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ANNUAL REPORT

of the Selectmen

and other Town Officers

For the Year 1971

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of the

SELECTMEN

and other

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

ACWORTH

New Hampshire

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1971

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TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

Ralph L. Balla
(Term Ends 1974)

Kenneth Bascom
(Term Ends 1973)

Leon G. Dutton (Term Ends 1972)

Town Clerk and Tax Collector
Leon Newton

Treasurer
Earl Luther, Jr.

Supervisors of Check List

Gladys Ring

Roselva Deardon

Maude Moody

Moderator
Gordon Gowen

Road Agent
Leonard Balla

Overseer of the Poor Roselva Deardon

Constable
Elbert Knicely

Auditor
Dare Schumacher

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Harvey Putnam
(Term Ends 1972)

Don Sprague
(Term Ends 1974)

Roscoe Clark (Term Ends 1973)

Library Trustees

Christine Barnard
(Term Ends 1973)

Ella Newton
(Term Ends 1974)

Barbara Hartwell (Term Ends 1972)

Dog Warden Leonard Christie

Virginia Amsden

Budget Committee
(Term Ends 1973)

Richard Lesser

Kenneth Grant

(Term Ends 1974)

Jerry Pfol

William Austin

(Term Ends 1972)

Elbert Knicely

Ralph L. Balla, Selectman
Member of the Fall Mountain Board -- Gordon H. Gowen

Raymond Roy Road Committee Alston Barrett
(Term Ends 1974)

Medrick Nelson (Term Ends 1972) Elmer Rhoades

Frank Lizotte (Term Ends 1973) Francis Wood

Planning Board

Julius Christie, 1972 Lyman Young, 1974
William Austin, Chairman, 1972 Faye Knicely, 1973
David Lyle, Secretary 1974 Gordon H. Gowen, 1973
Leon G. Dutton, Selectman Member

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Acworth in the County of Sullivan in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Acworth on Tuesday, the seventh day of March, next at 7:30 of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects. The polls will be open from 1:00 P.M. until close of Town Meeting for voting in the N.H. State Primary Election.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the budget submitted by the Budget Committee and pass any vote in relation thereto.
3. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
4. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint the Road Agent.
5. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Town Conservation Commission as set forth in R.S.A. 36-a, and the Selectmen appoint said Commission within thirty days from the date of the annual meeting, and that a temporary chairman be appointed to call the first meeting of the Commission.
6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and empower the Planning Board to approve or disapprove in its discretion new subdivisions and plats thereof showing streets, or the widening thereof, or parks, and upon the adoption of this article, it shall be the duty of the Town Clerk to file with the Registry of Deeds of the County of Sullivan a certificate or note showing that the said Planning Board has been so authorized, giving the date of authorization, as provided in Section 19, and Sections 19 - 29 inclusive, Chapter 36 of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, 1955. If this article is adopted, it shall further be the duty of the Town Clerk to issue all certificates of failure when the Planning Board shall fail to take action as provided in Chapter 36: Sections 19, 20 - 29 inclusive.
7. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$200.00 for perpetual care of the Harry D. Kemp Lot (Sec. F Lot 17).
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a Capital Reserve Fund of \$6,000.00 to be paid in yearly installments of \$2,000.00 each for the purpose of acquiring a Soil Survey Map of the Town, in order that the Planning Board may properly evaluate Subdivision Regulations.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to be placed in a Capital Reserve Fund as the start of a fund for the purpose of preparation of a Town Property Map, required by an Act of the 1971 Legislature, to be completed by 1980. There is no figure immediately available to estimate the total cost of this work.

10. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the following roads:
 - a. A road leading north of the William Russell dwelling to north bounds of said Russell's field, 1000 ft., Class 6.
 - b. A road leading north from Forest Road across fields of Leon Newton to Great Brook, crossing brook to Mr. Elsesser's dwelling, 700 ft., Class 6.
 - c. A road leading south on Derry Hill from Duncan Road to Jerome Galloway's dwelling site and any remaining amount on said road not presently discontinued, 1500 ft., Class 6.

11. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue, subject to gates and bars, the following roads:

- a. A road leading south on Derry Hill to a point 200 ft. north of Ingolsby dwelling, 4,800 ft., Class 6.
- b. A road leading north from Mitchell Pond Dam to Tracy School corner 10,500 ft., Class 6.
- c. A road leading from Keys Hollow, Lempster Town Line to Coffin Hill Road, 3,200 ft., Class 6.
- d. A road leading from the above road north to Cold Pond Road, 4,800 ft., Class 6.
- e. A road leading northeast from Five Points to Pfohl's dwelling and passing northerly to Charlestown Road, not to include any existing Class 5 road used as an access to said dwelling, 7, 750 ft., Class 6.

12. To see if the Town will vote to designate the following roads, as described below, as "SCENIC" under the provisions of RSA 253:17-18 for the purposes of protecting and enhancing the scenic character of Acworth and further, that the Selectmen of said Acworth shall, regarding such roads designated as scenic, file the appropriate request for suspension of specifications when making application to the Commissioner of Public Works and Highways for Town Road Aid (TRA) funds under RSA 241:7(1)

- a. Road from 123A, West Acworth, to Campbell's dwelling.
- b. Road from Charlestown Road to G. Pfohl's dwelling.
- c. Road from Acworth Town Road to DeMuro dwellings.
- d. Road from Acworth Town Road passing Batchelder-Nye dwelling to Grout Hill Road.
- e. Road from Alstead Town Line to Elmer Rhoades' dwelling.
- f. Road from Five Points West to Charlestown Town Line.
- g. Road from 123A at MacLeod's dwelling to 2,600 ft. south of Marple's dwelling on Gates St.
- h. Road from Crane Brook Road to Kenneth Bascom's Stone house.

- i. Road from South Acworth, Dempsy Corner, to Grout Hill School corner.
- j. Road from Hemphill's Mill Bridge to Libby's Corner, Kennedy Hill.
- k. Forest Road from Newton's Corner to Alstead Town Line.
- l. Road from Acworth Town to former Robertson dwelling, Kennedy Hill.
- m. Road from Charlestown Road via Five Points and Derry Hill to McCracken's Corner.
- n. Road from Acworth Town to Unity Town Line.
- o. Road from West End of State Highway, near former Potter dwelling west to Charlestown Town Line.

13. To take the sense of the qualified voters whether the amendments of the Constitution proposed by the 1971 Session of the General Court shall be approved.

14. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this fourteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-two.

Leon G. Dutton
 Kenneth E. Bascom
 Ralph L. Balla
 Selectmen of Acworth, N.H.

A true copy of Warrant – Attest:

Leon G. Dutton
 Kenneth E. Bascom
 Ralph L. Balla
 Selectmen of Acworth, N.H.

MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING
MARCH 9, 1971

Meeting called to order by Moderator. The Clerk read the Warrant. Reverend Smith offered prayer.

Article 1. Chose the following officers:

Clerk	LEON F. NEWTON
Treasurer	EARL F LUTHER, JR.
Selectman (3 years)	RALPH L. BALLA
Auditor	DARE SCHUMACHER
Overseer of the Poor	ROSELVA DEARDEN
Library Trustee (3 years)	ELLA P. NEWTON
Tax Collector	LEON F NEWTON
Trustee of Trust Funds (3 years)	DON SPRAGUE
Constable	ELBERT KNICELY
Dog Warden	LEONARD CHRISTIE
Budget Committee (3 years)	KENNETH GRANT
	JERRY PFOHL
Road Committee (3 years)	RAYMOND ROY
	ALSTON BARRETT

The Selectmen were empowered to act as Pound Keeper, Measurers of Wood and Lumber and Fence Viewers.

Article 2. Voted to accept the budget as presented with a \$50.00 raise in Town Officers Salary to pay the Dog Warden.

Passed to Article 9. Voted that the Town shall not pay over \$25,000 as its share of the South Acworth Bridge, and the Town was authorized to borrow the needed amount of \$13,500. YES: 112; NO: 0

Article 3. Voted to authorize the selectmen and Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 4. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint the Road Agent.

Article 5. Passed over.

Article 6. The matter of selling the Gove Land was passed over and it was presented to the Planning Board, they to report at the next annual Town Meeting.

Article 8. Voted to accept \$200. for perpetual care of the Dorothy N. Faught lot.

- Article 10. Passed over this article which asked for Non Partisan ballot system for Town Officers.
- Article 11. Vote for School District Moderator
1. Tucker Burr 62 -- Blanks 2
- Article 12. Various things were discussed, but no action was taken. Voted to adjourn.

LEON F. NEWTON, TOWN CLERK

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ACWORTH, N. H.
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1972 to December 31, 1972
Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue,
Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Fiscal Year

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 650.00	\$ 784.85	\$ 800.00
Savings Bank Tax	250.00	286.75	300.00
Highway Subsidy		7,591.46	15,161.64
Meals and Rooms Tax	1,800.00	2,083.87	2,000.00
Reimbursement a-c State and Federal	260.00	274.05	275.00
For Fighting Forest Fires		84.66	
From Local Sources:			
Dog Licenses	200.00	217.50	220.00
Interest Received on Taxes	1,500.00	1,565.46	1,600.00
(b) Gas Tax Refund	175.00	419.86	350.00
(c) Dog Damage	60.00		
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	4,200.00	4,552.17	4,600.00
Sale of Town Property, Sand	50.00	199.65	100.00
Amt. Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes:			
Bridge	13,500.00		10,000.00
Reimbursements a-c Busines Profits Tax (Town Portion Only)			
	2,100.00	2,222.26	2,325.00
Surplus:			
Poll Tax	360.00	84.00	
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
(a) Resident Taxes Retained		946.00	1,200.00
(b) National Bank Stock Taxes	7.75	7.75	7.75
(c) Yield Taxes	1,000.00	1,404.29	700.00
Total Revenues From All Sources Except Property Taxes	\$26,112.75	\$22,640.58	\$39,639.39
Amount to Be Raised By Property Taxes (Exclusive of County and School Taxes)	\$29,668.94	\$34,813.96	\$20,233.78

Appropriations	Appropriations Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Previous Fiscal Year	Appropriations Recommended by Budget Committee
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,750.00
Town Officers' Expenses	850.00	957.35	1,000.00
Election & Registration Exp.	178.00	133.00	350.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other			
Town Buildings	200.00	671.87	200.00
Employees' Retirement & S.S.	425.00	664.01	700.00
Contingency Fund, Property Map (1980)			1,000.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	500.00	100.00	500.00
Fire Department	1,200.00	1,369.32	1,200.00
Moth Exterm.-Blister Rust etc.	50.00	50.00	50.00
Insurance	1,700.00	1,874.55	2,000.00
Planning and Zoning	50.00	94.75	540.00
Soil Map			2,000.00
Damages and Legal Expenses	50.00	83.65	150.00
Civil Defense	50.00		50.00
Health:			
Health Department, Incl.			
Hospitals & Ambulance	250.00	250.00	250.00
Highway Subsidy Fund			10,161.64
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	200.00	167.37	200.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Asphalt	4,000.00	4,444.10	5,000.00
Town Maintenance – Summer	13,000.00	11,139.74	2,838.36
Town Maintenance – Winter	10,000.00	12,714.04	10,000.00
Street Lighting	350.00	295.14	350.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	7,500.00	7,933.90	8,000.00
Town Road Aid	1,474.69	1,416.39	1,286.37
Libraries:	568.00	568.00	850.80
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	75.00	160.07	175.00
Old Age Assistance	750.00	749.14	750.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and Veterans' Assoc.	60.00	60.00	60.00
Veterans' Plaque			400.00

Recreation:

Parks and Playground, Incl.

Band Concerts	100.00	100.00	100.00
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Public Service Enterprises:

Historical Society	1.00		1.00
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Cemeteries	200.00	200.00	200.00
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Airports, Land Survey	500.00		200.00
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Advertising & Regional Assoc.	150.00	90.40	100.00
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Interest on Debt:

Long Term Note (truck)		717.87	700.00
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On Temporary Loans	1,600.00	1,417.76	1,500.00
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Principal of Debt:

(b) Long Term Notes	4,000.00	3,213.12	3,300.00
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Capital Outlay:

Town Construction (Highways &			
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Bridges)	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$55,781.69	\$57,454.54	\$58,873.17
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SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION

Land--Improved and Unimproved	\$1,972,550.00
Buildings	2,384,150.00
Public Utilities--Electric	70,800.00
House Trailers, Mobile Homes & Travel Trailers	44,400.00
Total Valuation before exemptions	\$4,471,900.00
Elderly Exemptions--11	\$35,750
Total Exemptions Allowed	\$35,750.00
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed	\$4,436,150.00

ELECTRIC COMPANIES

Granite State Elec.	\$46,300.00
N. H. Elec. Coop.	24,500.00
TOTAL	\$70,800.00
Number of Inventories Distributed in 1971	543
Date 1971 Inventories Were Mailed	March 18, 1971
Number of Inventories Returned in 1971	419

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.

September 24, 1971

LEON G. DUTTON
KENNETH E. BASCOM
RALPH L. BALLA

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

and TAXES ASSESSED

for the TAX YEAR 1971

of the TOWN OF ACWORTH IN SULLIVAN COUNTY

APPROPRIATIONS

Town Officers Salaries	\$ 2,750.00
Town Office Administrative Expenses	850.00
Election and Registration	178.00
Town Hall and Buildings Maintenance	200.00
Social Security and Retirement Contributions	425.00
Police Department	500.00
Fire Department	1,200.00
Blister Rust – Mosth Extermination and Care of Trees	50.00
Insurance	1,700.00
Planning and Zoning	50.00
Damages and Legal Expenses	50.00
Civilian Defense	50.00
Health Department	250.00
Dump and Garbage Collection	200.00
Town Maintenance	27,000.00
Street Lighting	350.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	7,500.00
Town Road Aid	1,474.69
Libraries	568.00
Old Age Assistance	750.00
Public Relief	75.00
Memorial Day, Vet. Assoc., Old Home Day	60.00
Parks and Playgrounds incl. Band Concerts	100.00
Historical Society	1.00
Cemeteries	200.00
Survey	500.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	150.00
New Construction	3,000.00
Payment on Debt	5,600.00
TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$55,781.69

LESS: Estimated Revenues and Credits

Interest and Dividends Tax	785.00
Savings Bank Tax	286.00
Meals and Rooms Tax	2,066.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands	260.00
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	1,598.00

Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	1,500.00
Dog Licenses	200.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	4,200.00
Gas Tax	300.00
Sand	50.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	8.00
Resident Taxes Retained	1,210.00
Highway Subsidy	<u>7,591.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	\$20,054.00

Net Town Appropriations	35,727.69
Net School Appropriations	108,243.03
County Tax Assessment	<u>17,414.07</u>
Total of Town, School and County	161,384.79
Deduct: Reimb. a/c Property Exempted 1970 Spec. Session	2,222.00
Add: War Service Tax Credits	1,650.00
Add: Overlay	<u>1,550.30</u>
Property Taxes to Be Raised	\$162,363.09

PROPERTY TAXES TO BE COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR

Gross Property Taxes	\$162,363.09
Less: w/Serv. Tax Cr.	<u>1,650.00</u>
TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT	\$160,713.09

TAX RATE APPROVED BY TAX COMMITTEE: \$3.66

WAR SERVICE TAX CREDITS

All qualified persons 1,650.00

RESIDENT TAXES

2,200.00

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.

We hereby request that the tax commission compute the rate for municipal, school and county taxes separately.

September 24, 1971

LEON G. DUTTON
KENNETH E. BASCOM
RALPH L. BALLA
Selectmen of Acworth

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1971

TITLE OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriations	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overdrafts
Town Officers Salaries	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,750.00	\$2,750.00	\$	\$
Town Officers Expenses	850.00	850.00	975.35		107.35
Election and Registration	178.00		133.00	45.00	
Town Hall	200.00	200.00	671.87		471.87
Employees Retirement and Social Security	425.00	425.00	664.01		239.01
Fire Department	1200.00	1200.00	1,369.32		169.32
Police Department Expenses	500.00	500.00	100.00	400.00	
Blister Rust	50.00	50.00	50.00		
Legal Expenses	50.00	50.00	83.65		33.65
Civil Defense	50.00	50.00		50.00	
Insurance	1,700.00	1,874.55		174.55	
Health	250.00	250.00	250.00		
TownDump	200.00	200.00	167.37	32.63	
Highways and Bridges -- tar	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,444.10		444.10
Town Maintenance, Summer	13,000.00	13,000.00	11,139.74	1,860.26	
Town Maintenance, Winter	10,000.00	10,000.00	12,714.04		2,714.04
Lights	350.00	295.14	54.86		
General Expenses -- Highway Department	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,933.90		433.90
Town Road Aid	1,474.69	1,474.69	1,416.39	58.30	

Libraries	568.00	568.00	568.00	
Public Welfare — Town Relief	75.00	75.00	160.07	
Old Age Assistance	750.00	750.00	749.13	.87
Patriotic Purposes — Memorial Day	60.00	60.00	60.00	
Recreation, Parks and Playgrounds	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Public Service Enterprises — Cemeteries	200.00	200.00	200.00	
Survey	500.00	500.00		500.00
New Town History	1.00	1.00		1.00
Payment on Principal of Debt (Long Term Notes	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,282.13	
(Interest on Long Term Truck Note			717.87	
Interest on Temporary Loans	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,417.76	182.24
Advertising and Regional Associations	150.00	150.00	90.40	59.60
Planning Board	50.00	50.00	94.75	44.75
County Tax	17,414.07	17,414.07	17,414.07	
Bridge Fund	3,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00	
Resident Tax Fee			40.00	40.00
	\$73,195.76	\$73,195.76	\$74,908.61	\$3,244.76
				\$4,957.61

Net overdrafts over appropriations \$1,712.85

**FINANCIAL REPORT
OF THE TOWN OF ACWORTH, N. H.
For The Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1971**

ASSETS

Cash:		
In Hands of Treasurer		\$ 15,713.97
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Bridge a/c	\$ 11,989.37	
Town Hall a/c	<u>3,82.72</u>	
		15,832.09
Unredeemed Taxes: (from tax sale on account of)		
(b) Levy of 1970	6,520.63	
(c) Levy of 1969	3,391.99	
(d) Previous Years	<u>2,378.83</u>	
		12,291.45
Uncollected Taxes:		
(a) Levy of 1971, Including Resident Taxes	42,450.42	
(b) Levy of 1970	150.20	
(e) State Head Taxes -- Previous Years	<u>60.00</u>	
Total		<u>42,660.62</u>
GRAND TOTAL		\$86,498.13
Net Surplus -- December 31, 1970	536.02	
Net Surplus -- December 31, 1971	5,460.41	

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Due to State:		
(a) Resident Taxes -- 1971 (Uncollected, \$261.00)		
(Collected, \$425.70)	\$ 686.70	
(b) 2% - Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes		
(Uncollected \$320.35)		
(Collected \$217.38)	537.73	
School District Tax Payable	51,310.95	
Other Liabilities:		
Truck Note	<u>12,670.25</u>	
Total Accounts Owed by the Town		<u>\$65,205.63</u>
Capital Reserve Funds:		15,832.09
Total Liabilities		81,037.72
Current Surplus		
(Excess of assets over liabilities)		<u>5,460.41</u>
GRAND TOTAL		\$86,498.13

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes, Current Year, 1971	\$118,800.42	
Resident Taxes, Current Year, 1971	1,720.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes, Current Year, 1971	7.75	
Yield Taxes, Current Year, 1971	1,394.69	
Total Current Year's Taxes		\$121,922.86
Collected and Remitted		45,987.34
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes		84.00
Poll Taxes, Previous Years		270.00
State Head Taxes, Previous Years		1,565.46
Interest received on Delinquent Taxes		32.00
Penalties: State Head Taxes		2,446.73
Tax Sales redeemed		

From State:

For Class V Highway maintenance	9,476.86
Highway Subsidy	7,591.46
Interest and Dividends tax	784.85
Savings Bank Tax	286.75
Reimbursement a-c State and Federal	
Forest Lands	274.05
Fighting forest fires	84.66
Reimbursement a-c Motor Vehicle Road Toll	419.86
Bounties	52.00
Meals and Rooms Tax	2,083.87
Reimbursements a-c Business Profits Tax	2,222.26

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	217.50
Motor vehicle permits	4,552.17

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	64,205.56
Refunds	269.62
Culvert Repair	8.00
Sale of town property	199.65

Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue	\$265,037.51
Cash on Hand January 1, 1971 – (July 1, 1971)	11,368.12
GRAND TOTAL	\$276,405.63

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town Officers' salaries	\$ 2,750.00
Town Officers' salaries	957.35
Election and registration expenses	133.00
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	671.87

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police department	100.00
Fire department, including forest fires	1,369.32
Moth extermination, Blister Rust and Care of Trees	50.00
Planning and Zoning	94.75
Insurance	1,874.55
Bounties	36.50

Health:

Health Department, including hospitals and ambulance	250.00
Duncan	9,226.09
Town dumps and garbage removal	167.37
Asphalt	4,444.10

Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	1,416.39
Town Maintenance (Summer \$11,139.74) (Winter \$12,714.04)	23,853.78
Street Lighting	295.14
General Expenses of Highway Department	7,933.90

Libraries:

568.00

Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	749.13
Town Poor	160.07

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day, Veteran's Assn. & Old Home Day	60.00
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Recreation:

Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts	100.00
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Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries, including hearse hire	200.00
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Unclassified:	
Damages and legal expenses	83.65
Advertising and Regional Associations	90.40
Taxes bought by town	7,466.09
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	110.74
Employees' Retirement and Social Security	664.01
Resident Tax Fee	<u>40.00</u>
Total Current Maintenance Expenses	65,916.20
Debt Service:	
Interest on Debt:	
Paid on tax anticipation notes	1,417.76
Paid on long term notes	<u>717.87</u>
Total Interest Payments	2,315.63
Principal of Debt:	
Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes	64,205.56
Payments on long term notes	<u>3,282.13</u>
Total Principal Payments	67,487.69
Capital Outlay:	
Highways and Bridges, Bridge Fund	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Outlay Payments	<u>3,000.00</u>
Payments of Other Governmental Divisions:	
Resident Taxes Paid State Treasurer	351.00
State Head Taxes paid State Treasurer	492.00
Payments to State a-c 2% Bond & Debt	
Retirement Taxes	293.04
Taxes paid to County	17,414.07
Payments to School Districts	
(1970 Tax \$46,669.95)	
(1971 Tax \$56,932.08)	<u>103,602.03</u>
Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions	<u>122,152.14</u>
Total Payments for all Purposes	260,691.66
Cash on hand December 31, 1971	<u>15,713.97</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$276,405.63

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$9,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	3,500.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	10,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	3,500.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	7,000.00
Equipment	6,500.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	10,000.00
Equipment	25,000.00
Materials and Supplies	500.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	500.00
All Lands and Buildings aquired through Tax Collector's deeds	
Jennison Lot	4,000.00
Prouty Lot	1,500.00
Howe Lot	100.00
Johnson Lot	250.00
Gove Lot	15,000.00
Farnsworth Lot	1,000.00
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	\$81,650.00

CERTIFICATE

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

February 10, 1972.

Ralph L. Balla
Leon G. Dutton
Kenneth E. Bascom
 Selectmen of Acworth

Earl L. Luther, Jr., Treasurer

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Auto Permits Issued

197011	\$ 107.66
1971	<u>4,444.51</u>

Paid Treasurer \$4,552.17

Dog Licenses Issued	\$ 236.50
Less Fees due Clerk	<u>19.00</u>

Paid Treasurer 217.50

I hereby certify that the foregoing report is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

LEON F. NEWTON, Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTORS REPORT

Summary of Warrant Levy of 1971

Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property Tax	\$160,667.75	
Resident Tax	2,220.00	
National Bank Stock	7.75	
Yield Taxes	1,918.15	
Added Taxes		
Resident	170.00	
Interest Collected	14.24	
Penalties Collected	6.00	
	\$165,003.89	
Remittances to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	118,800.42	
Resident Taxes	1,720.00	
National Bank Stock	7.75	
Yield Taxes	1,294.69	
Interest Collected	14.24	
Penalties	6.00	
Abatements		
Property Taxes	620.37	
Resident Taxes	90.00	
Uncollected December 31, 1971		
Property Taxes	41,246.96	
Resident Taxes	580.00	
Yield Taxes	623.46	
	\$165,003.89	

Summary of Warrant Property, Poll and Yield Taxes Levy of 1970

Uncollected, January 1, 1971		
Property	\$44,404.30	
Poll Taxes	100.00	
Yield Taxes	94.80	
Added Taxes		
Property Taxes	247.50	
Interest collected during 1971	1,436.26	
	\$46,282.86	

Remittances to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$44,477.69	
Poll Taxes	80.00	
Yield Taxes	9.60	
Interest	1,436.26	
Abatements		
Property Taxes	129.11	
Uncollected, December 31, 1971		
Property Taxes	45.00	
Yield Taxes	85.20	
Poll Taxes	20.00	
		\$46,282.86

**Summary of Warrant
State Head Tax 1970**

Uncollected January 1, 1971	\$305.00	
Added Taxes during 1971	15.00	
Penalties Collected	25.00	
		\$345.00

Remittances to Treasurer		
Head Taxes	\$260.00	
Penalties	25.00	
Uncollected December 31, 1971	60.00	
		\$345.00

**Summary of Tax Sales Accounts
Unredeemed as of Jan. 1, 1971**

Sold to Town in 1971	1970	1969	Previous
	\$7,465.09	\$4,569.26	\$2,696.22
Interest collected	14.33	100.23	
	<u>\$7,479.42</u>	<u>\$4,669.49</u>	<u>\$2,696.22</u>
Remittances to Treasurer	\$ 958.79	\$1,277.50	\$ 275.00
Abatements			42.39
Unredeemed 12-31-71	6,520.63	3,391.49	2,378.83
	<u>\$7,479.42</u>	<u>\$4,669.99</u>	<u>\$2,696.22</u>

I hereby certify that the foregoing account is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Leon F. Newton, Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

From Leon F. Newton, Tax Collector	
Property Taxes, 1971	\$118,800.42
National Bank Stock Tax, 1971	7.75
Yield Taxes	1,394.69
Resident Taxes	1,720.00
Property Taxes, Previous Years'	45,977.74
Poll Taxes, Previous Years'	84.00
Yield Taxes, Previous Years'	9.60
Head Taxes, Previous Years'	270.00
Interest	1,565.46
Head Tax Penalties	32.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	<u>2,446.73</u>
	\$172,308.39
From Leon F. Newton, Town Clerk	
Dog Licenses	\$ 217.50
Auto Permits	<u>4,552.17</u>
	\$ 4,769.67
From State of New Hampshire	
1971 Reimbursement a/c tax loss State land	\$ 274.05
Bounties	52.00
Gas Tax Refund	419.86
Business Profits Tax	2,222.26
Class V Highway Fund (Duncan)	9,476.86
Interest and Dividends Tax	784.85
Savings Bank Tax	286.75
Highway Subsidy	7,591.46
Rooms and Meals Tax	2,083.87
One-half fire bill	<u>84.66</u>
	\$23,276.62
From Miscellaneous Sources	
Barrett Equipment, Refund	\$ 9.06
Earl F. Luther, Jr., Refund	100.00
St. Johnsbury Trucking Co., refund	18.45
Pierce-Putnam Insurance Agency, refund	81.00
Jerry Pfohl, culvert work	8.00
Town of Alstead, sand	88.00
State of New Hampshire, sand	56.00

R. Balla, sand	55.40
M. Pitkin, sand	.25
Connecticut River National Bank, Int. refund	61.11
Connecticut River National Bank, Temporary loans	<u>64,205.56</u>
	\$ 64,682.83
	\$265,037.51
Balance — January 1, 1971	\$ 11,368.12
Receipts — 1971	<u>265,037.51</u>
	276,405.63
Disbursements — 1971	<u>260,691.66</u>
Balance December 31, 1971	\$ 15,713.97
Bridge Account — Connecticut River National Bank	
Balance January 1, 1971	\$8,548.29
1971 — Appropriation	3,000.00
Interest — 1971	<u>441.08</u>
Balance December 31, 1971	\$11,989.37

Earl F. Luther, Jr. Treasurer

Town Officers Salaries

Dare Schumacher, Auditor	\$ 50.00
Earl Luther Jr., Treasurer	200.00
Leon Newton, Town Clerk and Tax Collector	900.00
Ralph L. Baila, Selectman	400.00
Leon G. Dutton, Selectman	400.00
Kenneth E. Bascom, Selectman	400.00
Elbert Knicely, Constable	300.00
Roselva Dearden, Overseer of Poor	50.00
Leonard Christie, Dog Warden	50.00
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	\$2,750.00

Town Officers Expenses

N. E. Telephone	\$133.81
Town Clerks Association	6.00
N. H. Municipal Association	52.00
N. H. Assessors Association	15.00
Tax Collectors Association	5.00
Edson and Eastman	27.50
Filing Cases	8.87
N. H. Tax Meeting	14.00
Postage	140.55
N. H. State Treasurer	7.77
S. R. Young	10.15
Eagle Printing	387.80
Zella LaForge	64.25
Nelson Faight	24.00
Holmstead Press	52.75
Branham Publishing	7.90
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	\$957.35

Election and Registration

Gladys Ring, Supervisor	42.00
Maude Moody, Supervisor	42.00
Roselva Dearden, Supervisor	42.00
Thomas Ruitter, Clerk	7.00
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	\$133.00

Town Hall and Other Buildings

S. R. Young	\$132.53
Albert Derrington	240.50
Granite State	7.00
Hadley Industries	28.44
Cashway Supply	238.40
Don Sprague	25.00
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	\$671.87

Planning and Zoning

Buckley and Zopf	\$35.00
Lithoprint, Inc.	19.75
Lecture Fees	40.00
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	94.75

Police Expense

Elbert Knicely	\$100.00
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Fire Department

Acworth Volunteer Fire Department	\$1,369.32
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Blister Rust

Treasurer, State of N. H.	\$50.00
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Bounties

R. Balla	\$28.00
K. Bascom	2.50
L. Dutton	6.00
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	\$36.50

Insurance

Pierce - Putnam	\$1,740.55
Richard Perry	170.00
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	\$1,874.55

Health Department

Charlestown Visiting Nurse	\$250.00
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Town Dump

R. Balla, Contract Labor	\$127.15
N. H. State Treasurer	11.22
Internal Revenue	29.00
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	\$167.37

Summer Maintenance

L. Balla, Labor	\$ 2,286.06
M. Ring, Labor	451.54
J. W. Balla, Labor	390.51
J. J. Balla, Labor	21.33
R. Balla, Contract Labor	2,837.76
D. Balla, Labor	310.16
R. N. Johnson, Equipment Rental	807.00
K. Bascom, Equipment Rental	56.00
R. Balla, Equipment Rental	1,142.39
B. Ring, Labor	1.00
Cold River Hot Mix	429.24
LaValley Supply	81.40
Wilcox Lumber	501.90
Richard Sanctuary, M.D.	45.00
Jerry Knicely	2.00
N. H. State Treasurer	209.34
Internal Revenue	422.80
N. E. Culvert	1,144.31
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	\$11,139.74

Winter Maintenance

L. Balla, Labor	\$ 2,169.13
J. J. Balla, Labor	233.63
M. Ring, Labor	1,659.11
D. Balla, Labor	969.52
B. Ring, Labor	85.05
J. W. Balla, Labor	360.81
C. Ring, Labor	28.96
L. Christie, Labor	24.51
K. Christie, Labor	73.99
R. Balla, Contract Labor	2,810.83
E. Rhoades, Contract Labor	24.51
Dubois Auto Electric	10.00
Cold River Sand and Gravel	68.21
Chemical Corp.	3,013.90
K. Bascom, Loader	20.00
N. H. State Treasurer	362.31
Internal Revenue	799.57
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	\$12,714.04

Duncan

N. E. Culvert	\$ 663.35
Labor	1,184.73
R. Balla, Dozer, Loader, Trucks	6,104.49
Kenneth Winham, Truck	454.30
Pinnacleview, Dozer	600.00
Internal Revenue	146.20
N. H. State Treasurer	73.02
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	\$9,226.09

Asphalt

Frank Whitcomb	434.50
R. Balla, Contract Labor, Truck, Loader	769.40
Town of Walpole, Trucks, Loader	123.20
Town of Langdon, Spreader	10.00
Town of Charlestown, Spreader	20.00
Lake Asphalt Co.	3,087.00
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	\$4,444.10

General Expense – Highway Department

B. B. Chairn	\$ 217.77
Eserys's Hardware	20.34
Barney Bass	75.10
Angells Auto Service	235.42
Whitehill Hardware	11.69
Sanel	43.06
Hazelton	1,026.77
Ross Freight	39.07
St. Johnsbury Trucking	24.65
Hill - Martin	108.03
Ed's Equipment	1,199.34
R. N. Johnson	72.52
L. Balla	2,353.97
Cray Oil Company	214.00
Cheshire Oil Co.	756.02
Baileys Dist.	68.75
Frank Whitcomb	21.04
Merrimac Farmers	42.80
Jordan Milton	50.36
D. Balla	14.00
Acworth Garage	15.68
Share Corp.	435.54
Bergeuins Sales	6.00
Cheever Tire	15.05
Reynolds and Son	505.23
Brennan Weldment	17.50
Bernardston Welding	338.10
Pinnacle View	6.10
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	\$7,933.90

	Town Road Aid	
State of N. H. Treasurer		\$1,416.39
	Street Lighting	
Granite State Electric		\$295.14
	Library	
Barbara Hartwell		\$568.00
	Old Age Assistance	
State of N. H. Treasurer		\$749.13
	Town Relief	
Sullivan County, Surplus Food		\$160.07
	Memorial Day	
Britton-Porter Post		\$60.00
	Parks and Playgrounds	
Christine Barnard		\$100.00
	Cemeteries	
Leon Newton		\$200.00
	Damages & Legal Expenses	
Buckley and Zopf		\$83.65
	Advertising & Regional Associations	
Keene Publishing		\$14.40
Times Reporter		12.00
Eagle Publications		14.00
Dartmouth-Sunapee Region Association		50.00
		<hr/> \$90.40
	Taxes Bought By Town	
Leon Newton		\$7,466.09
Abatements – Refunds		\$110.74
	Social Security	
State of New Hampshire Treasurer		\$664.01

Interest

Connecticut River National Bank, Truck Note	\$ 717.87
Connecticut River National Bank, Tax Notes	<u>1,417.70</u>
	\$2,135.63

Bridge Account – South Acworth

Connecticut River National Bank	\$3,000.00
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Head Taxes

State of N. H. Treasurer	\$492.00
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Resident Tax Fee

Leon Newton	\$40.00
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Temporary Loans

Connecticut River National Bank	\$64,205.56
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Long Term Note (Truck)

Connecticut River National Bank	\$3,282.13
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County Tax

Sullivan County	\$17,414.07
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State Tax

N. H. State, Treasurer	\$644.04
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AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Selectmen:

I have examined the records of the selectmen and have found them to be well cast and properly vouched. The Road Agent's payroll forms are incomplete and not in compliance with the law.

Respectfully submitted,

Dare Schumacher, Town Auditor

SILSBY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Acworth Library will be open 3 more hours a week beginning in the spring to meet the requirements of the New Hampshire Statewide Development Plan. The United Church of Acworth loaned the library a table for the Children's Room in which we have collected all the younger children's books. Mrs. Kenneth Grant conducted a story hour during the summer. People have been very generous with money, records, books, magazines, and free time for the library. The delegate to the District Council has attended 8 meetings, and the Bookmobile has made 2 visits. The library will receive no state aid money to buy books in 1972.

Number of Books added during the year: 80
Juvenile: 33 Adults: 57

Number of magazines in circulation	24
Number of Films circulated	0
Number of records owned	192
Number of records circulated	72
Number of Common Borrowers Cards issued	6
Number of books borrowed from Concord	48
Number of Books circulated	5,227
Silsby Library	5,141
Goodnow Community Stop	86

Fiction: 1,488 Nonfiction: 972 Juvenile: 2,241

Number of books borrowed from the Bookmobile 1,345

Silsby Library: 1,259 Goodnow Community Stop 86

Mrs. Barbara Hartwell, 1972
Mrs. Christine Barnard, 1973, chairman
Mrs. Ella Newton, 1974

SILSBY FREE LIBRARY

BUDGET 1972

Electricity	\$ 52.00
Fuel	75.00
Salaries	588.80
Custodian	60.00
Miscellaneous-postage	50.00
Supplies	<u>25.00</u>

Need for 1972 \$ 850.80

There is a balance of \$271.10 book money which cannot be spent for operating expenses, only for books.

Receipts

Balance Jan. 1, 1971 (includes \$100.00 State Aid)	\$ 170.44
Interest from Trust Funds	91.42
Town Appropriation	568.00
Gifts	185.00
Sale of books, fines	<u>53.75</u>
	\$1,068.63

Expenditures

Electricity	\$ 36.56
Fuel	58.92
Librarians	400.00
Custodian	50.00
Miscellaneous-postage-supplies	43.30
Books and Magazines	<u>208.63</u>
	\$ 797.41

Balance Dec. 31, 1971 \$271.20 book money.

CHARLESTOWN VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

The Charlestown Visiting Nurse Association continues to serve the towns of Charlestown, Alstead, Acworth, and Langdon through the capable hands of Mrs. Richard Farmer, R.N., B.S.

The first six months of the year we were able to provide the services of Mrs. George Rivers, registered physical therapist. Since then, we have begun working with the Sullivan County Homemaker Service in the training of Home Health Aides. We hope to be able to provide the services of these aides sometime in 1972.

With the resignation of our office clerk, Mrs. Norman Beaudry, we have employed Mrs. Ernest Kinson, Jr.

The Association continues to operate the state and federally funded "Child-Youth Project" clinic for pre-school children.

Sophie Merriam, President

Total VNA visits made for the year 1971 are as follows:

Acworth 57; Alstead 40; Charlestown 441; Langdon 17.

**REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN
AND DISTRICT CHIEF
LEST WE FORGET - IT CAN HAPPEN HERE**

Disastrous forest and brush fires that destroy hundreds of homes are more prevalent on the West Coast with their dry seasons and strong dry hot winds but 25 years ago this fall is the anniversary of a disaster that devastated large areas of northern New England leaving villages in ashes with rows of cellar-holes and chimneys in a number of summer vacation home locations. Many lives were lost on that destructive day of October 23, 1947 nothing could stop the wind driven flames.

It is true that such conditions are unusual for New Hampshire but they happened once, they can happen again. The fuel for fires is all around us. All it takes a firebrand. Only by cultivating a habit of carefulness with fire at all times can we meet the challenge of protection when dry conditions prevail. Please let these reminders be your guide.

1. Never, either when walking, riding or driving, discard a firebrand, a lighted match or a glowing cigarette.
2. Always obtain a permit for any outside burning. The burning of household rubbish is not permitted if your town has rubbish collection. Burning of grass or garden litter can be dangerous. See your warden first.
3. If you camp or picnic, be sure open fires are allowed and if they are, put them **dead out** when leaving.
4. **Most important** - instruct your children in the danger of the lighted match. A lighted match and dry grass or forest litter is a dangerous combination which leads to destructive loss and can lead to tragedy.

The past year - 1971 was a favorable year for the control of fires. There were too many fire starts in some towns. We thank those who remembered and ask others to heed Smokey's message.

Number of fires reported and acres burned - 1971 season:

STATE	463 fires	160	acres
DISTRICT	41 fires	12	acres
TOWN	1 fire	1/3	acre

DISTRICT CHIEF
Robert Burns

FOREST FIRE WARDEN,
Ralph L. Balla

ACWORTH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.

Again the co-operation of all the town produced a successful turkey shoot and raffle.

This year we rebuilt the running bear track and continued improvements to the parking lot. We have since purchased an automatic electric trap machine for use at the expert range.

Next fall the running deer track will have to be rebuilt. We are also considering the possibility of a new 100-yard and muzzle-loading range.

Our improvements this year have been mainly toward making the station more efficient. This included removing the old cement floor and lowering it several feet before pouring a new cement floor. A new overhead door is assembled and soon to be installed. This gives us added height and width.

The new portable pump and 500 feet of 2 1/2 inch hose were put to good use at the single brush fire we had this summer.

We responded to two fires in East Acworth. Unfortunately, neither was reported in time to save the main dwellings, but we were in time to save all surrounding buildings in both cases. We were very grateful for a letter of thanks and a donation from an adjoining property owner.

Officers for 1971

Chief: Elbert Knicely

Assistant Chief: Loyman Young

Secretary: Kenneth Grant

Treasurer: Robert Shepard

Captain, Truck 1, Walter Smith

Truck 2, Theodore Pitkin

Directors are elected for two-year terms:

David Lyle, 1973 -- Robert Yale, 1973

Arthur Smith, 1972 -- Francis Wood, 1972

ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT

In the past year the Road Committee of six elected members met at various times to discuss possible improvements in, and the up dating of, highway matters of Acworth.

Members agreed that there was an urgent need for an up to date road inventory, to determine the present classification and conditions of our roads. This work has been progressing through the joint efforts of the Road Committee and Mr. Floyd Avery of the State Department of Public Works and Highways. On the evening of September 8, 1971 Mr. Avery presented, at the request of the Road Committee, a program of information pertinent to town roads. This public meeting, held at the Town Hall, was attended by members of the Road Committee, representatives from the Planning Board, and interested townspeople. There was prolonged discussion concerning matters of general highway interest.

On other occasions, after the passage of the Scenic Roads Bill by the N.H. Legislature, members of the Road Committee discussed the possible application of this statute to Acworth roads. Regarding these discussions it was felt that a significant number of Acworth residents had expressed concern for retaining the rural character of Acworth roads, an acknowledged economic asset to both the town and state. It was agreed that the Road Committee should encourage the adoption of the provisions of the Scenic Roads Bill to ensure the preservation of Acworth's rural character and natural assets.

It was also agreed that the interests of the town would be best served by the sharing of information and proposals made by various committees and boards of officials of the town. To this end we have agreed to provide any appropriate assistance to such other groups as the Planning Board and Selectmen.

In the future the Road Committee foresees the need for a new Five Year Plan. As the needs and the requirements of the town become more clearly defined we will work for an increasingly efficient distribution of State subsidy funds, known as Town Road Aid (TRA) and Duncan Funds. The totals of these funds for the past two years average about \$15,000.00 per annum. These funds are currently in use for the reconstruction of the Crane Brook Road.

In addition to determining where State Funds should best be used in town, the members emphasized that recommendations be made to establish priorities as to the location and nature of the use of Town Highway Funds raised from taxes, in order to make as efficient use of tax revenues as possible.

The Road Committee wishes to express its appreciation for the continuing support and assistance given it by the State Department of Public Works and Highways and also by the State Planning and Development Commission. Thanks also go to the land owners, residents, and officials of the Town of Acworth who have expressed interest and support for the concerns of the Road Committee.

Alson W. Barrett, Chairman

POLICE REPORT

Motor vehicles were our major problem this year with several minor accidents reported. There were also two cases of vandalism to automobiles. These are under investigation by the State Police. Four abandoned cars had to be removed from public highways.

Two complaints against snowmobiles were also investigated and drivers warned.

Three burglaries and two reports of vandalism to private property are under state police investigation.

The remaining complaints concerned family disturbances and numerous trespassers at the Beryl Mountain Mine. Several messages were also delivered.

The radio has been installed and now gives us direct communications with the State Police headquarters, the Sheriff's Department and Southwestern Mutual Aid.

The total cost was \$1,038.80. The Crime Commission paid \$766, leaving a balance of \$272.80, as the town's cost. This radio will be a great asset to the town for many years.

Elbert Knicely, Constable

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ACWORTH, N. H. ON DECEMBER 31, 1971

Date of Creation	Name of TRUST FUND (Cemetery Fund)	How Invested	New Funds	Balance		Balance End Year	Income		Balance Beginning Year	Expended		Balance End Year
				Beginning Year	Year		During Year	Year		During Year	Year	
4-22-13	Edward C. Ball	N.H. Savings	100.00	100.00	62.60	100.00	8.29	62.60	4.15	66.74	4.15	66.74
4-22-13	Julia A. Buswell	N.H. Savings	200.00	200.00	225.68	200.00	21.75	225.68	10.88	236.55	10.88	236.55
4-26-16	Mary L. Bowers	N.H. Savings	300.00	300.00	224.56	300.00	26.78	224.56	13.39	237.95	13.39	237.95
2-17-22	George W. Neal	N.H. Savings	106.36	106.36	67.75	106.36	8.88	67.75	4.44	72.19	4.44	72.19
7-8-22	T. W. Place	N.H. Savings	50.00	50.00	22.91	50.00	3.70	22.91	1.85	24.76	1.85	24.76
8-5-24	William Warner	N.H. Savings	100.00	100.00	62.60	100.00	8.29	62.60	4.15	66.74	4.15	66.74
1-3-25	Horace G. Perham	N.H. Savings	50.00	50.00	21.01	50.00	3.60	21.01	1.80	22.81	1.80	22.81
3-19-25	Henry A. Clark	N.H. Savings	200.00	200.00	293.06	200.00	25.18	293.06	12.59	305.65	12.59	305.65
7-13-25	Laura L. McKeen	N.H. Savings	100.00	100.00	62.60	100.00	8.29	62.60	4.15	66.74	4.15	66.74
12-29-25	Abram Mitchell	N.H. Savings	190.00	190.00	172.95	190.00	18.52	172.95	9.26	182.21	9.26	182.21
5-3-29	Charles K. Wood	N.H. Savings	100.00	100.00	32.60	100.00	6.76	32.60	3.38	35.98	3.38	35.98
3-14-30	Charles Elliot	N.H. Savings	50.00	50.00	21.01	50.00	3.60	21.01	1.80	22.81	1.80	22.81
4-1-30	Hiram Hayward	N.H. Savings	100.00	100.00	62.60	100.00	8.29	62.60	4.15	66.74	4.15	66.74
1-12-31	Cynthia E. Finley	N.H. Savings	100.00	100.00	62.60	100.00	8.29	62.60	4.15	66.74	4.15	66.74
9-1-31	Ada L. Wallace	N.H. Savings	200.00	200.00	143.14	200.00	17.51	143.14	8.75	151.90	8.75	151.90
11-19-31	White Ryder	N.H. Savings	95.00	95.00	59.16	95.00	7.85	59.16	3.93	63.13	3.93	63.13
4-21-32	Oariett Eaton	N.H. Savings	25.00	25.00	11.15	25.00	1.82	11.15	.91	12.06	.91	12.06
2-27-33	Samuel A. Nye	N.H. Savings	100.00	100.00	62.60	100.00	8.29	62.60	4.15	66.74	4.15	66.74
4-19-34	Ashton A. Hemphill	N.H. Savings	100.00	100.00	62.60	100.00	8.29	62.60	4.15	66.74	4.15	66.74
7-12-37	George W. Buss	N.H. Savings	100.00	100.00	62.60	100.00	8.29	62.60	4.15	66.74	4.15	66.74
10-23-37	Frank McLaughlin	N.H. Savings	100.00	100.00	62.60	100.00	8.29	62.60	4.15	66.74	4.15	66.74
12-15-37	Walter Slader	N.H. Savings	300.00	300.00	227.46	300.00	26.94	227.46	13.47	240.93	13.47	240.93
5-15-38	George W. Call	N.H. Savings	100.00	100.00	62.60	100.00	8.29	62.60	4.15	66.74	4.15	66.74
1-1-39	Alger E. Hemphill	N.H. Savings	100.00	100.00	62.60	100.00	8.29	62.60	4.15	66.74	4.15	66.74

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ACWORTH, N. H. ON DECEMBER 31, 1971

Date of Creation	Name of TRUST FUND (Cemetery Fund)	How Invested	New Funds	Balance		Income During Year	Expended During Year		Balance	
				Beginning Year	End Year		Beginning Year	End Year	Beginning Year	End Year
5-4-40	Charles M. Thornton	N.H. Savings	100.00	100.00	60.97	8.20	4.10	65.07		
11-2-41	Gertrude C. Read	N.H. Savings	200.00	200.00	143.14	17.51	8.75	151.90		
12-9-41	Weston Kemp	N.H. Savings	100.00	100.00	62.60	8.29	4.15	66.74		
12-9-41	Olin R. Kemp	N.H. Savings	50.00	50.00	21.45	3.62	1.81	23.26		
7-23-42	James Jeffery	N.H. Savings	100.00	100.00	62.60	8.29	4.15	66.74		
7-23-42	H.W. Allen	N.H. Savings	100.00	100.00	62.60	8.29	4.15	66.74		
2-28-43	Ella M. Prentiss	N.H. Savings	100.00	100.00	62.60	8.29	4.15	66.74		
12-27-44	Almon E. Clark	S.R. Savings	130.00	130.00	71.61	10.29	5.15	76.75		
12-27-44	Francis Buss	S.R. Savings	70.00	70.00	30.84	5.12	2.56	33.40		
10-19-45	Edwin S. Chatterton	S.R. Savings	300.00	300.00	185.79	24.83	12.42	198.20		
2-3-46	Horace K. Rugg	S.R. Savings	100.00	100.00	51.24	7.72	3.86	55.10		
2-9-46	Erving Davis	S.R. Savings	150.00	150.00	88.05	12.18	6.09	94.14		
10-28-46	Carl Kemp	S.R. Savings	100.00	100.00	51.24	7.72	3.86	55.10		
10-28-46	W. A. Barney	S.R. Savings	100.00	100.00	51.24	7.72	3.86	55.10		
5-6-47	Fred Batchelder	S.R. Savings	100.00	100.00	51.24	7.72	3.86	55.10		
11-4-67	Bass Lot	S.R. Savings	200.00	200.00	124.94	16.61	8.30	133.25		
9-29-51	Horace Dexter	S.R. Savings	100.00	100.00	51.24	7.72	3.86	55.10		
5-6-51	Grace Muzzy	S.R. Savings	100.00	100.00	51.24	7.72	3.86	55.10		
3-24-52	George W. Potter	S.R. Savings	100.00	100.00	51.24	7.72	3.86	55.10		
3-24-52	Barnet C. Finley	S.R. Savings	100.00	100.00	62.39	8.29	4.15	66.53		
8-11-54	Roscoe Hull	S.R. Savings	200.00	200.00	107.64	15.72	7.86	115.50		
10-30-55	Cara Johnson	S.R. Savings	200.00	200.00	101.53	15.41	7.70	109.24		
4-1-57	C. M. Emerson	S.R. Savings	100.00	100.00	40.53	7.17	3.58	44.12		
10-28-57	Frank&Jennie Metcalf	S.R. Savings	100.00	100.00	40.55	7.17	3.58	44.14		

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Date of Creation	Name of TRUST FUND (Cemetery Fund)	How Invested	New Funds	Balance Beginning Year	Balance End Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
10-28-57	Nathan, George and John Webster	S.R. Savings	100.00	100.00	100.00	7.17	3.59	44.13
5-27-58	Freeman Campbell	N.H. Savings	100.00	100.00	100.00	7.79	3.89	56.89
9-5-58	John Symonds	N.H. Savings	100.00	100.00	100.00	7.71	3.85	55.45
9-5-58	Elmer E. Wheeler	N.H. Savings	150.00	150.00	150.00	11.67	5.84	84.22
9-5-58	Arthur Perham	N.H. Savings	200.00	200.00	200.00	15.52	7.76	112.08
1-1-59	Lufkin-Robbins	N.H. Savings	100.00	100.00	100.00	7.60	3.80	53.06
2-6-59	Clarence Jeffery	N.H. Savings	100.00	100.00	100.00	48.82	3.79	52.62
10-20-59	Reed-Wallace	N.H. Savings	200.00	200.00	200.00	15.07	7.54	102.36
3-14-60	Hobart B. Jones	N.H. Savings	200.00	200.00	200.00	14.86	7.43	98.45
3-14-60	B. K. Barlow	N.H. Savings	100.00	100.00	100.00	7.42	3.71	48.99
10-19-61	Solon L. Neal	N.H. Savings	150.00	150.00	150.00	10.89	5.45	68.48
10-9-61	Solon Neal	N.H. Savings	150.00	150.00	150.00	10.89	5.45	68.48
10-27-61	Arthur Potter	N.H. Savings	100.00	100.00	100.00	7.25	3.63	45.70
10-27-61	Raymond C. Davis	N.H. Savings	200.00	200.00	200.00	14.49	7.25	91.31
4-10-62	Hayward, Livingston and Holden Lots	N.H. Savings	500.00	500.00	500.00	35.89	17.95	220.80
4-10-62	Daniel Moody and Wesley Huntley Lots	N.H. Savings	200.00	200.00	200.00	14.34	7.17	88.25
10-9-62	Charles Barlow	N.H. Savings	200.00	200.00	200.00	14.05	7.03	82.29
12-10-62	Meader - Hemphill	N.H. Savings	150.00	150.00	150.00	10.45	5.23	60.21
10-6-64	Charles H. and Bessie M. Perry	N.H. Savings	200.00	200.00	200.00	13.05	6.53	62.13
3-31-65	Wm. & Belle Pitkin	N.H. Savings	150.00	150.00	150.00	9.57	4.78	42.48

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				Beginning Year	End Year		During Year	During Year	
7-21-65	Herbert F. Hartwell	N.H. Savings	125.00	125.00	29.22	7.85	3.93	33.14	
2-23-67	George W. Walker	N.H. Savings	200.00	200.00	16.31	11.03	5.52	21.82	
9-11-68	Hammond Reed and Lyman Young	N.H. Savings	200.00	200.00	15.47	11.00	5.50	20.97	
10-18-68	William and Rufus Hilliard	N.H. Savings	600.00	600.00	46.44	33.03	16.52	62.95	
2-26-69	Eva&Carl Grant Lot	N.H. Savings	200.00	200.00	13.67	10.90	5.45	19.12	
6-2-69	Paul Balla	N.H. Savings	100.00	100.00	3.01	5.24	2.62	5.63	
6-26-69	Dorothy N. Faught	N.H. Savings	200.00	200.00	5.34	10.47	5.24	10.57	
3-19-71	Harry D. Kemp	N.H. Savings	200.00	200.00		8.10	4.05	4.05	
TOTAL CEMETERY			\$10,941.36	\$200.00	\$11,141.36	\$5,446.79	\$421.92	\$5,869.16	
Trust Funds for Library									
8-15-16	Rebecca C. Madison	N.H. Savings	150.00	150.00		7.66	7.66		
8-24-24	W. L. Woodbury	N.H. Savings	1,000.00	1,000.00		51.12	51.12		
12-15-24	Abram Mitchell	N.H. Savings	475.00	475.00		24.26	24.26		
3-15-39	Walter Slader	N.H. Savings	164.06	164.06		8.36	8.36		
TOTAL LIBRARY			1,789.06	1,789.06		91.40	91.40		
Special Notice Account from Dempsey place									
8-28-29	Town of Acworth	Ct. River National Bk.	\$3,419.53	\$3,419.53	\$236.17	\$187.02		\$423.19	
Cash on Hand in Savings Account, Connecticut River National Bank			\$394.08	\$421.92	\$816.00	\$11.72	\$188.29	\$639.43	

Robert H. Whitaker, Commissioner
Dept. of Public Works and Highways
State of New Hampshire
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

October 20, 1971

Mr. Leon G. Dutton, Chairman
Acworth Board of Selectmen
South Acworth, N. H. 03601

Dear Mr. Dutton:

We are in receipt of a petition from Acworth residents, handed to us on October 14, 1971 by Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Knicely, requesting this Department to take the necessary steps to build a covered bridge in South Acworth. Copies are enclosed.

The petition indicates that the residents, at their 1971 Town Meeting, voted the "acceptance of a proposal from Graton Associates to build a covered bridge in South Acworth." The proposal is questionable as to legality since the Town did not raise the appropriate sufficient funds to finance the \$100,000 called for in the proposal. The use of Town Bridge Aid Fund assistance was apparently contemplated.

A Town cannot commit the use of the State's share of Town Bridge Aid Funds in the manner suggested in the petition. A Determination of Necessity Meeting is required; plans, specifications and an estimate of cost must be prepared, and your Board's approval of the plans is necessary, before we advertise for project bids.

Bidders must be prequalified before proposals can be accepted; the low bidder must furnish performance bonds and insurance statements and your Board must concur in the contract award before we ask the Governor and Council for approval of a contract award. None of these conditions have been met in the Graton Associates' proposal.

Construction of an authentic wooden covered bridge on Beryl Mountain Road over Cold River is not feasible under the Town Bridge Aid Program. The recent incidence of arson in several wooden bridges has caused us to be concerned about the financial loss of these bridges. Our studies indicate very little can be done to make a wooden structure fireproof. The most any chemical company will claim is that their product is fire retardant.

The requirements for safe passage of heavy vehicles are difficult to meet in an authentic covered bridge design. The necessary width, as a truly authentic wooden covered bridge.

The requirements for safe passage of heavy vehicles are difficult to meet in an authentic covered bridge design. The necessary width, height and load carrying capacity for modern needs cannot be provided in a truly authentic wooden covered bridge.

We recommend a modern bridge design as a sound approach to your bridge replacement problem. Design and financial assistance will be available should the Town decide to embark on this course of action.

Please feel free to call on me should you have need for further information.

Sincerely yours,

R. H. Whitaker, P. E.

RHW:rc.c.

Wm. H. Philbrick, Division Engineer

F. L. Avery, Secondary Roads Engineer.

ACWORTH PLANNING BOARD

The Acworth Planning Board's major project for 1971 has been a study of subdivision regulations. The board hopes to adopt such regulations soon for Acworth - if authorized to do so by Town Meeting. Subdivision regulations are designed to control whatever future development may occur here so that: 1) the costs of that development to Acworth taxpayers are as low as possible and 2) the development occurs on a rational rather than a haphazard basis.

Very briefly, subdivision regulations work like this: Suppose a developer comes to Acworth, cuts up a tract of land, bulldozes roads through the woods and starts selling lots. (This has actually happened in Acworth within the past year.) As of today, the town has almost no control over that developer. If he builds bad roads, fails to install culverts where they ought to be, lays roads out poorly, leaves land scalped and eroding, Acworth taxpayers are very likely to pay for it in the future. But if the town has adequate subdivision regulations, the Planning Board can require a developer to put in good roads and culverts so that the town doesn't have to spend money later getting them up to par. The regulations would give the town better control also over sewage disposal, water supply, erosion and pollution in any development. In all these areas, the aim of the regulations is the same - to see that the town develops according to a sensible plan and without undue public expense.

As requested at the last Town Meeting, the Planning Board also took up the question of selling the town-owned Gove land. The board decided to recommend against selling this land for the following reasons:

1. Acworth's future land needs are unknown. It's entirely possible that within the next twenty-five years there will be extensive development in Acworth. In that event it's almost certain the town will need land for various public purposes. Against such a need, it would be much more sensible to keep land already owned than to have to buy land later at inflated prices. Land now owned by the town is likely to be increasingly valuable as time passes.
2. It's well-known that in towns where growth and development occurs, taxes go up. This occurs because growth brings additional public expense (for schools, roads, etc.) but taxes brought in by the new construction almost invariably fall short of covering the added public expense. So, the town might gain a nice lump sum by selling the Gove land. But it is virtually certain the gain would be lost later in added public expense.
3. The Gove land is in the far northeast corner of town. If development is to be encouraged anywhere, in terms of the cost of public services it would make far more sense to encourage it centrally rather than in the farther corners of town.

4. It may well be that there are parcels of town-owned land which could advantageously be sold now. There may be others which the town ought to consider buying. (The Planning Board can think of one - the ball field in South Acworth - which the town certainly ought to consider buying or, at the least, obtain a first option on it.) But instead of considering each parcel of land piecemeal, we would like to make this recommendation: That in the coming year, the Planning Board try to look at all town-owned land, consider each parcel in relation to the town's present development and possible future needs, and then make recommendations on selling or keeping it.

In 1971 also the Planning Board recommended that the town establish a Conservation Commission. There are 144 towns in the state that have already set up such commissions, and their value hardly needs explaining - just about everyone favors conservation. Less well-known, however, is the fact that increasingly in recent years funds for various purposes (from the federal government, from foundations) are available to towns only if they have conservation commissions. We ought to make it possible for the town to take advantage of such funds where and when it can.

During 1971 the Planning Board made a special effort to get the Crescent Lake Association started on the way toward zoning its part of town. The association has now begun to work on its own plan, and hopes to have it ready in about a year.

The Board also met during 1971 with both state and federal officials in an effort to learn more about how the town's interests can best be protected through planning.

Anyone who has any questions or suggestions to offer us is always welcome at the Board's regular meetings.

Acworth Planning Board
William Austin, Chairman

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ACWORTH, N. H.
DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1971**

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Parents
March 24, 1971	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Jeannette Ann Landry	Roger Rolland Landry Barbara Ann Barth
March 29, 1971	Springfield, Vt.	Lisa Darlene Christie	Leonard J. Christie Clara Orlie Conlin
June 13, 1971	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Richard Paul Barth	Herman Barth Caroline Sophie Pettersen
April 27, 1971	Springfield, Vt.	Samuel James Young	Lyman Anson Young Alice Mina Derrington
November 9, 1971	Keene, N. H.	Kenneth Julius Christie	Kenneth P. Christie Linda Lee Rhoades

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ACWORTH, N. H.
DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1971**

Date of Marriage	Place	Names	Residence
October 8, 1971	Charlestown, N. H.	Ronald Francis Martin Marlene Mary Westney	Acworth, N. H. Charlestown, N. H.

**DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ACWORTH, N. H.
DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1971**

Name	Age	Date of Death	Place
Charles Snow	69	September 15, 1971	Acworth, N. H.
Brought to Acworth for Burial			
Winslow H. Neal	58	February 14, 1971	Alstead, N. H.
Jessamine B. Smith	86	October 18, 1971	Concord, N. H.

I hereby certify that the foregoing report is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Leon F. Newton, Town Clerk

The Library
University of New Hampshire
Durham N.H. 03824

