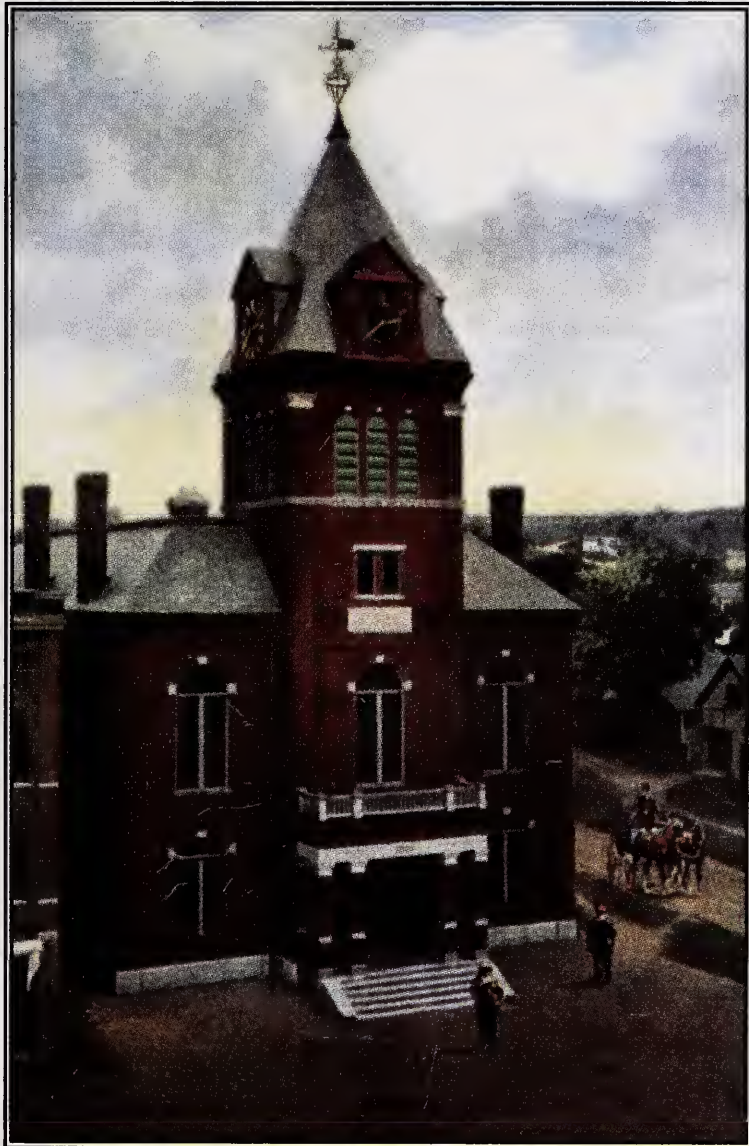


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# 1999 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT AND CENTURY REVIEW



## NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Lisa Pitkin, Editor

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**IN DEDICATION  
AND MEMORY  
OF**

**S. ELEANOR SHADIS  
1917-2000**

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Eleanor Shadis  
Photo: Courtesy of Tom Shadis

Mrs. Shadis was born on April 11, 1917, in Belfast, Ireland. She moved to the United States when she was five. Her life was formed when she was with her father during the Depression, when they passed a beggar and her dad gave him money. She chided saying, "maybe that man has more than us." Her father responded that it would be better to give to a beggar that didn't need it than to neglect someone in real need. Consequently, Eleanor was a lifelong volunteer, being generous to anyone who said they were in need. She graduated from Holyoke (MA) High School in 1934 and enlisted in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps during World War II and rose to the rank of technical sergeant. After marrying Arthur Shadis, a career officer, in 1944, she was a den mother, PTA president, and booster mom.

She moved to Newport in 1962 where she worked for Dr. Denis Maryn for 16 years and was Assistant Administrator at the Woodlawn Nursing Home for 16 more years. She became active in volunteer work in 1990. She served as treasurer of the Newport Area Association of Churches, the Newport Senior Center and the East Lempster Ladies Circle. She was president of the Newport Senior Center for three years and under her watch the Senior Center burned its mortgage. She was also a lay member to the Southern New England Conference of the United Methodist Church and then later of the New England Conference.

Additionally, she has been a hospice volunteer, volunteer health insurance counselor, chairman of the Sullivan County Hospice, United Way volunteer, volunteer for Sullivan County Nutrition Service and secretary of the Sullivan County Unit of the American Cancer Society.

She regularly drove many people to hospital appointments, was a food pantry volunteer and delivered Meals on Wheels and was very active in the Thanksgiving dinners put on by Country Kitchen.

She was a member of the East Lempster Community Church since 1952 and faithfully fulfilled many positions there even after moving to Newport. She received the 1996 New Hampshire Governor's Recognition Award for Outstanding Service, the 1996 Joseph P. Vaughan Award "in recognition of outstanding leadership and achievement on behalf of older citizens of New Hampshire" given by the New Hampshire State Committee on Aging, the 1996 Sullivan County Grange No. 8 Community Citizen Award for outstanding services to the community and personal involvement, the 1990 Newport Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award and a 1990 commendation by the New Hampshire State Committee on Aging.

Newport is proud to honor Eleanor Shadis for a lifetime of service to our community.

**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** **George F. Disnard**

**23 Durham Avenue, 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** ..... **3,436**

**Population** ..... **6,249**

**1999 Tax Rate:** **Town** **\$9.17**

**School** **6.38**

**County** **2.81**

**State** **7.17**

**Total** ..... **\$25.53**

**ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS**

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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Term Expires**

Gary E. Nichols, Chair .....	May, 2001
Bennie C. Nelson, Vice Chair .....	May, 2001
Jeffrey F. Kessler .....	May, 2002
Elizabeth W. Maiola .....	May, 2000
Beverly T. Rodeschin .....	May, 2002

**LIBRARY TRUSTEE**

Nancy H. Black .....	May, 2000
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**MODERATOR**

W. Howard Dunn. ....	May, 2000
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**SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST**

Pamela J. Hoyt .....	May, 2000
Martha E. Lovely .....	May, 2002
Ella M. Casey .....	May, 2004

**TOWN CLERK**

Karlene W. Stoddard .....	May, 2002
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**TOWN TREASURER**

Jonathan A. Howard .....	May, 2002
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**TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND**

Peter R. Lovely .....	May, 2000
Louise K. Hastings .....	May, 2001
C. Michael Sanderson .....	May, 2002

**APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS**

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**TOWN MANAGER** ..... Daniel P. O'Neill  
**Executive Assistant** ..... Lisa M. Pitkin

**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

**EMS DIVISION CHIEF/HEALTH OFFICER** ..... Brian W. Tracey

**CIVIL DEFENSE CO-DIRECTORS** ..... David A. Hoyt  
Peter M. Lamb

**FINANCE DIRECTOR** ..... Paul J. Brown, C.P.A.

**FIRE CHIEF** ..... Peter M. Lamb

**PLANNING & ZONING DIRECTOR** ..... David J. Jescavage

**POLICE CHIEF** ..... David A. Hoyt

**RECREATION & PARKS DIRECTOR** ..... P.J. Lovely, Jr.

**TAX COLLECTOR** ..... Daniel P. O'Neill  
**Senior Deputy Tax Collector** ..... Elaine Van Dusen

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



**APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

	<b>Term Expires</b>	
<b>AIRPORT COMMISSION</b>		
Peter Anastos, Chairman .....	May, 2001	
Herbert Findeisen .....	May, 2001	
Peter Reynolds .....	May, 2002	
Larry Mason .....	May, 2001	
Rocky Cusanelli .....	May, 2000	
David Little .....	May, 2002	
Beverly Rodeschin, BOS Rep .....	May, 2000	
Larry Wiggins, Staff Rep .....	May, 2000	
<b>BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b>		
Lou Dean Franz, Chair .....	May, 2000	
Richard Brewer .....	May, 2001	
Ella Casey .....	May, 2002	
Fredrik Peyron .....	May, 2001	
David Little .....	May, 2000	
Betty Avery .....	May, 2002	
Eve Spanos .....	May, 2000	
Anthony MacConnell .....	May, 2000	
Ben Nelson, BOS Rep and Alternate .....	May, 2000	
Holly Harrison, School Board Rep .....	May, 2000	
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE</b>		
Polly Andrews, Chair.....	Lori Barnes .....	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 .....	Chairman	
Ella Casey .....	Don Lader	
Anthony Maiola .....	Mark Pitkin	
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>		
Nancy Parssinen, Chair .....	May, 2000	
John Liberman .....	May, 2001	
June Liberman .....	May, 2001	
Richard Brewer .....	May, 2001	
Fredrik Peyron .....	May, 2002	
Maellyn Urban .....	May, 2000	



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**APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS (CONTINUED)**

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**ECONOMIC CORPORATION OF NEWPORT (ECON)**

Kathy Hubert, President ..... Mark Pitkin, Vice President  
Stephen LaValley, Secretary ..... Stephen Ensign, Treasurer  
Richard Bates ..... Ella Casey  
Mary Lou Reed ..... Gerry Coogan, SCEDC Agent  
David McCrillis ..... Daniel O'Neill  
William Steff ..... Rick Thomas  
Michael Work ..... Betty Maiola, BOS Rep  
Patryc Wiggins

**HERITAGE COMMISSION**

Patrice Brewer, Chair ..... May, 2001  
Sharon Christie, Vice Chair ..... May, 2001  
Michael Dixon ..... May, 2000  
Roger Nelson, Secretary ..... May, 2000  
Martha Cain ..... May, 2001  
Laura Kessler ..... May, 2000  
Clifford Richer, Alternate ..... May, 2002  
Patricia Pflanz ..... May, 2001  
Gary Nichols, BOS Rep ..... May, 2000

**JOINT LOSS MANAGEMENT (SAFETY) COMMITTEE**

Brad Lane, Chair ..... Ken Dennis, Vice Chair  
Kelly Butler, Secretary ..... Shady Blackwell  
Craig Robertson ..... Lisa Pitkin  
Peter Lamb ..... PJ Lovely  
Dan O'Neill ..... Ed Schinck  
Brian Tracey .....

**PLANNING BOARD**

W. Howard Dunn, Chair ..... May, 2000  
Jeffrey Kessler, BOS Rep ..... May, 2001  
Ella Casey, Vice Chair ..... May, 2002  
Pauline Andrews ..... May, 2001  
Frederick Jones ..... May, 2000  
Karol Bentley ..... May, 2002  
Michael Clark ..... May, 2002  
David Kibbey, Alternate ..... May, 2000

**APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS (CONTINUED)**

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**POLLARDS MILL COVERED BRIDGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Ken Dennis, Chairman . Andy Andrews . . . . . Nick Kanakis, Secretary  
Cliff Richer . . . . . Peter Franklin . . . . . Jim Lantz  
Frank Luck . . . . . Nick Catsam . . . . . Rick Thomas  
David Lain . . . . . Ray Reid . . . . . Paul Brown  
David Jescavage . . . . . Larry Wiggins . . . . . Ben Nelson, BOS Rep

**RECREATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Jeff Kessler, BOS Rep . . . . . May, 2000  
Mary Maxfield . . . . . May, 2001  
Kathy Sarles . . . . . May, 2002  
Roger Rosendahl . . . . . May, 2002  
Kelly Shultz . . . . . May, 2000  
Amanda Currier, Student Rep . . . . . May, 2000  
Brett Cossaboon, Student Rep . . . . . May, 2001

**RECREATION FACILITY BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Gary Nichols, Chairman . . . . . PJ Lovely  
Scott Blewitt . . . . . James Lantz  
Steve McKenney . . . . . Rick Thomas

**SULLIVAN COUNTY REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT**

Peter Franklin . . . . . May, 2002  
Dan O'Neill . . . . . May, 2000  
Beverly Rodeschin BOS Rep . . . . . May, 2000

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Anthony DiPadova, Chair . . . . . May, 2002  
Ben Nelson, BOS Rep . . . . . May, 2000  
Larry Mason . . . . . May, 2001  
Ken Dennis . . . . . May, 2001  
Virginia Irwin . . . . . May, 2002  
David Lain, Alternate . . . . . May, 2000

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
1999 ANNUAL REPORT**

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This past year can truly be called "the year of change" for Newport and the activities of the Board of Selectmen. Town Meeting of 1999 brought the election of three new members. New to the Board, but not to community service are: Beverly Rodeschin and Jeffery Kessler (three year terms) and Elizabeth Maiola (to the last year of John Lunn's term).

The Y2K problem was addressed in many ways and the fact that everything went off without a problem is a tribute the three years of planning, dedication, and hard work by the Department Heads. Every department had to have either software upgrades or brand new programs. The Police Department was especially hard hit as most of the computers were old and had to be replaced. The \$58,000 federal grant and the \$25,000 raised at last years Town Meeting covered the upgrade. As we prepared for the worse case scenario the Emergency Management Team moved the old generator from the sewer treatment plant to the High School. Fortunately it wasn't needed, but we now have an emergency shelter available if a major problem should arise in the future.

At Town Meeting last year the Board presented a budget and special articles that would have had an tax impact of 50 cents increase. Due to an increase of revenue and the departments watching their expenditures, the tax rate went down by 15 cents. This years budget again has an increase, as of this writing - of 95 cents. I would like to say that once again revenues and cost cuts will reduce this to nothing but this is unlikely. After 6 years of decrease or level funding we are presented with needs that must be addressed, including roads. Last year to keep taxes down we cut over \$100,000 from road projects. This year we listened to the citizens and returned and increased road funding to better address the mounting need. The second item is employee retention. Over the last year we have lost many good employees because the private sector offered better pay. In November we initiated a pay clarification study with the goal to better address our employee needs and improve retention. You will be hearing more on this later. Lastly the need to add an additional EMT firefighter to cover day hours for emergency response. Volunteers are the backbone of many of the programs and services that are offered in Newport. Whether it is the Rec. Department, Library, or Fire/EMS Departments. When we don't have volunteers we must choose, in some cases we cancel the program. In the Fire/Ambulance area these must be covered and each citizen must realize that without volunteers we have to hire full time employees to do the job, sometimes at an increase in taxes.

This year of transition from the 20<sup>th</sup> century into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, is a great step into the future for Newport. Future projects include: improved roads, the next phase of the Main Street Project, installation of the McClintock clock, a new water tank project will be started, and plans for the Pollards Mills bridge will be completed. Join in the bright future of Newport and attend Town Meeting. See you May 9, 2000.

**Gary Nichols  
Chairman**



**TOWN MANAGER'S  
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**Town Manager**

Daniel P. O'Neill  
[manager@town.newport.nh.us](mailto:manager@town.newport.nh.us)

**Executive Assistant**

Lisa M. Pitkin  
[lisapitkin@town.newport.nh.us](mailto:lisapitkin@town.newport.nh.us)

In recent years our Annual Reports have been more than a compilation of annual figures and reports from Department Heads. We've tried to look at the community from a broader perspective, looking at our history and our culture, the things that have helped form us into the community that we are today. Our history in Newport is very rich. Each decade has seen its successes and failures. Throughout our history there have been political and business leaders who have recognized opportunities for our community. We've built businesses, public infrastructure, and schools, helping to make our community a place where we can not only work but can comfortably enjoy life. Our religious and social organizations have also contributed greatly to Newport's success. Creating the spiritual and social fabric that helps make a community whole.

The year 2000 seems to be a fitting time to look at Newport's bigger picture. Taking a look at the last one hundred years is the theme of our report: "The Century Review." With the help of local historians: Evan Hill, Andy Andrews, and Harold Perkins, we've been able to construct a chronology of the events that will give modern Newporters a glimpse of their heritage. A few years ago, Evan Hill put together a chronology of Newport starting from its earliest days. I asked him if we could use a portion of his work starting with 1900 for our Annual Report. He graciously agreed to work with us on the project. "The Century Review" consists mostly of Evan's work as compiled from various sources.

We hope you enjoy this historical overview and if you would like to find out more about Newport's history you can find Evan's complete chronology at: [www.town.newport.nh.us/nchron.htm](http://www.town.newport.nh.us/nchron.htm).

Please don't overlook this year's Department Head reports. Our most recent year has been very challenging; complying with Y2K computer conversions, the merging of the Fire and Ambulance Departments, and the State property tax funding issue. This is also the first Annual Report put together by my new Executive Assistant, Lisa Pitkin. Putting the whole report together is a very challenging process involving the efforts of many people employed by the Town as well as volunteers. I would like to thank all of you for your contributions towards this effort.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Daniel P. O'Neill**  
**Town Manager**

**REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF DISTRICT ONE  
RAYMOND S. BURTON, COUNCILOR  
STATE HOUSE, ROOM 207, CONCORD, NH  
(603) 271-3632**

**e-mail: [rburton@gov.state.nh.us](mailto:rburton@gov.state.nh.us)**

The Governor and Executive Council have a constitutional and lawful duty to fill boards and commissions with volunteer citizens. If interested, please send your resume to me or to the Governor's Office, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301, 271-2121.

It is a pleasure to report to you as one of your elected officials serving on the five-member Executive Council within the Executive Branch of your NH State Government. This five-member elected group acts much like a board of directors for your very large NH State Government carrying out the law and budget as passed by the NH House & Senate and signed into law by the Governor. We also act upon gubernatorial nominations to the entire Judicial Branch of your Government, State Supreme Court, Superior Court, Probate Court, District Court all are nominated by the Governor, a posted public hearing must be held by the Council and then a vote to deny or confirm the nomination is held.

**Ray Burton, Ex. Councilor**

**AIRPORT COMMISSION  
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**Members:** Peter Anastos, Chairman, Herbert Findeisen, Peter Reynolds, Larry Mason, Rocky Cusanelli, David Little, Beverly Rodeschin, Selectman's Rep.

The Airport Commission welcomed two new members this year, Beverly Rodeschin and David Little.

Repairs were made to the hanger including sealing the roof for leaks and fixing all the broken widows. Holes in the taxiway were re-paved. A new convenient credit card system was installed on the gas pumps for pilots. A pilots log book was added and any plane landing or taking off must be logged in.

The Airport Commission wants to thank Guy Alexander of Sunapee for filling in at the airport at the time Al Gobin was laid up and in the hospital.

**Peter Anastos, Chairman**



**CEMETERY & GROUNDS DEPARTMENT**  
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**Superintendent**

Brian T. Richardson

**Per Diem Laborers**

Timothy Temple  
Tammy LaQuire  
Cindy Hamilton

The Cemetery & Grounds Department had 67 burials during 1999.

During the first quarter of 1999, in addition to burials, the department performed the usual winter season maintenance duties which include trash pick up on Main Street, plowing and sanding cemeteries and maintenance of the skating rink on the Common. Park benches were sanded and painted and trash receptacles were constructed for the trash containers on the Common. I prepared a proposed layout for the Weld property at the North Newport Cemetery. We are also revising the current cemetery rates, fees and regulations.

During the second quarter of 1999, in addition to routine mowing, trimming and equipment repair, the department built a new flower bed with 6"x 6" pressure treated beams in the entire length of the Ruger Parking Lot, planted approximately 70 rose bushes and other flowers and installed an irrigation line. The department also repaired the sprinkler system at the football field at the ARC, fertilized and mulched the trees in front of Snow's building on Main Street, repaired drainage at the south end of the center strip on Main Street, pruned trees on the Town Common, started weed control on Main Street, repaired and replaced pulleys on flag poles, had signs made and placed at Corbin Bridge Park, with Highway Department assistance, we removed a large pine tree at Corbin Bridge Park because of wind storm damage and removed brush in all cemeteries (also due to the wind storm) and completed the second phase of Maple Street Cemetery Restoration.

During the third quarter of 1999, in addition to the routine mowing, trimming and equipment repair, the department repaired the football field sprinkler system again, repaired sunken graves at Pine Grove Cemetery, put up a new "Meadow Park" sign, did the layout for the Apple Pie Crafts Fair on the Common and assisted P.J. Lovely with the planting of trees at the new Meadow Park "park". The department also treated flower beds at the Ruger parking lot and the Main Street strip with insecticide and fertilized, installed new irrigation lines and placed new bark mulch. Major clean up of Main Street, Sunapee Street, West Street and Depot Street was performed for the visit from Vice President Al Gore. The department hired a contractor to complete Phase II of the Maple Street Cemetery Restoration Project, had the Veterans Memorials on the Common professionally cleaned twice because of vandalism from people throwing apples and using magic markers and we prepared Corbin Bridge Park for the Indian PowWow.

During the fourth quarter, along with routine mowing, trimming and equipment repair, the

Continued - Cemetery & Grounds Department

department was busy with the fall clean up program. We had to remulch the Main Street flowerbeds and, again, had vandalism to monuments in the Maple Street and St. Patrick's Cemeteries. We excavated an area on the Common by the crosswalk, installed a portion of red stamped sidewalk in front of one of the oak trees and graded and loamed the area. We assisted the Fire Department with the excavation of an area at the High School in order to pour a concrete pad for the emergency generator building. We marked out all the cemeteries for winter burials and put out grade stakes for plowing purposes. We have been working on maintenance of park benches, trash receptacles and picnic tables. We moved the Nativity Scene to and from the Little Common and put the skating hut on the Common for the ice skating season. We put out a contract bid package to contract our mowing areas to local mowing contractors. We got no response. The department purchased a propane operated Haul Frost Remover for winter grave openings, which has worked very well.

**Brian Richardson**  
**Cemetery & Grounds Superintendent**

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
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**Members:** Nancy Parssinen, Chairman, Jack Liberman, Secretary, June Liberman, Treasurer, Richard Brewer, Frederik Payron, Maellyn Urban

The primary concerns of the Newport Conservation Commission are:

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

We have begun updating the Newport Trails Map, a map of class six roads first printed in 1973. David Christie has biked many of the trails and Commission members are walking others in order to assess their condition. A few have almost disappeared, most are no longer passable by four wheel drive vehicles. Recommendations for best use of the trails and the development of a maintenance plan should be completed this coming year.

For their Senior Project, two students from Plymouth State College worked with Sugar River Valley Vocational School students on an interpretive brochure for the sugaring operation in the town forest. The booklets will be available at a special kiosk which is ready to erect in the sugar bush.

Our first household hazardous waste collection was very successful, with over 80 households participating. It was organized by Maellyn Urban, who was our Newport High School Commission member last year. Maellyn worked for us every day during her senior year, receiving class credit for her efforts. She researched, planned and organized the town wide household waste pick-up, found volunteers to help write the grant proposal, located a contractor to do the job, placed an article in the town warrant, spoke at public meetings and on television, and organized volunteers at the pick up site. An excellent job on a difficult and challenging project!

Ron Kelmarczyk of Forest Resource Consultants has completed a ten year management plan for the town forest. Students from the Technical Center were able to spend several days with Mr. Kelmarczyk, both in the classroom and in the field, learning timber cruising techniques, helping to prepare maps, and working on the overall development plan. Portions of the plan will be implemented by the students as outdoor lab activities.

Trees on the north end of the common were professionally evaluated, fertilized and pruned. Some remaining work will be completed this spring.

Commission members have continued working on the town forest trail system. Extensive vandalism at the boardwalk was repaired and the wetland cleaned of trash and debris. The Libermans hosted brown bag lunches on the boardwalk every week during

Continued - Conservation Commission

good weather. Three new trails were scouted out and blazed. Nine members of The Volunteers for Peace helped us with trail work this year. Trails were raked, clipped and cleared of fallen trees. New signs were put up to mark trails and temporary signs have replaced those damaged by vandals. A plank bridge was built over a wet area and trail maps were updated and distributed.

Jacob Cain, a senior at Newport High school is working for us this year on an independent study project. He is acting as liaison between the Highway Department, the Conservation Commission and the agriculture students at the High School as the students clear the area for the new water tank which will be constructed in the town forest. A large patch of rare plants have been removed from the site and transplanted. Trees have been cut and will be used for firewood in the sugar house. Trails affected by the construction are being rerouted.

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.

A considerable amount of our time has been spent on two wetland violations which we reported last year. Neither is completely resolved.

**Nancy Parssinen, Chairman**



**ECONOMIC CORPORATION OF NEWPORT (ECON)  
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**Board of Director**

Kathleen Hubert, President .....	Mark Pitkin, Vice President	
Steven LaValley, Secretary .....	Stephen Ensign, Treasurer	
Richard Bates .....	Ella Casey .....	Mary Lou Reed
Jerry Coogan .....	David McCrillis .....	Daniel P. O'Neill
Elizabeth Maiola .....	William Steff .....	Richard Thomas
Patryc Wiggins .....		Michael Work

Newport will benefit from a total of \$776,000 reinvested in the community under the direction of ECON. The investments come from private citizens, businesses, and local, state, regional, and national foundations all committed to Newport's revitalization.

This year a directors position and the rehabilitation of the historic Nettleton House, were funded by local philanthropy at a cost of \$210,000. The reinvestment in the Nettleton House property allowed Newport to recruit the Sargent Museum of Anthropology and Archeology to establish a permanent home at this site. The ECON office will also be housed at the Nettleton House. A grand opening is scheduled for spring of 2000.

The acquisition, stabilization and temporary beautification of the Eagle Block was a prelude to planning and funding its rehabilitation and re-use. A mix of strategic enterprises is planned, including: a regional welcome center; a resource center/conference site; private businesses; and the permanent home of Newport's Machine Tool Exhibit. \$38,000 was raised privately. \$476,000 was received in grants. The Eagle Block's designation as a National Treasure leveraged statewide press attention highlighting the restoration effort.

ECON was selected to present the Machine Tool Exhibit at Washington DC for the Smithsonian Folklife Festival. ECON raised \$16,000 in grants to hire professional exhibit builders to re-stage and further develop this Exhibit to represent the state's precision metal working industry at the nation's capital. The Exhibit returned home to Newport and will be re-staged again in Hopkinton, when the state re-creates the Smithsonian Folklife Festival for the New Hampshire audience, at the Hopkinton Fair Grounds, June 7 - 11 this spring.

The Machine Tool Exhibit forms the foundation and impetus for a primary component of the resource center/conference site slated for the third floor of the Eagle Block. The Exhibit publicly defines the history of Newport's precision metal working industry, including the development of its workforce. The Exhibit's identification and assessment of the capacities of the area's locally-owned shops establishes a base for next steps through the resource center: job enhancement activities; youth and incumbent-worker recruitment; entrepreneurial support; and collective marketing to the international economy.

To these ends, the ECON director works on a regional level, partnering with Sullivan County Economic Development Council (SCEDC) to build new relationships with the high tech sector



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in the Upper Valley. This ECON/SCEDC effort aims to strengthen the cluster of 49 precision metal working shops in the county. The resource center's focus on precision metal working is predicated on the state's identification of the critical role of this industry to the area's economy. The resource center, in addition to this focus on precision metal working, will be designed to support Newport's broadly defined business community.

Based on the Newport community's tradition of community projects through the nineties, ECON was selected to represent the state in a national millennium project that involves the schools, the library, NCTV, civic groups, and the businesses situated from the top of Sunapee Street to the townline in Guild. Garnering funds totaling \$36,000 from the NH State Council on the Arts, the Lila Wallace Readers Digest Foundation, the Newport Fund, and the National Endowment for the Arts, Newport's millennium project uses the language arts to highlight the community/economic contributions of locally owned enterprises and workers. Based on an earlier writing project in Newport called SPIN (Self Portraits in Newport), SPIN in the Millennium will culminate with the publication of a book. The production of Newport's Third Community Mural, will be another outcome SPIN is planned to provide the information to visually interpret contemporary work, workplaces, and workers included on this stretch of businesses lining the contour of the Sugar River.

Downtown revitalization is an ongoing ECON focus. The director partners with state agencies, local business, community economic development leaders, and an array of outside funders in the recruitment of strategic enterprises to foster sustainable/restorative growth for Newport's transitioning economy. Restaurants, specialty retail, outdoor recreational opportunities, cultural and eco-tourist activities based on the distinct attributes of the area, residential improvements, riverside park development, and retainment of the courts are cultivated as a comprehensive endeavor to revitalize the downtown environs.

In addition to the active partners involved with community-wide business development and downtown development, the ECON director maintains a network with state and national legislators, state commissioners, national foundations, the university system, businesses of all sizes, and others to build the community's economic capacity via innovative ventures.

**Kathleen Hubert, ECON President**

**Congratulations to the  
Newport Firefighters Associations  
for winning the**

**Newport Area Chamber of Commerce  
Distinguished Citizens Award**

Members of the Newport Firefighters Association were the recipients on February 3, 2000 of the Newport Area Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Citizens Award, awarded for the second year to a team of friends and neighbors who work diligently on behalf of the community. Presenter was incoming Chamber President Jeff Miller, center. Firefighters are: (back row, from left) Barry Sleath, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. John Barton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jim Blood, (NFA Standing Committee), Lt. Chris Marcotte, Lt. Mike Sanderson, (NFA Treasurer), Bill Stone, Bob Brunt, NFA President Dave McCrillis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Ken Carleton, Lt. Steve Dube Sr. (NFA Clerk), and Chris Amos; (front row, from left) 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Mike Rastallis (NFA Standing Committee), Chief Peter Lamb, Deputy Chief Wayne Conroy, Miller, Mike Hartwell, and Lt. Bill Carley. Missing from the picture are Honorary Lifetime members Jim Wright, Artie Demeis, Ed Karr, Bruce MacDonald, Jack Marcotte, and David Jones; also missing from the photo are Capt. Peter Cadenhead, Chris Gaspar (NFA Standing Committee), Ramon Greene, Dean Gregory, Rob Kuell, Joel Lussier, Larry Ouellette, Jason Rook, and John Ryba.



Photo Courtesy of Brad Sears, Newport Fire Department Photographer & Wicked Good Calendar.



**FIRE DEPARTMENT  
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**Fire Chief**

Peter M. Lamb

**Deputy Fire Chief (call)**

Wayne Conroy

**EMS Division Chief**

Brian Tracey

**FIRE OPERATIONS**

Captain Peter Cadenhead

Lieutenant/EMT William Carley

Lieutenant/EMT Steven Dube

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Michael Rastallis (call)

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Ken Carleton (call)

Firefighter Barry Sleath (call)

Firefighter Larry Ouellette (call)

Firefighter/EMT Chris Amos (call)

Firefighter Dean Gregory (call)

Firefighter Jon Ryba (call)

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Firefighter Chris Gasper (call)

**EMS DIVISION (call)**

EMT Michael Dixon

EMT Thomas Clough

EMT Susan Gregory

EMT Allen White

EMT John Galloway

EMT Melissa Patten

EMT Jodie Gregory

EMT Justin Montgomery

EMT Tammy Tait

EMT Keith Gregory

EMT Gary Nichols

EMT Wenda White

EMT Benjamin Holobowicz

EMT Dianne Fournier

EMT Barbara Daly

EMT Mark Beaudry

EMT Allan Dube

The Fire Department is a full service municipal fire service. The Department was reorganized with incorporation of the Newport Ambulance Service last year. The Department has been formed into two divisions: Fire Operations and Emergency Medical Services (EMS). The Career Fighters work 11 hour days and 13 hour nights, with the Chief working primary the day shift and responding when available after normal hours. The Fire Operations is staffed with four career firefighters/officers and currently twenty-one call firefighters/officers. The EMS division is currently staffed by the EMS Division Chief who works four twelve hour days (M-TH) and is subject to call back as well as twenty call Emergency Medical Technicians.

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The Fire Chief is responsible for the administration, direction and control of the Department. Several people were promoted over the last year and are reflected above. The Department continues to experience “growing pains” and an increase in call volume.

The EMS Division handled roughly 1040 calls that is 22 calls over last year that brings the three year call volume well over 1000 calls a year. The year 2000 has also started off with a tremendous work load, with a record amount of calls for January and February in the history of the Town.

Fire Operations responded to over 344 calls during the year and are outlined as follows:

Fire (Not Classified)	3	Building fires	11
Fires in out buildings	1	Cooking fires	1
Chimney fires	2	Vehicle fires	12
Brush, Grass, Woods	10	Trash/dumpster fires	7
Outside fire	2	Steam	3
Explosion	1	EMS assist	5
Extrication calls	10	Water rescue	2
Rescue Stand by	9	Hazardous incident	10
Gasoline spills	19	Oil spills	9
Chemical leaks	1	Propane leaks/odors	8
Carbon monoxide	4	Smoke or odor	25
Animal calls	2	Assist other agencies	10
Public service	2	Unauthorized burning	27
Controlled burning	13	Mutual aid	12
Good intent calls	11	False calls	6
Malfunction alarms	21	Unintentional alarms	25
Weather related	2	Compliant	1
Vehicle accidents	9	Water emergencies	14
Service calls	13	Lock outs	7
Wires down/or Arcing	6	Other	12

Personnel continues to be the Department’s most valuable resource and thus personnel training and protective equipment is a priority to properly maintain. EMS call personnel were outfitted with portable radios and new uniforms were ordered for them, in part by the generous support of the Newport Service Organization (NSO). Several firefighters participated in a First Responder’s Course (medical training) this year as well. All new Career Firefighters must be EMT’s as well as state certified Firefighters. The Call Firefighters must become state certified Firefighters as soon as possible. Many hours are spent in both divisions to maintain skill levels. Several individuals must travel out of town to maintain their skills or acquire new ones for certification.

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Fire apparatus and equipment are checked daily and weekly for readiness. The 1981 ladder truck was sent to a manufacturers certified repair facility for hydraulic and ladder upgrades to correct deficiencies that were noted when tested last fall. Some new hose and equipment have been placed in service to increase the effectiveness of the apparatus. The 1986 Ambulance that served the community well was found unfit for the road in November and placed out of service.

The Department is also tasked with numerous other duties as it relates to community service and fire safety activities. Public Education details are conducted in the grade schools along with the Police Department's Resource Officer. The Department also conducts inspections for Hazardous Materials, Oil Burner Inspections, Life Safety and Building code issues with the Building Official. This past year there were over 78 inspections made. The Department also is a deer tagging station for the State of New Hampshire. This past year the Department tagged and registered 67 bucks and 43 does for a total of 110 deer for the 1999 hunting season.

The Fire Department is proud of its heritage and its traditions. We are pleased that the Newport Chamber of Commerce selected the Newport Firefighters Association as the Community's "Distinguished Citizens Of The Year" award. As Chief of the Department, I wish to extend my sincere appreciation and admiration to the members and their families of both divisions of the Fire Department, for their loyalty and dedication to serve. A special note of thanks to retiring EMT, Thomas Clough who served this community as a call volunteer with the EMS Division (Newport Ambulance) for roughly twenty-two years. We also want to thank you, our customers and taxpayers for allowing us to serve and the Department Heads and Town employees for their cooperation. This is what makes Newport not only a good place to work, but a great place to live.

## Newport Emergency Management

This past year, Co-Directors Chief Lamb and Chief Hoyt took an aggressive role in preparing for possible situations relating to the Y2K. Several areas were examined for preparedness, upgrades, and solutions. The following areas were looked at: communications for emergency services and town government, possible sheltering for the community, and emergency back-up power for essential services.

A reconditioned generator that used to be in service at the Waste Water Treatment Plant was installed to provide heat, limited lighting and cooking needs at the Middle High School and became a permanent emergency shelter.

During the year the community also faced several weather related incidents in which the Directors worked closely with the Police, Fire/EMS, and Public Works to ensure that roads



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were passable due to the conditions. They also worked with the utilities companies to restore services. This involved many extra hours for many of our community workers.

In the future, we will be striving to upgrade emergency operation plans for the community and will be trying to outfit the Newport Middle High School to become a better shelter with proper training and equipment. On behalf of all the workers who serve the community during an emergency, we like to thank you for your support and understanding.

### Local Forest Fire Warden Report

As local Forest Fire Warden and Chief of the Fire Department, I have noticed that the Fire Department responds to many calls for smoke in the area which people are burning with or without proper authorization. These needless calls put our responding personnel at risk and cost each of us, as taxpayers, money. Therefore, in the months ahead we will be looking for ways to improve service to those of you who wish to burn and also try to limit risks. We are asking anyone that burns, including burn barrels, to get a permit from the Fire Department prior to burning. This is to limit the amount of times that the Fire Department responds to needless calls.

During the past year, the deputy fire wardens permitted over 500 fires within the community. I wish to thank all of you who come down to the station to get permits and that burn safely, as well as the deputy wardens who help make the system work.

**Peter M. Lamb, Fire Chief**

### **REPORT OF STATE FOREST RANGER 1999**

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To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Fire permits are required for any open burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow where the burning will be done. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are eleven Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. During the 1999 season Forest Rangers were busy assisting communities with suppression of difficult and remote multi-day fires. Forest Rangers have also investigated numerous complaints regarding violations of the timber

harvest and forest fire laws, and taken enforcement action to ensure compliance. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The 1999 fire season was a challenging but safe year for wildland firefighters in New Hampshire. The severe drought conditions throughout the spring and summer months combined with residual effects of 1998 Ice Storm, resulting in a dramatic increase in wildland fires. In addition to burning in excess of 452 acres, 35 structures were also impacted by wildfire. Wildland fires in the urban interface is a serious concern for both landowners and firefighters. Homeowners can help protect their structures by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure the houses are properly identified with street numbers.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens, aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

Please contact your local fire department before doing ANY outside burning.

**REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!!**

**1999 FIRE STATISTICS**

(All Fires Reported thru December 10, 1999)

**TOTALS BY COUNTY**

	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Hillsborough	271	50
Rockingham	218	111
Merrimack	213	115
Belknap	139	66
Cheshire	131	28
Strafford	98	26
Carroll	81	17
Grafton	70	18
Sullivan	62	17
Coos	18	3.25
	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
1999	1301	452.28
1998	798	442.86

**CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED**

Debris Burning	352
Miscellaneous*	279
Smoking	188
Children	176
Campfire	161
Arson/Suspicious	54
Equipment Use	43
Lightning	42
Railroad	6

\* Miscellaneous (powerlines, fireworks, structures, OHRV)

**HERITAGE COMMISSION  
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Patrice Brewer, Chairman	Sharon Christie, Vice Chair
Roger Nelson, Secretary/Treasurer	Martha Cain
Michael Dixon, Alternate	Laura Kessler
Patricia Pflanz, Alternate	Cliff Richer
	Gary Nichols, Selectmen's Rep

The role of the Heritage Commission is to preserve and safeguard the heritage of the town. Members of the commission share a common vision which is to conserve property values within Newport's Town Common State Historic District and Downtown National Historic District, to foster civic beauty and to strengthen the historic heritage for the education, pleasure, and welfare of the citizens of Newport.

The Commission meets the first Thursday of February, May, September, and December at 4:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. The Commission may also meet at other times during the year for public hearings and special meetings.

On April 14, 1999 there was a public hearing of the Commission requested by Sugar River Savings Bank to add a fourth drive-up lane with an extended canopy onto the existing bank branch building and to construct a two-lane drive up ATM building to the rear of the existing bank branch with ingress/egress to Pearl Street. The request was unanimously approved.

There was a second public hearing on April 14, 1999 requested by the Town of Newport to remove the tree from the Little Common and replace it with the restored antique McClintock Street Clock and landscape the area. The request was approved and then moved to the Annual Town Meeting for voter approval.

On August 5, 1999 there was a public hearing of the Commission requested by the Reprisal Chapter of the National society of the Daughters of the American Revolution to move the memorial to Rear Admiral Belknap from the top of Belknap Avenue to the Richard's Library property on the corner of North Main Street and Belknap Avenue and remount the cannon ball on top of the boulder. The hearing was continued to September 16, 1999 when the Commission gave approval for the request.

On November 7, 1999 the Commission held a ceremony to recognize the current owners of forty-two historic objects and buildings located within the town's two historic districts. The property owners were presented with certificates and brass plaques bearing the name of the original owner of these historic landmarks. The plaques will be affixed to these historic structures to identify their historic significance. A Commendation by Governor Jeanne Shaheen was read by Rep. Gordon Flint commending the citizens of Newport for their dedication to historic preservation and conservation.

**Patrice Brewer, Chairman**



**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
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**Superintendent**

Fraser L. Michaud

**Working Forman**

Michael E. Patten

**Truck Driver/Equipment Operators**

Larry A. Glidden

Wilbur G. Martin

Stephen B. Carley

William C. Scanlon, Jr.

Back-to-Back freezing rain and sleet storms in January, snow, sleet and freezing rain in February, an ice-pack that lasts for two months, torrential rains on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, May 20<sup>th</sup>, June 29<sup>th</sup> and mid-July, Hurricane Floyd in September, a major wind storm on July 6<sup>th</sup> that turns the Town into a maze of closed roads due to fallen trees and downed power lines . . . and all of this during what was supposed to be a drought? Normal New England weather? We would like to express our appreciation to the residents of Newport for their patience while we dealt with each individual situation presented by the aforementioned storms.

Along with seasonal, daily, and minor projects, the Highway Department was involved with the following major projects:

The Department replaced eight old culverts and installed two new culverts in preparation for Phase I of the Blueberry Ridge Road Reclamation Project. The project was completed in August by United Construction, at which time we installed the shoulder gravel and the ditch stone. Culverts were then replaced in preparation for Phase II of this project.

A one-half mile section of Cornish Turnpike Road was ditched along with the installation of several new culverts to improve an ongoing drainage problem. Fabric and gravel were also installed in problem areas.

The runway approach at Parlin Field was paved, along with Dexter Avenue. A drag shim was applied to sections of Hatch Avenue, Whitney Avenue, Prospect Street, Cheney Street, Clark Street, Elm Street, Second Street, Fourth Street and sections of sidewalk on Main Street.

Culvert replacement was begun on Springfield Road in preparation for future road improvements, and grader-ditching was done on several gravel roads to improve existing drainage problems.

The equipment purchase of the year had to have been the tailgate cross-spreader. This was put into immediate use the day of it's arrival repairing shoulder washouts and saved many hours of labor installing shoulder gravel on Blueberry Ridge Road. It works with gravel, stone, and has been used with asphalt. Thank you once again for your support.

**Fraser Michaud  
Highway Superintendent**



**HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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Arthur Walsh, President . . . . . Vacant - Vice President  
Harold Perkins, Secretary . . . . . Sharon Christie, Treasurer  
Harold Perkins, Museum Curator . . . . . 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.

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 in the community room of the Sugar River Savings Bank. Our membership year runs from October 1 to September 30 next.

The museum continues to be the focal point of our society. Under the able leadership and dedication of our curator, Harold Perkins, the museum has been visited by many people from young students of our local schools to travelers and residents interested in the town's history. Especially interesting have been the exhibit dealing with the graduating classes from Towle High School. As each reunion occurs, a display has been fashioned to honor that class and it has been well received by the alumni.

The museum has an extensive collection of photographs that were given to us by a local newspaper. The task is to identify and catalog all of these images. Harold Perkins has been working on this project for many months and would welcome any help members of the public would care to render.

We are still issuing an invitation to anyone in Newport or the surrounding area that would be interested in presenting a program dealing with any historical topic at future meetings. If you have a desire to help us and have a topic which may be of interest, please contact the Historical Society by mail at P.O. Box 413, Newport, NH 03773.

If you have any material or artifacts that illustrate the history of Newport and would like to see them preserved for future generations to see and appreciate, please make arrangements with us.

**Roger R. Nelson  
Outgoing President**

**JOINT LOSS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
1999 ANNUAL "SAFETY" REPORT**

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Brad Lane, Building Inspector, Chair . . . . . Ken Dennis, Buildings, Vice Chair  
Kelly Butler, Water/Sewer, Secretary . . . . . Shady Blackwell, Police  
Lisa Pitkin, Town Office . . . . . Peter Lamb, Fire Chief . . . . . PJ Lovely, Recreation  
Dan O'Neill, Town Manager . . . . . Ed Schinck, Public Works  
Brian Tracey, Ambulance . . . . . Craig Robertson, Police . . . . Steven Dube Sr., Highway

The Joint Loss Management (Safety) Committee has had an active year. Many employees participated in an Employee Health Fitness Challenge during the first half of the year. It was organized by the Health and Fitness Sub-Committee. In April, some employees participated in the NHMA 2000 Mile Wellness/Fitness Challenge. The committee sponsored a workshop on Personal Protective Equipment at the Public Works Garage in May. In June the committee sponsored Employee Health Screening which was made available to all employees. The committee sponsored a workshop on Food Prep & Health Hazards which was put on by Sullivan County Extension Office. On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Bill Cote from CFNH came to speak about the importance of humor in the workplace. During the Health Fair the committee set up a Safety Booth and organized a Complementary Health Care Tent with information on twelve different health issues. Four members of the committee attended the NH Celebrates Wellness Conference this year on June 28-30. In July, the committee sponsored a workshop on First Aid In The Workplace which took place at the Rec Center. Peter Lamb set up a Firefighter Safety Program sponsored in part by Compensation Funds of New Hampshire. The Police and Highway Departments were involved in safety training during the year. The Fire Dept. was involved in Fire Safety Week in the schools.

The Safety Committee meets to review injury reports and reduce injuries. Recommendations are made to provide a safer work environment and to plan safety and health-related training. Safety tips are posted on bulletin boards, and the committee does yearly safety inspections of town owned buildings to identify safety hazards.

Some training topics we have considered for future programs are aerobics, nutrition/exercise, health and smoking, wellness/fitness challenge, healthy foods & labels, complementary health care strategies, work station review, blood pressure & cardiovascular concerns, health and exercise, building and fire safety, health and safety newsletter, workplace humor, personal protective equipment, CPR/emergency first aid training, and firefighter 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 programs. It is our focus to educate town employees on health and safety practices that can be beneficial to them. We seek to make the town of Newport a safe and healthy place to work.

**Brad Lane, Chairman**

**LAKE SUNAPEE REGION VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION  
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Depot Square, Newport

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Over the last decade, health care delivery has evolved from a system where each component of care (physician, hospital, nursing home or home care) operated in its own world, often isolated from the other, to a highly integrated world where the skills of many providers and an abundance of new technologies are organized around the needs of a specific patient. During this same period, health care organizations have struggled to meet the needs of all customers and remain innovative because of the stifling effects of government regulations and reduced reimbursement. We are entering an exciting era where we have tremendous opportunities to provide medical care to individuals and families due to advances in drug therapy and in disease management and prevention, but we must do this in a way that is cost effective and demonstrates the best practice and produces quality outcomes.

Relationships are at the core of what will make us successful in the future. LSR VNA is affiliated with New London Hospital and Capital Region Health Care. These relationships help us access clinical expertise, purchase cost-effectively and provide a continuum of care. We also have a relationship with Colby-Sawyer College in which we provide clinical experiences for nursing students and our staff has access to laboratory facilities for education. Relationships with local schools, the Council on Aging and other community resources help us to respond to the needs of those for whom we provide care. This year we have implemented a Community Council with representation from the towns we serve. This group is an additional vehicle to bring us information about the health care needs of the community and to take information about our programs back to the community. Finally, and most importantly, we have wonderful relationships with people in the community, whether they be Trustees, employees, the many people and businesses who donate time or gifts, or patients and their families.

To meet its mission of providing high quality home health care services that support the dignity and independence of people in this community, LSR VNA has invested heavily in technology and in education over the past year. Technology allows us to collect critical information about patient outcomes and costs and also allows us to bring clinical tools, such as very portable ECG machines, to your home that assist your physician in caring for you. As hospital stays become shorter and more illnesses are treated on an outpatient basis, it is very important that our staff receive education in areas like intravenous therapy, cardiology, pain management and complex wound care.



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LSR VNA offers a number of other community benefits including:

- Bereavement support groups and home visits for adults and children
- Hospice volunteer training
- Medication assistance and preventive dental care for needy children
- Blood pressure and other screening clinics and health fairs
- Weekly Parent-Child Support Group
- Clinical experience for nursing and certified nursing assistant students
- Community education programs on CPR, First Aid, preventive health care and parenting
- Participation in local career days
- Meeting room space for outside groups
- Participation on state-wide health planning groups
- Vaccines at cost or free of charge for adults and children
- Storage and distribution of food for the Kearsarge Food Pantry
- Christmas program for needy families
- Administration of the Lifeline personal response program
- Speaker's Bureau

During the past year, LSR VNA provided many services to residents of Newport. Our Home Care program provided 4673 visits to 130 individuals. Our Hospice program provided 746 visits to 14 residents. Lifeline Personal Response System service was provided for 21 residents. Our Long-term Care program provided 14,895 hours of care for 42 residents. Immunizations, including flu vaccines, were provided for 278 residents. Maternal and Child Health services included well child and dental clinic care for 121 children; prenatal care for 4 individuals; newborn/postpartum care for 47 families; 96 visits by outreach counselors; and Parent-child program support for 34 families.

This year more than 30 staff and volunteers residing in Newport helped us provide care and services for our patients and families or served on our Board of Trustees or Community Council. Trustees from Newport this year were Newcome Eldredge and Catherine Feeney. All of those people, and especially the patients and families we've served, are grateful for the continuing support of the town of Newport.

**Andrea F. Steel, President and CEO**

**LIBRARY ARTS CENTER  
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Doris Nelson

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We raised the roof at Towle School gymnasium on the last afternoon before spring vacation in 1999, with a band called Recycled Percussion banging on tin oil drums and pots and pans, even rat-a-tatting up and down a wooden ladder to the delighted shrieks of students. There had just been a parade on the common led by a fifteen foot recycled dragon as over 200 students marched along playing their own recycled instruments. This was the culmination of a month long LAC project, "Recycled Reinventions" linking art and science while making it fun.

"Work by NH Architects," an exhibit of plans and models by the NH branch of the American Institute of Architects opened the season in February. "Recycled Reinventions", March 19 - April 24, combined a New England wide invitational exhibit by artists who use recycled materials in their work with a residency by Ha'Penny Theatre. A grant for this project from the NH State Council on the Arts was supplemented by donations from area businesses and the Newport Rotary. The Newport Middle High School Biennial Exhibit, with floor to ceiling art in two galleries was held April 20 - May 29. The "Four Clubs Photography Exhibit," June 4- July 10, was an excellent quality exhibit of photography from Newport, Hanover, Peterborough, and Keene with LAC dark room demonstrations and a photography workshop offered. "LAC Selections", July 16- August 14, featured work by two sculptors, Loretta Barnett and Loren Howard, plus innovative photography by Thomas St. Martin. The Backstage Gallery was devoted to pastel landscapes by Betsy Derrick. These artists were chosen by judges from the previous year's Juried Regional.

Summer workshops and classes for both children and adults were offered, as well as a Summer Performances for Kids series sponsored by the Friends of Richards Free Library. The LAC Apple Pie Craft Fair was held on the Newport Common August 28th. Gloria Stetson won the Apple Pie Contest.

"The LAC Juried Regional Exhibit", August 20 - September 25, included both amateur and professional artists. Ten artists were selected to be featured during the 2000 season. The

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Soo-Nipi Quilters Guild exhibit with the theme "America the Beautiful", followed for October 1-23. It is a very popular regional draw, with guest book entries from all over the USA as well as tourists from as far as South Africa. "Those Inventive Aikens: Models Machines and Mechanical Inventors of 19th Century New Hampshire" followed in the Backstage Gallery. A seminar held on Nov. 19 brought in Aikens family members from all around the area. "When We Were Kids: Toys of the 40's, 50's and 60's" was a nostalgic visit to some of the classics, with the gallery decorated for the Holidays, Nov. 12-Dec. 18. Groups such as the Newport Rotary, as well as individuals, are discovering the LAC is a great place to hold parties and events. The Dickens Craft Fair, held at the Newport Middle High School on Dec. 4th.

The Library Arts Center serves Newport as a cultural center for the arts. It promotes regional artists and offers residents and visitors the opportunity to observe, study and participate in the arts. Changing exhibits of fine arts, crafts and history presented in two galleries show a variety of styles and mediums. Gallery talks, demonstrations and workshops complement the exhibits and offer further insight and appreciation of the art work. A very active educational program gives local students tours of exhibits and provides teachers with pre-visit and follow up activities. Studio art classes for children and adults include pottery, photography, crafts and fine arts. Area organizations, as well as private citizens, use the LAC for meetings and events. The Library Arts Center is unique in the Library - Arts connection, having existed since 1967 with a separate Board of Trustees and separate budget in the building owned by the Richards Free Library.

The LAC operates without tax support from the town. Memberships, business donations, fund raisers, and grants, and income from an endowment, make up the budget. The high quality of visual arts programming has won the Arts Center grants and awards. The LAC is active in the NH Visual Arts Coalition and other established arts organizations. It is a well designed and beautiful space for a small town facility.

So much is accomplished with the help of area businesses with their generous sponsorships of programs. Behind the scenes are many volunteers who have come when called throughout the year. Thanks to the many Newporters who have become members of the Library Arts Center. We couldn't do it without you.

**Doris Nelson, Executive Director**



**NEW HAMPSHIRE/VERMONT  
SOLID WASTE PROJECT**

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Peter Franklin, Representative . . . . . Daniel P. O'Neill, Representative

The Project offices greeted 1999 in new offices located at 130 Pleasant Street in Claremont. This move provided cost savings as well as updated facilities and better parking.

As we did in 1998, every effort was made to keep the tipping fee low, which again worked to discourage diversion of waste from our communities. The collective efforts of all Project representatives resulted in the delivery of approximately 49,700 tons to the Claremont incinerator. The continuing efforts of both the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District and the Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District to responsibilities for solid waste management and disposal have benefitted us all.

Both the short and long term planning efforts begun in 1998 continued throughout 1999. We are still faced with a lack of capacity at the ash landfill because it will be full in early 2001, and a decision on whether to close the facility and pay the additional cost of transporting the ash to an alternative landfill or to construct some type of expansion needs to be made in the immediate future.

The Project continued its efforts to solicit all ideas and concepts in order to make the best possible decisions with regard to the future of the landfill, ash disposal options through 2007 and consideration of the future of the Project after the Waste Disposal Agreement expires in 2007. As part of this effort, proposals were solicited from the general public as well as the waste industry. Each person who submitted a proposal was given an opportunity to make a presentation to the Joint Meeting to ensure that all ideas were fully understood.

This process took us into the fall and resulted in the decision to finish the process with the assistance of a professional facilitator as well as a recommendation that the issues under consideration be divided into two tracks. A final decision on the facilitator(s) is anticipated in early 2000, and the facilitator is anticipated to be used to address the long-term planning considerations, while the Joint Meeting will address the short-term issue of the landfill reaching capacity in the short-term. In November the Joint Meeting decided to use an anonymous ballot vote to identify the top three preferences of a majority of representatives based upon all the options presented to date. The results of the poll indicate the following:

1. Transfer Property to Wheelabrator
2. Lateral Expansion of the Landfill
3. Vertical Expansion of the Landfill

On the legislative front, there were several bills introduced in the New Hampshire Legislature that affected the Project and/or the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District, while activity affecting the Project in the Vermont legislature was fairly quiet. Among the most noteworthy were the mercury bill, establishment of a committee to study the NH District, and a bill introduced by the Town of Newport to remove the ash landfill's exemption from local land use controls as a result of its municipal ownership.

The mercury bill received a large amount of attention from the Project office and many individual representatives because it poses significant cost implications to both Districts. Every effort was made with the assistance of Senator Disnard (Claremont) and Senator Johnson (Meredith) to ensure that state funds were included so that the bill did not create an unfunded mandate for the New Hampshire communities. This effort will continue through this legislative session as the bill has gone to a conference committee between the House and Senate to reconcile differences in the versions passed by each. If successful in maintaining funding for the New Hampshire communities, this will avoid an expense which could potentially exceed \$866,000 for capital costs and tens of thousands of dollars in annual operating and maintenance expenses required by the retrofit through 2007. As you can see, the impacts are potentially significant and the continuing assistance and support of the towns and representatives is greatly appreciated.

Representative Tuthill (Acworth) introduced several bills in the New Hampshire legislature which were harmful to the common interests of the Project. Only one of Representative Tuthill's bills passed and that was a bill that created a legislative committee to study the organizational, financial, and environmental impacts of the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District of Sullivan County. This committee is comprised of Representative Patten, Leone, and Foster, as well as Senators Disnard, Johnson, and Below. Given the scope of the task, the committee chair, Representative Patten, is seeking authorization for an extension to file a report. This committee has held several meetings in Concord as well as a public forum in Claremont, and has received voluminous materials from many interested parties. If you would like more information on this committee, please feel free to contact the Project offices at 603-543-1201.

Discussions with the Town of Newport are continuing in an effort to address the concerns of the community hosting the ash landfill with regard to future uses of the site. The Town of Newport adopted a zoning ordinance and land use regulations at their last town meeting which address solid waste facilities.

The only litigation involving the Project in 1999 was a lawsuit filed by Newport Representative Peter Franklin seeking access to confidential information under the New Hampshire "right to know law" (RSA 91-A) which provides access to public records to members of the public. Unfortunately, this issue has escalated because of efforts by Mr.

Franklin's attorneys to raise questions on whether the Project's collective activities are controlled by the Joint Meeting or independently by the individual districts. As many of you may recall, this issue with regard to budget authority was settled through an arbitration between the two districts several years ago and confirmed that the Joint Meeting is the body which holds the collective authority to govern the Project. It is hoped that a decision by the Executive Committee establishing controls on access by Mr. Franklin to confidential information will resolve this case, thereby avoiding further litigation or the potential need for another arbitration.

The FY2000 budget was adopted by the Joint Meeting in the amount of \$3,587,983. This budget allows the tipping fee to remain competitive at \$66.88 per ton, effective January 1, 2000. The Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District voted to adopt a budget which included an additional \$2/per ton surcharge to generate funds for District specific activities including household hazardous waste collection. As of the writing of this report, the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District has yet to adopt an annual budget. The VT District tipping fee will go into effect on March 1, 2000 for waste delivered from its member communities.

As 1999 draws to a close, we continue to enjoy active participation in district and executive committee meetings. The future decisions made by the Joint Meeting will undoubtedly be made stronger by this public involvement and community input.

**Mary E.S. Williams**  
**Project Director**



**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
1999 ANNUAL REPORT**

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**Chief of Police**

David A. Hoyt

**Administrative Secretary**

Victoria Orvis

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**Full Time Officers**

Deputy Chief Shady Blackwell III .....	Lieutenant James R. Brown
Sergeant Denis O'Sullivan .....	Detective Eric Daignault
Patrolman Richard G. Lee .....	Patrolman William Russell
Patrolman Craig Robertson .....	Patrolman Tim Barone
Patrolman Aaron Aldridge .....	Patrolman Heather Shea
School Resource Officer James Burroughs .....	

**Part-Time Officer**

Robert Ballou (Capt. Ret) .....

**Full-Time Communication Specialists**

Mary Hoyt	John Taylor	Susan Gregory	Kevin Boucher
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**Part-Time Communication Specialists**

Amy Maslin .....

Cara Tibbits

In my seventh report as Chief of Police for Newport, I report the following:

At last years Town Meeting a warrant article for a new computer system was approved. This article was offset by a grant from the U.S. Government. The grant paid for 75% while the Town paid for 25%. Complete new computers were purchased for the Department and a new software program. The software allows us to have modern police programs that are compatible with the State of New Hampshire system. This allows statistics and NIBR's to be submitted to the State quicker and easier. The system was installed in November and went on line in December. While the system is far more complex than what we previously had, the staff is adapting to it very quickly.

This past year continued to be extremely busy for the Department. We saw the loss of four officers, three who moved on to other police agencies. The reason for their leaving was mainly due to financial obligations, but also included wanting to work within a less busy atmosphere. Two of the three went to a Police Department where they are making a few thousand dollars more annually and the Department has a 75% lower case load. The third officer joined State Police. Their combined time of service with Newport was over twelve years.

We have hired four new officers to replace those who left. None of the officers hired were certified, and will attend the Police Academy. Two of the four are from Newport and two

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are from out of state. The training of the new officers will take many months and each will be required to attend the N.H. Police Academy for twelve weeks. Two of the new officers graduate in the middle of January 2000, while another graduates in the middle of April 2000 and the fourth sometime after the summer 2000.

Until these officers graduate and are back on the road, changes within the Police Department had to take place to maintain proper police coverage in our community. This meant that sacrifices had to be made and some officers had to change their job description temporarily until the new recruits graduate. Programs such as Bicycle Patrol, and Park and Walk, did not occur during the warmer months as new officers were being trained.

The Department also saw the loss of a veteran Communications Specialist who entered the private sector. The amount of work, combined with working weekends and holidays coupled with an ever increasing stressful, busy environment, made her look for a job with less work, less stress and more money while having weekends and holidays off.

The School Resource Officer program is in its second year and is continuing to expand. The program has continued to foster a ever growing relationship between the school and the town and many students have enjoyed the presence of a Police Officer within the school. SRO Burroughs continues to instruct students in various topics and has completed his second year of teaching the program G.R.E.A.T. This programs teaches students about drugs, violence, peer pressure, and many other problems that face our young. It is the fastest growing program in the country and is updated annually.

The police facility continues to be a great asset. The design has been very beneficial to the Department and has allowed us to work in a positive environment. Officers volunteering their time have almost finished the cellar area into a training and storage area. Officers over the past couple of years have installed interior walls, ceilings, paint and insulation in this area. The Police Association also purchased weight training equipment and placed it in this area. Effective next year, it will become mandatory for Police Officers to participate and pass a physical training course every three years in order to remain certified in the State.

Some deficiencies within the facility have been apparent, the most common being maintenance. At the time of construction, certain items were eliminated or reduced to a cheaper product to save money. Now we are noticing that most of our tile flooring is cracked, breaking apart and leaving holes. The sub-flooring in many areas is creating problems throughout the facility. Another problem that is reoccurring is the heat and air-conditioning of the entire facility. With one zone for the entire first floor, parts of the building remain very cold while other areas are always hot. We have tried many solutions to correct the problem. The buildings maintenance section is requesting the spending of money remaining from interest bonding of this building to correct some of the deficiencies and lower maintenance cost.



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The requirements for hiring new Officers continues to increase. Along with written and oral testing of an applicant, an extensive background, physical testing, polygraph testing, psychological testing, drug screening, and medical testing, must be completed and usually takes several months to complete. Then once hired, many additional months of initial training are conducted by a Field Training Officer before the recruit is sent to the Police Academy. Upon return from the Academy the recruit faces continuing regular evaluations, and training. Within two years a new Officer is seasoned to have witnessed or participated in most aspects of police calls. From here an Officer can specialize in a specific area of law enforcement and begin to train in this area.

The communications section continues to be very busy. It is estimated that approximately 40 % of the work the communications section does is for out of town agencies. Most times one communications specialist handles twelve different radio frequencies communicating with up to seventeen different agencies. They are also responsible for answering twelve phone lines and walk-in complaints to the lobby.

The Board of Selectmen approved increasing dispatching fees for area towns. This will help offset the expenses of the communications section, while funding this area for the work that communications does for other agencies. I have asked for a \$10,000 capital reserve budget. This is to fund the replacement of communications equipment that wears out, or breaks down beyond repair. With the increase of fees received from other communities, we agreed to place a part of the revenue received from each town in a reserve for future purchases.

We continue to have a cadet program. Students between the ages of 14-19 can participate. Students attend bi-monthly training classes in law enforcement functions and communications. Cadets then can ride with a patrol officer or sit in communications and assist. This gives students the opportunity to learn what law enforcement is all about, and prepare for their future career.

Our evidence room is bursting at the seams with property taken in for cases. We have approximately 10,000 pieces of evidence in our property room at one time. Very few pieces are returned or destroyed monthly, however we add new property each day. We must hold evidence until the court authorizes the release of the property, sometimes several years. Some evidence is transported to the State Lab in Concord for testing and then returned to us. Effective January 2000, Officers must also confiscate weapons and hold them for safekeeping for persons who have been served a temporary restraining order. This means that we will be storing several hundred weapons for several months at a time.

While new legislation is always trying to place more laws on the books to help reduce problems with certain crimes, it also increases the work and requirements that the Police must follow. The time it takes to investigate and follow up cases is increasing daily along with new rules and requirements that the Police must follow. With these increases, comes



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an increase in the financial portion of the Department.

Officers spend many hours investigating cases, that results in the arrest of person(s) involved, then after the arrest, many hours are spent on the same case preparing it for court and during the court proceedings. It is estimated that some cases involve more hours post arrest than pre-arrest. While new laws are often good for the society, the financial impact it is having on towns such as ours is not being addressed.

I would like to thank all the agencies, businesses, and citizens who have assisted and supported the Police Department this past year.

**David A. Hoyt,  
Police Chief**

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
**1999 Annual Report**

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**Mechanic**

James Gagner

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Terry Temple  
Fred Faulkner

In addition to the normal maintenance activities, 1999 found the department involved in numerous projects. A brief description and status of those projects is as follows:

**INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

**Central Street Project**

The water and sewer systems (mains and services) were replaced on Central Street in conjunction with the NH Department of Transportation's (NHDOT) Central Street Reconstruction Project. The project was essentially complete in 1999, however some highway punchlist items remain for the year 2000. With completion of this project, the NHDOT is now responsible for maintenance of Central Street and because of this, the Town will forever save annual Highway Department maintenance costs.

**Fuel Storage Tank Program**

As required by the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), the Public Works Department continued the Town's program of tank removal and remediation at several Town facilities.

- ▶ Meadow Park Site (Former Town Garage): Contaminated soil was excavated and hauled to a remediation facility. Onsite testing, after the excavation, showed that this site is finally a candidate for closure.
- ▶ 22 Fairway Avenue: After some exploratory work, the NHDES issued a directive to perform a Site Investigation Report (site research, soil borings and monitoring wells, soil and groundwater sampling and testing, engineering analysis and report) at this site.
- ▶ Sewer Stations: Underground diesel fuel storage tanks were removed at three sewer stations and based on the tank closure reports, Site Investigation Reports are required for the Guild and Parkview Stations.
- ▶ Recreation Center: The NHDES has directed the Town to remove the existing underground storage tank at the Recreation Center and perform a Level 2 Site Investigation.

After the Town's deductible is met at each site, the department will apply for reimbursement of eligible engineering and remediation work through the Oil Discharge and Disposal Clean up Fund.

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### **Main Street**

With assistance from the businesses in the area, the second phase of the Main Street lighting and sidewalk improvements was completed in the summer of 1999. The project included underground utility work and the installation of brick pavers, granite curb and three light poles between Depot Street and Pearl Street. Before the NHDOT's overlay of the Main Street area, conduit was installed under Main Street for the power and control wiring for the McClintock Street Clock. Plans are currently underway for the third phase of the Main Street improvements which, will reconstruct the retaining wall from the Lewis Block to the Sullivan County Cooperative Extension building in the summer of 2000. This project will also include reconstruction of the sidewalk with brick pavers and installation of three light poles.

## WATER & SEWER

To advance the department's program of improving our water system and its water quality, work continued on the following projects:

### **Water Tank**

Dufresne-Henry, Inc. of Manchester, NH was awarded the engineering services contract for the Town's precast, prestressed concrete water tank. Dufresne-Henry's contract scope of work included researching various structural and piping configurations to improve water quality in the new tank. As a result, the new tank will have a pipe manifold system which will improve water circulation in the tank. The Public Works Department secured a low interest loan through the State of NH's Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund for the engineering and construction of the tank. The department also assisted the Office of Planning and Zoning with application and administration of a Community Development Block Grant for the tank as well. The tank is scheduled to be on line by the end of the 2000 construction season.

### **Sodium Silicate Program**

With the final design of the sodium silicate system from Black & Veatch in hand, the Water and Sewer Department constructed an addition to the existing chlorine building to house a 2,000-gallon sodium silicate storage tank. With this facility, the Water Department now receives the sodium silicate in bulk which saves on chemical costs as well as department manhours. The addition of sodium silicate to our water continues to provide benefits as the NHDES has reduced the Town's required corrosion control testing based on the latest test results.

### **Gilman Pond**

In the interest of preserving the integrity of the Town's watershed at Gilman Pond, the department contracted the survey and appraisal of two properties on the south end of the pond.

### **Pollards Mills Well**

R.J. Collins Co., Inc. was awarded the contract to install an emergency generator at the Pollards Mill Well based on their low bid received in the spring of 1999. A propane generator and tank were installed behind the Pollards Mill Well in late 1999. The system was tested and operational prior to Y2k.



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**Industrial Pretreatment Program (IPP)**

The department continues to work on the IPP. The Town's consultant, Stearns & Wheler, 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.

**Future Projects**

The department is in the conceptual planning stages for several future projects. These projects include: a) replacement of the sewer main on South Main Street, b) replacement of the water, sewer and drainage systems, including street and sidewalk improvements on Cheney Street and c) elimination of the Parkview Sewer Station via a gravity sewer main.

**HIGHWAY**

**Pollards Mills Bridge**

In accordance with direction received from the Bridge Advisory Committee (BAC), the department developed Statement of Qualifications and Request for Proposals for engineering services on the Pollards Mills Bridge as required by the NHDOT's Bridge Aid Program. After evaluation of the technical proposals, the BAC selected SEA Consultants to perform the engineering studies contract work. The engineering study will provide the BAC with a conceptual design and a preliminary construction estimate for a) a single lane covered bridge, b) a single lane conventional bridge and c) a double lane conventional bridge. With funding approval at the May, 2000 Town Meeting, final engineering is scheduled to be completed in 2000 and allow construction in the year 2001. In accordance with the NHDOT's Bridge Aid Program, the Town will be reimbursed for 80% of all eligible project costs.

**Road Projects**

United Construction was low bidder on the bid package issued by the department to reconstruct a segment of Blueberry Ridge Road. The project included reclamation and paving of 4500 feet of Blueberry Ridge Road starting at Cat Hole Corner and traveling easterly. The project was completed in mid-September of 1999.

Clifford Richer, L.L.S., performed the necessary deed research and a site survey to assist the Board of Selectmen with layout of Dove Road as a Town road. The department prepared the necessary layout process documentation and notices for the Board's review. The department also proceeded with the layout process for Sunshine Court in a response to the petition received from Sunshine Court residents.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Airport**

Lakes Region Environmental constructed a credit card fuel terminal at Parlin Airport. The department secured a NHDOT Aeronautics Division grant for reimbursement of 50% of the cost of the project.

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**Cemetery & Grounds Department**

To avoid the difficulties with obtaining per diem labor, the department issued a contract bid package for lawn maintenance of the Town's cemeteries, recreational facilities and parks. No bids were received as a result of the issuance of the bid package, however, the department is pursuing negotiations with selected lawn maintenance contractors on a reduced scope of work.

**Public Works Garage**

The construction of new offices and a computer/archives room at the Public Works Garage was substantially complete at the end of 1999. The Public Works Department employees donated approximately 80% of the manhours spent on construction of the offices.

1999 was a particularly difficult year for the Public Works Department with regard to staffing. A total of six employees left the department in 1999, three of which left in mid-winter. New employees at the Public Works Department are as follows: William Scanlon - Truck Driver/Equipment Operator, Fred Faulkner - Public Works Laborer and Ray Hare, III - Utilities Technician.

**Larry A. Wiggins**  
**Director of Public Works**

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
1999 ANNUAL REPORT**

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Mike Martin, Game Room Sup	..	Angela Thomas, Game Room Sup. and Day Camp Staff
Pat McNamara, Game Room Sup.	.....	Mike Gray, Game Room Supervisor
Kathy Gardner, Day Camp Director	.....	Nicole Lewis, Day Camp Staff
Ian Benson, Day Camp Staff	.....	Brett Cossaboon, Day Camp Staff
Jennifer Johnston, Day Camp Staff	.....	Jennifer Karr, Swim Instructor
Crystal Swenson, Day Camp Staff	.....	Meghan Shomphe, Day Camp Staff
120+ Volunteers		

*I tried to teach my child with books,  
He only gave me puzzled looks.  
I tried to teach my child with words;  
They passed him by oft unheard.  
Despairingly I turned aside,  
"How shall I teach this child?", I cried  
Into my hands be put the key -  
"Come" he said, "play with me."*

Author Unknown

Each year we are blessed with an outstanding volunteer base that lays the foundation for all of our programs. Each of our programs flourishes because of a volunteer. The town of Newport is very lucky to have such a giving community. I for one, would not want to work anywhere else. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the countless volunteers who strive to make Newport a better place for their children and for future generations to come.

A highlight for the year was recognizing a "Volunteer of the Year" for the first time. We have often given volunteers T-shirts, photos, and other gifts thanking them for their efforts. This year we honored three volunteers who have given countless hours over the years to produce better programs. Lilyan Wright, Frank MacConnell, and Dana Waterman were honored at a banquet and thanked for their services. Their names will be inscribed on a plaque that will be hung at the Rec Center for all to see. Each year more names will be added as our volunteerism grows.

The Recreation Department had a very busy year in 1999. We ran 47 programs that attracted thousands of participants. Our basketball season had more than 155 participants from grades 3-8. This number reflects the growing need for more gym space to accommodate all of these kids. While the program provided an outlet for the kids to play



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in, crowded practices and limited gym time troubled many teams. Our after school program was changed to allow a better environment for the kids to grow and interact with each other. We stopped allowing the younger kids (up to grade 3) and limited the older kids (grade 10 and up) times so we could focus on the development of middle school and Jr. High. While participation in this program dropped a bit, the quality of their care increased. The year seemed to flow smoother with less difficulty managing the array of ages.

Other activities filled the year, ranging from an Easter egg hunt for the kids to a Chili cook-off for adults (and some daring kids). Eve Spanos again donated her pool to the town to allow for another year of swim lessons taught by Jen Karr. More than 60 kids and infants participated in the Learn to Swim program. A significant accomplishment was that of the towns rugby teams. 1999 was a year to remember as both boys and girls captured the New England Rugby championships. You might not ever see that again in fifty or more years. The girls were also on the cutting edge of the rugby world by being one of the first 30 high school girls rugby teams in the nation.

Recreation in an integral part of Newports offerings. We have many trails and facilities that offer a wide range of activities for everybody to enjoy. Keeping these facilities clean and in good condition should be a top priority for the town. Many tourists have been attracted to Newport by these facilities, lets make sure we keep them coming back.

Friends of Recreation played a crucial role in many activities throughout the year. The ice skating rink would not exist if it weren't for the individuals that do the flooding year after year. A big thanks goes out to Rick Thomas and Ed Karr for their endless dedication to provide skating in Newport.

In closing, the Newport Recreation Department would like to thank all the town departments for their help this past year. It appears each department have dedicated themselves to work together to make Newport a better place to live. A special thanks goes out to Ed Schinck and Brian Richardson for their help maintaining the ice rink. Also to Ken Dennis and his staff. You guys have really done a lot to help the Rec Center keep up with its projects and cleanliness. Finally, to my staff, thank you for believing in our mission: to provide an environment to enrich the lives of Newporters.

**PJ Lovely**  
**Director of Recreation**

**RICHARDS FREE LIBRARY  
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Sarah Young, Page . . . . .	Jacob Stout, Page

In 1999 the library looked at its past, present and future. A committee of Newport residents spent over nine months studying the library and the town, envisioning the future needs of Newport and selecting ways in which the library could serve its citizens. From this work came the Richards Free Library Long Range Plan, which will guide library service into the 21st century. The plan can be found on the library's web site: [www.newport.lib.nh.us](http://www.newport.lib.nh.us).

Passerby saw several improvements to the building and grounds in 1999. The north side of the building was painted, completing the second phase of a three year exterior painting project. The Newport Garden Club, famous for the holiday decoration of the library, added plants under the magnolia tree and created a beautiful perennial garden in front of the library sign. The staff and trustees are most appreciative of their generosity and green thumbs. The library improved access to its collections in two ways. Jessica Brewer of Newport Middle High School took on the project of inventorying all the items in the library's historical collections. She spent four class periods a week for a semester inventorying the collections and then organizing a database to make a searchable record of the library's holdings of early newspapers, yearbooks, postcards, photographs and memorabilia. Once the database is refined it will be mounted on the library's web page.

In another project the library added pathfinders to its website. These are links to sites on the world wide web that are recommended by library staff. In the future, the library will put its catalog and subscription databases on the web to give Newporters the ability to search the library's catalog, historical collection and calendar of events on the web from their homes using the library's website as a guide. Patrons will then be able to renew and reserve materials, find magazine and newspaper articles, and register for programs from their home computers.

The library continued its popular programming, holding 222 programs for children and 22 for adults in 1999. The Summer Reading program, Once Upon a Summer Reading was again underwritten by Lee McGray. It registered 139 children and enlisted another 33 in the brand

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new teen reading program. After-school and pre-school story-hour programs continue to be popular with lots of crafts and stories. This fall the library began to offer programs to homeschoolers.

The library is part of two successful grant applications that will begin in 2000 to benefit families. One with Even Start, to encourage family literacy and the other with the Montshire Museum of Science, to bring science museum exhibits to the library.

Adults attended another Mud Season Series in April and a trio of programs with New Hampshire authors in July. The Brown Bag and Books series continues to meet on the first Tuesday of each month to discuss a book over lunch.

In October, the Sarah Joseph Hale Award brought New Hampshire native Russell Banks to the stage of the Newport Opera House to read a short story, answer questions, and accept the 43rd Hale Medal. Once again Newporters had the opportunity to entertain, meet and hear a distinguished American writer.

The use of traditional and electronic resources continues to grow. In 1999 the library circulated over 50,000 books, magazines, videos, CDs, and books on tape. The collection grew to just over 35,000 items. On average, 6000 people visited the library each month. Almost twice as many people as last year used the library's three public access workstations for word processing, e-mail, or world wide web searching.

Among its gifts to the library, the Friends of the Richards Library underwrote the introduction of unabridged audio books to the collection, which have become wildly popular with library users. These books on tape have enlivened many long car trips, daily commutes, and exercise routines.

The library depends upon and wishes to thank all the volunteers who volunteer their time and enable this library to keep its commitment to the people of Newport. Special thanks to: Pam Gay, Jinny Parker, Pauline Horan, Dottie Collins, Cindy Williams, Mary Jane Cross, Jessica Brewer, and the Newport Garden Club. The library wishes to thank Karen Monahan, outgoing president of the Friends of the Library, for all her efforts on behalf of the library.

**Andrea Thorpe, Library Director**



**SULLIVAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (SCEDC)**  
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Our organizational Mission Statement states: *The Sullivan County Economic Development Council (SCEDC) is committed to the continuous creation of meaningful employment opportunities and the increasing of local property tax revenues within Sullivan County's 15 communities. In support of this mission, the Council will pursue economic growth and diversification, as well as advocacy positions on issues affecting these pursuits.*

Economic Development can be defined as a series of planned activities designed to assist and encourage positive investment in a community and region. A primary activity of SCEDC is to create a positive environment for new private investment. To this end, the Council has begun several efforts this past year. Recognizing that Sullivan County's attributes and resources are not well recognized, the Council sponsored an all day *Sullivan County Economic Summit* whose purpose was to spotlight the County's many assets. Over 100 businesspeople, local officials, educators, and state development officials attended the *Summit*. The consensus of the *Summit* was that SCEDC, in cooperation with local development corporations, should market the County's resources to growing companies in the Hanover – Lebanon and Keene areas who may be considering a plant expansion. We have met with companies from these areas who have expressed an interest in Sullivan County. The *Summit* provided the momentum for the implementation of several action items. Sullivan County has a real friend in Dr. Robert Dean – an entrepreneur, innovator and businessman who has created five companies in the Hanover – Lebanon area. He is very supportive in these efforts!

The Council believes strongly that the existing companies provide the most opportunity for new employment opportunities. Therefore, through the Business Visitation Program (BVP), we continue to meet with several local businesses in order to become acquainted with their concerns so we may be of assistance.

The NH Office of Business and Industrial Development is the primary contact for companies who seek to expand or locate in New Hampshire. We organized three meetings with representatives from OBID as part of an effort to "sell the sellers" who are responsible for promoting New Hampshire. SCEDC is working with our communities so that we will be an attractive location for new investment. As a result, OBID has a better appreciation and understanding of our attributes – sites, buildings, labor force, and the community itself!

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Financing is a key component in fostering economic development. To this end, SCEDC has developed cooperative relationships with financing institutions such as local and statewide banks, the NH Business Finance Authority, and related development corporations. SCEDC has structured a few deals in 1999 and is working to do more in 2000! Please let us know of potential financing opportunities that can lead to job creation in Sullivan County.

SCEDC believes it is important to encourage communities who are seeking economic development to establish a local economic development corporation or committee. SCEDC is assisting the established groups in the following manner:

- Charlestown Economic Development Association – Assisting with a US Department of Agriculture community loan application; assisting with a development strategy for the Stoddard property; managing the lease purchase arrangement with Optical Solutions Inc.
- Claremont Industrial Development Authority – Assisting in marketing vacant industrial sites and buildings; contacting companies in other areas regarding opportunities in Sullivan County; identifying financing options for new businesses; provided financing to small start up business.
- Economic Corporation of Newport - Assisting the Community Development Director with the restoration of the Eagle Block; providing administrative assistance to ECON; supplementing ECON's development program.
- All communities, both large and small, benefit in some way from having the Sullivan County Economic Development Council engaged in an on-going development effort. As has been mentioned in the past, "A rising tide lifts all boats."

A representative of the Council would like to meet with your town or development organization to explore development opportunities. Please call us at 1-800-783-8213 or 543-1298.

**TOWN OFFICE OF PLANNING & ZONING  
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**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**

**1. Permits**

A. The Building Inspector issued 217 building permits in 1999 for a total estimated construction cost of \$3,056,420.00. Ninety-seven of the building permits were for new construction with an estimated cost of \$2,147,638.00. One hundred and six building permits were for remodeling, renovation and small structures with a total estimated cost of \$908,782.00. Fourteen demolition permits were issued for buildings. Thirty-six certificates of occupancy were issued. The Town received fees totaling \$8,792.84 for all of these various permits.

**2. Other Activities**

A. The Building Inspector conducted approximately 650 code inspections for the year. He also served 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. Building Inspector, Brad Lane, was elected to the Board of Directors of NH Building Officials and is certified as a "One and Two Family Combination, Electrical, Building, Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector" by the Building Officials and Administrators International, Inc.

**PLANNING BOARD**

**1. Public Hearings**

A. The planning board held thirty-two public hearings. Six of the public hearings



were for site plan reviews, ten were for annexations and fourteen were for minor subdivisions. The site plan reviews included additions to existing businesses, one for a new development and one for earth excavation and a new propane storage tank. All applications were approved by the board. Two voluntary merger proposals were also approved. A public hearing for the final review of the Capital Improvement Program was also held.

B. The board also held fifteen informational sessions which included items such as replacing an existing building, subdivision and site plan inquiries.

## **2. Other Activities**

A. The planning board continued its review of the zoning ordinance revision which was completed in the fall. After the ordinance is retyped, the board will set a date for a public hearing on the complete revision sometime in 2000. A special Town Meeting will be held in 2000 to vote on the final version of the revised ordinance. The board's Capital Improvement Program (C.I.P.) Committee also reviewed and finalized the 1999-2005 Capital Improvements Program in 1999 and, as mentioned above, forwarded it to the planning board for a public hearing.

B. The board held a special meeting in March with a representative from the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission and members of the Heritage Commission and Conservation Commission. The purpose of the meeting was to initiate a study of cultural, historical and natural features that the various boards consider important to the Town character and worthy of preserving. This project is being done in each town in the state by the regional planning commissions. The results will be used to support legislation and fund a statewide program to provide assistance to towns for protecting these important features.

## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

### **1. Public Hearings**

A. The ZBA held twenty public hearings in 1999. Eighteen were for special exceptions and two were for variances. Seventeen special exceptions were granted and one was denied. The special exception approvals included such things as an addition to a preexisting nonconforming garage and a gift shop home business in a garage, a clothing boutique, home business use for book sales and adventure games, vehicle body shop, mixed use consisting of a residence and a welding shop, an addition to a nonconforming structure, expansion of a pre-existing nonconforming building, an earth excavation operation, and a home antique business. The variances included a request for a reduced side setback for the construction of a garage and a request for a reduced lot frontage. Both were granted.

## C.D.B.G. PROGRAMS

### 1. Program Goals

A. 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 \$2,820,000 in C.D.B.G. funds for housing rehabilitation, public facility projects, infrastructure improvements and feasibility grants.

### 2. 1998 Town Wide Target Area

T.O.P.A.Z. wrote another application for a \$350,000 town-wide housing rehabilitation grant which was awarded to the Town in April of 1998 to improve the conditions of single family, owner-occupied homes throughout the Town. Owners must meet the HUD income eligibility guidelines. 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.

The 1998 Town Wide C.D.B.G. project received 3 new applications in 1999 for a total of 33 applications. Thirty applications have been processed with one being turned down by the Advisory Board because it wasn't felt to be eligible. Of these thirty, twenty-seven have been approved for construction. Contracts were signed for seven projects. Additionally, two projects are still in the bidding process, one is on hold due to domestic concerns and one awaiting further action dependent on whether there is sufficient funding available. Special arrangements have been made on two projects involving pre-1976 mobile homes, which can't be renovated due to fire safety concerns. These have been replaced with newer used mobile homes. A historical review has been submitted on the various projects to the N.H. Division of Historic Resources.

At present, there continues to be tremendous amount of other work for the contractors and this has made it difficult for home owners to get contractors available to bid on their projects. As a result, a six month extension of this Town Wide C.D.B.G. program was granted by the Office of State Planning. This extends the program through June 30, 2000 to complete all

projects. Also, the original goal for this C.D.B.G. program was to rehabilitate twenty single-family owner-occupied homes. A total of thirty homes are participating in the program.

### 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. Building Inspector, Brad Lane, attended meetings and seminars of NH Building Officials, Granite State Electrical Inspectors, and NH Plumbing Heating and Cooling Contractors. In 1999, Planning Director, David Jescavage, attended numerous planning workshops and land use law seminars and passed the national exam qualifying him for professional membership in the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). T.O.P.A.Z. also hired Tammy Wilson as its new Department Secretary. She has an Associates Degree in Legal Secretarial and lives in Newport with her husband and two children.

The "Historic Newport Walking & Driving Tours" brochure which was produced by T.O.P.A.Z. is available for distribution once again. The brochure illustrates historic places in the two downtown historic districts as well as throughout the Town. Sixty percent of the cost of the second printing of 10,000 brochures was paid for with National Park Service funds made available to the Town through the New Hampshire Division of Historic Resources under a Certified Local Government grant.

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.



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**Plant Superintendent**

Arnold L. Greenleaf

**Plant Operator**

Wendell Berry

The plant operators spent the first three months of the year working non-stop on getting the mechanical bar screen dismantled and the influent channel reworked so that the new AUGER MONSTER could be installed. The unit was up and running by late March, in time to handle spring runoff. It has made a tremendous difference in reducing the amount of trash that used to clog our sewage pumps and grit system, finally ending up as floating debris on the lagoon surface. Now we only need to skim the excessive amounts of congealed grease off the lagoon surfaces. One other major plant upgrade this year consisted of removing the last of our 4" and 175' of the 6" diameter iron yard piping that supplies the air to the lagoon aeration system. The old piping had gotten so bad that we were losing way too much air in the ground and could not get enough into the lagoons to aerate them properly. The new poly pipe is welded into a continuous piece, eliminating any joints that could leak. We have found that we do not need as much air and it has reduced our electric consumption. We continued to replace more of the old lighting fixtures with new energy efficient units. We also replaced all old wooden parts and equipment storage shelving with new steel wire shelving. This has improved our storage capability and at the same time we eliminated all obsolete parts and equipment, increasing the storage room available. To further improve plant safety, additional fall protection equipment was installed over roof skylights, walkways and floor hatches to mitigate any chance of accidents at these locations. Both plant operators attended classes for computer training, plant operation, safety and regulatory changes throughout the year to maintain our operator certification.

Once work on the AUGER MONSTER had been completed, we began the process of investigating the options available to upgrade the existing grit removal system. This will improve the removal of sand, silt and other fine inorganic matter that is building up in the lagoon sludge. The process will need to be capable of allowing us to recycle the sludge back through the plant to reduce the volume that is present in the lagoons at this time, as well as reducing the volume of grit that presently can pass through our existing grit system. Sludge depths are to the point now that we need to start doing something to reduce the levels present before it causes compliance problems with the Discharge Permit. We have found that a piece of equipment called a TEACUP, designed and built by the EUTEK CORP. is capable of removing down to 75 microns (dust particles). By doing particle size analysis work this summer we learned that the largest majority of material passing through our present system and the largest volume of material in the lagoon, is 75 microns and larger. By treating the flow at this rate it should reduce the future buildup of material and allow us to reduce what is already stored in the lagoons by pumping the stored material out and running it back through the system.

Plant personnel spent a great deal of time this summer at the landfill on Breakneck Road in

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anticipation of the contractor drilling the additional well and doing the necessary repairs to the existing wells. The contractor completed this work in late July and we are now in compliance with the new groundwater permit. The wells and surface water sites were inspected and sampled twice for the year.

The Industrial Pretreatment Program (IPP) work is still ongoing. There must be an extra effort on everyone's part to eliminate the disposal of any volatile, petroleum, and hazardous or toxic compounds into the sewer system that could impact the treatment system. We are finding that there is a tremendous amount of fats, oils and greases being disposed of into the sewer system, unfortunately it is not breaking down and is ending up as large clumps in our wetwells or going through the plant and floating on the surface of the lagoons. This results in time being spent to skim it off the surface before it becomes a treatment problem. We will be doing a mailing in the spring of 2000 to all sewer users; the literature will provide information on how to properly dispose of fats, oils, greases and hazardous waste rather than discarding it to the sewer system.

For those interested in weather data, our annual recorded rainfall here at the plant was 38.87". That was 0.14" less moisture for the year than we received in 1998 and 1.4" less than our 28 year average of 40.27". While rainfall for 1999 was nearly the same as 1998, we did see a decrease in flow to the plant of slightly over 3 million gallons. The decrease in flow for the year was welcome, yet we still handled over 641,025 gallons per day (GPD) flow into the plant, 8,740 GPD less than we had in 1998. 1998 figures are in parentheses.

WASTEWATER.....	233,974,000	(237,164,000)
SEPTAGE.....	170,800	(79,500)

**Arnold L. Greenleaf  
Plant Superintendent**

**WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT  
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**Superintendent**

Robert K. Naylor

**Utility Technicians**

Michael Denno

Kelly Butler

Michael McGill

Ray Hare

In the summer of 1999, the northeastern United States experienced drought conditions. Although the Newport Water Works did not experience any supply shortages, we are cautious about the effects of continued drought conditions.

We are continuing to see system-wide improvement in water quality due to the water pipe corrosion control and water quality improvement program begun in April 1997.

In order to prepare for possible Y2K related problems, in 1999, the Water and Sewer Department had updated our emergency plan including reassessment and testing of our critical equipment, supplies and vendors.

We have renewed our water source protection programs for both our Pollards Mills and Gilman Pond source water supplies. In this program we have mapped and inventoried all of the properties in the water supply areas to identify potential sources of contamination.

At the Water Treatment Plant, we removed and replaced filter sand for two of our three filter beds and have built an addition to the chlorine house.

The Wastewater Pumping Stations required several repairs. These included replacement of check valves and repairs to our alarm systems.

The Department worked with the Central Street project contractors to operate valves and hydrants, sample water, locate water and sewer lines and help inspect work. Central Street now has new water main, replacing the main installed in 1920, and a new sewer main, replacing the sewer main that was installed around 1900.

The Water & Sewer Department office has been relocated to the Public Works Garage on Route 10. We are in the process of moving all of our equipment and materials storage to the Public Works Garage.

Newport Water and Sewer Department personnel received professional development training in Hydraulics, Consumer Reporting, Meters and Valves, Pump O&M, Road Safety, Backflow Prevention, Personnel Safety, Microbiology and Confined Space Entry.



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The Newport Water Department has detailed information available on the Internet at: <http://town.newport.nh.us/waterdep.htm>. In addition, in 1998, we began an annual consumer report and will distribute reports annually.

Our future goals include continuing replacement of old water and sewer mains, fire hydrants, repairs of sewer defects 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 1999 was 2.5 % less than 1998.

Annual Water Production (Gallons)

Total Flow	208,089,840	Average flow per day	570,109
Max. Daily Flow	883,500		

The Newport Water Department had no permit violations in 1999. The water produced by Newport Water Works meets or exceeds all Federal and State drinking water standards.

Operational Statistics

Alarms /Call Outs	18	Curbstop Repairs	28
Filter Cleaning	38	Hydrant Replacement	2
Hydrant Repairs	20	Manhole Repairs	16
New Water Service	2	Replace Meters	17
Road Repairs	14	Service Taps To Main	2
Sewer System Repairs	2	Sewer Unplugged	14
Test Meters	32	Water Leaks Repaired	5
Water Main Repairs	5	Water Quality Calls	12
Water Turned Off	14	Water Turned On	10

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. Please call us if you have any comments or questions. We always welcome suggestions and will do our best to answer any water or wastewater questions you may have.

**Robert K. Naylor**  
**Water & Sewer Superintendent**

**WELFARE — TOWN ASSISTANCE  
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**Community Alliance CEO**

Kevin B. Cooney

**Coordinator**

Regina DeBoer

The Community Alliance of Human Services administered the Town of Newport's public assistance program during 1999 for the fifth consecutive year. We feel the partnership we have formed with the Newport community in this area has been very successful and has served the residents of Newport well.

Thirty-five percent more requests for assistance were received in 1999 compared with the total number received in 1998. Two hundred and twenty five families received financial assistance during the calendar year. In addition to referring individuals and families to appropriate state and local resources (fuel assistance programs, partners in health, local food pantries, etc.), the Alliance continued to work closely with applicants to identify other services available to them in their community through the Alliance and other local organizations.

Funds through the town assistance program provide for the basic needs of individuals and families. Rent or shelter, fuel, electricity, and medical assistance are available to qualified Newport residents. Financial responsibility is an important aspect of the program. Residents who are determined able are required to pay assistance monies back to the Town. Some recipients are able to work in the CASP (Community Assistance Service Program) and thus repay the Town for the assistance they have received. During 1999 Newport recovered \$2,830.63 from previous expenditures during the past year.

The food pantry continued to be an important community effort providing food for those in need. We are grateful to this organization for their flexibility, efficiency, and cooperation in serving Newport residents.

During 1999 we asked individuals who accessed services to provide us with feedback on their experience through a survey tool we developed with Town officials. As we administer this program for the Newport community we are committed to providing efficient, user friendly service that meets the needs of the individuals and of the community. To that end, the Alliance is investigating a free computer software package called WELPAC, which will allow us to provide comprehensive services quickly and even more efficiently, as well as track statistics through computerization. The company offering this software provides training and updates

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for a small yearly stipend. In addition, the Alliance continues to actively represent the Town on the NH Local Welfare Administrators Association. Our involvement allows us to remain knowledgeable on the many changes that have and continue to occur in the area of welfare reform.

The Newport Town Assistance office is located at the Alliance's Administrative Office, 46 North Main Street. It is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. We may be reached by telephone at 863-9529. A breakdown of assistance provided during 1999 includes:

- Rent: \$37,365.94
- Electric: \$14,001.15
- Fuel: \$628.96
- Shelter: \$4,966.65
- Medical: \$2,509.08



## A CENTURY AGO IN NEWPORT

By Evan Hill

It was not just the elms that set us off from other towns and made us special in 1900. Hundreds of other New England villages also lined their streets with them. Lush, beautiful vase-like trees reaching higher than any building in town, arching together over the roads, weaving leafy shaded tunnels of some streets. Five years earlier, in 1895, we planted more on Belknap Avenue. They were to be safe for a third of a century; it was 30 years before the Dutch elm disease arrived here to kill them one by one. Only a few remain today.

No, it was not the elms, as lovely as they were. What set us off, was the river that gave us water power for our mills, the rich bottom farm land in the intervale (where now we have a shopping mall) that grew our corn and wheat, and the railroad that four times a day cleaved our Main Street nearly brushing the brick wall of the former Universalist Chapel (now Sierra Photo) with whistling steam trains that were met at the depot by stage coaches.

Listen to the hagiography that the New Hampshire Gazetteer wrote about us a few years earlier: "It is considered one of the pleasantest and most enterprising villages in the State, both in manufacturing and as a center of mercantile trade. The Main Street is more than a mile in length, crossing the river over a handsome bridge nearly in the center of the village. On this street are four elegant church edifices, the court and town house, jail and county buildings ... seven lawyers ... thirty or forty stores and shops for trade ... and over one hundred dwelling houses. The manufactories [including a Central Street gristmill that each year ground nearly 20,000 bushels of grain] are ... situated on water power which never fails in a dry time ... The hotels [three of them, all on Main Street, and all destined to be destroyed by fire] are new and commodious ... In the north part of the village is a beautiful common, shaded with the maple, capacious enough to parade a regiment on. [The Civil War monument was not there then. It would not be until 1912 that the monument was erected, perhaps in some national surge of patriotism, or the realization that the few Civil War veterans still living were then in their seventies.] On either side of the common stand some of the finest residences in the village, adorned with yards and gardens."

There were 3100 of us then, a century ago, about the same number of men as women. (Today we are twice that number.) A newborn boy that year could expect to live 48 years; a girl, 51. (Today those figures are 73 and 79.) Almost one-fourth of us were either foreign born or had a foreign born parent. (Today that figure is only three percent.)

About half of us were farmers. Most of the other half toiled in one of our three textile mills, three shoe factories, and a ladies underwear shop earning nearly \$13 for a 60-hour week -- about 22 cents an hour. In North Newport -- then known as Northville -- the Sibley Scythe Co. used the power of the Sugar River to grind out scythes and hoes.

J. M. Page made wooden boxes; D.K. Barry, railroad jacks; B.F. Haven pressed apples into cider. All told there were 16 industries in town. Farm labor earned 75 cents a day with board, a dollar a day without.

We had three drug stores, three jewelry stores, two coal and ice dealers, four clothing stores, two hardware stores, three butchers and two variety stores. Today we have a mall. We had four lumber mills, one baker, one carriage maker, two harness makers, one hay rake factory, two printers and a laundry operated by a man named Moy Yum.

We had six doctors -- one of them a woman -- who made house calls in their buggies

and sleighs and sat by our beds and held our hands while helplessly, in the ignorance of the day, they watched us die. It was years before penicillin and antibiotics and life-saving research from the National Institutes of Health. The doctors charged \$1 for a house call within one mile of the village, 25 cents a mile thereafter. Birth of a baby? Ten dollars.

There were no movies or television waiting to palliate us after ten hours in a factory, but there were the Masons, the International Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias. We mixed, we did good works, we socialized, we improved ourselves. There was the United Order of Pilgrim Fathers, 55 of us; the United Order of the Golden Cross, 75 of us; the Grand Army of the Republic -- the American Legion of the day -- the veterans of the Civil War, all 76 of them in 1896; the two dozen members of the Women's Civic Temperance Union; the Penowan Club for 40 men; the Ladies Bowling Club.

Passing from one century to another the nation was unblushingly confident in itself since its recent acquisition of Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines in the Spanish-American War, and psychologically we were ready to build the Panama Canal -- a prodigious feat that had defeated France. Newport had shared in that military surge of victory. One hundred and eleven Newporters had stepped forward to serve in Company M of the First Regiment of New Hampshire Volunteers in that war, and while the short war ended before the regiment could get into combat, two of them, including the company commander, died of typhoid fever.

We felt strong; We were advancing with all the new technology of the times. We had electricity, although not all of us. Advertisements in the Republican Champion, one of our two weekly newspapers, stressed electricity's cleanliness to those of us still using oil lamps: "Light up your stable from the house," the ad read, [every house then had a stable or a barn and at least one horse] and pointed out that electricity does not smoke up ceilings, or require the cleaning of lamp chimneys, and does not foul the air with the oily, acrid stench of kerosene. Arc lamps lighted the downtown streets, the high school was wired, and 150 workers, mostly women, worked under electric lights instead of lamplight in the Peerless Manufacturing Co. making women's underwear. There was talk of an electric railway from Newport to Sunapee.

The Newport Water Department, steadily expanding its lines street by street since finishing its 5.5 mile connection to Gilman Pond in Unity five years earlier, reported connections to 358 families, to 23 stores, all three hotels (the Newport House had just installed one bathroom with hot and cold running water), four barber shops and three livery stables. The village had a total of 40 bath tubs. The town, probably had 600 families; thus 560 families did not have bath tubs. Showers were unknown then and many Americans still believed that taking a bath -- involving the laborious chore of pumping water and toting it indoors to a tub -- was a health hazard. The village had four of perhaps a dozen of its watering troughs, connected to town water, and 53 fire hydrants, but only one of our twelve mainly one-room schoolhouses had a water faucet. Teachers and children used a well, bucket and dipper.

Sewer lines were creeping up our streets -- along Sunapee and Cheney and Beech -- but we were not to have a sewage treatment plant for decades. We piped directly to the river and dumped our raw sewage into the Sugar for another seventy years. At that time, however, not everyone was happy to jettison his privy. Freddie Moore, the stubborn bachelor sexton of the South Church, refused repeatedly to connect to the sewer on Laurel



Street. He clung to his privy. When finally he yielded to insistent selectmen, he was unintimidated; he plumbed his toilet right in the middle of his living room. That showed them.

A few of us had telephones, and although they had been around for 14 years, they had ambled into town. By 1884 the telephone exchange in Fred Currier's furniture store handled 35 phones, Currier attending to the calls between customers. That year the switchboard was moved to the Edes Block (now the Eagle Block) across the street, and for years it was newspaper news when new lines were installed. Corbin Park installed them along its fence in 1894. First National Bank got one in 1895. But the first line in town was installed in 1877 when a carriage maker ran a private line from his shop on River Street to his house on Maple.

There were fewer than six automobiles in town. In 1899 Dr. H. L. Stickney bought the first, a Locomobile, after entertaining guests from Massachusetts who arrived in town in the first automobile seen here.

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An appealing way to see who we were is to see who we weren't. And what we didn't have.

If we were female we were not voters. Except in four western states -- Colorado, Idaho, Utah, and Wyoming -- women were denied the ballot. However, some states allowed women to vote in school elections, and New Hampshire was one. In 1900 Miss Georgie C. Wilcox was not only on the Newport school board, but was its chairman. And it was she who led board members on their required visits to every one of the town's twelve schoolhouses while they were in session. They called on the high school six times that year, the grammar school seven. Those school board visitations were one thing we had then but no longer have, and which probably should be restored.

We weren't covered by Social Security, Medicare, or Medicaid but we had the county farm. Health insurance was decades away. We had no safety razors. No dry cleaning or daily showers or the deodorant we surely needed. No vacuum cleaners. No clothes dryers. We used scrub boards instead of washing machines for the Monday morning family laundry. No blue jeans. No short dresses or slacks for woman; dresses were ankle-length. No vaccines, no x-ray, no vitamins, no prostatectomy, no chemotherapy or radiation. No Valium. No artificial hip. No quadruple bypass.

No antitrust, or Title Nine or income tax. No retirement plans, no 401(k). No Clean Water Act. No Rock 'n' Roll. No cell phones. No dot com. No atom bomb. No holocaust. No Columbine.

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Now then. Enough of that.

Enough of what we were.

I now invite you to read on through the chronology below to see what we became and when and how. You can find events in the previous one hundred years by going to



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Main Street - 1912  
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**THE CENTURY REVIEW**  
**A Chronology of Newport**  
**1900 to 1999**

**1900 Population: 3,126. [Population of the state is 411,588, up 9.3%]  
Industrial Workers this year worked 59 hours a week for 22 cents an hour, or \$12.98 a week, or about \$675 a year. Butter cost 26 cents a pound, and you could buy five pounds of flour for 13 cents.**

**1900** Boston and Maine Railroad controls 1,187 of 1,239 miles of track in N.H.

**1900** Some homes get electricity. First time since Newport Electric Light Co. put in lighting has the public been inconvenienced. Opera House Tuesday evening was plunged into darkness. Power failed because engine at Richards Mill broke down.

**1900** "Clarence Pike has had the electricity put into his house." (Newport Power and Building Co. is mentioned) /// Newport Laundry opens on Myrtle street.

**1900** Newport Shoe Co. erects building on site of Diamond Mill (South of Main Street bridge) which was torn down in 1887.

**1900** Covered bridge on Elm Street (92 feet long and 18 feet wide) "and now about 50 years old" needs replacing. Selectmen consider buying used iron bridge from Augusta, Maine. It will cost \$478; freight \$70; erection \$200; new iron bridge would cost about \$2500.

**1900** The Richards Woolen Mill employees 80 to 100 hands and continues to run at full capacity (at this point, 46 years of family operation). The ordinary capacity of the mill is about thirty-five hundred yards per day. The goods are marketed in Boston, New York, and Philadelphia. The operatives include native Americans, Irish, French, and Finlanders.

**1901** Hearings held on a proposal to build an electric railway from Newport to Sunapee. Sewerage system being constructed. /// Italian workers in knife and stone fight.

**1901** Town Meeting votes to extend water main to Guild, which would serve Dorr Woolen. Seth Richards (Richards Mill) recommends to the meeting that interest rates for the bonds needed to finance the extension be set low "so that townspeople could buy them," but in fact he was proposing interest rates so low that no one would want to buy the bonds. He "wanted to cripple what he thought was competition from Dorr Woolen." Dorr, Sr. then said he'd pay the difference in interest so that the bonds could be sold, and they were. But months went by without work on the project. The selectmen "couldn't seem to find the steel pipe that was needed." (The selectmen were controlled by the Richards family.) So Dorr went to Howard Coonley, a Sunapee resident and president of a plumbing fixtures company, who arranged to get the pipe. And it was installed and Guild got water.



**1902** President Teddy Roosevelt arrives in Newport in private car from Newbury where he had been guest of John Hay. "President Theodore Roosevelt, in white wide-brimmed hat, prepares to leave the Newport train station shortly after arriving in town Friday morning, Aug. 29, 1902. The carriages are in front of the present (1996) offices of McCrillis and Eldredge Insurance. The president is in the carriage owned by George E. Edgell and driven by Anton Carlson. Ernest L. Putney is on the white horse, and Mr. Edgell is in the second carriage. /// Arrangements for the reception of President Roosevelt who, with an official party including several members of his cabinet, is to visit this state the last week in August, will be completed in a few days.

**1902** St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church is built. Before then Newport Catholics were under the jurisdiction of St. Mary's church in Claremont and in 1854 masses were celebrated in home of Patrick Herrick on Sunapee St. Later they were held in the Armory on Central St. and in 1870 in the Masonic Hall (later Priscilla's Sweet Shop, a restaurant) on Main St. In 1883 a wooden structure was built on the site of the present church.

**1903** Heavy forest fires burn across the state.

**1903** Local option license law passed that gave towns options to sell intoxicating liquors and voiding the prohibition law passed in 1855.

**1903** Primary School (now the town office building) is built on Sunapee Street.

**1904** A three-story stage was added (to the Town Hall), along with extensive electrical equipment and was referred to as "the largest stage north of Boston." Directly beneath the stage were 11 dressing rooms.



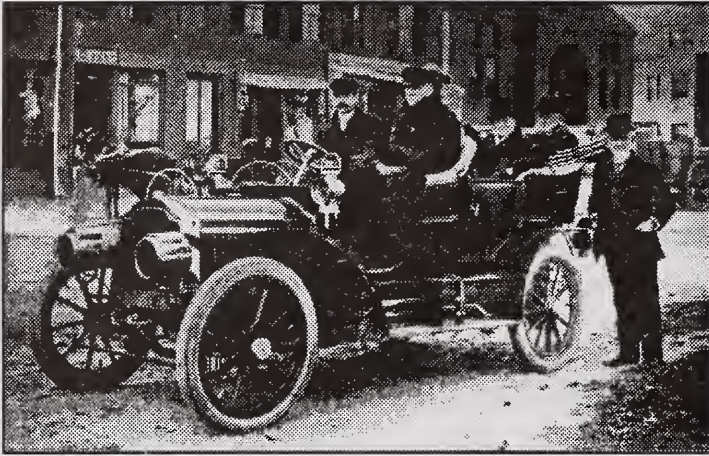
Main Street  
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**1905-1910** Immigrants from Finland settle in Newport. The first Finns came to Newport in the 1880s.

**1905** Newport Women's Club founded on Jan. 10.

**1905** The Newport High School Alumni Association holds its first reunion.





First Automobile in Newport. Photo Courtesy of Newport Historical Society

**1906** The covered bridge over the Sugar River on the Claremont and Concord Railway, two spans, 228 feet long and east of Chandlers Mills, is built.

**1906** Brampton Woolen Co. is founded in former Knipe Shoe Co. building at corner of South Main Street and River Street. (River Street is now a parking lot for Arlington Sample Book Co.) Two-story building erected in

1946.

**1907** State law sets fifty-eight-hour maximum work week for women and minors.

**1907** Snow rollers still being used. One broke the plate glass window in Gamash's shoe store on Feb. 13, 1907.

**1907** A major addition is made to the water system which was first built in 1894.

**1908** Francis P. Murphy becomes superintendent of McElwain Shoe. His leadership in Newport leads quickly to statewide leadership in the shoe industry.

**1909** Ground has been broken by a gang of Italians for the building of an addition to the McElwain Co.'s shoe factory, a building 50 feet long and width of present structure and 4 stories in height.

**1909** More than 50 stockholders of the Newport Power and Building Company meet.

**1909** The first snow plow in the nation was introduced in Manhattan in 1909 mostly to clear off trolley lines. The invention reached Boston several years later. Previously winter roads in New England were not plowed, but rolled and packed down with huge oaken snow rollers (sometimes 8 feet in diameter) and pulled by as many as eight horses. The wheels on vehicles were removed in snow time and replaced by sleigh runners. (So Newporters were using snow rollers until 1910 or so, and snow was hauled into and spread on the floor of covered bridges so that sleighs could slide through.)

**1910** Population: 3,765. [Population of the state is 430,572, up 4.6%]  
Industrial workers this year worked 57 hours per week for 26 cents an hour, or about \$14.82 a week, or about \$770 a year. Butter cost 36 cents a pound; you could buy 5 pounds of flour for 18 cents.

**1910** Finnish Church is founded at 40 Beech St.

**1910** Thirty buffalo were shipped from Corbin Park to Pawnee Bill in Oklahoma. Shipping charge: \$525.

**1910** Immigrants from Greece begin to settle in Newport. First Greeks came about in 1905.

**1910** William Henry Wright bequeaths his home on Maple Street for "Carrie F. Wright Hospital" in memory of his wife. (The site now contains elderly housing). /// The necessary alterations were made, and the hospital opened. The first patient admitted was a boy named Winn. A school of nursing was established and Mrs. Carrie L. Brennan was one of its first graduates. Around 1950 it became apparent that a new hospital in a new location was needed. The necessary funds were raised and on Jan. 25, 1952 the patients were transferred from the old building to the new hospital on Summer St.

**1910** New dark brown three-section seats are bought to replace the deacons' benches in the Town Hall.

**1911** Finnish Socialists dedicate the Finn Hall on Winter Street. /// Buffalo from Corbin Park were shipped to South America by Dean Bowman of Goshen. Deer, buffalo and elk from Corbin Park go to Pennsylvania. /// Ethnic men [Greek, Italian, Polish] taught English by Samuel S. Baker in YMCA-sponsored project.

**1912** The floor gave way in Newton and Cummings livery stable Tuesday night and eleven horses went down about eight feet. Fortunately none of the horses was injured.

**1912** "Tentative agreement made with Bell Association to ... convert Newport House into a sanitarium for mildly insane and those broken in physical health."

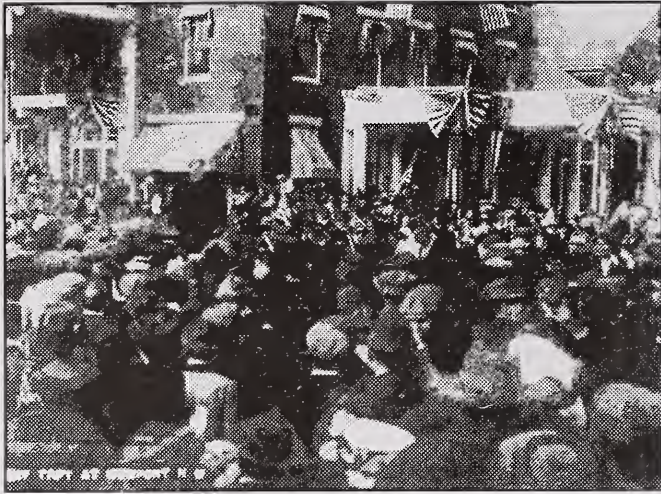
**1912** Soldiers' monument is dedicated on the Common. The monument was completed this morning by the placing of a stand of arms in the space between the pillars. (These were stolen. Two of these were later recovered and are now in the Newport Historical Society Musuem.) /// In North Newport a bandstand is being built on the park at the south end of the cemetery.

**1912** The Peerless, Richards, Brampton mills, McElwain shoe factory are shut down for the week. (Geo. Dorr Jr. says business in textiles usually slacked off at this time of year.) The contract for building the new engine house has been awarded.

**1912** In Georges Mills, the steamboat Armenia White makes her last trip of the season. Her place will be filled by one of the smaller steamboats. The contract for Citizens Bank block has been awarded to S.D. Morgan of Lisbon. /// In accordance with instructions from the state Board of Health, the drinking cups have been removed from the railroad station.



**1912** Special Town Meeting Oct. 1 “to see ...if the town will rescind town meeting action re. movies and to grant to L.L. Ransom a license to exhibit motion pictures in the hall



President Taft

Photo Courtesy of Newport Historical Society

recently built by him on Belknap avenue.” In October Ransom starts showing moving pictures at his casino and is having good houses.

**1912** Fifty-five Greeks have gone from this town to their native land to take part in the war in the Balkan peninsula. Only those between 21 and 34 years of age are ordered home for service.

**1912** Sibley Scythe Co. is breaking ground for a new building to be used for the manufacture of hatchets. /// Phoenix Hotel is sold

at auction.

**1912** President William Howard Taft passes through Newport Oct. 11 on his way from Bretton Woods to Keene. He stayed about five minutes and was greeted by school children “armed with flags and by the firing of a salute.” He spoke briefly.

**1912** Richards Mill Strike. Threats of personal violence have been made against August Santti and the Rev. C.E. Stenman in connection with the past strike at the Richards Mill.

**1912** The Richard's Packard automobile [the Richards family's] was taken to Boston last week to be stored for the winter. [In the non-snow months that auto was kept in the carriage house (now the Library Arts Center) where there were stalls for three teams. Horse and carriage was used during snow months, apparently. Much later several Cadillacs, including a convertible which was a favorite of Sid Rollins, was housed there.]

**1913** Dr. Cain is remodeling the old jail into a hall where it is intended to have motion pictures. The building now is home of Adelpia Cable TV between Lantz building and Sierra Photo on Main St.

**1913** There were about 50 parcels by the parcel post on the first day of use. Postmaster Varney has everything in readiness for business.

**1913** Two school teams are necessary this term to carry the scholars out of the school district in North Newport to and from school. Mrs. Lizzie Blodgett, taking the children from Head Station (Corbin Park), and Clesson Parker and Mrs. Perley Goodwin taking the children from Smith and Goodwin over on the other road back and forth to school.



**1913** In Goshen, the Italians have stopped peeling pulp wood and most of them have gone away. Three of them are having to stay and cut pulp wood and not peel it. They have cut about 1000 cords. /// In North Newport, the largest number of automobiles that have been seen this summer in one day, more than 50, went over the Cornish road Sunday.

**1913** The water in Gilman Pond (Newport's water supply) is reported to be 15 inches below high-water mark, having dropped a foot in 16 days.

**1913** The Citizens Bank will be in business operations in the new block next Monday morning. (Brick building at NW corner of Main and West St. owned by James Lantz). /// Fairbanks and Dorr have commenced running the Dorr Woolen Mill at nights. About 50 men are on night force.

**1913** President Woodrow Wilson has chosen the Cornish home of Winston Churchill, the novelist, to be the summer capital, according to a telegram received from Mr. Churchill who is now in Santa Barbara, Calif.

**1913** Porch and steps of the Wheeler Block (Hubert's) are removed. "A new granolithic approach makes a decided improvement of that section of Main St."

**1913** Two 3-globe lampposts were set in front of the Opera House [the Town Hall], the model for today's vintage lighting on Main Street.

**1913** The Finnish Socialist band, 10 pieces, gave a very credible concert in the street last night to gather audience for John Burke, socialist orator

**1913** The town got an official police department this year.

**1915** Chataqua Week, July 24-30, is held in Newport. Program included a women's singing orchestra, a priest and two preachers (both with Ph D.s), all of whom gave lectures. A magician, a "Japanese Music Play," Victor's Italian Band and Venetian Troubadours (24 singers and musicians), a trio, an operatic company, a quartet, a world traveler and orator, and The College Players presentation of "Twelfth Night" from the program for that week

**1915** In Sunapee, quite a gang of men are getting ready to work on a line to furnish Georges Mills and New London with electric lights. /// In Newport, the Board of Trade discusses whether free mail delivery would be a good thing for Newport. The answer is probably to be found in the fact that no place where it is established wants to give it up.

**1915** Henry Nygort, a Finn, was arrested Friday noon for stealing a fur coat of Dr. J. Leavitt Cain's from the doctor's office. As the coat was returned, he was fined \$5 and costs which he paid.

**1915** The Lewis Block (SE corner Main & Sunapee) barber shop has gone out of business and will become a Greek shine parlor and pool room. (Often editors identify persons by

ethnic origin, i.e. a Greek, a Finn, an Italian, rather than by names, often when reporting crimes. Other offenders are identified by name.)

**1916** The Elm Farm team, property of a Greek, was capsized at the corner of Sunapee and North Main Streets, near Rand's Newport House, Tuesday forenoon, and bottles, milk and broken glass were all conglomerated, and one of the occupants of the team received cuts upon the hand from the broken glass. /// Uncle Tom's Cabin at the Opera House Friday evening Jan. 21.

**1916** The fifth fire since January occurred about 4 a.m. Friday morning when the roof and most of the top floor of the Silsby block near Main street bridge was burned. The property abuts Mrs. Dudley's block and stands very close to Carlton Hurd's store, so the absence of wind was very fortunate. Chief Lewis had five heavy streams on the building and was nearly two hours getting it under control.

**1916** Newport's first Winter Carnival was held Saturday afternoon under the direction of the Y.M.C.A. and proved an encouraging success. A parade was formed at one o'clock, composed of skiers, snowshoers, sliders and skaters and proceeded to Bela Cutting's meadow where races and exhibition jumps were held. /// The enterprising New Hampshire town of Newport, always alert for business or sports, comes to the fore this season with a pleasure plan which is all its own. The sponsor of the plan is the Newport Outing Club, of 150 members, and the program includes a grand carnival of winter sports the first three days in February in an arena especially constructed for the purpose, where a toboggan slide a third of a mile long, with a mile straightaway is already in the process of erection.

**1916** George A. Dorr (Dorr Woolen) has bargained for the residence of Mrs. Lucy N. Bradley on Pine Street. Arthur C. Bradley built this home in the 1890's. It was designed by a college classmate of his, Stanford White, who went on to become a famous architect. In 1995 it was the Woodlawn Manor nursing home.

**1916** Mr. and Mrs. George Dorr are occupying their residence on Pine Street. /// John English, a Greek, has made a trade with A. B. Scribner, the proprietor of the fish market in Milliken block, whereby Mr. Scribner will vacate, and Mr. English will install a modern steam cleaning plant and tailoring establishment.

**1916** Report of Winter of 1816. Remarkable Weather Conditions of One Hundred Years Ago. Vermont had no summer. Ten inches of snow fell in June of that year and people were frozen to death. /// John W. McCrillis and Wesley Thompson (Dartmouth students) skied down from Hanover Saturday. They started from Hanover a little after one o'clock and arrived home at 10:30 that night. (Long after nightfall.) They rested in Grantham an hour and a half. They found the roads badly drifted in some places fully five feet deep.

**1916** New London - The Public Service Commission has issued an order authorizing the Sunapee Electric Light and Power Co. to purchase the New London Acetylene Co. and to extend the service into the towns of New London, Sutton and Newbury. Electric lights have



been enjoyed at Colgate hall for three weeks, but were turned on in the post office block for the first time Monday evening.

**1916** E. H. Carr and Eugene Purington have recently installed electric lights in their houses. (Electricity was first available in Newport in 1892).

**1916** A consignment of 25 deer from Corbin park was shipped by American Express, in a special car, to the state game preserve at Jameson City, Pa., Monday noon. /// Goshen: W. E. Bowen, the big Rhode Island ice shipper, writes that he has got his supply in all right, but intends coming here next summer to look up a location for storing ice.

**1916** Rev. Alex Muhonen, for the past two years minister of the Finnish Congregational Church, is closing his affairs here, preparatory to removal the first of the month, to New York, where he will take up work among the Russian people.

**1916** West Unity - Herman Lane & Son, with gasoline engine, sawed Millard Barney's woodpile last week. [If sawing with gasoline engine was news, it was not common. We lived then with crosscut saw and bucksaw, and woodstoves in kitchen and parlor.]

**1916** A pleasing aftermath of Memorial Day was the marching of a squad of Boy Scouts to the estate of Andre C. Champollion and placing a wreath of flowers at the gateway in remembrance of the young soldier who lost his life fighting in the trenches in France. The wreath was tied in position with Harvard colors. /// Several autos and motorcycles in Grantham have had troubles peculiar to their kind the last two days, keeping Blacksmith Goddard more than busy.

**1916** Newport High School will graduate 13 seniors. /// The new Elm St. bridge, of concrete and steel, (replacing a lattice truss wooden covered bridge) will be finished about Sept. 1.

**1916** Splendid Act of Generosity. Loren D. Towle Presents Newport with \$75,000 High School Building. Those who attended the adjourned school meeting June 24 had their controversial spirit completely swept away, if any such spirit was present, when Frank D. Chellis for the committee, chosen at the annual school meeting to investigate the subject of increasing school accommodation, read a letter from Loren D. Towle of Boston, in which he offered to give to the town a high school building, including site and equipment at a cost not to exceed \$75,000.

**1916** After a long wait in Concord, the First Regiment National Guard, U.S.A., New Hampshire left Concord Saturday afternoon enroute to Laredo, Texas - a six-day journey. Upon arrival the First Infantry will be brigaded with the second Maine and in all probability will be hooked up with the first Vermont now on duty at Eagle Pass. /// The McElwain Co. has been taking care of the families of their employees who are at the front with various companies of the National Guard. Each week since Co. M. left, Superintendent Murphy has called on all of the families and given them from 75 to 100 percent of what the husband or



wage earner was given at the time he was called into service. /// Workmen are tearing down the old Elm street covered bridge and will start on the new concrete bridge next week. /// At a joint meeting of school boards of Newport, New London and Sunapee W. H. S. Ellingwood of Wilton, Maine, was elected superintendent of schools for those towns.

**1916** In Sunapee a movement has been set in progress to secure for communities that are in the vicinity of the lake, the entire service of a graduate nurse. She will be provided with horse, buggy and sleigh, and establish headquarters near George's Mills where she can be summoned by telephone. For such services, people will not be expected to pay more than they can afford.

**1916** Arthur S. Currier has been authorized by the selectmen to number the houses in the village in accordance with the map of the village recently made.

**1916** Laredo, Texas, Oct. 24 -- Thirty nine recruits of the First New Hampshire regiment arrived here yesterday, 13 band and 26 infantrymen. The arrival of the band was received with great enthusiasm by the regiment which turned out en masse to meet it.

**1916** Elm Street covered bridge (a lattice truss) is replaced by one of concrete and steel.

**1916** George S. Robb has sold his house on Sunapee Street to Fredrick Gamash. It is understood that the lot will be used sometimes for a new Catholic church.

## **1917 - WORLD WAR I**

U.S. enters war on April 6; war ends Nov. 11, 1918

1917-1918 230 Newporters serve in World War I. Nine die in service.

**1917-1918** Polish families begin to immigrate to Newport. About 40 families arrive in a period of a few years.

**1917** Business has improved wonderfully throughout the year. The shops and mills are running to their fullest capacity with a constant call for more help, and have increased their employee's wages until they are now paying more than for many years past.

**1917** After long and persistent efforts on the part of the committee and Mr. Towle, without success, to secure from landholders by purchase, a suitable site for the new high school, it now appears necessary to invoke the laws of eminent domain to obtain land for the location of the school.

**1917** The annual Winter Carnival, sponsored by the Newport Outing Club, will take place Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 30, 31 and Feb. 1. The first day will be devoted to the seven-mile sleigh ride to Blue Mountain Forest Park, where the deer drive on snowshoes will take place, followed by a dinner at the clubhouse of the Blue Mountain Forest Association. Friday afternoon will be devoted to snowshoeing, skiing and ski jumping on the club grounds,

with various races transpiring. In the evening there will be a grand concert and ball at the opera house with music by Hough's Orchestra. Saturday there will be races of all kinds on the outing club grounds, a hockey game between the McElwain and Newport Outing Club teams and an exhibition of ski jumping by Morton Bridge of Hanover. In the evening the carnival will be brought to a close with a huge bonfire on the club grounds. "Pictures of the buffalo and ski jumping at the Outing Club grounds. The stores are busy preparing for the carnival next week. One merchant has sold more snow shoes this season than in all of the past five years."

**1917** Three male and three female buffaloes were shipped from the Blue Mountain Forest Park by the American Railway Express to Honiny, N.C. as a gift from Austin Corbin of New York City to the Pisgah Club of that place.

**1917** Early morning fire destroys the Gamash Block on Main St. and damages Emerson Block.

**1917** National Guard returns from Mexican Border (Pancho Villa troubles.) The arrival of Co. M in Newport was announced by the ringing of all the bells in town and the blowing of whistles on all of the mills as soon as the train left Sunapee depot. The men arrived in two special cars attached to the five o'clock train Monday afternoon. The whole town was out to see them and the square at the station was filled with friends of the men that Newport is proud to have sent to the border just eight months ago to the day.

**1917** School meeting warrant include articles to see if town will appropriate money for medical inspection in schools, and to consider the continuance of kindergarten. /// A carload of 45 deer was shipped from Corbin's park yesterday afternoon to Buffalo, N.Y. /// Ty L. Barker, who has been a clothier in town for about 32 years, transferred (sold) his business on Tuesday to the Miller Bros. of Springfield, Vt.

**1917** H. W. Kendall and Frederick Gamash (whose buildings are named after them) contemplate one solid front from Korn Alley to the J. W. Johnson (Sierra Photo) block of pressed brickwork, and work will commence at once. /// F.A. Barton has petitioned the Public Service Commission to sell the Lempster telephone company to Fred M. Clarke for two thousand dollars.

**1917** Grantham - The Newport stage went on wheels Monday in March for the first time this season and the Lebanon stage on Tuesday. /// Lyman H. Howe's moving pictures drew a good attendance in the opera house Friday evening, and was, as always, very instructive and interesting.

**1917 U.S. Enters World War I on April 6.**

**1917** The selectmen have started enrolling all men of military age. This has nothing to do with the present crisis that is, the law requires that it be made annually, war or no war.

1917 Street lights are kept on all night for the present. /// The shoe factory of W. H. McElwain is protected by an outside guard during the hours it is closed.

1917 Main St. was hit by another bad fire Wednesday when a basement smudge in the Richards Block developed alarming proportions and for a time threatened the destruction of Newport's biggest block. Firemen attacked the fire vigorously, but had a stiff two hours fight before it was certain damage would not extend to all parts of the building. Millers Brothers store and stock was practically ruined as the store filled with smoke so quickly that very little could be removed. The First National Bank rooms next door were stripped of furniture and the Lovell Drug Store was emptied, considerable damage from smoke, water and breakage resulting.

1917 The students of Colby Academy in New London have military drill every morning from eight to nine.

1917 The Champion and job printing having been purchased by a voluntary corporation under the name of the Champion Press Association. The personnel of the corporation is as follows: Francis P. Murphy, president; Jesse M. Barton, v.p.; Bernard W. Carey, clerk; Chas. W. Rounseval, treasurer; Paul E. Trask, Edward J. Gallagher of Concord, Frank A. Rogers, directors.

1917 The third serious Main St. fire since Jan. 1 took place early Sunday morning. Two men from Boston who were riding through town on a motor cycle about four o'clock discovered the Dudley Block all ablaze and had the alarm rung in. The firemen had a stream on the block quickly and had it under control in about an hour. The building, owned by G. E. Lewis and F. P. Rowell, was being repaired at the time. /// All males between 21 and 31 years of age, whether citizens or aliens, must present themselves and register at their voting place in their home town or city between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. on Tuesday June 5th. /// A band of gypsies passed through the village Tuesday in automobiles.

1917 Capt. Edes has received orders for drilling Co. M. twice each week until the company is called to join the regiment. /// There have been 22 enlistments for the Home Guard from Newport. The men will go to Claremont one night each week for drill with company. /// The Claremont milk dealers increased the price of milk to 8 cents per quart and then very sensibly inserted a well-written quarter-page advertisement in the local papers to give what they considered good reason.

1917 The 32nd annual reunion of the Newport High School Alumni Association was held at Rand's Newport House immediately after graduation in the Town Hall.

1917 The contract for the new parsonage of the South Congregational Church has been awarded to O. G. Osgood and work will begin soon. /// Corbin Park will be open to the public June 20. Passes can be obtained at the Newport House, Brighton, East and West Pass Gates.



1917 Shaker community in Enfield is closed, and land and buildings sold.

1917 Finns. Tom Djerf, leader of the Finnish National Band, saved the life of Wilhard Onnela of this town. Onnela went in swimming in the swimming pool at Finnish Park, and when Mr. Djerf, who happened to be nearby, saw him sink and dived in to rescue him.

1917 J. Hugh and Richard P. Donovan bought the Corner Pharmacy (at corner of Sunapee and Main streets in Lewis Block) last Thursday. The Donovan brothers made many friends during some years of service at Lovell's (drugstore) and are well qualified to make a success of their venture. /// Sullivan County's list of men liable to draft was made complete with cards and lists all numbered last week. There are 1871 cards in the county. /// Remember that the stores are closed Thursday afternoons during July.

1917 Five of the largest taxpayers in Newport were Brampton Woolen Co., \$1,392; Draper Co., \$3,892; Fairbanks and Dorr, \$2,079; McElwain Co., \$3,306; Richards and Sons Co., \$3,340; and Newport Electric Light, \$2,312. /// D. C. Barton started to move the main part of the parsonage of the South Church Monday morning to the Lear lot on S. Main St.

1917 Company M Mobilizes. Coast Artillery Boys Leave Wednesday Morning. Members of Local Company Leave Friday to Join Regiment.

1917 High school exams for entrance to high school will take place Sept. 7, three days before schools open.

1917 Rev. T. C. Watkins lost control of his horse while driving down the long hill this side of his summer residence on Coit Mountain, and was thrown from his carriage.

1917 Mr. Budnitz has taken the district agency for the sale and manufacture of Coca Cola and will commence manufacturing this popular drink in about three weeks. He has bought the place now occupied by him on Sunapee Street of George Wilkins and will soon erect a new building to replace the old one.

1917 The town was surprised Monday morning to learn that Robert E. Gould of Claremont had bought out W. G. Rand at the Newport House, although there had been rumors.

1917 There has been a feeling for some time among members of the School Committee that the good condition of the teeth of the school children was as important as any part of their physical welfare and we are now in receipt of an offer from Dr. Keith to examine free every child attending our school this year.

1917 Whitmore and Cutting have started an auto bus service between Newport and Claremont. The auto leaves the Newport House at 8:30 and leaves Claremont in front of the Post Office at nine-thirty every morning except Sundays.

**1917** The new store fronts being set in the Richards Block, now being remodeled by Hoggson Brothers, the New York builders, illustrates the latest ideas in modern display windows. Lovell's Drug Store, Rogers and Robb, Miller Brothers and W. H. Sargent's grocery will soon blossom out with them.

**1917** Stores in the Kendall block are rapidly nearing completion. The store to be occupied by the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co. is ready for the fixtures. /// Clarence D. Mooney has been appointed war historian by the Newport Board of Trade.

**1917** "Newport is certainly one of the most remarkable towns it has ever been my privilege to visit," said a business visitor in town the other day. "When you think that in the last year



Newport Common  
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every clothing store, a dry goods store and shoe store have been burned out, that Lovell's Drug Store was flooded with water at the time of the Miller Bros. fire and that the First National bank had to move on account of that same fire, it is truly wonderful what they have done to rehabilitate themselves."

**1918** S.C. Newell's spirit thermometer recorded 48 below zero this morning (January 4th). He said that the average for the past few days has been 45 below. ///

A Finn was before Justice Nourse charged with leaving his horse on the street without being properly blanketed. He was fined \$25 and costs of \$10.30.

**1918** The Town Hall has been closed for the remainder of the winter to conserve coal.

**1918** High school opened last fall with 98; there are now 92. Sewing is now taught in sixth grade. One of our greatest needs is Manual Training for the boys. Drawing was introduced last fall. Sunapee has united with us this year, making it possible to retain Miss Bateman, thus improving the music of both towns. A paper press has been installed and all waste paper is pressed and sold. Tall stools have been furnished the teachers. At least two or three windows in each schoolroom should be screened against flies. – W.H.S. Ellingwood, Supt.

**1918** George A. Fairbanks sells his interest to partner George A. Dorr, Dorr Woolen is established with 155 hands. At this time the Dorr Woolen Mill operated on water power.



**1918** The coal shortage in this vicinity is getting serious. The Newport Electric Light Co. would have been obliged to shut down Tuesday morning if Fairbanks and Dorr had not come to its rescue with a car of bituminous coal which was in the freight yard. /// Sunapee bus. J. N. Lambert has started a jitney trip between Newport and Sunapee leaving Sunapee daily at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. /// The Newport Equal Suffrage League will hold its regular meeting at the home of the president, Mrs. Silas C. Newell, 163 Cheney Street.

**1918** The question of what stores should keep open Sundays and what should be closed was easily settled Saturday by the Selectmen. Every store was closed Sunday with the exception of the drug stores, and they were allowed to sell only drugs and the Sunday papers. /// The Town Hall was filled Friday night for the patriotic meeting held in the interests of the Liberty Loan committee. That this is a patriotic town was demonstrated when in the course of the introduction by John McCrillis, the chairman of the local committee, the honor flag was lowered from the ceiling as he was telling the audience that Newport had once again gone over the top, subscribing her quota of one hundred thousand dollars by more than 25,000 dollars.

**1918** Every red-blooded American will be in the Red Cross parade Sunday. /// Clarence Bailey has begun taking pictures of the various people around town for the past two weeks to send to the soldiers in France. /// Sullivan County sent another quota of 18 men for the war this morning. The men were escorted to the railroad station by the Newport Band where they were addressed by F. P. Rowell before taking the train to Durham where they will receive mechanical training.

**1918** H. Fairgrieve, who has been occupying the store on Sunapee St. for the last 4 years, has moved into the Lewis block where he has larger quarters. (He later moved across the street into the Richards block.)

**1918** The barber shops and nearly all of the stores will close Thursday afternoons at noon from June 20 until Sept. 19. /// John Condon is removing his stock of groceries from his store in the Richards block to his store in the Cheney block. /// The cobblers in the shoe stores of Walter E. Davis and the Dudley Shoe Co. went out on strike last week, and the proprietors have made arrangements whereby the repair work will be handled out of town, as it is difficult to secure good cobblers here at present.

**1918** One of the red letter days for Guild was last week Thursday when the United States flag and a service flag, containing 14 stars, was unfurled at Fairbanks and Dorr's mill at noon. Very interesting speeches were made by G. A. Fairbanks and F. O. Chellis of Newport.

**1918** In Sunapee the church, moving pictures and library are closed and all public gatherings are postponed on account of the epidemic. (Influenza?) /// Two implements of warfare are attracting much attention in M.J. Hourihan's window this week. There is a shrapnel shell and a grenade such as is used by the fighters in France.

**1918** Newport has been placed on a sugar ration of three pounds per capita per month. (In



this year the average American used 74.6 pounds of sugar each year. So this was quite a cutback.)

**1918** Strikers at the Richards mill voted to go back to work Friday morning with a raise in wages for the weavers at 25 percent; for the spinners, 20 percent; and for the day help, 25 percent, which was just what D.S. Rollins had offered them the previous Monday.

**1918** The firm of Fairbanks and Dorr, who have been owners of the woolen mill in Guild for nearly 20 years, was dissolved by mutual consent on July 1. Mr. Dorr has bought out the interest of Mr. Fairbanks. Mr. Dorr will have as a partner, his brother, Roy L. Dorr, who has been the New York representative of the firm for the past eight years.

**1918** In North Newport, every morning employees are being transported to the McElwain shoe factory. /// A billboard has been erected in Court Square (now occupied by the County building) upon which the honor roll of Fourth Liberty Bond purchasers will appear.

**1918** (The 1918 worldwide influenza epidemic killed an estimated 20 million persons, including 548,000 in the U.S.) Our schools have lost three or four weeks from the months of the year when schools may be run with the greatest efficiency and now opening disorganized by the enforced vacation. It will still be a week or more before full attendance may be secured and schools able to do regular work. The school board at its last meeting voted to open an evening school for all who wish to attend as soon as health conditions permit. An enrollment fee of one dollar will be charged to help cover expenses. If conditions continue as at present, Empire Theatre and the public library will reopen Monday. The Health office in the Knights of Columbus rooms have been closed and the two nurses secured to relieve the situation have been released.

**1918** The Town Hall bell was rung Monday afternoon to announce the surrender of Austria. Germany comes next. /// The influenza ban on public gatherings, with the exception of dancing, was lifted Saturday at midnight, and everything has resumed its normal condition.

## **WORLD WAR I ENDS ON NOVEMBER 11**

**1918** There will be a grand concert and ball in the opera house Monday evening, Dec. 9, for the benefit of the Newport Cadet Band in appreciation of the services at various sendoffs of the boys drafted in the service. /// Richards mill is on a three-days-a-week schedule until further notice.

**1918** The Carrie F. Wright Hospital has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. /// The new parsonage of the Congregational church was dedicated Sunday morning, Dec. 15. It is a gift to the church by Mrs. Seth M. Richards, a member of the church, whose family has been prominent in town for many years. The house is designed along colonial lines and in perfect harmony with the meetinghouse by which it stands. /// Those who had occasion to pass the covered bridge near the scythe shop (in North Newport) appreciate the return of electric lights.

**1919** In Mill Village the annual church roll call and business meeting has been postponed because of the epidemic (influenza still?) and, also the Grange meeting. /// Nine inches of snow fell Jan. 2 furnishing the first sleighing of the winter. /// Lt. Burton D. Thorpe arrived home from Fort Ogelthorpe Saturday and we feel confident that the public will be glad to see him at his profession here again, as the other doctors have been more than busy for several weeks.

**1919** The Girl Scout movement is a new departure in Newport. Much has been done for our boys but little for our girls. A small body of women who have the interest of our Newport girls at heart have introduced the National Girl Scout Organization into this always progressive community. The movement is non-sectarian.

**1919** The Brampton Co. closed its local mill (not the one in Sunapee) Saturday for an indefinite period, depending upon business conditions in the woolen business.

**1919** The appearance of Judge Franklin P. Rowell, attired in his red cape and tall silk hat, which was shown at the Empire Theatre Thursday evening of last week in the Pathe's Weekly in the reception tendered General Clarence E. Edwards at Concord a few weeks ago, brought great applause from the audience. (He was owner of Rowell Brothers building supply store in Korn Alley, and was widely known for his cape and top hat, even inserting himself into the reviewing stand at a Boston parade one time when authorities seated him as a dignitary because of his clothing.)

**1919** In Town Meeting it was voted that the selectmen be instructed to issue permits to druggists in Newport "to fill liquor for medicinal purposes on prescription in accordance with the provisions of Ch. 147, session law of 1917 and amendments thereto. (The 18th amendment -- Prohibition -- was passed 16 Jan., two months earlier.)

**1919** At the Town Meeting Tuesday, eleven hundred dollars was appropriated with instructions to the selectmen to appoint a police force in Newport and designate the hours of service.

**1919** Clayton Morgan of Sunapee has taken a contract to ship a large quantity of ice to Hartford, Conn. He has a crew cutting near Lake Station, where it is loaded in (freight) cars. /// Buffaloes were shipped from Corbin Park to Boston via American Express Tuesday. /// It was voted to give the Carrie F. Wright hospital the material from the emergency hospital and to grant it free use of the town hall two evenings during the year. /// We are glad to know that Mr. Smith (from Grantham), has heard from his son, Perley, who has been in a German prison camp.

**1919** The strike of the telephone operators, which went into effect Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock did not affect Newport locally, but no communication could be established with surrounding towns and Claremont, which caused much inconvenience and delay. /// There are 24 members in the high school graduating class of 1919. /// All returned soldiers and sailors are urgently requested to meet in G.A.R. hall Monday evening to take steps to form a



post in the American Legion. /// Posters are out announcing the auction Sat. June 28 at the Phoenix Hotel Stable. The entire stock including horses, Ford touring car, wagons, robes, etc., will be disposed of. The livery business has for some time been conducted by Lacroix and Ladieu.

**1919** The people in the vicinity of Lake Sunapee have contributed from time to time during the last 8 years a little more than \$9,000 with which to purchase 656 acres on the mountain, including the timber surrounding the summit and all of that in the basin of the beautiful Lake Solitude. Six and one half miles of trail and a log shelter at Lake Solitude have been constructed. This is the beginning of Sunapee State Park.

**1919** The Newport Workers will hold a lawn party at the residence of George A. Dorr on Pine Street, Tuesday, July 22 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and a fine musical program has been arranged. Ice cream and cake will be on sale. Admission to the grounds is twenty-five cents. Free automobile conveyance to and from the party to anyone. /// Edes and company has an interesting exhibit of war souvenirs this week, brought home by Capt. S. H. Edes.

**1919** Five of the heaviest taxpayers are Dexter Richards and Sons. Co., \$5,443.68; W. H. McElwain Co., \$5,073.32; Newport Electric Light Co., \$2,820; Peerless Mfg. Co., \$2,652.21, residents; and Draper Co., \$2,084.07, non resident.

**1919** The N.H. Senate voted yesterday to ratify the Susan B. Anthony (19th) amendment to the Federal Constitution, granting full suffrage to women by a vote of 14 to 10. (It was ratified in 1920) /// The high school opened with a total registration of 89. Late arrivals will bring the total to about 95. Registration by classes: Seniors, 8; Juniors, 16; Sophomores, 29; Freshmen, 37. /// The Dorr Woolen Company is building a new boarding house for help at Guild. A new club house for the men is also in process of erection.

**1919** Ever since the deal was completed whereby the block containing the Newport Home for Aged Women became the site for the Towle High School, the trustees of the home have been looking for the right place for the Home. Sometime last week it was decided to buy Mrs. Myron Tenney's home on Laurel street, and it is expected that the work will be transferred to the new location within a short time.

**1919** Elm St. has been improved from Main St. to the bridge by the building of a concrete road and sidewalk under the supervision of Andrew Allen.

**1919** Fire started in the south end of the Richards Block Friday morning, Nov. 14. The two Upper Stories Totally Guttred. Since the fire of Friday morning which practically destroyed the two upper stories of the Richards Block and did big damage to the stores therein, it seems advisable to us that a night patrolman should be kept on duty on the Main Street in this town for just such an emergency as this; also that the electric lights should be kept burning all night long. Fire destroys Miller Bros. Clothing store and top two floors in Richards Block. (Now Lake Sunapee Bank occupies most of the building).



**1919** Newport Golf Course opens on Unity Road on land leased from Dr. J.L. Cain and parts of land owned by George Spooner and Will Davis.

**1919** The field glasses, which Frank C. Foster lent to the Navy have been returned to him with an engraved certificate from the war department in appreciation of the great service rendered by them. /// The soldiers, sailors and nurses of N.H. who participated in the World War will receive an additional bonus of \$70 according to state law passed Sept. 10; effective Dec. 1.

**1919** Following is a list of the nationalities now employed at the Richards mill and it takes in everybody, including the office force: Americans - 92; Irish -12 (all born on this side except one, making total Americans, 104.) Finns - 44; French - 48; Polish - 18; Greeks - 10; Italians - 3; Austrians, 3; Germans, 1. Out of this total of 231 there are approximately 75 who are not naturalized. (Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> letter from treasurer of the mill.)

**1920** **Population: 4,109. [Population of state of N.H. is 443,083, up 2.9%.]**  
**Average yearly earnings in U.S. industry: about \$1,500; work week was 51 hours; (that's slightly less than 59 cents an hour for 50 weeks of work) bread was 12 cents a one-pound loaf; flour 41 cents for 5 pounds.**

**1920** 19th Amendment is ratified in August, and gives women the right to vote.

**1920** W. H. McElwain Co., with factories in Manchester, Nashua, Claremont and Newport, will list upon the Boston stock exchange \$2,500,000 of 7 percent cumulative first preferred stock authorized at a meeting of the company stockholders at a meeting held in Boston at the central office last Thursday ... Reserve Friday evening, Jan. 23, for the carnival dance ... Franklin P. Rowell has purchased a one-ton truck of Fred Gamash. ...Plan to participate in the deer drive and game dinner at Corbin Park Thursday, Jan. 24, the first day of the carnival ... A handsome gold medal will be given for the best decorated toboggan in the parade Saturday afternoon, Jan. 24.

**1920** Newport School Board votes to raise the salary of every women teacher \$100 per year except Guild teachers, who have but recently been engaged. Heaviest snowfall of winter, Feb. 5, with a fall of about 12 inches driven by a heavy east wind. Traffic was brought to a standstill and everybody was kept busy shoveling themselves out. No school in Springfield; Lempster stage could not get to Claremont, so no mail there.

**1920** D. J. Leavitt Cain and his son, William, were thrown from their sleigh Sunday evening when the horse became frightened as it went through a pitch-hole (pot hole) on Sunapee Street and ran away when the bit broke.

**1920** Town warrant article: To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to appoint a police force in Newport, designate the hours of service and pay for the same, raise and appropriate money for the purpose.

**1920** The Boston Lunch, Wheeler Block, (now Hubert's Clothing Store at NE corner of Main and Central streets) is well filled every noon by people who enjoy the good 40-cent dinners which are being put out.

**1920** Maple sugar is bringing 40 cents a pound and maple syrup \$3 a gallon. /// Town Meeting voted to raise the salary of the town clerk from \$125 a year to \$300 which is none too much for the proper execution of that office.

**1920** W. R. Whitney of Goshen, who purchased the Hatch pasture at the junction of Highland and Prospect Streets, intends to stake the pasture of nine acres into building lots, 50 by 100 feet each, and will build a home for anyone who wishes on easy terms. The town has agreed to lay out a street for those slots as soon as possible.

**1920** The New Hampshire Argus and Spectator is glad to announce to its thousands of friends, old and new, the installation of a Model 14 Linotype. The Linotype is a machine that does away with the slow, tedious process of setting types by hand, or indeed setting them at all. (Linotype was invented in 1884; first used by New York Tribune in 1886.)

**1920** HEADLINE - Daylight Savings. Newport clocks have been advanced one hour. Town clock unchanged. /// A good many Finnish people are going back to Finland this spring. Some are going back to live under the new regime, others only to see their families from whom they have been pretty much out of touch since the beginning of the war. /// 100 voters attend special town meeting, most of whom appeared to have gone for the purpose of expressing their disapproval of the daylight saving scheme in general. The motion, amended by Judge Barton, prevailed and the town clock will not be altered from standard time until Nov. 1, provided the town in general is on daylight saving time on that date .. as of course it will not be. /// The Cutting house is on its way to its new location on Belknap Ave., and the Thorpe house will be following immediately. (refers to clearing space on N. Main Street to build Towle School.)

**1920** At the special Town Meeting Saturday afternoon it was decisively voted that the town clock should not be advanced one hour to correspond with daylight saving time, which has been adopted in the shops and nearly all of the stores. The vote was 95 to 4 against putting the town clock ahead.

**1920** Maple Street from Main to the hilltop has been posted as a "hospital zone" and all gas-propelled vehicles must go as quietly as possible. /// The employees of the W.H. McElwain Co. were called together Friday and notified of a flat 10 percent raise and further told that this raise was retroactive to March.

**1920** Miss Ruth Perry is organist at Coniston Theater during her summer vacation.

**1920** Rev. Wm. Newcomb is holding services in the school house at Ryder Corner in Croydon on Sunday afternoons. [No separation of church and state.]



**1920** In the first vote for women, 508 women registered, and 60 percent of these voted. (Newport's population then was 4,109.) "When I went to the town hall to vote at the primary election I was impressed with the unusual dignity of the occasion. The presence of the women certainly gave the event additional tone and put the menfolk on their good behavior."

**1920** Corbin Meadows at the north end of town (later Parlin Field, the Newport airport) were the scene of a novel exhibition Saturday and Sunday when Lt. Bob Fogg, a U.S. air service instructor, came up from Concord and took some of the spectators up in the air to view Newport and its surroundings. His flying time from Concord was about 25 minutes.

**1920** The Coniston Theatre is sold to Sam D. Lewis and Arthur C. Chadwick, proprietors of the Empire Theatre. The Coniston has been running 11 months and was built on the site of the old Phoenix Hotel. Part of the old building was used. The price is reported to be \$33,000. /// Brewster Post of the American Legion has decided to take four rooms on the third floor of the Richards Block.

**1920** It became known the latter part of last week that the Republican Champion, a Newport newspaper, was being transferred to George E. Brown, managing editor of the Manchester Union-Leader. When Olin H. Chase was appointed a commissioner of motor vehicles in 1916, a corporation composed of Francis P. Murphy (N.H. governor 1937-39-41), W. E. Beaman, Jesse M. Barton, Charles H. Rounsevel, Frank A. Rogers, Paul E. Trask, Bernard W. Carey and Edward H. Gallagher was formed to buy the Champion, and this corporation has operated the plant ever since.

**1920** Claude J. Brewster Post, No. 25, American Legion, auctioned a Ford touring car; Vincent J. Brennan, Sr. won, and gave car to the post which sold it to furnish the new rooms in Richards Block.

**1920** The Newport Outing Club has begun its winter activities by placing its club house and toboggan chute in position on the Van Meadows on Elm St. (This was later known as Fairbanks meadows and is north of the shopping center between Elm St. and Routes 11 and 103.) The ground has been rolled for the skating rink, which will be flooded immediately. /// At a Farm Bureau meeting the Claremont members resolved "that we are opposed to any form of so-called 'Daylight Saving' legislation either by our state or Congress."

**1920** Residents of N. Newport are aroused over the announcement that the North Newport railroad station is to be discontinued after 13 years of service.

**1920** A German baron, a prisoner of war trying to earn money to return to his homeland after World War I (there was a prisoner of war camp in Stark, N.H.) painted murals in the sanctuary of the Church of the Good Shepherd (Methodist church).

**1921** A \$23,000, four-room annex is added to Richards Junior High School on School Street.



**1921** Electric lights are installed in the Primary School.

**1921** McElwain Co. reduces wages in effort to keep factories going.

**1921** Two buffaloes were shipped from Corbin Park to Granlock, N.J., by American Railway Express.

**1921** Withdraws offer to build High School. Loren D. Towle explains his reasons in letter to committee. The withdrawal by Mr. Towle, of his offer to erect a new high school, is a regrettable incident, but it is felt that the town will be saved a big expense by the action. /// Unusual interest is attached to the upcoming Town Meeting because women voters will take part for the first time.

**1921** The seven highest taxpayers in town for the year of 1921 in order are as follows: W.H. McElwain Co., \$8,887.66; Dexter Richards and Sons, \$8,770.23; Dorr Woolen Co., \$5,328.05; Brampton Woolen Co., \$3,798.57; Peerless Manufacturing Co., \$3,688.25; Mrs. Lizzie M. Richards, \$3,291.50 and Draper Co. \$2,270.90. Some other high taxpayers are George A. Dorr, \$1,191.58; Sam D. Lewis, \$1,026.60; and F. P. Rowell, \$907.70.

**1921** Newport High School class of 1921 has 18 members; seven young men, eleven young ladies.

**1921** The inventory of the Town of Newport for the year 1921 is \$4,045,447, which is \$196,970 more than the inventory of 1920. Total property taxes amount to \$117,318. The town has 369 horses, 48 oxen, 396 cows, 344 neat stock, 125 sheep, 7 hogs, 205 fowl, and 23 vehicles on its inventory. (The population of Newport in 1920 was 4,109 and clearly this inventory, while probably low, shows how non-agricultural we were. With an average family size of six, Newport had about 685 families and only 369 horses, so a lot of families had no transportation, probably living in the village in tenements near the mills. We did a lot of walking.)

**1921** The new organ which is being installed in the South Church will be ready for trial Sunday, but will not be fully completed for another week or two. /// In Washington [N.H.] the Shephard and Morse Lumber Co. will close their mill Monday morning. The men are going out on strike against a 25% reduction in wages.

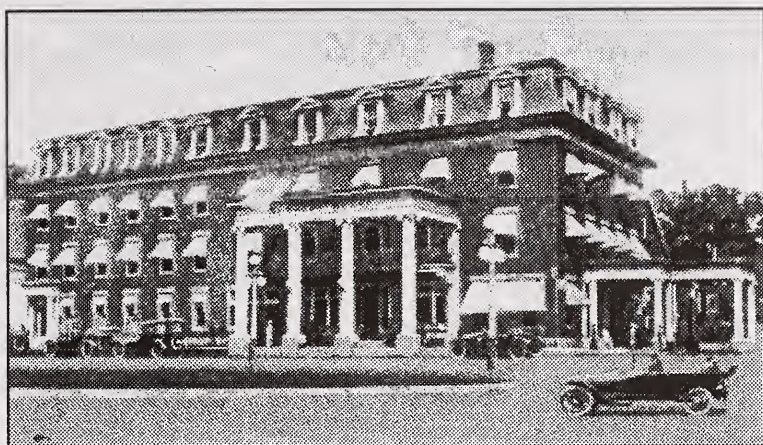
**1921** Early morning fire destroys restaurant; Wheeler Block saved big damage by quick work of firemen.

**1921** Automobile licenses statewide have reached 39,896. /// Chatauqua banners and advertising are everywhere in evidence, announcing a week of solid enjoyment from Aug. 25 to Aug. 31, inclusive.

**1921** In North Newport the committee for installing electric lights in Union chapel has announced that plans are progressing for raising the needed money.

**1921** A cutting department will be added to the McElwain Shoe factory. The Newport factory which now has 550 employees, is turning out 4,000 pairs of shoes a day. Within a few weeks it is expected that 5,000 pairs will be the daily output.

**1921** The school census shows a total of 765 pupils. /// Seventy-four dwelling houses in Newport are lighted with electric lights.



The Newport House  
Photo Courtesy of Andy Andrews

**1921** Newport's notable family of Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel R. Barton gained greater prominence last Sunday when the stork again visited their home in Kelleyville and presented them with their nineteenth child. It was a boy which makes the tenth son in the family. /// A new Esty pipe organ has been installed at St. Patrick's church. It is 18 feet in depth and 12 feet in width, has 7 stops, 10 couplets and is encased in light oak. The Methodist, Congregational, Baptist and Catholic churches are all equipped now with up-to-date pipe organs.

**1921** Through the courtesy of the Red Men, children will be admitted to the matinee at the Coniston Theatre Monday free of charge.

**1922** The first N.H. radio station, WLNH, opens in Lebanon.

**1922** There is scarcely a citizen or well-wisher of Newport who did not read with the profoundest regret Mr. Loren D. Towle's letter in this paper withdrawing his offer of a new high school building for Newport. No one can read this letter without realizing that someone has blundered beyond comprehension, and that Mr. Towle has taken the only course possible for a gentleman of sensibilities. But only those who know him personally can realize how truly he is speaking from the heart when he says "the outcome of this schoolhouse matter is the greatest disappointment of my life."

**1922** Newport voters give Loren D. Towle unanimous endorsement. The annual meeting of the Newport School District held Saturday afternoon proved a record breaker in every respect. Probably there never were so many people in the town hall at any one time. About 900 seats were provided and 200 or 300 people were standing in the rear of the hall and in the balconies. Likewise it was the angriest, most determined crowd which ever met there, and the anger and determination were directed at the members of the school board who had, in their opinion, not only offended the town's friend and benefactor (Loren D. Towle) but placed it in a bad light in the eyes of the rest of New England.



**1922** Judge J. M. Barton and Spiros Condos were in Concord yesterday attending a hearing before the Public Service Commission as to whether Mr. Condos should have a permit to run a public auto between Claremont and Newport and Sunapee. Mr. Condos is planning to make three trips each day, which will make a very complete service. [The Condos Bus ran until the 1950's and probably longer.] Spiros Condos has been granted a license to run a bus service between Sunapee and Claremont this summer. Mr. Condos is well equipped to give a much needed service. He will start his regular trips as soon as the roads are in condition. There have been several attempts to establish a regular service, but none has been successful.

**1922** [Letter from Loren D. Towle to the citizens of Newport after voters rejected School Board motion and approved Towle's gift to the town.] "I desire to overlook the offensive actions of a majority of last year's School Board. I accept your earnest request and hereby reinstate my previous offer to build a new high school building. As a consideration in renewing this proposal, I must make one reservation: Viz., the building to be erected at such time as it is possible for me to give it my personal attention. At present I am engaged in a large construction enterprise that has already been greatly delayed and will require all of the present year and possibly all of the next year to complete. I cannot undertake the construction of the schoolhouse until this work is completed. Knowing the need of the building I will not delay it a moment longer than is necessary."

**1922** It will require at least ten automobiles to carry the members of the GAR [Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union veterans of the Civil War, established in 1866. In 1868 it got Memorial Day adopted. At its peak it had 400,000 members. Had strong influence on the Republican party. Its last member died in 1956.] and other organizations from the Town Hall to the cemetery on Memorial Day. The men of the Grand Army are now too old to take their place in the line of march and must be carried. Any person who will assist these men on this occasion will please notify A.L. Post Commander Milo H. Brill or Post Commander Fred P. Carr of the Spanish War Veterans.

**1922** "I notice that a new bridge has been built over the Sugar River at The Riverside Trotting Park. Probably two-thirds of my readers never even heard of such a place for it must be 25 years ago that the last horse race was run there. Why doesn't John G. Glynn, Frederick Gamash, or someone of those old-time horse men, who used to make the dust fly around the half-mile course, write up some of the exciting times that have taken place there in the days when race horses were fairly common in this part of the country."

**1922** Eight of the 23 in the Richards High School graduating class were members of the football team which won all eight games, including a 12-0 victory over Stevens as well as the Connecticut Valley League championship.

**1922** Francis P. Murphy, for 24 years connected with the McElwain Co., has resigned as director of the company and as manager of the Newport, Claremont and Windsor factories to become a member of a new shoe organization. Mr. Murphy said he planned to keep his residence [a brick house on the west side of Spring St.] here for some time, on account of his



other local interests as chairman of the board of managers of the Newport Electric Light Co. and treasurer of the Lake Sunapee Power Co.

**1922** The local office of the American Express has been furnished with a Ford truck and its deliveries will be made in it instead of in horse-drawn wagons.

**1922** Hon. George A. Fairbanks of the building committee for the Towle High School building, Supt. W. H. S. Ellingwood and Headmaster Joseph A. Wiggin were in Boston Monday to meet Mr. Towle and his architect and make final plans for the new building which will start as soon as the weather will permit in the spring.

**1922-1955** Over three decades millions of pairs of shoes are produced at International Shoe Company on Canal Street. Under the management of the International Shoe Company from the year 1922, millions of pairs of shoes were produced. All types of footwear, men's, boys, womens, children, military, dress, and combat boots were manufactured at Canal Street and almost every conceivable type of process and construction was used in the manufacturing process.

**1923** Six automobile loads of Claremont Rotarians come to Newport, and the Newport Rotary Club, the sixth in N.H., is organized.

**1923** A false alarm was rung by a Finn youngster who evidently wished to see what would happen when he pulled it.

**1923** The biggest business and real estate transfer that has been recorded in Newport for some time, took place this week when the Eagle Block and the dry goods business of Edes and Co. were sold by George L. Edes to A. Teitelbaum. The building and the dry good establishment is one of the oldest in town. Originally built as a hotel, the structure was erected in 1825 and for many years was known as the Eagle Hotel. The property was bought by Samuel H. Edes in the 1850s, who transformed it into a business block and established a dry goods store on the street floor. For nearly 70 years the property has been kept in the Edes family.

**1923** The U.S. Postal Department [in Newport] has found some more money somewhere and we again have our three deliveries a day in the business section.

**1923** Contracts were signed in Boston on May 10 between Loren D. Towle and Charles W. Keith of Nashua for the erection of the new High School building on the lot purchased by Mr. Towle in August of 1919 and located on the corner of Main Street and Belknap Avenue. It is hoped that the building will be completed by next December.

**1923** Loren D. Towle dies in Boston. Born in Kelleyville, graduate of Newport High, class of 1892. He became Boston's leading real estate man. Donor of Newport's High School, Loren D. Towle died at the Newton Hospital September 26, 1923. The news was a great shock to Newport, for very few people had heard of his illness, although for quite a

period of time he had been below his usual standard of health. That week it was decided that an operation was necessary and it was performed Wednesday morning. His condition was at once found to be hopeless, and he passed away on Friday morning. At about nine o'clock, C. W. Keith, contractor for the Towle High School building, received a telephone message announcing his death, and immediately all work on the building discontinued.

**1923** A meeting of the building committee of the new Towle High School with C. W. Keith, the builder, was held Friday. Work on the building was stopped shortly after the death of Mr. Towle but Mr. Keith showed the damage that was likely to happen to the building if the windows were not put in and some heat provided. As the windows are well started, it was decided that these must be finished as soon as possible and put in, and the heating system must be carried on to permit heat enough in the building to keep the green plaster from freezing. It was also voted to meet Mrs. Towle's attorney as soon as he could give the time, to see what could be done. The supply sheds have been torn down and the grounds put in condition to leave.

**1923** After 130 years of farming, manufacturing and productive existence, declining membership forced the Shakers at Lower Shaker Village in Enfield to close their community and put it up for sale.

**1924** Town will complete Towle High School. \$25,000 voted for purpose. Original contracts to be completed. Resolutions passed on Mr. Towle's death. The annual meeting of the Newport Union School District was held Sat., March 1 with an attendance of something over 200 voters. The central point of interest was the question of what disposition should be made of the high school building left incomplete by the death of Loren D. Towle last September.

**1924** Work on the Towle High School building has commenced after several months delay owing to the death of Mr. Towle. Plumbers started work Monday, the electricians are expected today and the lathers will be at work soon. It is hoped to have the building ready for occupancy at the opening of the school year in September.

**1924** The last class graduates from Richards High School.

**1924** Ku Klux Klan organizers have been in town, but so far as learned have received very little encouragement. At least four businessmen have been reported as heading the movement, but these reports appear to have been started for the purpose of hurting the business of the men involved. Poor stuff, but probably harmless, unless people are more credulous than usual.

**1924** The foreman on the Towle High School received by telephone from New Bedford this morning, word of the sudden death of C. W. Keith, general contractor on the building. Coming on top of other delays and misfortunes connected with the Towle school project, Mr. Keith's death is almost stunning. The building has been progressing well, the last bit of plaster was applied this morning.



**1925** High school students move from Richards building on School St. to Towle building on N. Main. First class from Towle graduates this year.

**1925** Republican Champion and N.H. Argus and Spectator merge to become Argus Champion.

**1927** Billy B. Van opens Pine Tree Soap. In 1937, firm is liquidated.

**1928** Newport's Greek immigrants form Hellenic Society. It was dedicated to the moral, social, and economic advancement of the Greek-American inhabitants of Newport.

**1929** The sixth real American Depression -- the Great Depression begins with the Stock Market Crash on Oct. 29. At its depth in 1933 sixteen million Americans, 1/3 of the labor force, were out of work. It ended in the 1940s with early defense spending in preparation for World War II.

**1929** Albert N. Parlin Field is opened. In 1930, the airfield is opened by Curtiss-Wright Corp. (Is taken over by town in 1939).

**1930 Population: 4,659 [ Population of the state is 465,293, up 5%.]**



Main Street  
Photo Courtesy of Andy Andrews

**1930** The Information Booth is built on the Common at a cost of \$1,000 by the Newport Board of Trade, the forerunner of the Chamber of Commerce.

**1932** Sabbath Day regulations in Town Warrant: No dancing, horse racing, prize-fighting, etc. Unknown if these regulations were passed. /// Citizens pack Town Hall for tax reduction. 1000 voters attend. (Town then in

third year of Depression.)

**1933** 21st Amendment, ending Prohibition, is ratified.

**1934** Newport Clothing Mfg. Co. begins in factory on Ash street, then later moves to 66 Spring St. to Billy B. Van's dairy barn. Newport Clothing to become manufacturer of high



class clothing to be distributed all over country.

**1935** Amoskeag Manufacturing Co. goes bankrupt; mills close.

**1935** Post Office is built on Common for \$38,700. /// State liquor store opens. /// Social Security Act passed by Congress.

**1935** An Emergency Relief Administration project will provide many hours of work for five certified men in painting interior of Richards Free Library and other jobs. - (This was the sixth year of the Depression.)

**1936** Town adopts first zoning ordinance on Nov. 18, 1936.

**1936** WPA projects under way include the construction of Armory on Belknap avenue. Also planned are a historical survey, bug-destroying project, road project and work on a playground.

**1936** Democrats control town government first time in 50 years.

**1936** Headlines: Flood Waters Stop Traffic into Newport...Deluge of Rain Swell Rivers...Railroad Tracks Washed Out...Train and Mail Service Largely Cut Off...Bridges in Danger...Lowlands Inundated.

**1936** At the airport, Grover Gillingham, a local automobile mechanic and aviator, fractures skull when a propeller being cranked kicks over and strikes him.

**1936** 400 Greeks attend picnic held at Birch Grove on Lake Sunapee for benefit of Newport Greek School.

**1936** A mile of cotton road in Washington is in use. (This was a section of a few miles on Rte. 31 beginning at the Goshen-Washington town line where the federal government mixed cotton fibers with road oil in an experiment to see if such a mixture would alleviate frost heaves and potholes.)

**1937** Article 15 in the Town Warrant: To see what action the town will take with respect to acquiring the property of Albert N. Parlin Field Inc., and operating the same as a municipal airport and pass any vote in relation thereto. This is likely to provoke much debate.

**1937** At the Annual School Meeting Saturday, with a record-breaking attendance, the plan for the proposed additions and remodeling to the Richards School Building was defeated by a large majority, following a spirited discussion.

**1937** Twenty-six buffalo, of all ages, from the one born last fall to full-grown ones, are now included in the herd at Corbin Park.

**1937** Pine Tree Products Inc. (Billy B. Van) is liquidated.

**1937** The new armory on Belknap Avenue, which has been in the process of construction for some time, is now nearly completed and within a month or two will be ready for occupancy. The National Guard Armory on Belknap Avenue, under construction since March, 1936, as a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project, was turned over to Adjutant General Charles W. Howard last week and on Monday evening, June 28 was occupied by the Headquarters Detachment of New Hampshire's 197th Coast Artillery.

**1937** Brampton mill fire is spectacular. Store house filled with new wool and rayon goes up in smoke, causing large loss. Blaze started by children playing with matches.

**1937** A 12-passenger tri-motored cabin plane, the largest ever to land at Parlin Field, arrives from Boston. /// Richard Thompson, a nephew of George Aiken of Bradford Hill, secured a passport for Brazil, where he was supposed to have a position on a coffee plantation and then went to Spain where he is reported to have joined the Loyalist (Communist) army in the Spanish Civil War. In 1938 he is captured by Franco's rebels and is expected to be sent home.

**1937** Electricity to Grantham. Current was turned on for those living before John Colburn's. As soon as a few minor items can be obtained it will go to North Grantham as far as Monroe Hastings'.

**1937** A goodly number of local dancers enjoyed the Saturday evening dance at the new armory. Music by Yacht Club Orchestra.

**1937** A night school is being held at the home of Mr. Andrus, 171 Cheney St., for clerks and shop workers, called Evening Business Training School and already has about 20 enrolled.

**1937** Representatives of a slipper manufacturing concern inspected the former Kimel Shoe factory (Peerless) on Ash street with the idea of buying. A manufacturer of small garments has also sent representatives here.

**1938** The Works Progress Administration (WPA) establishes an office here.

**1938** In North Newport, the Rixford Co. has begun to make scythes at the local factory and the hum of the business is a welcome sound.

**1938** Concert held on Common, first in several years, held by newly-formed Cadet Band under direction of Malcolm W. Rowell.

**1938** New pews installed at St. Patrick's Church. In 1938, St. Patrick's is enlarged, remodeled, renovated and rededicated.



**1938** The long tie-up of the Newport woolen mills was broken this week when several departments resumed operations. (This may have been a strike).

**1938** The Federal Relief Administration distributes potatoes, preserves, lettuce and meat from headquarters in Korn Alley. (Great Depression is still in effect.) Korn Alley, (currently owned by Lake Sunapee Bank) was one-way street between Richards block and Gamash block on Main street and led to Rowell's Building Supply, now torn down, and American Express shed and south side of Depot Square.

**1938** Construction work on the Newport-Claremont highway is completed and the surfacing will be finished this week.

**1938** Alexander M. Blackburn Jr. becomes publisher of the weekly Argus-Champion.

**1938** The New England hurricane strikes Newport on Sept. 21, flooding even the airport.

Damage in the state is \$50 million.



Sunapee Street  
Photo Courtesy of Andy Andrews

**1940 Population:**  
5,301. [Population of  
state of N.H. is  
491,524, up 5.6%]  
Wages for labor on  
town roads in  
Springfield, N.H., are  
50 cents an hour; for  
trucks, \$1 an hour.

**1940** Cement  
sidewalks are being  
built on Cedar street  
this week by the WPA.

**1940** Headquarters Battery and Combat Train, 2nd Battalion, 197th Coast Artillery (Anti-Aircraft) (National Guard) called to active duty for one year. Chamber of Commerce plans community reception for them before they leave. Roster of men who served in Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion 197th C.A. (Coast Artillery) A.A. (AntiAircraft) during World War II. Most are from the Newport area. Ray Ackerman, Harold Aiken, Henry N. Allen, Donald Bagley, Chester T. Barton, Frank A. Beauchaine, Lawrence C. Bellinger, James H. Brady, Arthur Breault, R. C. Brown, Walter Burke, John Chartier, Edward B. Cheever, George D. Clark, Russell A. Colby, Harry B. Cole, Robert Corliss, Larry Couitt, Leo R. Dahill, Norman R. Delude, William Douglass, Samuel H. Edes, Freeman R. Farewell, Frank Farmer, Charles P. Flanagan, James Flanagan, Owen R. Forrest, Jr., Lloyd E. Freeman, Oliver T. Gladhue, Charles R. Gould, Robert E. Gould, Robert Gould, Eugene J. Goyette Jr., Leonard A.



Granger, Donald C. Hall, Rolland Hall, Christy Hasevlat, John P. Heath, Norman Heidenblad, Leo Henault, Donald Hurd, Winston H. Hurd, Oscar Jansen, James Justras, Leonard Kanerva, Richard Larkin, Albert P. Leavitt, Arthur C. Leavitt, Raymond S. Lewis, Elmer O. Lila, Charles W. MacDonald, Fred Maxfield, Clifton Merchant, William B. Muzzey, John Oliver, Richard Parker, John F. Patten, Arnold Peltonen, Walter C. Piotrowski, Leonard Powers, Richard Ruggles, John Schweitzer, Joseph Sears, Harold P. Shepherd, Adam Smith, Clayton H. Smith, Felix J. Smith, Harold Smith, Leroy Ervin Smith Jr., George C. Stevens, Aubrey Stone, Norman Trudeau, Frank C. Walters, Jim Wright, Richard Wright, and Clyde Young.

**1940** Bells ring out farewell as Newport draftees entrain for camp duty. Francis D. Nason, Frederick Dubeil and Clarence Roberts First to go from District No. 10; begin year's service at Camp Devens. /// Joining a national association for Greek war relief, 24 Newport Greek citizens met at the Greek school under the Sunshine Spa on Sunapee street last Sunday afternoon and in less than an hour pledged among themselves \$350 for the cause.

**1940** Final 1940 census figures give Newport a population of 5,304, slightly higher than last summer's figures. Sullivan County population is 25,442. /// A program celebrating the anniversary of Finnish Independence was held at Winter Street Hall Saturday evening. /// Newbury: Surveyors have completed the preliminary work on the survey of the tramway on Sunapee mountain. [Sunapee State Park.]

**1940** The second earthquake within a week in Newport occurred Tuesday morning about 8:45 o'clock, and although shorter in duration than last Friday's is reported to have cracked a plate glass window at Bill My Barber's barber shop on Sunapee Street. /// Tuesday was a happy day for 20 local men who last fall left Newport as members of Hq. Battery and Combat Train, 2nd Battalion, 197th Coast Artillery (Anti-Aircraft) to serve a year in the federal service. The boys, now stationed at Camp Hulen, Palacios, Texas, arrived back home that day, tired but happy and glad once more to meet old friends. They had left camp last Saturday morning, riding in day coaches on the 2,000-mile journey and arrived in Boston early Tuesday morning, several hours behind schedule.

## **WORLD WAR II**

**World War II begins Dec. 7, 1941 when Japanese aircraft attack Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Germany surrenders May 7, 1945; Japan on August 14, 1945.**

**1941-1945 701 Newport residents serve in World War II. 26 die in service.**

**1941** Large herds of elk, migrating back and forth through the towns of Washington, Goshen, Unity, Lempster and Marlow, have often been seen by motorists and woodchoppers in those sections while residents of those towns have reported that the elk have fed off hay and other foods in their back yards. (Elk escaped from Corbin park when 1938 hurricane broke down fence around park.)



Francis P. Murphy, Supt. Of  
Newport's Shoe Shop &  
Governor of N.H. 1937-41.  
Photo Courtesy of Newport  
Historical Society

**1941** HEADLINES: New Draftees Ready for Camp; Fifty men from Towns in District 10 including 10 from Newport, Leave for a Year of Training Monday Morning by Train.

**1941** The local Greek War Relief committee has announced that a total of \$1,115 has been collected in town and that, to date, \$1,000 has been sent to the main office through the Keene Region office.

**1941** Through the agency of the American League for Finnish War Orphans, and as a result of a contribution of \$50 for its support, the Finnish people of Newport have adopted a Finnish War orphan. His name is Karl Marcus Karjlainen, he is five years old and in the care of his widowed mother at 4 Pekantie St., Lappeenrate, Finland.

**1941** For the first time in many years, Newport will observe Memorial Day tomorrow without its National Guard unit as these men are now in federal service for a year's training at Camp Hulen, Palacios, Texas. /// The Merchants' Association agrees to keep stores open Wednesday afternoons during the summer months to accommodate the seasonal trade.

**1941** The reconstruction of the new road at the south end of town from the Wright barn to the old Red Schoolhouse which has been under construction ever since last fall, is expected to be completed within the next few weeks. (This is Route 10, or the Goshen Road, from its junction with Breakneck Hill Road south to Pollards Mills Road.)

**1941** Plans were made to purchase property adjoining land owned by the Carrie F. Wright hospital (on north side of Maple St.) for a nurses' home at a meeting of the Hospital Aid Association Wednesday afternoon. /// The new heating system at the Town Hall, which was voted at the last Town Meeting, is now being installed by F. E. Newcomb.

**1941** Fifty-four seniors graduated from Towle High School.

**1941** In North Newport work on the R.E.A. (Rural Electrification Administration) line is nearly completed. The current was turned on Tuesday at Whitney's, and other subscribers



along the line hope to have power by the end of this week.

**1941** The Gordon Woolen Company has purchased the Peerless factory on Ash St. from the Homestead Woolen Co. of West Swanzey to use the building for storage and investment.

**1941** Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the president, passed through Newport on her way to New London Saturday where she addressed a group at Colby Junior College Saturday evening. It is understood that she stopped on Elm Street to inquire the way to New London. She reviewed the national defense situation as a whole in her talk and laid special stress on the part women can play in the set-up.

**1941** The Newport mill of the Gordon Woolen Co. has received its second government order for wool linings for army clothing, it has been announced by the OPM office in Boston.

**1941** New Hampshire's first open season on elk starts Dec. 16 and continues to Jan. 1, unless 125 elk have been shot before that time. (These were Corbin park escapees during 1938 hurricane.)

**1941** The fact that Newport and the country in general were shocked last Sunday afternoon to hear the news that Japan had bombed Hawaii and other United States defense bases in the Pacific Ocean, was bad enough in itself, but when it is realized that several Newport people and others from the surrounding towns were actually in the war zone, the war was brought directly into our homes.

**1941** Newport as a community will go on the air for the first time in its history on Friday evening Jan. 16, 1942, the day that officially opens the 26<sup>th</sup> Winter Carnival here. Arrangements have been made and completed through the generosity of Ex-Gov. Francis P. Murphy of Nashua, a former resident of this town, who was active in promoting Newport's first carnival. The program will go out over the air from 9 to 9:30 o'clock that evening over radio station WMUR, Manchester, and will be broadcast direct from the Town Hall.

**1942** Although there is no uniform rationing of sugar among the storekeepers of the town, most of the stores have curtailed the sale of sugar, allowing so much sugar with each \$1 purchase of groceries; others allowing so much sugar on the size of the family purchasing the sugar.

**1942** The first air raid drill in the local schools was held this morning just before noon dismissal and according to Superintendent of Schools Alfred W. Smith, was very successful.

**1942** The public is reminded to set the hands of all clocks ahead one hour upon retiring Sunday night. Daylight saving time officially begins Monday morning Feb. 9.

**1942** The Fifth Company, New Hampshire State Guard, with headquarters in the local armory on Belknap avenue, has begun weekly drills, to be held each Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 o'clock.



**1942** George B. Wheeler who died Sunday, left large bequests, valued in excess of \$100,000, to worthy philanthropies, chief among which were the Carrie F. Wright Hospital, the Newport School District and the Newport Charitable Association which operates the Newport Home for Aged Women.

**1942** A one-story brick addition is being added to the dye house at Dorr Woolen Co. mill in Guild, and the entire dye house is being renovated, which will permit the rearrangement of machinery and the installation of some new equipment.

**1942** The first war-time draft lottery since World War I, which was held in Washington, D.C. Tuesday night, listed more than nine million men for possible service in the armed forces of the nation. The first number to affect Newport was T1103, that of Everett Carl Morrow of 65 Church St. Mr. Morrow is married and working in Springfield, Vt.

**1942** John R. Kelly, the progressive druggist, is contributing a public service when he warns the public that they must bring in old empty tubes when purchasing tooth paste or shaving cream. Mr. Kelly acts as a shipping depot for the war board.

**1942** Employees of the Brampton Woolen Mill will cast ballots at the Town Hall this Thursday to determine the bargaining agency to represent them at the mill. Workers have three choices: the Independent Textile Workers Association, the CIO, or no union.

**1942** The first of a series of wood-chopping bees, to be held at frequent intervals, was held Saturday at the woodlot of Fred Moore (the sexton) by members of the South Congregational Church and over three cords of the needed twenty was cut for use in the church next winter.

**1942** A "meal ticket" system of gasoline rationing with average motorists allowed from two and one-half to five gallons a week, will be instituted by the government in 17 eastern states and the D.C., it was disclosed today. Sugar rationing for both the trade and the consumer will be held in the near future.

**1942** The recent fall of Corregidor (in the Philippines) brought the war very close to home for the residents of New London. A native son, Lt. Burt C. Gay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. E. Gay, is believed to be among those taken prisoner there by the Japs. Fifty-six air raid wardens took the oath of allegiance and were fingerprinted at the fire station.

**1942** The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co., which has been located in the Emerson Block for several years, has moved to its new location at No. 20 North Main Street in the building owned and formerly occupied by Harold G. Fairbanks, which has been thoroughly remodeled into one of the newest, modern self-service stores in New England and will be known as the A & P Super Self Service Store.

**1942** Monday and Tuesday 119 "Minute Men" secured pledges for the purchase of War Savings Bonds from hundreds of signers. Last week pledges were signed at the woolen mills

by over 500 employees. Most of these are buying bonds on a payroll allotment plan.

**1942** The newly renovated First National Self-Service store opened yesterday in the Emerson Block. /// The new road around Claremont Hill will be open to the public next week.

**1942** The following barber shops have joined the CIO union: L. Kempton, Coniston, Delaney, Douglas and Zahareas. Prices will be regulated.

**1942** Headline: Newport Merchants Make Great Record in War Stamp Drive. More than \$6,200 sold in Six-Hour Canvass.

**1942** In the wartime drive for old rubber, Grantham, Springfield and Croydon turned in 10,454 pounds to Wilfred Reney.

**1942** President Roosevelt last week re-appointed Robert W. Gould for a third term as postmaster of Newport.

**1942** Women on telephone duty at the civilian defense control center were fingerprinted Friday evening by Police Chief Merton J. Sargent. The Claude J. Brewster Post No. 25, American Legion, which has been sponsoring a drive for old and worn records for the boys in the Armed Forces, reached its goal of 2,975 records which were sent to headquarters last week.

**1942** A state-wide blackout in which Newport participated was staged Thursday evening with a good record. All branches of the town's defense and safety organizations participated and much improvement was shown over the previous blackout.

**1942** The North Newport school is staying open this year with an enrollment of only 11 pupils, and Guild has 19. Kelleyville opened with 18 pupils.

**1942** North Newport Listening Post to detect enemy aircraft is manned 24 hours a day. 144 local volunteers make this possible.

**1942** Peter D. Latchis of Keene, owner of theaters and hotels, has bought, for \$25,000, the Newport House in mortgagee's sale from Newport Savings Bank. Paid \$2,500 for furnishings.

**1942** Coffee will be rationed starting at midnight Nov. 28, at the rate of one pound every five weeks for each person over 15 years old.

**1942** This year the no-school signal will be given by means of the fire-whistle only.

**1942** One of the most disastrous fires, which has occurred in this town for several years, materialized Friday morning Nov. 27 when an alarm was rung in from Box 47 at 7:15 o'clock

just as a contingent of draftees was being escorted to the railroad station accompanied by the High School Band, for a fire in the brick block of Cleon L. Johnson on Main street. (Now Sierra Photo.) The fire gutted the recently remodeled building and destroyed a large Christmas stock.

**1943** Settlement of an unauthorized strike in the weave room of the Brampton Woolen Mill was reached this week.

**1943** An adjourned Town Meeting will be held May 11 to discuss a surface sewerage system from the Common down Pearl Street to Sugar River, and the acquisition of the real estate of the Rev. T. Corwin Watkins in Newport for a public park.

**1943** County goes over the top for war bonds. Newport was host over the weekend to 27 enlisted men and Lt. James MacAllister from Grenier Field in Manchester. They were welcomed by the Newport band under the direction of Malcolm W. Rowell. People lined the streets as the boys paraded into the Winston Hotel. Victory gardens are being organized throughout Newport including a junior school victory corp comprising students in Grades 1 to 6.

**1943** Word has been received that Mrs. George Miller, the former Hope Johnson of this area, has been interned by the Japanese in the Santo Tomas Prison camp in Manila, Philippine Islands.

**1943** Chester E. Pollard brought to the Argus this week a strip of birch bark that had been used for sheathing his house in Pollards Mills district some 100 years ago. The Pollard house is believed to be one of the two oldest houses in town, the other being the Magown house on the Unity Road.

**1943** A most successful surprise blackout was carried out last night with very few minor violations. /// The figures on Newport's Service flag is now 470 with more leaving for the armed services every day. Of this number Newport is proud to reveal the fact that 40 are commissioned officers. Two lieutenant colonels, Raymond Kendall and Raymond Gunn; six majors, Samuel Edes, Guy Gilman, Leslie Pike, Ronald Pariseau, Richard Kelly and Chester Barton; nine captains, Harold Shepard, Addison Roe, Joseph Budnitz, Edward Budnitz, Felix Smith, Arthur Thibodeau, Guy Alexander, Thomas Alexander, and Adelbert Teague, and one lieutenant commander in the Navy, Norman Gage.

**1943** A large congregation of more than 200 wives, relatives, friends and sweethearts filled the pews of the South Church Sunday when the service flag, representing 55 men and two gold stars, was dedicated. (Gold stars indicated dead service men).

**1943** The second statewide blackout surprise was held last night and lasted an hour and a half. The Army reported that two flights of bombers passed over the area to test the alertness of Civilian Defense workers.





Main Street  
Photo Courtesy of Andy Andrews

**1943** Statewide blackout proves a success in the Newport area. All war plants blacked out for the first time. /// At a special meeting the Newport School District voted to authorize the School Board to sell the securities, real estate and personal property received from the estate of the late George B. Wheeler and to re-invest the proceeds in investments legal for savings banks in New Hampshire.

**1943** The trustees of the Carrie F. Wright Hospital and the Newport School Board have accepted the offer of the Socony Vacuum Oil Co. to purchase the Wheeler homestead at the northwest corner of Main and Elm Streets for \$12,000. The property includes one of the older, more attractive brick colonial residences in the business district of the town bequeathed to the sellers by the will of the late George B. Wheeler.

**1943** It is expected that within the next month the shop, better known as the Old Peerless (on Ash St.; dismantled in the 1980's) and now the present mica shop, will be enlarged to four times its present size, employing 60 more women who will produce 8 to 9 times as much mica as is being put out today. /// The War Department has given the Sullivan County Squadron of the CAP (Civil Air Patrol) a Taylor Craft L-2M plane equipped with a 2-way radio, navigator's desk, in connection with the recruiting of Air Cadets and the Air WACs (Women's Army Corps).

**1943** Demands for a ten-cents-an-hour wage increase in accordance with the recent decision of the Worcester Conference of Woolen and Worsted Workers, TWUA, will go into effect after Jan. 1 at the three woolen mills here.

**1944** The Newport School Board and the trustees of the Carrie F. Wright Hospital last Thursday accepted the bid by Burton F. Cady to purchase the Wheeler Block [northeast corner of Central and Main Streets.] Mr. Cady is president of New Hampshire Super Markets, who operate stores in Lebanon, Milford and the Community Store on Central Street in this town. The block was built in 1872, and is one of the oldest buildings in Newport, having been built by Edmund Wheeler, whose son, George B. Wheeler, was for many years, editor of the Argus.

**1944** The organization of the Women of the Moose of Newport will be completed within a few days, according to Frank Ray of the Newport Lodge 1236 of the Loyal Order of Moose.

**1944** Labor shortage in Newport was discussed by representatives of the International Shoe Co., Colonial Mica, Sargeant and Hoy Mining Co., Newport Clothing Manufacturing Co. and the Brampton Woolen Mill.

**1944** The Service Flag which hangs over Main Street now contains the figures 620 which represents the number of [Newport] boys and girls in the service of the U.S.

**1944** Servicemen now on furlough can get their sugar rations in units of one pound, rather than on the basis of a quarter of a pound for nine meals eaten at home.

**1944** War Labor Board approves paying Brampton Woolen Co. weavers by the Pick Clock instead of by the yard. Drawing-in girls are granted a wage increase by the WLB.

**1944** March 14 Town Meeting Article (#19) reads: "To see what action the Town will take in regard to the construction of a swimming pool on the Playground." Guy A. Dodge offered a resolution that the town take action in regards to a pool being made at the playground, but Jesse R. Rowell moved to amend to the effect that it "be left to a committee of five for further investigation and to report at some future meeting." Moderator Gunn appointed Guy Dodge, Paul E. Trask, Richard P. Donovan, Herbert G. Martin and Merton A. Gobin to serve on this committee.

**1944** Action was taken towards expanding the mica industry at a meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce last Thursday night.

**1944** The most famous point of art interest in the east, the studio of Augustus Saint-Gaudens at Cornish, was destroyed by fire Tuesday. Most of the valuable pieces of sculpture were lost with the building.

**1944** The Newport Lodge of Moose has moved. On Monday afternoon the moving vans pulled up to the beautiful Emerson Stockwell estate with the furnishings of the Moose Lodge, and the Lodge home will be open for its members on Tues. /// Condos Bus Line has discontinued some of its trips to Sunapee. /// Controlling interest of the Blue Mountain Forest Association, (Corbin Park) 22,000-acre private game preserve, around Croydon Mountain, has been transferred by members of the family of Austin Corbin, its founder, to a group of club members headed by Mortimer Proctor, Republican gubernatorial candidate of Vermont. /// State Liquor Commission orders all licenses and permittees to suspend sales, service and delivery of liquor and beer upon receipt of the announcement that hostilities have ended with Germany, or what has been commonly referred to as V-Day.

**1944** A thousand dollars was realized at a Finnish bazaar held in the Winter Street Hall Saturday evening with more than 300 people in attendance. The proceeds will be used to pay off the mortgage on the building.

**1944** This fall school children all over the country gather milkweed floss in bags furnished by the federal government and dry it by hanging it outdoors. The floss is to be used in life preservers. The government paid 20 cents a bag and the money was used for the good of the



school participating. In Newport the Primary school gathered 32 bags; Richards school, 56; Towle High School, 17; Guild school, 11; Kelleyville school, 2.

**1945** Starting with a small shop employing eight in 1933, the Newport Clothing Manufacturing Co. is this week starting on its fourth government order since Pearl Harbor. The order is for 5,000 Army overcoats made of 32-ounce O.D. (olive drab) Milton cloth. The plant now employs 60 workmers and more help will be needed for this order. /// The War Labor Board has granted an increase in the wages of employees on the third shift of seven cents per hour. The Dorr Woolen Co., Gordon Woolen Mills and Brampton Woolen Co. are affected by this order.

**1945** Extension of the \$375,000 appropriation for construction of an aerial tramway on Mt. Sunapee was passed this week by the Senate but only after three proposed amendments were defeated. /// Tramway Bill is awarded by vote of House, permitting construction of a ski-tow aided by House vote of 204 to 142; returned to Senate for its action.

**1945** The Newport Citizens Committee has reported that V-Day will be announced by eight blasts on the fire alarm, repeated three times. If the signal is given before 4 p.m. on any given day, the public will assemble on the Common for a thanksgiving service and renewed dedication of ourselves and our means, to the final victory.

#### **May 7, 1945 - GERMANY SURRENDERS**

**1945** HEADLINE -- Wave of Rejoicing Sweeps Newport at News of Surrender. Mills and Shops Shut Down, Bells are Rung, Schools and General Business Suspended in the Afternoon. Prayer Service Fills Town Hall.

**1945** Beginning June 1 the Condos Bus Line will operate between Newport, Sunapee, Georges Mills and New London every day, instead of only three weekdays. /// Members of the Claude J. Brewster Post, No. 25, American Legion, have voted to purchase the Homer T Sibley home on Cheney street for \$9,000 to be used as a home or club for 700 to 800 service men and women.

**1945** Harry B. Metcalf, for 20 years owner and editor of the weekly Argus-Champion, announces its sale to William R. Smith and Cesare J. Del Vaglio, recent advertising director and assistant advertising director of the Greenwich (Conn.) Time. (The new owners turn the weekly into a semi-weekly -- twice a week -- on Tues. Nov. 6, 1945.) /// The Newport School District votes to acquire two acres of land from the Catholic Church at a special meeting called Saturday for that purpose. (This is probably land between Richards School and the church.)

**1945** The Brampton Woolen Mill buildings in Sunapee have been sold to the Connecticut River Mills Inc. of 450-Seventh Ave., New York City. The mill was purchased by the Brampton Woolen Co. of Newport in 1918 from the U.S. Hame Co. At its peak the Sunapee mill employed around 130 persons, but the number had dropped to 40 or 50 before



operations were discontinued in 1940.

**1945** Marshall Britt of Groton, Mass. assumed operation of the airport here on Aug. 14.

### **August 14, 1945 - JAPAN SURRENDERS**

**1945** The swimming pool project moved ahead rapidly this week when Selectman Jesse Rowell in a meeting with members of the 14 Affiliated Organization Executive Committee offered free of cost a tract of land for the purpose. /// With the Japanese surrender, Newporters will now have to speed up the drive for \$25,000 for the purchase, furnishing, and upkeep of the Newport Veterans Club.

**1945** Newport schools enrolled 1,045, two more than last year.

**1945** Jesse R. Rowell and J. William Lambert were honored yesterday when more than a thousand pupils of the Newport Schools assembled in front of Mr. Rowell's store (at end of Korn Alley behind Lake Sunapee Bank and now demolished) to thank the two men. Mr. Rowell recently contributed a tract of land for the community swimming pool, and Mr. Lambert, the first contributor, generously gave \$100 toward the project. \$100 donation to Newport Swimming Pool Fund is made by Fr. Michael Griffin of St. Patrick's. Frank Ray is chairman of the swimming pool organization. The swimming pool was never built.

**1945** The remaining \$8,000 due on the Sibley home on Cheney St. was paid this week by the Claude J. Brewster Post No. 25. Renovations began this week on the house which is to be a servicemen's home for the use of members of all armed forces. /// The first meeting of the Newport veterans was held last night at their newly-purchased home on Cheney St.

**1945** Chamber of Commerce planning to resume Christmas decorations on Main St. They were abandoned after Christmas of 1940, when the town was gaily lighted with a festoon of colored lights stretching the whole length of Main St. /// Elroy K. Prior, agent of the Brampton Woolen Mill, has announced that the construction in progress includes the building of a two-story concrete and tile building 150 by 80 feet for a carding and spinning room and a one-story office building 20 by 70 feet.

**1945** At the general committee meeting of the Newport Swimming Pool and Recreational Organization last Thursday evening members voted to protest the proposed chicken hatchery to be operated in the Peerless Manufacturing building. /// Boiling pots were placed in front of various stores on Main and Sunapee Streets yesterday for the purpose of donations to the Newport Swimming Pool project.

**1946** Local 112, Textile Workers of America (CIO), voted Sunday to strike unless their demands are met by Dorr Woolen, Gordon Woolen and Brampton Woolen. Present labor contracts expire Jan. 31.

**1946** The American Legion rooms in the Richards Block (Lake Sunapee Bank Building) have been rented by the Newport School Board to provide additional pupil accommodation to relieve the congested condition in Grades 1 and 2 in the Primary Building.

**1946** The Sullivan County delegation (of 14 representatives to the legislature) yesterday authorized the county commissioners to enter into a contract with the town of Newport for construction of a Sullivan County record building and police station for the town of Newport.

**1946** L.E. Weed & Son start as a lumbering operation.

**1947** The Fifth Company, N.H. State Guard will be deactivated with appropriate ceremonies at the Newport Armory on Sunday evening at 7 p.m.

**1947** Dorr estate valued at \$374,000. The estate of the late George A. Dorr, who passed away on last Jan. 10, is estimated on the records in Probate Court at \$22,000 in

real estate and \$352,000 in personal estate. The will, which was signed on Feb. 17, 1939, left the entire estate, real and personal, to the Citizen's National Bank to be held in trust for the widow, Helen N. Dorr, during her lifetime and following her decease, in equal shares to their children, Phyllis N. Dorr, Virginia H. Wadsworth of Winchester, Mass., George A. Dorr, Jr., and Priscilla J. Dorr. The real estate involved consists of the family home and cottages at 84 Pine St. in Newport.

**1947** Article 17 of warrant for Town Meeting: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the method of electing a chief of police by ballot and authorize the selectmen to appoint a chief of police for said Town. /// Billy B. Van has been appointed to a committee along with Eddie Cantor and Irving Berlin which will honor Sophie Tucker with a testimonial dinner May 4 in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Astor in New York City. Mr. Van has worked with Mrs. Tucker and other members of the committee in vaudeville.

**1947** Colby Junior College campus will be the scene of much activity during the coming summer months, for on June 16, the first group of some 800 to 1,000 leading scientists from all over the country and from abroad will use the college facilities for a series of conferences which will last throughout the summer.



Towle Glee Club on Parade, May 4, 1946. Photo Courtesy of Newport Historical Society.



**1947** Town meeting passes article to study the Town Manager system and report at the next Town Meeting. (To this date the town was run by part-time selectmen.)

**1947** The Dorr Woolen Co. has suspended all operations due to lack of orders on hand to supply work for its employees. Some 240 workers will be dismissed this weekend for an indefinite period. At the present time the Brampton Woolen Co. is down to some 30 employees on one shift. When operating in a full schedule they are able to employ up to 185 men while Dorr supplied work for some 250 during the recent war period. The Gordon Mill is still closed.

**1947** Peter Latchis, owner of the Newport House and other hotels as well as a chain of theaters, indicated to reporters that "there will be a theater if the people want it" when questioned about rumors that he planned to build a theater on Sunapee St. in the rear of the Newport House. //// Chief of Police Alexander Lewko announced that Howard Mason, a special officer, has been made a permanent member of the police force. The department is now in the position to have a member on duty at all times during 24 hours. Other members include officers Marshall Perkins and Jesse Fowler.

**1947** The Newport Clothing Manufacturing Company has increased the size of its plant and during World War II, when they were at full production making Army overcoats, they employed as many as sixty-five employees.

**1947** John Fairbanks, chairman of the Newport Town Manager committee, announced today that plans have been completed for Newport's first public forum to be held on the Town Manager form of government Oct. 24, in the Town Hall.

**1947** On Sunday, Oct. 19, an afternoon lightning storm apparently started a forest fire near Lake Solitude on Mount Sunapee. 500 firefighters succeeded [about two weeks later] in stopping the spread of the fires only two miles from the town of Goshen.

**1947** Armistice Day program marked the first public appearance of the newly reorganized American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps.

**1948** Sen. Jesse R. Rowell was elected chairman of the Citizens Town Manager Committee Wednesday evening at a meeting held in the Selectmen's room. Those present heard Mr. Strafford S. Hill, field representative of the N.H. Federation of Taxpayers Association, who spoke on the Town Manager Plan.

**1948** Petition of the Newport School Board: There exists at present a dangerous and overcrowded condition in school accommodations in Newport; because of the limited accommodations in its schools, the Board has been forced to rent vacant stores and factories as classrooms. Many of the regular school rooms in the school buildings now have crowded therein 45 to 50 pupils per teacher, and that such number of pupils to teacher makes it impossible to give the pupils the proper education advantages to which they are entitled.



**1948** Work on the new theater project, which began Sunday, is being carried out by Peter Latchis, proprietor of the Newport House and member of the partnership which operated the Latchis chain of theatres in Brattleboro, Vt.; Claremont, Keene and elsewhere. Mr. Latchis told reporters Monday night that the theater would be open this fall. He stated that the new theatre, a one-story building with no balcony, will have a capacity of 800 persons.

**1948** Bigger and better was the term applied to the American Legion Minstrel Show presented here Thursday and Friday evening by the members of the Brewster-Gould American Legion. Revolving around the riotous antics of hilarious endmen William and James Maley, Kermit Daimont, Harvey LaRouche, John Patten and John Anastos, the show was interspersed with an entertaining program.

**1948** With the sale of his jewelry store on Main Street on Monday to Michael J. Harrington of Keene, Mr. Maurice J. Downing completed 21 years of enviable service to people in Newport and surrounding towns. The business which Mr. Downing has sold was started 94 years ago. Previous owners include Amos Woodbury, Mr. Morse and M.A. Noury. Mr. Harrington will be the sixth owner.

**1948** The Newport Guardian and Kearsage-Sunapee Sun, a Thursday weekly newspaper, is started by George D. Graves, Jr. to compete with Argus Champion. (It still existed in 1952, but later went bankrupt). It later emerged as Newport-Lake Sunapee Times which also folded.

**1948** The Sullivan County Convention (composed of the towns' representatives to the General Court) authorized the County Commissioners to borrow \$85,000 to build a new County Records Building. /// Workmen yesterday began demolition of the foundation of the town's honor roll to make room for the new records building.

**1948** Enrollment in Newport schools: Towle High - grade 9 - 80; grade 10 - 68; grade 11 - 67; grade 12 - 63. Total: 278. Richards Junior High - grade 4 - 86; grade 5 - 106; grade 6 - 95; grade 7 - 102; grade 8 - 80. Total: 469. Primary School - grade 1 - 84; grade 2 - 56; grade 3 - 61. Total 201. Sunapee St. Annex - grade 1 - 25; West St. Annex - grade 3 - 29. Kelleyville grades 1-4 - 16; Guild - grades 1-4, 21; and North Newport - grades 1 - 4 - 17

**1949** A \$100,000, six-room addition is added to the annex of Richards Junior High School.

**1949** At a Town Meeting attended by 1,262 voters, the people of Newport last Tuesday gave a firm vote of confidence to the Town Manager system and cut selectmen's salaries.

**1949** In Town Meeting - a tract of land on the new road to North Newport and running a distance of 500 feet along the Newport-Croydon Highway has been sold to the Hellenic Society for the purpose of maintaining a memorial park for the late Sgt. Robert Hasevlat (or Hasevlat). This society intends to make a very attractive picnic park which will be open to the public.

**1949** Gordon B. Flint, superintendent of schools, announces that the North Newport school will be closed permanently at the close of school year in June.

**1949** Construction of a \$145,000 gymnasium to be attached to Towle High School will begin next week, according to Sup't of Schools Gordon B. Flint. The new construction will be known as the George B. Wheeler Gymnasium, in honor of the late George B. Wheeler who willed \$180,000 to the school district. The name of the building will be sand-blasted into the door portal above the Belknap Avenue lobby.

**1949** Latchis Theater opens in an addition to Newport House on Park Street side. (Newport House was on corner of Sunapee and Park).

**1949** The new Sullivan County Records building, constructed at a cost of \$85,000, will be ready for officials to move in soon as finishing work is completed and vaults are installed. The register of probate, Mrs. Bernice M. Sawyer MacWilliams, will occupy the first floor; the register of deeds, Mrs. Clinton Barton, will have offices on the second floor. The third floor will be used for storage and set aside for future expansion.

**1949** The new Richards School Annex has six rooms that provide needed space for an increase in enrollment there. Last year 536 students attended Richards, and the number this year has increased to 551 on the first day of school to an enrollment of 570 today.

**1949** The American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps is planning to enlarge from 32 playing members to 40. New members need not feel that they are too far in arrears to learn, as the entire Corps is now being instructed by Mac Rowell on the fundamentals of drumming and bugling.

**1950 Population: 5,131. [Population of state of N.H. is 533,242, up 8.5%.]**

### **KOREAN WAR BEGINS JUNE 27, 1950**

**1950-1953** Korean War sees 150 from Newport serve. None from Newport die in service.

**1950** Gordon Woolen Mill on Sunapee Street is closed.

**1950** Nicholas J. Mahoney, Jr. buys the Argus Champion from William Smith and Cesare J. Del Vaglio.

**1950** First Belgian carding machines in United States are installed at Dorr Woolen Mill.

**1951** 20th year of Minstrel Show by American Legion, Brewster-Gould Post No. 25. Mar. 26-27. Cast is listed.

**1952** The state holds its first presidential primary election.

**1952** On Jan 25 patients are moved from Carrie F. Wright Hospital on Maple St. to the new hospital on Summer St.

**1952** St. Vasilios Greek Orthodox Church is built on Winter Street and dedicated on June 29.

**1952** Federal Machine Tool Corp opens on Guild Road.

### **KOREAN WAR ENDS JULY 27, 1953**

**1953** Area choir formed by Malcolm Rowell, choir director of South Congregational Church, and Blanche Bailey, organist and choir director of United Methodist Church, Sunapee.

**1953** Corbin Park forest fire starts from a lightning strike in late June and burns much of Croydon and Grantham Mountains through July and August. In addition to hundreds of local firefighters, 300 soldiers from Fort Devens, Mass., and 200 airmen from Grenier Field in Manchester fought the blaze.

**1954** The state's first television station (WMUR-TV) opens in Manchester.

**1954** Richards estate sells Richards block on Main St. (in 1996 the Lake Sunapee Bank building) and liquor store building on Depot street to several tenants -- Ernest Miller of Miller Bros. Clothes, Kelly Pharmacy, Herbert Martin of Martin's Hardware, and Walter Howland of Howland's Clothing of Richards block. /// Cheney block is sold to Gauthier and Woodard.

**1955** International Shoe closes. Had been town's largest employer.

**1955** Last regular passenger service on Claremont and Concord RR from Concord to Newport in November. Last freight service was from Claremont Jct., in 1970s.

**1955** A fire at the Nicholas J. Mahoney (then editor and owner of the Argus-Champion) residence at the NW corner of Elm and Pine Streets resulted in great alteration to the building when it was restored. The 15-room house was built in 1912 by George Arlington Fairbanks and served as the Fairbanks homestead until Mahoney bought it.

**1955** Newport Junior High School (now Newport Middle High School) opens on North Main St. Cost \$395,000, grades 7,8,9.

**1956** Ersley A. Blanchard is again arranging visits of youngsters (Fresh Air Children) from New York City for 2- or 3-week visits with Newporters. Sponsored by N.Y. Herald Tribune and local Lions Club. In 1955, 30 children visited Newport.

**1956** Richards Junior High School becomes Richards Elementary School.





Main St. at Christmas Time. Photo Courtesy of Newport Historical Society

**1956** The Laganas family, successful shoe manufacturers from Lowell, Massachusetts, are enticed by Newport's business leaders to expand their business to the building vacated by International Shoe Company. Hundreds of local jobs are secured.

**1956** The Sarah Josepha Hale Award is founded.

**1957** The Newport Division of Sportwelt

Shoe Co., specializing in government footwear, takes over part of the Gordon Woolen at 169 Sunapee St.

**1958** Stuart V. Smith purchased Eaton Jones Sand and Gravel with 40 acres of land in Guild. By 1961 the company has the most modern and efficient stone processing plant in northern New England and includes both an asphalt plant and a ready-mix cement plant on the property.

**1959** Maurice Cummings' house on South Main Street near South Church is dismantled for a First National store. The site is now occupied by the Kaarle Lehtinen Senior Citizens Center.

**1959** Coniston Theater, owned by Mrs. Walter Howland, was closed for winter months. It is one of town's oldest entertainment places.

**1960** Population: 5,458. [Population of the state is 606,921, up 13.8%.]

**1960** Radio Station WCNL (now WNTK) begins broadcasting from Belknap Avenue.

**1960** James D. Ewing, publisher of Keene Sentinel and Walter C. Paine, publisher of Valley News of West Lebanon, buy the Argus-Champion from Nicholas J. Mahoney Jr.

**1960** Sunapee Ice Co. completes ice harvest in the harbor, filling their ice houses with cakes 22 inches thick.

**1961-1973** Vietnam War. 158 from Newport serve. Five die in service.

**1961** Newport celebrates its bicentennial. Actually it is five years early. The town was settled in 1766, but its charter from King George III was given in 1761.



The Common  
Photo Courtesy of Andy Andrews

**1961** Newport Shoe Manufacturing Corporation is Newport's largest employer with over 425 people.

**1962** A 12-unit motel will be constructed in Guild adjacent to Dr. Moore's veterinarian hospital, according to building permit issued here last week. (Guild Motel).

**1962** Judge John C. Fairbanks threatens to impose the maximum penalty of \$100 fine and 90 days in House of Correction for anyone caught discharging firecrackers in Newport.

**1962** Structural steel beams were set in place last week to convert Chellis Auditorium at Towle High into two floors with two additional classrooms.

**1962** Nine of the Newport-Lake Sunapee area towns voted in favor of state-owned liquor stores in their towns. Eleven voted in favor of selling beer. New London and Washington retained their dry status and Grantham and Sutton approved beer, but voted against liquor stores.

**1962** LaValley Building Supply opens [as Reliable Building Supply] on Guild Road.

**1962** Newport's National Guardsmen who were among the 66,000 Army and Air National Guardsmen mobilized for the Berlin crisis last October, will be deactivated in August and start returning to their homes Aug. 5.

**1962** Civil defense pistol range is dedicated on Alex Lewko's (police chief) land on Bradford road.

**1962** The South Branch of Sugar River was dredged to free a sewer line covered by 2 ½



feet of silt. The contractor removed silt from 200 feet of river bottom.

**1962** Work has been started on the remodeling of 58 North Main St., the residence of Mrs. D. Sidney Rollins, into a new library for Newport.

**1963** Starting salaries for teachers will be increased from \$3800 to \$4100.

**1963** Sturm, Ruger and Co., a manufacturer of sporting and law-enforcement firearms, takes over Federal Machine Tool which ceased operations Sept. 3, 1962. Ruger later expands with a 60 feet by 60 feet addition. Production of pistol parts begins at Pine Tree Castings Corp., a division of Sturm, Ruger, on Guild road. It is one of the county's largest employers.

**1963** Gov. King signs into law the state's lottery bill.

**1963** The books and papers of the Richards Free Library (built in 1888 by Dexter Richards) is moved to the mansion of Mrs. D. Sidney Rollins, (Louise Richards) built by Seth Richards, son of Dexter. The original brick building and the so-called library house just north of the brick library is demolished for the Sugar River Savings Bank building. The Seth Richards mansion was designed by a prominent Boston architect, took two years to complete, and cost \$65,504.

**1963** The public hearing on the Claremont and Concord Railway's petition to abandon its line between Newport and Concord will be conducted by the Interstate Commerce Commission in Newport Town Hall.

**1963** The two and one-half mile relocated stretch of Route 10 between Newport and Croydon is now open.

**1963** The Chateau, widely-known Newport landmark on Guild Road, (generally across from LaValley's), is being demolished. Owned by William Rodeschin, it was once operated as a hotel by his father, Severin Rodeschin. In the 1900's it was headquarters for a horse farm.

**1963** The Rev. William Blair, minister of the South Congregational Church, was one of 200,000 Americans who took part in the August 28 March on Washington to urge passage of new civil rights legislation.

**1963** Drought strikes towards end of summer. Newport's water supply is more than half gone and many of those not on town water have dry wells.

**1963** The Christian and Missionary Alliance Church is expect to hold its first services Oct. 10. The new building is at the southeast corner of Church and Laurel Streets.

**1964** The Town of Newport now owns all the facilities and equipment at Parlin Field,



formerly occupied by Buker Airways Inc. Buker Airways had abandoned the field last year and left a debt of \$900 owed to the town.

**1965** Dial replaces telephone operators in Newport. Many residents protest and petition the telephone company to keep the operators.

**1965** The Eagle from the Eagle Block has been sold. The 136-year-old landmark was handcarved out of wood and bronzed by Stephen Hasham of Charlestown. It was owned by Maj. Sam Edes.

**1965** New high for enrollment in Supervisory Union 43: 2,336 compared to 2,241 in 1964.

**1965** Sturm Ruger expands its Newport facility and begins to manufacture firearms here.

**1965** Newport's selectmen explored the possibilities of town acquisition of the National Guard Armory on Belknap Avenue Tuesday night. /// Jan. 10 has been set as date for county commissioners' public hearing on the eminent domain action in which the town seeks to acquire the Pollards Mills property of Douglas R. Barton on which to construct a gravel-packed well to add to the town water system.

**1965** Over a half-million-dollar contract is signed for Newport's new Senior High School adjacent to the Junior High School.

**1965** On the evening of Christmas Day, Newport House and adjacent Latchis (movie) Theater [at northeast corner of Sunapee and Park streets] burn, and are later demolished.

**1966** A proposed school budget of \$688,335, up \$95,537, will go before a Budget Committee hearing. The new Junior Senior High School, now under construction as an addition to Newport Junior High School, accounts for \$72,629 of the increase.

**1966** Negotiations for the sale of the Newport Shoe Mfg. Corp. plant were continuing this week. Meanwhile the plant is being operated by Continental Shoe Corp., Portsmouth, on a week-to-week basis.

**1966** Clean-up work on the Newport House and Theater, heavily damaged in a Christmas night fire in 1965, was started last week.

**1966** A special town meeting to act on a recommendation of the town's option to buy the land and buildings of the Newport Shoe Manufacturing Corp. has been called for April 21 in the Armory. /// Newport is to have a small auditorium and art gallery. (It is later called the Library Arts Center.) The Richards Library Trustees approved construction of such a facility in the barn (the carriage shed) in the rear of the present library, formerly the home of Mrs. D Sidney Rollins and the late Mr. Rollins.

**1966** At least three firms are interested in operating the plant of Newport Shoe

Manufacturing Corp. which filed a petition with the U.S. Referee in Bankruptcy last week. /// Employees of the former Newport Shoe Manufacturing Corp. may receive between 50 percent and 60 percent of their wage claims, Atty. Harry V. Spanos, trustee in bankruptcy for the corporation, announced at a special town meeting Saturday night in the Armory. A new corporation, the Sunapee Shoe Corp., was formed Monday and is now the new owner of the land, buildings and equipment of the former shoe company on Canal Street. /// The gondola lift at Mt. Sunapee State Park has been successfully tested with a new launching system and will start public operation on May 28.

**1966** A School Board decision not to use the 63-year-old Primary School building on Sunapee St. (now the town office building) was based on lack of need, obsolescence and the danger of costly repairs to the heating equipment, according to a statement by the board yesterday.

**1966** The last class -- 75 seniors -- graduates from Towle High School. They represent the final chapter for the 43-year-old high school building which will be converted into an elementary school by next year. Graduation ceremonies were held in the Newport Junior High School.

**1966** The local small fry who enjoyed fishing from the Pollards Mills Bridge connecting the Unity Road with the Pollards Mills Road, may have mixed emotions about the collapse of the bridge. It collapsed Sunday when a truck owned by Henry Dairy Transport, Inc., Saxtons River, Vt., crossed it (at the instruction of police) so it could avoid the route of the American Legion parade.

**1966** Pine Tree Castings Corp., Route 103, Guild, a fully-owned subsidiary of Sturm Ruger Co. Southport, Conn. this week starts building a \$144,000, 120-foot wing on the east side of the present building.

**1966** The new Kearsarge Regional School District will become part of Supervisory Union 43 (SAU 43) thus increasing the responsibilities of the Union Superintendent, Gordon B. Flint.

**1966** Because of excellent public reception in its first season, the new four-passenger gondola at Mt. Sunapee State Park in Newbury will continue to operate daily through the foliage season until Oct. 12. /// Replacement mail routes are established for Newport and other towns served by the Sectional Center, White River Junction, when train service is discontinued Sunday.

**1966** The Dorr Woolen Mill Store opened Monday in its new location, a modern one-story brick and cement block construction on the Guild Common.

**1966** Billy B. Van's Pine Tree Soap, first distributed from Newport, is still on the market. The House of Wrisley, Paris, Tenn., manufactures the soap in the hand size cake and it is sold bulk pack, 44 bars to the case. /// The bridge at Pollards Mills (more accurately on Pollards

Mills Road near the Unity Road) is to be replaced by Dec. 1 under a contract signed this week with F. D. Swett, Inc., Pembroke.

**1966** Sponsored by the U.S. State Department, three educators from Thailand will be here for a three-day visit to observe American education.

**1967** Richards Library is featured in the January issue of New Hampshire Profiles as the Home of the Month. Seventeen pictures, most of them by Smith Photo Center, illustrate the article by Betty Shelley, which tells the story of the Seth Richards home, designed by James T. Kelley, and built over a three-year period, starting in 1897.

**1967** A face-lifting plan for Newport's Main St., will be proposed in March, John Cummings, chairman of the Newport Chamber of Commerce mercantile committee, announced at the annual banquet Monday night.

**1967** Newport residents will get a good look at their new Newport Junior-Senior High School Sunday. The entire building, including the junior high portion, will be on view.

**1967** Granliden Hotel in Sunapee is torn down. (Built in 1906.)

**1967** Headline: All Newport selectmen say they'll be forced to quit if the town abolishes Town Manager form of government.

**1967** Jennie Dunham's (Jennie, the Paper Lady) newspaper route in Newport was interrupted this week for the second time in recent weeks after many years of faithful service to customers. Mrs. Dunham suffered a broken ankle in a fall and is a patient at the Newport Hospital.

**1967** The original carriage house of Seth Richards' home (now the Richards Free Library) is opened as the Library Arts Center.

**1967** Rehearsals are now in full swing for the 1967 American Legion Minstrel Show to be presented in the Opera House in April. (Clearly Newport was not yet sensitive to the protests of American blacks about minstrel shows.)

**1967** Colonial restoration (of Main Street) has been recommended by a Dartmouth College survey team of three architectural course students.

**1967** W. Norman Croteau and R. Gilman Stockwell, owners and operators of Stockwell's Greenhouses, North Main Street, have purchased the Main St. property formerly owned by Silsby and Johnson Inc. from Donald Martin of Newport and Gerald H. Martin, Bradford. (Silsby and Johnson was a brick hardware store and plumber and occupied part of the space now occupied by First N.H. Bank at 55 Main St.)

**1967** Project Headstart, the first such project in Newport, opened at the Richards School



at 8:15 yesterday with 41 children.

**1967** A long-range plan for making a beautiful park of Newport Common will be presented by Leon Pearson of the New Hampshire Landscape Co., Hooksett, as a result of action taken Thursday night by the Newport Tree Committee.

**1967** Newport's 1.6 million dollar sewer project will be delayed at least a year if the Johnson administration cuts the price tag on a Federal pollution program. /// A new two million water tank is scheduled to be completed next week at the end of Summer St. Extension. This is one portion of the water works improvement program now under way in Newport.

**1967** Construction of a ski jump in the rear of the Newport High School was approved by the School Board Monday night.

**1967** Grandliden Hotel in Sunapee, one of the most ornate structures in the Newport-Lake Sunapee area and a popular resort and showcase for nearly 60 years, was sold this week and may be razed in a re-development project.

**1967** Expansion plans for five Newport businesses are nearing completion. Flowercraft, former Stockwell Greenhouse of N. Main St. will have its grand opening Saturday. Reliable Auto Sales was established recently at 199 Sunapee St.; the Yankee Barn is an expansion of a furniture restoration business started by the late Jed Hitchcock and carried on by his widow, Beatrice Hitchcock, in the family home on East Mountain Road; LaValley Building Supply, Inc., Guild has started another expansion of its business, established just five years ago in Newport, and Kemp and Chapman Machine Shop is constructing a new shop on Putnam Rd.

**1967** Newport's first full-time recreation program will start Monday. Recreation Director Robert Young announced a schedule this week that will keep the newly-rented Newport Community Center, formerly the Armory on Belknap Ave., jam-packed with activities seven days a week.

**1967** Perseverance prevailed and made Coach Ted Niboli's dream true for a 20-meter ski jump for his Newport High School ski team and other Newport enthusiasts. They provided the work and generous citizens provided the means. [This was the first jump built on that site. In 1972 a 30-meter jump was built.]

**1968** Dorr Woolen Co. this week began construction of an 8,500-square-foot addition to its plant in Guild.

**1968** Sturm, Ruger and Co. has begun construction of a new \$179,000 addition to its manufacturing facilities in Guild.

**1968** The goals and methods of the Head Start program in North Newport will be explained to the Friends and Neighbors Club at a meeting in Towle Elementary School.

**1968** Newport Swim Inc. funds for the swimming pool reached a total of \$3,614.50 as of yesterday according to Archie Mountain, general chairman of the drive. /// Employees of Dorr Woolen Co. and Pinnacle Manufacturing Co. will receive a general pay increase of 13 cents per hour, plus an increase in insurance benefits estimated to cost two cents per hour effective May 20.

**1968** Sunapee's oldest hotel bowed to progress this week. Ben Mere Inn, a 75-room landmark overlooking Sunapee Harbor since 1896, is being demolished by its Haverhill, Mass., owners to make room for a more modern establishment.

**1968** Senate Minority leader Harry V. Spanos, Newport, was in the news this week as a possible candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor.

**1968** Newport will have to stop burning at its town dump (on Breakneck Hill Road) in three years.

**1968** Three building permits for expansion totaling \$50,800 were issued to local businesses, Wilcox Lumber Co., Goshen Rd. for construction of an 12 by 16 foot office, \$800; CLJ Realty Co., Newport, to tear down the Purmort property and other small buildings near the railroad tracks on the west side of Main St. and construction of 43 by 47 foot addition to the Johnson Block and store, \$20,000; and McGray and Nichols, Inc. for construction of an office on the Guild Rd., \$30,000.

**1968** Newport's expanded, modernized water system is expected to be in complete operation by Dec. of this year, according to Alvin Heidner, Town Manager.

**1968** Johnson's Ben Franklin Store, one of Newport's oldest retail establishments, will nearly double its present size as the result of a two-story brick veneer building being added in the rear. It is expected to be ready for operation about Thanksgiving. The store is owned by Cleon L. Johnson, Jr., the third generation of the family to operate the store, and his mother, Mrs. Cleon L. Johnson, Sr.

**1968** The installation of water meters throughout the town will begin next Monday.

**1968** Sugar River Savings Bank is computerized. Keyboards at the bank are in direct contact with computer banks in Boston.

**1968** The Charter Revision Committee will conduct two public hearings next week on its proposed new charter for the town of Newport.

**1969** Newport telephones will have direct distance dialing starting Mar. 15.

**1969** The Richards Library has received \$50,000 in securities from the estate of Mrs. D. Sidney Rollins, a bequest that is to be used as an endowment, the income from which is to be used for the maintenance of the library building.

**1969** Crime nearly doubled in Newport during 1968. Criminal arrests during the year totaled 376 compared to 190 in 1967, according to the annual report of the Newport Police Dept.

**1969** The day care center about to be established in Newport by parents of Head Start children is seeking contributions of materials and equipment, Harold Matherson of the committee announced. /// Newport is on the verge of tremendous growth if it will work and invest for it, George E. Slye, executive vice president of Spaulding and Slye Boston, development firm, told the Newport Chamber of Commerce at a dinner sponsored by the Sugar River Savings Bank Monday night. /// Construction of the new Kearsarge Regional High School in Sutton will get underway the third week in April, weather permitting, Gordon B. Flint, superintendent of schools, announced this week.

**1969** Construction begins on new bay at Fire Station as result of Town Meeting approval of \$21,000-bond to house heavy fire apparatus. /// William Massey, Breakneck Road, has been hired as a full time police dispatcher by the Newport Police Department

**1969** Two proposed new highways to expedite traffic flow between Wendell and Newport center and eventually to bypass the center will be explained to town officials June 2.

**1969** The three high schools in Supervisory Union 43 ranked high in the 20th annual statewide National Mathematics contest conducted recently. Sunapee High earned first place in the small school category. Newport High and New London High ranked second and third in the medium public high school class.

**1969** Ground was broken Monday for Newport's newest industry, the Hartford Element Co., manufacturers of electric heating elements. Construction has begun on an 80- by 84-foot structural steel one-story building on Guild Road.

**1969** Conversion of the Newport Savings Bank bookkeeping process to a computer system will be completed Oct. 11, and will be available to depositors Oct. 14.

**1969** New facilities for active participation in the arts (pottery, painting, stencilling) are added to the basement area of the Library Arts Center.

**1970 Population: 5,870. [Population of the state of N.H. was 738,000, an increase of 21.6%. Newbury's resident population was 520, a gain of 80 over last year.]**

**1970** Newport's population grew 3.2 percent in 1970 while Sullivan County population grew 4.6 percent from 28,067 to 29,351, according to preliminary figures of the Bureau of Census.

**1970** The new lane of Interstate I-89 through Grantham will be built east of the existing lane. /// The Sunapee School Board voted to drop physical education, art and music to cut its teachers' salary base from \$6,400 to \$6,300 Tuesday night to fit Sunapee's education



program into the budget that was cut \$19,043 at their March 11 School District meeting.

**1970** Newport's two oldest banks, the First National Bank and the Newport Savings Bank, this week announced plans for doubling their facilities at 9 Main St. The banks will occupy the space now occupied by Miller Bros. Clothing when the store closes. /// The Newport Planning Board has adopted subdivision regulations. It set rules for development with specifications for street construction, pavement and drainage facilities, curbs and sidewalks.

**1970** Newport voters will be asked to approve a \$33,315 kindergarten program and a \$180,000 athletic facility. /// Towne's Sugar River Pharmacy, 71 Main Street, will discontinue the sale of cigarettes today.

**1970** UFO sighting in Croydon...."Hovered for 45 minutes 50 degrees from western horizon, moved south to Newport where visible from airport."

**1970** James E. Lantz, manager of Simon's Jewelers Inc., Brattleboro, since it opened 14 years ago, has purchased the M. J. Harrington Jewelers' Store, 19 Main Street, Newport, according to a story published in the Brattleboro Reformer last week.

**1970** Newport School Board buys 17 acres adjacent to Newport High School.

**1970** Brampton Woolen Co. is closing its doors after 70 years in Newport during which top employment was nearly 200 persons. /// McGray and Nichols, Inc., Guild Road, has been awarded a \$700,000 contract to construct the first 24-unit cluster of condominium residences in Hilltop Place on the former Brocklebank property in New London.

**1971** Fifty of 58 Newporters refused to sign a petition that was part of the American Declaration of Independence, when invited to do so by Royal A. Wallace III of the Argus-Champion. Wallace was called a communist, a John Bircher, an extremist and was ordered out of one Newport business establishment and told never to return. All of the eight persons who did sign it, recognized it.

**1971** Town's first elevator is installed in Richards Block (Lake Sunapee Bank building) // Town builds primary sewage treatment plant, and ends pumping sewage into Sugar River in December.

**1971** Newport High graduates a record-breaking 108.

**1971** Arlington American Sample Co., which completed purchase of the former Brampton Woolen Mill property in Newport last Thursday, will be in operation with a skeleton force in about ten days, Arthur J. Chandler, executive vice president, said yesterday. /// The installation of a traffic light at Elm, Maple and South Main Sts. was approved by selectmen Aug. 16 and will be installed between 90 and 120 days, according to Town Manager Robert G. Horne.

**1971** Newport's 3.5 million gallon-per-day sewage treatment plant will be dedicated Nov. 6.

**1971** Demolition of a long-standing Newport tenement began this week and by next summer Newport will have a much-needed off-street parking area in its site. The three-story building at the corner of West and Ash Streets, known as the Kenerson property for more than half a century, has been purchased just for this purpose by Newport Development Inc., a non-profit organization in which Newport merchants have invested to acquire property for town needs with the hope they will be reimbursed by the town some time.

**1971** Sturm, Ruger and Co., Inc. Guild Rd., this week announced an expansion program that will increase its plant facilities by 25 percent and increase jobs in its Pine Tree Castings Division 80 percent and Sturm, Ruger 50 percent by the end of the year. The company must step up its production of double action revolvers immediately by 80 percent, John A. Clements, vice president of the Newport Division said, to meet increasing demand for law enforcement weapons.

**1972** Newport Police Chief Alexander P. Lewko completed 26 years as Newport's fifth chief of police and 36 years as a police officer. He will be honored at a testimonial dinner March 1 at Mount Sunapee State Park.

**1972** An autographed manuscript of the famous "Mary's Lamb" signed by Newport's Sarah Josepha Hale, and a piece of wool from the first fleece of the lamb about which the poem was written in 1830 will be put on the auction block at Sotheby Park-Bernet, New York, April 11. Officials at the Gallery estimate its value at between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

**1972** Fire destroys 3-story Winston Hotel at SW corner of Main and West streets. The hotel had been operated for many years by the family of Cleo Franklin and had also been known as the Dudley Block. [The site in 1995 was occupied by BankEast.] /// Winston Hotel was one of the two remaining tributes to novelist Winston Churchill, author of Coniston, which referred to Newport as Brampton.

**1972** The Lafayette House, on S. Main Street (on land now occupied by Rite Aid) is dismantled and will be reconstructed as part of a model colonial village on Quechee Lakes Corp., in Hartland, Vt. The house was called the Lafayette House because in 1825 [June 27] the French General Lafayette, who served as a major general under General Washington during the Revolutionary War, returned to the U.S. as an old man on a triumphal visit to the land he helped free from the British, and had dinner at the house on S. Main St.

**1972** The Cross Street bridge, long a controversial topic in Newport, was closed at 6:15 p.m. Saturday, only ten days after its reopening. The bridge had been closed since 1967. It was closed because a one-and-a-half foot hole in diameter existed in the bridge. The beams had given way and the ends of the wooden beams were not aligned with the steel beams.

**1972** New London: Operation Skyhook -- Helicopter hovers over a hole in the ground

before dropping a ski tower into the earth at the King Ridge Ski Area, New London. The tower is only one phase of the \$670,000 expansion program at the mountain.

**1972** A Main St. mill site for the past 126 years will soon be a parking lot. Plans to tear down the former Brampton Woolen Co. main mill, the wooden section on the north side of River St. are being formulated by the new owners of the property, Arlington American Sample Co.

**1972** John C. McCrillis, James Lantz, Robert Rollins, Frank MacConnell and Roland Tremblay merged minds and came up with an idea to build a ski jump at Newport High School -- and consistent with the enthusiasm which bubbles among the young members of the club, wasted no time in reshaping the hill behind the high school and building the ski jump.

**1973** Petitions are being circulated to change the Newport board of selectmen from three to five members.

**1973** The Newport board of selectmen has requested \$4,000 for preliminary engineering design to convert the Primary School on Sunapee Street to town office headquarters in a special article that will go before the Mar. 6 Town Meeting.

**1973** Backhoe scoops up debris from March fire that destroyed Central St. landmark owned by Arlington Sample Co. Building began as a water-powered corn and sawmill, housed Newport's first theater, once was an armory, bowling alley, Laundromat, plumbing and heating firm, and finally electrical contractors. (A local historian doubts that the building housed the gristmill and sawmill.)

**1973** At long last a traffic light for Newport. John Economu, whose pleas for a light to control traffic at Main, Maple and Elm streets have become a Newport town meeting tradition, grins as he throws the switch to activate the light.

**1973** The legislature passes a current use land law, which affects local taxes.

**1973** The District Court and Town Museum defy destruction and the building is entered onto the National Register.

**1974** Newport selectmen look over their new offices as work begins on the remodeling of the old Primary School building on Sunapee St. The finished building will house the Town Offices, currently located in the old Citizens National Bank building and the Supervisory Union #43 school offices, now at 11 Main Street.

**1974** Newport Opera House Association is formed.

**1974** Area residents turn to wood as fuel to combat soaring oil and electricity costs. Wood stoves sell as fast as dealers can get them. Chainsaw sales mushroom. Many outdoor woodpiles. Wood cutters can hardly supply enough. /// Grain storage shed in Depot Square



torn down.

**1975** Encore Shoe Co. of Massachusetts opens a division in Kelleyville /// Silsby and Johnson block and Coniston Theater are demolished to make way for new home of the First Citizens National Bank /// Coniston once site of Phoenix Hotel...Argus story says bell, then on roof of Town Hall, was originally in steeple of Newport Universalist Church (now Sierra Photo) and given to town when church disbanded. Used as fire bell. Now on display in front of Town Hall on sidewalk.

**1976** 48 Newport families report income of \$50,000 or more according to survey. /// Volunteers sand smooth 3500 square feet of Opera House floor. /// John Farrington of Newport gives Opera House Restoration project \$15, the amount he received for his appearance as a boxer in Opera House in 1927.

**1976** Newport Charitable Association transfers assets of \$500,000 to N.H. Charitable Fund with proviso that money (interest from principal) will be used for charitable purposes in Newport area. Group formerly operated Newport Home for Aged Women on Laurel street.

**1977** Rowell Bros., which is marking its 100th anniversary this month; is the only Newport family business still being operated in the same location where it was established in 1877.

**1977** A new 50,000 square-foot addition to Sturm Ruger will create job opportunities in Newport.

**1977** Bruce Cronin plans first world premiere of his new movie, "Henry Phipps Goes Skiing" starring Babe Sargent at Sawyer Center in New London. The second premiere is planned at the Newport Opera House for the NOHA's benefit.

**1977** Newport's Riverside Rehabilitation Project should be completed before first snow next fall giving Newport a block-long expanse of scenery overlooking Sugar River on the south side of Sunapee street between Canal and Central streets. Seven buildings to be demolished including Coronis Market and Plant World Nurseries and Florists.

**1977** Superior Court renovated and first session is held after open house.

**1977** The Edes House at the corner of Belknap Avenue and North Main Street is torn down. It was one of the first houses in Newport to get running water and electricity.

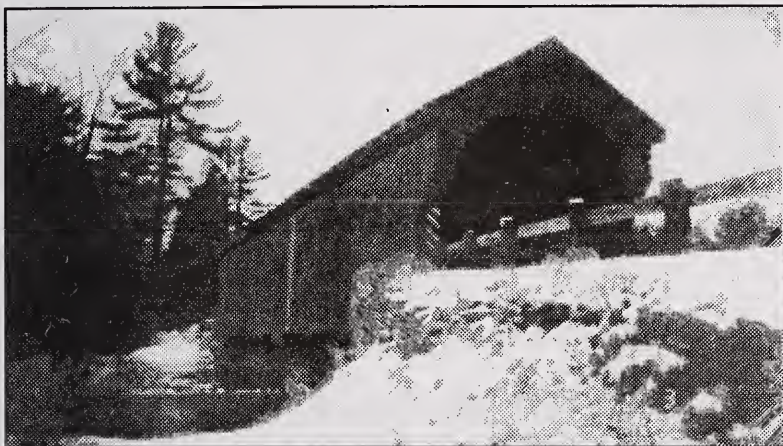
**1978** Planners in the early 1960s envisioned a Newport in the 1970s with a new school, recreation area, new town buildings and major changes in water and sewer systems. Each has been accomplished, but not as planned by planners in 1962 and 1963.

**1978** Joint venture in county of solid waste disposal discussed by county delegation. /// Footbridge across Sugar River, about 100 yards downstream from Main Street bridge is considered dangerous and has been closed. /// Argus-Champion establishes office in New

London in McKenna building. /// New organ dedicated at South Church.

**1978** The worst blizzard in a quarter century stifled activity in Newport-Lake Sunapee area Feb. 7. Schools were closed. Some stores did not open. Others that did closed early. /// Last freight train to Newport delivers cars to LaValley Building Supply.

**1979** Sunshine Baptist Church organized Sept. 23 at 410 Sunapee St. with 41 members.  
Pastor is Rev. Don Secret.



Corbin Covered Bridge - Built C. 1835  
Burned May 25, 1993  
Photo Courtesy of  
David Jescavage

**1980 Population: 6,229.**  
[Population of state of  
N.H. is 920,610, up 25%.]

**1980** Robert G. Horne, who served as Newport's Town Manager for 27 months from June 17, 1971, was appointed to the Newport Board of Selectmen to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Ronald H.

Taylor, Jr.

**1980** William B. Ruger, Jr., Newport, wants to generate electricity with Sugar River water. As sole proprietor of the Sugar River Hydroelectric Power Co., he has applied to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a preliminary permit for feasibility, environmental and marketing studies over a 36-month period.

**1980** Three organizations responsible for the rebuilding and realignment of Elm St. and rebuilding the Elm Street bridge have agreed to purchase and demolish the Jasinski Block, 2 Elm St. (home of Vic's Market) status of which has held up the project for more than a year.

**1980** Newport ordered to close its landfill by March 1. The town may have to dig up the landfill site and repair damage done by pollution.

**1980** The Town Hall and Opera House is placed on the National Historic Register.

**1981** Six Newport-Lake Sunapee area communities -- Newport, Grantham, Croydon, Goshen, Lempster and Washington -- have been ordered by the N.H. Solid Waste Program to report in writing by March 1 steps they are taking to close their landfills and bring them in



compliance with state health regulations. /// A 5 percent cap on property tax increases and governmental spending, plus doing away with all parking restrictions in Newport will be among special articles upon which voters will act at Newport's annual Town Meeting March 18.

**1981** The Newport landfill closes March 31. Newporters will then haul their trash to the Claremont landfill.

**1981** On Dec. 18 the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District is formed. Two days earlier 14 Vermont towns also formed a district for the same purpose.

**1981** The Sugar River Watershed Project, a plan in the works for 15 years to build ten flood control dams and recreation lakes in Sullivan County will be revived May 13 in the District Court Building.

**1981** Freedom Data Systems, a supplier of pharmacy and point-and-sale computer systems, leaves Claremont and moves to 47 Belknap Avenue, Newport.

**1981** William Barrett, publisher of Suburban World, Inc., Needham, Mass., has agreed to buy the Argus-Champion, Newport's prize-winning 158-year-old weekly newspaper, effective Sept. 1. W. Arthur Grant, secretary of the University System of N.H. and former executive editor and publisher of the Bennington (Vt.) Banner, has been appointed editor and publisher of the Argus to succeed Edward DeCourcy, who has served in that capacity for 20 years and who will retire after a news career spanning 51 years. (Grant grew up in Newport and attended Newport schools. He remained with the Argus for only a short time, returning to the University of N.H.). /// Selectmen ordered the old Newport landfill on Rte. 10 (on Breakneck Hill Road) sealed by August 31 this year and decided to seal it with clay and top it with soil rather than a chemical mixed with clay or with a plastic cover.

**1981** The Shop-Rite Super Market, 20 N. Main St., a business in Newport since 1956 (formerly Condon's Market), will close Sept. 5 if all the inventory is sold, according to Patrick Zullo and Anthony Kulesza, the owners.

**1981** Newport Alternative School officials claim new restrictions are hurting their teaching program, but the school board refuses to change them at the school board meeting Nov. 17. Barry Genzlinger and Linda Trenholm, the alternate school officials, asked the board Nov. 17 to reinstate the time, by which the students could leave the school grounds in the afternoon and take walks through the town, loosen up on its restrictions on smoking, and to let teachers dress as they wish during school.

**1981** Selectman Arnold O. Campbell believes Newport has too many regulating boards and agencies, and asks his colleagues Dec. 7 to see how Town Meeting feels about eliminating some of them.

**1982** Property at the corner of Main and Sunapee Streets on which the Newport House



once stood has been sold to Michael R. Feeney of Oakledge, Mt. Sunapee, for an undisclosed sum. The property includes the vacant one-story building that housed the former Latchis Theater.

**1982** Another earthquake, the second in nine days, rattled the Newport-Lake Sunapee region at 7:17 p.m. Jan. 18, lasted 30 seconds, and knocked out telephone service for 15 minutes. It measured 4.4 on the Richter scale. The Jan. 9 quake registered 5.9, and broke a water main opposite the Lily Pond near Sturm-Ruger.

**1982** Town Manager Wm. K. Dugan will investigate cost and legal restrictions of having seven of the eight chimneys removed from the Town Hall. The building uses only one of the chimneys. (The Town Hall used wood for heating when built in 1886.) /// Three proposed housing developments for Newport got a boost this week as the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development cleared one of a flood plain problem and pronounced two others as eligible to participate in a \$15 million subsidy. The properties are 6 ½ acres on Oak St. owned by Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Maiola; land on Pearl St. behind Richards Library, owned by Sandell Development Corp., and 50 acres between Whipple Rd. and Old Springfield Rd. in Guild, upon which David Hodges, Concord, wants to build 50 subsidized-rent townhouses.

**1982** Woodhull's Market moves from 28 Pleasant St., to South Main street. Woodhull's had been on Pleasant St. for 52 years. Later the Main St. store became a senior center.

**1982** LaValley Building Supply, on the Guild Road, begun with the owner, his wife and one employee 20 years ago, now employs 110 people in four communities and observes its 20th birthday this month.

**1982** School boards throughout this area are to be invited to join the Newport School Board in a study that might lead to a new approach to vocational education in New Hampshire.

**1982** About 20 people, considering the Lake Sunapee Savings Bank's right to recall mortgages on second homes in the area and either raise the interest rates or demand payment in full, discussed the problem July 5 in the Grantham Municipal Building with legal counsel.

**1982** Sugar River Savings Bank, Newport, is adding 5200 square feet to its existing home office space, plus a new teller service in the former Shop-Rite Supermarket on Main St.

**1982** Both leaders, R. Barry Genzlinger, the director, and Linda Trenholm, the assistant, of Newport's Alternative School, in existence since the fall term of 1977, have quit the program and the School Board is looking for replacements.

**1982** The Building Needs Committee appointed by the Newport School Board was authorized to proceed with definite plans for the renovation of Richards Elementary School and to hire an architect.

**1982** About 25 Newport merchants concerned about business leaving Main St. discussed revitalization strategies Aug. 10 in the Library Arts Center.

**1982** The Sullivan County Delegation decided on Aug. 11 to concentrate on the Hirsch building but has not ruled out other options as a home for the Sullivan County Court and office complex.

**1982** Anne Segal, Hanover, recently appointed as Assistant Superintendent of School Administrative Unit 43 for Newport, Sunapee, and Croydon, is the first woman in an administrative position in the Unit.

**1982** The executive board of Newport's Chamber of Commerce says it's time to work on the revitalization of the downtown area, and they've agreed to spearhead efforts to work towards that goal.

**1982** Opening date of Newport House, the Sandell Development Corp. housing project for the elderly on Pearl St., has been changed to Jan. 1.

**1982** Grading work goes on continuously along the top of the Goshen dam. Land has been cleared of trees and brush in the area which will soon be 100-acre Lake Gunnison.

**1982** The Hartford Element Co. on Sunapee St. expects its business to double at least during the next year, due to its merger with Eichenauer Electric Heating of West Caldwell, N.J.

**1982** Dixon's Thriftway has been bought by Associated Grocers of New England. /// Former Rowell Brothers property in Korn Alley behind Lake Sunapee Savings Bank has been purchased by the bank, said John J. Kiernan, bank president. /// Max Wasserman, who is developing the Pearl Street housing project for the elderly, says people should be moving in on Feb. 1.

**1982** Creation of a Sullivan County Solid Waste Disposal District gathered momentum at Town Meetings March 9 as 11 of 15 towns contacted approved the concept by large majorities in ballot voting. /// A proposal to buy the DeWolf Block, 16 Main Street, for more county office space may be set aside this year and the \$78,000 used to bolster other department budgets.

**1982** A proposal to convert Sichel Swamp, North Newport, into a 300-acre controlled wilderness recreation area with a 200-acre cold water lake will come before the Newport Master Plan Committee next month, three years after a committee of eight voted against it. /// No smoking from now on in the Newport Town Hall. /// Selectmen will discuss the Sichel Swamp conversion.

**1982** Richards Library trustees retain New London architects, Sheerr and Gregor Corp., to plan and prepare drawings for library addition. /// Plans of the Newport Sugar River

Saving's Banks proposed expansion and restoration program will be exposed to public viewing May 14 on the site at the corner of Main Street and Sugar River Square. /// A 78-acre Newport site on Rte. 11/103 near the Claremont line, has been selected by Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District as a landfill for ashes if the N.H./Vt. Solid Waste Project builds an energy-recovering incinerator. /// The State will begin making offers, probably in October this year, to Elm St. residents and businessmen for property so the Elm St. bridge can be replaced. /// William K. Dugan resigned as Town Manager during a special meeting of the selectmen July 20.

**1983** Newport's railroad depot converted to medical building. Passenger service was discontinued in 1955.

**1983** Revitalization Committee is formed in February. /// Voters reject bond issue twice to renovate Richards School. /// Roof begins leaking in a 6th-grade classroom at Towle school. Revitalization Committee offers \$4000 challenge grant to Town Meeting to match it /// Blasting begins for extension of water line on Oak street.

**1983** First Citizens National Bank says it will merge with Dartmouth National Bank. /// Lake Sunapee Savings Bank razes the 105-year-old former Rowell Bros. buildings in Korn Alley.

**1983** Newport school officials and others connected with the project want to forget about the March 5 defeat of a bond issue that would have funded renovation of the 80-year-old Richards school.

**1983** The State and Federal project to realign Elm St. and rebuild Elm St. bridge is on schedule, according to the Dept. of Public Works and Highways.

**1983** Lake Sunapee Savings Bank's renovation of its property on Main and Depot Streets, Newport, is moving swiftly, and bank president John Kiernan said he expects the old Kelly Card and Gift Shop to be in use as part of the bank within three or four weeks. Expansion of the state liquor store (also owned by the bank) on Depot St. should be complete by mid-summer, he said.

**1983** Richards school bond suffers a second loss. /// About 50 teachers in the Newport Teachers Assn. (the faculty labor union), each wearing an orange and black button, saying, "Newport Teachers PRO Education," attended the School Board meeting in the Newport High School library to show their concern about the lack of progress in their almost five months of negotiations for a new contract.

**1983** The Newport School Board at its May 31 meeting voted to install a sprinkler system and smoke and heat detectors throughout the Richards School building, and, in a separate vote, agreed to install a new smoke tower or stairwell on the east side of the building and construct access corridors between the annex and the old building.



**1983** The Hanover-based Dartmouth National Bank and Newport's First Citizens National Bank have signed a merger agreement that will create a \$125 million asset institution. /// Sugar River Savings Bank of Newport, which opened in 1895 by sharing quarters with the Citizens National Bank, in what once was Newport's police headquarters, is getting ready to celebrate the opening of its newly-expanded banking facilities on N. Main. St.

**1983** Gov. Sununu signed the State's capital budget June 24, and that guarantees the state will provide \$250,000 to pay for Newport's and Croydon's share of the flood control dam in Sichel Swamp N. Newport

**1983** Cinemas 1 and 2, two new movie houses, will open, hopefully, by July 22, in the Sugar River Shopping Center.

**1983** Hubert's Department Store has given up its chance to buy the DeWolf Block, in which the store is located, and Sullivan County commissioners hope to take possession of the property as soon as it is probated.

**1983** Sullivan county plans to sell almost half of the county-owned land in Unity to help finance renovations of the DeWolf Block.

**1983** Newport Attny John C. Fairbanks will give Sullivan County commissioners the deed to the DeWolf Block on Main St., Oct. 12, and the Commissioners are expected to give him a check for \$60,000 for the property.

**1983** Elm Street, which will be redesigned in a 1984 road construction project, was the first link to the industrial heart of the community. It was the third town road laid out by the residents who began settlement on the Unity Rd. in 1766 and was the first road to provide access to the water power (in Guild) for industry.

**1983** Nearly all Newport High School students are using or have used one or more drugs, including but not limited to, marijuana, cocaine, alcohol and heroin, Michelle Millwood, a high school student, told those present at the Nov. 2 meeting in the Newport High School media center that discussed the first segment of Nancy Reagan's television program, "The Chemical People."

**1983** It will cost Newport about \$19,288 as its share of the \$3 million-plus project to re-align Elm St. and have a new bridge constructed just south of the existing one.

**1983** The nine-acre Sugar River Plaza, opposite Newport Shopping Plaza on Rte. 11/103, is for sale, and Bernie Young, who owns it, said last week he has takers. The two million plus project with space for 14 stores and 450 cars was build in 1980.

**1984** The Newport Revitalization Committee came on strongly Jan. 10 in favor of the \$560,000 Richards School Renovation project.

**1984** Work crews began on Jan. 30 dismantling Newport House at Sunapee St. and Park St. The former hotel, damaged severely by fire before it became the home of the former Newport Cinema, will be rebuilt by new owners, Sturm, Ruger and Co. Initial plans call for reconstruction along the original lines from the foundation up. Place will have a hotel and perhaps contain shops and offices.

**1984** The Newport School Board refused Feb. 6 to meet Newport Teachers Association demands for increased pay raises and fringe benefits for the 1984-5 school budget and voted to turn the argument over to a professional mediator.

**1984** The Richards Renovation Public Relations Committee, pressing for passage of the \$560,000 ten-year bond issue for renovations at the school, this week listed ten benefits the renovations project would accomplish. Voters will decide on the issue at the March 10 school meeting.

**1984** Soterios A. (Sam) Saggiotes and his wife Evelyn, closed The Priscilla Sweet Shop, 59 Main St. for the last time Monday, Feb. 27 after having served a cup of hot chocolate to Anthony J. (Tony) Kuleza, their last customer. Sold later to John MacKenna of New London

**1984** Some of nine buildings on Elm St. to be burned June 8, 9, 10 to make way for realignment of Elm St. and a new Elm St. bridge.

**1984** Newport receives \$46,779 in federal funds to restore Sullivan County Courthouse that must be matched by the town.

**1984** Fifty-one crafts and more than 200 persons participated in the 8th annual "Almost Anything Goes on the Sugar River Craft Race" May 20.

**1984** An estimated \$3,000,000 expenditure to renovate the DeWolf Block, 16 Main Street was approved unanimously by the county delegates June 18. /// Sullivan County Commissioners agreed July 27 to offer the Hubert family \$112,500 to help the family relocate the store from the ground floor of the DeWolf Block at 16 Main St. to the Wheeler Block at the corner of Main St. and Central Street. /// A solid vote of confidence was given by Newport selectmen Aug. 27 to the NH/Vt Solid Waste Project, which might begin building the trash-to-energy project next spring in Claremont.

**1984** Wendell Post Office closed. It is said to have opened at the turn of the century. Wendell's first P.O. was in Sunapee depot, and the station agent was the postmaster and was paid from the sale of postage stamps.

**1984** Remains of Newport House are razed.

**1984** On Dec. 2 the signs at First Citizens National Bank on Main St. in Newport will come down, and a new one reading "BankEast" will go up. Brian Towne (a Newport native) will start serving as regional president of the bank that day.

- 1985** Ground is broken for the incinerator for the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District.
- 1985** The DeWolf Block, built in 1893, becomes the Sullivan County office building, housing the Registers of Deeds and Probate, and the County Commissioners.
- 1985** Sturm, Ruger and Co., Inc. Newport, has purchased the assets of the Uni Cast plant, Manchester, and the Nashua Brass plant in Nashua.
- 1985** A final one-week effort to encourage Newport voters to adopt a building code at Town Meeting Mar. 12 was mounted by the Newport Revitalization Committee.
- 1985** The NH/VT Solid Waste Project has cleared the remaining hurdles and project officials have set an official ground-breaking ceremony for August 14 at the Grissom Lane, Claremont, site.
- 1985** Twenty percent of the student body of 200 in Towle Elementary school is classified as "learning handicapped," but the school board voted not to hire two additional teacher's aides to help them out.
- 1985** Selectmen and Planning Board members of Croydon and Newport meet for the first time Aug. 14 to talk about making the 200-acre lake in Croydon and a dam in Newport which would hold back the water to make the lake.
- 1985** New Elm Street bridge, a \$1.25 million project, to be opened Oct. 27. Elm Street was moved south to be aligned with the new bridge.
- 1985** In Grantham, Reney's Store, which has been owned by the same family for the past 62 years, was sold this week to Marie and William Bitler, L.I., N.Y. by Eleanor and Maurice "Hap" Reney.
- 1985** The sewage lagoon system in Guild "seems to be working" but reports are at a temporary standstill waiting for more State and Federal aid for the main sewage treatment plant opposite Newport High School.
- 1986** New England Ordnance Corp. hopes to start building a factory in Newport (on Whipple Road in Guild) next month, and the company's president says the plant may be operating here by early spring. Ground is broken June 11.
- 1986** Newport selectmen approve a \$7,400 contract for preliminary studies to convert the town's primary sewage treatment plant to a secondary facility. /// School meeting appropriates \$57,000 to start a public kindergarten.
- 1986** In May the Registry of Deeds, along with the other county offices is moved to the Hirsch/Hubert's Department Store building (the DeWolf Block). /// The Newport Woman's



Club, one of the town's oldest organizations, is disbanding this year. The club began 82 years ago, after Mrs. George (Maude L.) Lewis returned from a trip to the World's Fair in St. Louis, Mo. Enroute home she had attended a meeting of an Ohio women's club and decided that Newport women needed an organization for self-improvement.

**1986** Former International Shoe building on Canal street is razed.

**1986** New bandstand on Common may be New England's largest. Cost is \$15,000. Threat to burn it down cited. "First concert" attracts 1900 people. John Economu of Newport was honored at the dedication of the bandstand

**1986** There may be some action soon on "The Barn" north of the Main Street bridge on the east side of the street in Newport. (This was once a livery stable, then a Ford dealership, then a skating rink, and was damaged by fire.) Plans are for the building to be torn down this fall, once there is snow on the ground, according to Town Manager Robert Horne. /// Newport selectmen decide to attach a note to tax bills to inform taxpayers that their assessments will not be raised if they paint their houses. This is the result of confusion over what improvements cause tax assessments to increase.

**1986** Newport voters approved an appropriation of \$5.2 million, by a vote of 88 to 9, in a special Town Meeting last night, Sept. 16, to convert the town's sewage treatment plant from a primary to a secondary system.

**1986** A donation of \$100,000 was made to the Richards Library Expansion Fund at Sturm, Ruger Co., Inc. on Monday. Pictured are fund-raising co-chairmen, David and Barbara Yeomans, Judge John Fairbanks, a co-solicitor for the campaign; Wm. B. Ruger, president of Sturm, Ruger, who gave \$20,000 of his own money in the donation; Stanley Terhune, a former trustee of the library, and Kenneth Andler, the other solicitor for the campaign.

**1986** "The Golden Arches" arrived in Newport on Friday afternoon. Valley Signs of Lebanon installed the McDonald's Restaurant signs at the site on the Claremont Road where the fast food establishment is to open soon.

**1986** Falling milk prices and a U.S. government program cause some farmers in the area to sell 1,000 cows which were slaughtered. Charles Catsam, local farmer, participates.

**1986** Exhibit of Andre Champollion's art at Library Arts Center. The French native, a grandson of Austin Corbin, was killed fighting for the French in World War I. He lived most of his life in Newport.

**1986** Controversy over stained glass windows in Opera House being permanently covered during renovations. Sullivan County owns ground floor of Town Hall and town owns second floor.

**1986** Town leases land rent-free behind Village Pizza on South Main street for 75

vehicles.

**1986** New public kindergarten starts with 80 at Richards Elementary School.

**1986** PC Connection of Marlow opens a film studio in Newport to make training videotapes. PC Connection is a mail order firm of computer software.

**1987 Population: 6,376**

**1987** Workers began demolishing "The Barn" on Main St. last week. The unoccupied structure caught fire March 8, 1983. No repairs were made following the blaze and the building's future was a topic of discussion for quite some time. Originally a livery stable, the structure was erected about 1900. Over the years it has housed the Dixi Newton Funeral Home, a Ford motor showroom, a plastic toy factory, a motorcycle dealership, a florist shop, a jewelry store, a television repair shop and Fleury's Small Engine Repair. Most recently the building housed Lawrence Larabee's Roller Disco. The property is now owned by Sturm Ruger & Co., Inc.

**1987** Trash incinerator, to dispose of solid waste from Claremont, Newport and other towns (including some in Vermont), goes on line in Claremont on March 9.

**1987** Richards Free Library, now in the Richards' mansion, expands with an addition.

**1987** Attempt by United Steelworkers fails to unionize Sturm Ruger.

**1987** Newport School Board authorizes the director of SAU 43 to develop a proposal with the Spurwink School, a Maine-based organization, to establish a local therapeutic residence for emotionally handicapped adolescents. Spurwink, which has programs in four New England states, provides a broad range of services to youths with emotional and behavioral problems.

**1988** The Newport Sewer Treatment Plant gets an upgrade to meet environmental requirements at a cost of approximately five million dollars.

**1988** John H. Cain Golf course announces plans to expand from 9 to 18 holes. Course is expanded in 1990.

**1988** Kaarle Lehtinen, 95, gives \$100,000 to directors of Senior Citizens in Newport to buy former Violette's Market on South Main street from Ernie Hodgdon, and Senior Citizen's Center is created. Group had been meeting in basement of town office on Sunapee street.

**1988** The Corbin mansion on North Newport Road is undergoing major surgery to regain its former air of grandeur. William B. Ruger Jr., the house's present owner, is renovating the estate at a cost of about \$450,000. Austin Corbin II, a Newport native who gained national prominence as a banker and railroad owner, inherited the estate from his family. Before his

untimely death in 1896, he built various additions onto the house, creating an architectural masterpiece. The estate includes the mansion, a barn, an ice house, a buggy storehouse and 90 acres.

**1988** An employee of Geddes Building Mover of Concord prepares Newport's diner to leave town. The restaurant was taken last week to Concord where it will be stored until a site in Manchester is ready. The diner, which was originally a luncheonette for Dartmouth College students in Hanover, was brought to Newport in the 1930's.

**1988** For last three months appraisers for Avitar, an appraisal firm, have been appraising Newport property, with a Sept. 30 deadline.

**1988** Daniel P. O'Neill is hired as Newport's thirteenth Town Manager.

**1988** Landfill in Newport, near Claremont line, to dispose of ash from regional incinerator, is opened despite long-time opposition.

**1988** Library Arts Center and Richards Free Library are connected with an addition that provides much needed additional book stacks.

**1989** Richards Free Library was rededicated Feb. 22, just 100 years to the day after the library's original dedication. The event marked the conclusion of its Building Funds Campaign a successful \$508,000 drive headed by co-chairmen David and Barbara Yeoman.

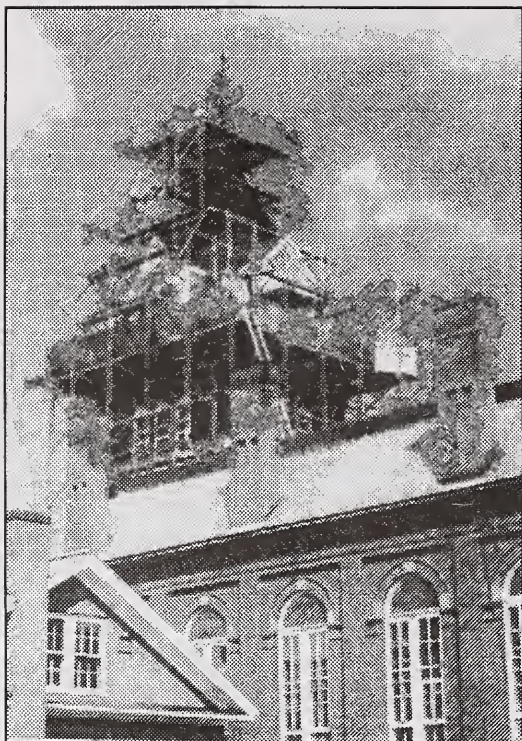
**1989** Students at Colby-Sawyer College in New London barricaded the entrances to the administration building and effectively shut down the school on Thursday of last week. The students are protesting a decision by the college to consider coeducation at the all-women's college.

**1989** District Court Judge John C. Fairbanks abruptly resigns from N.H. Bar and from the bench and moves to his seaside home in Ogunquit, Maine. On Dec. 28, Fairbanks is indicted on charges of stealing \$1.8 million from his law clients (other claims raise amount to \$6 to \$8 million). He disappears from Ogunquit home and is a fugitive being sought by Interpol in 150 countries. /// Town's sewage system is updated with a lagoon system north of high school.

**1989** Parking meters are removed from center of Main St.

**1990** **Population: 6,110. [Population of state of N.H. is 1,109,252, up 20%.]**  
**Newport's population dropped by 119, the first drop in population since censuses were taken. In 1870, however, after the Civil War, the state's population dropped.**





Town Hall Restoration  
Photo Courtesy of David Jescavage

**1990** On August 30 Newport Hospital Board of Trustees votes to file for liquidation bankruptcy and close the 36-year-old institution's doors.

**1990** 130 employees of Encore Shoe Corp. in Kelleyville are notified that the Newport plant will close Jan. 31, 1991. The plant opened in 1974.

**1991** Desert Storm calls up N.H. National Guard. The 744th Transportation Co., based in Hillsboro and Claremont, with 21 Newporters and nine from other Lake Sunapee towns, is called to active duty as a result of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, and reports to Fort Devens, Mass. on November 19.

**1991** Economic Corporation of Newport (ECON) is formed. Its mission is to encourage, promote and assist business growth

that will develop a larger economic base, increase employment opportunities, and improve the standard of living of the citizens of Newport, while preserving and enhancing the community's environment.

**1991** A TV crew from "Unsolved Mysteries," contacted by the N.H. Attorney General's office, films scenes about missing Judge John Fairbanks in Depot Square and in Lake Sunapee Savings Bank building (where Fairbanks had offices) on April 15 and 16.

**1993** 87% of the state is forested.

**1993** Newport Community Television (NCTV) is formed creating Newport's first community cable access center. Located in Newport Middle High School.

**1993** July 25 - Severe arson fire damages Eagle Block at corner of Central and Main Streets. Was built in 1825.

**1993** Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center is opened in September.

**1993** The Corbin covered bridge, crossing the north branch of the Sugar River in North Newport and erected about 1835, is destroyed by arsonists at 3 a.m. May 25. A fund-raising effort spearheaded by the Newport Historical Society is used to put a fire retardant chemical coating over the bridge and to create a fund for future bridge expenses. The arsonists are still at large.

**1993** For the first time, the town's water supply becomes filtered with the completion of a slow sand filter system at a cost of nearly 1.5 million dollars.

**1994** In June the News Leader, a weekly newspaper, starts publication in Claremont by Archie Mountain, former editor of the Newport Argus-Champion and the Claremont Daily Eagle. It covers Sullivan County west of Newport, including Newport.

**1994** On Mar. 27 John Fairbanks's body is found in a Las Vegas, Nevada hotel room. His death was judged a suicide.

**1994** PCTV, Personal Computer Television, Inc., opens a production studio in a former warehouse on Route 10 across from the high school playing fields. Owned by David Hall and Patricia Gallup of PC Connection in Marlow, the studio had been producing training and promotional tapes. Now PCTV, with state-of-the-art studio and fax, phone and electronic mail, will produce computing shows for cable and broadcast stations around the nation.

**1994** Butson's, a grocery store in Sugar River Square on Main Street, buys Farm Fare, another large grocery store, in Sugar River Plaza.

**1994** Approximately 10,000 persons attend the 3-day Corbin Bridge Festival, watching oxen pull the replica of the burned Corbin Bridge across the Sugar River in North Newport.

**1995** A site committee recommends a 1.2-acre lot on the south side of Elm Street for construction of a new Newport police station. The police now occupy the small and very crowded brick building (built in 1843) once known as the County Safe Building on Main Street next door to the County Building. The town needs now to approve a bond issue by a 2/3 vote at Town Meeting on May 9. Cost of the new station is estimated at \$869,599.

**1995** Sugar River Valley OnLine starts the town's first full connection to the Internet in July. Thus Newport and surrounding towns can now participate in a world-wide communications revolution equal in effect to the telegraph, telephone and television.

**1995** Dexter, the town's 180-year-old hand tub (hand pumper), is refurbished and placed in the lobby of the Lake Sunapee Bank for display.

**1996** Rite Aid Pharmacy opens on 27 Feb. 1996 on corner of South Main and Elm Streets, replacing a used auto sales lot, and an abandoned auto repair garage. Rite Aid's former site, on Sugar River Plaza (owned by the Sugar River Savings Bank) on North Main St. remains empty.

**1996** Town meeting votes to appropriate \$595,000 to buy the Priscilla Sweet Shop building at 59 Main St. and to renovate the building as a police station. /// Town Meeting also votes \$115,000 to rehabilitate the Main St. facade of the Opera House.

**1996** In August groundbreaking was held for the \$2.3 million, 32-bed Special Care Unit at



the Sullivan County Nursing Home (formerly called the County Farm). Residents will move in July, 1997.

**1996** In August hundreds watch as the beautiful weathervane atop the Town Hall is removed by helicopter and landed on the common for repair and refurbishing. Two futile attempts to remove it from the Town Hall steeple were made. Then workers discovered that its base -- a one-inch iron rod -- was threaded eight inches into the roof. Unscrewing it was no problem. It was returned to the steeple by the end of the month, with its vane and directional letters covered with gold leaf.

**1996** "It's do or die time for those interested in saving the Eagle Block in Newport. Unless advocates of preservation can find a way to reverse a determination by owner Sturm, Ruger and Co. Inc., that the structure must go and undo a decision by the Zoning Board of Adjustment, which issued a demolition permit the old building will soon be a cellar hole filled with bricks. Built as a hotel in 1825, and now one of the last of its kind in N.H., the Eagle has many friends in Newport and farther afield. The State Historic Preservation Office began to urge rehabilitation of the building before it was acquired by Ruger in 1995. Last May the Office of State Planning invited the owners to apply for a grant to study the feasibility of rehabilitating the block either for housing or for retail or office space." -- Newport Chamber of Commerce.

**1996** "Together with the Congregational Church, the Eagle is one of the most impressive examples of a brick-building tradition that mirrored Newport's prosperity in the 1820's. /// Through the Economic Corporation of Newport, the town's business community is taking on new vigor and purpose. ECON just received a grant from the prestigious New Hampshire Humanities Council to mount a storefront exhibit celebrating the region's proud heritage in the machine tool industry and precision manufacturing. Next fall Newport will be the site of a New England-wide Arts and Cultural Congress that will celebrate the theme, "Building Community Through Culture." Until now only large or prosperous centers like Portland, Me., or Providence have been selected to host this Congress. The town of Newport was chosen for the 1997 honor specifically because of its tradition of community involvement, as exemplified in the reconstruction of the Corbin Covered Bridge and the renovation of the Newport Opera House." -- Newport Chamber of Commerce.

**1996** The slate roof and the front and clock tower of the Town Hall (built in 1886) are refurbished. Next year's plans include work on the south side, repairing slate, masonry and painting. This is part of a several-years plan to revitalize Main St.

**1997** This year there will be a major effort put forth to install curbing, planters, enhanced crosswalks, trees and shrubbery, along with new lighting down the center of Main St. All of the old overhead wires which cross the street from the corner of Chubba's (a restaurant in the Lewis Block at SE corner of Main and Sunapee streets) to the corner of Lake Sunapee Bank (Richards Block across the street) will be removed and lighting will be proposed for the center section of the street and the Little Common replicating the style of lights which were present on the Common at the turn of the century. By the middle of June, at the cost of the



land owners (the Lake Sunapee Bank, and James Lantz) the sidewalk on the west side of Main St. in front of the Gamash, Emerson and Kendall Blocks, and the building immediately south (the former Ben Franklin Store and occupied by the Sierra Photo shop -- all owned by the bank), and in front of the old jail and in front of the Citizens' Bank Building (both owned by Lantz) was replaced with brick. Lantz landscaped the ugly square between his Bank Building and the Sierra Photo with grass and shrubbery.

**1997** During the early spring and summer the Kelleyville bridge is replaced.

**1997** During the spring and summer the following visual changes were made to Main Street: The unpainted wooden former blacksmith shop next door to the former Gillie's Garage on the north side of Elm Street near South Main St. is torn down. Irving Oil Co., which operates a filling station and convenience store next door at 27 South Main St., owns the land and will build a 60'x68' convenience store with four gasoline and two diesel islands. The Village Pizza on S. Main Street, just north of Irving Oil's convenience store, is fitted with new white siding which improves the appearance of the building and the street immensely. The police department moves its headquarters to a nicely refurbished Sweet Shop at 59 Main across from the Eagle Block which probably will be demolished by Ruger, the owner. The former brick police station, built more than a hundred years ago as the County Safe Building, and once occupied by a bank, is unoccupied. The Johnson Block (a new sign designating it as such has just been attached), which once contained the Unitarian church, then Johnson's stores, and now Sierra Photo, has its south side and front cleaned and painted. The younger trees on the Common have the grass at their bases removed in neat circles, which improves the appearance greatly. This has been done by an agricultural class at the high school. The First NH Bank at 55 Main Street, occupying a site that once contained the Winston Hotel and Silsby and Johnson Hardware, announces that it will close. There is no indication of what will happen to the brick building that it occupies and which was built as a bank in 1976. A Co-op food store is scheduled to occupy the vacant premises once occupied by Rite Aid pharmacy. (This Co-op attempt was abandoned in August 1998).

**1997** By August the ugly wooden telephone poles, and the parking meters in the middle of Main St. have been removed and work is proceeding for the new lighting and planting. /// By the time the artists begin to arrive for the Congress, Main Street is transformed. The site of the Newport House at the NE corner of Main and Sunapee Streets, is gravelled, rolled and beautified. The small house, once the office of Dr. John Munroe, on Central St. immediately behind the Eagle Block, has been demolished.

**1997** Newport welcomes hundreds of artists from around New England for the Artist's Congress IV from September 25-28.

**1998** The Veteran's Club at 39 Cheney St. is sold for \$85,000 to The College



The Little Common  
Photo Courtesy of David Jescavage

Foundation, an institution that plans to offer courses, conferences, and opportunities for research, and which was co-founded by Marty Cain, a Newport artist. The American Legion, which had been meeting in the building, will now meet at the Veterans of Foreign Wars club on John Stark Highway.

**1999** The 173-year-old Eagle Block on Main St. will be preserved. The owner, Sturm, Ruger & Co., which had planned to demolish the building, is deeding the building and land behind and to the south of the building to the Economic Corporation of Newport, a non-profit charitable organization, in exchange for land owned by ECON. The new owner will raise funds to preserve the building.

**1999** The old police station, the two-story brick building on the east side of Main St. just south of the County Building, empty since the police department moved, has been sold to Alin Greenhalg of Adina Realty in Goshen for \$8,000. The new owner plans to restore the structure as a historic building. It was built in 1843 and known as the County Safe Building. The town leased the south west corner of the Court House Common, for the purpose of erecting county offices and safes, to be held so long as used for that purpose as a result of a Town Meeting vote Aug. 1, 1843.



**2000 Town Warrant  
for the Newport Town Meeting of May 9, 2000  
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, 2000, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects: (Polls shall open for the reception of ballots on Articles 1-6 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 a Selectman for a three (3) year term.

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

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

**ARTICLE 4** To elect a Supervisor of Checklist for a six (6) year term.

**ARTICLE 5** To elect a Trustee of Trust Funds for a three (3) year term.

**ARTICLE 6** To see if the Town is in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen for the Town Zoning Ordinance:

Amend Article II, Section 209.1 of the Light Commercial (B-1) District and Section 210.1 of the Heavy Commercial (B-2) District by eliminating one-family dwellings and dwellings constructed for the housing of two or more families from being allowed as permitted uses. Specifically, the language of Section 209.1 would be amended by deleting "Any use permitted in the R-2 Zone Section 208, subject to the area, yard and lot coverage requirements for dwellings and specified in Sections 208.3, 208.4, 208.5 and 208.6" and replacing it with "Any permitted use listed in the R-1 District except one-family dwellings and dwellings constructed for the housing of two or more families" and the language of Section 210.1 would be amended by deleting "Any use permitted in the B-1 District, provided dwellings shall be subject to the area, yard and lot coverage requirements specified in Sections 208.3, 208.4, 208.5 and 208.6" and replacing it with "Any permitted use listed in the B-1 District except one-family dwellings and dwellings constructed for the housing of two or more families." **Approved by the Planning Board. By Official Ballot. This amendment is submitted by the Board of Selectmen per RSA 675-3, VIII.**

**ARTICLE 7** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Twenty Thousand (\$1,020,000) Dollars to be used for costs associated with the replacement of the Pollard's Mill Road bridge, said sum to consist of Five Hundred Twelve Thousand (\$512,000) Dollars to come from the State of New Hampshire Bridge Aid Program and Five Hundred Eight Thousand (\$508,000) Dollars from the issuance of serial bonds and/or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33:1 et seq. as amended) with the Board of Selectmen authorized to issue and negotiate said bonds and/or notes and determine the rate of interest and time period thereon, and to take other such action as may be necessary to effect the



issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds and/or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town; and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend such monies as become available from the Federal and/or State governments for use in connection with said project and pass any votes thereto. 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. **(By Ballot)**

- ARTICLE 8** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey any real estate acquired by the Town by Tax Collector's deed; such conveyance shall be by deed following public auction or the property may be sold by advertised sealed bids or may be otherwise disposed of as justice may require as determined by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to RSA 80:80.
- ARTICLE 9** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of its surplus equipment and/or vehicles no longer needed.
- ARTICLE 10** To see if the Town will accept the gift of a parcel of land located on North Main Street, Map 20, Lot 1894 from Betty Sichol Avery and Bobbie Sichol Weiler to be used as an athletic field for the Town of Newport Recreation Department and to be known as Sichols' Meadow. The gift of the field restricts the Town from constructing any permanent structures on the property.
- ARTICLE 11** 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 12** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Two Thousand (\$22,000) for the purchase of a new phone system for the Town Office, Fire Station and Public Works Garage. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**
- ARTICLE 13** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Nine (\$6,899) Dollars for the purchase of a front mount mower and walk behind sweeper for the Cemetery Department. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**
- ARTICLE 14** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand (\$14,000) for the upgrade of the Fire and Ambulance radios to a single frequency. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**
- ARTICLE 15** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Four (\$55,484) for the purchase of a 4WD One-Ton Dump Truck, with attachments 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 Six Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five (\$6,625) Dollars for a new waste oil burner for the Public Works Garage. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**
- ARTICLE 17** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred (\$28,700) for the following building renovation projects:

District Court Interior Renovations	\$9,200
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Public Works garage roof repair	16,250
Opera House Interior Renovations	<u>3,250</u>
	<u>\$28,700</u>

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

**ARTICLE 18** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) Dollars for the continuation of 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 19** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Ninety-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Six (\$293,976) Dollars for the rehabilitation of the following roads:

Blueberry Ridge Road	\$182,976
Springfield Road	<u>111,000</u>
	<u>\$293,976</u>

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 and Budget Advisory Committee.)

**ARTICLE 20** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand (\$70,000) Dollars for engineering and construction services of the Pollards Mill Road bridge. 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 and Budget Advisory Committee.)

**ARTICLE 21** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars for the removal of the underground fuel storage tank and any associated site remediation costs at the Recreation Facility. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)

**ARTICLE 22** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the amount of Twenty-Two Thousand (\$22,000) Dollars for the resurfacing of the running track at the ARC, said sum to consist of Eight Thousand (\$8,000) to be withdrawn from the Recreation Capital Reserve Fund, Eleven Thousand (\$11,000) to come from donations and the balance to come from property taxes. (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 Eight Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Eight (\$38,358) Dollars for the purchase of a new 1-Ton Dump Truck with plow attachments for the Water and Sewer Department, said sum to come from Nineteen Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Nine (\$19,179) each from the Water and Sewer Funds. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)

**ARTICLE 24** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand (\$12,000) Dollars for the completion of the Water and Sewer bay of the public works garage building modification, said sum to come from Six Thousand (\$6,000)



Dollars each from the Water and Sewer Funds. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

**ARTICLE 25** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars from the Sewer Fund for site remediation at the Parkview and Guild Ejector Stations. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

**ARTICLE 26** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Five (\$82,335) Dollars from the Sewer Fund for the following equipment:

Sewer Jetter	\$11,335
STP Grit Removal/ Sludge Reprocessing Equipment	<u>71,000</u>
	<u>\$82,335</u>

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

**ARTICLE 27** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Two Thousand (\$32,000) Dollars to be used for costs associated with the following projects:

South Main St Sewer Reconstruction	17,000
Cheney Street Conceptual Engineering	<u>15,000</u>
	<u>\$32,000</u>

said sum to consist of Two Thousand (\$2,000) Dollars to come from property taxes and Thirty Thousand (\$30,000) Dollars from the issuance of serial bonds and/or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33:1 et seq. as amended) with the Board of Selectmen authorized to issue and negotiate said bonds and/or notes and determine the rate of interest and time period thereon, and to take other such action as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds and/or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town; and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend such monies as become available from the Federal and/or State governments for use in connection with said project and pass any votes thereto. Bond repayments will come from the Water Fund (\$6,500) and Sewer Fund (\$23,500) This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:3 VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or five years, whichever is sooner. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

**ARTICLE 28** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Thirty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty (\$31,880) Dollars for the following projects:

Town Hall Exterior Renovations	\$30,000
Police Facility Projects	<u>1,880</u>
	<u>\$31,880</u>

said sum to consist of Thirty Thousand (\$30,000) from the Town Hall Improvements Fund and Eighteen Hundred Eighty (\$1,880) from the Police Facility Fund. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**



- ARTICLE 29** To if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to investigate long-term solid waste disposal needs and options for the Town beyond the term of the current Wheelabrator contract and present those options at a public hearing or annual town meeting. These options should include (but are not limited to): curbside or neighborhood pickup, pro-active recycling programs and incentives, source separation, household hazardous waste control and separation, estimated costs for service, potential tax rate impact, cost comparisons between privatized disposal services and Town operated services. **(By Petition)**
- ARTICLE 30** To see if the Town will direct the Board of Selectmen, through all means available to them, to support continued public ownership of the ash landfill located in Newport, NH (owned by the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District & Southern Windsor Windham Solid Waste Management District) and oppose any conveyance of this property to any private person or business by lease, sale, transfer, or other method. **(By Petition)**
- ARTICLE 31** 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. This article will be brought forward for reaffirmation each year until withdrawal.
- ARTICLE 32** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars for the purpose of upgrading the Richards Free Library computer network and making the library’s resources available on the internet. **(By Petition)** **(Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)** **(Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.)**
- ARTICLE 33** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand (\$3,000) Dollars for the purpose of developing a plan to make the second and third floors of the Richards Free Library handicapped accessible. **(By Petition)** **(Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)** **(Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.)**
- ARTICLE 34** To see if the Town will accept the donation of a antique “McClintock Street Clock” only if it is placed in a location other than on the center of Main Street or on the Little Common and to accept money for its installation. **(By Petition)**
- ARTICLE 35** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand (\$4,000) Dollars for the Community Youth Advocate programs. These funds will be utilized in a variety of ways for Newport youth involved in any of the following support programs offered by the agency, including Court Diversion, Community Service, Crises Care, Resource Centers Supports, Recreation, Education and Training. **(By Petition)** **(Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)** **( Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.)**
- ARTICLE 36** 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.

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

	Approved Budget 1999-00	Estimated Revenue 2000-2001	
		Selectmen	Budget Advisory Committee
<b>Taxes:</b>			
Land Use Change Taxes	1,000	1,000	1,000
Yield Taxes	30,000	35,000	35,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	34,000	34,000	34,000
Excavation Taxes	10,000	10,000	10,000
Excavation Activity Tax	20,000	20,000	20,000
Penalties & Interest	120,000	120,000	120,000
<b>Total Taxes</b>	<b>215,000</b>	<b>220,000</b>	<b>220,000</b>
<b>Licenses and Permits:</b>			
Motor Vehicle Permits	650,000	675,000	675,000
Building Permits	8,000	8,000	8,000
Other Licenses and Permits	13,000	15,500	15,500
<b>Total Licenses and Permits</b>	<b>671,000</b>	<b>698,500</b>	<b>698,500</b>
<b>Intergovernmental Revenues</b>	<b>701,502</b>	<b>584,349</b>	<b>584,349</b>
<b>Charges for Service:</b>			
Income from Departments	300,000	371,000	371,000
Garbage/Refuse	40,000	40,000	40,000
Water Department	471,934	507,875	507,875
Sewer Department	618,143	772,162	772,162
Airport	17,040	18,754	18,754
Library	36,950	36,950	36,950
<b>Total Charges for Service</b>	<b>1,484,067</b>	<b>1,746,741</b>	<b>1,746,741</b>
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>			
Sale of Property	27,000	2,000	2,000
Interest on Investments	100,000	90,000	90,000
Rent of Property	29,000	40,000	40,000
Transfer from Trust Funds	20,000	20,000	20,000
Other Miscellaneous	84,000	81,240	81,240
Miscellaneous - Capital Projects Fund		30,000	30,000
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	<b>260,000</b>	<b>263,240</b>	<b>263,240</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources:</b>			
Transfer from Capital Reserve - General	42,000	8,000	8,000
Use of Fund Balance - General Fund	467,000	500,000	500,000
Use of Fund Balance - Airport Fund			
Use of Fund Balance - Capital Projects Fund		1,880	1,880
<b>Total Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>509,000</b>	<b>509,880</b>	<b>509,880</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$3,840,569</b>	<b>\$4,022,710</b>	<b>\$4,022,710</b>

Budget for the Town of Newport, NH  
Purpose of Appropriations

	Approved	Recommended Appropriation 2000-2001	
	Budget 1999-00	Selectmen	Budget Advisory Committee
<b>General Government:</b>			
Executive	\$102,036	\$99,792	\$99,792
Election/Registration	49,804	52,543	52,543
Financial Administration	192,988	199,629	199,629
Legal	25,000	20,000	20,000
Personnel Administration	553,363	618,800	614,448
Town Office of Planning and Zoning	96,218	102,194	102,194
General Government Buildings	176,494	178,619	161,971
Cemeteries	91,076	106,933	106,933
Insurance	4,000	2,000	2,000
Advertising & Regional Associations	4,271	4,725	4,725
Other General Government	47,507	20,940	20,940
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>1,342,757</b>	<b>1,406,175</b>	<b>1,385,175</b>
<b>Public Safety:</b>			
Police	601,050	617,742	617,742
Emergency Communications	153,750	181,048	181,048
Prosecution	54,434	55,631	55,631
Ambulance Department	173,609	211,545	216,545
Fire Department	295,241	321,188	321,188
Building Inspection	9,123	10,176	10,176
Emergency Management	2,296	7,000	6,675
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>1,289,503</b>	<b>1,404,330</b>	<b>1,409,005</b>
<b>Highways and Streets:</b>			
Public Works Garage	163,812	162,920	162,920
Highways and Streets	441,192	447,674	447,674
Bridges	3,900	3,920	3,920
Street Lighting	63,000	60,000	60,000
Airport	17,040	18,754	18,754
<b>Total Highways and Streets</b>	<b>688,944</b>	<b>693,268</b>	<b>693,268</b>
<b>Sanitation:</b>			
Solid Waste Collection	40,000	40,000	40,000
Sewer Department	406,170	424,933	424,933
<b>Total Sanitation</b>	<b>446,170</b>	<b>464,933</b>	<b>464,933</b>
Water Department	374,493	399,687	399,687
<b>Health:</b>			
Health Administration	5,584	5,150	5,150
Health Agency	25,700	14,200	14,200
<b>Total Health</b>	<b>31,284</b>	<b>19,350</b>	<b>19,350</b>



Budget for the Town of Newport, NH  
Purpose of Appropriations

	Approved	Recommended Appropriation 2000-2001	
	Budget 1999-00	Selectmen	Budget Advisory Committee
<b>Welfare:</b>			
Welfare Administration	15,500	17,500	17,500
Welfare Direct Assistance	50,000	55,000	55,000
<b>Total Welfare</b>	<b>65,500</b>	<b>72,500</b>	<b>72,500</b>
<b>Culture and Recreation:</b>			
Recreation	145,523	154,315	154,315
Library	198,010	202,235	202,235
Patriotic Purposes	2,500	3,000	3,000
<b>Total Patriotic Purposes</b>	<b>346,033</b>	<b>359,550</b>	<b>359,550</b>
Conservation Administration	3,000	2,000	2,000
<b>Debt Service:</b>			
Principal LTD	165,400	165,400	165,400
Interest LTD	32,214	21,459	21,459
Tax Anticipation Interest	100	100	100
Lease Payments	24,880	47,051	47,051
Water Fund Debt	78,500	76,509	76,509
Sewer Fund Debt	209,844	201,652	201,652
<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>510,938</b>	<b>512,171</b>	<b>512,171</b>
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>			
General Fund Articles	486,439	588,124	588,124
Water Fund Articles	18,941	31,679	31,679
Sewer Fund Articles	2,129	145,577	145,577
Airport Fund Articles			
Capital Projects Fund Articles		31,880	31,880
<b>Capital Outlay</b>	<b>507,509</b>	<b>797,260</b>	<b>797,260</b>
Petition Articles	8,900	0	27,000
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$5,615,031</b>	<b>\$6,131,224</b>	<b>\$6,141,899</b>
<b>Add:</b>			
War Service Credits	46,500	46,600	46,600
Overlay	200,681	100,000	100,000
<b>Less:</b>			
Estimated Revenues	3,840,569	4,022,710	4,022,710
Estimated Property Taxes to be Raised	<u>\$2,021,643</u>	<u>\$2,255,114</u>	<u>\$2,265,789</u>
<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b>			
Petition Articles		27,000	

## Finance Department 1999 Annual Report

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The year 1999 has been a year of questions, anticipation and change, brought on primarily by two issues, school funding and the onset of the year 2000, or Y2K.

The school funding issues on and off again status held both the Tax and Finance Departments in limbo until the current resolution in September. Even after resolution, there are still many questions which continue to arise. The law "sunsets", or automatically repeals itself, effective April 1, 2003, so additional changes are likely in the next few years.

The Finance had programs which required upgrade or replacement to be Y2K compliant. At the 1999 Town Meeting, the voters approved \$29,000 for computer upgrade and replacement. We began the process of conversion and upgrade in June, and by December, the majority of the systems were operational. The remaining systems are currently being finalized.

The primary goal for the upcoming year is finalizing and customizing the new software to meet departmental reporting needs as well as finishing the learning curve for the software. Also, we will look at improvements in departmental operations which may result from the new software.

Financially, the Town continues to be in a strong financial condition. Cash flows have been adequate to fund operations, without short-term borrowing and we should complete the year within or approved budgets.

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

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES**  
For the Year Ended June 30, 1999

	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget	
			\$	%
<b>Taxes:</b>				
Property Taxes	\$1,824,918	\$2,065,337	\$240,419	13.17%
Land Use Change Taxes	1,000	1,520	520	52.00%
Yield Taxes	25,000	41,030	16,030	64.12%
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	37,000	33,452	(3,548)	-9.59%
Excavation		12,157	12,157	N/A
Excavation Activity		20,458	20,458	N/A
Penalties & Interest	170,000	142,810	(27,190)	-15.99%
<b>Total Taxes</b>	<u>2,057,918</u>	<u>2,316,764</u>	<u>258,846</u>	<u>12.58%</u>
<b>Licenses and Permits:</b>				
Motor Vehicle Permits	600,000	685,642	85,642	14.27%
Building Permits	8,000	7,486	(514)	-6.43%
Other Licenses and Permits	13,300	18,437	5,137	38.62%
<b>Total Licenses and Permits</b>	<u>621,300</u>	<u>711,565</u>	<u>90,265</u>	<u>14.53%</u>
<b>Intergovernmental Revenues</b>				
State Shared Revenues	349,682	349,682	0	0.00%
Highway Block Grant	126,331	126,331	0	0.00%
Bridge Aid		83,389	83,389	N/A
COPS More Grant	23,499		(23,499)	-100.00%
Water Fund	375,200	24,147	(351,053)	-93.56%
Sewer Fund	140,331	160,391	20,060	14.29%
Airport Fund	12,500	3,584	(8,916)	-71.33%
<b>Total Intergovernmental Revenues</b>	<u>1,027,543</u>	<u>747,524</u>	<u>(280,019)</u>	<u>-27.25%</u>
<b>Charges for Service:</b>				
Income from Departments	303,000	365,486	62,486	20.62%
Water Department	536,526	549,764	13,238	2.47%
Sewer Department	535,213	582,820	47,607	8.89%
Airport	19,300	14,327	(4,973)	-25.77%
<b>Total Charges for Service</b>	<u>1,394,039</u>	<u>1,512,397</u>	<u>118,358</u>	<u>8.49%</u>
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>				
Sale of Property	1,000	18,695	17,695	1769.50%
Interest on Investments	60,000	100,346	40,346	67.24%
Rent of Property	29,000	39,640	10,640	36.69%
Insurance Reimbursements	65,000	71,658	6,658	10.24%
Transfer from Trust Funds	20,000	21,451	1,451	7.26%
Other Miscellaneous	45,797	41,732	(4,065)	-8.88%
Miscellaneous - Capital Projects Fund	68,500	59,172	(9,328)	-13.62%
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	<u>289,297</u>	<u>352,694</u>	<u>63,397</u>	<u>21.91%</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources:</b>				
Transfer from Capital Reserve - General	17,000	70,500	53,500	314.71%
Proceeds of Debt - Water Fund	553,430		(553,430)	-100.00%
<b>Total Other Financing Sources</b>	<u>570,430</u>	<u>70,500</u>	<u>(499,930)</u>	<u>-87.64%</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u><u>\$5,960,527</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,711,444</u></u>	<u><u>(\$249,083)</u></u>	<u><u>-4.18%</u></u>



STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES  
For the Year Ended June 30, 1999

	Budget	Actual	Under (Over) Budget	
			\$	%
<b>General Government:</b>				
Executive	\$105,032	\$109,427	(\$4,395)	-4.18%
Election/Registration	48,871	49,572	(701)	-1.43%
Financial Administration	195,599	199,594	(3,995)	-2.04%
Legal	20,000	19,993	7	0.04%
Personnel Administration	528,814	482,018	46,796	8.85%
Town Office of Planning and Zoning	78,478	79,730	(1,252)	-1.60%
General Government Buildings	162,906	160,220	2,686	1.65%
Cemeteries	83,703	83,677	26	0.03%
Insurance	5,000	342	4,658	93.16%
Advertising & Regional Associations	3,402	4,923	(1,521)	-44.71%
Other General Government	29,500	24,972	4,528	15.35%
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>1,261,305</b>	<b>1,214,468</b>	<b>46,837</b>	<b>3.71%</b>
<b>Public Safety:</b>				
Police	575,228	562,023	13,205	2.30%
Emergency Communications	160,930	149,147	11,783	7.32%
Prosecution	49,000	46,995	2,005	4.09%
Ambulance	149,991	142,697	7,294	4.86%
Fire	294,328	313,185	(18,857)	-6.41%
Building Inspection	8,575	8,303	272	3.17%
Emergency Management	1,872	33,332	(31,460)	-1680.56%
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>1,239,924</b>	<b>1,255,682</b>	<b>(15,758)</b>	<b>-1.27%</b>
<b>Highways and Streets:</b>				
Public Works Garage	158,804	157,027	1,777	1.12%
Highways and Streets	464,501	464,201	300	0.06%
Bridges	3,900	3,996	(96)	-2.46%
Street Lighting	64,400	58,080	6,320	9.81%
Airport	22,482	15,887	6,595	29.33%
<b>Total Highways and Streets</b>	<b>714,087</b>	<b>699,191</b>	<b>14,896</b>	<b>2.09%</b>
<b>Sanitation:</b>				
Solid Waste Collection	50,000	36,110	13,890	27.78%
Sewer Department	406,073	384,663	21,410	5.27%
<b>Total Sanitation</b>	<b>456,073</b>	<b>420,773</b>	<b>35,300</b>	<b>7.74%</b>
Water Department	380,427	339,166	41,261	10.85%
<b>Health:</b>				
Health Administration	5,530	2,895	2,635	47.65%
Health Agency	22,358	22,358	0	0.00%
<b>Total Health</b>	<b>27,888</b>	<b>25,253</b>	<b>2,635</b>	<b>9.45%</b>

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES  
For the Year Ended June 30, 1999

	Budget	Actual	Under (Over) Budget	
			\$	%
<b>Welfare:</b>				
Welfare Administration	15,500	15,012	488	3.15%
Welfare Direct Assistance	65,000	59,045	5,955	9.16%
Total Welfare	<u>80,500</u>	<u>74,057</u>	<u>6,443</u>	8.00%
<b>Culture and Recreation:</b>				
Recreation	133,682	132,862	820	0.61%
Library	154,035	154,035	0	0.00%
Patriotic Purposes	2,500	2,612	(112)	-4.48%
Total Patriotic Purposes	<u>290,217</u>	<u>289,509</u>	<u>708</u>	0.24%
Conservation Administration	<u>3,000</u>	<u>2,639</u>	<u>361</u>	12.03%
<b>Debt Service:</b>				
Principal LTD	165,400	165,400	0	0.00%
Interest LTD	42,969	42,969	0	0.00%
Tax Anticipation Interest	100		100	100.00%
Lease Payments	24,880	24,880	0	0.00%
Water Fund Debt	80,491	80,491	0	0.00%
Sewer Fund Debt	218,036	218,036	0	0.00%
Debt Service	<u>531,876</u>	<u>531,776</u>	<u>100</u>	0.02%
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>				
General Fund Articles	287,269	287,272	(3)	-0.00%
Water Fund Articles	1,004,238	1,004,318	(80)	-0.01%
Sewer Fund Articles	51,435	51,050	385	0.75%
Airport Fund Articles	20,000	20,000	0	0.00%
Capital Projects Fund Articles	87,500	87,500	0	0.00%
Capital Outlay	<u>1,450,442</u>	<u>1,450,140</u>	<u>302</u>	0.02%
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<u><u>\$6,435,739</u></u>	<u><u>\$6,302,654</u></u>	<u><u>\$133,085</u></u>	2.07%

## AUDIT REPORT

The following are extracts of the audit report, prepared by Plodzik & Sanderson, of the Town of Newport for the year ended June 30, 1999. The complete report is available for review at the Town Office.

### *INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT*

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### *INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT*

To the Members of the  
Board of Selectmen  
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, 1999 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. 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, 1999, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund type and nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

The Unaudited Supplementary Information on page 28 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standard's Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and do not express an opinion on it. In addition, we do not provide assurance that the Town of Newport is or will become year 2000 compliant, the Town of Newport's year 2000 remediation efforts will be successful in whole or in part, or that parties with which the Town of Newport does business are or will become year 2000 compliant.

*Town of Newport  
Independent Auditor's Report*

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

November 15, 1999

*Plodzik & Sanderson  
Professional Association*

EXHIBIT A  
TOWN OF NEWPORT  
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups  
June 30, 1999

	Governmental Fund Types		
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects
<u>ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS</u>			
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash and Equivalents	\$909,156	\$135,048	\$53,542
Investments	1,995,814		14,603
<u>Receivables (Net of Allowances For Uncollectibles)</u>			
Interest			
Taxes	1,157,987		
Accounts	60,979	27,131	15,316
Intergovernmental	201,194	20,820	33,096
Interfund Receivable	356,686	6,553	27,958
Inventory		9,796	
Prepaid Items	232,704		5,196
Restricted Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment (Net)			
Tax Deeded Property Subject to Resale	5,541		
Other Current Assets			
<u>Other Debits</u>			
Amount to be Provided for			
Retirement of General Long-Term Debt			
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	<u>\$4,920,061</u>	<u>\$199,348</u>	<u>\$149,711</u>



<u>Proprietary Fund Type</u>	<u>Fiduciary Fund Types</u>	<u>Account Group General Long- Term Debt</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
<u>Enterprise Funds</u>	<u>Trust and Agency</u>		
\$1,647,742	\$690,471		\$3,435,959
	818,000		2,828,417
	3,890		3,890
			1,157,987
319,657			423,083
969,404			1,224,514
63,144			454,341
			9,796
			237,900
157,478			157,478
7,072,732			7,072,732
			5,541
1,300			1,300
		630,725	630,725
<u>\$10,231,457</u>	<u>\$1,512,361</u>	<u>\$630,725</u>	<u>\$17,643,663</u>

EXHIBIT A  
TOWN OF NEWPORT  
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups  
June 30, 1999

	Governmental Fund Types		
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects
<u>LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS</u>			
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Accounts Payable	\$123,363	\$66	
Accrued Payroll and Benefits	76,446		
Retainage Payable		851	
Intergovernmental Payable	972		
Interfund Payable	15,051	50,140	203,284
Other Current Liabilities	12,173		
Deferred Tax Revenues	2,885,387		
Other Deferred Revenues	59,275	17,473	
General Obligation Debt Payable - Current			
General Obligation Debt Payable			
Compensated Absences Payable			
Total Liabilities	3,172,667	68,530	203,284
<u>Equity and Other Credits</u>			
Contributed Capital			
<u>Retained Earnings</u>			
Reserved			
Unreserved			
<u>Fund Balances</u>			
Reserved for Tax Deeded Property	5,541		
Reserved for Endowments			
Reserved for Encumbrances	323,369		
Reserved for Inventory		9,796	
Reserved for Special Purposes			29,918
<u>Unreserved</u>			
Designated For Special Purposes		121,022	
Designated For Contingency	152,853		
Undesignated	1,265,631		(83,491)
Total Equity and Other Credits	1,747,394	130,818	(53,573)
TOTAL LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS	<u>\$4,920,061</u>	<u>\$199,348</u>	<u>\$149,711</u>

<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>
\$5,524			\$128,953
			76,446
			851
	25,000		25,972
93,915	\$91,951		454,341
			12,173
			2,885,387
			76,748
161,207			161,207
1,832,758		\$608,573	2,441,331
		22,152	22,152
<u>2,093,404</u>	<u>116,951</u>	<u>630,725</u>	<u>6,285,561</u>
3,778,147			3,778,147
1,290,217			1,290,217
3,069,689			3,069,689
			5,541
	913,020		913,020
			323,369
			9,796
	482,390		512,308
			121,022
			152,853
			1,182,140
<u>8,138,053</u>	<u>1,395,410</u>		<u>11,358,102</u>
<u>\$10,231,457</u>	<u>\$1,512,361</u>	<u>\$630,725</u>	<u>\$17,643,663</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, 1999**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>
<u>Revenues</u>			
Taxes	\$6,833,972		
Licenses and Permits	711,565		
Intergovernmental	905,792	\$138,290	\$12,284
Charges For Service	365,486	21,793	
Miscellaneous	272,071	123,766	65,094
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
Operating Transfers In	91,951	183,873	
<u>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</u>	<u>9,180,837</u>	<u>467,722</u>	<u>77,378</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
<u>Current</u>			
General Government	1,187,734		
Public Safety	1,238,183	9,383	
Highways, Streets, Bridges	627,112		
Sanitation	36,110		
Health	23,253		
Welfare	74,057		
Culture and Recreation	135,473	299,990	
Conservation	639	8,423	
Redevelopment and Housing		67,282	
Debt Service	208,369	3,447	
Capital Outlay	439,421	76,301	105,657
Intergovernmental	4,789,328		
<u>Other Financing Uses</u>			
Operating Transfers Out	216,035	4,776	2,638
<u>Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	<u>8,975,714</u>	<u>469,602</u>	<u>108,295</u>
<u>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>			
	205,123	(1,880)	(30,917)
<u>Fund Balances - July 1</u>	1,542,271	131,291	(12,693)
<u>Residual Equity Transfers</u>		1,407	(9,963)
<u>Fund Balances - June 30</u>	<u>\$1,747,394</u>	<u>\$130,818</u>	<u>(\$53,573)</u>

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<u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
<u>Trust Funds</u>	
	\$6,833,972
	711,565
	1,056,366
	387,279
\$28,555	489,486
<u>90,000</u>	<u>365,824</u>
<u>118,555</u>	<u>9,844,492</u>
	1,187,734
	1,247,566
	627,112
	36,110
	23,253
	74,057
1,946	437,409
	9,062
	67,282
	211,816
	621,379
	4,789,328
<u>70,500</u>	<u>293,949</u>
<u>72,446</u>	<u>9,626,057</u>
	46,109
432,072	218,435
	2,092,941
	(8,556)
<u>\$478,181</u>	<u>\$2,302,820</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, 1999

	General Fund		Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Budget	Actual	
<u>Revenues</u>			
Taxes	\$6,570,647	\$6,833,972	\$263,325
Licenses and Permits	621,300	711,565	90,265
Intergovernmental	781,356	891,280	109,924
Charges For Service	328,000	365,486	37,486
Miscellaneous	200,797	272,071	71,274
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
Operating Transfers In	37,000	91,951	54,951
<u>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</u>	<u>8,539,100</u>	<u>9,166,325</u>	<u>627,225</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
<u>Current</u>			
General Government	1,261,305	1,209,686	51,619
Public Safety	1,269,804	1,260,841	8,963
Highways, Streets, Bridges	651,605	643,038	8,567
Sanitation	50,000	36,110	13,890
Health	27,888	25,253	2,635
Welfare	80,500	74,057	6,443
Culture and Recreation	136,182	135,473	709
Conservation	1,000	639	361
Debt Service	208,469	208,369	100
Capital Outlay	292,514	290,560	1,954
Intergovernmental	4,789,328	4,789,328	
<u>Other Financing Uses</u>			
Operating Transfers Out	216,035	216,035	
<u>Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	<u>8,984,630</u>	<u>8,889,389</u>	<u>95,241</u>
<u>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	<u>(\$445,530)</u>	276,936	<u>\$722,466</u>
<u>Increase in Reserved Fund Balances</u>		18,776	
<u>Fund Balances - July 1</u>		<u>1,122,772</u>	
<u>Fund Balances - June 30</u>		<u>\$1,418,484</u>	



Annually Budgeted Special Revenue Funds			Totals (Memorandum Only)		
Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
			\$6,570,647	\$6,833,972	\$263,325
			621,300	711,565	90,265
\$12,500	\$3,584	(\$8,916)	793,856	894,864	101,008
18,500	21,793	3,293	346,500	387,279	40,779
800	26,286	25,486	201,597	298,357	96,760
<u>154,035</u>	<u>174,459</u>	<u>20,424</u>	<u>191,035</u>	<u>266,410</u>	<u>75,375</u>
<u>185,835</u>	<u>226,122</u>	<u>40,287</u>	<u>8,724,935</u>	<u>9,392,447</u>	<u>667,512</u>
			1,261,305	1,209,686	51,619
			1,269,804	1,260,841	8,963
			651,605	643,038	8,567
			50,000	36,110	13,890
			27,888	25,253	2,635
			80,500	74,057	6,443
196,517	230,625	(34,108)	332,699	366,098	(33,399)
			1,000	639	361
	3,447	(3,447)	208,469	211,816	(3,347)
			292,514	290,560	1,954
			4,789,328	4,789,328	
			<u>216,035</u>	<u>216,035</u>	
<u>196,517</u>	<u>234,072</u>	<u>(37,555)</u>	<u>9,181,147</u>	<u>9,123,461</u>	<u>57,686</u>
<u>(\$10,682)</u>	(7,950)	<u>\$2,732</u>	<u>(\$456,212)</u>	268,986	<u>\$725,198</u>
	<del>12,363</del>			17,408	
				<u>1,122,772</u>	
	<u>\$23,236</u>			<u>\$1,409,166</u>	

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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, 1999

	Proprietary Fund Type <u>Enterprise Funds</u>	Fiduciary Fund Type <u>Nonexpendable Trust Funds</u>	Total (Memorandum Only)
<u>Operating Revenues</u>			
Charges For Sales and Services	\$1,048,845		\$1,048,845
New Funds		17,860	17,860
Interest and Dividends		42,345	42,345
Increase in Fair Value		24,999	24,999
<u>Total Operating Revenues</u>	<u>1,048,845</u>	<u>85,204</u>	<u>1,134,049</u>
<u>Operating Expenses</u>			
<u>Cost of Sales and Services</u>			
Services	204,877		204,877
Treatment	241,399		241,399
Administration	160,667		160,667
Other	18,865		18,865
Depreciation	277,479		277,479
Transfer Out To Other Funds		41,875	41,875
Trust Income Distributions		1,854	1,854
<u>Total Operating Expenses</u>	<u>903,287</u>	<u>43,729</u>	<u>947,016</u>
<u>Operating Income</u>	<u>145,558</u>	<u>41,475</u>	<u>187,033</u>
<u>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</u>			
Intergovernmental	73,822		73,822
Interest Revenue	83,743		83,743
Interest Expense	(137,320)		(137,320)
<u>Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</u>	<u>20,245</u>		<u>20,245</u>
<u>Income Before Operating Transfers</u>			
<u>Operating Transfers</u>			
Transfers Out	(30,000)		(30,000)
<u>Net Income</u>	<u>135,803</u>	<u>41,475</u>	<u>177,278</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>			
	124,197		124,197
<u>Retained Earnings/Fund Balances - July 1</u>	<u>4,099,906</u>	<u>875,754</u>	<u>4,975,660</u>
<u>Retained Earnings/Fund Balances - June 30</u>	<u>\$4,359,906</u>	<u>\$917,229</u>	<u>\$5,277,135</u>

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EXHIBIT E  
TOWN OF NEWPORT  
Combined Statement of Changes in Cash Flows  
All Proprietary Funds and Nonexpendable Trust Funds  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1999

	Proprietary Fund Type <u>Enterprise Funds</u>	Fiduciary Fund Type <u>Nonexpendable trust Funds</u>	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<u>Cash Flows From Operating Activities</u>			
Cash Received From Customers and Users	\$1,094,429		\$1,094,429
Cash Payments to Employees and Suppliers	(608,774)		(608,774)
Cash Received for Interest and Dividends		\$42,222	42,222
Cash Received for New Funds		17,860	17,860
Cash Paid as Trust Income Distributions		(1,854)	(1,854)
Cash Paid to Other Funds		(41,485)	(41,485)
<u>Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities</u>	<u>485,655</u>	<u>16,743</u>	<u>502,398</u>
<u>Cash Flows From Financing Activities</u>			
Capital Contributions and Advances	185,590		185,590
Acquisition and Construction of Capital Assets	(226,288)		(226,288)
Principal Payments - Bonds	(161,207)		(161,207)
Interest Paid	(137,320)		(137,320)
Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund	(30,000)		(30,000)
<u>Net Cash Provided (Used) by Financing Activities</u>	<u>(369,225)</u>		<u>(369,225)</u>
<u>Cash Flows From Investing Activities</u>			
Interest Received	83,743		83,743
Purchase of Investment Securities			
Proceeds from Sale and Maturities of Investment Securities			
<u>Net Cash Provided (Used) in Investing Activities</u>	<u>83,743</u>		<u>83,743</u>
<u>Net Increase (Decrease) In Cash</u>	<u>200,173</u>	<u>16,743</u>	<u>216,916</u>
<u>Cash - July 1</u>	<u>1,605,047</u>	<u>126,394</u>	<u>1,731,441</u>
<u>Cash - June 30</u>	<u>\$1,805,220</u>	<u>\$143,137</u>	<u>\$1,948,357</u>
Reconciliation of Net Income to New Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities			
<u>Net Income</u>	<u>\$145,558</u>	<u>\$41,475</u>	<u>\$187,033</u>
<u>Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net</u>			
<u>Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities</u>			
Net Increase in Fair Value		(24,999)	(24,999)
Increase in Fair Value			
Depreciation Expense	277,479		277,479
Increase in Interest Receivables		(123)	(123)
Decrease in Accounts Receivables	45,018		45,018
Increase in Interfund Receivable	(7,825)		(7,825)
Decrease in Tax Deeded Property Subject to Resale	566		566
Decrease in Accounts Payable	(4,062)		(4,062)
Increase in Interfund Payable	28,921	390	29,311
<u>Total Adjustments</u>	<u>340,097</u>	<u>(24,732)</u>	<u>315,365</u>
<u>Net Cash Provided By Operations</u>	<u>\$485,655</u>	<u>\$16,743</u>	<u>\$502,398</u>

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



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**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). 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.

**Capital Projects Funds** - Transactions related to resources obtained and used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of capital facilities not included in Enterprise Funds are accounted for in Capital Projects Funds.

*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.

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*Fiduciary Fund Types*

**Trust and Agency Funds** - These funds account for assets held by the Town as a trustee or agent for individuals, private organizations, and other units of governments.

*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 Assets 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.

**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 most miscellaneous revenues are recorded 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 prepaid items, debt service, and other long-term obligations, which are recognized when due.

All 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

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current year for the General, Airport Operating, Richards Free Library and the Water 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 1998-99, \$445,530 of the beginning General Fund fund balance was applied for this purpose.

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

Amounts recorded as budgetary expenditures in the Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - 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 - All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds (Exhibit B) as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>
<u>Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>		
Per Exhibit C (Budgetary Basis)	\$ 8,889,389	\$ 234,072
<u>Adjustments</u>		
<u>Basis Difference</u>		
Encumbrances - June 30, 1998	395,182	
Encumbrances - June 30, 1999	(323,369)	
Retirement contributions paid by State of NH	14,512	
<u>Entity Difference</u>		
<u>Unbudgeted Funds</u>		
Conservation Commission		8,423
Guild Target Area Project		1,758
Ambulance Donations		9,383
South Main Street Revolving Loan		2,898
Library Arts Center		69,365
Town Wide Program		2,700
Town Wide Program - 1998		<u>141,003</u>
Per Exhibit B (GAAP Basis)	<u>\$ 8,975,714</u>	<u>\$ 469,602</u>



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E. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Equity

*Cash and Equivalents*

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

State statutes authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to invest excess funds in obligations of the United States government, in the public deposit investment pool established pursuant to RSA 383:22, in savings bank deposits, certificates of deposit and repurchase agreements of banks incorporated under the laws of the State of New Hampshire or in banks recognized by the State Treasurer. 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 banking commissioner as provided by rules adopted pursuant to RSA 386:57 shall be eligible to be pledged as collateral.

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

The Town participates in the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool established in accordance with RSA 383:22-24. 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. Under the terms of GASB Statement #31, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools*, the Pool is considered to be a 2a7-like pool which means that it has a policy that it will, and does operate in a manner consistent with the SEC's Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. This rule allows SEC-registered mutual funds to use amortized cost rather than market value to report net assets to compute share prices if certain conditions are met. Therefore, the Town reports its investment in the Pool at amortized cost which would equal the Pool's share price.

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Other investments are stated at fair value as of the balance sheet date. The fair value is based on the quoted market price for all investments. The money market investments with a remaining maturity at time of purchase less than one year are reported at amortized cost. These include commercial paper, banker's acceptances, and U.S. Treasury and agency obligations.

The Trustees of Trust Funds file annual reports with the New Hampshire Attorney General.

*Receivables*

Receivables have been recorded for the following:

- a. Tax revenue is recorded when a warrant for collection is committed to the Tax Collector. However, an allowance has been established in the amount of \$33,283 representing future potential abatements of the current and prior years' tax levies.

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. The receivables for such services are shown on the balance sheet net of an allowance for estimated uncollectible amounts.

*Interfund Receivables and Payables*

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

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*Inventories*

Inventories 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.

*Prepaid Items*

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items.

*Property, Plant and Equipment*

Property, plant and equipment acquired for proprietary funds are capitalized in the fund to which they apply.

Property, plant and equipment are 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 sheet. Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives using the straight-line method.

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

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



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*Long-Term Liabilities*

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

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

*Fund Equity*

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

**Reserved for Tax Deeded Property** - represents properties for which the Town has acquired deeds through the tax lien process, and expects to sell during the subsequent year.

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

**Reserved 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.

**Reserved 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.

**Reserved for Special Purposes** - is used to account for the unencumbered balance of restricted funds. These include the uncommitted balances of capital projects, the Town's Expendable Trust Funds, and the income portion of the Town's Nonexpendable Trust Funds.

The portion of unreserved fund balance for which management has specific plans is shown as designated. The following designations are used by the Town:

**Designated for Special Purposes** - is used to account for the unencumbered balances of Special Revenue Funds.

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**Designated for Contingency** - is used to account for potential abatements or adjustments of property tax accounts for which revenue has previously been recorded.

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

*NOTE 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY*

A. Deficit Fund Balance

The Town Hall Improvements Fund has a deficit fund balance of \$83,491. This deficit is the result of revenue shortfalls from the lease of the facility. The current lease of the property has two years remaining, with annual revenues of approximately \$55,000. The Town has not budgeted any project expenditures for the 1999-2000 year which will reduce the deficit to approximately \$28,500. The balance of the deficit will be eliminated in the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

B. Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations

The following governmental fund had an excess of expenditures over appropriations for the year ended June 30, 1999:

<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	
Richards Free Library	<u>\$ 64,149</u>

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

*NOTE 3 - ASSETS*

A. Cash and Equivalents

The Town maintains a common bank account in which the cash balances of some funds are maintained. The common bank account is used for receipts and disbursements relating to all these funds. All time deposits are the property of the General Fund.

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

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

	Category			Total	
	1	2	3	Bank Balance	Carrying Value
Cash	\$ 502,733	\$ -0-	\$ 3,373,409	\$ 3,876,142	\$ 3,593,437

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.

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

	Category			Fair Value
	1	2	3	
U.S. Government Obligations	\$	\$	\$ 183,209	\$ 183,209
Corporate Bonds			127,188	127,188
	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 310,397	310,397
Mutual Funds				507,602
New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool				2,010,418
<u>Total Investments</u>				\$ 2,828,417



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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, 1998, upon which the 1998 property tax levy was based was \$217,388,012.

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. Beginning in 1999-2000, the Town will also be collecting the statewide property tax on behalf of the State of New Hampshire. The ultimate responsibility for the collection of taxes rests with the Town.

The tax rate for the year ended June 30, 1999, was as follows:

Municipal	\$ 9.77
School	18.06
County	<u>2.70</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$30.53</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 placed liens on September 16, 1998 and March 10, 1999 for all applicable taxes and rents.

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Taxes receivable at June 30, 1999, are as follows:

<u>Property Taxes</u>	
Levy of 1999	\$ 803,105
<u>Unredeemed Taxes (under tax lien)</u>	
Levy of 1998	215,817
Levy of 1997	142,329
Levy of 1996	8,298
Levy of 1995	1,059
Voluntary Liens	17,697
Excavation Activity	514
Yield	2,451
Less: Allowance for estimated uncollectible taxes	(33,283)
<u>Net Taxes Receivable</u>	<u>\$ 1,157,987</u>

D. Other Receivables

Other receivables as of June 30, 1999, are as follows:

	<u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Special</u> <u>Revenue</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Capital</u> <u>Projects</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Enterprise</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Trust</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Interest	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 3,890	\$ 3,890
Accounts	114,090	27,131	15,316	319,657		476,194
Intergovernmental	201,194	20,820	3,096	969,404		1,224,514
Allowance for Uncol- lectible Amounts	(53,111)					(53,111)
<u>Net Total Receivables</u>	<u>\$ 262,173</u>	<u>\$ 47,951</u>	<u>\$ 48,412</u>	<u>\$ 1,289,061</u>	<u>\$ 3,890</u>	<u>\$ 1,651,487</u>

E. Interfund Receivables/Payables

Individual fund interfund receivable and payable balances at June 30, 1999 are as follows:

	<u>Interfund</u> <u>Receivable</u>	<u>Interfund</u> <u>Payable</u>
General Fund	\$ 356,686	\$ 15,051
<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>		
Airport Operating	1	21,223
Richards Free Library		1,214
Neighborhood Improvement	6,552	
Ambulance Donations		5,749
<i>Continued....</i>		

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Library Arts Center		140
Town Wide Program - 1998		21,814
<u>Capital Projects Funds</u>		
Town Hall Improvements		121,783
Green Road Rehabilitation	22,085	23,559
Pleasant Street Housing Rehabilitation	5,873	57,942
<u>Enterprise Funds</u>		
Water Department	36,887	51,595
Sewer Department	26,257	42,320
<u>Trust Funds</u>		
<u>Expendable</u>		
Capital Reserve		70,500
Nonexpendable		<u>21,451</u>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$ 454,341</u>	<u>\$ 454,341</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, 1999:

	<u>Water</u> <u>Department</u>	<u>Sewer</u> <u>Department</u>	<u>Total</u>
Land	\$ 21,337	\$ 356,163	\$ 377,500
Buildings	1,782,895	4,507,970	6,290,865
Other Improvements	668,904	1,099,726	1,768,630
Machinery, Vehicles and Equipment	421,989	380,442	802,431
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(646,745)</u>	<u>(1,519,949)</u>	<u>(2,166,694)</u>
Net Property, Plant and Equipment	<u>\$ 2,248,380</u>	<u>\$ 4,824,352</u>	<u>\$ 7,072,732</u>

NOTE 4 - LIABILITIES

A. Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue at June 30, 1999 consists of property taxes and other revenue collected or levied in advance of the fiscal year to which they apply as follows:

<u>General Fund</u>	
1999 Property Taxes	<u>\$ 2,885,387</u>
Other	<u>\$ 59,275</u>



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*Special Revenue Fund - Town Wide Program*

Deferred revenue of \$17,473 at June 30, 1999 consists of grant money for which qualifying expenditures have not yet been made.

B. Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of the Town's general long-term debt transactions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1999:

	<u>General Obligation Debt Payable</u>	<u>Compensated Absences Payable</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>General Long-Term Debt Account Group</b>			
<i>General Fund</i>			
Balance, Beginning of Year	\$ 768,600	\$ 26,239	\$ 794,839
Retired	(165,400)		(165,400)
Net decrease in compensated absences payable	_____	(4,087)	(4,087)
Balance, End of Year	<u>603,200</u>	<u>22,152</u>	<u>625,352</u>
<i>Richards Free Library</i>			
Balance, Beginning of Year	8,230		8,230
Notes Retired	(2,857)		(2,857)
Balance, End of Year	<u>5,373</u>		<u>5,373</u>
Total General Long-Term Debt Account Group	<u>608,573</u>	<u>22,152</u>	<u>630,725</u>
<b>Enterprise Funds</b>			
<u>Water Fund</u>			
Balance, Beginning of Year	805,172		805,172
Retired	(36,207)		(36,207)
Balance, End of Year	<u>768,965</u>		<u>768,965</u>
<u>Sewer Fund</u>			
Balance, Beginning of Year	1,350,000		1,350,000
Retired	(125,000)		(125,000)
Balance, End of Year	<u>1,225,000</u>		<u>1,225,000</u>
<u>Total Enterprise Funds</u>	<u>1,993,965</u>		<u>1,993,965</u>
<u>Total Account Group and Enterprise Funds</u>	<u>\$ 2,602,538</u>	<u>\$ 22,152</u>	<u>\$ 2,624,690</u>

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Long-term debt payable at June 30, 1999, is comprised of the following individual issues:

	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Interest Rate %</u>	<u>Outstanding at 6/30/99</u>
<u>General Long-Term</u>					
<u>Debt Account Group</u>					
<u>General Obligation</u>					
<u>Debt Payable</u>					
Fiscal Year Change	\$1,200,000	1990	2000	6.90	\$ 240,000
Police Facility	\$454,000	1996	2007	5.45	363,200
Richards Free Library	\$14,000	1997	2001	8.50	<u>5,373</u>
					608,573
<u>Compensated Absences Payable</u>					
Vested Sick Leave					<u>22,152</u>
<u>Total General Long-Term</u>					
<u>Debt Account Group</u>					<u>630,725</u>
<u>Enterprise Funds</u>					
<u>Water Department</u>					
Water Treatment Plant	\$1,050,000	1992	2022	5.50	768,965
<u>Sewer Department</u>					
Sewer Treatment Facilities	\$2,522,000	1988	2008	6.85-7.55	<u>1,225,000</u>
<u>Total Enterprise Funds</u>					
					<u>1,993,965</u>
<u>Total General Long-Term Debt</u>					
<u>Account Group and Enterprise Funds</u>					<u>\$ 2,624,690</u>

The annual requirements to amortize all general obligation debt outstanding as of June 30, 1999, including interest payments, are as follows:

*Annual Requirements To Amortize General Fund Debt*

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2000	\$ 165,400	\$ 32,214	\$ 197,614
2001	165,400	21,460	186,860
2002	45,400	14,846	60,246
2003	45,400	12,372	57,772
2004	45,400	9,897	55,297
2005-2007	<u>136,200</u>	<u>14,846</u>	<u>151,046</u>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$ 603,200</u>	<u>\$ 105,635</u>	<u>\$ 708,835</u>

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*Annual Requirements to Amortize Richards Free Library Fund Debt*

Fiscal Year Ending <u>June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2000	\$ 3,109	\$ 338	\$ 3,447
2001	<u>2,264</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>2,338</u>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$ 5,373</u>	<u>\$ 412</u>	<u>\$ 5,785</u>

*Annual Requirements To Amortize Enterprise Fund Debt*

Fiscal Year Ending <u>June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2000	\$ 161,207	\$ 127,137	\$ 288,344
2001	161,207	115,809	277,016
2002	161,206	105,085	266,291
2003	161,207	94,532	255,739
2004	161,207	83,711	244,918
2005-2022	<u>1,187,931</u>	<u>391,537</u>	<u>1,579,468</u>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$ 1,993,965</u>	<u>\$ 917,811</u>	<u>\$ 2,911,776</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.

*Bonds or Notes Authorized - Unissued*

Bonds and notes authorized and unissued as of June 30, 1999 were as follows:

Per Town Meeting <u>Vote of</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Unissued Amount</u>
May 12, 1998	Water Tank Replacement	<u>\$ 553,430</u>



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**NOTE 5 - OTHER INFORMATION**

**A. Defined Benefit Pension Plan**

*Plan Description and Provisions*

The Town of Newport participates in the New Hampshire Retirement System (System) which is the administrator of a cost-sharing multiple-employer contributory pension plan and trust established in 1967 by RSA 100-A:2 and is qualified as a tax-exempt organization under Sections 401(a) and 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The plan is a contributory, defined benefit plan providing service, disability, death and vested retirement benefits to members and their beneficiaries. Provisions for benefits and contributions are established and can be amended by the New Hampshire State Legislature. The System issues a publicly available financial report that may be obtained by writing the New Hampshire Retirement System, 4 Chenell Drive, Concord, NH 03301.

*Description of Funding Policy*

The System is financed by contributions from both the employees and the Town. Member contribution rates are established and may be amended by the State legislature while employer contribution rates are set by the System trustees based on an actuarial valuation. All employees except police officers and firefighters are required to contribute 5% of earnable compensation. Police officers and firefighters are required to contribute 9.3% of gross earnings. For the year ended June 30, 1999, the Town contributed 3.69% for police officers, 5.70% for firefighters and 4.16% for other employees. The contribution requirements for the Town of Newport for the fiscal years 1997, 1998, and 1999 were \$53,656, \$75,069 and \$76,929, respectively, which were paid in full in each year.

The State of New Hampshire funds 35% of employer costs for firefighters and police officers employed by the Town. The State does not participate in funding the employer costs of other Town employees. GASB Statement 24, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Grants and Other Financial Assistance* requires this amount to be reported as a revenue and expenditure in the Town's financial statements. This amount \$14,512 has been included on Exhibit B - Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds and is reconciled to the budgetary expenditures in Note 1D.

**B. 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.

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C. Changes in Contributed Capital - Enterprise Funds

	<u>Federal and State Grants</u>
<i>Water Department</i>	
Balance - July 1, 1998	\$ 696,361
Capital Contributed	3,620
Depreciation Applied to Contributed Capital	<u>(20,127)</u>
Balance - June 30, 1999	<u>\$ 679,854</u>
<i>Sewer Department</i>	
Balance - July 1, 1998	\$ 3,182,304
Capital Contributed	20,059
Depreciation Applied to Contributed Capital	<u>(104,070)</u>
Balance - June 30, 1999	<u>\$ 3,098,293</u>

D. Segment Information for Proprietary Funds

*Enterprise Funds*

The Town maintains two Enterprise Funds. The Water Department Fund accounts for the provision of water services and the Sewer Department Fund accounts for the basic sewage treatment facilities. Selected segment information for the year ended June 30, 1999, is as follows:

	<u>Water Department</u>	<u>Sewer Department</u>	<u>Total</u>
Operating Revenues	\$ 502,614	\$ 546,231	\$ 1,048,845
Depreciation	98,208	179,271	277,479
Operating Income	88,367	57,191	145,558
Net Income	104,520	31,283	135,803
Current Capital Contributions	25,200	160,390	185,590
Depreciation Reducing Capital Contributions	20,127	104,070	124,197
Property, Plant, and Equipment Additions	100,331	125,957	226,288
Net Working Capital	1,233,540	1,507,061	2,740,601
Total Assets	3,640,386	6,591,071	10,231,457
Bonds and Other Long-Term Liabilities			
Payable from Operating Revenues	768,965	1,225,000	1,993,965
Total Equity	2,819,585	5,318,468	8,138,053

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E. Summary Disclosure of Significant Contingencies

*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.

*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.

F. Restatement of Fund Balances

Fund balances at July 1, 1998 were restated to give retroactive effect to the following prior period adjustment:

	<u>Capital Projects Funds</u>
Adjustment	
To reduce receivable from County which was overstated in the prior year	\$ (67,079)
Fund balance as previously stated	<u>54,386</u>
Fund deficit as restated	<u>\$ (12,693)</u>



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*UNAUDITED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION*  
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The year 2000 issue is the result of problems and shortcomings in computer systems and equipment that have the potential to adversely affect operations beyond the year 1999. Basically, the problem is attributed to the shortsightedness of programmers who eliminated the first two digits in writing the year in computer programs. This could cause a system to either process inaccurately or to shut down altogether. Another factor that may affect systems is the leap year calculation for the year 2000. Generally accepted accounting principles require that the Town of Newport disclose its status relative to the year 2000 anticipated computer problems. To this end, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board has described four stages that governmental entities should pass through in order to become year 2000 compliant. These stages are:

**Awareness Stage** - Where a budget and project plan for dealing with the year 2000 issue is developed.

**Assessment Stage** - When the entity actually begins to review and identify all of its systems and components. The organization may either review all system components for year 2000 compliance or identify through a risk analysis, only those that are mission-critical and evaluate those for compliance.

**Remediation Stage** - When changes are actually made to systems and equipment. This stage deals primarily with the technical issues of converting or switching systems.

**Validation/Testing Stage** - When the entity actually validates and tests the changes made during the conversion. If the testing indicates problems, the tested area needs to be corrected and retested.

Year 2000 compliance is an issue for the police and other emergency dispatching, and tax and utility billing/collection systems as well as the financial reporting system of the Town of Newport. As of June 30, 1999, management believes it has completed the awareness stage and is currently in the assessment and remediation stages. The amount of \$110,500 has been committed to make the Town of Newport's systems year 2000 compliant, and of this amount, \$11,969 has been spent as of June 30, 1999.



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### *INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS*

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

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Newport for the year ended June 30, 1999, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the 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. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

During the course of our review of internal controls, no material weaknesses in the Town's accounting systems and records were identified. However, we did note the following matter which we have discussed with management.

#### *Library Arts Center*

The audit of the books of the Library Art Center required additional time due to the condition of the records. Deposits and checks are not recorded in the check register until such time as they clear the bank. A number of transactions which occurred during the months of March through June were not recorded in the books and records for the year end audit, thus requiring additional time in order to accurately show the year-end cash balance. This could cause the account to be overdrawn should more checks be written than cash available in any one month.

*Town of Newport*

*Independent Auditor's Communication of Reportable Conditions and Other Matters*

We recommend that every transaction be recorded in the check register at the time it occurs. This will provide for an accurate, up-to-date balance at all times. At month end, the check register balance should be reconciled with the bank.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report which is a matter of public record.

November 15, 1999

*Plodzik & Sanderson  
Professional Association*



# TREASURER'S REPORT

## GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1998		\$2,927,044.67
Receipts:		
Tax Collector	\$6,853,100.73	
Town Clerk	741,150.86	
Selectmen	2,762,335.34	
Interest	<u>100,188.10</u>	
		10,456,775.03
Disbursements		<u>(10,479,729.34)</u>
Ending Balance - June 30, 1999		<u>\$2,904,090.36</u>
Checking - Operating		\$378,059.13
Checking - Payroll		1,203.20
Savings - Pooled		529,013.95
Savings - NHPDIP		<u>1,995,814.08</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1999		<u>\$2,904,090.36</u>

## POLICE FACILITY CAPITAL PROJECT FUND

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1998		\$13,922.49
Interest		<u>680.18</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1999		<u>\$14,602.67</u>

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1998		\$14,637.94
Receipts		3,300.48
Interest		428.35
Disbursements		<u>(8,423.18)</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1999		<u>\$9,943.59</u>
Checking		\$2,675.90
Certificates of Deposit		<u>7,267.69</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1999		<u>\$9,943.59</u>

## CORBIN ROAD TREE FUND:

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1998		\$880.72
Interest		<u>25.46</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1999		<u>\$906.18</u>

**GREEN ROAD CDBG TARGET AREA FUNDS:**

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1998		\$1,432.74
Interest		<u>41.44</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1999		<u><u>\$1,474.18</u></u>

**PLEASANT STREET CDBG TARGET AREA FUNDS:**

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1998		302,449.09
Receipts:		
CDBG Grant	\$14,767.00	
Interest	<u>3,411.40</u>	
		18,178.40
Disbursements		<u>(268,558.78)</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1999		<u><u>\$52,068.71</u></u>

**TOWN WIDE CDBG TARGET AREA FUNDS:**

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1998		\$4,757.58
Receipts		8,562.00
Disbursements		<u>(13,319.58)</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1999		<u><u>\$0.00</u></u>

**1998 TOWN WIDE CDBG TARGET AREA FUNDS:**

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1998		\$655.65
Receipts:		
CDBG Grant	\$128,663.00	
Miscellaneous	8,233.31	
Interest	<u>108.07</u>	
		137,004.38
Disbursements		<u>(118,342.08)</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1999		<u><u>\$19,317.95</u></u>

**AMBULANCE FUND:**

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1998		\$12,795.60
Receipts:		
Donations	\$13,000.00	
Interest	<u>554.57</u>	
		13,554.57
Disbursements		<u>13,554.57</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1999		<u><u>\$26,350.17</u></u>

**NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT FUND:**

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1998		\$15,234.88
Receipts:		
Loan Repayments	\$12,936.98	
Interest	525.25	
		<u>13,462.23</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1999		<u>\$28,697.11</u>

**AIRPORT FUND:**

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1998		\$21,242.22
Receipts:		
Charges for Service	\$13,700.35	
State of NH - Aeronautics	3,583.96	
Interest	917.57	
		<u>18,201.88</u>
Disbursements		<u>(221.59)</u>
Ending Balance - June 30, 1999		<u>\$39,222.51</u>
Checking		\$24,222.51
Certificate of Deposit		<u>15,000.00</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1999		<u>\$39,222.51</u>

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

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1998		\$836,214.08
Receipts:		
User fees	\$527,120.79	
State Aid	25,200.00	
Interest	37,452.21	
		<u>589,773.00</u>
Disbursements		<u>(475,213.51)</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1999		<u>\$950,773.57</u>
Checking		\$34,185.52
Savings		376,124.41
Savings - Pooled		<u>540,463.64</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1999		<u>\$950,773.57</u>

**ACCESS FEES**

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1998		\$66,155.48
Receipts:		
Access Fees	\$1,000.00	
Interest	3,267.22	
		<u>4,267.22</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1999		<u>\$70,422.70</u>



**SEWER FUND:****OPERATING**

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1998		\$619,652.91
Receipts:		
User fees	\$600,287.36	
State Aid	140,331.00	
Interest	<u>24,432.64</u>	
		765,051.00
Disbursements		<u>(687,917.15)</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1999		<u>\$696,786.76</u>
Checking		\$41,939.80
Savings		250,508.26
Savings - Pooled		<u>404,338.70</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1999		<u>\$696,786.76</u>
<b>ACCESS FEES</b>		
Beginning Balance - July 1, 1998		\$82,984.52
Interest		<u>4,070.53</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 1999		<u>\$87,055.05</u>

Jonathon Howard, Town Treasur

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
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Form MS-9

Please insert the total  
of ALL funds here.

\$ 573,486



## 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 \_\_\_\_

### 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 Aug 9 19 99

Peter R. Lavery  
C. Michael Sanderson  
Louise K. Hastings

Trustees of TRUST FUNDS

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

PETER R. LAVERY  
C. MICHAEL SANDERSON  
LOUISE K. HASTINGS

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:

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CHARITABLE TRUST DIVISION  
33 CAPITOL STREET  
CONCORD, NH 03301

(Rev. 1996)

# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

JULY 1, 1998 to JUNE 30, 1999

## EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

Creation	Name	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			TOTAL Principal & Income	
		Beginning Balance	New Funds	Withdrawals	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Income		Withdrawals
<i>CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS</i>									
1972	Fire Department	0.00			0.00	1,370.17	67.37	1,437.54	1,437.54
1974	Ambulance	0.00	20,000.00		20,000.00	4,531.87	610.45	5,142.32	25,142.32
1984	Highway Department	500.00	40,000.00		40,500.00	613.16	902.22	1,515.38	42,015.38
1989	Sewer Department	191,873.50	30,000.00		221,873.50	43,616.23	14,968.51	58,584.74	280,458.24
1989	Police Department	0.00			0.00	1,281.28	79.98	1,361.26	1,361.26
1990	Water Department	34,373.50			34,373.50	7,049.38	2,547.67	9,597.05	43,970.55
1992	Town Office Computers	3,981.00			3,981.00	805.91	294.41	1,100.32	5,081.32
1993	Recreation Department	15,500.00			15,500.00	2,528.15	1,078.64	3,606.79	19,106.79
1996	Central Street	55,000.00			55,000.00	7,892.61	3,213.22	11,105.83	66,105.83
<i>EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS</i>									
1995	Earned Time	25,000.00			25,000.00	2,370.76	1,437.06	3,807.82	28,807.82
<b>TOTAL EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS</b>		<b>\$326,228.00</b>	<b>\$90,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$416,228.00</b>	<b>\$72,059.52</b>	<b>\$25,199.53</b>	<b>\$97,259.05</b>	<b>\$513,487.05</b>

## NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			TOTAL Principal & Income		
	Beginning Balance	New Funds	Gain/Loss	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Income		Withdrawals	Ending Balance
Various	387,673.03	4,050.00	(477.44)	391,245.59	25,269.54	23,694.32	(23,304.62)	25,659.24	416,904.83
<b>TOTAL NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND</b>		<b>387,673.03</b>	<b>4,050.00</b>	<b>391,245.59</b>	<b>25,269.54</b>	<b>23,694.32</b>	<b>(23,304.62)</b>	<b>25,659.24</b>	<b>416,904.83</b>



**NEWPORT TAX DEPARTMENT  
1999 ANNUAL TOWN 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 Taxpayers,

The Newport Tax Department has several things to report this year. First, we are pleased to have a new computer system in operation. You will be seeing new formats for your tax bills and statements. If you have any questions, please contact us for help. As all new things go, it will take a little time adjusting to all the aspects, so please bear with us.

Next, we are pleased at the outcome of the "Claremont Lawsuit" as far as the tax break that it afforded Newport taxpayers. There are many aspects of the outcome that may not please everyone and may be changed in the future. However, it was very nice to have many of you mention the reduction in your 1999 property tax bills, because of the new state property tax. As expected, the dust barely settled when the donor towns started to strongly protest. There is no way of knowing what the future will bring for this issue. We will be watching legislation very closely.

As coordinators for the Sullivan County Tax Collectors, we hosted a meeting in May at the Registry of Deeds. The meeting was well attended and very beneficial for updating the group on the registry's new procedures for 2000. Their new computer system is very informative.

The staff would like to thank you for your attention to the tax bills and the notices we send out during the year. Your prompt questions and payments make it easier to maintain our records. Having good public relations is the foremost concern for us. We appreciate your good attitude toward supporting your community.

**Elaine Van Dusen**  
**Senior Deputy Tax Collector**

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## REPORT OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Uncollected Taxes - July 1, 1998:			
Property Taxes		\$1,169,129.33	
Yield Taxes			16,442.22
Elderly & Disability Liens			15,690.67
Taxes Committed to Collector:			
Property Taxes	\$2,887,877.00	2,875,640.67	
Land Use Change Taxes		1,520.00	
Yield Taxes	131.46	40,665.59	233.43
Excavation Taxes	8,906.00	3,251.23	
Excavation Activity Taxes		20,458.00	
Elderly & Disability Liens		2,006.00	
Prepaid Property Taxes	857.25		
Overpayments		2,683.00	
Interest and Costs - All Taxes	0.02	44,328.01	1,082.29
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$2,897,771.73</b>	<b>\$4,159,681.83</b>	<b>\$33,448.61</b>
Remitted to Treasurer:			
Property Taxes	\$2,081,684.89	\$4,032,174.75	3,596.62
Land Use Change Taxes		1,520.00	15.00
Yield Taxes		38,199.72	13,064.03
Excavation Taxes		3,251.23	
Excavation Activity Taxes	8,392.00	20,458.00	
Interest and Costs	0.02	44,328.01	1,082.29
Prepaid Property Taxes	597.25	3,637.25	
Abatements:			
Property Taxes	2,490.00	11,641.00	
Yield Taxes		146.18	
Curr. Levy Deeded			
Uncollected Taxes - June 30, 1999:			
Property Taxes	803,962.11		
Yield Taxes	131.46	2,319.69	
Excavation Activity Tax	514.00		
Elderly & Disability Liens		2,006.00	15,690.67
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$2,897,771.73</b>	<b>\$4,159,681.83</b>	<b>\$33,448.61</b>

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## REPORT OF UNREDEEMED TAXES

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Unredeemed Taxes - July 1, 1998:		\$339,591.76	\$201,614.90
Liens Executed	\$301,812.72	30,096.21	
Interest and Costs	<u>2,965.60</u>	<u>33,010.07</u>	<u>63,099.21</u>
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b><u>\$304,778.32</u></b>	<b><u>\$402,698.04</u></b>	<b><u>\$264,714.11</u></b>
Remitted to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	\$85,629.62	\$224,199.84	\$191,695.33
Interest and Costs	2,965.60	33,010.07	63,099.21
Abatements	120.61	2,070.55	31.14
Deeded to Town	245.16	1,088.41	531.65
Unredeemed Taxes - June 30, 1999:	<u>215,817.33</u>	<u>142,329.17</u>	<u>9,356.78</u>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b><u>\$304,778.32</u></b>	<b><u>\$402,698.04</u></b>	<b><u>\$264,714.11</u></b>

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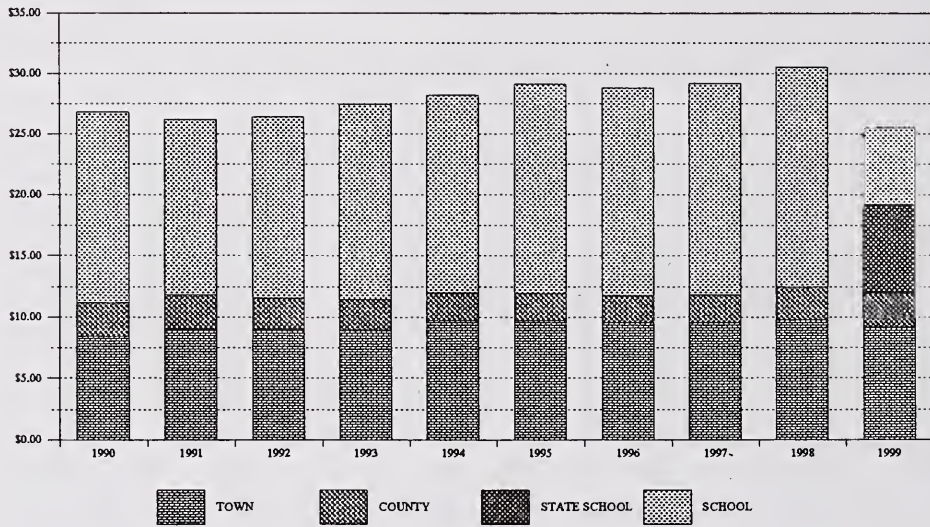
### PROPERTY TAX LIEN HISTORY

<u>Year of Tax Levy</u>	<u>Total Tax Committed *</u>	<u>% of Taxes Uncollected</u>	<u># of Liens</u>
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
1998	6,607,617	5%	202



## TEN YEAR TAX RATE COMPARISON 1990-1999

	<u>State School Rate</u>	<u>% of Total Rate</u>	<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>
1990	\$0.00	0.0%	\$15.59	58.3%	\$8.38	31.3%	\$2.79	10.4%	\$26.76
1991	0.00	0.0%	14.31	54.7%	9.00	34.4%	2.86	10.9%	26.17
1992	0.00	0.0%	14.84	56.3%	8.99	34.1%	2.54	9.6%	26.37
1993	0.00	0.0%	15.98	58.3%	8.96	32.7%	2.46	9.0%	27.40
1994	0.00	0.0%	16.18	57.4%	9.72	34.5%	2.30	8.2%	28.20
1995	0.00	0.0%	17.18	59.0%	9.70	33.3%	2.22	7.6%	29.10
1996	0.00	0.0%	17.05	59.2%	9.57	33.2%	2.18	7.6%	28.80
1997	0.00	0.0%	17.29	59.4%	9.57	32.9%	2.29	7.8%	29.13
1998	0.00	0.0%	18.06	59.2%	9.77	32.0%	2.70	8.8%	30.53
1999	7.14	28.0%	6.38	25.0%	9.17	36.0%	2.81	11.0%	25.50



## ASSESSING DEPARTMENT 1999 ANNUAL REPORT

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### Assessing Clerk

Tara Kavanagh

### Assessor

George W. Hildum III

1999 can be looked back upon as an on-again, off-again, on-again year for the assessment of the statewide education property tax. This new method of funding education relies upon New Hampshire communities to appraise all taxable property at its full and true market value. The assessing staff is pleased to report the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) has calculated the Town's sales-assessment ratio (also referred to as the equalization ratio) for 1999 to be 100%. This reflects no change from 1998 - which was the year of the town-wide valuation update.

Effective July 1, 1999 the rate for the New Hampshire real estate transfer tax stamps was increased to \$15 per \$1,000 of purchase price. The stamps are used to calculate the sale price(s) when processing the monthly real estate transfers. Sales information is compiled by month for all properties bought/sold in Newport and is available to the public.

While on the subject of real estate sales, the assessing staff urges all buyers of real estate to timely file Form PA-34: Department of Revenue Administration Inventory of Property Transfer. Form PA-34 must be filed with both DRA and the local assessing officials. This paperwork assists the assessor in determining the status of real estate transactions.

To conclude, real estate sales are a vital piece of the assessment puzzle. Monthly real estate transactions are reviewed, categorized and analyzed for their impact on the sales-assessment ratio.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Assessing Office is located at 15 Sunapee Street in the Town Office building. Office hours are Monday - Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm. If you need to review the Town's tax maps, access your property assessment record, or conduct property related research, the office staff can assist you. The assessor holds office hours two days per month. To schedule an appointment with the assessor call the Assessing Office 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.

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

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT**  
**PRELIMINARY 2000 NET TAXABLE VALUATION**

	2000 Preliminary Valuation *	% of Total Valuation
Current Use Property	<u>\$1,701,448</u>	0.771%
Residential:		
Property	33,073,700	14.990%
Buildings	<u>112,513,200</u>	50.995%
Total Residential	<u>145,586,900</u>	65.985%
Commercial/Industrial:		
Property	16,157,700	7.323%
Buildings	<u>52,980,500</u>	24.013%
Total Commercial/Industrial	<u>69,138,200</u>	31.336%
Utilities:		
Property	125,600	0.057%
Buildings	<u>5,441,200</u>	2.466%
Total Utilities	<u>5,566,800</u>	2.523%
Less: Blind/Elderly Exempt Property Included Above	<u>(1,357,433)</u>	-0.615%
<b>Net Taxable Valuation (Local Property Tax)</b>	<u><b>\$220,635,915</b></u>	
Less: Utilities	<u>(\$5,566,800)</u>	
<b>Net Taxable Valuation (State Wide Property Tax)</b>	<u><b>\$215,069,115</b></u>	
Tax Exempt:		
Property	\$4,393,700	1.991%
Buildings	<u>26,289,300</u>	11.915%
Total Tax Exempt	<u><u>\$30,683,000</u></u>	13.907%

\* Adjustments anticipated prior to setting tax rate.

**COMPARISON TO PRIOR YEAR VALUATION**

	1999 Final Valuation	2000 Preliminary Valuation	Change
Current Use	\$1,710,113	\$1,701,448	-0.507%
Residential	147,485,500	145,586,900	-1.287%
Commercial/Industrial	66,934,900	69,138,200	3.292%
Utilities	5,566,800	5,566,800	0.000%
Exemptions	<u>(1,357,433)</u>	<u>(1,357,433)</u>	0.000%
Net Taxable Valuation (Local)	<u>\$220,339,880</u>	<u>\$220,635,915</u>	0.134%
Net Taxable Valuation (State)	<u>\$214,773,080</u>	<u>\$215,069,115</u>	0.138%
Tax Exempt	<u>\$30,134,300</u>	<u>\$30,683,000</u>	1.821%



## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Location	Map/Lot	Purpose/Use	Valuation
Cemetery Street	0019-2012	Cemetery	24,500
567 Oak Street	0019-2165	Future Cemetery	58,000
North Newport	0020-0056	Vacant	22,500
8 Airport Road	0020-2364	Airport	423,100
Sugar River	0020-2471	Vacant	20,600
Reeds Mill	0021-1001	Vacant	6,400
Sugar River	0025-001	Vacant	10,400
Old Hurd	0025-2367	Vacant/Gravel Pit	15,500
Summer Street	0027-0131	Vacant/Conservation Easement	7,200
North Main	0027-0170	Vacant	8,800
365 North Main	0027-0443	Vacant	9,500
268 North Main	0027-1583	Vacant	75,300
North Main	0027-1753	Vacant	28,300
Off Rte 10	0027-1832	Vacant/Stp Easement	1,210
North Main Street	0027-2121-2	Stp Lagoons	325,400
Summer Street	0027-2365	Water Tower	67,400
Putnam Road	0028-2468	Sewer Treatment Plant	4,075,600
Spruce Street	0029-0861	Vacant	400
Cheney Extension	0029-2470	Wilmarth Park	40,600
428 Sunapee Street	0031-2502	Pine Grove Cemetery	90,500
Sunapee Street	0031-2505	Cemetery	22,500
Sunapee Street	0032-2508	Vacant	5,700
Sugar River	0033-1113	Waste Treatment Lagoons	144,800
Sunapee Street	0034-2518	Pump House	1,300
Sugar River	0036-1523	Vacant	66,600
Sunapee Street	0036-1635-1	Pump House	26,000
Sugar River	0037-2410	Vacant	2,200
65 Belknap Street	0042-1268	Recreation Building	216,400
North Main Street	0043-0506	Town Common	85,900
40 Pine Street	0044-0084	Vacant	18,700
Pine Street	0044-0112	Vacant	19,500
Meadow Road	0045-0027	Vacant	2,500
Elm Street	0045-0121	Vacant	35,000
Mechanic Street Rear	0045-0202	Vacant	200
20 Main Street	0045-0258	Town Hall/Opera House	675,400
20 Main Street	0045-0258	District Court	188,400
32 Main Street	0045-0258	Police Station	33,300
15 Sunapee Street	0045-0258	Town Office	211,000
11 Sunapee Street	0045-0258	Fire Station	379,700
59 Sunapee Street	0045-0400	Vacant	45,900
47 Central	0045-0590	Vacant	7,600
2 Arnold Campbell Dr	0045-1818	Police Station	23,000
59 Main Street	0045-1818-2	Police Station	543,000
Pearl Street	0045-2022-1	Vacant	1,200

Meadow Road	0045-2509	Ambulance Building	119,200
Meadow Road	0045-2510	Vacant/Floodplain	39,300
Mechanic St Rear	0045-2511	Vacant	1,400
Various	0046-1118	Right-Of-Way	54,600
Sunapee Street	0046-2348	Pumping Station Easement	9,500
Various	0048-0325	River Right-Of-Way	200
Maple Street	0048-2498	Cemetery	37,100
Chandlers Mills Rd	0052-2427	Vacant	2,300
Chandlers Mills Rd	0052-2493	Vacant	2,300
Chandlers Mills Rd	0052-2494	Vacant	2,300
22 Fairway Drive	0063-1127	Tax Deeded Property - Land only	13,200
Breakneck Road	0063-1516	Vacant	51,300
449 South Main Street	0063-1735	Public Works Garage	628,800
Pollards Mills	0063-2388	Water Department	52,400
Blaisdell Road	0064-0817	Vacant	400
South Main Street	0076-0544Bd/	Pump House	2,000
Unity Road-Unity	M13F3-457	Water Treatment Plant	466,300
Unity Road-Unity	M8J8-734	Clorination Building	85,200

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the Town property list in 1998 to determine if any of the properties no longer had value to the Town and could be sold. All properties were deemed to have value to the Town.

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The Town underwent a complete property revaluation as of April 1, 1998. A listing of all properties in Town can be found in the 1999 Town Report. There is access to the property assessing system in the lobby of the Town Office for use by the general public.

**TOWN CLERK  
1999 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT**

Karlene W. Stoddard, Town Clerk

Adelaide Kozlik, Deputy Town Clerk

**REGISTRATIONS:** The new plate issue proceeded with no major problems. Most of our customers liked the new plates. The state has gone through all six numbered plates, so now we are issuing plates with seven numbers. The new plates for Handicap, motorcycle, trailer, etc. will probably start January 2001. We have been told by the Fish & Game Department that the conservation plates (moose) should be available early this summer.

**VOTING:** The Presidential Primary was held February 1. The Town Meeting will be May 9, the State Primary on September 12, and the General Election, where we elect a new President, will be November 7. The Town is considering trying a voting machine. Beginning in 2001 the Supervisors of the Checklist will be purging the list. There are many names on the checklist of people who no longer live in Newport. This procedure occurs every 10 years. Same day voter registration is always available.

**BOOK RESTORATION:** Two more of our older records were restored in 1999. The first book was a Vital Record (1907-1915) and the other was Town Reports for 1899-1909.

**VITAL RECORDS:** The price for certified copies increased in 1999. The first copy is \$12.00, additional copies obtained at the same time are \$8.00. There is no longer any complimentary copies of vital records. The state supplied us with a new computer system so we would be Y2K compliant. We offer lamination for a fee of \$1.00.

**DOGS:** All dogs should be registered by May 1 of each year. Reminder: As soon as you get a new dog it should be registered. A puppy over 4 months also needs to be registered. Prices are \$9.00 for a regular dog, \$6.50 for an altered dog or a puppy up to age 7 months and \$2.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> dog of a person age 65 or older.

**1999 TOWN CLERK DEPARTMENT COLLECTIONS**

Auto registrations	(8604)	\$715,154.50
Dogs	(813)	3,619.00
Miscellaneous*		<u>45,744.93</u>
Total		\$764,518.43

\*Miscellaneous includes UCC filings, Marriage Licenses, Vital Record copies, Filing fees, and Transfer Station Cards.



**1999 RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT**  
**NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Birth Place</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
Jan 15	Claremont	Cheyenne E Hamilton	Raymond Hamilton	Veronica Hamilton
Jan 18	Claremont	Alyssa Sharon Dodge	Gary Dodge	Michelle Meyette
Jan 18	Claremont	Ian James Jensen	Robert Jensen	Jasmin Jensen
Jan 19	Claremont	Julia Elizabeth Reilly	Paul Reilly	Karen Reilly
Jan 22	Claremont	George Costos Catsam	Peter Catsam	Joanne Catsam
Feb 10	New London	Madyson Brooke Kneeland	Rodney Kneeland	Susan Kneeland
Mar 10	Claremont	Andrew Wayne Wheeler	Kenneth Wheeler	Brenda Wheeler
Mar 10	New London	Hayley Marie Gentile	Dominic Gentile	Cheryl Gentile
Mar 30	New London	Cameron Thomas Gebo	Brian Gebo	Marjorie Gebo
Apr 03	Lebanon	Carter Alec Gardner	Christopher Gardner	Deborah Gardner
Apr 03	Lebanon	Cameron Clifford Ackerman	David Ackerman	Danielle Ackerman
Apr 13	Claremont	Bryce Christopher Jones	Robert Jones	Zina Jones
Apr 16	Lebanon	Kieth Arnold Martin	Kieth Martin	Vicki Martin
May 04	New London	Dylan Scott McNamara	Scott McNamara	Lisa McNamara
May 05	New London	Elizabeth Marie Pozniak	Anthony Pozniak	Jenny Pozniak
May 15	Claremont	Kendra Rose Hayward	Jeffery Hayward	Sherry Hayward
May 18	Claremont	Lissa Ann Moore	Keith Moore	Constance Moore
May 25	Claremont	Gabrielle Raylene Scanlon	Joseph Scanlon	Angela Scanlon
May 26	Lebanon	Rebecca Ellen Bailey	Daniel Bailey	Michele Bailey
Jun 07	Claremont	Riley Russell Clayton	Ralph Clayton	Brandy Clayton
Jun 26	Lebanon	Brandon Richard Whalen	Clifford Whalen	Aimee Whalen
Jun 27	New London	Gage John Peters	Gary Peters	Anita Peters
Jun 30	New London	Michael Peter Tremblay	James Tremblay	Victoria Tremblay
Jul 01	New London	Cody Michael Bodner	Daron Bodner	Tacey Bodner
Jul 03	Claremont	Emma Katherine Kibbie	David Kibbie	Catherine Kibbie
Jul 10	Claremont	Ethan Wiley Ritondo	Michael Ritondo	Elena Burch
Jul 17	Claremont	Christa Ann Hulton	George Hulton	Sheila Hulton
Jul 28	New London	Brandon Nash Babbitt	David Babbitt	Michelle Babbitt

<u>Date</u>	<u>Birth Place</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
Aug 13	Claremont	Margaret Alice Bennett	Bradley Bennett	Errica Bennett
Aug 16	New London	Dakota Joel Linn	Jeffrey Linn	Stephanie Linn
Aug 30	New London	Mackenzie Rae Cota	Thomas Cota	Tanna Cota
Aug 30	Claremont	Cory Alan Manseau	Gregory Manseau	Linda Manseau
Sep 03	Lebanon	Jennifer Leigh McLean	Douglas McLean	Kimberly McLean
Sep 10	Claremont	Hunter Brian Johnson	Brian Johnson	Shannon Johnson
Sep 29	Claremont	Autumn Mary Webber	Randy Webber	Christine Webber
Oct 02	Claremont	Daniel Levi Merritt	Gregg Merritt	Nicole Merritt
Oct 11	Claremont	Curtis Michael Breault	Mike Breault	Melissa Breault
Oct 30	New London	Taya Louise Simmons	Chamberly Simmons	Sandra Simmons
Nov 03	New London	Alyssa Marie Shepard	Wendell Shepard	Linda Shepard
Nov 11	Claremont	Kolbe Dominic Bocko	Frederick Bocko	Susan Bocko
Nov 14	Claremont	Elyse Virginia Scott	Alexander Scott	Kathryn Scott
Nov 14	Lebanon	Madeline Margaret Austin	Michael Austin	Tracey Austin
Nov 15	Claremont	Dylan James Wilder	Loren Wilder	Michelle Wilder
Nov 20	New London	Jaek Emory Ayotte	Robert Ayotte	Crystal Burke
Nov 20	Lebanon	Shelby Anne Petrin	Mark Petrin	Kristal Lessard
Dec 06	New London	Ian Michael Simmons	Richard Simmons	Michelle Simmons
Dec 15	Claremont	Dominic Savio McFadden	Thomas McFadden	Amanda McFadden
Dec 17	Lebanon	Michael John Wilder	Raymond Wilder	Cheryl Wilder
Dec 27	Lebanon	Domenic Michael Manning	Jason Manning	Teri Manning
Dec 30	New London	Matthew Joseph Salinardi	Gerald Salinardi	Pauline Salinardi
Dec 31	Lebanon	Gabriel John Edwards	Heath Edwards	Agatha Barreca

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1999 MARRIAGE REPORT  
NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Groom</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Name of Bride</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Feb 14	David A Babbitt	Newport	Michelle L Burge	Newport
Feb 14	Leo L Goyette	Newport	Catherine B MacKenzie	Newport
Feb 20	Thomas E Cota	Newport	Tanna L Gardner	Newport
Mar 05	Saintmarlan Baldwin	Newport	Heather L Aytche	Newport
Mar 06	Tim P Bilquez	Newport	Doris L Barrett	Newport
Mar 13	Joseph C Scanlon	Newport	Angela M Bly	Newport
Mar 19	Michael G Mahoney	Newport	Amy L Hentschel	Newport
Apr 03	Scott R Morin	Newport	Holly J Hutchinson	Claremont
Apr 17	Richard B Gassett	Newport	Sandra J Greenleaf	Newport
Apr 17	Brian F Valley	Newport	Veronica E Silva	Newport
May 01	Jesse W Hannigan	Newport	Nicole L Blood	Newport
May 08	Cory S Westover	Newport	Gwen L Bernhardt	Newport
May 08	Clayton W Gobin	Newport	Joyce M Nutting	Newport
May 12	David W Handt	Newport	Michelle Plummer	Newport
May 15	Adam R Barton	Newport	Melanie A Lawrence	Grafton
May 15	Randy T Geer	Newport	Tammy A Brown	Newport
May 29	William P Ryan	Newport	Cheryl A Kosch	Newport
May 29	Nathan J Parrish	Newport	Anne M Vaine	Newport
May 29	George W Fortune	Newport	Barbara J Boardman	Newport
May 29	Leon L Walker	Newport	Vicki A Hosmer	Newport
Jun 05	Abbas Nezamabadi	Newport	Christine L Howard	Newport
Jun 05	Roger L Clough	Newport	Lisa A Berry	Newport
Jun 12	Jeffrey S Baker	Claremont	Virginia A Staples	Newport
Jun 20	William R Berman	Newport	Robin E Hibbard	Newport
Jun 26	Matthew E Six	Newport	Tammie M Blood	Newport
Jun 26	James C Burroughs	Newport	Stacey R King	Newport
Jul 02	Eric S Warner	Newport	Lori J Lyman	Newport
Jul 03	David C Ruest	Claremont	Pamela H Kochvi	Newport
Jul 03	Jeffrey M Neault	Newport	Serena A Swafford	Newport
Jul 03	Keith R Gardner	Newport	Kathleen P Neault	Newport
Jul 10	Robert A Noyes	Newport	Jamie L Currie	Newport



<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Groom</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Name of Bride</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Jul 17	Douglas S Champney	Newport	Phyllis L Ellison	Newport
Jul 17	Daniel W Ellison	Newport	Crystal A Fleury	Newport
Jul 21	Michael A Stark	Newport	Nicole L Fenton	Newport
Jul 22	Richard L Hurd	Newport	Dona M LaFountaine	Newport
Jul 24	Michael J Benoit	Newport	Bonnie L Miller	Newport
Aug 01	Christopher S Clark	Newport	Brandy L Underwood	Newport
Aug 07	Cary L Whipple	Newport	Christy M Smith	Newport
Aug 14	James A Blaine	Newport	Jennifer E Madigan	Newport
Aug 14	Steven A Gouin	Newport	Carol J Barton	Newport
Aug 21	Jason M Charbono	Newport	Charlotte M Weimann	Newport
Aug 21	Robert B Mann	Newport	Kathy E Alto	Newport
Aug 28	William E King	Newport	Malina S Mason	Newport
Aug 28	Knut Thorso	Newport	Marion D Altheiser	Newport
Sep 09	Robert O Porter	Newport	Shannon M Ball	Newport
Sep 10	Paul E Boardman	Newport	Martha J Witham	Newport
Sep 13	Charles C Beezel	Newport	Deborah A Grabas	Newport
Sep 14	James C Forman	Newport	Judy Koo	Newport
Sep 23	Dean A Benson	Sunapee	Joy A Mandigo	Newport
Sep 25	Brian S Tait	Newport	Leslie R Laroy	Newport
Sep 25	Jason P Ash	Newport	Melissa A Beardsley	Newport
Sep 25	Russell K Downs	Newport	Dawn M Ferland	Newport
Oct 02	Arthur E Barnett	Newport	Jeanne O Bollinger	Newport
Oct 02	Brian A Bunnell	Newport	Angie L Clark	Newport
Oct 02	Lance J Boucher	Newport	Michelle A Boutwell	Newport
Oct 09	Jeremy C Willey	Newport	Angela M Hadley	Newport
Oct 16	Andrew D Gonyon	Newport	Jennifer L Hoyt	Newport
Oct 24	Georgios L Souliotis	Newport	Jennifer S St Clair	Newport
Oct 28	Errol A Letman	Newport	Carol R Gutowski	Newport
Oct 30	Christopher J Gaherty	Newport	Melissa M Sanborn	Newport
Nov 30	Jesse R Thomas	Newport	Nancy A Boom	Newport
Dec 13	Kevin Edward Bullis	Newport	Donna Gail Sylvia	Newport
Dec 18	Frederick E Wright	Laconia	Roxanne M Kennett	Newport
Dec 18	Timothy Allen Meyette	Newport	Robyn Ann LaDuke	Newport
Dec 24	David John Giguere	Newport	Amanda Stephanie Hise	Newport

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Groom</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Name of Bride</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Dec 31	Kurt Edward Richardson	Newport	Stephanie Lea Ayotte	Newport
Dec 31	Todd Anthony Hanscom	Newport	Corrie Beth Goble	Bradford
Dec 31	Gordon I Woffewden	Westminster, Vt	Gladys E Wright	Newport

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**1999 RESIDENT DEATH REPORT  
NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Town of Death</u>	<u>Name of Father</u>	<u>Maiden Name of Mother</u>
Jan 03	Ruth E Bugbee	Newport	Jay Greene	May Potter
Jan 06	Ralph A Smith	Newport	Adelbert Smith	Girtrude Swanson
Jan 09	Austin B Corbett	Lebanon	Egbert Corbett	Elizabeth Mackay
Jan 10	Alma G Oberg	New London	Arthur Morse	Helen Lipson
Jan 11	Harris H Nichols	Newport	Lucious Nichols	Beatrice Harris
Jan 17	Josephine Littlefield	Newport	Jozef Mendzela	Patronela Elias
Jan 19	Leona Verboncoeur	Newport	Joseph Verboncoeur	Marie Unknown
Jan 22	Ray E Witham	New London	Ira Witham	Etta York
Jan 26	Edith E Cariton	New London	Charles Gausial	Alice King
Jan 28	Lena L Hatch	Williamsport, Md	William Dresser	Lilla Rawson
Jan 28	Walter J Patten	Unity	Fred Patten	Elizabeth Comyski
Feb 07	Nadia Gobin	Newport	Walter Scobi	Unknown
Feb 11	Vera H Gardner	Croydon	Arthur Hastings	Maud Nichols
Feb 14	Frank P Larmie	Claremont	Peter Larmie	Hattie Dumass
Feb 16	Emma C Whipple	Newport	Orville Eastman	Clara Jennings
Feb 17	Patrick J Jackson	Claremont	Robert Jackson	Amelia Barnett
Feb 23	Pauline H Stoddard	New London	Walter Holcomb	Elizabeth MacDougal
Feb 26	Harold L Gonyea	Lebanon	Wilfred Gonyea	Effie Chapman
Mar 21	Alice E Caron	Unity	John Goodell	Julia Stevens
Mar 21	Chol C Preston	Lebanon	Se Pak	Chon Kim
Mar 21	Donald R Sinclair	Newport	Sherman Sinclair	Flora Oakes
Mar 21	Richard C Brown	Lincoln, ME	Harol Erown	Vernie Miner
Mar 30	Harold H Campbell	Lebanon	Harold Campbell	Ruth Osgood
Apr 04	Charles F Holmes	New London	Charles Holmes	Flora Menard
Apr 14	Susan G Martin	Newport	Malcolm Jenkins	Madeline Stevens
Apr 15	Despou Kokulis	Claremont	Nicholas Golia	Eleni Michadis
Apr 25	Ray I Bailey	Lebanon	Frank Bailey	Grace Rice
May 02	Robert A Peirce	Newport	Allan Peirce	Lillian Roberts
May 03	Ronald LaFountaine	Hartford, Vt	Milon LaFountaine	Nellie Gage
May 04	Doris M Hamel	New London	Roy Densmore	Mae Robinson



<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Town of Death</u>	<u>Name of Father</u>	<u>Maiden Name of Mother</u>
May 10	Wilfred A Derosier	Newport	Wilfred Derosier	Mary Rivers
May 12	Robert K Benoit	Newport	Joseph Benoit	Lottie Adjustant
May 13	Rodney J Petrin	Newport	Vital Petrin	Mellie Baxter
May 16	George E Tisdale	Newport	James Tisdale	Maude Chase
May 17	Leon C Rollins	Newport	Charles Rollins	Addie Goodhew
May 18	Yvonne P Rego	Claremont	Albert Proulx	Lena Unknown
May 25	Mabel Davis	Newport	Wells York	Mary Simms
Jun 05	Olive L McClellan	Newport	George Towle	Annie Levy
Jun 11	Arnold G Purmort	Lebanon	George Purmort	Charlotte Alney
Jun 16	Alexander A Lantass	Lebanon	Evangelo Lantass	Vaia Gokas
Jun 17	Leon J Boucher	Lebanon	George Boucher	Violette Rivard
Jun 24	William Muzzey	Lebanon	Russell Muzzey	Ruth Shepard
Jun 26	Thomas J Cotton	Claremont	James Cotton	Sarah Seldow
Jun 28	Helen L Ansley	Newport	Lester Ansley	Agnes Keough
Jul 02	Gerald L Roy	Newport	Theophile Roy	Alvine Poulin
Jul 03	Barbara A Sullivan	Newport	Phinnie Marsh	Ottis Dotter
Jul 10	Otis A Drown	Claremont	Archie Drown	Meta Allen
Jul 11	Marshall B Stevens	Claremont	Charles Stevens	Gladys Blatchley
Jul 20	Marie E Putnam	Claremont	John Slomba	Demarize Anderson
Jul 23	Helen M Blood	Newport	Charles Jones	Hattie Jones
Jul 29	Marjorie G Corbett	New London	Seymour Cochrane	Lillian Gates
Aug 01	Alphonso P Trybulski	New London	Joseph Trybulski	Unknown
Aug 06	Irma M Smart	New London	Amos Parker	Sylvania Cheney
Aug 08	Jeffrey S Rexford	Newport	Rodney Rexford	Nancy Bergquist
Aug 09	Marion J Holmes	New London	Leroy Smith	Josephine Sylce
Aug 09	Theodora L Corron	Unity	Hector Lebrun	Eugenie Couture
Aug 16	Roderick P Corbett	Lebanon	Roland Corbett	Elizabeth Rose
Aug 20	John R Buswell	Newport	Archie Buswell	Katherine McGrath
Aug 29	Dorothy M Collins	Newport	Howard Morse	Beatrice Elmer
Aug 31	Sharon M Merchant	Claremont	Carrol Hamilton	Sylvia Coolbeth
Sep 01	Edward C Westerman	Newport	Bertless Westerman	Mary Jannirek
Sep 01	Robert P Delaney	Newport	Vernon Delaney	Edith Porter
Sep 04	Winston H Hurd	Newport	Harry Hurd	Christine Cooligan

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Town of Death</u>	<u>Name of Father</u>	<u>Maiden Name of Mother</u>
Sep 08	Marlene V Judkins	Lebanon	Philip Ridlon	Nina Tripp
Sep 18	Verna I Cheney	New London	Elmer Puffer	Mary Decato
Sep 26	Carolyn G Whalen	Claremont	Wallace Bailey	Zilpha Lanney
Sep 26	Richard D Sheehan	Newport	Harry Sheehan	Ina Hutcheon
Sep 28	Jessica L Garnett	Claremont	Larry Meyette	Macaila Garnett
Oct 05	Doris E Goyette	New London	Elmon O'Dette	Selinda Larose
Oct 21	Laura M Billings	Newport	Andrew Coutermarsh	Rose Ring
Oct 24	Joseph A Cloutier	Claremont	John Cloutier	Anne Bernier
Oct 24	Sherwood M Avery	New London	Sherwood Avery	Jennie Hickey
Nov 10	Fred E Follansbee	Newport	Charles Follansbee	Hattie Barker
Nov 11	Beverly A Gentes	New London	Aubrey Wentzell	Ann Caderrette
Nov 11	Mary A Downing	Newport	Kenneth Woodard	Elizabeth Madden
Nov 13	Joseph Kalenkowitz	Newport	Joseph Kalenkowitz	Genevieve Kulig
Dec 04	Julia Melson	New London	Michael Krouson	Daria Unknown
Dec 11	Mildred L Goyette	New London	Charles Lund	Ellen Haines
Dec 16	Doris B Wheeler	Newport	Walter Crowe	Edith Hesselstine
Dec 16	Juliette Schmid	Newport	Atoin Marandon	Antoinette Schardenet
Dec 19	Howard R Smith	Lebanon	Roscoe Smith	Bessie Morrill
Dec 19	Alfred L Wendel	Newport	Alfred Wendel	Laura Kahler
Dec 27	Henry Bartlett	Lebanon	Edward Bartlett	Margaret Davis
Dec 31	Elena Gayvoronsky	Newport	Lazar Skibityansky	Ruth Lerman

I hereby certify that the above are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief, Karlene Stoddard, Town Clerk.

**1999 NEWPORT TOWN MEETING  
MAY 11, 1999 - SUMMARY**

- Article 1. Elected Elizabeth Maiola Selectman for 1 year term.
- Article 2. Elected Beverly Rodeschin and Jeffrey Kessler Selectmen for 3 year terms.
- Article 3. Elected Jonathan Howard Treasurer for 3 year term.
- Article 4. Elected Karlene Stoddard Town Clerk for 3 year term.
- Article 5. Elected Michael Sanderson Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 year term.
- Article 6. Adopted Zoning Amendment #1. Creating a Shoreland Protection Ordinance and District. This is to protect the quality of public waters within the Town.
- Article 7. Adopted Zoning Amendment #2. Creating a Waste Disposal Ordinance and District. This is to provide a safe, sanitary and well-regulated location for disposal of solid waste and ash products.
- Article 8. Voted to sell any real estate acquired by Tax Collector's deed.
- Article 9. Voted to dispose of surplus equipment and vehicles.
- Article 10. Voted to accept the donation of restored antique "McClintock Street Clock".  
The location to be south of Rowell trough in center strip.
- Article 11. Voted to reaffirm vote to withdraw from the Sullivan County Disposal District on June 1, 2007.
- Article 12. Voted to pass over this article as it was not in right format.
- Article 13. Voted to approve cost items of collective bargaining agreement between Town  
and Police Union for the period of July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2001, and appropriate \$8,708 for current year.
- Article 14. Voted to approve cost items of collective bargaining agreement between Town  
and Public Works Union for the period of July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2001, and appropriate the sum of \$9,390 for the current year.
- Article 15. Voted an operating budget of \$5,105,470.
- Article 16. Voted \$81,500 for computer equipment for the Police Department.
- Article 17. Voted \$98,593 for dump truck, line painter and hydraulic cross conveyor for Highway Department.
- Article 18. Voted \$22,283 for Fire Station heating system repair/modifications.
- Article 19. Voted \$25,000 for building modifications at Public Works garage.
- Article 20. Voted \$25,000 for second phase of Main Street Project.
- Article 21. Voted \$140,000 for rehabilitation of Blueberry Ridge Road.
- Article 22. Voted \$85,000 for engineering and construction services of Pollards Mill Road Bridge.
- Article 23. Voted \$9,000 for sand replacement at the Water Treatment Plant.
- Article 24. Voted \$8,900 for Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.
- Article 25. Voted \$4,000 for Community Youth Advocates Program.
- Article 26. Adopted town ordinance for the control of waste.
- Article 27. Voted to accept reports and appoint any committees necessary to transact the business of the town and to adjourn the meeting.

**Karlene Stoddard, Town Clerk**



**GOOD GOVERNMENT STARTS WITH YOU!**

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**Application for Appointment to Town Committee**

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If you are interested in serving on a town board or committee, please fill out this form and mail or deliver it to the Town Office, 15 Sunapee Street, Newport, NH 03773. If you have questions, call the Town Manager's Office at 863-1877.

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Name Home Telephone

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Address

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Interested in which town board/committee

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Remarks

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Filling out this form does not assure appointment.  
Appointments are made by the Board of Selectmen  
when there is a vacancy.  
If you have special qualifications for  
a committee you are interested in,  
please list them.

## *Notes*

# ***HOME RULE***

*Selectmen voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution:*

*WHEREAS, the only existing home rule in New Hampshire is the ability to choose the form of government at the local level; and*

*WHEREAS, municipal home rule is needed to avoid the lengthy and costly process of requesting state permission for action which is truly "local" in nature; and*

*WHEREAS, true municipal home rule may increase the timeliness within which a municipality can act in tending to its affairs; and*

*WHEREAS, a home rule amendment to the New Hampshire constitution would create greater flexibility by town meeting voters to determine their own affairs;*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Newport by its Board of Selectmen does hereby support a home rule amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution and encourages its citizens to vote yes on Ballot Question #1 in November 2000.*



