. At times of high flow, the Water Department pumps its water with the hydraulic turbine at its Water Street pumping station, saving on the cost of electricity to run the electric pumps, which the hydro plant is required to pay.

Electric generation for 2008 was 2,710,480 kilowatt hours. The average price paid by PSNH was \$0.08/kWhr, up substantially from the average price last year of \$0.069/kWhr. This generated gross revenue of \$216,838.40, which was substantially greater than the \$109,737.60 for 2007. The Town received an additional \$3,400.00 for "line loss adjustments", which is the amount of electricity which would have been lost due to transmission line inefficiencies if Sunapee did not supply its power into the "grid". In addition, the Town received \$13,385.00 as "average seasonal capacity", which the NH Public Utilities Commission required PSNH to pay the Town of Sunapee, starting in February 2007. This was calculated as the 5 year average generation for winter and summer months. Sunapee gets paid \$3.75/kW/month at a yearly average of 297 kilowatts. This amount is paid monthly, regardless of generation.

The revenue numbers generated in this report differ from the revenues listed on the income side of the Town report. This is due to the timing of payments from PSNH. The above calculations are based on meter readings from January 1st through December 31st. PSNH calculates hourly production from the 10th of one month through the 9th of the next month, with payment in 30 days.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Robert A. Collins, Plant Operator

SUNAPEE INFORMATION BOOTH
WELCOME CENTER 2008 REPORT

Summer season opened May 23, 2008 at the start of Memorial Day weekend. The weather cooperated and we had many visitors.

We were open Saturday and Sunday until June 25th, then every day until Labor Day, then back to weekends through Columbus Day. The foliage was especially lovely and the availability of the Mount Sunapee aerial sky rides drew a number of visitors to our area.

The total number of cars stopping at the booth was the same as 2007, 1656 cars. However, we had many more people walking in, 5326. It seems that we had more groups of people and walkers enjoying the Riverwalk. We handed out many more trail maps to hikers.

We are working more closely with the Sunapee Chamber of Commerce. We volunteered at the Information Booth at the 2007 Craftsman's Fair at the mountain.

Our sincere thanks go to the Garden Club for the beautiful window boxes and garden at the sign post, as well as to Barbara Sullivan for our comfortable porch chair.

Looking forward to 2009,

Marilyn Morse
Isabel Torno
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Raymond S. Burton

January 2009

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REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT ONE BY EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR, RAY BURTON

Executive Councilor
District One

As I start my 31st and 32nd years of service to this large Northern Council District, I am hopeful and excited for new opportunities for rural America. With a new administration in Washington new economic programs are in the future. Our role at the state, county and local level is to have justified applications that will be used to stimulate job retention and creation. County and regional economic development councils coupled with community action agencies will be putting these new initiatives to work.

The NH Congressional Delegation- Senator Judd Gregg, Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Congressman Paul Hodes and Congresswoman Carol Shea Porter joining other Northeastern states of Maine, Vermont, New York and other New England Congressman can cause new resources to become available. I urge that we, at the state, county and local levels of government, step up with our concerns and let them know our needs.

2009 will start another year of the 10-year NH Highway Transportation Planning process working through the Regional Planning Commissions. Transportation Enhancement and Congestion Mitigation Air quality grants are back in play. Contact William Watson at NH DOT for details at 271-3344 or bwatson@dot.state.nh.us.

The 2009 session of the NH House and Senate will be a trying time with proposed setbacks and how to still provide and meet constitutional and statutory needs. Be watchful of proposed legislation passing costs to county and local levels of government. Stay close to your local state senator and house members.

The Governor and Council are always looking for volunteers to serve on the dozens of boards and commissions. If you are interested please send your resume to Governor John Lynch, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301 attention Jennifer Kuzma Director of Appointments/Liasion or at (603) 271-2121.

A complete list is available at the NH Secretary of State website at www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm

My office has available informational items; NH Constitutions, tourist maps, consumer handbooks, etc. I send, via email, a Monday morning schedule. Send me your email address to be added to the list if you'd like at rburton@nh.gov.

Please contact my office anytime I can be of assistance to you.

COOS COUNTY:

Berlin, Carroll, Claremont,
Danbury, Deane, Ferrisburgh,
Dixville, Dunbar, East,
Goshen, Jefferson, Lancaster,
Milton, Milford, Northumberland,
Pittsburg, Randolph, Shelburne,
Stewartstown, Stark, Stratford,
Whitcomb

SULLIVAN COUNTY:

Chatham, Claremont, Cornish,
Croydon, Grafton, Newport,
Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee



Towns in Council District #1

CARROLL COUNTY:

Abbay, Bartlett,
Chatham, Conway, Eaton
Ellington, Freedom, Ham's Lee,
Jackson, Madison, Mount Vernon,
Ossipee, Sandwich, Tamworth,
Tyngsboro, Wakefield, Wolfeboro,

GRAFTON COUNTY:

Alexandria, Ashland, Bath,
Benton, Boscawen, Bridgewater,
Bristol, Carrollton, Canaan,
Concord, Easton, Ellsworth,
Enfield, Franconia, Grafton,
Guston, Hancock, Newmarket,
Keegan, Riddell, Londonderry,
Lebanon, Lincoln, Lisbon,
Livermore, Littleton, Lyman,
Lynn, Merrimack, Orange, Orford,
Parramont, Plymouth, Rumney,
Sugar Hill, Treadwell, Warner,
Watkins Valley, Wentworth,
Woodstock

BELKNAP COUNTY:

Adir, Belmont, Center Harbor,
Clarendon, Laconia, Meredith,
New Hampton, Sanbornton, Tilton

STATE REPRESENTATIVE SUZANNE GOTTLING
2008 REPORT

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

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

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

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

I spent much time on County problems believing that if we can't have legislative overhaul of the County taxing system, we can try to control County expenditures as well as work to make its budget understandable to citizens. I was appointed to the Executive Finance Committee, a group responsible for final approval of the County budget and oversight throughout the year. This year's County audit affirmed what a few of us

knew; Genesis was not saving us money at the Nursing Home, and there was no possibility of ending the year with no deficit or a small deficit. The Sullivan County Health Center is now back under County supervision and an interim County Manager is in place. The County's financial condition resulted from decisions of the past several years. One was the overestimation of Nursing Home revenues and expenditures that exceeded appropriations. The second decision was to use up the Fund Balance. Best practices suggest there should be a Fund Balance that is 5 to 10% of the budget. Because the fund balance is gone and revenues continue to be lower than expected, borrowing takes place earlier and earlier each fiscal year. Much work remains to reestablish the County's financial health.

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

Sue Gottling, State Representative

2008 OLD TOWN HALL COMMITTEE REPORT

On July 17, 2006, the Board of Selectmen appointed the French Livery Renovation Committee charged to determine what should be done with the Old Town Hall Property. The committee was to make recommendations to the board of selectmen and then follow through on those recommendations. That first year was spent gathering the information and opinions necessary for the committee to make those recommendations.

Also, the first year of 2007, the committee applied to Plan NH to hold a design charrette which included extensive work involving professionals and local citizens to explore potential solutions to a design issue. A 2007 warrant article to raise \$35,000 to hire a team of professionals for the purpose of conducting a design charrette and completing a property survey was approved. A grant application to Plan NH to conduct a charrette in Sunapee was one of three projects awarded in the state.

Article 20 in the 2007 warrant article was approved stating: A Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1, to restore and renovate the building at 58 Main Street known as the "livery", to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,534 from the December 31, 2007 General Fund Balance to be placed in this fund: and to appoint the Town Manager, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, as agent to expend. The amount designated represents the remaining balance of funds raised on the 2007 warrant to finance the charrette. The funds were not expended because the Old Town Hall Committee won a grant to pay for the charrette.

Expended funds were for the land survey and other expenses related to hosting the charrette. The present balance is \$29,000.

Following the advice of the experts from Plan NH, the OTHC spent most of 2008 applying for honorary designation from the NH Preservation Alliance and their "Seven to Save" award. Seven historical projects in the state of NH were awarded "Seven to Save" status, the Old Town Hall (livery) being one of them. We also applied to the NH Division of Historical Resources to be on the NH State Registry. On October 16, 2008, we were awarded one of the seven "Seven to Save" awards. On October 26, 2008, we were placed on the NH State Registry. Both awards recognize endangered historic properties in need of attention and

resources, and highlight the challenges to historic landmarks that face New Hampshire. The NH Preservation Alliance noted that the unusual 19th century livery building needs a creative use and corresponding investment to survive. The building originally housed horses and carriages for rent to summer visitors, and still contains a unique spiral horse ramp. From the early 1920's to 2005, it served various municipal purposes – fire station, courthouse, town offices and police station. Today it is largely vacant. Advocates hope that a new mixed use can revitalize this prominent structure on the Sugar River at the gateway to Sunapee Harbor.

Now that the OTH has been recognized in the 2008 NH Preservation Alliance “Seven to Save” program and listed on the NH Division of Historical Resources State Registry, the committee is charged to create re-uses for the building – both for the town and commercial developer to offset costs of maintenance and upkeep. Opinions for re-use of the building surfaced during the January 25, 2005 meeting of interested townspeople as well as the June 22nd, and 23rd, 2006 NH charrette process. Ideas will also be continually received from folks during the year. As ideas are discussed, the committee will spend the next year applying for grants to stabilize the building and bringing it up to code.

The committee will explore and make applications for any grants to fund the needs of the Old Town Hall. We will explore private/public partnership possibilities.

A website (www.sunapeeoldtownhall.org) communicates information and progress the committee is making as well as requesting citizens opinions and comments on the reuse of the building.

Respectively submitted,
Betsy Katz, Chair

2008 PLANNING BOARD REPORT

To encourage renewable energy, the New Hampshire legislature passed HB310 during 2008 which established a model ordinance for municipal regulation of small-scale wind turbines (systems intended for personal use, and rated at 100kw and below). The bill created RSA 674:63 which states that municipalities cannot unreasonably limit or hinder small wind energy systems through such means as prohibiting them in all districts or applying a generic building/structure height limitation that effectively prohibits them. The bill also considers unreasonable limits to include: requiring setbacks in excess 150% of the system height, requiring noise limits lower than 55 decibels (A scale), not allowing noise limits to be exceeded during short-term events (storms, power outages), and requiring stricter electrical or structural design criteria outside of state, federal or international building/ electrical codes or laws.

Currently, Sunapee's Zoning Ordinance does not allow for personal wind energy systems. So this summer, a Joint Committee, consisting of representatives from the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment, met to draft a Small Wind Energy System and Meteorological Towers Ordinance. (A Meteorological Tower is a temporary tower that monitors wind speed and direction at the proposed System site). This proposed Ordinance, which follows the State guidelines, appears on the 2009 Town Meeting Ballot. A full version of this proposed Ordinance may be found on the Town of Sunapee website and is listed at the end of the warrant articles in this report. In addition to the proposed Small Wind System and Meteorological Tower Ordinance, eight Zoning Amendments appear on the 2009 ballot.

Amendment #1 – Article II, Section 2.30 – District Purpose and Description. This amendment does not change the boundaries of the Village District, but simply clarifies its description.

Amendment #2 – Article III, Section 3.40 – Additional Requirements. The intent of this amendment is to preserve a "green corridor" along Rt. 11, Rt. 103 and Rt. 103B for properties in the Rural-Residential and Rural Lands Districts. It establishes a 25 ft. vegetative buffer extending back from the state right-of-way.

Amendment #3 – Article III, Section 3.50 – Special Exceptions. This change notes that a NH Dept. of Environmental Services (DES) approval is required for boat houses.

Amendment #4 - Article IV- Use Regulations. Adds a new section as mentioned above: Section **4.70 Small Wind Energy Systems and Meteorological Towers** and also amends **Article IV, Section 4.10 – Permitted Uses – All Districts.** Adds Small Wind Energy Systems and Meteorological Towers as “Permitted Uses by Special Exception” in all districts and states that they are not to be treated as accessory uses.

Amendment #5 – Article IV, Section 4.10 – Permitted Uses – All Districts. The amendment clarifies the intent of the existing Zoning Use Ordinance to allow any combination of permitted uses on a property provided all Zoning and Site Plan Review Requirements are met.

Amendment #6 – Article IV, Section 4.33 – Shorelines – Specific Provisions. This amendment identifies the requirement for a NH Dept. of Environmental Services permit for construction in or on Great Ponds over 10 acres and other State waters (B)(2)(a), and when cutting and removing natural vegetation within the Natural Woodland Buffer (B)(8)(b).

Amendment #7 – Article IV, Section 4.33 – Shorelines – Specific Provisions. The amendment updates the RSA reference for Shoreline Permits from RSA 483-A to RSA 483-B-1 in subsections (B)(4) and (B)(7)(e) and also adds a reference requiring such Permits under a new section (B)(9)(d).

Amendment #8 – Article IV, Section 4.33 – Shorelines Specific Provisions . Notes in 4.33 (B)(8)(b)(i) that a permit from NH Dept. of Environment Services is required prior to cutting or removal of natural vegetation within the natural woodland buffer on Great Ponds and fourth order rivers.

Amendment #9 – Article XI – Definitions – Conforming Use. This amendment changes the definition of “conforming use” to match the intent of Amendment #5.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Chalmers, Planning Board Chair

PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS - 2008

	Approved	Denied	Total
Subdivisions*	4	0	6**
Site Plans^	5	1	6
Mergers	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Cases	9	1	12

*A total of ten (10) new lots were approved in 2008.

^A total of zero (0) lots were eliminated due to mergers.

** There is a total of two (2) pending subdivisions at print time.

Respectfully Submitted, *Michael Marquise* ~ Town Planner

2008 ZBA Report

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

In 2008 the ZBA handled 18 cases from 15 applicants, a dramatic decline in caseload from the average of 51 cases per year over the previous four years. A combination of the slowing economy and the new Shoreland Protection Act are believed to be responsible for the decline in applicant activity. Activity fell off particularly sharply in the last quarter of the year.

In addition to a significant decline in the number of cases, the approval rate for variances was down dramatically. Requests for variance numbered 5 (against an average of 22 for the previous four years). Approval rates for variances were 40% (against an average of 78% for the previous four years). Special exception requests numbered 10 (against an average of 29 for the previous four years) while approval rates for special exceptions were 90%, about the same as in previous years.

The new Shoreland Protection Act – a major revision to the original 1994 act – went into effect in July 2008. The new Act requires applicants to seek approval from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services in certain cases where the property falls within the Act's jurisdiction. It is still too early to determine the impact the new Act will have on applicants or on ZBA activity.

With high energy costs and interest in conservation there was considerable interest in small residential wind turbines for local generation of electricity. The State passed a new law setting forth how Towns should deal with applicant requests for residential wind turbines and subsequently issued a model town ordinance. A joint Planning Board/ZBA committee worked on developing a local zoning ordinance to implement the new law. This new ordinance is included in the zoning amendments proposed to the voters.

Other proposed zoning ordinance amendments include changes necessitated by the new Shoreland Protection Act. All of these changes have been approved by the Planning Board and are on the ballot for voter approval in March 2009.

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

The five members of the ZBA are volunteers elected by the voters. The three alternates are volunteers appointed by the Board. The more senior alternates usually fill board vacancies. At this time the Board is fully staffed with members and alternates but interested citizens are invited to attend meetings and apply for alternate openings which are expected to become available during 2009.

Peter Urbach, Chairman Zoning Board of Adjustment

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE PERMITS

New Single Family Homes	15
New Single Family Additions	37
Garages and Outbuildings	35
Major Interior Renovations	29
Manufactured/Mobile Homes	1
Municipal Structures/Renovations	2
Commercial Structures	1
Commercial Structure Additions	
2	
Multi-Family Homes	2
Decks, Porches, etc	34
Boat Houses	1
Total Applications Submitted and Approved	159

OTHER PERMITS

	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Denied</u>	<u>Total</u>
Demolition	5	0	5
Tree Cutting	37	2	39
Driveway Permits	13	0	13
Land Disturbance Permits	29	0	29
Sign Permits	16	0	16
After-the-Fact Permits	08	0	08
Septic Designs	33		33
Total Applications	141	2	143

ZONING ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

- 9 Notice of Violation has been issued and resolved.
- 1 Cease and Desist Orders has been served and resolved.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPLICATIONS

	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Denied</u>	<u>Extension</u>	<u>Withdrawn</u>	<u>Total</u>
Special Exceptions	9	1	0	0	10
Variances	2	4	0	1	07
Rehearing	0	0	0	0	
Adm. Appeal	0	1	0	0	1
Total Applications	11	6	0	1	18

Support your Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning Board by becoming a member. The dedication and time volunteered by the Board members is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger J. Landry ~ Zoning Administrator

SUNAPEE POLICE DEPARTMENT 2008

The year 2008 has brought the Town of Sunapee and the Police Department some new equipment and technology. All the Police cars have been equipped with Project 54 equipment which has proved to be a great benefit in its application to the patrol officer. Each police car now has the capability of running license checks, license plates and motor vehicle records which has normally been done over the radios in the past. At the close of 2008 the transformation of a Sunapee police car has turned into a technological piece of equipment that has become an important tool for the Sunapee Police Officer.

The repeater for the Police radio has been installed on top of Harbor Hill thanks to the unselfish acts of the Sunapee Water and Sewer Department. The repeater has proven to increase our transmission quality and area of service and reducing the problem areas. I am please to report that not only have we been fortunate to obtain good quality equipment from the grant process such as the repeater and project 54 but we are using the equipment in our everyday operation of the Police Department while serving the public.

In September of 2008 Kenneth "Biff" Ranney had retired from his job in Sunapee Harbor (again). There is a proclamation from the Selectboard in Sunapee naming September 22, 2008 and each year there after as Kenneth "Biff" Ranney day. The Members of the Sunapee Police association have purchase a granite bench and a bronze plaque and placed it out front of the Safety Service Building in honor of Biff's many, many years of dedicated service. We wish him and his family the best.

In 2008 Preston Migdal was moved to full-time status and will attend the full-time academy in January 2009. The full-time academy has been increased to 14 weeks and the part-time academy has doubled to 200 hours. These increases are an effort to meet the training needs of police officers and offer a more in depth training curriculum to meet the needs of the communities these officers serve.

Chris Buker graduated the part-time academy in December 2008 and will take over Biffs responsibilities in the Harbor during the summer.

In November 2008 Officer Tim Therrien was hired as a part-time officer. Officer Therrien has previously been employed as a police officer for the Town of Merrimack, NH and New Hampshire Marine Patrol. These officers have been put in openings within the department as a result of resignations. The Police department has signed an agreement with a local Attorney from Claremont to contract legal services for prosecution out of the Newport District Court. By making these changes I have decreased the size of the department to have 5 full-time officers and 4 part-time officers.

The department has seen a slight decrease in calls for service and the amount of cars stopped we were short handed during the last half of 2008. The total calls for service to date for 2008 are 4,027 and the total amount of cars stopped were 1,380. We have seen an increase in the number of in-custody arrests with a total of 155. I attribute the increase in arrests due to follow up investigations of reported crimes and the result of motor vehicle operators who are intoxicated or who have warrants for their arrest from other jurisdictions. We have had a number of serious felony level investigations that have taken our time as a group to investigate. These investigations have taken several days or weeks to conclude then prepare for the court process to follow. All of which takes time and effort for a successful out come.

Officers have worked on training to maintain certification and memberships in DARE, Western New Hampshire Special Operation Unit, Traffic Accident Reconstruction, Defensive Tactics and Firearms Instruction. The department maintains committed to the training component of our job so as to continue to provide a high level of service to the community and citizen that we serve and continue to partner with the community. The Sunapee police continue to receive grants at the Federal and State level for new technology equipment and over-time details such as radar, DWI and sobriety checkpoint. The Police Department continues a great relationship with the Sunapee Police Benevolent Association and worked hand in hand on two major projects for 2008. The association members and local youth are responsible for the completion of the skateboard park which is located next to Veterans field. The association also started their first 5K road race in April and hopes to hold the race again in April 2009. The association continues to contribute to events in the community such as DARE, Christmas in the Harbor, Skateboard Park and will start a scholarship program for 2009 for the Sunapee School District.

I would like to thank my entire staff for their tireless efforts throughout the year and the dedication they display to see a high level of professionalism and commitment while discharging their duties to citizens of Sunapee and the visitors throughout the year. Your police department personnel would not be as effective in their jobs without the continued support of their families and I wish to thank all involved for their ongoing encouragement.

David P. Cahill
Chief of Police

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: 763-2449 Fax 763-4608

Hours: Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri 8-4:30 Wed 8-12:30

2nd & 4th Saturday 9-11:30

Selectmen's Office: 763-2212 Fax 763-4925

Hours: Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri 8-5 Wed 8-1

Police Department Non-Emergency/Dispatch :763-5555 Fax 763-4771

Fire Department Non-Emergency: 763-5770 Fax 763-7358

Highway Department: 763-5060 Fax 763-4337

Water/Sewer Department: 763-2115 fax 763-2271

Hours: Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri 8:30-4:30 pm Wed 8:30-1 pm

Transfer Station: Phone 763-4614 *CLOSED TUES/WED*

Hours: Mon/Thurs/Fri/Sat 8-4:15 pm Sun 8- 11:45 am

Abbott Library: Phone 763-5513 *CLOSED SUN/TUES*

Hours: Mon/Wed 9-8 pm Thurs/Fri 9-6 pm Sat 9-1 pm

Welfare Coordinator: Phone 863-9529 Fax 863-9554

Hours: Wednesdays 9-12 noon

2008 RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Recreation in Sunapee continues to grow and provide expanding programs because of support from the community and wonderful volunteers. Special thanks to all town departments, Sunapee gardeners, and Sunapee elementary and high schools for their continued efforts assisting the Recreation department in providing a quality of life in Sunapee that is head and shoulders above the rest.

Outdoor recreation space, specifically Ski Tow Hill, is going to be our main focus in 2009. Hiking trails, a picnic area, a children's playground and winter activities are all being incorporated into our master plan for this historic recreation land. This 12 acre piece of land located on Edgemont Road was the original site of the ski tow back in the 1940-1960's. Since then the site has been mostly unused because of accessibility off the busy roadway. This problem was rectified in 2008 with the creation of a proper parking lot and we are now ready to offer additional recreational opportunities.

Winter Activities:

- **K-2nd grade Basketball:** 32 youngsters learned the basics of basketball every Saturday morning from 9:30-11am at Sunapee high school. Emphasis focused on participation, skills and fun. Thank you Katie Flint, Jon Reed, Scott Blewitt, David Rowell, Rich Ducharme.
- **Basketball Referee Clinic:** Sunapee basketball has a wonderful bunch of referees. The quality and professionalism is greatly due to the training of Steve Whitehead. Referees for the 2008 season include Vinny Tagliatela, Steve Whitehead, Hannah Preston, Kate Milewski and Allison Tenney.
- **3rd-6th grade Basketball:** The Quad Valley basketball league is made up of boys and girls teams' grades 3rd-6th. This league includes Kearsarge area, Andover and Sunapee.
- **Many thanks** go out to the following coaches 3rd/4th grade girls: Deb Shapio, 3rd/4th grade boys: Mike Robinson, 5th/6th grade girls team #1 Rusty Fowler & team #2 Dave Clarenbach, 5th/6th grade Boys Paul Skarin
- **Open Gym:** We offered youth drop-in basketball for grades 3-12 on Saturday evenings at the Sherburne gym. This program runs from December to the end of February from 6pm to 9pm. Participants shoot baskets or takes part in more organized pickup

games. Many thanks to Paul Skarin, Dan Banks, Katie Gioldassis, and Brian Emery for assisting with supervising open gym.

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

Spring Activities:

- **T-Ball:** Introductory baseball program for boys and girls ages 5-6. Special thanks to coaches Patricia Halpin, Jon Reed, Craig Heino, Katie Flint, Gary Summerton, and many others for spending their Saturday mornings teaching Americas' favorite pastime to our future big leaguers.
- **Youth Girls Softball:** Girls participate in an Under 10 and Under 12 softball league made up of teams from Newport, Grantham, and Sunapee. The U10 team was coached by Karien Kays and the U12 team was coached by Joan Fowler. Both teams played very well and enjoyed the season. Special thanks for Steve Anglin and Jeff Trow for umpiring most of the softball and baseball games.
- **Cal Ripkin Youth Baseball:** Seventy-three 7-12 year old boys turned out for the Kearsarge Valley baseball program this year. Sunapee hosted three rookie league teams coached by David Rowell, Ray Cabral, Rich Ducharme and Tim Hayes. Two minor league teams were coached Mike Robinson and Peter Ippedico, two major league teams coached by Paul Skarin and Mike Coughlin. Thank you to Steve Anglin and Jeff Trow for their continued support in volunteering as umpires for many years.

Summer Activities:

- **Dewey Beach/Georges Mill's Beach:** Going to the beach is such a wonderful part of summer in Sunapee. We are very fortunate to have two beautiful beach facilities. Hours of operation are 9am until 6pm seven days a week at Dewey and 11-3 at Georges Mills. Beach managers were Mary Lyman, Darcie Gauthier and Lynn Brewer. Special programs offered at the beach included the wonderful "store", swim lessons, snorkeling, kayaking, volleyball, arts and crafts, sailing, sand castle building or just soaking up the sun.
- **Swim/Snorkeling Lessons:** Darcie Gauthier, Jill Thorson and Paige Gauthier all shared the duties of providing swimming

instruction to 73 young swimmers. It is my goal as recreation director that swimmers of all ages get a quality learning experience from the Dewey beach swim staff. Thank- you to all the lifeguards and beach staff for their dedication and continual training.

- **4th of July Celebration:** Thanks to \$10,000 fundraised by donations from local businesses and residents Sunapee recreation was able to display its spirit of patriotism with a spectacular fireworks show shared by 2,000 viewers in Sunapee Harbor. This weekend also included a parade along Central Street with more than 30 cars, trucks, lots of candy.
- **British Challenger Soccer Camp:** This week long Soccer camp is designed for participant's enjoyment, and to enhance skills at virtually all ages and skills levels. 102 future soccer stars ages 3-12 attended the camp. Thanks to Brian Garland, Van Webb and for opening their homes to host five British Soccer staff for the week.
- **Rock Bass Fishing Derby:** Over 150 anglers of all ages joined the efforts on the second Saturday in August to rid Lake Sunapee of the pesky rock bass. 1200 fish were pulled out and donated to Squam Lake science center to be used as bird and otter food.
- **Tennis Lessons:** Lessons were held at Dexter's Inn and Trails by longtime tennis instructor Bruce Cronin. This program offered 4 sessions throughout the spring, summer and fall. Tennis is a wonderful summer activity that is fun for all ages.

Fall Activities:

- **K-2nd Grade Soccer:** This Saturday morning program attracted over 42 players that came to Veteran's field to learn the basics of Soccer. Instruction and fun was offered by Katie Flint, Jon Reed, David Rowell, Rich Ducharme, Jeff Stoughton, Gary Summerton, Miles Cooney, Peter Salvitti and Patricia Halpin.
- **3rd- 6th Grade Soccer:** Sunapee participates in the Merrimack Valley Soccer League. This year's program supported over 100 players in grades 3-6. 3rd/4th grade girl's coaches: Rudy Grzanna and Jim Parsons. 3rd/4th grade boys coaches Brian Emery and Brian Vincent, 5th/6th grade girls coaches Alan Abendroth, 5th/6th grade boys coach Brian Emery. Thank-you Ray Cline, Eric Nelson, Mariah Krausse, Lannea Circosta and Kate Milewski and for refereeing soccer games and helping make the program a success.

- **Drop- in Youth Volleyball:** Open to boys and girls grades 3rd-7th for the months of October-November at the Sherburne gym. Joan Fowler and members of the Varsity volleyball team volunteered to teach the fundamentals of the game.
- **Turkey Trot 5K Race:** Sunapee Recreation offered its 2nd annual Turkey Trot in 2008. 533 runners/walkers lined Lake Ave on its 5K loop. Special thanks to Katie Flint, David Rowell, Mindy Flatter and all the sponsors for their dedicated efforts to make this event a success.

Year –round programs:

- **Adult Drop-in Basketball:** Adult basketball for men and women runs Sunday from 7-9pm at the high school. Thanks to Ken Ricketts for organizing this program.
- **Drop-in Floor Hockey:** A very well organized program that runs Sunday mornings from 8-10am at either Sherburne gym or the High School. This program is organized by Jeff Trow.
- **Dewey Woods Trail:** Thanks to Sawyer Webb and the Sunapee Conservation commission residents can now enjoy a walking trail system that can be used year round. Located at the top of route 11, this is a wonderful trail for all hiking/snow shoeing levels.

Special Events:

- **Sunapee Harbor “Magical” Christmas:** Sunapee Recreation joined forces with the harbor businesses, Lake Sunapee area Chamber of Commerce, Sunapee Seniors, and other town organizations to offer a Christmas celebration that shows the spirit of the whole community. Some highlights events by the Recreation dept. include the Looney Lunge and the fireworks.
- **Spring Egg Hunt:** A fun spring event organized by the recreation committee. Over 100 young egg hunters raced inside the Sherburne gym to search for 1000 little treasures.
- **Special Trips:** Sunapee recreation featured three trips to the Boston Red Sox, and one to Foxwoods Casino. These trips include a comfortable coach bus, plenty of friendly memories and a great way for seniors and sports enthusiasts to share in the fun.

Special Recreation Fund:

Sunapee Recreation Fund is the depository for all monies taken in from program registrations, special trips, clinics, Dewey beach store, and other money generating endeavors. This money is used to purchase tickets and buses for future special events, uniform tops and hats that players keep after the season, and additional inventory for sale at the beach. This fund is also used for projects that were unanticipated the previous budget year. This type of revolving account ensures that recreation opportunities will exist in addition to the funds appropriated for the operating budget.

Recreation Advisory Committee:

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

Thank-you so much for supporting recreation and all its benefits!
Respectfully submitted,
Scott Blewitt
Recreation Director

SUNAPEE SENIORS 2008

The Sunapee Seniors gather the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 1:00pm at the Sunapee United Methodist Church. Our membership totals 80 and 30 to 40 attend each meeting.

We have informative programs, luncheons and two day trips during the course of the year; the last was a tour of the Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory and Gardens in South Deerfield, Massachusetts.

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

The Recreation Committee budgets an appropriation for the seniors for our use on one or our trips which is greatly appreciated.

We support many groups within the town which includes donating to the Sunapee School Giving Tree, scholarships for deserving Sunapee High School Seniors, and volunteering at the Sunapee Thrift Shop which provided clothing and other items for families.

All Sunapee Seniors are most welcome.

Betsy Webb, President

Joe Internicola, Vice-President

Barbara Roberts, Secretary

Lorraine Mathiesen, Treasurer

2008 TRANSFER STATION REPORT

During the period January thru November, total trash received at the facility was down by 59.2 tons. MSW (municipal solid waste) was down 60.88 tons and C&D (construction and demolition waste) was down 27.57 tons. However, recyclables were up 29.25 tons. Recyclables include, but are not limited to:

- Fibers (cardboard, newspaper, magazines, junk mail) – up 7.3%
- Cans (steel and aluminum) – up 36.7%
- Glass – up 12%
- Plastics – down 0.6%
- Lead batteries – up 1.5%
- Ferrous metals – down 9.6%
- Electronics – down 7%
- Tires – up 27.6%
- Brush and leaves – up 6.5%

Environmental benefits of our recycling efforts include:

- 28,712 lbs. of aluminum cans – conserved enough energy to run a television for 2,921,733 hours
- 267.61 tons of fibers – saved 4,567 trees
- 24.112 tons of plastics – conserved 36,168 gallons of gasoline
- 162.59 tons of scrap metal – conserved 162,083 lbs of coal
- 37,260 lbs. of steel cans – conserved enough energy to run a 60 watt light bulb for 968,760 hours

This fall, the recycling building received a much needed addition. This will allow us to store more recycled products and ship larger quantities to market, which should provide greater revenue. Even though prices have had tremendous fluctuations this year, the income from recyclables (which reduces operating expenses) was approximately \$75,000.

We welcome your questions or comments regarding operations. Please do not hesitate to contact any of the operators at the facility or myself at the highway garage.

Sincerely submitted,
J. Anthony Bergeron, Road Agent

2009 TRANSFER STATION & BEACH PASSES

The owner/owners of the property will be given the hang-tag pass for entrance to the Transfer Station and Dewey Beach. The pass is good for 3 years. The owner may request as many passes as he wants, but each pass **requires a plate number**.

Each dwelling unit in Sunapee is entitled to one (1) guest pass for entrance to the Transfer Station and Dewey Beach. The pass is good for one (1) year. If the owner requests any additional guest passes, they will be charged a fee of \$25.00 each.

If the property is a business, example: Sunapee Cottages which has 11 units, they would get 11 guest passes that are good for 1 year. Any additional guest passes will cost \$25.00 each.

If owner rents their single family dwelling, they will be issued only 1 guest pass for that dwelling. It is their responsibility to make sure the pass stays in the rental unit. (Some rental properties charge a fee if the pass is not returned at the end of rental term.) The owner will be charged \$25.00 for additional guest passes. The owner must request the guest pass. We **will not** issue guest passes directly to the short term renter. Long term renters will be issued 1 year decal pass with plate number. One (1) guest pass will be issued, but only for Dewey Beach.

Owners **must** request a contractor's pass. They will be issued a temporary pass with their plate number and expiration date. Contractors **will not** be issued a guest pass.

All guest passes will be issued on a card with property owner name and address.

When requested, temporary passes will be issued at the discretion of the Selectmen's Office. If you are renewing your decals you may mail a request to Town of Sunapee, 23 Edgemont Road, Sunapee, NH 03782, e-mail a request to frontdesk@town.sunapee.nh.us, or call the Selectmen's Office to request your new decals. Springfield residents, who also use the transfer station, have their own decals, which are issued only from the Springfield Town Office.

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



Household Hazardous Waste Committee

c/o Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission
20 Currier Street, Lebanon, NH 03766-1766
603-445-1050 www.uvbhw.org

ANNUAL REPORT 2008

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

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

During 2008 the Committee continued to maintain a regional website, hosted a booth at the Upper Valley Home Life Exhibition, provided volunteers for the household hazardous waste collections at the Lebanon Landfill, and met with Marc Morgan, Solid Waste Manager for Lebanon to learn more about the Landfill and Recycling Center and the services they provide.

Website www.uvbhw.org provides detailed information about:

- Where and when the hazardous waste collections are this year and who may attend.
- What you can and cannot bring.
- Less toxic recipes for cleaning solutions.
- Links to other regional authorities.

Event Booth The Household Hazardous Waste Committee's booth at the Upper Valley Home Life Exhibition featured information on collections in the area including dates and what materials are and are not accepted. Pesticide free lawn and garden care continued to be a focus. Alternative cleaning recipes were distributed. Also, material was available on mercury and fluorescent light bulb use and disposal.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Support The committee provided volunteer support at the collections held at the Lebanon Landfill, keeping waiting times short and residents informed. A total of 480 households from Canaan, Enfield, Hanover, Lebanon, Lyme, Orford, Plainfield, Springfield and Cornish brought waste to two collections at the Lebanon Landfill.

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

Margaret Bragg, Hanover, NH
Vickie Davis, Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission
Charlotte Faulkner, Hanover, NH
Joyce Noil, Ema, NH
Barbara Whitman, Chair, Lebanon, NH

— Reduce the use of toxins in your home, and responsibly dispose of what waste you do generate —

2008 WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

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

2008 was another year full of progress and change for the Sunapee Water & Sewer Department. In 2007 and 2008 the Commissioners worked hard at completing the water main replacement project for Lake Avenue, and the project was completed with the paving of Lake Avenue this spring. The Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Plan has helped provide much needed information to prioritize some needed repairs to the Wastewater Plant, the Commission has utilized this information to bring the first stage of upgrading the aging plant to the voters for consideration this March. Department employees have received 7 new certifications in water and wastewater treatment. This requires much work and studying to pass the required tests and I would like to acknowledge their hard work. Arthur Mitts obtained his Grade 1 in Water Treatment and Water Distribution. Joshua Archibald obtained his Grade 1 in Water Treatment, Water Distribution, and Wastewater Treatment. Aaron Cartier received his Grade 2 in Water Treatment and Water Distribution.

The department repaired 5 water main leaks, replaced 15 curb stops, repaired 3 service line leaks, replaced 1 gate valve and 1 summer water line valve, installed 2 new gate valves, 3 new water attachments, and 400 feet of new summer water line on Jobs Creek Road. We flushed hydrants at night this spring and fall as it seems to cause much less inconvenience to our users that way. The Georges Mills well system is still operating very well and required no major maintenance. The plant processed 10,373,645 gallons of potable water, which is 2,845,782 gallons less than in 2007. The Slow Sand Filter plant ran very well with no major maintenance issues and each of the three filters were cleaned once during the year. The Slow Sand Filter plant processed 55,939,124 gallons of potable water, which is 3,997,192 gallons more than 2007.

The Wastewater Treatment plant was challenged by problems with the bridge to the plant, but the new bridge is in place and operations are back to normal. In 2008 the Wastewater Treatment plant treated and returned over 130 million gallons of clean water back to the river to be used again. This is a whopping 6 million gallons less than last year. In doing so we produced over 59 tons of sludge that was trucked to Concord's

Wastewater Treatment plant, dewatered, and then land applied as a fertilizer and 12 tons of sludge that was dewatered using the geo-tubes and trucked to Claremont to be land applied.

The Collection System ran fairly well this past year with about 27 pump station alarms. We did camera some more sewer lines in certain areas and did not find any major problems with those lines. The department is working hard at keeping up with grease trap inspections to insure that businesses are keeping these cleaned out as necessary. 5 manholes were repaired and upgraded as part of our collection system yearly maintenance, along with 29 manholes that were lowered for pulverization and will need to be brought back up when paving is completed in 2009. The pump station upgrades have been ongoing with electrical upgrades, installation of phones in each pump station for safety purposes and many other much needed improvements.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

David Bailey, Superintendent

Sunapee Water Quality Report - 2009
Test Results for 2008 (1/08 – 12/08)

Is my drinking water safe?

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

What is the source of my water?

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

Why are there contaminants in my water?

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

How can I get involved?

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

Other information

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

Do I need to take special precautions?

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

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

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

**2008 TEST RESULTS FOR
SUNAPEE , NH
SYSTEM #2271010**

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

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

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected/ Range of Detection	Unit Meas.	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants						
Total Coliform Bacteria (% positive samples)	NO	0	ppm	0	Presence of coliform bacteria in $\geq 5\%$ of compliance samples	Naturally present in the environment
Turbidity	NO	.06	NTU	n/a	1 NTU	Soil runoff
Fecal Coliform and E. Coli	NO	0	ppm	0	A routine sample and repeat sample are total coliform positive or E. coli positive.	Human and fecal waste
Inorganic Contaminants						
Barium	NO	.012	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of <u>natural deposits</u> . Corrosion of household plumbing system; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood <u>preservatives</u> . Corrosion of household plumbing system; erosion of <u>natural deposits</u> .
Copper	YES	1.4	ppm	1.3	1.3	
Lead	NO	0.009	ppm	0	0.15	
Volatile Organic Contaminants						
Total HAA5	NO	42	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Trihalomethane	NO	47	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Health Effects Information:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**2008 TEST RESULTS FOR
GEORGES MILLS, NH
SYSTEM #2271020**

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Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected/ Range of Detection	Unit Meas.	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants						
Total Coliform Bacteria (% positive samples)	NO	0	ppm	0		Presence of coliform bacteria in $\geq 5\%$ of compliance samples
Fecal Coliform and E coli	NO	0	ppm	0		A routine sample and repeat sample are total coliform positive or E. coli positive.
Inorganic Contaminants (#) Represents 2006 Test Results						
Barium#	NO	.015	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Copper	NO	.110	ppm	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing system; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
Lead	NO	.003	ppm	0	.15	Corrosion of household plumbing system; erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride#	NO	1.5	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Radioactive Contaminants (*) Represents 2005 Test results						
Combined Radium *	NO	2.7 2/05 1.1 6/05 .8 on 8/05 .3 on 10/05	pCi/l	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits.
(Compliance) Gross Alpha *	NO	3	pCi/l	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits.
Uranium *	NO NO YES YES NO	17 on 2/05 16.5 on 6/05 45 on 8/05 31 on 10/05 18 on 11/05	ug/L	0	30 (on 12/7/03 the MCL was set at 30 ug/L with compliance to be required on 12/7/07)	Erosion of natural deposits.
Volatile Organic Contaminants (*) Represents 2007 Test results						
TTHM's *	NO	9.5	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination.

Synthetic Organic Contaminants-did not exceed MCL / Volatile Organic Contaminants-did not exceed MCL.
Health Effects Information:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Description of Drinking Water Contaminants:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2008 SUNAPEE WELFARE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Sunapee Welfare Department handled over 145 contacts during 2008 compared to over 230 contacts in 2007. Most of these

contacts did not result in applications for general assistance; instead, many were referred to other service providers to handle non-emergency situations. Referrals were made to the NH Department of Health and Human Services, NH Employment Security, Southwestern Community Services, KREM, area churches and the Sunapee Food Pantry.

Sixteen (16) Sunapee families received general assistance with housing expenses, fuel, electricity, food and medication during 2008. Applicants were routinely required to access services from other available sources in Sunapee and Sullivan County. Referrals were made to the NH Department of Health and Human Services (food stamps, TANF, APTD, and Medicaid), NH Employment Security, Southwestern Community Services (fuel assistance, Electric Assistance Program, homeless shelter, Rental Assistance Program, Security Deposit Guarantee Program), KREM, Social Security Administration (SSI, SSDI), Partners in Health (Medication Bridges Program), area churches and the Sunapee Food Pantry.

VIP vouchers were issued during an annual meeting with Public Services of NH that will allow an applicant a thirty (30) day grace period without shutoff to work out payment arrangements with the electric company or to complete the application process to access general assistance. This enables the town to save money that would be spent on reconnection fees should an applicant need to have service restored.

The Community Alliance of Human Services continues to promote and encourage self-sufficiency in all applicants for general assistance. This is consistent with the agency's mission to "assist people in meeting their needs to maintain quality of life, productivity, and independence".

Staff makes certain that all applicants for general assistance are treated with dignity and respect, adhering to the Welfare Administrators legal obligation as the "overseer of the poor". This obligation is balanced with the fiduciary responsibility to the Town of Sunapee taxpayer. All NH laws governing the administration of Town Assistance are followed in determining eligibility for assistance and other resources are accessed prior to approval of any assistance.

In 2008, staff attended and participated in meetings offered by the NH Local Welfare Administrators Association. This enables staff to stay informed of changes in laws, policies or eligibility.

Staff participated in meetings with Southwestern Community Services (SCS), the Community Action Program (CAP) for Sullivan County, to stay informed of the process involved in applying for and

accessing fuel and electric assistance, emergency housing, and rental/security deposit assistance. Regular contacts were established to stay informed of the up-to-date information regarding emergency services and housing.

This year, due to the unusual energy crisis, meetings were held with local churches and organizations to address the growing needs of families in Sunapee. As a result of one of these meetings held at the Community United Methodist Church, a special fund for Sunapee residents was set up through collaboration with SCS and the Sunapee Lions Club that would provide assistance to those residents who were in need of but did not qualify for Town Assistance based on a number of factors. Referrals for this program and access to these funds were made after approval by the Sunapee Welfare Administrator.

The Community Alliance of Human Services continues to oversee the Sunapee Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is a proud member of the NH Food Bank. In 2008, staff attended training on New Shopper Orientation and Safe Food Handling offered by the Food Bank. The Food Pantry is located in the Town Office and is accessible during regular office hours.

The Community Alliance of Human Services also manages the Sunapee Toys for Joy Program during the holidays. Working collaboratively with the Sunapee Central Elementary School, toys and winter clothing were provided to a number of Sunapee residents and their families.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who generously donated to the Sunapee Food Pantry and the Toys for Joy Program. All donations were greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank the Town of Sunapee for allowing us to continue to serve the town and its residents through the administration of general assistance.

Respectfully submitted by *Julie I. Carson, Welfare Administrator*



Lake Sunapee Region
VNA & HOSPICE

December 2008

Dear Friends,

Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice (LSRVNA) remains grateful for the opportunities to provide home health, hospice, long-term care and community health services to all residents of Sunapee. Our Mission remains to provide these services to support the dignity and independence of all individuals and families in your community. We strongly believe in the value and necessity of home care and the LSRVNA Board of Directors has reaffirmed that, within its financial resources, the Agency will continue to provide Sunapee residents with all its services, except for long-term private duty care, regardless of insurance coverage or any patient's ability to pay for care.

I believe that a good visiting nurse agency occupies a unique niche in both the health care system and the communities within which it operates. In today's health care environment, most of the focus is on treating a disease or illness. To be sure, this is a focus of LSRVNA staff as well. However, my Agency goes one step further: We seek to provide education and emotional support to motivate and empower individuals to not only recover to the fullest extent possible, but to make informed independent choices about how to lead their lives and prevent future illness. When an individual is terminally ill, our focus is to provide comfort and support the dignity and essential worth of not only our patient, but our patient's family as well. I consider LSRVNA employees fortunate to be allowed into individual homes to provide most of our services. This intimate setting allows us to address not only disease and illness, but the complicated emotional, psychological and social issues that accompany them.

LSRVNA has always embraced the role of technology in home health care. Utilization of newer and sophisticated treatments have enabled some individuals to recover in their homes when, just a few years ago, their only options were to remain in a hospital or to receive care in a nursing home. Although the Agency does provide some of the most modern home care treatments available, when compared to most of our health care system, we are somewhat low-tech providers. Our greatest and most valuable asset is the personalized one-on-one care and teaching that our nurses, therapists, home health aides, homemakers, volunteers and counselors provide to our patients.

Unfortunately, health care reimbursement is often driven by technology and procedures such as MRIs and operations; home care remains an under-funded component of the system. For example, the average charge for two nights of room, board and nursing care (not including any tests or procedures) in a hospital is roughly equal to the amount of money that a VNA is reimbursed for providing up to 60 days of Medicare-funded home care! As a result, LSRVNA

depends on the financial support of the towns and individuals within the area it serves. That is why your ongoing support is so vitally necessary.

Over the past 12 months, LSRVNA staff provided care to more than 575 Sunapee residents. Here is a partial breakdown of the services provided:

- Community health clinics (blood pressure, foot care and flu clinics) provided services to at least 448 individuals;
- Our staff made over 1280 home care visits to 93 children, adults and at-risk newborns ;
- Twenty-four elderly and disabled individuals received over 2,500 hours of supportive in-home care; and,
- Eleven residents received compassionate end-of-life care in their homes through our hospice program. Their families and loved ones will be provided with bereavement and grief support services at no charge.

Again, although I believe that a vibrant VNA is an integral part of any community, LSRVNA would not exist without your ongoing support. Speaking on behalf of all Agency employees, I am grateful for your continued support and wish you all happiness and the best of health in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Scott Fabry, RN
President and CEO

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE
January 1 through December 31, 2008**

DATE	GROOM/BRIDE	RESIDENCE
March 1	Robert A Teach Linda V Oberkotter	Sunapee Sunapee
May 31	Brandon J Hatch Linda Erin Harden	Austin, TX Austin, TX

June 1	Roger A Lerner	Sunapee
	Lydia B Sarnevitz	Sunapee
June 7	John H Paris	Sunapee
	Shannon Martinez-Rivas	Sunapee
June 14	Scott Edward Beckman	Marblehead, MA
	Rebecca L Batchelder	Marblehead, MA
June 14	Brent A Corliss	Leominster, MA
	Judith M Legere	Leominster, MA
June 21	Travis M Scott	Sunapee
	Rachel M Forsyth	Sunapee
June 28	Robert G Cutting	Sunapee
	Carol E Lloyd	Sunapee
June 28	Stefan H Timbrell	Sunapee
	Karen B Baker	Sunapee
June 28	Ryan Muzzey	Enfield
	Jennifer L Karr	Enfield
July 5	Tyler P Snow	Sunapee
	Brooke M Wobbe	Sunapee
July 19	Scott A Unsworth	Georges Mills
	Susan K Roberts	Sunapee
July 26	Norman J Gionet	Ft Myers Beach, FL
	Patricia M Lussier	Sunapee
Aug 8	Walter Critchfield	Sunapee
	Tasha A Moore	Sunapee
Aug 8	Steven D Bourque	Sunapee
	Michelle L Morse	Sunapee
Aug 9	Christopher W Roberts	Croydon
	Heather J Young	Croydon
Aug 9	Anthony R Sheridan	Claremont
	Kelly L Morton	Claremont
Aug 16	Michael Ripley	Sunapee
	Trisha L Hewitt	Sunapee
Aug 27	Arthur A Osborne	Sunapee
	Leena M Mark	Sunapee
Aug 30	Ronald Caputo	Sunapee
	Theresa B Boel	Sunapee
Aug 30	Gregory E Moore	Palm Beach Gardens, FL
	Christine A Pavek	Palm Beach Gardens, FL
Sept 6	Austin T Willis	Sunapee

	Mary A McLaughlin	Sunapee
Sept 13	Harry M Snow	Sunapee
	Andrea L Oxier	Sunapee
Sept 13	Michael R Platt	Hull, MA
	Jesse L Earle	Hull, MA
Sept 20	Dustin A Riggott	Sunapee
	Nicole L Chute	Sunapee
Sept 27	Nicholas R Dionne	Sunapee
	Stephanie E Hall	Sunapee
Oct 4	Trevor G MacDonald	Wellesley, MA
	Lisa Ann Virga	Wellesley, MA
Oct 5	Dimitri K Dimakis	Georges Mills
	Julie D Murray	Georges Mills
Oct 11	Richard H Bly Jr	Sunapee
	Carissa L Houston	Claremont
Oct 11	Christopher T Saccardi	Brighton, MA
	Kristin D Eifler	Brighton, MA
Nov 2	Richard A Manchester	Swansea, MA
	Dawn Rose	Swansea, MA
Dec 6	Eugene E Lee	Sunapee
	Jillian C Johnson	Sunapee
Dec 11	Michael F Bressette, Jr	Killeen, TX
	Denise L Prator	Killeen, TX
Dec 27	Joshua P Schmidt	Seattle, WA
	Amanda C Henck	Seattle, WA
Dec 31	Edward R Erickson	Sunapee
	Juanita L Battles	Bradford

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

CIVIL UNIONS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE

January 1 through December 31, 2008

DATE	PERSON A/PERSON B	RESIDENCE
April 6	Richard C Goerlitz Jonathan D Leszczynski	Sunapee Sunapee
Aug 21	Sally P Bourdon Lynne D Wardlaw	Sunapee Sunapee
Sept 15	Tad M Blackington Wesley N Plant	Sunapee Sunapee

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BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE

January 1 through December 31, 2008

DATE	CHILD	FATHER	MOTHER	PLACE
Feb 11	Lyndsey Maye Critchfield	Walner Critchfield	Tasha Moore	Lebanon
Feb 28	Aubrey Lee Curtis	Douglas Curtis	Robin Hixes	Lebanon
March 25	Maria Ann Hampson	Arn Hampson	Angela Devereay	Lebanon
June 8	Sienna Christine Kangas	Kurt Kangas	Susan Kangas	Lebanon
June 10	Connor Lucas Messenger	Robert Messenger	Christine Messenger	Claremont
June 12	Evan Charles Weston	Christopher Weston	Jodi Fox	Claremont
June 24	Harry Milton Snow	Harry Snow	Andrea Oxier	Lebanon
June 29	Siddu Puligilla	Anil Puligilla	Santhosh Chaklam	Lebanon
July 2	Tess Towslee Day	Michael Day	Sarah Towslee	Lebanon
July 16	Owen Matthew Sailer	William Sailer	Anne Sailer	Lebanon
Aug 14	Aria Bebe Varian	Michael Varian	Lalaya Deaugustinis-Varian	Lebanon
Sept 2	Erndley Ariaur Porter	Bradley Porter	Meranda Lennon	Lebanon
Sept 18	Andrey Marie Wenger	David Wenger	Lynn Wenger	Lebanon
Oct 8	Nicholas Josef Lavertue		Touya Lavertue	Lebanon
Oct 20	Jordan Alexander Labrecque	Dennis Labrecque	Ariel Marshall	Claremont
Oct 28	Saunel Dixon Holobowicz	Benjamin Holobowicz	Amy Holobowicz	Lebanon
Nov 15	Christopher Wyatt Dabrowski	Eugene Dabrowski	Rebecca Dabrowski	Lebanon
Nov 15	Ryan Eugene Dabrowski	Eugene Dabrowski	Rebecca Dabrowski	Lebanon
Nov 30	Amena Marie Martinez Paris	John Paris	Shannon Martinez	Lebanon
Dec 15	Solomon Duane Abbott	Duane Abbott	Hope Hilgerson	Claremont
Dec 18	Amelia Anne Salvitti	Peter Salvitti	Lorian Salvitti	Lebanon

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

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE
January 1 through December 31, 2008

DATE	NAME	PLACE	MOTHER	FATHER
Jan 4	Dorothy Scott	Georges Mills	Elvena Barden	Chester McLeudy
Jan 9	William Hickey Jr	New London	Edna Smith	William Hickey Sr
Jan 9	Billie Sweet	Lebanon	Cynthia Wood	William Sweet
Jan 14	Violette Kelly	Georges Mills	Aurore Fournier	Pierre Champagne
March 5	Ann Hall	Newport	Marie McGrath	John Hall
March 28	William Shea	Sunapee	Dora Mougreau	John Shea
April 2	Daniel McLeod	Concord	Edna Van Pappelendam	Robert McLeod
April 6	Margaret Burdett	New London	Margaret Idleman	Gordou Stearns Sr
April 9	William Murphy	New London	Catherine Donoghue	William Murphy
May 8	Mary Kamo	Sunapee	Anna Cameron	Wallace Leavitt
June 17	Claude Gardner	Georges Mills	Muriella Hutton	Fred Gardner
July 3	Frederick Gissler	Sunapee	Dorothy Estes	Henry Gissler
Aug 5	Betty Coleman	New London	Falen Murdock	Peter Schoepfer
Aug 30	Marjorie Gardner	New London	Edna Dow	Wilbur Stafford
Sept 4	Bur Rockwell	Lebanon	Ethel Frasier	William Rockwell
Sept 21	Arlene Chapman	Unity	Evelyn Gregory	Raymond Chapman
Oct 23	Dan Gobin	Newport	Nadia Scobi	Albert Gobin
Oct 30	Morton Bogen	Georges Mills	Anna Unknown	David Bogen
Nov 28	Frederick Brand	New London	Augusta Bade	Frederick Brand
Dec 15	Robert Winn	Lebanon	Mary Brown	Frank Winn

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

2008 CEMETERY REPORT

Burials

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Cemetery</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Grave</u>
January 5	William Unger	New Eastman	19C	1
May 4	Frances Lovejoy	New Eastman	41B	3
July 3	Frederick Carl Gissler	New Eastman	99B	1
August 5	Julia Rose Molloy	South	55	3
August 20	Howard G. Schuschu, Jr	New Eastman	94B	4

Cremations

April 6, 2003	Robert L. Sharkey, Jr	New Eastman	53B	2
Feb. 3,2008	William Landsiedel	New Eastman	24B	4
February 16	Mary Elizabeth Lawson	New Eastman	3B	2
February 17	Edward L. Dillinger	New Eastman	36A	1
February 25	Alden W. Davis	South	41	1
March 1	Karl Torno	New Eastman	65B	1
March 5	Anna Sharkey	New Eastman	53B	2
June 17	Claude E. Gardner	New Eastman	39B	1
July 14	Susan Tallerico	New Eastman	46A	4
August 30	Marjorie S. Gardner	New Eastman	39B	2
November 1	William L. Loring	New Eastman	37C	1

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ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE ELECTION
OF TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICERS
AND
BALLOT VOTING ON THE WARRANT ARTICLES
FOR TOWN AND SCHOOL BUDGETS

POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 8:00 AM TO 7:00 PM
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009
AT THE
SHERBURNE GYMNASIUM ON ROUTE 11

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VOTERS: PLEASE SEE ENCLOSED SAMPLE BALLOTS

BLUE: TOWN WARRANT BALLOT
GREEN: SCHOOL WARRANT BALLOT