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Lisa Pitkin, Editor

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IN DEDICATION
TO
ARTHUR C. GOKAS
1924-2001



Arthur C. Gokas

Dedication continued

Arthur Gokas was born on February 21, 1924 in Manchester, the son of Charles S. and Kitsa (Psirras) Gokas. The family moved to Newport when he was a year old. He attended Newport schools and graduated from Towle High School in 1942. Prior to his career employment with the U.S. Postal Service, Mr. Gokas was involved with the family market in Newport.

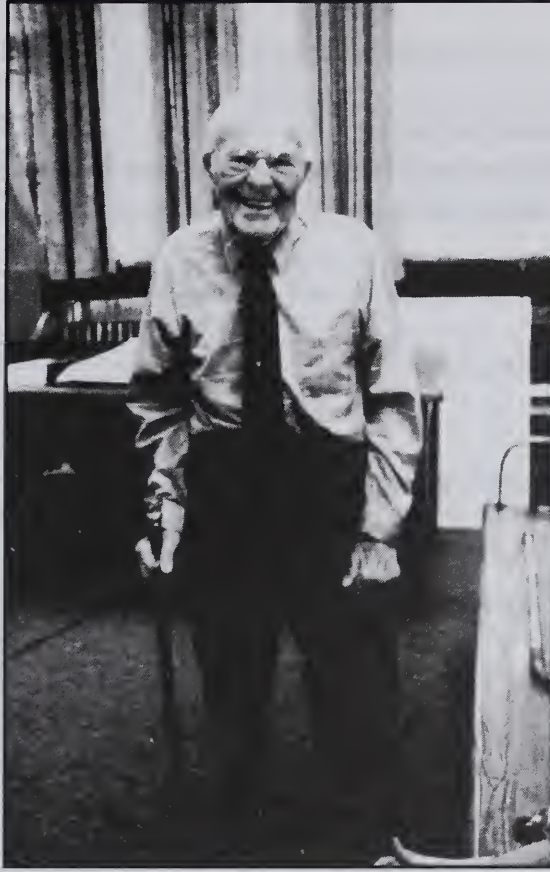
In 1959, Mr. Gokas started working in the Newport Post Office as a sub carrier/temp clerk. In 1965, he was transferred to White River Junction, VT., where he served six months as a sub-clerk, then became a regular clerk before he was promoted in 1974 to foreman of the mails, a job he held until 1977, when he became postmaster at Sunapee Post Office. He served in Sunapee until December 29, 1982, when he was named postmaster of Newport, retiring in 1988. Mr. Gokas was married to Lillian (Kingsbury) for 52 years.

Mr. Gokus was a Newport volunteer fireman for 33 years, he worked his way up the ranks and at the time of his retirement in 1976, he was serving as captain and training officer. Mr. Gokas served on the Budget Advisory Committee, Zoning Board, and was President of the Newport Music Association. He was an active member of St. Vasilios Greek Orthodox Church, being in charge of maintenance of both the church and the church-sponsored park known as Hasevlat Memorial Park. Mr. Gokas enjoyed fly fishing and was an avid golfer.

Arthur served the community in many capacities for several years, he was an excellent citizen and a friend to many. We appreciate his many years of dedicated service to the Newport Fire Department as well as to several town committees.

Newport is proud to honor Arthur Gokas for a lifetime of service to our community.

William Labier Newport's Boston Post Cane Holder



William Labier, 97
Lucy Wells Photo

William Labier, 97, has been named Newport's 21st recipient of the Boston Post Cane. Born October 19, 1902 in Greenfield, NH, Labier grew up farming. His parents owned farms in Henniker, NH, and Massachusetts, according to Town Manager Dan O'Neill. He married Irene Durant in 1926 and had one daughter, Beverly Parker, who joined him at the town offices when Selectmen Bennie Nelson presented him with the cane.

His service to the community includes a stint as a guide in Corbin Park, a clerk in Kelly's Drug Store, and salesman at the Ferriter and Baker Shoe Store and Heath & Field Plumbing and Heating.

"He worked hard all his life, O'Neill said, and still drives."

Labier thanked the Town for the honor and left the Selectmen's meeting armed with two canes. That cane is to be used," O'Neill told Labier after the presentation of the cane. "I hope when we see you on Main Street, we'll see you with it."

(Eagle Times article 6/25/00 by Rachel Smith-Jones)

**TOWN OF NEWPORT
GENERAL INFORMATION**

Date of Incorporation **October 6, 1761**

Total Land Area **43.6 Square Miles**

Elevation Above Mean Sea Level

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

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

U.S. Congressional District **Second**

Representatives **Charles Bass**

142 No. Main Street, Concord, NH 03301

U.S. Senators **Robert C. Smith**

**332 DSOB, Constitution Ave. & First St. NE,
Washington, DC 20510**

Judd Gregg

(E-mail address: mailbox@gregg.senate.gov)

393 Russell Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

Senatorial District **Eighth**

State Senator

George F. Disnard

23 Durham Avenue, Claremont, NH 03743

State Representatives: **Gordon Flint, Sr.**

21 Lincoln Terrace, Newport, NH 03773

Beverly Rodeschin

336 Sunapee St., Newport, NH 03773

Peter Franklin

PO Box 411, Newport, NH 03773

District Court **Newport**

Number of Registered Voters **3,698**

Population **6,249**

2000 Tax Rate: **Town** **\$10.58**

School **10.45**

County **4.11**

State **7.10**

Total **\$32.24**

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Term Expires

Gary E. Nichols, Chair	May, 2001
Bennie C. Nelson, Vice Chair	May, 2001
Jeffrey F. Kessler	May, 2002
Elizabeth W. Maiola	May, 2003
Beverly T. Rodeschin	May, 2002

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Nancy H. Black	May, 2003
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MODERATOR

W. Howard Dunn	May, 2002
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SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Pamela J. Hoyt	May, 2006
Martha E. Lovely	May, 2002
Ella M. Casey	May, 2004

TOWN CLERK

Karlene W. Stoddard	May, 2002
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TOWN TREASURER

Jonathan A. Howard	May, 2002
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TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND

Peter R. Lovely	May, 2003
Louise K. Hastings	May, 2001
C. Michael Sanderson	May, 2002

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

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

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS Larry A. Wiggins
Airport Manager Albert A. Gobin
Cemetery Superintendent Brian T. Richardson
Highway Superintendent Fraser L. Michaud
Sewage Treatment Plant Superintendent Arnold L. Greenleaf
Water & Sewer Superintendent Robert K. Naylor

EMS DIVISION CHIEF/HEALTH OFFICER Brian W. Tracey

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

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

FIRE CHIEF Peter M. Lamb

PLANNING & ZONING DIRECTOR David J. Jescavage

POLICE CHIEF David A. Hoyt

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

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

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

APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS

	<u>Term Expires</u>
AIRPORT COMMISSION	
Peter Anastos, Chairman	May, 2001
Herbert Findeisen	May, 2001
Peter Reynolds	May, 2002
Larry Mason	May, 2001
Rocky Cusanelli	May, 2003
David Little	May, 2002
Beverly Rodeschin, BOS Rep	May, 2001
Larry Wiggins, Staff Rep	May, 2001
BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
Richard Brewer, Chairman	May, 2001
Ella Casey	May, 2002
David Little	May, 2003
Betty Avery	May, 2002
Jodi Holmes	May, 2003
Anthony MacConnell	May, 2003
Ben Nelson, BOS Rep and Alternate	May, 2001
Kathy Byington, School Board Rep	May, 2001
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE	
Polly Andrews, Chair. . . . Lori Barnes	Gary Nichols, BOS Rep
Brian StillsonElla Casey	David McCrillis
Paul BrownDavid Jescavage	Daniel O'Neill
CDBG LOAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
Anthony DiPadova	Chairman
Ella Casey	Don Lader
Anthony Maiola	Mark Pitkin
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	
Nancy Parssinen, Chair	May, 2003
John Liberman	May, 2001
June Liberman	May, 2001
Richard Brewer	May, 2001
Fredrik Peyron	May, 2002
Rick Costello	May, 2003
Dick Wentzell	May, 2003
Norris Learnard, Alternate	May, 2003
Albert Cole, Alternate	May, 2002

APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

ECONOMIC CORPORATION OF NEWPORT (ECON)

Kathy Hubert, President Mark Pitkin, Vice President
David McCrillis, Secretary Stephen Ensign, Treasurer
Patryc Wiggins, Director Ella Casey
Mary Lou Reed Richard Bates
Jeff Cornish Daniel O'Neill
William Steff Rick Thomas
Betty Maiola, BOS Rep

HERITAGE COMMISSION

Patrice Brewer, Chair May, 2001
Sharon Christie, Vice Chair May, 2001
Roger Nelson, Secretary May, 2003
Martha Cain May, 2001
Laura Kessler May, 2003
Clifford Richer, Alternate May, 2002
Patricia Pflanz May, 2001
Gary Nichols, BOS Rep May, 2001

JOINT LOSS MANAGEMENT (SAFETY) COMMITTEE

Brad Lane, Chair Ken Dennis, Vice Chair
Wayne Palmer Shady Blackwell
Aaron Aldrich Lisa Pitkin
Peter Lamb PJ Lovely
Dan O'Neill Ed Schinck
Brian Tracey Wilbur Martin

PLANNING BOARD

W. Howard Dunn, Chair May, 2003
Jeffrey Kessler, BOS Rep May, 2001
David Burnham May, 2003
Pauline Andrews May, 2001
Frederick Jones May, 2003
Michael Clark May, 2002
Seldon Partlow, Alternate May, 2001
David Kibbey, Alternate May, 2003

APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

POLLARDS MILL COVERED BRIDGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

RECREATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Jeff Kessler, BOS Rep May, 2001
Mary Maxfield May, 2001
Kathy Sarles May, 2002
Kimberly Rosendahl May, 2003
Larry Flint May, 2003
Ken Dennis May, 2003
Angela Maynes May, 2002
Betty Maiola, Alternate May, 2003
Travis Bates, Student Rep May, 2001
Jill Morse, Student Rep May, 2002

SULLIVAN COUNTY REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

Peter Franklin May, 2002
Dan O'Neill May, 2003
Beverly Rodeschin, Alternate May, 2003
Jeffrey Kessler, Alternate May, 2003
Janet DeRose, Alternate May, 2003

WASTE DISPOSAL ADVISORY STUDY COMMITTEE

Guenter Hubert, Chairman
Virginia Irwin, Vice Chairman
Mary Schissel
Andy Andrews
Ron Bushway
Jim Lantz
Ann MacConnell, Alternate
Mindy Newcomb
Gary Nichols
Janet DeRose, Alternate

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Anthony DiPadova, Chair	May, 2002
Ben Nelson, BOS Rep	May, 2001
Larry Mason	May, 2001
Ken Dennis	May, 2001
Virginia Irwin	May, 2002
David Lain	May, 2003



Municipal Building
David Jescavage Photo

BOARD OF SELECTMEN 2000 ANNUAL REPORT

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Generally, this space is used to recap the preceding year. Since each department will recap its own activities in their sections of the report, I would like to use this space to say some "thank-you's." The only fear I have is that I won't be able to thank everyone who has contributed to Newport's well being in the last year. Please accept in advance my apologies for that transgression.

It has been a pleasure to be a part of this Selectboard. We have been able to keep the focus on Newport's business and not on peripheral issues. I want, especially, to thank Bev Rodeschin for accepting the tough assignment of serving on and chairing the committee which explored alternative options for handling our "ash", and ultimately negotiating the contract to ship out of the district, allowing for closure of the Newport ash landfill. Likewise, I would like to thank Dan O'Neill, who at your Select board's request, has for the past several years gone above and beyond the fine performance of his normal duties of Town Manager and has taken on the thankless task of being one of Newport's representatives to the solid waste district. His leadership has been invaluable to Newport's interest.

Newport is lucky to have a truly exceptional group of Town employees, and I want to thank them all. All of your Department Heads have prepared reasonable budgets in the last several years, and I don't believe any of them have gotten all the resources they believed they needed to do the job they would like to do for Newport. Your Department Heads and their crews have routinely gone above and beyond the call of duty to keep Newport running smoothly. And to all of the employees who work so diligently and so faithfully to keep Newport running smoothly, thank you for your dedication and hard work.

One thing that continues to amaze me is how much of the fabric of Newport is supported financially "off the budget" by generous benefactors. If it weren't for the generosity of these individuals, businesses, and service organizations donating money, land, equipment, building materials, time, and more, Newport would be without many of its shining stars, including Opera House programs, a resurfaced track, the Sargent Museum, ECON Director, Eagle Block, Library Arts Center, soccer field, much of our EMS equipment, Concerts on the Common, the Food Pantry, and the building in which it is housed, and much, much more. This "short" list and all the tremendous assets I can't take space to list, leads me to believe that the gift that most makes this Town a community is the thousand of volunteer hours that Newport receives. Everything from collecting signatures to get the Governor's attention on the landfill issue, coaching t-ball and scores more Rec teams, hanging Christmas lights, serving on committees or as trustees, volunteers at Winter Carnival and the Apple Pie Craft Fair, skating on the Common, Fire and Ambulance Services, Planning and Zoning, BAC, Richards Free Library, Conservation Commission, Historical Society, "Twas the Night Before Christmas".... the list is almost endless of all that happens because of volunteers. We all owe a huge debt of gratitude to the people that support our community.

Personally, I would like to thank my family; Becky, Kathryn, and Samuel, for their love, patience, and support in putting up with my volunteer efforts. In summary, to those who have given so freely of their time, materials, land, and money to enrich Newport: Thank You!!

Bennie C. Nelson, Chairman

**TOWN MANAGER'S
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Executive Assistant

Lisa M. Pitkin
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One of the most important and expensive projects we completed this year has only been seen by a handful of Newporters, yet almost all Newporters have directly benefitted from this improvement. What I am talking about is our new water storage tank which is located in the woods at the end of Summer Street, part way up the Pinnacle. The new tank is within easy walking distance from the end of the traveled portion of Summer Street and makes for a nice walk for those of you interested in taking in some of the more secluded and scenic parts of our town. This new water tank holds approximately 1.3 million gallons and its cost was just under \$1,000,000. It was constructed with a \$350,000 Community Development Block Grant, and a low interest, 1.1875% loan from the State's Revolving Loan Fund. The balance of the project was paid for out of the town Water Fund. The project also came in under budget. Over the past half dozen years we have made several improvements to our water system. We started with cleaning our lines and constructing the slow sand filtration plant located at Gilman Pond, and we then replaced several water lines in the central part of Town, following up this year with the completion of the tank project. We continue to make improvements to our water system as funds allow, making use of available grants and low interest loans as best we can. None of these improvements to the water system have been paid for by the property tax.

Another improvement made this year, is to the Town Offices on Sunapee Street. Last year the SAU moved out of the top floor of our building providing us with the opportunity to address some deficiencies we have in serving the public. Many of you that have come to the Town Office to ask questions about planning and zoning or to get a building permit have had to go into the basement of our building, to the Planning Office. The Planning Department keeps all of the records for sub-divisions, building records, and zoning changes and consequently generates a significant amount of paper and records that need to be stored. With the SAU moving out of our building it became possible for us to bring the Planning Office up to the main level where it will be handicapped accessible and where we can more adequately meet our space needs. Now, when citizens come to the Town Office to conduct business, the offices that they need to interact with, are available on the main floor. This includes the Planning & Zoning Office, the Town Clerk's office, the Assessing Office, the Tax Billing & Collecting Office, and the Water & Sewer Billing office. To make room for the combining of these offices on the main floor, the Finance Director and myself have moved into some of the space that was vacated when the SAU moved out of the building. Since the second floor of this building is not handicapped accessible, there is a buzzer at the bottom of the stairs and those citizens that are unable to navigate the steps, are encouraged to ring the bell at which time, we will come down to meet with you.

Another important development for Newporters this year is the purchasing of an easement deed giving our community the development rights for municipal solid waste (MSW) at the ash landfill site. At last year's Town Meeting, I was directed to

attempt to obtain the development rights for MSW from the NH/VT Solid Waste Project. This being the key for Newport to control the future development or lack of development of a garbage dump at that site. At the time I am writing this letter, the New Hampshire District has agreed to accept the deed and the Vermont District has agreed to the concept of an easement deed, wanting to add a few clarifying conditions to the document the NH District has approved. The requests of the Vermont District are consistent with our desires and I expect the Joint Meeting will accept the final document. I am scheduled to present the request to the Joint Meeting later in May.

I would like to personally thank all of the volunteers on the various Town boards that have helped us to make fiscal year 2000/2001 a successful year. I would also like to thank all of the call and part-time staff, our full-time staff, and last but not least, our Board of Selectmen, for all of the efforts that have been put in making Newport a good place to live.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel P. O'Neill
Town Manager



Water Tank Project - Summer St.
Bob Naylor Photo

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

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It is once again a privilege to report to the people of this large Northern Council District 98 towns and four cities spread throughout Coos, Grafton, Carroll, Belknap, and Sullivan Counties. The constitutional and statutory responsibilities of the Executive Councilor are within the Executive Branch of your New Hampshire State government. Our role is much like a board of directors of a large company. We are charged with carrying out the laws and budget passed by the New Hampshire House and Senate. The Governor and Council employ 294 Commissioners and Directors to administer over 100 departments and agencies to carry out the details of the laws and budget of your State government. The Council has an overall supervisory role in assisting citizens, business, agencies, towns, cities, and counties in effectively working with State government.

Preparing for the coming two-year term that I have been elected to as one of your public servants, I share with you the following ideas and requests:

- If anyone is interested in making a volunteer contribution of their time and talent on a Board or Commission through the appointment process of the Governor and Council, please contact my office or Kathy Goode, Council Liaison, Governor's Office, State House, Concord, NH 03301, Tel. 271-2121, and ask for the appointment list for 2001. As your Councilor, I am always looking for people to serve on a multitude of Boards and Commissions in your State government.
- The Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (five Executive Councilors and the Commissioner of Transportation) will be holding hearings around the State on citizen and regional planning commission recommendations for improving our highway system throughout New Hampshire. If you have suggestions on a needed improvement, please send them to your regional planning commission or to my office soon so they may be given consideration.
- The Regional Health Planning District Councils continue to meet and consider major changes in the health maintenance system for citizens both at the local and state levels. Anyone wishing to serve on your region's District Health Council should contact my office or Lori Real, Director of Planning Research at NH Health and Human Services Department, Tel. 271-4235.
- As one of your elected officials, I would urge your town and region to be in constant contact with our New Hampshire Congressional Delegation to let them know of your ideas, concerns, and desires. I am interested in promoting projects to send to Senators Smith and Gregg and Congressman Sununu and Bass. They are effective in their committee assignments and should always have a list from back home in New Hampshire to advance in our nation's

Capitol.

I recommend use of the NH Webster System. It is the official state locator for your New Hampshire State Government at <http://www.state.state.nh.us>. A complete directory of phone numbers and addresses of all state agencies is listed for your convenience. Utilize your local Town/City Library to access the Webster System which is administered and maintained by the New Hampshire State Library.

My office has available a handy 800 toll-free phone card of organizations for rural areas.

Always know my office is at your service. Contact me anytime!

**Ray Burton,
Executive Councilor**

**AIRPORT COMMISSION
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Rocky Cusanelli, Co-Director David Little, Co-Director
Peter Anastos Herbert Findeisen
Peter Reynolds Larry Mason
Beverly Rodeschin, Selectman's Rep.

I'll start this annual report by saying thank you to Al Gobin and his wife, Nadia (who passed away a few years ago), for their dedication to the Newport Airport for the past forty years. They assisted both arriving and departing pilots, and fueled those who needed it. They also kept the airport in safe operating condition, seven days a week. They snow plowed and mowed the field as well as the other chores asked of them. Again, thank you.

Over the years many improvements have been made at the airport to make it safe for pilots, and for those who live in the surrounding area. In 1993, the paved runway was extended to 3400 feet, which makes it 300 feet longer than Claremont's runway. Then in 1995, a new 10,000 gallon fuel tank and pump was installed. The grass runway along Corbin Road was plowed up, graded and reseeded in 1997. This gave Newport two good runways for safe aircraft operations. We repaired holes in the roof, repaired broken windows, and painted the hanger in 1999. This year an automated fuel terminal was installed. This is a self-serve system which uses credit cards like you would find at a gas station.

We continue to improve our valuable resource. The first plan for the future of the airport is to replace the terminal building, as the current one is in very poor condition and is an embarrassment to the Town. The new building will be 24' x 32' and will be located in the same place as the old one. Funding for this project will come from donations from businesses, aircraft owners, pilots, and citizens in the local area. An airport building fund has been started. Those wishing to make a contribution for the construction of the new building may send a check to: Newport Airport Building Fund, 15 Sunapee St., Newport, NH 03773. Plans for more hanger space are also in the works.

The year 2000 saw 1,120 take-offs and landings, with approximately 9,000 gallons of fuel sold. We also saw the formation of an ultralite flying club at the airport. This has made the year 2000 a busy one.

The Airport Commission and the Town have made an agreement with the Lake Sunapee snowmobile club to build a bridge across the Sugar River and a trail along Corbin Road. The trail will have signs and fencing to keep snowmobiles off the airport runways. The airport is now 72 years old and is the 2nd oldest airport in the State of New Hampshire. Since 1929, many dedicated people have kept this airport running. Let's not stop now. Please support the airport, it is important to our community.

**Rocky A. Cusanelli,
Co-Director**

CEMETERY & GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

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Superintendent

Brian T. Richardson

Per Diem Laborer

Christopher Roach

Roger Webber

George LaBrie

Erik Jackson

Gary Martin

The Cemetery & Grounds Department had 72 burials during 2000.

During the first quarter of 2000, in addition to burials, the department repaired, scraped, sanded, and painted trash receptacles, park benches, and picnic tables. The Haul frost remover we purchased has been an enormous help to the department with winter burials.

During the second quarter of 2000, along with routine mowing, trimming, and spring clean up, we removed bushes at the Municipal Building, had two large pine trees removed at North Newport Cemetery and one at St. Patrick's Cemetery. We also mulched and fertilized all the flower beds on Main Street, the Little Common, and Ruger Parking Lot. We replaced the Linden tree in the center strip on Main Street, tore down an old building at Meadow Park and disposed of it, dug a trench and installed underground electrical wire to the new concession stand at the Little League Field, and trimmed trees at Ransom Tracey Park. We also relocated our office to the Public Works Garage and purchased a second hand pickup truck and a new John Deere F510 front mount mower.

During the third quarter of 2000, we completed the third phase of the Maple Street Cemetery Restoration Project, repaired the Meadow Park ballfield and the Town Common from damage caused by circus equipment, repaired the irrigation systems at the Ruger Parking Lot, Little Common, and center strip on Main Street and repaired the sprinkler system. We also reseeded and mulched some of the areas that did not germinate.

During the fourth quarter of 2000, we repaired the north end of the Common a couple of times due to vandals driving vehicles over the newly graded surface. We completed the Fall clean up, pruned and fertilized the rose bed at the Ruger Parking Lot and repaired roads in the North Newport Cemetery.

Brian Richardson
Cemetery & Grounds Superintendent

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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Nancy Parssinen, Chairman Jack Liberman, Secretary
June Liberman, Treasurer Richard Brewer
Frederik Payron Rick Costello
Dick Wentzell Norris Learnard, Alternate
Albert Cole, Alternate

The primary concerns of the Newport Conservation Commission are:

- Acquisition and management of conservation lands
- Protection of wetlands and other natural resources
- Care of Town trees
- Conservation and environmental education

A great deal of work was done in the Town Forest this past year. Students from SRVRTC worked with the Highway Department to clear trees from the site of the new water tank tower and thinned a large stand of pines around the ski jump. The sale of this timber paid for new signs and trail building materials for the Town Forest. Eleven members of Volunteers for Peace spent two weeks in Newport working with us on the trails. Three new trails were opened and at least five miles of existing trails were clipped and raked. Dozens of new signs were put up, a raised boardwalk was constructed over a wet area on one of the new trails, and a badly eroded trail was rebuilt. The Newport Revitalization Committee sponsored the volunteers, providing transportation, room and board and organizing many opportunities for community involvement. We are pleased to learn they will also sponsor the group next year and we are working with them to schedule upcoming projects.

The Newport Recreation Department also worked many hours on the trails, getting them ready for the mountain bike race they hosted there in August. We heard many compliments on the fine condition of the trails and the challenging course laid out up over the Pinnacle. Albert Cole, a new member of the Commission, has volunteered to monitor the Town Forest, walking the trails each week, removing trash and repairing or reporting any damage.

Professional care of the trees on the Common has been put off for a year. We were able to get the Highway Department to take down two dying maples. An ornamental crab apple was broken off in a highway accident so there will be three empty spaces which will be planted with Memorial trees in the spring. The other trees have been evaluated by James Beaulieu, teaching assistant and professional arborist, who will work with his forestry students to do some basic pruning early next year.

Several Wetland Permits were filed with the Town this year. Each was reviewed by the Commission, sites visited and all necessary paperwork sent to the Wetland Board in

Concord. We also checked on several possible violations which were quickly resolved. The annual inspection of land on which the Town holds conservation easements was completed and the required reports sent to the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests.

Commission members attended a variety of workshops during this year as well as the Annual Meeting of Conservation Commissions.

**Nancy Parssinen,
Chairman**

ECONOMIC CORPORATION OF NEWPORT (ECON)

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Board of Director

Kathleen Hubert, President	Mark Pitkin, Vice President
David McCrillis, Secretary	Stephen Ensign, Treasurer
Richard Bates	Mary Lou Reed
Jeffrey Cornish	Daniel P. O'Neill
Elizabeth Maiola..	A. Richard Thomas
Patryc Wiggins, Director	Michael Shklar
Ella Casey	Kevin Chamberlain

The Economic Corporation of Newport (ECON) is a non-profit organization established by the municipality with a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in 1992. The original purpose was "to enhance the Town's ability to encourage economic development opportunities for persons of low and moderate income." ECON's mission is to encourage, promote, and assist business growth that will develop a larger economic base, increase employment opportunities, and improve the standard of living of the citizens of Newport, while preserving and enhancing the community's environment.

ECON's Board consists of fourteen voting members, including the Town Manager; a Select Board member; and the Chamber Director. In addition, the Director of Sullivan County Economic Development Council sits in as a non-voting member.

ECON's budget is separate from the Town budget. ECON is supported by philanthropic contributions, and grants awarded through private and public foundations.

Financial Resources

Local business leaders who wish to remain anonymous contributed \$50,000 to support the ECON office and the Director's position. In addition, \$55,140 in grants from the Newport fund, the NH Charitable Fund, the Lila Wallace Reader's Digest Fund, the NH State Council on the Arts, the Mid-Atlantic Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts supported programming, overhead, technical production, and salaries. In-kind support was received from citizens, businesses, and state agencies providing professional and volunteer services, materials, supplies and equipment, as well as technical assistance.

In August, Public Service of New Hampshire (PSNH) awarded one of its regional grants (\$10,000) to the Eagle Block project. In September, ECON received word that the Eagle Block project was awarded a \$215,000 grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). U.S. Senator Judd Gregg and U.S. Representative Charlie Bass requested this *Direct Set Aside* funding on both sides of Congress, with recommendation by Jeffrey Taylor, Director of the NH Office of State Planning.

In addition, the Eagle Block project was selected for the NH Community Finance Authority

(CDFA) *Tax Investment Program*. An allotment of \$450,000 in state tax credits was awarded the project, with an obligation for project leaders to raise a total of \$562,500 (\$450,000 plus 20%) to fund this self-supporting program established by the NH legislature in the mid-eighties as a way to fund public projects of note. To date the ECON President and Director have raised \$534,000, \$28,000 shy of the total. The first project in Sullivan County to receive this competitive grant, the following local businesses stepped to the plate to participate: Lake Sunapee Bank; Sturm, Ruger, Inc.; Sugar River Savings Bank; Carroll Concrete/Newport Sand & Gravel; LaValley Building Supply; Mascoma Savings Bank; Claremont Savings Bank; Hubert's Department Stores; McCrillis & Eldredge Insurance; Sammon & Bates Insurance; and Dartmouth Motors.

Programming

Representative of ECON's practice, the Eagle Block project has garnered significant funds because it's restoration and re-use intertwine historic preservation, downtown revitalization, cultural heritage tourism, strategic business recruitment, and education, training, and entrepreneurial support for the county's precision metal working industry.

It is anticipated that the Machine Tool Exhibit will have a permanent presence at the Eagle Block. Created by ECON in 1997 for the Artists Congress, this exhibit was improved for its selection to the Smithsonian Folklife Festival in DC in 1999. As part of restaging of the Folklife Festival at the state fairgrounds in Hopkington, NH last June, the Machine Tool Exhibit was further developed for presentation to a crowd of 34,000. The research associated with the ongoing development of this unique Exhibit links the region's ecology, economy, technological advances, culture, and history to education activities to be incorporated with the curriculum to be developed for the Tool and Technology Resource Center (TTRC) slated for the second floor of the Eagle Block.

The TTRC is conceived to turn the tide for the regional precision metal working industry. It is designed as ECON's method to provide specific, prioritized, multi-levelled support to what state leaders identify as the most critical component of the county's economy. The TTRC is tailored to meet the studied needs of the local industry as it is also modeled after the programming at Focus:HOPE in Detroit. The ECON Director and President spent a week with the leadership of this thirty-year-old organization known internationally for its extraordinary achievement in sustaining the machining industry in that metropolitan area.

The fundamental concepts for the TTRC are being developed through the establishment of a pilot program with intelitek, a Manchester-based international company recognized as a leader in the development of "intelligent technologies for manufacturing education." The TTRC will set in motion a pro-active whole-system approach to economic development in coordinating community, regional, state agency, educational, non-profit, corporate, and industry resources to assist, without redundancy, and with maximum efficiency, the county's 60 plus precision metal working shops - an incontestable strength of the regional economy and a significant part of the region's cultural heritage.

Other ECON programs include the following:

- *SPIN in the Millennium* generated narratives with more than 100 workers to honor local work and workplaces on the stretch from Central Street through Guild. This year-long project, selected as part of the National Millennium Project out of the White House, also included: work with students at Towle and the Middle High School; a residency at the Richards Free Library; programs with the Arts Center, news media, and the Town; and a collaboration with noted photographer, Bill Hackwell, a Newport native and 23-year resident of San Francisco.
- The Nettleton House was rehabilitated with an anonymous contribution from local business leaders to house the *Sargent Museum Center for Connecticut River Archeology* and the ECON office.
- Newport High School graduating seniors, Justin Shull, Jayna Huot, and Thirza Driggs volunteered to work with E.Thor Carlson on a mural for Jack's Coffee.
- Arnold Graton installed cribbing from dirt floor to roof at the Eagle Block.
- An expert Eagle Block Development Team was formed to act as the project architect, financial and construction managers, historic and development consultants, and community economic development partners with ECON.
- ECON's "practice" to engage Newport's human, historical, cultural, and natural assets as a vehicle for ongoing economic development attracts wide interest. ECON leadership was invited to present at a global sustainability conference in Atlanta, community economic development conferences in San Jose and Detroit, the Public Library Conference in Charlottesville (with Andrea Thorpe), a humanities lecture at New England College, a cultural seminar in NY, and at a community meeting focusing on downtown revitalization in Canaan, NH.

Business Recruitment

Less obvious is ECON's steady involvement in downtown development. ECON was instrumental in the recruitment of Jack's Coffee, and is one of several parties cultivating the recruitment of a locally owned pharmacy. With the Town and Sullivan County Economic Development Council, ECON is assisting two in-town businesses to relocate. These collaborations are calibrated to secure other key businesses, including restaurants. ECON partnered with SCEDC to secure the expansion of Noesis, a Virginia-based R & D firm, to Claremont. A strategic recruitment effort led by SCEDC and cultivated over the past year with the Governor and others, Noesis selected Sullivan County over other national and international sites because of its close proximity to Dartmouth and the Upper Valley's R & D sector developed by Thayer affiliates, and because of the cluster of high precision job shops well established in Sullivan County, and because of the efforts underway with TTRC to move the potential of these economic assets to new dimensions via collaborative educational, entrepreneurial, and economic development innovations.

Kathleen Hubert and Patryc Wiggins

FIRE DEPARTMENT 2000 ANNUAL REPORT

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Fire Chief
Peter M. Lamb

Deputy Fire Chief
Wayne Conroy

EMS Division Chief
Brian Tracey

FIRE OPERATIONS

Captain Peter Cadenhead (resigned 10/00)	Lieutenant Christopher Marcotte (call)
Lieutenant/EMT William Carley (career)	Lieutenant Michael Sanderson (call)
Lieutenant/EMT Steven Dube (career)	Lieutenant/EMT James Blood (career)
Lieutenant Michael Rastallis (call)	Lieutenant John Barton (call)
Lieutenant Ken Carleton (call)	Firefighter Robert Brunt (call)
Firefighter Barry Sleath (call)	Firefighter William Stone(resigned 9/00)
Firefighter Larry Ouellette (call)	Firefighter/EMT Mike Hartwell (call)
Firefighter/EMT Chris Amos (call)	Firefighter David McCrillis (call)
Firefighter Dean Gregory (call)	Firefighter Jason Rook (call)
Firefighter Jon Ryba (call)	Firefighter Joel Lussier (call)
Firefighter Rob Kuell (call)	Firefighter Chris Gasper (call)
Firefighter/EMT Allan Dube(resigned 2/01)	Firefighter Daniel Murphy (career)

EMS DIVISION (call)

EMT - I Michael Dixon	EMT-I Keith Gregory
EMT-I Gary Nichols	EMT-I Susan Gregory
EMT - I Wenda White	EMT-P Benjamin Holobowicz
EMT Allen White	EMT Dianne Fournier
EMT Melissa Patten	EMT Barbara Daly
EMT Jodie Gregory	EMT Mark Beaudry
EMT Justin Montgomery	EMT Tammy Taite
EMT Rebecca Taylor	

The Fire Department is a full service municipal Fire Service. The Department has two divisions: Fire Operations and Emergency Medical Services (EMS). The career firefighters work 11 hour days and 13 hour nights, with the Chief working primarily the day shift and responds when available after normal hours. Fire Operations is staffed with four career firefighters/officers and currently twenty-one call firefighters/officers. The EMS division is currently staffed by the EMS Division Chief who works four twelve hour days (M-Th) and is subject to call back, and a cross trained firefighter being assigned to a rotating day shift along with twenty call Emergency Medical Technicians who respond when available.

The Fire Chief is responsible for the administration, direction, and control of the Department, fire safety code compliance, and Emergency Management. The Department continues to experience "growing pains" and an increase in call volume.

The EMS Division handled 1,171 calls this year, which brings the call volume well over 1000 calls a year for the last four years. The average amount of time for an EMS call averages two hours for at least two technicians. This past year started off with a tremendous work load with record amounts of calls for January and February in the history of the Town providing Ambulance service to the region.

From a service area perspective, the EMS Division handled calls from the following areas:

Newport	872
Grantham	91
Sunapee	70
Goshen	55
Newbury (Mt. Sunapee)	41
Croydon	39
Mutual Aid	<u>3</u>
	1,171

Fire Operations responded to over 391 calls during the year which is an increase of 47 calls from last year. The calls are outlined as follows:

Fire (not classified)	4	Building fires	11
Fires in out buildings	6	Vehicle fires	6
Brush, Grass, Woods	10	Trash/Dumpster fires	4
Outside fire	2	Steam	2
EMS Assist/Back-up	66	Extrication calls	11
Rescue (not classified)	61	Wires down/or Arcing	17
Hazardous incident	17	Smoke or odor	32
Spill/leak no ignition	22	Animal calls	2
Public service	6	Unauthorized burning	4
Controlled burning	9	Mutual aid	7
Good intent calls	21	False calls	6
Malfunction alarms	41	Unintentional alarms	7
Water emergencies	6	Lock outs	4
Not classified calls	7		

Personnel continues to be the Department's most valuable resource and thus personnel training and protective equipment is a definite priority to properly maintain. The call firefighters must become state certified firefighters as soon as possible. Many man hours are spent in both divisions to maintain skill levels or to attain new ones. Many times individuals must travel out of town to accomplish this. This year there were over twenty-two hundred man hours spent on training. This past year we experienced the transition of several of our personnel resigning for various reasons as well as the filling of a full time weekday position for the Emergency Medical Service (EMS). This position has been a tremendous asset in providing Emergency Care to our service area.

Fire apparatus and equipment are checked daily and weekly for readiness. The current fleet is beginning to show its age. This has been especially true with the EMS Division lead ambulance. These vehicles are 1992 and 1996 and are becoming problematic and were out of service several times during the past year. Engine #1 is a 1972, Engine #2 is a 1980, Engine #3 is a 1978, Ladder #1 is a 1981, Utility #1 is a 1986, Engine #4 is a 1994 and the Chief's vehicle is a 1995 former police car.

A capital improvement program needs to be established for Fire/EMS with the results being an effective method of resource management and to be fiscally sound. We have been fortunate in the past year with some State Grants but we need to address these issues with some creative methods that assures proper resource management and being more fiscally sound.

The Department is also tasked with numerous other duties as it relates to community service and fire safety activities. Public education details are conducted in the grade schools. The Department also conducts inspections for hazardous materials, oil burner inspections, life safety, and building code issues with the Building Inspector. The Department also is a deer tagging station for the State of New Hampshire.

The Fire Department is proud of its heritage and traditions. We are pleased that the Newport Firefighter's Association continues to serve the community.. As Chief of the Department, I wish to extend my sincere appreciation and admiration to the members and their families of both divisions of the Fire Department for their loyalty and dedication to serve. A special note of thanks to those individuals and organizations who have helped us "behind the scenes." We also want to thank our customers and taxpayers for allowing us to serve, other Department Heads, and other personnel for their cooperation; as this is what makes Newport not only a good place to work, but a great place to live.

NEWPORT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Co-Directors:
Police Chief David Hoyt
Fire Chief Pete Lamb

As the world prepared for Y2K, Newport's Co-Directors of Emergency Management were on duty to handle any of the concerns which were predicted as a possibility. Here in Newport, plans were in place with area businesses, Town administration, school officials, and others in Emergency Management including representatives from the Red Cross. The Newport Middle High School has been equipped with a generator which will be able to power half of the building including the kitchen, heating plant, gymnasium, locker rooms and showers. There is still work needed to bring the Newport Middle High School in compliance with the various requirements to become a certified shelter, which is still being worked on.

During the year, the Directors also worked on other issues such as weather related issues and we are now learning more about the threat of terrorism. During the winter months the Directors worked with the Public Works Department to monitor storms and also keep a watch over rivers for ice jams and potential flooding issues.

On behalf of the Emergency workers of the community, we wish to thank the community for their support and understanding during an emergency and a special thanks to the Public Works crew who are often in the trenches with us.

LOCAL FOREST FIRE WARDEN REPORT

Newport Fire/EMS was able to receive a State Grant that assisted the Department in upgrading its equipment and personnel with forestry type equipment. Forty-five members of Newport Fire/EMS were equipped with yellow flame resistant cotton pants and embroidered jackets along with hard hats and goggles. The Department was able to make an internal swap of a pick-up truck for a former military 4X4 pick-up. A 200 gallon tree spraying unit was acquired from Northern Equipment with State funds. This will be used as a brush fire unit known as Utility #1. In addition, several hand held GPS units were purchased from Wal Mart for use by Newport's Wardens and fire service personnel.

The Chief Warden for Newport is Chief Lamb. Deputy Wardens are Deputy Chief Wayne Convoy, Lt. Chris Mariotte, Lt. Bill Caley, Lt. Steve Dube, and Lt. James Blood. Firefighter/EMT Daniel Murphy is awaiting confirmation as a Deputy Warden.

During the past year the Wardens issued burning permits as follows:

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
Burning Permits	91	42	167	147	124	72	89	73	69	58	55	101	1,088
Incinerator Permits	12	32	18	31	22	6	3	9	8	6	6	5	158
Cooking Fires	0	0	0	3	4	5	3	2	5	0	1	0	23
Camp Fires	0	0	0	10	18	11	5	6	6	3	3	0	53
Commercial Permits	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<u>2</u>

On behalf of the Wardens and the firefighters who respond to incidents, we would like to thank those of you who continue to assist us in protecting you, by complying with the permits and the phone calls that advise us of your burning.

**2000 DAILY DEER REGISTRATION AT NEWPORT FIRE STATION
(STATION NUMBER 47)**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Bucks</u>	<u>Does</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Seasons Open</u>
9/15	1	1	2	Archery only
9/16	0	1	1	Archery only
9/17	1	0	1	Archery only
9/18	0	2	2	Archery only
9/19	0	1	1	Archery only
9/23	0	2	2	Archery only
9/24	0	1	1	Archery only
9/30	2	0	2	Archery only
10/3	1	0	1	Archery only
10/5	0	1	1	Archery only
10/6	0	2	2	Archery only
10/17	1	0	1	Archery only
10/19	1	0	1	Archery only
10/21	0	1	1	Archery only
10/21	0	1	1	Youth weekend
10/22	1	0	1	Archery only
10/22	2	1	3	Youth weekend
10/27	1	0	1	Archery only
10/28	6	4	10	Archery & Muzzle loader
10/29	9	7	16	Archery & Muzzle loader
10/30	3	2	5	Archery & Muzzle loader
11/1	2	0	2	Archery & Muzzle loader
11/5	2	0	2	Archery & Muzzle loader
11/6	1	0	1	Archery & Muzzle loader
11/8	11	6	17	Archery & Firearms
11/9	1	0	1	Archery & Firearms
11/10	2	0	2	Archery & Firearms
11/11	5	0	5	Archery & Firearms
11/12	6	0	6	Archery & Firearms
11/13	4	0	4	Archery & Firearms
11/14	3	0	3	Archery & Firearms
11/15	1	0	1	Archery & Firearms
11/16	3	0	3	Archery & Firearms
11/18	11	0	11	Archery & Firearms
11/19	6	0	6	Archery & Firearms
11/20	1	0	1	Archery & Firearms
11/21	1	0	1	Archery & Firearms
11/22	3	0	3	Archery & Firearms
11/23	1	0	1	Archery & Firearms

11/24	2	0	2	Archery & Firearms
11/25	1	0	1	Archery & Firearms
11/26	1	0	1	Archery & Firearms
11/27	2	1	3	Archery & Firearms
11/28	1	0	1	Archery & Firearms
11/29	1	0	1	Archery & Firearms
11/30	1	0	1	Archery & Firearms
12/1	3	0	3	Archery & Firearms
12/2	2	0	2	Archery & Firearms
12/3	3	0	3	Archery & Firearms
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Total	110	34	144	

REPORT OF STATE FOREST RANGER 2000

There are 2,200 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The number of fires reported during the 2000 fire season was below average as referenced in the statistics below. Despite this, our network of fire towers and detection patrols were still quite busy with the fire towers being first to report over 135 fires. These fires were quickly and accurately reported to the local fire department for their prompt and effective suppression efforts. Wildland fires occurring in areas where home are situated in the woodlands are a serious concern for both landowners and firefighters. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure that houses are properly identified with street numbers. Please contact the Forest Protection Bureau to request a brochure to assist you in assessing fire safety around your home and woodlands.

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ALL outside burning. Fire permits are required for any open burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow where the burning will be done. Violations of R.A. 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the state of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are eleven Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. Forest Rangers have investigated numerous complaints regarding violations of the timber harvest and forest fire laws, and taken enforcement action to ensure compliance. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217, or for general information visit our website at www.dred.state.nh.us.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft

patrols. This early detection system and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. These factors are critical in controlling the size of wildland fires, keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible. Due to permitting and fire safety concerns, please contact your local fire department BEFORE using portable outdoor fire places and vessels, including those constructed of clay, concrete, or wire mesh.

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

REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!!!

2000 FIRE STATISTICS
(All Fires Reported thru November 10, 2000)

TOTALS BY COUNT

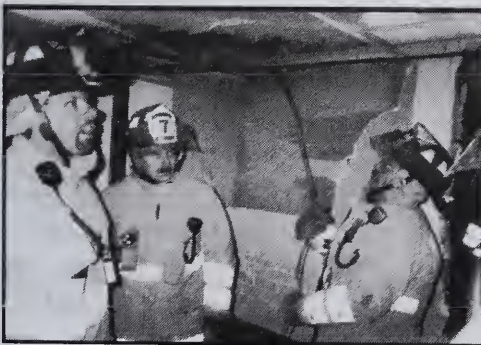
	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Hillsborough	118	40
Rockingham	49	24
Merrimack	92	16
Belknap	54	13
Cheshire	41	20
Strafford	58	13
Carroll	46	10
Grafton	16	7
Sullivan	12	2
Coos	30	4

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Debris Burning	263
Miscellaneous*	151
Smoking	30
Children	17
Campfire	16
Arson/Suspicious	14
Equipment Use	9
Lighting	9
Railroad	7

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

	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
2000	516	149
1999	1301	452
1998	798	443



**Peter M. Lamb,
Fire Chief**

**Lt. C. Marcotte, Lt. S. Dube, & Lt. W. Carley
Peter Lamb Photo**

HERITAGE COMMISSION
2000 ANNUAL REPORT

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

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

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

In February property owners of the historic objects and buildings located within the Town's two historic districts, which were identified in the Newport Historic Identification Project, were notified that brass plaques bearing the name of the original property owner would be affixed to these historic structures to identify their historic significance. Martha Cain mounted and framed Governor Jeanne Shaheen's Commendation of the Historic Identification Project, which now hangs in the municipal building.

In March the Commission expressed its support for the Pier Covered Railroad Bridge Transportation Enhancement Application 21 Grant. The bridge is one of the historic structures identified in the Newport Historic Identification Project; therefore, a brass plaque was purchased to be affixed to the bridge.

In July Senator Robert Smith, Chairman of Transportation and Environment, was contacted to gain his support for the acquisition of funds from the State of New Hampshire to restore the Pier Covered Railroad Bridge.

Many thanks to Ken Dennis and his staff for hanging the brass plaques on the historic structures along Main Street. Citizens, tourists, and students have learned about Newport's history and heritage by viewing these plaques and structures.

**Patrice Brewer,
Chairman**

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

2000 ANNUAL REPORT

Superintendent

Fraser L. Michaud

Working Foreman

Larry A. Glidden

Truck Driver/Equipment Operators

David P. Serrentino

Wilbur G. Martin

Stephen B. Carley

William C. Scanlon, Jr.

Richard N. Sturtevant

The year 2000 gave us 15 snow storms, 12 freezing rain storms, and many overnight dustings that had to be treated. Winter sand was stockpiled at the Public Works Garage and trucks, plows, and sanders were readied for the winter. Due to the cold weather this winter, a lot of culverts were frozen and had to be steamed over and over again.

The Highway Department received a portable screening plant as a donation from Rick Bascom. Approximately 500 yards of loam was screened for the Town Common. The Common was rototilled and regraded to shape. The screened loam was then hauled, rolled, and hydro-seeded. The screen will be used to screen loam on any future projects we may have.

Spring clean up was done. Crosswalks that could be painted were painted as well as parking lines. Traffic counters were placed on various roads throughout the summer, pothole patching continued throughout the year until the ground froze, shoulder gravel was placed and culverts were replaced on various roads, roadsides were mowed, rip-rap was placed in some deep ditches, spring and fall grading was completed, we responded to complaints of trash on the sides of roads, leaves were picked up, ditch lines were cleaned out, trees and brush were cut and trimmed along roadsides, and many signs have been replaced due to vandalism and theft.

We replaced drainage and a catch basin at the south end of Laurel Street, replaced two 48" culverts on Blaisdell Road and Grandview was shimmed and overlaid. The Blueberry Ridge Road and Springfield Road Reclamation Projects were completed. Guardrail still needs to be placed on Blueberry Ridge Road. Corbin Covered Bridge was cleaned to remove the accumulated winter sand and the cleaning of other bridges was also completed.

The Highway Department assisted the Recreation Department in taking down the old scoreboard and putting up a new one. We also assisted the Recreation Department by placing the warming hut on the Common for skaters to use during the winter and then removed it when the ice skating season ended.

Vacancies for Truck Driver/Equipment Operator were filled by David Serrentino, Richard Sturtevant, and William Scanlon. Larry Glidden was promoted from Truck Driver/Equipment Operator to Working Foreman. Thanks go out to retired Town employee William Fletcher for filling the vacant positions until permanent replacements were found. We have taken delivery on our new large plow truck and sander, F550 plow truck and sidewalk tractor. I would like to thank the voters for their support.

Fraser Michaud, Highway Superintendent

JOINT LOSS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
2000 ANNUAL "SAFETY" REPORT

Brad Lane, Chair	Ken Dennis, Vice Chair
Wilbur Martin	PJ Lovely
Wayne Palmer	Shady Blackwell
Aaron Aldrich	Lisa Pitkin
Dan O'Neill	Ed Schinck
Brian Tracey	Peter Lamb

The Joint Loss Management Committee is committed to ensure the safety of Town employees in the workplace. A health Fitness Newsletter was sent to Safety Committee members and posted in different departments the first half of the year. In April, several employees participated in NHMA 2000 Mile Wellness/Fitness Challenge. In June we set up a booth at the Health & Safety Fair. Fire Chief, Peter Lamb organized a Firefighter Safety Program at the Fire Department that was sponsored by Compensation Funds of New Hampshire. The Fire Department also held their annual "Fire Safety Week." The Police Department and Highway Department held safety training as well.

The Joint Loss Management Committee meets bi-monthly to review injury reports and look for new ways to eliminate or reduce injuries in the workplace. We make recommendations to provide for a safer work environment and plan safety and health related training. Safety tips and ideas are posted monthly on each Department's bulletin boards.

The Joint Loss Management Committee conducts yearly safety inspections of Town owned buildings to identify safety hazards and concerns. Once the inspections are complete, the Committee meets to discuss its findings and concerns.

The Committee has considered several training topics that may be used in the future. They are: aerobics, nutrition, self care, health & smoking, wellness/fitness challenge, healthy foods & labels, complementary health care strategies, work station review, blood pressure & cardiovascular concerns, health & exercise, rabies clinic for animals, building & fire safety, health & safety newsletter, personal protective equipment, health screening, CPR training, emergency first aid program, and firefighter safety.

I would like to thank the members of the committee for their active participation and involvement in leading programs. It is our focus to educate Town employees on health & safety practices that can be beneficial to them. We seek to make the Town of Newport a safe and healthy place to work.

Brad Lane,
Chairman

LAKE SUNAPEE REGION VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION 2000 ANNUAL REPORT

It seems that everywhere we look we see or read something about technology and its impact on our lives. Increasingly we communicate, shop, investigate and learn online. During the past year, Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association has invested resources and time to educate staff so that we can use technology to its best advantage in caring for patients in their homes. Since so much of what we do involves the healing touch you might wonder why we would invest so heavily in technology. Our mission at Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association is to provide home health services that will preserve the dignity and independence of those for whom we provide care. Technology is one tool that supports that mission.

Over the past year, we have spent a great deal of time preparing for a change in Medicare reimbursement going from a cost-reimburse system to a prospective payment system (PPS). This is the first major change to Medicare since it was initiated in 1965. Under PPS each patient must receive a comprehensive assessment called OASIS, a questionnaire involving over 100 questions about the patient's clinical status, functional status and need for therapy. From those questions, a payment for an episode of care lasting up to 60 days is determined. One of our major concerns was to ensure that we provided technology that would allow the nurses and therapists to collect this information, but have the time needed to actually provide care to the patient. Over the summer, all clinicians have been trained and received laptop computers. This allows the staff access to the most up to date information on each patient and allows administration to have the data necessary for regulatory and reporting purposes.

We have also invested in state of the art technology or contracted with other providers to bring the latest in clinical advances to your home. As patients leave the hospital more quickly or have operative procedures done on an outpatient basis, more technology is needed in the home. This technology enhances patient care, improves efficiency, and lowers costs. Technology can allow a terminally ill child to be at home with his family or can allow an adult needing intravenous therapy to continue going to work.

During the past year we have also invested in training and in competency assessment for our staff to ensure that their assessment and treatment skills are of the highest quality to meet patient needs. We have specialists on staff in the areas of cardiology, wound care, diabetes, pediatrics, and hospice. All of our clinical staff and the support staff back at the office are committed to achieving the best outcome for each and every patient we see. We are gratified by the strong community support we receive and by the comments on our care submitted by patients and families.

In fulfilling its mission, Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association provided a number of community benefits for residents of Merrimack and Sullivan counties in addition to

charity care in excess of \$75,000.

- Administered the Lifeline Personal Response System for 208 individuals.
- Provided weekly Parent Child Support Group sessions for 40 families, including free child care and transportation, if needed.
- Presented community education programs on CPR, first aid, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, Caregiver Training, and others.
- Trained 10 new Hospice Volunteers and provided continuing education for 16 established volunteers.
- Participated in community health fairs.
- Provided clinical experiences for 12 nursing students and special projects sites and internships for nursing, business and social work students.
- Provided meeting room space for outside groups.
- Distributed weather emergency information and File of Life kits to each patient admitted to LSRVNA services.
- Provided medication assistance and preventive dental care for needy children.
- Offered job shadowing opportunities for students from local high schools, technical schools, colleges, and universities.
- Participated on the Merrimack and Sullivan County ServiceLink advisory boards.
- Provided vaccines free or at cost to adults in the community.
- Promoted early reading by providing a children's book to each child delivered at New London Hospital.
- Provided bereavement support groups and home visits.

During the past year 816 residents of the town of Newport utilized the services of Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association. Our Home Care program provided 6187 visits to 262 patients. The Hospice program cared for 15 patients and families providing 1181 visits and 156 hours of volunteer and bereavement support. Our Pediatric programs cared for 265 children and families. The Long-term Care program provided 17,275 hours of care to 85 patients. Influenza vaccine was administered to 161 residents and Life Line services provided for 28 residents.

All of us at Lake Sunapee Region VNA thank you for your support, and look forward to providing home health, hospice and community services for the residents of Newport in the coming year.

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

**LIBRARY ARTS CENTER
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"Have you got anything for us to do?" That is the after school question at the Library Arts Center. Many children spend their time after school at the Richards Free Library or at the Library Arts Center waiting until it is time for their parents to pick them up after work, and they love having something constructive to do. Thanks to the Newport Charitable Fund, "Art After School" taught by Colleen O'Conner is one of the choices started in September of 2000. There is also a lively group of young volunteers who help with everything from carpet sweeping to sticking on labels for bulk mail.

The LAC began the millennium with a retrospective by Aidron Duckworth who teaches the LAC Carriage House Studio art group. Aidron first exhibited at the LAC in 1976. Winter Carnival at the LAC featured "Wintry Mix", winter scenes by the late Kenneth Andler with Oil Painted Photographs by Kathleen Walker, February 12th - March 18th. The Newport Elementary School Exhibit hung by Colleen O'Conner was a floor to ceiling bath of color during April.

Watercolors by Mid Davison, Charles Shurcliff, Audrey Monroe opened on May 5th, with the LAC Fundraising Auction on May 6th. In the Backstage Gallery were quilts by Tafti Brown, who also did a workshop on printing fabric. June 9th - July 8th featured beautiful "Landscape Striking A Chord", plein aire painting by Mary Jane Cross and other artists with the Newport Camera Club Annual Exhibit backstage.

Summer Performances for Kids during July are sponsored by the Friends of Richards Free Library. The LAC also offers a range of classes and workshops for children and adults each summer - Get Creative! Other artists featured in Selections 2000 showed together July 14th - August 12th in "Contemporary Visions," ceramics by Jon Keenan and David Earnster with wall pieces by Ed Kimball and Jan Steele. An outdoor sculpture garden and painted steel sculptures by Mary Bradley with potted trees and plants donated by Kathan Gardens.

The LAC won a NH State Council on the Arts Grant for Turning Pages: Celebrating Artist Made Books, August 18th - September 23rd. The LAC exhibit curated by Gail Smuda was accompanied by a residency by writer Becky Rule at Towle School. There was an exhibit of student made books at Sugar River Savings Bank, the local sponsor. Matthew Smith's color etchings filled the backstage.

The Apple Pie Craft Fair is a favorite draw for tourists and locals alike. Anne Kathan was the Chairman who got all those homemade apple pies donated and ran the apple pie contest. Over 70 craft booths, the Sugar River Spinners, Pete Merrigan, the Sugar River String Band, the Bradford Squares, and the Fireman's barbecue make for a festive day. Combined with the Richards Library Festival and the Pow Wow held at the Newport High School, August 25th was a jumping day in Newport.

The LAC Juried Regional Exhibit October 6th - November 11th is getting to be a draw for many regional artists who also try out for an exhibit in the following season. Charlotte Broughton directed a three person play, "The World of Carl Sandburg" in October. The Season of Frost and Fireside: Holiday Exhibit and Gallery of Gifts opened with a gala Gallo wine tasting on November 17th. Heidi Bartlett and Helen Skarin team up in our area groups and the selection of fine crafts and gifts features many regional talents. The Dickens Fair was held at the Newport Opera House on December 2nd.

We would like to thank the many volunteers, business sponsors and members of the LAC who make it possible to produce such fine programs on a small annual budget. Funding does not come from the Town. Besides contributions and earnings from sales and fund-raisers, the LAC obtains interest income from an endowment fund and applies for grants from the NH Charitable Foundation and other sources. Newport can be proud of a cultural center that is the envy of many larger communities.

**Doris Nelson,
Executive Director**

NEWPORT COMMUNITY TELEVISION

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Ken Dennis, President Cathryn Baird, Vice President
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NCTV just celebrated its seventh anniversary serving the Town of Newport, and along with that milestone, it has undergone a lot of changes. For the first time NCTV has seen a changing of the guard with its executive directors. Jeff Nintzel, the only other director to work for NCTV, has since moved on to further his own dreams and aspirations. Jeff devoted his time and energy to make NCTV a benchmark for the community, a place where local producers would have the chance to show off their own ideas and projects with the rest of the town.

Over the last year, NCTV has been able to expand its resources and has become more than a broadcast station. In conjunction with the Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center, NCTV has also taken on the role of instructor. Currently there are over a dozen students enrolled in the classes, work-study projects, and independent studies. While the technical training doesn't take that much time, these semester long courses are allowing students to get a first hand account of all the aspects of television product, from simple camera instructions to editing their "master pieces" together.

Programming has also expanded over the last year. Newport Sports Television added boys and girls soccer to its line up, along with field hockey. And coming this spring, softball and baseball will be added. But more than sports has been added. The Revite meetings have recently found a new producer to take over taping the meetings. Students Adam Wright and Tim Beard have brought back and remade "Frame by Frame." Medical hour, which is produced by Dartmouth College and Valley Regional Hospital and come together to help you make decisions about health care and operations.

To find out more about becoming a producer or to sponsor a television show that you are interested in seeing here on NCTV/13, either stop by or call to learn how to make a vision of yours come to light.

At the same time, there have been some unfortunate events that have inhibited viewing of certain programs, and for that, we at NCTV would like to apologize. These matters are being handled as quickly as they can so as not to interrupt your viewing pleasure.

NCTV would like to thank all of its producers for their contributions. Without these individuals taking time out of their schedules and daily life, NCTV would be at a loss. For it is you the community members that make Channel 13 work. NCTV would also like to thank its corporate underwriters for their support. Without their generous contributions, such things as new equipment, part-time help, more access to the station and teaching would not be possible. Newport Community Television is your channel, your voice, your ideas; it needs you to be successful.

Drew Paradis,
Executive Director

POLICE DEPARTMENT 2000 ANNUAL REPORT

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Chief of Police

David A. Hoyt

Administrative Assistant

Mary Hoyt

Canine

Aries (Rookie)
Cito (Retired 9/00)

Full Time Officers

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

Part-Time Officer

Robert Ballou (Captain Retired - Records)

Full-Time Communication Specialists

Melody Conroy

John Taylor

Susan Gregory

Sylvia McElreavy

Part-Time Communication Specialists

Amy Maslin Cara Tibbits

The transition into the year 2000 went off without a problem, while most people were ringing in the New Year, myself and others were making sure the emergency services continued on without a glitch.

No special warrant articles were proposed for the Police Department last year, and none have been filed this year.

Again, we saw the loss of a seasoned officer to a neighboring community due to financial reasons. Currently, Newport is well below the norm for wages in towns our size. While we may save money in salaries, we lose money as we advertise, recruit, train, and watch a newly certified officer go off to another town for much higher wages. We end up throwing our money away, as we continually have to train new personnel.

Experience becomes another concern. We currently have a very young Department, with little experience. While we offer an excellent training program, we must compete not only with area departments, but with a civilian market that offers Monday through Friday positions for a much higher wage. We are proposing to increase officer's base pay in an effort to keep them in Newport. While the new proposals are still lower than average, it will hopefully be enough to keep some officers within our Department. Because of the constant hiring of new personnel, we continue to have an officer in the Police Academy at all times.

Communications experienced the same problem with an experienced dispatcher leaving us and going to an area department for a 45% increase in pay and a large reduction in work. Presently, two of our full-time Communications Specialists have been with us for less than one year. With the exception of a negotiated wage between the Town and the Police Union, the budget of police and communications is lower than last year.

Jim Burroughs, who was the School Resource Officer, was promoted to a supervising rank and transferred to patrol. He was replaced by Aaron Aldridge at the schools. Aaron, who holds two degrees, has experience in teaching and is a great asset to the program. The program has been a success and the officer has prevented or stopped several problems within our schools from getting out of control.

Through 100% donations, a used 1987 Chevrolet Camaro was donated by Newport Chrysler-Plymouth-Dodge to be used by the School Resource Officer. This vehicle will be funded through donations and is being fully refurbished by the auto shop classes at the Technical Center headed by instructor Brad Sears. The vehicle will be used in parades and public events.

This year saw the retirement of the police K-9 "Cito". Sergeant Denis O'Sullivan also retired as dog handler after many years. Sergeant O'Sullivan continues to work patrol, minus the dog. Cito was a great asset, responsible for finding many stolen items, missing or wanted persons, and illegal drugs. Cito was also responsible for keeping many officers safe during calls of violence. The Department acquired a new dog, with the assistance of a local businessman who actually purchased the dog. The dog, a German Shepard named "Aries", is being handled by Patrolman William Russell and is currently going through training to become certified in patrol and narcotic detection.

Through a State of New Hampshire grant, Newport (as well as every community in New Hampshire) is acquiring new digital radios. These radios will equip each cruiser and provide portable radios for on-duty officers. The cost to Newport is 38% of the total cost, with the grant funding the remainder. All state and county agencies will be completely digital by the end of 2001 and many local departments will be changing to completely digital within the next few years. Digital radios provide a larger coverage area, allow data as well as radio transmission, and are cheaper to operate. The new digital radios will allow communications with all agencies anywhere in the state. This means should an incident occur where several agencies may be involved, they can communicate on a single radio channel together. I am applying for a grant to fund a new digital communication center. If we do not change our dispatch center to digital, we will not be able to communicate with agencies that change to digital.

This year saw the creation of an "active shooter" team. This team, formerly known as a "tactical team" or "entry team" is used for incidents where a person may be armed, threatening or using weapon(s), barricaded person, or any type of incident where a team of officers specially trained in different tactics may be needed. The title "active shooter" is derived from the Columbine School shooting as well as other school shootings where a person(s) is actively shooting and police must enter quickly and effectively to stop the violence. The Newport team trains monthly around town and held a training seminar for area departments this past fall, to familiarize them of our capabilities.

STATISTICAL REVIEW 2000

Most incidents occur on Thursdays - 15.92% on a daily basis. 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. is the busiest with 38.10% of incidents happening. 87% of all incidents happen between 7:00 a.m. and midnight.

The least busiest day is Sunday, with 11.20% of all calls occurring. October 2000 was the busiest month (10.69%) with February 2000 being the slowest month (6.22%).

Most incidents (46.73%) happened in the home (apartment, condo, home) followed by on a road (18.61%) and then in a school (11.20%).

32.10% of all incidents involved persons between the ages of 11 - 17 followed by 23.90% of persons 18-24 years old. 65.10% of crime victims were acquainted with the offender, 15.60% of offenders were neighbors of the victim(s) and 19.30% were strangers or otherwise unknown to the victim(s).

Value of property stolen for 2000 was \$96,099.00. Value of property recovered for 2000 was \$276,972.00.

TRAFFIC

The average speed limit in town is 34 mph. The average speed of vehicles in town is 53 mph. Of all motor vehicles stopped for a traffic violation, 84.4% were given warnings. Less than _ % of out-of-state drivers stopped were cited.

The total revenue collected by the state for motor vehicle offenses (fines only, non-court) was \$31,773.00.

Three most dangerous roads for motor vehicle accidents:

John Stark Highway	17.21%
Sunapee Street	11.69%
North, South Main Streets	19.16%

The majority (64.61%) of motor vehicle accidents occur between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Of all traffic offenders, 21.17% are between the ages of 26 - 35, followed by 20.9% between the ages of 46 - 60, and 15.32% are under the age of 19.

All information is from 2000 statistics only.

**David A. Hoyt,
Police Chief**

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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Highway Dept. Water & Sewer Dept Cemetery & Grounds Dept. Sewage Treatment Plant

In addition to the normal maintenance activities, 2000 found the Department involved in numerous projects. A brief description and status of those projects is as follows:

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Fuel Storage Tank Program

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

- Meadow Park Site (Former Town Garage): After further investigation the NHDES has allowed the Meadow Park site to be closed (to further investigation) with an Activities Use Restriction (AUR). The AUR is scheduled for completion in 2001.
- 22 Fairway Avenue: Based on a second round of ground water sampling performed in 2000, the NHDES agreed that no further action is required at this site based on the final test report submitted.
- Recreation Center: The 1,000 gallon underground fuel storage tank at the Recreation Center was removed. The NHDES required the installation of monitoring wells and the submittal of a Level 2 Site Investigation Report. Based on the information received from the report, the NHDES agreed the site could be closed without further action.
- Sewer Stations: Due to the number of sites being addressed in the Town, the NHDES agreed that Sight Investigation Reports for the sewer stations at Guild and Parkview could be delayed until 2001.
- Public Works Garage: The NHDES inspected the Public Works Garage fuel storage tanks and found them to be in compliance with the exception of some labeling which was subsequently corrected.

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

Pollards Mills Bridge

SEA Consultants, Inc. completed the Engineering Studies scope of work for the Pollards Mills Bridge and presented their report to the Bridge Advisory Committee (BAC) in April. In response to the BAC's request, SEA Consultants also investigated possible bridge cost reductions prior to the May Town Meeting. With no action taken at the May, 2000 Town Meeting, the BAC is pursuing alternate forms of funding for a covered bridge. With assistance from the UNH Cooperative Extension Service, the Department applied for a Rural Development Through Forestry Grant and was awarded a grant of \$30,000 for the construction of a covered bridge at the Pollards Mills site.

Road Projects

Dove Road and Sunshine Court became Town roads via the layout process.

United Construction was low bidder on the bid package issued by the Department to reclaim and pave a segment of Blueberry Ridge Road and Corbin Road (approximately 5575 feet) and Springfield Road (approximately 4640 feet). These projects were completed with the exception of the reconstruction of the bridge guardrails on Blueberry Ridge Road.

Main Street

In continuation of the Main Street Project, plans and specifications were prepared for improvements to the sidewalk, retaining wall and lighting from the Lewis Block to the Sullivan County Cooperative Extension building. The project and issued for bid in late 2000 to develop a construction estimate.

Town Common

The Department also prepared plans to regrade the Common skating rink area to facilitate the flooding of the rink. The Common has hydro-seeded in September after the Department completed the regrading work.

WATER & SEWER

Water Tank

Reload, Inc. was awarded the contract to construct the 1.35 MG precast, prestressed concrete water storage tank in April. The tank was substantially complete and on line in late September. The tank was constructed with a pipe manifold system which will improve water circulation in the tank.

South Main Street Sewer Reconstruction Project and Cheney Street Conceptual Engineering Project

The year 2000 found the Department in the initial stages of the engineering for the South Main Street Sewer Reconstruction Project and the Cheney Street Conceptual Engineering Project. The Department secured a low interest loan from the NODES for engineering services on both projects. The South Main Street Project will replace the sewer main and sewer services on South Main Street from the traffic lights to just south of Laurel Street in 2002. The Cheney Street Project will address water, sewer, and drainage systems as well as roads, sidewalks, and utilities in the Cheney Street area from roughly DeWalt Avenue to Highland Avenue. It is the Department's plan to prepare conceptual engineering plans for Town review, including input from the residents in the project area, by the end of 2001.

Construction of the Cheney Street Project is currently scheduled for the year 2004.

Industrial Pretreatment Program (IAP)

The proposed Lagoon Monitoring Program to evaluate lagoon sludge composition underwent further review and comment from local industry and the NODES. The program awaits NODES approval.

Sewer Projects

In hopes of eliminating the Preview Sewer Station, the Department is pursuing conceptual engineering to investigate the feasibility of routing a gravity sewer from Preview to the sewer main by Cross Street. The Department is also requesting funding to grout sewer mains in localized areas to decrease the amount of infiltration into the system and therefore reduce treatment costs at the Sewage Treatment Plant.

Gilman Pond

In culmination of the survey work done at Gilman Pond, a plan was recorded in the Registry of Deeds showing the boundary line agreements that have been executed. In the interest of preserving the Town's watershed around Gilman Pond, the Town has performed property appraisals and initiated negotiations on the purchase of one property.

MISCELLANEOUS

The year 2000 was an active year for the Public Works Department with regard to staffing. Three employees left the Department with the following employees hired to replace them or fill existing vacancies. New employees at the Public Works Department are as follows: In the position of Truck Driver/Equipment Operator - David Serpentina, William Scanlon, and Richard Sturtevant; Wayne Palmer, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator; Philip Aldridge, Utilities Technician.

I would like to thank the residents for their support of the Department's request for equipment purchases. The Highway Department's new F550 truck and sidewalk tractor are greatly appreciated and their efficiencies have been demonstrated many times over.

A new waste oil burner was installed at the Public Works Garage in the Mechanics' Bay.

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

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT
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Travis Bates
Amy Rogers

Volunteers of the Year

Rick Thomas
Ed Karr

Swim Instructor

Doug Morse

The Newport Recreation Department had an outstanding year in 2000. It was filled with more activities than ever. With increased in-kind donations and volunteers, our programs flourished. Without question, the most important influence on Newport Recreation Department's success, is its volunteers and local business supporters. We would like to thank all of them for their generosity in 2000. You have undoubtedly made someones life a whole lot better.

Girls athletics played a major role in some of our increased programming numbers. As each year goes by more and more girls are playing sports and getting involved in athletics. Just 5 years ago we would be lucky to get 12 girls playing basketball in grades 3-6. In the year 2000, we had over 60 girls playing in our leagues. With this participation in sports, girls are getting increased self-esteem, team play, and role modeling. Girls that play sports will be opening more doors of opportunity in their future.

Three major projects were the big highlights of the year 2000 for the Recreation Department. Each project involved many volunteers who helped with the work.

Track Resurfacing

Finally, after 13 years, Newport's Track facility has been resurfaced. The track is used by many runners around town, but probably more walkers, especially in the early morning hours. It is not uncommon to see a dozen people walking before 6 a.m. The Newport Lions Club agreed to pay for one half of the resurfacing cost if the Town could come up with the other half. The Town quickly agreed. Spearheading a Mountain bike race up and around the Pinnacle, The Lions and Newport Recreation were able to raise \$3,000 and

bring many visitors into Newport to see and utilize our local Town Forest. Soon after, many local business donated to the fund through raffles and the Track was completed. Now it is used more than ever, and again we can be proud of this awesome facility.

Sichol Field

Through a superbly generous donation, Betty Avery and Bobbi Sichol-Weiler donated a parcel of land to the Town to be used as an athletic field. Thanks to the help of Volunteer of the Year, Frank MacConnell, the land is now being contoured to be utilized in the Fall of 2001. Frank along with United Construction have so generously donated countless hours restructuring the field, crowning the field, and getting it ready for serious athletics. Volunteers and local businesses are completing the entire project. Newport is extremely lucky to have so many kind-hearted folk that believe in our future and our kids.

Common Grading

The Town decided (after much coaxing) to try and level the Common to ease the winter flooding difficulties of the ice skating rink. After many months of decision making, a plan was put in place and enacted in the Fall of 2000. While the difference is barely evident to the eye, flooding the common now takes half the time and the result is twice as good. We were able to have kids skating during Christmas vacation, which is the first time in at least 10 years. Skating participation grew rapidly and we had to hire more staff to help supervise the ice hut. A big thanks goes out to Larry Wiggins and his staff at the Department of Public Works for a job well done. What was once a nuisance of a project has turned into a work of art that brings smiles to many, many kids and adults as well.

The Newport Recreation Department was very busy with programs, trips, and special events and had a great year. From movies at Meadow Park to hikes in the dark, from skate parks to state parks, Celtics trips to back flips, biking trails to finding snails, water slides to coaster rides, catching fishes, eating ice cream dishes, we lifted weights and tied some skates, our kids had fun, that's the way it should be done.

Huge thanks must go out to all of our 111 volunteers in 2000. Without you, we could not reach all the kids. Congratulations to our Volunteers of the Year: Rick Thomas and Ed Karr. Also, thanks to all the Town Departments who have helped us become a better influence to our youngsters. Finally to my staff, you make it happen! Thanks.

**PJ Lovely,
Director of Recreation**

**RICHARDS FREE LIBRARY
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In the year 2000, the Richards Free Library put its catalog on the World Wide Web. Now people can check the catalog to see if the library has the newest title by their favorite author and reserve it for themselves. Check out the library's web site at www.newport.lib.nh.us. Once you are there, not only can you check the library's catalog, but you can find information on library programs, services and events. The web site is also your link to PROQUEST, a database of magazines and newspapers, and to selected reference sources on the Internet. You can do all of this from the computers in the library or from home.

Other new technology at the library is the Rocket e-book. The library began circulating the first electronic book in the state this summer. The e-book can store several books, change its type size for easy reading and is illuminated for reading in the dark.

The library offered a range of programs for all ages. Adults attended book discussions, author lectures and foreign policy discussions. This spring the library was invited to participate in the New Hampshire Humanities Council's program Choices for the 21st Century. This was a public policy discussion series developed by Brown University. The discussion of American foreign policy was lively. The lunchtime book discussion group meets the first Tuesday of every month. In December, library patrons had the opportunity to talk with Elinor Lipman. Her next book will be set in Sullivan County and she took suggestions from the audience for naming some of the places and characters in her book. In October, the Sarah Josepha Hale Medal was awarded to mystery writer, Robert B. Parker. He answered questions from an audience that filled the South Congregational Church. His visit prompted articles in New Hampshire Magazine before and after the event.

Our children's program said goodbye to two children's librarians, Lorreen Keating and Deb Shapiro, and welcomed Shannon Poehlman to the children's room. They oversaw 194 programs that drew an attendance of 3286 children. These programs ranged from lap sit story times for two-year-olds to story times for school aged children. Reading Cats and Dogs was the theme of the summer reading program, and Meredith Lunn and her dogs wowed children during dog obedience demonstrations. In December, the first of the Montshire Museum exhibits that the library will host throughout 2001 was unveiled in the children's room.

In February, we lost a dear friend of the library, Pam Gay. For over a decade, Pam spent Fridays at the library covering and repairing books, sorting magazines, organizing fund raising events and putting a hand to whatever needed to be done. In her honor the Trustees have begun a recognition program for library volunteers. On December 7th at a volunteer tea, the trustees awarded the first annual Pamela Gay Award for Volunteerism to Pauline Horan and Virginia Parker. Pauline and Jinny volunteer at the library each week performing a variety of tasks.

The library is grateful for the support of its patrons and local organizations. The library's collection of health related material continues to be updated thanks to the generosity of the Newport Service Organization. The library's gardens benefit from the talented women of the Newport Garden Club. The generosity of the Friends of the Library adds materials and programs to the library's offerings. Special thanks go to the library's group of dedicated volunteers who regularly donated time to the library this year: Jinny Parker, Pauline Horan, Dottie Collins, Mary Lou Howard, Cindy Williams, Mary Jane Cross, Pat Davis, Marty Lovely, and Barbara Kvetcovsky.

**Andrea Thorpe,
Library Director**

**TOWN OFFICE OF PLANNING & ZONING
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The Town Office of Planning and Zoning's (T.O.P.A.Z) Annual Report is organized according to the different functions that the office is responsible for and includes reports for the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

1. Permits

- A. The Building Inspector issued 212 building permits in 2000 for a total estimated construction cost of \$2,920,830.00. Seventy-eight of the building permits were for new construction with an estimated cost of \$1,689,388.00. One hundred twenty-eight building permits were for remodeling, renovation and small structures with a total estimated cost of \$1,231,442.00. Six demolition permits were issued for buildings. Thirty certificates of occupancy were issued. The Town received fees totaling \$9,010.00 for all of these various permits and the certificates of occupancy.

2. Other Activities

- A. The Building Inspector conducted approximately 950 code inspections for the year. He also served on the Board of Housing Appeals with the Deputy Fire Chief and Health Officer. Concerns involving building code, fire code, and safety issues in older structures were investigated by the Board of Housing Appeals. The Building Inspector also attended a variety of workshops concerning building regulations, which were conducted by organizations that he belongs to such as the New Hampshire Building Officials Association, the New England Building Officials Association, and the International Association of Electrical Inspectors. Building Inspector, Brad Lane, was elected to the Board of Directors of NH Building Officials and is certified as a "One and Two Family Combination, Electrical, Building, Plumbing, and Mechanical Inspector" by the Building Officials and Administrators International, Inc. The Building Inspector also put together a packet of information on the new International Building Code for presentation to the Planning Board

PLANNING BOARD

1. Public Hearings

- A. The Planning Board held eleven public hearings in 2000. Three of the public hearings were for minor subdivisions, four for site plan reviews, two for review of government land uses and two for review and approval of a proposed zoning amendment. Two voluntary mergers of abutting lots owned in common were also reviewed and approved. The zoning amendment, which was adopted at the May Town Meeting, eliminated most of the residential uses in the Light Commercial (B-1) and Heavy Commercial (B-2) Districts.

2. Other Activities

- A. The Planning Board completed its review and proposed revision of the zoning ordinance and began its review of the new International Building Code, which is replacing the current B.O.C.A. Building Code. A special Town Meeting will be held in late 2001 to vote on both the revised zoning ordinance and the new International Building Code.
- B. Howard Dunn was reelected Chairman and Pauline Andrews was elected Vice Chairman of the Planning Board respectively.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

1. Public Hearings

- A. The ZBA held fourteen public hearings in 2000. Seven were for variances and seven were for special exceptions. All of the special exceptions were granted. The special exception approvals included such things as an expansion of a nonconforming structure, construction of more than one principal building on the same lot, a home business, a commercial kennel, recreational vehicles sales, and a convalescent home among others. The variances included reduced setbacks for building construction and increased signage for a business.

C.D.B.G. PROGRAMS

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

Since 1990, TOPAZ has written grants for and been awarded \$2,836,000.00 in C.D.B.G. funds for housing rehabilitation, public facility projects, infrastructure improvements, and feasibility grants.

2. **1998 Town Wide Target Area** - This housing rehabilitation project for single-family, owner-occupied homes ended on December 31, 2000. Twenty-six low to moderate income homes were rehabilitated under this program - exceeding the original goal of twenty homes, by six. All of the project funds have been expanded. Improvements to the homes included new roofs, siding, paint, doors, flooring, insulation, windows, electrical wiring, plumbing, heating systems, etc. The program was successful in improving the livability of the homes for their low to moderate income owners. The paperwork for the closeout of this grant will be completed within 90 days of the end date.
3. **Concrete Water Storage Tank Project** - The Town's 1.3 million gallon water storage tank project has been successfully completed. The \$947,230.00 project was funded with \$350,000.00 in C.D.B.G. funds and the balance from a state revolving loan fund. The C.D.B.G. contract end date was December 31, 2000. The closeout paperwork for the grant will take place within 90 days after that date. The new tank should provide better water quality for all properties on the municipal water system including the 1072 low to moderate income households that are on the system.
4. **Child Care Center Feasibility Grant** - The Cinnamon Street Child Care Center is the beneficiary of a \$12,000.00 C.D.B.G. feasibility grant. The purpose of the grant is to do a conceptual architectural study of constructing a new building and renovating an existing building. \$1,800.00 of the grant money will pay for its administration by TOPAZ. A preliminary survey of the children who are served by the center indicates that approximately 56% of them are from low to moderate income households. A request for qualifications was developed for the purpose of choosing an architectural firm.

OTHER GRANT PROGRAMS

- A. **Richards Free Library CLG Grant** - In 2000, TOPAZ wrote a successful grant application for a \$5,000.00 Certified Local Government (CLG) matching grant for an architectural plan to address making the library compliant with the requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). An elevator to access three floors, handicapped restrooms, and an accessibility ramp will be part of the design. Matching funds will come from library sources as well as credit for the time TOPAZ and library staff expend in administrating the grant. A request for qualifications was developed for the purpose of choosing an architectural firm.
- B. **TEA-21 Grant** - The federal Transportation Enhancement Act (TEA-21) provides grant monies for transportation related projects including the restoration of historic transportation buildings. In 2000, T.O.P.A.Z. wrote a successful grant application for a \$500,000.00 TEA-21 grant to restore the historic Pier Covered Railroad Bridge, which is located on the Sugar River on the recreational rail trail. The bridge was built around 1872 and is one of only eight covered railroad bridges left in America. The Town will be responsible

for municipally managing the project. The state will pay for 80% of the project. The Town's 20% match can be made up of either soft match or hard match. Soft match consists of the value of time Town employees and qualified volunteers put into the project as well as donations of materials. Hard match would be cash - either from private donations, tax dollars, or grant sources that are not federal transportation dollars. Engineering for the project is scheduled to begin in October 2002 with renovation work to start in October 2004.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

All T.O.P.A.Z. personnel attended professional seminars for the purpose of enhancing and updating their knowledge and skills in order to provide more beneficial service to the Town. During 2000, Department Secretary, Tammy Wilson, resigned to take a position with Sugar River Savings Bank. Julie Collins was hired as the new Department Secretary.

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

**David Jescavage,
Planning Director**

WASTE DISPOSAL ADVISORY STUDY COMMITTEE

2000 ANNUAL REPORT

Our committee was formed in July of 2000 in response to a warrant article passed during our Annual Town Meeting this past year. Our goal is to gather information, investigate various options, including financial impact issues, and ultimately recommend to the Board of Selectmen possible plans for implementation as a long term solution (beyond 2007) for Newport's solid waste disposal issues.

To that end committee members have visited other transfer stations, such as Hartford, VT., Walpole, and Keene, NH. Members have also spoken to and gathered information from award winning transfer station operators from Plymouth, Littleton, Portsmouth, and Dover New Hampshire, as well as Nantucket Island where Newport native Jeff Willett is employed. Also numerous professionals, including: Todd Ellis from the Governors Recycling Program, Chris Way from NH Department of Environmental Services (DES), Tamsen Howes from NorthEast Resource and Recovery Association (NRRA), and others, at our request, have made presentations to our group. Lastly, several committee members attended seminars and have returned with additional information.

The committee also designed a survey and with the help of the Board of Selectmen, had it mailed to all property owners in Newport. The purpose of this survey was to find out what our residents current solid waste and recycling practices are. To date, we have received about 330 surveys which has given our group insight into our citizens preferences and habits.

Unfortunately the warrant article that was passed this past year had the financial portion of that article (\$50,000) disallowed by the NH Department of Revenue Administration (DRA). The impact of this lack of funding created a hurdle that had to be overcome in order to continue to make progress as it related to our mission. The Board of Selectmen decided to appropriate a \$2,000 budget towards committee expenses, such as seminar costs, mileage, and other related expenses.

Future plans include surveying Newport's businesses and industries, developing different options such as curbside pickup or "Pay As You Throw", and look at the potential of a public/private partnership for waste disposal.

**Results of Town Solid Waste Survey:
We had just over 300 respondents, of those 300:**

- 50% Take care of their own trash.
- 50% Have it picked up.
- Over 80% recycle to some extent.
- Most popular recyclable is aluminum cans.
- 2/3 Recycle cardboard.
- 1/3 Do some form of composting.
- 45% Wanted longer hours at the Gobin/Hoyt transfer station.
- 43% Would like curbside trash pickup.
- 33% Would like to see the North Main St. (across from the high school) transfer station re- opened.
- Saturday is the most popular day for transfer station usage.
- Followed by: Monday, Friday, tied are Sunday & Wednesday, Thursday, and Tuesday.
- Preferred time is 8-12 am, followed by 12-3 pm
- 60% Would like municipal trash pickup, 40% are against it.
- 90% Want at least one household hazardous waste pickup annually.

**Guenter K. Hubert,
Chairman**

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY 2000 ANNUAL REPORT

Plant Superintendent

Arnold L. Greenleaf

Plant Operator

Wayne Palmer

The turn over to the New Year, as expected, was rather uneventful, yet we did experience a small annoying Y2K problem. Our fax software for the plant computer was not able to deal with the date changeover and it required installing new software to correct it.

The plant operators modified the Auger Monster to improve the removal rate of solids that the unit was taking out of the incoming flow. A new screen with 3mm (1/8") openings was installed early in the year. This change has made a tremendous improvement in the removal of plastic and paper trash in our incoming flow and has eliminated the problems with clogging in our pumps and floating debris on the lagoon surface. We again this year made further improvements in upgrading lighting and various appurtenances to the plant, i.e., new water heater, installed a corrosion proof door, new bulbs in the UV system, rebuilt one raw sewage pump, modified the septage holding tank to allow for better handling and treatment of the septage, etc. It was not until late summer that we finally began work on installing the new grit removal system. The project was rather drawn out due to the work required to modify our existing system to get the Teacup unit to fit in. It was late in December before the unit could be put online, it was not until early January 2001 that it was setup by the factory technician for fully automatic operation.

Our effluent discharge permit came up for renewal this year and the process was undertaken in a timely fashion. We were notified in December that the permit would be renewed with no additional requirements for testing. This will allow us to maintain our existing system without additional modifications to the treatment process. It was initially thought that we might have to make some changes in order to treat for Ammonia removal, but it was later dropped. The one item that did come to light was the topic of Phosphorus, this is found in many of the detergents for dishwashers and carwashes. Algae blooms continue to plague our discharge throughout the year and phosphorus is suspected to be the culprit. We will be investigating it for potential problems at the plant and should that be the case, we will need to regulate the volumes that users are currently discharging to us as one way of controlling the effluent excursions.

Plant personnel spent time this summer at the landfill on Breakneck Road clearing brush and mowing the site. The wells and surface water sites were inspected and sampled twice for the year.

Both plant operators attended classes for computer training, plant operation, safety and regulatory changes throughout the year to maintain our operator certification. Arnold Greenleaf tested for and received his NH Grade 3 plant operator's license. Wayne Palmer successfully passed his Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator's O.I.T. examination.

is a tremendous amount of fats, oils and greases being disposed of into the sewer system, unfortunately it is not breaking down and is ending up as large clumps in our wetwells or going through the plant and floating on the surface of the lagoons. This results in time being spent to skim it off the surface before it becomes a treatment problem. There is literature available at the plant and Town office that can provide information on how to properly dispose of fats, oils, greases and hazardous waste rather than discarding it to the sewer system.

For those interested in weather data, our annual recorded rainfall here at the plant was 42.69". That was 3.82" more moisture for the year than we received in 1999 and 2.38" more than our 29 year average of 40.31".

Rainfall for 2000 42.7", that was 3.8" more than 1999, as a result we saw an increase in flow to the plant of slightly over 31 million gallons for the year. The increase in flow was attributable to the increased rainfall. We handled over 728,082 gallons per day (GPD) flow into the plant, 87,057 GPD more than we had in 1999. 1999 figures are in parentheses.

WASTEWATER	265,750,000	(233,974,000)
SEPTAGE	221,750	(170,800)

**Arnold L. Greenleaf,
Plant Superintendent**

WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT 2000 ANNUAL REPORT

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Superintendent

Robert K. Naylor

Utility Technicians

Michael Denno

Michael McGill

Ray Hare, III

The year 2000 has been a unique year for the Water & Sewer Department. We have completed the relocation of our office and supply storage to the Newport Public Works Garage on Route 10 and removed the old buildings from the Pollards Mills well site. In October, our new water tank was put into service. The year has also been one of personnel changes.

Moving our office and supply storage gave us a unique opportunity to completely reorganize our supplies and equipment. Our vehicles and supplies are now stored in a single location. This saves us valuable time preparing the trucks and equipment for work.

Our new water tank was built in the summer of 2000 and is located near the old tank at the end of Summer Street. The new water tank will help us to improve our water quality.

It has been a difficult year for staffing the department with two employees hired and four employees leaving the Water & Sewer Department.

At the Water Filtration Plant, the 300,000 gallon water tank was inspected by Underwater Solutions, Inc. They commented on the exceptional clarity of our water which allowed an unrestricted interior view of the tank. After eight years of service, more than 1.7 billion gallons of water has gone through the tank. The tank is still in new condition.

Our corrosion control program is working well. We have continued to pass our residential tests for lead and copper and the Department of Environmental Services has reduced our sampling requirements.

The wastewater pumping stations required several repairs. These included replacement of check valves, motor starter contacts and one air compressor.

Newport Water & Sewer Department personnel received professional development training in Pipe Materials, Microbiology, Surface Water Treatment, Pump Station Maintenance, Emergency Pump Installation, Wastewater Collection Systems, Water Meter O&M, Water Chemistry, Well Cleaning, Backflow Device Testing, Computer Modeling, and Line Locating & Tracing.

The Water Filtration Facility continues to consistently produce high quality water. Water Production in 2000 was 3% higher than in 1999.

Annual Water Production (Gallons)

Total Flow	216,995,816	(208,089,840)
Average Daily Flow	586,290	(570,109)
Max, Daily Flow	678,600	(883,500)

The Newport Water Department had no permit violations in 2000. The water produced by Newport Water Works meets or exceeds all Federal and State drinking water standards.

Operational Statistics

Test Meters for Accuracy	20	Meter Replacement	44
Frozen Meters	15	Water Turned On	16
Water Turned Off	16	Line Location	22
Manholes Located	13	Curbsstop Repairs	25
Water Quality Calls	13	Road Repairs	15
Filters Cleaned	34	Hydrant Repairs	26
Manhole Repairs	22	New Water Services	3

We look forward to the future and continued water and sewer systems improvements. This year, our projects will include engineering for South Main Street and Cheney Street, in addition to hydrant replacement, water and sewer system line replacement and repairs, and finishing construction of the Chlorine House addition.

I would like to thank the Utility Technicians for their hard work and dedication and other Town Departments for their assistance in the past year. I would also like to thank our water and sewer customers for their input and suggestions. Please call us if you have any comments or suggestions. We always welcome suggestions and will do our best to answer any water or wastewater questions you may have.

Robert K. Naylor
Water & Sewer Superintendent

WELFARE — TOWN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
2000 ANNUAL REPORT

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Community Alliance CEO

Kevin B. Cooney

Town Assistance Administrator

Linda Pappas

Community Alliance of Human Services administered the Town of Newport's public assistance program during 2000 for the sixth consecutive year. The collaborative working relationship we share with Town Officials has been central to the program's success. We feel that partnership has served the residents of Newport well.

One hundred twenty-eight families received financial assistance during the calendar year. In addition to providing direct relief, we were able to compare an individual's or family's income, assets, and special circumstances to the eligibility guidelines for more than seventy State and community programs through use of the Wired Wizard Computer Software Program. That resource allows us to effectively refer individuals and families to appropriate State and local resources (fuel assistance programs, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, Partners In Health, local food pantries, etc.).

Funds through the Town Assistance Program provide for the basic needs of individuals and families. Rent or shelter, fuel, electricity, and medical assistance are available to qualified Newport residents. Financial responsibility is an important aspect of the program. Residents who are determined able are required to pay assistance monies back to the Town. Some recipients are able to work in the CASP (Community Assistance Service Program) and thus repay the Town for the assistance they have received. During 2000 Newport recovered \$6,130.36 from previous expenditures and another \$1,320.38 from applicants working in the CASP program.

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

Partners in Health is an invaluable local asset. Providing low cost health screenings, diagnostics, and prescriptions, their services contribute significantly to the health and well being of Newport residents.

Community Alliance was able to continue to provide financial support to Newport residents who did not have the means to finance their much needed dental care, as a result of a generous grant from the Rock Dental Clinic.

During 2000 the Alliance continued to actively participate in and represent the Town on the NH Local Welfare Administrators Association. Our involvement allows us to remain knowledgeable on the many changes that have and continue to occur in the area of welfare reform.

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

We feel the partnership we have formed with the Newport community in this area has been very successful and has served the residents of Newport well. A breakdown of assistance provided during 2000 includes:

Rent:	\$27,282.71	Fuel:	\$1,115.74
Electric:	7,375.98	Medical:	147.60
Funerals:	2,367.50	Shelter:	3,957.46
Food:	73.50		

**Linda Pappas,
Administrator**



**Newport Opera House
David Jescavage Photo**

An Insight Into Newport

It would be nice to envision that the view down Main Street on an August afternoon could once again begin to resemble that of my first weeks working at the Bank in 1971. Newport had always been something of a 'destination spot' for shopping for both year-round and summer residents. Newport's Main Street bustled with activity.

It is, of course, different now. But new opportunities will exist as a more vibrant Newport slowly unveils itself through the continuing improvements rooted in what might be referred to as a 'public-private' partnership for prosperity.

Brick sidewalks, new storefronts, period street lamps, trees, and renovated buildings will combine with the arts...both visual and performing...to create the potential for a new economic atmosphere and a true sense of place.

The challenge for all lies in working together to develop a shared vision for the future. It is the stewardship of the community we see today that will be responsible for what some local historian in the year 2050 will have to say about Newport's first decade of the 21st Century!

Respectfully submitted by:

**Steve Ensign
President and Chief Executive Officer
Lake Sunapee Bank**

This past year our firm celebrated 50 years as one of Newport's oldest merchants, and during this time I have seen downtown change to a tastefully designed Main Street supported by concerned area citizens. Newport is the county seat for Sullivan County and is a vibrant center with many municipal services, excellent banks, legal offices, and many specialty stores. Our parking areas (without meters) have created a good attitude with our customers.

The nearby Mt. Sunapee Resort next to our beautiful Lake Sunapee makes this a year-round attraction for folks throughout New England and New York. We would like to point out that many visitors have decided to establish not only vacation homes but permanent homes as well.

The future of Newport as a growing retail center will depend on our ability to offer our customer a variety of fine products and excellent service. It has been said that a person is

judged by the company he keeps and we in Newport sincerely hope that your company considers joining with us. We do believe that with your expertise and our community support your business venture will prove successful.

Respectfully Submitted By,

**James E. Lantz
M J Harrington & Co.**

Newport. What a wonderful town to live in, work in, and raise a family. Where else can one grab a cup of coffee or eat lunch and be greeted enthusiastically by name, day after day? Although there is a uniqueness in living in most small towns, Newport offers much more. We are a small town that cares. We care about our neighbors, our schools, our Main Street, and our future. As I am sitting at work, I look outside of my window and smile. I am proud to be a Newporter. The newly groomed ice skating rink, the brick lined walkways with the statuesque light fixtures, the blooming flowers and shrubs in Spring, and the soft, yet bold, lighting of one of the States most revered Opera Houses, are all signs of progression. These accomplishments, albeit grandeur, potentially represent only a few of countless improvements that our town, with its enduring community spirit, is capable of creating. With continued investment in the beautification of Main Street, I envision a growing downtown, with minimal vacant space. While other large towns and cities continue to attract regional and national chain retailers, I am confident that Newport will be relatively isolated from such sprawl. This will allow us the luxury of maintaining our heritage and culture as a small, close-knit, community with distinct hometown essence.

As for the future predictions, I am optimistic that the citizens, organizations, and committees in town will be the impetus behind the creation of a winding and scenic walk-way along the banks of the Sugar River, the construction of a new recreational facility, and the transformation of Meadow Park into a renewed family destination complete with state-of-the-art playground equipment and picnic facilities. Wish list? Maybe. But after experiencing first hand the power and gratification of its commitment and vision, nothing seems impossible for the Sunshine Town.

Respectfully Submitted By,

**Mark Pitkin
Vice President
Sugar River Savings Bank**

Self Portraits
in Newport:

SPIN
in the
Millennium

Verandah Porche,
community poet



ECON

SELF PORTRAITS IN NEWPORT:
SPIN'S Evolution and Purpose as an ECON Program
by Patryc Wiggins

SPIN: Self Portraits in Newport, was first conceived as one of seven community projects for the Artists Congress. Vermont poet, Verandah Porche was selected in 1996 to come to Newport to work with elders, students, adult tutorial clients and others, to bring less-heard-from experiences forward as *literature of the local*.

The Economic Corporation of Newport (ECON) was the fiscal agent for the Artists Congress. The Congress programs were conceived by ECON board member, Kathy Hubert, with Patryc Wiggins, the Congress Co-Producers. It was from this context that SPIN was established. SPIN, along with two other Congress projects – the Machine Tool Exhibit and the Community Murals Project – has continued, supported by grant awards from the local to the national level. ECON administrates SPIN in close collaboration with Verandah, the Project Artist.

SPIN's first one-year residency culminated with the publication of a book called SPIN, which made its first appearance at the Sunapee Street Mural Unveiling in June of 1998. Verandah was the Guest Artist at that 8-hour community-wide block party, where a LaValley's flat bed truck was hauled in as an outdoor stage to present ten of the elders Verandah had "visited" the previous year to "collect information" about their lives.

It was especially fitting to have Verandah host this public conversation on the flatbed with Peter Anastos, Richard Benson, Dr. Joseph Budnitz, Signe Lehtinen Siren Ford, Polly Cuciufiti Fortune, Clarice "Babe" Frye, Arthur Gokas, Edwin Sielewicz, Steve Spanos, and Paul St Cyr -- all brought up in this neighborhood, all representing the different ethnic groups that resided there through the first half of the 20th century. Photos of immigrant family members are reproduced on the Coronis Mural framed by text excerpted from the SPIN publication. Verandah captured the following quote from Tyson Taimi, a Newport Finn: *Because of the League of Nations on Sunapee Street, I can swear in seven languages and say 'thank you' in five*, one of many voices painted on the mural.

At the unveiling, the site for the 3rd Community Mural was pulled out of a hat. Jerry and Ann Padova's Newport Professional Center was selected from a list of seven possible sites (businesses and organizations had come forward requesting a mural). Because of SPIN's contributions to the creation of the Coronis Mural, and because the subject matter of this third site-specific mural would have continuity with the Coronis Mural by virtue of its location, the SPIN project proceeded into its next chapter, in close collaboration with the mural team. The Lead Artists for the Community Murals Project, beginning with the Train Mural produced for the Artists Congress, installed on the Johnson Block, are: E. Thor Carlson, who moved to Newport from Charlestown following the Artists Congress; Bryony Romer, from Brooklyn, New York; and Nicholas Scalera from Goshen.

It was Jerry's idea to focus on Newport's present-day "professions" as the theme of the mural for Newport's Professional Center. It was Thor's idea to designate "work on Sunapee Street," all of it, as the subject matter, as a way to contain the professions in a unified composition. Sunapee Street was defined as the three-mile strip along routes 11 & 103, starting at the top of Central Street, continuing east through Guild to the rotary in Wendell. This stretch pretty much follows the curve of the Sugar River and houses a majority of Newport's locally owned businesses – from one-man enterprises to international corporations – which evolved from Newport's agrarian to industrial to high-tech and service-based economies representing a global microcosm.

In 1998 and 1999 ECON received consecutive Community Arts Grants from the NH State Council on the Arts to fund planning for Newport's 3rd Community Mural to focus on "contemporary work" on Sunapee Street. The grant proposals outlined the collaboration between the SPIN Project and Community Murals Project. Building on the success of the Coronis Mural, the SPIN Project was tailored, through its continuation as a literary residency, to generate material for the mural's content and composition.

Planned outcomes included "narratives" specifically shaped around people's contemporary work lives. ECON administrators, with the Mural Team and Verandah, mapped out a plan of action. All the enterprises (about fifty) on the Sunapee Street stretch to the town line in Guild were visited and surveyed with only two declining to participate. Through late 1998 and into early 1999, Verandah began to meet one-on-one in scheduled visits with people to talk about the full character of their work experiences.

In April of 1999, as a result of its succession of community projects through the nineties, Newport was selected to represent the state in the *National Millennium Project* initiated by the *White House* and funded primarily by the *National Endowment for the Arts*. One community per state, and identified community artists nationwide, were separately selected to participate in *Artist & Communities: America Creates for the Millennium*. Verandah, as an individual artist from Vermont who has worked largely in community settings, was selected from a pool of 800 community artists nationwide. The purpose of the project was to use the millennium event to focus on "best practices" across the nation involved in using cultural activities to build community capacity. The project stipulated engagement in arts and humanities activities relevant to the local cultural/historical experience, and accountable to community economic development efforts.

The grant award that came with the honor of the National Millennium Project provided funding for the SPIN project to continue with special distinction through the year 2000. Fundraising efforts continue, to keep Verandah working in Newport indefinitely. A series of culminating events and products will emerge from this chapter of SPIN, including: a high quality publication, in addition to this Town Report; an exhibit, preferably at or near a worksite on the Sunapee Street/Guild stretch; and the creation and permanent installation of Newport's Third Community Mural, at the Newport Professional Center location.

To complement the theme of this year's Town Report, contemporary Newporters,

a cross section of 20 new SPIN narratives, with accompanying photos, were selected for public documentation. Municipal and ECON leadership felt it important to define the connection between the SPIN project, ECON, and the exposure afforded this work in the Town Report.

SPIN's Purpose as an ECON Program

Why is ECON involved in a literary residency? How do the arts and humanities, which are traditionally affiliated with cultural and educational institutions, gel with community economic development? These are deserving questions addressed in an article recently passed to ECON from Newport Town Manager, Dan O'Neill, titled: "Culture Works: Cultural Resources as Economic Development Tools."

Published by the *International City/County Management Association* (ICMA), and written by Molly Singer, senior ICMA project manager out of Washington, D.C., the article "assesses the economic impact of cultural programs on local government's revenue base" and reports on the evidence, which supports "the link between cultural investments and economic growth."

The article broadens the concept of economic development beyond the single category of business and job recruitment. "Localities generate three kinds of value: social, cultural, and economic," reports Singer. "It is the unity, or synthesis, of these values that creates what we increasingly call sustainable communities. As local government managers and administrators create sustainable and working communities where citizens are engaging in social issues, participating in economic development, and planning their own futures, cultural resources are major tools for building safe, clean, and smart communities."

Though such benefits are difficult to measure, public discussion on this subject is increasing. Last year the *New England Council* published a report called, "The Creative Economy Initiative: the Role of the Arts and Culture in New England's Economic Competitiveness." This report recognized the relationship between "the arts and industry – including manufacturing and technology." It also identified "the creativity embedded in self-employment." The notion that entrepreneurialism calls for creativity is widely assumed. But this brand of creativity is infrequently acknowledged through the formal disciplines of the arts and humanities.

The SPIN project, the Community Murals Project and the Machine Tool Exhibit, were designed from the outset as arts and humanities projects mindful of the benefits of melding what has long been segregated – cultural/community development with economic development. Each of these projects was founded on the merits of involving community members in public programs, which examine very specific aspects of community life.

Each of the projects adhere to well thought out principles: 1) that within the community are undervalued strengths, assets and attributes that result from the community's collective experience; 2) that the collective process of identifying, interpreting,

and presenting these under-acknowledged inner strengths fosters the community's social development and sustainability; and 3) that this introspective process, when carried out in a public, formal manner, with tangible, permanent outcomes, contributes to economic development.

Newport's First Community Mural provides an example. The community strengths identified for formal, public depiction in this mural were Newport's significant historic downtown structures, an important site-specific event (the first train to cross Main Street), and community celebrations (Winter Carnival and concerts on the common).

The process, led by three professional artists, involved utilizing the high school cafeteria for the summer as the production site. 120 community members participated, ages 6 to 82, including: children in the recreation department's summer program; elders; families; downtown business owners and employees; local historians; and the municipality.

This community wide collaboration galvanized civic participation and contributed to the Main Street beautification program, as it also informed the public of Newport's downtown assets. The community and visitors alike took stock of the visual information presented in the composition. In addition, the quality and character of its presentation conveyed Newport's integrity.

In terms of traditional economic development, this mural fostered private investment. Building, sidewalk, and lighting improvements, the creation of a pocket park, and the development of new businesses are all measurable indicators of the mural's influence created within the larger momentum of the Artists Congress.

SPIN, as a literary project, has a more subtle impact, but nonetheless follows the same principles. It upholds the role of the citizen – in this case, contemporary workers and participating students studying local work – in the creation of a future based on the community's existing capacities. By talking to the people who work along the Sunapee Street corridor into Guild, the SPIN project aims to contribute to the sustainability of the local and regional economy by making more visible the inner strengths – the workplace traditions, the family, school and community patterns, the economic practices – that are especially pertinent, even indigenous to Newport.

Such dominant characteristics like: the local work ethic; the predominance of locally-founded, locally-owned businesses; and the legacy of intergenerational residence have surfaced. The roots from which these characteristics emerge is nationally significant in the context of Newport's position as a pure microcosm of the country's economic transitions. The SPIN project links contemporary workplace culture to: the area's earlier agrarian economy; mentorships established in school, youth, and community experiences with teachers, coaches, boy scouts, paper routes, athletics, community projects, extended families; the influence of Newport's ethnic immigration; and the persistent role of hunting, fishing, trapping, and crafts at home. As the narratives and photos reveal, SPIN is unearthing strengths not often or easily identified and defined, but nonetheless are indisputably worthy of deep study, reflection, interpretation and public presentation.

In summary, SPIN's role is to uproot traditional knowledge and to honor the people who create and preserve it. As international educator and economist, David Orr says, "Knowledge is not separated from the multiple tasks of living well in a specific place over a long period of time. ... knowledge of specific places and their peculiar traits ... as well as the history and the cultural practices that work in each particular setting. Sustainability will not come primarily from homogenized top-down approaches but from the careful adaptation of people to particular places. This is as much a process of *rediscovery* as it is of research."

The SPIN project addresses the most delicate of subjects: *work*, with the aim to search out the human qualities that shape that work. SPIN's purpose as an ECON project is to illuminate the deep, soul searching life-ways that get to the heart of what creates and perpetuates Newport's daily efforts at the work place. The honest, understated, faithful documentation of this human experience renders the voice of an advanced society – a community poised for intelligent and practical ways to build a future together. SPIN is cultivating awareness for the economic activities that will evolve at the Eagle Block.

A word
from Verandah...



Among Vital Statistics, audits and warrants in the Town Report, we offer this update from *Self Portraits in Newport: SPIN in the Millennium*. The subject is Work; the setting is Sunapee Street from the top of Central St. to the end of Guild. The narrators are your neighbors. More than a hundred people from fifty businesses have spoken to me, with generosity and in depth, about the evolution of their work lives and values. SPIN's goal is to honor the current businesses and workers along the town's traditional industrial corridor, in their own words and with their own visions. A small collection of collaborative narrative portraits, with photographs by Bill Hackwell, appears here.

SPIN in the Millennium evolved from my earlier work in Newport. To prepare for the Artists Congress, I came to town in 1996 with my tools, a laptop computer, an inquiring ear, and a passion for language, to retrieve stories, poems, memories, and thoughts about life. "Retrieve" means to "find a treasure-trove." From the same root, comes "troubadour," the traveling poet whose "arias" find news and beauty in the common air. The first SPIN anthology and Newport's Second Community Mural on Coronis' Market house some of the poignant insights people shared.

In fall, 1999, as a result of Newport's community projects, the town was selected to represent New Hampshire in a nationwide initiative: *Artists & Communities: America Creates for the Millennium*. As an individual artist, I was honored by this same award, which allowed the SPIN project to continue.

In January of 2000, with ECON's hand, I took up residence in Newport, shopped on the strip, introduced myself, and asked for permission to interview the people I met. At the larger businesses, I worked through Human Resources to identify those with years of experience. The project grew organically with each teller recommending the next. I questioned, listened intently, typed wildly, and edited my improvised shorthand into English. At night, often with ECON leadership, I reread what I had transcribed and felt the value of the lives I'd entered. I returned the narratives and corrected them with participants, a thrilling and often agonizing process.

I wanted participants to feel at ease in the public eye. Although I hadn't owned a set in 40 years, I became a regular on NCTV, where SPIN shows reran as often as *The Sopranos* on HBO. At the Richards Free Library Poets Corner, Towle and NMHS students, the "cornered poets" joined me most weeks to create verbal snapshots of places on the street; often we made site visits to gather data. *Wicked Good*, *The Eagle*, and *The Argus* published interviews and poems.

In August, photographer Bill Hackwell, a Newport native and ardent supporter of ECON's programs, flew in from California to contribute to the project. As the international documentary photographer crossed into the Sunshine Town, he became "Billy Hackwell," whose father, Philip Hackwell, a former Selectman, died suddenly and tragically at age 44 in the early sixties. Bill understood our complex mission: to honor people who tend to shun the limelight, to value candor yet maintain confidences. He knew the balance I sought in framing Newport, a '24-7,' hands-on, can-do, self-effacing, short-winded, sports-minded town, full of understated creativity and off-the-record heart. His art, like mine, requires trust, humor, tact, and sometimes, sacrifice. When privacy demands it, Bill puts aside the camera or leaves the shot unprinted. In my work, when I can't convince the teller, I delete eloquent passages, wishing we could shuck pain from our lives as easily as a keystroke can from a hard drive. One man summarized the ethic and aesthetic: "You know the rules: no whining, no bragging."

As I write, a spring snowstorm has knocked out power on Main St. Linemen from Public Service and the NH Electric Cooperative risk their necks as my laptop's battery winds down. In this fragile space, I'll list the insights this project brought home to me.

Over and over, I heard that the workplaces, most locally owned or operated, "feel like family" to employees; old loyalties offset daily stresses. I would ask, "Like family? Tell me about your family." Many businesses employ generations of the same extended clans. For others, the request for personal disclosure provoked the familiar command, "Hands off the keys," while I listened to stories they wanted to air. For some, the workplace provides order and rewards that families couldn't offer. Despite stereotypes about the demeaning quality of industrial life, human bonding is more common than bondage here.

With the "don't mention it" spirit, local philanthropy extends the sense of family. Wilbur Grace and the Night Owls offer benefit square dances; Terry Moore mentors fine woodworkers at a Concord prison.

There's an anthropology museum, Dorr woolen fabric for fire fighters' uniforms, Ruger rifles for Little League raffles, and equally durable, the years of volunteering: coaching, board meetings, and healing prayers.

Creativity is alive and kicking. Products masterminded and made on Sunapee St. sell worldwide: fabrics, candlesticks, turbine parts, waterbased industrial coating, golf clubs and firearms, chimney cleaning spray, handwoven tapestries, one of a kind furniture, to name a few; even the perishable salami grinder has crossed borders.

The creative process takes shape, alone or in company: Penny Lantass assesses the "personality" of each piece of cloth whose color she has to match; in Dorr's Smoke Room, workers from different departments sort out problems in the weave; Ellen St. Pierre at Ruger composes poems on her breaks as a Sub-assembler; Dickie Jacobs discovers and un-corrodes the throttle linkage for a lucky fix.

There's optimism embedded in the Granite State. Newport's hidden optimism springs from the stamina and resilience of the Sugar River, with its deep source and steep drop that made the great mills possible, endured their waste, and now runs clearer than it has for fifty years. Please pass the clarity. On Sunapee St., as I listen to the swelling eloquence of reticent people, I count myself lucky to be here.

A word

from Bill..

It had been years since I had been back to Newport to spend any significant amount of time, with the exception of a few visits to my Aunt Mimi, the last living Hackwell in town. She had such a sense of the family's roots here that after Edward Hackwell, my grandfather and owner of Hackwell Lumber Company, had passed away, she fought with the Telephone Company to keep the Hackwell name in the phone book.

My life has taken such dizzying swerves since that time in the 50's and early 60's when my sisters and I were being raised in our home at 10 School Street. The memories of that time are as fresh as yesterday. The smells of the Sugar River, the distinct sound of the Town Hall bell, and all my friends and family. I had never thought of that time, with the exception of the sudden death of my father Phil, as anything but wonderful. Phil Hackwell was dedicated to Newport. He was a layreader in the Church of the Epiphany, ran the youth program at the Mt. Sunapee Area Ski Club and was a selectman at the time of his death. I remember how proud I was when he led Newport's Bicentennial parade down Main Street in the summer of 1961.

For years these memories had been locked away in a compartment of my mind, occasionally to be dusted off and revisited. What redirected my attention to

Newport in the present time was a chance encounter with Patryc Wiggins in early 1994 in San Francisco where I now live and work as an independent photographer. A friend of mine called to say that there was a woman speaking on a tapestry project she was doing in a small mill town in New Hampshire. She said she thought it sounded similar to the town I had grown up in. This began a long period of correspondence between myself and Patryc who rekindled my interest in Newport by her passion of what she described as a cultural rebirth with recognition of the men and women of Newport and its unique place in U.S. history. Her sense of pride in being from Newport made me proud to be from Newport as well. It was ironic that about that time I was looking for galleries to exhibit a retrospective show of 30 years of my photography. It was thrilling for me that in July of 1996, *Common Expressions of Humanity* began its national tour at the Library Arts Center in the town of my birth.

But now it was August 2000 and my return to Newport this time was different. I now found myself returning with an assignment. Through ECON, I was being brought in to photograph the workers and people who lived along the Sunapee Street corridor to accompany these wonderful narratives being written by Verandah Porche. The project known as SPIN was the type of work that fits my narrow niche of photography known as social documentary. This type of photography focuses primarily on communities who are going through some type of change. Some consider it photo journalism, but my view is to try to make sure that my images of people survive the test of time. I want to think that my images are historically relevant long after the yellowing of a newspaper. Most of my work has been in other countries and I never dreamt that I would some day be applying my cameras and my vision to my hometown. Verandah and I, through e-mail, letters and long phone calls, between California and Vermont, for a year discussed our approach. I realized that, as a writer, she was guided by the same basic view, with the same principles as I had. I could tell from her writing that she had a tremendous respect for who she was writing about. Maintaining a person's dignity in an honest but interesting way was a thread in her work, and that as the writer she wasn't tripping over her own ego in order to be superficially clever. Verandah is a wordsmith, writing is her craft, and I am honored to have my photographs accompany these glimpses of the lives of the people of Newport.

I never expected that when I came back last summer that I would get the warm response that I did from the people of this town who made it clear to me that I still belong and always will. Through my work I have seen that no matter where you live in this world, that we are all looking for the same things: a safe and healthy place to live and to work towards a future that is filled with justice, and is better for those who come after us. In this period there is no shortage of things to do to make a better world possible. To come back to Newport and to be objective and subjective at the same time has been a profound and therapeutic experience, one that has helped me personally to sort out my own life, and to remind myself who I am and where I am from.



BACK STAGE AT CORONIS' MARKET

Lights! Coffee! Action! The sit-com at Coronis' Market kicks in at 5:00 a.m. when John and Brian Coronis, father and son, unlock the only locally-owned convenience store in Newport, to cut up with the customers. Three generations of Coronis' have served up their slice of life on Sunapee Street, where the grinder, a mammoth sandwich, stars.

John Coronis bought the ailing business from his father and, with former wife Marlene, built it into a thriving institution. Brian Coronis, their star struck son, left Newport at age



John Coronis

25 to try his luck in Hollywood. He made a good life in California and stayed for five years. Family loyalty drew him back to town. Now he owns the place and says, in some small way, *Coronis' is my stage*. These days Marlene, who juggled kids and Coronis' for decades, still keeps the books, indulges in crafts and grandchildren, and fills in, as needed.

Brian Coronis says, *I get up at 4, 4:15. It's the most I'm awake all day. I pick up my father. He's waiting for me, upstairs or outside, depending on how cold it is. We open up the store, turn on the lights, dump on a pot of coffee, just like at*



Brian Coronis

home. I have the same customer, there every morning, name is Jim... He brings the papers in. He'll get the coffee ready if I hold the door for him. I'll go out back and turn the lights on. That stuff happens all day long.

Newport is convenience store Mecca. There are two Jiffy Marts, Neighbors, Cobble Farm, Irving, T-Bird. We just have the local flavor. When you own your own business, and have your family working, you put a

little more effort in than when you're just showing up for the job. It isn't so much customer service--politeness. You aren't always kindest to the people you know best. It's like family, you only tease the ones you love. You can take it for granted that the people who know you will come back, and it holds true...

Marlene Coronis describes the scene. You can't really have a long conversation here. Brian's making grinders, somebody's having lunch, somebody's discussing the basketball game: it's total chaos. I can only hear one person at a time. Everyone is doing their male things. Sometimes they swear, but today everybody swears, so I can close it out and let it wash over.

Often the guys you see, they've worked all night... Everybody from every walk of life, professional people, laborers, it doesn't matter who you are in here, you aren't treated any differently... A lot of people just stand there and laugh at arguments, shenanigans, teasing, buffoonery.

Brian Coronis adds, You come in and feel like part of it. It's the town spot. I hear people come in and say, 'If you don't know, then nobody knows,' as far as what's happening in town. It's nice to be trusted with whatever. Passing through town, they say, 'Hey are you a Coronis? I remember when...' and they'll tell me a story about the old Coronis', something about my grandfather, or my dad. I'd like to keep that going.

I remember seeing the sign for 'grinders' at Coronis', says Lynn Merrill, now Human

Resource Manager at Sturm, Ruger, who moved to Newport as a girl. I thought, 'What are grinders?' I had only seen meat grinders, the machines. In Maine, we always called them 'Italian sandwiches.'



Marlene Coronis (center), with co-workers Kerry Slay (left) and Kelly Shultz (right)



Lynn Merrill

With relish, John Coronis remembers assembling the first one in 1958. *I went back to my little area and started experimenting...I got myself a couple of grinder rolls, we had them brought in from a bakery in Manchester... How am I going to put the lettuce in? I wanted it to be visible, and nice and neat. The tomatoes, I didn't know how to cut them up, and the cucumbers, and peppers. Finally, the acid test came. I put the stuff together, and I said to myself, 'This doesn't look too bad at all.'*

Wrapped in pristine cellophane, priced at 50 cents, the grinder sat on a counter while Coronis paced. *Jimmy Judd came in and bought the original grinder, provolone, salami, and all the fixings. I couldn't wait to see him again. Lo and behold, an hour or so later, guess who showed up for another grinder? Jimmy Judd! This guy was big. He was a high school football player. I asked him if he liked it.*

In his day, Jimmy Judd,* star of the Newport Tigers, was as famous as the grinders became. Native Newporters still debate whether Claremont's football team intentionally broke Judd's leg in a game that resulted in a near riot. There has never been much contention, however, about the winsome sandwich.

Mention places on Sunapee St. to contemporary kids at the Richards Free Library and Coronis' Market is the first that springs to mind. Writing this poem was literally a snap.

Rockin' at Coronis'

*"Everything (yummy) with everything on it,"
is what you can purchase at Coronis' Market.
Hot Fries, fresh grinders, and orange soda—
There's nothing quite like it in *North Dakota.*

"Welcome to Coronis'. Can I take your order?"

"Yes, I'd like some gumballs."

"That will cost a quarter."

*Powerade and Snapple, you can see through the door.
Drop into Coronis' and swallow some more.*

"Want the usual? Ham or salami?
Never mind the money, this one is on me."
Brian asks his customer, "Want lettuce and
tomato?"

He can whip up a grinder as fast as a tornado.

While dawn is just perking, his coffee's all dripped.
When John is up working, he's ready to rip!

"Often imitated—never duplicated"

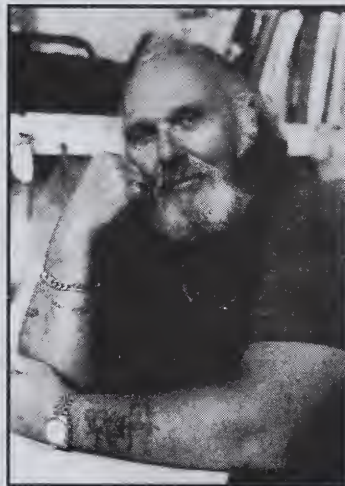
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* John Coronis said that Jimmy Judd, who moved to North Dakota, stopped at the Market to buy a grinder before going home, on his first trip back to Newport.

Cleaning Up with Jerry Padova

Jerry Padova's trophies stick up like stalagmites at Grime Busters on Sunapee St. Padova, 60, counts off the triumphs. As a World Champion Power Lifter, he has "benched well over 400 lbs." Three-times a US-Canadian Backgammon Champion, Padova is also a leading New England car show enthusiast, and a biker. At age 17, Padova began selling Electroluxes and later, Kirby vacuum cleaners, door to door, on Long Island. During 17 years in New York, he turned a part time job into a series of national distinctions. Fifty-six times Padova led the ranks in vacuum cleaner sales, edging out a quarter of a million salesmen. Padova tilts back in his chair and quips, *Hey, it's a dirty world, and I'm out there with the vacuum!*

When I was nine years old, I had Bulbar and paralytic polio at the same time and I was in an iron lung, with no cure.



Jerry Padova



They told my mother I was dead, go home and call the priest, we'll tell you when he dies, and I heard them say that I'd had polio for seven months. I remember a doctor coming up to my bed. I was in the respirator, and he said, 'I'd like you to try to move your right toe.' What I did was I concentrated on it. I couldn't feel it but the doctor saw the toe twitch. I didn't see it. He told me I was going to walk again. It took three to four years of rehabilitation until I was sixteen. I became very mental and it seems like everything I've ever asked of myself— what I've wanted to do or have, would happen. Just by never giving up. It was my absolute will to live that pulled me through... Okay, I have to credit my family, too. My mom and dad have been married 60 years and I've been married 41.

Everything's easy when you know what you're doing. It just comes to you via trial and error. We would go into peoples' homes to shampoo their rugs for free, to take a look at the vacuum



Jerry and his Grimebusters

cleaner. And if we didn't sell them a vacuum cleaner, they would ask us to shampoo their extra rooms and they'd pay us. That's how I got into the business. Then one day, I got a call from a manufacturer that wanted to look at a vacuum because they needed

to clean their offices. During the conversation, the executive asked me if I knew anyone who cleaned offices and I told him I did. He asked me to give him a price and how many days of the week he needed cleaning, and that's how I got into the janitorial maintenance business.

The Padova family left the pandemonium, drugs and peer pressure of Long Island for East Lempster, NH. They found a house for \$42,000 in 1978, and started Jerry's Vac Shack on Route 10.

There were less than five cars a day going by the house. Up at Fulton's Gas Station, the boys that had lived there practically all of their lives, said that they were taking bets on how long 'the idiot' would last selling vacuum cleaners on his front lawn in East Lempster and they had a pool going. Some said a month, some said six months, some said the end of the

week. Twenty-one years later, here I am.

Eighteen months later, we rented a store in Newport and from then on, the store became established, and the rug cleaning business and the maintenance. The business is called Grime Busters, Inc. My strategy? Just keeping my nose to the grindstone and trying to keep it clean. Grime Busters hires, I guess, people that for one reason or not, do not or cannot afford an education, and like any ship that doesn't have a crew or a compass or a destination, is going to sink. What I try to do is give these sinking ships a chance at life. May not be the easiest life, but it's a life to be proud of, and a life you can take to the bank and support a family with and wind up with a lot of self esteem at the end of it all, with no schooling, just hard work and perseverance. Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't. All I know is that my hair gets whiter everyday.

Actually life is extremely simple. It's so simple, it's ridiculous, for a man only has to make two decisions in his whole life, and ninety per cent of the battle on this earth has been won. Only two: who he marries and where he works. If he's happy at home, he goes to work smiling. If he goes to work and loves where he works, he comes home smiling. So he's always smiling. People get to hate this guy; he's happy wherever he goes.

I'm what's known as a runner. I take the information from people at the top of the ladder, and as I go down the ladder, I put it into words that the people at the bottom can understand. And visa versa. I'm a Paul Revere. One half of me is in one camp, high up, and one half is in the bottom. I'm Jerry Padova, a doer. I just handle things.

Kim Richardson: Shipping By the Sugar River

As Manager of Sturm, Ruger's Shipping Department and as coach on the Little League field, Kim Richardson knows how to support his team. One of eight children, the father of two, Richardson has worked at Ruger for 26 years and coached Little League for seven. His relatives are among Newport's bedrock citizens, descended from matriarch Hazel Willett. His mother Geraldine Richardson and her seven siblings have raised generations of children with solid warmth and steady



faith. His father, once a sawyer at Hackwell Lumber on the Goshen Rd., was a machinist at Micro Precision. His wife Donna is an RN in Claremont. The Shipping Department fills the massive brick mill, former home of the Gordon and Richards Woolen Mills and Sportwell Shoe.

As a kid, I liked school, partly because of the sports I was involved in, and I'd get pretty good grades in order to be able to play. I had to study harder than most people. I played four years of football, four of basketball, two years of baseball, and two of track and field. I graduated in '73. I played on the 10 and 0 State Championship football team in '72. The first line



Kim Richardson

defense was unscored against that year. It was the highlight of my high school career.

Our coach, Robert Underhill: I had a great deal of respect for him. He had a way of getting into your mind, touching you, bringing out your best, on and off the field.

All the coaches were great, Olli Turpeinin, Bill Thurlow.

In high school, I worked for John Coronis, part time. The original store was in an old, old building. The floors were not level. There were holes in the ceiling. You could hear the conversations in the upstairs apartment. The back porch had a slant. Raccoons would come up and scavenge the old lettuce we'd put out there. John showed us how to make the famous grinder. I'd come in with the Hemingway twins, Donnie and Bradley. The year we graduated, we were tri-captains of the football team. We lost only one game all year. We used to come into Coronis' and make 75 to 100 grinders, in advance. It took considerable time to make enough for the crowd. Newport was a big football town, and still is.

The grinder had to be just so. It had to be so many pieces of meat, so much lettuce, not too much mayonnaise. We got a lot of practice from the daily making.

I learned about more than grinders from John. When his eyes were bad, I read the stock market report for him, out of the paper. He'd ask how they were doing. We'd check them out.

I got quite an education from him. John keeps it all in his head, all the information. He doesn't need his hands to punch the keys. We used to stock shelves together and work late hours. With John, it was a schooling all of its own: right from wrong; what to do, and what not to.

After his first semester at Plymouth State College, Richardson had an opportunity 'to get into Ruger.' I had my heart set on being a Physical Education teacher. Back then, making the money I had a chance to make at Ruger was quite appealing. I sort of lost sight of my dream of being a Physical Education teacher. Coaching is a small fulfillment. But Sturm, Ruger has given individuals such as myself the encouragement and opportunity to advance within a company in which I have a deep sense of pride.

Richardson describes his coaching style. With Little League, the kids are real young. You try to get them focused, by teaching them respect and discipline. When you talk, you want them to listen: don't talk over the coach. You can teach fundamentals if they're paying attention, listening as a team; not two or three of them, and the rest, talking about video games. The kids see the excitement in the coaches who praise them for a good play. We're there to see that they're using their heads. When you're running bases on a fly ball, hold up before you take off. Do you need to go back to the base or run? It's the little things.

I still think about where I could have gone: coaching high school, and maybe even further. I'm comfortable where I am now. I have a good job. I like what I'm doing. If, someday, one of my sons would like to become a Physical Education teacher and coach, that would please me. I would never force them, but if they ever want to pursue it, I'd support them.

Richardson describes the team in the Shipping Department. I'm happy with the people who work for me. They're very dedicated and conscientious, and we have a good team environment. With the eight Shipping Department employees (Richardson conducts a quick tally), we have an accumulative of a hundred years, a century of shipping!

Toward the end of the month or the end of the quarter, we get real busy here. At the end, we all get together and do whatever it takes to get the job done. Maybe we'll stay here later than usual. We all pitch in to help out, pulling orders, shrink

wrapping skids, whatever the priority is. The work is very physical. Some orders weigh 20,000 lbs., and we lift them twice. But still, it's calm here. There are no loud sounds from the machine manufacturing down here. You can sense the difference.

As a manager, I let the people do what their expertise is. Let them do their job, and chances are, they'll do it and, very well. I'm here for guidance and general advice. The key is the thought that everyone is important. If they sense that, chances are they're going to do a good job.

With the dam out back, Bill Ruger, Jr. is generating power. I like the whole concept of the river not just existing. Occasionally, on breaks, we can throw a line in the water. We haven't had much luck, but we soak up some rays. The sound of it, it almost feels like power, the water splashing down over the rocks, and the visual you get out of it. Not many people have the opportunity to have a dam real close by. On the different floors, you hear the river flowing down and it almost feels like you're in the country when actually you're right in the middle of a workplace.

Sisters with Scissors: Letting Your Hair Down at Hair Connections by Jody



During the "weekly wash-and-set" era of hairdressing, the Barna sisters, now Jody Manson and Nicki Sullivan, grew up playing at their mother's home salon in Sunapee. Jody, the older sister, always wanted to primp and style. After high school, she trained in Claremont and set up shop with a cousin on Sunapee St., beside Nick's FoodMart, the convenience store their father owned and operated.

Nicki describes herself as a tomboy and says, *My father was heartbroken when I decided to be a girl. Our evenings in the garage under the cars ended. Pretty things, boys, and make-up: it all hit me at once.* She adds, *Those times with my dad made me a self-sufficient female. I can say to my husband, 'If you don't do it, I will.'*

Speaking of their mother's business, Jody says, *So much has changed since those days. She counted among her*

So much has changed since those days. She counted among her clients women summering around the lake and local mothers. She continues, For the stay-at-home moms, the beauty parlor visit was a ritual, maybe their one and only treat. Social life was so different then. Couples would go out dancing every Friday or Saturday night. Today's hairstyles, she notes, are 'more carefree.' Few women can make time for creature comforts like the weekly 'do.'

Hair Connections by Jody, housed in a neat ranch house on Coitview Drive, has a peaceful, off-the-beaten-track feel. For the past ten years, Jody and Nicki, elegant, willowy thirty-some-things, have "performed miracles" here, according to one "old reliable." The sisters know they can trust each other. Jody laughs, *I know she'd be here, even on her death bed, and so would I.*



Jody Manson and Nicki Sullivan

Talk is lively and bonding, deep at Hair Connections by Jody. One of the Thursday ladies jokes, *It's our confession hour. We never repeat what we've heard. Don't dare. We cry on each others shoulders, sometimes. Sometimes I come in here and say, 'What story do we have today?'* Another "regular" shares advice about shopping on the Quality Value Channel for hard-to-find items like "reasonable" jewelry, fitted sheets for a soft-sided waterbed, and One-Shot spot remover that can tackle coffee and blood. In the midst of the gab fest, a local worker can grab a quick trim during lunch and be back with time to spare.

Jody Manson and Nicki Sullivan have nurtured their customers through celebrations and adversity: weddings, graduations, illness or injury. When necessary, they've made house calls; their shop is wheelchair accessible.

The sisters listen and rely on their own intuition. Nicki Sullivan says, *To do this job, you need to be able to read into people. Someone will come in here and say they want to change everything about their hair. You ask, 'What length?' They'll say, 'Don't change that. I have to be able to put it up.'*

'What about layers?' And that's a No, too. They want it even. That's where you need the maturity. You can't just spin the chair and start cutting. You need to understand what people really want, even if they don't.

Nicki snips as she speaks. *The best and the worst things about this business are the same. The hours are wonderful, and then the hours are terrible. I love the flexibility. But people need you here, evenings and Saturdays, when they're out of work. I get mornings off, and I can change appointments if necessary.*

On the weekend, I also work with Pat and Lisa at the Country Kitchen. The money is nice for the extras in life, gymnastics, long weekends away. Sundays, I start at 6:30 in the morning. By the time we leave, it's 2:00 o'clock. It's straight out, nonstop there.

With two jobs in Newport, Nicki found herself living in town. *We got married, house-hunted and landed in Newport. When Tom and I moved from Sunapee, we were still Sunapee-ites. We didn't want to admit it. We bought a starter home in Newport, and hoped to move on quickly, hoped to be back in Sunapee before our kids were in school. It didn't turn out that way. We've been ecstatic with the education that Nicholas is getting at Richards. Now that we're here, passively house-hunting again, and we're thinking: Newport.*

Cooking up Traditions at the Country Kitchen

Postcard sunrises from traveling diners line the kitchen walls. Seven days a week at the Country Kitchen, *they're scrambling the eggs while you're counting your sheep, as Emma Stone's poem notes. Asked for an egg-count, owners Pat and Lisa Tremblay do the math and estimate 375,000 a year. Each Thanksgiving, the Country Kitchen serves about 27 turkeys, roasted and donated by volunteers, with all amenities from juice to pie, cost-free, to 150*



Pat and Lisa Tremblay

guests at the restaurant on Sunapee St. Volunteers deliver another 150 meals to homes across Sullivan County. Each year, Lisa says, Thanksgiving is *the best exhaustion we have*.

The Tremblay's take life in stride. Pat Tremblay grew up frying and facing the crowd at the old A & W, with two generations, father and grandfather, instructing him. *When I spent the first year running the restaurant, Pat laughs, my father stood behind me and yelled, 'This is how you do it.'* Sixteen year old Lisa Rowe had already been working as a carhop for two years by the time Pat's family bought the place. Thrown together *from day one*, Pat and Lisa fell in love over fast food. For twenty years now, Lisa says, *It's been the two of us, together, 24-7, finishing each other's sentences, when we're at a loss for words.*

The Country Kitchen reflects their solidarity. In a business known for its high turnover, Lisa notes that 85% to 90% of their employees *have been with us since we started*. The Tremblays attribute much of their 14 years of success to the excellent staff. The feeling is mutual. Newport High School Senior Pat Dean, a future psychiatrist or pediatrician, says that Pat Tremblay's jokes and stories keep morale perking. Dean adds, *I don't have to make a killing so I'm just enjoying the ride*. Even with dishes whizzing from the kitchen, the whole staff seems to share this vision.

Michele Stone Colburne is a Country Kitchen "lifer" and mother of a future waitress. She balances full plates and smiles, *Pat and Lisa are stuck with me...*

My first job was working with Pat and Lisa down at the A & W, during the summer and on weekends. I was 14. Lisa and I worked in the out-front sections, taking phone-in orders and putting the food out for the carhops, getting the food and drinks. Weekends were really busy. Eventually, I moved out to be a carhop. That was fast-moving, too. They'd pull into the parking spot and the carhops, all pretty young girls, would come up to the car and take their order. When the food was ready, with the drink, we'd carry the tray down to the car. It was the trays that stuck onto the window. Usually, they'd give a tip....

After I graduated, I started working at LaValley's, in

the office. I worked there for one month, and during lunch, I'd go over and see Lisa. We got talking and got talking, and she asked if I'd come and work with them again. She had just opened up the Country Kitchen the month before, and I've been there ever since then.

They're just like family to me. I couldn't picture myself



Michele Stone Colburne

working for anybody else but them. They're such caring people; you can talk to them about anything, work or family. That's why everything goes so smoothly, because they're so easy going. The hours are another thing to look at. It's hard to find a job where you get out at the same time as your child.

My daughter Amanda is eight and a-half. She's there with me every morning. Occasionally, she'll help me clear the tables or help fill the salt and pepper shakers. It's a good opportunity for her to see what I do, and to teach her that it's good to work and earn your own money. They start bussing here around 12 years old. I'm sure she'll start doing it before then. Wednesday and Friday, I open at five, and I drop her off at my grandmother's, so she can go back to sleep. Around 7:00 she gets dropped off and goes to school from here. My grandmother watches her in the summer, when she's out of school. Believe me, my grandmother is a life saver. Priscilla Hebert's her name. All the neighborhood kids gathered around her house in Guild....

My grandmother grew up here at the boarding house and that's where my mother was born. My mother grew up here and still lives in the Newport area. I lived here and there. We moved from house to house; it's hard to pinpoint one place. They just didn't settle. They never owned; just rented, and now, I'm the total opposite. I've been in my place in Croydon for 15 years.... Newport has cleaned up a lot from what I can remember, growing up. It's more modern. A lot of people are getting a lot more involved in the community, making it a good town for families, to keep people here. Being a small town, you feel safe around this area....

I come from a line of strong women. My grandmother

Priscilla Hebert is 75 years old, and has my daughter and my two cousins who are Amanda's age. She loves the kids, loves being with them. They keep her company. They call her, "Nan." My daughter is her great granddaughter. My own great grandmother, she just passed away two years ago, Hazel Willett. We had a picture at Amanda's baptism of all five of us. All firstborn, all females, all strong women: that's something to hang onto, right there!

Ambition

Trying to transcend Newport's distaste for bragging, I asked Harold LaValley, one of Newport's most reticent, to share his early entrepreneurial memories. I urged because young people need to hear about creativity and persistence in their midst. A teacher's assignment can shape hope into action.

In sixth grade, Harold LaValley's teacher, Mrs. Rollins challenged her students to write their future plans and dreams on paper. *It was a major project, LaValley notes. We put it into a little booklet and illustrated it.* LaValley planned to get a helicopter, provide rides for the public, acquire a huge piece of land and build an entire city. The newfangled helicopter and the built landscape captured LaValley's imagination.

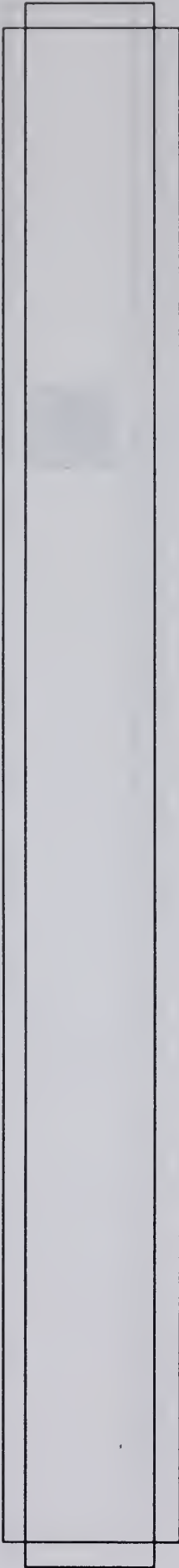
Today, behind LaValley's flagship store described in the student poem here, crews of skilled workers are raising roofs, building prefabricated trusses that travel across New England.



Harold and Gerry LaValley

I always had something to sell.
That's the way kids were able to get by.
People were poor, but they were generous.





They'd give you a nickel tip,
and a nickel meant something then—
an ice cream, soda, candy bar.

I must have been around nine when I went
for a newspaper route. The dispatcher worried
that I was too young for the route,
but he gave me a try. One lady always tipped.
She was a waitress. It's strange what you remember...
I could do that route today. You know,
most of those houses have been torn down.

I sold morning papers and Sunday papers. The
Boston Post cost 2 cents, the Boston Globe, 3 cents.
I remember selling magazines on the street,
Saturday Evening Post, Look, Life,
How old was I, eight? Wendall Wilkie was running
for President. Must have been 1940...
I always had something to sell—
Cloverine Brand Salve, which was like Vaseline --
even pond lilies we'd dug up from the banks of the
Sugar River.

We carried them uptown
and put the lilies into the big water fountain.
People passed by; some would stop and buy them.

I remember going into the brooks and trapping
shiners for bait.
That was one of my business failures.
I'd no sooner have them in my traps than the rain
would come,
and the brook would run fast and destroy my traps.
I guess, I didn't build a good cage.

We sold Christmas trees... We got them
out of the forest. We thought they were just trees
that belonged to no one in particular.
There weren't any plantation trees then.
I had a regular route of people who would buy
whatever I had to sell. I knew them from my
newspaper route.

No one was fussy with me. They wanted a
Christmas tree. I brought them one.

-Harold LaValley

Tooling up at LaValley's

The giant sign tells you what's on sale--
bird seed, snow shovels or bathroom scales.
They change the message almost every week.
When you're driving by try to take a peek.

You can buy a kitchen floor or a cellar door,
At LaValley's True Value Hardware Store

If you want to paint your parlor white there's
48 shades:
like "Bashful," "Cow's Milk" and "Snow Ballet."
The rugs hang up like pages from a book,
You can flip through the colors and take a look.

If the pipe to your furnace starts to leak
or rats in the cellar make you squeak,
you can ask the cashiers how to find what you like.
They'll solve your problem and you'll be psyched.

There are brackets, and plungers, and cages for
your pet,
And socket wrenches in a twenty piece set.
Everything you need's between the ceiling and
the floor
At LaValley's True Value Hardware Store.

-Emma Stone, Kayla Brown,
Jamie Marsh, Sawyer Dresser

Cinnamon Street Child Care Center



Play is the work of childhood. At 6:30 a.m., at the Ice House Plaza, the first two kids have kissed their mothers, waved through the plate glass window, and settled with trucks and books. It's Friday, during April vacation, 2000. All around the bright room, literate visitors can read the rules that show how to do business here. "Our Friendship Circle: Clean up, listen, sit quietly



Karen Little, president of the Board of Directors, with Colby Little

on the floor, eat at table, take turns, touch nicely, share, stay in line, do your work." And the job chart. Using nice talk. Steps: "1. Use a friendly look. 2. Use a friendly voice. 3. Use nice words." And Tips for how to keep calm. "1. Tell yourself to 'Stop.' 2. Tell yourself to 'Keep Calm.' 3. Smell the Pizza. 4. Praise yourself for a job well done." Another chart reminds the kids that "Nice helpful acts earn stickers." Nice helpful acts take place all the time. On "Our Word Wall" this found poem assembles. "Blue black purple sky. Deep tracks. Moose and Tree."

With my laptop, Ms. Piggybank, I settle on the sofa. The kids climb beside me, eager to see their words form on the screen.

Out in the Woods

for my Dad, Dennis Booth

Whatever is rotten, I like to push down.
I stack sticks to make a fort.
I can go on a journey all the way
to the top of the great big mountain with my dad.
Sometimes we take the fourwheeler.

sometimes we take the chainsaw.
"R-r-r-r," the motor roars like a bear
and the handle vibrates.
Whatever's rotten my dad cuts.
When I watch a tree fall,
it looks like an airplane crashing.
When he goes on the next tree,
I play on the old one.
Sometimes my dad and I look at the rings,
sometimes we count them
and find out how old the tree is.
Sometimes I go in the woods by myself,
up the trail past the water.
I like to climb my pine tree
and look down at my house.
it's gray and brown,
and smoke makes shadows of animals
as it comes from the chimney.
Up my tree, I can see tons of birds,
and when they see me, they just chirp
and fly away

-Jacob Michael Booth

Cinderella

I may be Cinderella
with my golden crown and heart shaped rings
and purple gloves made out of silk
and my necklace with flowers
and little balls beads,
and my bracelets with glitter,
and brand new patent leather Mary Janes.
I'm just dress-upping
on a black and gray
and rainy morning day.

-Emily Young

New Blue Boots

I can jump in a puddle
in my new blue boots.
I can play in the mud
in my new blue boots.
There's green on the bottom
of my new blue boots.
Almost up to my knees
are my new blue boots.
I can dance in the rain
with my new blue boots.
I wish all my friends
had new blue boots.
We could kick up water
in our new blue boots
We'll be quacking like ducks
in our new blue boots!

-Jordan Amber O'Mara

“THE THREE-D’S” AND THEIR LEGACY: SANDY DEMEIS CHERRY AND EMMA STONE



When “Desire, Discipline, and Determination” ruled girls’ basketball and propelled the Towle Tigers to statewide victory 18 years ago, Sandy Demeis took the message to heart, *in Basketball and Life*. Now, managing partner of Universal Physical Therapy, Sandy Cherry treats her former teachers. She remembers her coach and mentor Rose Rosinski, a tough-loving, forthright, single woman, who posted “The Three D’s” on the wall, called the girls by their last names, and bonded them into her family of champions.

Everybody knew Rose. She was a gym teacher at Towle, so she started kids when they were very young. Rose was, maybe, 5’5, but you knew when she was in the room. She’d be yelling at you during a game at one moment and giving you a hug in the next. She challenged people to work as hard as she did, for us and for the community.”

The Town embraced the Tigers; each store

displayed signs supporting their top-of-the-line team. There were tournaments to win, high jinx at hotels and restaurants, and lifelong friendships forged. *Sports held Newport together back then*, Cherry notes. The parent of young children and a coach herself, Cherry sometimes wonders what's holding the Town together now.

Sandy Cherry's parents rooted in her the faith and culture of two traditions: Greek and Irish. Newport high

school sweethearts, her father Arthur Demeis (*That's short for 'Demetrakopoulos'*), a retired UPS man, currently works as a travel agent; Linda Hurd Demeis is now the receptionist at Universal Physical Therapy. *My family expected me to do my*



Sandy Demeis Cherry

best, wherever that landed me, Cherry says. She landed on top: tri-valedictorian, with Darrin Rodeschin and Susan Budd. She observes, *I was the first one in my family to be going to college. We all just never settled for the B.*

A math and science person, Sandy Demeis Cherry planned a career in Engineering. A sports injury, ironically, shifted her course. *My best friend Suzanne Stoddard blew out her knee doing the triple jump in track. She just landed funny and everything popped.* Driving her friend for treatments following surgery, Cherry says she became fascinated with the recovery process: *how hard she had to work and what she was able to accomplish.* Stoddard became a stand-out basketball player at Dartmouth and Cherry became a physical therapist.

With an Associates Degree from the Claremont Tech, and a BS from UConn, Cherry left New England. She immersed herself in an intense program for families with at-risk infants, some premature, some with HIV-AIDS, at Georgetown Hospital in Washington, DC. Tragedy surrounded these families, *who ran the gamut from prostitutes to average middle class, to ambassadors.* Cherry reached out to them, bringing the siblings in to do simple

things, to bond, to hold the baby's hand. A lot were too ill to pick up and hold; they were strapped to so many tubes. Despite the raw sorrow that surrounded her, Cherry stayed beyond her original residency. Six months was not enough.

Love and marriage drew her back to Newport. Her husband Daniel Cherry, an educator and basketball coach, clearly a "Three-D's" kind of guy, now serves as Technology Coordinator for the Lebanon School District. After seven years of commuting to a *great job* in Concord, Sandy Cherry established Universal Physical Therapy with three partners, and settled into her practice, where *the need varies from hour to hour*. Whether they're high-level athletes or frail elders, Cherry loves nurturing her clients. *Being with people is the best; being able to help them is even better."*

Emma Stone, 10, knows what Sandy Cherry's healing hands can do. Cherry treated her mother Shanon following an injury. At the Poets Corner of Richards Free Library, Emma Stone snaps her fingers and raps out a chorus.

At the Ice House
Plaza down
Sunapee St.,
Try Universal
Physical Therapy.
Feel Better & Do
More!



Poet Emma Stone with brother,
Jacob and mother Shanon Stone

The first verse falls into place.

If you've fallen from your horse or off a cliff,
and your leg is in a cast and it's sore and stiff,
if you've lifted up the baby and you've gone
KABOOM!
so you're wobbling and limping from room to
room...

Stone reads the Universal brochure and happily wracks

her brain for another hour. The following week, with "Desire, Discipline, and Determination" pushing her, Stone finishes.

If your foot got stuck in a big brick wall,
you might want to bounce on the therapy ball.
Flex your neck in a pool till it feels like new
so there's no more tears with your next shampoo.
At the Ice House Plaza down Sunapee Street,
Try Universal Physical Therapy.
Feel Better & Do More!

Shanon Stone phones Sandy Cherry and tells her to assemble the Universal Physical Therapy family and her own, for a surprise. Emma Stone rehearses. The chorus is a mouthful, but she has it down. Sandy Cherry listens, eyes moist, and says, *I couldn't write that if I had a year.*

Bertha Colby Leaves the Sunshine Town

For 81 years, Bertha Reed Colby has lived on Reeds Mill Rd., named for her family's sawmill. She says, *When I got to be 15, things were pretty rough. People wanted the lumber from my father, but they didn't have money to pay. He had to let the sawmill go in 1935. I lied about my age and went into the mill on December 28, 1935.*

For 53 1/2 years, Colby worked at Dorr Woolen as a highly-skilled "drawing in girl," threading through the patterns in the warp before weaving. On retirement, she served as a dedicated volunteer. As she reflects on her life in Newport, the clock Dorr gave Colby on her fortieth anniversary, chimes. In June, 2001, Bertha Colby will leave the home of five generations of ancestors to join the next five generations of Colby's in Tennessee.

In Tennessee, I hear, the daffodils are already pushing



Bertha Reed Colby



up in February. As a town, I love Newport as my own; it always will be my home. When I think about Newport's future, well, it's nice to beautify Main St., but when you have hardly any businesses on it, you wonder if the money could be spent otherwise.

When I was young, we used to go to town each Saturday with a horse and buggy. I used to earn my own money, 10 cents a night, by going after the cow in the pasture during the summer. I love dishes. Every weekend, I went into the Ben Franklin Store and bought glasses and dishes for 10 cents a piece, lovely things. Well, they had handkerchiefs, stockings, toys, cologne. It was an 'everything store.' You bought your Christmas gifts there if you were in our situation in life. Main Street was lined with stores on both sides. Of all the stores, though, I miss the Five and Dime the most. You have to go out of town for everything now. Maybe they call it Progress, but I don't.

Still, I'm always struck by the beauty of the town. When I go to church at St. Patrick's on School St., by the Assumption Hall or I drive down Claremont Hill as I did today, just to look into Newport is wonderful. The Town Hall, the Common... Ah, this place is part of me.

In 1989, when I got through at Dorr Woolen, I got involved with the Hospital Auxiliary that turned into the Newport Service Organization. I volunteered at the Richards School and the Mount Royal School. Those were some of the best years of my life. I've always had a soft spot in my heart for the children. I was in Mrs. Truell's class for eight years. After I started there, I said, 'Can't you use me for another day?' I'd listen to them read and help them with math. I'd take them in a big bunch of pencils and stickers in the beginning of the year. In '98, I bought them an ant farm. The year after, it was mineral rocks. On the last day of school, I'd take them ice cream and they called me 'Grammy.'

I always said there are good people here. During that last snow storm, my regular plow man came in the morning, but there was too much snow for his pick up truck to push away. Well, a man came up from Carroll Concrete and plowed the



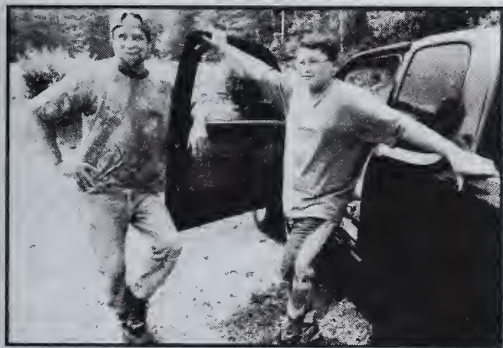
Shaun Carroll,
owner, Carroll Concrete

whole drive. I asked the gentleman whether he wanted the payment now or would he send a bill. He said, 'There's not going to be any bill. We don't plow regular storms. This is an emergency. We're just being good neighbors.' I have told people about their kindness to someone they barely know.

I've a lot of high moments in my life and I wouldn't change it a bit. I never had a day at the mill when I said, 'I wish I didn't have to go in there.' I guess I'm lucky. I've lived in this town for 81 years. I'm still walking, and you'll always know where I stand.

"Banging Around" the Foundry and Forest with Doug Putnam

The rough ledges of Bald Mt. overlook Pine Tree Castings, the foundry where Doug Putnam started working ten hour days with molten steel in 1969. In the early 60's, at age 13, Putnam and his best friends, Jeffrey Willett and Chucky Allen from Guild, built a camp on



Dave Putnam and Brandon Langlois

Bald Mt. and made themselves at home there. *One of the fathers, probably not mine, might sneak up and see what we were up to. We shot red squirrels and hedgehogs and tin cans on a stone wall. We were learning the*

woods, a new adventure every day.

Putnam recalls how he landed the job at Pine Tree Foundry Supervisor Henry Rodeschin said, *Why don't you come in here?* Rodeschin's mother had boarded children in the old Chateau, the Rodeschin family's home on the Guild Rd.

When I was four or five, she took care of me. I remember being in that huge house. She'd put us upstairs to nap. The windows were so tall, I could just see over the sill. He adds, Henry must have known I was a pretty good worker. In those days, neighbors were family.



A blizzard stood between Putnam and his first day at Pine Tree. *We got up at four a.m., started hoofing down at five. First, we waddled through waist-deep snow across the field, and then through knee-deep snow down the road. It was tough going, but I was used to that from rabbit hunting.*

Putnam had been working at the shoe shop until that time; he had no idea what kind of baptism by fire awaited him at the foundry. *Before I started at Pine Tree, Henry told me they stopped pouring at 2:00 p.m. I told Henry, 'I don't want to miss time at work.' So, I never saw them pour before I started... I'm holding onto the ladle and Henry's on the other end. I'm thinking, 'Boy, this is scary!' I went home that night and said, 'What am I doing?' I found muscles that I didn't know I had, but I was too proud to quit... Son of a gun, it took about six months to build your body up to the work. That was 32 years ago.*

Putnam continues, *There are very few of us workers left from 'the old school.' Your father says, 'Go get an armload of wood,' and if you don't jump, he boots you in the rear, and then you do it. We're a dying breed, he laughs.*

Work and the woods have shaped Doug Putnam's life. He describes how he and his wife, Ann LaValley Putnam, built their current home.

Ann and I went out and cut the trees. We piled logs for a year, year and a half, before we started. Dave Curtis sawed the logs at his mill. We peeled the logs with a shay. I can look at a certain log and say, 'That's the one I gouged.' There's a swamp out back of my father's house and the trees grow kind of different there. I cut these on my father's land on Springfield Rd. We Guild boys knew every piece of the place. I can take you back and show you where the stump is. You see the wood: it's like looking at a diary; the handwriting in your mind, or in materials....



Doug Putnam at home

The Putnam home is full of local wildlife. One buck, mounted at the shoulder, seems to leap through the wall toward a wild turkey with a

huge wingspan. Putnam says, *This morning, my grandson Brandon Langlois was banging around the house at 4:30. 'What time is it, Pop?' He lives down the street and stays at our house quite a bit. He's been doing it since he was eight. I say, 'Okay, guy, we have to get out before the birds wake up,' and he'll be up and ready.*

In Guild days, we weren't sitting on the bridge like all the punks, spending hours watching the cars go by, with no ambition. I want to get this into my grandson, to keep him motivated. Brandon will get up and out before daylight. How many kids do you know who will do that just to hear a turkey or, maybe, see a deer?

That's my philosophy: Keep 'em off the bridge, keep 'em in the woods and out of trouble. I've seen the sun just coming up over the mountain on Lake Winnepesaki. How many people have seen that, two out of a hundred, five out of a hundred? It's a privilege.

Maintenance and Mortality: A Private View of Public Works

Brian Richardson, 55, and Terry Temple, 47, of Newport's Department of Public Works talk at their office on Meadow Rd. beside the Little League Field. Picnic tables and park benches nest together across from the frost remover, a cylindrical hood the size of a grave.

Brian: All my life I've been here in Newport. I grew up hunting and fishing on Chandler Mills Rd. I live now in my grandparents' place. I started working for the Town about 14 years ago, part-time. I started in the Water Department for a couple of weeks and the Cemetery Department. It's Public Works: we're all part of the same division.

Terry: Brian and I are first cousins; our fathers are brothers. I spent a lot of time with his mother and father, fishing, doing stuff like that, when I was growing up. We lived on the same road for many years. Brian knew I was bored of being at home about 14 years ago and I started in a per diem position, doing summer work. After six years, it turned from part time into full time work.

Brian: There's no such thing as a typical day. We're maintaining the grounds, all the ball fields, town parks, and



doing burials, whenever. During the summer, there's the Main St. flowers, mowing on the Common. If it's grass, it's ours. During the winter months, there are picnic tables, park benches, trash receptacles: we're making, repairing, and painting them. When spring gets closer, we're servicing mowing equipment, making sure everything's ready to rock and roll. The best thing is payday. The worst thing... We'll, it's not fun burying people, but somebody's got to do it. I've buried friends, neighbors, relatives. Infants are the hardest. You put a little caskets for an infant in the ground, it may be only 30 inches long and 15 inches wide.



Terry Temple and Brian Richardson

Brian and Terry: When somebody passes on, you locate the grave. We have an index card system that shows where other family burials are. For winter burials, we used to use a jackhammer. Before that, they used to put people in a

tomb until the ground thawed. We always bury people all winter because, come spring, we don't have the time, with the clean-up and mowing season to attend to.

Once we find the family plot, you snow blow or shovel your way to it. You load the frost remover in the back of the truck and take it to the cemetery plot. It's a propane heater, an insulated oven the size of a grave. There are propane tanks in all three cemeteries, with big 300 lb. cylinders. You hook up the heater, get it cooking all night, and the next morning we can dig it.

Each burial is different, depending on the location in the cemetery, the frost in the ground, how many monuments we have to move. If there's a burial in the middle of a family section, we may have to move monuments to get the truck in there. We'd have to heat around the base that's frozen or built up with ice, put straps under the monument and move it.

Once it's thawed, the job depends on what you run into. Often a family will have a four-place lot, for the mother, father, daughter and son. If there's one left open in the middle, and the others were not put in the correct places 30 or 40 years ago, there may not be enough room. Plots have to be three and a half

feet wide for a three foot vault to have room on each side. In the old days, if they put a vault in cockeyed, we'd have to dig them up and move them.

A burial is at least a two-person job. You can't leave anybody down in a hole. The backhoe does the digging, but you have to go down, square it off and smooth it out. You also watch how the digging is going. Up in the backhoe you can't see what's in there, the old pieces of wood. In the early Fifties, they were still burying in pine boxes and you just can't move those. They deteriorate. The only thing you can do is offer the family a new lot. We have, in the past, just put in a layer of cement, put in the coffin and had a company pour cement over it. Sometimes we've picked up one coffin, dug deeper, and placed one on top of the other. If you go too much deeper, there can be cave-in problems.

Terry: I actually like the older cemeteries. I like to figure out what the sayings are. Pine Grove has a lot of my family in there. I feel like I'm looking out for them, making sure their graves are taken care of properly. I just found out that my great grandfather is buried there and I didn't know it: Harold Johnson. His name's not on the stone. My cousin asked about him. I looked on the index cards, and found his name with his second wife's name.

My favorite grave in Pine Grove is the Seal's stone, for their little boy. I think he was only three years old. On the stone, he's walking to heaven; his grandparents are waiting for him at the top. After you do this work, when you think about life after death, you know for sure your body's not coming out of the ground....

After a thoughtful pause, talk turns to what's new in Newport.

Brian: There are a lot more flowers to take care of in the summer, since this Main St. project took effect. It looks fine but it's added a lot of work to the Department. I don't mind, but it's time and manpower to keep up.

Terry: Every morning, I'm the one downstreet on my knees, deadheading all flowers, replacing plants, and keeping up with them. And it's funny, I don't own a single flower at my house. I actually hate flowers; I always have. It's flowers on Main St., flowers on the Common, flowers in the cemetery. I

have inside plants, but Charlie has to take care of them because I won't.

Brian: *I have some at home, but I don't know what the names of most of them are. I know we have roses, but the wife tends them.*

After a laugh about the down side of "flower power," I ask for the moral. Brian Richardson sighs and says, *Everyday above ground is a good one.* Terry Temple agrees and adds with only a tinge of irony, *We just keep smiling and doing our jobs.*

Gloenco: Art in the Part

At Gloenco, Battenfeld Gloucester Engineering Co. on Guild Rd., 90 skilled workers turn raw "slugs" of stainless steel into million dollar parts with the clean industrial gleam of 20th century sculpture. Rick Thomas, Division Manager, conducts "the nickel tour" through the plant where *top-flight engineering* supports the design and implementation of each process.

He points out the quiet, streamlined, computer-driven, state-of-the art machines that have replaced the industry's "warhorses," massive lathes and grinders. For Romania and Bulgaria, these seasoned precision machines are the wave of the future. Thomas says, *Ironically, workers get paid so little over there- and there's no OSHA [Occupational Safety and Health] - that their parts can compete in price with Gloenco.*

Thomas thrives on challenge. *The intense focus on what it takes to be successful: that's what keeps me going. In a typical day, he laughs, there are the variables: the customer said they wanted pink for tomorrow, so we have a plan to give them pink. Just before we ship pink, they say they want orange.* Thomas has guided this plant through a period of exponential growth. *When we came here 10 years ago, we had three and a half million in sales, with 72 people in Newport.*



Rick Thomas

This year, we have 30 million in sales, and we employ 90. That puts us among the top six or seven employers in town.

Rick Thomas loves Newport; he carves out time for public service between ten hour days at the home plant and weeks on the road, drumming up business, and taking courses to hone his skills. As a manager, he looks for similar experience and drive in the workforce he hires. *Interview a worker's tool box, Rick says, passing by a workbench, it tells more about what he's done and how he works than talking does.*

The processes we use here, milling, turning, CNC, grinding, welding, benching, sawing, for the most part, I've held those positions. I have a diversified in-depth background. We're blessed with a workforce that takes a lot of pride in competition, in wanting to be the best. They're smart, hard workers. A big part of my job is listening to peoples' ideas and trying to get them implemented, following through on what they've said.

I'm very interested in getting the best workers. We've missed an opportunity to get women involved here. At Gloenco, the work is not about lifting. It's fairly high technology. We have a male-dominated workforce because they already have the skill set. Once the women get in here and enjoy the work, I know they'd be comfortable with it. Our workers are paid well. We want to see anybody to come in, learn it, and work hard. From an application point of view, we have an abundance. Applicants with the right skill sets, are few. There's a large disparity. A lot of young people with the right training and attitudes can accomplish anything and become great machinists.

Thomas, reflecting on his own career, says, *Some days, I think that I saw more reward in making the parts than in running the company. At its heart, he explains, craftsmanship is wanting to produce something.*

Precision machinists share a passion for creating "nuts and bolts" beauty. Adam Taylor, a 1996 high honors graduate of Stevens High, was also in the first class to graduate from the statewide Mech Tech program, a rigorous 8000 apprenticeship program in combination with an associates degree program from New Hampshire Community Technical College. Because of his excellence in this program Adam was selected by the NH Machining

Association to represent the state in participating in ECON's exhibit, *NH Precision Machinists: The Newport Story*, at the Smithsonian Institution in 1999. Currently the young Night Supervisor at Gloenco, Adam celebrates "the work" in this excerpt from his narrative.

Most long nights I have a mission.
We're getting a new job up to speed,
getting a machine set up,
or completing a job that needs to be done.
My wife says she's envious
because I love what I do.
The core of that love
is taking a useless block of material
and seeing how well I can carve it
into a finished component,
create something purposeful.
I take ugly steel, throw it into
this machine,
cut it and carve it,
and it's a finished part.
I like the challenge
of being handed a blueprint.
Someone says, "We want you
to make this."

Even if it's the pump handle
on the old outhouse.
They hand me the blueprint
and it will be the best part there is.



Michaiah Cormier with a tray of
fuel nozzles - parts for turbines

-Adam Taylor

Kicking Back with Roy at The ROYMAL Ranch



Ah, re-spon-si-bil-i-ty, sighs Roy Malool, the visionary manufacturer of biodegradable, water-based, "earth-friendly" industrial coatings. Malool embellishes each syllable, a man happily married to the company that bears his name. He's doing his bit for the planet, watching the ozone layer meet the bottom line. This mission draws him to the office at 4:00 a.m. and keeps him flying to cut deals with customers from Helsinki to Shanghai.



Roy Malool at "The Ranch" in Guild

The Latin root of responsibility, "spondere" means "to perform one's part in a solemn engagement." The root branches into "spouse" and "sponsor." So often, responsibility is the "bride," as in bridle, the "band" in husband. But "Roy" rhymes with "joy," as in "New Joyzee," home of the suburb, a stone's throw from Manhattan, coincidentally, where he and I grew up. Or with "toy": like the pink boxes for Barbie dolls coated with a thin ROYMAL shine. Roy is the "boy," or the Yiddish "oy" in flamboyant. Who else would use a kazoo to break the language barrier?

That's the key: breaking the ice. I don't care who it is, break 'em down, make 'em laugh, then do business. It's a knack I was born with; you don't learn that in Harvard Business School.

On a Saturday morning in August, we meet at "The Ranch," a log retreat with sauna and souvenirs, built to welcome world wide clients. Malool says, *China is now on the fast food field track, with McDonald's, Kentucky Fried Chicken. In China, they use those styrene foam clam shells. It's toxic material if burned. It does not degrade or compost; it's not repulpable. The common person in China travels on railroads. They can't drive or fly and they rely on mass transit. Hundreds of millions of people at the train stations buy rice, soup, noodles,*

staples of their diet. By billions everyday, the containers are thrown out of the trains along railroad tracks. When you'd fly over China, and looked down, you'd see it. That's what they called it, 'The White Line.'

Recently, China outlawed foam containers. They're the first country to do that. We're way behind China in the US. The average consumer doesn't understand these ideas, but it's right up our alley. We've got to change. When we're forced to, we comply. People should think water. In the long run, with all the benefits for the environment and health, water's going to be cheaper, and water's the way to go.

The fountain's fine recycled gush is his exclamation point.



Roy Malool in Guild

Gramp's Camp: Wacking with Wiggins

With a lithograph of livestock on the wall calendar and hulking Bridgeports, his cash cows, behind him, Frank Wiggins, 72, owner of Z & W Machine Shop, laughs and calls himself a "barnyard mechanic." Down to earth as a plow, Wiggins is also a visionary who takes the long view. Like other master precision machinists in Sullivan County, Wiggins started his career in farm work. As a teenager, he hoed corn, dug graves and mowed their grass, cut wood, sugared, and bagged up live chickens, before moving indoors. His later work life maps the history of local manufacturing: Dorr Woolen, Joy Manufacturing, Federal Tool, Sturm, Ruger, Micro Precision, then Independence.

Wiggins gives credit to his Scout Master Joe Willett for his success. Willett challenged the "Guild guys" of Troop 318 in the mill village to grow into a generation of aspiring men. Wiggins continues in this tradition. *Upgrading, it's part of my psyche. It isn't just with the shop, whatever I'm working on, every few years I have to make it*

better, easier on the eye.

Ethan Patric Johnson, 18, Peter Gage Wiggins, 18, Austin Truell Willis, 19, who work for Wiggins each summer at "Gramp's Camp," offer their version of Wiggins in theory and practice. While they talk, the three strapping guys construct ample sandwiches, lounge in the Wiggins parlor, feast and clean up.

We were getting near the age when we needed to start working. Gramp worked seven days a week and didn't want his grandkids to miss out on the experience. We were 12 and 13, maybe one year shy of legal, but I think it's okay if it's a family-owned franchise. We started out at three hours a day, and he'd give us four. We'd weed whack from 8 to 11, and then go to the Newbury Doughnut Factory. We got \$4.50 an hour. Weed-wacking took us two weeks when we were kids, now we could do it in two days, maybe one, if we really hit it. We were independent contractors, casual labor, real casual.

Gramp was with us all the time back then. He'd be like, 'We're going to do this. Keep on digging. We're not done yet.' He'd take us by the hand in those days. He always made the job sound small: 'Okay, we're going to move a few rocks down. Do a little work in the shop, and go get something to eat...'

His instructions have gotten a little vague. 'Go over there and do a little of that... Drop that rock up there. Not there. No, not there.' Whatever....

We've done everything: built houses, put on decks, roofed, scraped, painted, tarred, laid stone walls, mowed lawns, shoveled dirt, cut trees, logged, burned brush, a lot of landscaping, planted bushes, poured footings. And machine work, Bridgeport work, milling and drilling, drilling and milling. In the shop, he'd say, 'You're costing me money! Pay attention! Use your head! You gotta hang in there!' He's right about that.

Gramp's a hard, hard worker, set in his ways; no changing his mind. But he's a real cool guy. He's had a lot of kids and understands how times change.



L to R: Austin Willis, Celestine Wiggins, Gage Wiggins, Ethan Johnson, Frank Wiggins

(Gram is really up-to-date. In the car, she's got the radio tuned into the rock station. She's listening to Lead Zeppelin, Pink Floyd, tapping along with Santana. She sighs in her New Hampshire voice, 'O, Carlos Santana.')

Gramp likes the old stuff. Music to him is the sound of the Bridgeport: the scream, the whine, the chatter. We never question what Gramp wants. We just look at each other and say, 'Let's hammer.'

Turning out Treasures with Jane Dearden



Graceful, local, one of a kind, and solid to the core, Jane Dearden matches the heirlooms she designs and names for places close to home. Shelf life, however, would never appeal to the Croydon logger's daughter, now the artisan, machinist, entrepreneur, and co-owner, of New Hampshire Brassworks.

Off the Guild Rd., there's almost no sign of the barn where Dearden and her son Kirt Perry create and sell brass lamps, candlesticks, sundials, door knockers, putters, pen sets and personal fountains. Presidents and poets find and own their produce.



Jane Dearden and Kirt Perry

There are big machines when you walk in the door and the shavings of the metal all over the floor. Kirt stands by the lathe with his goggles and gloves.

Transforming brass is the work that he loves. When he grinds the blade, the metal flies like fireworks on the Fourth of July.

Emma Stone and Kayla Brown, Towle fifth graders begin their poem, "Turning out Treasures at New Hampshire Brassworks" after our second visit to the shop and showroom. They love the place with the Labrador

retriever mother and son, the canine version of Dearden and Perry, but they worry about the prices.

They're beautiful pieces. They weigh a ton, and we could never buy them, they sigh. We talk about craftsmanship and the value of prized possessions that last forever. We crunch numbers and imagine their great-great-great-granddaughters polishing candlesticks bought with hard-earned Twenty-first Century cash. They write the chorus:

Made in Guild, sold worldwide,
Heirlooms for the future.

The muted shine of the brass, the springy curlicues the lathe cuts, and the variety of tasks Dearden takes on single-handed, amaze the kids. Flipping on a drill press, she says casually, *Watch out. This machine could take off your arm.* As they step backwards, she smiles, adding, *but it didn't take off mine. I was born without it.* Dearden hands over an engraving tool so they can autograph their own pendants. Her tomboy confidence steadies them as they burn their names in brass.

Well, Jane is the brain behind the pieces.
She works all the time, and doesn't know what
sleep is.

She's dreaming up candlesticks of every kind.
When she slaps her thigh then the shop dogs mind.
She polishes the lamps until they glitter and glow
like moonlight shining on a field below.

If I can find a way, I'll do it, says Dearden, a Jane-of-all-trades, who got her start as a Croydon hedgehog-bounty hunter, and a teenage waitress at the Newport Village Diner, once attached to the Eagle Block on Main Street. Later, Dearden designed, built, and lived in fifteen houses between New Hampshire and Wyoming, while raising her son Kirt, primarily out West. Before family ties drew her back to the Granite State, Dearden's job history included banking, insurance, accountant, real estate, real estate appraising, graphic design and newspaper ad design, radio management, and marketing other people's products.

Dearden's "natured way of life" growing up in Croydon and Newport gave her personal strength and inspiration for artistry. Her mother sewed all the outfits in the family photographs, and could name every wildflower in New England. On her father's lap on a skidder or cherry picker, from the moment she was old enough to grab the wheel, Dearden would think, *Here I am, I'm five years old and I'm really doing it.* Nearly half a century later, Jane Dearden, a woman at home in the driver's seat, still likes moving timber.

True Colors in the Dye House: Yvette Reed



Yvette Reed, Dorr Woolen's Kettle Tender, lowers the visor OSHA mandates for a mixer of chemicals and smiles slightly for her portrait. Since 5:00 a.m. (it used to be 3:00), she's been on a roll in the Dye House, running around between the vats and controls.

A hand truck with 90 hefty cones of yarn wheels down from Dottie Thornton in Winding; the shade is a tinge too green. Reed checks her chart and adds reddish-orange powders prescribed by the Dye House Office to the vat. While the potion swirls, she nests cones of yarn snugly onto posts, secures them, hitches their platform onto a hook, and hoists up the load. It swings slightly across the Dye House. With precision, she positions it over the massive vat and lowers the yarn into the bath. Later, there's extracting, drying, computing weight, checking color: 10 hours of mathematics, athletics, patience, concentration, and occasional surprises.



Yvette Reed

Once in a while, while I'm loading the vat, I'll look out the window. While ago, we had a bird come in. I kept hearing it by the roof fan, kept hearing a chirping, but I couldn't find it. I went to check the temperature on the kettle and the bird was on

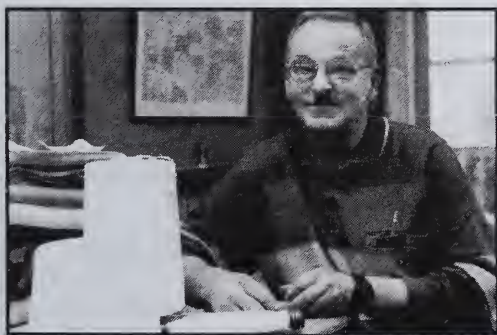
the floor, alive but it couldn't fly.. I put it out the back door by Piece Dye... Had a cat come in here before, but most of the time, it's just me.

That's how she likes it. At one p.m., Yvette Reed slips off her shiny black gloves, and relaxes at the indoor picnic table. She says, *To do this job, you have to like to NOT do the same thing all the time.* Back at the shoe shop and the crutch factory, *I never had a sitting down job. I couldn't handle it. The Dye House, she explains, used to be 'a man's department,' with the lifting and hauling, but they had 'quite a roll over' in personnel. There were so many things to remember, with the steam and all the chemicals, but I seemed to hold up my end of the workload.*

The Sugar River's workload has eased during Reed's years at Dorr. Lagoons constructed with Federal and private funds process the mill's waste stream; the river no longer runs red or green. In recurring conversations, Newporters shake their heads as they remember, *You should have seen the river, or smelled it. They opened a valve and the dye ran down all the way to the Connecticut.*

She's careful not to spill the chemicals, writes Wesley Reed, a sixth grader, about his grandmother. She's worked as a Kettle Tender for 21 years. Watching Yvette Reed in action, the hours and years barely show. At sixty, she's limber as a kid on a jungle gym; the pace and tasks leave little time to get old.

Kenny Bennett: Man of Quality



Kenny Bennett

Kenny Bennett tests cloth for quality and conducts tours at the venerable Dorr Woolen Mill. Son and father of lumbermen, Kenny started there shortly after his graduation from Towle High School. I wrote this



poem, picking up threads from his narrative, for a surprise party honoring his 40th anniversary at Dorr.

Man of Quality

for Kenny Bennett, Forty Years at Dorr

With your Towle diploma,
rolled up like a light-weight log,
you followed your father
into the woods of Warner.
Meticulous and tender,
you weren't cut out for a life
in lumber. Morning and night,
the mill caught your eye; you stared
as your father drove through Guild.
You asked for an afternoon off,
but did not say why.

Maybe the Fates, ancient overseers,
measured your years in yarn.
Dorr "drew" you in,
like warp threads hooked
through heddles, tied and filled.
You entered the world of textiles,
followed the fleece from Blending
to Shipping, learned how cloth evolves
from clumps of wool.

Now you take each day and test for quality.
Ask anyone about yours. They know the score.
You lead the tours for new hires and novices,
from the original rocks to the quiet Pinnacle
and point out the timbers
that survived the fires.
Before and since,
your knowledge is the thread they follow
through the labyrinth.

December: Frost is the fabric
always on order.

Read the draft. Luckily it melts
with the warmth of your laugh.

Power in Your Hands: New Hampshire Electrical Cooperative



Eye to eye with a camera, Newporters tend to be gun-
shy. When Bill Hackwell, Patryc Wiggins and I pulled into
the NHEC driveway in August, these guys were
ready to rock and roll: shinny up a telephone
pole to pose like the old timers in the early
calendars or flaunt their trucks and buckets like
kids. Energy, solidarity,
and pride in their



L to R: Frank Parks, Tom Connary,
Bruce Rice (top), Rob Kuell

tradition radiate from them. Inspired, I wrote this poem,
splicing lines from NHEC narratives with my own.

Starting in 1939, they built lines to all the outlying
towns and farms.

They'd go the shortest way right through the
woods. They used horses to drag the poles
into position and other than that, it was
a lot of manpower. I know people who said,
"I used to take my horse and help do that."

August, a gust of ease--
sweat under hard hats.
Days take ages to get dark.

What are the skills here?
You have to be ready to climb.
You have to be mechanically-minded,

and pretty much ambidextrous.
If you can't reach with your right hand,
you have to reach with the left.
You need in-depth knowledge
of how electricity works.
You need book learning
and on the job training...

You're working on energized lines,
with buddies, watching for shocks and shakes.
Ice is a war zone,
with trees and limbs
breaking off
You rely on that back
and forth:
You grit your teeth
and hope for the best
against disaster.
By that way, you're
kind of a family.



L to R: Rob Kuell, Bruce Rice, Peggy Austin,
Tom Connary, Frank Parks

Stay tight, keep close.



Getting Wired at Grace's Radio Shack

Wilbur Grace, versatile owner of Grace's Radio Shack at the end of Guild, calls square dances after hours with his group The Night Owls. He remembers his first performance.

When I was growing up, we went to square dances in Bradford; Saturday nights, that was the big thing. I happened to learn the calls by listening, and I'd go around the house, calling. One time, the fireman put on their square dance at the Wilmot Town Hall; caller didn't show up, so they asked if somebody in the audience could fill in and call the dances. I volunteered. I'm going to guess, I was somewhere between 10 and 14. Well, the microphone stand wouldn't go down low

enough for me. I was too short, so we tied it to the back of a chair. I looked out at the audience through the rounds of the chair, and called the dances. People liked the old favorites, Red River Valley, She'll Be Coming Round the Mountain, Just Because. That was the start.

Grace graduated from teaching squares and reels at his high school to teaching Industrial Arts in Great Barrington, MA, where he was hired as Department Head. And then along came snowmobiles. *All during this time, I traveled home to Wilmot every weekend. I had built myself a large garage, and took on the franchise of Yamaha Snowmobiles, my first endeavor, then added Yamaha Ski-Doo and Arctic Cat, at the same time. Snowmobile business got so large I had to discontinue teaching.*

When the energy crisis stalled out the snowmobile craze, Wilbur Grace, unfazed, took up his next career, electronics.

I learned by doing, trial and error. Always did my own wiring and I liked to fix things. There was a radio and TV repair shop in New London, Prew's TV. Claude Prew was there for years; I didn't actually work for him, but I bought antennas and such from him and installed them. So I'm self-taught; that's the way it happened, no training schools or anything. How do you do it? Just don't give up; keep on achieving.

At the Radio Shack, there's four of us working here. They do a terrific job. We can sell different products at a discount. The clerks aren't working on commission so they can solder your wires and it won't change how much they get payed. We're not looking for that high dollar. We're not trying to urge you to get something you don't have to have right now. We fix before we recommend replacement. We're there to serve or help: that's the name of the game.



Wilbur Grace

Getting Wired at Grace's Radio Shack

Wilbur gets on the phone and he never stops.
He sells guitars for musicians and radar for cops.
He can read your mind 'cause he knows what
you want,
if it's satellite dishes or computer fonts.

Here's their promise, so you can read it:
"If we can't get it, you don't need it."

Their workshop looks like a jungle of wires
where a keyboard and a boom box are a broken
choir.

Just give the guys a day at the Radio Shack.
They'll wave their wands, then they'll bring your
stuff back.

Well, Wilbur is the wizard behind all the calls.
When the Night Owls play, you'll have a ball.
While you swing your partner and doe-see-doe,
You're making a fortune to help people you know.
Here's their promise so you can read it:
"We'll come and help you when you need it."

-Emma-Lyn Stone



**2001 Town Warrant
for the Newport Town Meeting of May 8, 2001
State of New Hampshire**

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

You are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in said Town of Newport on the second Tuesday of May, 2001, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects: (Polls shall open for the reception of ballots on Articles 1-6 at 9:00 a.m. and shall not be closed earlier than 7:00 p.m. and the business part of the meeting shall start at 6:00 p.m.)

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

ARTICLE 2 To elect a Trustee of Trust Funds for a three (3) year term.

ARTICLE 3 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Thirty Thousand One Hundred (\$930,100) Dollars to be used for costs associated with the replacement of the Pollard's Mill Road bridge, said sum to consist of Five Hundred Fifty Six Thousand (\$556,000) Dollars to come from the State of New Hampshire Bridge Aid Program and Three Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand One Hundred (\$374,100) Dollars from the issuance of serial bonds and/or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33:1 et seq. as amended) with the Board of Selectmen authorized to issue and negotiate said bonds and/or notes and determine the rate of interest and time period thereon, and to take other such action as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds and/or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town; and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend such monies as become available from the Federal and/or State governments for use in connection with said project and pass any votes thereto. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:3 VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or five years, whichever is sooner. **(By Ballot) (Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen or the Budget Advisory Committee)**

ARTICLE 4 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand (\$348,000) Dollars to be used for costs associated with the South Main Street Sewer Project, said sum to from the issuance of serial bonds and/or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33:1 et seq. as amended) with the Board of Selectmen authorized to issue and negotiate said bonds and/or notes and determine the rate of interest and time period thereon, and to take other such action as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds and/or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town; and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend such monies as become available from the Federal and/or State governments for use in connection with said project and pass any votes thereto. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:3 VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or five years, whichever is sooner. Repayment the debt to come from the Sewer Fund. **(By Ballot) (Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen or the Budget Advisory Committee)**

ARTICLE 5 To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey any real estate acquired by the Town by Tax Collector's deed: such conveyance shall be by deed following public auction or the property may be sold by advertised sealed bids or may

be otherwise disposed of as justice may require as determined by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to RSA 80:80.

ARTICLE 6 To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of its surplus equipment and/or vehicles no longer needed.

ARTICLE 7 To see if the Town will reaffirm the appointment of the Newport Solid Waste Committee through May 31, 2003. The committee shall investigate the Town's long term disposal needs and options for the Town, beyond the current disposal contract and membership in the NH/VT Solid Waste District, and present those options at an annual Town Meeting. These options should include, but are not limited to: curbside or neighborhood pickup, pro-active recycling programs and incentives, source separation, household hazardous waste control and separation, composting, and other disposal systems. The committee shall provide information on estimated costs for services, potential tax rate impact, cost comparisons between privatized disposal services and town operated services.

ARTICLE 8 To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the maintenance of the 119 ft. section of Pearl Street running north starting at a the right hand turn 737.5ft from North Main Street (center line to center line), as referenced in the drawing titled "Pearl Street" as prepared by the Public Works Department dated April 10, 2001.

ARTICLE 9 To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following ordinance:

STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

Section 1. Definitions

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Building: Any structure whether public or private, primarily used as a residence, business, school or other public use.

Way: Any street, road, highway, lane, alley or court whether public or private.

Driveway: Any access way leading to a building designed for vehicular traffic.

Section 2. Policy Purpose

All buildings shall be numbered in accordance with the state-wide Emergency 9-1-1 system. All buildings that are numbered shall affix a number not less than three (3) inches in height. All numbers must be clearly visible from the way and be of contrasting color to the background. Buildings more than fifty (50) feet away from a way shall have a number affixed at the intersection of the driveway and way. All apartments will be numbered in a similar manner.

All ways with more than three (3) buildings shall be named. All ways with less than three (3) buildings may be named. Ways that are required to be named shall have the name posted and clearly visible. Street name signs shall be posted on the left corner of the intersecting way. Street signs will be erected and maintained by the Town of Newport except for private property, which shall be the responsibility of the property manager.

Section 3. Numbering System

In accordance with the Emergency 9-1-1 system, buildings on ways shall be numbered. The system used to number buildings will be as follows.

1. Buildings on the left side of ways will have **odd** numbers and buildings on the right side will have **even** numbers, buildings currently numbered will be grand-

fathered as to sequences

2. Numbers shall be assigned from low numbers to high numbers as the way leads away from the center of town.
3. For the purposes of this section, the center of town shall be the small common located in the center of the rotary.
4. Low numbers will start at the end of the way which is closest to the center of town.
5. Where condominiums and developments have an established numbering system suitable to this system, those numbers will be used.
6. The system will be based on fifty (50) foot increments, with a number assigned to each of the said increments. Only those properties with existing structures will be recorded on maps.
7. Where lot sizes are such that various numbers may apply to one lot, numbers will be assigned based on the driveway location.
8. Any existing driveway serving three or more dwellings will have it's own name and assigned numbers. On a driveway serving two houses, the low number will go to the house which is closest by vehicular access to the low numbered end of the road.
9. Buildings located on a corner lot of two ways will be numbered according to driveway location.
10. The owner of a building or a way shall be responsible for naming or numbering such property. Owner identification may be made from the Newport Tax Map.

Section 4. Prohibited Acts

No person shall fail to number the building that they own. Building numbers shall be maintained so that visibility will not be infringed. Owners of private ways shall have their ways named and signs visible. Acts prohibited under this section include, but shall not be limited to the following:

1. Failing to affix building number or affixing a number less than three (3) inches in height.
2. Failure to name and post a name sign for a way that has three or more buildings located on it.
3. Failure to maintain building number or failing to have building number visible from the driveway or way.

Section 5. Penalties

Any person who violates this article shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

ARTICLE 10 To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items of the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town and the Police Union for the period July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2003, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

	Estimated Increase
Year 2001-2002	\$33,719
Year 2002-2003	33,019

and to further raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Nineteen (\$33,719) Dollars for funding the increases in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing level paid in the current fiscal year. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)

ARTICLE 11 To see if the Town will vote to approve and adopt the proposed budget, raise and appropriate the sums contained in the report and listed in the budget and take any action thereon. **(Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 12 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirteen Thousand (\$113,000) Dollars for the purchase of the following equipment for the Ambulance Department:

Ambulance	\$90,000
Defibrillator	23,000

Said sum to come from the withdrawal of Ninety Thousand (\$90,000) Dollars from the Ambulance Capital Reserve and Twenty Three Thousand (\$23,000) Dollars to come from donations. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 13 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Twelve Thousand (\$712,000) Dollars for engineering and construction services of the Pollards Mill Road bridge. Said sum to consist of Six Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand (\$625,000) Dollars from the State of NH Bridge Program and the balance from taxation. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:3 VI and will not lapse until the completion of the project or five years, whichever is sooner. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 14 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Six (\$8,456) for the upgrading drainage on Chandler's Mill Road. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 15 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand (\$75,000) Dollars for the continuation of the second phase of the Main Street Project. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:3 VI and will not lapse until the completion of the project or five years, whichever is sooner. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen or the Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 16 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars for the development of a new exit from the Soccer/Softball Field on North Main Street. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 17 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand (\$4,000) Dollars to be used by the Solid Waste Study Committee, to investigate waste disposal options and costs. Said money to be used to investigate disposal options including , but not limited to , the development of a business plan, research and cost analysis, and other documentation required to make recommendations to the voters. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 18 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Six (\$102,676) Dollars for the purchase of the following equipment for the Water and Sewer Department:

½ Ton Pickup, with attachments	\$25,426
Backhoe	77,250

Said sum to come equally from the Water and Sewer Funds. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 19 To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand (\$40,000) Dollars from the Water Fund for the acquisition of additional land and easements to preserve and protect Gilman Pond, the Town's source of drinking water, pursuant to RSA 38:2 and 15, and the Selectmen are authorized to take any and all action including, but not limited to, appraisals, surveys and agreements necessary to carry out the purpose of this vote. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:3 VI and will not lapse until the completion of the project or five years, whichever is sooner.

(This article is a continuation of the appropriation made under Article 2 at the May 9, 1995 Town Meeting.) **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.**

ARTICLE 20 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen (\$88,915) Dollars from the Sewer Fund for the following projects:

Pump Station Conceptual Engineering	\$4,200
Sewer Main Sealing & Grouting	29,375
STP Underground Fuel Storage Tank Replacement	55,340

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

ARTICLE 21 To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Thirty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty (\$36,880) Dollars for the following projects:

Town Hall Exterior Renovations	\$35,000
Police Facility Projects	1,880

said sum to consist of Thirty Five Thousand (\$35,000) from the Town Hall Improvements Fund and Eighteen Hundred Eighty (\$1,880) from the Police Facility Fund. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 22 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand (\$4,000) Dollars for the Community Youth Advocate programs. These funds will be utilized in a variety of ways for Newport youth involved in any of the following support programs offered by the agency, including Court Diversion, Community Service, Crises Care, Resource Centers Supports, Recreation, Education and Training. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 23 To see if the Town will reaffirm the 1997 Town Meeting vote to withdraw from the Sullivan County Refuse Disposal District ("District") on June 1, 2007. This being the day the current contract with Wheelabrator ends. This article will be brought forward for reaffirmation each year until the contract ends.

ARTICLE 24 To hear and/or accept reports of or appoint any committees, auditors or agents necessary to transact the business of the Town and to transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

- Bennie C. Nelson, Chairman
- Jeffery F. Kessler, Vice Chairman
- Elizabeth W. Maiola, Selectman
- Gary E. Nichols, Selectman
- Beverly T. Rodeschin, Selectman

Budget for the Town of Newport, NH
Purpose of Appropriations

	Approved Budget 2000-01	Recommended Appropriation 2001-02	
		Selectmen	Budget Advisory Committee
General Government:			
Executive	\$99,792	\$99,792	\$99,792
Election/Registration	52,543	60,000	60,000
Financial Administration	199,629	207,000	207,000
Legal	20,000	20,000	20,000
Personnel Administration	627,666	667,193	667,193
Town Office of Planning and Zoning	102,194	95,000	95,000
General Government Buildings	178,611	228,756	228,756
Cemeteries	106,933	107,137	107,137
Insurance	2,000	2,000	2,000
Advertising & Regional Associations	4,725	5,700	5,700
Other General Government	20,940	119,000	119,000
Total General Government	1,415,033	1,611,578	1,611,578
Public Safety:			
Police	617,742	615,000	615,000
Emergency Communications	181,048	178,831	178,831
Prosecution	55,631	56,500	56,500
Ambulance Department	211,545	243,000	243,000
Fire Department	321,188	300,000	300,000
Building Inspection	10,176	10,147	10,147
Emergency Management	7,000	4,500	4,500
Total Public Safety	1,404,330	1,407,978	1,407,978
Highways and Streets:			
Public Works Garage	162,920	165,200	165,200
Highways and Streets	447,674	480,000	480,000
Bridges	3,920	3,800	3,800
Street Lighting	60,000	58,500	58,500
Airport	18,754	27,230	27,230
Total Highways and Streets	693,268	734,730	734,730
Sanitation:			
Solid Waste Collection	40,000	49,000	49,000
Sewer Department	425,747	464,554	464,554
Total Sanitation	465,747	513,554	513,554
Water Department	400,603	455,442	455,442
Health:			
Health Administration	5,150	3,000	3,000
Health Agency	18,200	18,500	18,500
Total Health	23,350	21,500	21,500

Budget for the Town of Newport, NH
Purpose of Appropriations

	Approved Budget 2000-01	Recommended Appropriation 2001-02	
		Selectmen	Budget Advisory Committee
Welfare:			
Welfare Administration	17,500	21,500	21,500
Welfare Direct Assistance	55,000	65,000	65,000
Total Welfare	72,500	86,500	86,500
Culture and Recreation:			
Recreation	154,315	174,750	174,750
Library	202,235	220,000	220,000
Patriotic Purposes	3,000	3,250	3,250
Total Patriotic Purposes	359,550	398,000	398,000
Conservation Administration	2,000	2,000	2,000
Debt Service:			
Principial LTD	165,400	45,400	45,400
Interest LTD	21,459	14,844	14,844
Tax Anticipation Interest	100	50	50
Lease Payments	47,051	60,008	60,008
Water Fund Debt	76,509	192,299	192,299
Sewer Fund Debt	201,652	193,460	193,460
Debt Service	512,171	506,061	506,061
Capital Outlay:			
General Fund Articles	611,124	932,826	932,826
Water Fund Articles	31,679	91,338	91,338
Sewer Fund Articles	151,577	488,253	488,253
Capital Projects Fund Articles	31,880	36,880	36,880
Capital Outlay	826,260	1,549,297	1,549,297
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$6,174,812	\$7,286,640	\$7,286,640
Add:			
War Service Credits	44,700	45,000	45,000
Overlay	101,570	100,000	100,000
Less:			
Estimated Revenues	3,968,799	5,084,023	5,084,023
Estimated Property Taxes to be Raised	<u>\$2,352,283</u>	<u>\$2,347,617</u>	<u>\$2,347,617</u>
NOT RECOMMENDED:			
Capital Outlay - General Fund		\$930,100	\$930,100

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

	Approved Budget 2000-01	Estimated Revenue 2001-02	
		Selectmen	Budget Advisory Committee
Taxes			
Land Use Change Taxes	1,000	1,000	1,000
Yield Taxes	35,000	30,000	30,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	34,000	36,000	36,000
Excavation Tax	10,000	5,000	5,000
Excavation Activity Tax	20,000	20,000	20,000
Penalties & Interest	100,000	95,000	95,000
Total Taxes	<u>200,000</u>	<u>187,000</u>	<u>187,000</u>
Licenses and Permits:			
Motor Vehicle Permits	700,000	725,000	725,000
Building Permits	8,000	8,000	8,000
Other Licenses and Permits	13,000	16,400	16,400
Total Licenses and Permits	<u>721,000</u>	<u>749,400</u>	<u>749,400</u>
Intergovernmental Revenues	<u>609,962</u>	<u>1,165,867</u>	<u>1,165,867</u>
Charges for Service:			
Income from Departments	351,000	373,500	373,500
Garbage/Refuse	40,000	45,000	45,000
Water Department	508,791	508,079	508,079
Sewer Department	699,976	998,267	998,267
Airport	18,754	27,230	27,230
Library	36,950	44,800	44,800
Total Charges for Service	<u>1,655,471</u>	<u>1,996,876</u>	<u>1,996,876</u>
Miscellaneous:			
Sale of Property	2,000	12,000	12,000
Interest on Investments	80,000	80,000	80,000
Rent of Property	24,000	24,000	24,000
Transfer from Trust Funds	20,000	20,000	20,000
Other Miscellaneous	56,240	93,000	93,000
Miscellaneous - Capital Projects Fund	30,000	35,000	35,000
Total Miscellaneous	<u>212,240</u>	<u>264,000</u>	<u>264,000</u>
Other Financing Sources:			
Transfer from Capital Reserve - General	8,000	90,000	90,000
Use of Fund Balance - General Fund	481,246	250,000	250,000
Use of Fund Balance - Water Fund		231,000	231,000
Use of Fund Balance - Sewer Fund	79,000	148,000	148,000
Use of Fund Balance - Capital Projects Fund	1,880	1,880	1,880
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>570,126</u>	<u>720,880</u>	<u>720,880</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u><u>\$3,968,799</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,084,023</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,084,023</u></u>

FINANCE DEPARTMENT 2000 Annual Report

Finance Director

Paul J. Brown, C.P.A.

Charge Bookkeeper

Donna M. Lizotte

Account Clerk

Sandy L. Ouellette

Charge Bookkeeper

Amy G. Spreadbury

Buildings Manager

Kenneth J. Dennis

Custodians

Bonnie Benoit

Coleen Slay

The primary issue of 2000 started with the first three hours. After months of preparations, Y2K came with much anticipation but few problems. Non-compliant computer systems had been changed during late 1999, but we were left with some technical glitches and training issues. As the year moved on, we iron out our problems and got on track. The process affected the most was billing for water and sewer. Both reading and billing times were off schedule. We hope that we will be back on schedule in the first half of 2001.

During the summer, another issue came about when the SAU moved out of the offices on the second floor of the Town Office building. This has allowed for changes in the structure and location of our offices to provide better access to the citizens and give staff some breathing room.

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

Goals for the upcoming year include completing the move of the offices and the fine tuning and staff training for the computer system.

In conclusion, I would like to thank my staff for their hard work and dedication, and the citizens for their patience as we work through computer and office changes.

**Paul J. Brown, CPA,
Finance Director**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2000

	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget	
			\$	%
Taxes:				
Property Taxes	\$1,867,462	\$1,971,253	\$103,791	5.56%
Land Use Change Taxes	1,000	7,743	6,743	674.30%
Yield Taxes	30,000	27,732	(2,268)	-7.56%
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	34,000	31,416	(2,584)	-7.60%
Excavation Tax	10,000	3,396	(6,604)	-66.04%
Excavation Activity Tax	20,000	16,213	(3,787)	-18.94%
Penalties & Interest	120,000	107,956	(12,044)	-10.04%
Total Taxes	<u>2,082,462</u>	<u>2,165,709</u>	<u>83,247</u>	<u>4.00%</u>
Licenses and Permits:				
Motor Vehicle Permits	650,000	747,691	97,691	15.03%
Building Permits	8,000	7,849	(151)	-1.89%
Other Licenses and Permits	13,000	18,433	5,433	41.79%
Total Licenses and Permits	<u>671,000</u>	<u>773,973</u>	<u>102,973</u>	<u>15.35%</u>
Intergovernmental Revenues	<u>701,502</u>	<u>679,401</u>	<u>(22,101)</u>	<u>-3.15%</u>
Charges for Service:				
Income from Departments	300,000	344,956	44,956	14.99%
Garbage/Refuse	40,000	40,980	980	2.45%
Water Department	471,934	557,409	85,475	18.11%
Sewer Department	625,956	722,597	96,641	15.44%
Airport	17,630	28,225	10,595	60.10%
Total Charges for Service	<u>1,455,520</u>	<u>1,694,167</u>	<u>238,647</u>	<u>16.40%</u>
Miscellaneous:				
Sale of Property	27,000	9,420	(17,580)	-65.11%
Interest on Investments	100,000	81,654	(18,346)	-18.35%
Rent of Property	29,000	43,224	14,224	49.05%
Insurance Reimbursements	60,000	48,918	(11,082)	-18.47%
Transfer from Trust Funds	20,000	23,617	3,617	18.09%
Other Miscellaneous	24,000	17,242	(6,758)	-28.16%
Total Miscellaneous	<u>260,000</u>	<u>224,075</u>	<u>(35,925)</u>	<u>-13.82%</u>
Other Financing Sources:				
Transfer from Capital Reserve - General	42,000	42,000	0	0.00%
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>42,000</u>	<u>42,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$5,212,484</u>	<u>\$5,579,325</u>	<u>\$366,841</u>	<u>7.04%</u>

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2000

	Budget	Actual	Under (Over) Budget	
			\$	%
General Government:				
Executive	\$102,036	\$112,314	(\$10,278)	-10.07%
Election/Registration	49,804	53,835	(4,031)	-8.09%
Financial Administration	192,988	238,098	(45,110)	-23.37%
Legal	25,000	31,866	(6,866)	-27.46%
Personnel Administration	553,363	550,478	2,885	0.52%
Town Office of Planning and Zoning	96,218	80,071	16,147	16.78%
General Government Buildings	176,494	204,117	(27,623)	-15.65%
Cemeteries	91,076	92,274	(1,198)	-1.32%
Insurance	4,000	2,021	1,979	49.48%
Advertising & Regional Associations	4,271	4,665	(394)	-9.23%
Other General Government	47,507	37,166	10,341	21.77%
Total General Government	1,342,757	1,406,905	(64,148)	-4.78%
Public Safety:				
Police	601,050	575,889	25,161	4.19%
Emergency Communications	153,750	155,501	(1,851)	-1.20%
Prosecution	54,434	43,929	10,505	19.30%
Ambulance	173,609	169,984	3,625	2.09%
Fire	295,241	283,938	11,303	3.83%
Building Inspection	9,123	11,445	(2,322)	-25.45%
Emergency Management	2,296	3,686	(1,390)	-60.54%
Total Public Safety	1,289,503	1,244,472	45,031	3.49%
Highways and Streets:				
Public Works Garage	163,812	161,025	2,787	1.70%
Highways and Streets	441,192	430,312	10,880	2.47%
Bridges	3,900	2,253	1,647	42.23%
Street Lighting	63,000	58,550	4,450	7.06%
Airport	17,040	16,110	930	5.46%
Total Highways and Streets	688,944	668,250	20,694	3.00%
Sanitation:				
Solid Waste Collection	48,900	51,489	(2,589)	-5.29%
Sewer Department	406,170	402,900	3,270	0.81%
Total Sanitation	455,070	454,389	681	0.15%
Water Department	374,493	372,742	1,751	0.47%

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2000

	Budget	Actual	Under (Over) Budget	
			\$	%
Health:				
Health Administration	5,584	3,481	2,103	37.66%
Health Agency	25,700	18,200	7,500	29.18%
Total Health	<u>31,284</u>	<u>21,681</u>	<u>9,603</u>	30.70%
Welfare:				
Welfare Administration	15,500	15,130	370	2.39%
Welfare Direct Assistance	50,000	61,820	(11,820)	-23.64%
Total Welfare	<u>65,500</u>	<u>76,950</u>	<u>(11,450)</u>	-17.48%
Culture and Recreation:				
Recreation	145,523	146,534	(1,011)	-0.69%
Library	161,060	161,060	0	0.00%
Patriotic Purposes	2,500	2,837	(337)	-13.48%
Total Patriotic Purposes	<u>309,083</u>	<u>310,431</u>	<u>(1,348)</u>	-0.44%
Conservation Administration	<u>3,000</u>	<u>2,987</u>	<u>13</u>	0.43%
Debt Service:				
Principal LTD	165,400	165,400	0	0.00%
Interest LTD	32,214	32,214	0	0.00%
Tax Anticipation Interest	100	0	100	100.00%
Lease Payments	24,880	24,880	0	0.00%
Water Fund Debt	78,500	78,500	0	0.00%
Sewer Fund Debt	209,844	209,844	0	0.00%
Debt Service	<u>510,938</u>	<u>510,838</u>	<u>100</u>	0.02%
Capital Outlay:				
General Fund Articles	486,439	481,640	4,799	0.99%
Water Fund Articles	18,941	18,557	384	2.03%
Sewer Fund Articles	9,942	9,558	384	3.86%
Capital Outlay	<u>515,322</u>	<u>509,755</u>	<u>5,567</u>	1.08%
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u><u>\$5,585,894</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,579,400</u></u>	<u><u>\$6,494</u></u>	0.12%

AUDIT REPORT

The following are extracts of the audit report, prepared by Plodzik & Sanderson, of the Town of Newport for the year ended June 30, 2000. The complete report is available for review at the Town Office.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Newport as of and for the year ended June 30, 2000 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

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

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

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Newport, as of June 30, 2000, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund types and nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 3, 2001 on our consideration of the Town of Newport's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

*Town of Newport
Independent Auditor's Report*

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Newport taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed as schedules in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Newport. The accompanying Single Audit related schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements. All such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

January 3, 2001

Megyn A. Colby, CPA

PLODZIK & SANDERSON
Professional Association

EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF NEWPORT
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
June 30, 2000

	Governmental Fund Types		
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects
<u>ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS</u>			
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash and Equivalents	\$668,472	\$153,781	
Investments	1,385,360	7,541	\$15,392
<u>Receivables (Net of</u>			
<u>Allowances For Uncollectibles)</u>			
Interest			
Taxes	1,173,783		
Accounts	50,838	24,851	50,823
Intergovernmental	374,203	14,170	
Interfund Receivable	388,592	151	
Inventory		12,292	
Prepaid Items	700,221		13,529
Property, Plant and Equipment (Net)			
Restricted Assets			
Tax Deeded Property Subject to Resale	13,912		
<u>Other Debits</u>			
Amount to be Provided for			
Retirement of General Long-Term Debt			
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	<u>\$4,755,381</u>	<u>\$212,786</u>	<u>\$79,744</u>

<u>Proprietary Fund Type</u>	<u>Fiduciary Fund Types</u>	<u>Account Group</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<u>Enterprise Funds</u>	<u>Trust and Agency</u>	<u>General Long- Term Debt</u>	<u>(Memorandum Only)</u>
\$1,510,836	\$596,135		\$2,929,224
	966,084		2,374,377
	6,848		6,848
			1,173,783
606,648			733,160
1,104,705			1,493,078
35,965	8,000		432,708
			12,292
	13,110		726,860
7,070,282			7,070,282
164,594			164,594
			13,912
		470,616	470,616
<u>\$10,493,030</u>	<u>\$1,590,177</u>	<u>\$470,616</u>	<u>\$17,601,734</u>

TOWN OF NEWPORT
 Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
 June 30, 2000

	Governmental Fund Types		
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects
<u>LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS</u>			
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Accounts Payable	\$222,612		
Accrued Payroll and Benefits	45,582		
Retainage Payable		851	
Intergovernmental Payable	898	132	
Interfund Payable	29,179	58,731	75,268
Other Current Liabilities	14,031		
Deferred Tax Revenues	2,807,780		
Other Deferred Revenues	42,991	16,709	
State Revolving Fund Loan Payable			
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable			
General Obligation Debt Payable - Current			
General Obligation Debt Payable			
Compensated Absences Payable			
Total Liabilities	3,163,073	76,423	75,268
<u>Equity and Other Credits</u>			
<u>Contributed Capital</u>			
<u>Retained Earnings</u>			
Reserved			
Unreserved			
<u>Fund Balances</u>			
Reserved for Encumbrances	368,876		
Reserved for Endowments			
Reserved for Inventory		12,292	
Reserved for Special Purposes			28,755
Reserved for Tax Deeded Property	13,912		
<u>Unreserved</u>			
Designated For Contingency	206,355		
Designated For Special Purposes		124,071	
Undesignated	1,003,165		(24,279)
Total Equity and Other Credits	1,592,308	136,363	4,476
TOTAL LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS	\$4,755,381	\$212,786	\$79,744

<u>Proprietary Fund Type</u>	<u>Fiduciary Fund Types</u>	<u>Account Group</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<u>Enterprise Funds</u>	<u>Trust and Agency</u>	<u>General Long- Term Debt</u>	<u>(Memorandum Only)</u>
			\$222,612
			45,582
7,078			7,929
	26,121		27,151
245,913	\$23,617		432,708
			14,031
			2,807,780
4,689			64,389
6,447			6,447
161,207			161,207
1,671,551		\$440,064	2,111,615
		30,552	30,552
<u>2,096,885</u>	<u>49,738</u>	<u>470,616</u>	<u>5,932,003</u>
3,892,060			3,892,060
1,294,005			1,294,005
3,210,080			3,210,080
			368,876
	944,839		944,839
			12,292
	595,600		624,355
			13,912
			206,355
			124,071
			978,886
<u>8,396,145</u>	<u>1,540,439</u>		<u>11,669,731</u>
<u>\$10,493,030</u>	<u>\$1,590,177</u>	<u>\$470,616</u>	<u>\$17,601,734</u>

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

EXHIBIT B
TOWN OF NEWPORT
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2000

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>
<u>Revenues</u>			
Taxes	\$2,165,713		
Licenses and Permits	773,972		
Intergovernmental	697,142	\$212,093	
Charges For Service	385,935	14,188	
Miscellaneous	200,457	118,249	61,793
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
Operating Transfers In	65,617	187,972	
<u>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</u>	<u>4,288,836</u>	<u>532,502</u>	<u>61,793</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
<u>Current</u>			
General Government	1,363,542		
Public Safety	1,318,700	23,735	
Highways, Streets, Bridges	666,584		
Sanitation	49,489		
Health	23,682		
Welfare	76,950		
Culture and Recreation	139,871	294,158	
Conservation	987	5,652	
Debt Service	197,614		
Capital Outlay	416,443	200,421	1,073
<u>Other Financing Uses</u>			
Operating Transfers Out	190,060	2,991	2,671
<u>Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	<u>4,443,922</u>	<u>526,957</u>	<u>3,744</u>
<u>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	<u>(155,086)</u>	<u>5,545</u>	<u>58,049</u>
<u>Fund Balances - July 1 (As Restated - See Note 5F)</u>	<u>1,747,394</u>	<u>130,818</u>	<u>(53,573)</u>
<u>Fund Balances - June 30</u>	<u>\$1,592,308</u>	<u>\$136,363</u>	<u>\$4,476</u>

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

<u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
Trust Funds	
	\$2,165,713
	773,972
	909,235
	400,123
\$24,746	405,245
<u>57,000</u>	<u>310,589</u>
<u>81,746</u>	<u>4,964,877</u>
	1,363,542
	1,342,435
	666,584
	49,489
	23,682
	76,950
3,891	437,920
	6,639
	197,614
	617,937
<u>42,000</u>	<u>237,722</u>
<u>45,891</u>	<u>5,020,514</u>
35,855	(55,637)
<u>555,536</u>	<u>2,380,175</u>
<u>\$591,391</u>	<u>\$2,324,538</u>

EXHIBIT C
TOWN OF NEWPORT
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis)
General and Special Revenue Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2000

	General Fund		Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Budget	Actual	
<u>Revenues</u>			
Taxes	\$1,989,462	\$2,165,713	\$176,251
Licenses and Permits	671,000	773,972	102,972
Intergovernmental	701,502	679,401	(22,101)
Charges For Service	340,000	385,935	45,935
Miscellaneous	240,000	200,457	(39,543)
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
Operating Transfers In	62,000	65,617	3,617
<u>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</u>	<u>4,003,964</u>	<u>4,271,095</u>	<u>267,131</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
<u>Current</u>			
General Government	1,342,757	1,402,905	(60,148)
Public Safety	1,294,383	1,249,100	45,283
Highways, Streets, Bridges	671,904	650,806	21,098
Sanitation	48,900	51,489	(2,589)
Health	31,284	21,682	9,602
Welfare	65,500	76,950	(11,450)
Culture and Recreation	141,023	142,371	(1,348)
Conservation	1,000	987	13
Debt Service	197,714	197,614	100
Capital Outlay	486,439	480,387	6,052
<u>Other Financing Uses</u>			
Operating Transfers Out	190,060	190,060	
<u>Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	<u>4,470,964</u>	<u>4,464,351</u>	<u>6,613</u>
<u>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	<u>(\$467,000)</u>	<u>(193,256)</u>	<u>\$273,744</u>
<u>Increase in Fund Balances</u>			
Reserved for Inventory			
Reserved for Tax Deeded Property		(8,371)	
<u>Fund Balances - July 1</u>		<u>1,411,147</u>	
<u>Fund Balances - June 30</u>		<u>\$1,209,520</u>	

Annually Budgeted Special Revenue Funds			Totals (Memorandum Only)		
Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
			\$1,989,462	\$2,165,713	\$176,251
			671,000	773,972	102,972
	\$13,084	\$13,084	701,502	692,485	(9,017)
17,040	14,188	(2,852)	357,040	400,123	43,083
36,950	28,383	(8,567)	276,950	228,840	(48,110)
<u>161,060</u>	<u>180,310</u>	<u>19,250</u>	<u>223,060</u>	<u>245,927</u>	<u>22,867</u>
<u>215,050</u>	<u>235,965</u>	<u>20,915</u>	<u>4,219,014</u>	<u>4,507,060</u>	<u>288,046</u>
			1,342,757	1,402,905	(60,148)
			1,294,383	1,249,100	45,283
			671,904	650,806	21,098
			48,900	51,489	(2,589)
			31,284	21,682	9,602
			65,500	76,950	(11,450)
215,050	239,267	(24,217)	356,073	381,638	(25,565)
			1,000	987	13
			197,714	197,614	100
			486,439	480,387	6,052
			<u>190,060</u>	<u>190,060</u>	
<u>215,050</u>	<u>239,267</u>	<u>(24,217)</u>	<u>4,686,014</u>	<u>4,703,618</u>	<u>(17,604)</u>
<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>(3,302)</u>	<u>(\$3,302)</u>	<u>(\$467,000)</u>	<u>(196,558)</u>	<u>\$270,442</u>
	(2,496)			(2,496)	
				(8,371)	
	<u>23,236</u>			<u>1,434,383</u>	
	<u>\$17,438</u>			<u>\$1,226,958</u>	

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

EXHIBIT D
TOWN OF NEWPORT
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses and
Changes in Retained Earnings/Fund Balances
All Proprietary Funds and Nonexpendable Trust Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2000

	<u>Proprietary Fund Type Enterprise</u>	<u>Nonexpendable Trust Funds</u>	<u>Total (Memorandum Only)</u>
<u>Operating Revenues</u>			
<u>Charges For Sales and Services</u>			
User Charges	\$1,030,343		\$1,030,343
Interest on User Charges			
New Funds		105,567	105,567
Interest and Dividends		43,892	43,892
Capital Gains		30,335	30,335
Net Decrease in Fair Value		(27,753)	(27,753)
<u>Total Operating Revenues</u>	<u>1,030,343</u>	<u>152,041</u>	<u>1,182,384</u>
<u>Operating Expenses</u>			
<u>Cost of Sales and Services</u>			
Services	279,234		279,234
Treatment	252,707		252,707
Administration	177,596		177,596
Other	19,462		19,462
Depreciation	271,078		271,078
Transfers Out		42,867	42,867
<u>Total Operating Expenses</u>	<u>1,000,077</u>	<u>42,867</u>	<u>1,042,944</u>
<u>Operating Income</u>	<u>30,266</u>	<u>109,174</u>	<u>139,440</u>
<u>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</u>			
Interest Revenue	90,017		90,017
Interest Expense	(127,137)		(127,137)
State Water	68,988		68,988
Net Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>31,868</u>		<u>31,868</u>
<u>Net Income Before Transfers</u>	<u>62,134</u>	<u>109,174</u>	<u>171,308</u>
<u>Transfers to Other Funds</u>	<u>(30,000)</u>		<u>(30,000)</u>
<u>Net Income</u>	<u>32,134</u>	<u>109,174</u>	<u>141,308</u>
<u>Add Depreciation on Contributed Assets Acquired with Capital Grants</u>	<u>126,528</u>		<u>126,528</u>
<u>Retained Earnings/Fund Balances - July 1 (As Restated - See Note 5F)</u>	<u>4,345,423</u>	<u>839,874</u>	<u>5,185,297</u>
<u>Retained Earnings/Fund Balances - June 30</u>	<u>\$4,504,085</u>	<u>\$949,048</u>	<u>\$5,453,133</u>

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

EXHIBIT E
TOWN OF NEWPORT
Combined Statement of Changes in Cash Flows
All Proprietary Funds and Nonexpendable Trust Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2000

	Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	Totals
	Enterprise Funds	Nonexpendable Trust Funds	(Memorandum Only)
Cash Flows From Operating Activities			
Cash Received From Customers and Users	\$753,388		\$753,388
Cash Payments to Employees and Suppliers	(739,201)		(739,201)
Cash Received as New Funds		40,934	40,934
Cash Received as Interest & Dividends		105,567	105,567
Cash Paid to Other Funds		(40,701)	(40,701)
Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	14,187	105,800	119,987
Cash Flows From Financing Activities			
Principal Payments - Bonds	(161,207)		(161,207)
State Revolving Fund Loan Receipts	6,447		6,447
Capital Contributions and Advances	159,645		159,645
Acquisition and Construction of Capital Assets	(81,742)		(81,742)
Interest Paid	(127,137)		(127,137)
Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund	(30,000)		(30,000)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Financing Activities	(233,994)		(233,994)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities			
Net Purchase of Investment Securities		(145,102)	(145,102)
Interest Income	90,017		90,017
Net Cash Provided (Used) in Investing Activities	90,017	(145,102)	(55,085)
Net Increase (Decrease) In Cash	(129,790)	(39,302)	(169,092)
Cash - July 1	1,805,220	69,394	1,874,614
Cash - June 30	<u>\$1,675,430</u>	<u>\$30,092</u>	<u>\$1,705,522</u>
Reconciliation of Net Income to New Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities			
Operating Income	\$30,266	\$109,174	\$139,440
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net			
Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities			
Net Decrease in Fair Value of Investments		27,753	27,753
Depreciation Expense	271,078		271,078
Increase in Accounts Receivable	(286,991)	(30,335)	(317,326)
Increase in Interest Receivable		(2,958)	(2,958)
Decrease in Interfund Receivable	27,179		27,179
Decrease in Other Current Assets	1,300		1,300
Decrease in Accounts Payable	(56,631)		(56,631)
Increase in Intergovernmental Payable		2,166	2,166
Increase in Interfund Payable	23,297		23,297
Increase in Deferred Revenue	4,689		4,689
Total Adjustments	(16,079)	(3,374)	(19,453)
Net Cash Provided By Operations	\$14,187	\$105,800	\$119,987

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

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The financial statements of the Town of Newport have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to the governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Financial Reporting Entity

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

B. Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting

The accounts of the Town are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures/expenses, as appropriate. The various funds are grouped by type in the financial statements. The following fund types and account groups are used by the Town:

Governmental Fund Types

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

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

Capital Projects Funds - Transactions related to resources obtained and used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of capital facilities not included in Enterprise Funds are accounted for in Capital Projects Funds.

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Proprietary Fund Types

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

Fiduciary Fund Types

Trust and Agency Funds - These funds account for assets held or established under a formal trust agreement or Town Meeting vote, or assets held by the Town as a trustee or agent for individuals, private organizations, and other units of government.

Account Groups

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

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

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

C. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

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

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All Proprietary and Nonexpendable Trust Funds are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they are earned, and their expenses are recognized when they are incurred (flow of economic resources measurement focus). In accounting for proprietary funds under this basis and measurement focus, the Town applies all GASB pronouncements as well as the Financial Accounting Standards Board pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

D. Budgetary Accounting

General Budget Policies

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

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

State statutes require balanced budgets, but provide for the use of beginning unreserved fund balance to achieve that end. In the fiscal year 1999-2000, \$467,000 of the beginning General Fund fund balance was applied for this purpose.

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

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

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	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>
<u>Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>		
Per Exhibit C (Budgetary Basis)	\$ 4,464,351	\$ 239,267
<u>Adjustments</u>		
<u>Basis Difference</u>		
Encumbrances - June 30, 1999	330,706	
Encumbrances - June 30, 2000	(368,876)	
Retirement contributions paid by State of N.H.	17,741	
<u>Entity Difference</u>		
<u>Unbudgeted Funds</u>		
Neighborhood Improvement		1,227
Library Arts Center		54,891
Conservation Commission		5,652
Ambulance Donations		11,118
Guild Target Area Project		1,718
South Main Street Revolving Loan		1,273
Town Wide Program	<u> </u>	<u>211,811</u>
Per Exhibit B (GAAP Basis)	<u>\$ 4,443,922</u>	<u>\$ 526,957</u>

E. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Equity

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

The town treasurer is required by New Hampshire statute to have custody of all moneys belonging to the Town, and shall pay out the same only upon orders of the Town Manager. The treasurer shall deposit all such moneys in participation units in the public deposit investment pool established pursuant to RSA 383:22 or in solvent banks in the state. Funds may be deposited in banks outside the state if such banks pledge and deliver to a third party custodial bank or the federal reserve bank collateral security for such deposits, United States government or government agency obligations, or obligations of the State of New Hampshire in value at least equal to the amount of the deposit in each case.

Whenever the town treasurer has in custody an excess of funds which are not immediately needed for the purpose of expenditure, the town treasurer shall, with the approval of the selectmen, invest the excess funds in obligations of the United States government, in the public deposit investment pool established pursuant to RSA 383:22, in savings bank deposits, certificates of deposit and repurchase agreements of banks incorporated under the laws of the State of New Hampshire or in banks recognized by the state treasurer. Any person who directly or indirectly receives any such funds or moneys for deposit or for investment in securities of any kind shall, prior to acceptance

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of such funds, make available at the time of such deposit or investment an option to have such funds secured by collateral having a value at least equal to the amount of such funds. Such collateral shall be segregated for the exclusive benefit of the town. Only securities defined by the bank commissioner as provided by rules adopted pursuant to RSA 386:57 shall be eligible to be pledged as collateral.

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

The Town participates in the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool established in accordance with RSA 383:22-24. Based on GASB Statement No. 3, investments with the Pool are considered to be unclassified. At this time, the Pool's investments are limited to short-term United States treasury and United States government agency obligations, State of New Hampshire municipal obligations, certificates of deposit from AI/PI-rated banks, money market mutual funds (maximum of 20% of portfolio), overnight to 30-day repurchase agreements and reverse overnight repurchase agreements with primary dealers or dealer banks. Under the terms of GASB Statement #31, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools*, the Pool is considered to be a 2a7-like pool which means that it has a policy that it will, and does operate in a manner consistent with the SEC's Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. This rule allows SEC-registered mutual funds to use amortized cost rather than market value to report net assets to compute share prices if certain conditions are met. Therefore, the Town reports its investment in the Pool at amortized cost which would equal the Pool's share price.

Other investments are stated at fair value as of the balance sheet date. The fair value is based on the quoted market price for all investments.

The Trustees of Trust Funds file annual reports with the New Hampshire Attorney General.

Receivables

Receivables have been recorded for the following:

- a. Tax revenue is recorded when a warrant for collection is committed to the Tax Collector. However, an allowance has been established in the amount of \$18,746 representing voluntary liens Receivable which are not considered currently collectible.

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

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

- b. Interest on investments is recorded as revenue in the year earned.
- c. Certain grants received from other governments require that eligible expenditures be made in order to earn the grant. Revenue for these grants is recorded for the period in which eligible expenditures are made.
- d. Various service charges (ambulance, water and sewer) are recorded as revenue for the period when service was provided. The receivables for such services are shown on the balance sheet net of an allowance for estimated uncollectibles.

Interfund Receivables and Payables

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

Inventory

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

Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment acquired for proprietary funds are capitalized in the fund to which they apply.

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

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

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

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

Deferred Revenue

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

Long-Term Liabilities

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

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

Fund Equity

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

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

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

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

Reserved for Special Purposes - is used to account for the unencumbered balance of restricted funds. These include the uncommitted balances of Capital Projects Funds, the Town's Expendable Trust Funds, and the income portion of the Town's Nonexpendable Trust Funds.

Reserved for Tax Deeded Property - represents properties for which the Town has acquired deeds through the tax lien process, and expects to sell during the subsequent year.

The portion of unreserved fund balance for which management has specific plans is shown as designated. The following designations are used by the Town:

Designated for Contingency - is used to account for potential abatements or adjustments of property tax accounts for which revenue has previously been recorded.

Designated for Special Purposes - is used to account for the unencumbered balances of Special Revenue Funds.

F. Total Columns (Memorandum Only) on Combined Statements

Amounts in the "Total (Memorandum Only)" columns in the combined financial statement line items of the fund types and account group are presented for analytical purposes only. The summation includes fund types and an account group that use different bases of accounting, includes interfund transactions that have not been eliminated and the caption "amount to be provided," which is not an asset in the usual sense. Consequently, amounts shown in the "Total (Memorandum Only)" columns are not comparable to a consolidation and do not represent the total resources available or total revenues and expenditures/expenses of the Town.

NOTE 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Deficit Fund Balances

Project Deficit

The Town Hall Improvements Capital Project Fund has a deficit balance of \$24,279. As of June 30, 1999, the deficit was \$83,491, which the Town planned to recover over two years. The Town recovered 71% of the deficit in the year 1999-2000. The remaining deficit will be eliminated in the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

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B. Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations

The following governmental funds had an excess of expenditures over appropriations for the year ended June 30, 2000:

<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>		
Airport Operating		\$ 16,056
Richards Free Library		<u>8,161</u>
<u>Total</u>		<u>\$ 24,217</u>

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

NOTE 3 - ASSETS

A. Cash and Equivalents

The Town maintains a common bank account in which the cash balances of most funds are maintained. The common bank account is used for receipts and disbursements relating to all these funds. All time deposits are the property of the General Fund.

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

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

	Category			Total	
	1	2	3	Bank Balance	Carrying Value
Cash	<u>\$ 552,588</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 2,569,894</u>	<u>\$ 3,122,482</u>	<u>\$ 3,093,818</u>

B. Investments

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

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

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

	Category			Fair
	1	2	3	Value
Certificates of Deposit United States	\$ 107,541	\$ 35,949	\$	\$ 143,490
Government Obligations			246,644	246,644
Corporate Bonds			<u>102,608</u>	<u>102,608</u>
	<u>\$ 107,541</u>	<u>\$ 35,949</u>	<u>\$ 349,252</u>	492,742
Mutual Funds				480,883
New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool				<u>1,400,752</u>
<u>Total Investments</u>				<u>\$ 2,374,377</u>

C. Property Taxes

The property tax year is from April 1 to March 31 and all property taxes are assessed on the inventory taken in April of that year. The net assessed valuation as of April 1, 1999, upon which the 1999 property tax levy was based was \$214,773,080 for the State Education Tax and \$220,339,880 for all other taxes.

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

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

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

The tax rate for the year ended June 30, 2000, was as follows:

	Per \$1,000 Of Assessed <u>Valuation</u>	Property Tax <u>Assessment</u>
Municipal Portion	\$ 9.17	\$ 2,021,643
<u>School Tax Assessment</u>		
State	7.17	1,540,199
Local	6.38	1,404,854
County Tax Assessment	2.81	<u>618,667</u>
 <u>Total Property Taxes Assessed</u>		 <u>\$ 5,585,363</u>

During the current fiscal year, the Tax Collector on April 12 placed a lien for all uncollected 1999 property taxes.

Taxes Receivable at June 30, 2000, are as follows:

<u>Property</u>	
Levy of 2000	\$ 882,290
<u>Unredeemed (under tax lien)</u>	
Levy of 1999	180,259
Levy of 1998	105,385
Levy of 1997	1,852
Excavation Activity	1,020
Land Use Change	1,330
Voluntary Liens	18,746
Yield	1,647
Less: Allowance for voluntary liens Receivable	<u>(18,746)</u>
 <u>Net Taxes Receivable</u>	 <u>\$ 1,173,783</u>

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D. Other Receivables

Other receivables as of June 30, 2000, are as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>	<u>Capital Projects Funds</u>	<u>Enterprise Funds</u>	<u>Trust Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Interest	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 6,848	\$ 6,848
Accounts	131,939	24,851	50,823	606,648		814,261
Intergovernmental	374,203	14,170		1,104,705		1,493,078
Allowance for Uncol- lectible Amounts	<u>(81,101)</u>					<u>(81,101)</u>
Net Other Receivables	<u>\$ 425,041</u>	<u>\$39,021</u>	<u>\$ 50,823</u>	<u>\$ 1,711,353</u>	<u>\$6,848</u>	<u>\$ 2,233,086</u>

E. Interfund Receivables/Payables

Individual fund interfund Receivable and payable balances at June 30, 2000 are as follows:

	<u>Interfund Receivable</u>	<u>Interfund Payable</u>
General Fund	\$ 388,592	\$ 29,179
<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>		
Airport Operating	151	32,237
Richards Free Library		6,667
Neighborhood Improvement		1,227
Library Arts Center		246
Ambulance Donations		2,494
Town Wide Program		15,860
<u>Capital Project Fund</u>		
Town Hall Improvements		75,268
<u>Enterprise Funds</u>		
Water Department	31,540	180,055
Sewer Department	4,425	65,858
<u>Trust Funds</u>		
Expendable	8,000	
Nonexpendable		<u>23,617</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 432,708</u>	<u>\$ 432,708</u>

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F. Enterprise Fund - Property Plant and Equipment

The following is a summary of the property, plant and equipment of the Water and Sewer Department Funds at June 30, 2000:

	Water Department	Sewer Department	<u>Total</u>
Land	\$ 21,337	\$ 356,163	\$ 377,500
Buildings	1,805,152	4,517,761	6,322,913
Other Improvements	671,504	1,107,431	1,778,935
Machinery, Vehicles and Equipment	455,016	387,435	842,451
Construction in Progress	186,255		186,255
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(746,923)</u>	<u>(1,690,849)</u>	<u>(2,437,772)</u>
Net Property, Plant and Equipment	<u>\$ 2,392,341</u>	<u>\$ 4,677,941</u>	<u>\$ 7,070,282</u>

NOTE 4 - LIABILITIES

A. Deferred Revenue

General Fund

Deferred revenue at June 30, 2000 consists of property taxes and other revenue collected or levied in advance of the fiscal year to which they apply as follows:

<u>General Funds</u>		
Fiscal Year 2000 Property Taxes		\$ 2,807,780
Other		<u>42,991</u>
<u>Total General Fund</u>		<u>\$ 2,850,771</u>

Special Revenue Fund - Town Wide Program

Deferred revenue of \$16,709 at June 30, 2000 consists of grant proceeds for which qualifying expenditures have not yet been made.

Enterprise Funds

Deferred revenue of \$4,689 at June 30, 2000 consists of overpayments and prepayments of water and sewer billings.

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B. Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of the Town's general long-term debt transactions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000:

	<u>General Obligation Debt Payable</u>	<u>Compensated Absences Payable</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Long-Term Debt Account Group			
<i>General Fund</i>			
Balance, Beginning of Year	\$ 603,200	\$ 22,152	\$ 625,352
Retired	(165,400)		(165,400)
Net increase in compensated absences payable	<u> </u>	<u>8,400</u>	<u>8,400</u>
Balance, End of Year	<u>437,800</u>	<u>30,552</u>	<u>468,352</u>
<i>Richards Free Library</i>			
Balance, Beginning of Year	5,373		5,373
Retired	<u>(3,109)</u>		<u>(3,109)</u>
Balance, End of Year	<u>2,264</u>		<u>2,264</u>
Total General Long-Term Debt Account Group	<u>440,064</u>	<u>30,552</u>	<u>470,616</u>
Enterprise Funds			
<u>Water Fund</u>			
Balance, Beginning of Year	768,965		768,965
Retired	<u>(36,207)</u>		<u>(36,207)</u>
Balance, End of Year	<u>732,758</u>		<u>732,758</u>
<u>Sewer Fund</u>			
Balance, Beginning of Year	1,225,000		1,225,000
Retired	<u>(125,000)</u>		<u>(125,000)</u>
Balance, End of Year	<u>1,100,000</u>		<u>1,100,000</u>
Total Enterprise Funds	<u>1,832,758</u>		<u>1,832,758</u>
Total Account Group and Enterprise Funds	<u>\$ 2,272,822</u>	<u>\$ 30,552</u>	<u>\$ 2,303,374</u>

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Long-term debt payable at June 30, 2000, is comprised of the following individual issues:

<u>General Long-Term Debt Account Group</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Interest Rate %</u>	<u>Outstanding at 6/30/2000</u>
<u>General Obligation Debt Payable</u>					
Fiscal Year Change	\$1,200,000	1990	2001	6.90	\$ 120,000
Police Facility	\$454,000	1996	2007	5.45	317,800
Richards Free Library	\$14,000	1997	2001	8.50	<u>2,264</u>
					440,064
<u>Compensated Absences Payable</u>					
Vested Sick Leave					<u>30,552</u>
<u>Total General Long-Term Debt Account Group</u>					<u>470,616</u>
<u>Enterprise Funds</u>					
<u>Water Department</u>					
Water Treatment Plant	\$1,050,000	1992	2022	5.50	732,758
<u>Sewer Department</u>					
Sewer Treatment Facilities	\$2,522,000	1988	2008	6.85-7.55	<u>1,100,000</u>
<u>Total Enterprise Funds</u>					<u>1,832,758</u>
<u>Total General Long-Term Debt Account Group and Enterprise Funds</u>					<u>\$ 2,303,374</u>

The annual requirements to amortize all general obligation debt outstanding as of June 30, 2000, including interest payments, are as follows:

Annual Requirements To Amortize Governmental Fund General Obligation Debt Payable

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30.</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2001	\$ 167,664 *	\$ 21,534 *	\$ 189,198 *
2002	45,400	14,846	60,246
2003	45,400	12,372	57,772
2004	45,400	9,897	55,297
2005	45,400	7,423	52,823
2006-2007	<u>90,800</u>	<u>7,423</u>	<u>98,223</u>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$ 440,064</u>	<u>\$ 73,495</u>	<u>\$ 513,569</u>

* Included in these figures are the final payments on the Richards Free Library debt of \$2,264 principal, and \$74 interest.

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Annual Requirements To Amortize Enterprise Fund Debt Payable

<u>Fiscal Year Ending</u> <u>June 30.</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2001	\$ 161,207	\$ 115,809	\$ 277,016
2002	161,207	105,085	266,292
2003	161,207	94,532	255,739
2004	161,207	83,711	244,918
2005	156,207	72,746	228,953
2006-2022	<u>1,031,723</u>	<u>318,791</u>	<u>1,350,514</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 1,832,758</u>	<u>\$ 790,674</u>	<u>\$ 2,623,432</u>

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

Bonds or Notes Authorized - Unissued

Bonds and notes authorized and unissued as of June 30, 2000 were as follows:

<u>Per</u> <u>Town Meeting</u> <u>Vote of</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Unissued</u> <u>Amount</u>
May 12, 1998	Water Tank Replacement	\$ 553,430
May 9, 2000	Water/Sewer Projects Road Reconstruction	<u>30,000</u>
Total		<u>\$ 583,430</u>

NOTE 5 - OTHER INFORMATION

A. Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Plan Description and Provisions

The Town of Newport participates in the New Hampshire Retirement System (the System) which is the administrator of a cost-sharing multiple-employer contributory pension plan and trust established in 1967 by RSA 100-A:2 and is qualified as a tax-exempt organization under Sections 401(a) and 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The plan is a contributory, defined benefit plan providing service, disability, death and vested retirement benefits to members and their beneficiaries. Provisions for benefits and contributions are established and can be amended by the New Hampshire State Legislature. The System issues a publicly available financial report that may be obtained by writing the New Hampshire Retirement System, 4 Chenell Drive, Concord, NH 03301.

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Description of Funding Policy

The System is financed by contributions from both the employees and the Town. Member contribution rates are established and may be amended by the State legislature while employer contribution rates are set by the System trustees based on an actuarial valuation. All employees except police officers and firefighters are required to contribute 5% of earnable compensation. Police officers and firefighters are required to contribute 9.3% of gross earnings. For the year ended June 30, 2000, the Town contributed 4.93% for police officers, 5.70% for firefighters and 4.24% for other employees. The contribution requirements for the Town of Newport for the fiscal years 1998, 1999, and 2000 were \$75,069, \$76,929 and \$86,995, respectively, which were paid in full in each year.

The State of New Hampshire funds 35% of employer costs for firefighters and police officers employed by the Town. The State does not participate in funding the employer costs of other Town employees. GASB Statement #24, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Grants and Other Financial Assistance* requires this amount to be reported as a revenue and expenditure in the Town's financial statements. This amount \$17,741 has been included on Exhibit B - Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds and is reconciled to the budgetary expenditures in Note 1D.

B. Postemployment Healthcare Benefits

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

C. Changes in Contributed Capital - Enterprise Funds

	<u>Federal and State Grants</u>
<i>Water Department</i>	
Balance - July 1, 1999	\$ 679,854
Capital Contributed	240,441
Depreciation Applied to Contributed Capital	<u>(22,458)</u>
Balance - June 30, 2000	<u>\$ 897,837</u>
<i>Sewer Department</i>	
Balance - July 1, 1999	\$ 3,098,293
Depreciation Applied to Contributed Capital	<u>(104,070)</u>
Balance - June 30, 2000	<u>\$ 2,994,223</u>

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D. Segment Information for Proprietary Funds

Enterprise Funds

The Town maintains two Enterprise Funds. The Water Department Fund accounts for the provision of water services and the Sewer Department Fund accounts for the basic sewage treatment facilities. Selected segment information for the year ended June 30, 2000, is as follows:

	Water <u>Department</u>	Sewer <u>Department</u>	<u>Total</u>
Operating Revenues	\$ 482,343	\$ 548,000	\$ 1,030,343
Depreciation	100,178	170,900	271,078
Operating Income	5,189	25,077	30,266
Net Income	27,099	5,035	32,134
Current Capital Contributions	24,603	135,042	159,645
Depreciation Reducing Capital Contributions	22,458	104,070	126,528
Property, Plant, and Equipment Additions	57,253	24,489	81,742
Net Working Capital	1,303,247	1,529,573	2,832,820
Total Assets	4,001,045	6,491,985	10,493,030
Bonds and Other Long-Term Liabilities			
Payable from Operating Revenues	732,758	1,100,000	1,832,758
Total Equity	3,072,642	5,323,503	8,396,145

E. Summary Disclosure of Significant Contingencies

Litigation

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

Grants

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

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F. Restatement of Retained Earnings/Fund Balances

Fund balances/Retained earnings at July 1, 1999 were restated to give retroactive effect to the following prior period adjustments:

	<u>Enterprise Funds</u>	<u>Trust Funds</u>	
		<u>Nonexpendable</u>	<u>Expendable</u>
Adjustments			
To recognize change in recording of supplemental grants	\$ (14,483)	\$	\$
To reclassify based on purpose of Trust		(77,355)	77,355
Fund Balances/Retained Earnings as previously stated	<u>4,359,906</u>	<u>917,229</u>	<u>478,181</u>
Fund Balances/Retained Earnings as restated	<u>\$ 4,345,423</u>	<u>\$ 839,874</u>	<u>\$ 555,536</u>



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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

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

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Newport as of and for the year ended June 30, 2000, and have issued our report thereon which was qualified as indicated therein dated January 3, 2001. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

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

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Town of Newport's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

January 3, 2001

Gregory A. Colby, CPA

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TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1999		\$2,904,090.36
Receipts:		
Tax Collector	\$5,859,165.97	
Town Clerk	808,694.94	
Selectmen	2,337,001.50	
Interest	<u>81,640.36</u>	
		9,086,502.77
Disbursements		<u>(9,937,642.06)</u>
Ending Balance - June 30, 2000		<u><u>\$2,052,951.07</u></u>
Checking - Operating		\$496,349.50
Checking - Payroll		1,206.51
Savings - Pooled		170,035.11
Savings - NHPDIP		<u>1,385,359.95</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 2000		<u><u>\$2,052,951.07</u></u>

POLICE FACILITY CAPITAL PROJECT FUND:

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1999		\$14,602.67
Interest		789.30
Cash on Hand - June 30, 2000		<u><u>\$15,391.97</u></u>

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1999		\$9,943.59
Receipts		5,562.45
Interest		235.88
Disbursements		<u>(5,652.05)</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 2000		<u><u>\$10,089.87</u></u>
Checking		\$7,549.02
Certificate of Deposit		<u>2,540.85</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 2000		<u><u>\$10,089.87</u></u>

CORBIN ROAD TREE FUND:

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1999		\$906.18
Interest		25.92
Cash on Hand - June 30, 2000		<u><u>\$932.10</u></u>

GREEN ROAD CDBG TARGET AREA FUNDS:

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1999		\$1,474.18
Interest		17.38
Disbursements		<u>(1,491.56)</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 2000		<u><u>\$0.00</u></u>

PLEASANT STREET CDBG TARGET AREA FUNDS:

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1999		52,068.71
Receipts:		
Interest	<u>614.01</u>	614.01
Disbursements		<u>(52,682.72)</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 2000		<u><u>\$0.00</u></u>

1998 TOWN WIDE CDBG TARGET AREA FUNDS:

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1999		\$19,317.95
Receipts:		
CDBG Grant	\$223,845.33	
Interest	<u>278.72</u>	224,124.05
Disbursements		<u>(218,188.53)</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 2000		<u><u>\$25,253.47</u></u>

AMBULANCE FUND:

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1999		\$26,350.17
Receipts:		
Donations	\$14,200.00	
Interest	<u>867.40</u>	15,067.40
Disbursements		<u>(14,348.64)</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 2000		<u><u>\$27,068.93</u></u>

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT FUND:

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1999		\$28,697.11
Receipts:		
Loan Repayments	\$11,838.37	
Interest	<u>997.14</u>	12,835.51
Disbursements		<u>0.00</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 2000		<u><u>\$41,532.62</u></u>

AIRPORT FUND:

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1999		\$39,222.51
Receipts:		
Charges for Service	\$18,691.51	
Interest	563.28	
	<u> </u>	19,254.79
Disbursements		<u>(21,741.08)</u>
Ending Balance - June 30, 2000		<u><u>\$36,736.22</u></u>
Checking		\$31,736.22
Certificate of Deposit		<u>5,000.00</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 2000		<u><u>\$36,736.22</u></u>

WATER FUND:**OPERATING**

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1999		\$950,773.57
Receipts:		
User Fees	\$354,004.36	
C.P. Funds	\$32,390.42	
State Aid	31,049.22	
Interest	42,147.68	
	<u> </u>	459,591.68
Disbursements		<u>(596,240.15)</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 2000		<u><u>\$814,125.10</u></u>
Checking		\$37,348.92
Savings		6,299.56
Savings - Pooled		33,480.72
Certificate of Deposit		<u>736,995.90</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 2000		<u><u>\$814,125.10</u></u>

ACCESS FEES

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1999		\$70,422.70
Receipts:		
Interest	3,182.42	
	<u> </u>	3,182.42
Cash on Hand - June 30, 2000		<u><u>\$73,605.12</u></u>

PRELOAD RETAINAGE

Receipts		7,077.96
Interest		6.51
Cash on Hand - June 30, 2000		<u><u>\$7,084.47</u></u>

**SEWER FUND:
OPERATING**

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1999		\$696,786.76
Receipts:		
User fees	\$425,427.90	
State Aid	135,042.00	
Interest	29,445.82	
	<u> </u>	589,915.72
Disbursements		<u>(597,109.50)</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 2000		<u><u>\$689,592.98</u></u>
Checking		\$39,242.20
Savings		5,665.79
Savings - Pooled		223,536.67
Certificate of Deposit		<u>421,148.32</u>
Cash on Hand - June 30, 2000		<u><u>\$689,592.98</u></u>

ACCESS FEES

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1999		\$87,055.05
Receipts:		
Interest	3,934.03	
	<u> </u>	3,934.03
Cash on Hand - June 30, 2000		<u><u>\$90,989.08</u></u>

Jonathon Howard, Town Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

JULY 1, 1999 to JUNE 30, 2000

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

Creation	Name	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			TOTAL Principal & Income
		Beginning Balance	New Funds	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Income	Withdrawals	
<i>CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS</i>								
1972	Fire Department	0.00		0.00	1,437.54	73.47		1,511.01
1974	Ambulance	20,000.00	20,000.00	40,000.00	5,142.32	1,549.68		46,692.00
1984	Highway Department	40,500.00		40,500.00	1,515.38	1,996.14		44,011.52
1989	Sewer Department	221,873.50	30,000.00	251,873.50	58,584.74	13,755.81		324,214.05
1989	Police Department	0.00		0.00	1,360.26	64.87		1,425.13
1990	Water Department	34,373.50		34,373.50	9,597.05	2,102.86		46,073.41
1992	Town Office Computers	3,981.00		3,981.00	1,100.32	243.03		5,324.35
1993	Recreation Department	15,500.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	3,606.79	284.95	(1,500.00)	9,391.74
1996	Central Street	55,000.00		0.00	11,105.83	404.17	(11,510.00)	0.00
<i>EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS</i>								
1995	Earned Time	25,000.00		25,000.00	3,807.82	1,376.72		5,184.54
TOTAL EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS		\$416,228.00	\$57,000.00	\$402,728.00	\$97,258.05	\$21,851.70	(\$13,010.00)	\$508,827.75

NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			TOTAL Principal & Income
	Beginning Balance	New Funds	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Income	Withdrawals	
Various	391,245.59	3,350.00	408,457.67	25,659.24	23,617.38	(21,450.62)	436,283.67
TOTAL NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND		391,245.59	3,350.00	408,457.67	25,659.24	(21,450.62)	436,283.67

**Newport Tax Department
2000 Annual Town Report**

**Tax Collector
Daniel O'Neill**

**Senior Deputy Tax Collector
Elaine Van Dusen, CDTC**

**Deputy Tax Collector
Kaara K. Gonyo, CDTC**

We wish to start our report this year by thanking each and every taxpayer for their cooperation and efforts in paying their tax bills. As you all know, the 2000 2nd tax bills were larger, due to the tax rate increase. Consequently, collections are slightly down, but we know you are working on them. We are happy to take partial payments, which will help keep your interest lower. If you mail your payments, please include a self addressed stamped envelope so we can send you receipts for each payment. It is important that you keep an accounting of your payments.

We would like to remind you to take the time to read the information on the back of your tax bills to review if you may be eligible for any tax relief. Please review all the information on your bills to be sure it is correct. Check spelling, address and owner names and let us know if anything should be changed. It is important to have correct information and we appreciate your help.

On April 7, 2001 the tax deputies will be attending the annual spring workshop and will receive an update on new legislation proposals. We are keeping a close eye on the state property tax issue and will be anticipating clarification as to the resolution of the latest court ruling. As of this date, the Department of Revenue has given instructions to continue the tax billings as usual, which means we will be including the state portion on the 2001 tax bills, unless otherwise notified.

This summer the deputies will also be attending a recertification class. As both deputies are certified by the State of New Hampshire, they must attend an annual workshop or convention and periodical recertification classes in order to maintain that status. These meetings are always informative with legislation updates, new tax procedures and ongoing training as to application. Over the years, the tax collection process has evolved due to a series of lawsuits. There are now many new laws and state regulations that must be adhered to in order to insure consistent collections. The New Hampshire Tax Collector's Association's law book has become a vital and much used reference in the tax office.

The Newport Tax Department continues to be Sullivan County's coordinator. As such, we organize an annual meeting of the 15 towns and provide support to any collectors that request it. We receive regular news- letters from the tax collector's association and are able to forward suggestions and informational requests to them.

We look forward to serving you in the coming year and hope you will contact us with any tax questions you may have.

**Elaine Van Dusen,
Senior Deputy Tax Collector**

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

REPORT OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Uncollected Taxes - July 1, 1999:			
Property Taxes		\$803,962.11	
Excavation Activity Taxes		514.00	
Yield Taxes		131.46	2,319.69
Elderly & Disability Liens			17,696.67
Taxes Committed to Collector:			
Property Taxes	\$2,807,635.00	\$2,661,747.96	
Land Use Change Taxes		7,695.00	
Yield Taxes		27,732.38	
Excavation Taxes		3,395.62	
Excavation Activity Taxes	8,075.00	8,138.00	
Elderly & Disability Liens		1,049.00	
Prepaid Property Taxes	2,399.30		
Overpayments		4,287.05	
Interest and Costs - All Taxes		36,638.67	145.52
TOTAL DEBITS	\$2,818,109.30	\$3,555,291.25	\$20,161.88
Remitted to Treasurer:			
Property Taxes	\$1,923,090.58	\$3,447,870.13	
Land Use Change Taxes		6,365.00	
Yield Taxes		26,216.70	2,319.69
Excavation Taxes		3,395.62	
Excavation Activity Taxes	7,055.00	8,652.00	
Interest and Costs		36,638.67	145.52
Prepaid Property Taxes	2,399.30	8,423.84	
Abatements:			
Property Taxes	2,254.00	12,848.15	
Yield Taxes			
Curr. Levy Deeded		855.00	
Uncollected Taxes - June 30, 2000:			
Property Taxes	882,290.42		
Yield Taxes		1,647.14	
Land Use Change Taxes		1,330.00	
Excavation Activity Taxes	1,020.00		
Elderly & Disability Liens		1,049.00	17,696.67
TOTAL CREDITS	\$2,818,109.30	\$3,555,291.25	\$20,161.88

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

REPORT OF UNREDEEMED TAXES

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Unredeemed Taxes - July 1, 1999:		\$215,817.33	\$151,685.95
Liens Executed	\$222,137.87	17,326.82	
Interest and Costs	<u>1,610.61</u>	<u>22,522.44</u>	<u>49,040.30</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	<u><u>\$223,748.48</u></u>	<u><u>\$255,666.59</u></u>	<u><u>\$200,726.25</u></u>
Remitted to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	\$41,879.27	\$126,065.05	\$145,476.25
Interest and Costs	1,610.61	22,522.44	49,040.30
Abatements		43.58	39.72
Deeded to Town		1,649.62	4,317.79
Unredeemed Taxes - June 30, 2000:	<u>180,258.60</u>	<u>105,385.90</u>	<u>1,852.19</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	<u><u>\$223,748.48</u></u>	<u><u>\$255,666.59</u></u>	<u><u>\$200,726.25</u></u>

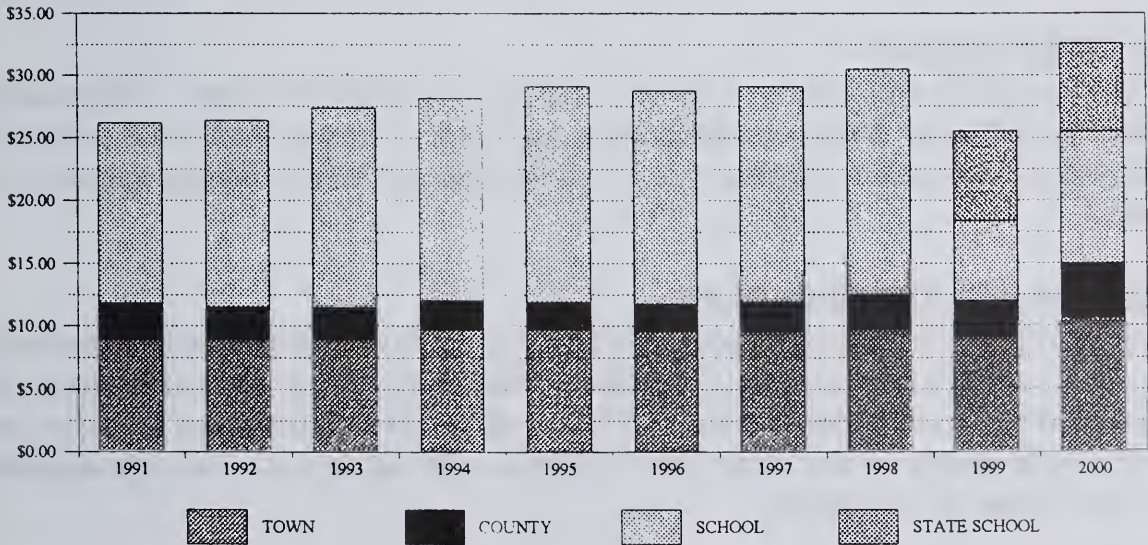
PROPERTY TAX LIEN HISTORY

<u>Year of Tax Levy</u>	<u>Total Tax Committed *</u>	<u>% of Taxes Uncollected</u>	<u># of Liens</u>
1990	6,544,132	16%	593
1991	6,383,897	16%	549
1992	6,445,399	15%	513
1993	6,709,059	13%	458
1994	6,928,514	9%	343
1995	7,236,995	9%	334
1996	7,215,962	6%	290
1997	7,310,463	6%	258
1998	6,607,617	5%	202
1999	5,550,482	4%	189

TEN YEAR TAX RATE COMPARISON 1991-2000

	School Rate	% of Total Rate	State School Rate	% of Total Rate	Town Rate	% of Total Rate	County Rate	% of Total Rate	Total Rate
1991	\$14.31	54.7%		0.0%	\$9.00	34.4%	\$2.86	10.9%	26.17
1992	14.84	56.3%		0.0%	8.99	34.1%	2.54	9.6%	26.37
1993	15.98	58.3%		0.0%	8.96	32.7%	2.46	9.0%	27.40
1994	16.18	57.4%		0.0%	9.72	34.5%	2.30	8.2%	28.20
1995	17.18	59.0%		0.0%	9.70	33.3%	2.22	7.6%	29.10
1996	17.05	59.2%		0.0%	9.57	33.2%	2.18	7.6%	28.80
1997	17.29	59.4%		0.0%	9.55	32.8%	2.29	7.9%	29.13
1998	18.06	59.2%		0.0%	9.77	32.0%	2.70	8.8%	30.53
1999	6.38	25.0%	7.17	28.1%	9.17	35.9%	2.81	39.1%	25.53
2000	10.45	32.4%	7.10	22.0%	10.58	32.8%	4.11	34.8%	32.24

Property Tax Rates



ASSESSING DEPARTMENT 2000 ANNUAL REPORT

Assessing Clerk

Tara Kavanagh

Assessor

George W. Hildum III

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The much awaited year 2000 was ushered in with far less drama than we had prepared for. In anticipation of the worst possible outcome, the Assessing Department was prepared to operate manually. This meant printing out all the data stored on the computer to ensure its availability to the Assessing staff and to the public. While it is reassuring to note that we could have gone back to manual operation, it was a far better outcome to return to work and find that all of our computerized data remained in sound working order.

CURRENT USE UPDATE

The tax year 2000 brought with it changes to the requirements for the “documented stewardship” category. The Current Use Board redefined what information must be included in a forest management plan in order to qualify for the “forest land with documented stewardship” category. The affected property owners received a mailing from the Assessing Department in August, 1999 detailing the change of requirements and allowing these property owners ample time to come into compliance. Additionally, the assessment rates for the forest land category were changed by the Current Use Board. Both the change to the “documented stewardship” category as well as the change to the assessment rates for forest land were implemented for the first tax bill of the year 2000.

TAX MAP UPDATE

Work is being done in-house to update the Town of Newport’s tax maps. This mapping update includes: subdivisions, annexations, lot mergers, and correction of erroneous information contained on the maps (i.e., incorrect map and/or lot numbers, updated road names).

ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

With the repeal of the statewide education property tax, assessment procedures are being reviewed by the NH Department of Revenue Administration. The Town of Newport last conducted a town-wide revaluation in 1998 and since that time the Town’s assessor has been closely monitoring real estate sales to ensure a fair and equitable level of assessment for all of Newport’s taxpayers.

SOFTWARE UPGRADE

Looking forward, the Assessing staff anticipates installing newly upgraded assessing software in late autumn of 2001.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Assessing Office is located at 15 Sunapee Street in the Town Office building. Office hours are Monday - Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm. If you need to review the Town's tax maps, access your property assessment record, or conduct property related research, the office staff can assist you. The assessor holds office hours two days per month. To schedule an appointment with the assessor call the Assessing Office at 863-6407. Please contact us with any property related questions or concerns you may have. We look forward to working with you in the future.

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

**Tara Kavanagh,
Assessing Clerk**

ASSESSOR'S REPORT
PRELIMINARY 2001 NET TAXABLE VALUATION

	2001 Preliminary Valuation *	% of Total Valuation
Current Use Property	<u>\$1,820,977</u>	0.820%
Residential:		
Property	33,210,100	14.946%
Buildings	<u>114,524,800</u>	51.542%
Total Residential	<u>147,734,900</u>	66.488%
Commercial/Industrial:		
Property	16,158,300	7.272%
Buildings	<u>52,416,900</u>	23.590%
Total Commercial/Industrial	<u>68,575,200</u>	30.862%
Utilities:		
Property	125,600	0.057%
Buildings	<u>5,115,800</u>	2.302%
Total Utilities	<u>5,241,400</u>	2.359%
Less: Blind/Elderly Exempt Property Included Above	<u>(1,176,033)</u>	-0.529%
Net Taxable Valuation	<u><u>\$222,196,444</u></u>	
Tax Exempt:		
Property	\$4,447,400	2.002%
Buildings	<u>26,521,800</u>	11.936%
Total Tax Exempt	<u><u>\$30,969,200</u></u>	13.938%

* Adjustments anticipated prior to setting tax rate.

COMPARISON TO PRIOR YEAR VALUATION

	2000 Final Valuation	2001 Preliminary Valuation	Change
Current Use	\$1,697,052	\$1,820,977	7.302%
Residential	149,618,800	147,734,900	-1.259%
Commercial/Industrial	66,916,100	68,575,200	2.479%
Utilities	5,351,400	5,241,400	-2.056%
Exemptions	<u>(1,290,033)</u>	<u>(1,176,033)</u>	-8.837%
Net Taxable Valuation	<u><u>\$222,293,319</u></u>	<u><u>\$222,196,444</u></u>	-0.044%
Tax Exempt	<u><u>\$30,283,100</u></u>	<u><u>\$30,969,200</u></u>	2.266%

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Location	Map/Lot	Purpose/Use	Valuation
TOWN			
8 Greenwood Oak Street	0019-0021	Tax Deeded Property - Old Mill	4,900
Cemetery Street	0019-0063-2	Tax Deeded Property - Land only	11,800
567 Oak Street	0019-2012	Cemetery	24,500
North Newport	0019-2165	Future Cemetery	58,000
8 Airport Road	0020-0056	Vacant	22,500
Sugar River	0020-2364	Airport	423,100
Reeds Mill	0020-2471	Vacant	20,600
Sugar River	0021-1001	Vacant	6,400
Old Hurd	0025-0001	Vacant	10,400
Summer Street	0025-2367	Vacant/Gravel Pit	15,500
North Main	0027-0131	Vacant/Conservation Easement	7,200
365 North Main	0027-0170	Vacant	8,800
268 North Main	0027-0443	Vacant	9,500
North Main	0027-1583	Vacant	75,300
Off Rte 10	0027-1753	Vacant	28,300
North Main Street	0027-1832	Vacant/Stp Easement	1,210
Summer Street	0027-2121-2	Stp Lagoons	325,400
Putnam Road	0027-2365	Water Tower	67,400
Spruce Street	0028-2468	Sewer Treatment Plant	4,075,600
Cheney Extension	0029-0861	Vacant	400
428 Sunapee Street	0029-2470	Wilmarth Park	40,600
Sunapee Street	0031-2502	Pine Grove Cemetery	90,500
Sunapee Street	0031-2505	Cemetery	22,500
Sunapee Street	0032-2508	Vacant	5,700
Sugar River	0033-1113	Waste Treatment Lagoons	144,800
Sunapee Street	0034-2518	Pump House	1,300
Sunapee Street	0036-1523	Vacant	52,700
Sugar River	0036-1635-1	Pump House	26,000
65 Belknap Street	0037-2410	Vacant	2,200
North Main Street	0042-1268	Recreation Building	216,400
40 Pine Street	0043-0506	Town Common	85,900
Pine Street	0044-0084	Vacant	18,700
Meadow Road	0044-0112	Vacant	19,500
Elm Street	0045-0027	Vacant	2,500
Mechanic Street Rear	0045-0121	Vacant	35,000
20 Main Street	0045-0202	Vacant	200
20 Main Street	0045-0258	Town Hall/Opera House	620,400
15 Sunapee Street	0045-0258	District Court	188,400
11 Sunapee Street	0045-0258	Town Office	211,000
59 Sunapee Street	0045-0258	Fire Station	419,100
47 Central	0045-0400	Vacant	45,900
2 Arnold Campbell Dr	0045-0590	Vacant	7,600
	0045-1818	Police Station	23,000

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Location	Map/Lot	Purpose/Use	Valuation
59 Main Street	0045-1818-2	Police Station	543,000
Pearl Street	0045-2022-1	Vacant	1,200
Meadow Road	0045-2509	Ambulance Building	118,900
Meadow Road	0045-2510	Vacant/Floodplain	39,300
Mechanic St Rear	0045-2511	Vacant	1,400
Various	0046-1118	Right-Of-Way	54,600
Sunapee Street	0046-2348	Pumping Station Easement	9,500
Various	0048-0325	River Right-Of-Way	200
Maple Street	0048-2498	Cemetery	37,100
Chandlers Mills Rd	0052-2493	Vacant	2,300
Chandlers Mills Rd	0052-2494	Vacant	2,300
John Stark Highway	0054-1611	Tax Deeded Property - Land only	8,000
Bascom Road	0062-0054	Tax Deeded Property - Land only	8,600
22 Fairway Drive	0063-1127	Tax Deeded Property - Land only	13,200
Breakneck Road	0063-1516	Vacant	51,700
449 South Main Street	0063-1735	Public Works Garage	653,900
Pollards Mills	0063-2388	Water Department	52,400
Blaisdell Road	0064-0817	Vacant	400
South Main Street	0076-0544Bd/	Pump House	2,000
Unity Road-Unity	M13F3-457	Water Treatment Plant	477,100
Unity Road-Unity	M8J8-734	Clorination Building	23,320
SCHOOL DISTRICT			
237 North Main Street	0028-2467	Newport Middle High School	4,582,100
North Main Street	0029-1553	Sugar River Tech Center	3,123,000
86 North Main Street	0043-1541	Towle Elementary School	1,399,700
15 School Street	0043-2513	Richards Elementary School	2,024,400

The Town underwent a complete property revaluation as of April 1, 1998. A listing of all properties in Town can be found in the 1999 Town Report. There is access to the property assessing system in the lobby of the Town Office for use by the general public.

**TOWN CLERK
2000 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT**

Karlene W. Stoddard, Town Clerk

Adelaide Kozlik, Deputy Town Clerk

REGISTRATIONS

In December the Motor Vehicle Department offered the public the "Moose" conservation plate. The price for these plates is \$30.00 a year extra for the regular plate and \$55.00 a year extra for the initial conservation plate plus the initial \$5.00 for new plate the first year. They can only be purchased at renewal or during a new registration transaction process.

Effective January 1, 2001 a new law is in effect for registration of certain title exempt vehicles. No person shall register a motor vehicle exempted under RSA 261:3,I(k) in this state without first providing a previously issued NH certificate of registration (can not be expired for over 30 days) , a valid out-of-state certificate of title, or a current NH vehicle identification number verification form as prescribed by the director. For the purposes of this section, a temporary registration does not meet the requirement.

VOTING

Last year was a busy year. We voted at the Presidential Primary, Town Meeting, State Primary and finally voted in a new President at the General Election. This year the Town Meeting will be May 8, 2001. The purging of the checklist will begin June 2001. Same day voter registration is always available.

BOOK RESTORATION

In our continuing effort to restore older records, we have restored two more of our older records. The first book was a Vital Record (1922-1926) and the other was Marriages for 1931-1937.

VITAL RECORDS

Prices for certified copies remain the same as last year. The first copy is \$12.00, additional copies obtained at the same time are \$8.00. Marriage Licenses are \$45.00.

DOGS

All dogs should be registered by May 1st of each year. Reminder: As soon as you get a new dog it should be registered. A puppy over 4 months also needs to be registered. Prices are \$9.00 for a regular dog, \$6.50 for an altered dog or a puppy up to age 7 months and \$2.00 for the 1st dog of a person age 65 or older.

2000 TOWN CLERK DEPARTMENT COLLECTIONS

Auto registrations	(8540)	\$772,213.02
Dogs	(818)	3,565.50
Miscellaneous*		<u>46,126.15</u>
Total		\$821,904.67

*Miscellaneous includes UCC filings, Marriage Licenses, Vital Record copies, Filing fees and Transfer Station Cards.

**Karlene W. Stoddard,
Town Clerk**

2000 RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT
NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Birth Place</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
Jan 16	New London	Tyler Scott Warner	Eric Warner	Lori Warner
Jan 19	Springfield, VT	Brandon Tyler Nutting	Andrew Nutting	Heather Nutting
Jan 25	Lebanon	Danielle Anna Cherry	Daniel Cherry	Sandra Cherry
Jan 29	Lebanon	Leonidas George Souliotis	George Souliotis	Jennifer Souliotis
Jan 31	Claremont	Emily Lauryn Ciesielski	John Ciesielski	Christine Ciesielski
Feb 01	Claremont	Hailey Marie Perry	Mark Perry	Delinda Perry
Feb 02	Lebanon	Michael David Schubert	Charles Schubert	Veronica Schubert
Feb 09	Claremont	Jesse Richard Thomas	Jesse Thomas	Nancy Thomas
Mar 01	Lebanon	Emma Marie Branch	Victor Branch	Rebecca Branch
Mar 10	Claremont	Robert Adam Noyes	Robert Noyes	Jamie Noyes
Mar 16	Lebanon	Joseph Carson Montgomery	Justin Montgomery	Christina Montgomery
Mar 22	Lebanon	Katrina Rose Ellison	John Ellison	Tammy Ellison
Mar 24	Claremont	Dawson Matthew Six	Matthew Six	Tammie Six
Mar 29	New London	Kaitlyn Paige Brown	Kipper Brown	Jennifer Brown
Apr 01	Lebanon	Caden Colby	Chad Colby	Emily Colby
Apr 18	New London	Connor Benjamin McManus	Wayne McManus	Shilo McManus
Apr 22	Claremont	Emily Rae Menard	Raymond Menard	Victoria Menard
Apr 26	Claremont	Fayth Kathryn Gonyon	Andrew Gonyon	Jennifer Gonyon
May 14	New London	Ezekiel Jonah Swenson	James Swenson	Michelle Swenson
May 16	Claremont	Alexander Cary Whipple	Cary Whipple	Christy Whipple
May 16	New London	Keegan Robert Lyle Osgood	Edward Osgood	Dorresa Osgood
May 16	New London	Courtney Lauren Godkin	Timothy Godkin	Traci Godkin
May 24	Claremont	Molly Redfern DiPadova	Anthony DiPadova	Patricia DiPadova
May 26	Claremont	William Stewart Lawrence	Christopher Lawrence	Robin Lawrence
Jun 07	New London	Jonathon Thomas-Mich Moore	Christopher Moore	Elizabeth Moore
Jun 21	Lebanon	Meredith Isabel Fait McCrillis	J McCrillis	Lauri McCrillis
Jul 06	Claremont	Ethan Robert Houde	Scott Houde	Erin Houde
Jul 06	New London	Cameron David Kaercher	Mark Kaercher	Jessica Kaercher

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Jul 28	Springfield, VT	Joseph John Czajkowski	Joseph Czajkowski	Michele Avery
Aug 12	Lebanon	Joel Nelson Pendexter	Gregory Pendexter	M Bevacqua-Pendexter
Aug 19	New London	Keagan Teresa Halleck	Glenn Halleck	Hillary Halleck
Aug 27	Lebanon	Sierra Lynn Law	Shane Law	Julie Law
Aug 31	New London	Samantha Lee Larue	Ryan Larue	Leesa Larue
Aug 31	Claremont	Sawyer Ryan Johnson	Brian Johnson	Shannon Johnson
Aug 31	New London	Kyle Steven Fish	Jason Fish	Paula Fish
Sep 03	Claremont	Grace Danielle Kennett	Larry Kennett	Michelle Kennett
Sep 17	New London	Gavin Meacham Lovely	Peter Lovely	Erin Lovely
Oct 16	Claremont	Selena Alexis Coronis	Brian Coronis	Diane Coronis
Oct 27	New London	Brianna Tai Leighton	Brian Leighton	Sherry Leighton
Oct 31	Claremont	Hannah Marie Johnson	Eric Johnson	Geraldine Johnson
Nov 02	Claremont	Corbyn Thomas Bunnell	Brian Bunnell	Angie Bunnell
Nov 03	New London	Jordan Michael Richardson	Kurt Richardson	Stephanie Richardson
Nov 13	New London	Joshua Raymond Gaudette	Peter Gaudette	Julie Gaudette
Nov 25	Claremont	Hunter Todd Boardman	Paul Boardman	Martha Witham
Dec 02	New London	Jamie Welles Howard	Truman Howard	Abigail Howard
Dec 06	Lebanon	Devon Michael Glidden	Stanley Glidden	Katherine Glidden
Dec 10	Lebanon	Jacob Christopher Kilmer	Christopher Kilmer	Nanette Kilmer
Dec 16	New London	Haley Rose Young	Steve Young	Elyse Young
Dec 20	New London	Rebecca Symns Robertson	Stephen Robertson	Helen Robertson

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2000 RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT
NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Groom</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Name of Bride</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Jan 01	Chad N Morehouse	Newport	Amanda L Woods	Newport
Jan 01	Jeffrey S North	Sunapee	Heidi G Manning	Newport
Jan 25	Jackson M Friedman	Newport	Maya G Ismailova	Newport
Mar 06	Timothy J Bellus	Lakewood, WA	Jessica L Hills	Newport
Mar 11	Douglas R King	Newport	Patsy J Barrett	New London
Mar 11	John R Ellison	Newport	Tammy L Champney	Newport
Mar 24	Christopher G Croteau	Newport	Tamara L Brown	Newport
Apr 01	Jeffrey J Frye	Newport	Heather J Ricker	Newport
May 05	Peter G Reynolds	Newport	Patricia L Fanelli	Newport
May 21	Farai R Mabvudza	Manchester	Jolene G Paquin	Newport
May 24	Brian W Masinick	Concord	Brenda L Trammell	Newport
Jun 01	Thomas R Orcutt	Newport	Sandra L Garrapy	Newport
Jun 03	Richard L Woodbury	Sunapee	Karol A Bentley	Newport
Jun 05	Girolamo M Padova	Newport	Rebecca M Alicea	Claremont
Jun 10	Timothy W Frisch	Claremont	Julie L Barton	Newport
Jun 10	Rodney Guimond	Newport	Donna Ellison	Newport
Jun 10	Mark A Huff	Newport	Anna M Richardson	Newport
Jun 10	Joseph Tarrien	Newport	Dorothy Seavey	Newport
Jun 10	Stanley J Andrews	Newport	Katherine A Mullen	Newport
Jun 11	Shane D Godsoe	Newport	Marcy A Tapman	Goshen
Jun 16	Robert Crase	Newport	Kimberly D Calhoun	Newport
Jun 17	Wayne R Morrill	Newport	Judy L Seavey	Newport
Jun 24	Donald R Bruton	Manchester	Virginia R Anderson	Newport
Jun 25	Adam N Baker	Newport	Marguerite H Burth	Newport
Jul 01	Wayne M Weed	Newport	Laureen A Cothran	Newport
Jul 01	Bradley L Temple	Newport	Laurie A Lord	Newport
Jul 01	Robert A Ray Jr	Newport	Tracey D Donth	Newport
Jul 01	Jonathan Schroeder	Newport	Lorraine A Pysz	Newport

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Jul 02	Rocky W Branch	Newport	Mary E Harold	Newport
Jul 08	Richard F Sherman	Newport	Pamela J Gorey	Newport
Jul 15	Christopher M Gonzalez	Cranford, NJ	Amy L Barton	Newport
Jul 15	Michael J Nelson	Newport	Dawn I Csontos	Newport
Jul 22	Kalian E Osborn	Enterprise, AL	Braniff L Sartwell	Newport
Jul 22	Scott T Kenney	Newport	Amy A Chapman	Newport
Jul 22	Kenneth S Ouellette	Newport	Sarah J Adams	Claremont
Jul 29	Joseph W Rafferty III	Newport	Christine J Macie	Newport
Jul 29	Richard A Landry Jr	Newport	Angela L McGuire	Newport
Jul 29	Vernon P Davis	Newport	Frances M Smith	Newport
Aug 13	George P Embair	Newport	Irene J Flynn	Newport
Aug 19	Robert W Colburn	Newport	Mystical A Delong	Newport
Aug 19	Lannie J Baker	Newport	Amanda-Jean N Moodie	Newport
Aug 19	Theodore R Arsenault	Newport	Launa M Willey	Newport
Aug 21	Edward D Lucas	Newport	Dominique M Baker	Newport
Aug 26	Chad E Thurber	Newport	Brenda L Cook	Newport
Sep 03	John M Linn Jr	Newport	Jean M Linn	Newport
Sep 03	Stephen D Mietelski	Somerville, MA	Macey A McNally	Newport
Sep 09	Steve L Young Jr	Newport	Elyse R Griffin	Newport
Sep 15	William F Dupont	Newport	Susan R Picard	Newport
Sep 16	Shawn M Currier	Newport	Crystal M LaClair	Newport
Sep 30	Jeffery W Foster	Newport	Tina M Piper	Newport
Oct 07	Robert E Cothran II	Newport	Beth Ann Thompson	Newport
Oct 14	Nathan D Way	Newport	Allaina J Manson	Newport
Oct 21	James Charles Blood	Newport	Jodie Jean Gregory	Newport
Oct 28	William Charles Clough	Newport	Sandra Lee Blaisdell	Newport
Oct 31	Kieth A Martin	Newport	Sonia A Clow	Newport
Nov 04	Buddy E Batchelder	Newport	Marjorie Lavona Miller	Newport

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Nov 04	Michael Alan Carbee	Newport	Temple Ilene Seebeck	Newport
Nov 04	Warren William Mordenti	Newport	Kimberly Ruth Mordenti	Newport
Nov 11	Ross N Poisson	Newport	Kristina Sue Mills	Newport
Nov 24	Jason Edward Orlowski	Newport	Dawn Louise Whitehouse	Unity
Nov 29	Alan George Patenaude	Newport	Sonya Jill Hoisington	Newport
Dec 23	Justin E Hayward	Newport	Katie M Christian	Newport
Dec 30	Derek James Taylor	Newport	Leah Marie Donaher	Newport
Dec 31	Harry George Townsend	Newport	Sherriann Carroll	Newport

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2000 RESIDENT DEATH REPORT
NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Town of Death</u>	<u>Name of Father</u>	<u>Maiden Name of Mother</u>
Jan 15	Audrey E Chamberlain	Grantham	Frederick Ellingwood	Mary Bouisseau
Jan 16	Leon P Wright	New London	Harry Wright	Editha Ranno
Jan 20	Alfred A Sandini	Claremont	Anthony Sandini	Ruth Strategakis
Feb 02	Pamela M Gay	Newport	Unknown	Unknown
Feb 04	Mabel K Burnell	Unity	Harry Kemp	Inez Nash
Feb 05	James D Feeney	Newport	Michael Feeney	Anna O'Connor
Feb 06	Earle A Pollard	New London	Chester Pollard	Carrie Tenney
Feb 07	Mary B Cobb	Newport	Willett Brown	Nellie Taylor
Feb 15	Charles H Whalen	Lebanon	Charles Whalen	Marion Kimball
Feb 15	Irene C Small	New London	William Corron	Luella Fortune
Feb 15	Blanche E Gould	New London	William Farewell	Lillian Page
Feb 15	Barbara L Delaney	Newport	Solon Mudgett	Mildred Clough
Feb 16	Robert W Jacobsen	Newport	Hans Jacobsen	Anna Hansen
Feb 18	Brad M Turgeon	Lebanon	Henry Turgeon	Rena Follansbee
Mar 04	Inza J Johnson	Newport	Raymond Hemingway	Carrie Partlow
Mar 06	Joan A Tremblay	Claremont	James Tillman	Ella Straley
Mar 07	Claire R Donth	New London	Eugene Pepin	Evon Lavasseur
Mar 07	Dorothy M Chartier	Newport	Charles Maxham	Eula Dodge
Mar 11	Harry E Powell	Newport	Oria Powell	Carrie Wescott
Mar 12	Edwin C Chartier	New London	Edwin Chartier	Alvina Gladue
Mar 14	Raymond A Henault	New London	Albert Henault	Matilda Lavigne
Mar 14	Lawrence Miller	Newport	Louis Miller	Sarah Unknown
Mar 16	Charles A Plummer	Claremont	Charles Plummer	Anna Ohsol
Mar 26	Orrin A Brockelbank	Claremont	Orrin Brockelbank	Ruth Sunman
Mar 31	Kaitlyn P Brown	Lebanon	Kipper Brown	Jennifer Walker
Apr 01	Caden Colby	Lebanon	Chad Colby	Emily Cadenhead
Apr 03	Savanna R Gochee	Lebanon	Christopher Gochee	Marcia Moody
Apr 07	Lois M Nickerson	Lebanon	Raymond Leonard	Lois Thompson

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Apr 11	Margaret E Chaffee	Newport	William Kingston	Ann Wolfe
Apr 15	Richard O Winn	Newport	Frank Winn	May Brown
Apr 16	Gladys Rennick	Newport	George Rennick	Josephine Donhedren
May 01	William H Aiken	Newport	William Aiken	Catherine Chisholm
May 05	Diane C Needham	Newport	J Eastman	Veronica Guretsky
May 07	Beatrice W Lamery	Lebanon	George Johnson	Florence Waller
May 07	Lee Daniels	White River Jct, Vt	Cleveland Daniels	Myrtle Bullard
May 08	Edward C Howe	Newport	Henry Howe	Clara Dorrwin
May 09	Virginia N Hurd	Newport	Frank Farmer	Mary Conner
May 19	Emily D Cushing	Newport	Lucius Burgess	Cary Gurney
May 19	Marian L Porter	Warner	Robert Evans	Annie Chandler
May 22	Barbara M Partlow	Newport	Oliver Danforth	Mildred Sanderson
May 25	Robert J Babcock	Lebanon	David Babcock	Madeline Wackerman
May 27	Gladys M Woods	New London	Daniel Halacy	Evelyn Holman
Jun 01	Harlie C Ricker	New London	Harlie Ricker	Irva Allen
Jun 06	Cameron X Whalen	Lebanon	Gary Whalen	Lynne Daniels
Jun 11	Royce N Stevens	Unity	Maurice Stevens	Ardel Lyons
Jun 17	Charles Libby	Newport	Unknown Libby	Unknown
Jul 04	Mereditth I McCrillis	Lebanon	David McCrillis	Lauri Davidson
Jul 07	Clyde W Boardman	Fayetteville, AR	Joseph Boardman	Eva Coudrey
Jul 16	Ruth B Pavlik	New London	Harold Bloom	Elizabeth Cotaling
Aug 08	Doris I Wheeler	Newport	Frank King	Ida Cook
Aug 12	Catherine L Stoughton	Lebanon	Roy Buckman	Agnes Crary
Aug 17	George H Martin	Newport	Herbert Martin	Harriet Harris
Aug 23	Helen L Theall	Newport	Ray Barton	Josephine McDermott
Aug 27	Gary M Cloutier	Lebanon	Joseph Cloutier	Marjorie Thomas
Sep 07	Dennis F Pariseau	Lebanon	Frederick Pariseau	Reva Larose
Sep 09	Bonnie L Sanborn	Newport	Russell Roberts	Elsie Pillsbury

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Sep 10	Paul S Royce	Lebanon	Donald Royce	Barbara Caswell
Sep 10	Louise B Tait	Newport	Harry Richardson	Florence Cann
Sep 16	Roger E Donnelly	Newport	Walter Donnelly	Amy Dennis
Sep 18	Evelyn G Denson	New London	Edward Ness	Bessie Cote
Sep 20	Harry E Burnham	Newport	Horace Burnham	Beatrice Adams
Sep 23	Priscilla Boyce	Claremont	John Clarke	Alice Goodwin
Sep 23	Eleanor A Glidden	Lebanon	Roy Ford	Margaret McConnell
Sep 29	Ilene M Cross	Claremont	Clarence Cross	Flora Hadley
Sep 29	Fern M Bowlan	Claremont	Wilfred Menard	Fabiola Ferland
Oct 01	Leona A Reed	Lebanon	Lawrence Darling	Alma Unknown
Oct 01	Joyce Anne Perkinson	Newport	Maurice Downing	Florence Stevens
Oct 20	Helen L Deleo	Claremont	George Zakas	Anna Kelnar
Oct 27	Alberta M Harding	Lebanon	Wellington Tiffany	Della Kester
Nov 01	Arthur Henry Witkus	Newport	Frank Witkus	Elizabeth Malouin
Nov 02	Vivian M Michos	Lebanon	Unknown	Margaret Thomas
Nov 03	Grace Irene Hill	Newport	Dexter Merrihew	Vera Thomason
Nov 05	Lillian E Bailey	Claremont	Roy Ford	Margaret McConnell
Nov 05	Stanley Fay Moulton	Newport	Claude Moulton	Jennie Smith
Nov 16	Katherine D Burke	Newport	William Magee	Eva Busier
Nov 19	Constance M Barry	Lebanon	Emile Pelletier	Flora Parise
Nov 22	Christopher C Richardson	Claremont	Christopher Richardson	Annie Greenwood
Nov 23	Myrtle E Weld	Unity	William Manning	Gertrude Boutwell
Nov 30	Edward J Theriault	Newport	George E Theriault	Mary L Couture
Dec 02	Margaret Trawin McComas	Newport	Ralph Vinton Little Sr	Helen Bates Druar
Dec 12	Josephine Hartz	Newport	Charles King	Marjorie Hewitt Pease
Dec 15	Lester A Collins	Claremont	Robert Collins	Clara Hall
Dec 18	Michael Robert Fowler	Newport	Robert Morris Fowler	Shirley Ann Linton
Dec 19	Marjorie Evelyn Stocker	Newport	Edward S Perry	Elizabeth Paul

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Dec 22	Leo Richard Kangas	Newport	Waino Kangas	Jenny Luijkonen
Dec 28	Frances A Tracey	New London	Unknown	Unknown

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2000 NEWPORT TOWN MEETING
MAY 9, 2000

- Article 1. Elected Elizabeth W. Maiola Selectman for a three year term.
- Article 2. Elected Wm Howard Dunn Moderator for a two year term.
- Article 3. Elected Nancy H. Black Library Trustee for a three year term.
- Article 4. Elected Heather E. Fraser Supervisor of checklist for a six year term.
- Article 5. Elected Peter Lovely Trustee of Trust Funds for a three year term.
- Article 6. Adopted Zoning Amendment #1 which eliminating one-family dwellings and dwelling constructed for the housing of two or more families from being allowed in certain districts.
- Article 7. Tabled this article concerning Pollards Mill Road Bridge.
- Article 8. Voted to sell any real estate acquired by Tax Collector's deed.
- Article 9. Voted to dispose of any surplus equipment and vehicles.
- Article 10. Voted to accept the gift of land on North Main Street know as Sichols Meadow.
- Article 11. Voted an operating budget of \$5,355,992.
- Article 12. Voted \$22,000 for new phone system.
- Article 13. Voted \$6,899 for front mount mower and walk behind sweeper for Cemetery Dept.
- Article 14. Voted \$14,000 for upgrade of the Fire and Ambulance radios.
- Article 15. Voted \$55,484 for purchase of a 4WD one-ton dump truck for Highway Dept.
- Article 16. Voted \$6,625 for a new waste oil burner for the Public Works garage.
- Article 17. Voted \$28,700 for renovations projects.
- Article 18. Voted \$50,000 for Main Street Project.
- Article 19. Voted \$293,976 for rehabilitation of Blueberry Ridge Road and Springfield Road.
- Article 20. Voted \$70,000 for engineering and construction services of the Pollards Mill Road Bridge.
- Article 21. Voted \$5,000 for removal of underground fuel storage tank at Recreation Dept.
- Article 22. Voted \$22,000 for resurfacing of running track at the ARC.
- Article 23. Voted \$38,921 for a 1 ton dump truck for the Water & Sewer Department.
- Article 24. Voted \$12,000 for completion of Water and Sewer bay at public works garage.
- Article 25. Voted \$20,000 for site remediation at the Parkview and Guild Ejector Stations.
- Article 26. Voted \$82,335 for equipment for Sewer Department.
- Article 27. Voted \$32,000 for Sewer projects.
- Article 28. Voted \$31,880 for renovations to Town Hall and the Police Facility.
- Article 29. Voted to investigate long term solid waste disposal needs.
- Article 30. Voted to precipitate closure of ash landfill and support continued public ownership.
- Article 31. Voted to reaffirm vote to withdraw from the Sullivan Cty Refuse Disposal District.
- Article 32. Voted \$20,000 for upgrading the Richards Free Library computer network.

- Article 33. Voted \$3,000 for developing a plan to make second and third floors of the Richards Free Library handicapped accessible.
- Article 34. Voted to accept antique "McClintock Street Clock" only if it is placed in a location other than on the center of Main Street or on the Little Common.
- Article 35. Voted \$4,000 for the Community Youth Advocate programs.
- Article 36. Voted to accept reports of or appoint any committees necessary to transact the business of the Town.

Karlene W. Stoddard, Town Clerk

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