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In 1996 Newport, New Hampshire celebrated the 80th anniversary of its Winter Carnival. The panoramic photograph from one of the first Winter Carnivals is courtesy of the Johnson family.

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Sharon Christie, Editor



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Dedication
FRANK A. MacCONNELL, JR.
In Memorium



Frank A. MacConnell Jr.
with his youngest grandchild

Frank A. MacConnell, Jr., was both a “product and...producer of [our] town.” Son of Edith (Annis) and Frank Alexander MacConnell, he graduated in 1953 from Towle High School, and in 1955 from Manchester’s Hesser College. From 1955-1986, he was Production Control Manager at Joy Manufacturing and was part owner of Bob Skinner’s Ski Shop and Bryanna’s Restaurant with his two sons, Frank III and Anthony, and wife Jean.

“Pup” was an accomplished pianist, a dedicated family man, and a life-long citizen of Newport, actively involved in the welfare of the community in which he lived. Chairman of “Revite”, Vice President of the Southwestern Community Action program, President of Newport Alumni Assn., Booster Club, and Mt. Sunapee Ski Club, a member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Production Control Managers Assn., he coached Little League, Babe Ruth and was one of the founders of the Nordic Ski Club. He was also a member of the

Newport School Board for almost a quarter of a century from 1973-1995 and in 1991, he was elected County

Commissioner. Devoted to his job, he was particularly interested in the new acute care unit at Sullivan County Nursing Home, scheduled for completion in 1997. But Frank MacConnell passed away on October 5, 1996. On the November ballot, in a salute to Frank and his family, his wife Jean was elected County Commisisoner in his stead.

In 1995, Frank gained national attention during the *Claremont Summit* involving President Clinton and House Speaker Gingrich, both campaigning in NH. Frank asked a question about campaign finance and lobbying reform, suggesting an independent commission be formed to study the issue. President Clinton and Speaker Gingrich both agreed and shook hands. The media then converged on Frank’s home at Pollards Mills. President Clinton in fact acknowledged Frank’s passing during a presidential debate.

Long active in town and county affairs and honored many times for his contributions, including the 1993 Pride of Newport Award and Citizen of the Year in 1996, Frank “left us sooner than expected.” In honor of his love of Newport, his commitment and contributions to our community, we dedicate this 1996 Annual Town Report to him in appreciation of his legacy of leadership and public service.

Elected Town Officials

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Term Expires

John K. Lunn, Chair	May, 1997
Gary E. Nichols, Vice Chair	May, 1998
Sharon L. MacDonald	May, 1998
Robert M. Snow	May, 1999
Bert W. Spaulding Sr.	May, 1999

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Nancy H. Black	May, 1997
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MODERATOR

Wm. Howard Dunn	May, 1998
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SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Pamela J. Hoyt	May, 2000
Martha E. Lovely	May, 2002
Ella M. Casey	May, 1998

TOWN CLERK

Karlene W. Stoddard	May, 1999
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TOWN TREASURER

Jonathan A. Howard	May, 1999
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TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND

Peter R. Lovely	May, 1997
Louise K. Hastings	May, 1998
C. Michael Sanderson	May, 1999

Appointed Town Officials

TOWN MANAGER	Daniel P. O'Neill
Executive Assistant	Sharon H. Christie
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS	Larry A. Wiggins
Airport Manager	Albert A. Gobin
Cemetery Superintendent	Brian T. Richardson
Highway Superintendent	Fraser L. Michaud
Sewage Treatment Plant Superintendent	Arnold L. Greenleaf
Water & Sewer Superintendent	Robert K. Naylor
AMBULANCE DIRECTOR/HEALTH OFFICER	Brian W. Tracey
CIVIL DEFENSE CO-DIRECTORS	David A. Hoyt Bruce E. MacDonald
FINANCE DIRECTOR	Paul J. Brown, C.P.A.
FIRE CHIEF	John J. Marcotte
PLANNING & ZONING DIRECTOR	David J. Jescavage
POLICE CHIEF	David A. Hoyt
RECREATION & PARKS DIRECTOR	P.J. Lovely, Jr.
TAX COLLECTOR	Daniel P. O'Neill
Senior Deputy Tax Collector	Elaine Van Dusen

*In the annual report of each department, there is a full listing of all Town of Newport employees.

Appointed Committee Members

AIRPORT COMMISSION

Francis Collins, Co-Chair	May, 1997
Cary Whipple, Co-Chair	May, 1998
Peter Anastos	May, 1998
Herbert Findeisen	May, 1998
Peter Reynolds	May, 1999
Gary Nichols, BOS Rep	May, 1997
Larry Wiggins, Staff Rep	May, 1997

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lou Dean Franz, Chair	May, 1997
Polly Andrews, Vice Chair	May, 1997
Richard Brewer	May, 1998
Ella Casey	May, 1999
Carl Fitz	May, 1998
David Little	May, 1997
Patricia Rude	May, 1997
Ben Nelson, Alternate	May, 1999
Sharon MacDonald, BOS Rep	May, 1997
Holly Harrison, School Board Rep	May, 1997

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Polly Andrews	Chair	
Jeffrey Kessler	Brian Stillson	David McCrillis
Paul Brown	David Jescavage	Daniel O'Neill

CDBG LOAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Anthony DiPadova	Chair
Ella Casey	Louise Hastings
Anthony Maiola	Michael Sanderson

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Nancy Parssinen, Chair	May, 1997
John Liberman	May, 1998
June Liberman	May, 1998
Tracy Martino	May, 1997
Richard Petrie	May, 1997
Jeanette Scales, Alternate	May, 1998

Appointed Committee Members (Continued)

ECONOMIC CORPORATION OF NEWPORT (ECON)

Mary Lou Reed, President	Daniel P. O'Neill, Vice President	
Kathleen Hubert, Secretary	Stanley Berube, Treasurer	
Richard Bates	Ella Casey	
Stephen Ensign	Jeanne Huff	
Stephen LaValley	Stephen Marro, SCEDC Agent	
Paul Skarin	Bert Spaulding, BOS Rep	
Vernon Studer	Rick Thomas	Michael Work

HERITAGE COMMISSION

Patrice Brewer, Chair	May, 1998
Sharon Christie, Vice Chair	May, 1998
Michael Dixon, Secretary	May, 1998
Rogers Claggett, Historic District Rep	May, 1998
Jean MacConnell	May, 1999
Roger Nelson	May, 1998
Clifford Richer, Alternate	May, 1998
John Lunn, BOS Rep	May, 1997

MAIN STREET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Daniel P. O'Neill, Chair	Sharon Christie	Robert Collins
Alicia Dixon	Michael Dixon	Stephen Ensign
Linda Haselton	David Jescavage	Nicholas Kanakis
James Lantz	Jeffrey Lantz	Jack Liberman
June Liberman	John Lunn	William Ruger, Jr.
Jeannette Scales	Celestine Wiggins	Frank Wiggins
Larry Wiggins	Patryc Wiggins	Robert Wilke

PLANNING BOARD

W. Howard Dunn, Chair	May, 1997
Jeffrey Kessler, Vice Chair	May, 1998
Ella Casey	May, 1999
Pauline Andrews	May, 1998
Frederick Jones	May, 1997
Karol Bentley	May, 1999
Frank MacConnell III, Alternate	May, 1998
Michael Clark, Alternate	May, 1999
David Kibbey, Alternate	May, 1999
Todd Stetson, Alternate	May, 1999
Robert Snow, BOS Rep	May, 1997
Bert Spaulding, Sr., Alternate BOS Rep	May, 1997

Appointed Committee Members (Continued)

POLICE BUILDING COMMITTEE

David A. Hoyt	Chairman
Kevin Corliss	Leland McGray
Robert Snow	Bert Spaulding

RECREATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Gary LaFountain, Chair	May, 1997
Mary Maxfield	May, 1998
William MacDonald	May, 1998
Dean Smith	May, 1997
Kathy Sarles	May, 1999
Roger Rosendahl	May 1999

RECREATION FACILITY BUILDING COMMITTEE

Sharon MacDonald, Chair	PJ Lovely
Scott Blewitt	James Lantz
Sandra Cherry	Daniel Cherry
Al Griffin	Rick Thomas

SULLIVAN COUNTY REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

David Kibbey	May, 1997
Peter Franklin	May, 1999
Don Lader, Jr., Alternate	May, 1999
John Lunn, Alternate & BOS Rep	May, 1997

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Anthony DiPadova, Chair	May, 1999
Fred Maxfield, Vice Chair	May, 1998
Ben Nelson	May, 1997
Peter Anastos	May, 1999
Richard Doxter, Alternate	May, 1997
David Kibbey, Alternate	May, 1997
Sharon MacDonald, BOS Rep	May, 1997

Board of Selectmen 1996 Annual Report

John K. Lunn, Chairman Gary E. Nichols, Vice Chairman
Sharon L. MacDonald Robert N. Snow Bert Spaulding, Sr.
Pamela Lain, Recording Secretary Wojtek Staszkiwicz, Student Rep

This past year, as all years, has been a busy one for the Town of Newport. As well as welcoming two new members to the Board of Selectmen, Newport High School senior, Wojtek Staszkiwicz, joined the Board as an ex officio student member. We hope this becomes a tradition in Newport to help make town government more accessible to students.

This last year was the first full year of privatized welfare under the auspices of the Family Services Bureau. It has received national attention and plaudits for its success.

The Sullivan County Refuse Disposal District amended its contract with Wheelabrator, owners of the Claremont incinerator. Newport opposed this change feeling that it may cost more for the towns in the long run. Newport also opposed an arbitration decision that has made it possible for each town to be assessed fees directly by the NH/VT Joint Committee.

During the past three years, we have been preparing to do a re-evaluation of all property values in Newport to assess them at a more equitable market value. Currently valued at 129% above state average, the last re-evaluation was done in 1988. Work should begin on this project this year.

Much time and effort has also been given this year to a plan to beautify our Main Street. This plan incorporates the area from the Little Common down to the end of the center lane parking area. It will involve rebuilding some sidewalks, planting trees and flowers down the center of the street and adding historic light fixtures. There will be a presentation at this year's town meeting.

As Water/Sewer Commissioners, Selectmen decided to separate water/sewer issues from general business and established separate commission meetings. We have been reviewing the current operations of the departments and focussing on finding ways to reduce or eliminate the red water problems that have plagued us. In 1995-96, a year long study was conducted to carefully control the pH levels. Long before its completion, we realized that it wouldn't succeed, so alternate plans were made to begin a sodium silicate program in the water system which has been started this winter. Plans are also underway for upgrading the Summer Street water tank. This tank is in need of repair. The Commission voted to refurbish the 30 year old tank which may also be contributing to the coloration of the water because of its deplorable condition.

The new Police facility on Main Street that was approved at last May meeting will be completed this spring. This spring and summer will also see the beginning of construction on the new CDBG infrastructure project in the Pleasant Street area.

TOWN MANAGER'S 1996 Annual Report

Town Manager
Daniel P. O'Neill

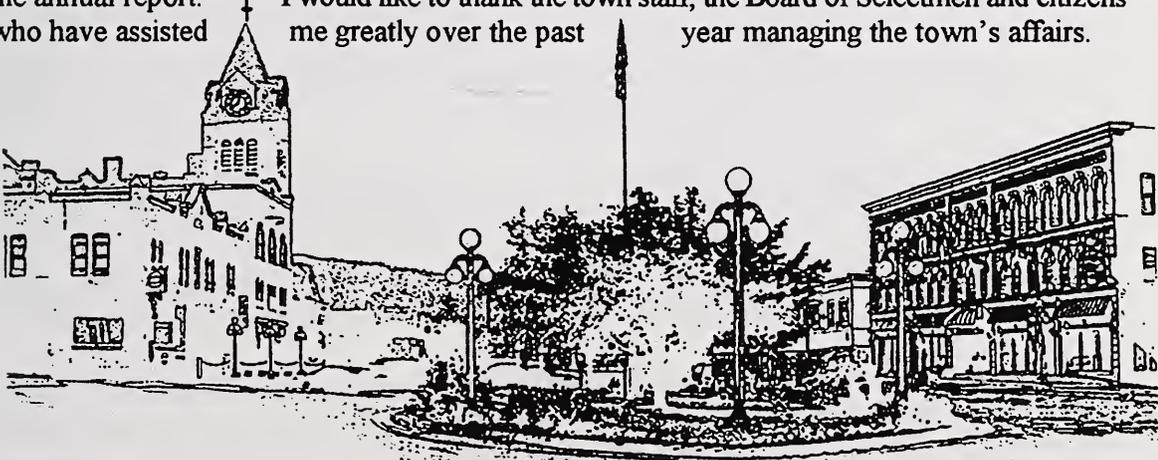
Executive Assistant
Sharon H. Christie

I am pleased to inform you that this year's budget will continue the downward trend in the town's tax rate. In each of the past four years, the town's portion of the tax rate has gone down. In the back section of the annual report, there is a graph that shows the preceding ten year rates so it is easy for you compare not only the town's rate, but those of the school and county as well. This decrease in the town's tax rate will hold true even if 100% of the special articles and operating budget are passed as proposed by the Board of Selectmen.

In this year's budget I think one of the most important and exciting projects we are proposing is the continuation of the Main Street revitalization. Last year we started the project with the refurbishing of the front of the Opera House and Clock Tower. We are continuing with the project this year, working on the south side repairing some slate, masonry and painting. In conjunction with that, there will be a major effort put forth to install curbing, planters, enhanced crosswalks, trees and shrubbery, along with new lighting down the center of Main Street. All of the old overhead wires which cross the street from the corner of Chubba's to the corner of Lake Sunapee Bank, will be removed and lighting will be proposed for the center section of the street and the Little Common replicating the style of lights which were present on the Common at the turn of the century. If you have not had an opportunity to look at the plans prior to the meeting, contact the Planning Office or my office and a town staff person will review the project with you. In next year's budget, we are proposing sidewalk replacement and additional lighting along the west and east sidewalks. The lighting will be replicating the fixtures which currently exist on either side of the entrance to the Opera House.

Please read all of the Department reports. They contain valuable information that will help in your decision making at Town Meeting. If you have questions about any projects or proposals, please contact me or the appropriate department head. All of our phone numbers are listed in the annual report.

I would like to thank the town staff, the Board of Selectmen and citizens who have assisted me greatly over the past year managing the town's affairs.



REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF DISTRICT ONE

Raymond S. Burton, Councilor
State House, Room 207, Concord, NH
(603) 271-3632

The five member Executive Council serves much like a Board of Directors of your Executive Branch of State Government that votes on most contracts over \$2,500, major permits to use state waters, and positions as Commissioners and Directors within the Executive Branch of State Government. The entire Judicial Branch of NH State Government is voted in by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Executive Council. The Governor's Council also votes on gubernatorial nominations of citizens to various boards and commissions as prescribed by NH law.

Citizens in District One should be attentive to several projects:

1. The statewide Health Care Council's 18 month planning project will be coming to a conclusion in 1997. There are three very active Councils in this District. Information can be obtained by calling Com. Terry Morton, Dept. of Health and Human Services at 1-800-852-3345.
2. The 10 year highway planning process will be underway in 1997. At least three hearings will be conducted in this district to ascertain regional needs. Information can be obtained by calling Com. Leon Kenison, Dept. of Transportation at 271-3735.
3. NH Joint Tourist Promotional Program expects funding of at least \$500,000 to be matched by local Chamber of Commerce and tourists groups to promote our region. Information is available from Com. Robb Thomson, Dept. of Resources and Economic Development at 271-2411.
4. Information on approximately \$172,000, waiting to be matched by local economic development promotion dollars, can be obtained from Dir. Norman Storrs, Economic Development at 271-2341.
5. About \$10 million is available for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) to improve local towns and areas. Information can be obtained from Dir. Jeff Taylor, Office of State Planning at 271-2155.
6. Towns, cities, counties and eligible organizations should be aware of the large Federal and State Surplus Distribution Programs (state surplus center is open to the public at White Farm on Clinton Street in Concord Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.) Information may be obtained by calling Supervisor Art Haeussler at 271-2602.
7. Information on the large number of services available regarding disabilities can be obtained by calling the Developmental Disabilities Council, Alan Robichaud, Director, at 271-3236.
8. Information and resources on the Dept. of Environmental Services covering water, sewer, air, lakes and rivers are available by calling Com. Robert Varney or Asst. Com. Dana Bisbee at 271-3503.
9. The Dept. of Health and Human Services (elderly, mental health, human services, public health, drug and alcohol abuse) are all under Com. Terry Morton at 1-800-852-3345.

Our State Government is small, effective and efficient. It is amazing how many services both technical information and financial assistance is available to eligible applicants and for proposals. Please call my office at any time. I am at your service.

AIRPORT COMMISSION 1996 Annual Report

Airport Manager Albert Gobin

Francis Collins, Co-Chair Cary Whipple, Co-Chair
Herbert Findeisen Peter Anastos
Peter Reynolds Gary Nichols, Selectman Rep

Improvements to Airport in 1996

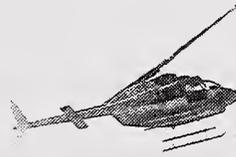
The 600 foot extension of North/South (36-18) runway was permanently surfaced at a cost of \$28,000, \$14,000 from airport funds and \$14,000 from the State of New Hampshire. As it was late in the year when the paving was completed, the lining and numbering was put off until this year. A shelter was constructed over the gas pumps that were installed last year and more runway cracks were filled.

The anchors for the tie-down area haven't been installed as yet, but will be as soon as state matching funds become available. Paving the runway extension was given priority.

7500 gallons of gasoline were sold in 1996, producing \$12,900 in income. Hangar rent income amounted to approximately \$2500.

The commission lost a valuable and long-time member with the death of Sam Saggiotes. Sam devoted much time and substance to the development of Parlin Field.

Once again, thanks go out to Larry Wiggins for his helpfulness and to the Highway Department for winging back the snow banks and filling in runway cracks.



**Removing the Town Hall Weathervane
for refurbishing (1996)
Archie Mountain photo**

AMBULANCE SERVICE 1996 Annual Report

Brian W. Tracey, Director	Keith Gregory, Vehicle Chief
Gary Nichols, Training Officer	Thomas Clough, Sr.
Michael Dixon	Susan Gregory
Gail Osgood	Charles Johnson
John Galloway	Clay Odell
Wenda White	Allen White
Benjamin Holobowicz	Andrew Miller
Steven Marshall	Dominick DePhillips

During 1996, the Ambulance Department responded to 890 calls for service, up from 870 calls in 1995. This growth in call volume is consistent with the previous year's increase of approximately 3%, and was on target with estimates submitted during last year's budget process. Except for a few transfers and public assists, all responses were for emergencies.

As of this writing in mid February, the department has responded to 157 calls in 1997. On the same date last year, we had handled 119 calls. If the trend continues over the remainder of the year, we will respond to over 1,000 calls for the first time in our history.

1996 was a year of changes at both the state and national levels of EMS. Nationally, the curriculum for basic level EMT's was completely rewritten and expanded. The result is an increased skill level for those providers and, therefore, improved care for our community members. Every EMT in our department has successfully completed the upgrade training program with flying colors. At the state level, all laws and regulations relating to emergency medical services have been rewritten. New minimum guidelines have been established and Newport Ambulance Service exceeds the standards in both skill levels of our personnel and the equipment on board our ambulances.

You may recall hearing about the acquisition of a military surplus "Hum-Vee" for use as an off-road rescue vehicle. While the idea was sound, the vehicle itself was not. Major mechanical problems were discovered prior to the vehicle's arrival in Newport, and a decision was made to not go forward with the purchase. The Ambulance Department wishes to thank the town Manager, the Board of Selectmen, and the Newport Service Organization for their support of the project. We hope, at some future point, to acquire a more suitable utility vehicle which can also provide advanced life support intercept functions.

The members of the Ambulance Service also wish to extend their thanks to the citizens of Newport; the other town departments that are there whenever we need them; and once again, to the Newport service Organization for their continued generosity.

⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗ LEARN CPR — SAVE A LIFE! ⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗

CEMETERY/GROUNDS DEPARTMENT 1996 ANNUAL REPORT

Brian Richardson, Superintendent Timothy Temple
David Millotte Daniel Rapisura

During the first quarter, park benches and trash receptacles were repaired, painted and new picnic tables were built. New signs were made for Pine Grove and North Newport Cemeteries. The ice skating warming hut was moved to and from the Common and the Department assisted the Highway Department with sidewalk snow removal.

Routine spring clean up was done, repairing mowing equipment, cleaning and coating the Admiral Belknap plaque on Belknap Avenue, liming and fertilizing the north end of the Common, repairing the drinking fountain and sprinkler system at the A.R.C., repairing sunken graves in Pine Grove Cemetery, removing the old cellar-hole at Pine Grove Cemetery and expanding the cemetery.

During the third quarter, routine mowing and trimming was done, cutting brush on Main Street bridge and Central Street. Both entrance roads to the A.R.C. softball field were repaired, replacing the main shut-off valve to the football field sprinkler system, laying out and marking the Town Common for the Apple Pie Craft Fair, cleaning up and removing the stone wall for the Corbin Bridge Festival and mowing the airport runway extension and spraying with vegetation killer. The damage at the old football field caused by the carnival at Meadow Park was repaired and rolled. The Department also tried out two new front-mount mowers.

During the last quarter, routine mowing, trimming and fall cleanup was again completed. Sprinkler system heads were repaired for the football season and a section of the old fence at the North Newport Cemetery was repaired, anchors fabricated and the barway taken off to the Corbin Bridge Park. Park benches, picnic tables, and trash receptacles are now being painted and repaired and the Water & Sewer Department's pumps, saws, generators, etc are being serviced and repaired.

The Cemetery Department had a total of 72 burials during 1996.



1920 Carnival Parade — **The Bier of John Barleycorn** — caught the eye of “movie men, who featured it in their films.” Photo: Courtesy of Hal Campbell

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Nancy Parssinen, Chairman Tracy Martino, Secretary
June Liberman, Treasurer Jack Liberman
Richard Petrie Ray Reid (resigned in 1996)

The primary concerns of Newport's Conservation Commission are:

- acquisition and management of conservation lands
- protection of natural resources, care of town trees
- conservation and environmental education

The Conservation Commission's major project in 1996 was the completion of the wetland education center in the town forest. In January, Commission members worked to erect supports and framework for the teaching platform and to add braces and railings to the boardwalk. In July, 11 Volunteers for Peace completed the platform, added benches and railings, and finished the 500 foot boardwalk. This was the 4th year these young people have worked in the town forest, and their enthusiasm and hard work are appreciated. Thanks also go to Paul and Catherine Baird for hosting summer volunteers, to the many community members who organize and support the International Workcamp each year, and to LaValley Building Supply Co. for donations of materials.

The Commission continued to work with the Technical Center toward a shared goal of student management of the town forest. Under the direction of instructor David Wenthrop, students thinned pine groves, cleared stream beds to improve drainage, and worked on the development of a forest education site. In the spring they will begin working on a sustained yield forestry plan for the Pinnacle property. Two groups of UNH students also worked on projects sponsored by the Commission. One group wrote a self-guiding nature booklet to be used on the boardwalk and designed an information kiosk which will be erected next summer. The second group is currently working with teachers to develop a fourth grade wetland curriculum kit for use on field trips.

Several trees on the common required spraying during the summer, and all trees were evaluated for needed care. A three year program of pruning, fertilizing and replacement of trees was begun. The annual inspection of conservation easement properties was completed, as were the required reports for the Land Conservation Investment Program. All Dredge and Fill applications submitted to the town of Newport were reviewed by the Commission, and the required paperwork sent to the Wetlands Board in Concord. The final grant report on the wetland project was sent to the Department of Resources and Economic Development along with supporting documentation of all expenses. We are expecting full reimbursement.

Four members of the commission attended a training workshop by the DES Wetlands Bureau covering the new law regarding the wetland permit process and other rule changes. All members also went to the NH Assn. of Conservation Commissions annual meeting to attend workshops on forest and wetland management, protection of shorelines and drinking water supplies, and the economics of open space. 1997 finds the Commission short one member. If you would like to join the Board, please call the Town Office at 863-1877 for information.

ECONOMIC CORPORATION OF NEWPORT (ECON) **1996 Annual Town Report**

Mary Lou Reed, President	Daniel P. O'Neill, Vice President	
Kathleen Hubert, Secretary	Stanley Berube, Treasurer	
Richard Bates	Ella Casey	Stephen Ensign
Jeanne Huff	Stephen LaValley	Stephen A. Marro
Paul Skarin	Bert Spaulding	Vernon Studer
Rick Thomas		Michael Work

In 1995 ECON was successful in receiving its 501(c)(3) status from the IRS, officially recognizing it as the economic development entity for Newport. With this designation, the organization began to move in very progressive directions to help strengthen and develop more jobs for Newport. A direct result of the non-profit tax status, and a major highlight for ECON, was the donation of \$190,000 by Roy Malool for the purchase of land off Maple Street Extension. It is hoped this land can be developed into a business park, create jobs, and expand the tax base for Newport. A great deal of time and effort has gone into this endeavor since June, 1996. To date, ECON has hired a consultant to assist the community in determining what direction Newport should go with this donation and to study what options are possible. The study should guide ECON in determining what type and scale of business the town can support.

On September 24, 1996, ECON and the Sullivan County Economic Development Council jointly hosted a "Business Resource Fair" at the Newport High School. Although its accomplishments were limited with 25 businesses attending, an effort was made to reach out to the county business community to assist them in providing information that will hopefully make their day-to-day operations easier. It will again be hosted in Newport during 1997.

With the assistance of the Sullivan County EDC, Newport had initiated another Business Visitation Program, gathering information from local business people about the community. ECON has also updated its property inventory and profiles of Newport businesses. All of this information is essential to the community to monitor and assist in the developing of new business for Newport.

In 1996 the town of Newport received the prestigious honor of being selected to host the fourth New England Artists Trust Congress. The event represents the collaboration of the New England Foundation for the Arts, the NH State Council on the Arts, and the New England Artists Trust. ECON is acting as the fiscal agent for this project. The honor of hosting the Congress was accomplished through the efforts of Ms. Kathy Hubert and Ms. Patryc Wiggins. An ambitious endeavor, numerous grants have been acquired to assist with the presentation of this event. The Congress will draw artisans from all over New England to display their works and detail their processes to the community at-large. This exhibition will be an event for all of New England to experience and should prove to place Newport and New Hampshire on the map as a locale that recognizes the value, extent and talent of its artisans. Hosting the New England Artists Trust Congress represents a partnership within the Newport community that is truly unique.

FIRE DEPARTMENT 1996 Annual Report

John Marcotte, Chief	Bruce MacDonald, Deputy Chief	David Jones, Lieutenant
Wayne Conroy, Captian	David Jones, Lieutenant	Peter Cadenhead, Lieutenant
William Carley, Lieutenant	Robert Brunt	Barry Sleath
Chris Marcotte, Lieutenant	Larry Ouelette	Edward Bailey Sr.
William Stone	Jason Damren	James Gerschwinder
Steven Dube	Chris Amos	Richard Sparks
Michael Sanderson	Leo Goyette	David McCrillis
Kenneth Carlton	Dean Gregory	Michael Rastallis
Edward Goldberg	James Blood	John Barton
Michael Borghi	Chris Gaspar	Michael Hartwell
Joel Lussier		

I am pleased to submit my seventh annual report as Chief of Newport Fire Department.

Fire Department members received 1901.5 hours of training during the year.

The replacement project for the floor in the old section of the building is due for a spring start date.

Fire Department calls for the year were 260. This is a 7.14% decrease over our five year average of 280. The Fire Department would like to thank the citizens of Newport for their continued support and for their efforts in keeping our fire losses low.

The year has been average with respect to fires. Our responses for the year were as follows:

- 20 Structure Fires
- 33 Accidentalor
 Unintent. Alarms
- 16 Mutual Aid Requests
- 06 Chimney Fires
- 31 Haz Mat/Responses
- 12 Vehicle Fires
- 49 Rescue Calls
- 27 Outside Fires
- 05 Malicious False Alrms
- 60 Miscellaneous Calls



**1917 Gamash Fire, Winter Carnival Weekend
Photo: Courtesy of Hal Campbell**

**Department of Resources and Economic Development
DIVISION OF FORESTS AND LANDS
172 Pembroke Road, PO Box 1856
Concord, New Hampshire 03302-1856**

TEL (603) 271-2214

FAX (603) 271-2629

**1996 REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN
AND STATE FOREST RANGER**

Forest Ranger

Robert B. Stewart

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

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

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments.

**1996 FIRE STATISTICS
(Cost Shared)**

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

Belknap	06
Carroll	07
Cheshire	13
Coos	10
Grafton	12
Hillsborough	19
Merrimack	14
Rockingham	15
Strafford	05
Sullivan	06
TOTAL FIRES	107

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Smoking	05
Debris Burning	34
Campfire	16
Power Line	04
Railroad	02
Equipment Use	01
Lightning	02
Children	22
OHRV	01
Miscellaneous	20

“REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES

HERITAGE COMMISSION 1996 Annual Report

Patrice Brewer, Chairman	Sharon Christie, Vice Chair
Michael Dixon, Secretary	Roger Nelson, Treasurer
John Lunn, Selectman Rep	Rogers Claggett, Historic District Rep
Jean MacConnell	Cliff Richer, Alternate

As part of the celebration of National Historic Preservation Week in May, the Heritage Commission invites Newporters to applaud the role historic preservation has had in saving and enhancing its landmarks. Implicit in the theme *Preservation Begins at Home* is the belief that our community is an extension of our home and is worthy of our best efforts to fight threats that can destroy or diminish its livability. It is also a call to activism. Every community has landmark buildings and neighborhoods that help define its character. If we are to be successful in saving these special places, we must be vigilant in identifying threats to their continued existence, develop strategies to keep them alive, and take an active role in the decisions that shape the future of the place that we call home.

The Heritage Commission works to preserve and maintain the cultural and historic heritage of Newport. The Commission believes the economic growth of Newport and revitalization of Main Street can be realized by promoting Newport's heritage with its diverse cultural and ethnic folk life. The Commission meets quarterly on the first Thursday of February, May, September, and November. Other meetings are called as needed. Our application to become a Certified Local Government has now been submitted to the National Parks Service in Washington for its approval.

On January 10, 1996 the Commission approved the application of Doreen Amore and Michael Shklar to erect a sign in front of 44 Main Street for the purposes of identifying businesses located within this professional building. Also on January 10, 1996, the Commission approved the application of Don Harrington on behalf of Health Care Strategies, 46 North Main Street to change the exterior appearance of a barn door so the barn may be renovated for office space.

On May 14, 1996 voters favored Article 8 of the 1996 Town Warrant to adopt Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Historic District Ordinance to amend Section 1.02 of the Historic District Ordinance by extending the boundary line to the Town Common Historic District to include the Little Common. Voters also approved Article 14 which expands the duties and responsibilities of the Newport Historic District Commission into a Heritage District. The Commission is now able to raise funds and apply for eligible grants from the New Hampshire and Federal Departments of Historic resources.

On September 3, 1996 the Newport Planning Board approved a proposed amendment to the Newport Historic District Ordinance Section 1.03 (a) which establishes commission membership by deleting the words "and one associate member" and replacing them with the words "and up to five alternate members" in the first sentence.

And on September 5, 1996, the Commission heard a request by the United Methodist Church, 11 Park Street, to replace and reconstruct the existing roof and to build a handicap ramp.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 1996 ANNUAL REPORT

Fraser L. Michaud, Superintendent Stephen Carley, Foreman
Bryan Bartley Jon Dame William Fletcher
Larry Glidden John Leslie Wilbur Martin

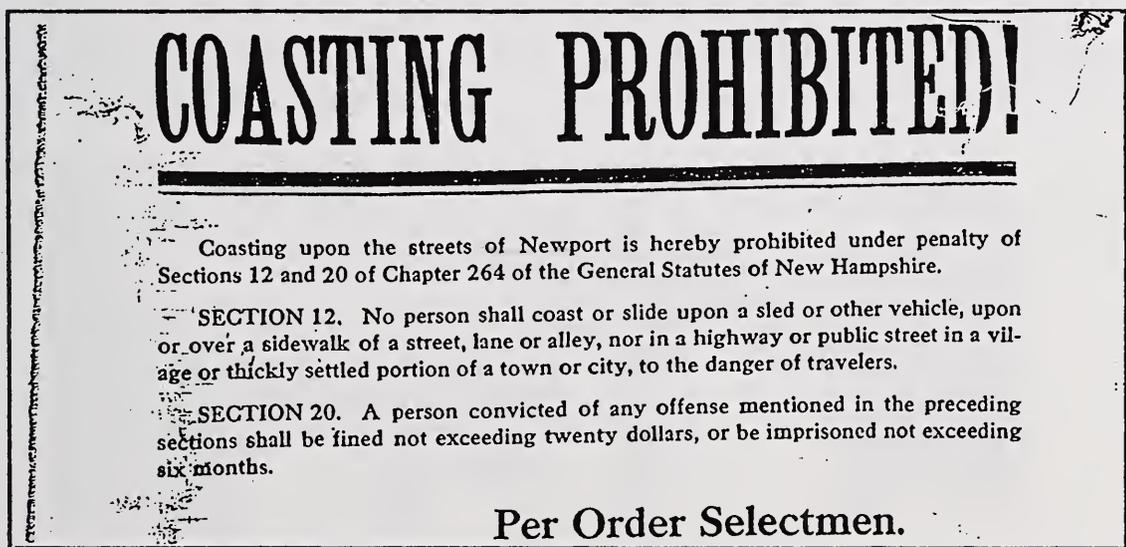
In addition to the daily maintenance operations, the Highway crew was involved in the following road improvement projects:

Approximately 2,100 feet of Oak Street and 1,500 feet of Summer Street were reconstructed. Approximately one mile of Barton-Whitney Road was overlaid. Center lines were painted on Barton-Whitney Road, Oak and Elm Streets. The Highway Department reworked and paved the S-curves on Bradford Road. Aprons were also paved on Hurd, Pike Hill, McDonough and Coon Brook Roads and sections shimmed on Golf Club Road and Golf Drive. On Laurel Street, approximately 200 feet of drainage pipe was replaced and 200 feet of sidewalk reconstructed. Many sidewalk repairs were made in town and many street signs were replaced due to vandalism.

In addition to highway repairs, the department assisted the Sewer Department with the sewer line replacement project on Laurel Street and assisted with preparations for the 1996 Corbin Bridge Festival.

The winter has been very busy due to many small snow storms and freezing rain. The Highway Department's culvert steamer was refurbished and returned to us in January.

The Highway Superintendent attended the Road Surface Management System (RSMS) training in 1996. The program's road data was forwarded to us in November. This program will be used to assist in developing future road maintenance budgets.



Traffic Posting (in fabric), Circa 1930's, Courtesy of family of Art Barry

NEWPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1996 Annual Report

Nick Kanakis, President Roger Nelson, Vice President
Betty Avery, Secretary Andy Andrews, Treasurer Ray Reid, Historian

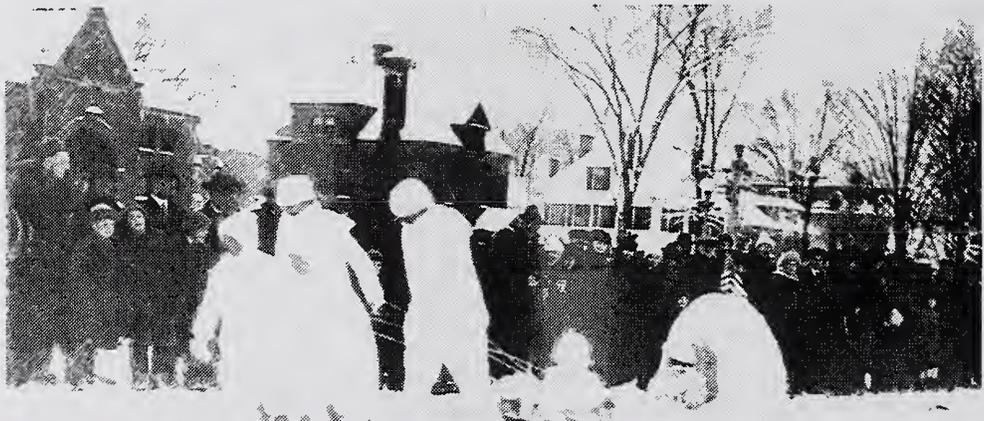
Goals of the Newport Historical Society (NHS) include preserving, protecting and educating. Membership in the society continues to increase, and anyone who is interested in Newport's history is encouraged to join us the third Thursday of each month in the Community Room at the Sugar River Savings Bank. An invitation is also issued to anyone interested in presenting a program of a historical nature to contact the Historical Society at PO Box 413 in Newport.

The NHS, in conjunction with the Town of Newport, applied for a grant to repair the Pier Bridge, one of two covered railroad bridges in Kellyville. NHS agreed to appropriate \$40,000 for the project with \$160,000 to come from Federal ISTEA money. The application was not granted funding, but the NHS will continue to work with the community to preserve our heritage in future projects.

All who attended the NHS exhibit of the glass plate collection at the Library Arts Center enjoyed a glimpse into Newport's past. These plates were donated by Millie Johnson and are a wonderful addition to the museum.

The Third Annual Covered Bridge Festival was held the last weekend in September. A generous donation of \$500 was received from the Wiggins family in memory of their son, Peter, which was the incentive for the rebuilding of the stonewall along Parlin Field. The continued rebuilding of the wall will be an annual event at the festival.

The 4th Annual Covered Bridge Festival will again be held the last weekend in Sept-ember of 1997 in collaboration with Brad Sear's Balloon Festival, both held at Parlin Field, and the New England Artists Trust Congress, scheduled townwide. Anyone who is interested in working on this event with us is enthusiastically encouraged to call Nick Kanakis at 863-6323.



1920 W/C Parade, old Library and Library House in background
Photo: Courtesy of Hal Campbell

**JOINT LOSS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
1996 ANNUAL "SAFETY" REPORT**

Bruce E. MacDonald, Fire, Chair Shady Blackwell, Police Administration
Brian Tracey, Ambulance Department Brady Lane, TOPAZ
Brent Richardson, Water & Sewer Bryan Bartley, Highway
Ken Dennis, Buildings Marie Brown, Police
PJ Lovely, Recreation Daniel P. O'Neill, Town Manager

The Joint Loss Management Committee has completed another successful year. We have seen some changes in the scope of our work, since we completed the Town of Newport Safety Police last year. Our meeting schedule has changed to quarterly instead of monthly meetings as we had been doing during the initial phase of our operations. We meet on the last Wednesday of March, June, September, and December in the Selectmen's Office.

We have instituted the new inspection program, where each town-owned building is inspected twice a year for safety hazards. This has proved helpful in providing a safer workplace for our employees.

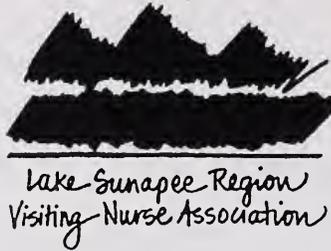
A Rabies Clinic was conducted in April, and 55 dogs and cats were inoculated. Employee Safety Seminars were conducted by members of Compensation Funds of New Hampshire concerning Slips, Trips, and Fall Prevention; Back Injury Prevention; and Office Workplace Safety. These seminars were attended by all on-duty personnel.

One training session has already been scheduled for the upcoming year. Basic CPR will be offered for all interested employees.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the incoming chairman, Brad Lane, good luck in his leadership of the committee, and to thank the citizens and employees of Newport for their interest and cooperation in keeping Newport a safer place in which to live and work.

Lake Sunapee Home
Care and Hospice

Lake Sunapee Community
Health Services



Services provided to people in Newport

Home health care helps patients return to their optimal level of health

Visits made	21,266
Patients served	322

Hospice - a family-centered program for patients who are terminally ill.

Patients served	17
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Flu & other immunizations

Patients served	198
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Well child clinic and parent child program

Children served	254
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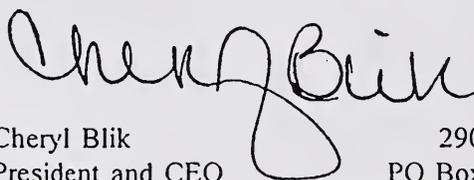
Day care - after school and summer child care

Children served	4
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In late 1996, Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association finalized a strategic pathway to the future — we joined an integrated health care delivery system, Capital Region Health Care Corporation in Concord, NH. We created this pathway by affiliating with the New London Hospital Association. The future development of our new partnership and our inovative, high quality programs will support the VNAs mission to improve the health of the community and provide quality, cost-effective care to individuals and families in community settings.

Forty-two VNA employees; one VNA Trustee, Lori Barnes; one HCH Trustee, H. Newcomb Eldredge and many volunteers live in Newport. We depend heavily on the selfless support of volunteers and employees who contribute hours to the success of our programs. For them and our Trustees, we are grateful.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Blik
President and CEO



Joint Commission
on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

• Depot Square, Newport 893-4088
290 County Road, New London 526-4077
PO Box 2209, New London, NH 03257-2209

LIBRARY ARTS CENTER

1996 Annual Report

Executive Director

Doris Nelson

Trustees

Nancy Parssinen, President	Jean MacConnell, Vice President
Anne Kathan, Acting Secretary	Dick Cretarola, Treasurer
Monica Cashin	Lauri McCrillis
Wm. Howard Dunn	Gina Kanakis
Ted Niboli	Marge Kanakis
Carl Fitz	Patricia Rude

During 1996, the Library Arts Center (LAC) took part in many statewide ventures and was recognized nationally for being a part of the MacDowell Celebration, over two years in the planning and involving over 55 cultural partners all over the state. This was balanced by providing exhibits of local interest, such as *Focus on Yesteryear*: photographs of Newport reproduced from glass negatives in the Lawrence G. Ross collection, put together by the Newport Historical Society.

The LAC survived reduced grant funding from the NH State Council on the Arts and the cut backs to the National Endowment on the Arts with increased memberships, the generosity of many local businesses and additional fundraisers. As a cultural center for the town and the region since 1967, the LAC has been “building community through culture” for going on 30 years. Although the LAC receives no direct tax support, thanks must go out to the many townspeople who provide in kind and monetary donations and help with everything from mailings, hanging exhibits, working on lighting, taping LAC programs for NCTV to doing crafts demonstrations and school tours. The most unusual business contribution of 1996 was Twin Valley Cable’s donation of the use of a cherry picker and help installing the 40 foot high *Tree Circus* on the LAC side lawn.

Early plans for the NE Artist Trust Congress IV in 1997 were begun with the Library Arts Center cooperating with the committees headed by Patryc Wiggins and Kathy Hubert — *Building Community Through Culture*. In an overview of the 1996 exhibits and events, the season began with *LAC Selections*: Matt Brown, Carl Cochran, Betsy Derrick, Stephanie Hart and Christine Hawkins in a group show February 2-March 2, 1996. *A Century of Learning: Art from Newport Elementary Schools*, with a special historical display of 100 years of Richards School, along with art work from Richards and Towle School, was on display in March. *Newport Alive* benefit performances featured Pete Merrigan and a *Comedy Night with Tom Hayes*.

Library Arts Center (Continued)

For spring, the NH Fish and Game Department asked the LAC to feature their *Partners in Flight* collection of bird paintings April 12-May 1, resulting in the *Feathered Images* exhibit of all kinds of bird paintings, plus carvings by some of the best bird carvers in the country. The Backstage Gallery had a display of paintings done in Scotland at the *Barmagachon Workshops*, combining birding and watercolor painting. Slide talks, school tours, demonstration and workshops rounded out the exhibit. Bidders at the Annual Dinner & Auction at the LAC at the end of May could take inspiration from the exhibit May 17-June 8, *An Artist Collects*: works by 112 artists from the collection of Gary Hamel. A talk by Gary on collecting art and an arts appraisal night by Charles Sprague were special events. The *Newport Camera Club Invitational Exhibit*, June 14-July 13 was accompanied by *Garden Impressions*, paintings of the nearby Hay Estate in the Backstage Gallery. The Wednesday Art Group with Aidron Duckworth has operated continuously in the studio, supplemented with adult classes offered by UNH College of Lifelong Learning, and an adult pottery group with Loren Howard.

Summertime was busy with *Performances for Kids*, sponsored by Friends of Richards Free Library: Todd Wellington juggling, Kathy Lowe's songs, Michael Zerphy and Dan Grady's marionettes entertained audiences of over 200 at a time on the LAC side lawn. The popular Kids Pottery classes and other studio workshops are a regular feature of the schedule. Triple exhibits were featured July 19-August 24. *NE Sculptor's Association Annual Exhibit* filled the Main Gallery and also featured Marty Cain's *Labyrinth on the Common*, plus the *Tree Circus*, an installation by Jane Horner and a poetry night led by Daniel Lusk for the *MacDowell Celebration*. *Common Expressions of Humanity*, photography by Newport native, Bill Hackwell was featured in the Backstage Gallery. Bill volunteered to paint the gallery and did a program for NCTV during his show. The combined Apple Pie Craft Fair and RFL Festival on August 24 was a big town-wide end-of-summer celebration with fair skies and big crowds on the Common.

Focus on Yesteryear in September was followed by *NH Woodworkers Guild Annual Exhibit*: furniture and wood crafts plus selected fabric art for the walls and floors by Esther Pollard and others from October 11-November 16. Visitors from all over the United States signed the guest book. The *Gallery of Gifts*: fine arts and crafts with the gallery decorated by Heidi Bartlett and Helen Skarin, November 22-December 21 and the December 7th Dickens Craft Fair at the Newport Opera House, set a holiday mood to end out the year.

Priscilla Hill, former president of the Library Arts Center, was honored for her years of volunteerism at the RFL/LAC Dinner and Auction held on November 9th. From exhibiting in the first art shows in 1967 to her current volunteer work at the LAC, Priscilla has been a champion of both the Library and the Library Arts Center.

POLICE BUILDING COMMITTEE

David A. Hoyt — Chairman

Kevin Corliss Leland McGray
Robert Snow Bert Spaulding

At last year's Town Meeting, voters approved the construction of a Police facility on Main Street in the former Priscilla Sweet Shop.

A building committee was formed and made up of people that were knowledgeable in building construction trade. Meetings were held almost weekly. The goal of the committee was to build a facility that was approved by the voters without exceeding the maximum cost of \$595,000. Beginning in June, the architect, H.L. Turner Group, Inc. began engineering drawings and specifications.

In August, interior demolition began on the existing structure and removal of the old garages out back. Demolition was completed by volunteers from the Town, Summer Youth Works, and some private organizations and personnel. A special thanks to Goodrich Construction and Slowburners, Inc. who donated a day of labor and machinery to remove the old garages. It has been estimated that the completed demolition saved the project \$10,000-\$15,000.

The committee interviewed several Construction Managers and chose Kelly Construction, Manchester, NH to oversee the project. After a long bidding process, and many other delays, construction began December 1, 1996. The committee, H.L. Turner Group, Inc., and Kelly Construction have worked as a three-legged stool to provide a quality constructed facility while remaining within budget. Kelly Construction has solely been responsible for saving many thousands of dollars on the project.

As I am writing this report, February '97, construction is progressing very well. Finish work will be starting, and the Police Department should be moving in May '97.

As Chairman, I would like to thank each of the committee members who have provided invaluable assistance, not only to me, but to the Town. They have made this project a reality. The facility when completed will serve the Town for many decades, and improve the appearance of the Main Street area.

**NEWPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT
1996 ANNUAL REPORT**

CHIEF OF POLICE

David A. Hoyt

Full Time Officers

Deputy Chief Shady Blackwell III (promoted 12/96)

Lieutenant James Brown (promoted 12/96)

Sergeant Denis O'Sullivan (promoted 12/96)

Sergeant Eric Daignault (promoted 12/96)

Ptl. Thomas Anderson

Ptl. Jayson Almstrom

Captain Robert E. Ballou (retired 12/96)

Sergeant Terry Reamon (resigned 12/96)

Sergeant Timothy Julian (resigned 12/96)

Ptl. Richard G. Lee

Ptl. Michael Nelson

Ptl. Craig Robertson(hired 11/96)

Part-Time Officers

David Burnham

James Burroughs

Timothy Cohen

Administrative Secretary

Vickie Orvis

Communication Specialist

Marie Brown

John Taylor

Susan Gregory

Craig Robertson

Part-Time Communication Specialist

Amy Maslan

Chris Alstrom

Chris Davis

The Police Department continued programs such as DARE, Bicycle Patrol, Park and Walk and Canine Unit. These programs are in great demand and are well received by many people. In 1997, we hope to have a Bicycle Officer on duty to patrol part of the day and into the evening hours. Because of scheduling, it sometimes becomes very difficult to schedule the Bicycle Officer for more than a few hours a day. The Bicycle Officers and Canine Team put on many special demonstrations during the summer months.

A grant was received from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency to fund sixty hours of walking patrol on the main street during July and August. The department also received a second grant for bicycle helmets. These helmets were passed out at the Health Fair.

With the assistance of the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency, M.A.D.D. (Mothers against Drunk Drivers) and several area businesses, money was raised to purchase two cruiser video cameras. These cameras video activity of the officer and assist in prosecution of cases as well as clarifying facts of the case. They have been a valuable tool to assist with the prosecution of cases.

The time needed to meet training requirements continues to rise each year. New mandates are required by Police Standards & Training, resulting in traveling to and from Concord, as well as replacement of an officer who is in training.

Newport Police Department (Continued)

The number of cases continues to rise which increases the amount of time necessary to properly investigate each case. Time spent on a case after an arrest is usually two to three times longer than time spent during the pre-arrest stage.

During the last quarter of this year, the Police Department went through a major restructuring. Two Sergeants resigned to enter the private sector. Captain Robert Ballou retired at the end of 1996 after serving twenty-one years with the Newport Police Department. Bob will be working as a part-time officer performing the administrative duties which he does now. During Bob's career he has been extremely dedicated and loyal to those he served with and to the people of Newport. Bob's retirement allows him to work part-time at a job he truly loves and to assist the Town, while saving thousands of dollars for the taxpayers.

The Department restructuring included promoting Shady Blackwell III to Deputy Chief, promoting Detective Jim Brown to Lieutenant and replacing two patrol sergeants. Two new patrolmen were hired to replace those who resigned. They are both local men who were born and raised in the Newport area. The restructuring reduced the amount of full-time officers without jeopardizing safety and prompt response to calls.

At last year's Town meeting, voters approved the construction of a new police facility. Demolition of interior walls and a large exterior garage by volunteers resulted in the savings of many thousands of dollars. Construction began on the facility in late November and will be completed in May of 1997. The design of the facility allows a smooth and efficient operation of the Police and the Emergency Services Dispatch Center.

I would like to thank all the members of the Police Facility Committee who spent two years researching and studying every possibility for this new facility. Without the assistance of the committee members, and all of you, the new facility would not be a reality.

In addition, I would like to thank all of the agencies, businesses, organizations and citizens who have assisted and supported the Police Department this past year. We look forward to 1997.

David A. Hoyt, Chief of Police

NEWPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT 1996 PATROL/DISPATCH STATISTICS

9-1-1 calls	1293	fraud	76	road complaint	68
9-1-1 traces	174	fugitive	1	robbery	2
abandon vehicle	27	harassment	197	runaway	46
abandoning children	1	haz mat compl.	2	sex offenders regist	14
accidents inv firearms	2	homicide	1	sex offenses	21
all others	53	house checks	106	smoking viol.	50
ambulance dispatched	792	illeg dischg of firearm	19	stalking	10
arson	2	indecent exposure	4	suspicious person(s)	108
assault	148	info/intelligence	532	suspicious activity	327
assist state agencies	4151	insurance request	183	suspicious vehicles.	217
assist public	610	intox person/prot cust	122	town ordinance vio.	92
attempted suicides	23	junk car compl.	4	tamp w/witness	1
attempt to locate	205	kidnaping	1	theft	317
bail jump	1	liquor law vio.	51	traffic stops	3524
bicycle registered	66	littering	25	transports	323
burglar alarms	456	lost or found property	247	trees down in road	57
burglaries	45	m/v complaints.	378	truants	96
cases ref to NPD	417	m/v off road (no inj.)	142	UFO reports	2
check on well being	80	m/v accidents	373	uncontrollable child	51
compl ref snow remov	4	m/v towed	160	unfounded calls	6
compl on kids	183	m/v thefts	12	unwanted sub.	241
compl on town activ	19	mental subjects.	6	walk-ins (non sched)	6577
cont to delinquency	3	missing person(s)	16	warrant arrest	103
criminal trespass	25	mistreatment of children	15	weapons offenses	1
criminal mischief	204	neighborhood disputes	37	wild/strange animals	93
criminal threatening	70	noise compl.	187	yard sale permits	65
death investigation	11	obstruct. in road	64		
disorderly conduct w/mv	1	operating after rev.	88	Sheriff Dept (after hrs.)	151
disabl vehicles.	297	open doors	196		
disobeying a P/O	17	other permits	3	Goshen Dispatch	503
disorderly conduct	44	park & walk	77	Lempster Dispatch	511
domestic violence		parking compl.	290	Croydon Dispatch	243
pet served	422	perjury	1	Grantham Dispatch	1330
dog compl.	489	pistol permits issued.	47		
domestic	182	poss of explosives	4	charges filed in	
drug violation	37	poss stolen property	4	district courts	980
dumping rubbish	10	power outages	6	conviction rate	90.81%
DWI	75	pranks	57	total fines in dst ct from	
emerg veh lockouts	4	prisoners processed	233	NPD cases	\$81,696.20
emerg msg delv.	23	rape	1		
escorts and relays	65	recov stolen prop.	7	charges files related to	
failure to allow schooling	1	reckless cond.	5	drugs and/or alcohol	21.5%
fatal accident	2	ref to other depts.	167		
fight	64	report/shots fired	18	busiest time	11 am - 11 pm
fire calls dispatched	251	repossessions	71	% of calls	62%
forgery	4	resisting arrest	8		

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
1996 ANNUAL REPORT**

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

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

The remaining Green Road Project lawn work was completed in the summer of 1996. The project was closed out with the processing of the final requisition in September.

T&M Associates of Lebanon, NH was awarded the engineering services contract for the Pleasant Street Project in June. Project engineering included public comment as received at public hearings and the onsite "walk-through" held on October 3, 1996, however, residents should contact the Public Works Department at any time during the project with any questions or concerns. Construction is scheduled for completion by December, 1997.

FUEL STORAGE TANK PROGRAM

Due to the test results received during the 1995 tank removals at the Public Works Garage (PWG) and Meadow Park sites, the NHDES required further testing and site characterization reports at both sites. The NHDES allowed closure (backfilling) of the PWG site in December, but requested the installation of four monitoring wells at Meadow Park. A site investigation report with test results from the wells was submitted to the NHDES in January, 1997.

WATER & SEWER

The Town's consultant, Black & Veatch, proposed a sodium silicate water treatment program to address the water system's pipe corrosion as it relates to red water and the EPA's Lead & Copper Rule. The Water & Sewer Commission approved the program and the department anticipates administering the sodium silicate in early 1997.

The water distribution system computer model was completed in 1996. Several operational scenarios were investigated during the modelling project including those required to answer the "what if?" questions about the water system's capabilities if the 2.5 MG storage tank was off line for rehabilitation. The department purchased the necessary software and now has the capability to run the model in-house.

Engineering for the Central Street Reconstruction Project began in late 1996. The Public Works Department is contracting the water and sewer system engineering and construction to coincide with the NHDOT's street reconstruction which is scheduled for the summer of 1998.

The Town's Industrial Pretreatment Program Report underwent further review from Sturm-Ruger and the NHDES during the year.

Public Works Department (Continued)

HIGHWAY

In addition to engineering the in-house road projects (the Oak Street, Summer Street and Barton-Whitney Road projects), the department contracted Bettigole, Andrews & Clark (BA&C) of Concord, NH to engineer the replacement of the Maple Street Extension Bridge. This project is in the NHDOT Bridge Aid Program and therefore the Town will pay 20% of all engineering and construction costs. BA&C recommended a precast concrete arch bridge after a study of rehabilitation/replacement alternatives. The bridge is scheduled for construction in 1997.

AIRPORT

With the NHDOT Aeronautics matching funds grant, Runway 36 was extended 600 feet to the south and paved. As a condition of the grant, the department sealed 6680 feet of cracks in the runway and shimmed the taxiway.

MISCELLANEOUS

Personnel changes in the Public Works Department in 1996 were as follows:

- Robert Naylor was promoted to Water & Sewer Department Superintendent.
- Jon Dame was promoted to Truck Driver/Equipment Operator
- Wendell Berry was hired as Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator
- Michael E. Patten was hired as Public Works Laborer

Arnold Greenleaf was awarded Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator of the Year by the New England Water Environment Association.

Larry Wiggins and Robert Naylor obtained Grade II Water Distribution and Water Treatment Operator Certifications.

Kelly Butler obtained Grade I Water Distribution and Water Treatment Operator Certifications.

Random drug and alcohol testing of Public Works Department employees with Commercial Drivers Licenses began in January, 1996.

Major equipment purchases for the department in 1996 were a dump truck and a sander for the Highway Department 1-ton truck.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

1996 Annual Report

Director
PJ Lovely

Recreation Supervisor
Scott Blewitt

Secretary
Beth Rexford

Game Room
Kathy Neault
Jason Fish

Swim Lessons
Jenn Karr

Day Camp
Kathy Neault, Director
Catrina O'Connor
Bob Scheele

Ice Hut
Justun McClelland
Drew Paradis

Volunteers
90+

Colleen O'Connor
Jen Johnston

Another year has passed here at the Newport Recreation Department. Again, volunteers served as our major work force, dedicating countless hours to our growing list of programs. A HUGE thanks goes out to all who gave their time, expertise, and enthusiasm to help our programs and children grow.

Much is happening at the "Rec." We have added several programs to accommodate a wider variety of interests. Youth wrestling was offered for the first time, which attracted many first-time grapplers. Also, a boys Junior High basketball team was introduced to meet the huge demand for more b-ball at that level. In the coming year, a girls Junior High team will be welcomed into our repertoire, and we will offer girls volleyball in the fall. Other programs presently in the works are youth rugby, girls adventure camp, co-ed softball, roller hockey, overnight camping, winter adventure week and AAU basketball teams.

Friends of Recreation have helped us through another year at the ice skating rink. This organization is in full swing and the members are excited about the upcoming year. Many projects are planned, but they need more volunteers to help them become a reality. **Friends of Youth** have also had a busy year serving the needs of the community. Dartmouth basketball and hockey games, a deep-sea fishing trip, and a *Harlem Rockets* exhibition were a few of the activities that took place. If you are interested in helping out with this program, call Jane Morgan at 863-3084.

As you may already be aware of, a committee has been formed to look into the possibility of a new community center. These volunteers have been meeting for six months and are seeking input from the community. The meetings are open to the public, so please voice your opinions and concerns about this huge, but incredibly worthwhile, project.

A special thanks goes out to all town departments for their commitment and support. Also, many thanks go out to our dedicated staff, their effort and commitment is outstanding. Again, keep your eyes open for upcoming events because "things are happening." A special thanks goes out to all of our sponsors to help keep our programs running, especially those organizations and businesses that gave scholarships to help kids participate in day camp.

RICHARDS FREE LIBRARY

1996 Annual Report

Andrea Thorpe, Librarian

Victoria Carl, Assistant Librarian Sandra Trybulski, Children's Librarian

Cindy Williams, Library Assistant Harriet Davis, Administrative Assistant

Amy Jacobson, Page John Kersey, Page

Trustees

Stephen Davis, Chair

Michael Dixon, Vice Chair Nancy Black, Treasurer

Calista Thurlow, Secretary Joe Davidson, Building Supervisor

Patricia Davis Lou Dean Franz

Karen Little Rebecca Nelson

In 1996, 3541 patrons checked out 50,577 books, videos, magazines, cassettes, pamphlets and compact disks from the Richards Free Library. The second floor rooms were used 549 times for meetings, tutorials, workshops and classes. As more materials left the building, many items were used right in the library. The CD ROM reference station, law books, microfilm and reference collection are in constant use. Two local banks made generous contributions to our investment advisory materials. Lake Sunapee Bank donated *Value Line*. Sugar River Investment Services and Sugar River Savings Bank donated *Morningstar*. Both services are in demand by investment clubs and investors.

Last year's budget included funds for a third phone line in the library. That phone line now provides a link to Sugar River Valley On-Line which furnishes free access to library patrons to the Internet. Patrons are using this service to search for information on the world Wide Web every day. Staff is turning to the Internet to find answers to questions not found in the library's collection.

The children's librarian, Sandy Trybulski, continues to travel to community's preschools, as well as offering a weekly story hour, and monthly programs for children after school. After school, many students can be found in the library working on school projects or relaxing with a book.

Adults continue to enjoy a myriad of programs from poetry and film discussions, to lectures on history, to hands-on training on the Internet. In October, Tom Wicker received the 1996 Sarah Josepha Hale Award at the Newport Opera House in October. In celebration of the 40 years of the award, the library held a postal cancellation on October 4. This year's award will be presented during the New England Artists Congress in September and will honor the poet, West McNair, a Newport native.

In the future, the library will continue to strive to answer the informational and recreational reading needs of the community. As always, the library will continue to rely upon the many people and organizations (too numerous to mention) in the community who volunteer time and donate money to the library. These gifts are truly appreciated.

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

1996 Annual Report

Arnold Greenleaf, Plant Superintendent Wendell Berry

1996 was a busy year as Robert Naylor, Assistant Plant Operator, left in April to take over as Water & Sewer Superintendent, and I was left to run the plant with part time help until October 2nd, when the new assistant, Wendell Berry, was hired.

Due to freezing problems with the UV system during the previous winter, it became necessary to totally enclose the UV system in a weatherproof enclosure. That became the major project for the year. Using the time available between normal operations and maintenance of the plant, an enclosure was built at the end of the original building. A small overhead door was installed and the entire structure was sealed to stop the weather from entering. It was not until late in the year that it was to the point of being weather tight, but with the onset of the colder weather, we have found it was of great benefit. The channel is no longer freezing up and affecting the operation of the UV system. We have not experienced weather related coliform violations as we did last winter, and it has made a much safer environment to maintain the equipment in. We want to thank the citizens of Newport for their financial support of this project. It has not only made the plant and our environment a safer and more healthy place, but we know that our ongoing commitment to continually upgrading the facility to provide better water quality is not being ignored.

There was also a substantial amount of time in the spring that was devoted to repairing the damage to the plant grounds and fencing. The serious flooding and ice jams that took place in January damaged the plant fencing along the river, littering the plant compound with large masses of ice that did not disappear until early spring.

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

For those interested in weather data, our annual recorded rainfall here at the plant was 54.38". That was 14" more moisture for the year than we received in 1995 and 14" more than our 25 year average of 40.56". The increased moisture put an extreme burden on the treatment plant as we handled far more water than we ever should have.

The increase in rainfall for the year made a major impact on flow, as we averaged 1,170,570 gallons per day (GPD) flow into the plant, 391,353 GPD more than we had in 1995. 1995 figures are in parentheses:

WASTEWATER	427,258,000	(284,434,000)
SEPTAGE	65,600	(65,150)

The monitoring wells at the Landfill on Breakneck Road were sampled and tested for a number of parameters this year to provide information for a new NHDES Groundwater Permit Application submitted in late December. The permit is required by NHDES to monitor Landfill status.

SULLIVAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

1996 SCEDC Annual Report

Executive Director

Stephen A. Marro

Loan/Grant Admr.

Suzette Chamberlain

Bus. Asst. Coordinator

Judy Quimby

The following is a report on the activities of the Sullivan County Economic Development Council for the year 1996:

Successes highlighted are:

1. Obtained another Community Development Block Grant from the Office of State Planning for the County. This Grant will allow SCEDC to expand its staff to four people that will assist the businesses within the County.
2. Continue to provide managerial and financial assistance to the Claremont Foundry. They currently employ 52 people with plans to expand even further.
3. Assisted East Coast Steel, Inc. With its merger to the Claremont Facility. They are now completely relocated to Claremont and are employing some 150 people with additional plans to expand.
4. Managed to expand our Revolving Loan Funds to approximately one million dollars. This money is utilized in stabilizing and assisting County businesses to strengthen their financial positions.
5. Issued a Start-up loan to Maple Leaf Technologies and helped them located to Charlestown.
6. Assisted Clyde River Enterprises receive financial assistance to relocate from Windsor, VT to Charlestown, NH.

Our labor task force, after two years of meetings, has finally shaped the scope of information that we feel we need to bring the Sullivan County workforce into the 21st century. SCEDC has joined forces with the NH Community Technical College, the University of Pennsylvania, and the U.S. Census Bureau to jointly survey and monitor the area's labor picture. This will involve surveys, phone calls, creation of data bases, and development of on-going programs to enhance our ability to compete now and into the future.

SCEDC continues to market the region and its workforce around the world in hopes of acquiring healthy, good-paying jobs for the citizens of Sullivan County. Should there be any additional questions from reading this report, please feel to contact SCEDC at (603) 543-1298.

TOWN OFFICE OF PLANNING & ZONING

1996 Annual Report

Planning Director

David Jescavage

Building Inspector

Brad Lane

Department Secretary

Carole Carley

Rehabilitation Specialist

Brad Lane

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

BUILDING INSPECTOR

The Building Inspector issued 193 building permits in 1996 for a total estimated construction cost of \$2,381,099.00. Seventy-six building permits were for new construction with an estimated cost of \$1,392,187.00. One hundred seventeen of the building permits were for remodeling, renovation and small structures with a total estimated cost of \$988,912.00. Thirteen demolition permits and twenty-three certificates of occupancy were issued. The Town received fees totalling \$6,261.35 for these permits.

The Building Inspector conducted over 580 code inspections for the year. As a member of the Board of Housing Appeals, the Building Inspector worked with the Deputy Fire Chief and Health Officer. Together they investigated concerns involving building code, fire code, and safety issues in older structures throughout 1996. The Building Inspector also attended a variety of workshops concerning building regulations which were conducted by organizations that he belongs to including the New Hampshire Building Officials Association, the New England Building Officials Association, and the International Association of Electrical Inspectors.

After taking and passing a state exam, the Building Inspector, Brad Lane, was recognized as a Certified Electrical Inspector by B.O.C.A., Inc.

PLANNING BOARD

1. **Public Hearings**

The planning board held nineteen public hearings in 1996. Five were for site plan reviews, five for subdivisions, eight for annexations, one for an extension of time for the construction of a private road in a residential subdivision. The board also approved five voluntary mergers of contiguous lots under common ownership for which no public hearing is required. Fourteen informational requests were heard on proposed site plans and subdivisions including the construction of a new gas station/convenience store/car wash and a 40-unit assisted living housing project.

2. Other Activities

The planning board began a rewrite of the entire, 30-year old zoning ordinance during 1996. Chapters on the Single Family Residential (R-1), Rural (R), and Rural Commercial (RC) zoning districts were discussed and modified. The board also discussed and approved two proposed amendments to enlarge the Industrial (I) District in the Guild area. Both were defeated at a Special Town Meeting in October.

The Capital Improvements Program Committee (C.I.P.) was reestablished in 1996 with Pauline Andrews as the Chair. The C.I.P. Committee met throughout the year, established criteria for selecting capital projects for inclusion in the C.I.P. and reviewed proposals from Town departments. The finished document will assist the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee in their budget discussions.

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

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

1. Public Hearings

The ZBA held seventeen public hearings in 1996. Seven were for variances, nine were for special exceptions and one was for an administrative appeal. The administrative decision was affirmed. All special exceptions were granted and all but one variance were granted.

Most of the variances that were granted were for reduced setbacks. The special exceptions that were granted included a home hobby horse business and a florist shop.

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

C.D.B.G. PROGRAMS

1. Program Goals

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

2. The Green Road Target Area — The Green Road Target Area C.D.B.G. project has been closed out.
3. Pleasant Street Target Area — The Pleasant Street Target Area C.D.B.G. project has received applications for twenty-four units. Home inspections have been done on twenty-four. The Loan Advisory Committee has approved funding for all. Seventeen units are under contract. Of these seventeen, contractors have completed work on thirteen. Some work remains to be done on each by their owners. Work is nearing completion on three more and has started on another unit. Four additional units are ready to go out to bid. Three recently inspected units will be brought before the Advisory Committee for approval. Sixteen of the seventeen units currently under contract are near completion and work has started on the seventeenth. One unit is ready to go out to bid and two other units will be brought before the Advisory Committee for approval next month. There are still funds remaining for housing rehab projects. Funding is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis so it is important to apply as quickly as possible.

The engineering plans for the infrastructure improvements are nearing completion by T & M Associates. The project will go out to bid in early 1997. Infrastructure improvements include new water and sewer lines, new storm drains, and reconstructed roads and sidewalks.

4. Town Wide Target Area — The Town Wide C.D.B.G. project currently has applications for thirteen single family homes. Home inspections have been done on twelve units and advisory board approval has been given on the first eleven units. One single family home will be taken before the advisory board in January 1997 for approval. Currently two of these projects are out to bid. Contracts have been signed on seven units and contracts for another two will be signed next month.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

All T.O.P.A.Z. personnel attended professional seminars for the purpose of enhancing and updating their knowledge and skills in order to provide more beneficial service to the Town. During 1995, Department Secretary, Carole Carley, and Brad Lane, Rehab Specialist/Building Inspector received several certificates for participating in a series of "Safety in The Workplace" workshops. The support and encouragement given by other Town officials and citizens is greatly appreciated. Special appreciation is extended to Louie Elliott who retired from the Town's C.D.B.G. Loan Advisory Committee after many years of dedicated service. Public participation at all Planning and Zoning Boards meetings is strongly encouraged.

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

1996 Annual Report

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) is a voluntary association of 31 towns. The Commission is concerned with the development of comprehensive plans for beneficial and balanced economic, environmental and social growth in the Region. It functions as a research, resource and informational agency and, when appropriate, acts to obtain Federal, State and other approvals, grants-in-aid, loans and similar assistance for individual member towns and for the Region. The Commission provides technical assistance to member communities in the areas of planning(land use, transportation, water quality, etc.), mapping, community development, grantsmanship and grant administration. In addition, regional studies, such as our Regional Transportation Plan, and regional projects, such as household hazardous waste collections and the Connecticut River Scenic Byway Study, are undertaken to the benefit of more than one community.

In the past year, services such as our Planning Board training series, and library, which features maps, planning resources and US Census data, were available to all of our member communities. Newport residents have taken advantage of some of these services. In addition, our Commission completed a road surface management study which inventoried the condition of every road in Town. This report was provided to the Road Agent and Public Works Director in order to assist them in developing a road maintenance program that is as cost effective as possible. The road surface maintenance system was installed on the computer at the public works garage and on their portable laptop computer for use in the field. A complete list of services which benefit our members follows.

Water and Sewer Department 1996 Annual Report

Robert Naylor, Superintendent Brent Richardson
Michael Denno Kelly Butler

In 1996, the Water Department had a Sanitary Survey done by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), Water Engineering Bureau. The Sanitary Survey is a detailed examination of the water system done every three years). The NHDES gave our water system a good review. The only major deficiency was the water tank.

NHDES granted the Newport Water Department a waiver for National Safe Drinking Water Act Phase II & V testing. Some Newport and Unity residents received letters and educational information from the Water Department. As part of the Phase II & V Waiver Program, the Water Department has adopted a best management practices (BMP) program to help protect the water for the areas surrounding Gilman Pond and around Pollards Mills Well and to keep track of potential contamination sources.

The computerized model of the water system is up and running. It has already started to yield useful information about our water system. We now have the capability to simulate changes to the water system before they are actually done in the field.

Water quality testing has continued throughout the system. There is now a full year of analysis as a standard of comparison to use as we work to improve water quality.

Recording equipment for the water tank was relocated to the Pollards Mills office with the addition of an alarm system and an automatic level control. In addition to this work, we replaced electronic control equipment and 750' of underground phone line that were damaged by lightning. We will now be automatically alerted to major problems at the water tank.

A bench meter testing apparatus has been set up for more efficient testing of water meters. This allows us to test more meters at a time and identify defective components more readily.

We have begun a new hydrant flushing program. We are now isolating sections of water main and are integrating operation and maintenance of the distribution system gate valves. Hydrant flow and pressure testing for ISO Commercial Risk Services were performed. This information is used to evaluate the fire protection capabilities of the system.

At the Water Treatment Plant, repairs were made to the electronic control system, and the emergency generator. An "on line" turbidity meter was installed for continuous monitoring and recording of turbidity.

Vermont Pipeline Services Inc. was contracted to perform sewer cleaning and video inspection of sections of sewer main. The information from this inspection is valuable in evaluating the

condition of the sewer mains when setting priorities for future sewer main replacement and rehabilitation.

Our three Wastewater Pumping stations required several major repairs. These included new oil seals on a generator, new pump bearings and seals, rebuilt starter, radiator replacement, and replacement of two check valves.

The Department repaired a broken sewer force main on Sunapee Street, replaced a section of one hundred year old sewer main on Laurel Street and made several point repairs to the sewer mains and manholes.

Newport Water and Sewer Department personnel received professional development training in confined space procedures, water distribution, hydrant maintenance, laboratory techniques, water storage, corrosion control, flagging and pipe tapping. All of Newport Water Department's Utility Technicians are certified by the State of New Hampshire in both water treatment operations and water distribution operations.

Our future goals include water quality improvement, water tank upgrade, continued replacement of old water and sewer mains, repairs of sewer defects, establishing a computer database of system maps, and improvements to our filter cleaning process.

Annual Water Production (Gallons)

Total	198,529,000
Average per day	544,000
Max. Daily (August 24th)	745,700

Operational Statistics

Alarms /Call Outs	21
Curbside Repairs	9
Filter Cleaning	28
Hydrant Maintenance	18
Hydrant Repairs	4
Lines Located	28
Manholes Located	11
New Water Service	3
Replace Meters	21
Road Repairs	10
Service Taps To Main	3
Sewer System Repairs	4
Sewer Unplugged	14
Test Meters	52
Water Leaks Repaired	5
Water Main Repairs	6
Water Quality Calls	55
Water Turned Off	15
Water Turned On	10

**WELFARE DEPARTMENT
1996 Annual Report**

The Family Service Bureau, centrally located and easily accessible at 34 Main Street, continues to administer the Town of Newport's Public Assistance Program, while participating and representing Newport at the NH Local Welfare Administrators Association, keeping up with the changes in welfare reform. The Town of Newport's Welfare Guidelines have already started to reflect this change.

In 1996 the Family Service Bureau was the grateful recipient of a generous donation from the Newport Service Organization, offering funding for adults and children who do not have the means to finance much-needed dental care. Dental care and the ongoing dental hygiene education offered by local dentists has addressed this need.

The Food Pantry continues to be an important community effort providing food for those who are in need in a flexible and efficient manner serving Newport Residents.

Statistics are kept on the individuals and families who apply for town assistance, enabling the Family Service Bureau to better identify the impact of reform on the municipality and to better understand how families come to require town assistance. These statistics reflect that approximately 53% of the families served are headed by a single parent, 42% are intact families and 5% of the recipients are single. The statistics also help track employment among individuals and their use of area resources. Of the 230 applications processed in the Fiscal Year 96, 188 were determined eligible under the Newport Public Assistance Guidelines.

The specific financial breakdown for Fiscal Year 1996 is as follows:

	COSTS	
BUDGET		\$85,000.00
Administration	\$14,000	
Rent	\$22,750	
Shelter	\$ 7,070	
Fuel	\$ 963	
Electricity	\$ 7,435	
Medical	\$ 684	
Total Costs		-\$52,902
Balance		\$33,09*

***This amount reflects a closing balance which is 38% below budget.**

THE "80th" ANNIVERSARY OF NEWPORT'S WINTER CARNIVAL



Parade to "Wilmarth" Recreation Area
1917 Photo from Richards Library Collection

Referred to as the *Nation's Oldest Town Winter Carnival* and the *Original Winter Carnival Town*, the idea was born in 1916 when a group of hotel and railroad men met to breathe life into the winter season, an idea of William Rand, then host of the Newport House, and Robert E. Gould, N.E. Commissioner of Hotels and Railroads. In days when roads were rolled and automobiles garaged for the winter, those who traveled to the carnival came by "snow trains." Those who dared venture out on "barrel staves" were provided skis. It was an idea to change a reclusive season, limited by snow and ice, into a season of fresh air and fun, founded on a rich tradition of winter sports. Skiing was virtually unknown in 1916, but because of Newport's Finnish citizens, Newporters became familiar early on with the sport that would soon be the mainstay of winter activity nationwide and saw its Winter Carnival provide inspiration.

One man, Robert E. Gould, *Father of Newport's Winter Carnivals*, honored with the 50th Winter Carnival dedication and again in 1969, deserves special mention. Born in 1892 in Hanover, he came to town to purchase the landmark Newport House. He was both "Host" and "Postmaster" Gould for many years, and through business and politics, he had friendships which spanned the country. He served on the Carnival Committee as a young man of 23, and for many years, served as its Chairman. He was an "idea man." Through his efforts, our carnivals had outstanding skaters, skiers, snowshoe-ers; and movie makers, and heard a radio show, "Vox Pop", broadcast nationwide from Newport. A large part of the success of our Winter Carnival was due to his involvement and his suggestions. Over the past 80 years, this classic winter pageant would never have survived without the support of the citizens of Newport. However, to Robert E. Gould goes the credit for his leadership and support in providing a winter carnival in Newport when there otherwise might not have been one.

1916

First of its kind, our earliest winter carnival was held on February 5th, organized by the YMCA. After days of bare ground, snow arrived just in time. Skiers, snowshoers, *coasters* and skaters led a parade to *Bela Cutting's meadow (Ames Plaza)* where races and exhibition jumps were held. Familiar Newport names winning events were Andler, Odell, Martin, Gobin, Parker, Claggett, Bagley and Hurd. Star event was a NH College (now UNH) student, who managed a backward somersault on skis. The idea of a winter carnival proved to be a surprising success.

After that encouraging first Winter Carnival, plans intensified for a second *grand carnival*, sponsored by the newly-organized Outing Club and its 150 members, with John R. Kelly at its helm. They selected a site on Wilmarth Flat (near our present ski jumps), and chose *the Horseshoe* on Oak Street (behind Stetson's Blacksmith Shop) for skating. Later, the Common was flooded for skating. A crew led by George Wilmarth carved a toboggan chute "right into the ground" and cleared land for skiing. A clubhouse, with a big fireplace, was built near the hilltop. By the first of January, townspeople were invited to a formal opening of the recreation area, and hundreds turned out. A parade, led by the Newport Drum Corps, formed in town and



Opening of
Toboggan
Chute
Jan 2 1917

Opening of Carved Toboggan Chute, Wilmarth Flat
Photo: Courtesy of Richards Library

and marched to Wilmarth Flat. Some traveled on skis, some on snowshoes, some on foot and others in sleighs, sleds, and automobiles. The procession was over a mile in length. The toboggan chute was one-third mile long with a mile

straightaway, said to be longer and steeper than any other in New England... At the toboggan chute, everyone showed intense interest in watching those who coasted down at speeds of 60 miles an hour or more... Official railroad and newspaper photographers were there to record events. With the area formally opened, interest in winter sports accelerated, and by February 1, 1917, Newporters were ready for the next carnival.

Ken Andler describes the toboggan chute: *Straight as a die, running from way up on the hill down to the flat field and generally designed to scare the living daylights out of anyone... This chute was capable of producing a top speed of 74 mph and was the longest and fastest in New*



Looking down the Toboggan Chute, Wilmarth Flat

Photo: courtesy of Richards Library Collection

England. The starter, Alfred Clark would warn you to keep your feet in, make sure you were seated exactly in the middle, tell you to hold the side ropes in toward you (to avoid wear and tear on your knuckles...) and then

would place his hand on the starting lever. About

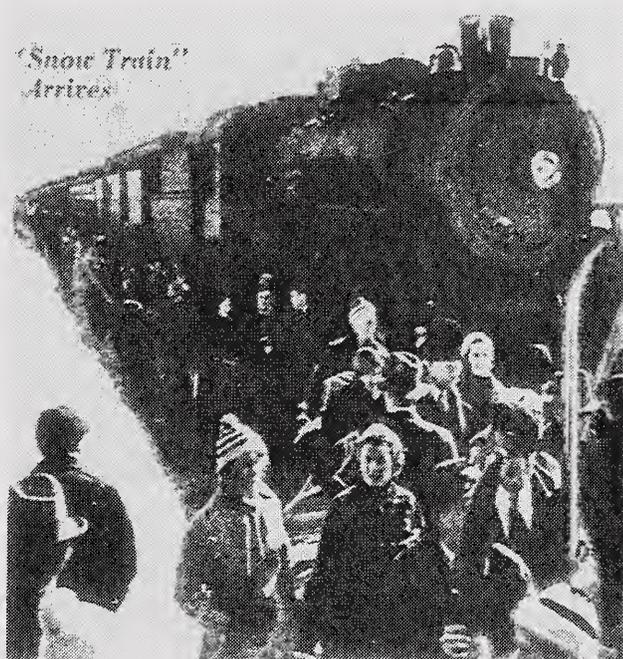
this point you noticed on the faces of spectators... a sort of morbid anticipation. Mr. Clark would ask "Are you ready?" and we'd reply "okay," trying to hide our doubts... Suddenly the platform would drop to a steep slant and we would be catapulted forward into the chute. The first few seconds you thought, well this isn't so fast, quite enjoyable, then you'd begin to pick up speed, see the crowds at the Club House... whiz by in a blur... You enter the last pitch and suddenly... it's like the express elevator in the Empire State Building with not quite the same assurance this thing will stay in its track. But then it's over before you have time for the proverbial flashing of your life before you or at least before you can resolve to reform, and you go sailing serenely into the meadow like a ship coming into harbor after a storm. I never heard of anyone getting hurt on the old toboggan chute, although it's a wonder they didn't. Bernard Monckton tells me that one icy day he and Mickey Welch... came down the chute and at "the last pitch" took off and sailed into the trees, escaping with minor scratches. The accident generated great enthusiasm in a news cameraman at the scene. The old chute was used in 1917 and 1918, the cabin was used for years afterward for corn roasts, snowshoe and ski parties.

Now enter John W. McCrillis, masquerading as Clerk of Court ... but actually a preacher of the gospel of skiing. John, a member of the Dartmouth Ski Team, had attended our first two carnivals, skiing down from Hanover for the events.... In 1931 [he] was the founder of the Newport Ski Club with 13 charter members. Enthusiasm was at fever pitch and membership grew. For six winter weeks the club conducted ski instruction every afternoon after school often with 40 in attendance. Learning to ski at about that time was Curtis Chase Jr. who became one of the best skiers at UNH and went on to head the Aspen, Colorado Ski School... What stranger here would think that Newport was influencing Aspen... and not vice versa? Club members were so hipped on skiing they originated the first pine needle skiing in this country... In 1932 John W. McCrillis convinced the National Association to sanction Alpine

events and the first National Downhill Championship was held on Mt. Moosilauke with McCrillis as referee. Mr. McCrillis, having co-authored the first American book on skiing, and having filmed and produced the first American motion pictures of downhill ski racing... was admitted to the National Ski Hall of Fame in 1966. NSC became famous beyond its wildest dreams with its outstanding skiers, one of whom was Dick Durrance, who went from unknown to "meteor" in the skiing world with nine national championships. Another was Dick Parker, soon to be Manager of the new state park at Mt. Sunapee. In the late 1930's Hawes Hallett of Newbury conceived the idea of a tramway on Sunapee Mountain... When legislators thought of Newport, they visualized Winter Carnivals and winter sports — they'd been reading about them for years and seeing them in the movies — and when they thought of Sunapee Mountain, they visualized downhill ski racing and the best ski club...anywhere around. All that helped. In short, the effect which skiing has had on this area is incalculable, and the effect that our early Winter Carnivals had on skiing was tremendous.

1917

It was on the sub-zero weekend of the great Gamash fire, that the first carnival snow train came puffing up from Boston, bringing sports enthusiasts to ski, skate, toboggan, snowshoe, and forever-after call Newport the *original carnival town*. Even the Governor came by train. Austin Corbin promised two deer and two wild boar for prizes in the deer drive. John Kelly scurried about town recruiting sleighs to transport people to Corbin Park. Once there, it was his job to line up men for the drive, and while men went on the deer drive, women were entertained with games and a social hour. The noon meal of park game was served to over 100. That night the Carnival Ball was held at the Town Hall and included those in the Grand March wearing their outing costumes.

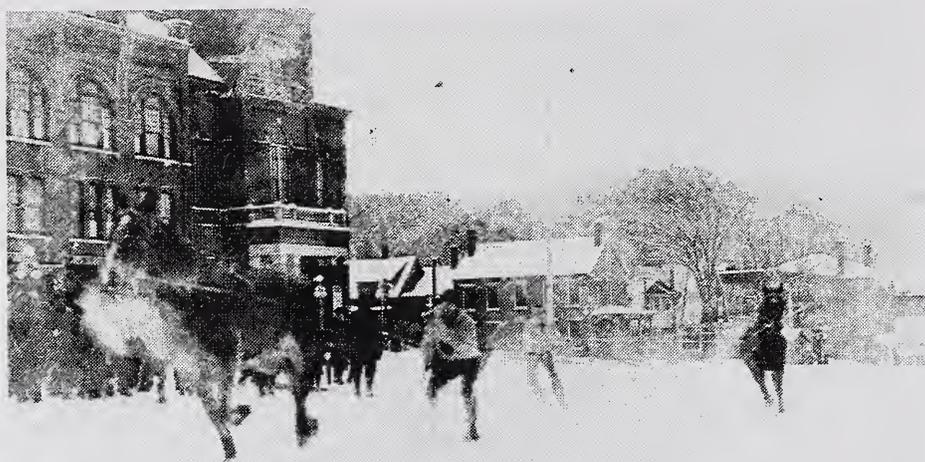


The Snowtrain
Photo: Argus Microfilm

Friday was devoted to snowshoe, ski and obstacle races. A basketball game was held at the Town Hall. Skating races and a hockey game between Dartmouth and New Hampshire were held on the Common rink. Austin Corbin presented the winning Dartmouth team with a live deer. A mammoth ski-jumping vaultage was arranged and some tall jumping was expected. Winter Carnival came to a close Saturday night with a grand illumination of the club grounds.

The Finns were the original skiers around here with long, narrow skis, and in cross-country, they could not possibly be beaten. Two Scandinavian races, introduced by Newport's large

Finnish population, were *Ski-joring* (the winter sport of being pulled by a fast horse while on skis much like water skiing) and *potkukkelka* (kick sleds, much like chairs set on a pair of skis), were well attended even though the temperature was 16° below zero. The longest ski jump was 55.6 feet, winning a gold-lined loving cup. Gold and silver medals, bearing the official emblem of the Newport Outing Club, were presented to the top two winners. The Carnival Ball grand march numbered 100, all with colored hats and balloons. But the top attraction Saturday was one of the town's worst fires in many years in the Gamash and Emerson blocks. While the fire was under control by noon, the weather was so cold, many firemen were badly frostbitten.



Ski-joring, Photo Courtesy of Hal Campbell

Winter Carnival was so popular in 1917 that it carried over to Washington's Birthday. Decorated toboggans were a parade feature — a toboggan drawn by Martha and George Washington; Martha and George Washington drawn by three Indian chiefs; a white

sled drawn by two boys in white uniform; a flag-draped toboggan with cherry tree and hatchet; and the Goddess of Liberty. Judges Mary McCrillis, Lizzie Pollard, and Anne Parmelee awarded the gold medal to the Outing Club. The toboggan chute was illuminated by electricity and Japanese lanterns, and the bonfire on the hill was a *grand sight*. Many returned to enjoy another slide.

Note: Reference has been made to the 1917 Winter Carnival as the first. It was, in fact, the second, but the first sponsored by the Outing Club. (documented in the Argus-Champion).

1918

The weatherman was good to Newport — *not too cold but with a sharpness that gave one snap and vigor* (it dropped to -20°). Two snowstorms put the chute and ski jump in fine shape. The carnival began on Thursday with a deer drive at Corbin Park and 70 people enjoyed the ride over country roads. As soon as they were through the park gate, there were many signs of wild life. Expectations were high to see elk, wild boar and the largest herd of buffalo in the east, and they found rounding up deer on snowshoes exciting. Dinner at the Club house was wild boar and venison. Back in Newport, music for the Carnival Ball was complete with band, cabaret singer and a *fancy dancer*. On Friday the Outing Club banquet was held at the Newport House,

with roast boar, venison pie and all the *fixin's*. Former (MA) Governor Walsh, friend of Host Gould, arrived for the banquet at 11 pm and gave a *stirring address*. *Skijoring, potkukkelka*, skiing, snowshoe races, and ski jumping by Dartmouth College Outing Club were scheduled. A 50¢ program was well worth the charge.

1919

A small group of citizens, trying to make the event successful, urged townspeople to join the Outing Club and support Winter Carnival. Again, the sleigh ride to Corbin Park was popular — \$2 tickets included dinner (*expensive but worth it*). Lack of snow forced skating races to be substituted for ski races and jumping. A large crowd at the Opera House witnessed a *rubber game of basketball*. Day Two began with mild weather and a *disagreeable wind*. Friday night a concert and dance with *superb* music were held at the Opera House. Novelty dances introduced included *the snowfall dance* (white confetti falling from a ceiling ventilator); *the sparkler dance* (150 couples waltzing around the hall lighted only by flares); and *the Portland Fancy* (no description). The third day was very cold with a *high wind blowing a gale* which still failed to keep people away. Due to lack of water on the Common and the steepness and speed of the old toboggan slide, a new skating rink and a shorter, wooden toboggan slide were constructed on Cutting's meadow, both illuminated. Sunapee and Newport tied 0-0 in hockey, and Welles Shaw, G.W. Brill and Rogers Claggett demonstrated ski jumping in spite of little snow. A huge bonfire brought winter carnival to a close. Despite uncooperative weather, it was a great financial success.

1920

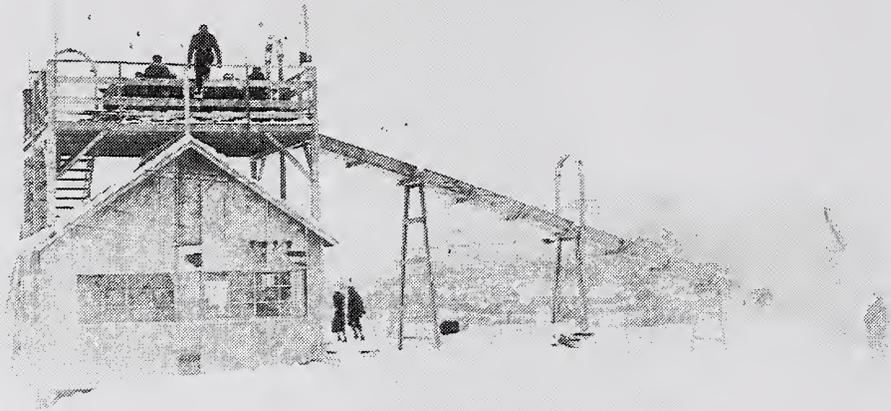
The 4th Winter Carnival opened with an *exhilarating tang in the air*, as temperatures dropped to -24°, which only *served to put lots of pep* in the 150 people who made the trip to Corbin Park. The parade featured decorated toboggans, and winning first prize was an Eskimo igloo. Four *moving picture* reps were on hand, and Boston and Manchester reporters covered events, although local reaction was they *perhaps were misinformed as to the habits of the natives of*



Early Winter Carnival, Photo: Courtesy of Hal Campbell

this up-to-date and enterprising town. We are not situated in the White Mountains, neither are we as rural as depicted. The Carnival moved to Van's Meadow, Ken Andler reports the new toboggan chute was pretty tame

after the old one. I believe the arrangement lasted until about 1926, and as for the skating rink it was soon moved back to the Common. The double somersault by Bowler was a howling number and more than delighted the movie men. We always used to look forward to seeing ourselves in *Pathe News*. Moving pictures and vaudeville entertained at the Coniston. A curious looking motor sled, owned by Cleon Johnson, was built and proudly driven in the parade by Sib Shattuck. Powered by motorcycle, it could travel 50 mph, carried two people and had New Hampshire License No. 71.



**New Toboggan Chute at Cuttings Meadow, Vicinity of Hilltop Motel
Photo: courtesy of Hal Campbell**

1921

Comfortable winter weather arrived for the *biggest winter carnival in New England* and the largest number of guests to date. Thousands of programs had been mailed all over the country. Local hotels were booked and crowds filled the streets. Newspaper men from Manchester, Boston and New York were on hand. Movie men filmed our carnival to show on national news and abroad. Opening events included a horseback race, *ski-tilting* (two men with padded lances ride on someone's shoulders, trying to unseat the other), a pony hurdle race, sleigh races and a *ski-jouring* race. The skating rink was reported ready as soon as *favorable weather arrives to freeze the water*. Everyone was *cordially* requested to decorate their toboggan and take part in the grand parade. First prize of \$10 for best float was awarded to "Pooch" Donovan and "Sib" Shattuck. Second prize went to Outing Club President (later Governor) Francis Murphy, who transformed a snow roller into a huge float drawn by four horses. First prize for toboggans went to Mrs. Francis Murphy whose banners proclaimed *Interstate baseball and winter sports had put Newport on the map*. Movie men made a special effort to catch *the Fats* and the *Leans* in baseball on snowshoes. Then came ski jumping, push ball and a tug-of-war on skis. The toboggan chute was in constant use. The Carnival Ball was held at the Town Hall. Mrs. Billy Van directed a very *dainty parasol dance*, and the committee turned in a *tidy sum* from dance proceeds.

Friday the weather was spring-like. Martha Johanssen, Champion Swedish skater, and Willie Frick, considered one of the most *sensa-tional fancy and speed skaters in the world*, gave thrilling exhibitions.



Journey to Deer Drive at Corbin Park, Photo: Courtesy of Hal Campbell

The Outing Club beat

Colby Academy in hockey 1-0. On Friday 700 attended the Coniston Theater to see *The Luck of the Irish*. On Saturday everyone boarded eight large sleighs for the deer drive. At Corbin Park some took hikes, some enjoyed outdoor sports, and all 189 people savored a delicious game dinner. John Kelly, in charge of the drives since the first year, reported *No other town in this section of the country has such an attraction to offer*. Mrs. Billy Van and friends got lost but turned up for dinner. Considerable concern surfaced over the expense of erecting the chute. *If people wish to continue this event, they should be willing — in large numbers — to help*. Despite lack of snow, a desperate plea to help raise the toboggan chute, ponies that wouldn't jump hurdles, and teacher Gertrude Nealand who was *thrown down in a heap* on the sleighride to Corbin Park and broke her leg, it was called the most successful carnival to date.

1922

Accounts describe the weather as *perfect and lacking snow!* Whatever the weather was, more people came to the "6th" Winter Carnival than ever before. Opening day, enthusiastic crowds headed for Georges Mills for a day of ice fishing. Others stayed at the Grange Hall to play cards and enjoy fish chowder. Fishermen were served lunch too — hot dogs served on the pond. An illuminated ice carnival on Saturday night featured *a colored fire*, fireworks, acrobatic skating, a Jack-o-lantern race (bring your own pumpkin — whoever skates the longest without extinguishing their lantern wins), and a sparkler race — "600" skaters on the ice. Thanks to Chairman Kelly, 145 people traveled to Central Station. For \$1/couple + war tax *fancy dancing* was featured at the Carnival Ball, decorated with snowshoes, skis, and evergreens. Main Street was decorated with evergreen trees and special window displays.

1923

Attendance was less than usual, but horse races on Main Street and ski-tilting added to the festivities. Other unique events were the *slow horse race*, won by Franklin Rowell's *White Eagle Wings*; a tug of war between a team of oxen and a team of 20 men (the oxen won); and

boxing on snow shoes. Always difficult to get suitable horses for *skijoring*, skiers were pulled by motorcycles. Despite poor ice conditions Russ Jones, champion skater, gave an excellent exhibition. Carnival dance tickets increased to \$1.10.

1924

Fancy skating during the carnival included a Grand Masquerade. There was a *decided lack of snow* until 10" fell, and despite smaller crowds, it was a success. New events included a race between two Ford *snow boats*, basketball on snowshoes won by the *Nicotines* over the *Never Sleeps*, and bicycle *skijouring* races, substituting bicycles for horses. Saturday the big teams were ready for the ride to Corbin Park for the famous Deer Drive and Game Dinner, one of the distinctive features of Newport's Winter Carnival, available through the courtesy of Austin Corbin. Exhibition skaters failed to show. Last they heard, Mr. McGowan had started out. *Whether he fell dead, got on the wrong train or mislaid his skates remains to be seen.*

1925

Who will be the first Carnival Queen? Newport Outing Club was offering \$25 in gold to the girl receiving the greatest number of votes. In order to vote, Newporters had to support Winter Carnival. It was Anna Kennedy who sold the most tickets and was crowned the first Winter Carnival Queen in 1925. Sled dog races became a part of Winter Carnival. Arranged by Robert Gould and Newell Nutting, they followed a 12-mile course through Newport, Unity Springs, Mill Village and Goshen Road, often measuring the skill of the driver more than the prowess of the dogs. Ken Andler comments *One of the first racers here was the famous Leonard Seppala upon whom the eyes of the whole world were focused when he dramatically brought the diphtheria serum by dog team to Nome, Alaska.* The race was won by Hiram Mason of Tamworth who received a prize of \$200 and a silver loving cup. Arthur Walden and his famous dog team, led by Chinook, gave an exhibition and appeared at the Coniston Theater to explain what life is like in Alaska for a sled dog team. Horse racing was held on *the Speedway* (North Main Street). Other interesting features included a snowshoe obstacle race, potato race on skis, baseball on snowshoes, 4-mile cross-country ski race, and severe -0° weather. Moving picture representatives were busy taking photos.



First Queen Anna Kennedy
1925 Argus Archives

NOTE: While Anna Kennedy is pictured as the “1917 First Carnival Queen” in a 1941 Argus issue celebrating our Carnival’s 25th anniversary, and a “1921 First Queen” in 1966 and 1991 programs, no mention of crowning a queen was found in any news account from 1917 - 1924. The crowning of Newport’s first Carnival Queen is documented in the Argus in 1925.



Sled Dog Team on Main Street
Photo: Courtesy of Hal Campbell

1926

Newport’s “10th” Carnival was ushered in with the heaviest snowfall of the winter. President of the Outing Club was John W. McCrillis. Charlie Jobes and his *Harmony Boys* played at the Carnival Ball with 90 couples dancing. Big events were once again the deer drive and horse racing on North Main Street. Those who attended deer drives declared “a strenuous but exciting experience, it affords more genuine enjoyment than any other event...in Newport.” Ladies snow shoe races won by a Rhode Island woman; however, Louise Claggett took first prize for “high kicking.”

Note: Accounts of our town-sponsored Winter Carnival are found in the Argus each year beginning in 1916, with the exception of 1927-1937. No reason was found to explain this gap.

1928-1932

No reports available.

1933-1937

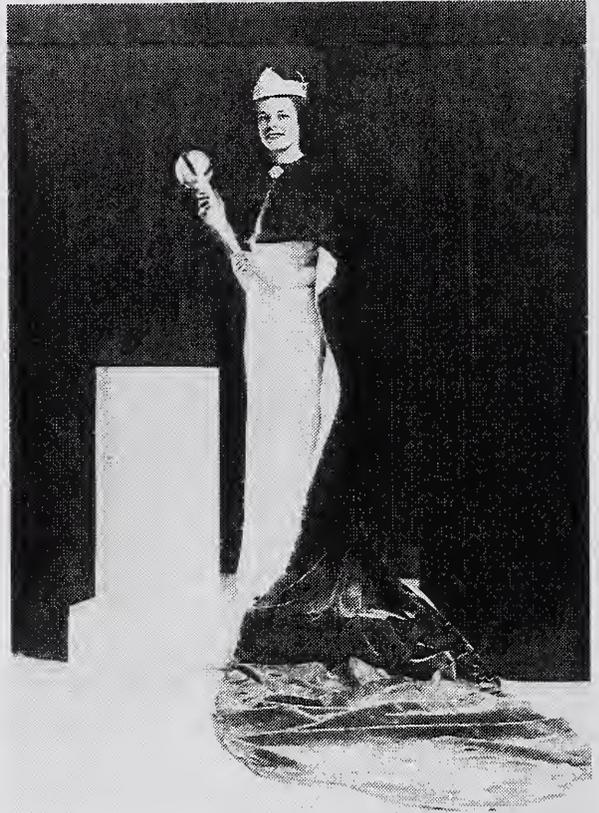
A Winter Carnival was sponsored by Towle High School.

1938

Christmas lights were turned on and elaborate Carnival Ball plans included a crystal ball with 8,000 mirrors, hung from the ceiling of the Town Hall, *attracting the largest crowd ever to attend a dance of any kind in the history of the town.* Huge spotlights reflected colors as the ball turned, transforming the hall into a *storm of color.* The queen's throne was an *old-fashioned sleigh* with artificial snow and ice. Among candidates were Vicky Barker, Madeline Boates, June Brill, Selena Dodge, Irene Holland, Betty Jordan, Betty Lee, Vera Paul, Juanita Saunders, Hope Skilton, Doris Taimi, Kay Turner, Elizabeth Weidensaul. **Queen Madeline Boates** was crowned by Russian Prince Nicholas Demidoff, who was here for the sled dog races, an event that returned after an absence of several years. A sled dog puppy was presented to Dorothy Ramsay. The five *Marx Brothers of Newport* (Dick Donovan, Doc Brown, Jim Wright, Ted Louiselle and Charlie Jobes) made a triumphant entrance with their sled dog team (all the stray pups they could find in town). The *slow horse race* was back. First prize (a bag of grain) went to *Snowflake* driven by Ben Willis. Events included basketball on snowshoes, a penny scramble on ice, *Potkukkelka* races, snowshoe events, national and Olympic figure skating, and ski jumping held at the Wilmarth Park jump on a new 40 foot tower.

1939

Life Magazine spent the week here photographing *The Original Winter Carnival Town.* Parade watchers brought noisemakers and confetti. Led by the Young People's Club, floats competed for the Most Artistic (Lions Club), Most Original (Kof C and BPW), and Most Humorous (K of C float). Button and ticket sales by contestants determined who reigned as Queen, the winner received a loving cup and \$10 cash. Homer Sibley presided over *Iceland Follies*, a lavish musical review by Northrup Dance School, the crowning of **Queen Marion Richardson**, and a dance at the Opera House was *a great bargain for only 50¢.* Events included sled dog races, ski-tilting, a moccasin dance on ice, and Boston Skating Club, watched by hundreds. Snowshoe races served as preliminaries to international races in Quebec. Warren Winter won the slalom race. Sydney Rollins, the only girl competitor, finished near the top. One minor accident occurred when a ski racer fell on his pole. He was carried off to the hospital on an *improvised stretcher of skis and jackets* where he was treated and released.



1939 Carnival Queen Marion Richardson
Photo: Courtesy of Marion Richardson Smith



1940 Carnival Queen Mary Ann Van & Dancers
Photo from Argus Microfilm

1940

Chairman Robert Gould watched as crowds exceeding 8,000 (the largest attendance reported) came and church bells ushered in the 1940 Winter Carnival. Braving near 0° weather, a large crowd lined the Common to watch skating. Arthur Witkus, former UNH figure skating champion, demonstrated and judged. Dog sled

races were held on North Main Street in a *perfect snow track plowed by the town*. Newport's Mike Paul drove his *handicapped* team (minus one dog) to a *brilliant victory*. Mary Simpson, former skating partner of Sonja Henie, presented *the best ever* exhibition. The Carnival Ball involved Northrup School of Dance, the high school male glee club, Queen candidates, *Little Miss* Joan Shaw, and young Marjorie Haven who *captured the audience with her song and dance number*. The Town Hall was decorated with evergreen trees, snowballs, two large snow sentinels standing watch on stage and a large open fireplace. Overhead, a large snowball dropped snow confetti on dancers. Wearing the long, flowing, red velvet cape, **Queen Mary Ann Van**, daughter of vaudevillian, Billy B. Van, was presented with the crown, scepter and loving cup and escorted to her throne.

1941

Huge crowds milled about for the "25th" Anniversary of Newport's Winter Carnival, chaired by Robert Gould. In addition to buttons, tickets, and a souvenir program, the public was urged to purchase carnival seals to use on all out-of-town mail, advertising Winter Carnival. Local businessmen, vital to our carnival history, were recognized: Barton, Bonaccorsi, Brill, Claggett, Condon, Dorr, Edes, Johnson, Newton, Pollard, Rollins, Shaw, Winter, and John R. Kelly — Honorary Chairman of the 1941 carnival. Madlon Karr, headed the committee on decorations — a ceiling of stars and icicles with sled dogs, walrus, seals and icebergs. Indoor events included Northrup Dance School's *Carnival Caper*, with dancers in Russian winter costumes; Mary Condon Kainu, *comedienne deluxe*; Carolyn Cram's *Winter Ballet*; *last year's hit* Marjorie Haven; and *Newport's favorite* Louise Crone. Queen contestants sold so many buttons featuring the proposed Mt. Sunapee "tramway," hundreds more had to be made. Two Queen contestants, each with a manager, outsold last year's five contestants. **Queen Virginia Mattila** won a trip to Boston. The stage featured a large igloo, opening to reveal a throne with

two small igloos, all lighted by Northern Lights. John W. McCrillis, D. Sydney Rollins and Maurice Downing organized *one of the finest exhibitions of figure skating ever seen in this area* including Newport student, Jean Lewis. Nashua's Donald Turner twirled two batons while skating. Dick Donovan was busy selling souvenir programs for dog sled races. Of special interest were five great danes, running their first race, and in local entries: M/M Roy Billings (2nd place, Class B), Josephine Smith, Clayton Fryer, John Johnson and Herbert Walker.

1942

Another *most successful* winter carnival, with big crowds and outstanding programs despite weather that went from -0° on Friday to 50° on Sunday. A live WMUR radio broadcast from the Town Hall featured Governor Robert Blood. Chairman Bob Gould honored Billy Van. Music by the high school band was under the direction of Mac Rowell. A Moccasin Dance on ice was held. Skating was exceptional and of great interest, attested to by *thousands* who crowded around to watch. Snow sculpturing was introduced, organized by Madlon Karr and Helen Hoyt. BPW won first place for a skater, followed by Towle's skier, and the Girl Scouts' polar bear. NH speed skating championships were held on the Common. *Carnival King Duane Fitts* presented the crown to **Queen Roberta Smith**, who won a trip to Boston. 1937 Miss America runner-up Patricia Lee Corbin was here. Northrup Dance School presented a musical show, *Awaiting the Queen*, with a backdrop of snow-capped mountains, evergreen trees and a ski trail entrance. In the center was the Queen's throne. Tony Brown's orchestra played *Bomp-Si-Daisy* to an overflow crowd. In Junior Sled Dog races, top prizes were won by William Beaudette (ages 12-16) and Hal Campbell (under 12). Horse racing sulkies raced on North Main Street, and snow was hauled in for ski jumping events at Wilmarth Park.

1943

Despite gas restrictions, a ban on *pleasure driving*, absence of sled dog races and many *dyed-in-the-wool devotees of the sport*, Winter Carnival was a success. The Common was ready. *Frigidity has furnished perfect conditions for ice-making. An imposing group of champions and future stars skated.* Outstanding performers were George Sammon and Red Lague on a bicycle, with skates instead of wheels. Sulky races were held. Queen candidates were Priscilla Magowan, Leatrice Roy, and a mystery candidate. Proceeds were earmarked for the Red Cross and Newport servicemen and women. Six former committee members were in the armed forces: Capt. Leslie Pike, Lt. George Dorr, Jr., Lt. William Tracey, Major J. Richard Kelly, Lt. Addison Roe and Pvt. Roy Billings. Events were streamlined, but over 500 attended the Carnival Ball. Northrup Dance School presented a military program, *Keep the Home Fires Burning* (Louise Crone), *Pack Up Your Troubles in your Old Kit Bag* (Joan Shaw), *There are Such Things* (Cedric Hastings); *Me and My Gal* (Sung by Cedric Hastings and danced by Leatrice Roy). Following the crowning of **Queen Leatrice Roy**, mystery candidate, Florence Michaelson, was identified, receiving \$5 in War Stamps. Queen Leatrice was presented with a \$50 War Bond. Local skaters were Ruth George, Jean Lewis, Sally McCrillis, Beverly Monckton, Leatrice Roy, Mary Rochford and Betty Woodhull. Jean Lewis was invited by the Boston Skating Club to participate in the N.E. Amateur Figure Skating contest.

1944

Carrying out tradition, in spite of shortage of men, lack of help, and transportation problems, the Hospital Aid Assn. and the Carnival Committee joined forces to present *Valentine Frolics*, chaired by Robert Gould and M.C.'d by Billy B. Van, *Ambassador of Good Will*. *Robert E. Gould should be commended for instilling the carnival spirit into the people when almost everyone had given up hope of a carnival this year*. Buttons were unavailable, so tags were substituted. Ski tilting contest won by Roswell Cummings and Hal Campbell, with Peter Franklin and Leland Gabby Grenier coming in second. Maurice Cummings donated a 100 pound pig for the first greased pig contest. Ski Club President Gabby Grenier organized racing and jumping events. Talented skaters included exhibitions by local students. Snowshoe races were held. War restrictions limited Carnival Ball decorations. **Queen Jacqueline Michaud** received a \$50 war bond. The woodchopping contest could not be held due to the fact that the log and one of the contestants did not arrive.



1945 Queen Louise (Crone) Russell
Photo: Courtesy of Louise Russell

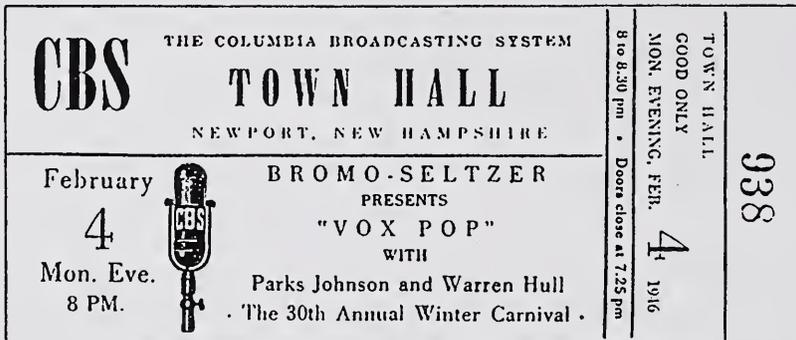
1945

Still feeling the effects of the war, another streamlined Winter Carnival, dedicated to those in the service, was chaired by Bob Gould. Printed tags were used. Highlights were a night skating show, skiing, horse racing, sled dogs, and Carnival Ball under the direction of Madlon Karr. Scenery was painted by Sunapee's Hope Stocker and Newport's Joan Catsam. *Pip* Anastos was manager for **Queen Louise Crone**, who was awarded a \$50 war bond. *Bob Allard's Orchestra* played for the dance. Crowning of the Queen climaxed entertainment presented by Northrup School of Dance, *one of the best ever staged*. Charles Spanos was MC. Joan Shaw performed Eddie Cantor's *Dinah* in black face. Ballet dancers presented *Blue Magic*. Claremont Skating Club, *one of the best amateur groups in New England*, opened with a 15 act exhibition — Claremont's Frank Wadleigh and partner skating to the tune of *Always*, *King of Spins* Kenneth Leslie, *Zany Zombies* Red Lague and RJ Veilleux, Jitterbugging with Rita Curtis and Don Bartlett,

and ending with all skaters on the ice. Despite the cold, many watched. There was much interest in horse racing. Newport's Fred Quimby placed first in Class A, *Herbert Hoover* had best time, and in Class B, Rem Woodhull placed first. Interesting contest-ant was Fred Jennings, age 70+, racing his 20 year old former champion *Carlo Director* in a 4-wheel buggy. Ruth George won for best skating exhibition. In honor of the late L.J. Young, a trophy was presented to the best sled dog team. Skiing events under the direction of Gabby Grenier were won by Richard Roy and Billy B. Van (jumping), and Donald Brault (slalom).

1946

On February 2-4 Newport held its "30th" Annual Winter Carnival, *a record unequalled by any other community in the country*. Chairman Robert Gould, the *only person actively associated with all 30 carnivals*, had arranged to broadcast the weekly Vox Pop program from Newport. Doors opened at 6:30 and the hall soon filled; 1200 free tickets had been given out. Police and firemen enforced new fire regulations and closed the hall. Committee members lost their seats in the rush, and the overflow went to the Grange Hall. At 7:30 the show began and a *riot of fun* took place as cash prizes were given away to those willing to *risk their dignity on stage*. *Honorary Mayor of Newport*, Billy B. Van, was the first guest on a radio show carried nationwide and short-waved to servicemen overseas. Afterwards, a Mardi Gras and bonfire took place on the Common. Red lights, noisemakers, confetti and streamers added to the celebration. The school band headed the parade of "torch bearers and horn tooters" around the Common, followed by a welcome home to veterans by Governor Charles Dale. Two dances featured the *Storm of Colors*, the huge ball showering dancers with colored snowflakes. *Carnival Frolics* was dedicated to veterans, Charles Spanos was MC, and former Queens Louise Crone and Leatrice Roy, presented song and dance numbers. Louis Willette and William Tracey organized a downhill race on the Pinnacle's Thunderbolt trail, slalom race, x-country *Longlauf* event, ski tilting, ski dashers, tug-of-war on skis, and hockey. Christmas lights were turned on. Dazzling costumes and lighting enhanced skating and evergreens lined the rink. Merchants displayed the American flag. Horse racing included a first ice horse race, a slow-horse race (Henry Davis won 2½ bushels of oats), pony races and sleigh rides. The N.E. Sled Dog Assn. held its first official race since the war. Northrup School opened the Carnival dance followed by *Jerry London's All Girls Band*. **Rita Eastman** was crowned queen and received a \$50 Victory Bond. Claremont Skating Club performed before the *largest crowd ever* in spite of the cold. Some of the *old time skiers* (Dick Kelly, Dick Parker, Gabby Grenier and Bill Tracey) ran the ski course and would have beaten the finishers had they chosen to compete — instead of judge. Much credit for the carnival's success goes to Chairman Robert Gould, Henry Mahoney and Gertrude Sprague.

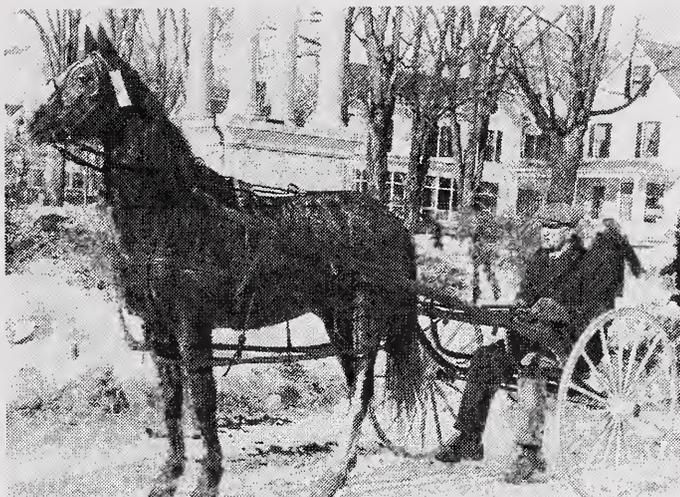


VOX POP ticket Courtesy of Rem Woodhull Family

1947

Louis Willette chaired the "31st" Carnival, and despite poor snow, rough ice, and warm temperatures, events went on. Carnival Ball tickets sold for 75¢, carnival tags 25¢, and sales financed the carnival. Costs of events and prizes ran over \$1,000. Programs were on sale. *Newsreel companies* were interested in photographing our carnival and local interest piqued.

Events included snow sculpture, skiing, skating (music furnished by *Ward's Tip Top Bread*), the Carnival Ball, boxing, sled dog races, horse racing, ski-tilting, tug-of-war on skis, football on snowshoes, basketball, hockey, sleigh rides and ice-racing horses. Queen standings were posted daily at Martin's Hardware, and a new coronation robe and crown made by Lucy Tarullo were displayed. Madlon Karr and Helen Hoyt decorated a new throne. John Sargent snowsculpted a heroic bust of George Washington floodlighted on the Common.



Lebanon's George Johnson with "Andy"
1947 Photo: Courtesy of Woodhull Family

Interlude: Awaiting the Queen's Pleasure was staged by Jill Northrup. *Jerry London's All Girl Band* was back. Ski events were swept away by Towle Ski Team Captain Ken Kendall. Among local well known skating favorites were Betty Woodhull, Ruth George, Shirley Elfstrom, Janet Newell, Jimmy Monckton, Mary Rochford, Beverly Monckton, Beverly Ordway and Rita Follansbee. The first canoe race on snow featured a crack team from Georges Mills, captained by Babe Sargent, taking on a squad of Newport canoe experts in a death defying downhill race.

1948

Heralded by whistles, horns, bells and sirens, the "32nd" Winter Carnival, chaired by Remington Woodhull, opened with a Mardi Gras parade and huge bonfire. Costume prizes were awarded. A souvenir program was printed by the Argus Press. Events included skating, horse racing, skiing, hockey, sled dog races, and archery. For the first time, woodsmen events included a chopping and sawing contest. Ernest Shepard of Bradford proved to be the best when he cut through a 15" log in 46 seconds beating his father, Charles. A big drawing card was the new ski tow. The Connecticut Valley Skiing Championship was held at Mt. Sunapee. The rink was a mecca for professional skating fans. The method of choosing a carnival queen changed. Queens now sponsored by organizations, assuring sales of \$50. **Queen Hannah Fontaine**, local Czech war bride, was chosen from 11 candidates. The Yacht Club orchestra played on Friday and on Saturday the UNH Wildcats — with Newport's Andrew Hastings Jr., Richard Mansfield, Robert Jobs, Bruce Clark and Cedric Hastings. Dog sled races followed the Sunday parade, and colorfully-costumed snowshoers competed in the *snowshoe dash*. Sleigh rides occupied the children, and basketball at the Town Hall brought Winter Carnival to a close.

1949

Whistles, horns, bells, and sirens announced the opening of Winter Carnival, chaired by Rem Woodhull, with a bonfire on the Common, a ski ball, selection of queen and coronation. A snowstorm blanketed Newport the previous day. **Jean Ashley** reigned as queen. Students



1949 Boston Skating Club on Stilts

(l) Peggy Pysz Currier and Betty Woodhull Maiola
Photo: Courtesy of Remington Woodhull Family

gathered on the Common to sculpt a giant Abraham Lincoln in snow, directed by John Sargent, noted for his artistry. Pollards Mills had its own ice sculpture. A dog sled team of four giant Alaskan huskies was hitched in the yard of M/M Frank Luck, carved by Francis White. Skiing was held at *Fairbanks Hill* and the new Mt. Sunapee State Park. In school age events, winners were Mickey Patton in slalom and downhill (Primary School); Howard Stoddard in slalom races and Spiro Dumas in downhill race (8th grade); and Arthur Catsam in slalom and downhill (high school). In archery events, Louis Ansart and Jackie Miller placed first. Sled dog races were followed closely by news cameramen.

Horse racing was held. Robert Gould, skating chairman, organized brilliant displays of skating and lighting effects. Figure skating on stilts and three figure skating programs brought out thousands.

1950

Newport had come to view winter as a time for venturing out, and our Carnival had given rise to the popularity of winter sports, while providing income for the town and state. Rem Woodhull and Harry Woodard co-chaired the "34th" carnival, focused on Sarah Josepha Hale. Despite not much snow, a gigantic statue of the native author had been sculpted by Dave Heald, Manager of Sunapee State Park, who had snow transported to Newport. An immense bonfire on the Common, whistles, sirens and clanging of bells opened festivities. Crowds were busy following dog and horse races, snowshoe races had a contingency plan to use sawdust in lieu of snow, fireworks and a torchlight slalom at Mt. Sunapee, ice sculpture, archery, two dances, queen's coronation, and turkey dinner were planned. Figure skating featured the Newport Skating Club and *Mary* (Nancy Shepard) and her lamb arriving late for school. The school master was Jim Monckton. At the Town Hall a huge silver snowball with streamers hung from the ceiling. **Frances Parks** was crowned Queen and presented a trophy. Couples danced to Dartmouth's *Barbary Coast Orchestra*. Woodsmen events drew a large crowd. First prize was won by *Big Tom Currier*, Corbin Park Superintendent. Seven entries competed in sulky races on *the airport's snow and ice*. Flying conditions canceled an air meet, but Newporters participated in small spot landings (1. Bob Gould, 2. Jack Harding, and 3. Tony Kulesza). Over the hurdles was also won by Bob Gould. Lack of snow canceled skiing at Fairbanks Hill.

1951

Harry Woodard chaired Newport's "35th" Winter Carnival. The old problem of no snow and the inability to bring out the old snow roller were disappointing. Festivities began with canceled school classes due to inclement (rainy) weather. Fighting soaring temperatures, volunteers worked most of Wednesday night shoring up 70,000 pounds of block ice, donated

by Herb Martin for a skating backdrop. Melting snow and ice not only flooded the Common, it plugged two drains. The highest capacity drain was located under Fairbanks Garage in Depot Square, a catchall for excess water draining from the *frog pond in the park* (the Common). During the rainstorm, the garage floor was covered with 7" of water. When the drains freed up and the water disappeared, an inch of mud was left on the ice rink. The committee summoned firemen, who turned their hoses on the rink, and drove the mud back into the drains. Then all they had to do was reflood the rink and wait for temperatures to drop. In a determined and festive mood, but with a *hostile and suspicious eye cast towards the sky*, rain, high temperatures and bare ground prevailed. Events went on — an air show, wood chopping and sawing, archery, a parade and bonfire, crowning of the queen and two dances. Horse racing, figure skating, ice sculpture, sleigh rides, church suppers and the carnival ball were impervious to the weather. But their bad luck continued. Firemen built a 30' bonfire and then were told the crib was too close to the monument. The most worried man in town was Harry Woodard. Asked what he would substitute in place of skating if the weather stayed warm, he threatened to *jump into the Sugar River* — and the committee offered to rope off Main Street to keep the crowd back as he took the plunge. This carnival geared up to be the *most colorful in Newport's history* right through to the end — one of the headlines read *Carnival Ends As Snow Arrives*. On the brighter side, 600 watched the coronation of **Queen Rachel Geoffrio**, with the Town Hall transformed into a wonderland. The dance was enlivened by noisemakers and paper hats; by Life Magazine and Evan Hill's *B.U.* students. Ten Boston University Journalism students were on hand to cover our winter carnival for a special edition of the *Argus*. In turn, Life Magazine was here to cover the students, subject of their cameras. *King Carnival* was sculpted by Babe Sargent, his father, John, and Dave Heald. The Towle band led the illuminated evening parade which focused on Newport's Winter Carnival's survival *for more than a third of a century — forerunner of all town sponsored carnivals*.



1951 "King Carnival" Snow Sculpture
Argus Archives, Richards Library

1952

One of the *greatest crowds ever* lined Newport's Main Street to watch the opening of the "36th" Winter Carnival — dogs, horses, wood choppers, archers, skaters, skiers, pretty girls, and radio personalities, were led by Jess and Mac Rowell and their committee of 30. Carnival lovers welcomed frigid weather, *if the weatherman could only be trusted*. Blasts on the fire

siren warned people to put on their woollies and hurry outside. A fireworks display promised to have a *finale calculated to wake all the hibernating woodchucks from Grantham to Unity* delighted the crowds. Minutes later, church bells pealed, and the long parade, under spotlights, wound its way down Main Street. Horses were nervous as red flares lit up the street and the sound of cannons rolled across the skies. The school band was hard put to keep music playing, as horns froze in the frigid night air. Sullivan Juvenile Grange won 1st prize in the parade for their entry of *Cinderella* (Jeannette Gagne) and *Prince Charming* (Allan Bartlett). A snow sculpture of Snow White on her white charger with Prince Charming at her side, sculpted by John Sargent, was the center of attention. At the Town Hall, lights simulated snowflakes. MC Charlie Jobes introduced Queen candidates. Spotlights focused on a huge storybook of *Cinderella*. With a fanfare of trumpets, the cover opened and one by one, all nine contestants were introduced with **Queen Joyce Newell** seated on her throne. A storm of colored snow flakes descended on dancers, creating a *Winter Wonderland* effect, and WBZ's Carl de Suze and Chick Morris presented a comedy show; highlights would be shown on the news. At the skating rink, pumps were pumping water, drowning out skaters' music. Not until Joyce Hamel skated solo to *The Skaters Waltz* was the crowd able to hear the music. Saddest men in town were the sculptors, whose snow figures had but one brief shining moment before hours of talented workmanship were literally washed down the drain. Disney animator, Ken Walker, was in town drawing the famous cartoons and promoting the revival of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, which all Newport children were invited to attend free at the Coniston Theater. Highlight was *Operation Kiddie Lift*. Three airplanes flew lucky children over the town in a series of plane rides. *But never did a carnival queen reign in so much rain!*

1953

Bells, whistles and fireworks opened the 1953 Carnival, chaired by Gregory Coddling. Sutton's John Lowe had turned our Town Hall into a masterpiece temple with white pillars and reindeer, blue backdrop and giant snowflakes. **JoAnn Swenson** was crowned queen, as warm weather, *the uninvited* guest did its best ruining archery events, the skating rink, canceling the special game featuring the 1951 Pee Wee Hockey Champs of Quebec, and the bonfire — to keep the snow sculptures from melting more. In fact, just as sculptures were being judged, a football player created by Towle Seniors, fell flat on its face. The Sophomore Class took the honor for a teddy bear on skates. The Common was transformed into a little piece of the North Pole by 100 sled dogs before they moved to the airport for preliminary races. Newport was crowded with people as parade time approached. Entries included the giant Sunapee So-Cat; a mysterious figure — *The Spirit of Carnival* — wearing a yard high top hat; students from Goshen Four Corners, all in Viking costumes on their Viking ship (**2nd prize**); the Lions Club dog sled, pulled by two penguins, with a lion and his whip in control; an Army nurse administering to a wounded soldier; Scott Hasting and his bagpipe, *making almost as much noise as the entire band*; South Church fighting off a *wicked looking devil*, prancing about a steaming cauldron; and **1st prize: Newport Recreation** for *Winter Wonderland* — children skiing and skating with King Winter and Frosty the Snowman. During the dance, the rains came. By morning, it was cold and stormy, and the wind rose to *almost gale proportions*. Spectators nearly perished in the cold watching the sled dog races. The pessimistic committee's worst fears had been realized. As the last woodsman's ax was swung, darkness fell over Newport, and the "37th" Winter Carnival was history.

1954

The January Thaw, a tradition at Newport's carnivals, had its customary run and left little snow. But barring an earthquake or atomic attack, *Winter Fantasy*, the "38th" edition of Winter Carnival, chaired by Dr. Ralph Benson, would go on, *weather or not*. Newporters had been driven to *the verge of nervous prostration* with vanishing snow under attack by high temperatures and warm rain. Then the rain began to freeze, sleet changed to wet snow, and the opening was heralded by whistles and fireworks. Patient residents had waited more than a year to see the *speed and fury* of the Pee Wee Hockey teams from Canada. The Class of 1955 won for its snow statue of a skating teddy bear falling over. Noisiest demonstration was the lumberjacks' chain saws *popping away like machine guns*. Spectators stood muffled in woolens, clapping frigid hands together, *doing little jigs on numb feet and watching through a smog of gasoline fumes...* The *Yacht Club Orchestra* played. Coronation ceremonies climaxed a day of skating, hockey, and parade viewing. The old sport of *ski-jouring* was revived, using a jeep to pull the skier. At the Town Hall, *the venerable old moth-eaten curtain* was raised, uncovering a *gorgeous jewel box* out of which queen candidates stepped one by one — *just like the follies*. **Queen Louisa Hall** shared the spotlight with Governor Hugh Gregg. Ski meets, dog races, chopping, archery, sled races, and skating contests ended with a torchlight slalom at Sunapee State Park. Postmaster Gould, participating in his "38th" Winter Carnival, recalled the toboggan slide of long ago, used by everyone in town, including *someone by the name of Paul who skied down the chute and broke his leg in the process*.

1955

Besides being blessed with cold weather and some snow, highlights of the "39th" Winter Carnival, chaired by Arthur Bergeron, were televised over WBZ-TV, arranged by Town Manager Alfred Harding. Whistles and bells rang opened festivities. The program ranged from *greased pigs to greased lightning on skis and skates*. Television cameramen were part of the street crowds. *Skaters, skiers, hockey players and archers, wood choppers, snowshoers, and pretty girls vied for the spotlight*. **Queen Pauline Racicot** reigned as Queen. A high point was the Town Hall stage, masterfully decorated by Tommy Lowe into a Swiss chalet weathervane. At one end was a life-size Swiss boy and as each candidate stepped into this setting, she became the girl on the weathervane. A Broom Hockey championship followed fireworks — Mt. Sunapee's Ski School challenged the Ski Patrol, and the Lift Crew challenged the first winner, each team dressed in official costumes ranging from lift crew coveralls to old fashioned bathing suits — to the delight of spectators. Top amateur and professional skaters appeared. A torchlight slalom, with 25 skiers carrying torches in each hand, descended down Mt. Sunapee. NH Class C Downhill Championships were also held and skiing races for youngsters were at the Belknap ski tow. Silver Blades performed, and the snowshoe contest was won by Quebec's Gerald Cote, four-time winner of the Boston Marathon and title holder for the 10 mile snowshoe marathon.

1956

Opening of the "40th" Winter Carnival, chaired by Harry Woodard, was heralded by whistles, sirens and fireworks that lit up the sky. But unless the weatherman planned to drop a few inches of snow on Newport, the opening torchlight slalom was in jeopardy. Despite that, a sudden drop in temperature ensured good ice conditions at the Common where the Silver

Blades Skating Club staged its annual ice show and 14 candidates for *Sunshine Town royalty*, costumed in silver, participated in *A Winter Dream*, skating as snowflakes. The four day carnival included wood chopping (30-50 expected from 5+ states), archery, skiing, and broom hockey, in a return engagement with State Park employees. Carnival Queen candidates traveled to Manchester to appear on an interview program. The famed *18th Army Band* from Ft. Devens provided music for the Coronation Ball. The Town Hall became a mecca for carnival-goers, as crowds converged on the old building, transformed into a carousel, setting the stage for **Judi Taimi** to be crowned Queen.

1957

Chairman Arthur Bergeron and his committee lived in constant fear the sun would come out and *cast anxious eyes skyward* in hope of seeing a snowstorm. But snow or no snow, Newport was ready for Carnival "#41." The town knew how to put on a Winter Carnival. There would be a Queen and dancing, skating, archery, sled dog races, *a necklace of colored lights* along Newport's streets, and perhaps some snow sculpture. The Silver Blades, undaunted by rough ice, presented a *World Tour*. Italian girls with Martha Cain, niece of UNH champion skater, Arthur Witkus, were seen on Channel 4 newscasts, along with the Scottish quartet of Patricia Andosca, Brenda Thibault, Sally Gobin and Kathy Mosley. Former Queens Judi Taimi and Joyce Glazier were in charge of the Queen contest, with nominations from the school's junior and senior classes. **Lois Dombroski** was crowned Queen and received \$100. Fifty-three woodsmen competed for a purse of \$400. Sunapee and Georges Mills overflowed with crowds watching sled dog races. Jalopy races were held at Newport's airport. Highlight of the Sunday skating review was a waltz performed by John W. McCrillis and Martha Lewin of Claremont. Drawing the largest crowd in many years, Newport's "41st" Winter Carnival rested, gratefully, on its laurels.

1958

Ilmari Kainu served as General Chairman. Nine girls vied for the coveted title of Winter Carnival Queen. For the first time in many years, Mother Nature cooperated and all events were on schedule — 60" had fallen, forcing spectators to stand on huge bankings around the Common. The ever-popular N.E. Championship Dog Sled Races ran two days. For the first time, a sports car *gymkhana* (obstacle race for driver proficiency) with 35+ vehicles, was planned. Air traffic was halted (think about that) as the course was set up on the runway. A gigantic parade was held with floats and decorated cars. Queen contestants rode in convertibles in their first official appearance. Because of the sub-zero cold and lessons learned, parade music was furnished by an amplifying system. Afterwards, spectators enjoyed a fireworks display. The Silver Blades put on another great skating show. A *Washington's Birthday* snow sculpture contest was won by telephone operators for their sculpture of the Washington Monument in front of a colonial flag. Woodchopping was won by George Caron, "Peanie" Goodwin and "Pop" Goodwin, in that order. Twenty archers competed in a tournament. MC for the Coronation was Bert Teague. **Queen Connie Lewko**, daughter of Police Chief Alexander Lewko, was crowned by Miss New Hampshire 1958 (Holly Arnell of New London). WBZ recorded Carnival highlights, shown later on tv.

1959

Perfect weather prevailed during the 1959 Carnival — except for a short blizzard postponing the Mardi Gras ice show. Lucille Page West, international performer, produced the skating show. Diann Harmon, Vermont's champion baton twirler, twirled fire batons and flags. Queen contestants appeared on WMUR-TV. **Muriel Chamberlain** reigned as Queen. Louis Willette was M.C. Contestants emerged from a wishing well under a rainbow. Fifty competed in ski races on *Dorr Hill*. Newporters winning top place were Tom Weigle, Bobby Grenier and Ricky Elswit. Fireworks and ice sculpture were held on the Common. The sophomore class won first place. First prize in the floats went to Boy Scout Troop 325. Events included an archery shoot, sulky races, and the N.E. Sled Dog Championship race held at the airport. A mongrel team of Irish setters, with a pointer in the lead, placed 4th. The finale was reached Sunday when a frozen crowd enjoyed act after act of a Silver Blades Mardi Gras, in costumes and with masks. Queen Muriel appeared in a silver sprayed sleigh. Kudos to Eve Spanos, Carnival Chairman.

1960

New Hampshire, the Alps of America was the 1960 Carnival theme. Chaired by Gene Hoyt, colorful parade highlights were the Sullivan County and Windsor Mounted Sheriff's Posse, Snowshoe Club, Drum & Bugle Corps, midget dog sleds and costumed skaters. Carnival buttons admitted holders to events. Babe Sargent sculpted a *worried St. Bernard*. **Queen Sandra Goyette** reigned over the "44th" Winter Carnival. Miss New Hampshire 1960 was one of the judges. Businessmen, firemen, policemen, and teachers competed in a tug-of-war. Events included hayrides, the Senior and Junior Sled Dog Championships, arts and crafts exhibition, archery, and Silver Blades skating performance. Two greased pigs were turned loose on the Common and belonged to anyone who was able to hang onto them. Buker Airways flew over Newport, dropping balloons, some contained a \$1 bill. Slalom ski races were at *Dorr Hill*. Best time was Jimmy Weigle, with Bobby Grenier and Donnie Pavlik close behind. Heather Weigle placed third in the girls' competition. Snow postponed fireworks until Saturday, *moved to the playground to avoid disturbing residents around the Common.*

1961

Archie Mountain chaired the "45th" Winter Carnival — 25 events were planned, including the largest number of queen candidates (21) ever. Bells and whistles officially opened festivities and included a fireworks display from *Dorr Hill*, rifle and archery contests, skating show, snowshoe race, tug-of-war, skin diving exhibition (*in the river opposite Woodard's Vegetable stand on Guild Road*), a sports car *gymkhana* with 58 entries, amateur



**1961 Winter Carnival Chairman
In spite of Downpours and Puddles
Photo: Courtesy of Archie Mountain**

basketball, a motorcycle race on ice, sulky races, sleigh rides, and wood chopping (chain saws prohibited). Marksmen matched skills at the *sandbank near the town dump*. The speed of snowshoe racers was compared to *high school athletes on a good track in a spring meet*. A greased pig was *liberated* on the ice and up for grabs. Skaters raced eight laps around the Common. Broom hockey included the *Overweight Men* and the *Older Boys*. *Ice Capers of 1961* was presented on the *Village Common* with 35 skaters, a Conga Line, clowns Arthur Witkus, Tommy Cummings and Ronnie Johnson, and a dance duet by Martha Cain and Arthur Witkus. Expanded publicity seemed to pay off. **Queen Joanne Stoughton** was crowned before a crowd of 800. Bert Teague was MC. The Queen's throne was set among silver medallions, snow-decked trees and stuffed animals on loan from Corbin Park. The Queen's Pages, Kevin Onnela and Leo Lavoisier, in green tunics, added a finishing touch to the coronation. George Caron took first prize in the woodsman contest despite injuring his hand while sharpening his axe. Snowshoe racers demonstrated their skills before drenched spectators. Archery was held indoors in the Town Hall basement because of inclement weather, and three days of rain and slush canceled some events but did not dampen the spirits of Carnival-goers.

1962

For the first time, a **Carnival Princess** was chosen and shared honors with the Queen. Nine Queen candidates and 16 Princess contestants (age 6-8) participated. Ed DeCourcy, Argus publisher and sponsor of the contest, awarded a bicycle to the winning Princess. Leonard Perkinson was Carnival Chairman. The Carnival opened with a parade, fireworks on *Whipple Hill*, sleigh rides, ski races, Silver Blades skating review, hayrides, snowshoe races, archery, hockey, basketball, ski races and giant slalom at the Golf Course, lunch for queen candidates at Priscilla's Sweet Shop, and Ring-a-Ding the Clown Magic Show from Manchester's Channel 9 (attended by more than 1200). A *gymkhana* at the airport had 400 spectators. Boy Scouts planned a tug of war on ice, snowshoe races, and barrel jumping. **Queen Mary Rowell** reigned with Debra Alto, as Princess. More than **900 people** attended the Carnival Ball.

1963

Chairman George Emmerton announced the return of the sled dog races. The N.E. Sports Car Gymkhana championships were held with **200** drivers in eight classes. Four of the nine queen candidates offered talent performances. Bert Teague was pageant host. *A Frosted Sunshine* theme featured large sun faces and white snowflakes. Candidates were required to answer selected questions. The Queen and high ticket/button salesman won a trip to Bermuda. **Queen Dorothy Woodard** and **Princess Cheryl Hemingway** reigned. An ice show, *Rhythm Hits the Ice*, had colorful costumes and music. Hilltop Motel's Timothy Murphy ran the junior slalom course in the fastest time (age 12-14). Other finishers were Dicky Bates (3rd in age 10-11); Terry Lewko (first in girls age 10-11); and Mitchell "Skip" Rollins, (1st in age 8-9). Woodchopping, crosscut sawing events, and pony pulling teams competed for prizes. A quartet of sky divers thrilled spectators. One missed the target and landed in a field on Church Street.



1964 Winter Carnival Queen Kathy Mosley (4th from left) with Court
Photo: Courtesy of Kathy (Mosley) Niboli's High School Yearbook

1964

Last time Archie Mountain chaired Winter Carnival, it rained. For the "48th" Carnival, heavy snow fell. The program included dog sled races, pony rides, pony pulls, a skating show, wood cutting, skiing, tobogganing and canoe races down Newport hills. Laurence Parsons, known for years for his carnival displays in the window of Sugar River Pharmacy, had a dog sled theme this year. **Kathy Mosley** was named Carnival Queen and also won a \$50 bond for best talent performance. Stephanie Ann Dickinson was crowned Princess and received a new bicycle, donated by the Argus-Champion. Kathy Miller won the award for selling the most tickets and buttons and received, as did the Queen, a trip to Bermuda. John Piscopo Jr. from Tilton took the Class A sled dog trophy. Henry Caron of Newport and Goshen's Joe Pelletier won the crosscut saw contest, slicing through a 6x6 in five seconds.

1965

John DeMayo chaired the "49th" Winter Carnival. "Babe" Sargent hurried to finish his dragon snow sculpture. Congressman James Cleveland raised a flag that flew over the U.S. capitol. Dog sled, snowshoe, ski and toboggan races were scheduled. A new feature was a snow cart exhibition. Other events included high speed basketball, bowling tournament, sleigh rides and woodchopping on the Common, and ham & bean supper at the Moose Hall. Stone boats were used in the pony pull. Crosscut saw champs were Ralph Court and Otis Goodwin. Merton Sargent was MC for the coronation. The theme was *A Japanese Tea Garden*, complete with bridge, terrace garden, and Mt. Fuji in the wintertime. Colby Junior College student Nobuko Nishino from Osaka, Japan, narrated the story of the Japanese Tea Garden tradition and introduced the 10 candidates. **Sheila Marr** was crowned Queen. Kathy Lewko was runner-up. For the third year, trips to Bermuda were awarded to the Queen and runner-up. Lori Alto, sister of Newport's first princess, was crowned Princess this year.

1966

Chairman Archie Mountain arranged to have a space capsule here, a rescue helicopter at the airport, and three U.S. Air Force fighter jets “split the air over Newport” precisely as the flag waving ceremony was taking place. The “**50th Annual Winter Carnival**,” was dedicated to Robert Gould, *Father of Newport's Winter Carnivals*. Also honored was John W. McCrillis, U.S. Ski Hall of Fame for pioneering skiing in America. Five blasts on the fire alarm announced 34 events. Early Carnival Queens years rode in *the biggest parade ever*, were honored at a dinner, and recognized at the Ball. Parade Co-Chairs were Jackie Bell and Leonard Perkinson. Dressed as fairytale characters, 62 youngsters appeared in a children's parade. Warner Brothers, here to make a short feature to show nationwide, photographed Newport's children. Among winners were Michael Kennedy and Bob Guillow running the *Snowtrain Express*, with engineer Mark Pillsbury, and passenger Colleen Kennedy; and Beth Fairbanks, *authentically garbed in what a lovely lady would have worn at the first carnival* (age 9-12). A golf tournament in the snow was new, the holes rolled by Mt. Sunapee's big So-Cat, arranged by Dick Parker. Then 5" of new snow fell. Top snowshoe racers in the country competed. Woodchopping was an old favorite, and a pony pull was scheduled. Boston's Skating Club performed. Frank Morse of Sunapee provided music. **Anne Patten** was crowned Queen and Rosalie Moulton was chosen Princess, winning a crown and bicycle. A record 21 competed in the Princess pageant. An invitation was sent to President and Mrs. Lyndon Johnson which brought White House greetings and regrets they would be unable to attend.

1967

The “51st” Winter Carnival was “rescued from oblivion” by the Newport-Lake Sunapee Area Jaycees — George Kelley, General Chairman. Traditional bells, whistles and sirens opened events: a carnival parade, a children's parade, skating, x-country snowshoe, snowmobile races, broom hockey, a woodchopping contest won, a greased pig contest (won by Gary Henault outwitting 50+ competitors), and a Rotary pancake breakfast, held on the Common in sub-zero temperatures. *Boston Brass* provided music for the Saturday Coronation Ball. **Timi Taimi** was crowned Queen. Kathy Annis was crowned Princess and received a bicycle from the Argus. Candidates made a two minute prepared speech and were interviewed by MC Bert Teague. Senator Harry Spanos was Princess Pageant MC. For the first time, candidates selected a *Miss Congeniality* — Marcia Smith — based on friendliness and helpfulness during the week leading up to the Carnival. Brenda Hebert won for the top ticket/button sales. Students competed in snow sculpture contests on the Common; at Towle School; at the Town Offices; and at the high school. Grade 12 won for their *Mad Automobile*, and Grade 11 placed second for their *Reclining Teenager on the Phone*.

1968

Jack Howard chaired the 1968 Winter Carnival, sponsored by the Jaycees. Backwards weather was a disappointment. Lack of snow forced cancellation of sled dog races and Saturday's blizzard delayed a sky diving exhibition by the Nashua Sky Divers Club until Sunday. Frigid temperatures, however, were constant. Bells and sirens opened festivities. The Queen received a trophy and trip to Florida, provided by WCNL. Events included a parade; snowmobile, snowshoe, and sled dog races; novelty skating; 4-wheel drive competition; snow sculpture; children's parade; greased pig contest; basketball; woodchopping; fashion show; *Go-Go* dance;

Princess Pageant and Coronation Ball; pancake breakfast, chicken BBQ, ham and bean supper, and a spaghetti supper. Square dancing was scheduled. **Queen Susan Malool** reigned. Princess Laura Taylor received a bicycle, compliments of the Argus and the Jaycees. Sherri Miller was named *Miss Congeniality*. More than 500 sampled BBQ chicken. Greased pig contest was won by Brent Delorier. Snowshoe winners were Doug Hazelton, Dean Smith and Gary LaFountain. George Caron won the cross-cut saw contest. Junior ski race winners were: Laura McCrillis, Barbara Maxfield, Alberta Clement, Laura Snow, Meg Fairbanks, Janet Terhune, Karen Drown; Chris Newfane, John Martha, Dean McCrillis, Jay Whipple, Tom Terhune and James Fairbanks. First prize for snow sculpture went to Grades 7-8 for their *Peanuts* entry. Grand prize of the skimobile race went to *Hawkey* Boardman and *Doc* Emerson.

1969

In 1969 Newport introduced the lighting of the Winter Carnival torch on the Little Common, ignited for the first time by Mrs. Robert Gould, and dedicated to her late husband:

Robert E. Gould, whose name is synonymous with Newport's Winter Carnival from 1916 until his death in 1968... He was truly the 'Father of Newport's Winter Carnivals' and had been from the first a participant...in each and every one... It was through his efforts that winter carnival continued through the years, and that Newport is known as 'The Original Winter Carnival Town.'

The torch remains lit throughout Winter Carnival. Bells tolled, sirens rang, and whistles blew, proclaiming the start of festivities. Sponsored by the Jaycees, with Michael Patten as Chairman, competition included Beard and Mustache, Snow Sculpture, and Bean Pot contests; Ski, toboggan, Snowmobile, Snowshoe, Auto-cross, and Novelty Skating races; a rifle shoot supervised (Leonard Brownell winner); broom hockey; basketball; Rotary's pancake breakfast, a children's parade, BBQ chicken, a ham and bean supper at the Moose, a snowshoe square dance, a queen's parade chaired by Dr. James McNamara and two evening events: a *Go-Go Dance* and *Queens Night*. Frank Morse played at the Opera House where queen contestants performed talent in an exhibition (not judged). The Town Hall reflected a *Mirror of the Future* theme, a starry sky backdrop with planet Earth and Newport prominently pinpointed. Contestants made their appearance via a rocket, assisted by pages, Ricky Eaton and Gary Dodge, in astronaut costumes, made by Mrs. Larry Eaton, Pageant Chairman, who also made a new red velvet Queen's robe. **Queen Debbie Geno** won a vacation to Florida. Heidi Annis was crowned Princess and received a bicycle. *Miss Congeniality* was Debbie Welch. A record number witnessed the parade that included dignitaries Congressman James Cleveland, State Senator Harry Spanos and Selectman James Maley. *Leapin' Lena* was part of the *colorful spectacle*. Beverly Purmort won first place in the powder puff derby; Chad Hemingway won first in the children's division. Four-wheel drive winners were Allen Whipple and Jim Currier. Top snow sculpture was *Moon Shot 1969* by Towle 6th graders. George Caron, *perennial winner of the chopping contest, axed his way to another first place.*

1970

Events planned for the "54th" Winter Carnival included snow sculpture, snowmobile, snowshoe, skiing, and toboggan races, novelty skating, and auto-cross races, woodchopping,

broom hockey, rifle shoot, rock and roll, square dancers on snowshoes, pancake breakfast, and ham and bean supper. Alton Fisher was General Chairman. For the *not so hardy*, card tournaments were planned. Floats, fire trucks, sheriffs, horses, clowns and ponies were part of the cavalcade parade headed by the Police Chief. Open convertibles carried the queen and her court, 13 princesses, selectmen and other dignitaries. **Queen Robin Taimi**, third daughter of Doris Taimi to win the coveted title, won a trip to Florida, compliments of Radio Station WCNL and the Jaycees, and was given the key to the city and a convertible to use. Linda Trenholm was voted *Miss Congeniality*. The beard, mustache, and goatee competition was a popular event. Gordon Stanley, James Duling, Alton Patten, Robert Peirce, and Peter Lovely were winners. Life size figures of *Snoopy and his friends* decorated the Town Hall. Frank Morse provided music.

1971

Old Man Winter supplied plenty of snow and cold weather for the "55th" Winter Carnival. Lighting of the torch opened events. The Carnival booklet was dedicated to the late Dr. James McNamara. Retiring Police Chief Lewko led his last carnival parade down Main Street. Shriners' clowns handed out balloons and candy. Leapin' Lena and Bill Hoyt were there. Thousands of spectators witnessed snowmobile, ski, toboggan, snowshoe, skating, and 4-wheel drive races, auto-cross, a rifle shoot, woodchopping, and broom hockey. Frank Morse provided music. Princesses appeared in outfits from Merit Clothing. MC of the Princess Pageant was Ed DeCourcy. Standing room only crowd danced to the music of Bob Hall's Orchestra. *A Light on Peace* was the theme. Steve Dupuis served as M.C. **Debbie Martin** was crowned Carnival Queen. Amy Maryn won the coveted *Miss Congeniality* title. Grade 6 and 11 students won for their snow sculptures. Ronald Stoddard won \$200 as grand champion of snowmobile races. Ski race winners were Ages 7 and under: Pam Kelley, Linda Patten Terri Gagne, Ross Hillard, Derek Dodge and Bill McCrillis; (8-9): Susan Howley, Terri Patten, Donna Howley, Kevin Fessenden and David McCrillis; (Girls 10-13): Cheryl Hillard, Barbara Hart, and Laura McCrillis; (Boys 10-11): Matthew McIntosh, Peter Maxfield and Tom Armen; and (Boys 12-13): Chris Eldredge, Fred Maxfield and Joey Maiola. In the beard, moustache and goatee contest, first place beard winners were Oliver Kemp, Dick Murgatroy, Gordon Stanley, Peter Lovely, and Steve Edes, *who doesn't even shave but because he was the only entry in the best mustache category*, won top prize. The torch was extinguished Sunday night and *another edition of the country's oldest town Winter Carnival came to an end.*

1972

Richard Dubois chaired Winter Carnival's "56th edition" featuring the *spills and thrills of competitive racing*, traditional outdoor winter sports, and indoor activities for the less hardy. Old Man Winter appeared Friday night, carrying over full force into Saturday, bringing along a foot of snow, blustery winds and unseasonable cold. Despite all that, no events were canceled nor did it scare spectators away. Vice Presidential contender, Endicott Peabody, was on hand to light the torch. *A Snowflake Wonderland* was depicted at the Town Hall. Two revived events were ski jumping and figure skating by the Hartford (CT) Skating Club. Other events were snow sculpture, beard and mustache contest, skiing, tobogganing, snowmobile races, novelty skating, 4-Wheel drive and auto-cross races, and an archery shoot. Norm Fellows was one of three Snowmobile grand champions. Winners in skating races were Ages 6 and under:

Susan Budd and Chris Marcotte; (7-10) Heidi Annis and Mike Williams, and (10-13): Kathy Annis and Ricky Eaton. Toboggan races were won by John Reid, Robert Bates and David Wheeler (7 and under); Joe Fortune and Albert Branch (8-9); Allen Fessenden, Richie MacIntyre, Kevin Fessenden and Jordan Ambargis,



Sleigh Rides Courtesy of Howard & Jean Wilox
Larry Whitney Photo

(10-11); and Dale Flewelling, Kevin Jones, Mark Flewelling, John Mullen and Rocky Branch (12-13). Lots of pancakes, sausage, bacon, home baked beans, hamburgers, hot dogs, coffee, tea and soda were served. Fifteen Princesses participated in a fashion show. Dr. Denis Maryn was presented with the first *Outstanding Citizen Award* for his contributions to the community.

Queen Diane Demetrakopoulos received a trip Florida, compliments of WTSV, Claremont. *Not to be outdone by fashions in the women's world*, Jaycee members put on a male fashion show, appearing in outfits from the Hospital Thrift Shop. Mr. Tranchemontagne was chosen Queen by the audience. By Sunday night, our town appeared to be a ghost town with guests gone and Newporters retiring early.

1973

Frigid temperatures dominated the entire "57th" Winter Carnival, chaired by Peter Lovely. A torchlight relay, ski and toboggan races, skating, snowmobile races, rifle shoot, and broom hockey were scheduled along with a Newport Winter Carnival Invitational Ski Jumping Tournament. Newport's famous car, *Leapin' Lena*, was in the parade. Children under 12 were admitted free to a *Tickles the Clown* program. Admission was also free for the queens' award and show Friday at the high school. *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* was the theme for the Coronation Ball Saturday night. **Carmen Chamberlain**, sister of the 1959 Carnival Queen, was crowned Queen. Snowmobile competition was won by Doug Annis, a rifle shooting contest won by Vaughn Spanos, Jeanine Rawson, and Jesse Thifeuit. Jeff Lantz won the Invitational Ski Jumping contest for ages 10 and under with his 20 meter jump (followed by David McCrillis, Gregg Merritt, Bill McCrillis, and Alan Wilcox); John Wilcox placed 2nd in the 11-12 age group; Scott Coronis placed 1st in ages 13-14; and Kelley Scanlon placed 3rd in ages 15-16. Kristian Rannisto and Terriann Patten placed first in ages 7-9 ski races. Derek Dodge and Monica Rastallis placed first in the toboggan races.

1974

The "58th" Winter Carnival experienced a serious lack of snow. Robert Johnson was General Chairman. Clowns in the parade were amusing. Snowshoe racers numbered 42. First place winners were Pam Kelley, Terriann Patten, Theresa Patten, Bill McCrillis, Sean Ronan and Mike Patten. Forty persons jumped in the 10 and 20 meter ski events. Newporters placing were Bill McCrillis, John Reid, Jeff Lantz, David McCrillis, Steve LaValley, Alan Wilcox, Gregg Merritt, Lester Glazier, John Wilcox, Arnold Dodge, Jeff Pinard and Stelios Ambargis. Princess pageant sponsored by Johnson's Ben Franklin. Commentator Cheryl Breuning *wove the fashions into a skit called **The Empress's New Clothes**, a take-off on the emperor's well known dilemma. Three young lovelies... strongly resembling Jay-sees were outfitted in thrift shop specials. The Royal Valentine Party, a pantomime princess performance, was narrated by Marty Lovely. Queen Donna Lavigne won a trip to Washington DC. Donna's sister, Debra, was chosen Miss Congeniality. Edward DeCourcy received the Outstanding Citizen Award, presented by Marion Richardson, 1939 Winter Carnival Queen. An innovative putting contest was won by Win Davis and Bobbie Violette. Archers' Tournament had 39 participants. Other events included ski, toboggan, and snowmobile races, a rifle shoot, woodchopping, best parade float, and broom hockey for men (on skates) and women (in boots). Michael and Heidi Annis won the snow sculpture competition with their two rabbits on pedestals. Second place went to Vern Violette's family for their large ski boot sculpture.*

1975

Frosty Wonderland, the "59th" Winter Carnival, was chaired by John Schmanska. **Queen Ann St. Martin** won a \$1,000 scholarship presented for the first time by the Newport/Lake Sunapee Area Jaycees, Carnival sponsors. Penny Hull was named *Miss Congeniality*. Broom hockey was played on the Common and a record 43 contestants entered the rifle shoot contest. The winner of the men's competition was Robert White and the women's competition was Sheryl Gardner. The team of Donna Dearborn, Peter Merritt and David McCrillis placed first in the cross-country ski team relays on the torch-lit course on the Common. A James Feenstra Memorial Trophy was also presented for the first time to the winner of the four-wheel races.

1976

A four day Bicentennial Winter Carnival was planned for 1976. Co-chairmen were James and Robert Johnson. Fireworks were set off at Meadow Field as the torch was lit. The program included sky diving, skiing, Shaw Brothers concert, snow sculpture, ski jumping, snowmobile rides, a card tournament, pancake breakfast, two dances, the queens dinner with judges. Broom hockey amused onlookers. Golf on ice won by John Couture. A water-covered skating rink did not stop skaters. Kim Haselton won the gold medal. Frank Morse provided organ music. **Susan Trenholm** was crowned Queen, and had her choice of a \$1,000 scholarship, a trip to Florida or a trip to Europe. Twelve girls were among Princess royalty — Kelley Gagne, Michelle Rossiter, Andrea Tremblay, Marie Walsh, Tauna Charles, Bonnie Allen, Lori Wright, Melissa Billings, Tammy Munstermann, Cheryl Breuning, Kerry Rochford and Kathleen Karr. They presented a Bicentennial pageant and participated in a fashion show.

1977

The torch was lighted by 1976 Queen Susan Trenholm, opening carnival festivities, sponsored by the Jaycees, John Wiggins, Chairman. *Leapin' Lena* took her place in the parade. Ski jumping was scheduled. Broom hockey was played with a volleyball. Skating races, a torchlight ski relay race on the Common, x-country ski races, snow sculpture, pool and ping-pong, snow mobile and snowshoe races, and Rotary's pancake breakfast were planned. Ice events included nine "greens" of golf on Mountain View Lake. Women's were included in 4-wheel drive races — helmets and seat belts required. **Queen Laura Smith** was chosen from 10 entries and won a scholarship. Mary Wobbe was named runner-up and *Miss Congeniality*. Rev. Richard Reynolds of the Methodist Church was named *Outstanding Citizen of the Year* and presented with an engraved silver bowl "because of his work with youth in the community..." Princesses modeled clothing from Huberts. Frank Morse again provided music. Doug Lantz won the Invitational Ski Jumping meet by tying the 105' record held by his brother, David. Skating races won by Chris Marcotte and Diana Harrison (ages 10-12); Matt O'Mara and Vicki Patten (7-9); and Mike Demas and Lorilee Dresser (under 6). Oliver Kemp won the ice fishing contest with a 26" trout weighing 4.5 pounds. The snow sculpture contest was won by 14 year old Susan Howley. Jaycees beat the All Stars 4-0 in the first Buckeye Donkeyball Championship, shooting baskets from the backs of donkeys at Wheeler gym. One of the rules was "**PLAYERS MUST NOT PULL THE HAIR, EARS, OR TAILS OF THE DONKEYS, OR EACH OTHER.**" Phil Newcomb won in the first snowmobile races. Roger Smith won the snowshoe races for *Men over 40* followed by Anthony Maiola, Newc Eldredge, Lou Thompson and Dan Budd. For *Men 14 and over* Doug Haselton was the top winner. Lions beat Rotary in broom hockey. Closing event of the carnival was sky diving.

1978

An abundance of snow was assured for the first time in years for Newport's Carnival, *Walking in a Winter Wonderland*, opened by torchlight ceremony on the Little Common. Old and new activities were included with snowshoe races, novelty skating, obstacle races and *Figure 8* contests. Miss New Hampshire joined the parade. John Wiggins M.C.'d the coronation and the Fashion Show, sponsored by Barbie Jean's Apparel. **Queen Janis Astle** was also voted *Miss Congeniality*. The Winter Carnival Jaycee *Outstanding Citizen Award* was presented to Lynn Mann, commentator for several carnival events. First place for the torchlight ski relay race was won by a team of Dave Lantz, Newc Eldredge, Jordan Ambargis, David Wheeler and Bill McCrillis. Edward Shank defeated Paul Skarin by four seconds to win the 4-Wheel Race Jimmy Feenstra Memorial Trophy. Tracy Archer and Lance Lewis won the toboggan races. Rotary's traditional pancake breakfast was held at the Episcopal Undercroft.

1979

Winter Carnival began with snow making, the old fashioned way, huge snowbanks, outdoor events, and the lighting of the torch on the Little Common by Chairman Gary LaFountain. Theme of the Carnival was *Frosted Fantasy*. Souvenir programs were available. The parade included bands, floats, and fire trucks. Large crowds gathered to watch events and filled the Opera House to capacity each night. Twelve queen contestants and 18 princesses, modeled clothing, presented a pageant and talent show. **Queen Monica Rastallis**, who went on to become *Miss New Hampshire*, reigned over our "63rd" Carnival and had her choice of a \$1,000

scholarship or a trip to Florida. *Miss Congeniality* Susan Merrick and Jill Rogers shared runner-up honors. Robert Johnson was named *Jaycee Member of the Year* for his dedication to the carnival. Novelty skaters, snow-shoers, and tobogganers vied for awards. Other events were snow sculpture, 10-20-30 meter ski jumping, donkey basketball, a rifle shoot, pancake breakfast, and dance. Music was furnished by disc jockey *Danny O'Neil and the Incredible Two Man Disco*. The *old fashioned sled race for the young and the young at heart*, (or toboggan races) was at the golf course. Arch rival *broomers* were the Lions v. the Rotary. *Bring your own weapons (brooms, of course)*. X-country ski relays, 4 wheel drive races, and ski jumping were on schedule. A final event was snowmobile races, but the torch-light ceremony, broom hockey, and 10-20 meter jumps were canceled due to the extreme cold.

1980

Comments such as *Snow or no snow, the carnival will go on!* *The first snowless Winter Carnival in its 64 year history!* and *Think snow!* might be a tip-off as to weather conditions. Bob Germana and Rocky Branch, Jaycee Co-Chairs, led the Carnival Committee. Events included ski jumping, a rifle shoot, broom hockey, pancake breakfast, ham and bean supper, and dancing with disc jockey, *Danny O'Neil*. Linda Shepard and Kathy LaFountain co-chaired Queen events. Queen candidates dined with judges in the 1886 Room at Newport Savings Bank. Traditional lighting of the torch was followed by a torchlight ski relay race on the Common, the Princess pageant, and the Queen Talent Show. The Queen's fashion show was sponsored by Hubert's. **Kelly Rodeschin** was crowned Queen and Jill Rogers was chosen runner-up. After the coronation, June Buck, school nurse for the past 17 years and Ernest Cutting II, veteran Sunapee Selectmen, were named *Outstanding Citizens*. And *the weatherman reneged on his forecast*.

1981

The 65th Winter Carnival was planned by the Jaycees, the Rotary, the Nordic Club, the Rec Club and others. A torchlight ski relay started the carnival. Events included ski, toboggan, and 4-wheel drive races, broom hockey, novelty skating, golf-on-ice, ski jumping, and pancake breakfast. At the Opera House a fashion show was planned, with MC Gary LaFountain and Frank Morse providing accompaniment. Peter Lovely was MC for the Princess Pageant with 15 princesses. **Susan Maydwell** was crowned Queen. Other events included a lively game of broom hockey on the Common (Lions defeated the Rotarians 2-0), and snowmobile races, which had to be rescheduled. Kale Tofferi took first place in men's golf-on ice. Emily Aiken won the women's title. Many events had to be canceled or postponed until there was adequate snowcover, and *the promised snow arrived 24 hours too late*.

1982

The "66th" carnival spread over three weekends, beginning with the traditional torchlight parade. Jim Johnson and Ernie Shepard served as Co-Chairmen. A Carnival sleigh float was judged best overall. NH National Guards biathlon sharpshooter on skis was featured. Other events included snowmobile, ski, toboggan races, and 4-wheel drive races, golf-on-ice, an obstacle course, pitch tournaments, snow sculptures "dotting the downtown area," woodsmen events with the cut wood auctioned off, pancake breakfast, and for the first time a Casino Night. Marty Lovely snowsculpted *Miss Piggy* for the Lions Club. Jaycees and 14 Queen candidates

were in charge of decorations. Events included a fashion and talent show. **Queen Michelle Bourassa** won a \$1,000 scholarship. Runner-up was Jamie Casey. Michelle's princess was Tonya Welch. Katie Smith was voted *Miss Congeniality*. Selectman Tony Maiola was presented with the *Outstanding Citizen Award*. *Jaycee Member of the Year Award* went to Walter Patten, cited for his work with Winter Carnival. In the toboggan races, Shawn Koloski (age 10-13) came down the hill in the **FASTEST TIME FOR ANY RACER IN THE HISTORY OF THE CARNIVAL**. Snowmobile races were won by Dean Smith. Travis Fratzel won in the obstacle course (7 and under). In ski races 5 year old Jennifer Massaro and Tom Elliott placed first in the 'Less than 9' category. Eddie Schinck won the 4-wheel drive races. Plymouth's Mike Dunlap set a new ski jumping record of 110 feet. John and Chris Eldredge repeated their grandfather's trip on skis — In 1916 Dartmouth College student John W. McCrillis trekked 30 miles to join Newporters at the first Winter Carnival, planting a seed for a future carnival event — *a cross country marathon honoring the contributions made by John W. McCrillis, U.S. Ski Hall of Fame, to the carnival and to skiing in the United States.*

1983

Newport's "67th" Winter Carnival included the thrills of ski jumping and races, torchlight parade, snowmobile, toboggan, snowshoe, and obstacle races, golf on ice, a new ax throwing event, snow sculptures, volleyball games, pancake breakfast, chowder luncheon, casino night, woodchopping, chainsaw competition, woodsplitting, dance, crowning of the Queen and a fashion show. Co-chairmen were Ken LaClair and Dick O'Connor. The obstacle course had 35 children walking a balance beam, crawling through barrels, zig-zag racing, balancing poles and tossing a soccer ball through a hoop. A bigger parade was featured. Cub Scouts had five floats. There were seven princesses and seven queen candidates. **Queen Joanne Chappell** was also chosen *Miss Congeniality*. Mary Dombroski was runner-up. *Outstanding Citizen Award* was presented to Rev. Lillian Warner, cited for *her love of the community and its people and as an outstanding model of good citizenship*. Rain put a damper on this year's torchlight parade. Many events were postponed because of the lack of snow.

1984

John Wiggins was a co-chair of Newport's "68th" Winter Carnival. Miss New Hampshire, Newport's Monica Rastallis, coordinated the Queen and Princess shows. Eight competed for the title of queen. **Queen Machel Millwood** was chosen Winter Carnival Queen on February 24, 1984 and crowned by Joanne Chappell, 1983 Winter Carnival Queen. Members of her court included Hayley Moote and Judith Hoehl. Princesses included Becky Sanborn, Tiffany Lamare and Tara Turgeon. Many postponed carnival events, ski races, toboggan races and 4-wheel drive events were postponed because of lack of snow and held later in March.

1985

John Wiggins was in charge of the "69th" Winter Carnival that was short on snow. Lack of winter was a perennial problem for carnival organizers and predictions for this year were not encouraging. Carnival theme was Walt Disney. Scheduled events included the torchlight parade, toboggan, snowshoe, snowmobile, and ski races at Wilmarth Park, ski jumping, snowsculpture, ice skating, 4-wheel drive races, dinner for Queen candidates, rollerskating, basketball, woodchopping, chainsawing, wood splitting, ax throwing, a *Monte Carlo Night*, a

dance, Carnival Queen and Princess Pageants, a traditional pitch party, and Rotary's pancake breakfast. Candy Nichols was Chairman of the Princess Pageant and the Queen's coronation. **Rachel Kemp** was crowned Queen. Snow sculpture was won by Kelly and David Schultz for their *Donald Duck* sculpture. Marty Lovely placed second for her *Kontiki* sculpture. Lack of snow continued to delay events which moved this Winter Carnival into March.

1986

Honorary Chairman and torchlighter for the "70th" Carnival was John W. McCrillis, U.S. Ski Hall of Fame. Events included the annual parade, tube sledding, tobogganing, softball-on-snow, broom hockey, skiing, jumping, ice skating, hockey, peanut relay, obstacle course and speed skating, and x-country ski races at the football field. Beginners did two laps. The advanced race required four laps. Snow sculpture theme was *animated animals*. Other events were basketball, volleyball, a greased pig catch, tug-of-war, horseshoes, and pancake breakfast. Queen candidates, dining with the judges were Tina Armstrong, Audra Smith, Gleora Cogle, Gina Radford, Nicole Charlebois and Melissa Billings. **Queen Audra Smith** also

went on to compete for the *Miss New Hampshire* title. Tina Armstrong was *Miss Congeniality* and Princesses were Michelle Wright, Danielle Pollari, Trista Turgeon, Susan Hertzler and Brandie LaPierre, Barbara LaFountain, Meredith Pollard, Jodi Proper, Carolyn Soucy, Andrea Christie, Kara Rendzia and Anita Currier. The Lions sponsored a *Casino Night*. Top prizes in skiing went to Brian Holmes (Under 8); Wally Rendzia (9-10), John Galloway (11-12) and Matt Dickens (13+). Tobogganing honors went to Brian Holmes, Andy Clifford and Don Clifford. Sunapee beat the Jaycees in softball on snow. Newport Firemen supplied gallons of hot refreshments. In alumni basketball the *Early '70's* (Lenny Silver, Paul Spanos, Bob Rossiter, Dave Robantor, Mike Kennedy, Jim Bates and Bob Dykeman) used their slight height advantage to win the tournament.



1986 Queen Candidate Nicole Charlebois and escort Greg Merritt with Princesses Kara Rendzia and Andrea Christie

1987

The "71st" Winter Carnival had an ample two feet of snow. A mob of children chased a perplexed pig at the Common ice rink until he escaped through a fence. Winners in *Novelty Skating* were Miles Stetson (Age 5-8), Larry Lussier (9-11); and John Baker (12-15). Top *Backwards Speed Skaters* were Heidi Rossiter (8 and younger); Vanessa Perry (8-11); and Jeff Benson (12-15). Jaime Hebert won the *Longest Distance On One Skate* event. **Jodi McGray** was crowned Carnival Queen. Photo contest winners were Judi Tatem, Beverly Caldon and

Jack Liberman. Tobogganing winners were Dustin Holmes, Rick McIntyre, Nikka Gardner, Jason Harris, Shawn Kelly, and Blake Powell. In Tube Sledding Robert Gauthier and Mark Economou scored wins. *Newport High School Ski Team* won the Co-Ed Volleyball in the Snow tournament beating the *Newport Hospital White Wonders*. The *Late '60's* and *Early '70's* won in Alumni basketball. Leading scorers were Mike Kennedy, Lenny Silver and Ted Johnson. *Newport Lion Broomers* prevailed as broom hockey champions.

1988

At the *Oldest Town Winter Carnival in the U.S.*, scheduled events included a torchlight ceremony, basketball, volleyball, 2nd annual photography contest, novelty skating, slalom races, ski jumping, pancake breakfast, broom hockey, parade, tubing, tobogganing, x-country ski meets, tug-of-war, snow sculpture, softball on snow, Queen's dining with the judges and pageant, talent show, and citizenship award. **Kimberly Ann Lussier** was crowned Queen of the "72nd" Carnival, *blessed with snow on the ground, sunshine, and frigid temperatures*. An estimated 500 participated in events. *Dorr Woolen* defeated the *Shepards* 8-4 in softball-on-snow. A -10° temperature forced *Newport Seniors* to forfeit their games. *Coronis Market* won first place trophy in the broom hockey tournament defeating the *Newport Rec-ers* 4-1. The *Old Ageds* proved they could still play basketball, winning the Alumni Basketball tournament. Hilary Bonaccorsi and Andrew Kathan helped sculpt a huge *Garfield the Cat* in snow with sculptors Dennis, Jill and Kristie Kathan and Matt and Cindy Bonaccorsi. Before the rain came, *Garfield* also sported two tufts of hair on his head.

1989

For the first time, there was only one contestant for the Winter Carnival Queen, and **Rene Menard** wore the crown. Linda Shepard was honored as *Newport's Outstanding Citizen given annually to the Newporter who has improved the quality of life in town*, for coordinating the Winter Carnival Pageant over the last nine years. Tim Chartier, age 13, took first place in the photo contest with his *Duck Walk* and Karen Champous took first place in the Barn Category with an entry called *Haunted Ruins*. Men's and women's basketball games were in the program. The *Youngsters* won in the Round Robin tournament. In snow sculpture the BPW presented a \$50 prize to students Terri Heath, Mandy Handley and Nicole Robinson for their turtle. First place winners in Sledding and Tubing were Valarie Truell, John Hooper and Scott McNamara; in Nordic Ski Racing: Gerry Claggett and Chloe LaPerle, and in Skating: Myles and Kent Stetson. In Co-Ed Volleyball, the *M & M's* (Fred Maxfield, Jean Dresser, Mary Maxfield, Peggy Austin, Jim Wade and Bernie Dresser) defeated the *Hang Ten's*. In Broom Hockey, the *M & M's* defeated the high school team and the *Newport Rec-ers*.

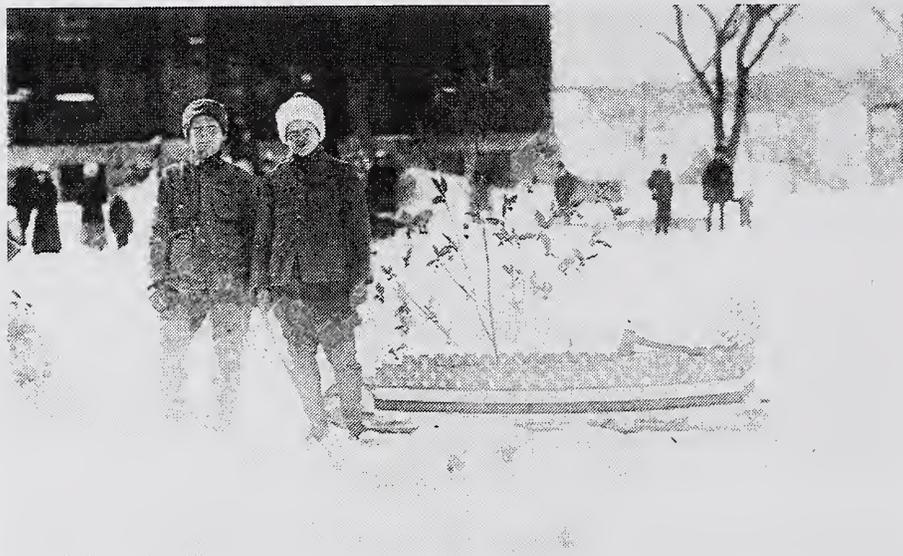
1990

A foot of snow fell just in time for the "74th" Carnival. The festival of fun had a traditional parade, pageant, fashion show, coronation, talent show, and Princess performance. Seven vied for the title of Queen. Eleven were princesses. **Heather Dutton** was crowned Queen. First runner-up was Lisa Merry, second runner-up was Coleen O'Connor, and third runner-up was Jodi Vincelette. Regina Dodge was chosen *Miss Congeniality*. Jean Ford won the *Lisa Gauvin Award*. The *Newport Lions Roar* trio and *Diamond and Garbunkle* (Joe Bourke and Dick Cretarola) with *King Lion* (Earl Nelson) entertained. Wayne and Cindy Conroy won for their

snowsculpted green dinosaur. An ice castle built by the Bonaccorsi family placed second. A family of snowmen built by Together We Grow won third. The Newport *Rec-ers* won the broom hockey championship. *Northern New Englanders* tend to stay close to home in winter, reluctantly venturing outside only for necessities, however, if the festivities didn't lure you out, perhaps *good food* would. Newport Rotary Club pancake breakfast *has been a winter carnival fixture for more than 25 years.* In 1964 the Rotarians decided to hold the event in a donated tent on the Common. ...Newc Eldredge recalled sub-zero temperatures. Patrons ...seemed reluctant to plant their pants on the folding metal chairs given the cold temperatures...

1991

The 75th anniversary of Newport's Winter Carnival had unusually great weather and a massive fireworks display. Al Soucy chaired the traditional parade with Earl Nelson, and it was greeted by lined streets. Funded by the sale of buttons, more than 1,000 were sold. There were also tickets to special events, like a concert by *Devon Square*. Adrienne Robertson was Pageant Director. **Queen Danielle Feleccia** was crowned before a packed house. Nicole Robertson was voted *Miss Congeniality*. Eight girls between ages 6-8 were Princesses: Sarah Bocko, Brittany Hough, Cara Britton, Desiree Wright, Bethany Truell, Melissa Seymour, Christen Collins and Sarah Young. Harold and Geraldine LaValley were honored as *Outstanding Citizens of the Year*, and Larry Flint was recognized for his outstanding contributions to the town and for his Winter Carnival leadership over the past ten years. This year the Lions Club took charge and sponsored winter carnival, chaired by Dick Cretarola. Estimates of the cost of the 10 day extravaganza was about \$12,000.



Ken Andler and Buster Jennings, 1917 Winter Carnival Parade
Photo: Courtesy of Hal Campbell

1992

From the first Winter Carnival to the "76th," **Ken Andler**, retired lawyer, surveyor, writer, and well-known artist, was there. He was also the 1992 *Honorary Carnival Chairman*. Events included Dartmouth's a-capella singing group, a

magician, clowns, Sunapee's Time Travelers, skating, broom hockey, mitten volleyball, snowshoe races, a snow-ball teen dance, and Country Cloggers led by Diane Callum. Pageant Directors Adrienne Robertson and Lisa Cornish were recognized along with Princess

Coordinators, Dawn Ranney and Theresa Spanos. Queen candidates were Holly Davis, Stacey Campbell, Monica Partlow, Beth Campbell, Jenny Sleath, Maria Santos, Michelle Schute and Lori Schinck. **Queen Holly Davis** was crowned before another standing room only audience, winning a \$500 scholarship. Maria Santos was first runner-up. Michelle Chute was second runner-up, and Stacey Campbell was third runner-up and winner of the *first Lisa Gauvin Scholarship* — an award based on positive attitude and hard work. Lori Schinck was voted *Miss Congeniality* by the Queen candidates.

1993

The Chamber of Commerce assumed sponsorship of Winter Carnival this year. The parade was organized by the Lions Club. Events included the torchlight ceremony, Distinguished Citizen Award, novelty skating, snow sculpture, golf on ice, pageant, sliding (that's the same as *sledding* and *coasting*), broom hockey, skate-a-thon, face painting, sack and snowshoe races, photography exhibition, archery, a ham and bean supper now held at the Senior Center, Casino Night, golf on ice, ski jumping, woodsmen events, volleyball, South Church smorgasbord, and Rotary Pancake breakfast on Saturday. On Sunday a pancake special was held at MacDonald's Restaurant with a who-could-eat-the-most-pancakes contest. Carnival buttons were \$. Several new events included a ski day, chicken BBQ and fun race at Mt. Sunapee — all for \$20, a flea market, spaghetti supper, archery contest, and skate-a-thon. **Kellie Marie Christensen** was crowned Winter Carnival Queen and named *Miss Congeniality*. Dorr Woolen Co. won \$25 for their lamb snow sculpture. A \$15 second prize went to a cat and mouse sculpture by Dearden, Britton and O'Brien. Bitter cold weather forced cancellation of the woodsmen's competition and postponed the volleyball game until the temperatures were reasonable.

1994

Sarah Corliss was crowned of the *oldest town Winter Carnival in the nation*. Robin Valcourt was chosen runner-up. Other queen candidates were Tanna Gardner, Teresa Campbell, Stephanie Currier, Tawnya Fectreau, Kelly O'Neill, Angel McNamara, Gina Cusanelli and Susan Barry. Eight year old Tad Nye claimed to have skated an amazing 200 laps during the annual Ice Skate-a-thon. *Barney the (purple) Dinosaur*, created by Ken Dennis and Eddie Schinck (Department. of Public Works), sat on the Common watching. At the Library Arts Center the Country Cloggers performed before a packed house and Kelly O'Neill and Gina Cusanelli won the first place trophy in the lip synch contest. Contestant Michael Anderson also stole the show, dancing to Billy Ray Cyrus's *Achy Breaky Heart*. Casino Night was a success with long lines at the blackjack tables, but sleigh rides were canceled because cold weather *prevented the horses from getting out of their barn* and the woodsmen's contests were also canceled because *wood was not available*.

1995

The "79th" Winter Carnival *Snowbound* was sponsored by the Chamber. All that was needed was snow — for ski jumping, sleigh rides and sliding. And, if *another blast of warm weather doesn't destroy the rink*, a skate-a-thon would take place. Guest speaker at the Chamber's Annual Dinner was *Miss New Hampshire* — Newport's Shannon Hastings. The parade had 51 entries, and the program included a torchlight ceremony, ski jumping, sliding, winter golf — *chip and putt* on the Common, an archery shoot, sleigh rides, a ski day at Mt. Sunapee (tickets

\$15), sack races, face painting, volleyball at Towle gym, the Princess Pageant, Casino night, Rotary's famous pancake breakfast, and the Seniors' equally-famous ham and bean supper. The Library Arts Center exhibited *Images of Winter Sports*. **Vanessa Perry** was crowned queen before a packed house of 600. First runner-up was Kelly O'Neill (daughter of our Town Manager), second runner-up was Melissa Baker, and third runner-up was Catherine Espenschied. Susan Barry was chosen *Miss Congeniality* and Riann Emmerton received the *Lisa Gauvin Award*. There were 10 contestants for queen and 11 princesses. One princess, Natalie Sarles, had her appendix removed three days earlier but was able to be there to receive her crown, although not participate. Other Princesses were Courtney Bosquet, Michelle Burth, Ashley Scott, Tracey Huot, Nicole Currier, Jessica Odell, Candice Maynard, Tiffany and Whitney Dearborn. And the cold winter wind blew hard.

1996

The lighting of the Torch on the Little Common began the celebration of the "80th" Anniversary of Newport's Winter Carnival. The parade included an announcer from WNTK Radio. Events included novelty skating, a sled dog demonstration on the Common, alumni basketball at Wheeler Gym, Queen and Princess Pageant at the Opera House, pancake breakfast by Rotary at the Episcopal Church Undercroft, Sliding on the Golf Course, Karaoke at the Library Arts Center and of course, the traditional parade. **Jessica St. Laurent** was crowned Queen and reigned over the "80th" Winter Carnival. Hats off to our Carnival Committees who have triumphed over almost every obstacle imaginable and presented a spectacular annual event which has had nationwide coverage on more than a few occasions. Long live Winter Carnival!

Not just for Newport residents, Newport's Winter Carnival is an area wide celebration of the Winter sport season... And it remains one of the best examples of a small town winter carnival... The doors of Newport are wide open... THE ORIGINAL CARNIVAL TOWN — It's a proud title.

Archie Mountain 1996

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**1997 Town Warrant
for the Newport Town Meeting of May 13, 1997
State of New Hampshire**

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

You are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in said Town of Newport on the second Tuesday of May, 1997, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1 To elect one (1) Selectmen for a three (3) year term.

ARTICLE 2 To elect a Library Trustee for a three (3) year term.

ARTICLE 3 To elect a Trustee of Trust Funds for a three (3) year term.

ARTICLE 4 To see if the Town is in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance:

Amend the Town Zoning Ordinance Map 2 by expanding the Industrial (I) District on the northerly side of Rt. 11/103 in the Guild area into what is currently zoned Rural (R) beginning at a point on the westerly side of Whipple Road located approximately 1500 feet northerly of the intersection of Whipple Road and Rt. 11/103, then projecting in a northwesterly direction along the base of Bald Mountain approximately 3460 feet to a point on the easterly side of Reeds Mill Road that is approximately 1335 feet northerly of the intersection of Reeds Mill Road and Sand Hill Road, then extending southerly along the easterly side of Reeds Mill Road approximately 250 feet to the northern boundary of the existing Industrial district, then in a southeasterly direction along the northern boundary of the existing Industrial District boundary approximately 1540 feet, then in a southerly direction along the easterly boundary of the existing Industrial District approximately 915 feet to a point approximately 250 feet northerly of Rt. 11/103, then in an easterly direction approximately 1080 feet along the northerly boundary of a 250 foot wide strip of Industrial District land to a point on the Westerly side of Whipple Road, and then in a northeasterly direction approximately 1250 feet along the westerly side of Whipple Road to the point of beginning (see amended zoning map drawing available at the Planning Office and the Town Clerk's Office for this warrant article).
(Approved by the Planning Board.)

RATIONALE: Expanding the size of this Industrial District would allow for the development of a private industrial park and for the expansion of existing industries which currently need to apply for a zoning board variance in order to expand. If approved, this amendment would encourage more industrial development in the Town which in turn would provide more tax revenues and jobs.

ARTICLE 5 To see if the Town is in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance:

Amend the Town Zoning Ordinance Map 2 by expanding the Industrial (I) District between Maple Street and the Sugar River by adding lot 56-8 of Tax Map 47 (located on the northerly side of Maple Street) to the existing Industrial District (see amended drawing available at the Planning Office and the Town Clerk's Office for

this warrant article). (Approved by the Planning Board.)

RATIONALE: Expanding the size of this Industrial District would enhance the future potential for development of this land as an industrial park.. Currently, there is no direct access from this Industrial District (which is owned by ECON) to Maple Street. Lot 56-8 (which also is owned by ECON) would provide that access if it is approved as part of the Industrial District. The creation of an Industrial Park would encourage more industrial development and provide more jobs and tax revenues.

ARTICLE 6 To see if the Town is in favor of adopting Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance:

Amend the Town Zoning Ordinance Map 2 by expanding the Rural (R) District on the northerly side of Rt. 11/103 in the Guild area to include all of lot 2502 of Tax Map 31 which is owned by the Town of Newport and is commonly known as the Pine Grove Cemetery (see amended zoning map drawing available at the Planning Office and the Town Clerk's Office for this warrant article). (Approved by the Planning Board.)

RATIONALE: The westerly portion of lot 2502 is currently zoned as an Industrial District. Concerns have been raised by Newport residents about having part of this Town cemetery in an industrial zone. Changing the westerly portion of this lot to a Rural District will bring the cemetery completely within the Rural District.

ARTICLE 7 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate Three Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty (\$395,250) Dollars to be used for costs associated with the rehabilitation of the 2.5 Million gallon water tank, said sum to consist of Sixty Thousand Two Hundred Fifty (\$60,250) Dollars from the Water Fund and Three Hundred Thirty Five Thousand (\$335,000) to come from a Community Development Block Grant; and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend such monies as become available from the Federal and/or State governments for use in connection with said project and pass any votes thereto. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)

ARTICLE 8 To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey any real estate acquired by the Town by Tax Collector's deed; such conveyance shall be by deed following public auction or the property may be sold by advertised sealed bids or may be otherwise disposed of as justice may require as determined by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to RSA 80:80.

ARTICLE 9 To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of its surplus equipment and/or vehicles no longer needed.

ARTICLE 10 To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate leases and/or easements relating to appropriations contained in the annual Town appropriation upon such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem to be in the best interests of the Town, and to execute and sign such leases and accept such easements.

ARTICLE 11 To see if the Town will withdraw from the Sullivan County Refuse Disposal District ("District") on June 1, 2007. This being the day the current contract with Wheelabrator ends. All obligations and responsibilities with the District, the NH/VT Solid Waste Project and Wheelabrator will end at that time.

ARTICLE 12 To see if the Town will discontinue and relinquish all interest of the Town therein

Old Route 10, starting at the right-of-way of new Route 10, terminating approximately 1000 feet southerly at the northern right-of-way of Corbin Road, and starting from the southerly right-of-way of Corbin Road, terminating approximately 700 feet southerly at the driveway of the Parlin Field.

ARTICLE 13 To see how the Town will vote on the following question:

“Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Newport, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years up to age 75 years, \$20,000; for a person 75 year of age up to 80 years, \$30,000; for a person 80 years or older, \$40,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person’s spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$13,400, or if married, a combined net income of less than \$20,400; and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000, excluding the value of the person’s residence.” Additional requirements are set forth in NH RSA 72:39-b. II.

ARTICLE 14 To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town and the Newport Police Union AFSCME Local #3657 for a two year period starting July 1, 1997 expiring June 30, 1999, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
1997-98	\$15,870
1998-99	28,357

and to further raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy (\$15,870) Dollars for the 1997-98 fiscal year. **(Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 15 To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town and the Newport Public Works Union AFSCME Local #1348 for a two year period starting July 1, 1997 expiring June 30, 1999, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
1997-98	\$16,948
1998-99	30,172

and to further raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Eight (\$16,948) Dollars for the 1997-98 fiscal year. **(Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 16 To see if the Town will vote to approve and adopt the proposed budget, raise and appropriate the sums contained in the report and listed in the budget and take any action thereon. **(Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 17 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty (\$3,850) for the purchase of a Cemetery department mower, and to further authorize the withdrawal of Seven Hundred (\$700) Dollars plus accrued interest from the Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 18 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Two (\$55,732) Dollars for the purchase of the following Highway

equipment:

4WD Pickup Truck	\$18,922
Snowblower	<u>36,810</u>
Total	<u>\$55,732</u>

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)

- ARTICLE 19** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Two Thousand (\$22,000) Dollars to rehabilitate Fire Engine #1. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**
- ARTICLE 20** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Five Thousand (\$85,000) Dollars for the purchase of a new ambulance, and to further authorize the withdrawal of Seventy-Two Thousand (\$72,000) Dollars from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund. The balance of these funds shall be Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars from the Ambulance Fund and the Three Thousand (\$3,000) Dollars from taxation. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**
- ARTICLE 21** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand (\$80,000) Dollars to rehabilitate the southern facade of the Opera House. These entire sum of these funds to come from the Town Hall Improvements Fund. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**
- ARTICLE 22** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty (\$87,650) Dollars for a valuation update of all properties within Town, and to further authorize the withdrawal of Seventy-Two Thousand (\$72,000) Dollars from the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**
- ARTICLE 23** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ninety Thousand (\$190,000) Dollars for the purpose of engineering and construction costs for replacing the Maple Street Extension bridge over Wendell Brook and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend such monies as become available from the Federal and/or State governments for use in connection with said project and pass any votes thereto. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:3 VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or five years, whichever is sooner. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**
- ARTICLE 24** To see if the Town will authorize the expenditure of the unexpended balance of funds appropriated by 1996 Town Meeting Article 24 (approximately \$11,000) for the removal of the diesel fuel tank located at the Public Works Garage. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**
- ARTICLE 25** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand One Hundred (\$50,100) Dollars for the removal/replacement of the underground fuel storage tank located behind the Town Office, and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend such monies as become available from the Federal and/or State governments for use in connection with said project and

pass any votes thereto. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

- ARTICLE 26** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand (\$40,000) Dollars for costs associated with the cleanup of contamination related to the removal of underground fuel storage tanks at Meadow Park; and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend such monies as become available from the Federal and/or State governments for use in connection with said project and pass any votes thereto. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**
- ARTICLE 27** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Eight (\$9,228) Dollars to re-deck the Reeds Farm Road Bridge. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**
- ARTICLE 28** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$150,000) Dollars for the Main Street Project. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen or the Budget Advisory Committee.)**
- ARTICLE 29** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Three Thousand Three Hundred (\$23,300) Dollars for the purchase of a new Water/Sewer utility truck, said funds to come equally from the Water and Sewer Funds. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**
- ARTICLE 30** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-One (\$8,691) Dollars for the purchase of a trench box, said funds to come from Three Thousand Nine Hundred Eleven (\$3,911) Dollars from each the Water and Sewer Funds and the balance to come from taxation. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**
- ARTICLE 31** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand (\$9,000) Dollars from the Water Fund for the replacement sand in one filter of the Water Treatment Plant. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**
- ARTICLE 32** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars for a site development plan of the industrial park land held by ECON located off of Maple Street. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**
- ARTICLE 33** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand (\$60,000) Dollars for the purchase of land located at Map 19 Lot 2165 for future expansion of the North Newport. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**
- ARTICLE 34** To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting. (Polls shall open for the reception of ballots at 9:00 a.m. and shall not be closed earlier than 7:00 p.m. and the business part of the meeting shall start at 6:00 p.m.)

John K. Lunn, Chairman

Sharon L. MacDonald

Robert M. Snow

Gary E. Nichols, Vice Chair

Bert W. Spaulding, Sr.

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

	Approved Budget 1996-97	Estimated Revenue 1997-98	
		Selectmen	Budget Advisory Committee
Taxes:			
Land Use Change Taxes	1,000	1,000	1,000
Yield Taxes	15,000	15,000	15,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	36,325	37,000	37,000
Penalties & Interest	220,000	220,000	220,000
Total Taxes	272,325	273,000	273,000
Licenses and Permits:			
Motor Vehicle Permits	470,000	470,000	470,000
Building Permits	8,000	8,000	8,000
Other Licenses and Permits	10,100	10,100	10,100
Total Licenses and Permits	488,100	488,100	488,100
Intergovernmental Revenues	451,022	614,838	614,838
Charges for Service:			
Income from Departments	220,000	224,000	224,000
Garbage/Refuse	50,000	50,000	50,000
Water Department	544,946	765,003	765,003
Sewer Department	712,530	611,540	611,540
Airport	35,535	21,950	21,950
Total Charges for Service	1,563,011	1,672,493	1,672,493
Miscellaneous:			
Sale of Property	1,000	1,000	1,000
Interest on Investments	40,000	50,000	50,000
Rent of Property	35,000	29,000	29,000
Transfer from Trust Funds	37,000	20,000	20,000
Other Miscellaneous	42,729	108,000	108,000
Total Miscellaneous	155,729	208,000	208,000
Other Financing Sources:			
Transfer from Other Funds	162,000	130,250	130,250
Transfer from Capital Reserve - General	87,500	142,000	142,000
Proceeds of LTD - Capital Projects Fund	454,000		
Use of Fund Balance - General Fund	350,000	285,000	285,000
Use of Fund Balance - Water Fund	103,624	43,013	43,013
Use of Fund Balance - Sewer Fund	39,586		
Use of Fund Balance - Airport Fund	13,826	1,532	1,532
Total Other Financing Sources	1,210,536	601,795	601,795
TOTAL REVENUES	\$4,140,723	\$3,858,226	\$3,858,226

Budget for the Town of Newport, NH
Purpose of Appropriations

	Approved Budget 1996-97	Recommended Expenditures 97-98	
		Selectmen	Budget Advisory Committee
General Government:			
Executive	\$96,218	\$98,998	\$98,998
Election/Registration	46,708	45,203	45,203
Financial Administration	161,072	171,986	171,986
Legal	20,000	20,000	20,000
Personnel Administration	451,452	453,734	453,734
Town Office of Planning and Zoning	74,285	67,012	67,012
General Government Buildings	129,680	154,804	154,804
Cemeteries	79,255	77,354	77,354
Insurance	5,000	10,000	10,000
Advertising & Regional Associations	3,093	3,517	3,517
Other General Government	22,500	88,269	88,269
Total General Government	1,089,263	1,190,877	1,190,877
Public Safety:			
Police Department	591,586	551,905	551,905
Emergency Communications	148,267	141,532	141,532
Ambulance Department	134,573	141,428	141,428
Fire Department	284,655	276,493	276,493
Building Inspection	8,187	8,887	8,887
Emergency Management	1,911	1,854	1,854
Total Public Safety	1,169,179	1,122,099	1,122,099
Highways and Streets:			
Public Works Garage	147,057	149,557	149,557
Highways and Streets	423,236	406,061	406,061
Bridges	2,900	4,000	4,000
Street Lighting	66,287	64,447	64,447
Airport	21,011	23,482	23,482
Total Highways and Streets	660,491	647,547	647,547
Sanitation:			
Solid Waste Collection	50,000	50,000	50,000
Sewer Department	355,913	369,000	369,000
Total Sanitation	405,913	419,000	419,000
Water Department	361,298	355,972	355,972
Health:			
Health Administration	2,536	2,872	2,872
Health Agency	22,829	20,829	20,829
Total Health	25,365	23,701	23,701

Budget for the Town of Newport, NH
Purpose of Appropriations

	Approved Budget 1996-97	Recommended Expenditures 97-98	
		Selectmen	Budget Advisory Committee
Welfare:			
Welfare Administration	14,500	15,500	15,500
Welfare Direct Assistance	70,000	55,000	55,000
Total Welfare	84,500	70,500	70,500
Culture and Recreation:			
Recreation	121,183	127,585	127,585
Library	139,232	144,593	144,594
Patriotic Purposes	2,500	2,500	2,500
Total Patriotic Purposes	262,915	274,678	274,679
Conservation Administration	1,000	2,000	2,000
Debt Service:			
Principial LTD	280,000	320,400	320,400
Interest LTD	54,481	59,514	59,514
Tax Anticipation Interest	2,000	100	100
Water Fund Debt	151,776	82,483	82,483
Sewer Fund Debt	235,628	226,979	226,979
Debt Service	723,885	689,476	689,476
Capital Outlay:			
General Fund Articles	471,948	754,429	754,429
Water Fund Articles	135,496	369,561	369,561
Sewer Fund Articles	160,575	15,561	15,561
Airport Fund Articles	28,350		
Capital Projects Fund Articles	770,000	130,250	130,250
Capital Outlay	1,566,369	1,269,801	1,269,801
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$6,350,178	\$6,065,651	\$6,065,652
Add:			
War Service Credits	52,200	52,200	52,200
Overlay	149,983	150,000	150,000
Less:			
Estimated Revenues	4,140,723	3,858,226	3,858,226
Estimated Property Taxes to be Raised	\$2,411,638	\$2,409,625	\$2,409,626

FINANCE DEPARTMENT 1996 Annual Report

Finance Director

Paul J. Brown, C.P.A.

Charge Bookkeeper

Amy G. Spreadbury

Bookkeeper

Donna M. Lizotte

Buildings Manager

Kenneth J. Dennis

Account Clerk

Sandy L. Ouellette

Custodians

Antonio Batista
Michael T. McGill
Charles Westover

1996 was a year of stability for the Finance Department. While we adjusted to the changes made in the previous years, we were able to concentrate on improving regular operations. Several operating systems were reviewed and improved to provide greater efficiency. The result has been improved cash flows and better internal and external reporting. The 1995 computer purchase has continued to offer the department additional flexibility, which has also increased efficiency. We still have some programming oddities to clear up and some additional training has been planned for the staff.

The one major happening in 1996 was the agreement between the Town and SAU #43 for financial assistance for the SAU. While my time was split between organizations and only the necessities of my job were being performed, daily operations of the Finance Department were undeterred.

From a financial standpoint, the Town is in very strong position, with adequate cash balances, and moderate uncollected taxes. Current revenues and expenditures should be within budget. The budget for next year has increased expenditures which are offset by increased revenues, resulting in a slight tax decrease.

Goals for the upcoming year include completion of last years goals, which were tabled during the arrangement with the SAU, the fine tuning and staff training for the computer system, and further development of a central purchasing system for office supplies and other consumable goods, as well as the undertaking of drafting a Standard Operating Procedures Manual for all activities under the Department.

In conclusion, I would like to thank my staff for their hard work and dedication, as well as their patience and assumption of additional responsibilities during my time with the SAU.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES
For the Year Ended June 30, 1996

	Adjusted Budget 1995-96	Actual	Over (Under) Budget	
			\$	%
Taxes:				
Property Taxes	\$2,250,290	\$2,362,183	\$111,893	4.97%
Land Use Change Taxes	1,000	6,550	5,550	555.00%
Resident Taxes		3,630	3,630	N/A
Yield Taxes	10,000	26,127	16,127	161.27%
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	36,325	36,301	(24)	-0.07%
Penalties & Interest	225,000	231,181	6,181	2.75%
Total Taxes	<u>2,522,615</u>	<u>2,665,972</u>	<u>143,357</u>	5.68%
Licenses and Permits:				
Motor Vehicle Permits	430,000	497,651	67,651	15.73%
Building Permits	8,000	9,837	1,837	22.96%
Other Licenses and Permits	10,000	13,283	3,283	32.83%
Total Licenses and Permits	<u>448,000</u>	<u>520,771</u>	<u>72,771</u>	16.24%
Intergovernmental Revenues	420,723	432,211	11,488	2.73%
Charges for Service:				
Income from Departments	225,000	222,302	(2,698)	-1.20%
Garbage/Refuse	50,000	33,380	(16,620)	-33.24%
Water Department	470,568	513,075	42,507	9.03%
Sewer Department	571,107	637,422	66,315	11.61%
Airport	18,300	29,246	10,946	59.81%
Total Charges for Service	<u>1,334,975</u>	<u>1,435,425</u>	<u>100,450</u>	7.52%
Miscellaneous:				
Sale of Property	1,500	1,355	(145)	-9.67%
Interest on Investments	30,000	54,976	24,976	83.25%
Rent of Property	37,240	36,066	(1,174)	-3.15%
Insurance Reimbursements		4,743	4,743	N/A
Transfer from Trust Funds	20,000	20,075	75	0.38%
Other Miscellaneous	40,351	39,646	(705)	-1.75%
Total Miscellaneous	<u>129,091</u>	<u>156,861</u>	<u>27,770</u>	21.51%
Other Financing Sources:				
Transfer from Capital Reserve - General	21,019	10,519	(10,500)	-49.95%
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>21,019</u>	<u>10,519</u>	<u>(10,500)</u>	-49.95%
TOTAL REVENUES	<u><u>\$4,876,423</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,221,759</u></u>	<u><u>\$345,336</u></u>	7.08%

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
For the Year Ended June 30, 1996

	Adjusted	Actual	Under (Over) Budget	
	Budget 1995-96		\$	%
General Government:				
Executive	\$93,902	\$93,899	\$3	0.00%
Election/Registration	43,209	43,110	99	0.23%
Financial Administration	155,513	155,100	413	0.27%
Legal	20,000	11,664	8,336	41.68%
Personnel Administration	434,001	393,849	40,152	9.25%
Town Office of Planning and Zoning	73,870	72,963	907	1.23%
District Court	8,022	7,190	832	10.37%
General Government Buildings	77,138	89,121	(11,983)	-15.53%
Cemeteries	78,396	80,616	(2,220)	-2.83%
Insurance	5,000	1,723	3,277	65.54%
Advertising & Regional Associations	3,016	3,105	(89)	-2.95%
Other General Government	32,619	23,068	9,551	29.28%
Total General Government	1,024,686	975,408	49,278	4.81%
Public Safety:				
Police Department	720,362	712,890	7,472	1.04%
Ambulance Department	136,603	127,537	9,066	6.64%
Fire Department	273,016	271,663	1,353	0.50%
Building Inspection	8,066	8,830	(764)	-9.47%
Emergency Management	1,911	2,405	(494)	-25.85%
Total Public Safety	1,139,958	1,123,325	16,633	1.46%
Highways and Streets:				
Public Works Garage	153,216	148,957	4,259	2.78%
Highways and Streets	413,136	396,122	17,014	4.12%
Bridges	3,400	1,353	2,047	60.21%
Street Lighting	63,900	62,262	1,638	2.56%
Airport	17,338	20,447	(3,109)	-17.93%
Total Highways and Streets	650,990	629,141	21,849	3.36%
Sanitation:				
Solid Waste Collection	50,000	40,572	9,428	18.86%
Solid Waste Disposal (Recycling)	97	159	(62)	-63.92%
Sewer Department	318,830	325,692	(6,862)	-2.15%
Total Sanitation	368,927	366,423	2,504	0.68%
Water Department	295,576	264,863	30,713	10.39%

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
For the Year Ended June 30, 1996

	Adjusted Budget 1995-96	Actual	Under (Over) Budget \$	Budget %
Health:				
Health Administration	2,495	2,048	447	17.92%
Health Agency	31,146	31,146	0	0.00%
Total Health	33,641	33,194	447	1.33%
Welfare:				
Welfare Administration	22,734	14,042	8,692	38.23%
Welfare Direct Assistance	85,000	47,894	37,106	43.65%
Total Welfare	107,734	61,936	45,798	42.51%
Culture and Recreation:				
Recreation	120,456	116,575	3,881	3.22%
Library	135,399	135,399	0	0.00%
Patriotic Purposes	2,500	2,481	19	0.76%
Total Patriotic Purposes	258,355	254,455	3,900	1.51%
Conservation Administration	3,000	2,615	385	12.83%
Debt Service:				
Principal LTD	345,615	345,615	0	0.00%
Interest LTD	73,986	73,992	(6)	-0.01%
Tax Anticipation Interest	2,000		2,000	100.00%
Water Fund Debt	89,974	89,974	0	0.00%
Sewer Fund Debt	244,259	244,259	0	0.00%
Debt Service	755,834	753,840	1,994	0.26%
Capital Outlay:				
General Fund Articles	353,724	345,128	8,596	2.43%
Water Fund Articles	85,018	85,018	0	0.00%
Airport Articles	24,070	21,817	2,253	9.36%
Sewer Fund Articles	3,018	3,018	0	0.00%
Capital Outlay	465,830	454,981	10,849	2.33%
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$5,104,531	\$4,920,181	\$184,350	3.61%

AUDIT REPORT

The following are extracts of the audit report, prepared by Plodzik & Sanderson, P.A., of the Town of Newport for the year ended June 30, 1996. The complete audit is available in the Town Office.

TOWN OF NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

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

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Newport as of and for the year ended June 30, 1996. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

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

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

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Newport, as of June 30, 1996, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund types and nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

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

Town of Newport
Independent Auditor's Report on Financial Presentation

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated September 20, 1996 on our consideration of the Town of Newport's internal control structure and a report dated September 20, 1996 on its compliance with laws and regulations.

September 20, 1996


PLODZIK & SANDERSON
Professional Association

EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF NEWPORT
Combined Balance Sheet - All Funds Types and Account Groups
June 30, 1996

ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	Governmental Fund Types		
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash and Equivalents	\$1,067,909	\$109,060	\$155,667
Investments	1,152,951		
<u>Receivables (Net of Allowances For Uncollectibles)</u>			
Interest			
Taxes	2,230,222		
Accounts	78,726	69,926	8,708
Intergovernmental	43,867	26,819	16,768
Interfund Receivable	246,988	2,652	389,915
Inventory		6,922	
Prepaid Items	81,815		
Fixed Assets			
Accumulated Depreciation			
Tax Deeded Property Subject to Resale	41,518		
Other Assets			
<u>Other Debits</u>			
Amount To Be Provided For			
Retirement of General Long-Term Debt			
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	\$4,943,996	\$215,379	\$571,058

<u>Proprietary Fund Type</u>		<u>Fiduciary</u>	<u>Account Group</u>	
<u>Enterprise Funds</u>		<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>General</u>	
<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Trust</u>	<u>Long-Term</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<u>Department</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Debt</u>	<u>(Memorandum Only)</u>
\$870,006	\$639,800	\$585,203		\$3,427,645
		520,025		1,672,976
		3,996		3,996
				2,230,222
156,358	187,714	109,066		610,498
188,276	1,021,375			1,297,105
23,005	11,298	15,000		688,858
				6,922
				81,815
2,566,305	6,019,758			8,586,063
(369,110)	(1,025,740)			(1,394,850)
2,208	3,072			46,798
1,300				1,300
			\$961,062	961,062
<u>\$3,438,348</u>	<u>\$6,857,277</u>	<u>\$1,233,290</u>	<u>\$961,062</u>	<u>\$18,220,410</u>

EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF NEWPORT
Combined Balance Sheet - All Funds Types and Account Groups (Continued)
June 30, 1996

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	Governmental Fund Types		
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Accounts Payable	\$94,734	\$3,507	\$6,318
Accrued Payroll and Benefits	65,059		
Retainage Payable			10,103
Intergovernmental Payable	390		
Interfund Payable	81,996	60,978	138,468
Other Current Liabilities	2,511		
Deferred Tax Revenues	3,640,236		
Other Deferred Revenues			75,036
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable			
General Obligation Debt Payable			
Accrued Landfill Postclosure Costs			
Capital Leases Payable			
Compensated Absences			
Total Liabilities	3,884,926	64,485	229,925
<u>Equity and Other Credits</u>			
Contributed Capital			
<u>Retained Earnings</u>			
Reserved			
Unreserved			
<u>Fund Balances</u>			
Reserved for Tax Deeded Property	41,518		
Reserved for Endowments			
Reserved for Encumbrances	124,614		
Reserved for Inventories		6,922	
Reserved for Special Purposes	182,342		424,528
<u>Unreserved</u>			
Designated For Special Purposes			144,030
Undesignated		710,596	(58)
Total Equity and Other Credits	348,474	717,518	568,500
TOTAL LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS	\$4,233,400	\$782,003	\$798,425

Proprietary Fund Type Enterprise Funds		Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group General	Totals
Water Department	Sewer Department	Trust Funds	Long-Term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
\$434	\$5,664			\$110,657
				65,059
				10,103
				390
121,689	228,819	\$56,908		688,858
				2,511
				3,640,236
				75,036
		109,066		109,066
941,379	1,600,000		\$915,000	3,456,379
			17,780	17,780
			19,154	19,154
			9,128	9,128
<u>1,063,502</u>	<u>1,834,483</u>	<u>165,974</u>	<u>961,062</u>	<u>8,204,357</u>
588,328	3,248,377			3,836,705
178,087	91,986			270,073
1,608,431	1,682,431			3,290,862
				41,518
		622,688		622,688
				124,614
				6,922
		444,628		1,051,498
				144,030
(83,395)				627,143
<u>2,291,451</u>	<u>5,022,794</u>	<u>1,067,316</u>		<u>10,016,053</u>
<u>\$3,354,953</u>	<u>\$6,857,277</u>	<u>\$1,233,290</u>	<u>\$961,062</u>	<u>\$18,220,410</u>

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

EXHIBIT B
TOWN OF NEWPORT
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1996

	Governmental Fund Types		
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects
<u>Revenues</u>			
Taxes	\$7,520,584		
Licenses and Permits	520,771		
Intergovernmental	708,810	\$22,323	\$243,724
Charges For Service	255,682	15,373	
Miscellaneous	136,786	95,681	\$12,273
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
Operating Transfers In			
Proceeds of General Obligation Debt	30,594	157,605	20,316
<u>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</u>	<u>9,173,227</u>	<u>290,982</u>	<u>276,313</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
<u>Current</u>			
General Government	979,922	60,351	
Public Safety	1,097,639	12,405	
Highways, Streets, Bridges	632,526		
Sanitation	40,731		
Health	33,194		
Welfare	61,937		
Culture and Recreation	119,056	274,980	
Conservation	615	9,849	
Debt Service	419,607		
Capital Outlay	254,969	150	333,932
Intergovernmental	5,131,213		
<u>Other Financing Uses</u>			
Operating Transfers Out	222,399	20,389	574
<u>Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	<u>8,993,808</u>	<u>378,124</u>	<u>334,506</u>
<u>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other</u>			
<u>Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures</u>			
<u>and Other Financing Uses</u>	179,419	(87,142)	(58,193)
<u>Fund Balances - July 1</u>	<u>879,651</u>	<u>238,036</u>	<u>399,326</u>
<u>Fund Balances - June 30</u>	<u>\$1,059,070</u>	<u>\$150,894</u>	<u>\$341,133</u>

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

<u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u>	
<u>Trust Funds</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	\$7,520,584
	520,771
	974,857
	271,055
\$37,996	282,736
<u>106,441</u>	<u>314,956</u>
<u>144,437</u>	<u>9,884,959</u>
26,315	1,066,588
	1,110,044
	632,526
	40,731
	33,194
	61,937
10,194	404,230
	10,464
	419,607
	589,051
	5,131,213
<u>21,336</u>	<u>264,698</u>
<u>57,845</u>	<u>9,764,283</u>
86,592	120,676
<u>353,827</u>	<u>1,870,840</u>
<u>\$440,419</u>	<u>\$1,991,516</u>

EXHIBIT C
TOWN OF NEWPORT
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis)
General and Special Revenue Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1996

	General Fund		Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Budget	Actual	
<u>Revenues</u>			
Taxes	\$7,377,229	\$7,520,584	\$143,355
Licenses and Permits	448,000	520,771	72,771
Intergovernmental	697,322	708,810	11,488
Charges For Service	275,000	255,682	(19,318)
Miscellaneous	109,091	136,786	27,695
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
Operating Transfers In	41,019	30,594	(10,425)
<u>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</u>	<u>8,947,661</u>	<u>9,173,227</u>	<u>225,566</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
<u>Current</u>			
General Government	1,009,686	957,426	52,260
Public Safety	1,124,958	1,107,806	17,152
Highways, Streets, Bridges	633,652	611,623	22,029
Sanitation	50,097	40,731	9,366
Health	33,641	33,194	447
Welfare	107,734	61,937	45,797
Culture and Recreation	122,956	119,056	3,900
Conservation	1,000	615	385
Debt Service	421,601	419,607	1,994
Capital Outlay	298,724	289,216	9,508
Intergovernmental	5,131,213	5,131,213	
<u>Other Financing Uses</u>			
Operating Transfers Out	222,399	222,399	
<u>Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	<u>9,157,661</u>	<u>8,994,823</u>	<u>162,838</u>
<u>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	<u>(\$210,000)</u>	178,404	<u>\$388,404</u>
<u>Increase in Reserved Fund Balances</u>		(163,352)	
<u>Fund Balances - July 1</u>		695,544	
<u>Fund Balances - June 30</u>		<u>\$710,596</u>	

Annually Budgeted Special Revenue Funds			Totals (Memorandum Only)		
Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
			\$7,377,229	\$7,520,584	\$143,355
			448,000	520,771	72,771
\$2,500	\$21,217	\$18,717	699,822	730,027	30,205
14,300	15,373	1,073	289,300	271,055	(18,245)
1,500	28,435	26,935	110,591	165,221	54,630
<u>137,399</u>	<u>157,605</u>	<u>20,206</u>	<u>178,418</u>	<u>188,199</u>	<u>9,781</u>
<u>155,699</u>	<u>222,630</u>	<u>66,931</u>	<u>9,103,360</u>	<u>9,395,857</u>	<u>292,497</u>
			1,009,686	957,426	52,260
			1,124,958	1,107,806	17,152
			633,652	611,623	22,029
			50,097	40,731	9,366
			33,641	33,194	447
			107,734	61,937	45,797
176,807	225,322	(48,515)	299,763	344,378	(44,615)
2,000	9,849	(7,849)	3,000	10,464	(7,464)
			421,601	419,607	1,994
			298,724	289,216	9,508
			5,131,213	5,131,213	
			<u>222,399</u>	<u>222,399</u>	
<u>178,807</u>	<u>235,171</u>	<u>(56,364)</u>	<u>9,336,468</u>	<u>9,229,994</u>	<u>106,474</u>
<u>(\$23,108)</u>	(12,541)	<u>\$10,567</u>	<u>(\$233,108)</u>	165,863	<u>\$398,971</u>
	(3,682)			<u>(167,034)</u>	
	<u>73,766</u>			<u>769,310</u>	
	<u>\$57,543</u>			<u>\$768,139</u>	

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

EXHIBIT D
TOWN OF NEWPORT
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses and
Changes in Retained Earnings/Fund Balances
All Proprietary Funds and Nonexpendable Trust Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1996

	<u>Proprietary Fund Types</u>	
	<u>Enterprise Funds</u>	
	<u>Water</u> <u>Department</u>	<u>Sewer</u> <u>Department</u>
<u>Operating Revenues</u>		
<u>Charges For Sales and Services</u>		
User Charges	\$457,026	\$522,146
Job Works	8,377	8,895
Miscellaneous		8,031
New Funds		
Interest and Dividends		
Capital Gains		
<u>Total Operating Revenues</u>	<u>465,403</u>	<u>539,072</u>
<u>Operating Expenses</u>		
<u>Cost of Sales and Services</u>		
Services	122,798	64,489
Treatment	52,432	166,754
Administration	78,492	68,544
Depreciation	79,661	151,530
Trust Fund Distribution		
Transfers Out		12,500
<u>Total Operating Expenses</u>	<u>333,383</u>	<u>463,817</u>
<u>Operating Income</u>	<u>132,020</u>	<u>75,255</u>
<u>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</u>		
Interest Revenue	31,813	23,945
Interest Expense	(53,767)	(119,259)
State Water	16,130	76,402
Net Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>(5,824)</u>	<u>(18,912)</u>
<u>Net Income</u>	126,196	56,343
<u>Add Depreciation on Fixed Assets Acquired</u> <u>by Grants, Entitlements and Shared Revenues</u> <u>Externally Restricted for Capital Acquisition and</u> <u>Construction that Reduces Contributed Capital</u>	16,065	100,399
<u>Retained Earnings/Fund Balances - July 1</u>	<u>1,644,257</u>	<u>1,617,675</u>
<u>Retained Earnings/Fund Balances - June 30</u>	<u>\$1,786,518</u>	<u>\$1,774,417</u>

The notes to the financial

**Fiduciary Fund Types
Nonexpendable Trust Funds**

<u>Town</u>	<u>Library</u>	<u>Total (Memorandum Only)</u>
		\$979,172
		17,272
		8,031
6,625	1,725	8,350
21,637	15,926	37,563
28,609	9,643	38,252
<u>56,871</u>	<u>27,294</u>	<u>1,088,640</u>
		187,287
		219,186
		147,036
		231,191
1,562		1,562
<u>20,075</u>	<u>18,331</u>	<u>50,906</u>
<u>21,637</u>	<u>18,331</u>	<u>837,168</u>
<u>35,234</u>	<u>8,963</u>	<u>251,472</u>
		55,758
		(173,026)
		92,532
		<u>(24,736)</u>
<u>35,234</u>	<u>8,963</u>	<u>226,736</u>
		116,464
<u>325,946</u>	<u>256,754</u>	<u>3,844,632</u>
<u>\$361,180</u>	<u>\$265,717</u>	<u>\$4,187,832</u>

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EXHIBIT E
TOWN OF NEWPORT
Combined Statement of Changes in Cash Flows
All Proprietary Funds and Nonexpendable Trust Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1996

	Proprietary Fund Types	
	Enterprise Funds	
	Water Department	Sewer Department
<u>Cash Flows From Operating Activities</u>		
Cash Received From Customers and Users	\$490,435	\$571,786
Cash Payments to Employees and Suppliers	(267,667)	(319,430)
Interest and Dividends Received		
New Funds Received		
Trust Income Distributions		
Operating Transfers Out		
<u>Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities</u>	<u>222,768</u>	<u>252,356</u>
<u>Cash Flows From Financing Activities</u>		
Principal Payments - Bonds	(36,207)	(125,000)
Capital Contributions and Advances	133,991	177,797
Acquisition and Construction of Capital Assets	(41,318)	(95,009)
Interest Paid	(53,767)	(119,259)
<u>Net Cash Provided (Used) by Financing Activities</u>	<u>2,699</u>	<u>(161,471)</u>
<u>Cash Flows From Investing Activities</u>		
Purchase of Investment Securities		
Proceeds From Sales and Maturities of Investment Activities		
Interest Income	31,813	23,946
<u>Net Cash Provided (Used) in Investing Activities</u>	<u>31,813</u>	<u>23,946</u>
<u>Net Increase (Decrease) In Cash</u>	<u>257,280</u>	<u>114,831</u>
<u>Cash - July 1</u>	<u>612,726</u>	<u>524,969</u>
<u>Cash - June 30</u>	<u>\$870,006</u>	<u>\$639,800</u>
Reconciliation of Net Income to New Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities		
<u>Net Income</u>	<u>\$132,020</u>	<u>\$75,255</u>
<u>Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net</u>		
<u>Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities</u>		
Gain on Sales of Investments		
Depreciation Expense	79,661	151,530
<u>(Increase) Decrease in Receivables</u>		
Accounts	26,079	28,358
Interest		
(Increase) Decrease in Tax Deeded Property Subject to Resale	(209)	(291)
(Increase) Decrease in Due From Other Funds	181	4,942
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(2,536)	(2,072)
Increase (Decrease) in Deferred Revenues	(373)	(296)
Increase (Decrease) in Due to Other Funds	(12,055)	(5,070)
<u>Total Adjustments</u>	<u>90,748</u>	<u>177,101</u>
<u>Net Cash Provided By Operations</u>	<u>\$222,768</u>	<u>\$252,356</u>

The notes to the financial

Fiduciary Fund Types
 Nonexpendable Trust Funds

<u>Town</u>	<u>Library</u>	<u>Totals</u> <u>(Memorandum Only)</u>
		\$1,062,221
		(587,097)
\$21,091	\$15,926	37,017
6,625	1,725	8,350
(1,562)		(1,562)
(21,302)	(18,331)	(39,633)
<u>4,852</u>	<u>(680)</u>	<u>479,296</u>
		(161,207)
		311,788
		(136,327)
		(173,026)
		<u>(158,772)</u>
(158,464)		(158,464)
127,450	5,600	133,050
		55,759
<u>(31,014)</u>	<u>5,600</u>	<u>30,345</u>
(26,162)	4,920	350,869
85,317	81,092	1,304,104
<u>\$59,155</u>	<u>\$86,012</u>	<u>\$1,654,973</u>
<u>\$35,234</u>	<u>\$8,963</u>	<u>\$251,472</u>
(28,609)	(9,643)	(38,252)
		231,191
		54,437
(546)		(546)
		(500)
		5,123
		(4,608)
		(669)
(1,227)		(18,352)
<u>(30,382)</u>	<u>(9,643)</u>	<u>227,824</u>
<u>\$4,852</u>	<u>(\$680)</u>	<u>\$479,296</u>

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TOWN OF NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 1996

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Financial Reporting Entity

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

B. Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting

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

Governmental Fund Types

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

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

Special Revenue Funds - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than expendable trust or major capital projects) requiring separate accounting because of legal or regulatory provisions or administrative action.

TOWN OF NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 1996

The following funds are included in this fund type:

Airport Operating	Ambulance Donations
Richards Free Library	South Main Street Revolving Loan
Conservation Commission	Library Arts Center
North Main Target Area Project	Town Wide Program
Guild Target Area Project	Water Feasibility

Capital Projects Funds - Transactions related to resources obtained and used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of capital facilities not included in Enterprise Funds are accounted for in Capital Projects Funds. Such resources are derived principally from proceeds of long-term notes or bonds and from Federal and State grants. The following funds are included in this fund type:

Police Facility Construction	Green Road Rehabilitation
Sewerage Treatment Plant Construction	Pleasant Street Housing Rehabilitation

Proprietary Fund Types

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

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

Fiduciary Fund Types

Fiduciary Fund Types - These funds account for assets held by the Town as a trustee or agent for individuals, private organizations, and other units of governments. The following funds are included in this fund type:

Nonexpendable Trust Funds

Town Trusts
Library Trusts

Expendable Trust Funds

Town Trusts
Capital Reserve
Library Trusts

Agency Fund

Deferred Compensation Plan

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Account Groups

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

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

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

C. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Governmental, Expendable Trust and Agency Funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become both available and measurable (flow of current financial resources measurement focus). Licenses and permits, fines and forfeits, and miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenues when received in cash. General taxes, intergovernmental revenues, charges for services, and investment earnings are recorded when earned (when they are measurable and available). Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable, except expenditures for debt service, prepaid expenses, and other long-term obligations, which are recognized when due.

All Proprietary and Nonexpendable Trust Funds are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they are earned, and their expenses are recognized when they are incurred (flow of economic resources measurement focus).

D. Budgetary Accounting

General Budget Policies

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

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Management may transfer appropriations between operating categories as they deem necessary, but expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations in total. All annual appropriations lapse at year-end unless encumbered.

State statutes require balanced budgets, but provide for the use of beginning unreserved fund balance to achieve that end. In the fiscal year 1995-96, \$210,000 of the beginning General Fund fund balance and \$23,108 of the beginning Special Revenue Fund fund balances were applied for this purpose.

Encumbrances

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

Amounts recorded as budgetary expenditures in the Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General and Special Revenue Funds (Exhibit C) are presented on the basis budgeted by the Town. The amounts differ from those reported in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances for All Governmental and Expendable Trust Funds (Exhibit B) as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>
<u>Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>		
Per Exhibit C	\$ 8,994,823	\$ 235,171
<u>Adjustments</u>		
Encumbrances - June 30, 1995	123,599	
Encumbrances - June 30, 1996	(124,614)	
Expenditures of Special Revenue Funds, Not budgeted	_____	<u>142,953</u>
Per Exhibit B	<u>\$ 8,993,808</u>	<u>\$ 378,124</u>

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E. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Equity

Cash and Investments

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

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

For financial reporting purposes, cash and equivalents include amounts in demand deposits and money market funds, as well as certificates of deposit and short-term investments with original maturities of 90 days or less.

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

Investments are stated at cost or, in the case of donated investments, at the market value of the date of bequest or receipt.

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Receivables

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

- a. Tax revenue is recorded when a warrant for collection is committed to the Tax Collector. However, a reserve has been recorded in the amount of \$110,510 representing future potential abatements of the current and prior years' tax levies.

The National Council on Governmental Accounting (NCGA), Interpretation 3, *Revenue Recognition - Property Taxes*, requires that if property taxes are not collected within 60 days after year end, the revenue is not considered an "available spendable resource" and should be deferred. An exception to the general "60-day rule" is allowed in unusual circumstances. The Town has consistently recorded the property tax revenue when levied without deferral in accordance with the "60-day rule." Since this practice of recording the property tax revenue when levied is widely recognized as being generally accepted as the prevalent practice in New Hampshire, the Town believes that such practice is a knowledgeable application of the NCGA Interpretation 3 exception, and therefore Level 4 GAAP compliance may be reached.

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

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

- b. Interest on investments is recorded as revenue in the year earned.
- c. Certain grants received from other governments require that eligible expenditures be made in order to earn the grant. Revenue for these grants is recorded for the period in which eligible expenditures are made.
- d. Various service charges (ambulance, water, sewer) are recorded as revenue for the period when service was provided.

Interfund Receivables and Payables

During the course of normal operations, the Town has transactions between funds, including expenditures and transfers of resources to provide services and fund capital outlay. The accompanying governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary fund financial statements reflect such transactions as transfers. To the extent that certain transactions have not been paid or received as of June 30, balances of interfund amounts receivable or payable have been recorded.

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Inventories

Inventories in the Airport Operating Fund are valued at cost using the first-in, first-out method. The consumption method is used to account for inventories. Under the consumption method, inventories are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased. Reported inventories in the governmental funds are equally offset by a fund balance reserve which indicates that the assets are not available for appropriation even though they are a component of reported assets.

Fixed Assets

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

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

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

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

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

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

Deferred Revenue

The government reports deferred revenue on its combined balance sheet. Deferred revenue arises when a potential revenue does not meet both the "measurable" and "available" criteria for recognition in the current period. Deferred revenue also arises when resources are received by the government before it has a legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to the incurrence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, or when the government has a legal claim to the resources, the liability for deferred revenue is removed from the combined balance sheet and revenue is recognized.

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Long-Term Liabilities

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

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

Fund Equity

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

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

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

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

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

Reserve for Special Purposes - is used to account for the unencumbered balance of restricted funds. These include the uncommitted balances of bond proceeds, grant revenues, the Town's Expendable Trust Funds, and the income portion of the Town's Nonexpendable Trust Funds.

F. Total Columns (Memorandum Only) on Combined Statements

Amounts in the "Total (Memorandum Only)" columns in the combined financial statement line items of the fund types and account groups are presented for analytical purposes only. The

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

NOTE 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Deficit Fund Balances

Project Deficit

There is a deficit of \$83,395 in the Capital Projects (Police Facility Construction) Fund at June 30, 1996. This deficit arises because of the application of generally accepted accounting principles to the financial reporting for this fund. Bonds or notes authorized to finance the project are not recognized on the financial statements until issued.

Richards Free Library

There is a deficit of \$58 in the Richards Free Library Fund at June 30, 1996. This is a result of losses in the current period.

B. Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations

The following governmental funds had an excess of expenditures over appropriations for the year ended June 30, 1996:

<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>	
Airport Operating	\$ 856
Richards Free Library	47,659
Conservation Commission	<u>7,849</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 56,364</u>

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

NOTE 3 - ASSETS

A. Cash and Equivalents

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

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- Category 1* Includes deposits that are insured (Federal Depository Insurance).
- Category 2* Includes deposits that are uninsured, but are collateralized by securities held by the pledging financial institution, its trust department or agent in the Town's name.
- Category 3* Includes deposits that are uninsured and uncollateralized.

	Category			Total	
	1	2	3	Bank Balance	Carrying Value
<u>Cash</u>					
Bank Deposits	<u>\$ 560,826</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 3,548,996</u>	<u>\$ 4,109,822</u>	<u>\$ 3,427,645</u>

B. Investments

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

- Category 1* Includes investments that are insured or registered, for which the securities are held by the Town or its agent in the Town's name.
- Category 2* Includes uninsured and unregistered investments, for which the securities are held by the Town, broker, counter party's trust department or agent in the Town's name.
- Category 3* Includes uninsured and unregistered investments, for which the securities are held by the broker, counter party, counter party's trust department, or agent, but not in the Town's name.

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

	Category			Carrying Amount	Market Value
	1	2	3		
US Government Obligations	\$	\$	\$ 198,175	\$ 198,175	\$ 194,679
Corporate Bonds			29,900	29,900	27,800
	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 228,075</u>	\$ 228,075	\$ 222,479
Mutual Funds				291,950	376,481
New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool				<u>1,152,951</u>	<u>1,152,951</u>
<u>Total Investments</u>				<u>\$ 1,672,976</u>	<u>\$ 1,751,911</u>

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C. Property Taxes

The property tax year is from April 1 to March 31 and all property taxes are assessed on the inventory taken in April of that year. The net assessed valuation as of April 1, 1995, upon which the 1995 property tax levy was based was \$250,198,115.

The Town subscribes to the semi-annual method of tax collection as provided for by RSA 76:15-a. Under this method, tax bills are sent on or around June 1 and November 1 of each year, with interest accruing at a rate of 12% on bills outstanding for more than 30 days.

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

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

The tax rate for the year ended June 30, 1996, was as follows:

Municipal Portion	\$ 9.70
School Tax Assessment	17.18
County Tax Assessment	<u>2.22</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 29.10</u>

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

During the current fiscal year, the Tax Collector on September 20, 1995 and March 12, 1996 placed a lien for all applicable taxes/rents.

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Taxes receivable at June 30, 1996, are as follows:

<u>Property Taxes</u>	
Levy of 1996	\$ 1,571,214
<u>Unredeemed Taxes (under tax lien)</u>	
Levy of 1995	430,032
Levy of 1994	283,263
Levy of 1993	12,768
Levy of 1992	8,646
Levy of 1991	14,319
Levy of 1990	17,066
Levy of 1989	1,420
Levy of 1988	1,385
Yield Taxes	619
Less: Reserve for estimated uncollectible taxes	<u>(110,510)</u>
 <u>Total Taxes Receivable</u>	 <u>\$ 2,230,222</u>

D. Other Receivables

Receivables as of June 30, 1996, are as follows:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Trust and Agency</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Receivables</u>						
Interest	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 3,996	\$ 3,996
Accounts	115,132	69,926	8,708	344,072		537,838
Intergovernmental	43,867	26,819	16,768	1,209,651		1,297,105
Due from Invest- ment Services					109,066	109,066
Allowance for Uncollectible Amounts	<u>(36,406)</u>					<u>(36,406)</u>
 <u>Net Total Receivables</u>	 <u>\$ 122,593</u>	 <u>\$ 96,745</u>	 <u>\$ 25,476</u>	 <u>\$ 1,553,723</u>	 <u>\$ 113,062</u>	 <u>\$ 1,911,599</u>

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E. Interfund Receivables/Payables

Individual fund interfund receivable and payable balances at June 30, 1996 are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Interfund Receivable</u>	<u>Interfund Payable</u>
General Fund	\$ 246,988	\$ 81,996
<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>		
Airport Operating	2,652	5,871
Conservation Commission		13,519
North Main Target Area Project		22,000
Ambulance Donations		7,440
Town Wide Program		150
Water Feasibility		11,998
<u>Capital Projects Funds</u>		
Green Road Rehabilitation	36,100	6,458
Pleasant Street Housing Rehabilitation	353,815	48,615
Police Facility Construction		83,395
<u>Enterprise Funds</u>		
Water Department	23,005	121,689
Sewer Department	11,298	228,819
<u>Trust Funds</u>		
<u>Expendable Trusts</u>		
Town	15,000	26,314
Capital Reserve		10,519
<u>Nonexpendable Trust</u>		
Town	<u> </u>	<u>20,075</u>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$ 688,858</u>	<u>\$ 688,858</u>

F. Fixed Assets

The following is a summary of Proprietary Fund Type Fixed Assets at June 30, 1996:

	<u>Water Department</u>	<u>Sewer Department</u>	<u>Total Enterprise Funds</u>
Land	\$ 16,455	\$ 356,163	\$ 372,618
Buildings	1,775,555	4,507,970	6,283,525
Improvements other than Buildings	496,078	879,316	1,375,394
Machinery and Equipment	278,217	276,309	554,526
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(369,110)</u>	<u>(1,025,740)</u>	<u>(1,394,850)</u>
Net Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 2,197,195</u>	<u>\$ 4,994,018</u>	<u>\$ 7,191,213</u>

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NOTE 4 - LIABILITIES

A. Deferred Revenue

General Fund

Deferred revenue of \$3,640,236 at June 30, 1996, consists of property taxes collected or levied in advance of the fiscal year to which they apply.

Capital Projects Fund

Deferred revenue of \$75,036 at June 30, 1996 consists of grant money for which qualifying expenditures have not been made.

B. Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Plan Description and Provisions

The New Hampshire Retirement System (System) is the administrator of a cost-sharing multiple-employer contributory pension plan and trust established in 1967 by RSA 100-A:2 and is qualified as a tax-exempt organization under Sections 401 (a) and 501 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The plan is a contributory, defined benefit plan providing service, disability, death and vested retirement benefits to members and their beneficiaries. Substantially all full-time state employees, public school teachers and administrators, permanent firefighters and permanent police officers within the State of New Hampshire are eligible and required to participate in the System. Full-time employees of political subdivisions, including counties, municipalities and school districts, are also eligible to participate as a group if the governing body of the political subdivision has elected participation. The Town of Newport participates in the System and the payroll for employees covered by the System for the year ended June 30, 1996, was \$1,557,582; the Town's total payroll was \$1,910,733.

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

Group I - Members at age 60 qualify for a normal service retirement allowance based on years of creditable service and average final salary for the highest three years. The yearly pension amount is 1/60 or 1.667% of average final compensation (AFC), multiplied by years of creditable service. AFC is defined as the average of the three highest salary years, and for benefit calculation purposes only, the final year's salary can not exceed by more than 150% the higher of the previous year's salary or the salary for the highest year used in the calculation of AFC (not including the final year's salary). At age 65, the yearly pension amount is recalculated at 1/66 or 1.515% of AFC

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multiplied by years of creditable service. Members in service with 10 or more years creditable service who are between age 50 and 60 or members in service with at least 20 or more years of service, whose age plus service is equal to or greater than 70 are entitled to a retirement allowance with appropriate graduated reduction based on years of creditable service.

Group II - Members who are age 60, or members who are at least age 45 with at least 20 years creditable service can receive a retirement allowance at a rate of 2.5% of AFC for each year of creditable service, not to exceed 40 years.

Members of both groups may qualify for vested deferred allowances, disability allowances, and death benefit allowances subject to meeting various eligibility requirements; benefits are based on AFC or earnable compensation and/or service.

The State of New Hampshire funds 35% of employer costs for firefighters and police officers employed by the Town. The State does not participate in funding the employer cost of other Town employees.

Description of Funding Policy

The System is financed by contributions from both the employees and the Town. By State statute, Group I employees are required to contribute 5% of earnable compensation. Group II employees are required to contribute 9.3% of gross earnings. The Town contributed 2.73% for police officers, 5.12% for firefighters and 3.39% for other employees, during the year ended June 30, 1996. The contribution requirement was as follows:

Town's Portion	\$ 53,656
Employees' Portion	<u>104,266</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 157,922</u>

The amount shown as "pension benefit obligation" is based on a standardized measurement which reflects the present value of pension benefits, adjusted for the effects of projected salary increases and step-rate benefits, estimated to be payable in the future as a result of employee service to date. The measure, which is the actuarial present value of credited projected benefits, is intended to help users assess the System's funding status on a going-concern basis, assess progress made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due, and make comparisons among PERS and employers. The System does not make separate measurements of assets and pension benefit obligations for individual employers. The pension benefit obligation at June 30, 1995, for the System as a whole, determined through an actuarial valuation performed as of June 30, 1995, was \$2.225 billion. The System's net assets available for benefits on June 30, 1995, (valued at market) were \$2.318 billion. The System holds none of the Town's securities.

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Trend Information

Historical trend information showing the System's progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is available for two-year periods from 1983-1995 and is presented in the System's June 30, 1995 annual financial report (the latest year available).

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

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

It is the opinion of Management that the Town has no liability for losses under the plan but does have the duty of due care that would be required of an ordinary prudent investor. The Town believes that it is unlikely that it will use the assets to satisfy the claims of general creditors in the future.

C. Landfill Postclosure Care Costs

Federal and State laws and regulations require that the Town place a final cover on its landfill when closed and perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the landfill site after closure. A liability is being recognized in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group based on the future postclosure care costs that will be incurred. The estimated total current cost of the landfill postclosure care (\$17,780) is based on the amount that would be paid if all equipment, facilities, and services required to monitor and maintain the landfill were acquired as of June 30, 1996. However, the actual cost of postclosure care may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in landfill laws and regulations.

The State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services requires that all entities which receive licensing for landfills since 1991 meet general financial assurance requirements.

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D. Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of the Town's general long-term debt transactions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1996:

	<u>General Obligation Debt Payable</u>	<u>Capital Leases Payable</u>	<u>Compensated Absences Payable</u>	<u>Accrued Landfill Postclosure Care Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
<i>General Long-Term Debt</i>					
<i>Account Group</i>					
Balance, Beginning of Year	\$ 1,260,615	\$ 37,055	\$ 3,766	\$	\$ 1,301,436
Retired	(345,615)	(17,901)			(363,516)
Net increase in compensated absences payable			5,362		5,362
Net increase in Accrued Landfill Postclosure Care Costs				17,780	17,780
Balance, End of Year	<u>\$ 915,000</u>	<u>\$ 19,154</u>	<u>\$ 9,128</u>	<u>\$ 17,780</u>	<u>\$ 961,062</u>
<i>Enterprise Funds</i>					
<u>Water Fund</u>					
Balance, Beginning of Year	\$ 977,586	\$	\$	\$	\$ 977,586
Retired	(36,207)				(36,207)
Balance, End of Year	<u>941,379</u>				<u>941,379</u>
<u>Sewer Fund</u>					
Balance, Beginning of Year	\$ 1,725,000				1,725,000
Retired	(125,000)				(125,000)
Balance, End of Year	<u>1,600,000</u>				<u>1,600,000</u>
<u>Total Enterprise Funds</u>	<u>2,541,379</u>				<u>2,541,379</u>
<u>Total Account Group and Enterprise Funds</u>	<u>\$ 3,456,379</u>	<u>\$ 19,154</u>	<u>\$ 9,128</u>	<u>\$ 17,780</u>	<u>\$ 3,502,441</u>

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Long-term debt payable at June 30, 1996, is comprised of the following individual issues:

<u>Description of Issue</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Interest Rate %</u>	<u>Outstanding at 6/30/96</u>
<u>General Long-Term Debt Account Group</u>					
<u>General Obligation Debt Payable</u>					
Remodeling Bonds	\$190,000	1975	1998	6.95-7.05	\$ 15,000
Fiscal Year Change Bonds	\$1,200,000	1990	2000	6.90	600,000
Road Construction Bonds	\$1,500,000	1987	1997	Variable	<u>300,000</u>
					<u>\$ 915,000</u>
<u>Capital Leases Payable</u>					
Police Cruisers	\$57,550	1995	1997	7.0	\$ 19,154
<u>Compensated Absences Payable</u>					
Vested Sick Leave					9,128
<u>Accrued Landfill</u>					
Postclosure Care Costs					<u>17,780</u>
					<u>\$ 46,062</u>
<u>Total General Long-Term Debt Account Group</u>					
					<u>\$ 961,062</u>
<u>Enterprise Funds</u>					
<u>Water Department</u>					
Water Treatment Plant Bonds	\$1,050,000	1992	2022	5.5	\$ 941,379
<u>Sewer Department</u>					
Sewer Treatment Facilities Bonds	\$2,522,000	1988	2008	6.85-7.55	<u>1,600,000</u>
<u>Total Enterprise Funds</u>					
					<u>\$ 2,541,379</u>
<u>Total General Long-Term Debt Account Group and Enterprise Funds</u>					
					<u>\$ 3,502,441</u>

TOWN OF NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Annual Requirements To Amortize Governmental Fund Debt

The annual requirements to amortize all general obligation debt outstanding as of June 30, 1996, including interest payments, are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending <u>June 30.</u>	<u>Governmental Fund Debt</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
1997	\$ 280,000	\$ 54,480	\$ 334,480
1998	275,000	34,770	309,770
1999	120,000	20,700	140,700
2000	120,000	12,420	132,420
2001	<u>120,000</u>	<u>4,140</u>	<u>124,140</u>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$ 915,000</u>	<u>\$ 126,510</u>	<u>\$ 1,041,510</u>

Annual Requirements to Amortize Capital Lease

Fiscal Year Ending <u>June 30.</u>	<u>Capital Lease</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
1997	<u>\$ 19,154</u>	<u>\$ 1,341</u>	<u>\$ 20,495</u>

Annual Requirements To Amortize Enterprise Fund Debt

Fiscal Year Ending <u>June 30.</u>	<u>Enterprise Fund Debt</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
1997	\$ 161,207	\$ 162,404	\$ 323,611
1998	161,207	151,762	312,969
1999	161,207	140,829	302,036
2000	161,207	130,646	291,853
2001	161,207	119,317	280,524
2002-2022	<u>1,735,344</u>	<u>747,030</u>	<u>2,482,374</u>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$ 2,541,379</u>	<u>\$ 1,451,988</u>	<u>\$ 3,993,367</u>

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

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The lease-purchase agreement contains a non-appropriation funding clause whereby, in the event no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated by the Town, the lease shall terminate without penalty or expense to the Town.

Bonds or Notes Authorized - Unissued

Bonds and notes authorized and unissued as of June 30, 1996 were as follows:

<u>Per Town Meeting Vote of</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Unissued Amount</u>
May 14, 1996	Police Facility	<u>\$ 454,000</u>

NOTE 5 - FUND EQUITY

A. Reservations of Fund Balances

Reserve for Encumbrances

Funds encumbered at year end were as follows:

General Fund	<u>\$ 124,614</u>
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Reserve for Special Purposes

In the General Fund, the \$82,342 reserve for special purposes represents an allowance for future potential abatements pending an outcome from the State Board of Land and Tax Appeals. In addition, \$100,000 represents surplus voted at the May, 1996 Town Meeting to be used for the Police Facility.

In the Capital Projects Funds, the reserve for special purposes represents the unexpended and unobligated balance of bond funds or the interest earned thereon. These funds can only be used for the bonded purposes or, in the case of interest earned, for transfer to the General Fund if not subsequently appropriated for another purpose. Individual fund balances reserved for special purposes at June 30, 1996 were as follows:

<u>Capital Projects Funds</u>	
Green Road Rehabilitation	\$ 72,022
Pleasant Street Housing Rehabilitation	<u>352,506</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 424,528</u>

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JUNE 30, 1996

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

<u>Nonexpendable Trust Funds (Income Balances)</u>		
Cemetery Perpetual Care		\$ 4,209
<u>Capital Reserve Funds</u>		
Central Street Reconstruction	\$ 56,439	
Sewer Department	153,316	
Ambulance	35,654	
Cemetery Department	631	
Fire Department	1,223	
Police Department	1,137	
Opera House	12,462	
Highway Department	16,387	
Revaluation	44,494	
Water Department	31,922	
Town Office Computer	3,545	
Recreation Department	<u>11,038</u>	
<u>Total Capital Reserve Funds</u>		368,248
<u>General Fund Trusts (RSA 31:19-a)</u>		
Earned Time	\$ 20,276	
Salary Negotiation and Settlement	<u>21,728</u>	
<u>Total General Fund Trusts</u>		42,004
<u>Other Expendable Town Trusts</u>		
Library		<u>30,167</u>
<u>Total</u>		<u>\$ 444,628</u>

Reserve for Tax Deeded Property

The \$41,518 reserved for tax deeded property represents tax deeds to properties which the Town has taken through the tax lien process and expects to sell in the near future.

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Reserved for Endowments

The reserved for endowments at June 30, 1996, represents the principal amount of all Nonexpendable Trust Funds which is restricted either by law or by terms of individual bequests, in that only income earned may be expended. The principal balances of the Town's Nonexpendable Trust Funds at June 30, 1996 are detailed as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Principal</u>
Cemetery Perpetual Care and Improvements	\$ 356,971
Richards Free Library	<u>265,717</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 622,688</u>

Reserve for Inventory

The \$6,922 reserved for inventory represents Airport Operating Fund inventory which, under the consumption method, does not represent expendable available resources, even though it is a component of net current assets.

B. Unreserved Fund Balances

Designated for Special Purposes

The amount designated for special purposes, representing Special Revenue Fund balances which management intends to use in the subsequent years, is as follows:

<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>	
Airport Operating	\$ 37,082
Conservation Commission	20,519
North Main Target Area Project	37,428
Guild Target Area Project	15,344
Library Arts Center	833
Ambulance Donations	15,208
South Main Street Revolving Loan	<u>17,616</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 144,030</u>

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NOTE 6 - SEGMENT INFORMATION FOR PROPRIETARY FUNDS

Enterprise Funds

The Town maintains two Enterprise Funds which provide water and sewer services. Selected segment information for the year ended June 30, 1996, is as follows:

	Water <u>Department</u>	Sewer <u>Department</u>	<u>Total</u>
Operating Revenues	\$ 465,403	\$ 539,072	\$ 1,004,475
Depreciation	79,661	151,530	231,191
Operating Income	132,020	75,255	207,275
Interfund Operating Transfers Out		12,500	12,500
Net Income (Loss)	126,196	56,343	182,539
Current Capital Contributions	116,677	102,781	219,458
Depreciation Reducing Capital Contributions	16,065	100,399	116,464
Property, Plant, and Equipment Additions	32,687	86,378	119,065
Net Working Capital	939,408	684,124	1,623,532
Total Assets	3,438,348	6,857,277	10,295,625
Bonds and Other Long-Term Liabilities			
Payable from Operating Revenues	941,379	1,600,000	2,541,379
Total Equity	2,374,846	5,022,794	7,397,640

NOTE 7 - SUMMARY DISCLOSURE OF SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENCIES

A. Litigation

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

B. Grants

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

PLODZIK & SANDERSON

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

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

We have audited the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Newport, as of and for the year ended June 30, 1996, and have issued our report thereon, which was qualified as indicated therein, dated September 20, 1996.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

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

In planning and performing our audit of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Newport for the year ended June 30, 1996, we obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general-purpose financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the specific internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the general-purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control structure and its operations that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We also noted other matters involving the internal control structure and its operation or opportunities for better efficiency and/or cost savings that we have discussed with management or specific individuals involved. These matters include the following:

ENTERPRISE FUNDS (WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT FUNDS) (Repeat Recommendation)

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

FIXED ASSETS RECORDS AND CONTROLS (Repeat Recommendation)

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

1. Fixed assets can be inventoried periodically to ensure that they are properly controlled.
2. Responsibility for custody and effective use of fixed assets can be clearly established.
3. Records will be readily available to substantiate the amount of grants used to finance expenditures for fixed assets. Furthermore, the determination of costs for building or equipment use is facilitated. The latter is important to obtain reimbursement for the use of buildings and equipment in federal and state aid programs.
4. Information is readily available to determine insurance needs and to substantiate losses recoverable from insurance.
5. Information is available for the preparation of a Statement of General Fixed Assets.

Town of Newport

Independent Auditor's Report on the Internal Control Structure Based on an Audit of General-Purpose Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

LIBRARY ARTS CENTER

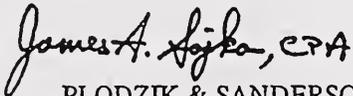
During our audit of the Library Arts Center, the following problems were noted:

1. Disbursement documentation was lacking in many instances. Also, regarding documentation that was available, invoices were not cancelled, were filed in a disorderly manner, and no formal authorization was seen for the disbursing of these monies.
2. One person appears to be responsible for signing the checks and doing all reconciliations.

We recommend that before any check is written, proper invoice documentation be obtained indicating the check number, amount paid, date paid and approval for such payment. The invoices should then be kept in an orderly fashion to facilitate review. Also, an independent party should review all bank account reconciliations.

This report is intended for the information of management and the Town. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

September 20, 1996


PLODZIK & SANDERSON
Professional Association

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1995		\$2,011,543.06
Receipts:		
Tax Collector	\$8,363,058.50	
Town Clerk	546,054.06	
Selectmen	2,568,074.07	
Interest	54,966.33	
	<u>11,532,152.96</u>	
Disbursements		<u>(11,323,716.26)</u>
Ending Balance - June 30, 1996		<u><u>\$2,219,979.76</u></u>
Checking - Operating		\$100,516.64
Checking - Payroll		(649.64)
Savings - Pooled		967,162.05
Savings - NHPDIP		<u>1,152,950.71</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1996		<u><u>\$2,219,979.76</u></u>

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1995		\$16,514.94
Town Appropriation	\$4,000.00	
Interest	242.65	
	<u>4,242.65</u>	
Expenditures		<u>(1,075.00)</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1996		<u><u>\$19,682.59</u></u>
Checking		\$15,867.95
Certificate of Deposit		<u>3,814.64</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1996		<u><u>\$19,682.59</u></u>

CORBIN ROAD TREE FUND:

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1995		\$814.44
Interest		<u>21.78</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1996		<u><u>\$836.22</u></u>

GREEN ROAD TARGET AREA FUNDS:

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1995		\$152,440.69
Receipts:		
CDBG Grant	\$153,912.00	
Loan Repayments	4,211.97	
Interest	<u>1,705.86</u>	
		159,829.83
Disbursements		<u>(263,694.92)</u>
Ending Balance - June 30, 1996		<u><u>\$48,575.60</u></u>
Savings - Construction/Admin		\$38,472.34
Savings - Construction Escrow		<u>10103.26</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1996		<u><u>\$48,575.60</u></u>

PLEASANT STREET TARGET AREA FUNDS:

Receipts:		
CDBG Grant	\$184,527.00	
Transfers from other funds	5,755.06	
Interest	<u>315.56</u>	
		190,597.62
Expenditures		<u>(83,506.35)</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1996		<u><u>\$107,091.27</u></u>
Checking - Rehabilitation		\$75,024.48
Savings - Construction		<u>32,066.79</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1996		<u><u>\$107,091.27</u></u>

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT FUND:

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1995		\$74,316.76
Receipts:		
Loan Repayments	\$6,224.24	
Interest	<u>1,527.83</u>	
		7,752.07
Expenditures		<u>(60,121.80)</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1996		<u><u>\$21,947.03</u></u>

AIRPORT FUND:

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1995		\$55,217.82
Receipts:		
Charges for Service	\$16,717.91	
State of NH - Aeronautics	21,047.50	
Interest	1,429.42	
	<u> </u>	39,194.83
Disbursements		<u>(51,841.44)</u>
Ending Balance - June 30, 1996		<u>\$42,571.21</u>
Checking		\$9,571.21
Certificate of Deposit		<u>33,000.00</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1996		<u>\$42,571.21</u>

WATER FUND:**OPERATING**

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1995		\$572,555.83
Receipts:		
User fees	\$632,147.14	
Interest	29,680.99	
	<u> </u>	661,828.13
Disbursements		<u>(411,759.84)</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1996		<u>\$822,624.12</u>
Checking		\$6,651.82
Savings		649.45
Savings - Pooled		491,322.85
Certificate of Deposit		<u>324,000.00</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1996		<u>\$822,624.12</u>

ACCESS FEES

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1995		\$40,120.13
Receipts:		
Access Fees	\$5,050.00	
Interest	2,161.79	
	<u> </u>	7211.79
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1996		<u>\$47,331.92</u>

SEWER FUND:

OPERATING

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1995		\$478,942.12
Receipts:		
User fees	\$454,073.00	
State Aid	156,197.00	
Interest	<u>21,085.08</u>	
		631,355.08
Disbursements		<u>(521,523.60)</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1996		<u><u>\$588,773.60</u></u>
Checking		\$23,693.22
Savings		438.80
Savings - Pooled		348,641.58
Certificate of Deposit		<u>216,000.00</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1996		<u><u>\$588,773.60</u></u>

STP CONSTRUCTION

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1995		\$1,791.59
Interest		10.22
Disbursements		<u>(1,801.81)</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1996		<u><u>(\$0.00)</u></u>

ACCESS FEES

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1995		\$45,976.26
Receipts:		
Access Fees	\$2,550.00	
Interest	<u>2,424.29</u>	
		4,974.29
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1996		<u><u>\$50,950.55</u></u>

AMBULANCE FUND:

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1995		\$13,623.64
Receipts:		
Donations	\$14,845.00	
Interest	<u>510.59</u>	
		15,355.59
Disbursements		<u>(6,330.99)</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1996		<u><u>\$22,648.24</u></u>

Please insert the total amount of funds here.

\$ 432,086



Report of Trust and Capital Reserve Funds

City/Town NEWPORT

For the Calendar Year Ended December 31, 19 ____

or

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 19 96

CERTIFICATE

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

Date - JULY 13 19 96

Louise S. Hastings
Paul Govey
Michael S. Anderson

Trustees of TRUST FUNDS

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

When To File:

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

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

JULY 1, 1995 to JUNE 30, 1996

Creation	Name	PRINCIPAL				INCOME			TOTAL	
		Beginning Balance	New Funds	Withdrawals	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Income	Withdrawals	Ending Balance	Principal & Income
1972	Fire Department	30,000.00		(30,000.00)	0.00	5,083.20	140.23	(4,000.00)	1,223.43	1,223.43
1974	Ambulance	15,500.00	15,000.00		30,500.00	3,434.38	1,719.62		5,154.00	35,654.00
1984	Highway Department	30,000.00		(15,000.00)	15,000.00	3,168.83	1,218.14	(3,000.00)	1,386.97	16,386.97
1984	Property Reappraisal	35,000.00			35,000.00	6,696.48	2,797.34		9,493.82	44,493.82
1989	Cemetery Department	0.00			0.00	591.34	39.68		631.02	631.02
1989	Sever Department	119,000.00	12,873.50		131,873.50	24,092.33	9,315.94	(11,966.00)	21,442.27	153,315.77
1989	Police Department	0.00			0.00	1,065.28	71.47		1,136.75	1,136.75
1990	Water Department	34,000.00	373.50	(5,000.00)	29,373.50	7,395.87	2,118.85	(6,966.00)	2,548.72	31,922.22
1991	Opera House	10,000.00			10,000.00	1,678.95	783.52		2,462.47	12,462.47
1992	Town Office Computers	15,500.00		(3,000.00)	12,500.00	1,134.18	920.66	(490.59)	1,564.25	14,064.25
1993	Recreation Department	10,000.00			10,000.00	434.18	603.49		1,037.67	11,037.67
1995	Earned Time	5,000.00			5,000.00		275.66		275.66	5,275.66
1996	Union Settlement - General Fund		31,871.35		31,871.35		771.82		771.82	32,643.17
1996	Union Settlement - Water Fund		8,261.17		8,261.17		200.05		200.05	8,461.22
1996	Union Settlement - Sewer Fund		6,774.66		6,774.66		164.06		164.06	6,938.72
1996	Central Street		55,000.00		55,000.00		1,438.59		1,438.59	56,438.59
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS		\$304,000.00	\$130,154.18	(\$53,000.00)	\$381,154.18	\$54,775.02	\$22,579.12	(\$26,422.59)	\$50,931.55	\$432,085.73

TAX DEPARTMENT
1996 ANNUAL REPORT

TAX COLLECTOR

Daniel P. O'Neill

Senior Deputy Tax Collector

Elaine Van Dusen

Deputy Tax Collector

Kaara K. Gonyo

Dear Taxpayers,

The first thing we would like to do is thank-you for your help and cooperation in finishing the collection of the 1995 Resident Tax. The feed back on the elimination of this tax has been totally positive. It is nice to be able to tell taxpayers that they do not have to pay the Resident Tax anymore and see a smile.

Next, we would like to inform you that both deputies attended the re-certification class in July 1996. The class was an update on many important subjects considered in the first year of certification class. The information was well presented and informative for our positions.

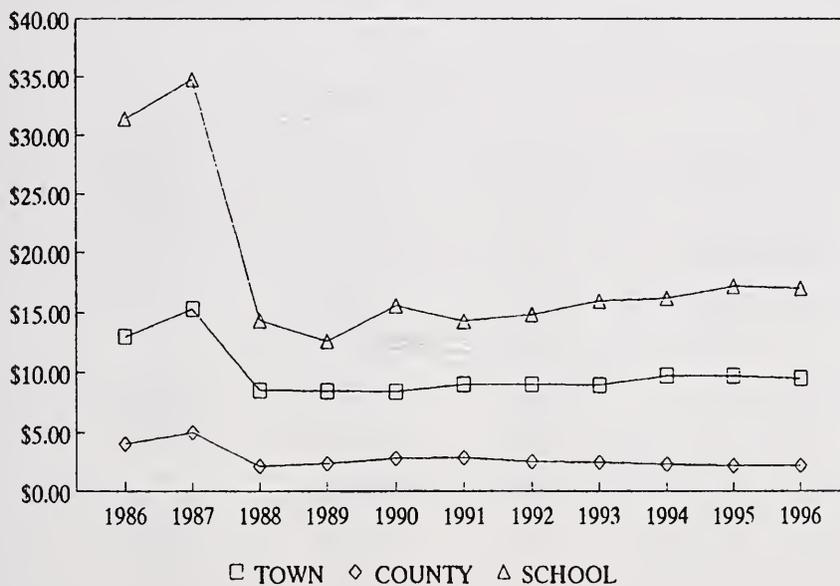
As Sullivan County coordinators we made a change in our annual county meeting. We all agreed to change the date of the meetings from the month of February to the month of August. The New England weather in February is just too unpredictable. The 1997 meeting will be hosted by the Tax Collector of Washington in her quaint and historic town. The meeting will address current tax issues and new law changes.

Collections have remained very good throughout the year and you are to be commended for your attention to the due dates. Also, we thank all of the taxpayers who owe back taxes for being diligent in their efforts to resolve them. Please remember that all interest rates and collection procedures are regulated by State law, not by Town policy. The tax department urges you to contact us with any questions you may have on your tax bills. It is best to call when you first receive you tax bill so we may deal with any concerns immediately.

We thank-you for another good year of collections and look forward to working with you next year.

TEN YEAR TAX RATE COMPARISON 1987 – 1996

	<u>School Rate</u>	<u>% of Total Rate</u>	<u>Town Rate</u>	<u>% of Total Rate</u>	<u>County Rate</u>	<u>% of Total Rate</u>	<u>Total Rate</u>
1987	34.76	63.1%	15.32	27.8%	4.97	9.0%	55.05
1988	14.33	57.4%	8.49	34.0%	2.14	8.6%	24.96
1989	12.62	53.9%	8.44	36.1%	2.34	10.0%	23.40
1990	15.59	58.3%	8.38	31.3%	2.79	10.4%	26.76
1991	14.31	54.7%	9.00	34.4%	2.86	10.9%	26.17
1992	14.84	56.3%	8.99	34.1%	2.54	9.6%	26.37
1993	15.98	58.3%	8.96	32.7%	2.46	9.0%	27.40
1994	16.18	57.4%	9.72	34.5%	2.30	8.2%	28.20
1995	17.18	59.0%	9.70	33.3%	2.22	7.6%	29.10
1996	17.05	59.2%	9.47	32.9%	2.18	7.9%	28.80



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

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

REPORT OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Uncollected Taxes – July 1, 1995:			
Property Taxes		\$1,436,016.58	
Resident Taxes		25,180.00	\$3,890.00
Yield Taxes			2,816.50
Elderly & Disability Liens			7,787.80
Taxes Committed to Collector:			
Property Taxes	\$3,644,665.00	3,732,510.51	
Resident Taxes		3,610.00	20.00
Land Use Change Taxes		6,550.00	
Yield Taxes		26,126.80	
Elderly & Disability Liens		939.00	
Prepaid Property Taxes	224.43		
Overpayments	2.00	1,441.00	
Interest and Costs – All Taxes	30.00	70,983.62	256.90
Resident Tax Penalties		513.00	13.00
TOTAL DEBITS	<u><u>\$3,644,921.43</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,303,870.51</u></u>	<u><u>\$14,784.20</u></u>
 Remitted to Treasurer:			
Property Taxes	\$2,065,443.80	\$5,161,545.47	
Resident Taxes		21,300.00	\$130.00
Land Use Change Taxes		6,550.00	
Yield Taxes		24,964.69	2,816.50
Interest and Costs	30.00	70,983.62	256.90
Resident Tax Penalties		513.00	13.00
Prepaid Property Taxes	3,578.77	2,201.43	
Abatements:			
Property Taxes	4,428.70	6,763.87	
Resident Taxes		7,490.00	3,780.00
Uncollected Taxes – June 30, 1996:			
Property Taxes	1,571,440.16		
Yield Taxes		619.43	
Elderly & Disability Liens		939.00	7,787.80
TOTAL CREDITS	<u><u>\$3,644,921.43</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,303,870.51</u></u>	<u><u>\$14,784.20</u></u>

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

REPORT OF UNREDEEMED TAXES

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Unredeemed Taxes – July 1, 1995:		\$541,650.49	\$427,250.80
Liens Executed	\$647,112.32	31,240.49	
Interest and Costs	<u>6,312.38</u>	<u>40,271.77</u>	<u>115,222.99</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	<u><u>\$653,424.70</u></u>	<u><u>\$613,162.75</u></u>	<u><u>\$542,473.79</u></u>
Remitted to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	\$201,634.78	\$273,044.54	\$366,244.86
Interest and Costs	6,312.38	40,271.77	115,222.99
Abatements	13,616.24	14,625.98	9,603.51
Deeded to Town	2,768.17	2,884.27	2,659.96
Unredeemed Taxes – June 30, 1996:	<u>429,093.13</u>	<u>282,336.19</u>	<u>48,742.47</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	<u><u>\$653,424.70</u></u>	<u><u>\$613,162.75</u></u>	<u><u>\$542,473.79</u></u>

PROPERTY TAX LIEN HISTORY

<u>Year of Tax Levy</u>	<u>Total Tax Committed *</u>	<u>% of Taxes Uncollected</u>	<u># of Liens</u>
1987	4,673,101	6%	256
1988	5,761,466	8%	341
1989	5,659,500	12%	449
1990	6,544,132	16%	593
1991	6,383,897	16%	549
1992	6,445,399	15%	513
1993	6,709,059	13%	458
1994	6,928,514	9%	343
1995	7,236,995	9%	334
1996	7,215,962	6%	290

**ASSESSING DEPARTMENT
1996 ANNUAL REPORT**

**Assessing Clerk
Tara Kavanagh**

**Assessor
George Hildum III**

REFLECTIONS OF 1996

April 1st marks the official beginning of the assessing year. April & May of 1996 were spent updating property record cards to reflect any changes which may have occurred. At this time, properties were enrolled in Current Use, personal exemption & veterans tax credit applications were reviewed/decided upon, tax exempt property owners status were reviewed/decided upon, abatement applications were finalized, and property record cards were updated per any "new construction". The summer months were devoted to day-to-day operations, as well as completion of a review of all residents receiving the Veterans Tax Credit. (We hope to update these records every two years.) September through December were spent researching and compiling data for various reports submitted to the State of New Hampshire. In January, February and March, the assessing staff was working on abatement applications, incorporating subdivision and other boundary line adjustments, and preparing exemption mailings. In addition to these tasks, on a daily basis the assessing staff was available to assist the public with their many and varied requests for information.

1998 TOWN WIDE PROPERTY VALUATION UPDATE RECOMMENDED

The Assessing Department has recommended to the Board of Selectmen that a complete town wide reassessment of all properties begin in the summer of 1997 and be completed by September 1, 1998 with the new assessments effective April 1, 1998. The last complete town wide valuation update was the 1988 revaluation. The 1988 revaluation was done at the height of the real estate boom.

Over the past decade the real estate market has deteriorated in Newport as well as the surrounding area resulting in assessments being significantly greater than current market value. This is reflected in the 1996 equalization ratio of 1.29 which means that, in general, the town is assessing property at 129 percent of its fair market value.

Over the past five years, assessment equity has deteriorated and has come very close to reaching an unacceptable level in 1996. The following presents the median assessment ratio (i.e., general level of assessment) and coefficient of dispersion (COD) for Newport from 1992 through 1996:

YEAR	MEDIAN RATIO	COD
1992	1.16	14.47
1993	1.27	14.15
1994	1.26	18.88
1995	1.26	16.14
1996	1.29	19.07

Although the general level of assessment as indicated by the median ratio has remained relatively stable from 1993 through 1996, assessment equity has deteriorated. The COD estimates the deviation of the ratios from the median ratio of the sample. A COD of 10 or less is considered excellent, 12 is very good, 15 is average, and 20 or more is poor. The 1996 COD is close to 20 and suggests that assessment equity between and within classes of property (e.g., vacant land, mobile homes, single family, multi-family, etc.) is very close to being unacceptable.

Since it has been nearly ten years since the town wide property valuation update and, most importantly, there is assessment inequity in the assessment file, it is the recommendation of the Assessing Department that a town wide valuation update of all assessments relative to April 1, 1988 be undertaken.

GENERAL INFORMATION

We wish to remind the public that the Assessor for the Town of Newport holds office hours two days per month. To schedule an appointment with the assessor call the Assessing Department, Monday through Friday from 8:00am - 12:00noon. Please contact us with any property related questions or concerns you may have. We look forward to working with you in the future.

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

ASSESSOR'S REPORT
PRELIMINARY 1997 NET TAXABLE VALUATION

	1997 Preliminary Valuation *	% of Total Valuation
Current Use Property	<u>\$1,956,390</u>	0.776%
Residential:		
Property	43,035,900	17.068%
Buildings	<u>133,500,100</u>	52.945%
Total Residential	<u>176,536,000</u>	70.012%
Commercial/Industrial:		
Property	12,673,400	5.026%
Buildings	<u>59,237,500</u>	23.493%
Total Commercial/Industrial	<u>71,910,900</u>	28.519%
Utilities:		
Property	217,100	0.086%
Buildings	<u>4,087,800</u>	1.621%
Total Utilities	<u>4,304,900</u>	1.707%
Less: Blind/Elderly Exempt Property Included Above	<u>(2,557,500)</u>	-1.014%
Net Taxable Valuation	<u><u>\$252,150,690</u></u>	
Tax Exempt:		
Property	\$4,256,500	1.688%
Buildings	<u>23,844,900</u>	9.457%
Total Tax Exempt	<u><u>\$28,101,400</u></u>	11.145%

* Adjustments anticipated prior to setting tax rate.

COMPARISON TO PRIOR YEAR VALUATION

	1996 Final Valuation	1997 Preliminary Valuation	Change
Current Use	\$1,909,558	\$1,956,390	2.453%
Residential	176,565,300	176,536,000	-0.017%
Commercial/Industrial	71,948,400	71,910,900	-0.052%
Utilities	4,304,900	4,304,900	0.000%
Exemptions	<u>(2,517,500)</u>	<u>(2,557,500)</u>	1.589%
Net Taxable Valuation	<u><u>\$252,210,658</u></u>	<u><u>\$252,150,690</u></u>	-0.024%
Tax Exempt	<u><u>\$28,420,500</u></u>	<u><u>\$28,101,400</u></u>	-1.123%

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Location	Map/Lot	Type	Acres	Purpose/Use	Valuation
Cemetery Street	0019-2012	L/O	8.400	Cemetery	73,700
North Newport	0020-0056	L/O	11.400	Vacant	34,900
8 Airport Road	0020-2364	L/B	48.000	Airport	252,300
Sugar River	0020-2471	L/O	22.200	Vacant	31,000
Sugar River	0025-001	L/O	13.500	Vacant	9,700
Old Hurd	0025-2367	L/O	5.000	Vacant/Gravel Pit	30,100
Summer Street	0027-0131	L/O	76.000	Vacant/Conservation Easement	8,387
North Main	0027-0170	L/O	0.120	Vacant	28,300
365 North Main	0027-0443	L/O	0.190	Vacant	36,400
268 North Main	0027-1583	L/B	0.450	Vacant/Old Recycling Building	107,200
North Main	0027-1753	L/O	0.420	Vacant	37,700
Off Rte 10	0027-1832	L/O	10.000	Vacant/Stp Easement	1,561
North Main Street	0027-2121	L/O	3.400	Vacant/Stp Easement	51,200
North Main Street	0027-2121-2	L/O	13.500	Stp Lagoons	252,200
Summer Street	0027-2365	L/O	85.500	Water Tower	54,500
Putnam Road	0028-2468	L/B	1.400	Sewer Treatment Plant	1,726,100
Spruce Street	0029-0861	L/O	0.053	Vacant	500
Cheney Extension	0029-2470	L/O	21.100	Wilmarth Park	64,400
428 Sunapee Street	0031-2502	L/O	12.100	Pine Grove Cemetery	63,900
Sunapee Street	0031-2505	L/O	4.400	Cemetery	24,900
Sunapee Street	0032-2508	L/O	2.600	Vacant	20,400
Sugar River	0033-1113	L/O	49.000	Waste Treatment Lagoons	167,100
Sunapee Street	0034-2518	L/O	0.009	Pump House	2,800
Sugar River	0036-1523	L/O	24.000	Vacant	105,500
Sunapee Street	0036-1635-1	L/B	0.070	Pump House	30,100
Sugar River	0037-2410	L/O	4.300	Vacant	3,200
65 Belknap Street	0042-1268	L/B	0.220	Recreation Building	236,000
North Main Street	0043-0506	L/O	2.600	Town Common	83,500
40 Pine Street	0044-0084	L/O	0.580	Vacant	21,400
Pine Street	0044-0112	L/O	1.000	Vacant	22,600
Meadow Road	0045-0027	L/O	0.140	Vacant	27,200
Elm Street	0045-0121	L/O	5.000	Vacant	60,700
Mechanic Street Rear	0045-0202	L/O	0.021	Vacant	300
20 Main Street	0045-0258	L/B		Town Hall/Opera House	755,500
20 Main Street	0045-0258	L/B		District Court	188,900
32 Main Street	0045-0258	L/B	2.100	Former Police Station	90,500
15 Sunapee Street	0045-0258	L/B		Town Office	353,200
11 Sunapee Street	0045-0258	L/B		Fire Station	227,400

59 Sunapee Street	0045-0400	L/O	0.830	Vacant	40,300
47 Central Street	0045-0590	L/O	0.250	Vacant	20,300
2 Arnold Campbell Dr.	0045-1818	L/O	0.275	New Police Station	20,400
59 Main Street	0045-1818-2	L/B	0.084	New Police Station	101,400
Pearl Street	0045-2022-1	L/O	0.090	Vacant	1,900
Meadow Road	0045-2509	L/B	2.000	Ambulance Building	59,600
Meadow Road	0045-2510	L/O	7.000	Vacant/Floodplain	49,700
Mechanic St Rear	0045-2511	L/O	0.151	Vacant	6,200
Various	0046-1118	L/O	20.000	Right-Of-Way	23,700
Sunapee Street	0046-2348	L/O	0.380	Pumping Station Easement	7,900
Various	0048-0325	L/O	0.150	River Right-Of-Way	200
104 Maple Street	0048-0860	L/B	0.855	Tax Deeded Property	46,400
Bradford Road	0048-1527	L/O	1.040	Tax Deeded Property	19,400
Maple Street	0048-2498	L/O	13.300	Cemetery	43,900
Chandlers Mills Rd	0052-2427	L/O	0.780	Vacant	5,500
Chandlers Mills Rd	0052-2493	L/O	0.580	Vacant	4,900
Chandlers Mills Rd	0052-2494	L/O	0.720	Vacant	5,300
Breakneck Road	0063-1516	L/O	12.700	Vacant	68,900
449 South Main Street	0063-1735	L/B	11.500	Public Works Garage	351,500
Pollards Mills	0063-2388	L/B	6.200	Water Department	74,500
Blaisdell Road	0064-0817	L/O	0.102	Vacant	300
Unity Town Line	0066-2455	L/O	20.000	Vacant	14,100
Unity Town Line	0073-693	L/O	21.600	Vacant	15,100
South Main Street	0076-0544	B/O		Pump House	2,000
Unity Road-Unity	M13F3-457	L/B	315.000	Water Treatment Plant	466,300
Unity Road-Unity	M8J8-734	L/B	8.400	Clorination Building	85,200

SCHEDULE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY

A schedule of taxable property can be found in the 1992 Town Report. Some values may have changed. Please consult the records in the Town Office for current valuations. For your convenience we now have a computer terminal in the lobby for public access to the assessing data. A complete schedule of all taxable properties will be printed in the Town Report following the property revaluation.

1996 Town Clerk's Annual Report

Karlene W. Stoddard, Town Clerk Adelaide Kozlik, Deputy Town Clerk

This has been a very busy year for the Town Clerk's Office. We have had many elections and meetings, including the Presidential Primary, Town Meeting, Recount for Selectmen, Special meeting for Zoning Articles, State Primary and finally the General Election in which President Clinton was voted back in for another 4 years.

We are still receiving rabies vaccination certificates from the N.H. veterinarians and still having problems getting people to register their dogs. The law reads that all dogs of three months and older must be registered. The dog year runs from May 1 to April 30, but any new dogs that reach 3 months must be registered at that time. The law has been changed to allow puppies 7 months and under to be registered at a lower fee. This was changed because many veterinarians will not neuter a dog under 6 months old.

The fees remain the same — \$9.00 for an unaltered dog, and \$6.50 for altered dogs and puppies 7 months and under, and \$2.00 for the first dog of an owner who is 65 or older.

We are taking a course in sign language, but if our progress doesn't improve considerably, we will still be writing notes to our deaf customers.

This year we restored a late 1700's Vital Records book. This brings the total number of books restored to nine, quite an accomplishment in just four years. This effort was helped by generous donations from Newport citizens. We still welcome public donations, as we still have many more books to restore.

Our office hours are Monday - Friday 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. We are Municipal Agents and allowed to process passenger plates, renewals and transfers. The State still hasn't set a date for new plate issue, but are expecting this to occur within the next 2 years.

We continue registering people to vote during our office hours. The Supervisors of the Checklist also meet twice before an election, but same day voter registration is available to those who haven't registered before. You do need to bring identification.

**1996 BIRTHS REGISTERED WITH THE TOWN CLERK
NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Date	Birth/Place	Child's Name	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
Jan 24	Claremont	Aldon D Wrightington	Mark A Wrightington	Christine Nielson
Jan 25	Claremont	Hope Elizabeth L White	Shilo White	Loretta Lynn Meyette
Feb 15	Claremont	Matthew Joseph Merritt	Gregg Brian Merritt	Nicole Charlebois
Mar 02	Claremont	Dallas Graham Clayton	Ralph E Clayton Jr	Brandy Kay Bowne
Mar 10	Claremont	Jacob Bruce Daignault	Robert B Daignault Jr	Shelley R Palardy
Mar 22	Lebanon	Alexander F Murphy	Kyle Scott Murphy	Delberta S Currence
Mar 25	Claremont	Joseph Richard Reilly	Paul Francis Reilly	Karen Mary Lachapelle
Mar 27	Lebanon	Nicholas Isaac Hazelton	Andrew C Hazelton	Camille Valenza
Apr 15	New London	Julia Madison Sullivan	Thomas Peter Sullivan	Nicole MB Barna
Apr 22	New London	Michael N Salinardi	Gerald N Salinardi	Pauline Durgan
Apr 26	Claremont	Walter Aaron Bushway	Walter E Bushway	Angela Marie Kainu
Apr 26	Lebanon	Jacob Adam E Grauman	Adam E Grauman	Christine Ann Gordon
Apr 27	Claremont	Emily Mishelle Rea	Matthew Eurbin Rea	Tammy Lee Tanguay
Apr 30	New London	Alyssa Ann Gebo	Brian Earl Gebo	Margorie Ann Calkin
May 03	New London	Tristan Jacob Kemp	Evan D Kemp	Tammi Anne Loesch
May 08	Claremont	Tyler Bryce Johnson	Brian Wayne Johnson	Shannon Dawn Colburn
May 21	Newport	Hosannah Grace Vickery	William Frank Vickery	Dawn Marie Denton
Jun 01	New London	Justin John Otis	Timothy Walter Otis	Lisa Marie Scanlon
Jun 07	Lebanon	Chandler Dean Wentzell	Dean Allen Wentzell	Nadeen Marie LaFrance
Jun 10	Lebanon	Peter Brian Ruthenberg	Eric C Ruthenberg	Kristin Deborah Miller
Jun 18	Claremont	Ethan Scott Beattie	Angus Orr Beattie	Paula Lynn Davis
Jul 07	Lebanon	Kyle Mathew Sapiel	Elwin M Sapiel Jr	Louise Marie Viens
Jul 09	Claremont	Bridgette Marie Huff	Mark Alan Huff	Christina Marie Poulos
Jul 13	New London	Kelley Spoor Jennings	Peter N Jennings	Stephanie F Spoor

**1996 BIRTHS REGISTERED WITH THE TOWN CLERK
NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE (Continued)**

Date	Birth/Place	Child's Name	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
Jul 28	Lebanon	Colby Hanna Little	David Shepard Little	Karen Koski
Aug 03	New London	Dakota Michael Sargent	Kevin Patrick Sargent	Christine Edith Moeckel
Aug 04	Claremont	Cathryn Loraine Gallione	Richard Scott Gallione	Darleen Ethel Tegtmeier
Aug 07	New London	Gabrielle Marie Keyser	Jeffrey Allen Keyser	Erica Gail Temple
Aug 22	New London	Anna Jeanne Stefan	Gary Chester Stefan	Bridget V Chilcott
Aug 28	New London	Keenen Ian Skye Simoneau	Paul John Simoneau	Nanette Marie Perras
Sep 15	Claremont	Meghan Louise Wilder	Raymond J Wilder III	Cheryl Leigh Breuning
Sep 29	Claremont	Caitlin Marie Jones	Robert Lee Jones	Zina Marie Gonyer
Oct 05	Claremont	Zachary Tyler Nelson	Matthew James Nelson	Lisa Dawn Jones
Oct 09	New London	Kayla Marie White	Dennis Roy White Jr	Amy Sue Crosby
Oct 14	Claremont	Drake Paul Beaton	Philip Mark Beaton	Stacie Lea Bosse
Oct 16	Lebanon	Zachary Charles Whalen	Clifford Charles Whalen	Aimee Lee Wentzell
Oct 22	Claremont	Michaela Marie Aldrich	Gary Wayne Aldrich Jr	Mandi Lee Desharnais
Oct 29	Lebanon	Ryan Allen Beattie	Allen Carl Beattie	Diane Marie Phelps
Nov 11	Claremont	Derrick Joseph Pare	Kevin Arthur Pare	Lori Ann Jones
Nov 14	Claremont	Anthony F Dipadova III	Anthony F Dipadova Jr	Patricia Anne Gray
Nov 20	Lebanon	Emily Josephine Heino	Richard Allen Heino	Saralee Emery
Dec 01	New London	Kacey Paige Gasset	Christopher S Gasset	Stacey Hope Smith
Dec 07	Lebanon	Kurtis Le Mossey	Louis Nelson Mossey	Belynda Jean Roberts
Dec 14	New London	Michael Jude Robertson	Stephen L Robertson	Helen Marie Lynch
Dec 22	New London	Brady Joseph Bates	Timothy John Bates	Cathy Lynn Nichols

**1996 MARRIAGES REGISTERED WITH THE TOWN CLERK
NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Date	Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence
Jan 07	Jon Carroll Hyde Jr	Phoenix AZ	Nichole Swensen	Phoenix AZ
Jan 20	Ralph E Clayton Jr	Newport	Brandy Kay Bowne	Newport
Feb 03	Robert C Benoit	Newport	Kendra Lyn Messner	Newport
Feb 05	Alexander V Eremenko	Charlestown	Ludmila Gayvoronsky	Newport
Feb 17	Paul John Simoneau	Newport	Nanette Marie Titman	Newport
May 11	Robert Goinsalvos IV	New London	Kymerly Lynn Bedell	Newport
May 18	Cory Michael Patten	Newport	Jody Ann Church	Newport
May 25	Michael Paul Juneau	Newport	Shayna Marie Malool	Newport
May 31	Truman E Howard	Newport	Abigail J Keeler	Newport
Jun 08	Robert M Haselton Jr	Sunapee	Brenda Joyce Wallace	Newport
Jun 15	Michael Angelo Borghi	Newport	Louise Mary Cady	Newport
Jun 15	Ernest G Shepard III	Newport	Darcie Joyce Hayward	Newport
Jun 22	Nathaniel E Wood	Granville NY	Heather R Archibald	Granville NY
Jun 22	Kenneth W Currier Jr	Newport	Amy M Martin	Newport
Jun 22	Mark David Belanger	Michigan	Katherine M Bradley	Michigan
Jun 29	Curtis E Tilton Jr	Newport	Lorraine A Ellison	Newport
Jul 04	Robert M Krahuolec	Montgomery TX	Judith Gale Rice	Montgomery TX
Jul 11	L John Ames	Newport	Beth Louise Bocash	Newport
Jul 14	James Lee Phillips Jr	Newport	Debra Ann DePhillips	Newport
Jul 16	Randy Lee Near	Newport	Carrielyn May Smith	Newport
Jul 20	David Hugh Bly	Newport	Bonnie Jo Stevens	Newport
Jul 20	Scott M R Thurber Jr	Newport	Michele Lee Langlois	Newport
Jul 20	James Merritt Freeman	Newport	Deborah Ann McGlew	Newport
Jul 27	Patrick Jay Payton	Newport	Sheryn A Miller	Newport
Jul 29	Michael Joseph Jackson	Newport	Gay Ellen Dennis	Newport

**1996 MARRIAGES REGISTERED WITH THE TOWN CLERK,
NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE (Continued)**

Date	Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence
Aug 03	Jeffrey Stuart Nester	Sunapee	Bonnie Lynn Allen	Newport
Aug 03	Michael J Richardson Jr	Newport	Lora Lee Lozeau	Newport
Aug 04	J Michael Johnson	Newport	Brenda Lee Carney	Newport
Aug 10	Randall John Fritz	Crown Point IN	Maureen E McGrail	Crown Point IN
Aug 11	Robert Adams Mills	Statesville NC	Beatrice Caroline Hill	Statesville NC
Aug 17	Russell W Aldridge Jr	Newport	Cynthia Gail Marshall	Newport
Aug 18	Raymond C Gray II	Newport	Heather L Borcuk	Newport
Aug 24	Ryan Keith Seaver	Newport	Koren Anne Tusoni	Newport
Aug 24	Warren W Mordenti	Newport	Kimberly R Matheson	Newport
Aug 24	Barry Alan Gay	New London	Kathleen P Murphy	Newport
Aug 31	Michael Jason Batista	Newport	Kristie Sue Heino	Unity
Sep 14	Robert J Woodbury	Newport	Raymonde Lanctot	Colebrook
Sep 28	Michael Shane Baker	Newport	Michelle Paula Crouse	Newport
Sep 28	William R Mead	Newport	Christine Marie Davis	Newport
Sep 29	Wilfred Menard	Newport	Valerie B Stewart	Newport
Oct 05	Nathan Garrett Richer	Salt Lake City	Lorie Anne Ducharme	Salt Lake City
Oct 05	Andrew David Shannon	Newport	Rachel Lynn Lepley	Fort Drum NY
Oct 26	Todd Joseph Burchard	Newport	Melanie L Murgatroy	Newport
Nov 02	Andrew E Pysz	Newport	Lorraine Anne Maryn	Newport
Dec 14	Albert George Thorp III	Newport	Lucinda Ella Kemp	Newport
Dec 21	William Robert Dufour	Newport	Deborah Marie Howard	Newport
Dec 24	Kenneth E Morse Jr	Newport	Loretta A West	Newport
Dec 28	Frank Walter Waligora	Woburn MA	Kimberly Ann Warner	Woburn, MA

**1996 DEATHS REGISTERED WITH TOWN CLERK
NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Date	Name of Deceased	Town of Death	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Jan 02	Wesley C Witham	Newport	Leroy Witham	Florence Purrington
Jan 05	Kenneth R Woodard	Claremont	Waldo Woodard	Gertrude Kendall
Jan 06	Patricia S Harrison	Lebanon	Robert Harrison	Helen Woods
Jan 09	Mabel Peterson	Newport	Augustus Corbin	Eva Fredricks
Jan 10	Alfred J Woods	Newport	Wilfred Woods	Pearl Merrill
Jan 12	Veronica A Koelsch	Claremont	Stephen Gallivan	Catherine Duffy
Jan 12	Roberta Mary Ritchie	New London	Robert Smith	Alice May Hill
Jan 15	Vina R Franklin	New London	Peter Racheotes	Athena Protopappas
Jan 28	Marian Rose Grimes	New London	Joseph Grimes	Claire McGuinness
Jan 28	Albert C Scribner	Claremont	Cecil Scribner	Carolyn Supernor
Feb 01	Tara Marie Brown	Newport	Bernard Brown Sr	Lisa Rusack
Feb 03	Raymond E Banyea	Newport	Amos Banyea	Grace Currier
Feb 05	Velma M Murphy	Claremont	J Byron Murphy	Sadie Perkins
Feb 06	Ruth Quinn Page	Claremont	Ernest Quinn	Minnie McMurry
Feb 13	Margaret P Sherman	New London	Frank Curtain	Jean Unknown
Feb 19	Irene F Collins	New London	Ernest W Holt	Stella Thompson
Feb 29	Anthony S Grabas	Claremont	Stanley Grabas	Helen Swinarski
Feb 29	Natalie E Allen	Newport	Wilfred Donovan	Sadie Morancy
Mar 08	Jack E Harding	Claremont	Increase Harding	Helen Maehitable
Mar 14	Olive Anna Munro	Newport	Clarence Blodgett	Estelle Nelson
Mar 17	Hattie Luna Jones	New London	Ezra F Ocean	Carrie Curtis
Mar 22	Fern E Bartlett	New London	Herbert Gove	Jessie Waldron
Apr 03	Anna Baudanza	Manchester	Salvatore Yanello	Rosario Schhi
Apr 08	Clifford F Foster Sr	Newport	Edward Foster	Mary Underwood
Apr 08	Theresa K Howard	Newport	Unknown Thrush	Theresa Phillipp
Apr 08	Elizabeth Root	Newport	Arley Johnson	Catherine Young

**1996 DEATHS REGISTERED WITH TOWN CLERK
NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE (Continued)**

Date	Name of Deceased	Town of Death	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Apr 15	Goldina M Gonyea	Newport	Oscar C Cutting	Mary E Goodhue
Apr 16	Helen May Bennett	Newport	Converse Currier	Nan Winn
Apr 22	Ida May Sumner	Newport	Melvin Gardner	Mary L Crowell
Apr 23	Angeliki Juris	Newport	Kyriazi Choulis	Zaharou Unknown
Apr 24	Ellen S Dunham	Lebanon	William Leslie	Ellen Burns
Apr 29	Freda J Trybulski	Lebanon	Felix Targ	Anna Geratzka
Apr 30	Lillian F Howard	Lebanon	Charles Larue	Emma Granger
May 02	Maxine May Hurd	Lebanon	Ray F Boutwell	Goldie Flint
May 10	Mildred V Mobley	Newport	Lemuel Woodard	Viola Woodard
May 15	Marjorie A Swenson	Claremont	Amos C Currier Sr	Bernice Woodard
May 19	Bertha N Jones	Newport	Robert Stearns	Mary Parker
May 21	Pauline J Blodgett	Newport	John R Kelly	Mary T O'Connor
May 26	Eva Marie Dupont	New London	Alexander Hall	Louise Bonnett
Jun 01	Warren Brake	Newport	William Brake	Mary Sylvester
Jun 08	John W Finlay	Newport	Harry F Finlay	Hattie G Wolger
Jun 15	Richard L Hartwell Jr	Newport	Richard Hartwell Sr	Edith I Walker
Jun 21	Amy O Henry	Newport	Freeman Mills	Annie Unknown
Jun 27	David K Perham	New London	Noyes Perham	Flora Harney
Jul 01	Edith A Gardner	Newport	Bradford Bumpus	Unknown
Jul 03	Clayton R Perry	New London	Francis Perry	Nettie King
Jul 12	Murilla T Davis	Newport	Charles G Hutton	Lucy B Fallon
Jul 18	Olive M Krikorian	Newport	Oskar Matson	Ida Huhtaniemi
Jul 18	Harry Elmer Frye	Claremont	Harry B Frye	Ruth Mae Barton
Jul 22	Herbert B King	Newport	Dana King	Addie Britton
Jul 28	Lillian Belisle Roy	Lebanon	Phillip Belisle	Olympia Unknown
Aug 05	Christy Ambargis	Newport	Stelios Ambargis	Stella Nane

**1996 DEATHS REGISTERED WITH TOWN CLERK
NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE (Continued)**

Date	Name of Deceased	Town of Death	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Aug 12	Alice K Sherwood	Newport	Gilbert Pattras	Marie L Girard
Aug 19	Ralph J Schooley	Newport	Harry Schooley	Lilie Hart
Aug 22	Walter Leon Rogal	Newport	Leon Rogalski	Sophie Szymkiewicz
Aug 22	Jacob Valiante	Newport	Thomas Valiante	Mary Nokes
Aug 31	Alice C Michaelson	Newport	Jens Laudahl	Johanna Astrup
Sep 03	John B Granger	Claremont	Oliva Granger	Yvonne Bilodeau
Sep 08	Roland W Fletcher	Claremont	Walter S Fletcher	Jennie Etta Tucker
Sep 19	Alice Grace Devoid	Newport	Roswell Walker	Edith Willis
Sep 20	Thomas Bailey Calkin	Newport	Frederick Calkin	Dorothy Bailey
Sep 28	Charles Walter Robie	Lebanon	Charles W Robie	Helen M Brazier
Oct 05	Frank MacConnell Jr	Claremont	Frank MacConnell Sr	Edith Annis
Oct 10	Lena Martha Henault	Claremont	John M Johnson	Leona McGowan
Oct 23	Roy Randall Lavigne	New London	Moses Lavigne	Flora White
Nov 25	Soterios A Saggiotes	Lebanon	Arthur G Saggiotes	Georgia Canellos
Dec 02	Patrick Joseph Walsh	New London	Patrick Walsh	Rosemary Mortimer
Dec 04	Nicholas C Haserlat	Lebanon	Costas Haserlat	Effie Ambargis
Dec 06	Barbara Marie Tucker	New London	Arthur S Johnson	Leona Tenney
Dec 07	Beverly K Smith	Newport	Frederick Perrie	Florence Kidder
Dec 12	Leslie Milford Jones	Newport	Milford Jones	Marjorie Kimball
Dec 16	Richard H Coady Sr	Newport	Arthur Coady	Mary Moore
Dec 16	Irene St. Cyr	Newport	Samuel Sanitti	Lena Markulla
Dec 24	Elmer Earl Smith	New London	Samuale Smith	Bessie Egan
Dec 29	Grace C Ventullo	Newport	William Oram	Catherine Craig
Dec 30	Roger E Downs	Newport	Alexander Downs	Lena Brown

**1996 Town Meeting
for the Town of Newport on May 14, 1996
State of New Hampshire**

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Newport in the County of Sullivan in said state, qualified to vote on Town affairs holden in said Town at 9:00 in the forenoon May 14, 1996, the following business was transacted:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Moderator Louie C Elliott Jr. Officers and clerks serving at this meeting were: Moderator, Louie C Elliott Jr., Assistant Moderator, Wm Howard Dunn, Town Clerk, Karlene Stoddard, Supervisors of the Checklist, Martha Lovely, Ella Casey and Pamela Hoyt, Ballot Clerks, Gordon Flint, Dorothy Flint, Jackie Bell, Henry Whittaker, Carol Gutowski, Leah Goyette, Erna McCormick, Doris Taimi, Patricia Rude, Jaye Friedman and Celestine Wiggins, Selectmen Gary Nichols, John Lunn, Roland Stoodley, Sharon MacDonald and Robert Collins, and Town Manager, Daniel O'Neill.

The Moderator began to read the warrant and a motion by Ella Casey and duly seconded it was voted to dispense with reading of the rest of the warrant except for the Certificate of posting. The Moderator read the Certificate of Posting. The Moderator declared the meeting open and voting to begin on Articles 1 through 8.

ARTICLE 1 To elect two (2) Selectmen for three (3) year terms.

The vote was:

Robert Collins	256
Patrick Howe	185
Robert Snow	374
Bert Spaulding Sr.	259

Robert Snow and Bert Spaulding Sr. having a plurality of all votes cast were declared Selectmen for the ensuing three years.

ARTICLE 2 To elect a Moderator for a two (2) year term.

The vote was:

Howard Dunn	534
Various candidates	1 to 3 votes

Howard Dunn having a plurality of all votes cast was declared Moderator for the ensuing two years.

ARTICLE 3 To elect a Supervisor of the Checklist for a six (6) year term.

The vote was:

Martha Lovely	562
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Martha Lovely having a plurality of all votes cast was declared Supervisor of Checklist for the ensuing six years.

ARTICLE 4 To elect a Supervisor of the Checklist for a four (4) year term.
The vote was:
Pamela Hoyt 525
Pamela Hoyt having a plurality of all votes cast was declared Supervisor of Checklist for the ensuing four years.

ARTICLE 5 To elect a Town Clerk for a three (3) year term.
The vote was:
Tammie Ferguson 121
Karlene Stoddard 486
Karlene Stoddard having a plurality of all votes cast was declared Town Clerk for the ensuing three years.

ARTICLE 6 To elect a Town Treasurer for a three (3) year term.
The vote was:
Jack Howard 551
Peter Lovely 2
Jack Howard having a plurality of all votes cast was declared Town Treasurer for the ensuing three years.

ARTICLE 7 On a motion by Ella Casey and duly seconded it was voted to have the Clerk cast one ballot for C. Michael Sanderson as Trustee of Trust Funds for a three (3) year term and all other officers, auditors, agents and committees necessary to conduct Town business. The clerk cast the vote and C. Michael Sanderson was declared Trustee of Trust Fund for the ensuing three years.

ARTICLE 8 To see if the Town is in favor of adopting Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Historic District Ordinance:

Amend Section 1.02 of the Historic District Ordinance by extending the boundary line to the Town Common Historic District to include the Little Common. The proposed district boundary change would be illustrated on the Town Common Historic District Map referred to in Section 1.02.

After the ballots were counted, the vote was
Yes - 482
No - 96

As the majority voted Yes, Article 8 was **adopted**.

The business portion of the Town Meeting was recessed until 6:00 P.M. at which time the assembly would take up the remaining Articles on the warrant. The absentee ballots were opened and processed at 2:00 P.M. Moderator Louie Elliott Jr. called the business meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Kara Rendzia led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Jessica St. Laurent led the assembly in song and Rev. James Gray offered a prayer. Gary Nichols recognized Roland Stoodley for his service as Selectman and also the Middle High School for their achievements. He also offered a tribute to Sam Saggiotes.

ARTICLE 9 On a motion by Gary Nichols and duly seconded it was voted: To raise and appropriate Five Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand (\$595,000) Dollars to be used for engineering, design, construction/renovation, purchase of land, finance, and any other costs of a new police facility on the location known as 59 Main Street and 2 Arnold Campbell Drive, map 45 lot 1818-2, said sum to consist of Four Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand (\$454,000) Dollars to be raised by the issuance of serial bonds and or notes under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33:1 et seq. as amended) with the Board of Selectmen authorized to issue and negotiate said bonds and/or notes and determine the rate of interest and the time period thereon, and to take other such actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds and/or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town; and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend such monies as become available from the Federal and/or State governments for use in connection with said project and pass any votes thereto. The balance to consist of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars from surplus and Forty-One Thousand (\$41,000) Dollars to be raised by taxation in the current year.

Balloting started at 7:05 P.M. and continued until 8:05 P.M.. The results were:

276 - Yes

103 - No

As this was over the 2/3 required, the article was **adopted**.

ARTICLE 10 On a motion by Sharon MacDonald and duly seconded it was voted: To go forward with improvements on Town property on the south side of Corbin Road, adjacent to the Corbin Covered Bridge for recreation, field trips, and other similar activities.

ARTICLE 11 On a motion by John Lunn and duly seconded it was voted: To authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant permission to the Newport Historical Society to place a plaque inside the Corbin Covered Bridge at the northeast corner. Said plaque commemorates the rebuilding of the bridge that was destroyed by arson in May, 1993. Such costs of purchasing and placing of the plaque inside the bridge would be borne by the Newport Historical Society.

ARTICLE 12 On a motion by Robert Collins and duly seconded it was voted: To authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of its surplus equipment and/or vehicles no longer needed.

ARTICLE 13 On a motion by Roland Stoodley and duly seconded it was voted: To authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey any real estate acquired by the Town by Tax Collector's deed; such conveyance shall be by deed following public auction or the property may be sold by advertised sealed bids or may be otherwise disposed of as justice may require as determined by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to RSA 80:80.

ARTICLE 14 On a motion by John Lunn and duly seconded it was voted: To expand the duties and responsibilities of the Newport Historical District Commission into a Heritage District. This would allow the Commission to raise funds and apply for eligible grants from the New Hampshire and Federal Departments of Historic Resources.

ARTICLE 15 On a motion by Gary Nichols and duly seconded it was voted: To approve and adopt the proposed budget, raise and appropriate the sums contained in the report and listed in the budget, totaling \$4,783,809 and allocated as follows.

Executive	\$ 95,074
Election/Registration	45,923
Financial Administration	159,231
Legal	20,000
Personnel Administration	448,739
Town Office of Planning and Zoning	73,179
General Government Buildings	128,755
Cemeteries	78,122
Insurance	5,000
Advertising & Regional Associations	3,093
Other General Government	46,952
Police Department	589,325
Emergency Communications	148,216
Ambulance Department	133,746
Fire Department	280,814
Building Inspection	8,066
Emergency Management	1,897
Public Works Garage	144,750
Highways and Streets	419,467
Bridges	2,900
Street Lighting	66,287
Airport	21,011
Solid Waste Collection	50,000
Sewer Department	355,913
Water Department	361,298
Health Administration	2,495
Health Agency	22,829
Welfare Administration	14,500
Welfare Direct Assistance	70,000
Recreation	119,610
Library	139,232
Patriotic Purpose	2,500
Conservation Administration	1,000
Principal LTD	280,000
Interest LTD	54,481
Tax Anticipation Interest	2,000
Water Fund Debt	151,776
Sewer Fund Debt	235,628
TOTAL	<u>\$4,783,809</u>

ARTICLE 16 On a motion by Roland Stoodley and duly seconded it was voted: To will raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Eight (\$67,668) Dollars for the purchase of the following Highway equipment:

Dump Truck	\$62,303
Sander	5,365
TOTAL	<u>\$67,668</u>

and to further authorize the withdrawal of Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred (\$16,500) Dollars from the Highway Capital Reserve.

ARTICLE 17 On a motion by Robert Collins and duly seconded it was voted: To appropriate the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand One Hundred Eighty (\$56,180) Dollars to replace the fire station floor.

ARTICLE 18 On a motion by Robert Collins and duly seconded to see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict revenues from rent of the Town Hall/Opera House to expenditures for the purposes of Town Hall/Opera House renovations and repairs? Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Town Hall Improvement Fund, separate for the General Fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the General Fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of the revenue.

An amendment was offered by Bert Spaulding and duly seconded to amend it for a 10 year Renewal. The amendment was voted on and defeated. The original motion was voted on and **adopted**.

ARTICLE 19 On a motion by Sharon MacDonald and duly seconded it was voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand (\$115,000) Dollars to rehabilitate the Main Street facade of the Opera House, and to further authorize the withdrawal of Thirteen Thousand (\$13,000) Dollars plus accrued interest from the Opera House capital reserve fund. The balance of these funds to come from the Town Hall Improvements Fund.

ARTICLE 20 On a motion by John Lunn and duly seconded it was voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars for transfer to the Revaluation Capital Reserve.

ARTICLE 21 On a motion by Gary Nichols and duly seconded it was voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Six Hundred (\$154,600) Dollars for the rehabilitation and/or overlay of the following streets:

Oak Street	\$54,000
Summer Street	62,600
Barton-Whitney Road	38,000
TOTAL	<u>\$154,600</u>

Any unexpended portion of this appropriation shall be utilized for the purpose of repairing other roads as determined by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 22 On a motion by Robert Collins and duly seconded it was voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Eighty-One Thousand (\$281,000) Dollars for the Town's share of the cost to reconstruct Central Street, said sum to consist of One Hundred Twenty-One Thousand (\$121,000) from the General Fund, Eighty Thousand (\$80,000) Dollars from each the Water and Sewer Funds and to further authorize the withdrawal of Fifty-Five Thousand (\$55,000) Dollars plus accrued interest from the Central Street Capital Reserve Fund. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:3 VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or five years, whichever is sooner.

ARTICLE 23 On a motion by Roland Stoodley and duly seconded it was voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand (\$30,000) Dollars for the purpose of engineering and construction costs for replacing the Maple Street Extension bridge over Wendell Brook and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend such monies as become available from the Federal and/or State governments for use in connection with said project and pass any votes thereto. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:3 VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or five years, whichever is sooner.

ARTICLE 24 On a motion by Sharon MacDonald and duly seconded it was voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand (\$16,000) Dollars for costs associated with the cleanup of contamination related to the removal of underground fuel storage tanks at the Public Works Garage and Meadow Park; and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend such monies as become available from the Federal and/or State governments for use in connection with said project and pass any votes thereto.

ARTICLE 25 On a motion by Sharon MacDonald and duly seconded it was voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Five Hundred (\$6,500) Dollars to complete a feasibility study for the purpose of building new or the addition to the existing Recreation facility a gymnasium, cardiovascular exercise room and locker rooms for improving and increasing recreation activities in the community.

ARTICLE 26 On a motion by John Lunn and duly seconded: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Seven (\$69,747) Dollars for the purpose of paying the special assessment of the NH/VT Solid Waste Project. This Article was defeated.

ARTICLE 27 On a motion by Robert Collins and duly seconded it was voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Seventy-One (\$10,071) Dollars from the Water Fund for the upgrade of the Old Chlorine House.

ARTICLE 28 On a motion by Roland Stoodley and duly seconded it was voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand (\$186,000) Dollars for the purpose of additional work within the Pleasant Street CDBG Project, said sum to come from Forty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Five (\$45,425) Dollars from the Water Fund, Eighty Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Five (80,575) Dollars from the Sewer Fund, and Sixty Thousand (\$60,000) Dollars transferred from the surplus of the Green Road CDBG Project.

ARTICLE 29 On a motion by Gary Nichols and duly seconded it was voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Fifty (\$28,350) Dollars from the Airport Fund for the Town's share of airport paving, contingent upon the approval of a grant from the State of NH for one half of the project costs; and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend such monies as become available from the Federal and/or State governments for use in connection with said project and pass any votes thereto.

ARTICLE 30 On a motion by Roland Stoodley and duly seconded: To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift of the property known as the Isaac Reed House, located at Map 45, Lot 258-2, and to further raise and appropriate the sum of One (\$1) Dollar for the purpose of repairs for this building. This Article was voted on and defeated.

Selectman Gary Nichols presented Town Manager, Daniel O'Neill a picture of the proposed Police Facility.

ARTICLE 31 As there was no further business to come before the meeting, the Moderator declared the business meeting over at 8:45 P.M.

The ballots were then counted, the count was 619 ballots, and at 9:45 the results were announced by the Moderator. The ballots were then put the container and sealed by the Moderator and Town Clerk, and meeting was adjourned.

A true record, Attest: _____ Town Clerk

A true copy, Attest: _____ Town Clerk

**MAY 20, 1996 RECOUNT
OF VOTES FOR SELECTMEN
FOR MAY 14, 1996 TOWN MEETING**

A recount of the votes cast at the May 14, 1996 election for Selectmen was requested by Bert Spaulding Sr.

The recount was held in the Selectman's Room on May 20, 1996 at 7:00 PM. The recount was conducted by Moderator Wm. Howard Dunn, Assistant Moderator, Louie Elliott, Town Clerk, Karlene Stoddard and Selectmen, Gary Nichols, John Lunn, Sharon MacDonald and assistant Selectmen sworn in to take the place of the two other Selectmen, Ella Casey and Martha Lovely.

The result of the recount was:

Robert Collins	256
Patrick Howe	186
Robert Snow	375
Bert Spaulding Sr.	262

The recount did not change the results of the previous election. Robert Snow and Bert Spaulding Sr. were declared Selectmen for the ensuing three years and took the oath of office.

The ballots were then replaced in the container and sealed by the Moderator and Town Clerk in the presence of the Selectmen.

The recount ended at 8:00 PM.

A true record, Attest: _____ Town Clerk.

A true copy, Attest: _____ Town Clerk.

**1996 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
FOR THE TOWN OF NEWPORT ON OCTOBER 15, 1996
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Newport in the County of Sullivan in said state, qualified to vote on Town affairs holden in said Town at 9:00 in the forenoon October 15, 1996 the following business was transacted:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Moderator W Howard Dunn. Officers and clerks serving at this meeting were: Moderator, W. Howard Dunn, Assistant Moderator, Anthony Dipadova, Town Clerk, Karlene Stoddard, Supervisors of Checklist, Martha Lovely, Ella Casey and Pamela Hoyt, and Ballot Clerks, Jonathan Howard, Arhontou Gokas, Doris Taimi, Patricia Wright, Jackie Bell and Linda Haselton.

The Moderator opened the meeting at 9:00 AM and announced that voting would begin on Articles 1 through 4, and would continue until 7:00 PM. He announced that the Absentee Ballots would be opened at 2:00 PM. At 2:00 PM the Absentee Ballots were processed. At 7:00 PM the polls were declared closed and after the votes were counted the Moderator announced the results as follows.

ARTICLE 1: Defeated Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning board for the Town Zoning Ordinance:

To Amend the Town Zoning Ordinance Map 2 by expanding the Industrial (I) on the northerly side of Rt. 11/103 in the Guild area into what is currently zoned Rural (R) beginning at a point on Whipple Road approximately three-tenths of a mile northerly of the intersection of Whipple Road and Rt. 11/103, then extending in a northwesterly direction along the base of Bald Mountain to a point on Reeds Mill Road approximately five-tenths of a mile northerly of the intersection of Reeds Mill Road and Sand Hill Road, then extending southerly along Reeds Mill Road approximately 250 feet to the existing boundary of the Industrial (I) District, then in an easterly direction along the eastern boundary of the existing Industrial (I) District to Route 11/103, then in an easterly direction along Rt. 11/103 to another existing Industrial (I) District, then in a northerly direction along Whipple Road to the point of beginning (see amended zoning map drawing for Amendment #1). (Approved by the Planning Board).

The vote was: YES - 74 NO - 95

ARTICLE 2: Defeated Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance:

To Amend the Town Zoning Ordinance Map 2 by expanding the Industrial (I) District on the northerly side of Rt. 11/103 in the Guild area into what is currently zoned Rural (R) beginning at a point on Sand Hill Road approximately seven-tenth of a mile northerly of the intersection of Sand Hill Road and Reeds Mill Road, then in a southerly direction approximately 600 feet to the northern boundary of lot 1946 of Tax Map 21, then in a southeasterly direction along the

boundary of lot 1946 to its intersection with the boundary of lot 30 of Tax Map 21, then in a westerly direction along the boundary of lot 30 to Sand Hill Road, then in a southerly direction along Sand Hill Road to the boundary of the existing Industrial (I) District, then northerly along the western boundary of the existing Industrial District to its intersection with Reeds Mill Road, then northerly along Reeds Mill Road approximately 300 feet to a point approximately three-tenths of a mile northerly of the intersection of Reeds Mill Road and Sand Hill Road, then in a northwesterly direction approximately three-tenths of a mile to the point of beginning (see amended zoning map drawing for Amendment #2). (Approved by the Planning Board).

The vote was: YES - 66 NO - 103

ARTICLE 3: Adopted Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance.

To Amend Article III of the Zoning Ordinance by adding the following section:

- 300.1 The Planning Board shall consist of seven regular members and up to five alternate members.
- 300.2 The Zoning Board of Adjustment shall consist of five regular (members) and up to five alternate members.
- 300.3 The Board of Selectmen shall appoint all regular members and alternate members of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment in accordance with state law. All regular and alternate members of both boards shall be residents of Newport. (Approved by the Planning Board).

The vote was: YES - 94 NO - 75

ARTICLE 4: Adopted Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Historic District Ordinance.

To Amend Section 1.03(a) which establishes Heritage Commission membership by deleting the words "and one associate member" and replacing them with the words "and up to five alternate members" in the first sentence and by replacing the word "associate" with the word "alternate" throughout the ordinance. (Approved by the Planning Board.)

The vote was: YES - 102 NO - 61

As there was no further business to come before the meeting the Moderator declared the business meeting over at 7:00 PM.

The ballots were then counted, the count was 171 ballots and at 7:30 the results were announced by the Moderator. The ballots were then replaced in the container and sealed by the Moderator and Town Clerk and the meeting was adjourned.

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