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# 1997 Annual Report



of the Town of  
Newport, New Hampshire

In 1925 Norbert I. Diotte, son of Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Diotte, told why he liked Newport in a school essay:

### **Why I Like Newport**

Why shouldn't I like Newport, my home town? Some might say, "Oh it isn't large enough to have any big times." It is not the largest city in the world, but the good times are there just the same. The population is only five thousand, just enough to make a good sized town and at the same time a quiet industrial little city, and enough young blood to make it lively without disgracing the neighborhood.

I like its wide and clean streets, its well shaded by streets with rows of great maples on either side, with here and there a giant elm! It is not all crowded (around) together on either side of Main Street, but is spread out covering more territory than some large cities. "Spread out enough so you can breathe freely" as a Westerner remarked...

The streets are well lighted so you are safe, as regards to "stubbing your toe."

The town is not afraid to protect its citizens as you would soon find out if you visited Newport, with "silent policemen" at every important cross street, that flash their warning by acetylene gas. You will also notice the surly policeman who is usually on the corner of Main and Sunapee Streets. Do not be afraid of him, in spite of his two hundred pounds, he is a jolly, good natured officer.

And if you ever visit Newport, you will not wonder why I like it, but you will wish to visit it again.

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Sharon Christie, Editor.

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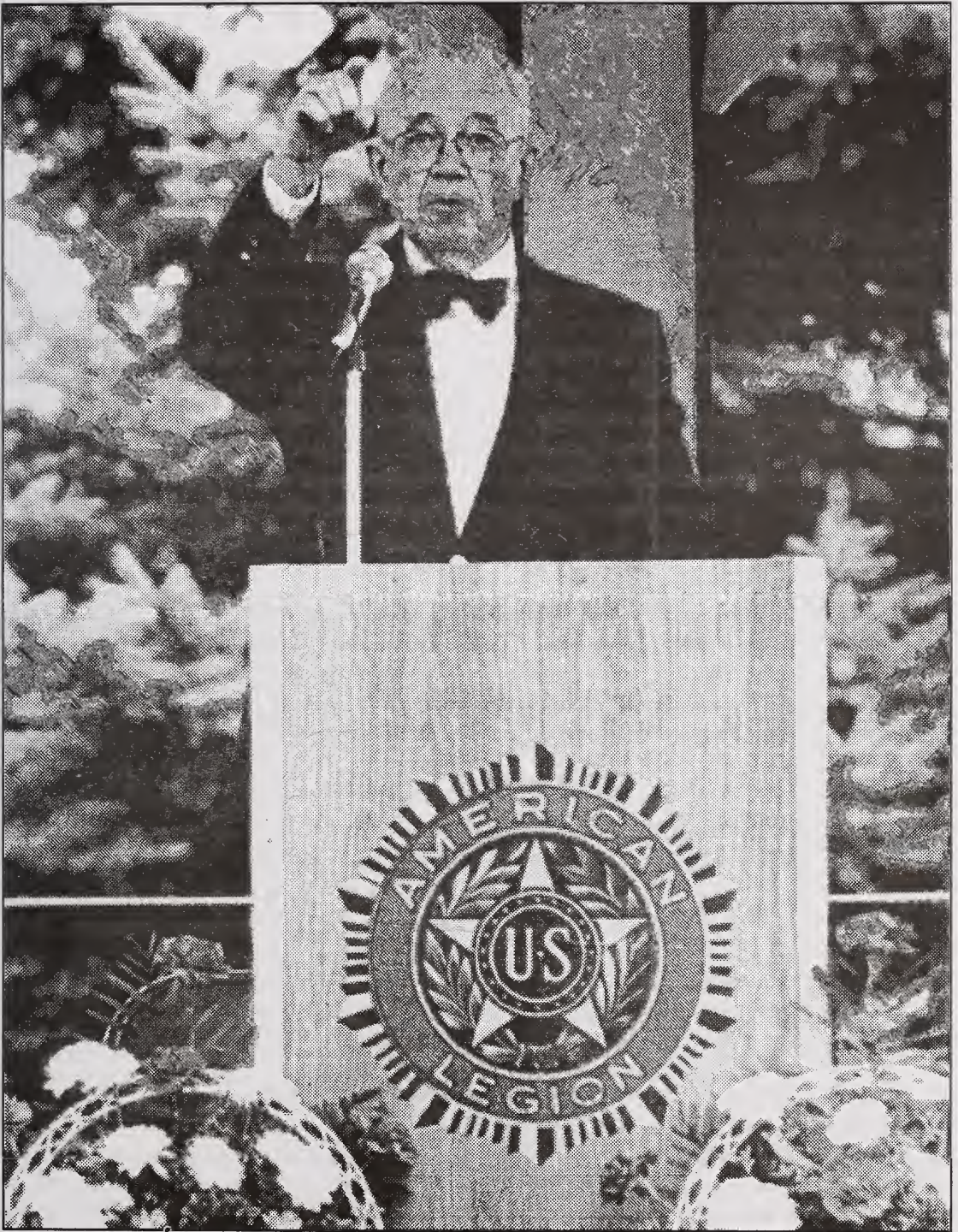
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**Newport Honors  
J. Edward DeCourcy**



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## In Dedication

### J. Edward DeCourcy

#### Editor and Publisher of the Argus Champion 1961-1981

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Born *the day after the Titanic Sank*, April 16, 1912, J. Edward DeCourcy grew up with a love of journalism that he credits to his dad having a real news sense and to his family talking about news a lot at home. He first helped start a high school newspaper, then graduated from the University of Maine where he was editor of his college newspaper. He continued his news career after graduation in Connecticut, Boston and New York.

One day he received a call asking if he was interested in being an editor for a newspaper friends had just bought and to *run it as though he owned it*. That newspaper was Newport's Argus-Champion. Drawn to country journalism, Ed's commitment was always to the total news content of the paper, especially matters that concerned the community, to cover the news and cover it accurately, making sure anything that happened in Newport was in the Argus, and knowing if he wrote a critical editorial about someone, he was sure to meet him on the street the next day. *If I make people aware there is another viewpoint, I have served adequately. If I make them see my viewpoint is correct, I've served better.* Ken Andler reflected *although Ed's opinions may be too liberal for Newport, people would never hold his opinions against him, he was such a good fellow.* In 1964 Ed opposed adoption of the state sweepstakes to support state government on the basis of gambling, saying later and it never did what it was supposed to do in supporting state aid and education.

Roasted on his retirement, Dayton Duncan said he learned many things from working for Ed DeCourcy at the Argus, mainly it is possible to go through life as a newspaperman and not lose your ideals or your sense of humor — and how to tie a bow tie. After his retirement, Ed continued to write a weekly Spectator Column in the Argus, as well as writing for other newspapers and magazines. As for why he continued to write a column, Ed DeCourcy said *it is a matter of having so much to say.*

A newspaperman for more than 50 years, and editor and publisher of the Argus Champion for 20 years, Ed won wide recognition and more than 150 awards for his journalism, including the 1971 *International Society of Weekly Newspaper Editors Award* for an editorial, tying for first place with another editorial, also written by Ed; the *Golden Quill Award for Best Editor of the Year*; *Yankee Quill Award*, inducting him into the Academy of New England Journalists; *1981 Man of the Year*; the *1981 Eugene Cervi Award*; and the *1982 Governor's Award of Distinction*, honoring those who have significantly contributed to the improvement of the quality of life in New Hampshire and who have demonstrated throughout their lives unselfish and unflinching commitment to this goal. In 1997, Ed was again recognized for his years of community journalism by the New Hampshire Press Assn.

Always interested and active in the community, in civic and charitable work, praised for his dedication to better education, the local business community, and especially to the town of Newport, the name Ed DeCourcy is a household word, and the man Ed DeCourcy is an icon. In honor of his contributions to our community, Newport proudly dedicates its 1997 Annual Town Report to *him* — *Newport's best-known and most respected citizen, journalist, scholar, editor, neighbor and friend.*

## *No lack of spirit or talent here*

### *The Spectator*

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You take no risk when you predict that people will be talking about the New England Artists Trust Congress IV in Newport for years to come. Gone are the days when wisenheimers will refer to Newport as “that little mill town.”

Most of the beauty brought to Newport by the New England Artists Trust Congress IV will last and flourish with the passing years, and that should bring joy to the entire community, but special pride to those citizens who worked so long and hard to achieve the new beauty they brought to the center of town.

Newport has had a beautification committee for many years, and its labors are reflected in the Common and the Little Common where flowers and shrubs have flourished in response to the loving care of Newport citizens who had a dream. Now, responding to the hard work of a handful of committed citizens, the dream has become reality, and the center of town has become a beautiful park, much to the joy of those who had the dream long ago, and worked through the years to bringing it to reality.

The mural painting on the south wall of what used to be called “The Johnson Building,” deserves special attention and would bring joy to the hearts of Newporters for years to come, not only because it depicts a golden age in the life of this town, but because it proves that the town has citizens with enormous talent who are able to paint that virtue.

If one of our community goals is to attract new citizens to Newport, let them see what the present citizens have done to bring their community dream to reality. Some citizens may choose to remember incidents like the day the truck drove across the Little Common, but most will remember how quickly the citizens of Newport banded together to repair that damage with new planting(s).

Some may remember the many years when the bandstand in the Common languished for need of repair, but now we have an improved bandstand that demonstrated the willingness of Newporters to take good care of both the bandstand and the Common.

The Artists Trust Congress teaches us that Newport has the spirit and talent to make its Common a park of unusual beauty, to maintain it through the seasons and to repair and restore it when necessary.

So this department shouts a loud “thank you” to all those who strove mightily to make the Artists Trust Congress a resounding success.

J. Edward DeCourcy  
October 8, 1997



## Newport Salutes

### Volunteers of the Year

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#### **New Hampshire Municipal Association Volunteer of the Year Award**

##### **James Lantz**

At the November 20, 1997 annual meeting of the New Hampshire Municipal Association in Manchester, recognition was given to ten outstanding individuals throughout the state, whose effort and dedication to community service serve as a model for the type of volunteer involvement without which town and city governments could not function. One of those ten people receiving the **Volunteer of the Year Awards** was Newport's **Jim Lantz**, in recognition of almost three decades of community service, for his volunteer involvement, effort and dedication to community service, and for his unfailing support of every important issue that surfaces in town. Recipients of this prestigious awards are chosen by a panel from the NHMA's Executive Committee and are based upon leadership, responsibility, level and impact of voluntary contributions, and the spirit of volunteerism represented throughout the community.

#### **1997 Governor's Volunteer Recognition Awards**

##### **Patryc Wiggins, Kathy Hubert, Dana Waterman and Greg Hannigan**

On December 1, 1997 the Governor of New Hampshire honored four members of the Newport community. Recipients of the **1997 Governor's Volunteer Recognition Awards** were invited by Gov. Jeanne Shaheen to join her at the Awards Celebration at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord for a reception and a public program.

**Patryc Wiggins** and **Kathy Hubert** received this recognition and were presented this award for their extraordinary effort and success as co-administrators of the New England Artists' Trust Congress IV, held in Newport in September, and for their sense of community spirit and vision for Newport's future.

**Dana Waterman** and **Greg Hannigan** also received this recognition and were presented the 1997 Governor's Volunteer Recognition Award for their dedication to the development of our youth, for their community service, and for their exemplary sportsmanship and leadership in the Newport community.

Congratulations to Jim, Patryc, Kathy, Dana and Greg for these well deserved honors, and congratulations to our town as role models from our community are recognized.

## New England Artists Trust Congress IV

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In 1996 local artist, Patryc Wiggins, proudly announced to her hometown of Newport, NH that it had been chosen from all New Hampshire towns and cities to host the 1997 Congress of the New England Artists Trust (NEAT), an honor previously held only by large New England cities. NEAT supports a diverse group of New England artists, recognizing art as an integral part of a community's culture and contributing significantly to our lives. Over the past several years, Patryc herself has made a significant contribution of her own to the Newport community with her "Mill Tapestry Project". It was Patryc's representation of her hometown as a progressive New England town, with its rich industrial heritage, well known for its support of education, preservation, culture and the arts, that brought Newport, NH to the attention of NEAT.

Patryc was joined by Kathy Hubert, local businesswoman, manager of five family-owned retail stores, volunteer President of the Chamber of Commerce, volunteer Secretary of ECON, and mother of seven young children. Patryc and Kathy started down the road towards developing a common vision of what the Artists Congress should be. They recruited committee members and volunteers, organized meetings, made presentations to solicit interest and support, and traveled all over New England to meet with key people from artist communities. In June 1996 they attended the 3rd Artists Congress in Portland, Maine, gaining critical insight for the upcoming Congress in Newport which was quickly becoming an extraordinary undertaking. To hire a coordinator and fund the proposed conference, Patryc and Kathy applied for grants, raising \$148,000.

To highlight industry's impact on the area, a machine tool exhibit was created, *Good Parts, On Time*, celebrating the heritage that built the American machine tool industry. Their committee through the Library Arts Center, secured the *Maxfield Parish Exhibit*, applauding the rich cultural heritage of our area and gathered artists to work with townspeople to create murals of Newport's history to welcome visitors. New England writer and poet, Veranda Porche, was recruited as artist-in-residence, to collaborate with our school, collecting autobiographical stories of senior citizens for a historical project called *Self Portraits in Newport*. At our Opera House, students were introduced to opera in a two day residency program, producing a polished performance called *Kids Kabaret*, with scenes from famous operas. Second graders designed posters to advertise the Congress, with one poster chosen for promotional packets. A grant was also secured to fund *Illuminate Newport*, enhancement lighting of our Opera House/Town Hall, in conjunction with the town's revitalization effort of Main Street.

Hundreds of hours were spent processing thousands of mailings, soliciting artists, volunteers, organizations, seeking housing, canvassing the community to sponsor suppers, tapping historical resources, involving students and teachers in curriculum that researched important contributions of women to Newport's history, culminating in the painting of two fireplace screens displayed in Richards Free Library, and coordinating the presentation of the prestigious Sarah Josepha Hale Award to New Hampshire author, Wesley McNair, during the Congress in Newport, all of which caught the attention of NH Public Television who came to film the event and to produce a documentary later shown on PBS.

The NEAT Congress IV, *Culture Builds Community*, revealed another example of Newport's extraordinary community spirit and vision, attracting incredible support from local volunteers, the Newport business community, and organizations all over New England, in another testimony as to how Newport can step up to a challenge and bring recognition not only to our town, but to our state, and to New England. To all who were involved, the Town of Newport thanks you and congratulates you for a tremendously well-done and successful effort.

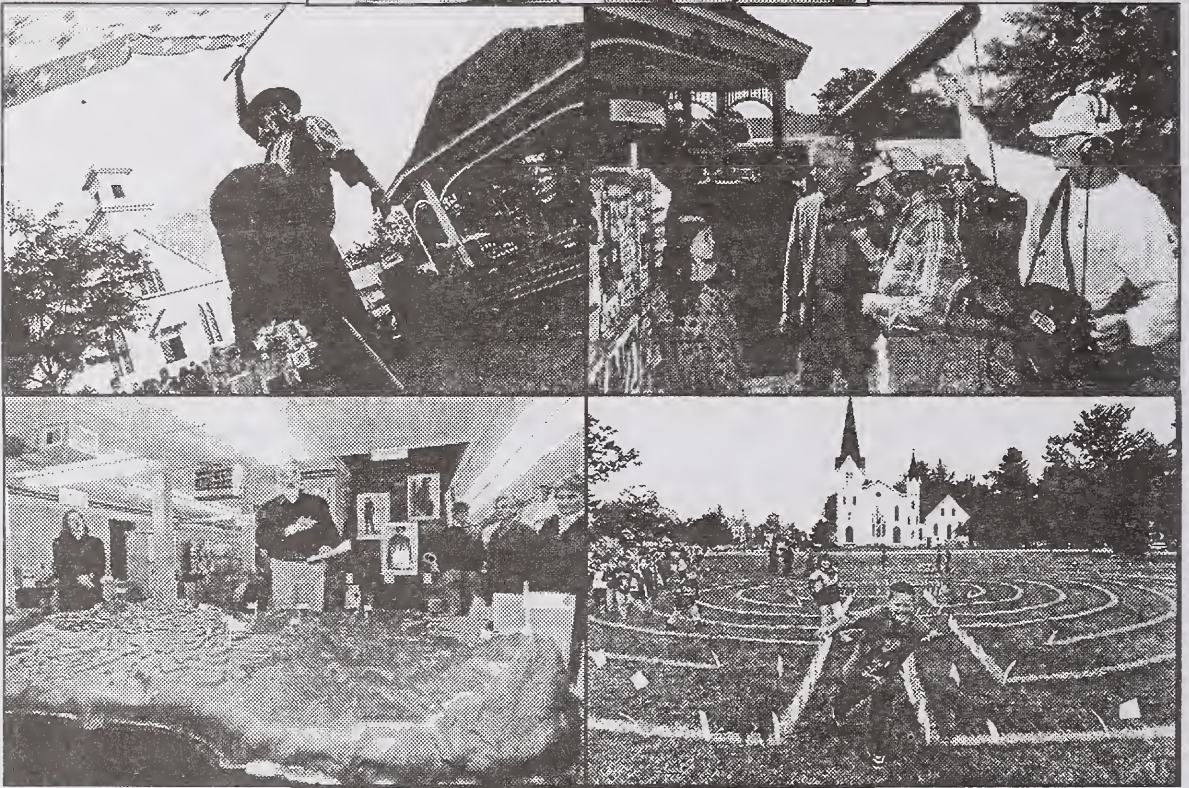
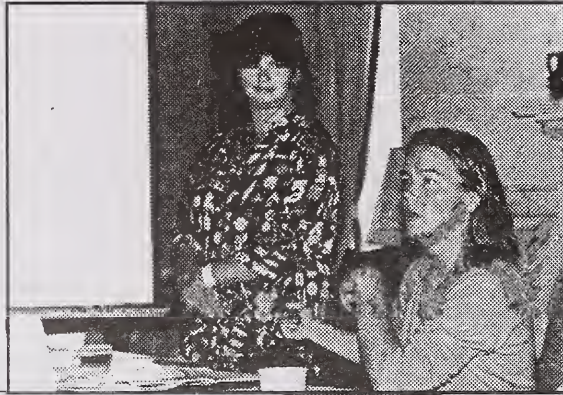


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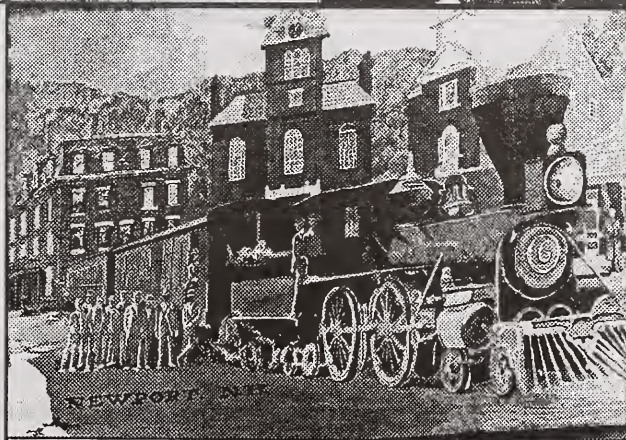
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**Co-Administrators**

Patryc Wiggins  
Kathy Hubert









## Earle A. Pollard, 20th Recipient of Newport's Boston Post Cane

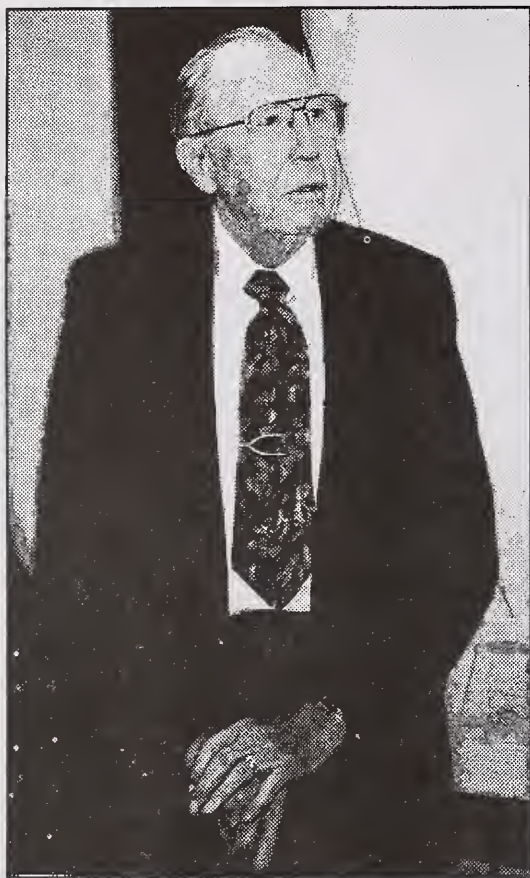


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In 1909 several hundred New England towns each received a complimentary, gold-headed, ebony cane from the Boston Post Newspaper to present to its oldest citizen. In Newport, presenting the cane has been a tradition since that time. These now-historic Boston Post Canes have also come to symbolize the integrity of their recipients and recognize an incredibly long, full life.

The secret of receiving the Boston Post Cane is, of course, growing very old. This year Selectmen distinguished the presentation of the prestigious cane even more by refining the selection process. Selectmen agreed the criteria should not only consider the age of the recipient, but their health, length of residency in town, contributions made to the community, and the stewardship role the recipient will play, assuring the cane will be returned and remain a town artifact.

Slightly older than the cane itself, Earle Pollard was born on October 20, 1901 in Claremont and moved to town approximately 85 years ago. His roots in Newport date back to 1834 when his great grandfather, Truman Pollard, settled here. A Newport landmark that we are all familiar with bears his family name — Pollards Mills. Earle

Pollard remembers when the shopping plazas were pastures on the Cutting farm, and Main Street was a dirt road. A graduate of Newport schools, he grew up farming before becoming involved in banking. The only chief executive of Newport's First National Bank to ever become its President, Mr. Pollard retired from banking in 1975 — 44 years after taking a job as bank clerk during the depths of the Depression. His contributions have not only been to the business community, Mr. Pollard was also elected Town Treasurer over a period of 20 years. Still active in the community at age 96, he was involved with the Artists Trust Congress held in Newport in 1997, sharing an oral history of Newport as a participant in "Self Portraits in Newport." Woodworking, music, bicycling, and traveling have been important interests in his life, and not until this year, at age 96, has he cut back on golf, cross-country skiing and snow-shoveling. He still enjoys walking and driving his car.

At a recent Board of Selectmen's meeting, Newport was honored to present its Boston Post Cane to Mr. Earle Pollard for his use and stewardship throughout his life. Following the presentation he and his wife, Esther, and son Everett enjoyed a reception in his honor, attended by many of his banking friends, in the lobby of the town offices.

**Excerpts from the 1997 Narration of Earle Pollard  
for the New England Artists Trust Congress Project  
*Self Portraits in Newport (SPIN)***

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*One of the disadvantages of being old is that everyone thinks you remember everything from when you were young...*

We moved to Newport when I was about 12. My grandfather lived on the farm at Pollard's Mills where I grew up. I always worked but we made play out of work sometimes.... It was mostly my brother and myself, my cousin Albion Pollard, son of the owner of the sawmill, (his two sisters, (and my) sister... All the town school kids used to come there to the swimming hole... The large house was on the right and the mill itself was on the left across the road. down below the sawmill was a shingle mill. There were pot holes all up and down the river, worn out by rocks grinding around with the current, and above the swimming hole was a stone foundation for another mill long gone.... Must have been more than one before my time...

One way that Albion, Shirley and I amused ourselves in the summertime was to watch the sawyer sawing logs. When ... he wasn't looking, we'd jump on the saw carriage and ride toward the saw. We always jumped off before we got there.... As soon as it started to return, we'd jump back on. The carriage went quite slowly when water power was low so we didn't have any trouble jumping on and off.... didn't think it was dangerous and my uncle just took it in stride.

We worked between the two farms of my grandfathers... raising corn and haying... My grandfather Tenney's farm is now part of the golf course... My father was actually a blacksmith... When his father became too old to run the farm, he looked after his father and had the farm in turn for taking care of him whilst he lived. I never wanted to be a farmer.

My mother... was active in the South Congregationalist Church. She was ... capable of a lot more than being a farmer's wife. She taught at the little red school house... a museum now. Shirley was teased about his name and changed it to S. Everett... Marguerite was five years younger... (and attended) the one room Reed Schoolhouse on Unity Road... My brother and I walked two miles to and from school, carrying our lunch in paper bags.... If there was an evening social, we'd walk back and forth again until we got old enough to drive our own team of horses... Before that we'd driven the horses only for work.

My grandfather, Kimball Pollard, who owned the farm before us, liked to train horses... I helped him sometimes...a nice change from the mowing machine. When he'd have an unbroken colt... out for the first time in the wagon, he'd tie a rope to the horse's front foot and thread the rope back to the wagon. My job was to hold the rope. If the horse... started to run, my grandfather yelled, "Pull on the rope," which I did, tripping the horse up, and he'd fall flat... After, I'd have to jump out and sit on the horse's head.... Horses can't get up unless they can raise their heads up in the air. It was all right as long as you didn't get near his mouth or you'd get bit...



We were very self-sufficient. My father had a milk route and we had to have ice all year long. We had a pond on our farm (off Breakneck Road) where we cut ice... First, you'd cut a hole in the ice with an ax to see how thick it was. Then you sawed toward your legs, pulling the saw up and down, cutting about three feet from your feet... After you sawed it into blocks, the blocks were lifted with tongs onto a sled. We'd have ... maybe a dozen blocks at a time on the sled... drawn by a horse, of course. It was put in the ice house... (and) packed with sawdust...

We had no electricity. We didn't think it was bad at the time. We had water from a spring up in the pasture that ran into a tank by the sink. There was no pressure (but) it never ran dry... My father sold Aladdin lamps... the first time we had one in our living room — that brilliant white light — we ran outside to see it through the window. It's hard to describe the pleasure...

Later the farmers wanted to put in electricity, but the company didn't want to put in the poles because there wouldn't be demand to pay for stringing the line. So the farmers cut their own. We had our own trees up in the pasture. We set the poles ourselves and they strung the line. The whole house was wired piecemeal, a few lights in the kitchen and living room came on first.

As long as we had electricity, we wanted to put in a bathroom. We had to tie into the town water system to get pressure... We dedicated a whole summer to digging a ditch from our house to the Unity Road, with just shovels. The whole family, my father, brother, sister, (and) probably a few neighbors dug. You could rely on neighbors to help. The ditch was about 6 feet deep... It had to go under the river.... The town Water Department put in the pipe and we covered it up again. It was a job!... We did this in addition to haying...

I had a radio that ran on batteries... We got two stations... one in Hartford Connecticut and one out of Pittsburgh. And we never let a day go by but we listened to Amos and Andy. We didn't think of them as Negroes, just comedians...

We had to do things for ourselves. My father had probably several hundred hens. One summer there was a rash of chicken thieves.... My father was very ingenious and put electrical contacts on all the doors around the hen house and ran the line to our house, so if any of the doors were opened, a buzzer would sound. My father would grab his shotgun... and we'd go dashing to see what was going on... usually a malfunction of the system. I'm afraid we never caught a thief.

There was a traditional poor farm in each town.... a terrible disgrace, something people feared. You'd have to go if you couldn't manage any other way. Very few people didn't manage to get by. Often neighbors would help. That wasn't welfare, that was just being neighborly.

In the winter there weren't as many chores to do, so evenings we were free.... ordinary evenings were spent at home. Church was the social gathering place. Sometimes there was square dancing. Someone would be playing the piano... The sexton would go down into the basement..., and he'd watch the floor heaving up and down while we danced and would call up to the crowds to "slow down." The floor never broke but he was worried about it all the time....

They used to put up a movie screen in the opera house, maybe a couple of times a year, and a group would come, charge admission and show movies. That was a big deal. The first movie theater in Newport was upstairs in the Ransom Furniture Store Building.... My father was the first operator.... We would take over if my father couldn't be there.... The light was not incandescent. It used carbon sticks.... If it began to dim, the audience would yell "Turn up the light." It always needed adjusting.... It was a hand crank projector, no motors.... Quite often a film would break. I'd have to repair it while I was rewinding it... glue it back together with an evil smelling glue....

Every Saturday we'd have a continuous serial. They were always thrillers ending on a suspenseful moment (with) someone ... hanging on a cliff. You'd have to go the next week to see how it came out. Remember, the movies were silent, no sound track. The piano player couldn't have any music in front of him in the dark. If the horses were galloping, he'd have to gallop right along with them....

I couldn't see much future in farming. It was a hard life, and I didn't want a life any harder than I had to, so when I graduated from school, I started working for the state on blister rust control. T'was killing the pine trees all over New Hampshire.... (Later) the Express Agent in town ... was looking for a new employee and he told someone he saw this farm boy around town. He said he needed someone with a strong back and a weak mind. Word got back to me to apply for the job and I did. My strong back got me in....

I then heard of an opening at the First National Bank ... and got the job, (which) paid \$20 per week to be teller and clerk. I didn't think I could get by. They said if I would do the janitor work, they'd pay me \$5 (more).... Eventually... I got my five dollars without working for it as a janitor. Over the years I became Assistant Cashier, then Cashier, then President. I became the first operating president. Before that, it was just an honorary position. The Cashier had actually run the bank.... Banking is much better than haying.

To guard the bank, we had an alarm bell you could trip. Then the police were supposed to come dashing (in). We had a tear gas system that could be set off with a foot control.... One time when the repair man was there, all the gas bombs accidentally went off, with fumes so thick we couldn't make it to the door. So we went to the back of the building, which was two stories high, opened the window and hollered down ... to get the fire department... and we came down the ladder....

When I got married, I left the farm and moved into town. I didn't want my fiancé to be a farm wife and she agreed. I stayed longer on the farm than my brother and sister. When we were in town we bought milk from my father like any other customer.

Earle Pollard, age 96, and his wife Esther, have been married 63 years, raising four children Cynthia Rand of Kingston, Rhode Island; Nancy Rumberg of Keene, New Hampshire; Beverly Monahan of Titusville, New Jersey; and one son, Everett Pollard, of Sunapee, New Hampshire. They have six grandchildren and one great grandchild. Earle and Esther still live in town.

## Town of Newport General Information

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

Total Land Area . . . . . 43.6 Square Miles

Elevation Above Mean Sea Level

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

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

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

Representatives: Charles Bass  
142 No. Main Street, Concord, NH 03301

U.S. Senators Robert C. Smith  
332 DSOB, Constitution Ave. & First St. NE,  
Washington, DC 20510  
Judd Gregg  
(E-mail address: mailbox@gregg.senate.gov)  
393 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Senatorial District . . . . . Eighth

State Senator Allen L. Whipple  
PO Box 88, Claremont, NH 03743

State Representatives: Gordon Flint, Sr.  
21 Lincoln Terrace, Newport, NH 03773  
David Kibbey  
PO Box 426, Newport, NH 03773  
Celestine Wiggins  
PO Box 104, Guild, NH 03754

District Court . . . . . Newport

Number of Registered Voters . . . . . 3,336

Population . . . . . 6,110

**1996 Tax Rate:**

Town . . . . . \$9.55

School . . . . . 17.29

County . . . . . 2.29

**Total . . . . . \$29.13**



## Elected Town Officials

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### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### Term Expires

John K. Lunn, Chair . . . . .	May, 2000
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, 2000
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### MODERATOR

W. Howard Dunn. . . . .	May, 1998
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### SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Pamela J. Hoyt . . . . .	May, 2000
Martha E. Lovely . . . . .	May, 1999
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, 2000
Louise K. Hastings . . . . .	May, 1998
C. Michael Sanderson . . . . .	May, 1999

## Appointed Town Officials

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TOWN MANAGER .....	Daniel P. O'Neill
Executive Assistant .....	Sharon H. Christie
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS .....	Larry A. Wiggins
Airport Manager .....	Albert A. Gobin
Cemetery Superintendent .....	Brian T. Richardson
Highway Superintendent .....	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.



## Current Appointed Committee Members

	Term Expires
<b>AIRPORT COMMISSION</b>	
Cary Whipple, Chair .....	May, 1998
Peter Anastos .....	May, 1998
Herbert Findeisen .....	May, 1998
Peter Reynolds .....	May, 1999
Robert Collins .....	May, 2000
Larry Mason, Alternate .....	May, 1999
Gary Nichols, BOS Rep .....	May, 1998
Larry Wiggins, Staff Rep .....	May, 1998
<b>BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b>	
Lou Dean Franz, Chair .....	May, 2000
Richard Brewer .....	May, 1998
Ella Casey .....	May, 1999
Carl Fitz .....	May, 1998
David Little .....	May, 2000
Betty Avery .....	May, 1999
Brad Sears .....	May, 2000
Peter Anastos .....	May, 2000
Anthony MacConnell .....	May, 2000
Ben Nelson, Alternate .....	May, 1999
Sharon MacDonald, BOS Rep .....	May, 1998
Holly Harrison, School Board Rep .....	May, 1998
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE</b>	
Polly Andrews, Chair .....	Gary Nichols, BOS Rep
Brian Stillson .....	Ella Casey      David McCrillis
Paul Brown .....	David Jescavage      Daniel O'Neill
<b>CDBG LOAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b>	
Anthony DiPadova .....	Chair
Ella Casey .....	Louise Hastings
Anthony Maiola .....	Michael Sanderson
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>	
Nancy Parssinen, Chair .....	May, 2000
John Liberman .....	May, 1998
June Liberman .....	May, 1998
Tracy Martino .....	May, 2000
Fredrik Peyron .....	May, 1999
Jeanette Scales, Alternate .....	May, 1998

**Current Appointed Committee Members (Continued)**

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**ECONOMIC CORPORATION OF NEWPORT (ECON)**

Mary Lou Reed, President	Daniel P. O'Neill, Vice President
Kathleen Hubert, Secretary	Stephen Ensign, Treasurer
Richard Bates	Ella Casey
Stephen LaValley	Stephen Marro, SCEDC Agent
Ken McCann	Mark Pitkin
Paul Skarin	Rick Thomas
Michael Work	Bert Spaulding, BOS Rep

**HERITAGE COMMISSION**

Patrice Brewer, Chair	May, 1998
Sharon Christie, Vice Chair	May, 1998
Michael Dixon, Secretary	May, 1998
Roger Nelson	May, 2000
Betty Avery	May, 1999
Jean MacConnell, Alternate	May, 1999
Clifford Richer, Alternate	May, 1998
John Lunn, BOS Rep	May, 1998

**JOINT LOSS MANAGEMENT (SAFETY) COMMITTEE**

Brad Lane, Chair	Ken Dennis, Vice Chair
Kelley Butler, Secretary	Shady Blackwell
Marie Brown	Sharon Christie
Leo Goyette	PJ Lovely
Dan O'Neill	Ed Schinck
Brian Tracey	Jack Marcotte

**MAIN STREET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Daniel P. O'Neill, Chair	Sharon Christie	Robert Collins
Alicia Dixon	Michael Dixon	Stephene 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

**NEW ENGLAND ARTISTS TRUST CONGRESS STEERING COMMITTEE**

Patryc Wiggins, Co-Producer	Kathy Hubert, Co-Producer	
Lori Dresser, Coordinator	Sharon Callahan, Advisor	
Lori Barnes	Patrice Brewer	Sharon Christie
Ella Casey	Dina Cody	Bob Collins
Adam Cook	William Gauthier	Gina Kanakis
Nick Kanakis	Gerry LaValley	Michele MacDonald
Maundy Mitchell	Doris Nelson	Gary Nichols
Dan O'Neill	Patricia Rude	Jeannette Scales
Audrey Sylvester	Kent Stetson	Rick Thomas
Calista Thurlow		Celestine Wiggins



## Current Appointed Committee Members (Continued)

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### PLANNING BOARD

W. Howard Dunn, Chair	May, 2000
Jeffrey Kessler, Vice Chair	May, 1998
Ella Casey	May, 1999
Pauline Andrews	May, 1998
Frederick Jones	May, 2000
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, 1998
Bert Spaulding, Sr., Alternate BOS Rep	May, 1998

### POLICE BUILDING COMMITTEE

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

### RECREATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Gary LaFountain, Sr. Chair	May, 2000
Mary Maxfield	May, 1998
William MacDonald	May, 1998
Kathy Sarles	May, 1999
Roger Rosendahl	May, 1999
Kelly Shultz	May, 2000
Todd Proper, Student Rep	May, 1998

### 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

Peter Franklin	May, 1999
Don Lader, Jr., Alternate	May, 1999
John Lunn, Alternate & BOS Rep	May, 1998

### WEB SITE COMMITTEE

John Lunn	Dan O'Neill	Gary Nichols
Paul Brown	Sharon Christie	Brian Stillson

### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Anthony DiPadova, Chair	May, 1999
Fred Maxfield, Vice Chair	May, 1998
Ben Nelson	May, 2000
Peter Anastos	May, 1999
Larry Mason, Alternate	May, 2000
Sharon MacDonald, BOS Rep	May, 1998

## **Board of Selectmen 1997 Annual Report**

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This year has been year of change in Newport both on and below the surface. Most notably, last spring the new Police facility was completed and opened. In the summer the Main Street project changed the face of downtown forever with trees, flowerbeds, and antique lamp posts down the center of the street and on the Little Common. We also completed another CDBG infrastructure program in the Pleasant Street area to improve our neighborhoods.

The property revaluation has been underway this past winter and all the properties in town have been appraised. During the spring, each lot will be assessed and hearings will be held in the summer so that citizens can review their reassessments with the Assessors. However, when the budget is voted on this May, the new estimated tax rate won't be available until next fall based on the new assessments.

As Water and Sewer Commissioners, the board implemented a sodium silicate program to address the red water problem. It has run for a complete year now and has been very successful. We have also been developing a plan to upgrade the 2.5 million gallon water tank on Summer Street.

Following up on the Main Street project will be a complete rebuilding of Central Street in the coming year. We also hope to be able to continue revitalizing downtown with the help of the business owners. In the past couple of years, the Opera House has had the exterior completely renovated and we plan to continue improvements on that building each year.

Once again, the Annual Town Report won first prize in the New Hampshire Municipal Association town report contest. Newport now has a web page on the Internet which can be accessed at: [www.town.newport.nh.us](http://www.town.newport.nh.us). The New England Artists' Trust Congress was held here last fall on the Covered Bridge Festival weekend along with an antique car and balloon show and brought many people to town to four days of interesting and exciting events.

All in all, it was a busy and eventful year. I would like to thank all the people who donate their time to serve on boards & committees and volunteer countless hours on worthwhile projects that contribute to making this town a great place to live.

John Lunn  
Chairman, Board of Selectmen



# Town Manager's 1997 Annual Report

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**Town Manager**  
Daniel P. O'Neill

**Executive Assistant**  
Sharon H. Christie

As a citizen of the town of Newport, what would you take into consideration to evaluate whether Newport or any other community is a good place of live. Consider what you value most in Newport. You may have strong feelings about a particular issue. But just for a moment take a few steps back, look at the bigger picture of the community, and ask the following questions:

- Are the most basic challenges and concerns of the community being addressed?
- What is the extent and nature of citizen participation in the community towards improvement efforts?
- What's the degree of success in realizing community goals?

I believe that when you consider the size of our community, the type of government we have, the many non-profit organizations, schools and churches that participate in our community, we do an admirable job of addressing the previous questions.

I have recently had an opportunity to work with David Jescavage, the town's Planning & Zoning Director; Sharon Christie, my Executive Assistant; Patryc Wiggins and Kathy Hubert on an application for the All American City Award. This is an award that is made by the National Civic League, an organization to which towns and cities all across the country belong. The All American City Award is a very prestigious award. To even meet all the requirements contained in the application is quite an accomplishment. I learned much about our town while working on this project. I learned what the most basic criteria are for measuring the success of a community. The application required us to write about how we address the components of the N.C.L. Civic Index. The index evaluates citizen participation, community leadership, government performance, volunteerism and philanthropy, inter-group relations, civic education, community information sharing, the capacity for cooperation and consensus building, community vision and pride, and regional cooperation. In addition to describing how Newport addresses each of the preceding criteria, we had to write about three projects the town has recently worked on and how the three projects were successfully accomplished using the civic index components. The three projects submitted for consideration were the rebuilding of the Corbin Covered Bridge, the Artists Trust Congress and the Main Street project. All three of these projects made extensive use of our assets described in the components of the civic index.

One cannot help but see the positive changes that have taken place in our community over the past few years. Newport is a strong community. Our citizens are high spirited and our community has in place the most important components to help ensure our future success.

## **Ambulance Service 1997 Annual Report**

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Brian Tracey, Director . . . . .	Keith Gregory, Vehicle Chief . . .	Gary Nichols, Traiing Officer
Thomas Clough Sr. . . . .	Michael Dixon . . . . .	Susan Gregory
Charles Johnson . . . . .	Clay Odell . . . . .	Wenda White
Allen White . . . . .	Benjamin Holobowicz . . . . .	Andrew Miller
Dominick DePhillips . . . . .		Kiley Shackett

In calendar 1997, the Ambulance Department responded to 1,018 calls for service, almost all of which were emergencies. This is a milestone for the Department as it is the first year our call volume has reached the 1,000 mark. Based on responses in the first quarter of 1998, it appears likely that we will meet or exceed that volume this year. The operating costs budgeted at last year's town meeting were fully returned to the community through revenues from services.

We are meeting this demand for emergency medical services with a full-time paramedic/ director and a crew of 12 volunteer EMT's. The growing call volume, combined with increasing training requirements and our volunteers' primary responsibility to their full-time employers, has started to strain our available resources. We are not alone. This is unfortunately a problem across the nation with services who rely on volunteers for EMS support. We wish to assure our citizens that every call will continue to be answered in a timely manner by highly qualified and motivated personnel. However, the number of mutual aid responses from services in surrounding communities is increasing. Frequently, when our primary ambulance is busy, there will be a second call. In those cases where no local backup crew is available, an outside agency is requested to respond.

If we are to continue to function as a primarily "volunteer" department, we need your help. If you are certified as an EMT, we urge you to consider volunteering a few hours per week. If you are interested in becoming an EMT, or just curious, please contact any crew member for information. Training programs are available. We are particularly interested in people who can volunteer daytime hours during the work week, but are seeking additional help on all shifts. If you are an employer, we ask you to consider allowing your EMT employees to respond to medical emergencies from their workplace. There is a direct benefit to all involved. The community gains more qualified EMS personnel; taxpayers avoid the cost of full-time department staffing; and employers reap the benefit of in-house first responders. The volunteer system works and will hopefully be alive and well in Newport for years to come. However, it relies on the community as a whole to support its citizens in need.

In November, the department took delivery of the new ambulance authorized at last year's town meeting. The 1997 Ford is well suited to the needs of the community and has proven to be a valuable and reliable asset to the town.

Once again, the Department wishes to recognize the Newport Service Organization for their very generous contributions. Their support allows this Department to function at a higher skill level, and with better equipment than ever before. They are the perfect example of how volunteers can make a remarkable difference in our community. The Ambulance Service also wishes to thank all the other town departments, and those other individuals who have supported us this year.



# Cemetery & Grounds 1997 Annual Report

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## Superintendent

Brian T. Richardson

## Per Diem Laborers

Timothy Temple ..... Adam Temple  
David Millotte ..... Charles Westover

During the first quarter of 1997, the Cemetery & Grounds Department did routine equipment repair for its department and repaired and serviced pumps and generators for the Water & Sewer Department. The Town's picnic tables, park benches and trash receptacles were scraped and painted, the Winter Carnival sign was rebuilt, and we assisted the Highway Department with snow plowing in addition to plowing the ice skating rink and the cemeteries.

During the second quarter, we did routine spring clean up in all cemeteries, re-seeded and fertilized the north end of the Town Common, repaired roadways, and replaced water faucets in St. Patrick's Cemetery. We installed new signs at the North Newport and Maple Street Cemeteries, filled in holes at the old football field at Meadow Park caused by spring flooding, removed shrubs and pruned trees at the Town Office and Court House Park, repaired the sprinkler system and drinking fountains at the High School A.R.C., had brackets made for the Corbin Bridge Park entryways and we started a sidewalk weed control system in the Main Street area. We also installed an eight foot high chain-link fence around the Chandlers Mill Road illegal dump site.

During the third quarter, we did routine mowing and trimming in all cemeteries, Town commons, parks and ballfields. We performed landscaping work on the Main Street Project and made preparations for the Arts Congress and Corbin Bridge Festival.

During the fourth quarter, we did Fall clean up in all of our cemeteries, cut brush around boundaries at Pine Grove and St. Patrick's Cemeteries, installed granite posts at entryways to Corbin Bridge Park and chained them off, picked up and stored picnic tables from Town parks, marked out winter burial lots in three cemeteries, put out plow markers in the cemeteries and put up and maintained Christmas lights.

The department has a daily trash patrol of the Main Street area and we have assisted the Water & Sewer Department with filter bed cleaning at the Water Treatment Plant at various times throughout the year.

We purchased a new John Deere 510 Front-Mount Mower (38") with zero turning radius. This machine is a big plus to the department.

We obtained the Weld property adjacent to the North Newport Cemetery and have been maintaining it. We removed a number of trees and brush around the buildings, mowed and trimmed the lawns and had the field mowed. A new section of the North Newport Cemetery will open in the near future as a result of the land purchased from the Weld family.

## **Conservation Commission 1997 Annual Report**

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Nancy Parssinen, Chairman ..... Tracy Martino, Secretary  
June Liberman, Treasurer ..... Jack Liberman ..... Jeannette Scales, Alternate

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

For the fifth year, Conservation Commission members and young people from the Volunteers for Peace spent two weeks in July working in the town forest, upgrading trails to make them safer and more suitable for the increase in mountain bike usage. Three plank bridges were built to replace log bridges across a brook and wet areas, and logs were used to build steps into a steep section of trail. Documentation of work and expenditures for grant reimbursement for the completed wetland education area was sent to the Division of Parks and Recreation, and the town received a check for \$15,339.63 which covered all costs not paid for by the Commission.

Three students from the Community Environmental Outreach Program of the University of New Hampshire (UNH) worked with Commission members and teachers to develop a wetland study kit and guide to be used in the town forest. Fourth grade students also went to the boardwalk with the UNH students and successfully tested some of the activities and lesson plans.

The annual inspection of land on which the town holds conservation easements was completed and the required reports were sent to the New Hampshire Forest Society. An unusually large number of Dredge and Fill applications were filed this year, each of which required inspection and a follow-up report. Several wetland violations were checked on and resolved.

The trees on the south end of the common were professionally evaluated and pruned. One maple could not be saved and was removed. It will be replaced this summer. Summer Youth Works students removed sod from around the smaller trees and mulched them to prevent damage by mowers. They also pruned and weeded the plantings by the information booth.

The Commission continued to work with the Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center toward our shared goal of student management of the town forest. Senior forestry students worked with local foresters to develop a four year management plan which includes:

- Encouraging growth of hardwood species, pines and a sugarbush
- Releasing some timber
- Working ten acres a year into a registered tree farm
- Making land and forest recreationally and educationally attractive

Work was started in the sugarbush and students hope to have a demonstration sugaring operation completed and running this year.

Three members went to the annual meeting of the NH Conservation Commissions in November to attend workshops on wetlands, water quality, biosolid management and rare species conservation. 1998 finds us short of members. Anyone wishing to join the Commission should contact the Town Office.



**ECON**  
**Economic Corporation of Newport**  
**1997 Annual Report**

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Mary Lou Reed, President	Daniel P. O'Neill, Vice President	
Kathleen Hubert, Secretary	Stephen Ensign, Treasurer	
Richard Bates	Ella Casey	Steven LaValley
Stevphen Marro	Kenneth McCann	David McCrillis
Mark Pitkin	Paul Skarin	Bert Spaulding, BOS Rep
Rick Thomas		Michael Work

ECON's business is helping to create economic opportunities for Newport's citizens. It does this in a number of ways. At various times over the past few years ECON has supplied letters to the Planning Board, the Board of Selectmen and the State of New Hampshire expressing the ECON's opinion on various development projects.

The New Hampshire Office of State Planning has provided a capacity enhancement grant to SCEDC. The purpose of the grant is to provide administrative staff support for ECON. The grant has been in effect for approximately one year.

ECON has been awarded IRS 501 (c) (3) status which means it is a non-profit charitable organization. It can receive funds which can be deducted from personal or corporate income tax.

In the recent past ECON has worked with Sullivan County Economic Development (SCEDC), Claremont Industrial Development Authority (IDA), Charlestown Economic Development Authority, and with the State of New Hampshire's Office of Business and Industrial Development in joint advertising projects. ECON also joined forces with Charlestown in urging Sullivan County EDC to initiate a greater effort in promoting tourism in the Upper Valley.

ECON, working in conjunction with SCEDC, provided information to major firms from Syracuse, New York and Ontario, Canada that expressed interest in moving to our community; and we further worked with four other local companies providing assistance as it relates to job retention and available property.

Within the last year, ECON retained the services of Saucier & Flynn to do a site analysis as to the possible uses of the 60 acre parcel of land that is owned by ECON, and in July ECON purchased a small parcel of land that provides access to this 60 acre parcel off Route 11/103. With the help of Sullivan County Economic Development Council, ECON also completed a survey of approximately 25 industries. This information was compiled and passed on to the state. Also in 1997, ECON acted as fiscal agent for the very successful N.E. Artists Trust Congress held in September.

In addition, ECON has been working with Greg Franklin and Associates to draft a strategic place marketing plan for the Town of Newport. In conjunction with this plan, a survey has been sent to 2500 Newport citizens, and the results will be shared in the spring of 1998.

**Executive Councilor**  
**Raymond S. Burton's**  
**Report to the Citizens of District One**  
**Tel (603) 747-3662**  
**State House (603) 271-3632**

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It is a pleasure to report to the people of District One, which consists of 98 towns and four cities here in northern New Hampshire. The Council acts much like a board of directors at the very top of your Executive Branch of your New Hampshire State Government. We confirm gubernatorial nominations to many regulatory, advisory and governing boards and commissions within the Executive Branch of your government. We also confirm gubernatorial nominations to the entire Judicial Branch of the New Hampshire State Government, approve contracts to outside agencies, businesses, municipalities and individuals and a host of other duties.

A good list of phone numbers for citizens to gain information throughout this district to have on hand would be the following:

Aids Hotline	1-800-752-AIDS
Children, Youth & Families	1-800-852-3345
Consumer Complaints, Utilities	1-800-852-3793
Disabilities Assistance	1-800-852-3345
Elderly & Adult Assistance	1-800-442-5640
Fuel Assistance	1-800-552-4617
Emergency Assistance	9-1-1
Employment Opportunities	1-800-852-3400
Job Training Information	1-800-772-7001
NH State Library	1-800-499-1232
NH State Police	1-800-525-5555
NH Technical Community Colleges	1-800-247-3420
NH Help Line (24 hour)	1-800-852-3388
NH Operation Game Thief	1-800-344-4262
NH Veterans Council	1-800-622-9230
NH Corrections Department	1-800-479-0688
NH Department of Labor	1-800-272-4353
NH Housing Authority	1-800-439-7247
NH Higher Educational Assistance	1-800-525-2577
Headrest Teenline	1-800-826-3700
NH Independent Living Foundation	1-800-826-3700
NH Charitable Foundation	1-800-464-6641

It is a pleasure to serve you as one of your public servants. My office is at your service.



## Fire Department 1997 Annual Report

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**Fire Chief:**

John J. Marcotte

**Deputy Fire Chief:**

Bruce MacDonald

**Full-Time Firefighters:**

Lt. David Jones ..... Lt. Peter Cadenhead ..... Lt. William Carley

**Call Firefighters:**

Christopher Amos .....	Edward Bailey
John Barton .....	James Blood .....
John Barton .....	Robert Brunt
Kenneth Carleton .....	Wayne Conroy .....
Kenneth Carleton .....	Steven Dube
Christopher Gasper .....	James Geschwindner .....
Christopher Gasper .....	Leo Goyette
Dean Gregory .....	Michael Hartwell .....
Dean Gregory .....	James Hoadley
Joel Lussier .....	Christopher Marcotte .....
Joel Lussier .....	David McCrillis
Larry Ouellette .....	Michael Rastallis .....
Larry Ouellette .....	C. Michael Sanderson
Barry Sleath .....	William Stone

During the year 1997, the Newport Fire Department responded to a total of 276 calls. The breakdown is as follows:

19 ..... Structure Fires	05 ..... Vehicle Fires
50 ..... Accidental False Alarms	56 ..... Rescue Calls
28 ..... Mutual Aid Requests	32 ..... Outside Fires
06 ..... Chimney Fires	01 ..... Malicious False Alarm
40 ..... Haz. Material Incidents	59 ..... Miscellaneous Calls

This makes us 1% below our five year average of 279 responses.

Inspections totaling 134 were conducted during this year. The breakdown of our inspections is as follows:

16 ..... Occupancy Inspections	64 ..... Life Safety Inspections
19 ..... Oil Burner Inspections	15 ..... Miscellaneous Inspections
20 ..... Place of Assembly Inspect's	

Our total training hours are 1,566. The breakdown is as follows:

581 ..... Department	000 ..... Hazardous Materials
343.5 ..... Company	086 ..... Individual
070 ..... Officer	076 ..... Level 1 Firefighter
066 ..... Rescue	000 ..... Forest Fire/Dep. Warden

The work on the floor in the old part of the building was completed in early summer, and the new emergency generator was installed in August.

## Heritage Commission 1997 Annual Report

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Patrice Brewer, Chairman .....	Sharon Christie, Vice Chair	
Michael Dixon, Secretary .....	Roger Nelson, Treasurer	
Rogers Claggett, Hist. Dist. Rep .....	Betty Avery	
John Lunn, BOS Rep .....	Jean MacConnell, Alternate .....	Cliff Richer, Alternate

The mission of the Heritage Commission is to preserve and maintain the cultural heritage of Newport. Acting on that belief, the Commission enthusiastically supported the New England Artists Trust Congress IV in demonstrating that "Culture Builds Community." Members of the Commission attended Congress Steering Committee meetings and volunteered to assist in various tasks related to the Congress event.

Recognizing the benefits of economic development and stability, and the importance of enhancing the character of the existing historic buildings in Newport's business district, the Commission supported the Main Street project at the May 13, 1997 Annual Town Meeting. The support for the project reflects the Commission's belief that revitalizing Main Street is one way to promote Newport's heritage and culture.

The Commission approved the vintage lights proposed for Main Street and the Little Common. The lights around the Little Common have been moved in a bit with granite posts in front of them for protection. The proposed plan for the Little Common includes two wooden 20' flag poles set in concrete pavers (8' square), one flying the U.S. flag and one flying the State flag.

With the Selectmen's decision to keep the Chamber of Commerce Information Booth located on the Town Common, the Commission proposed rehabilitative measures on the Booth and its surrounding area. Special thanks go to Ray Reid and Ken Dennis for their help. The addition of a brick walkway, a granite step, and the extension of granite curbing around the south end of the Common has enhanced the New England appeal of our Main Street.

As a Certified Local Government, the Commission applied for and received a grant for the Newport Historical Identification Project. The money for this project will purchase brass plaques to be affixed to all buildings in the Newport Historic District, property abutting the Town Common, and properties within Newport's Business District listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Also, part of the grant project is to revise and reprint Newport's Walking Tour booklet to identify historic places.

The Commission also approved a request in 1997 by Sugar River Savings Bank to replace an existing sign by erecting a new Pylon sign at the entrance to the parking lot.

The Commission meets quarterly on the first Thursday of February, May, September and November. Other meetings are called as needed. During 1997, the Commission met frequently to discuss and research the first occupants of houses located in the Historic District and of buildings located in the Business District listed on the National Register of Historic Places for historical accuracy for the Newport Historical Identification Project.



## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 1997 Annual Report

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### Superintendent

Fraser L. Michaud

### Working Foreman

Stephen B. Carley

### Truck Driver/Equipment Operator

Steven M. Dube

Larry A. Glidden

John G. Leslie

Wilbur G. Martin

Michael E. Patten

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

Portions of Sandy Lane and Cheney Street were paved as well as Laurel Street sidewalk. Park View and portions of Bradford Road and Cary Street were shimmed. The Town Office parking lot was paved after the fuel tank replacement project was completed. Reed's Farm Road Bridge was rebuilt (sandblasted and painted I-beams, removed wooden deck and replaced it with 7-gauge galvanized steel, rebuilt guardrails and paved a total of 200' of bridge and road).

The Highway crew assisted with work on the Main Street Project by placing brick pavers in the center island and installing granite posts on the Little Common. The deck and underside of Corbin Bridge was cleaned. Other bridges in town were also washed and linseed oiled. The crew cleaned up an illegal dump-site on Chandlers Mill Road. The following work was performed to the Ruger Parking Lot: Placed granite curb, built steps, sidewalk and tree boxes, graded and placed bluestone.

Our first snowstorm occurred on November 15th. It turned out to be a real handful, as it dumped over a foot of snow on us. We have put our new snowblower to good use as this winter has proved to be a very busy one with many snow and ice storms. It works great!

The department also acquired a used bucket truck with the financial help of other departments and area businesses. Most of the Town departments have made good use of this truck.

The Truck Driver/Equipment Operator vacancy was filled by Steven Dube in July.

Some of the projects still in the planning stages for next year are: Chandlers Mill Road improvements including guardrail, fabric, gravel, drainage and ditch work, and drainage and ditch work on Blueberry Ridge Road.

## **Historical Society 1997 Annual Report**

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Roger Nelson, President  
Jeannette Scales, Secretary

Erna McCormick, Vice President  
Andy Andrews, Treasurer

Ray Reid, Historian

The goal of the Newport Historical Society includes preserving, protecting and teaching about Newport's historical past. We remain dedicated to this aim.

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

The Fourth Annual Covered Bridge Festival was held during September, 1997 in conjunction with the meeting of the New England Artists Trust Congress IV. A hot air balloon and antique car show added to the festival.

The Historical Society sponsored a wonderful photo display in the Library Arts Center in September that was well attended. The photos showed scenes of Newport taken around the turn of the century.

The Historical Society museum still exists, but probably it is still a mystery to most residents of Newport that there is in fact a museum in our town. The past summer found us in the sad position of not being able to open the museum due to the lack of volunteers to welcome visitors and escort them around the exhibits. Anyone that might be interested in helping us, please become a member of the society and sign up for a turn in the museum.

We are issuing an invitation to anyone in Newport or surrounding areas that would be interested to presenting a program dealing with any historical topic at one of our meetings. In recent months, programs have been presented dealing with work on the New Haven Railroad, historical restoration, genealogical research and history of sports in Newport. If you have any desire to help us, please contact the Historical Society by mail at PO Box 413, Newport, NH 03773.

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



## Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Assn. 1997 Annual Report

### Lake Sunapee Home Care & Hospice

Andrea F. Steel, President and CEO

### Lake Sunapee Community Health Services

16 Depot Street, Newport 863-4088

290 County Road, New London 526-4077

PO Box 2209, New London, NH 03257-2209

Services provided to people of Newport:

Home Health Care for those recovering from an illness or injury:

**Visits made:** 11,410 to 191 patients

Hospice Care for patients and families experiencing a terminal illness:

**Visits made:** 1,346 to 25 patients

Community Clinics for adults, for immunizations and other wellness programs:

**Patients served:** 210

Long-term care for chronically ill adults and children needing support services:

**Hours of service:** 18,192 to 43 patients

Maternal and Child Health for children and families needing newborn care, well child clinic and parenting support:

**Families served:** 165

School-age Child Care for families needing after-school and summer day care:

**Families served:** 7

Lake Sunapee Region VNA is proud of its tradition of providing quality home health care to people in your community. 1997 has been a year of change for home health care. Medicare reports of fraud and abuse leave us wondering how we as consumers can know whether we're dealing with a quality organization. We are served by a volunteer Board of Trustees who, with staff, continually monitor our performance internally. Externally, licensing, certifying and accrediting bodies assess our performance against state and federal standards regularly. Most of all, we have committed, competent and caring staff and volunteers out in the community each day of the year providing needed home care.

Our affiliation with New London Hospital and Capital Region Health Care has allowed us to care for patients and families more efficiently and to access opportunities for achieving cost savings as part of a larger delivery system.

38 VNA employees, Trustees Lori Barnes, H. Newcomb Eldredge, and William Donegan and many volunteers live in Newport. As the health care delivery system and insurance benefits continue to evolve and change, we are more dependent than ever on the loyal support of the towns we serve to enable us to provide free and subsidized care to those people who might not have access to care otherwise. Thank you for your continued support.

# Library Arts Center 1997 Annual Report

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**Doris Nelson**  
**Executive Director**

## 1997 Board of Trustees

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According to Donald Bennett in the Newport Town Times (Fall 1997), the most common questions visitors ask at the Information Booth are “Where is the Covered Bridge?” and “Where is the Library Arts Center?” 1997 marked the 30th anniversary of the Library Arts Center (LAC), which put on several events to honor that occasion. The Library Arts Center, along with all the other cultural and volunteer institutions in town, worked very hard to help make the New England Artist Trust Congress a success.

Many of the exhibits in 1997, beginning with Sur Vois: Franco-American Woodcarvers of Northern New England, January 25 through February 29, were museum traveling exhibits. Special events during Winter Carnival included a fiddlers concert and chain saw carving demonstrations. The depression years followed for March 7 through April 12 with Finding Light in Dark Times: NH Paintings by WPA artist, Nathaniel C. Burwash. Newporters shared their stories of depression days, taped for NCTV by Joan Willey. The Newport Series of paintings by Barbara Huff, represented over 18 years of her work. Many pieces were gathered from local collections to put the exhibit together.

The Newport Middle High School Student Art Exhibit was put together by Diane Driscoll with the help of many students April 18 through May 17. Celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the Library Arts Center began with a special preview exhibit in the Main gallery of items donated for the 30th Anniversary Dinner and Auction on May 31. Marie Bugbee was honored as a founding member of the LAC Board and long-time volunteer Director.

Just like the National Gallery, the Library Arts Center featured monotypes for June to mid-July. The Painterly Print: put on by the Monotype Guild of New England, also featured workshops and demonstrations. The Newport Camera Club, which meets at the LAC and uses the dark room, had its annual exhibit.



Audiences of over 200 at a time enjoyed the Thursday morning Summer Performances for Kids, sponsored by the Friends of the Richards Free Library during July, with Nancy Tucker, Odds Bodkin: Story Teller, Ha'Penny Theatre, Crystal Journey puppets, and songwriter Douglas Clegg, who sang "My hair had a party last night... it must have been a terrible fight" and other pre-school hits.

It took lots of extra work and a grant from the Newport Charitable Fund to bring Maxfield Parrish: Machinist, Artisan, Artist to the LAC for July 11 through August 23. This exhibit was reassembled with pieces from the American Precision Museum in Windsor, Vermont, St. Gaudens National Historic Site and Dartmouth College Special Collections. Two Newporters added their own Maxfield Parrish pieces to the exhibit. The first visitors to the opening came from Deerfield, Massachusetts, having seen it listed on the Internet. The idea was to have a summer show that would compliment the Machine Tool Exhibit on Main Street. Many of those tourists at the Information Booth were looking for the Maxfield Parrish Exhibit.

Over 70 craft booths filled the Common on a beautiful day, August 23, for the Apple Pie Craft Fair and Richards Library Festival, with the apple pie sale and contest, Pete Merrigan and the Bradford Squares.

The LAC put on a special exhibit August 29 through September 28 as a lead in to the New England Artists Trust Congress. For New Art: New England, a call for entries went out to all New England states and 56 artists were chosen for the contemporary exhibit. A grant from the NH State Council on the Arts helped with expenses. The LAC hosted the artists and the Arts Congress at a welcoming reception on September 26, plus provided space for many workshops and artists sessions during the Congress weekend. Some may have seen the "Art Car" belonging to Bruce Posner parked outside the LAC.

Less than a week later, the popular Quilts: An American Legacy XII began October 3 to run through October 25. Sugar River Savings Bank won a coveted award from the Business Committee for the Arts for over 12 years of supporting the Soo-Nipi Quilters and the quilt exhibits at the LAC. Then it was time to look back over 30 years and assemble the LAC 30th Anniversary Exhibit of regional art to round out the year. A special thank you with awards to businesses, artists and supporters of the LAC over the years was held for the opening on November 19. The gallery of gifts also filled the galleries until December 20. Local artist, Ludmila Gayvoronsky, did a beautiful Dickens Mural to help the LAC decorate for the first Dickens Craft Fair to be held at the Newport Middle High School, December 6.

The Library Arts Center accomplishes all this under the direction of a dedicated volunteer Board, whose members do everything from running fund raisers and receptions to painting the studio and galleries. Thanks to all who have volunteered, lent financial support and shown care and enthusiasm for the Library Arts Center as it begins its next thirty years.

## **NH/VT Solid Waste Project 1997 Year End Report**

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The year 1997 saw many changes for both the Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District and the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District. Most notably, a concerted effort was made during the budget process for fiscal year 1998 to lower the tipping fee and create an economic incentive for delivery of trash from the member towns to the incinerator. This effort recognizes the dual obligation of the Districts — to ensure responsible management of the trash generated within the Districts, and to also meet their financial obligations. In the absence of a single, unified approach to guaranteeing delivery of trash for energy recovery by the Claremont plant, increasing the economic incentives for haulers to voluntarily deliver the trash was the next best tool available to us.

Several operational changes were also made during 1997. The most significant change occurred at the landfill in Newport, New Hampshire. In early December, additional tarps were placed on the open surfaces of the landfill. Leachate results from rain water running through the body of the landfill, and covering the surface of the landfill is anticipated to significantly reduce the amount of leachate. It is anticipated that this will result in substantial savings for the collection, transportation and disposal of the leachate.

The year has been similar to many others, however, with regard to legal activities. During 1997 a substantial amount was spent on legal services, but the outcome will benefit all the members of each District. The single most significant issue to be resolved this year was the Acworth case. The New Hampshire Superior Court has determined that Acworth failed to properly withdraw from the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District and is, therefore, still a member. A trial is set for early February 1998 to determine the calculation of damages, which is the single remaining issue.

Looking toward the future, the Districts have successfully reduced the operating budget for 1998 by approximately 28%, down to \$3.17 million from \$4.4 million for 1997. This was largely due to the retirement of bonds and other non-recurring obligations. A new collections and credit management policy has been approved, which will be implemented with the new year and it is anticipated to be helpful in recovering significant portions of the existing receivables. Every effort continues to be made to find ways to minimize costs and remain fiscally responsive to the Districts.

On a more personal note, the last six months have been a professional pleasure for me. The collaborative spirit of the towns has been both refreshing and motivating. The challenges that remain are significant, but the opportunities for resolution make the challenges exciting. I would like to specifically thank the members of the Executive Committee and the individual representatives for their support, cooperation and encouragement, and I look forward to working together during the coming year.

Mary E. S. Williams, Project Director



# Newport Police Department 1997 Annual Report

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## Chief of Police

David A. Hoyt 16\*

## Full Time Officers

Deputy Chief Shady Blackwell III	11*	Lieutenant James R. Brown	16*
Sergeant Denis O'Sullivan	11*	Sergeant Eric Daignault	09*
Patrolman Richard G. Lee	17*	Patrolman Thomas Anderson	06*
Patrolman Michael Nelson	03*	Patrolman Craig Robertson	02*
Patrolman William Tibbits	01*	Patrolman Bradley Nelson	01*

## Administrative Secretary

Vickie Orvis 02\*

## Part-Time Officers

Robert Ballou (Capt. Ret.) 22\*  
James Burroughs 03\*  
Richard Kelley 01\*

## Canine:

Cito 03\*

## Full Time Communication Specialist

Marie Brown 11\*  
John Taylor 06\*  
Susan Gregory 05\*  
Christian Davis 01\*

## Part Time Communication Specialist

Amy Maslin 07\*  
Christine Almstrom 04\*  
William Russell 01\*

**\*Number beside name represents number of years with the department**

During the early part of 1997, construction of the new police facility at the former Priscilla's Sweet Shop took place, and in May, Newport Police moved into their new quarters. On June 28, 1997, a dedication and open house was attended by approximately 400, who were impressed and delighted by the design, cost and end result.

The new facility has contributed greatly to the improvement of morale in the Police Department. Frustrations and headaches over cramped working areas have disappeared. Productivity has improved, and officers and staff are donating time and equipment to further improve Newport's Police Department by finishing off the cellar area into a training and fitness room.

Newport's Police Communications unit had a very busy year. They currently serve 17 agencies located throughout seven towns in Sullivan County. The on duty Communication Specialist is responsible for communicating on 12 radio frequencies, answering 12 phone lines, including

time. In 1997, Communication Specialists received over 6,700 non-scheduled walk-ins and dispatched over 15,000 Police, Fire and Ambulance calls for service. In addition to dispatching duties, they are responsible for typing, researching reports, collecting statistics, and filing information and reports with the State and Federal Government. They run many thousands of license and registration checks and other requests through the National Computer for Officers. If citizens would like to visit or observe our Communications Center, please call the Chief for available times.

In the Spring, a town-wide campaign cleaning up junk and debris was begun; 69 property owners were served paperwork stating they were not in compliance with State Law or Town Ordinances; all but nine complied. The nine who did not were issued a summons to appear in Court, and have either complied or have been given a deadline to comply set by the Court. The campaign is long and drawn out and takes many months to fully enforce. If you know of a area not licensed to have junk, please contact the Police Department. We plan on doing another campaign this Spring. State Law stipulates no more than one unregistered vehicle is allowed on your property without a Town Permit.

Programs such as DARE, Bicycle Patrol and Park & Walk and K-9 were continued. Sgt. Daignault graduated his 4<sup>th</sup> DARE class on Newport's Common. The Bicycle Patrol was less visible this past year due to case load and the resignation of Officer Jayson Almstrom who joined the State Police. This summer plans are to have a bicycle officer on duty each day as time and caseload permits. The Park & Walk Program took officers from their cruisers and into neighborhoods on most summer evenings. Residents are encouraged to come out and talk with officers.

Newport officers attended many hours of in-service training as well as training held at the Police Academy in Concord, NH. Police Council rules mandate that all officers, full or part-time, be certified and attend a minimum of 16 hours of non-mandatory training per year. Mandatory training, which is in addition to the 16 hours, includes firearms classroom and range (8 hours), pepper spray (4 hours) and first aid/CPR (4 hours). Officers who are trained in specialty areas must also attend annual recertification.

Lt. Brown continues to belong to the Attorney General's task force on child abuse and actively participates in the most current training and certifications for sexual assault investigations. Because of this training and expertise, we have not lost one sexual assault case in Court.

The Department's Police Canine, "Cito", was involved in many demonstrations and drug searches. During a drug search, "Cito" was responsible for locating a large quantity of heroin hidden in a location where an officer would have missed it. The Police canine assists regularly on tracking lost or wanted persons, suspects who have fled an area, and/or searching for drugs. He is a valuable asset to our community.

This past year, the Newport Police Department, Sullivan County Attorney's Office and the NH Drug Task Force conducted many successful investigations. A major heroin ring with national

ties was broken up with the arrest of several suspects. The investigation and arrest are a sign of pro-active law enforcement that will not tolerate drugs in our community. Anyone wishing to pass on information regarding drugs is encouraged to call the police. All calls are confidential. Without the assistance of the public, we cannot successfully continue the war on crime.

Newport's prosecutor had a busy year with a large increase in cases filed; 1997 saw a 54% increase (468-721) between 1996-1997 in cases brought to Court. Domestic violence cases increased 304% (24-97).

Court days, the amount of days that the Court hears cases or trials, have increased almost 30% since 1996. Because of an increase in crimes and arrests, The State Judicial System has increased the total number of days Court convenes in Newport.

The last few years has seen a steady increase of criminal calls. Mandates and rules to investigate such calls increase annually. Criminal calls in Newport increased 8% in 1997 and 49% from 1995. Criminal calls are defined as any case which a person can be charged with a crime. General service calls include alarms, fights, house checks, or any call that is not motor vehicle or criminal in nature

Motor vehicle calls include calls involving a motor vehicle such as accidents, DWI, vehicles racing or speeding, and operating after suspension.

General service calls increased 31.7% from 1995 while the least increase was in motor vehicle calls which was 8%. Since 1991, all calls for service have increased 197%. What does all this mean? We are very busy.

Six years ago a second detective's position was eliminated from the department. Last year another position was not funded, meaning the force has been reduced by two in the last six years. With the increase of criminal calls, and the time necessary to complete an investigation, it has now become imperative to add a second detective. This does not increase our force from last year. To help fund a second detective position, a three-year federal grant was applied for which funds 75% of the three year amount. The second detective will be responsible for investigating misdemeanor crimes and assisting the primary detective with other major felony cases. In addition he will also process evidence, transport evidence to and from Concord, process crime scenes, and conduct classes in our schools. These duties will be in addition to what the primary detective currently performs.

This year a grant was again received from the NH Highway Safety Agency to fund walking patrols on Main Street, and a grant to fund the Administrative Secretary's position was also received from the federal government.

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 1998.



# Police Department

## 1997 Patrol/Communications Statistics

9-1-1 calls . . . . .	1427	escorts and relays . . . . .	81	rec. Stolen prop . . . . .	2
9-1-1 traces . . . . .	182	federal offense . . . . .	2	reckless cond . . . . .	11
abandon vehicle . . . . .	21	fight in progress . . . . .	65	ref. To other depts . . . . .	149
abandoning children . . . . .	3	fire calls dispatched . . . . .	278	report shots fired . . . . .	15
accidents inv. firearms . . . . .	1	forgery . . . . .	4	repossessions . . . . .	57
all others . . . . .	28	fraud . . . . .	97	resisting arrest . . . . .	10
ambulance dispatched . . . . .	962	harassment . . . . .	177	road complaint . . . . .	49
arson . . . . .	3	house checks . . . . .	187	runaway . . . . .	32
assault . . . . .	166	ill discharge of firearm . . . . .	9	sex off. registered . . . . .	24
assist. State Agencies . . . . .	4805	indecent exposure . . . . .	2	sex offenses . . . . .	31
assist public . . . . .	607	info./intelligence . . . . .	564	school crossing by officers . . . . .	39
attempted suicides . . . . .	33	insurance request . . . . .	165	smoking viol . . . . .	44
attempt to locate . . . . .	194	intox. person/prot. custody . . . . .	132	stalking . . . . .	25
bail jumping . . . . .	8	junk car compl. . . . .	54	suspicious person(s) . . . . .	111
bicycle registered . . . . .	105	liquor law vio. . . . .	74	suspicious activity . . . . .	322
bombing . . . . .	2	littering . . . . .	23	suspicious veh . . . . .	200
burglar alarms . . . . .	3	lost or found property . . . . .	234	Town ordinance vio . . . . .	84
bomb threats . . . . .	2	m/v compl. . . . .	390	tamp. w/witness . . . . .	1
burglaries . . . . .	37	m/v off roads (no inj) . . . . .	70	theft . . . . .	243
cases ref. to NPD . . . . .	329	m/v accidents . . . . .	394	traffice stops . . . . .	4243
check on well being . . . . .	74	m/v towed . . . . .	156	transport of prisoners . . . . .	420
compl. ref. snow remov. . . . .	4	m/v thefts . . . . .	12	trees down in road . . . . .	41
compl. on kids . . . . .	189	mental sub . . . . .	7	truants . . . . .	32
compl. on Town activities . . . . .	23	missing person(s) . . . . .	25	UFO reports . . . . .	2
cont. to delinquency . . . . .	66	mistreatment of children . . . . .	12	uncontrollable child . . . . .	75
criminal trespass . . . . .	33	neighborhood disputes . . . . .	34	unfounded calls . . . . .	2
criminal mischief . . . . .	218	noise complaint . . . . .	189	unwanted sub . . . . .	238
criminal threatening . . . . .	107	obst. In road . . . . .	74	walk-ins . . . . .	6746
death investigation . . . . .	10	occupations accidents . . . . .	1	warrant arrest . . . . .	152
directed patrols . . . . .	24	operating after rev . . . . .	57	weapons offenses . . . . .	1
disorderly conduct w/mv . . . . .	2	open doors . . . . .	182	wild/strange animals . . . . .	102
disabl. veh. . . . .	246	other permits . . . . .	2	yard sale permits . . . . .	58
disobeying a p/o . . . . .	11	park & walk . . . . .	150		
disorderly conduct . . . . .	39	parking compl . . . . .	232		
domestic viol pet. served . . . . .	490	perjury . . . . .	1	Sheriff Dept. (after hrs.) . . . . .	125
dog compl. . . . .	526	pistol permits issued . . . . .	17	Sunapee . . . . .	216 (June-Dec.)
domestic fights . . . . .	175	poss. of explosives . . . . .	1	Goshen Dispatch . . . . .	875
drug violation . . . . .	55	poss. of stolen property . . . . .	1	Lempster Dispatch . . . . .	502
dumping rubbish . . . . .	30	power outages . . . . .	2	Croydon Dispatch . . . . .	305
DWI . . . . .	70	pranks . . . . .	50	Grantham Dispatch . . . . .	1669
em. veh lockouts . . . . .	11	prisoners processed . . . . .	219	Springfield . . . . .	641
em. msg. delv. . . . .	40	probation violations . . . . .	2		
escape . . . . .	2	rape . . . . .	2		

# Public Works Department 1997 Annual Report

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James Gagner

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Leo Goyette III

“*Busy*” doesn’t adequately describe the Public Works Department in 1997. I am confident that the Public Works Department has never undertaken more projects than in 1997. I personally contracted and/or administered over \$1,000,000 in engineering and construction contracts. A summary of the year’s events reflects the volume of work, however, it is my opinion the Public Works Department rose to the occasion and met the challenge to complete the projects listed below.

## PLEASANT STREET INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

After more than a year and a half of engineering by the Public Works Department and T&M Associates, the project construction started in April 1997. The project reached substantial completion in mid-August, however, some remaining punchlist items and clean up work remains to be done in the summer of 1998. Infrastructure improvements consisted of the construction of new water, sewer and drainage systems, street reclamation/resurfacing, and the reconstruction of existing sidewalks with granite curbs. Improvements were made on Pleasant, Court, Middle, Campus, Syndicate, Myrtle (west of Middle Street) and Woodhull Way Streets. In addition to replacing service lines, valves, manholes and other appurtenances, the project replaced 1,804 feet of water main, 2,224 feet sewer main and 1,873 feet of drainage pipe. I would like to express my appreciation to the residents in the project area for their patience and cooperation during the project, particularly those who granted easements for underground systems.

## FUEL STORAGE TANK PROGRAM

The fuel storage tanks at the Town Office and the Public Works Garage (PWG) were removed and the prescribed contamination samples sent to the laboratory for testing. The Town Office tank was replaced with a new 10,000 gallon tank and new fuel lines were routed to the Town Office, Fire Department, Opera House and the District Court Building. A leak detection system was installed with a control/alarm panel in the Town Office. A new above ground tank (in a concrete dike) was installed at the PWG to provide fuel for the boiler and diesel generator.

As part of the ongoing Meadow Park Remediation Action Plan, the NH Dept. of Environmental Services (NHDES) required further testing of the monitoring wells at the former Town Garage site on Meadow Road. The test results were promising, however final disposition of the site

site on Meadow Road. The test results were promising, however final disposition of the site was not known at the time of preparation of this report.

Jaworski Geotechnical, Inc. was contracted to survey the PWG site and prepare a Spill Prevention Control & Countermeasure Plan (SPCC) as required by law. The final SPCC plan was received in January 1998.

### **WATER & SEWER**

Among the department's accomplishments, one of the most rewarding was to see the Water Treatment Program come to fruition. The Water Department had suffered from complaints and skepticism caused by the last 100 years of pipe deterioration, and today, the department can proudly state the red water problem does not plague the Town as in the past. In 1993, after listening to almost daily red water complaints for two years while the Water Treatment Plant was under construction, and after deciding against several chemical treatment possibilities, I submitted a warrant article to initiate a water engineering study announcing system corrosion control as a department goal. After funding, I selected Black & Veatch from several engineering proposals and the study began. Black & Veatch presented the final report (in early 1998) declaring the Sodium Silicate Program a success and accordingly, three years of data collection, testing, chemical monitoring and study have reduced red water complaints to a sporadic few. With the department's planned water system improvements such as addressing the 2.5 MG Water Storage Tank, replacing or relining system pipe, installing blow-offs on dead-end lines and replacing old service lines, even further water quality gains are expected.

The Public Works Department and Dufresne-Henry developed the engineering section of the Town's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to rehabilitate the exterior and interior of the 2.5 MG Water Storage Tank. Additionally, in accordance with the CDBG grant requirements, the department developed Statements of Qualifications and Technical Proposals to secure engineering services for the rehabilitation of the tank. The Town was denied the CDBG grant, but preparations continue with the Water & Sewer Department upgrading the Pollards Mills Well and performing a water system test simulating conditions when the tank is off line for rehabilitation.

The department contracted with Maguire Group to design new water and sewer systems for the Central Street Project. The water and sewer system replacement work is to be done in conjunction with the NH Dept. of Transportation's (NHDOT) rework of the street and sidewalk. Construction is scheduled to start in late summer 1998.

The department continues to work on the Industrial Pretreatment Program. The Town's consultant, Stearns & Wheeler, in coordination with the Public Works Department staff and the NHDES, is developing a lagoon monitoring program which would evaluate sludge parameters over a one year period

### **MAPLE STREET EXTENSION BRIDGE PROJECT**

BACKillam Consulting Engineers completed the engineering on the replacement of the Maple



Street Extension Bridge and obtained the NHDOT's review and approval as required by NHDOT's Bridge Aid Program. The project was put out to bid in late 1997 and a contract was awarded to F.W. Whitcomb Construction Corp. in November of 1997 to construct a precast concrete bridge and the associated approach work. The project is scheduled for a July 1, 1998 completion. The department worked with Town Council to secure the temporary and permanent easements required to construct the bridge. Under the Bridge Aid Program, the NHDOT reimburses the Town for 80% of the project costs. To date, the department has received reimbursement checks in the amount of \$101,436.

### **AIRPORT**

The Public Works Department obtained a NHDOT Aeronautics Matching Funds Grant in the amount of \$2,100 to regrade the grass runway at the Airport (Runway 12/30). The project was completed in the summer of 1997 by United Construction Corp. Other work completed at the Airport in 1997 included a restriping of Runway 18/36 to accommodate the 600-foot extension of the runway constructed in 1996.

### **MAIN STREET PROJECT**

The Main Street island area, the little common and the south end of the main common underwent extensive improvement in the summer of 1997. Improvements were constructed in accordance with Planning & Zoning Director David Jescavage's plan and included new lighting, landscaping, sidewalks, granite curb and striping. Robert Collins of Collins Electric designed and installed the power supply system for the lighting and assisted the Public Works Department in developing an underground utilities plan. United Construction was the general contractor for the site work aspects of the project. The project was completed in September, just in time for the Arts Congress/Corbin Bridge Festival weekend. I would like to acknowledge my staff for their assistance and dedication in making this a successful project.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Personnel changes at the Public Works Department in 1997 were as follows: Steven Dube was hired as Truck Driver/Equipment Operator. Leo Goyette, III was hired as Public Works Laborer. Michael E. Patten was promoted to Truck Driver/Equipment Operator. Michael McGill was hired as Utilities Technician.

Staff training and development achievements were as follows: Michael Denno obtained Grade II Water Distribution Certification. Kelly Butler obtained Grade I Collection Systems Operator Certification and became a certified Backflow Prevention Device Inspector. Michael McGill obtained his Grade I Water Distribution and Water Treatment Certifications. Wendell Berry obtained his Water Pollution Control Facility OIT Operator's Certification.

The department would like to express its appreciation for the Town's support in purchasing the following major equipment: Snowblower, Water and Sewer utility truck, Highway pickup truck, a trench box and a Cemetery & Grounds riding mower.

Larry A. Wiggins, Director of Public Works

# Recreation Department 1997 Annual Report

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## Director

PJ Lovely

## Rec Supervisor

Scott Blewitt

## Secretary

Beth Rexford

## Day Camp

Kathy Neault, Director

Catrina Young

Bob Scheele

Colleen O'Connor

Jen Johnston

Brett Cossingham

Amy Gallagher

## Game Room

Kathy Neault

Jason Fish

John Hopkins

Clay Couitt

## Volunteers

100+

## Swim Lessons

Jen Karr

Shanelle Lamery

How does the Recreation Department thrive and survive year after year? The answer is simple... **Volunteers!!!** With over 100 volunteers contributing to our programs in 1997, we were able to serve more of the community in a positive manner. It's wonderful to see a community that gives time unconditionally to better ourselves and our kids. I can't thank the businesses in town enough for their support as well. Day Camp sponsorships to team jerseys to new mats, the business community has lent a helping hand to support your recreation department. Please support them.

There were a couple of significant increases in department programming in 1997. In the fall our soccer program grew to 155 participants. This number reflects a wide population of athletes interested in movement activities and sports. The numbers that soccer are drawing, unfortunately, puts the future growth in a dilemma. While our numbers increased, location and space became lessened. There is now a committee investigating additions of fields and other possible locations to house these athletes. Presently, they use the outfields of our men's softball complex. The numbers that participate are fantastic. Give credit to Scott Blewitt, Dana Waterman and the slew of volunteer coaches that made it possible.

Basketball again has grown in popularity and population. Our youth numbers are steady and only slightly growing. This year we added a Junior High Intramural program. This program immediately had a significant impact on the kids and the Newport Basketball program in general. Four teams played in this league. Unfortunately, with the amount of congestion in the Rec Center after school, adding teams cuts into free time for the after-school children with practices, games, etc.

In 1997 the Rec Department ran over 40 programs that reached thousands of people. In total, we had over 100 teams competing at the Rec Center and around the state. In addition to our sports, day camp, adventure camp and swim lessons were more popular than ever, attracting 200 kids throughout the summer. This year we will be offering more free trips in the summer as well.

The best highlight of the year was when two of our volunteers received recognition awards from Governor Jeanne Shaheen. Dana Waterman and Greg Hannigan, who have put in countless hours to help the kids of the community, were recognized statewide for a job well done. They truly deserve the recognition, and we thank them along with countless others for a very successful year.

The Feasibility Committee has also been working hard finding solutions and suggestions to solve some of the Rec Center's overcrowding problems. They have been working two years on the project, and this past year had professionals hired to study the feasibility of a new or addition to the present Rec facility. Banwell Architects are almost finished with their findings which will be made public shortly thereafter. A new building would be a wonderful asset to the community. An expanded program base could reach countless people of all ages and abilities. It would improve the quality of life by not only creating healthy minds and bodies, but also be an attraction to business and families looking to move to the area. There is plenty of work yet to be done; please give the committee your input.

### Friends of Youth

#### Director

Jane Morgan

This independently-funded program is housed at the Rec Center and dovetails well with Rec programs. Friends of Youth has two main programs: *Big Siblings*, screened and trained adult volunteers are matched one on one with children who need their friendship and guidance. There are currently 15 matches between adult volunteers and needy children. The second program is *Colby Sawyer Buddies* in which a group of 10 children from Towle School go weekly to the college to meet with a group of volunteer students for games, crafts and swimming. Over the next year we hope to increase the number of one-on-one matches, but we need more volunteers to accomplish this. **You Can Help** either by volunteering or mentioning our programs to other potential volunteers. We can be reached at the Rec or call 863-3884.

There is a lot happening at the Rec Center; come down and see us. I would like to thank all Town Department's for their help this past year, especially Cemetery and Buildings. Also, many thanks go out to local businesses and people who have supported us this past year. Lake Sunapee Bank, Dale & Chad's Paint-n-Place, Newport Service Organization, Eve Spanos, Lilyan Wright, Greg Hannigan, Dana Waterman and many more who have helped keep Rec programs running and fun for the kids. To my staff, excellent job this year, keep up all the good work. Your efforts are to be commended.



## Richards Free Library 1997 Annual Report

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In 1997 the library circulated 50,615 books, magazines, videos, audio tapes, compact disks and pamphlets — the highest circulation in the history of the library! Not only did a record number of materials leave the library, but there was a great deal of activity in the building. The use of the computers in the library increased 78%. The upstairs rooms were used 541 times for study and research. The microfilm reader allowed 187 people to research the pages of the Argus Champion.

The children's room was busy after school with children studying, reading, or playing quiet games. Over 200 children registered for the summer reading program, *Blast-off with Books*. The After-School Specials brought children together to enjoy storytellers, local experts, authors and crafts. The Wednesday pre-school story hour continued to delight the toddlers: and volunteer, Kathie Stackpole, conducted a series of lap-sit story hours for two year old. Thanks to the energy of children's librarian, Sandy Trybulski, 3,753 children attended 198 programs: 19 adult programs drew 830 attendees. Book discussions have had a revival, the Tuesday noontime Brown Bag & Book discussions have moved their meeting place twice to accommodate the increasing attendance.

The N.E. Artists Trust Congress presence in September enhanced the library. The Women's History Fire Screen Project was one of the seven lead-in projects to the Congress. Local artists, Susan Marie Brown, designed and painted two fire screens for the fireplaces in the children's and young adult rooms. Guided by the research findings of Michele McDonald's Middle High School English class, Susan chose to honor two Newport women, Eileen Reed Brennan and Sarah Joseph Hale, on the fire screens. Audiences were treated to two performances by Newport's own first lady of the stage, Bronia Wheeler. She portrayed Sarah in Nancy Stone's one-woman theater piece on the life of Sarah Joseph Hale. Both performances were standing room only. Another Newport native took to the stage during the Artists Congress. Poet, Wes McNair, received the 1997 Sarah Joseph Hale Award presented by NH poet laureate, Donald Hall. Wes's reading evoked laughter and tears that evening as he described landscapes familiar to many in the Opera House audience.

The library wishes to thank its friends and volunteers for the many hours of service and the number of materials that were donated to the library in 1997. Special thanks go to Maura Stetson, who finished a busy three years as President of the Friends of the Library; to the Newport Garden Club for decorating the library for the holidays; to the Newport Service Organization for donating hundreds of dollars for health-related materials; and to Pam Gay for all the books she covered and the cookbook project she chaired. So, visit the library to ask a question, read a magazine, discuss a book, surf the Internet, read to a child, research a project, or check out a book, video or audio tape.

## 1997 “Safety” Report Joint Loss Management Committee

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Brad G. Lane, Building Inspector, Chair . . . . . Ken Dennis, Buildings Manager, Vice Chair  
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Leo Goyette, Staff/Highway . . . . . P. J. Lovely, Recreation Director  
Dan O’Neill, Town Manager . . . . . Ed Schinck, Staff/Public Works  
Brian Tracey, Ambulance Director . . . . . Jack Marcotte, Fire Chief

The Joint Loss Management Committee has completed another successful year. During the year a CPR Course was held under the direction of Brian Tracey and Sue Gregory who did a wonderful job. Having someone properly trained in CPR could be a life saver if any of us ever need it. Bob Naylor and Kelly Butler led a Confined Space Training Seminar for the Water & Sewer & Highway debts in which eight people were certified for Confined Space Entry.

The Joint Loss Management Committee meets Bi-monthly to review injury reports and look for ways to eliminate or reduce injuries. We make recommendations to provide for a safer work environment and plan safety & health-related trainings. In addition, a safety tip or idea for each month is being posted on bulletin boards in all town departments.

The safety inspection program for town-owned buildings is providing each building with a yearly inspection for safety hazards and concerns.

A Health Screening Clinic will be run again this coming year on June 16, 1998. County Office and local SAU staff will also be participating in this clinic with us. Elaine VanDusen & P.J. Lovely are the contact points for this Health Screening Clinic.

The CPR Course will be run again this year by Brian Tracey & Sue Gregory during the third week in June.

Some training topics we are currently reviewing for a noon bag luncheon program for April & May are: Nutrition, Self Care, Health & Smoking, the Dare Program, Healthy Foods & Labels, Alternative Health, Work Station Review, Blood Pressure & Cardiovascular Concerns, Health & Exercise, First Aid in the Workplace, and Building & Fire Safety.

I would like to thank the members of the Committee for their active participation on this committee and involvement in leading or participating in future programs that we have planned focused on health & safety. May we all seek to make Newport a safe and wonderful place to live in.

Brad Lane, Chairman

## **School-to-Work Sugar River Partnership**

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The School-to-Work initiative focuses on helping students of our community obtain the skills they need to perform the jobs our modern, competitive economy is rapidly creating. It is an exciting way of learning and teaching that helps youth achieve high standards. It is the one that will open many doors of opportunity for our community's younger citizens.

The Sugar River Partnership is our area School-to-Work organization. School-to-Work combines quality academic classes at school with hands-on learning and training in the workplace. It builds partnerships between schools and employers and helps students determine what career fields best suit them. It provides opportunities for students to connect with area business people, to learn from them and to see the connection between their studies and the successes of a productive adult. When a student is engaged in his or her education, everyone wins.

Another aspect of School-to-Work is the Teacher Business Externship Program. During the summer, selected teachers spend two weeks working in area businesses to see what skills are required of an employee today. They keep a journal and write lesson plans to bring the experience back into the classroom. This helps teachers and students to better understand real-world applications of academic knowledge.

Local businesses benefit by having the opportunity to influence curriculum development to meet today's industry requirements. Business people are invited into the schools to conduct career seminars and tell students what it is really like to be in their field. They help students learn interviewing techniques and write resumes. They make strong connections with the classroom and assist in creating qualified applicants for future jobs. A well-trained workforce is necessary for the success of the community.

This collaboration of business people, educators, and community members provides students with the very best opportunities and helps them to feel pride in their success and hopeful about their futures. We hope you will participate.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia H. Feeney  
School-to-Work Coordinator



# Sewage Treatment Plant 1997 Annual Report

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**Plant Superintendent**

Arnold Greenleaf

**Plant Operator**

Wendell Berry

The plant operators spent 1997 finishing up the work that needed to be done to make the new UV system safer and easier to use year round. The last of the work was done on the addition to the building. A small overhead trolley system was installed to allow one operator to be able to lift the heavy light modules and to perform any cleaning or repair work to them on his own.

The latest upgrade for the plant will be the replacement of our influent screening equipment. It is taking a good amount of time and money now to maintain the existing equipment and the unit is not removing and treating the waste material the way it should. The new unit that we are looking to install will not only screen out the debris coming down the sewer line, but will also grind everything that passes through the system before it can pass through the influent pumps and cause them harm.

The State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services has issued our new Groundwater Management permit for the Breakneck Road landfill. It requires us to test the existing wells and surface discharge sites twice a year. This year, because of the startup of the new permit, we will be required to install one additional well besides replacing or refurbishing two of the existing ones that are not functioning correctly.

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 34.35". That was 20" less moisture for the year than we received in 1996 and 4" less than our 25 year average of 38.83".

While the decrease in flow for the year was welcome, we still handled over 680,000 gallons per day (GPD) flow into the plant, over 490,644 GPD less than we had in 1996. 1996 figures are in parentheses.

Wastewater	250,707,000	(427,258,000)
Septage	44,900	(65,600)

## EPA Environmental News Region 1, New England

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### *EPA Welcomes Newport 'Partner'*

BOSTON — The Environmental Protection Agency has announced that the Newport, NH Wastewater Treatment Facility is a participant in the agency's new "Partners for Change" program, which encourages New England municipalities and businesses to explore and implement responsible environmental practices in return for EPA recognition.

The EPA is recognizing the municipal treatment plant for eliminating or reducing the use of chemicals, such as chlorine, at the plant. The plant has realized savings of \$17,000 per year by installing and using equipment that no longer requires the use of the chemicals.

"The efforts undertaken by the Newport Wastewater Treatment Facility shows that municipalities can be green while operating in a cost-efficient way," said John P. DeVillars, administrator of the EPA's New England office. "I hope success stories like Newport's will inspire other regional municipalities and businesses to jump on board the environmental partnership train that is gathering steam in New England.

"Partners for Change" is open to any business, municipality or organized group in New England. Small businesses are especially encouraged to apply. To be recognized as a partner, an organization must implement a project or activity that results in a long-term environmentally beneficial change to its daily operations. Such efforts can include waste reduction practices, recycling programs or other efforts that help green the work place.

Partners receive a certificate and window decal, and are featured in a business-to-business directory that lists all participating organizations. In return for joining the program, the EPA publicly recognizes the organization's environmental contribution through the media, an annual "partners expo" and other outlets.

For more information about the program call 1 (800) 906-3328. Request the "environmental pocketbook," a resource guide with useful tips on recycling, energy efficiency and waste reduction, as well as phone, e-mail and worldwide web listings of EPA help lines. The pocketbook also includes program requirements and an application.

Visit EPA's Web Site Home Page for News and Information

<http://www.epa.gov/region01>

## Sullivan County Economic Development Council 1997 Annual Report of the

**web site:** [www.sullivandev.com/](http://www.sullivandev.com/)

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The following is a report on the activities of the Sullivan County Economic Development Council (SCEDC) for the year 1997:

### Highlights:

- A. Access and financing of a new 9,000 square foot manufacturing facility in Charlestown for Optical Solutions, Inc. This is a hi-tech firm specializing in the production of high-end optics. The project creates 15 new positions for Sullivan County.
- B. The creation of project "Clearinghouse" represents the County's attempt at accessing more and better qualified employees to meet the growing demands of local businesses, giving industry access to the Defense Dept.'s web site seeking 'discharged' personnel from the armed forces.
- C. SCEDC has been successful in joining seven area banks together to agree to finance 'high risk' projects within the County. This pool of money is currently funded at \$650,000.
- D. SCEDC's Business Assistant Coordinator has finished surveys with about 70% of the County's businesses. The results to date reveal the creation of 430 new positions and the addition of another 101,000 square feet of taxable facilities.
- E. We have filed a Community Development Block grant for the Claremont Foundry, Inc. in the amount of \$450,000 to add electric generating equipment and add another 47 jobs at the Foundry.
- F. Secured the pertinent information and assisted in the Community Development Block Grant process with the Town of Charlestown to access a grant in the amount of \$500,000 to fund the construction of a new access road into CEDA Park. This is backed by the support of both Precision Assembly Corporation and Design Standards Inc. who pledged future job creation and plant expansions to meet the leverage needs of the grant process.
- G. Our referrals and coordination with the Small Business Development Office which SCEDC funds here in our office has worked with more than 40 new and developing businesses within the County. Many of them will eventually come in for financial assistance or advice from SCEDC.
- H. SCEDC continues to work with the Trout Lily Co-Op project in Newport. We believe that this project has great merit and tremendous potential for the intended service area. It is also our intent to apply for another Community Development Block Grant to aid this group in its start-up financing needs during 1998.
- I. During 1997, SCEDC worked with over 22 new, expanding and interested businesses to make determination on the future on the future directions of their companies as they affect Sullivan County. Some of those will expand here or locate here and some will never finalize.

Our efforts in accessing good-paying jobs and the creation of additional tax base seem to be paying off. Best wishes for a prosperous New Year.



## **Town Office of Planning & Zoning 1997 Annual Report**

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### **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 230 building permits in 1997 for a total estimated construction cost of \$6,473,825.00. Ninety of the building permits were for new construction with an estimated cost of \$4,928,217.00. One hundred twenty-one building permits were for remodeling, renovation and small structures with a total estimated cost of \$1,545,608.00. Nineteen demolition permits and twenty-four certificates of occupancy were issued. The Town received fees totalling \$12,531.17 for all of these various permits.

The Building Inspector conducted over 660 code inspections for the year. He also serves on the Board of Housing Appeals with the Deputy Fire Chief and Health Officer. Concerns involving building code, fire code, and safety issues in older structures were investigated by the Board of Housing Appeals. The Building Inspector also attended a variety of workshops concerning building regulations which were conducted by organizations that he belongs to such as the New Hampshire Building Officials Association, the New England Building Officials Association, and the International Association of Electrical Inspectors.

### **Planning Board**

#### 1. **Public Hearings**

The planning board held twenty-two public hearings in 1997. Eight were for minor subdivisions, ten for site plan reviews, two for annexations, and two for voluntary mergers of abutting lots owned in common. Two new gas station/convenience stores, a 36-unit assisted living center for elderly persons, a roof truss manufacturing facility and a sawmill building were among the proposals that were reviewed and approved by the board.

#### 2. **Other Activities**

The planning board continued its rewrite of the entire 33-year old zoning ordinance during 1997. Chapters on the General Residential (R-2), Light Commercial (B-1), Heavy Commercial (B-2), Industrial (I), Floodplain, Professional Business (PB), and Outdoor Recreational (OR) Districts and the Administration and Enforcement chapter were discussed and modified. The board also discussed and approved two proposed

zoning map amendments to enlarge the Industrial (I) District in the Guild area between Reeds Mill Road and Whipple Road and on Maple Street as well as a proposal to rezone a portion of the Pine Grove Cemetery located in the Industrial (I) District back to the Rural (R) District. All three proposed zoning map amendments were approved at the Town Meeting in May.

The Planning Board's Capital Improvements Program (C.I.P.) Committee reviewed capital improvement proposals from Town departments and established an updated C.I.P. for the next six years (1997-2003). This document assists the Board of Selectmen, the Budget Advisory Committee and the Town Manager 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 twenty public hearings in 1997 — six were for variances, twelve were for special exceptions, one was for an appeal of an administrative decision, and one was for a compliance hearing. Most of the special exceptions and all of the variances were granted. The special exception approvals included such things as an ice cream dairy bar, a taxi service home business, sales and service of autos, and the operation of a sawmill among others. A request for a rehearing for the zoning board approval of the sawmill operation was denied. The compliance hearing revoked approval of a special exception for a teen center after it was determined the conditions of approval were not being met.

Tony DiPadova was re-elected Chairman of the ZBA. Fred Maxfield was re-elected 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.

Since 1989, the Town has received over \$2,120,000 in C.D.B.G. funds for housing rehabilitation, public facility projects, infrastructure improvements and feasibility grants.

2. Pleasant St. Target Area — The Pleasant Street Target Area C.D.B.G. project received applications for thirty-two units. Five of these units are on hold. As a result active

applications for twenty-seven units are in progress and home inspections were done on all of them. All 27 units were under contract. The contractors completed work on twenty. Some work remains to be done on several of these by their owners. Fourteen are completely done. The rehab specialist will be working with homeowners in 1998 to get the remaining units 100% completed. The infrastructure improvements (new water and sewer lines, new storm drains, new roads and new sidewalks) were completed. A six month extension and an expansion of the target area for this C.D.B.G project was granted by the Office of State Planning. The new ending date is June 30, 1998.

3. Town Wide Target Area — The Town Wide C.D.B.G. project received applications for 19 single family homes. Advisory board approval was given to seventeen units. One single family homeowner decided to withdraw from the program. A total of fifteen units were put under contract. The Office of State Planning has granted a six month extension of this C.D.B.G. project until June 30, 1998
4. 1998 Town Wide Target Area — T.O.P.A.Z. wrote another application for a \$350,000 town-wide housing rehabilitation grant to improve the conditions of single family, owner-occupied homes throughout the Town. Owners must meet the HUD income eligibility guidelines. The Town will know in April 1998 if the grant has been awarded. Any single family homeowner anywhere in Town who is interested in learning more about the housing rehabilitation program should contact the planning office at 863-6278 during regular business hours.

#### 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 1997, Department Secretary, Carole Carley, received a certificate acknowledging the completion of training in a course titled "Connecting To And Using The Internet" from the New Hampshire Bureau of Educational Training. Building Inspector, Brad Lane, was certified by exam as a "One and Two Family Combination, Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector" by the Building Officials and Administrators International, Inc. Also, in 1997, Planning Director, David Jescavage, designed the layout of the granite curbing and historic lighting as well as the planting scheme for the "Historic Main Street Streetscaping Project."

The support and encouragement given by other Town officials and citizens is greatly appreciated. Public participation at all Planning and Zoning Board meetings is strongly encouraged.



## Water and Sewer Department 1997 Annual Report

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### Superintendent

Robert K. Naylor

### Utility Technicians

Michael Denno

Kelly Butler

Michael McGill

In April 1997, Newport's Water Department began a new water pipe corrosion control and water quality improvement program. We have seen a system-wide improvement in water quality and expect to see continued improvements in water quality throughout the system. The Water Department has adopted a best management practices (BMP) program to help protect the water for the areas surrounding Gilman Pond and Pollards Mills Well and to keep track of potential contamination sources. These areas have been marked by signs on the state highways.

The Pollards Mills well system has been upgraded with continuous flow monitoring equipment, emergency electrical transfer equipment, and replacement spare parts. We plan to add an emergency generator to provide a continuous standby water supply. The water tank monitoring equipment has been relocated to Pollards Mills and upgraded with an alarm system. Water Department Personnel are now automatically notified in the event of water tank problems.

At the Water Treatment Plant, repairs were made to the electronic control system. Additional continuous monitoring and recording equipment for finished water was added. Modifications were made to the manual valve controls for easier access and improved operator safety.

In our water meter program, we have replaced about 70% of the industrial water meters with electronic reading capability and upgraded reliability.

We have begun making computer records of maps of the water and sewer system. These will be integrated into a database to enable us to retrieve information more quickly. The computer model of the water system continues 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. The Department conducted a system flow and pressure test to determine water system capacity and dynamics. This information will be used as a baseline, along with the computer model, to evaluate major construction changes in the water system, such as work on the water tank.

We have written and adopted a new emergency plan for the water system. Copies have been submitted to New Hampshire Department Of Environmental Services and New Hampshire Department of Emergency Planning.

The Department coordinated with the Pleasant Street project to operate valves and hydrants, sample water and help inspect work. In conjunction with the Main Street Project, we located lines, installed water services, relocated a fire hydrant, installed an irrigation system, and replaced plumbing and fixtures on the Rowell Fountain.

We conducted flow testing on sub-sections of the sewer collection system to help identify areas of high infiltration and inflow, and the Department replaced 225 feet of 100 year old clay sewer line on Meadow Road with new PVC pipe. The Wastewater Pumping stations required several repairs. These included replacement of one check valve, and repainting of two of the stations.

Newport Water and Sewer Department personnel received professional development training in water distribution, hydrant maintenance, laboratory techniques, water storage, corrosion control, backflow prevention, regulatory update, sewer system safety and CPR.

Water and Sewer personnel conducted training for “confined spaces safety”. Michael Denno, Water & Sewer Utilities Technician, obtained his Water Distribution System Operator Grade II Certification. Kelly Butler, Water & Sewer Utilities Technician, obtained her Sewer Collection Systems Grade I Certification and Backflow Inspection Certification. Michael McGill, Water & Sewer Utilities Technician, obtained his Water Distribution System Operator Grade I Certification and Water Treatment Grade I Certification. 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 Water Department now has detailed information available on the Internet at: “<http://www.town.newport.nh.us/waterdep.htm>”. In addition, in 1998 we will begin an annual consumer report.

Our future goals include upgrading the 2.5 million gallon water tank, continuing replacement of old water and sewer mains, repairs of sewer defects, establishing a computer database of system maps, and improving our filter cleaning process. Our continuing goals include water quality improvements, improved customer service and continued infrastructure improvements.

The Water Filtration Facility continues to produce high quality water. Water production in 1997 has increased 8% over 1996, and the Water Department had no permit violations in 1997.

**Annual Water Production (Gallons)**

Total Flow	215,319,300	Average flow per day 589,000
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**Operational Statistics**

Alarms /Call Outs	24	Curbstop Repairs	33
Filter Cleaning	43	Hydrant Replacement	02
Hydrant Repairs	11	Manhole Repairs	17
New Water Service	03	Replace Meters	35
Road Repairs	10	Service Taps To Main	05
Sewer System Repairs	03	Sewer Unplugged	14
Test Meters	39	Water Leaks Repaired	09
Water Main Repairs	06	Water Quality Calls	18
Water Turned Off	16	Water Turned On	21

I would like to thank the Utility Technicians for their hard work and dedication and other Town departments for their assistance in the past year. I would also like to thank our water and sewer customers for their input and suggestions.

Robert Naylor, Superintendent

## Welfare Department 1997 Annual Report

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For the third year, the Community Alliance of Human Services has successfully administered the Town Assistance Program for Newport. Fiscal Year '97 reflected an increase in spending in the categories of rental assistance and electricity. We have processed 319 application this year as compared to 230 applications from Fiscal Year '96. Staff at the Alliance Family Center in Newport continues to be dedicated to working towards educating, empowering and assisting families towards a goal of independence. We have created a new Work Program, Community Assistance Service Program (CASP), which promotes financial responsibility as well as encourages investing time back to the community as a means of reimbursement for assistance. Along with CASP, we invite each applicant to take part in a Budget Planning Program which assists in the identification and prioritization of their basic spending needs.

We continue to refer families to all appropriate state and local resources including the Fuel Assistance Program, Partners in Health, the Dental Program for Children and Adults, sponsored by the Newport Service Organization, and the local food pantry. Our intent, as always, is to promote the use of all other available resources while decreasing the dependence on Town Assistance funds.

The breakdown of assistance is as follows:

<u>Rent</u>	<u>Fuel</u>	<u>Medical</u>	<u>Electric</u>	<u>Food</u>
\$30,967	\$1,220	\$2,985*	\$13,096	\$242

\*Newport receives reimbursement from Medicaid on covered items.

The Alliance Family Center is easily accessible and centrally located in Newport at the Isaac Reed House, 34 Main Street, next to the old police station or can be reached by telephone at (603) 863-9529. Regular office hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



## The Evolution of Newport's Police Department

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From a short history of the Newport Police Department, former Police Chief Alexander Lewko in 1961 reported that at an early town meeting in September, 1769, after choosing Selectmen and other town officers, appointed a Constable — Sam Hurd — whose duty it was to inform Newport residents of town meetings. Over the years, constables evolved into police officers, and their duties changed from their original responsibilities. It wasn't long before the Constable was the Collector of Taxes and appointing men for jury duty.

But a need for a second Constable arose, one who would *round up errant hogs*, and who was at first called a Hog Reeve (spelled a variety of ways); and then a Hog Constable. As early as 1773, the community seemed to have a problem with *sheep and swine running at large*, and it became a warrant article that year and often thereafter to see if the town would do something about it. In 1823 the Selectmen held the honor of being chosen Hog Reeves. In 1858 a man by the name of Center Cutts was appointed Hog Reeve. In the 1830's they proposed a ByLaw and in 1862, a warrant article against horses, cattle, sheep and swine running at large carried a hefty fine of \$1.00.

The fact that no representative of the legal profession settled in Newport during its first 25 years presents a good argument in favor of a peaceful existence. Bickerings and misunderstandings apparently had been settled by goodwill and consent of the parties.

Near the close of the 1700's the Coit family made their appearance in Newport. Vance Coit was of African descent. He had married a white woman, and they made their home high on a hill on *Coit Mountain*. History reports that wooden farming tools would somehow make their way up to Coit's home, and after awhile, townspeople became suspicious. Other stories report he needed to be punished for stealing *a bag of meal*. For whatever reason, and since there was no jail in which to lock him up, he was brought to the whipping post at Wilcox's Corner, not far from what we know as *The Insurance Center* at the corner of Main and Maple Streets. Originally part of the Wilcox farm, Jesse Wilcox had kept a store there and according to Wheeler's *History of Newport accumulated a fortune*. In front of this store occurred the only recorded *whipping at the post* in Newport's history, and it has been recounted by Wheeler in 1879 and again by Sam Edes in 1963.

Sam Edes was concerned about the moral conclusion which would be drawn by this beautiful mountain that was *destined to bear to future generations the name of a man of questionable integrity, while the respectable fathers of the town, the philosophers, teachers, preachers, captains and mighty men, slumbered around its base comparatively unhonored and unsung...*

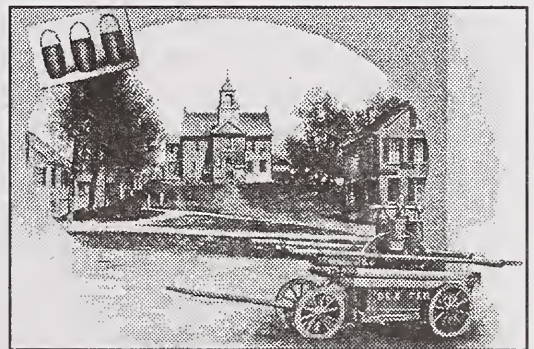
The farm lying just below Coit's place, sloping up to what was previously called *Buell Hill* and *Jebb's Place* was last occupied by Rev. Watkins, who prior to his death in 1943, generously deeded his property to the town. It is now part of the Town Forest and visited often. What may be the highest spot in town, and always a favorite place for picnics, is according to Edes, well worth the visit to the top for its panoramic view of this part of New Hampshire. *Take a real good look at Coit Mountain. Most of us see it without seeing it at all. Vance Coit saw it...as a friendly mountain. So he settled there, and now has one of the most imposing memorials... of any in New Hampshire.*

As the region became populated and more civilized, it also became apparent that someone was needed to take responsibility for maintaining order in the community. Other interesting positions of leadership evolved in town: *Fence Viewers* were needed to make sure fences were kept up, animals didn't get out, and the division of fences between abutting farmers was equal; a *Keeper of the Pound* kept track of the strays that wandered from home; *Surveyors of Highways* defined new roads; *Sextons* took care of burials; and *Sealers of Weights and Measures* and *Corders of Wood* kept merchants in the community honest. Newporters were concerned with the welfare of others from the beginning. In 1820 Warrant Article #7 was a vote to see if the town will *authorize any one to prosecute Amos Eastman for the maintenance of his mother.*

Licenses to *keep a tavern* were issued as early as 1793, and in 1834 the charge was \$2.00. In 1837 it became a *license to exercise the business of a retailer of ardent spirits.* In 1844 temperance was taking hold, and Article 31 in was voted to instruct Selectmen *not to license any store in town to sell wines and other liquors...* By 1855 Liquor Agents were appointed.

In 1839 Warrant Article No. 47 stated *voted that the town will give the state of New Hampshire a deed of a piece of land in the southeast corner of the court house lot of sufficient size to erect a gun house thereon.* Although we associate the need for guns with our modern police departments, guns at that time belonged to the State militia and were kept locally, under the watchful eye of the Selectmen. In 1871 the gun house was still in existence as another warrant article read *to see if the town will... move the Engine House to near where the old Gun House now stands...* in Court House Square.

Although the County built a jail on Main Street in 1842, (now FrontierVision), Newport would not have town jail cells until later. In 1843, voters were asked *to see if the town will vote to lease to the county...sufficient land from the Court House Common... to erect a fireproof building two stories high for county offices and safes...* The building was built by Jonathan Wilmarth in 1843 and had the first slate roof in town. It was deeded to the town by the county in 1873 along with the District Court. It became the home of town offices, later sharing the upstairs with Police. In 1968 until 1997, the Police Department occupied the entire building. No evidence of any earlier police station was found although *a police station* was referenced. In 1885 Article #2 asked to see if the town will rent a part of the building known as the old County Safe building... This may coincide with Citizens National Bank which began its business in this building and occupied it until they built the bank building (Lantz Building) across the street in 1912.



**Court House Square  
prior to 1873  
from Bicentennial Booklet**



In 1866 the first suggestion of appointing police officers appears: *To see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of Chapter 115 of the Revised Statutes and authorize the Selectmen of the town to appoint Police Officers under said statute and fix the compensation for their services and to appoint a special Police and Watchman when and in their opinion circumstances render it necessary.* It was postponed indefinitely. One year later in 1867 it was voted in and at the March 4, 1868 meeting seven police officers were appointed. In 1868, Article 18 was a resolution of Isaac Reed to remove the current Liquor Agent and *appoint another in his stead who will conduct the business of the agency according to the true intent and meaning of the law and for the honor and credit of the town...* James L. Riley was appointed Liquor Agent with specific rules and regulations by which he should perform his position. In 1869 police expenses are listed as \$98.36. For awhile both constables and police officers were appointed, although soon after in 1873 they voted to stop appointing hog reeves.

In 1878 *An Act to Punish Tramps* passed by NH legislature authorized and required Selectmen of every town to appoint special constables whose duty it was to arrest and prosecute all tramps in their respective towns... Three Special Police officers were appointed in Newport.

The sale of liquor continued to be a town concern, and in 1867 it was voted *that the Selectmen ... prosecute every person guilty of a violation of any of the provisions of the law passed June 1855 regulating the purpose and sale of spiritous and intoxicating liquors of which they can obtain reasonable proof.* As further testimony to their commitment, the Liquor Agent was sent for, delivered to the Annual Meeting to read his book of sales, and then excused **by town vote** from remaining longer at the town meeting because he was *unwell*.

In the 1880's people became litigious, holding the town accountable for damage to property and bringing claims to the town for such things as *an injury to a cow from a defective highway*, a horse killed by falling off a bridge, and claims for damages to property by dogs. Newporters also became protective of the Town Common bringing up issues such as *prohibiting the use of the Common for games of amusement and games of chance on Decoration Day...* In 1884 licenses were needed for businesses to have pool tables.

*In 1887 Fred Haskell was brought before E.M. Kempton as a tramp and sentenced to the county farm for a term of 90 days for breaking into a school house the evening before, then lodged there during the night.* In 1888 tramps were abundant, and town reports began to reimburse Rufus Claggett for keeping them.

In 1890 police were paid \$15 a year, and in 1893, buffalo rugs were popular. *Ransom Huntoon had one stolen from his carriage while attending the funeral of Charles Hall... Black Charlie a locally well-known citizen was born a slave and lived in that condition until he was a young man in his 20's.* He found his way to Newport in 1837 and spent the next 56 years here.

*His funeral was held at the Methodist Church which was filled to capacity. The taste and general management which characterized the service in memory of our sable friend Black Charlie... was a subject of much favorable comment... Undertaker D.A. Newton had assumed the responsibility of the occasion, financial and otherwise.*



As of 1893 when town reports were first printed in book form, Sealers of Weights & Measures, Surveyors of Wood, Surveyors of Wood and Lumber, etc. no longer were listed as town officers.

Early each spring large numbers of tramps passed through the town, looking for meals and lodging. Because this was a large expense to the town, *it was thought advisable to build a tramp house, which was done as cheaply as possible in 1895 on land of William T. Milliken.* When not needed by tramps, this building was used by the town for storing tools.

That same year *two umbrella menders made their presence at the depot obnoxious in more senses than one and were escorted to the cooler by Policeman Matthews...* There was a scrimmage at the village station on the arrival of the four o'clock train, but that too was soon quelled. *Five dollars and costs is what a Finn had to pay for drawing a revolver in 1895 and making a wild-west exhibition with a couple of nights lodging at the jail thrown in...*

In 1896 *H.L. Barker of the Phenix Hotel, came near losing about 50 swine in March by a flood. The basement of the barn where they were kept rapidly filled with water, and they were rescued barely in time to save them from drowning. That same freshet made a more successful raid on Gamash's saloon last Sunday [it worked better] than any law and order league has yet succeeded in doing.* In December, there was not one prisoner in the Sullivan County Jail... *an unusual occurrence.*

In 1898 in addition to police appointments, the town appointed both a Dog Warden and a Truant Officer, to deal with 14-16 years olds who were working (contrary to law) while school was in session. *Youngsters improved their chance at catching sleigh rides during the first week of winter. But the practice was not one to be greatly commended. It involves danger of injury, and in many instances at least a breach of good manners.* One Newporter was also concerned with *what right any corporation had to cut down shade trees on highways to make room for wires?*

In 1901 while the sewerage system was being constructed, *Italian workers were involved in a knife and stone fight.* In 1902 Fred Claggett was *boarding tramps and drunks.* In 1903 police badges and helmets were issued to officers.

In 1904 Newport asked *to see if the town will vote to elect or instruct the selectmen to appoint a permanent police force for service in Newport Village and designate the hours of service and pay for the same.* Expenses of trials of drunks, costs in jail and at the County Farm, and fines collected from drunks show a very long list of people. Fines collected by Franklin P. Rowell from billiard tables run without a license amount to \$40.

In 1905 a Police Chief, George B. Lear, is identified for the first time and Article #15 on the town warrant asked *to see if the town will vote to fit up a portion of the basement of the town hall extensively for use as a lock-up or lobby...* This



**1st Police Chief George B. Lear (l)**  
**Photo: Courtesy of Ray Reid**

would make further sense if the Police Department operated out of the town offices at the old Police Station. Chief Lear is paid \$100, although in 1906 his pay is cut back to \$50. Two truant officers were appointed and paid \$20 each. Police expenses in 1907 are listed as \$116.98. In 1908 teams were provided for the police. In 1909 and from here on out, a Warrant Article appears each year *to see if the town will vote to have a police officer who shall devote his entire time to the duties of his office and appropriate money therefor...* It will appear until such time as the Town Manager form of management is adopted in 1948. In an attempt to keep merchants honest, the town asks for the appointment of public weighers with defined powers and duties.

In 1910 licenses are required for moving picture shows, billiard and pool tables, and circuses. Fines collected are substantial. Dog Wardens and Truant Officers are still appointed. In 1913 liquor licenses are required for the sale of intoxicating liquors. The Chief of Police, George W. Karr, is now Chief and Dog Warden, for which he is paid \$564.

In 1912 threats of personal violence were made in connection with a strike at the Richards Mill, and the Board of License Commissioners revoked the license of the Newport House on the charge of selling liquor to other than bona fide guests. Also that year *election day was enlivened by a scrap between a Greek and a French man... The French man accused the Greek of only giving him four pears for half a dozen and proceeded to collect the difference with his fists.*

In 1914 police expenses included a police uniform consisting of a suit, cap, etc. for \$22.45. Department Head Reports begin to appear in the Annual Town Report, each on their own page. For the year April 19, 1913, ending February 15, 1914, the Police Department report shows:

Warrants for the arrest of 201 persons (198 males and 3 females) have been issued and the parties brought to trial. Of these, 199 have been convicted and two discharged for lack of evidence.

Drunks . . . . .	159	Illegal Sale of Liquor . . . . .	2
Assault . . . . .	9	Vagrancy . . . . .	2
Disturbing the peace . . . . .	8	Cruelty to animals . . . . .	2
Furnishing Liquor . . . . .	5	Peddling without a license . . . . .	1
Fornication . . . . .	4	Carrying Dangerous Weapon . . . . .	1
Larceny . . . . .	4	Violating Automobile Law . . . . .	1
Non-support . . . . .	2	Selling mortgaged property . . . . .	1

In addition, 235 cases were investigated where no warrants were issued; money and property valued at approximately \$100 found and returned to the owners, and 85 tramps lodged at the police station during the year. The Town Report for 1914 indicates the Sealer of Weights and Measures, Eugene Pollard, visited and examined every place where scales or measures were used for the purchase or sale of goods... On June 16, by request, Eugene Pollard examined the town hay scales and found them inaccurate.

The Women's Club was cleaning up the town and posting town notices against littering. This year's police report indicates arrests are down to 182, and some of the charges included intoxication, violating school law, evading car fare, and having a disorderly house.

1915 statistics only total 64 arrests, three of which are for murders. Frederick M. Gunn resigned; Henry G. Hastings and Harvey A. Emery were Police officers.

Once transportation changed from horses to *horsepower*, automobile statistics became news. In 1918 a young Greek man, an amateur, drove his new touring car into the Sugar River. The car was quite badly damaged, and the occupants miraculously escape injury. In 1919 *the Ford runabout belonging to Harold G. Fairbanks was stolen in front of the Citizens Bank building in October where he had left it while attending the show at the Opera House. No trace of it was found.*

Solving police crimes often involved a bit of Yankee ingenuity. In 1919 the jewelry store of M.A. Noury was broken into and *goods in the amount of \$532 were taken as well as a small amount of change from the cash register, among which was a nickel with a hole drilled through the center, which had been in the register since Mr. Noury took possession of the store. [The guilty party] was arrested for the theft after Chief Hastings found the defaced nickel in his pocket.* While Newport crime seemed to flourish, the county jail was closed down for *lack of patronage.*

*On a complaint in 1920, a Unity farmer was fined \$20 and costs for selling a cord of wood and giving short measure... Teamsters are having trouble keeping their teams right-side-up during this hazardous traveling... Selectmen and police are asking all drivers of motor vehicles who stop on the street to drive up at a slight angle, placing their right wheel to the curb... We have now reached the (summer) season of the year when shady brooks by the side of the road will be littered with discarded paper boxes, wrappings and other post-lunch refuse where motorists have satisfied the inner man without cleaning up the unsightly debris... and Chief of Police H. G. Hastings purchased a Ford touring car. Note the town didn't fund cruisers until much later.*

*The 1921 Town meeting was ushered in by the first thunder storms of the season, the biggest noise of the day. The town meeting was as quiet and harmonious as a pink tea... Commissioner of Motor Vehicles Olin Chase announced the new law regarding lights on horse-drawn vehicles go into effect May 16, 1921.*

*Three automobiles, loaded with gypsies and bearing Michigan license plates, were started out of town Saturday night by Chief of Police H.G. Hastings. They had pitched their tents on the land north of Stocker's residence on the Croydon Road and were intending to pass the night when notified to be on the move...*

*Along about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July (1921), some person, whose identity the police and Vigilance Committee have been unable to ascertain, set off two firecrackers in front of Johnson's store, awakening Chief Hastings, Charles Dunbar and other substantial citizens out of a peaceful afternoon nap, and nearly scared the life out of the Town Hall cat and Capt. Edes' dog, Chris. It must be understood that such nefarious attempts to convert our law-abiding community into a roaring inferno of deafening confusion must cease or the ubiquitous perpetrators will be brought to a serious, severe, and sudden accounting...*

*Chief Hastings made a raid Saturday evening and found two men and a jug of cider... The Chief was also called to get a man lying in the road near Richards' Mill one day in August... He had been there so long that a well-traveled road had been worn where automobiles had been around*



him. He was brought to the lock-up and the next day taken by Judge Carey and given a fine of \$10 and costs of \$6.70...

In 1923 a false alarm was rung in from Box #42 near the railroad crossing on Central Street by a Finn youngster. Chief of Police Hastings was on hand and gave a boy a sound talking to. In 1933 unknown thieves entered Martins, Fairgrievies and Condo's Pool Room one January evening. The amount stolen was undetermined, but guns were taken at Martin's hardware.



5<sup>th</sup> Chief Charles Fryer (left) 1932-35  
Photo courtesy of Fryer family

In 1930 tramps and prisoners were fed at, among other places, the Winston Hotel. Expenses of Overseer of the Poor were \$1400 while Police expenses total \$1300. In 1931 there were 145 arrests, four for library violations. DWI appears in 1932, the police budget increased to \$3,195, and a record number 603 tramps were given lodging. In 1937, 418 complaints are investigated, in addition to 193 arrests. The number of transient lodgers is going down

Three were burned in a 1937 fire at Dorr Woolen Mill. Pency Davis and Arnold Karanko were hospitalized, and

Arnold's cousin, Gillie Morrow, High School baseball/football star, was burned when he pulled his cousin to safety.

In 1943 there is a large increase in juvenile delinquency and Chief Sargent stated *these facts are caused by the war, which has caused a shortage of labor, higher wages, and so many mothers working... It is the intent of the Police Department to inflict punishment on those older associates who are contributing to the delinquency of juveniles.* While juvenile delinquency was increasing, it was also the smallest yearly number of arrests for sometime. Alexander Lewko joined Newport's Police Department.

In 1944 over 50 French lumbermen from Quebec were stranded in town a few days this week after being sent here from New York State, where they were told a lumber company in Springfield, New Hampshire would employ them...

A reward of a \$25 War Bond was offered in 1945 by Raymond Gay to anyone who can furnish information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) who took two gumball machines in front of Vic's Market (on the corner of Elm and Main Streets, now the site of Rite Aid Pharmacy) and the one in front of Douglas's Barber Shop... Charges were made by the chairman of the Swimming Pool Committee: *The people of Newport have sat passively by for the past many years while juvenile delinquency spread like a disease all over the nation, touching every community, smiling complacently while each case of juvenile delinquency was hushed up, for it possibly did not strike their own immediate families. Selfishly, they have sat by and let such worthwhile projects like swimming pools, tennis courts, and other athletic activities slide by with the possible exception of the worthwhile work done by the Boy Scouts and other church and Christian organizations...* A 1935 Dodge car belonging to Orren Barton was stolen from his dooryard and found over the Newport line. *The front end of the car was damaged and the left front*

wheel missing, according to Chief Sargent. Ernest Tarullo found a wallet in Boston last week containing \$8,000 and government papers. He contacted the party through identification papers in the wallet and received a reward of \$25. The wallet belonged to a paymaster of the United States Navy.

Cars on the road were increasing and so weren't automobile accidents. One more full-time police officer and a cruiser is requested.

1946 An article in the town warrant asked *to see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to take legal procedure to place the jurisdiction and responsibility for operation of the Police Department in the hands of the Chief of Police, the Selectmen retaining jurisdiction over the office of the Police Chief...* Warrant Article #36 asked the town to erect a police station for the town of Newport and cell block to adjoin the new Records Building to be built by the County... 122 arrests, one for failure to license a dog... 109 "tramps" are lodged at the police station.



(l-r) 7<sup>th</sup> Chief: Merton Sargent (1941-6)  
Marshall Perkins, Jesse Fowler,  
and Floyd Fowler  
Photo: Newport Police Archives

In 1946 Chief of Police Alex Lewko reminded residents and visitors of the parking ordinance which prohibits parking motor driven or horse-drawn vehicles on the streets after midnight.

In 1947 Chief Lewko announced that Special Officer Howard Mason was made a permanent member of the police force. The Department now has a member on duty at all times 24 hours a day. Other officers include Marshall Perkins and Jesse (Earl) Fowler. *One of the many items which will probably come up at the next annual meeting is the question of a police cruiser... Aside from the fact that we should want our law enforcement staff to be as well equipped as the next one, there is the angle of fairness to the men we employ in our town. Our officers are paid \$50 per year for mileage in town, but the officers feel it is inadequate, in the face of the abuse their cars are subject to. The carrying of minor accident victims and intoxicated persons is not the nicest way to keep one's car fit for family use on Sunday drives, nor is transporting inmates to the state hospital...* Also in 1947, *will the party who borrowed a banjo and case a few weeks ago, please call at Barney's Pool Room?* And another notice *To Whom It May Concern: From now on, anyone taking anything from the home of Martha Person without her permission is subject to trouble... I do mean business.* From 1947 on, town records no longer show the salary of the Chief of Police. Total expenses are listed.

Periodically, Newport experienced some of the same crimes of passion which larger cities are subject to. In 1947 a 46 year old Newport chef, was given a term of from 25-35 years in the state prison after he pleaded guilty to a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder charge for the murder of his wife, shot on the doorstep of the daughter's home...

In 1949 Article #24 asked for the construction of a center curb running from the railroad crossing to the watering trough. Chief Lewko told Newporters that its Police Department is duly conscious of



the great responsibility entrusted to it in preserving the peace and tranquility of the people within our community.

In 1951, 1,088 complaints are received... 2 accidental deaths, one by shooting and one by a train. Article 8 of the town warrant asks for the purchase of a new police cruiser... In 1952 Newport PD gets a new Plymouth Suburban Station Wagon at a cost of \$1,137 (plus trade) to use also as an emergency ambulance. It's equipped with a stretcher. Police Chief Lewko stands proudly next to this new acquisition in a photo printed in the 1952 town report. The installation of parking meters has worked out well providing \$10,254 in parking meter payments and fines, and in 1953 parking meter income jumped to \$36,990, yielding a net income of \$22,080.52. In 1954 the number of police officers increased from four to five.

In 1955 The number of motor vehicles on the road is growing by leaps and bounds, and Chief Lewko is pictured in the town report stopping traffic while elementary students cross Sunapee Street. Motor vehicle accidents number 112, motor vehicle violations numbered 138. In 1956 the volunteer emergency management organization appears with Louis Willett at its helm. Their headquarters/shelter is in the basement of the town hall. Police budget is \$20,730, but the police are handicapped by lack of room. *The police office is inadequate as it has to be used by routine police work, interrogation, locker room and clothing and supplies, and has no privacy whatsoever as it is only a room 7 x 12'. We are also handicapped by an old antiquated lock-up that is obsolete, unsanitary and in no way befits our present day living. We have no facilities for female or juvenile offenders and I suggest and urge some thought be given in the near future to remedy this situation...* It isn't until 1968 that the police headquarters are enlarged.

In 1961 Police Officer Floyd Fowler, a long-time veteran of Newport's police force, was seriously injured while directing traffic at the scene of an accident and retired in 1962 as a result of the injuries. Likewise in 1963 Dep. Chief Arthur Lake retired as a result of injuries sustained in the line of duty. One hundred ninety three bicycles are registered with the Police Department, and police are able to find and return the majority of lost bicycles. In 1962, *the Civil Defense pistol range was dedicated on Police Chief's Alex Lewko's land on Bradford Road...* and Judge John C. Fairbanks, who later brought national attention to Newport, *threatened to impose the maximum penalty of a \$100 fine and 90 days in the House of Correction for anyone caught discharging firecrackers in Newport.*



(l-r) Gilbert Morrow, Harold Hurd, Norm LaCroix, Chief Alex Lewko, Arthur Lake & Fred Maxfield  
(From 1961 Bicentennial Booklet)

In 1963 a huge fire at the *Chateau* kept police busy as it was gutted by fire. Once operated as a hotel by Severin Rodeschin, it was headquarters for a horse farm in the late 1800's and early 1900's. Another Newport landmark also suffered a disasterous fire in 1965 — the Newport House, once a grand old New England hotel, host to U.S. Presidents and parents of college students from New Haven to Hanover, traveling along the Dartmouth College Highway (Route 10), received a death blow on Christmas night as fire destroyed the upper half of the three story, 50 room building.



In 1964 the majority of crime statistics concern drunkenness, simple assault and larceny; motor vehicle violations concern speeding, reckless operation and illegal parking. In 1965 an additional vehicle, the town nurse's car, was used by police on weekends providing greater cruiser coverage. In 1968 the old town office building (now the old police station) and formerly the county safe building, built in 1843, was now solely occupied by the Police Department and completely renovated on the inside. Sgt. Norman LaCroix, President of the Police Officers Assn. led the Grand March at the first annual Newport Policemen's Ball at Newport's Town Hall, and the huge sum of \$6,200 was stolen from a safe at the IGA Store in Newport.

During 1969, the Police Department hosted an open house in its remodeled headquarters, and police revenues helped the town in a difficult financial year due to extremely bad winter weather, followed by serious flooding conditions during the spring.

In 1970 crime was rising eight times more rapidly than population growth, but Newport was still under the national average. Our peaceful existence, however, was startled by a UFO sighting. It hovered for 45 minutes 59 degrees from the western horizon and moved south to Newport from Croydon where it was visible from the airport. Newport PD warned citizens *they had only 18 more days to remove junk cars from their premises or face court action for violation of a state junkyard law.*

Chief Lewko reported crime in 1970 had increased 23% over the previous year. Dep. Chief Ron LeMay was appointed Chief effective May 10, 1972, at which time Chief Lewko would retire. However, Dep. Chief LeMay unexpectedly resigned, four others left, and Chief Lewko was left scrambling to rebuild the Police Department. Chief Lewko did get to retire in 1972 after 26½ years and was honored at a testimonial at the Town Hall attended by 300 people.

In 1972, a Senate version of the minimum wage bill *required municipalities to pay time and one half to police personnel working in excess of 40 hours per week.* Hope for help directing traffic with a four way traffic light at the intersection of Elm, Maple and Main Streets was delayed. *A state requirement created a 4-6 month waiting period for the delivery after the bid was received.* Also in 1972, a woman telephoned police headquarters to report she *nearly hit something very big in the middle of the road near the A&W Drive-In on Sunapee Street.* Officers David Chartier and Fred Jones headed to the scene. *There it was, a bull, in the middle of the road. The Officers tried to lasso the steer, which Officer Chartier estimated to weight 1,200 pounds.* One might say they weren't very successful since the bull



9th Chief Norman LaCroix (1972-77)  
10th Chief Floyd Potter Jr. (1977-80)  
2nd row: Leo Baker, Arnold Greenleaf,  
Tom Cummings, Al Gobin, Evans Juris,  
Tom Mynczywor & Fred Jones  
Photo from Police Archives c. 1977

wound up chasing the two officers down Sunapee Street... 1972 also saw the Police acquisition of a new \$900 breathalyzer machine to aid law enforcement officials who were waging an all-out effort

to curb drunken driving in the state. The Winston Hotel burned in 1972 and Arnold Greenleaf resigned from the Police force for the first time. He returned to Police service in 1975 after a three year retirement, and retired again in 1977.

A former police officer was reported to be among Newport residents who have *illegally registered their automobiles without paying residents taxes, and in 1978 the worst blizzard in 25 years stifled activity in Newport...* 1978 also shows that the Dog Warden handled 426 dog complaints, and a German Shepherd named "King" joined the Newport Police Department.

Article 13 on the 1979 warrant asked for metered parking. Article 14 was a request to pave the police station parking lot. Newport PD added dispatching for the fire department and ambulance increasing telephone calls from 21,741 in 1978 to 36,289 in 1979.

In 1980 a two hour parking limit is rescinded, and the Police Budget is \$217,247. In 1981 Newport PD acquired a checker auto cruiser. In 1982 the second earthquake in a month rattled Newport, measuring 4.4 on the Richter Scale, the first earthquake took place on January 9<sup>th</sup> measuring 5.9... *Other quakes in 1940 and the early 1900's are recalled...* *Robbery, kidnapping and the aggravated assault on Dr. Luther Weigle in Newport* is a sad statistic of the Newport Police Department.

In 1983 a long overdue increase in the fee for emergency services dispatching increased fees by as much as 1500%. Police Chief Arthur Bastian asked Selectmen for \$3,000 for a new dog and informed Revite that Newport is getting more visitors than it can handle in local motels. The installation of a new communications system, educational programs in schools, and fingerprinting children are just some of "PD" programs. Police officers are being assaulted when responding to domestic disturbances, and they participate in ongoing training to deal with an ever changing society.

In 1984 the old teletype system was replaced by a Honeywell computer, improving PD's ability to check registration plates, persons, vehicles and property efficiently. It is connected to State Police Headquarters in Concord and then to the National Crime Information Center in Washington, D.C.



(l-r) Terry Reamon, Tom Cummings, 11<sup>th</sup> Chief Arthur Bastian (1980-92) Robert Ballou, David Hoyt, Denis O'Sullivan and Atlas; 2nd row: Jeff Reed, Shady Blackwell III, Richrd Lee, Jim Brown, David Hanson; 3rd row: Eric Daignault, John Taylor, Marie Brown, Marnell DiLorenzo and Tim Julian Michael Dixon Photo circa 1990

In 1985 people could ride bicycles on Main Street, but not on the sidewalks. Evans Juris was invited to attend the FBI school in Quantico, Virginia. Selectmen voted 3-2 not to allow the Chief to keep a reserve police cruiser parked behind the station. Newport has two fatal accidents and a third motor vehicle accident involving several teenagers, requiring a major rescue operation.

In 1986 Newport PD acquired two new radar sets to track speeders and reported a threat to burn down the new bandstand on the Common. Traffic and parking are concerns in 1987. There is increased traffic in the



business community, and increased tourism shown in the numbers of people asking for directions. The population swells during working hours due to the *excellent business climate*. PD finds people who move into the community use police services more than *native residents*. Acquiring canine unit, *Atlas*, is instrumental in the apprehension of persons. Newport's Police Department complains it is in need of some real space.

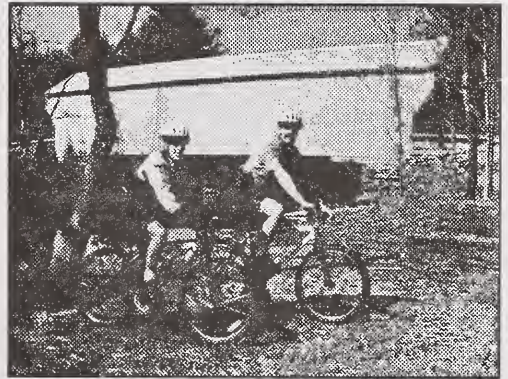
In 1988 a detective position is added, increasing arrests and convictions dramatically. The Police Department budget is \$529,018, and calls for services are up 9%. The increase in population also reflects the increase in crime statistics.

While Sturm Ruger & Company donated 22 pistols to the Police Department in 1989, probably the most dramatic event is that District Court Judge John C. Fairbanks abruptly resigned from the New Hampshire Bar and bench and was indicted on charges of stealing \$1.8 million from his legal clients (other claims raise the amount to \$6-8 million). He disappeared and was a fugitive sought by Interpol for quite some time. The mystery of his whereabouts attracted a lot of attention, including television's *Unsolved Mysteries* who visited Newport. Judge Fairbanks was later found in a Las Vegas hotel room, and his body was identified by former Newport Police Officer, Alan Soucy, who was in Las Vegas.

In 1990 the closing of Newport's hospital created a concern about where to locate the antennas and base stations for emergency services in Newport. They needed elevation to reach outlying areas and are relocated on the roof of Newport's town hall within the next year. Former high school teacher is violently attacked, and Police are in the schools, active in the DARE program, led by Officer Terry Reamon.

In 1992 Police statistics note 9,705 total service calls. 9-1-1 emergency lines came on line providing faster and more efficient notification of police, fire and ambulance services. Four major drug investigations result in the confiscation of over 225 marijuana plants with a street value of \$80,000.

In 1993 there is an increase in assaults/weapons offenses as well as thefts, vandalism, and traffic accidents. A new canine unit "Cito" joins Newport's Police Department. Two significant arsons happen in 1993 — the Eagle Block and the Corbin Covered Bridge. A new \$1 million police facility is proposed for funding in the upcoming year but does not pass at town meeting.



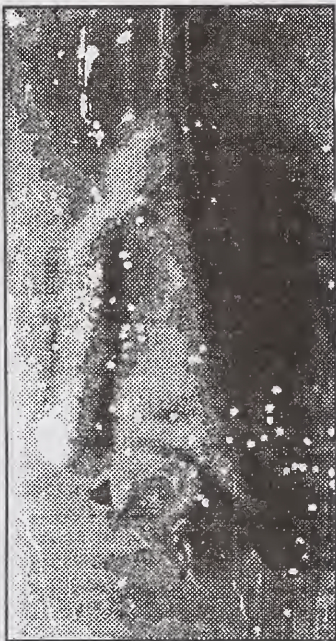
**Bicycle Patrol: Eric Daignault  
and Shady Blackwell III  
at the new Corbin Covered Bridge  
Police Photo, circa 1995**

In 1995 Enhanced 9-1-1, identifying the name and address of the caller, went on line. Most criminals are no longer on foot. The arsonist is convicted for the Eagle Block fire. The Police Facility Committee's recommendation for \$595,000 to buy and renovate the former Priscilla's Restaurant for a new police facility passes.



In 1996 Police Officer Richard Lee participated in the Summer Olympics as part of the security force. Locally, on-going Police programs include DARE, the Bicycle Patrol, Park and Walk and a Canine unit. Construction begins in November, 1996 on the new police facility. Statistics include 3,524 traffic stops, 980 charges filed in District Court with a 90.81% conviction rate, resulting in \$81,696.20 worth of fines... 21.5% of the charges are related to drug and/or alcohol complaints.

On June 28, 1997, many attended the dedication ceremony of Newport's new Police Headquarters at 59 Main Street. For many years the **old Police Station**, in the **very old** County Safe building, was inadequate, inefficient and did not meet code standards. Local artist, Barbara Huff, immortalized the old station on canvas and local philanthropist, Roy Malool, generously purchased many of her paintings, which were on display along with paintings by Gerry LaValley, and donated them to the town.



**Sid Bickford Mural**  
**Paul Howe 1997 Photo**

After the Police Department moved down the street, a Bickford mural was discovered at the old police station behind a wall. Sidney Bickford was a local artist who painted on glass, wood and canvas and exhibited at the first World's Fair. One of his paintings is on display at Washington's Smithsonian Institute. He was known for his ability to capture the nature of New Hampshire in his paintings and was particularly adept at portraying hunting scenes and the golden trout, now extinct, but once the prize catch at Lake Sunapee.

The Bickford painting at the old Police station was a mural of a fox, hanging by his feet, with a bit of police history of its own. The mural had been badly damaged by an *accidental gunshot blast* in the late 60's when officers were getting weapons ready for the firing range, and one discharged accidentally. *No one knew the value or significance of the painting at the time*, Dep. Chief Lemay said. The mural was later boarded up and forgotten about until it was discovered in July of 1997. It is presently in serious need of repair, but according to local art restorer, Mary Jane Cross, *it is a fine, fine example of Bickford's work.*

Inside the new facility down the street are three floors containing more space than the current Police Department dared dream of. The first floor has a communications center, records storage, offices, lockers, a holding and booking area, and a *sallyport* — a garage entrance area that is enclosed to allow secure transportation of prisoners from the cruiser to the station. The Chief's office, secretarial area, a conference room, captain's office, and detective's office are all on the second floor. The basement provides an evidence room, room for storage with room for further expansion, and space for a possible conference room or exercise room. Pleased with the new location, and especially with the size, Chief David Hoyt described it on opening day as "fabulous."

In an attempt to document the evolution of today's Police Department beginning at the beginning, the town of Newport wishes to recognize those who have taken responsibility for the law and order of community life as Newporters have known it:

**Sources:** The *Argus*, Evan Hill's *Chronology*, *Wheeler's History*, and *Town Records*

**The Keepers of Order  
of the Town of Newport, NH  
1761-1997**

‡ Constable & Tax Collector			
1769 Sam Hurd			
1770 Ebenezer Merritt			
1771 Abalsom Kelsey			
1772 Ezra Parmelee			
1773 James Church			
1774 Jesse Lane			
1775 Amos Hall			
1776 Isaac Newton			
1777 Uriah Wilcox			
1778 John Lane			
1779 Josiah Dudley			
1780 Phineas Wilcox			
1781 Chris'r Newton			
1782 Daniel Buell			
Wm. Stannard			
1783 Jeremiah Jenks			
Jedidiah			
Reynolds			
Daniel Buell			
1784 Daniel Dudley			
Nathan Hurd			
1785 Jeremiah Jenks			
1786 Benjamin Giles			
Stephen Perry			
1787 Levi Shoals			
John Megreavy			
1788 Jonathan Brown			
Samuel Church			
1789 Joseph Buel			
Phineas Chapin			
1790 Thomas Buel			
Abijah Wines			
1791 Joshua Warner			
Simeon Whittier			
1792 Reuben Bascom			
Ethan Kelsey			
1793 ‡Stephen Perry			
<b>Hog Constable</b>			
Ephraim Towner			
	David Brown		
	Reuben Bascom		
	Ruel Keith		
	John Cutting		
	Nathan Gould		
	Jeremiah		
	Nettleton		
	Thomas Buel		
	Reuben Bascom		
1794 Rich'd Goodwin			
<b>Hog Constables</b>			
	Joel McGregory		
	Jonathan Brown		
	Christphr. Sholes		
	Nathaniel Dow		
1795 Isaac Newton			
<b>Hog Reeves:</b>			
	William Freeto		
	Giles Merit		
	Thos. Whitcher		
	Herman Woyts		
1796 ‡John Perkins			
<b>Hog Reeves:</b>			
	Ephraim Towner		
	Benjm. Goodwin		
	William Wines		
	Nathn. Nettleton		
	Nathn. Wilmarth		
1797 ‡Solomon			
Dunham			
<b>Hog Reeves:</b>			
	Josiah Stevens		
	Jesse Wilcox		
	Levi Hall		
	Jarvis Pike		
	Zebulon Ferrin		
	James Corbin		
	Jeremiah Kelsey		
1798 ‡Isaac Newton			
<b>Hog Reeves:</b>			
Joseph Brown			
	John Perkins		
	John Buell		
	Nathan Hurd, Jr.		
1799 John Hall			
<b>Hog Reeves:</b>			
	Jeremiah Dudley		
	Walter Cooley		
1800 ‡Solomon			
Dunham			
Samuel Lane			
<b>Hog Reeves:</b>			
	Chris'r Newton		
	Jesse Lane, Esq.		
	Samuel Hurd		
	Caleb Ellis, Esq.		
	Moses Dow		
	Stephen Perry		
	Hills Hunton		
	Moses Dow		
1801 Lt. Oliver Lund			
<b>Hog Reeves:</b>			
	Edward Corbin		
	Rosw'lkelsey Jr.		
	Sylvns. Richards		
	Elisha Hall		
	John Brown		
1802 ‡Joshua Heath			
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Constable</b>			
Dr. Arnold Ellis			
1803 ‡Samuel Wines			
1804 ‡Samuel Wines			
1805 ‡Joshua Heath			
1806 ‡Oliver Lund			
1807 ‡Oliver Lund			
<b>Hog Reeves:</b>			
	Stephen Hurd Jr.		
	Micah Flanders		
1808 ‡Aaron Nettleton			
Oliver Lund			
1809 Joshua Heath			
Phin's Wilcox Jr.			
1810 ‡Joshua Heath			
<b>Hog Reeves</b>			
<b>Chosen</b>			
1811 ‡Caleb Heath			
1812 ‡A. Nettleton			
<b>Hog Constables:</b>			
Hubard Newton			
A. Whiting			
Erastus Baldwin			
William Cheney			
Nathan Call			
1813 ‡A. Nettleton			
<b>Hog Constables:</b>			
Amos Noyes			
Asa Kelsey			
Jabez Beckwith			
David Willcox			
William Sargent			
Leon'd Richards			
William Stanard			
Ruel Durkee			
1814 ‡Sargent Heath			
<b>Hog Constables:</b>			
Levi Buell			
Arnold Ellis			
John McGregory			
Mathew Buell, Jr.			
Benjamin Noyes			
Nath'l Woodard			
1815 ‡Sargent Heath			
<b>Hog Constables:</b>			
David Hale, Esq			
Daniel Chapin			
Moses Chapin			
Samuel Webster			
Elias Whipple			
Thomas Webster			
Charles Buell			
Enoch Noyes			
Stephen Pike			
Lemuel Osgood			



1816	‡Solomon Dunham <b>Hog Constables:</b> Sylv. Richards Jerm'h Nettleton Thomas Wait Jarvis Pike	Jas. D. Walcott Austin Corbin	1833	Silas Wakefield ‡Jeremiah Newell <b>Hog Reeves:</b> Sel. S.Wakefield J. Nettleton, & Seth Richards	Jonathan Cutting 1841 ‡Jonas Cutting <b>Hog Reeves:</b> Sel. Jonathan Wilmarth, Nathan Mudgett Jonathan Cutting Asa Richardson Samuel Wright Oliver Comstock Jeremiah Fogg
1817	Joel Nettleton <b>Hog Constables</b> Aaron Nettleton William Cheney Alexander Boyd Nathn. Wilmarth	1824 ‡A. Nettleton <b>Hog Reeves:</b> Selectmen: Oliver Jenckes Jas. D. Walcott Moses Durkee	1834	‡Jeremiah Newell <b>Hog Reeves:</b> Moses Hurd John Russell Joel Wright Charles York James Osgood Allen Watson	1842 ‡Fredrk. Claggett <b>Hog Reeves</b> Hwd. Wakefield Wm. Endicott Harrison Rice Josiel Perry P.N. Newell Benjamin Rice Isaac C. Tenney
1818	‡Joel Nettleton <b>Hog Constables</b> AbiathrRichards Isaac Newton Samuel Hurd Lemuel Osgood	1825 ‡Josiah Stevens <b>Hog Reavs:</b> Sel. David Allen Oliver Jenckes & Jas. D. Walcott	1835	‡Jeremiah Newell <b>Hog Reeves:</b> Sel. Alvin Hatch Edw. Wyman & Charles Corbin	1843 ‡Francis Boardman <b>Hog Reeves:</b> Sel. Nathan White Joseph Hoyt & James Hall; also Nath'l Haseltine
1819	‡Ezra Hall <b>Hog Constables</b> William Cheney Jas. D. Walcott James Breck	1826 ‡Timothy Perry <b>Hog Reeves:</b> Elijah Cooper Clark Wakefield	1836	‡Jeremiah Newell <b>Hog Reeves:</b> A. Hatch Edward Wyman	1844 ‡Francis Boardman <b>Hog Reeves:</b> Ralph Metcalf Nath'l Haselton Thomas Wallace James Perry
1820	‡Joel Nettleton <b>Hog Constables</b> Jas. Breck, Esq. Lt. David Allen Oliver Jenckes Erastus Baldwin	1827 ‡Timothy Perry <b>Hog Reeves:</b> Dunbar Aldrich Simeon Wheeler	1837	‡Jonas Cutting David Harris Ruel H. Keith	1845 ‡Francis Boardman <b>Hog Constables</b> Jeremiah Nettleton Edward Wyman Zina Goldthwait
1821	‡Sargent Heath <b>Hog Constables</b> Hubard Newton James Breck David Allen Oliver Jenckes Erastus Baldwin	1828 ‡Timothy Perry <b>Hog Reeves:</b> T. Endicott James Wheeler	1838	‡Nath'n Mudgett <b>Hog Reeves</b> Sel. Parmenas Whitcomb, John Stowell & Silas Wakefield	1846 ‡Francis Boardman <b>Hog Constables</b> Edward Wyman
1822	‡Caleb Heath <b>Hog Constables</b> Jn. Chamberlain Richard Cheney Reuben Kelsey	1829 ‡Timothy Perry <b>Hog Reeves:</b> Alvin Hatch Silvanus Hurd	1839	‡Nathan Mudgett <b>Hog Reeves:</b> Sel. Silas Metcalf, Amos Little & Jonthn. Wilmarth	
1823	No Cnstbl. listed <b>Hog Reeves:</b> Selectmen: Oliver Jenckes	1830 ‡Timothy Perry <b>Hog Reeves:</b> Ruel H. Heath James Breck Jas. D. Walcott	1840	‡Fredrk. Claggett <b>Hog Reeves:</b> Sel. Eli Twitchell, Zina Goldthwait	
		1831 ‡Timothy Perry <b>Hog Reeves:</b> Sel. David Allen Austin Corbin & Seth Richards; Nathn. Wilmarth			
		1832 ‡Jeremiah Newell <b>Hogreeves:</b> Sel. Jeremiah Nettleton, Seth Richards &			



	Jonathan Cutting Isaac Griffin	1847 †Francis Boardman <b>Hog Constables</b> Not named		Wm. Emerson Chris'r Shedd Albert S. Adams <b>Liquor Agents</b> Calvin Wilcox James L. Riley	Chas. A. Puffer Chas. Emerson Putnam George <b>Liquor Agent</b> Esther Twichell
1848	†Francis Boardman <b>Hog Constables</b> B. Chamberlain Cyrus Haven Samuel Wheeler	1848 †Francis Boardman <b>Hog Constables</b> B. Chamberlain Cyrus Haven Samuel Wheeler		1858 Geo. Fairbanks Aaron Nettleton Elbridge Putney Hiram Barton Himan Averill Jas. M. Bartlett	1862 Loren H. Chase Abner Welcome James L. Riley Chas. A. Puffer Sylvester Ingalls Benj. F. Haven Charles H. Little Mark W. Allen <b>Liquor Agent</b> Esther Twichell
1849	†Milton Glidden <b>Hog Constables</b> J. Nettleton Dexter Richards Silas Metcalf Henry Carleton Dexter Peabody	1849 †Milton Glidden <b>Hog Constables</b> J. Nettleton Dexter Richards Silas Metcalf Henry Carleton Dexter Peabody	1854 Aaron Nettleton <b>Hog Reeves</b> Jonathan Cutting Calvin Perkins Austin Kibbey	1859 David B. Jones Benjmn. Haven H.E.W. Barton Chas. Emerson Henry Ingram Aaron Nettleton <b>Hog Reeves</b> Dexter Richards Sylvnus Stowell Samuel Wright <b>Liquor Agents</b> James L. Riley W.W. Leverett Fredrk. W. Lewis	1863 Isaac Reed Chas. A. Puffer Benj. F. Haven James L. Riley Henry Ingram <b>Liquor Agent</b> James L. Riley
1850	†Milton Glidden <b>Hog Constables</b> Dexter Richards J. Nettleton Davd Farrington Lovell White Daniel Nettleton August. Whitney Fran. Boardman Albro Emerson	1850 †Milton Glidden <b>Hog Constables</b> Dexter Richards J. Nettleton Davd Farrington Lovell White Daniel Nettleton August. Whitney Fran. Boardman Albro Emerson	1855 Jonathan Silsby <b>Hog Reeves</b> John Higbee Austin Kibbey Chas. Emerson <b>Added 2 Hg-rv:</b> Charles Puffer Nath'l Chapin <b>Liquor Agent</b> Calvin Wilcox	1860 James L. Riley Geo. Fairbanks Jas. W. Bartlett Benj. F. Haven Fredrk. W. Lewis	1864 <b>Constables</b> Wilbur A. Ladd Chas. Emerson Loren Chase Sylvester Ingalls James L. Riley Benjamin Haven <b>Hog Reeves</b> Edmd. Wheeler Hiram Staniels Perley S. Coffin David Huntoon Chas. A. Puffer Uriah Hall <b>Liquor Agent</b> James L. Riley
1851	†Milton Gliddon <b>Hog Reeves:</b> Dexter Richards Davd. Farrington J. Nettleton Carroll Peabody William Nourse Jarvis Pike T.W. Gilmore Edmnd. Wheeler	1851 †Milton Gliddon <b>Hog Reeves:</b> Dexter Richards Davd. Farrington J. Nettleton Carroll Peabody William Nourse Jarvis Pike T.W. Gilmore Edmnd. Wheeler	1856 Francis Aiken <b>Hog Reeves</b> Francis Cutting Leander Long Hiram Barton Lewis Pillsbury Richard Webber Elbridge Putney William Nourse Sheph'd Bowers Frederick Aiken William Kibbey Francis Dodge	1861 James L. Riley Elbridge Putney Ira McL. Barton Sylvester Ingalls E.C. Swett	1865 <b>Constables</b> Geo. E. Wilmarth Geo. P. Haven Charles H. Little James L. Riley <b>Hog Reeves</b> Henry D. Foster William Perry
1852	†Milton Gliddon <b>Hog Reeves</b> Edmnd. Wheeler Abner Hunt J. Wilmarth Harvey Marshall John Woods	1852 †Milton Gliddon <b>Hog Reeves</b> Edmnd. Wheeler Abner Hunt J. Wilmarth Harvey Marshall John Woods	1857 Geo. Fairbanks Isaac Reed H.E.W. Barton Aaron Nettleton Fran. Boardman Elbridge Putney <b>Hog Reeves</b>		

<p>William Nourse Geo. W. Nourse Simeon Whittier William Kelley</p> <p>1866 <b>Constables</b> James L. Riley Ira McL Barton Rufus Claggett Truman Heath Geo. E. Wilmarth Benj. F. Haven Abiat'r Richards Chas. A. Puffer <b>Hog Reeves</b> Geo. W. Nourse William Kelley John B. Cooper Truman Heath Ira McL. Barton Prent. Welcome Wm. S. Kempton Martin Whittier Milton Jackson Edwin R. Miller George Endicott Henry Tubbs A. O. Kidder Dennis Gardner Wallace L. Dow Bela C. Pike <b>Liquor Agent</b> John Karr</p>	<p>Chas. A. Puffer Calvin Whitney Ransm. Huntoon Geo. W. Nourse John B. Cooper Wm. H. Sprague <b>Liquor Agent</b> John Karr</p> <p>1868 <b>1<sup>st</sup> POLICE OFFICERS</b> Benj. R. Allan Truman Heath Charles H. Little Chas. A. Puffer James L. Riley Richard Webber Joel S. Blood <b>Constables</b> Rufus Claggett Truman Heath Wm. Humphrey James W. Ladd James L. Riley Chas. A. Puffer William White <b>Hog Reeves</b> Henry Coffin Henry Haven Wallace Reed Orin Severance Geo. W. Nourse Wm. H. Sprague Frank A. Rawson <b>Liquor Agent:</b> James L. Riley</p>	<p>Chas. Emerson L. P. Quimby <b>Hog Reeves</b> Amos Burke Arthur Tenney William Leavitt David Newton John Kelley Silas Wright Wm. Raymond Milton Hurd George Leavitt</p> <p>1870 <b>Police</b> Rufus Claggett Joel S. Blood James L. Riley Chas. H. Little Martin Barton Wilbur F. Ladd Joseph Ladd <b>Constables</b> Rufus Claggett James Riley Truman Heath <b>Hog Reeves</b> Putnam George Wilbur A. Dow Dexter Parker Hiram Hall Geo. R. W. Scott Simon Tenney James Stone</p>	<p>Jonath'n Hanson</p> <p>1872 <b>Police</b> Joseph W. Ladd Martin Barton Rufus Claggett Wallace White John B. Cooper Wilbur A. Ladd Chas. H. Little <b>Constable</b> Rufus Claggett <b>Hog Reeves</b> Chas. Partridge Thomas Snow Charles Fletcher Sullivan Marston Sheph'd Bowers Henry Endicott Eugene Pollard George Stow David Fletcher</p>
<p>1867 <b>Constables</b> Chas. A. Puffer Wm. W. White Truman Heath Rufus Claggett Jon'n Emerson Jr James L. Riley <b>Hog Reeves</b> Jacb. Reddington Edmund Burke Calvin Wilcox Arthur W. Clark David Huntoon Fran. Goldthwait</p>	<p>1869 <b>Police Officers</b> Rufus Claggett James L. Reiley Joel S. Blood Joseph Ladd Charles H. Watts <b>Constables</b> Rufus Claggett James S. Riley Nelson Chase Dexter S. Lean</p>	<p>1871 <b>Police</b> Rufus Claggett Martin Barton John B. Cooper Wilbur Ladd Chas. H. Little Joseph W. Ladd Truman Heath <b>Constable</b> Rufus Claggett Hog Reeves: Mason Baldwin Lucas P. Reed Henry Badger</p>	<p>1873 <b>Police</b> Joseph W. Ladd <b>Constable</b> Henry Wilcox <i>Voted not to appoint hog rvs.</i></p> <p>1874 <b>Police</b> W. A. F. Ladd George B. Lear <b>Constable</b> Henry Wilcox</p> <p>1875 <b>Police</b> George B. Lear Edward Stevens W. A. F. Ladd <b>Constable</b> Henry Wilcox</p> <p>1876 <b>Police</b> Edward Stevens W. A. F. Ladd Chas. Matthews <b>Constable</b> Martin Barton</p> <p>1877 <b>Police</b> Chas. E. Thomas</p>



1878	Chas. Mathews W.A.F. Ladd <b>Police</b> Chas. H. Watts Chas. Mathews George A. Ellis George B. Lear Geo. W. Tilton <b>Special Police</b> Ransm Huntoon Benj. F. Haven Frank T. Nichols	1885	George B. Lear <b>Police</b> No names	1894	Stockwell <b>Police</b> George B. Lear Wm. T. Milliken Chas. Mathews Harsn. Stockwell	1904	George B. Lear Harsn. Stockwell George Allen <b>Police</b> George B. Lear Geo. Chadwick George Allen <b>Special Police</b> C. H. Matthews
1879	<b>Police</b> George B. Lear Charles Watts Alfred P. Shedd <b>Constable</b> Milton Jackson Special Police: George H. Dana Wm. Hubbell Sylvanus French	1886	<b>Police</b> George B. Lear Milton Jackson <b>Special Police</b> Geo.H. Waldron Chas. Matthews	1895	<b>Police</b> George B. Lear Wm.T. Milliken Chas. Matthews	1905	<b>1<sup>st</sup> CHIEF:</b> <i>George B. Lear</i> <b>Officers:</b> George A. Allen C. H. Matthews <b>Special Police:</b> George W. Karr Chas.S. Shepard
1880	<b>Police</b> George B. Lear Chas. H. Watts George Heritage <b>Special Police:</b> Milton Jackson Franklin Rowell Chas. Matthews	1887	<b>Police</b> George B. Lear Milton Jackson <b>Special Police</b> Chas. Matthews Sanford Bascom	1896	<b>Police</b> George B. Lear Wm.T. Milliken Chas. Matthews <b>Special Police:</b> W.H. Wright	1906	<b>Chief:</b> <i>George B. Lear</i> <b>Officers:</b> Chas. Matthews George A. Allen <b>Special Police:</b> George W. Carr
1881	<b>Police</b> George B. Lear Chas. H. Watts <b>Special Police</b> Wm. Hubbell Benj. F. Haven Sanford Bascom	1888	<b>Police</b> George B. Lear Milton Jackson Chas. Matthews	1897	<b>Police</b> George B. Lear Wm. Milliken Chas. Matthews	1907	<b>Chief:</b> <i>George B. Lear</i> <b>Officers:</b> Chas. Matthews George A. Allen
1882	<b>Police</b> George B. Lear C. H. Watts	1889	<b>Police</b> Milton Jackson George B. Lear <b>Special Police</b> Frank J. Latinen Chas. Matthews Rufus Claggett Wm. Woodbury	1898	<b>Police</b> George B. Lear Chas. Matthews <b>Special Police</b> Harsn. Stockwell <b>Dog Warden</b> Wm. Milliken	1908	<b>Chief:</b> <i>George B. Lear</i> <b>Officers:</b> Chas. Matthews George A. Allen
1883	<b>Police</b> Milton Jackson George B. Lear Benjamin Haven	1890	<b>Police</b> Rufus Claggett George B. Lear Milton Jackson Chas. Matthews Benjamin Haven <b>Special Police</b> William Wright	1899	<b>Police</b> Wm. T. Milliken Harsn. Stockwell <b>Special Police:</b> Geo. Stockwell	1909	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Chief</b> <i>George W. Karr</i> <b>Officers:</b> Harvey Emery Ellsworth Dodge J.S. Haven E. B. Cutting Geo. Chadwick George A. Allen
1884	<b>Police</b> Milton Jackson	1891	<b>Police</b> Milton Jackson George B. Lear	1900	<b>Police:</b> George B. Lear Chas. Matthews <b>Special Police:</b> G.W. Stockwell		
		1892	<b>Police</b> MISSING INFO	1901	<b>Police:</b> George B. Lear Chas. Matthews David Leach		
		1893	<b>Police</b> Chas. Matthews George B. Lear Milton Jackson W.T. Milliken Harrison	1902	<b>Police:</b> George B. Lear Harsn. Stockwell George Allen		
				1903	<b>Police:</b>		



<p>J. LaCroix F.J. Latimer Elmer Dodge H.A. Emery George B. Lear</p>	<p>1915 <b>Chief</b> <i>Fredrk.M. Gunn</i> <b>Officer:</b> L.D. Kempton <b>Dog Warden</b> C. H. Dunbar</p>	<p><i>Henry Hastings</i> <b>Officers:</b> Harvey Emery Ralph Peabody Mason S. Colby Chas. H. Dunbar</p>	<p>Harvey Emery Mason S. Colby Winthrp.Sargent</p>
<p>1910 <b>Chief</b> <i>George Karr</i> Harvey Emery <b>Special Police:</b> Elmer Dodge</p>	<p>1916 <b>4<sup>th</sup> Chief:</b> <i>Henry Hastings</i> <b>Officers:</b> Harvey Emery L.D. Kempton <b>Dog Warden:</b> C.H. Dunbar</p>	<p>1923 <b>Chief:</b> <i>Henry Hastings</i> <b>Officers:</b> Harvey Emery Mason S. Colby Charles Dunbar</p>	<p>1929 <b>Chief:</b> <i>Henry Hastings</i> <b>Officers:</b> Harvey Emery Mason S. Colby Winthrp.Sargent</p>
<p>1911 <b>Chief</b> <i>George Karr</i> <b>Officers:</b> Harvey Emery Joseph Lacroix Elmer E. Dodge</p>	<p>1917 <b>Chief:</b> <i>Henry Hastings</i> <b>Officers:</b> Harvey Emery L.D. Kempton <b>Dog Warden:</b> C.H. Dunbar</p>	<p>1924 <b>Chief:</b> <i>Henry Hastings</i> <b>Officers:</b> Harvey Emery Librty.Kempton W.H. Sargent Harry Mason James Gorham Mason S. Colby</p>	<p>1930 <b>Chief</b> <i>Henry Hastings</i> <b>Officers:</b> Harvey Emery Mason S. Colby Winthrp.Sargent</p>
<p>1912 <b>Chief and Dog Warden:</b> <i>George W.Carr</i> <b>Special Police:</b> Harvey Emery Moses Dandrow E.E. Dodge A.C. Gion E.E.Clough W.H. Sargent W.B. Verge Joseph Lacroix</p>	<p>1918 <b>Chief:</b> <i>Henry Hastings</i> <b>Officer:</b> Harvey Emery <b>Special Police:</b> C.H. Dunbar L.D. Kempton <b>Dog Warden:</b> C. H. Dunbar</p>	<p>1925 <b>Chief:</b> <i>Henry Hastings</i> <b>Officer:</b> Harvey Emery W.H. Sargent Harry Mason James Gorham Mason S. Colby</p>	<p>1931 <b>Chief :</b> <i>Henry Hastings</i> <b>Officers:</b> Harvey Emery Charles H. Fryer Mason Colby <b>Special Police:</b> G.H. Mason H.L. Kempton J.W. Boyce Robert Wright E.C. Morrow J.E. Fowler W.E. Hunting E.E. Trow</p>
<p>1913 <b>Chief and Dog Warden:</b> <i>George W. Karr</i> <b>Officer:</b> Harvey Emery</p>	<p>1919 <b>Chief:</b> <i>Henry Hastings</i> <b>Officers:</b> Harvey Emery L.D. Kempton <b>Dog Warden:</b> C.H. Dunbar</p>	<p>1926 <b>Chief</b> <i>Henry Hastings</i> <b>Officers:</b> Harvey Emery W.H. Sargent Mason S. Colby Harry Kempton George Mason</p>	<p>1932 <b>5<sup>th</sup> Chief:</b> <i>Charles Fryer</i> <b>Officers:</b> Marshall Perkins Harvey Emery Mason S. Colby</p>
<p>1914 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Chief:</b> <i>Fred M. Gunn</i> <b>Police Officer:</b> Harvey Emery A.C. Gion George W. Karr <b>Special Police:</b> Leonard Rowe A.C.Chadwick L.D. Kempton S.G. Whitmore <b>Dog Warden:</b> C. H. Dunbar</p>	<p>1920 <b>Chief:</b> <i>Henry Hastings</i> <b>Officer:</b> Harvey Emery</p> <p>1921 <b>Chief:</b> <i>Henry Hastings</i> <b>Officers:</b> Harvey Emery Ralph Peabody</p> <p>1922 <b>Chief:</b></p>	<p>1927 <b>Chief:</b> <i>Henry Hastings</i> <b>Officers:</b> Harvey Emery Mason S. Colby W.H. Sargent</p> <p>1928 <b>Chief</b> <i>Henry Hastings</i> <b>Officers:</b></p>	<p>1933 <b>Chief:</b> <i>Charles Fryer</i> <b>Officers:</b> Marshall Perkins Harvey Emery Mason S. Colby</p> <p>1934 <b>Chief:</b> <i>Charles Fryer</i> <b>Officers:</b> Harvey Emery</p>

<p>Marshall Perkins <b>Special Police:</b> M.S. Colby Edward Kelton George Mason James Boyce 1935 <b>Chief:</b> <i>Charles Fryer</i> <b>Officers:</b> Marshall Perkins Harvey Emery <b>Special Police:</b> Mason S. Colby Pleamon Clark Claude Stetson Jesse Fowler 1936 <b>6<sup>th</sup> Chief:</b> <i>Fred M. Gunn</i> <b>Officers:</b> Marshall Perkins Jesse E. Fowler C. H. Fryer 1937 <b>Chief:</b> <i>Fred M. Gunn</i> <b>Officers:</b> Marshall Perkins Jesse E. Fowler <b>Special Police:</b> Harvey Emery Mason S. Colby <b>Dog Warden:</b> Hermn. Eastman 1938 <b>Chief:</b> <i>Fred M. Gunn</i> <b>Officers:</b> Marshall Perkins Jesse E. Fowler <b>Spec'l. Officers:</b> Floyd D. Fowler Mason S. Colby Harvey Emery <b>Dog Warden:</b> Hermn. Eastman 1939 <b>Chief:</b> <i>Fred M. Gunn</i> <b>Officers:</b></p>	<p>Marshall Perkins Jesse E. Fowler <b>Spec'l Officers:</b> Floyd D. Fowler Wilfred Snow Harvey Emery <b>Dog Warden:</b> Herm'n. Eastman 1940 <b>Chief:</b> <i>Frederick Gunn</i> <b>Officers:</b> Marshall Perkins Jesse E. Fowler 1940 <b>Chief:</b>  <b>Spec'l. Officers:</b> Floyd D. Fowler Wilfred Snow Harvey Emery 1941 <b>7<sup>th</sup> Chief:</b> <i>Merton Sargent</i> <b>Officers:</b> Marshall Perkins Jesse E. Fowler <b>Spec'l Officers:</b> Floyd D. Fowler Wilfred Snow <b>Dog Warden:</b> Marshall Perkins 1942 <b>Chief:</b> <i>Merton Sargent</i> <b>Officers:</b> Marshall Perkins Jesse E. Fowler <b>Spec'l. Officers</b> Floyd D. Fowler Wilfred Snow Alex'der Lewko 1943 <b>Chief:</b> <i>Merton Sargent</i> <b>Officers:</b> Marshall Perkins Jesse E. Fowler <b>Spec'l Officers</b> Floyd D. Fowler Alex'der Lewko</p>	<p>Wilfred. Snow <b>Dog Warden:</b> Marshall Perkins 1944 <b>Chief:</b> <i>Merton Sargent</i> <b>Officers:</b> Marshall Perkins Jesse E. Fowler <b>Spec'l Officers:</b> Floyd Fowler Alex'der Lewko Wilfred Snow <b>Dog Warden:</b> Marshall Perkins 1945 <b>Chief:</b> <i>Merton Sargent</i> <b>Officers:</b> Marshall Perkins Jesse E. Fowler <b>Spec'l Officers:</b> Floyd D. Fowler Alex'der Lewko Wilfred Snow <b>Dog Warden:</b> Marshall Perkins 1946 <b>8<sup>th</sup> Chief:</b> <i>Alexder Lewko</i> <b>Officers:</b> Marshall Perkins Jesse E. Fowler <b>Spec'l Officers:</b> Howard Mann <b>Dog Warden:</b> Marshall Perkins 1947 <b>Police Chief:</b> <i>Alex'der Lewko</i> <b>Officers:</b> Marshall Perkins Jesse E. Fowler Howard Mason <b>Special Officer:</b> Floyd Fowler 1948 <b>Police Chief:</b> <i>Alex'der Lewko</i> <b>Officers:</b> Marshall Perkins</p>	<p>Howard Mason Arthur Lake <b>Special Officer:</b> Floyd Fowler 1949 <b>Police Chief:</b> <i>Alex'der Lewko</i> <b>Officers:</b> Marshall Perkins Howard Mason Arthur Lake <b>Spec'l Officers:</b> Floyd Fowler Stanley Kopec <b>Dog Warden:</b> Marshall Perkins 1950 <b>Police Chief:</b> <i>Alex'der Lewko</i> <b>Officers:</b> Marshall Perkins Howard Mason Arthur Lake <b>Spec'l Officers:</b> Floyd Fowler Stanley Kopec <b>Dog Warden:</b> Marshall Perkins 1951 <b>Police Chief:</b> <i>Alex'der Lewko</i> <b>Officers:</b> Marshall Perkins Howard Mason <b>Spec'l Officers:</b> Floyd Fowler Stanley Kopec <b>Dog Warden:</b> Marshall Perkins 1952 <b>Chief of Police:</b> <i>Alex'der Lewko</i> <b>Dog Warden:</b> Marshall Perkins 1953 <b>Chief of Police</b> <i>Alex'der Lewko</i> <b>Dog Warden:</b> Marshall Perkins 1954 <b>Chief of Police</b> <i>Alex'der Lewko</i></p>
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<p><b>Officers:</b> Normn.LaCroix <b>Dog Warden:</b> Marshall Perkins 1955 <b>Chief of Police:</b> <i>Alex' der Lewko</i> <b>Officers:</b> Normn.LaCroix <b>Dog Warden:</b> Marshall Perkins 1956 <b>Chief of Police:</b> <i>Alex' der Lewko</i> <b>Officers:</b> Marshall Perkins Arthur L. Lake Floyd Fowler Normn.LaCroix <b>Special Officer:</b> C. Littlefield H. Hurd <b>Dog Warden:</b> Marshall Perkins <b>Civil Defense:</b> Louis Willett 1957 <b>Chief of Police:</b> <i>Alex' der Lewko</i> <b>Officers:</b> Marshall Perkins Arthur L. Lake Floyd Fowler Normn.LaCroix Jack Willey Special Officers: Harold Hurd Norman Bentley Edw. Reney, Jr. <b>Dog Warden:</b> Marshall Perkins Chas. Robertson <b>Civil Defense:</b> Louis Willett 1958 <b>Chief of Police:</b> <i>Alex' der Lewko</i> <b>Officers:</b> Arthur L. Lake Floyd Fowler</p>	<p>Normn.LaCroix Jack Willey <b>Spec'l Officers:</b> Harold Hurd Norman Bentley Edw.C.ReneyJr. Fred Maxfield <b>Dog Warden:</b> Chs. Robertson <b>Civil Defense:</b> Louis Willett 1959 <b>Chief of Police:</b> <i>Alex' der Lewko</i> <b>Deputy Chief</b> Arthur Lake <b>Officers:</b> Floyd Fowler Normn.LaCroix <b>Spec'l Officers:</b> Harold Hurd Norman Bentley Fred Maxfield M. Cummings Gerald Smart <b>Dog Warden:</b> Chas. Robertson <b>Civil Defense:</b> Louis Willett 1960 <b>Chief of Police:</b> <i>Alex' der Lewko</i> <b>Officers:</b> Harold Hurd Normn.LaCroix <b>Dog Warden:</b> Chas. Robertson <b>Civil Defense:</b> Louis Willett 1961 <b>Chief of Police:</b> <i>Alex' der Lewko</i> <b>Officers:</b> Floyd Fowler Harold Hurd Normn.LaCroix <b>Dog Warden:</b> Chas. Robertson <b>Civil Defense</b></p>	<p>Louis Willett 1962 <b>Chief of Police:</b> <i>Alex' der Lewko</i> <b>Officers:</b> Floyd Fowler Harold Hurd Normn.LaCroix <b>Dog Warden:</b> Chas. Robertson <b>Civil Defense:</b> Louis Willett 1963 <b>Chief of Police:</b> <i>Alex' der Lewko</i> <b>Officers:</b> Al Gobin Arnld.Greenleaf Harold Hurd Normn.LaCroix Arthur Lake <b>Dog Warden:</b> Chas. Robertson <b>Civil Defense:</b> Louis Willett 1964 <b>Chief of Police:</b> <i>Alex' der Lewko</i> <b>Officers:</b> Albert Gobin Arnld.Greenleaf Harold Hurd Ronald LeMay Normn.LaCroix <b>Dog Warden:</b> Chas. Robertson <b>Civil Defense:</b> Louis Willett 1965 <b>Chief of Police:</b> <i>Alex' der Lewko</i> <b>Officers:</b> Albert Gobin Arnld.Greenleaf Harold Hurd Normn.LaCroix <b>Dog Warden:</b> Chas. Robertson <b>Civil Defense:</b> Louis Willett</p>	<p>1966 <b>Chief of Police:</b> <i>Alex' der Lewko</i> <b>Officers:</b> Albert Gobin Arnld.Greenleaf Harold Hurd Normn.LaCroix <b>Dog Warden:</b> Chas. Robertson <b>Civil Defense:</b> Louis Willett 1967 <b>Chief of Police:</b> <i>Alex' der Lewko</i> <b>Officers:</b> Albert Gobin Arnld.Greenleaf Harold Hurd Normn.LaCroix <b>Dog Warden:</b> Chas. Robertson <b>Civil Defense:</b> Louis Willett 1968 <b>Chief of Police:</b> <i>Alex' der Lewko</i> <b>Officers:</b> Albert Gobin Arnld.Greenleaf Harold Hurd Normn.LaCroix <b>Dog Warden:</b> Chas. Robertson <b>Civil Defense</b> Louis Willett 1969 <b>Chief of Police:</b> <i>Alex' der Lewko</i> <b>Officers:</b> Al Gobin Arnld.Greenleaf Harold Hurd Normn.LaCroix <b>Dog Warden:</b> Harold Hurd <b>Civil Defense:</b> Louis Willett 1970 <b>Chief of Police:</b> <i>Alex' der Lewko</i></p>
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<p><b>Officers:</b> Albert Gobin Arnld.Greenleaf Harold Hurd Normn.LaCroix Ron Sampson <b>Dog Warden:</b> Harold Hurd <b>Civil Defense:</b> Louis Willett</p>	<p>1974 <b>Chief of Police:</b> <i>Normn. LaCroix</i> <b>Police Officers:</b> Tom Cummings Albert Gobin Arnld.Greenleaf <b>New Hires:</b> Robert Baker Steve LaDuke David Chartier <b>Special Officer:</b> Evans Juris <b>Civil Defense:</b> Jas. Dombroski</p>	<p><b>Civil Defense:</b> Rocco Cusanelli 1978 <b>Chief of Police</b> <i>Floyd Potter, Jr.</i> <b>Police Officers:</b> Robert Baker Robert Ballou John Bruetsch Tom Cummings Albert Gobin Evans Juris T. Mynczywor Arnld.Greenleaf <b>Dispatchers:</b> Barbara Chellis Larce Hamilton <b>Special Officer:</b> William Lussier *David Burnham <b>Canine:</b> King</p>	<p>Evans Juris B. MacDonald 1982 <b>13th Chief</b> <i>Arthur Bastian</i> <b>Police Officers:</b> Robert Ballou James Brown Tom Cummings Albert Gobin Evans Juris Michael Lavoie Richard Lee M.Szelangowski *David Burnham</p>
<p>1971 <b>Chief of Police:</b> <i>Alex' der Lewko</i> <b>Officers:</b> David Chartier Albert Gobin Arnld.Greenleaf Harold Hurd Normn.LaCroix Ron Sampson <b>Dog Warden:</b> Harold Hurd <b>Civil Defense:</b> TM/Rbt. Horne</p>	<p>1975 <b>Chief of Police:</b> <i>Normn. LaCroix</i> <b>Officers:</b> Tom Cummings Albert Gobin Arnld.Greenleaf Evans Juris David Chartier Steven LaDuke Bryant Brown Terri Stone <b>Civil Defense:</b> Jas. Dombroski</p>	<p>1979 <b>Chief of Police:</b> <i>Floyd Potter Jr.</i> <b>Officers:</b> Robert Ballou Tom Cummings Albert Gobin Evans Juris *David Burnham</p>	<p>1983 <b>Chief of Police</b> <i>Arthur Bastian</i> <b>Officers:</b> Robert Ballou James Brown David Chartier Tom Cummings David Hoyt Evans Juris Michael Lavoie Richard Lee M.Szelangowski *David Burnham</p>
<p>1972 <b>9<sup>th</sup> Chief</b> <i>Nrmn. LaCroix</i> <b>Officers: (8)</b> David Chartier Albert Gobin Arnld.Greenleaf Harold Hurd Fred Jones Ron Sampson <b>Dog Warden:</b> Harold Hurd <b>Civil Defense:</b> TM/Rbt. Horne</p>	<p>1976 <b>Chief of Police:</b> <i>Normn. LaCroix</i> <b>Officers:</b> Evans Juris Robert Ballou Albert Gobin Arnld.Greenleaf Jerri Sue Young David Chartier <b>Civil Defense:</b> Jas. Dombroski</p>	<p>1980 <b>11<sup>th</sup> Chief</b> <i>Arthur Bastian</i> <b>Officers:</b> Robert Ballou Tom Cummings Albert Gobin Evans Juris *David Burnham</p>	<p>1984 <b>Chief of Police</b> <i>Arthur Bastian</i> <b>Officers:</b> Robert Ballou David Chartier Tom Cummings David Hoyt Evans Juris Michael Lavoie Richard Lee M.Szelangowski *David Burnham</p>
<p>1973 <b>Chief of Police</b> Normn. LaCroix <b>Officers:</b> David Chartier Albert Gobin Arnld.Greenleaf <b>Dog Warden:</b> Paul Majores <b>Civil Defense:</b> Jas. Dombroski</p>	<p>1977 <b>10<sup>th</sup> Chief;</b> <i>Floyd Potter Jr.</i> <b>Officers:</b> Tom Cummings Albert Gobin Evans Juris Terri Stone Jerri Sue Bruno</p>	<p>1981 <b>Chief of Police</b> <i>Arthur Bastian</i> <b>Officers:</b> Robert Ballou Tom Cummings Albert Gobin Evans Juris Richard Lee *David Burnham <b>Civil Defense:</b></p>	<p>1985 <b>Chief of Police</b> <i>Arthur Bastian</i> <b>Officers:</b> Robert Ballou James Brown Tom Cummings David Hoyt</p>

<p>Evans Juris Michael Lavoie Richard Lee M.Szelangowski *David Burnham</p>	<p><b>Officers:</b> Robert Ballou Shady Blackwell James Brown Tom Cummings David Hoyt Richrd Lee Terry Reamon Denis OSullivan *David Burnham</p>	<p>Richard Lee Denis OSullivan Terry Reamon <b>Comm. Spec:</b> Marie Brown M. DiLorenzo Susan Gregory John Taylor Amy Maslan*</p>	<p><b>Police Officers:</b> Robert Ballou Thos.Cummings Terry Reamon Timothy Julian Richard Lee James Brown Denis OSullivan Shady Blackwell Eric Daignault Thos. Anderson Michael Nelson</p>
<p>1986 <b>Chief of Police</b> <i>Arthur Bastian</i></p> <p><b>Officers:</b> Robert Ballou James Brown Tom Cummings David Hoyt Tim Julian Michael Lavoie Richard Lee *David Burnham</p>	<p>1990 <b>Chief of Police</b> <i>Arthur Bastian</i></p> <p><b>Officers:</b> Robert Ballou James Brown Tom Cummings David Hoyt Tim Julian Richard Lee Terry Reamon Denis OSullivan *David Burnham</p>	<p><b>Special Police:</b> Thos. Anderson *David Burnham Jeffrey Reed Barbara Sprague</p> <p>1993 <b>Chief of Police:</b> <i>David A. Hoyt</i></p> <p><b>Officers:</b> Thos. Anderson Robert Ballou Shady Blackwell James Brown Tom Cummings Eric Daignault Timothy Julian Richard Lee Michael Nelson Denis OSullivan Terry Reamon</p>	<p><b>Canine:</b> Cito <b>Comm. Specs:</b> Marie Brown M. DiLorenzo Susan Gregory John Taylor *Amy Maslan *Chris Baker</p>
<p>1987 <b>Chief of Police</b> <i>Arthur Bastian</i></p> <p><b>Officers:</b> Robert Ballou Shady Blackwell James Brown Tom Cummings David Hoyt Tim Julian Richard Lee *David Burnham</p> <p><b>Canine:</b> Atlas</p>	<p>1991 <b>Chief of Police</b> <i>Arthur Bastian</i></p> <p><b>Police Officers:</b> Robert Ballou Shady Blackwell James Brown Tom Cummings David Hoyt Tim Julian Richard Lee Terry Reamon Allen Soucy Denis Osullivan *David Burnham</p>	<p><b>Spec'l Officers:</b> Jaysn.Almstrom *David Burnham John Kennedy Craig Robertson Barbara Sprague</p>	<p><b>Special Police:</b> *David Burnham Barbara Sprague Jaysn.Almstrom Craig Robertson John Kennedy Jas. Burroughs</p> <p><b>Xing Guards:</b> Debbie Porter M. Charlette</p>
<p>1988 <b>Chief of Police</b> <i>Arthur Bastian</i></p> <p><b>Officers:</b> Robert Ballou Shady Blackwell James Brown Tom Cummings David Hoyt Tim Julian Richard Lee Terry Reamon Denis OSullivan *David Burnham</p>	<p>1992 <b>12<sup>th</sup> Chief</b> <i>David A. Hoyt</i></p> <p><b>Police Officers:</b> Robert Ballou Shady Blackwell James Brown Tom Cummings Eric Daignault David Hanson Timothy Julian</p>	<p><b>Com.Specialists</b> Marie Brown M. DiLorenzo Susan Gregory John Taylor *Amy Maslan</p> <p><b>Xing Guards:</b> M. Charlette Deborah Porter</p>	<p>1995 <b>Chief of Police:</b> <i>David A. Hoyt</i></p> <p><b>Officers:</b> Robert Ballou Timothy Julian Terry Reamon Shady Blackwell James Brown Jaysn.Almstrom Thos. Anderson Eric Daignault Richard Lee Michael Nelson Denis OSullivan</p>
<p>1989 <b>Chief of Police</b> <i>Arthur Bastian</i></p>	<p>1994 <b>Chief of Police</b> <i>David A. Hoyt</i></p>	<p>1994 <b>Chief of Police</b> <i>David A. Hoyt</i></p>	<p><b>Spec. Officers:</b> *Dvd Burnham</p>

<p>1996</p> <p>*Jas. Burroughs *Craig Rbtson. *B. Sprague <b>Comm.Spec:</b> Marie Brown Susan Gregory Craig Robertson John Taylor *Chris Baker *Amy Maslan <b>Chief of Police</b> <i>David A. Hoyt</i> <b>Deputy Chief:</b> Shady Blackwell <b>Officers:</b> Robert E. Ballou James Brown Denis OSullivan</p>	<p>Eric Daignault Richard G. Lee Michael Nelson Craig Robertson Thos. Anderson Jaysn.Almstrom *David Burnham *Jas. Burroughs *Timothy Cohen Terry Reamon Timothy Julian <b>Adm. Secretary</b> Vickie Orvis <b>Comm. Spec</b> Marie Brown John Taylor Susan Gregory Craig Robertson</p>	<p>1997</p> <p>*Amy Maslan *C. Almstrom *Chris Davis <b>Police Chief</b> David A. Hoyt <b>Deputy Chief:</b> Shady Blackwell <b>Police Officers:</b> Thos. Anderson Jas. Brown Eric Daignault Richard Lee Bradley Nelson Michael Nelson Craig Robertson Denis OSullivan Wm. Tibbits</p>	<p><b>Adm. Secretary</b> Vickie Orvis <b>Spec. Officers:</b> *Robert Ballou *Jas Burroughs *Richard Kelley <b>Canine:</b> Cito <b>Comm.Specs:</b> Marie Brown Christian Davis Susan Gregory John Taylor *Amy Maslan *Chris Almstrom *Wm. Russell</p> <p>*Part-Time Employees</p>
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### Newport Police Chiefs

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| 1.  | George B. Lear       | 1905-1908    |
| 2.  | George W. Karr       | 1909-1913    |
| 3.  | Frederick Gunn       | 1914-1915    |
| 4.  | Henry Hastings       | 1916-1931    |
| 5.  | Charles H. Fryer     | 1932-1935    |
| 6.  | Frederick M. Gunn    | 1936-1940    |
| 7.  | Merton J. Sargent    | 1941-1945    |
| 8.  | Alexander Lewko      | 1946-1972    |
| 9.  | Norman LaCroix       | 1972-1977    |
| 10. | Floyd S. Potter, Jr. | 1977-1980    |
| 11. | Arthur Bastian       | 1980-1992    |
| 12. | David A. Hoyt        | 1982-present |



12th Police Chief David A. Hoyt with Barbara Huff painting of old police station  
1997 photo by Lucy Wells



## Newport Police Department 59 Main Street

A photograph in 1880 shows Main Street made up largely of gabled buildings. These began slowly to give way to square fronts to make *a more handsome and more business-like appearance*. It included the historic structure, 59 Main Street. Although Wheeler's History placed its building about 1835, it is shown on Baldwin's 1834 engraving of the town. Wheeler suggested James Breck, who built the Eagle Block and the old court house may have built 57-59 Main Street, Sam Edes questioned this simply because it was not Breck's style. He suggested a stage driver, Capt. John Russ, joined Daniel Dudley II to build this structure circa 1820-25 to make and sell leather goods; they employed 15-20 workers. It is probably safe to assume it dates back to at least the 1830's.

In 1841, Congressman Aaron Matson came to Newport to live with his granddaughter, wife of Congressman Edmund Burke. Matson invested in this building, and it was called Matson's Block. Evidence of the occupancy of a Mason Lodge which met there until 1872 was uncovered during renovations which *showed the main hall was in the rear of the building... and heat was furnished by a fireplace in the northwest corner*. When Matson died, he left the building to Edmund Burke...and it became Burke's Block. The building was also used by the early Catholic Church. Both prominent citizens, Matson and Burke are buried in the Maple Street Cemetery, and their portraits have hung in the State Capital in Concord.

After Edmund Burke's death in 1885, John Dudley, descendant of early settler Daniel Dudley, occupied the building until the 1930's. It then known as the Dudley Block. Most Newport's stores prior to 1870 carried general merchandise. But John Dudley's brother, Charles, was a *cobbler* and catered to those *persons of quality* who would not wear *ready-made* shoes. Two other brothers, Rufus and George, built the Winston Hotel. The store arrangement lasted a good many years until Charles Dudley died, and a step-son, Henry W. Brown, took over the shoe store. Mr. Brown went on to establish the Gordon Woolen Co. Arthur and Charles Winter (brothers) were next to locate their shoe business here. In 1926 the Winters bought the Gamash Shoe Store and moved the Newport Shoe Store up the street.

In 1935 Arthur Saggiotes bought the building, after fire destroyed his fruit store in the Kendall Block, and named his new business *Priscilla Sweet Shop*. His business prospered and expanded and included his two sons, Sam and James. The long-standing business would be a *valuable addition to Newport's commercial life* on Main Street for the next 50 years. After the long and successful life of the Priscilla Sweet Shop, the Saggiotes family retired and sold the building.



59 Main Street  
(2nd bldg. from left) circa 1915  
Photo: courtesy of Ray Reid

In 1996 Newporters voted to purchase 59 Main Street and invest \$595,000 in this location converting this Main Street building, with its long and successful history into an affordable, much appreciated, much larger, much warmer state of the art police facility. Sam Edes ended his historical perspective on the former Priscilla Sweet Shop with this thought: *A town being the sum of all its parts, it follows that if the parts are good, so will the town be.*

**1998 Town Warrant  
for the Newport Town Meeting of May 12, 1998  
State of New Hampshire**

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

You are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in said Town of Newport on the second Tuesday of May, 1998, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects: (Polls shall open for the reception of ballots on Articles 1-5 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.)

- ARTICLE 1** To elect two (2) Selectmen for a three (3) year term.
- ARTICLE 2** To elect a Moderator for two (2) year term.
- ARTICLE 3** To elect a Supervisor of the Checklist for a six (6) year term.
- ARTICLE 4** To elect a Trustee of Trust Funds for a three (3) year term.
- ARTICLE 5** 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 Newport Zoning Maps 1 and 2 by changing part of the General Residential (R-2) District in the South Main Street area to a Professional Business (PB) District. The boundary of the new PB District is described as follows: Beginning at a point on the west side of South Main Street approximately 200 feet south of the southwest corner of South Main Street and Elm Street, thence approximately 250 feet in a westerly direction on the existing R-2 boundary line to the OR District, thence approximately 2800 feet in a southerly direction along the existing R-2 boundary line on the east side of the South Branch of the Sugar River, thence approximately 600 feet in an easterly direction along the existing R-2 boundary line, thence approximately 300 feet in a northerly direction along the existing R-2 boundary line, thence approximately 100 feet in an easterly direction along the existing R-2 boundary line, thence approximately 800 feet in a northerly direction along the existing R-2 boundary line, thence approximately 400 feet in an easterly direction across South Main Street along the existing R-2 boundary line, thence in a northerly direction 1700 feet more or less along the rear property lines of those lots which front on the east side of South Main Street to the south side of Church Street, thence approximately 260 feet in a westerly direction to the west side of South Main Street, thence approximately 340 feet in a northerly direction along the west side of South Main Street to the point of beginning. To the extent that this proposed Professional Business District, as herein established, overlays a portion of the existing R-2 District, that portion of the R-2 District is hereby abolished and replaced by the Professional Business District. This proposed Professional Business District, if approved at Town Meeting by ballot vote, shall be scaled and illustrated on the Newport Zoning Maps 1 and 2 (see proposed amended Maps 1 and 2 which are available at the Town Office of Planning and Zoning and the Town Clerk's office). (Approved by the Planning Board.) (By Official Ballot)



RATIONALE: This proposed amendment will replace a portion of the General Residential (R-2) District along South Main Street. The reason for changing from the R-2 to the PB District is to create an economic incentive for the adaptive reuse of the historic old houses. The PB District would accomplish this by expanding the types of non-residential uses that would be allowed in a building either as permitted uses or special exceptions. A mix of the uses would also be allowed in each building by special exception.

- ARTICLE 6** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey the former Police Station building, with necessary property. Conveyance shall be made by the Selectmen to a party or parties with a proposal deemed to be in the best overall interest of the Town.
- ARTICLE 7** 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 8** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of its surplus equipment and/or vehicles no longer needed.
- ARTICLE 9** To see 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, \$16,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$24,000; for a person 80 years or older, \$32,000. 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 \$17,000, 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.  
**(By Ballot)**
- ARTICLE 10** To see how the Town will vote on the following question:  
"Shall we adopt the August 1 prior to the setting of the tax rate as the date for filing for an elderly exemption from the property tax." **(By Ballot)**
- ARTICLE 11** To see if the Town will reaffirm the 1997 Town Meeting vote to 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. This article will be brought forward for reaffirmation each year until withdrawal.
- ARTICLE 12** 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 13** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Nine Thousand (\$29,000) Dollars for the purpose of computer upgrades for compliance with the year 2000, said sums to consist of Four Thousand Five Hundred (\$4,500) Dollars each from the Water and Sewer Funds and the balance of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars to come from General Fund surplus. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

**ARTICLE 14** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand (\$25,000) for the purchase of a Recreation van, and to further authorize the withdrawal of Sixteen Thousand (\$16,000) Dollars plus accrued interest from the Recreation Capital Reserve Fund. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

**ARTICLE 15** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000) Dollars for the purchase of a roller for the Highway department. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

**ARTICLE 16** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Nine (\$157,769) Dollars for the following road projects:

Birchwood Grove	\$ 80,269
Pavement Maintenance Project	<u>77,500</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 157,769</u>

**ARTICLE 17** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand (\$40,000) Dollars for the second phase of the Main Street Project. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:3 VI and will not lapse until the completion of the project or five years, whichever is sooner. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen or the Budget Advisory Committee.)**

**ARTICLE 18** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand (\$89,000) Dollars from the Town Hall Improvements Fund for the following Opera House rehabilitation projects:

Eastern and Southern Stage Area Facades	\$76,500
Northern Facade Stained Glass Windows	<u>12,500</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$89,000</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 Ninety-Six Thousand Three Hundred Eight (\$96,308) Dollars from the Water Fund for the following:

Pollards Mill Well backup generator	\$29,000
Water Treatment:	
Sand replacement	9,000
Alarm modifications	3,308
Chlorine house modifications	<u>55,000</u>
 TOTAL	 <u>\$96,308</u>

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

**ARTICLE 20** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Three Thousand Four Hundred Thirty (\$903,430) Dollars to be used for costs associated with the replacement of the 2.5 million gallon water tank with a new 1.3 million gallon tank, said sum to consist of Five Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Thirty (\$553,430) Dollars from the Water Fund and Three Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$350,000) Dollars to come from grant funds; 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. If grant funds do not become available, the 2.5 million gallon water tank will be rehabilitated at a cost of Four Hundred Forty Two Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Seven (\$442,247) Dollars; said sum to come from the Water 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. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)**

**ARTICLE 21** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Five (\$46,935) Dollars from the Sewer Fund for the purchase of an in-channel grinder for the Sewer Treatment Plant. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

**ARTICLE 22** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars from the Airport Fund for the purpose of paving the tie-down area at the airport; 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 23** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty One Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Eight (\$31,898) Dollars for the purpose of hiring a youth officer to work within the Newport School District. Said sum to consist of Twenty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Nine (\$23,499) Dollars from grants and the balance to come from taxation; 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.)**

- ARTICLE 24** To see if the Town will vote to have an elected Chief of Police for a two year term. (RSA 41:2) **(By Petition)**
- ARTICLE 25** To see if the Town shall vote to accept the donation of a restored antique “McClintock Street Clock” from George Smith and Roy Malool and to place said clock on Main Street at the watering trough location on said Town and to accept money to pay for it’s installation. **(By Petition)**
- ARTICLE 26** To see if the Town will rebuild, tar, and place guard rails where recommended on Chandlers Mill Road in Newport which is a very dangerous road during winter ice and spring mud. **(By Petition) (Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)**
- ARTICLE 27** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand (\$60,000) Dollars for the sole purpose of repairing and paving the driveways and parking areas used at the Newport Middle High School and Parks & Recreation basketball and tennis courts. **(By Petition) (Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)**
- ARTICLE 28** To see if the Town will abandon ownership of the Class VI road located at Page Hill Road, where such road abuts the real estate property owned by Gregg and Nicole Merritt, and deed such Town property to Gregg and Nicole Merritt. **(By Petition)**
- ARTICLE 29** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars to be used at the Maple Street Cemetery to rehabilitate the stone walls, restore fallen down gravestones to an upright position and repair broken gravestones. **(By Petition) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)**
- ARTICLE 30** To hear and/or accept reports of or appoint any committees, auditors or agents necessary to transact the business of the Town and to transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

**Board of Selectmen**

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



Budget for the Town of Newport, NH  
Purpose of Appropriations

	Approved Budget 1997-98	Recommended Expenditures 98-99	
		Selectmen	Budget Advisory Committee
<b>General Government:</b>			
Executive	\$101,347	\$105,032	\$105,032
Election/Registration	46,734	48,871	48,871
Financial Administration	176,032	195,599	195,599
Legal	20,000	20,000	20,000
Personnel Administration	459,618	528,814	521,795
Town Office of Planning and Zoning	69,268	78,478	78,478
General Government Buildings	157,637	162,906	162,906
Cemeteries	79,590	83,703	83,703
Insurance	10,000	5,000	5,000
Advertising & Regional Associations	3,517	3,402	3,402
Other General Government	22,500	29,500	29,500
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>1,146,243</b>	<b>1,261,305</b>	<b>1,254,286</b>
<b>Public Safety:</b>			
Police Department	567,450	600,108	575,229
Emergency Communications	146,332	160,930	160,930
Prosecution		49,000	49,000
Ambulance Department	142,930	149,991	149,991
Fire Department	284,306	294,328	294,328
Building Inspection	9,133	8,575	8,575
Emergency Management	1,854	1,872	1,872
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>1,152,005</b>	<b>1,264,804</b>	<b>1,239,925</b>
<b>Highways and Streets:</b>			
Public Works Garage	154,372	158,804	158,804
Highways and Streets	413,601	464,501	464,501
Bridges	4,000	3,900	3,900
Street Lighting	64,447	64,400	64,400
Airport	23,482	22,482	22,482
<b>Total Highways and Streets</b>	<b>659,902</b>	<b>714,087</b>	<b>714,087</b>
<b>Sanitation:</b>			
Solid Waste Collection	50,000	50,000	50,000
Sewer Department	369,000	406,073	406,073
<b>Total Sanitation</b>	<b>419,000</b>	<b>456,073</b>	<b>456,073</b>
Water Department	355,972	380,427	380,427
<b>Health:</b>			
Health Administration	2,961	5,530	5,530
Health Agency	20,829	22,358	22,358
<b>Total Health</b>	<b>23,790</b>	<b>27,888</b>	<b>27,888</b>

Budget for the Town of Newport, NH  
Purpose of Appropriations

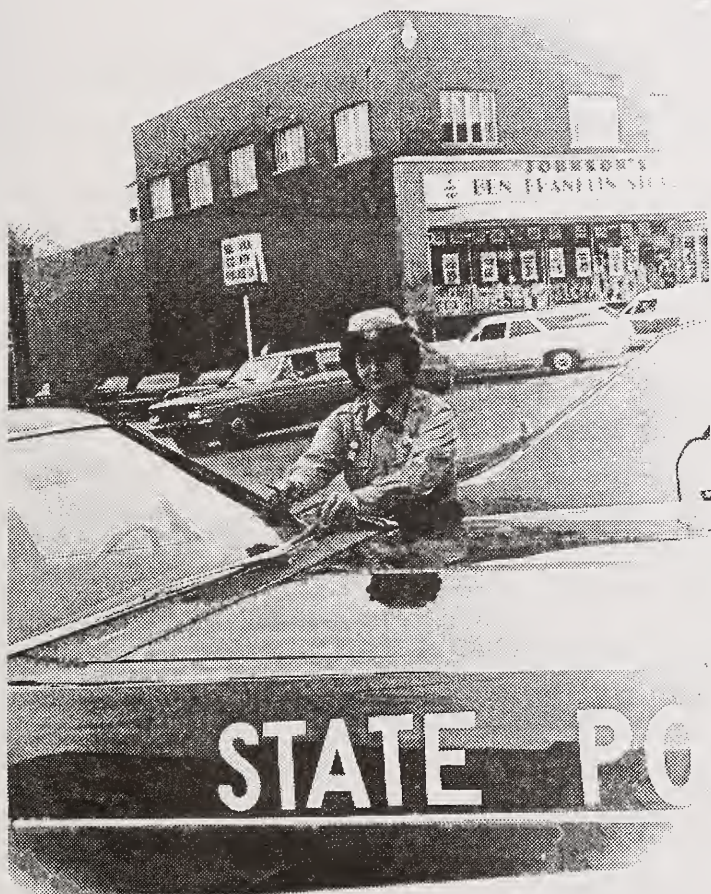
	Approved Budget 1997-98	Recommended Expenditures 98-99	
		Selectmen	Budget Advisory Committee
<b>Welfare:</b>			
Welfare Administration	15,500	15,500	15,500
Welfare Direct Assistance	55,000	65,000	65,000
<b>Total Welfare</b>	<b>70,500</b>	<b>80,500</b>	<b>80,500</b>
<b>Culture and Recreation:</b>			
Recreation	129,869	133,682	133,682
Library	144,593	154,035	154,035
Patriotic Purposes	2,500	2,500	2,500
<b>Total Patriotic Purposes</b>	<b>276,962</b>	<b>290,217</b>	<b>290,217</b>
Conservation Administration	2,000	3,000	3,000
<b>Debt Service:</b>			
Principal LTD	320,400	165,400	165,400
Interest LTD	59,514	42,969	42,969
Tax Anticipation Interest	100	100	100
Water Fund Debt	82,483	80,491	80,491
Sewer Fund Debt	226,979	218,036	218,036
<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>689,476</b>	<b>506,996</b>	<b>506,996</b>
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>			
General Fund Articles	764,429	274,769	269,769
Water Fund Articles	369,561	1,004,238	480,808
Sewer Fund Articles	15,561	51,435	51,435
Airport Fund Articles		20,000	20,000
Capital Projects Fund Articles	80,000	89,000	89,000
<b>Capital Outlay</b>	<b>1,229,551</b>	<b>1,439,442</b>	<b>911,012</b>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$6,025,401</b>	<b>\$6,424,739</b>	<b>\$5,864,411</b>
<b>Add:</b>			
War Service Credits	49,300	49,300	49,300
Overlay	250,299	250,000	250,000
<b>Less:</b>			
Estimated Revenues	3,917,098	4,287,212	3,740,283
Estimated Property Taxes to be Raised	<u>\$2,407,902</u>	<u>\$2,436,827</u>	<u>\$2,423,428</u>

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

	Approved Budget 1997-98	Estimated Revenue 1998-99	
		Selectmen	Budget Advisory Committee
<b>Taxes:</b>			
Land Use Change Taxes	1,000	1,000	1,000
Yield Taxes	15,000	25,000	25,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	37,000	37,000	37,000
Penalties & Interest	170,000	170,000	170,000
<b>Total Taxes</b>	<b>223,000</b>	<b>233,000</b>	<b>233,000</b>
<b>Licenses and Permits:</b>			
Motor Vehicle Permits	520,000	520,000	520,000
Building Permits	8,000	10,000	10,000
Other Licenses and Permits	10,100	11,300	11,300
<b>Total Licenses and Permits</b>	<b>538,100</b>	<b>541,300</b>	<b>541,300</b>
<b>Intergovernmental Revenues</b>	<b>642,260</b>	<b>479,933</b>	<b>456,434</b>
<b>Charges for Service:</b>			
Income from Departments	224,000	253,000	253,000
Garbage/Refuse	50,000	50,000	50,000
Water Department	765,003	883,318	533,318
Sewer Department	611,540	675,544	675,544
Airport	21,950	31,800	31,800
<b>Total Charges for Service</b>	<b>1,672,493</b>	<b>1,893,662</b>	<b>1,543,662</b>
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>			
Sale of Property	1,000	1,000	1,000
Interest on Investments	50,000	60,000	60,000
Rent of Property	29,000	36,000	36,000
Transfer from Trust Funds	20,000	20,000	20,000
Other Miscellaneous	78,000	103,797	103,797
Miscellaneous - Capital Projects Fund	75,000	75,000	75,000
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	<b>253,000</b>	<b>295,797</b>	<b>295,797</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources:</b>			
Transfer from Capital Reserve - General	144,700	17,000	17,000
Use of Fund Balance - General Fund	394,000	220,000	220,000
Use of Fund Balance - Water Fund	43,013	581,838	408,408
Use of Fund Balance - Airport Fund	1,532	10,682	10,682
Use of Fund Balance - Capital Projects Fund	5,000	14,000	14,000
<b>Total Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>588,245</b>	<b>843,520</b>	<b>670,090</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$3,917,098</b>	<b>\$4,287,212</b>	<b>\$3,740,283</b>



# Financial Reports and Vital Statistics



**Verna Connor, Meter Maid  
Circa 1970  
Photo from Police Archives**

## Finance Department 1997 Annual Report

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**Finance Director**

Paul J. Brown, C.P.A.

**Charge Bookkeeper**

Amy G. Spreadbury

**Bookkeeper**

Donna M. Lizotte

**Account Clerk**

Sandy L. Ouellette

**Buildings Manager**

Kenneth J. Dennis

**Maintenance/Custodians**

Robert J. Mills, Maintenance  
Antonio Batista, Custodian  
Thomas W. Stillson, Custodian

The Finance Department started 1997 in an unusual way, with me splitting my time between the Town and the SAU, until March. While I was usually in a chaotic state, department staff did an excellent job of maintaining operations at their expected level of quality.

My time in the SAU was followed by the completion of the Town budget process and Town Meeting. Following Town Meeting, we geared up for the close and audit of the 96-97 year, the start of the new year, and the impending revaluation.

Financially, the Town is in very strong financial position. Cash balances are excellent and uncollected taxes remain moderate. We should finish the year with expenditures within budgeted amounts and with revenues in excess of budgeted amounts.

As we draw nearer to the year 2000, many have heard of the problem which will effect computers and any equipment with certain computer chips. The Town of Newport will be no exception to those who will be effected. During the year, we started to determine our status for the year 2000, and have found that most of our equipment is sufficient to handle the year 2000. We do have a problem with software in the Finance, Tax, and Utility Billing programs. We are testing upgrades of our current systems to see if they meet the departments needs. In case the upgrades are not sufficient, we have requested \$29,000 in a warrant article for computer upgrades.

Accordingly, the primary goal for the upcoming year is reviewing all department systems for compliance with the year 2000 and making necessary changes. We will also be continuing the development of a Standard Operating Procedures manual.

In conclusion, I would like to thank my staff for their hard work and dedication, throughout the year.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES  
For the Year Ended June 30, 1997

	Adjusted	Actual	Over (Under) Budget	
	Budget 1996-97		\$	%
Taxes:				
Property Taxes	\$2,209,456	\$2,333,772	\$124,316	5.63%
Land Use Change Taxes	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Yield Taxes	15,000	30,987	15,987	106.58%
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	36,325	36,447	122	0.34%
Penalties & Interest	220,000	199,203	(20,797)	-9.45%
Total Taxes	<u>2,481,781</u>	<u>2,601,409</u>	<u>119,628</u>	4.82%
Licenses and Permits:				
Motor Vehicle Permits	470,000	558,308	88,308	18.79%
Building Permits	8,000	13,834	5,834	72.93%
Other Licenses and Permits	10,100	13,328	3,228	31.96%
Total Licenses and Permits	<u>488,100</u>	<u>585,470</u>	<u>97,370</u>	19.95%
Intergovernmental Revenues	<u>451,022</u>	<u>448,964</u>	<u>(2,058)</u>	-0.46%
Charges for Service:				
Income from Departments	235,428	317,491	82,063	34.86%
Garbage/Refuse	50,000	34,965	(15,035)	-30.07%
Water Department	544,946	562,152	17,206	3.16%
Sewer Department	712,530	747,699	35,169	4.94%
Airport	18,300	34,218	15,918	86.98%
Total Charges for Service	<u>1,561,204</u>	<u>1,696,525</u>	<u>135,321</u>	8.67%
Miscellaneous:				
Sale of Property	1,000	35,386	34,386	3438.60%
Interest on Investments	40,000	74,474	34,474	86.19%
Rent of Property	35,000	35,852	852	2.43%
Insurance Reimbursements		15,041	15,041	N/A
Transfer from Trust Funds	37,000	35,435	(1,565)	-4.23%
Other Miscellaneous	42,729	38,916	(3,813)	-8.92%
Miscellaneous - Capital Projects Fund	102,000	107,430	5,430	5.32%
Total Miscellaneous	<u>257,729</u>	<u>342,534</u>	<u>84,805</u>	32.90%
Other Financing Sources:				
Transfer from Capital Reserve - General	74,500	27,000	(47,500)	-63.76%
Transfer from Other Funds - Capital Project	173,000	173,231	231	0.13%
Proceeds of Debt	454,000	454,000	0	0.00%
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>701,500</u>	<u>654,231</u>	<u>(47,269)</u>	-6.74%
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u><u>\$5,941,336</u></u>	<u><u>\$6,329,133</u></u>	<u><u>\$387,797</u></u>	6.53%



STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES  
For the Year Ended June 30, 1997

	Adjusted Budget 1996-97	Actual	Under (Over) Budget	
			\$	%
<b>General Government:</b>				
Executive	\$96,218	\$98,460	(\$2,242)	-2.33%
Election/Registration	46,708	44,728	1,980	4.24%
Financial Administration	166,945	165,297	1,648	0.99%
Legal	20,000	29,062	(9,062)	-45.31%
Personnel Administration	453,088	420,436	32,652	7.21%
Town Office of Planning and Zoning	74,285	78,168	(3,883)	-5.23%
General Government Buildings	129,680	129,062	618	0.48%
Cemeteries	79,255	78,670	585	0.74%
Insurance	5,000	4,458	542	10.84%
Advertising & Regional Associations	3,093	2,701	392	12.67%
Other General Government	22,500	12,123	10,377	46.12%
Total General Government	<u>1,096,772</u>	<u>1,063,165</u>	<u>33,607</u>	3.06%
<b>Public Safety:</b>				
Police Department	599,506	597,531	1,975	0.33%
Emergency Communications	148,267	143,312	4,955	3.34%
Ambulance Department	134,573	128,043	6,530	4.85%
Fire Department	284,655	297,937	(13,282)	-4.67%
Building Inspection	8,187	8,119	68	0.83%
Emergency Management	1,911	1,498	413	21.61%
Total Public Safety	<u>1,177,099</u>	<u>1,176,440</u>	<u>659</u>	0.06%
<b>Highways and Streets:</b>				
Public Works Garage	147,057	143,065	3,992	2.71%
Highways and Streets	423,236	415,606	7,630	1.80%
Bridges	2,900	3,145	(245)	-8.45%
Street Lighting	66,287	64,076	2,211	3.34%
Airport	21,011	23,186	(2,175)	-10.35%
Total Highways and Streets	<u>660,491</u>	<u>649,078</u>	<u>11,413</u>	1.73%
<b>Sanitation:</b>				
Solid Waste Collection	50,000	36,748	13,252	26.50%
Sewer Department	355,913	347,354	8,559	2.40%
Total Sanitation	<u>405,913</u>	<u>384,102</u>	<u>21,811</u>	5.37%
Water Department	<u>361,298</u>	<u>311,451</u>	<u>49,847</u>	13.80%

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES  
For the Year Ended June 30, 1997

	Adjusted Budget 1996-97	Actual	Under (Over) Budget	
			\$	%
<b>Health:</b>				
Health Administration	2,536	4,414	(1,878)	-74.05%
Health Agency	22,829	22,700	129	0.57%
<b>Total Health</b>	<u>25,365</u>	<u>27,114</u>	<u>(1,749)</u>	<u>-6.90%</u>
<b>Welfare:</b>				
Welfare Administration	14,500	14,357	143	0.99%
Welfare Direct Assistance	70,000	44,876	25,124	35.89%
<b>Total Welfare</b>	<u>84,500</u>	<u>59,233</u>	<u>25,267</u>	<u>29.90%</u>
<b>Culture and Recreation:</b>				
Recreation	121,183	121,327	(144)	-0.12%
Library	139,232	139,232	0	0.00%
Patriotic Purposes	2,500	2,389	111	4.44%
<b>Total Patriotic Purposes</b>	<u>262,915</u>	<u>262,948</u>	<u>(33)</u>	<u>-0.01%</u>
Conservation Administration	1,000	986	14	1.40%
<b>Debt Service:</b>				
Principal LTD	280,000	280,000	0	0.00%
Interest LTD	54,481	54,481	0	0.00%
Tax Anticipation Interest	2,000		2,000	100.00%
Water Fund Debt	151,776	151,776	0	0.00%
Sewer Fund Debt	235,628	235,628	0	0.00%
<b>Debt Service</b>	<u>723,885</u>	<u>721,885</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>0.28%</u>
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>				
General Fund Articles	612,948	612,890	58	0.01%
Water Fund Articles	135,496	135,496	0	0.00%
Sewer Fund Articles	160,575	160,575	0	0.00%
Airport Fund Articles	28,350	28,350	0	0.00%
Capital Projects Fund Articles	729,000	728,821	179	0.02%
<b>Capital Outlay</b>	<u>1,666,369</u>	<u>1,666,132</u>	<u>237</u>	<u>0.01%</u>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<u>\$6,465,607</u>	<u>\$6,322,534</u>	<u>\$143,073</u>	<u>2.21%</u>

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1996		\$2,219,979.76
Receipts:		
Tax Collector	\$8,344,682.80	
Town Clerk	609,984.20	
Selectmen	3,246,421.33	
Interest	<u>74,504.60</u>	
		12,275,592.93
Disbursements		<u>(11,887,072.75)</u>
Ending Balance - June 30, 1997		<u><u>\$2,608,499.94</u></u>
Checking - Operating		\$1,178,372.71
Checking - Payroll		4,574.24
Savings - Pooled		221,217.85
Savings - NHPDIP		<u>1,204,335.14</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1997		<u><u>\$2,608,499.94</u></u>

## POLICE FACILITY CAPITAL PROJECT FUND

Receipts:		
Bond issue	\$454,000.00	
Interest	<u>11,652.83</u>	
		465,652.83
Disbursements		<u>(366,000.00)</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1997		<u><u>\$99,652.83</u></u>

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1996		\$19,682.59
Interest		280.45
Disbursements		<u>(3,927.23)</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1997		<u><u>\$16,035.81</u></u>
Checking		\$12,014.01
Certificate of Deposit		<u>4,021.80</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1997		<u><u>\$16,035.81</u></u>



**CORBIN ROAD TREE FUND:**

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1996	\$836.22
Interest	22.43
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1997	<u><u>\$858.65</u></u>

**GREEN ROAD CDBG TARGET AREA FUNDS:**

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1996	\$48,575.60
Interest	1,010.33
Disbursements	<u>(20,257.46)</u>
Ending Balance - June 30, 1997	<u><u>\$29,328.47</u></u>
Savings - Construction/Admin	\$28,116.29
Savings - Construction Escrow	<u>1,212.18</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1997	<u><u>\$29,328.47</u></u>

**PLEASANT STREET CDBG TARGET AREA FUNDS:**

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1996	107,091.27
Receipts:	
CDBG Grant	\$87,457.00
Miscellaneous	3,877.68
Interest	<u>532.44</u>
	91,867.12
Disbursements	<u>(107,434.30)</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1997	<u><u>\$91,524.09</u></u>
Checking - Rehabilitation	\$20,634.51
Savings - Construction	49,446.53
Savings - Construction Escrow	<u>21,443.05</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1997	<u><u>\$91,524.09</u></u>

**TOWN WIDE CDBG TARGET AREA FUNDS:**

Receipts:	
CDBG Grant	\$87,522.00
Miscellaneous	13,101.46
Interest	<u>81.55</u>
	100,705.01
Disbursements	<u>(69,961.36)</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1997	<u><u>\$30,743.65</u></u>

**AMBULANCE FUND:**

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1996		\$22,648.24
Receipts:		
Donations	\$10,550.00	
Interest	591.33	
	<u>                    </u>	11,141.33
Disbursements		<u>(7,440.04)</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1997		<u><u>\$26,349.53</u></u>

**NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT FUND:**

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1996		\$21,947.03
Receipts:		
Loan Repayments	\$7,173.20	
Interest	775.97	
	<u>                    </u>	7,949.17
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1997		<u><u>\$29,896.20</u></u>

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

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1996		\$822,624.12
Receipts:		
User fees	\$525,578.05	
Interest	34,189.64	
	<u>                    </u>	559,767.69
Disbursements		<u>(576,819.76)</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1997		<u><u>\$805,572.05</u></u>
Checking		\$20,738.13
Savings		994.50
Savings - Pooled		443,839.42
Certificate of Deposit		<u>340,000.00</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1997		<u><u>\$805,572.05</u></u>

**ACCESS FEES**

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1996		\$47,331.92
Receipts:		
Access Fees	\$10,327.00	
Interest	2,503.79	
	<u>                    </u>	12830.79
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1997		<u><u>\$60,162.71</u></u>

**SEWER FUND:**

**OPERATING**

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1996		\$588,773.60
Receipts:		
User fees	\$565,191.00	
State Aid	150,908.00	
Interest	<u>25,101.10</u>	
		741,200.10
Disbursements		<u>(760,674.70)</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1997		<u><u>\$569,299.00</u></u>
Checking		\$24,295.49
Savings		1,131.50
Savings - Pooled		317,872.01
Certificate of Deposit		<u>226,000.00</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1997		<u><u>\$569,299.00</u></u>

**ACCESS FEES**

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1996		\$50,950.55
Receipts:		
Access Fees	\$23,312.50	
Interest	<u>2,731.49</u>	
		26,043.99
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1997		<u><u>\$76,994.54</u></u>

**AIRPORT FUND:**

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1996		\$42,571.21
Receipts:		
Charges for Service	\$19,861.42	
State of NH - Aeronautics	10,720.70	
Interest	<u>1,445.94</u>	
		32,028.06
Disbursements		<u>(43,543.89)</u>
Ending Balance - June 30, 1997		<u><u>\$31,055.38</u></u>
Checking		\$11,055.38
Certificate of Deposit		<u>20,000.00</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1997		<u><u>\$31,055.38</u></u>





Please insert the total  
of ALL funds here.

\$ 502,524

## 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 97

### CERTIFICATE

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

Date AUGUST 21 19 97

Kathy Lovey  
Joseph R. Hastings  
Mary Jane

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.

#### Where To File:

ONE COPY TO:  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION  
P.O. BOX 1122  
CONCORD, NH 03302-1122

ONE COPY TO:  
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL  
CHARITABLE TRUST DIVISION  
33 CAPITOL STREET  
CONCORD, NH 03301

# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

JULY 1, 1996 to JUNE 30, 1997

Creation	Name	PRINCIPAL				INCOME			TOTAL Principal & Income
		Beginning Balance	New Funds	Withdrawals	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Income	Withdrawals	
1972	Fire Department	0.00			0.00	1,223.43		1,295.61	1,295.61
1974	Ambulance	30,500.00	15,000.00		45,500.00	5,154.00		7,799.10	53,299.10
1984	Highway Department	15,000.00			15,000.00	1,386.97		2,397.69	17,397.69
1984	Property Reappraisal	35,000.00	20,000.00		55,000.00	9,493.82		12,739.51	67,739.51
1989	Cemetery Department	0.00			0.00	631.02		669.92	669.92
1989	Sewer Department	131,873.50	30,000.00		161,873.50	21,442.27		31,650.54	193,524.04
1989	Police Department	0.00			0.00	1,136.75		1,206.85	1,206.85
1990	Water Department	29,373.50	5,000.00		34,373.50	2,548.72		4,642.94	39,016.44
1991	Opera House	10,000.00			10,000.00	2,462.47		3,231.12	13,231.12
1992	Town Office Computers	12,500.00			12,500.00	1,564.25		2,431.70	14,931.70
1993	Recreation Department	10,000.00	8,000.00		18,000.00	1,037.67		1,859.86	19,859.86
1995	Earned Time	5,000.00	15,000.00		20,000.00	275.66		929.13	20,929.13
1996	Union Settlement - General Fund	14,240.34		(14,240.34)	0.00	771.82		0.00	0.00
1996	Union Settlement - Water Fund	4,258.89		(4,258.89)	(0.00)	200.05		0.00	(0.00)
1996	Union Settlement - Sewer Fund	2,093.21		(2,093.21)	0.00	164.06		0.00	0.00
1996	Central Street	55,000.00			55,000.00	1,438.59		4,422.80	59,422.80
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS		\$354,839.44	\$93,000.00	(\$20,592.44)	\$427,247.00	\$50,931.55	(\$2,381.00)	\$75,276.77	\$502,523.77

**TAX DEPARTMENT  
1997 ANNUAL REPORT**

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**TAX COLLECTOR**

Daniel P. O'Neill

**Senior Deputy Tax Collector**

Elaine Van Dusen, CDTC

**Deputy Tax Collector**

Kaara K. Gonyo, CDTC

Dear Newport Residents,

What is a property tax? Property tax is a charge on a person's property by a government for the purpose of collecting revenue for it's support. The important thing to remember is that, you the people are the government and the money collected goes to support your municipal needs, such as roads, utilities, public services and schools. As tax collectors, we send out and collect a certain amount of taxes from each property owner. We strive to make this process as easy as we can for you. When you come into the tax office we want you to get fast and accurate service and want you to know that we appreciate your good attitude.

We thank-you for your continuing support and cooperation. The tax department staff is aware that paying property taxes is not a favorite chore on anyone's list. We also realize that you are making diligent efforts on complying with due dates. We are pleased to see more and more taxpayers taking advantage of escrow accounts. When you establish an escrow account you can be sure that you will have the correct amount of taxes by the due dates, and therefore save money by not paying any interest and cost on delinquent taxes.

Please be aware that all interest and cost amounts are set and regulated by law. The Town has no jurisdiction concerning these amounts. When you receive a tax bill or notice from the tax department, please review it and if you have questions or concerns, contact the tax department immediately. We would like to address any issues you have as soon as possible.

As Sullivan County Tax Collector's coordinators, we held our annual meeting in Washington, N.H., in August. The meeting was well attended by the tax collectors and the President of the Tax Collector's Association and the Certification Committee Chairperson. The value of certification, the issue of town officials safety and new laws were topics that were discussed.

The tax office will be updating it's computer software to a new version soon. We look forward to offering the residents better service with this new program.

Please note that your 1998 first tax bill will not reflect the new assessment values from our ongoing town wide revaluation. These new values will be presented to you, and a hearing process will be held before we issue them for tax purposes. The new values are slated to be used on the 1998 second tax bills.

We look forward to working with you in the coming year.



# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## REPORT OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Uncollected Taxes – July 1, 1996:			
Property Taxes		\$1,571,440.16	
Yield Taxes			619.43
Elderly & Disability Liens			8,726.80
		"	"
Taxes Committed to Collector:			
Property Taxes	\$3,622,345.00	3,579,827.57	
Land Use Change Taxes		1,000.00	
Yield Taxes		30,987.00	
Elderly & Disability Liens		928.00	
Prepaid Property Taxes	58.53		
Overpayments			
Interest and Costs – All Taxes		58,507.30	72.99
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$3,622,403.53</b>	<b>\$5,242,690.03</b>	<b>\$9,419.22</b>
Remitted to Treasurer:			
Property Taxes	\$2,332,265.70	\$4,704,969.15	
Land Use Change Taxes		890.00	
Yield Taxes		18,901.55	381.10
Interest and Costs		495,914.99	311.32
Prepaid Property Taxes	58.53	2,164.89	
Abatements:			
Property Taxes	13,425.00	6,440.00	
Yield Taxes		933.94	
Curr. Levy Deeded		396.00	
Uncollected Taxes – June 30, 1997:			
Property Taxes	1,276,654.30		
Yield Taxes		11,151.51	
Elderly & Disability Liens		928.00	8,726.80
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$3,622,403.53</b>	<b>\$5,242,690.03</b>	<b>\$9,419.22</b>

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## REPORT OF UNREDEEMED TAXES

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Unredeemed Taxes – July 1, 1996:		\$429,093.13	\$331,078.66
Liens Executed	\$467,979.06	36,038.88	
Interest and Costs	<u>4,628.86</u>	<u>35,907.15</u>	<u>104,588.04</u>
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b><u>\$472,607.92</u></b>	<b><u>\$501,039.16</u></b>	<b><u>\$435,666.70</u></b>
Remitted to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	\$116,561.68	\$227,541.59	\$298,838.89
Interest and Costs	4,628.86	35,907.15	104,588.04
Abatements	1,362.74	4,209.71	4,556.82
Deeded to Town	462.77	1,979.22	3,140.62
Unredeemed Taxes – June 30, 1997:	<u>349,591.87</u>	<u>231,401.49</u>	<u>24,542.33</u>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b><u>\$472,607.92</u></b>	<b><u>\$501,039.16</u></b>	<b><u>\$435,666.70</u></b>

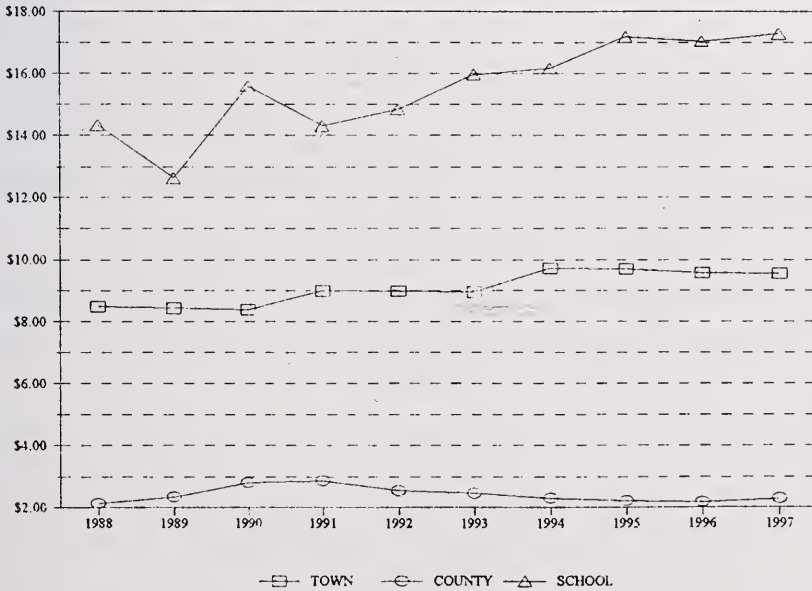
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### PROPERTY TAX LIEN HISTORY

<u>Year of Tax Levy</u>	<u>Total Tax Committed *</u>	<u>% of Taxes Uncollected</u>	<u># of Liens</u>
1988	5,761,466	8%	341
1989	5,659,500	12%	449
1990	6,544,132	16%	593
1991	6,383,897	16%	549
1992	6,445,399	15%	513
1993	6,709,059	13%	458
1994	6,928,514	9%	343
1995	7,236,995	9%	334
1996	7,215,962	6%	290
1997	7,310,463	6%	258

## TEN YEAR TAX RATE COMPARISON 1988-1997

	<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>
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%	9.57	33.2%	2.18	7.6%	28.80
1997	17.29	59.4%	9.55	32.8%	2.29	7.9%	29.13





**ASSESSING DEPARTMENT  
1997 ANNUAL REPORT**

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**Assessing Clerk**

Tara Kavanagh

**Assessor**

George Hildum III

**1998 TOWN WIDE PROPERTY VALUATION**

We wish to thank all of you who supported the warrant article at the 1997 Town Meeting regarding the multi-stepped process begun in September 1997 to revalue all property within the Town. We are pleased to report that the bulk of the information verification and property inspections have been completed.

Presently underway is the second phase of the revaluation which involves the gathering, verification and analysis of cost, market and income data. The Town Assessor is reviewing property sales in Newport within the last two years, in order to develop land, cost and depreciation schedules. To assist in developing these schedules, some property owners may be asked to complete an income & expense survey form (which should be returned to the Town Office). This information has strictly to do with rental rates and associated expenses for real estate only, and is used to yield an indication of a property's worth via the income approach. It does not seek information as it relates to business or personal income, and is strictly confidential.

Upon completion of phase two, the Town Assessor will set the preliminary 1998 assessments. It is anticipated that notices of new valuation will be mailed in July 1998 and informal hearings will be scheduled in late July or early August 1998. Informal hearings will provide property owners with an opportunity to come and ask questions or express concerns about their new property values. The notice of valuation will have information on the process of scheduling an informal hearing.

**Please be aware, the tax bill that is sent in May 1998 is based upon "old" values. The second tax bill of 1998 should be sent in October or November and will reflect the "new" values.**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

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.

We wish to remind the public that the Assessor holds office hours two days per month. To schedule an appointment with the Assessor call the Assessing Department at 863-6407. Please contact us with any property related questions or concerns you may have. We look forward to working with you in the future.

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT**  
**PRELIMINARY 1997 NET TAXABLE VALUATION**

	1997 Preliminary Valuation *	% of Total Valuation
Current Use Property	<u>\$1,978,424</u>	0.773%
Residential:		
Property	40,105,600	15.674%
Buildings	<u>135,442,000</u>	52.934%
Total Residential	<u>175,547,600</u>	68.608%
Commercial/Industrial:		
Property	15,102,700	5.903%
Buildings	<u>61,345,200</u>	23.975%
Total Commercial/Industrial	<u>76,447,900</u>	29.878%
Utilities:		
Property	217,100	0.085%
Buildings	<u>3,516,700</u>	1.374%
Total Utilities	<u>3,733,800</u>	1.459%
Less: Blind/Elderly Exempt Property Included Above	<u>(1,838,700)</u>	-0.719%
<b>Net Taxable Valuation</b>	<b><u><u>\$255,869,024</u></u></b>	
Tax Exempt:		
Property	\$4,263,100	1.666%
Buildings	<u>24,118,700</u>	9.426%
Total Tax Exempt	<u><u>\$28,381,800</u></u>	11.092%

\* Adjustments anticipated prior to setting tax rate.

**COMPARISON TO PRIOR YEAR VALUATION**

	1996 Final Valuation	1997 Preliminary Valuation	Change
Current Use	\$1,977,319	\$1,978,424	0.056%
Residential	176,986,100	175,547,600	-0.813%
Commercial/Industrial	71,525,700	76,447,900	6.882%
Utilities	3,950,900	3,733,800	-5.495%
Exemptions	<u>(2,310,300)</u>	<u>(1,838,700)</u>	-20.413%
Net Taxable Valuation	<u><u>\$252,129,719</u></u>	<u><u>\$255,869,024</u></u>	1.483%
Tax Exempt	<u><u>\$28,504,300</u></u>	<u><u>\$28,381,800</u></u>	-0.430%

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Location	Map/Lot	Type	Acres	Purpose/Use	Valuation
Cemetery Street	0019-2012	L/O	8.400	Cemetery	73,700
567 Oak Street	0019-2165	L/B	3.300	Cemetery Expansion	70,800
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	0027-2121-2	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
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
22 Fairway Drive	0063-1127	L/B	0.460	Tax Deeded Property	46,700
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	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	Chlorination Building	85,200

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## SCHEDULE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY

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

## POLICE FACILITY CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

The following is a summary of the construction of the new police facility as authorized at the 1996 Town Meeting:

### Revenues:

Bond Issue	\$454,000
(Issued 11/15/96; 10 years; 5.45% interest)	
General Fund Surplus	100,000
Current Taxation	<u>41,000</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$595,000</u>

### Expenditures:

Property acquisition	\$ 77,800
Engineering	34,848
Construction/Miscellaneous	450,044
Equipment/Furnishings	<u>32,134</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$594,826</u>

Unexpended Surplus \$ 174

The Police department moved into the new facility on May 12, 1997 and facility was officially dedicated on June 28, 1997.



Grand Opening, June 27, 1997  
Newport Police Department  
Vicki Orvis photo

# 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, 1997. The complete audit is available in the Town Office.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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, 1997 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *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 financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with 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, 1997, 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.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 10, 1997 on our consideration of the Town of Newport's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of Town of Newport taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed as schedules 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. The accompanying

*Town of Newport  
Independent Auditor's Report*

Single Audit schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements. All 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.

*Gregory A. Colby, CPA*

PLODZIK & SANDERSON  
Professional Association

December 10, 1997

EXHIBIT A  
TOWN OF NEWPORT  
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups  
June 30, 1997

	Governmental Fund Types		
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects
<u>ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS</u>			
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash and Equivalents	\$1,405,045	\$140,500	\$120,852
Investments	1,164,810		99,653
<u>Receivables (Net of</u>			
<u>Allowances For Uncollectibles)</u>			
Interest			
Taxes	1,833,674		
Accounts	25,828	58,052	18,552
Intergovernmental	84,009	28,803	238,238
Interfund Receivable	401,529	2,658	348,800
Inventory		5,963	
Prepaid Items	229,851		
Property, Plant and Equipment (Net)			
Intergovernmental Payable			
Tax Deeded Property Subject to Resale	15,463		
<u>Other Debits</u>			
Amount to be Provided for			
Retirement of General Long-Term Debt			
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	<u>\$5,160,209</u>	<u>\$235,976</u>	<u>\$826,095</u>



<u>Proprietary Fund Type</u> <u>Enterprise Funds</u>	<u>Fiduciary Fund Types</u> <u>Trust and Agency</u>	<u>Account Group</u> <u>General Long- Term Debt</u>	<u>Totals</u> <u>(Memorandum Only)</u>
\$1,512,069	\$638,357		\$3,816,823
	577,955		1,842,418
	3,698		3,698
			1,833,674
347,063	143,831		593,326
1,128,993			1,480,043
20,942	5,000		778,929
			5,963
			229,851
7,156,950			7,156,950
3,993			3,993
500			15,963
		1,113,869	1,113,869
<u>\$10,170,510</u>	<u>\$1,368,841</u>	<u>\$1,113,869</u>	<u>\$18,875,500</u>

EXHIBIT A  
TOWN OF NEWPORT  
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups  
June 30, 1997

	Governmental Fund Types		
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects
<u>LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS</u>			
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Accounts Payable	\$241,563	\$2,347	\$961
Accrued Payroll and Benefits	11,841		
Contracts Payable			191,996
Retainage Payable			43,979
Intergovernmental Payable	746		
Interfund Payable	118,125	57,926	248,351
Deferred Tax Revenues	3,608,920		
Other Deferred Revenues		36,358	13,806
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable			
General Obligation Debt Payable - Current			
General Obligation Debt Payable			
Compensated Absences Payable			
Total Liabilities	3,981,195	96,631	499,093
<u>Equity and Other Credits</u>			
Contributed Capital			
Retained Earnings			
Reserved			
Unreserved			
<u>Fund Balances</u>			
Reserved for Tax Deeded Property	15,463		
Reserved for Endowments			
Reserved for Encumbrances	183,167		
Reserved for Inventory		5,963	
Reserved for Special Purposes	100,788		327,002
<u>Unreserved</u>			
Designated For Special Purposes		133,382	
Undesignated	879,596		
Total Equity and Other Credits	1,179,014	139,345	327,002
TOTAL LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS	\$5,160,209	\$235,976	\$826,095

<u>Proprietary Fund Type</u>	<u>Fiduciary Fund Types</u>	<u>Account Group</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<u>Enterprise Funds</u>	<u>Trust and Agency</u>	<u>General Long- Term Debt</u>	<u>(Memorandum Only)</u>
\$3,239			\$248,110
			11,841
			191,996
			43,979
			746
284,200	\$70,327		778,929
			3,608,920
			50,164
	143,831		143,831
161,207			161,207
2,155,172		\$1,089,000	3,244,172
		24,869	24,869
<u>2,603,818</u>	<u>214,158</u>	<u>1,113,869</u>	<u>8,508,764</u>
3,729,714			3,729,714
410,924			410,924
3,426,054			3,426,054
			15,463
	659,795		659,795
			183,167
			5,963
	494,888		922,678
			133,382
			879,596
<u>7,566,692</u>	<u>1,154,683</u>		<u>10,366,736</u>
<u>\$10,170,510</u>	<u>\$1,368,841</u>	<u>\$1,113,869</u>	<u>\$18,875,500</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, 1997

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>
<u>Revenues</u>			
Taxes	\$7,453,438		
Licenses and Permits	585,470		
Intergovernmental	725,563	\$75,230	\$264,267
Charges For Service	352,456	15,919	
Miscellaneous	199,669	138,107	131,174
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
Operating Transfers In	62,435	164,666	344,109
Proceeds of General Obligation Debt			454,000
<u>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</u>	<u>9,379,031</u>	<u>393,922</u>	<u>1,193,550</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
<u>Current</u>			
General Government	1,081,004	21,014	
Public Safety	1,162,686	3,921	
Highways, Streets, Bridges	643,802		
Sanitation	36,818		
Health	27,114		
Welfare	58,952		
Culture and Recreation	115,716	282,473	
Conservation	986	3,898	
Debt Service	334,480		
Capital Outlay	340,669	80,407	1,145,890
Intergovernmental	5,128,628		
<u>Other Financing Uses</u>			
Operating Transfers Out	328,232	13,758	61,791
<u>Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	<u>9,259,087</u>	<u>405,471</u>	<u>1,207,681</u>
<u>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>			
	119,944	(11,549)	(14,131)
<u>Fund Balances - July 1</u>	<u>1,059,070</u>	<u>150,894</u>	<u>341,133</u>
<u>Fund Balances - June 30</u>	<u>\$1,179,014</u>	<u>\$139,345</u>	<u>\$327,002</u>

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

<u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
<u>Trust Funds</u>	
	\$7,453,438
	585,470
	1,065,060
	368,375
\$56,474	525,424
83,000	654,210
	454,000
<u>139,474</u>	<u>11,105,977</u>
	1,102,018
	1,166,607
	643,802
	36,818
	27,114
	58,952
20,880	419,069
	4,884
	334,480
	1,566,966
	5,128,628
<u>68,334</u>	<u>472,115</u>
<u>89,214</u>	<u>10,961,453</u>
50,260	144,524
<u>440,419</u>	<u>1,991,516</u>
<u>\$490,679</u>	<u>\$2,136,040</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, 1997

	General Fund		Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Budget	Actual	
<u>Revenues</u>			
Taxes	\$7,333,809	\$7,453,438	\$119,629
Licenses and Permits	488,100	585,470	97,370
Intergovernmental	727,621	725,563	(2,058)
Charges For Service	285,429	352,456	67,027
Miscellaneous	118,729	199,669	80,940
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
Operating Transfers In	111,500	62,435	(49,065)
<u>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</u>	<u>9,065,188</u>	<u>9,379,031</u>	<u>313,843</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
<u>Current</u>			
General Government	1,091,772	1,056,748	35,024
Public Safety	1,162,099	1,157,240	4,859
Highways, Streets, Bridges	639,480	625,007	14,473
Sanitation	50,000	36,818	13,182
Health	25,365	27,114	(1,749)
Welfare	84,500	59,233	25,267
Culture and Recreation	115,683	115,716	(33)
Conservation	1,000	986	14
Debt Service	336,481	334,480	2,001
Capital Outlay	451,948	447,438	4,510
Intergovernmental	5,128,628	5,128,628	
<u>Other Financing Uses</u>			
Operating Transfers Out	328,232	328,232	
<u>Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	<u>9,415,188</u>	<u>9,317,640</u>	<u>97,548</u>
<u>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>			
	<u>(\$350,000)</u>	61,391	<u>\$411,391</u>
<u>Increase in Reserved Fund Balances</u>		107,609	
<u>Fund Balances - July 1</u>		710,596	
<u>Fund Balances - June 30</u>		<u>\$879,596</u>	



Annually Budgeted Special Revenue Funds			Totals (Memorandum Only)		
Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
			\$7,333,809	\$7,453,438	\$119,629
			488,100	585,470	97,370
\$2,500	\$16,643	\$14,143	730,121	742,206	12,085
14,300	15,919	1,619	299,729	368,375	68,646
18,735	53,271	34,536	137,464	252,940	115,476
<u>139,232</u>	<u>153,302</u>	<u>14,070</u>	<u>250,732</u>	<u>215,737</u>	<u>(34,995)</u>
<u>174,767</u>	<u>239,135</u>	<u>64,368</u>	<u>9,239,955</u>	<u>9,618,166</u>	<u>378,211</u>
			1,091,772	1,056,748	35,024
			1,162,099	1,157,240	4,859
			639,480	625,007	14,473
			50,000	36,818	13,182
			25,365	27,114	(1,749)
			84,500	59,233	25,267
160,243	227,987	(67,744)	275,926	343,703	(67,777)
			1,000	986	14
			336,481	334,480	2,001
28,350	24,284	4,066	480,298	471,722	8,576
			5,128,628	5,128,628	
			<u>328,232</u>	<u>328,232</u>	
<u>188,593</u>	<u>252,271</u>	<u>(63,678)</u>	<u>9,603,781</u>	<u>9,569,911</u>	<u>33,870</u>
<u>(\$13,826)</u>	(13,136)	<u>\$690</u>	<u>(\$363,826)</u>	48,255	<u>\$412,081</u>
	959			<u>108,568</u>	
	<u>37,024</u>			<u>747,620</u>	
	<u>\$24,847</u>			<u>\$904,443</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, 1997

	Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	Total
	Enterprise Funds	Nonexpendable Trust Funds	(Memorandum Only)
<u>Operating Revenues</u>			
<u>Charges For Sales and Services</u>			
User Charges	\$1,019,846		\$1,019,846
Interest on User Charges	11,809		11,809
Miscellaneous	17,229		17,229
New Funds		9,845	9,845
Interest and Dividends		26,795	26,795
Capital Gains		27,225	27,225
<u>Total Operating Revenues</u>	<u>1,048,884</u>	<u>63,865</u>	<u>1,112,749</u>
<u>Operating Expenses</u>			
<u>Cost of Sales and Services</u>			
Services	228,276		228,276
Treatment	226,477		226,477
Administration	154,735		154,735
Transfers Out	35,000		35,000
Depreciation	234,112		234,112
Trust Fund Distribution		25,049	25,049
Trust Management Fees		1,709	1,709
<u>Total Operating Expenses</u>	<u>878,600</u>	<u>26,758</u>	<u>905,358</u>
<u>Operating Income</u>	<u>170,284</u>	<u>37,107</u>	<u>207,391</u>
<u>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</u>			
Interest Revenue	64,526		64,526
Interest Expense	(162,404)		(162,404)
State Water	86,646		86,646
Net Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>(11,232)</u>		<u>(11,232)</u>
<u>Net Income</u>	<u>159,052</u>	<u>37,107</u>	<u>196,159</u>
<u>Add Depreciation on Fixed Assets Acquired by Grants, Entitlements and Shared Revenues Externally Restricted for Capital Acquisition and Construction that Reduces Contributed Capital</u>			
	116,991		116,991
<u>Retained Earnings/Fund Balances - July 1</u>	<u>3,560,935</u>	<u>626,897</u>	<u>4,187,832</u>
<u>Retained Earnings/Fund Balances - June 30</u>	<u>\$3,836,978</u>	<u>\$664,004</u>	<u>\$4,500,982</u>

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

EXHIBIT E  
TOWN OF NEWPORT  
Combined Statement of Changes in Cash Flows  
All Proprietary Funds and Nonexpendable Trust Funds  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1997

	Proprietary Fund Type Enterprise Funds	Fiduciary Fund Type Nonexpendable trust Funds	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<u>Cash Flows From Operating Activities</u>			
Cash Received From Customers and Users	\$1,064,034		\$1,064,034
Cash Payments to Employees and Suppliers	(681,348)		(681,348)
Interest and Dividends Received		\$27,093	27,093
New Funds Received		9,845	9,845
Trust Income Distributions		(1,709)	(1,709)
Operating Transfers Out	(35,000)	(25,547)	(60,547)
<u>Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities</u>	<u>347,686</u>	<u>9,682</u>	<u>357,368</u>
<u>Cash Flows From Financing Activities</u>			
Principal Payments - Bonds	(225,000)		(225,000)
Capital Contributions and Advances	177,304		177,304
Acquisition and Construction of Capital Assets	(199,849)		(199,849)
Interest Paid	(162,404)		(162,404)
<u>Net Cash Provided (Used) by Financing Activities</u>	<u>(409,949)</u>		<u>(409,949)</u>
<u>Cash Flows From Investing Activities</u>			
Purchase of Investment Securities		(28,455)	(28,455)
Interest Income	64,526		64,526
<u>Net Cash Provided (Used) in Investing Activities</u>	<u>64,526</u>	<u>(28,455)</u>	<u>36,071</u>
<u>Net Increase (Decrease) In Cash</u>	<u>2,263</u>	<u>(18,773)</u>	<u>(16,510)</u>
Cash - July 1	1,509,806	145,167	1,654,973
<u>Cash - June 30</u>	<u>\$1,512,069</u>	<u>\$126,394</u>	<u>\$1,638,463</u>
Reconciliation of Net Income to New Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities			
<u>Net Income</u>	<u>\$170,284</u>	<u>\$37,107</u>	<u>\$207,391</u>
<u>Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net</u>			
<u>Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities</u>			
Gain on Sales of Investments		(27,225)	(27,225)
Depreciation Expense	234,112		234,112
<u>(Increase) Decrease in Receivables</u>			
Accounts	(2,991)		(2,991)
Interest		298	298
<u>(Increase) Decrease in Tax Deeded Property</u>			
Subject to Resale	4,780		4,780
(Increase) Decrease in Due From Other Funds	13,361		13,361
(Increase) Decrease in Other Assets	(2,693)		(2,693)
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(2,859)		(2,859)
Increase (Decrease) in Due to Other Funds	(66,308)	(498)	(66,806)
<u>Total Adjustments</u>	<u>177,402</u>	<u>(27,425)</u>	<u>149,977</u>
<u>Net Cash Provided By Operations</u>	<u>\$347,686</u>	<u>\$9,682</u>	<u>\$357,368</u>

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



TOWN OF NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 1997

*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. 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*

**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. The following funds are included in this fund type:

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

**Capital Projects Funds** - Transactions related to resources obtained and used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of capital facilities not included in Proprietary Funds are accounted for in Capital Projects Funds. The following funds are included in this fund type:

Police Facility Construction	Pleasant St. Housing Rehabilitation
Green Road Rehabilitation	Town Hall Improvements

TOWN OF NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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*Proprietary Fund Types*

**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 Town applies all GASB pronouncements as well as the Financial Accounting Standards Board pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements, to its Proprietary Funds.

*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

Capital Reserve  
Town Trusts  
Library Trusts

Agency Fund

Deferred Compensation Plan

*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 Account Group 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.

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**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, Airport Operating, Richards Free Library, Water Department and Sewer Department Funds. Project-length financial plans are adopted for all Capital Project Funds. Except as reconciled below, budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

Management may transfer appropriations between operating categories as they deem necessary, but expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations in 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 1996-97, \$350,000 of the beginning General Fund fund balance was applied for this purpose.



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*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 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</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>
<u>Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>		
Per Exhibit C (Budgetary Basis)	\$ 9,317,640	\$ 252,271
<u>Adjustments</u>		
<u>Basis Difference</u>		
Encumbrances - June 30, 1996	124,614	
Encumbrances - June 30, 1997	(183,167)	
<u>Entity Difference</u>		
<u>Unbudgeted Funds</u>		
Conservation Commission		6,858
Guild Target Area Project		7,608
Ambulance Donations		3,921
South Main Street Revolving Loan		6,150
Library Arts Center		54,486
Town Wide Program		<u>74,177</u>
Per Exhibit B (GAAP Basis)	<u>\$ 9,259,087</u>	<u>\$ 405,471</u>

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 Town Manager. 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.

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State statutes authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to invest excess funds 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, money market funds, certificates of deposit and short-term investments with original maturities of 90 days or less.

The Town's Trustees of Trust Funds are authorized by State statute to invest Trust Funds, including 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.

The Town does participate in the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool. Based on GASB Statement No. 3, investments with the Pool are considered to be unclassified. At this time, the Pool's investments are limited to short-term U.S. Treasury and U.S. Government Agency obligations, State of New Hampshire municipal obligations, certificates of deposit from AI/PI-rated banks, money market mutual funds (maximum of 20% of portfolio), overnight to 30-day repurchase agreements and reverse overnight repurchase agreements with primary dealers or dealer banks.

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

*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 \$69,264 representing future potential abatements of the current and prior years' tax levies.

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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 and 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.

*Inventories*

Inventories 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.



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*Property, Plant and Equipment*

Property, plant, and equipment acquired for proprietary funds is capitalized in the respective funds to which it applies.

Property, plant, and equipment is stated at cost. Where cost could not be determined from the available records, estimated historical cost was used to record the estimated value of the assets. Assets acquired by gift or bequest are recorded at their fair market value at the date of transfer.

Depreciation of exhaustible fixed assets used by proprietary funds is charged as an expense against operations, and accumulated depreciation is reported on the proprietary funds balance sheets. Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation.

The estimated useful lives for each major class of depreciable fixed assets are as follows:

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

*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.

*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.

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*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 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 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*

Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations

The following governmental fund had an excess of expenditures over appropriations for the year ended June 30, 1997:

Special Revenue Fund  
Richards Free Library

\$ 65,570

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

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NOTE 3 - ASSETS

A. Cash and Equivalents

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

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

	<u>Category</u>			<u>Total</u>	
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>	<u>Carrying Value</u>
<u>Cash</u>					
Bank Deposits	<u>\$ 565,665</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 3,323,337</u>	<u>\$ 3,889,002</u>	<u>\$ 3,816,823</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.

	<u>Category</u>			<u>Total</u>	
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
US Government Obligations	\$	\$	\$ 207,930	\$ 207,930	\$ 204,846
Corporate Bonds			29,900	29,900	26,838
	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 237,830</u>	<u>\$ 237,830</u>	<u>\$ 231,684</u>
Mutual Funds				\$ 340,125	\$ 482,951
New Hampshire Public					
Deposit Investment Pool				1,264,463	1,264,463
				1,604,588	1,747,414
<u>Total Investments</u>				<u>\$ 1,842,418</u>	<u>\$ 1,979,098</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, 1996, upon which the 1996 property tax levy was based was \$252,210,658.

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 1996, was as follows:

Municipal Portion	\$ 9.57
School Tax Assessment	17.05
County Tax Assessment	<u>2.18</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 28.80</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. 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 25, 1996 and March 19, 1997 placed a lien for all applicable taxes and rents.

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Taxes receivable at June 30, 1997, are as follows:

<u>Property Taxes</u>	
Levy of 1997	\$ 1,276,596
<u>Unredeemed Taxes (under tax lien)</u>	
Levy of 1996	350,520
Levy of 1995	232,340
Levy of 1994	8,113
Levy of 1993	1,821
Prior Levies	22,396
Yield Taxes	11,152
Less: Reserve for estimated uncollectible taxes	<u>(69,264)</u>
<u>Total Taxes Receivable</u>	<u>\$ 1,833,674</u>

D. Other Receivables

Receivables as of June 30, 1997, 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	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 3,698	\$ 3,698
Accounts	74,408	58,052	18,552	347,063		498,075
Intergovernmental	84,009	28,803	238,238	1,128,993		1,480,043
Due from Invest- ment Services					143,831	143,831
Allowance for Uncol- lectible Amounts	<u>(48,580)</u>					<u>(48,580)</u>
<u>Net Total Receivables</u>	<u>\$ 109,837</u>	<u>\$ 86,855</u>	<u>\$ 256,790</u>	<u>\$ 1,476,056</u>	<u>\$ 147,529</u>	<u>\$ 2,077,067</u>

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E. Interfund Receivables/Payables

Individual fund interfund receivable and payable balances at June 30, 1997 are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Interfund Receivable</u>	<u>Interfund Payable</u>
General Fund	\$ 401,529	\$ 118,125
<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>		
Airport Operating	2,658	12,483
Richards Free Library		174
Conservation Commission		14,537
North Main Target Area Project		22,000
Ambulance Donations		3,921
Town Wide Program		4,811
<u>Capital Projects Funds</u>		
Police Facility Construction	15,426	
Town Hall Improvements	13,231	113,460
Green Road Rehabilitation		23,900
Pleasant Street Housing Rehabilitation	320,143	110,991
<u>Enterprise Funds</u>		
Water Department	7,779	104,130
Sewer Department	13,163	180,070
<u>Trust Funds</u>		
Expendable - Town	5,000	
Expendable - Capital Reserve		50,750
Nonexpendable - Town	_____	<u>19,577</u>
 <u>Totals</u>	 <u>\$ 778,929</u>	 <u>\$ 778,929</u>

F. Enterprise Fund - Property, Plant and Equipment

The following is a summary of the property, plant and equipment of the Water and Sewer Departments Funds at June 30, 1997:

	<u>Water Department</u>	<u>Sewer Department</u>	<u>Total</u>
Land	\$ 16,455	\$ 356,163	\$ 372,618
Buildings	1,775,555	4,507,970	6,283,525
Other Improvements	555,075	959,891	1,514,966
Machinery, Vehicles and Equipment	310,066	304,737	614,803
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(453,837)</u>	<u>(1,175,125)</u>	<u>(1,628,962)</u>
 Net Property, Plant and Equipment	 <u>\$ 2,203,314</u>	 <u>\$ 4,953,636</u>	 <u>\$ 7,156,950</u>



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**NOTE 4 - LIABILITIES**

A. Deferred Revenue

*General Fund*

Deferred revenue of \$3,608,920 at June 30, 1997 consists of property taxes collected or levied in advance of the fiscal year to which they apply.

*Special Revenue Fund - Town Wide Program*

Deferred revenue of \$36,358 at June 30, 1997 consists of grant money for which qualifying expenditures have not been made.

*Capital Projects Fund - Pleasant Street Housing Rehabilitation*

Deferred revenue of \$13,806 at June 30, 1997 consists of grant money for which qualifying expenditures have not been made.

B. Defined Benefit Pension Plan

*Plan Description and Provisions*

Substantially all employees participate in the State of New Hampshire Retirement System (the System), a multiple-employer cost-sharing public employee retirement system (PERS). The payroll for employees covered by the System for the year ended June 30, 1997, was \$1,616,206; the Town's total payroll was \$1,972,688.

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 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.

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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 public safety officers (Group II) employed by the Town. The State does not participate in funding the employer cost of other Town employees. The Town has not elected early application of GASB Statement #24 in these financial statements.

*Description of Funding Policy*

The System is financed by contributions from both the employees and the Town. By State statute, Group I employees are required to contribute 5% of earnable compensation. Group II employees are required to contribute 9.3% of gross earnings. The Town must contribute the remaining amounts necessary to pay benefits when due. The contribution requirement for the year ended June 30, 1997 was as follows:

Town's Portion	\$ 55,383
Employees' Portion	<u>106,285</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 161,668</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, 1996, for the System as a whole, determined through an actuarial valuation performed as of June 30, 1995, was \$2.419 billion. The System's net assets available for benefits on June 30, 1996, (valued at market) were \$2.812 billion. The System holds none of the Town's securities.

*Trend Information*

Historical trend information showing the System's progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is available for two-year periods from 1983-1995 and is presented in the System's June 30, 1996 annual financial report (the latest year available).

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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.

Postemployment Healthcare Benefits - The Town does not provide postemployment healthcare benefits except those mandated by the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA). The requirements established by COBRA are fully funded by employees who elect coverage under the Act, and no direct costs are incurred by the Town.

C. Construction and Other Significant Commitments

As of June 30, 1997, the Town had the following commitments with respect to unfinished capital projects:

<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Contracts Payable</u>	<u>Retainage Payable</u>
Police Facility Construction	\$ 74,000	\$ 21,324
Green Road Rehabilitation		1,212
Pleasant Street Housing Rehabilitation	<u>117,996</u>	<u>21,443</u>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$ 191,996</u>	<u>\$ 43,979</u>



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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, 1997:

	General Obligation <u>Debt Payable</u>	Capital Leases <u>Payable</u>	Compensated Absences <u>Payable</u>	<u>Total</u>
<i>General Long-Term Debt</i>				
<i>Account Group</i>				
Balance, Beginning of Year	\$ 915,000	\$ 19,154	\$ 9,128	\$ 943,282
Issued	454,000			454,000
Retired	(280,000)	(19,154)		(299,154)
Net increase in compensated absences payable	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>15,741</u>	<u>15,741</u>
Balance, End of Year	<u>1,089,000</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>24,869</u>	<u>1,113,869</u>
<i>Enterprise Funds</i>				
<u>Water Fund</u>				
Balance, Beginning of Year	941,379			941,379
Retired	<u>(100,000)</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>(100,000)</u>
Balance, End of Year	<u>841,379</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>841,379</u>
<u>Sewer Fund</u>				
Balance, Beginning of Year	1,600,000			1,600,000
Retired	<u>(125,000)</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>(125,000)</u>
Balance, End of Year	<u>1,475,000</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>1,475,000</u>
<u>Total Enterprise Funds</u>	<u>2,316,379</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>2,316,379</u>
<u>Total General Long-Term Debt Account Group and Enterprise Funds</u>	<u>\$ 3,405,379</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 24,869</u>	<u>\$ 3,430,248</u>

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Long-term debt payable at June 30, 1997, 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 6/30/97</u>
<u>General Long-Term</u>					
<u>Debt Account Group</u>					
<u>General Obligation Debt Payable</u>					
Remodeling Bonds	\$190,000	1975	1998	6.95-7.05	\$ 5,000
Fiscal Year Change Bonds	\$1,200,000	1990	2000	6.90	480,000
Road Construction Bonds	\$1,500,000	1987	1997	Variable	150,000
Police Facility Bonds	\$454,000	1996	2006	5.45	<u>454,000</u>
					\$ 1,089,000
<u>Compensated Absences Payable</u>					
Vested Sick Leave					<u>24,869</u>
<u>Total General Long-Term</u>					
<u>Debt Account Group</u>					
					<u>\$ 1,113,869</u>
<u>Enterprise Fund</u>					
<u>Water Department</u>					
Water Treatment Plant Bonds	\$1,050,000	1992	2022	5.5	\$ 841,379
<u>Sewer Department</u>					
Sewer Treatment Facilities Bonds	\$2,522,000	1988	2008	6.85-7.55	<u>1,475,000</u>
<u>Total Enterprise Funds</u>					
					<u>\$ 2,316,379</u>
<u>Total General Long-Term Debt</u>					
<u>Account Group and Enterprise Funds</u>					
					<u>\$ 3,430,248</u>

*Annual Requirements To Amortize Governmental Fund Debt*

The annual requirements to amortize all general obligation debt outstanding as of June 30, 1997, including interest payments, are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Governmental Fund Debt</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
1998	\$ 320,400	\$ 59,513	\$ 379,913
1999	165,400	42,969	208,369
2000	165,400	32,214	197,614
2001	165,400	21,460	186,860
2002	45,400	14,846	60,246
2003-2007	<u>227,000</u>	<u>37,115</u>	<u>264,115</u>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$ 1,089,000</u>	<u>\$ 208,117</u>	<u>\$ 1,297,117</u>

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*Annual Requirements To Amortize Enterprise Fund Debt*

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, _____	Enterprise Fund Debt		
	Principal	Interest	Total
1998	\$ 161,207	\$ 148,254	\$ 309,461
1999	161,207	137,320	298,527
2000	161,207	127,137	288,344
2001	161,207	115,809	277,016
2002	161,206	105,085	266,291
2003-2021	<u>1,510,345</u>	<u>569,780</u>	<u>2,080,125</u>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$ 2,316,379</u>	<u>\$ 1,203,385</u>	<u>\$ 3,519,764</u>

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

*NOTE 5 - FUND EQUITY*

A. Reservations of Fund Balances

*Reserve for Encumbrances*

Funds encumbered at year end were as follows:

General Fund	<u>\$ 183,167</u>
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*Reserve for Special Purposes*

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, 1997 were as follows:

<u>Capital Projects Funds</u>	
Police Facility Construction	\$ 20,713
Town Hall Improvements	5,661
Green Road Rehabilitation	12,135
Pleasant Street Housing Rehabilitation	<u>288,493</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 327,002</u>



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

<u>Nonexpendable Trust Funds (Income Balances)</u>	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$ 4,209
<u>Capital Reserve Funds</u>	
Central Street Reconstruction	\$ 59,473
Sewer Department	193,524
Ambulance	53,229
Cemetery Department	670
Fire Department	1,295
Police Department	1,207
Highway Department	898
Revaluation	67,740
Water Department	39,016
Town Office Computer	4,413
Recreation Department	<u>9,360</u>
<u>Total Capital Reserve Funds</u>	430,825
<u>General Fund Trust (RSA 31:19-a)</u>	
Earned Time	25,929
<u>Other Expendable Town Trust</u>	
Library	<u>33,925</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 494,888</u>

*Reserve for Tax Deeded Property*

The \$15,463 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.

*Reserve 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, 1997 are detailed as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Principal</u>
Cemetery Perpetual Care and Improvements	\$ 372,335
Richards Free Library	<u>287,460</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 659,795</u>

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*Reserve for Inventory*

The \$5,963 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	\$ 24,790
Conservation Commission	14,981
North Main Target Area Project	39,850
Guild Target Area Project	13,873
Library Arts Center	8,177
Ambulance Donations	19,429
South Main Street Revolving Loan	12,225
Richards Free Library	<u>57</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 133,382</u>

C. Changes in Contributed Capital - Enterprise Funds

Federal and  
State Grants

*Sewer Department*

Balance - July 1, 1996	\$ 3,248,377
Depreciation Applied to Contributed Capital	<u>(100,399)</u>
Balance - June 30, 1997	<u>\$ 3,147,978</u>

*Water Department*

Balance - July 1, 1996	\$ 588,328
Capital Contributed	10,000
Depreciation Applied to Contributed Capital	<u>(16,592)</u>
Balance - June 30, 1997	<u>\$ 581,736</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, 1997, is as follows:

	Water <u>Department</u>	Sewer <u>Department</u>	<u>Total</u>
Operating Revenues	\$ 479,927	\$ 568,957	\$ 1,048,884
Depreciation	84,727	149,385	234,112
Operating Income	93,456	76,828	170,284
Interfund Operating Transfers Out	5,000	30,000	35,000
Net Income	93,906	65,146	159,052
Current Capital Contributions	10,000		10,000
Depreciation Reducing Capital Contributions	16,592	100,399	116,991
Property, Plant, and Equipment Additions	90,846	109,003	199,849
Net Working Capital	1,020,447	1,407,309	2,427,756
Total Assets	3,425,880	6,744,630	10,170,510
Bonds and Other Long-Term Liabilities			
Payable from Operating Revenues	841,379	1,475,000	2,316,379
Total Equity	2,478,752	5,087,940	7,566,962

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.



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## *REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF 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 financial statements of the Town of Newport as of and for the year ended June 30, 1997, and have issued our report thereon which was qualified as indicated therein dated December 10, 1997. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

### *Compliance*

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Town of Newport's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants; noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### *Internal Control Over Financial Reporting*

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Town of Newport's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the 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 over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that we have reported to management of Town of Newport in a separate letter dated December 10, 1997.

*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*

This report is intended for the information of management and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

December 10, 1997

*Megyn A. Colby, CPA*  
PŁODZIK & SANDERSON  
Professional Association

# TOWN CLERK'S 1997 Annual Report

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**Town Clerk**

Karlene Stoddard

**Deputy Town Clerk**

Adelaide Kozlik

## **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION:**

As of September 1997, in an effort to better serve the residents of Newport, our office took on the additional task of issuing trailer and motorcycle plates. This extra service will make it easier for those registrations to be done in one place. As always we continue to register vehicles and issue passenger plates, along with renewals and transfers. The State limits agents, such as the town of Newport, on the State portion of a registration to a weight on motor vehicles and trailers of up to 8000 pounds. Those with weights over these amounts must be completed at a State office. Transfers that involve changing from owner to lease, or lease to owner, must also be completed at a State office.

## **NEW PLATES:**

The **latest** target date for the new plate issue by the State is January 1999. They have been talking about this new plate issue for the last two to three years. The design is changing and everyone will be required to get new plates.

## **DOG REGISTRATION:**

The State law reads that all dogs 3 months or older must be registered with their Town Clerk, and owners must provide a valid rabies certificate. The licencing year for dogs runs from May 1st - April 30th. The fees are \$9.00 for unaltered dogs, \$6.50 for altered dogs and puppies 7 months or under, \$2.00 for the first dog of an owner who is 65 or older. Group licences for five dogs and more start at \$20.00. Unregistered dogs still constitute a large problem. At present we have approximately 400 unregistered dogs in our system. We would appreciate anyone who no longer has their dog to contact us so we can remove them from our list.

## **RESTORATION PROJECT:**

We are pleased to report that we have been able to restore another of our older Vital Records books (1886 - 1897), bringing our total of restored books to ten. This effort was helped by generous donations from Newport citizens. We always welcome public donations, as we still have many more books that need restoration.

## **VOTING:**

To make voting easy and accessible, we accept voter registration during our office hours. Supervisors of the Check List meet twice prior to meetings; in addition, same day voter registration is available on all Election days. Proof of identification is required.

## **OFFICE HOURS:**

Our office hours are Monday - Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. We wish to thank our customers for their support and look forward to helping you in 1998.



**1997 BIRTHS REGISTERED WITH THE TOWN CLERK  
NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Birth/Place</b>	<b>Child's Name</b>	<b>Father's Name</b>	<b>Mother's Maiden Name</b>
Jan 12	New London	Harley Renee Osgood	Edward Hollie Osgood	Dorresa Lynn Gonyea
Feb 19	Claremont	Matthew Blaise Bocko	Frederick W Bocko Jr	Susan Kay O'Mara
Feb 21	Lebanon	Lauryn Kathryn Rexford	Jeffrey Scott Rexford	Bethany Jane Wiltshire
Feb 26	Claremont	Kayla Ann StClair	Nathan Roberts StClair	Brenda Lee Martin
Feb 26	Claremont	Rabeca Lynn White	Shilo White	Loretta Lynn Meyette
Mar 02	Claremont	Taylor Lynn Gray	Raymond Charles Gray II	Heather Lynn Borcuk
Mar 30	Claremont	Tyler Stephen Burt	Burton David Burt	Rae-Lynn Smith
Apr 01	New London	John Richard Hisel	John Jennings Hisel	Tammy Lynn Thurston
Apr 03	New London	Kelsey Anne Seaver	Ryan Keith Seaver	Koran Anne Tusoni
Apr 06	Claremont	Bryson Lee Deschamps	Brian Lee Deschamps	Rebecca Ann Fowler
Apr 09	Claremont	Spencer Brian Coronis	Brian John Coronis	Diane Lynn Garcia
Apr 18	New London	Catherine M Tremblay	James Joseph Tremblay	Victoria Lynn Brewer
Apr 20	Claremont	Nicholas Albert Ayotte	Christopher Jon Ayotte	Laurel Christine Call
Apr 27	Lebanon	Olivia Jill Blodgett	Larry Albert Blodgett	Gina Marie Violette
May 08	New London	Maxwell David McLean	Mark William McLean	Kellee Lee Flint
May 19	Claremont	Gunter Albrecht Hubert	Gunter Klaus Hubert	Kathleen Ann Begin
May 22	New London	Micah Gardiner Stetson	Todd Robin Stetson	Ann Marie Kibbey
May 22	New London	Cole David Stetson	Todd Robin Stetson	Ann Marie Kibbey
May 24	New London	Cole William Reinhardt	Kurt William Reinhardt	Wendy Lee Nason
Jun 23	Claremont	Koner David Demeis	Michael John Demeis	Kristi Lee Caron
Jul 08	New London	Lindsey Paige Cormier	Vincent Scott Cormier	Tina Marie Currier
Jul 09	New London	Philip Pelham Kessler	Jeffrey F Kessler	Laura Cooper McCrillis
Jul 17	New London	Hillary Noel Moore	Christopher M Moore	Elizabeth J Hertzler
Jul 23	Claremont	Patrick Ross Greene	Gene Harold Greene	Loretta Carol Poisson
Jul 24	Claremont	Rebecca Rene Mead	William Richard Mead	Christine Marie Davis

**1997 BIRTHS REGISTERED WITH THE TOWN CLERK  
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<b>Date</b>	<b>Birth/Place</b>	<b>Child's Name</b>	<b>Father's Name</b>	<b>Mother's Maiden Name</b>
Jul 27	Claremont	Dylan John Mathews	Christopher A Mathews	Cassandra Jo Raptis
Aug 02	Lebanon	Molly Catherine Early	John Robert Early	Coua Lynn Mongeon
Aug 04	New London	Henry T Trzesiara III	Henry T Trzesiara II	Amanda Marie Kennett
Aug 07	New London	Bryan Chandler Pitkin	Mark Alan Pitkin	Lisa Marie Kingsbury
Aug 14	New London	Cameron Stanley Johns	Jeremy Cameron Johns	Tania Sue Durgin
Aug 20	Claremont	Bethaney Ann Marie West	Daniel James West	Anna Marie Clark
Sep 13	New London	Kelsey Morgan Attenhofer	Don Joseph Attenhofer	Lisa Mae Varno
Sep 14	New London	Hannah Irene Hubert	Thomas H Hubert	Stephanie Ann Shaban
Sep 20	Lebanon	Jordan Nichole Robinson	Dale N Robinson Sr	Jennifer Ann Clark
Sep 29	Claremont	Haley Diana Morin	Todd Alan Morin	Sherry Ann Jennings
Oct 02	Claremont	Shawn Micheal Crosslin	Jeffery Scott Crosslin	Kelly Jean Sargent
Oct 05	Claremont	Gabriel Isaac Webb	David Alan Webb	Jennifer Rebecca White
Oct 06	Claremont	Barbara Jean Perry	Mark Wayne Perry	Delinda Jean Barton
Oct 08	Claremont	Tyler Aaron Currier	Brian James Currier	Stefanee Ann Pike
Oct 23	Claremont	Christopher P Woods Jr	Christopher P Woods Sr	Amanda Lee Clark
Nov 21	New London	Aaron Michael Sinico	Robert Wayne Sinico Jr	Christina M Bachelder
Nov 28	New London	Elisha Chantel Butcher	James Reginald Butcher	Kathleen Jean Clark
Dec 05	Claremont	Mary Elizabeth Bennett	Bradley Axel Bennett	Errica Maureen Scanlon
Dec 28	Claremont	Joseph Powers Chadwick	Keith Powers Chadwick	Mindy-Jo Lussier

**1997 MARRIAGES REGISTERED WITH THE TOWN CLERK  
NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name of Groom</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Name of Bride</b>	<b>Residence</b>
Jan 19	Daniel James West	Newport	Anna Marie Clark	Newport
Jan 20	Timothy Alan Gosselin	Newport	Leandra Cyreeth Fuller	Newport
Feb 15	Christopher M Moore	Newport	Elizabeth J Hertzler	Newport
Mar 14	George A Ayoitte	Newport	Judith C Annable	Newport
Mar 04	Bradley Axel Bennett	Newport	Errica Maureen Janvrin	Newport
Apr 04	Timothy Allen Santti	Newport	Kelley Michelle Smith	Newport
Apr 26	Gary Raymond Peters	Newport	Anita Waters	Newport
May 03	Michael B Christian	Newport	Donna L Wiley	Newport
May 03	David S Dupree	Newport	Delinda M Searles	Newport
May 31	Frederick John Cowdrey	Newport	Suzanne Charlotte Finney	Chester
Jun 07	Richard Bruce Northrup	Newport	Kimberly M Pinckney	Newport
Jun 18	Matthew James Walsh	Newport	Pia Paight Bergeron	Newport
Jun 21	Matthew Scott Bennett	Newport	Cherie Francis Cape	Newport
Jun 27	Matthew Milton Hoyt	Newport	Mary Elizabeth Vigue	Newport
Jun 28	Edward Joseph Page	Newport	Brenda Lee Bean	Sanford, Me
Jun 28	Michael James Thornton	Newport	Veronica Ann Rivera	Newport
Jul 03	Michael Scott Cilley Sr	Newport	Susan J Pelletier	Newport
Jul 05	Henry T Trzesiara Jr	Newport	Amanda Marie Kennedy	Newport
Jul 05	Robert Douglas Lamery	Newport	Carol Ann Colby	Newport
Jul 12	Christopher A Bourassa	Newport	Eva Marie Stilwell	Newport
Jul 19	Edmund J Bakon	Belmont, Ma	Donna A Jackson	Belmont, Ma
Jul 19	Russell Lee Dearborn	Colorado Springs	Lisa Rae Nelson	Colorado Springs
Jul 25	Matthew Mark Blanchard	Claremont	Tera Rena Turgeon	Newport
Aug 02	Corey Joseph Mills	Newport	Tiffany Leigh Lamare	Newport
Aug 02	Dennis Albert Kennett Jr	Newport	Nichole Lee Davis	Newport
Aug 09	Jeffrey A Linn Jr	Newport	Stephanie Rae Charlette	Newport



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<b>Date</b>	<b>Name of Groom</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Name of Bride</b>	<b>Residence</b>
Aug 10	Michael Anthony Bain	Newport	Pamela Jean Dyer	Newport
Aug 16	Donald R Osgood	Newport	Cheryl A Smith	Unity
Aug 20	Harold W Whitehouse Jr	Newport	Janice Karen Bresell	Claremont
Aug 23	Ronald Ralph Stone	Newport	Hazel Marie Booth	Newport
Aug 30	Steve L Young	Newport	Sherry L Underwood	Newport
Sep 13	Richard Mark Zarbo	Lynn, Ma	Susan Lee Howard	Newburyport, Ma
Sep 20	Michael Adam Austin	Newport	Tracey Marie Davis	Newport
Sep 21	Lawrence Aaron Bailey	Enfield	Tracey Jane Odell	Newport
Sep 24	Charles G Catsam	Newport	Marilyn D Ripley	Newport
Sep 27	James M Wilson	Newport	Dawn A Wilcox	Newport
Sep 28	Chrestien M Charlebois	Croydon	Elizabeth Marie Greene	Croydon
Oct 04	Robert L O'Connor III	Lempster	Kristi Lynn Holmes	Lempster
Oct 11	Chad Patrick Howe	Newport	Shannon P Nichols	Newport
Oct 11	Jesse Alan Bunnell	Goshen	Kelly Ann Nudd	Goshen
Oct 13	Charles Edward Cheney Sr	Newport	Brenda Gail Merrill	Newport
Oct 23	Jeremy Westgate Pierce	Cornish	Jennifer Ellen Tremblay	Cornish
Nov 01	Kevin Paul Belanger	Newport	Lisa Ann Ralston	Newport
Nov 08	Christopher F Barrell	Newport	Kathleen Adrienne Barton	Claremont
Nov 29	Michael J Breault	Newport	Melissa Ann Powell	Newport
Dec 11	William L Crossman	Middleboro, Ma	Diane Louise Forkey	Newport
Dec 26	William R Elliott	Newport	Maria Auxiliadora Gomez	Bethesda, Md

**1997 DEATHS REGISTERED WITH TOWN CLERK  
NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name of Deceased</b>	<b>Town of Death</b>	<b>Name of Father</b>	<b>Maiden Name of Mother</b>
Jan 04	Georgia M Davis	Newport	George A Plummer	Katherine M Evans
Jan 05	Michael A Desilets	Claremont	Denis Desilets	Donna Thomas
Jan 05	Florence M Witham	Newport	Pert Salisbury	Dorothy Unknown
Jan 06	Helen Louise Zerbel	Newport	Stephen H Carty	Helen A Ruane
Jan 14	Mattie O Kenyon	Newport	Arthur Walker	Lula Bixby
Jan 17	Emily Rose Brown	New London	John J Condon	Calista Richardson
Jan 21	Henry Rainey	New London	Chester Rainey	Emma Riff
Jan 28	Alton T Sartwell	Newport	Philip Sartwell	Rose Bourgeois
Feb 03	Norman J Bruen Sr	Claremont	Charles Bruen	Elizabeth Lavin
Feb 15	Elizabeth G Pratt	Newport	Arthur Gilchrist	Lillian Young
Feb 16	Arthur W Keating	Newport	Edward Keating	Edna Sevigny
Feb 27	Margaret L George	Claremont	Louis Beauchaine	Emma L Henault
Mar 06	Siigri J Meisner	Claremont	Frank Niemi	Johanna Wilhelmuna
Mar 06	Marion W Bailey	Claremont	George Bailey	Almira Damon
Mar 24	Elizabeth S Bagley	New London	Melvin R Shrope	Arminda Reeves
Mar 26	Gerald C Moulton	Newport	Silas Moulton	Florence Temple
Mar 26	Margaret M Warren	Newport	John Warren	Mary Condon
Apr 01	Robert Ordway Fales	New London	Raymond D Fales	Lucille Knudson
Apr 01	Henry E Mahoney	New London	William H Mahoney	Annie M Austin
Apr 05	Kathryn C Dupell	Claremont	George Cross	Lydia Merrill
Apr 06	Irma Zirdzin	Newport	Juris Zirdzin	Dorothy Manshet
Apr 07	William E Gagne	Newport	William J Gagne	Viola Austin
Apr 11	Frances S Stone	New London	Nelson Oliver	Jennie Pike
Apr 17	Leon C Hammell Jr	Newport	Leon C Hammell Sr	Helen Foote
Apr 18	Thomas H Hubert Sr	New London	John Hubert	Frieda Jannsen
Apr 19	Irene Lefebvre	Newport	Albert Lefebvre	Laura Lessard
Apr 29	Richard S Gould	Newport	Robert E Gould Sr	Aileen Lynch

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Name of Deceased</b>	<b>Town of Death</b>	<b>Name of Father</b>	<b>Maiden Name of Mother</b>
May 16	Reva K Seaver	New London	Richard Larose	Maude Richardson
May 17	Stuart M Baldwin	Newport	Paul C Baldwin	Wilma J Sharder
May 17	Ernestine F Hanks	Newport	Ernest E Hill	Eleanor Donaugue
May 17	John A Wesoja Jr	Newport	John A Wesoja Sr	Mary Rout
May 17	Dennis J Guerrin	Laconia	George H Guerrin	Margaret Franklin
May 18	Velma G Randall	Newport	William G Stonehouse	Geneva Whalen
May 21	Harry Erik Laivins	Lebanon	Anton Laivins	Matilda Shilling
May 25	Charles J Boyle Sr	New London	William A Boyle	Edna Sanborn
May 29	Weldon E Barton	Newport	Albert Barton	Amy Jenkins
Jun 04	Alfred Elmer Alto	New London	Laurie Alto	Vena Santaparka
Jun 16	Brenda F Sheehan	Claremont	George N Lowery	Elizabeth Blanchard
Jun 18	William I Seavey	Claremont	Darrell Seavey	Rosamond Irvine
Jun 20	Iris Oakley	Newport	Napier Sumie	Daisy Sloper
Jul 01	Verne L Pike	Lebanon	Hardy Pike Sr	Nydia Miller
Jul 10	Leslie J Wiggins	Newport	Edgar Wiggins	Lula J Pitkins
Jul 12	Michael J Richardson	Newport	Edward Richardson	Geraldine Demars
Jul 17	Hazel V Willette	New London	Edward Morrill	Pricilla Miller
Jul 19	Eleanor G Couitt	Lebanon	Charles Couitt	Evelyn Houle
Jul 23	Virginia G Rochford	New London	John Graves	Fanny Fisher
Aug 05	Francis B Harrington	Newport	Howard Harrington	Mary L Wheat
Aug 15	Dana G Farnum	Brentwood	Myron Farnum	Delia Matter
Aug 24	Warren W White	Newport	Ralph N White	Henrietta Ficher
Sep 08	Mildred E White	Newport	N Ernest Bourn	Fanny E Stinson
Sep 10	Impi Aili Kainu	New London	Kalle Kiviaho	Annalisa Haukilahti
Sep 19	Leona V Morrill	Newport	Erwin Bell	Mary E Eggleston
Sep 21	Josephine M Brady	New London	Leroy Smith	Josephine Sylce
Sep 21	Vivian D Dennis	New London	George Stoodley	Mildred Prouty



**1997 DEATHS REGISTERED WITH TOWN CLERK  
NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name of Deceased</b>	<b>Town of Death</b>	<b>Name of Father</b>	<b>Maiden Name of Mother</b>
Sep 25	Madelaine L Cunningham	Newport	Matthias Hopf	Bertha Kiessling
Oct 08	Marie Frances Carrier	Newport	Ernest Perkins	Alice Perkins
Oct 11	Elgin A Ayotte	Newport	Louis Ayotte	June Farley
Oct 21	Mabel V Holmes	Newport	Unknown Root	Rose Unknown
Oct 26	Ruth A Cummings	Newport	John Q Ricard	Zillah P Neily
Oct 30	John Edward Wheeler	Newport	John Wheeler	Myrtie Thompson
Nov 09	Ernest Berube	Claremont	Unknown Unknown	Delia Berube
Nov 14	Hulda Maria Lehtinen	Concord	Frans Oskar Heino	Maria Kitola
Nov 14	Frances M Galotta	Newport	Dennis Settianni	Carmela Debonis
Nov 16	Doris E Whiting	Newport	Harry W Clark	Jessie Sherman
Nov 17	Lois Alma Clement	Claremont	William Legacy	Althea Gould
Nov 23	Mabel Underhill	Newport	Alfred Bowker	Clara Suss
Nov 25	Marion W Tucker	New London	Emile E Wilson	Mary Nygord
Dec 02	Helen E Hendrickson	Newport	Matti Hendrickson	Martha Hakala
Dec 07	Gertrude Ann Wirta	Newport	Wilfred Harrison	Evelyn Reed
Dec 07	Edward J Preston Jr	New London	Edward J Preston Sr	Evelyn McCallister
Dec 19	Clara Yvonne Dean	Newport	Philippe Bessette	Hermine LeClerc
Dec 21	Dorothy W Bartholomew	Claremont	Francis I Daly Sr	Anna Wurtz
Dec 29	Robert Joseph Pare	Claremont	Placide Pare	Bernadette Boucher

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

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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 13, 1997, the following business was transacted:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Moderator Wm Howard Dunn. Officers and clerks serving at this meeting were: Moderator, Wm Howard Dunn, Assistant Moderator, Anthony DiPadova, Town Clerk, Karlene Stoddard, Supervisors of the Checklist, Martha Lovely, Ella Casey and Pamela Hoyt, Inspectors of Elections and Ballot Clerks, Doris Taimi, Jonathan Howard, Erna McCormick, Jacqueline Bell, Lou Dean Franz, Beverly Rodeschin, Linda Demeis, Dolly Gokas and Audrey Zullo, Selectmen, John Lunn, Gary Nichols, Sharon MacDonald, Bert Spaulding and Robert Snow, and Town Manager, Daniel O'Neill.

The Moderator opened the meeting and announced that we would take up Articles 1 through 6 at this time, open the

Absentee Ballots at 2:00 P.M. He also announced that the business will start at 6:00 P.M.

**ARTICLE 1** To elect one (1) Selectmen for a three (3) year term.  
The vote was: John Lunn 279  
Richard Petit 64

John Lunn having a plurality of all votes cast was declared Selectman for the ensuing three years.

**ARTICLE 2** To elect a Library Trustee for a three (3) year term.  
The vote was: Nancy Black 315

Nancy Black having a plurality of all votes cast was declared Library Trustee for the ensuing three years.

**ARTICLE 3** To elect a Trustee of Trust Funds for a three (3) year term.  
The vote was Peter Lovely Sr. 335

Peter Lovely Sr. having a plurality of all votes cast was declared a Trustee of Trust Funds for the ensuing three years.

**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 .

After the ballots were counted the vote was: Yes - 243 No - 101

As the majority voted Yes, Article 4 was **adopted**.

**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.

After the ballots were counted the vote was: Yes - 237 No - 106

As the majority voted Yes, Article 5 was **adopted**.

**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.

After the ballots were counted the vote was: Yes - 274 No - 65

As the majority voted Yes, Article 6 was **adopted**.

The moderator opened the business portion of the meeting at 6:00 P.M. with students from Newport leading us in a salute to the flag and also in song. Also a moment of silence was held in memory of all those who served Newport, past and present.

Selectman Bert Spaulding gave a short talk on the new police station which is open and almost finished, all within budget.



A special presentation, by Selectman John Lunn, was given to the family of Frank MacConnell in his memory.

**ARTICLE 7** On a motion by Gary Nichols and duly seconded it was voted: To 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. 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 8** On a motion by Bert Spaulding Sr. 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 9** On a motion by Bert Spaulding Sr. 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 10** On a motion by Bert Spaulding Sr. and duly seconded it was voted: To 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** On a motion by John Lunn and duly seconded it was voted: To 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. This article will be brought forward for reaffirmation each year until withdrawal.

**ARTICLE 12** On a motion by Sharon MacDonald and duly seconded: 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.

An amendment was offered by Cliff Richer and duly seconded: To change the wording to read: To see if town will discontinue the maintance of 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 Parlin Field and reclassify said highway as a class 6 highway, subject to gates and bars.

Defeated a motion by Gordon Flint and duly seconded to pass over this article.

The amendment was voted on and passed.

This article, **as amended** was than voted on and **passed**.

#### ARTICLE 13

On a motion by Robert Snow and duly seconded it was voted:

“To 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 \$17,000, 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.

This article was voted on by ballot and result was as follows: Yes - 177  
No - 13

#### ARTICLE 14

On a motion by John Lunn and duly seconded it was voted: 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.

#### ARTICLE 15

On a motion by Gary Nichols and duly seconded it was voted: 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, said funds to consist of Three Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Eight (\$3,888) Dollars from the Water Fund, One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Five (\$1,955) Dollars from the Sewer Fund, and Eleven Thousand One Hundred Five (\$11,105) Dollars from the General Fund.

**ARTICLE 16**

On a motion by Sharon MacDonald and and duly seconded it was voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Four Million Seven Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Thirty-Two(\$4,763,032) Dollars for the operating budget of the Town as follows:

Executive . . . . .	\$ 98,998
Election/Registration . . . . .	45,203
Financial Administration . . . . .	171,986
Legal . . . . .	20,000
Personnel Administration . . . . .	453,734
Town Office of Planning and Zoning . . . . .	67,012
General Government Buildings . . . . .	154,804
Cemeteries . . . . .	77,354
Insurance . . . . .	10,000
Advertising & Regional Associations . . . . .	3,517
Other General Government . . . . .	61,294
Police Department . . . . .	551,905
Emergency Communications . . . . .	141,532
Ambulance Department . . . . .	141,428
Fire Department . . . . .	276,493
Building Inspection . . . . .	8,887
Emergency Management . . . . .	1,854
Public Works Garage . . . . .	149,557
Highways and Streets . . . . .	406,061
Bridges . . . . .	4,000
Street Lighting . . . . .	64,447
Airport . . . . .	23,482
Solid Waste Collection . . . . .	50,000
Sewer Department . . . . .	367,045
Water Department . . . . .	352,084
Health Administration . . . . .	2,872
Health Agency . . . . .	20,829
Welfare Administration . . . . .	15,500
Welfare Direct Assistance . . . . .	55,000
Recreation . . . . .	127,585
Library . . . . .	144,593
Patriotic Purpose . . . . .	2,500
Conservation Administration . . . . .	2,000
Principal LTD . . . . .	320,400
Interest LTD . . . . .	59,514
Tax Anticipation Interest . . . . .	100
Water Fund Debt . . . . .	82,483
Sewer Fund Debt . . . . .	226,979
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b><u>\$4,763,032</u></b>

**ARTICLE 17**

On a motion by Sharon MacDonald and duly seconded it was voted: To 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.



**ARTICLE 18** On a motion by Robert Snow and duly seconded it was voted: To 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>

**ARTICLE 19** On a motion by Gary Nichols and duly seconded it was voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Two Thousand (\$22,000) Dollars to rehabilitate Fire Engine #1.

**ARTICLE 20** On a motion by John Lunn and duly seconded it was voted: To 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.

**ARTICLE 21** On a motion by Bert Spaulding Sr. and duly seconded it was voted: To 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.

**ARTICLE 22** On a motion by Robert Snow and duly seconded it was voted: To 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. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:3 VI and will not lapse until the completion of the project or five years, whichever is sooner.

**ARTICLE 23** On a motion by Robert Snow and duly seconded it was voted: To 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.

A motion was made and duly seconded to pass over this article failed

The vote on this article was Yes - 94 No - 71

**ARTICLE 24** On a motion by Bert Spaulding and duly seconded it was voted: To 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.

- ARTICLE 25** On a motion by Gary Nichols and duly seconded it was voted: To 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. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:3 VI and will not lapse until the completion of the project or five years, whichever is sooner.
- ARTICLE 26** On a motion by Gary Nichols and duly seconded it was voted: To 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. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:3 VI and will not lapse until the completion of the project or five years, whichever is sooner.
- ARTICLE 27** On a motion by Sharon MacDonald and duly seconded it was voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Eight (\$9,228) Dollars to re-deck the Reeds Farm Road Bridge.
- ARTICLE 28** On a motion by John Lunn and duly seconded it was voted: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$150,000) Dollars for the Main Street Project. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:3 VI and will not lapse until the completion of the project or five years, whichever is sooner.
- Defeated an amendment was offered by Eleanor Thompson and duly seconded: To see if the Town will exclude the so-called Little Common from this plan; to eliminate and exclude installation of electrical service and fixtures, to exclude construction of above-ground planters, additional flag pole or similar features and to retain the present flowering crabapple tree.
- The original article was then voted on and **adopted**.
- ARTICLE 29** On a motion by Robert Snow and duly seconded it was voted: To 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.
- ARTICLE 30** On a motion by Bert Spaulding Sr. and duly seconded it was voted: To 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.

- ARTICLE 31** On a motion by Sharon MacDonald and duly seconded it was voted: To 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.
- ARTICLE 32** On a motion by Bert Spaulding Sr. and duly seconded it was voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars for a development plan of the industrial park land held by ECON located off of Maple Street. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:3 VI and will not lapse until the completion of the project or five years, whichever is sooner.
- ARTICLE 33** On a motion by John Lunn and duly seconded it was voted: To 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 Cemetery.
- ARTICLE 34** On a motion by John Lunn and duly seconded it was voted: To repeal the existing Dog Control By-Law and adopt the new By-Laws.
- ARTICLE 35** On a motion and duly seconded it was voted: To accept reports and appoint any committees, auditors or agents necessary to transact the business of the Town and to adjourn the meeting, as there was no more business to come before this meeting. The business meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

The ballots were then counted, the count was 357 ballots, and at 10:05 P.M. the results were announced by the Moderator. The ballots were then put in the container and sealed by the Moderator and Town Clerk and adjourned the meeting.

A true record, Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Town Clerk

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