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ANNUAL REPORTS
of the
Town Officers
of
Francestown, N. H.
for the
Year Ending December 31, 1976

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Cover: The Old Meeting House on the Common
Photograph courtesy of Phelps Photo, Inc.

TOWN OFFICERS — 1976

Moderator: — Harold F. Varnum

Town Clerk: — Herman C. Miller

Town Treasurer: — Donald A. Marsden

Selectmen: — O. Alan Thulander, John R. Schott,
John L. Arnold

Tax Collector: — Elizabeth M. Behrsing

Supervisors of Check List: — Israel H. Vadney, Jr.,
Nellie Abbott, Doris Basset

Road Agent: — Robert M. Foote

Library Trustees: —

Elizabeth Wiederhold	Expires 1977
Lois MacAdam	Expires 1978
Lina deTarnowski	Expires 1979

Cemetery Commissioners: —

Constance Bicknell	Expires 1977
Lois Leavitt	Expires 1978
Richard A. Chapman	Expires 1979

Overseer of Public Welfare: — R. Franklin Mace

Trustees of Trust Funds: —

F. Russell Abbott	Expires 1977
Charles J. Brien	Expires 1978
Clifton F. Foote	Expires 1979

Firewards: — Clifton F. Foote, Lawrence Kullgren,
Richard F. Leavitt, Norman Stewart, Charles J. Brien

Planning Board: —

Royal S. Cleaves	Expires 1977
Blake Tewksbury	Expires 1978
Phillip W. Ireland	Expires 1979
Robert H. Cloutier, Chmn.	Expires 1980
H. Bartlett Hardwick	Expires 1980
Robert F. Caskie, Jr.	Expires 1981
O. Alan Thulander, Ex-officio	

Board of Adjustment: —
 Donald A. Pettee Expires 1977
 Harold A. Varnum, Chmn. Expires 1978
 Clifton F. Foote Expires 1979
 Robert R. Duncan Expires 1980
 Robert N. Abbott Expires 1981

Building Inspector: — William P. Mitchell

Health Officer: — Jeannette Settele, R.N.

Board of Highway Safety: — Donald Hoyt, Peter M. Flood,
 John Thomas, O. Alan Thulander, Louis Wiederhold

Police Officers: — Peter M. Flood, Chief; Roy Borden,
 Sergeant; Lawrence Kullgren, Officer; Marion Stewart,
 Matron

Conservation Commission: —
 Liesel Gilman, Chmn. Expires 1977
 R. Franklin Mace Expires 1977
 Ashley Prest Expires 1977
 Eleanor Kiblin Expires 1978
 James O'Mahoney Expires 1978
 David Buber Expires 1979
 David A. Jonas Expires 1979

Historian: — Constance Dodge

Civil Defense: — Charles J. Brien

Ballot Inspectors: — Winifred Hoyt, Shirley Jones,
 C. Gladys St. John, Bernice Miller

Re-cycling Board: —
 Constance Bicknell Expires 1977
 Thomas Bournival Expires 1978
 Robert B. Parker Expires 1979

Advisory Board: —
 R. Russell Abbott Expires 1977
 William Edwards Expires 1978
 Joseph C. Ludwig, Jr. Expires 1979
 Charles F. Onasch Expires 1980
 Ernest R. Poor Expires 1981

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of FRANCESTOWN in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in Francestown on the eighth day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year coming.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow a sufficient sum of money to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes, or take any other action relating thereto.

4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow a sum not to exceed Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) to pay the Town's one-half share of the cost of reconstructing the Poor Farm Bridge over the South Branch of the Piscataquog River, and to authorize the Selectmen to determine the date and place of payment of such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and to take such other steps as may be desirable to negotiate such bonds or notes as they shall believe to be in the best interests of the Town, or to take any other action relating thereto.

5. To see if the Town will vote to apply not more than \$14,000.00 received and expected to be received from Revenue Sharing to the making of improvements to the Second New Hampshire Turnpike from Cemetery No. 3 to the Town Common (and to the publication of required notices) and also to appropriate a sum not exceeding \$22,000.00 for the purpose of making said improvements to the Second New Hampshire Turnpike, such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the provisions of Ch. 241, N.H. Revised Statutes Annotated, as amended, and to authorize the Selectmen to determine the date and place of payment of such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such other steps as may be necessary to negotiate such bonds or notes as shall be to the best interests of the Town of Francestown, or to take any other action relating thereto.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$20,000.00 to employ the Department of Revenue Administration of the State of New Hampshire to reappraise the real property in the Town.

7. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to reappraise all the land and buildings of the Town over a period of the next three years using criteria recommended and approved by the State of New Hampshire, or take any other action related thereto.

8. To see if the Town will vote (a) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to pay dues to join the New Hampshire Municipal Association for the exclusive purpose of enabling group medical insurance to become available to Town employees, and (b) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,494.12 for the purchase of a Blue Cross-Blue Shield Health Care Plan with Major Medical included for the three full-time Road Department employees and their wives and children, or to take any other action related thereto.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,040.00 to support the services of the Monadnock Community Visiting Nurse Association, Inc., or to take any other action relating thereto.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$365.00 to support the services of the Monadnock Family Health Services, or to take any other action related thereto.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,500.00 for the rental and transportation of refuse containers, or take any other action relating thereto.

12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,200.00 to defray the cost of exterminating rodents and pests and to provide suitable cover at the present dump site, or to take any other action relating thereto.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$3,500.00 for the erection of such recycling facilities as the Selectmen, in their discretion, may deem necessary, and, in addition, to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$3,500.00 to cover the salary of a recycling supervisor, or to take any other action relating thereto.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund to add to a Trust Fund for the purchase of land for a future library building and/or construction of a new library building, or an extension to the present George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library, or take any other action relating thereto.

15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$750.00 to make repairs to the sidewalk on Main Street, or take any other action relating thereto.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for future replacement of the Police Department cruiser, or take any other action relating thereto.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for future replacement of fire trucks, or take any other action relating thereto.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$403.00 to defray the Town's share of the cost of a two-frequency police and fire radio, the other share to be federally-funded through the Governor's Commission on Crime and Delinquency, or take any other action related thereto.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for future replacement of Fire Department radio equipment, or take any other action relating thereto.

20. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Cemetery Commission to use \$475.00, representing accrued interest from Trust Funds (new cemetery sales), for the care and maintenance of Cemetery No. 3, or take any other action relating thereto.

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$400.00 to paint or stain the exterior of the Town Garage Building, or take any other action relating thereto.

22. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following individual trust fund: For perpetual care of the cemetery lot containing the remains of Grace Ellsworth the sum of \$200.00.

23. To see if the Town will vote to accept a certain parcel of land in Francestown on Todd Road, bounded by the Town Dump, Bog Brook, the property now or formerly of Charles W. Durgin, and Todd Road, consisting of five acres more or less, or take any other action related thereto.

24. To see if the Town will vote to accept a certain parcel of land in Francestown located at the junction of Route No. 47 and Abbott Lane (so called) consisting of 1500 square feet more or less, as shown on a map of property of Pearl Abbott Heirs, dated November 1970, or take any other action related thereto.

25. To see if the Town will vote to require that salt, when used on town roads, shall always be mixed reasonably uniformly with sand, and that the ratio of salt not exceed 25 parts of salt to 75 parts of sand, or take any other action relating thereto.

26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the support of the Monadnock Region Committee on the Arts, or take any other action relating thereto.

Articles to be Voted by Ballot

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendments to the Francestown Zoning Ordinance?

27. Amendment 1.

Article #3. Lot Measurements and Setbacks

b) Setbacks

(3) Change to read — “A building shall not be erected or placed closer than fifty feet to its lot’s boundaries.”

28. Amendment 2.

Article #4.

- g) Add new paragraph – “No new structure, for which a building permit has been initially issued, may be occupied without first obtaining an Occupancy Permit from the Board of Selectmen to ensure that the structure has been constructed in essential conformity with the original building permit application or, if construction has not been completed, is habitable by reasonable standards and proper sewage disposal and water supply facilities have been constructed, where applicable.”

29. Amendment 3.

Article #5A. ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS.

I. Village Zone.

(a) Permitted uses.

- 6. Line 9; omit all after “. . . of the immediate family” so that the remaining paragraph shall read – “Home occupations where such use is clearly secondary to the use of the dwelling for dwelling purposes and does not change the character thereof and in connection with which there is no outside display or storage of merchandise or equipment nor emission of dust, fumes, noise, vibration or smoke beyond the lot line. Such home occupation shall not employ more than three persons who are not members of the immediate family.”

30. Amendment 4.

Article #5A. ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS.

II. Rural Zone.

(a) Permitted uses.

1. Change to read – “All uses permitted in the Village Zone with the exception of retail stores as defined in Art. 5A, para. I, (a), 7.”

(b) Special exceptions.

10. Add new paragraph – “Stores for the sale of goods at retail, sold first hand, provided there is no outside storage or display of merchandise or equipment.”

31. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

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

O. ALAN THULANDER
JOHN R. SCHOTT
JOHN L. ARNOLD
Selectmen of Francestown

A True Copy of Warrant – Attest:

O. ALAN THULANDER
JOHN R. SCHOTT
JOHN L. ARNOLD
Selectmen of Francestown

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Approp. Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Previous Fiscal Year	Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year 1977 (1977-78)
General Government:			
Town Officer's Salaries	\$ 2,540.00	\$ 2,724.00	\$ 2,700.00
Town Officer's Expenses	5,000.00	3,829.00	5,500.00
Election & Registration Expenses	450.00	508.00	250.00
Town Hall & other Town Bldgs.	2,000.00	2,633.00	3,000.00
Employees' Retire. & Soc. Sec.	1,500.00	1,210.00	1,600.00
Tax Map		303.00	700.00
Manpower Training Program		2,202.00	
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Police Department	7,200.00	8,345.00	7,200.00
Fire Department	4,180.00	3,320.00	5,070.00
Care of Trees	374.00	274.00	500.00
Insurance	4,475.00	6,034.00	7,800.00
Planning & Zoning	300.00	325.00	300.00
Damages & Legal Expense	1,500.00	1,305.00	2,000.00
Forest Fire Protection			500.00
Health Dept. (Incl. Hospitals, Ambulance)			
	785.00	785.00	924.00
Vital Statistics	15.00	10.00	15.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	3,500.00	3,378.00	3,500.00
Highways & Bridges:			
Town Maintenance — Summer & Winter	65,000.00	71,547.00	85,494.00
Street Lighting	1,400.00	1,095.00	1,300.00
General Expenses of Hgwy. Dept.	6,500.00	6,374.00	8,975.00
Town Road Aid	1,161.00	1,161.00	1,155.00
Libraries	9,649.00	9,663.00	10,485.00
Public Welfare:			
Old Age Assistance	200.00	8.00	200.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	300.00	300.00	500.00
Conservation	150.00	150.00	150.00

Debt Service:

Principal & Long Term Notes and Bonds	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Interest -- Long Term Notes and Bonds	827.00	833.00	565.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	2,000.00	1,512.00	2,200.00

Capital Outlay (List Below):

Art. 4	\$10,300.00	}		9,900.00
Art. 5	5,167.18		(5,653.00
Art. 6	1,854.00		(
Art. 12	937.00			937.00
Art. 14	365.00		24,323.00	365.00
Art. 15	1,000.00			
Art. 19	1,700.00			1,941.00
Art. 20	3,000.00		2,065.00	
Art. 16 (Fr. 1975)			3,175.00	

Payment to Capital Reserve Funds

Art. 7	\$ 1,000.00	Art. 16	500.00		1,500.00
Art. 8	500.00			}	2,500.00
Art. 9	500.00				500.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$153,829.00 \$162,364.00 \$158,583.00

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuuing Fiscal Year 1977 (1977-78)
From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 45,171.00	\$ 43,000.00
Savings Bank Tax	1,700.00	1,788.00	1,700.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	4,500.00	5,128.00	5,000.00
Highway Subsidy (Cl. IV & V)	18,952.00	18,952.00	18,867.00
Reimb. a-c Business Profits Tax (Town Portion)	2,400.00	2,564.00	2,500.00
State & Federal Lands		19.00	96.00
FROM LOCAL SOURCES:			
Dog Licenses	475.00	458.00	460.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	400.00	383.00	400.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	15,000.00	18,172.00	15,000.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	1,200.00	858.00	800.00
Withdrawal Capital Reserve Funds		5,284.00	
Resident Taxes Retained	3,500.00	4,880.00	5,000.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	2,000.00	3,996.00	2,500.00
Rent of Town Property	100.00	52.00	52.00
Income from Departments	100.00	415.00	100.00
Miscellaneous		8.00	
Prior Years' Interest, Penalties and Taxes		3,027.00	1,000.00
From Federal Sources:			
Revenue Sharing	4,490.00	8,210.00	9,000.00
Total Revenues from All Sources Except Property Taxes	\$ 95,817.00	\$119,365.00	\$105,475.00
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes	58,012.00	42,999.00	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$153,829.00	\$162,364.00	

**TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN, N. H.**

March 2, 1976

Article 1. Town Officers Elected:

Town Clerk: Herman C. Miller

Town Treasurer: Donald A. Marsden

Selectman for 3 years: John L. Arnold

Highway Agent: Robert M. Foote

Library Trustee for 3 years: Lina Grant deTarnowski

Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years: Clifton F. Foote

Cemetery Trustee for 3 years: Kris Stewart

Firewards: Charles J. Brien, Clifton F. Foote, Lawrence
R. Kullgren, Richard F. Leavitt, Norman J. Stewart

Overseer of Public Welfare: R. Franklin Mace

Article 2. Budget:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,540 00
Town Officers' Expenses	5,000 00
Election & Registration Expenses	450 00
Town Hall & other Town Bldgs.	2,000 00
Employees' Retire. & Soc. Sec.	1,500 00
Police Department	7,200 00
Fire Department	4,180 00
Care of Trees	374 00
Insurance	4,475 00
Planning & Zoning	300 00
Damages & Legal Expense	1,500 00
Vital Statistics	15 00
Health Dept. (Incl. Hospitals, Ambulance)	785 00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	3,500 00
Town Highway Maintenance — Summer & Winter	65,000 00
Street Lighting	1,400 00
General Expenses of Hgwy. Dept.	6,500 00
Town Road Aid	1,161 00

Libraries	9,649 00
Old Age Assistance	200 00
Conservation	150 00
Cemeteries	300 00
Principal & Long Term Notes & Bonds	6,000 00
Interest — Long Term Notes & Bonds	827 00
Interest on Temporary Loans	2,000 00
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	\$127,006 00

Article 3. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to borrow a sufficient sum of money to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes.

Article 4. Voted to apply \$8,210.00 from Revenue Sharing to repair the Woodward Hill Bridge and to raise and appropriate the additional sum of \$2,090.00 for the same purpose.

Article 5. Voted to authorize the withdrawal of \$5,167.18 plus accrued interest from the Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund for repairs to the Town Hall roof.

Article 6. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,854.00 as the balance due on repairs to the Town Hall roof.

Article 7. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for future replacement of fire trucks.

Article 8. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for future replacement of Fire Department radio equipment.

Article 9. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund to establish a Trust Fund for the purchase of land for a future library building or for construction of a new library building or for the construction of an extension to the present Town Library building.

Article 10. Moved to indefinitely postpone this article.

Article 11. Voted to direct the Selectmen to obtain estimates from several agencies on the cost and scheduling of reappraisal of the Town and report to the next annual meeting with proper motions for action on the subject.

Article 12. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of

\$937.00 to support the services of the Monadnock Community Visiting Nurse Association, Inc.

Article 13. Voted to approve improvements to the facade of the Fire House, all costs to be borne by the Francestown Improvement Society and the Francestown Bicentennial Committee.

Article 14. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$365.00 to support the services of the Monadnock Family Mental Health Services.

Article 15. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to make repairs to the sidewalk on Main Street.

Article 16. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for future replacement of the Police Department Cruiser.

Article 17. Moved to indefinitely postpone this article.

Article 18. Voted to sell the surplus benches and old school desks in the Town Hall, with offering of the units to be made to Town Residents on a one unit per family basis, before opening the sale to outsiders, the sum received to be placed in a Capital Reserve Fund to purchase furniture and furnishings for the Town Hall.

Article 19. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,700.00 for dust control on dirt roads in the summer.

Article 20. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) to install a drainage system in the annex of Cemetery No. 3 to alleviate the water problem.

Article 21. Resolution:

Whereas: Constance Dodge has served as Trustee of the George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library from 1969 through 1976, and

Whereas: Mrs. Dodge has faithfully and enthusiastically served the community in this capacity.

Therefore be it Resolved that:

The Town of Francestown hereby expresses its grateful appreciation to Mrs. Dodge for her faithful service and be it further resolved that, a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Dodge and recorded in the records of the Town of Francestown.

Article 22. Amendment to Zoning Ordinance adopted March, 1951.

Add new sub-paragraph No. 10 to Article 5A, Chapter II, Paragraph B Special Exemptions.

10. Before commercial mining, excavation, or removal of soil, rock, sand, gravel, loam or similar earth materials, in excess of 500 cubic yards per calendar year, a Special Exception must be received from the Board of Adjustment subject to the usual fee permit. Removal and processing operations shall not be conducted closer than two hundred (200') feet to the centerline of a State Road, a Town Road, a road right of way, or a road right of way in an approved subdivision or to any property line or lot line.

Delineation of the proposed removal area(s) and other pertinent information shall be noted on a site plan filed with the Board of Adjustment and the Selectmen at the time of application. If required by the Board of Adjustment as a condition of the issuance of a Special Exception, sufficient grading, covering with top soil, seeding with suitable cover crop (except when ledge rock is exposed) will be performed when removal of material is completed. The Board of Adjustment may require the posting of a bond with the Town Treasurer to insure compliance.

Yes 162 No 72 By Ballot

Article 23. RSA 72:62 Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:62 for a property tax exemption on real property equipped with a solar energy heating or cooling system, which exemption shall be in an amount of \$50.00?

Yes 147 No 84 By Ballot

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN C. MILLER, Town Clerk

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY
As of December 31, 1976

Town Hall, Lands & Buildings	\$158,000
Furniture & Equipment	1,500
Libraries, Lands & Buildings	85,500
Furniture & Equipment	35,000
Police Dept., Lands & Buildings	0
Equipment	8,500
Fire Dept., Lands & Buildings	45,500
Equipment	40,000
Highway Dept., Lands & Buildings	11,800
Equipment	50,000
Materials & Supplies	900
All other Property & Equipment:	
Horse Sheds	24,500
Cemetery Toolshed	2,600
Town Dump (4 a.)	800
Town Forest (27.91 a.)	5,582
Bixby Dam & Lands (2.6 a.)	5,000
Cemetery No. 1	1,000
Cemetery No. 2	1,000
Cemetery No. 3	5,500

Total	\$482,682

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Tax Year 1976

Town of Francestown in Hillsborough County

Land – Improved & Unimproved		\$3,235,350
Buildings		5,865,946
Factory Buildings		1,200
Public Utility – Water		5,000
Public Utility – Electric		160,000
House Trailers, Mobile Homes and Travel Trailers		6,000
Boats & Launches		960

Total Valuation before Allowed Exemptions		\$9,274,456
Elderly Exemptions	\$27,300	
Total Exemptions Allowed	-----	27,300

Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed		\$9,247,156

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.

O. ALAN THULANDER

JOHN R. SCHOTT

JOHN L. ARNOLD

Selectmen of Francestown

**ITEMIZATION OF QUALIFYING CURRENT USE
ACREAGES AND ASSESSMENTS**

Land Categories	A	B	C
	No. of Acres	Assessed Value per RSA 75:1	Current Use Value
Permanent Pasture	63.5	\$ 12,625	\$ 2,216
Forage Crops	58	11,800	12,600
Forest Land	1818.8	320,175	24,829
Wild Land	2111.84	379,180	45,141
Wetland	456.7	69,833	1,746
Inactive Farm Land	35.5	9,250	1,049
Totals	4544.34	\$802,863	\$ 87,581

Total of all land valuation, improved and unimproved land (RSA 75:1), before application of Current Use	\$3,950,632
Total of column B minus column C	715,282
Line 1 of summary inventory of valuation	<u>3,235,350</u>

	Owners	Acres
Number of applicants for Current Use, 1976, and aggregate total of acres for which applications made	45	4,745.49
Number of property owners granted Current Use exemption in 1976 and total number of acres exempted	44	4,544.34

Homeowners Exemptions

	Value Exempted
Age 65 and over (14)	\$27,300
Under 65 years of age (0)	0
Total Valuation Exempted	<u>\$27,300</u>

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION
AND TAXES ASSESSED**

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,540 00
Town Officers' Expenses	5,000 00
Election & Registration Expenses	450 00
Town Hall & other Town Bldgs.	2,000 00
Employees' Retire. & Soc. Sec.	1,500 00
Police Department	7,200 00
Fire Department	4,180 00
Care of Trees	374 00
Insurance	4,475 00
Planning & Zoning	300 00
Damages & Legal Expenses	1,500 00
Health Department	785 00
Vital Statistics	15 00
Town Dump & Garbage Collection	3,500 00
Town Maintenance – Summer & Winter	65,000 00
Street Lighting	1,400 00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	6,500 00
Town Road Aid	1,161 00
Libraries	9,649 00
Old Age Assistance	200 00
Cemeteries	300 00
Conservation	150 00
Principal – Long Term Notes	2,000 00
Interest – Long Term Notes	827 00
Interest on Temporary Loans	6,000 00

Capital Outlay:

Article No. 4	\$10,300 00
Article No. 5	5,167 18
Article No. 6	1,854 00
Article No. 12	937 00
Article No. 14	365 00
Article No. 15	1,000 00
Article No. 19	1,700 00
Article No. 20	3,000 00

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Payment to Capital Reserve Funds:

Article No. 7	\$1,000 00
Article No. 8	500 00

Article No. 9	500 00	
Article No. 16	500 00	
	-----	2,500 00
Total Town Appropriations		<u>\$153,829 18</u>

Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:

Interest & Dividends Tax	\$45,171 46	
Savings Bank Tax	1,787 67	
Meals & Rooms Tax	4,500 00	
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	1,134 37	
Interest Rec'd. on Deposits	1,200 00	
Business Licenses, Permits, and Filing Fees	400 00	
Dog Licenses	475 00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	15,000 00	
Rent of Town Property & Equip.	100 00	
Income from Capital Reserve	5,167 18	
Duncan Fund	4,872 00	
Resident Taxes	4,400 00	
Revenue Sharing (Contra)	8,210 00	
Highway Subsidy	14,080 73	
Income from Departments	100 00	
Total Revenue & Credits-----		106,598 41
Net Town Appropriations		<u>\$ 47,230 77</u>
Net School Appropriations		261,410 01
County Tax Assessment		35,907 72
Total of Town, School & County		<u>\$344,548 50</u>
Deduct: Total Bus. Profits Tax Reimb.		2,566 00
Add: War Service Tax Credit		3,500 00
Add: Overlay		9,608 20
Property Taxes to be Raised		<u>\$355,090 70</u>
War Service Tax Credits:		
Number of Qualified Persons		70
Limit		\$50 00
Estimated Tax Credits		\$3,500 00
Resident Taxes:		
Tax		\$10 00
Number Assessed		488
Total Amount Assessed		<u>\$4,880 00</u>

R E P O R T
OF AN EXAMINATION AND AUDIT
OF THE ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS
OF THE
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976
MADE BY
THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



State of New Hampshire
Department of Revenue Administration
Concord, 03301

Lloyd A. Price
Commissioner

January 28, 1977

MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
FREDERICK E. LAPLANTE
Director

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Board of Selectmen
Town Office
Francestown, New Hampshire 03043

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of an examination and audit of the accounts of the Town of Francestown for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1976, which was made by this Division in accordance with the vote of the Town. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report.

One of the enclosed audit reports must be given to the Town Clerk to be retained as part of the permanent town records.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Donald Marsden, Treasurer for the period March 3, 1976 to December 31, 1976, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Library Treasurer, Cemetery Treasurer, Fire Department, Conservation Commission and Trustees of Trust Funds. The accounts of Herman C. Miller, Treasurer for the period January 1, 1976 to March 2, 1976 were examined earlier and a report submitted to your Board under date of April 7, 1976.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

General Fund:

Comparative Balance Sheets - December 31, 1975 and December 31, 1976:
(Exhibit A-1)

Comparative balance sheets - general fund - as of December 31, 1975 and December 31, 1976, are presented in Exhibit A-1. As indicated

therein, the current surplus of the Town increased by \$16,902, from \$11,316 to \$28,218, during the fiscal year ended December 31, 1976.

Analysis of Change in Current Financial Condition: (Exhibit A-2)

An analysis of the change in current financial condition of the Town during the year is made in Exhibit A-2, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein. These were as follows:

Increases in Current Surplus:

Net Budget Surplus (Exhibit A-4)	\$16,828
Increase in Cash in Hands of Fire Department	<u>74</u>
	<u>\$16,902</u>

Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures - Estimated and Actual Revenues: (Exhibits A-3 and A-4)

Comparative statements of general fund appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1976, are presented in Exhibits A-3 and A-4. As indicated by the Budget Summary (Exhibit A-4) a net unexpended balance of appropriations of \$6,097, plus a revenue surplus of \$10,731, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$16,828.

Long-Term Indebtedness:

Comparative Balance Sheets - December 31, 1975 and December 31, 1976:
(Exhibit A-5)

Comparative balance sheets of the outstanding long-term indebtedness of the Town as of December 31, 1975 and December 31, 1976, are contained in Exhibit A-5. As indicated therein, matured long-term notes of \$6,000 were paid during the year. Long-term notes outstanding at the close of the year amounted to \$15,000.

Statement of Debt Service Requirements: (Exhibit A-6)

A statement showing annual debt service requirements of principal and interest as of December 31, 1976 is presented in Exhibit A-6.

TREASURER

General Fund:

Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures: (Exhibit B-1)

A summary of general fund receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1976, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit B-1.

Revenue Sharing Funds: (Exhibit B-2)

A statement of Revenue Sharing Fund receipts, expenditures, encumbrances and fund balance is contained in Exhibit B-2. As stated therein, there is an unappropriated fund balance of \$4,892 as of December 31, 1976.

AUDIT PROCEDURE

The accounts and records of all town officials charged with the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds were examined and audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

Verification of uncollected and unredeemed taxes was made by mailing notices to delinquent taxpayers as indicated by the Tax Collector's records. Consequently, the amounts of uncollected and unredeemed taxes as indicated in this report are subject to any changes which may be necessitated by the return of verification notices.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Classification of Expenditures:

Our examination of the Selectmen's cash payments book revealed a number of instances wherein expenditures were incorrectly classified. This was more prevalent particularly in connection with capital outlay disbursements and special appropriations. It is recommended that greater care be exercised in posting of such expenditures in the cash payments book.

Fire Department:

It was noted during the course of the audit that money appropriated for the Fire Department was paid in total to the Francestown Volunteer Fire Department and all invoices and payrolls for the Department were paid by a fire department check. We call your attention to the provisions of RSA 41-29 of the Revised Statutes Annotated which states in part:

"The town treasurer shall have custody of all monies belonging to the town, and shall pay out the same only upon orders of the selectmen."

In view of this statute it is recommended that the balance of cash in the Fire Department checking account be turned over to the Town Treasurer and all payments for the operation of the Department be paid by Town checks in accordance with the above statute.

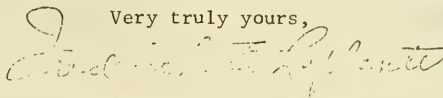
CONCLUSION

The provisions of Chapter 71-a, Section 21, require that the auditors' summary of findings and recommendations (letter of transmittal)

shall be published in the next annual report of the Town. Publication of the Exhibits contained in this audit report is optional at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen. This letter, however, must be published in its entirety.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Francestown for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Very truly yours,



Frederick E. Laplante
Director
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

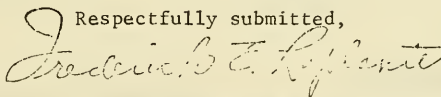
CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Francestown for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1976.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and statements of sources of revenues and expenditures present fairly the financial position of the Town of Francestown at December 31, 1976, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental entities, applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,



Frederick E. Laplante
Director
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

EXHIBIT A-1
TOWN OF FRANCELSTOWN
General Fund
Comparative Balance Sheets
As of December 31, 1975 and December 31, 1976

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>December 31, 1975</u>	<u>December 31, 1976</u>
<u>Cash:</u>		
In Hands of Treasurer	\$87,032	\$130,963
In Hands of Tax Collector	50	50
In Hands of Fire Department	_____	<u>1,021</u>
	\$ 87,082	\$132,034
<u>Long-Term Notes Authorized - Unissued:</u>		
Purchase of Vested Interest in Disposal Site (Article 8-a-1974)	3,000	3,000
<u>Capital Reserve Funds</u> (Exhibit G)	13,976	12,696
<u>Accounts Due To Town:</u>		
<u>From Federal Government:</u>		
Manpower Training Program	350	805
<u>Unredeemed Taxes</u> (Exhibit C-2)	3,741	4,575
<u>Uncollected Taxes</u> (Exhibit C-1)	48,808	41,262
	_____	_____
TOTAL ASSETS	\$156,957	\$194,372
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<u>LIABILITIES AND CURRENT SURPLUS</u>	<u>December 31, 1975</u>	<u>December 31, 1976</u>
<u>Bills Outstanding</u>	\$ 147	\$ 147
<u>Special Appropriations Forwarded:</u>		
<u>Library Improvement:</u>		
(Article 16, 1975)	\$4,551	\$
Repair Town Hall Roof (Article 5 & 6, 1976)		1,368

<u>Bixby Pond Dam</u>	141		141
<u>Repair Sidewalk - Main Street</u> (Article 15, 1976)			1,000
<u>Operation of Bennington Dump</u>	<u>1,500</u>		<u>105</u>
		6,192	2,614
<u>Unexpended Balance of Non-Revenue</u> <u>Appropriations:</u>			
(Article 8-a-1974)		3,000	3,000
<u>Unappropriated Revenue Sharing Funds</u>		3,720	4,892
<u>Yield Tax Security Deposits</u>		47	477
<u>Due To State of New Hampshire:</u>			
<u>2% Bond and Debt Retirement Taxes:</u>			
Collected - Not Remitted	\$ 326		\$ 687
Uncollected - Not Remitted			<u>110</u>
		326	797
<u>Property Tax Overpayments To Be</u> <u>Refunded</u>		50	
<u>Capital Reserve Funds</u>		13,976	12,696
<u>School District Tax Payable</u>		<u>118,183</u>	<u>141,531</u>
Total Liabilities		\$145,641	\$166,154
Current Surplus		<u>11,316</u>	<u>28,218</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CURRENT SURPLUS		<u>\$156,957</u>	<u>\$194,372</u>

EXHIBIT A-2
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
General Fund

Analysis of Change in Current Financial Condition
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

Current Surplus - December 31, 1976	\$28,218	
Current Surplus - December 31, 1975	<u>11,316</u>	
Increase in Current Surplus		<u>\$16,902</u>

Analysis of Change

Increases in Current Surplus:

Net Budget Surplus (Exhibit A-4)	\$16,828	
Increase in Cash in Hands of Fire Department	<u>74</u>	
		<u>\$16,902</u>

EXHIBIT A-3
TOWN OF FRANGESTON
General Fund

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

	Appropriations Forwarded From 1975	Appropriations 1976	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures 1976	-----Balances----- Unexpended Overdrafts	Appropriations Forwarded To 1977
<u>General Government:</u>							
Town Officers' Salaries	\$	2,540	\$	2,540	\$ 2,724	\$ 184	\$
Town Officers' Expenses		5,000	1	5,001	3,829	1,172	
Election and Registration Expenses		450		450	508	58	
Town Hall and Buildings Maintenance		2,000		2,000	2,633	633	
Manpower Training Program			2,202 (1)	2,202	2,202		
Tax Map					303	303	
<u>Protection of Persons and Property:</u>							
Police Department		7,200		7,200	8,345	1,145	
Fire Department, Including Forest Fires		4,180	249	4,429	3,320 (2)	1,109	
Bliester Rust and Care of Trees		374		374	274	100	
Planning and Zoning		300		300	325	25	
Insurance		4,475		4,475	6,034	1,559	
Conservation Commission		150		150	150		
<u>Health and Sanitation:</u>							
Health Department, Including Hospitals		785		785	785		
Vital Statistics		15		15	10	5	
Town Dump and Garbage Collection		3,500		3,500	1,983	1,517	
Visiting Nurse Association		937		937	937		
Monadnock Family Mental Health Service		365		365	365		
<u>Highways and Bridges:</u>							
Town Road Aid		1,161		1,161	1,161		
Town Maintenance		65,000		65,000	71,547	6,547	
Street Lighting		1,400		1,400	1,095	305	
General Expenses of Highway Department		6,500	1,016	7,516	6,374	1,142	
Libraries		9,649		9,649	9,663	14	
<u>Public Welfare:</u>							
Old Age Assistance		200	98	298	8	290	
<u>Public Service Enterprises:</u>							
Cemeteries		300		300	300		

	Appropriations Forwarded From 1975	Appropriations 1976	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures 1976	-----Balances----- Unexpended Overdrafts	Appropriations Forwarded To 1977
<u>Unclassified:</u>							
Damages and Legal Expenses	\$	\$ 1,500	\$	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,305	\$ 195	\$
Employees' Retirement and F. I. C. A.		1,500	161	1,500	1,210	290	
Con-Val Flowing				161	161		
<u>Debt Service:</u>							
Interest on Debt:							
Paid on Tax Anticipation Notes		2,000		2,000	1,512	488	
Paid on Long-Term Notes		827		827	833		6
Principal of Debt:							
Payments on Long-Term Notes		6,000		6,000	6,000		
<u>Capital Outlay:</u>							
<u>Land and Buildings:</u>							
Operation of Benington Dump	1,500			1,500	1,395		105
Library Improvements (Article 16, 1975)	4,551			4,551	3,175	1,376	
Bixby Pond Dam (Article 4, 1974)	141			141			141
Repair Town Hall Roof (Articles 5 & 6, 1976)	7,021			7,021	5,653	935	1,368
Drainage System - Cemetery (Article 20, 1976)	3,000			3,000	2,065		
Fire House Renovation (Article 13, 1976)			1,000	1,000	1,000		
<u>Highways and Bridges:</u>							
Woodward Hill Bridge (Article 4, 1976)	10,300			10,300	9,900	400	
Repair Sidewalk - Main Street (Article 15, 1976)	1,000			1,000			1,000
Dust Control Dirt Roads (Article 19, 1976)	1,700			1,700	1,941		241
<u>Payments To Capital Reserve Funds:</u>							
Fire Truck (Article 7, 1976)	1,000			1,000	1,000		
Fire Equipment (Article 8, 1976)	500			500	500		
Land For Library (Article 9, 1976)	500			500	500		
Police Cruiser (Article 16, 1976)	500			500	500		
Totals a/c Town Appropriations	\$ 6,192	\$153,829	\$4,727	\$164,748	\$163,525	\$ 9,324	\$ 2,614
<u>Payments To Other Governmental Divisions:</u>							
County Tax		35,908		35,908	35,908		
School District Tax	118,183	261,410		379,593	238,062		141,531
<u>Overlay (Discounts, Abatements and Refunds)</u>		9,608		9,608	2,120	7,488	
	\$124,375	\$460,755	\$4,727	\$589,857	\$439,615	\$16,812	\$144,145

- (1) Includes Accounts Receivable - \$805.
(2) Paid Directly By Fire Department.

EXHIBIT A-4
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
General Fund
Comparative Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues
and Budget Summary
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

SOURCE	-----Revenues-----		Excess	Deficit
	Estimated	Actual		
<u>Taxes:</u>				
<u>Current Year:</u>				
Property Taxes	\$351,591	\$352,121	\$ 530	\$
Resident Taxes	4,400	4,880	480	
Yield Taxes	1,134	3,996	2,862	
<u>Prior Years:</u>				
Resident Taxes		130	130	
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	1,200	2,809	1,609	
Penalties on Delinquent Resident Taxes		88	88	
<u>State of New Hampshire:</u>				
Highway Subsidy	14,081	14,081		
Interest and Dividends Tax	45,171	45,171		
Savings Bank Tax	1,788	1,788		
Meals and Rooms Tax	4,500	5,128	628	
Business Profits Tax	2,566	2,564		2
Class V Highway Maintenance	4,872	4,871		1
State and Federal Lands		19	19	
<u>Federal Government:</u>				
Revenue Sharing Funds	8,210	8,210		
<u>Local Sources, Except Taxes:</u>				
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	15,000	18,172	3,172	
Dog Licenses	475	458		17
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	400	383		17
Rent of Town Property	100	52		48
Interest on Deposits		858	858	
Withdrawals From Capital Reserve Funds	5,167	5,284	117	
Income From Departments	100	328	228	
Old Check Cancelled		8	8	
Income From Fire Department (1)		87	87	
	\$460,755	\$471,486	\$10,816	\$85

(1) Received Directly By Fire Department

Budget Summary

Unexpended Balances of Appropriations	\$ 16,812	
Overdrafts of Appropriations	<u>10,715</u>	
Net Unexpended Balance of Appropriations		\$ 6,097
Actual Revenues	\$471,486	
Estimated Revenues	<u>460,755</u>	
Revenue Surplus		<u>10,731</u>
Net Budget Surplus		<u><u>\$16,828</u></u>

EXHIBIT A-5
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Long-Term Indebtedness
Comparative Balance Sheets
As of December 31, 1975 and December 31, 1976

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>December 31, 1975</u>	<u>December 31, 1976</u>
<u>Amount To Be Provided For</u>		
<u>Retirement of Long-Term Debt</u>	<u>\$21,000</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>

<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
<u>Long-Term Notes Outstanding:</u>		
3 3/4 % New Equipment Notes - 1971	\$13,000	\$11,000
4 % Tax Map Notes - 1972	4,000	2,000
5 1/4% Disposal Site Notes - 1974	<u>4,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	<u>\$21,000</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>

EXHIBIT A-6
TOWN OF FRANCELSTOWN
Long-Term Indebtedness
Statement of Debt Service Requirements
As of December 31, 1976

New Equipment Notes
3 3/4%

Amount of Original Issue \$21,000
Date of Original Issue March 15, 1971
Principal Payable Date March 15
Interest Payable Dates March 15 and September 15
Payable At Souhegan National Bank
Milford, New Hampshire

Maturities - Fiscal Year Ending:

	Principal	Interest
December 31, 1977	\$ 2,000	\$ 380
December 31, 1978	2,000	304
December 31, 1979	2,000	228
December 31, 1980	2,000	152
December 31, 1981	2,000	76
December 31, 1982	1,000	19
	\$11,000	\$1,159

Tax Map Notes
4%

\$10,500
September 26, 1972
September 26
March 26 and September 26
Souhegan National Bank
Milford, New Hampshire

Disposal Site Notes
5 1/4%

\$6,000
December 24, 1974
December 24
June 24 and December 24
Souhegan National Bank
Milford, New Hampshire

				-----Total-----	
<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
\$2,000	\$80	\$2,000	\$105	\$ 6,000	\$ 565
				2,000	304
				2,000	228
				2,000	152
				2,000	76
				1,000	19
\$2,000	\$80	\$2,000	\$105	\$15,000	\$1,344

EXHIBIT B-1
TOWN OF FRANCETOWN
General Fund
Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Current Year:

Property Taxes	\$311,360
Resident Taxes	4,120
Yield Taxes	<u>4,125</u>

\$319,605

Prior Years:

Property Taxes	\$ 48,250
Resident Taxes	<u>590</u>

48,840

Tax Sales Redeemed

20,102

Interest on Delinquent Taxes

2,809

Resident Tax Penalties

88

\$391,444

From State of New Hampshire:

Highways and Bridges:

Class V Highway Maintenance	\$ 4,871
Highway Subsidy	14,081

Interest and Dividends Tax	45,171
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Savings Bank Tax	1,788
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Meals and Rooms Tax	5,128
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Business Profits Tax	2,564
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Reimbursements:

Fire House Renovation	1,000
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Fire Equipment	249
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Old Age Assistance	98
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State and Federal Lands	<u>19</u>
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74,969

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$ 18,172
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Dog Licenses	458
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Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	383
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Rent of Town Property	52
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Interest on Deposits	858
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Income From Departments	<u>328</u>
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20,251

Total Current Revenue Receipts

\$486,664

Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ 99,000
New Trust Funds	425
Refund a/c Overpayment	
To Trustees of Trust Funds	25
Sale of Town Equipment (Contra)	698
Yield Tax Security Deposits	1,300
Withdrawal From Capital Reserve Funds	5,284
Return of Tax Refund (Contra)	269

Grants From U.S.A.:

Revenue Sharing	9,133
Interest on Investments of Revenue	
Sharing Funds	249
Manpower Training Program	1,747

Refunds:

Appropriation Credits:

Town Officers' Expenses	\$ 1	
Con-Val Plowing Reimbursements	161	
General Expenses of Highway Department	<u>1,016</u>	
		1,178
Old Check Cancelled		<u>8</u>

Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue

119,316

Total Receipts From All Sources

\$605,980

Balance - January 1, 1976

87,032

GRAND TOTAL

\$693,012

EXPENDITURES

General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,724
Town Officers' Expenses	3,829
Election and Registration Expenses	508
Town Hall and Buildings Maintenance	2,633
Manpower Training Program	2,202
Tax Map	<u>303</u>

\$ 12,199

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department	\$ 8,345
Fire Department, Including Forest Fires	4,180
Blister Rust and Care of Trees	274
Planning and Zoning	325
Insurance	6,034
Conservation Commission	<u>150</u>

19,308

Health and Sanitation:

Health Department, Including Hospitals	\$ 785	
Vital Statistics	10	
Town Dump and Garbage Disposal	1,983	
Visiting Nurse Association	937	
Monadnock Family Mental Health Service	365	
	<hr/>	4,080

Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	\$ 1,161	
Town Maintenance	71,547	
Street Lighting	1,095	
General Expenses of Highway Department	6,374	
	<hr/>	80,177
		9,663

Libraries

Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance		8
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Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries		300
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Unclassified:

Damages and Legal Expenses	\$ 1,305	
Employees' Retirement and Social Security	1,210	
Taxes Bought By Town	20,936	
Yield Tax Security Deposits Refunded	870	
Con-Val Plowing	161	

Discounts, Abatements and Refunds:

Property Tax Overpayments			
Refunded - Prior Year	\$ 50		
Property Tax Overpayments			
Refunded - Current Year	94		
Property Taxes Abated	1,011		
Property Tax Refund (Contra)	269		
	<hr/>	\$ 1,424	
			\$ 25,906

Debt Service:

Interest on Debt:

Paid on Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ 1,512	
Paid on Long-Term Notes	833	

Principal of Debt:

Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes	99,000	
Payments on Long-Term Notes	6,000	
	<hr/>	107,345

Capital Outlay:

Land and Buildings:

Operation of Bennington Dump	\$ 1,395
Library Improvements (Article 16, 1975)	3,175
Repair Town Hall Roof (Article 5 & 6, 1976)	5,653
Drainage System - Cemetery (Article 20, 1976)	2,065
Fire House Renovation (Article 13, 1976)	1,000

Highways and Bridges:

Woodward Hill Bridge (Article 4, 1976)	9,900
Dust Control Dirt Roads (Article 19, 1976)	1,941

Payments To Capital Reserve Funds:

Fire Truck (Article 7, 1976)	1,000
Fire Equipment (Article 8, 1976)	500
Land For Library (Article 9, 1976)	500
Police Cruiser (Article 16, 1976)	500
Furniture - Town Hall (Article 18, 1976)	698
Cemetery Trust Funds (New Trust Funds)	<u>450</u>
	28,777

Payments To Other Governmental Divisions:

State of New Hampshire:

2% Bond and Debt Retirement Taxes	\$ 316
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County Taxes

35,908

School District Tax:

1975-76 Assessment	\$118,183
1976-77 Assessment	<u>119,879</u>
	<u>238,062</u>

\$274,286

Total Expenditures for All Purposes \$562,049

Balance - December 31, 1976 130,963

GRAND TOTAL \$693,012

EXHIBIT B-2
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Revenue Sharing Funds
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, Encumbrances
and Fund Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

<u>Available Funds - January 1, 1976</u>		\$ 3,720
<u>Add Revenue:</u>		
Entitlement Payments	\$9,133	
Interest	<u>249</u>	
		<u>9,382</u>
		\$13,102
<u>Less Expenditures:</u>		
Woodward Hill Bridge Repairs		<u>8,210</u>
<u>Available Funds - December 31, 1976</u>		<u>\$4,892</u>

EXHIBIT C-1
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Summary of Warrants
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

	-----Levies Of:-----	
- DR. -	1976	1975
<u>Uncollected Taxes - January 1, 1976:</u>		
Property Taxes	\$	\$48,218
Resident Taxes		590
<u>Taxes Committed To Collector:</u>		
Property Taxes	352,075	
Resident Taxes	4,660	
Yield Taxes	5,371	
<u>Added Taxes:</u>		
Property Taxes	46	
Resident Taxes	220	130
<u>Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes</u>	116	1,619

<u>Penalties Collected on Delinquent</u>		
Resident Taxes	28	60
<u>Overpayments Refunded:</u>		
a/c Property Taxes	63	31
	<u>\$362,579</u>	<u>\$50,648</u>

- CR. -

Remittances To Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$311,360	\$48,249
Resident Taxes	4,120	590
Yield Taxes	4,126	
Interest	116	1,619
Resident Tax Penalties	28	60

Abatements Allowed:

Property Taxes	639	
Resident Taxes	350	120
Yield Taxes	588	

Uncollected Taxes:

Property Taxes	40,185	
Resident Taxes	410	10
Yield Taxes	657	
	<u>\$362,579</u>	<u>\$50,648</u>

EXHIBIT C-2
TOWN OF FRANCETOWN
Summary of Tax Sale Accounts
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

- DR. -

-----Levies Of:-----
1975 1974

<u>Unredeemed Taxes - January 1, 1976</u>	\$	\$3,741
<u>Tax Sale of May 29, 1976</u>	20,936	
<u>Interest and Costs After Sale</u>	593	481
	<u>\$21,529</u>	<u>\$4,222</u>

- CR. -

Remittances to Treasurer:

Redemptions	\$16,400	\$3,702
Interest and Costs	593	481
<u>Unredeemed Taxes - December 31, 1976</u>	<u>4,536</u>	<u>39</u>
	\$21,529	\$4,222

EXHIBIT D
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Statement of Town Clerk's Account
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

- DR. -

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:

1975 Permits	\$17,978	
1976 Permits	<u>194</u>	
		\$18,172

Dog Licenses Issued:

167 @ \$2	\$ 334	
17 @ \$5	85	
1 Kennel @ \$54	54	
Miscellaneous	<u>3</u>	
	\$ 476	
19 Penalties @ \$1	<u>19</u>	
	\$ 495	
<u>Less: 187 Fees @ \$.20</u>	<u>37</u>	458
<u>Filing Fees</u>		<u>13</u>

\$18,643

- CR. -

Remittances To Treasurer:

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$18,172	
Dog Licenses	458	
Filing Fees	<u>13</u>	

\$18,643

EXHIBIT E-1
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library
General Fund
Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

Balance - January 1, 1976 \$ 122

Receipts During Year:

Town Appropriation	\$8,533	
Lost Books	<u>96</u>	
		<u>8,629</u>
		\$8,751

Expenditures During Year:

Salaries	\$3,268	
Books, Magazines and Records	1,531	
Supplies and Services	861	
Fuel	969	
Utilities	818	
Retirement and Social Security	214	
Care of Building & Grounds	<u>584</u>	
		<u>8,245</u>

Balance - December 31, 1976 \$506

EXHIBIT E-2
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library
Special Fund
Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

Balance - January 1, 1976 \$ 501

Receipts During Year:

Interest	\$ 353	
Fines	72	
Gifts	308	
Sale of Books and Cards	51	
Benefits	1,146	
Sale of Coins	<u>76</u>	
		<u>2,006</u>
		\$2,507

Expenditures During Year:

Books and Magazines	\$ 291
Donations	10
Repairs	186
Pruning Trees	100
Bicentennial Coins	135
Miscellaneous	<u>50</u>

772

Balance - December 31, 1976

\$1,735

EXHIBIT E-3
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library
Anne Schott Memorial Fund
Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

Balance - January 1, 1976 \$ 999

Receipts During Year:

Interest Income	<u>57</u>
	\$1,056

Expenditures During Year:

Books	<u>119</u>
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Balance - December 31, 1976

\$937

EXHIBIT E-4
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library
Town History Fund
Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

Balance - January 1, 1976 \$2,555

Receipts During Year:

Interest on Investments	\$ 64
Sale of Town Histories	<u>188</u>

252

Balance - December 31, 1976

\$2,807

EXHIBIT E-5
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library
Memorial Fund
Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

Balance - January 1, 1976		\$1,161
<u>Receipts During Year:</u>		
Interest on Investments		<u>54</u>
		\$1,215
<u>Expenditures During Year:</u>		
Equipment		<u>532</u>
Balance - December 31, 1976		\$683

EXHIBIT F
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Fire Department
Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

Balance - January 1, 1976		\$ 74
<u>Receipts During Year:</u>		
Town Appropriation	\$4,180	
Telephone Commissions	42	
Miscellaneous	<u>45</u>	
		<u>4,267</u>
		\$4,341
<u>Expenditures During Year:</u>		
Mutual Aid	\$ 694	
Fuel Oil	601	
Supplies	598	
Utilities	529	
Truck Expenses	290	
Radio Repairs	259	
Training	184	
Janitor	100	
Miscellaneous	<u>65</u>	
		<u>3,320</u>
Balance - December 31, 1976		\$1,021

EXHIBIT C

TOWN OF FRANCESSTOWN

Trust Funds

Summary of Principal, Income and Investments

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

	-----PRINCIPAL-----		-----INCOME-----		Balance December 31, 1976	Balance Principal and Income December 31, 1976
	Balance January 1, 1976	New Funds Created	Withdrawals	Balance December 31, 1976		
Cemetery Funds:						
Common Trust Fund "A"	\$ 6,445	\$	\$	\$ 613	\$ 395	\$ 8,708
Common Trust Fund "B"	3,609			372	375	5,211
Individual Accounts	12,822	200		956	831	14,709
Education Funds						
	1,128			112	76	1,527
Library Funds						
	4,025			126	100	4,251
Capital Reserve Funds:						
Road Equipment	634			49		991
Civil Defense	110			10		208
Town Hall	4,463		4,159	168	1,146	334
Town Buildings	14			2		46
Replacement of Fire Truck	4,153	1,000		252		6,208
New Cemetery	1,492	225		91		2,095
Fire Department - Radio Replacement	272	500		15		801
Police Department - Cruiser Replacement	300	500		15		815
Future Library Building	500	500				500
Town Hall Furniture	698	698				698
	<u>\$39,467</u>	<u>\$3,623</u>	<u>\$4,159</u>	<u>\$38,931</u>	<u>\$2,923</u>	<u>\$47,102</u>

Investments

Amoskeag Savings Bank	\$ 4,263
Amoskeag Savings Bank - Investment Certificate	11,599
Peterborough Savings Bank	3,193
Peterborough Savings Bank - Time Certificate	10,390
Peterborough Coop Bank - Investment Share	1,500
The Manchester Bank	14,523
86 Shares - The Manchester Corporation	<u>1,634</u>

\$47,102

EXHIBIT H
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Cemetery Commission
Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

Balance - January 1, 1976 \$ 108

Receipts During Year:

Income From Trust Funds	\$1,600	
Town Appropriation	<u>300</u>	
		<u>1,900</u>
		\$2,008

Expenditures During Year:

<u>Care of Grounds:</u>		
Labor	\$1,647	
Materials	13	
Utilities	38	
Cutting Brush	176	
Water Line Repairs	54	
Administrative Expenses	<u>42</u>	
		<u>1,970</u>

Balance - December 31, 1976 \$38

EXHIBIT I
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Conservation Commission
Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

Balance - January 1, 1976 \$4,599

Receipts During Year:

Interest Income	\$ 221	
Dance Receipts (Net)	216	
Town Appropriation	<u>150</u>	
		<u>587</u>
		\$5,186

Expenditures During Year:

Soil Conservation Service	\$3,073
Association Dues	20
Donation	10
Miscellaneous	<u>10</u>

3,113

Balance - December 31, 1976

\$2,073

EXHIBIT J
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Town Officers' Surety Bonds
1976

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Term Beginning</u>
<u>Town Treasurer:</u>			
Donald A. Marsden Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company	N-4284288	\$36,000	March 2, 1976
<u>Tax Collector:</u>			
Elizabeth M. Behrsing Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company	N-4284288	\$36,000	March 2, 1976
<u>Town Clerk:</u>			
Herman C. Miller Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company	N-4284288	\$ 3,000	March 2, 1976
<u>Trustees of Trust Funds:</u>			
Clifton F. Foote Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company	NF-4040858-B	\$ 7,500	March 2, 1976
Charles J. Brien New Hampshire Insurance Company	36-07-32	\$ 6,000	March 4, 1975
F. Russell Abbott New Hampshire Insurance Company	88-43-11	\$ 7,000	March 5, 1974

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Town Officers' Expenses

Fracestown Press, Supplies	\$ 111 75
Brown & Saltmarsh, Supplies	107 61
Postmaster, Postage Stamps & Box Rent	199 50
E. Souckup, Bkkpg. & Sec'y. Services	534 59
Herman C. Miller, Supplies & Expenses	154 19
State of N.H., Audit	780 27
Cabinet Press, Town Reports & Inventories	1,254 25
Wheeler & Clark, Supplies	34 89
Steele's Book Store, Supplies	8 50
Donald A. Marsden, Postage	53 83
John R. Schott, Postage — Phone Calls	84 24
N.H. Tax Collectors Assoc., Dues	10 00
The Withey Press, Supplies	7 95
Dept. of Revenue Administration, Tax Manual	20 00
Henry C. Humphrey, Beach Rent	1 00
Transcript Printing Co., Printing	6 00
Elizabeth Behrsing, Supplies & Expenses	234 91
John L. Arnold, Supplies	11 18
Wm. MacAdam & Assoc., Updating Tax Map	30 00
Hillsboro County Treas., Filing Plans	44 50
Branham Publishing Co., Auto Book	12 60
Monadnock Ledger, Announcements	44 00
Judith Fox, Sec'y. Services	62 00
Harold A. Varnum, Postage	4 94
Typewriter Headquarters, Repair Adding Machine	20 62
	\$3,833 32

Town Hall and Other Town Buildings

Public Service Co. of N.H., Power	\$ 465 70
I. H. Vadney, Supplies	19 78
Daniels Garage, Fuel	975 69
Royal Cleaves, Plowing	40 00
O. Alan Thulander, Paint	27 96
Peoples Laundry & Cleaning, Stage Curtain	225 00
John G. Coakley, Custodial Care	182 07
Miller Plumbing & Heating, Repairs	7 00
John R. Schott, Paint	32 00
Richard Leavitt, Electrical Repair	342 12
Lloyd Barnes, Lawn Care	75 00
Francestown Water & Electric, Water Service	72 00
John C. Gibbons, Painting	130 00
Peterborough Builders Supply, Paint	14 23
Howard D. Kiblin, Care of Clock	25 00
	\$2,633 55

Highways — Summer

	Labor	Equip.	Materials
Robert Foote	\$ 3,900.00	\$8,567.90	\$
Clayton Foote, Jr.	3,406.00		
John Paige	3,096.00		
Ralph Rokes		796.80	
Milford Asphalt Co.			924.95
Amy Foote			185.20
Nina Abbott			39.80
Auto Part Sales			23.17
Harris Fuel Oil			60.18
	\$10,402.00	\$9,364.70	\$1,233.30

Total Summer Highways — \$21,000.00

Highways — Winter

	Labor	Equip.	Materials
Robert Foote	\$ 4,020.49	\$ 9,854.93	\$
Steve Miller		396.50	
Richard O. Miller		513.00	
Robert Murray		950.00	
Richard Leavitt		404.00	
Ralph Rokes		1,303.82	26.40
Clayton Foote, Jr.	3,434.64		
John Paige	3,163.32		
John Houghton	180.00		
Ronald Kullgren	70.00		
Wilfred Foote		602.00	
International Salt Co.			5,221.03
Norman Stewart		84.00	
Walter Foote	55.00		
Nina Abbott			394.60
Frank Jones		16.00	
Metra Chemical Corp.			727.59
Auto Parts Sales Co.			23.53
I. H. Vadney			25.01
Sanel Auto Parts			428.37
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	\$10,923.45	\$14,124.25	\$6,846.53

Total Winter Highways — \$31,894.23

Duncan Fund

	Labor	Equip.	Materials
Robert Foote	\$300.00	\$3,702.20	\$
Clayton Foote, Jr.	260.00		
John Paige	264.00		
Ralph Rokes		76.80	
Bo-Mar Lumber Co.			12.50
Amy Foote			100.00
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	\$824.00	\$3,779.00	\$ 112.50

Total Duncan Fund — \$4,715.50

Gas Tax Subsidy

	Equip.	Materials
Robert Foote	\$6,297.97	\$
Ralph Rokes	49.78	
Babine	60.00	
Safety Roads Materials Co.		1,716.09
Whitehall Chemical Corp.		1,005.00
Penn Culvert Co.		1,632.38
Imperial Highway		1,132.41
R. C. Hazelton		75.02
Safety Roads Materials Co.		550.17
International Salt Co.		1,046.27
Curt Noll Corp.		371.92
	\$6,407.75	\$7,529.26

Total Gas Tax Subsidy – \$13,937.01

General Highway Expense

Public Service Co., Power	\$ 128 10
I. H. Vadney, Supplies	152 34
R. C. Hazeltine Co., Inc., Parts	2,843 13
Auto Electric Service, Parts	24 99
Daniels Garage, Fuel	1,164 16
Walter Leach, Welding	18 00
B. B. Chain Co., Parts	278 80
United Glass Service Center, Glass	66 37
Sanel Auto Parts, Parts	385 54
Farrhill Micalite Co., Signs	200 00
Brennan Tree Service	84 00
Auto Parts Sales Co., Parts	67 44
Metra Chemical Corp., Supplies	753 47
Miller Plumbing & Heating, Repairs	26 79
Penn Hampshire Oil Co., Oil	32 58
Yankee Artisan, Lamp Post	30 25
Ralph Rokes, Repairs	118 00
	\$6,373 96

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Auto Permits, 1,057 issued		\$18,177 77
Dog Licenses:		
173 Male & Spayed	\$356 00	
16 Female	86 00	
1 Kennel	54 00	
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	\$496 00	
Paid Out:		
Commission on 190 Licenses	38 00	
	<hr/>	458 00
Filing Fees		13 00
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Total Receipts		\$18,648 77

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN C. MILLER, Town Clerk

UNPAID PROPERTY TAXES OF 1976
as of January 1, 1977

Pamela & Stephen Berry	Crotched Mt. Assoc.
Crystal & Thomas Bournival	Walter Foster, Jr.
Matilda B. Boyle	Francestown Mt. Land Assoc.
Colburn Co.	Natalie & William Gray
Sandra & Paul Ellis	Dorothy & David Hackett
Francestown Improvement Society	Gloria & Arthur Hebert
Jacqueline & Melville Garbitt	Carol & Thomas Hill
Lucille & Donald Gelineau	Margaret & John Houlihan
Elizabeth & W. Rogers Hamel	Catherine Howell
Helen & Harold Hammond	Donna & Raymond James
Ellen & Harold Hammond	Norman Jacobs
Betsy & Charles Holbrook	John Joy
Lois & William MacAdam	Robert Keezer
Gertrude McClary	Anna King
George Morgan	Nancy & Walter Koroski
Barbara J. Morico	Bradshaw Langmaid (Heirs of)
Carolyn & Robert Murray	John Lanoie
Barbara & Ralph Rokes	Donald Mac Donald
Jeannette & David Settele	Onset Corp.
Janet & Roland Subka	Pearle Real Estate Co.
Oscar Sweet	Harold Reese
Ellsworth Towlen	Margaret & Lloyd Reynolds
Jane & Charles Wasserloos	Phillip Riddle
Vivian & James Wharton	Paul Schofield
Person or Persons Unknown	Kathleen & Donald Severance
Person or Persons Unknown	Aurel Brockway Sidway
Person or Persons Unknown	Pamela Thoma
Person or Persons Unknown	Donald Torres
Person or Persons Unknown	Torres Industries Inc.
Janet & Robert Beausoleil	John Young
Martha C. Bixby	Barbara & Rudolph Zeigler
Thomas Bixby III	John Harkin
Richard Brown	Norwood, Bielagus & Pomerleau
Robt. J., Wm. J., & J. Doug. Caskie	William Sullivan
Arthur Cernotta	Dr. William Kermond
Roland Cloutier	Eddy-Rich Realty Trust
Compro Inc.	Holmes & Kennedy Inc.
	Thomas Gannett

Added Taxes

Martha Bixby

Yield Taxes

Riley Bros. Lumber Co.

Wilcox Lumber Co., Inc.

UNCOLLECTED RESIDENT TAXES as of January 1, 1977

Levy of 1975

Harold P. Stewart

Levy of 1976

Joyce Abrams

Andrew Janiak

Robert Ames

John Kay

Lee Baber

Joann Kay

Greg Butterfield

Joan Knight

Roger Cilley

Paul Knight

David Dodge

Ethel MacAdam

Patricia Dodge

Frederick MacAdam

Eleanor Downey

Ernest Martin

Steven Downey

Sandra Ann Moore

Carol Ann Dunham

Peter Montaner

Richard D. Dunham, Jr.

Mrs. Peter Montaner

Clayton Foote, Jr.

David Morrissey

John Gilmore

John Paige

Kate Gilmore

Meri Straz

A. Rogers Hamel

James Von Rosenvinge

Christopher Harris

Maureen Von Rosenvinge

Susan Harris

Jane Wasserloos

Elizabeth P. Hill

Charles Wasserloos

Roger A. Hussey

Vincent Sheehan

Lois Ireland

Lisa Roberts

Jay E. Irwin

FINANCIAL REPORT OF TREASURER

Balance in Treasury, Jan. 1, 1976 \$ 87,040 39

Elizabeth M. Behrsing, Tax Collector:

1974 Redemptions	\$3,701 95	
1974 Interest & Costs after Sale	480 87	
	-----	4,182 82
1975 Property Tax	\$48,244 84	
1975 Interest	1,623 74	
1975 Resident Tax	590 00	
1975 Resident Tax Penalties	60 00	
1975 Tax Sales Redeemed	16,400 26	
1975 Interest & Costs after Sale	593 24	
	-----	67,512 08
1976 Property Tax	\$311,359 57	
1976 Interest	115 98	
1976 Resident Tax	4,120 00	
1976 Resident Tax Penalties	28 00	
1976 Yield Tax	4,125 51	
	-----	319,749 06

Herman C. Miller, Clerk:

1975 Auto Permits	\$ 199 27	
1976 Auto Permits	17,973 00	
Dog Licenses	458 00	
Filing Fees	13 00	
Sale of Town Ordinance	1 25	
	-----	18,644 52

Loans:

Souhegan Na'l. Bank — Short Term	99,000 00
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State of New Hampshire:

Gas Tax Subsidy	\$14,080 71
Class V Highways	4,871 14
Business Profits Tax	2,564 40
Savings Bank Tax	1,787 67
Interest & Dividends Tax	45,171 46
Rooms & Meals Tax	5,128 00

Reimb. for State Land	19 20	
Return of Old Age Assistance	98 00	
Reimb. for Fire Dept. Monitors	249 00	
Reimb. for Fire House Remodeling	1,000 00	
	-----	74,969 58

Unclassified:

Rentals, Town Hall	52 00
Building Permits	350 00
Pistol Permits	30 00
U.S. Treasury Dept. --	
Federal Revenue Sharing	9,133 00
Hillsboro Human Development Admin. --	
For General Maintenance	2,762 71
Conval School District -- Plowing	161 00
Peterboro Savings Bank -- Int. on Gen. Funds	232 51
Peterboro Savings Bank -- Int. on	
Federal Revenue Sharing	71 40
Souhegan Nat'l. Bank -- Int. on Gen. Funds	625 49
Souhegan Nat'l. Bank -- Int. on	
Federal Revenue Sharing	178 05
Philip Browne -- Planning Board Fees	16 00
Phillip Ireland -- Planning Board Fees	66 00
Robert Cope -- Mailing Town Report	50
Ann Morse -- Planning Board Fees	5 00
Norman Muzzey -- Planning Board Fee	5 00
John P. Arnold -- Planning Board Fees	18 00
St. Paul Fire & Marine Ins. -- Insurance Report	5 00
Thomas Hines -- Timber Tax Deposit	120 00
Lorden Lumber Co. -- Timber Tax Deposit	750 00
McLane, Graf, Greene -- Copy of Zon. Ord.	1 00
William MacAdam -- Planning Board Fees	32 00
Jane Ellingson -- Cemetery Lot	100 00
Estate of Grace Ellsworth -- Perpetual Care	200 00
Robert Todd -- Planning Board Fees	16 00
John Durgin -- Timber Tax Deposit	380 00
Alcester Hollis -- Zoning Ordinance	1 00
Hayes Engineering -- Planning Board Fee	5 00
Robert Foote -- Cemetery Lot	50 00
Trustees of Trust Funds -- Reimbursement for Town Hall Expenses	5,283 72

Henniker Hardwood Pallet Co. —	
Timber Tax Deposit	50 00
Francestown Mt. Land Assoc. —	
Planning Board Fee	11 00
Oren Harwood — Cemetery Lot	25 00
Clifton Foote — Cemetery Lot	50 00
Selectmen — Sale of Town Desks & Benches	698 00
Cash Transfer to Savings Account	888 00
Land-Vest Properties — Planning Board Fee	5 00
Robert Gregg — Planning Board Fee	11 00
Henry McKone — Zoning Violation Penalty	100 00
Trustees of Trust Funds — Return overpayment	25 00
Patrick Drinkwater — Zoning Violation Penalty	20 00
Ruth White — Return of Tax Refund	268 80
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Total Receipts	\$606,860 24
Total Payments	562,937 79
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Balance in Treasury, Dec. 31, 1976	\$130,962 84

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD A. MARSDEN, Treasurer

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

To the People of Francestown, another year has passed and we are in snow up to our ears.

A few remarks as to where your money was spent. T.R.A. again went on the Turnpike to tar what was built last year with plans to continue this year again with another strip.

Duncan Fund, which was only \$4,800.00 this year, was spent on County Road North along with about \$4,000.00 of Town money

\$2,000 was spent on Oak Hill Rd. to ditch and gravel to aid in better snow plowing and mud problems. About \$1,600.00 was spent on culverts this year and more is needed to continue this program.

The bridge at Bewleys was replaced with Great Success with a Tin Can Culvert, our thanks to the people in the area for their cooperation.

Instead of another Culvert this year I'm looking to get some major work done on Reid Rd. It is in a bad state of repair and just plain sealing won't do the job.

Again we wish to thank all the people for their cooperation this year and hope to serve for another Term.

We received quite a bit of army surplus equipment over the last four months. We have some trucks, one of which we have a plow on. We also got the plow from surplus. We also have a couple of generators.

We hope to receive more of this if the Program continues.

This surplus is free to the Town, all we have to do is go get it after it is assigned to us.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT M FOOTE, Road Agent

Highway Budget — 1977

Summer Highways	
New Construction	\$12,594 07*
Grading & Raking	10,750 00
Dust Control	1,800 00
Culvert Maintenance	2,000 00
Bridge Repairs	1,000 00
Brush & Tree Removal	2,000 00
Gravelling & Ditching	10,000 00
Sealing Black-top Roads	10,000 00
Miscellaneous	2,500 00
Total Summer	----- \$52,644 07
Winter Highways	
Plowing & Sanding	\$23,650 00
Chain Maintenance	1,200 00
Plain & Grader Blades	2,000 00
Sand & Salt Additive	1,500 00
Salt & Sand	2,500 00
Miscellaneous	2,000 00
Total Winter	----- 32,850 00
General Departmental Expenses	
Grader Repair & Maintenance	\$3,500 00
Bridge Plank	1,500 00
Culverts	2,000 00
Lubricants	600 00
Insulating Town Garage	375 00
Miscellaneous	1,000 00
Total General	----- 8,975 00
Grand Total	----- \$94,469 07
Less Revenue from Outside Sources	
Duncan Fund	\$ 4,891 81*
TRA	7,702 26*
Highway Subsidy	13,974 90
Total Outside Revenues	----- 26,568 97
Net Highway Budget to be Appropriated	----- \$67,900 10

*Offsetting items

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Francestown, N. H., on December 31, 1976

Date of Creation	Name and Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL					INCOME			
			Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Withdrawn	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Amount During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year	
1954	Co-Mingled Fund "A", Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	\$ 6,444.68			\$6,444.68	\$2,044.72	\$ 612.88	\$ 395.00	\$2,262.60	
1950	Co-Mingled Fund "B", Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	3,600.98			3,600.98	1,604.38	372.34	375.00	1,601.72	
1952	Levi Woodbury Fund, Educational	Savings Bank	1,128.00			1,128.00	362.94	112.27	76.65	389.56	
1954	George F. Fettee Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	232.17			232.17	73.07	14.56	20.00	67.63	
1954	Vose and Blake Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	493.44			493.44	159.01	32.05	50.00	141.06	
1956	Minnie P. Newton Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	109.39			109.39	34.65	7.23	5.00	36.88	
1956	N. and N. Pearson Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	250.91			250.91	71.37	14.54	15.00	70.91	
1957	Abbott and Bryant Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	332.74			332.74	98.89	21.25	30.00	90.14	
1957	Morrill-Gorman-Desrochers Cemetery	Savings Bank	548.41			548.41	102.75	32.31	40.00	95.06	
1958	Hall and McKinley Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	110.26			110.26	31.08	7.10	5.00	33.18	
1962	James T. Miller Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	164.75			164.75	41.29	9.99	20.00	31.28	
1962	Forrest N. Woodbury Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	109.70			109.70	32.81	7.16	5.00	34.97	
1962	N. and T. Stewart Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	185.87			185.87	9.50	9.85	5.00	14.35	
1963	Bertil Anderson Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	108.92			108.92	32.00	7.07	5.00	34.07	
1963	Walter Donnell Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	218.54			218.54	78.54	14.67	10.00	78.61	
1964	Bertha D. Williams, Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	163.18			163.18	47.57	10.51	10.00	48.08	
1966	William B. Rice, Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	108.44			108.44	30.70	6.98	5.00	32.68	
1968	Abbie A. Dodge Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	8,890.18			8,890.18	572.51	707.56	570.00	710.07	
1969	Everett D. Phillips, Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	200.00			200.00	30.60	6.82	10.00	27.42	
1970	Archibald Cullens, Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	300.00			300.00	53.33	13.51	10.00	56.84	
1974	The Lord Family, Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	25.00			25.00	21.75	17.42	5.00	34.17	
1974	Esther Whittemore, Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	100.00			100.00	1.34	1.44	1.00	1.78	
1975	Lawrence Kullgren, Cemetery Care	Savings Bank		200.00			11.47	5.93	4.00	13.40	
1976	William Stone, Cemetery Care	Savings Bank									
			\$24,003.56	\$200.00		\$24,203.56	\$5,574.48	\$2,052.60	\$1,676.65	\$5950.43	

*Trust Fund established to have interest added to principal until instructed otherwise.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

1956	Town Buildings	\$ 14.29	\$	\$ 30.10	\$ 2.27	\$ 32.37
1955	Replacement Fire Trucks	4,153.41	1,000.00	802.94	251.97	1,054.91
1960	Town Hall	4,463.37		1,007.81	146.54	30.00
1960	Road Equipment	633.39		307.68	48.91	356.59
1958	New Cemetery Sales	1,392.34	225.00	387.35	90.83	478.18
1961	Civil Defense	110.34		87.70	10.14	97.84
1965	Replacement Fire Dept. Radios	271.93	500.00	14.01	14.71	28.72
1975	Replacement Police Dept. Cruiser	300.00	500.00		14.72	14.72
1976	Future Library Building		698.00			
1976	Town Hall Furniture and Furnishings		698.00			
		\$11,339.07	\$3,423.00	\$2,637.59	\$580.09	\$2,093.33
			\$4,159.37	\$10,602.70	\$1,124.35	

LIBRARY FUNDS:

°	George H. Bixby Library Fund	\$1,025.00		\$200.46	\$125.74	\$226.20
°	George H. Bixby Library Fund	1,500.00				
1974	Charles and Marion Vose Peterborough Savings Library	1,500.00				
		\$4,025.00		\$200.46	\$125.74	\$226.20

°Trustees of Trust Funds Custodian of Principal Only

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

F. RUSSELL ARBOTT
 CHARLES F. BRIEN
 CLIFTON F. FOOTE
 Trustees

FIRE INSURANCE SCHEDULE, 1976

Buildings and Contents

\$323,600 Blanket insurance on all buildings per appraisal
4,000 on Contents of Library
500 on Contents of Selectmen's Office

Other Property and Vehicles

\$ 25,000 on Motor Grader
1,000 on Concord Stagecoach
7,025 on Fire Department radios, monitors, and emergency equipment
2,700 on 1954 International Fire Truck and Equipment
20,000 on 1969 International Fire Truck and Equipment
1,400 on 1948 Ford Fire Truck and Equipment
Actual Cash Value on 1974 Plymouth Police Cruiser, Radios and Equipment

Workmen's Compensation on all Town Employees

Liability and Property Damage on all Town Buildings, Vehicles, Fire Trucks, and Operations

\$2,000 Blanket Accident Policy on Members of Fire Department

Burglary and Robbery Policy covering Office of the Town Treasurer and Tax Collector

FRANCESTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

At the annual meeting of the Volunteer Fire Department the following officers were elected for the year, 1976: Chief, Clifton F. Foote; 1st Deputy Chief, Lawrence R. Kullgren; 2nd Deputy Chief, Robert Cutter, Sr.; Captains, Richard Leavitt and Donald Marsden; Secretary, Charles Brien; Treasurer, O. Alan Thulander; Standing Committee, Richard Leavitt, Donald Hoyt and Louis Wiederhold. Due to the pressures of his business, Charles Brien was unable to attend meetings regularly, and Alvin Van Cleave was appointed Recording Secretary, pro-tem, a job he capably filled for the entire year. I appointed Retired Fire Chief Norman Stewart as Fire Prevention and Training Officer, and John Coakley continues his appointment as Fire Police Officer for the Department.

As in the past, the money raised from the Labor Day Supper continues to go into the fund for the purchase of new equipment. The members wish at this time to thank all who donated and supported this event. The money raised by the men at their annual Thanksgiving Raffle was used to buy 3 more fire monitors. In September, 18 firemen and officers attended the Fire Training School held at Meadowwood in Fitzwilliam. Also this fall, several officers and men took the C.P.R. Course offered at the Peterboro Hospital.

The Rescue Squad continues its functions and aided at five automobile accidents and made three calls with the resuscitator. Thanks go out from the Frankestown Fire Department to Mr. Sumner Brown, owner of Noone's Mill in Peterboro, who recently donated 10 new blankets for the Rescue Squad, and to all others who made donations for the Squad.

This year, the Mt. Crotched Hand Tub Team was formed with the young firemen entering the Department's antique Hand Tub in many parades and winning several trophies and ribbons, which are on display in the Bradbury Room at the station. The team all wear red shirts with Mt. Crotched, Frankestown, N. H. lettered in black on each shirt. These were the gift of Department member, Mel Garbitt, and the lettering was done by Joan and Becky Kullgren and Linda Abbott. The Tub Team has become an integral part of the

V.F.D. and occasions much interest in all the parades in which its team enters it.

Through the efforts of the Board of Selectmen and Robert Foote, Town Road Agent, several pieces of Surplus Government Equipment have been acquired for use by the Fire Department and Rescue Squad. In this past year, the Fire Department has answered 12 calls for chimney fires, 2 calls for house fires, 3 calls for fires at the dump, 1 brush fire, and assisted Public Service 3 times with electrical fires. There were three false alarms. The Department also answered 3 calls from Mutual Aid for assistance. At this time, I would like to mention the valuable, and always available assistance the Francestown Department continues to receive from the Southwestern Mutual Aid System and express our gratitude for the many kinds of help received through this system.

The fire station has received a new facade of clapboards and paint as a gift of the Village Improvement and Historical Society and the V.F.D. wishes to thank the Society for the attractive improvement. As usual, the Women's Auxiliary stands in readiness to aid or assist the Department in any way, whenever it is needed. The members hold a fund-raising event each year, and the proceeds are given to the fire department for needs of its own. This year, the Auxiliary donated \$100.00, which the firemen used to buy protective equipment. As always, the ladies have our grateful thanks. They hold two social events a year for firemen and their wives, and they also assist in the Fire Protection Week Program which the Department puts on each year for the school children.

Remember, the slogan of the Francestown Fire Department is: "Don't Gamble With Fire, The Odds Are Against You." The Volunteer Fire Department is always ready and willing and most important of all, prepared to put out your fire.

CLIFTON F. FOOTE, Fire Chief

FRANCESTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Firewards' Report

Income 1976

Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1976	\$ 74 49
N.E.T. Rebate	41 72
Town Appropriation	4,180 00
Misc. Income	44 71
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Total	\$4,340 92

Expenditures

Electricity	\$ 357 12
Fuel	600 53
Supplies	610 20
Hose	---
Truck Repairs	111 80
Gas & Oil	177 79
Heater Repairs	---
Radio Repairs	258 90
Water Holes	40 00
Telephone	171 93
Mutual Aid	694 00
Postage	13 00
Janitor Service	100 00
Training	184 00
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Total	\$3,319 27

Reserves:

Oil Bill	\$ 133 07
Heater Repairs	139 05
Protective Clothing & Equipment	749 53

Total

 \$1,021 65

Balance on Hand \$1,021 65

FRANCESTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

BUDGET

	1976 Proposed	1976 Expend.	1977 Proposed
Electricity	\$ 420.00	\$ 357.12	\$ 420.00
Fuel	700.00	733.60	800.00
Supplies	280.00	610.20	300.00
Hose, etc.	450.00	—	450.00
Truck Repairs	250.00	111.80	250.00
Gas & Oil	175.00	177.79	225.00
Heater Repairs	75.00	139.05	100.00
Radio Repairs	200.00	258.90	250.00
Water Holes & Labor	40.00	40.00	40.00
Telephone	175.00	171.93	200.00
Mutual Aid	550.00	694.00	850.00
Postage	25.00	13.00	25.00
Bank Charges	—	—	—
Janitor Service	100.00	100.00	120.00
Water Bill	40.00	—	40.00
Training	200.00	184.00	200.00
Protective Clothing and Equipment	400.00	749.53	800.00
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Totals	\$4,180.00	\$4,340.92	\$5,070.00

FIREWARDS:

Clifton F. Foote, Lawrence Kullgren, Richard F. Leavitt,
Norman Stewart, and Charles J. Brien

Report of District Fire Chief and Town Forest Fire Warden

Since its beginning in 1893, the State Forestry Department has recognized the fact that forest fire prevention and suppression is a joint state and town or city responsibility. Local authorities recommend names of persons to the State Forester, who appoints one person as town or city fire warden and several other persons as town or city deputy fire wardens to a three year term.

The local forest fire warden controls the kindling of all outside fires, when the ground is not covered with snow, by issuing a written permit for kindling a fire. Permits are only issued at such times and in such places as the fire warden deems as safe.

The State Forest Fire Service trains the local forest fire organization in modern forest fire prevention and suppression tactics. The State also provides backup personnel and equipment for suppression and prevention activities.

The combination of State and local forces has resulted in one of the smallest acreage loss due to forest fires in the United States for the past 20 years.

1976 Forest Fire Statistics

	No. of Fires	No. of Acres
State	746	294
District	51	37
Town	0	0

GILBERT E. TESTA, District Fire Chief

RICHARD F. LEAVITT, Forest Fire Warden

TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S STATEMENT

I would like to thank all who are involved in keeping our town green. But, as a kindly reminder to all, please follow the following rules:

1. Always obtain a written permit before burning even for fireplaces and barbeques.
2. Obey the law; burn only when the law permits, between 5 p.m. and 9 a.m., but with a written permit.
3. After obtaining a permit please be sure to protect fire from escaping.

A kindly reminder also that a permit is null and void:

1. If fire kindled at unspecified time or place.
2. If weather is unfavorable or proclamation closing woodland is in force.
3. If help and equipment is inadequate to control fire.
4. If permittee does not sign permit indicating understanding of law and regulations.

Here is an additional help to us: If burning without a permit during snow-cover time, please call 547-2959 to inform; it might save the problem of sending a truck to investigate a smoke call.

Thank you for your cooperation.

RICHARD F. LEAVITT, Forest Fire Warden

POLICE DEPARTMENT

In 1976, the Francestown Police Department answered on the average of 12 calls a week. Of these calls approximately 50 of all calls were dog calls; the rest pertained to police matters.

The Department investigated 9 cases of breaking and entering with the help of the State Police. Of these breaks, 2 were solved with the arrest of 2 suspects. We investigated 23 automobile accidents, 2 of which were fatalities. Five of the others had personal injury.

We also arrested 3 people for the possession of a controlled drug, 1 for manufacturing a controlled drug.

We answered 26 calls of theft of skis at Crotched Mountain.

In the way of traffic control, we arrested 196 for speeding, 43 for stop sign, 9 yellow line, 5 for uninspected, 2 for unregistered, 3 for leaving the scene of a property damage accident, 3 for D.W.I., 2 for driving without a license, and 2 for reckless operation of a motor vehicle.

All of the arrests the department made this year were found guilty in Goffstown District Court.

1977 Budget

Telephone	\$1,200 00
Equipment	600 00
Time	4,200 00
Gasoline	600 00
Car Expenses	300 00
Miscellaneous	500 00
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	\$7,400 00

Respectfully submitted,

PETER M. FLOOD, Chief of Police

GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

The Library was awarded in February, for the second consecutive time, the Outstanding Library Achievement Award. Ingebord Anderson, Librarian, and Betsy Wiederhold, Trustee, attended the ceremonies in Concord, N. H.

Workshops and business meetings were held monthly at the Peterborough Town Library for all libraries involved in the Nubanusit Library Co-op. A representative of the board and/or staff participated, and on several occasions a volunteer of the Library attended.

Susan Palmatier, State Library District Consultant, spent two days with the Librarian and the Trustees helping to weed books in the Reference and Non-fiction categories. It was recommended that the Board establish a five-year book budget plan for this area, as it is the most costly and vital part of the Library.

The population growth throughout the state brought about a marked increase in paper work and S.W. District Advisory Council meetings. The Trustees and staff made every effort to comply with the demands in order to benefit from the many services offered under the Affiliated Libraries Program of the state. This task would have been most difficult without the dedicated work of our librarian, Ingebord Anderson, and our assistant librarian, Connie Varnum. Their interest and extra effort was a great support.

Throughout the year, various groups and organizations used the Library facilities for their meetings. They were: the Francestown Water Co., the Francestown Improvement Society, the Conservation Commission, Greenfield Women's Club, and Arts & Crafts classes conducted by Mrs. Poore and Mrs. Benedict.

The grade school participated in another year of movie programs at the Library. These films are loaned to us by the State Library.

Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Spielberger conducted another summer of reading, films, and crafts for the children. Many people offered their time and services to help make these activities a great success.

Pam Barry and Susan Katzenberg began a pre-school reading program in September. They met each Monday morning

and their program was attended with much enthusiasm. They intend to continue until the end of the school year.

National Library Week was celebrated in early April as Francestown Library Hospitality Week with a series of special events featuring Francestown talents. The scene was set by an exhibit of the work of Francestown artists and book displays featuring town authors. Entertainments included an evening of Elizabethan harpsichord music performed by Jocelyn Bolle as Edith Milton read poetry of the period. Jack Coakley displayed and discussed his fine collection of antique horse brasses another evening, and the week closed with a performance of folk music by Allan Block and Nancy MacDowell. Another visitor was Elizabeth Orton Jones who delighted the school children one morning with a film and talk, then stayed to lunch at the Library with Mrs. Anderson, the Trustees, former Trustees, and Carrie Lord. We very much appreciate the generosity of those who contributed their time and talent, and we were delighted by the large attendance and warm response from the Town.

At the suggestion and through the efforts of a group of young Francestowners, the Library revived the Smorgasbord. Robert Ames and Vivien Wharton, capably advised by Pat Standish, and assisted enthusiastically by a host of friends and relatives, labored mightily for the wonderful party on Memorial Day weekend. It seemed half the ladies of Francestown generously contributed exotic dishes; then they and the rest of the town came to sample and enjoy the feast. The spirit of generous enthusiasm of the young committee and all who contributed was most gratifying, as was the reward of \$693.50 to the Special Account. Many new books were purchased and necessary projects pursued thanks to that memorable evening.

In August, the Annual Library Bridge Tea and Silent Auction was held at the Inn at Crotched Mountain through the kindness and with the support of Rose and John Perry, Innkeepers. Connie Dodge again directed the Silent Auction, and Doris Basset and Lois MacAdam were responsible for the Tea and Bridge. We thank the many friends of the Library for their generous support of this event. The Special Fund received \$452.55 from the Bridge Tea. In the coming year, we anticipate expending these monies toward the

necessary repairs and redecoration of the rooms on the first floor.

The Library had an Open House and exhibit of pictures taken by Isabella Hill. Her talent was enjoyed by many and we hope that she will offer this opportunity to everyone again in the coming year.

A Library Development Committee was formed by citizens of Francestown at the request of the Trustees to study the future of our Library and to aid in the formulation of development guidelines and goals. Bob Duncan, Diane Schott, Eleanor Kiblin, Betty Hamel, and Bill Roberts contributed many hours, much research, and great effort to the preparation of a thoughtful and thorough Development Committee Report which has been, and will be, of great value in the long-range development of the Library facility. This Report may be read at the Library.

The Trustees are very happy to report that the lengthy town project of repairs to the building, construction of the fire escape, and attendant fire precaution work, has been satisfactorily completed.

Further repairs by the Trustees this year included structural corrections to the septic system, and the removal of dead trees and brush behind the Library which impeded this system.

Files are now in full use for all materials and information concerning the business of the Town, District, and State Libraries. Vertical files are also being arranged to accommodate the many clippings, pictures, etc., being used in the Library.

An extension telephone was installed on the ground floor, as was an inter-com system, received as a gift. A typewriter table was purchased for use in the children's area, and a handsome and needed card file was paid for by contributions given in memory of Murray Boyle. A gift was also received in memory of Cliff Lougee.

Our thanks to Bob Behrsing who generously donated his time and materials in printing the tickets for the Library Smorgasbord and for the Bridge Tea, as well as other materials for Library use.

The Library was pleased to receive \$182.75 from the Francestown Improvement Society Labor Day Raffle money.

Our volunteer chairman, Pat Cloutier, has done an excel-

lent job of scheduling volunteers for work at the Library. It has been a major task, and we are deeply indebted to Pat and all of her helpers for the many hours they have given us.

We wish here to express again our sincere thanks to all the citizens of Francestown whose voluntary services and generosity augment to so great a degree the Library's efforts on behalf of the community.

Lastly, all of us at the Library wish to take this opportunity to express our respect and gratitude to Betsy Wiederhold, retiring Trustee, for her six years of tireless and devoted service to the Library.

ELIZABETH P. WIEDERHOLD

LOIS MacADAM

LINA de TARNOWSKI

GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Town Account

	1976 Budget	1976 Expended.	1977 Budget
Bank Charges	\$ 10.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 10.00
Salaries:			
Librarian	3,173.50	3,129.75	*3,279.00
Clerical Asst.	1,327.10	1,236.69	*1,560.00
Cleaning	475.00	452.50	*475.00
Social Security	263.00	277.48	*310.87
Supplies	700.00	412.34	500.00
Books	1,200.00	1,223.42	1,350.00
Magazines	200.00	219.53	250.00
New Equipment		46.11	200.00
	350.00**		
Repairs		330.98	150.00
Fuel	800.00	969.40	1,100.00
Water & Electricity	550.00	590.36	650.00
Janitor	250.00	164.00	200.00
Records & AVM	100.00	87.67	150.00
Transportation	100.00	31.70	50.00
Telephone	150.00	227.30	250.00
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	\$9,648.60	\$9,399.23	\$10,484.87

*1977 Salaries Total — \$5,624.87

**New Equipment & Repairs combined in '76 Budget

Receipts:		
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1976	\$ 122 06	
Payments to Trustees by Selectmen	8,533 00	
Payments made by Selectmen	1,193 83	
Recovery from unreturned books	91 20	
Total Receipts	-----	\$9,940 09
Expenditures:		
Paid by Trustees	\$8,205 40	
Paid by Selectmen	1,193 23	
	-----	\$9,399 23
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1976		540 86

Total Expenditures		\$9,940 09

Special Account

Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1976 \$ 500 95

Receipts:

Manning & Clark Fund Trust, Inc. °	\$ 81 53	
Alison Bixby Hill Fund Trust, Inc. °	86 20	
Interest on Certificate of Dep.	85 08	
Vose Fund	100 00	
Fines	72 50	
Cash Gifts	308 01	
Contribution from Improve. Soc.	182 75	
Sale of Book & Post Cards	36 02	
Benefit – Bridge-Tea	452 55	
Benefit – Smorgasbord	693 50	
Sale of Medals & Chains	75 50	
Rentals	15 00	
		2,005 89
Total Receipts		\$2,506 84

Expenditures:

Books	\$233 15	
Magazines	57 97	
Gifts	10 26	
Repairs & Equipment	185 56	
Bridge Expenses	10 00	
Smorgasbord Expenses	35 46	
Brennan Tree Service	100 00	
Medals & Chains	134 96	
Transferred to Mem. Fund Acct.	5 00	
Total Expenditures	772 36	
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1976		\$1,734 48

°Trustees of Trust Funds. Custodians of Bank Books;
Interest paid directly to Library.

Other Accounts

First National Bank of Peterborough:
 Certificate of Deposit expires 3-24-77 \$1,417 29

Peterborough Savings Bank
 Account No. 39794:
 Anne Schott Memorial Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 1976	\$999 44	
Interest	52 82	
	-----	\$1,052 26
Withdrawn for purchase of pre-kindergarten books		119 69

Balance Dec. 31, 1976		\$ 932 57

Peterborough Savings Bank
 Account No. 47384:
 Library Town History

Balance Jan. 1, 1976	\$1,137 65	
Interest	64 04	
Sale of Town Histories	188 00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1976	-----	\$1,389 69

Peterborough Savings Bank
 Account No. 50581:
 Memorial Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 1976	\$1,160 82	
Interest	45 88	
Memorial Gift	5 00	
	-----	\$1,211 70
Expenditures during year		531 26

Balance Dec. 31, 1976		\$ 680 44

GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Circulation of Books and Magazines:	
Fiction	3,083
Non-Fiction	1,817
Juvenile	6,550

Total Books	11,450
Magazines	869

	12,319
Borrowed from Bookmobile (3 visits)	3,647
Requested from Concord State Library	164

Library Hours

Tuesday	1 - 5 P.M.
Wednesday	10 - 5 P.M.
Thursday	1 - 5 P.M.
Friday	10 - 5 P.M.
Saturday	2 - 4 P.M.

Open total of 22 hours.

Library Telephone	547-2730
Librarian	547-6897

Donations of Books, Magazines and Puzzles: Charlene Carney, Boston Globe, Charles Brien, Rhoda Burden, Priscilla Davis, Lina de Tarnowski, Betty Eggert, Margery Foster, Gilmore Family, Nellie Hill, Carol Hill, Elizabeth Orton Jones, Richard Katzenberg, Priscilla Kunhardt, Caroline Lord, Marsden Family, Dorothy McLeod, Edith Milton, Muzzey Family, Ellen Onasch, Elizabeth Rice, Roehrig Family, E. M. Smith, Grace Smith, Peter Standish, Ozzie Sweet, Mable Wiederhold, L. Wiederhold Family and Gilbert Wiley; also "In Memory of" both Donald Born and Murray Boyle.

Our Summer Program "Fun With Books" was enjoyed by children of all ages. Mrs. Speilberger and many volunteers

helped make this a rewarding program. Some of the activities included film strips which reinforced reading and arts and crafts.

The Library was the site of an interesting and unusual exhibit of photographs by Isabella Hill which was enjoyed by many.

Our pre-schoolers were fortunate in having a story hour once a week under the capable supervision of Pam Berry and Susann Katzenberg.

Susan Palmatier, library consultant for the State Library, visited us on two occasions and advised us on discarding and weeding out of older books to make room for newer additions.

Drew Hubbell had a display of Flat tops and Battle ships to once again bring our attention to Pearl Harbor Day.

We are most grateful to Pat Cloutier for inviting so many volunteers to help at the library. This service is greatly appreciated. Thanks, Pat and Volunteers!

As always, my thanks to the Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

INGEBORD ANDERSON, Librarian

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Our major project was the subsurface drainage ditch in the new Addition of No. 3 Cemetery. We worked with the Soil Conservation Service in Milford and installed it according to their plans.

Connie Bicknell spent huge amounts of time in updating our maps and having new ones made. The drafting class of Conval did the work under the supervision of their teacher, Mr. Al Tencati. It so happened that two of our Francestown students were involved: David Van Cleave and John Tempone. Our original copy has been filed with the Selectmen.

We did killing of poison ivy at No. 3 Cemetery and intend to continue with same at the other two cemeteries next season.

Brush was cut around stones and walls at No. 2 Cemetery; here, again, we wish to continue with the other two cemeteries.

We cleared a considerable plot of land at the rear of the old cemetery and desire very much to be able to afford putting some clean fill there next season. This will open up new plots.

We were fortunate to have money donated for the purpose of cutting down a huge dead elm tree that bordered the property line of No. 2 Cemetery and Mrs. Mildred Wiggin. Our thanks to Mr. Joseph Head and Mrs. Mildred Wiggin.

Respectfully submitted,

LOIS LEAVITT
CONSTANCE BICKNELL
RICHARD CHAPMAN

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Balance — January 1, 1976		\$ 108 16
Receipts:		
Income from Trust Funds	\$1,600 00	
Town Appropriation	300 00	
	-----	1,900 00

Total		\$2,008 16
Expenditures:		
Salaries	\$1,648 10	
Supplies	51 54	
Land Clearing at No. 3 Cemetery	175 40	
Utilities	94 33	
	-----	1,969 37

Balance as of December 31, 1976		\$ 38 79

Proof of Balance

Balance in Souhegan National Bank per statement of December 31, 1976		\$ 38 79
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

A series of square dances, with Dudley Laufman, was held to continue fund-raising for future projects. During the next year we plan to have another short series of dances. We particularly thank Sibby Kunhardt for managing these dances even after she no longer was a member of the Commission. We also thank her faithful assistants, Carol Prest, Zoe Richardson and Avery Richardson. In addition we are grateful to all who contributed refreshments. During the April dance, a documentary movie was shown which had in part been filmed in Frankestown the previous year.

The Commission sponsored and the Town voted in the affirmative Solar Energy Systems Tax Exemption of \$50 per taxpayer.

Information was supplied by the Commission about the Current Land Use Tax Law.

Repeated complaints were received during the year stating that Collins Brook seemed to be polluted by sewage from one of the abutters. The water was, therefore, tested by the Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission both by dye experiment and by bacterial count and was found to be uncontaminated.

The Commission received, checked and approved two Dredge and Fill applications.

The annual roadside cleanup took place on May 1st. A large number of volunteers helped to pick up an amazing amount of rubbish consisting mainly of empty bottles and beer cans. We thank all these good citizens for their assistance on a hot and uncomfortable day.

The soil survey of the whole town was completed during 1975. During 1976 the soil survey maps and explanatory booklets were received. Everything was paid for entirely out of money raised by the Commission through the square dances and the sale of the Town Directory.

Additional copies of the survey maps and the booklet have been requested by the Planning Board and the Selectmen, and will be provided by the Commission.

One of our next projects will be the preparation of a wetlands map of the town. This project is being undertaken at the request of the Selectmen.

A good deal of attention was devoted to the preservation

of the elm trees in town. A treatment known as Lignasan injection has been advocated by the Elm Research Institute of Harrisville. This process has been in use for only two years, and no definite evidence of its ultimate effectiveness, as yet, according to the State Tree Pathologist at UNH. Information received from the University of Maine where the actual studies are going on, as well as from a practicing tree warden, confirmed this statement. It was also emphasized that in order to save any significant number of trees, Lignasan injection should be combined with pruning, elm beetle control, root severing and general sanitation. If, in light of this information, anyone would like to treat his elm trees, the Commission will make arrangements for the equipment and necessary chemicals. The Commission is trying to save the library elm. It was injected last August and will be pruned and sprayed this spring.

Last year Sibby Kunhardt's term on the Commission expired, and she preferred not to return. However, she graciously consented to continue to act as treasurer. The Commission greatly regrets her retirement and misses her contribution. Sibby originated and substantially advanced many of the Commission's projects.

Last spring Dave Buber and Dave Jonas were welcomed as new members of the Commission.

LIESEL GILMAN, '77, Chairman, Secretary

FRANKLIN MACE, '77

ASHLEY PREST, '77

ELEANOR KIBLIN, '78

JAMES O'MAHONEY, '78

DAVID BUBER, '79

DAVID JONAS, '79

PLANNING BOARD

In 1976 the Planning Board proposed an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance covering the commercial mining of earth materials; this was approved by ballot vote at Town Meeting on March 2.

Public hearings were held and approvals granted for twelve sub-divisions.

O. Alan Thulander was named Selectmen's representative to replace Franklin Mace; Robert F. Caskie succeeded Ernest Poor, and Robert H. Cloutier was elected Chairman for a second term.

A public hearing was held, as required, on improvements proposed for County Road North — a scenic road.

In its final meetings of the year, the Board concerned itself with amendments to sub-division regulations and a proposal for a Zoning Ordinance amendment which would require an Occupancy Permit.

ROBERT H. CLOUTIER, Chairman

BLAKE TEWKSBURY, Secretary

ROBERT F. CASKIE

ROYAL S. CLEAVES

H. BARTLETT HARDWICK

PHILLIP W. IRELAND

O. ALAN THULANDER, Ex-officio

1976 Sub-division Approvals

Alan S. Morris, 3-19-76

Jane & Charles Wasserloos, Jr., 4-2-76

Norman Muzzey (Tract 3), 4-16-76

Ann K. Morse, 4-16-76

M. Saunders & D. Ellis, 5-6-76

Denice T. Fuller, 6-4-76

Norman Muzzey (Tract 4), 6-4-76

Howard S. Costello, 6-4-76

Raymond Maher, 6-18-76

Francestown Mt. Land Associates (John Perry), Lot B,
7-16-76

Ludwig-Farhm, 11-5-76

Land-Vest (Udall property principally), 12-3-76

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The five-member Board of Adjustment is appointed by the Selectmen, and acts under the provisions of Chapter 31:60-89, N.H. Statutes Annotated 1955 and amended thereto, as well as the Town of Francestown Zoning Ordinance as amended through March 1974.

During 1976 the Board had seven (7) hearings for variances relating to setback regulations, four (4) of which were granted. One (1) hearing resulted in a "no-decision-required," since incorrect measurements were discovered and therefore a variance was not needed. There was one (1) hearing for a Special Exception in regard to a non-conforming use which was granted. One (1) hearing was held for an appeal to an Administrative Decision. This appeal was denied.

In every case the site in question was visited by the Board in order to obtain as much information as possible in conjunction with the evidence as presented at the public hearings before arriving at a decision. In certain cases, conditions were attached to the decisions as granted.

Twenty (20) meetings including seven (7) public hearings were held in connection with the Board's responsibilities.

HARRY A. VARNUM, Chairman
ROBERT N. ABBOTT
ROBERT R. DUNCAN
CLIFTON F. FOOTE
DONALD A. PETTEE

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

It is the feeling of the Advisory Committee that work on the Master Plan should continue at a reasonable pace using presently available resources.

There were several reasons why this was felt to be necessary. They are:

1. Increasing involvement of Federal Government through Regional Planning Groups.

2. Possibly explosive growth in next 5-10 years of our area due to influx of new companies into general area. Frankestown becomes within practical commuting distance of Merrimack/Manchester area, especially for middle and upper management people who are concerned with the "quality of life."

3. While the thought of increased governmental involvement is not welcomed, it is felt that we must develop our own plan or have one imposed on us at some future point in time.

One suggestion made was to have a meeting(s) to try and establish, at our own town level, the "direction" we would choose for ourselves on a ten and twenty year ahead basis. It would seem to be important to give all our residents the opportunity to help generate the input that could provide guidance for our Master Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. ONASCH, Chairman
R. RUSSELL ABBOTT
WILLIAM EDWARDS
JOSEPH C. LUDWIG, JR.
ERNEST R. POOR

WASTE DISPOSAL STUDY COMMITTEE

The Town will be required to transport all refuse to the Bennington landfill starting in mid-1977.

Due to the escalation in the cost of Town business, we recommend that the Town initiate an extensive recycling program. Recycling of refuse would reduce the cost of operating the disposal system by returning all money received from the sale of the materials to the Town treasury.

We have received two proposals for the transportation of refuse to the landfill; one from Ken's Sanitation Service of Dublin, New Hampshire and the other from Community Sanitation Service of Peterborough, New Hampshire.

The proposal from Ken's Sanitation Service recommends the use of three 10-yard containers, with side doors, picked up twice a week with an annual charge of \$4,290.00. These containers would be dumped into a packer truck at the collection site, washed out and set back on the ground.

The proposal from Community Sanitation Service recommends the use of one 30-yard container, with access through the top, picked up twice a week with an annual charge of \$4,680.00. This container would be loaded on a truck, transported to the landfill to be emptied and then returned to the collection site.

We recommend the three 10-yard container proposal because: (1) the lower annual cost, (2) the container would be at the collection site all the time and (3) the side doors allow easy access for Townspeople disposing of their refuse.

The drawbacks to the single 30-yard container would be: (1) the need for easy access to the open top via a ramp or dock and (2) the unavailability of a container during the time it is being dumped. Both of these problems could cause extra expense to the Town in maintenance of the collection site.

Respectfully submitted,

LEIGHTON BICKNELL, Chairman
CHARLES BRIEN
ROBERT H. CLOUTIER

RECYCLING BOARD

January 1976 saw such an increase in the participation of our recycle program that with the facility and arrangements available it became impossible to keep up with the volume, and so the program at the dump was curtailed. For those citizens who wished to continue recycling, the Bicknell's collection center was available. However, so few people participated in transporting their recyclables that a survey questionnaire was sent to 265 families in July 1976.

Preliminarily, the Recycling Board reports that of 265 Recycling Questionnaires sent out, answers were received from 175 citizens, and of those 172 approved the principle of recycling. Two-thirds (112 people) expressed a desire for a supervised central collection center provided by the town. One-third (60 people) preferred to have home pick-up service and were not adverse to paying for the service.

There are two methods of accomplishing the desired result, each of which would require the services of a Supervisor to assist those recycling as well as maintaining the facility. It is estimated that the required compensation for an appropriate Supervisor would be \$3500 annually.

The two methods are as follows:

1. A waste contractor will deposit receptacles for recyclable material, removing them without cost or income to the town. This method obviously does not require any new structures.

2. The Town erects appropriate structures for the collection and storage of different types of material. It is estimated that the total cost of required structure (material and labor) would be \$3500. Further it is believed that half of the sum could be raised by private donations and volunteer labor. Arrangements would then be made with contractors, and/or truckers to sell recycled material. Collected volume is necessary.

It must also be noted that recycled material sold would reduce the volume going to the Bennington-Antrim landfill and would to some extent reduce the cost to the town of participating in that landfill. In any event it appears to be reasonable to expect that Method Two would generate more

than sufficient funds to cover the salary of the required supervisor and amortize the cost of the recycle structure, PROVIDED THAT AT LEAST HALF THE TOWNS-PEOPLE WILL COOPERATE AND PARTICIPATE.

In conclusion, it is recommended that Method Two be implemented and that funds be authorized to that end. To be conservative, it is recommended that an initial one-time expense for structure, not to exceed \$3500, and an annual salary for supervisor, not to exceed \$3500, be authorized. To that end an article has been inserted in this year's Warrant.

CONSTANCE I. BICKNELL
THOMAS BOURNIVAL
ROBERT B. PARKER

REPORT OF THE TOWN HISTORIAN

In January Mr. Peter Flood was appointed Acting Police Chief for a period of six months to fill the vacancy created by the resignation, for personal reasons, of Police Chief John Thomas. In July Mr. Flood was sworn in as Francestown Police Chief. Also appointed to the force was Mr. Charles Burrage, Jr., as special police officer.

On the 1976 Town ballot were two proposals — namely Article No. 22 in the Warrant: A special exception must be received from the Board of Adjustment for the removal of soil, rock, sand, gravel, loam or similar earth materials in excess of 500 cubic yards per calendar year. It was voted to adopt the entire ordinance controlling such extraction as named in the article.

And Article No. 23: To adopt the provisions of RSA 72:62 for a property tax exemption on real property equipped with a solar heating energy or cooling system. The voters approved the \$50 deduction from tax bills for those who installed solar heat.

At the close of the 1976 Town meeting, the townspeople voted a resolution of appreciation to Mrs. Walter C. Dodge for her many years of service as a Trustee of the George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library.

The Selectmen announced the following appointments in March: Advisory Board — F. Russell Abbott, Charles Onasch, Joseph Ludwig, Jr., William Edwards, Ernest Poor. Cemetery Commissioner — Richard Chapman. Planning Board — Robert Caskie, O. Alan Thulander, ex-officio. Board of Adjustment — Robert Duncan, Robert Abbott. Board of Highway Safety — Peter Flood. Police Matron — Marion Stewart. Conservation Commission — David Jonas, David Buber. Recycling Commission — Robert Parker, Thomas Bournival. Historian — Constance Dodge.

Maintenance work completed during 1976 in accordance with articles passed at the last town meeting was:

Necessary repairs to the Woodward Hill Bridge using revenue sharing funds towards the cost.

Providing a drainage system in the annex of Cemetery No. 3 on the Second New Hampshire Turnpike.

The completion of re-roofing of the Town Hall.

Repairs to the exterior roof drainage along the main entrance to the George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library.

Completion of necessary work on window and door exits in connection with the installation of an exterior fire escape on the George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library. As the Historical Rooms are located on the second floor of this building, hopefully the rooms will again be open to the public this summer.

The Francestown Academy Corporation has a financial aid program to help young people of college age. Town students must have completed one year of college and enrolled for their second college year or for any school of higher education to be eligible. Four students were awarded grants this year.

The Recycling Commission reports that ten tons of glass have been recycled, two truckloads, each with five tons of cans, were carted away, and ten tons of paper. The committee also took all "left-overs" from Labor Day to the Salvation Army in Manchester. One of their projects was the preparation and distribution of 265 survey letters. Their reason was to ascertain the interest in continuing the recycling program. A majority of those responding were in favor of continuing the program.

The theme of 1976's Labor Day celebration under the auspices of the Francestown Improvement and Historical Society was the "Fifty Nifty United States." The events began on Sunday evening with the traditional evening Vesper Service in the Old Meeting House. Monday's activities included booths offering white elephants, books, plants, arts and crafts, and many more, and games on the Town Common. A two o'clock parade with many attractive floats, followed by a band concert, the Firemen's Supper, and the traditional square dance at 8:30 p.m. in the Town Hall completed the festivities. Proceeds from this affair are for the benefit of the Town. As a result the Society was able to:

Continue sponsoring tennis lessons and square dances for town children and maintaining Scobie Beach.

Also the resealing of the tennis courts and providing of additional lighting for night use.

And improving the facade of the Town Fire Station by using white clapboards and trim to conform with the architectural beauty of the surrounding buildings. The Town

gave its approval for this work at the Town Meeting, and the Society underwrote the expense, with the town obtaining \$1,000 from the New Hampshire American Bicentennial Commission.

The Society also arranged in June for "The Little Red Wagon" sponsored by Project T.R.Y. to entertain the children of the town on the Town Common.

Francestown was the recipient of a tulip tree given to the Society by the Arnold Arboretum of Boston. The Beautification Committee arranged for securing this tree and for its planting at the Soldiers Monument at the Old Meeting House. They also planted two maple trees on the Second New Hampshire Turnpike near the entrance to Route #136.

The appointment of Leonard J. Gauthier as Postmaster of the Francestown Office was announced by the Northeast Regional Postmaster General, Frank M. Sommerkamp, in October of this year.

Mrs. Donald Hoyt reported a very active 4-H group of boys and girls – age 9 to 18 – meeting at her home for classes in sewing, cooking, gardening, etc., and that Mrs. Lucille Paige has been working with a group interested in horses.

Many might be interested to know that there is an active "Little League" under the supervision of Edward Farhm and Joseph Ludwig, Jr., and that even the "Pee-Wees" have a team managed by James Wharton.

During the year 34 building permits were issued for additions and new residences.

The State Department of Resources and Economic Development reports the 1976 estimated population of Francestown as 770 legal residents.

The voters check list as of December 31, 1976 showed 533 qualified voters.

To the best of my knowledge the following Francestown men were serving in the United States Military Service during 1976:

Sp/4 Jeffrey Banks
Sp/5 Charles McCarthy
Captain Herbert R. Vadney

Respectfully submitted,
CONSTANCE DODGE, Town Historian

Marriages Registered in the Town of Francesstown for the Year Ending December 31, 1976

<i>Date and Place of Marriage</i>	<i>Name and Surname of Groom and Bride</i>	<i>Residence of each at time of Marriage</i>	<i>Place of Birth</i>	<i>Name of Parents</i>	<i>Birthplace of Parents</i>	<i>Name and Residence of Person by Whom Married</i>
Apr. 3 Francesstown	Vincent J. Lyons Anna Grace Lyons	New York, N.Y.	New York	Cornelius Lyons Helen O'Shaunessey	Ireland	Harold E. Hammond Justice of Peace Francesstown
May 15 Antrim	William Arthur Spead Beth Erma Jones	Portsmouth Francesstown	New Hampshire New Hampshire	Michael Thompson Florence Schield Nathaniel J. Spead Marie Labrauche Frank W. Jones M. Elizabeth Hoyt	New York New York New Hampshire New Hampshire New Hampshire Connecticut	Bruce Mackay Hile Minister Antrim
July 10 Francesstown	Louis Mosher Swan Elizabeth Manning Kunhardt	Elmira, N.Y. Springfield, Ma.	New York Washington	Lorenzo J. Swan Norma Mosher Daniel B. Kunhardt	New York Massachusetts New York	Samuel W. Hale, Jr. Clergyman Fitchburg, Ma.
Aug. 22 Francesstown	Theodore Lydgate Kaiser Nancy Wiederhold	Pine, Colo. Pine, Colo.	New York Pennsylvania	Margaret Hale Anne Lydgate Louis Wiederhold Elizabeth Plummer Peter O'Brien	New York Connecticut Pennsylvania Pennsylvania Wales	Philip A. Towle Clerk Peterborough
Sept. 25 Francesstown	Francis Michael O'Brien Barbara Ann Scaparro	New Brunswick, N.J. New Brunswick, N.J.	New York New York	Louella Green Francis Scaparro Mary White John F. Kaster Ruth Koester	New York New York New York New Mexico Kansas	Harold E. Hammond Justice of Peace Francesstown
Aug. 31 Deering	John Frederick Kaster Charlotte Elizabeth Ballard	Francesstown Francesstown	Kansas Switzerland	Max F. Gruber Agnes Kruck Clifford E. Stubbs Beverly Gillett Wm. C. MacAdam Lois Schnell	Kent New York New York New York New York New York	Zdzislawas J. Bryl Justice of Peace Deering
Oct. 3 Francesstown	Gary Robert Stubbs Ethel Barbara MacAdam	Mills, Ma. Francesstown	Massachusetts New York	William F. Thompson Helen Bryan Albert K. Roehrig Ruth Matthews	Switzerland Vermont New York New York New York New York	John P. Arnold Justice of Peace Francesstown
Oct. 10 Francesstown	Robert Bryan Thompson Catherine Hershey Roehrig	Cambridge, Ma. Andover, Ma.	Washington Massachusetts	William F. Thompson Helen Bryan Albert K. Roehrig Ruth Matthews	California Wisconsin New York Maine	R. Franklin Mace Justice of Peace Francesstown

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HERMAN C. MILLER, Town Clerk

Births Registered in the Town of Francestown for the Year Ending December 31, 1976

<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Place of Birth</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Name of Father</i>	<i>Maiden Name of Mother</i>	<i>Residence of Parents</i>
May 25	Peterborough	Nathaniel Adam Barr	David Perkins Barr	Anne Yeager	Francestown
July 15	Peterborough	Richard James Miller	Richard Oliver Miller	Judith Ann Heckbert	Francestown

Deaths Registered in the Town of Francestown for the Year Ending December 31, 1976

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>	<i>Name and Surname of the Deceased</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Place of Birth</i>	<i>Name of Father</i>	<i>Maiden Name of Mother</i>
Jan. 25	Goffstown	Charles M. Whittier	62	New Hampshire	Albert M. Whittier	Florence Bennett
May 2	Peterborough	Clifford Allen Lougee	65	Massachusetts	Unknown	Martha Valborg (Anderson)
May 5	Nashua	William Basset, Jr.	76	New Hampshire	William Basset	Abbie Dorothy Clement
May 15	Peterborough	Louis Kenneth Edwards	84	California	William Edwards	Alice Emery
June 9	Francestown	Carolyn Eva Murray	44	New Hampshire	Clayton F. Foote, Sr.	Amy Blanchard
Aug. 5	Peterborough	Leona Fern Harwood	67	Illinois	Earl Ray	Mary Hyatt
Aug. 31	East Swanzey	Effe E. Edwards	87	New Hampshire	John Jastings	Elvira Witfield
Sept. 25	Peterborough	Ernest Follson Foote	82	New Hampshire	Frederick Foote	Susan Pepin
Oct. 8	Nashua	Carrie O'Malley	90	New Hampshire	Fred Harrison Hopkins	Mary Ann Richardson
Dec. 9	Nashua	Alice Dunham Place	84	New Hampshire	William Francis Place	Alice Dunham
Dec. 19	Nashua	Silbert Eldon Card	44	Canada	Silbert Eldon Card, Sr.	Janet Dodge

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.
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