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New Hampshire



The Acworth Church

1973

ANNUAL REPORT

Annual Report

of the

SELECTMEN

and other

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

ACWORTH

New Hampshire

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1973

Please bring your Town Report to Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 1974

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THE CHURCH ON THE HILL

The Church on the Hill, known also as the Acworth Meeting House or the Congregational Church, was built in 1821. Since 1965 it has been one of the two churches of The United Church of Acworth. It is reported to have been built at a cost of \$6,000 and three barrels of rum. The design is attributed to Elias Carter, builder of numerous churches in the Connecticut Valley. The beauty of its design and location are known far beyond the boundaries of Acworth.

Although the frame and exterior of the church, with the exception of the windows, reflect the original architecture the interior has been radically changed. The balcony and box pews were removed - two floors were created with the sanctuary on the upper level and smaller rooms, including a kitchen, on the lower. Stained glass windows replaced the originals.

Some years ago it became obvious that the interior needed refurbishing and concurrently the idea was born of restoring the church to its original form. Thus, in 1973 The United Church of Acworth appointed a committee to study the question of restoration. The committee undertook an exhaustive search, which is continuing, to locate original records on the construction of the church. To date none have been found although eye-witness accounts exist.

In November Mr. Philip Baker, a recognized expert in restoration, was contacted and he visited the church. In his report he wrote: "From past experience I believe the interior of this building may be restored to its original appearance. Of interest is the use of the old box pews in the fabrication of the current benches. I feel that under floors, behind walls, and in any other part of the church that has been altered, may be found enough pieces of the puzzle to enable an authentic restoration". He also noted a number of areas where structural repairs were necessary to prevent deterioration; namely, finding and repairing areas where water is penetrating, re-setting foundation stones that have shifted and some work on the sills. The estimated cost of the complete restoration, including repairs, is between \$180,000 and \$219,000. A very rough cost of the estimate of repairs is \$20,000 to \$40,000. Mr. Baker concluded "the interior at this time may have sentimental value to many. I am sure these people will be able to accept the beauty of the restored pulpit, box pews and balcony once it is seen".

At the time of writing the Church has made no decisions but should it endorse restoration it will need support from far and wide; but, most importantly it will need the whole-hearted cooperation of the entire community.

TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

MODERATOR

Kenneth Grant

SELECTMEN

Lyman Young, 1974
Alston W. Barrett, 1975
Kenneth Bascom Resigned
Raymond Roy, Appointed

TOWN CLERK – TAX COLLECTOR

Leon F. Newton

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECK LIST

Gladys Ring – Maude Moody – Roselva Deardon

OVERSEER OF THE POOR AND HEALTH OFFICER

Roselva Deardon

ROAD AGENT (Appointed)

Ronald Shaw

AUDITOR

Edward H. Brown

CONSTABLE AND DOG WARDEN

Elbert Knicely

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Don Sprague, 1974 – Roscoe Clark, 1976
Virginia Amsden, 1975

TRUSTEES OF

ACWORTH SILSBY FREE LIBRARY

Ella Newton, 1974 – Scott Farley, 1976
Barbara Hartwell, 1975

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Kenneth Grant, 1974, Chairman

Barbara Clark, 1974

William Austin III, 1975

Virginia Amsden, 1976

Raymond Roy, 1975 (resigned)

Kenneth Christie (appointed)

Gordon H. Gowen, 1976

FALL MOUNTAIN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Harvey Bascom

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Fay Knicely, 1975 (chairman)

Marion MacLeod, 1974, Secy.

Robert Spaulding, 1976

Jean York, 1977

Daniel Gehan, 1977

Raymond Roy, 1978 (resigned)

Harvey Bailey, 1978 (appointed)

Alston W. Barrett, Selectman Member

SANITATION INSPECTION OFFICER

George F. Hanson

ROAD COMMITTEE

Francis Wood, 1976 (chairman)

Ronald Shaw, 1974 (resigned)

Gordon H. Gowan, 1974 (appointed)

Raymond Roy, 1974

Elmer Rhoades, 1975

Harvey Bascom 1975

Harvey Putnam 1976

Ronald Shaw, Road Agent Member

CONSERVATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Harvey Bascom, 1975, resigned

Robert Yale, 1975, Chairman

Cornelius N. Haas, 1975, appointed

G. Kristian Fenderson, 1974

Elizabeth Smith, 1976

Mary Ann Gehan, 1974, resigned

Kenneth Christie, 1976

Arthur Smith, 1974, appointed

TREE WARDEN

G. Kristian Fenderson, N. H. State Forester Appointment

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPOINTMENTS

Roy Miller, 1976 (chairman)

Roscoe Clark, 1974

Leon F. Newton, 1975 (Secy.)

Virginia Amsden, 1976

Kenneth Grant, 1977

ACWORTH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.

Elbert Knicely, Chief

Lyman Young, Asst. Chief

Kenneth Grant, Secy.

Jack I. Berquist, Treas.

TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Acworth on Tuesday, the 5th day of March, next at 7:30 of the clock in the evening, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
2. To see if the Town will vote to empower the Selectmen to serve as Pound Keepers, Measurers of Wood, and Fence Viewers.
3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
4. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen to appoint the Road Agent.
5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a maximum capital outlay of \$40,000.00 for:
 - A. Town Garage
 - B. Tractor Loader
 - C. Used grader or repair existing grader.
6. To see if the Town will vote to finance the maximum capital outlay of \$40,000.00 by one or more of the following means:
 - A. Authority to borrow \$20,000.00 and repay in full by December 31, 1976, by equal annual payments and raise the necessary balance by taxation;
 - B. Authority to borrow \$20,000.00 and repay in full by December 31, 1977 by equal annual payments and raise the necessary balance by taxation;
 - C. Or take any other action hereon.
7. To see if the Town will vote to change the road (No. 117) from Robert Ingoldsby's buildings to Max Boy's building from Class VI to Class V.
8. To see if the Town will vote to plow snow if required on Class VI road No. 124 from Morse's Corner south to Francis Vail's camp.
9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$5,000.00, to be added to \$4,257.07 in the Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund.

10. To see if the Town will vote to give the Town Hall Committee a concise vote on their proposed plan. (See Town Hall Committee Report)
11. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell the "Barton Wood Lot" (as described in Vol. 282, page 476, Sullivan County Registry of Deeds) to Claude Bassinne for considerations to be determined by this Town Meeting. The "Barton Wood Lot" consists of 6 acres entirely surround by C. Bassinne's property in E. Acworth. There appears to be no evidence of road frontage nor legal right-of-way to this lot.
12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972, for use as set-offs against budget appropriations in the amount indicated; and, further to authorize the Selectmen to make pro-rata reductions in the amounts if estimated entitlements are reduced or take any other action hereon:

A. Acworth Silsby Free Library for:	\$ 500.00
1. Repairing and painting exterior trim	
2. Repairing and painting windows	
3. Refinishing Bird Room floor	
4. Cut brush and saplings around building	
B. Town Hall Capital Reserve	2,000.00
C. New Road Equipment	<u>2,500.00</u>
	\$5,000.00

13. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Budget as submitted by the Budget Committee and pass any vote in relation thereto.
14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, contract for, and accept aid relative to disasters from State and Federal Governments and use same for repair and reconstruction of damage incurred during December, 1973.
15. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 11th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-four,

Lyman Young
Alston W. Barrett
Raymond Roy

SELECTMEN OF ACWORTH

A true copy of Warrant – Attest:

Lyman Young
Alston W. Barrett
Raymond Roy

Acworth, N.H. March 5, 1974

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at South Acworth Village Store being a public place in said Town, on the 11th day of February, 1974.

Lyman Young
Alston W. Barrett
Raymond Roy
Selectmen of Acworth

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the records of the Selectmen, Town Clerk and Tax Collector, and Treasurer and have found them to be correctly recorded and properly vouched.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward H. Brown, Town Auditor

February 6, 1974

MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 6, 1973

Meeting called to order by the Moderator who read the Warrant. Glenn Bascom offered prayer.

- Art. 1. Chose the following officers:
Clerk: Leon F. Newton
Selectman 3 years: Kenneth Bascom
Selectman 1 year: Lyman Young
Treasurer: Earl F. Luther, Jr.
Tax Collector: Leon F. Newton
Overseer of Poor & Health Officer: Roselva Dearden
Auditor: Edward H. Brown
Trustee of Trust Funds: 3 years : Roscoe Clark
Trustee of Trust Funds 2 years: Virginia Amsden
Library Trustee 3 years: Scott Farley
Dog Warden: None elected. Selectmen to appoint.
Budget Committee 3 years: Virginia Amsden and Gordon Gowen
Budget Committee 1 year: Barbara Clark
Road Committee 3 years: Francis Wood and Harvey Putnam
- Art. 5. Passed to article five and voted to direct the Selectmen to take all necessary steps to reconstruct the Newton Bridge.
- Art. 6. Voted to Authorize the Selectmen to borrow \$32,500.00 as a maximum capital outlay debt. Yes 99; No 12.
- Art. 7. Accepted as printed in Warrant.
- Art. 8. Voted to raise \$5,000.00 for a new Fire Truck
- Art. 9. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate the lease of the Turkey Shoot land to the Acworth Volunteer Fire Co. Inc.
- Art. 10. Voted to join the Upper Valley Planning and Development Council and raise \$300.00 for the same.
- Art. 11. Accepted as printed in Warrant in regard to distribution of Revenue Sharing Funds.
- Returned to Article 2 which was accepted (Budget)
- Art. 3. Voted to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
- Art. 4. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint the Road Agent.
- Art. 12. Accepted as printed in Warrant.

- Art. 13. Voted to accept highway leading to Elmer Rhoades dwelling as a Class V. Highway.
- Art. 14. Voted unanimously in favor of acquiring land for a Town Park.
- Art. 15. Voted to accept \$100.00 for perpetual care of Myrle E. Reed cemetery lot.
- Art. 16. Voted to accept \$203.17 from the Bi-centennial Committee Treasurer.
- Art. 17. Vote on Zoning Regulation Amendments.

1	70	26
2	71	27
3	78	22
4	75	22
5	73	22
6	71	26
7	73	22
8	60	42

Vote for School District Officers:

- Moderator: I. Tucker Burr (98)
- School Board: Harvey Bascom (80)
- Patricia Titus (7)
- Scattered (8)

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

The harmonious meeting adjourned.

Leon F. Newton, Clerk

A true copy attest.
 Leon A. Newton
 Town Clerk

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ACWORTH, N.H.

**Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1974 to December 31, 1974**

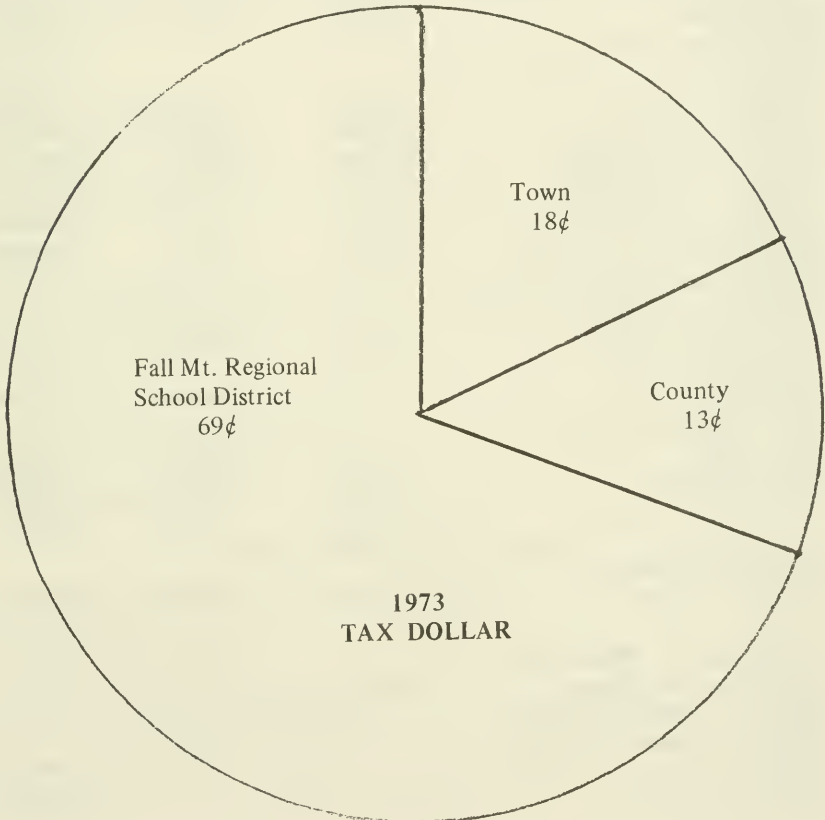
Appropriations	Appropriations 1973	Recommended 1974
General Government:		
Town Officers' Salaries	3,100.00	3,100.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,500.00	1,600.00
Election & Reg. Exp.	150.00	400.00
Town Hall & Other Town Bldgs.	200.00	200.00
Employees' Retire. & S.S.	850.00	900.00
Protection of Persons & Property:		
Police Dept.	965.00	300.00
Fire Dept.	7,000.00	2,000.00
Con. Comm	100.00	100.00
Insurance	2,200.00	2,500.00
Planning & Zoning \$500. & Bd. of Adj. \$200.	500.00	700.00
Damages & Legal Exp.	1,500.00	1,000.00
Civil Defense	10.00	10.00
Health Dept. (Incl. Hospitals & Amb.)		
Visiting Nurse	250.00	500.00
Town Dump & Garage Removal	150.00	150.00
Highways & Bridges:		
Town Maint. - Summer & Winter	25 000.00	32,500.00
Street Lighting	350.00	350.00
Gen. Exp. of Highway Dept.	7,000.00	7,000.00
Town Road Aid	1,273.08	1,224.92
Libraries:	1,600.00	1,740.00
Public Welfare:		
Town Poor	175.00	175.00
Old Age Assistance	900.00	900.00
Patriotic purposes		
Memorial Day, etc:	60.00	60.00
Recreation:	100.00	100.00
Public Service Enterprises:		
Town History	1,000.00	1.00
Cemeteries	200.00	200.00
Town Property Survey	200.00	300.00
Adv. & Reg. Assoc.		
UV-LS Council	300.00	300.00

Debt Service:

Prin. & Long Term Notes & Bonds	3,550.00	3,600.00
Interest - Long Term Notes & Bonds	450.00	400.00
Interest on Temp. Loans	1,000.00	1,000.00

Capital Outlay:

1. L. Newton Bridge Sp. Acc.	37,500.00	37,500.00
2. S. Acworth Bridge Sp. Acc.	3,000.00	3,000.00
3. Soils Map Sp. Acc.	0.00	5,000.00
4. Plaque Sp. Acc.	0.00	324.56
Emerg. Expenditure 4/13/73	12,500.00	0.00
1. Garage 20000	0.00	
2. Loader 10000	0.00	40,000.00
3. Grader 10000	0.00	
Town Tax Map	1,000.00	1,000.00
Town Hall Renovation Acc.	0.00	5,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 115,633.08	\$ 155,135.48



Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year
From State:			
Int. & Dividends Tax	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,743.04	\$ 1,500.00
Savings Bank Tax	300.00	298.96	300.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	2,300.00	2,522.85	2,500.00
Highway Subsidy (Cl. IV & V)	15,069.37	15,069.37	14,741.13
Crime Comm	50.00	0.00	942.00
Reim A/C Business Profits Tax (Town Portion)	697.00	697.00	732.00
Reim A/C State Forest Land	365.00	467.53	0.00
APTD Assist. Recovery (Horton)	0.00	182.70	0.00
From Local Sources:			
Dog Licenses	200.00	201.80	200.00
Bus. Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees			
Subdivision Fees	150.00	155.00	150.00
Motor Veh. Permit Fees	5,500.00	6,055.52	6,000.00
Int. on Taxes & Deposits	2,000.00	1,930.05	2,000.00
Nat. Bank Stock Taxes	7.75	15.50	15.50
Resident Taxes Retained	2,000.00	2,251.00	2,200.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	300.00	338.44	300.00
Rent of Town Prop. Town Hall	0.00	61.00	0.00
Sale of Town Prop. Scrap Iron from fire	100.00	130.90	0 00
Income from Depts. Refunds,	0.00	194.10	500.00
Ins. settlement (fire loss 2/14/73)	0.00	8,805.00	0.00
Gas Tax Refund	600.00	246.96	500.00
Bond & Note Issues	32,500.00	0.00	27,500.00
From Sp. Acc.	0.00	75.44	10,324.56
From Federal Sources:			
Revenue Sharing	12,469.00	12,976.00	5,536.00
Total Revenues from all sources			
Except property Taxes	75,408.12	54,418.16	75,941.19
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes (Exclusive of County & School Taxes)			79,194.29
TOTAL REVENUES			\$ 155,135.48

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED
for the TAX YEAR 1973

Town Officers Salaries	\$3,100.00
Town Officers Expenses	1,500.00
Election and Registration Expenses	150.00
Town Hall	200.00
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	850.00
Police Dept.	965.00
Fire Dept.	7,000.00
Insurance	2,200.00
Planning and Conservation	600.00
Damages and Legal Expenses	1,500.00
Civilian Defense	10.00
Visiting Nurse Association	250.00
Town Dump	150.00
Town Highway Maintenance - Summer & Winter	25,000.00
Street Lighting	350.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	7,000.00
Town Road Aid	1,273.08
Library	1,600.00
Town Poor	175.00
Old Age Assistance	900.00
Town Property Survey	200.00
Memorial Day	60.00
Parks, Playgrounds	100.00
Town History	1,000.00
Cemeteries	200.00
Regional Associations - UVLSC	300.00
Payments on Debts (Principal - \$3,550.00) Interest - \$1,450.00)	5,000.00
Payments to Capital Reserve	1,000.00
Capital Outlay:	
Leon Newton Bridge, Sp. Acc.	37,500.00
South Acworth Bridge, Sp. Acc.	3,000
Emergency Expenditure	12,500.00
Total Town Appropriations	<u><u>\$115,633.08</u></u>

Estimated Revenues and Credits

Interest & Dividends Tax	\$1,743.00
Savings Bank Tax	300.00
Meals and Rooms Tax	2,488.00
Reimb. a/c State Lands	365.00
Revenue from Yield Tax (Timber Tax)	300.00
Interest received on Taxes & Deposits	2,000.00
Permits and Filing Fees	150.00
Dog Licenses	200.00

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	5,500.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	7.00
Resident Taxes retained	2,400.00
Surplus from Balance Sheet	8,160.00
Revenue Sharing	11,000.00
Highway Subsidy	15,069.00
Insurance settlement a/c fire loss 2/14/73	8,800.00
Long Term Loan - L. Newton Bridge	32,500.00
Total Revenues and Credits	<u><u>\$90,982.00</u></u>
Net Town Appropriations	\$24,651.08
Net School Appropriations	110,814.86
County Tax Assessment	<u><u>20,117.91</u></u>
Total of Town, School and County	\$155,583.85
Deduct: Reimb. a/c Property Exempted	2,441.00
Add: War Service Tax Credits	2,200.00
Add: Overlay	<u><u>3,212.18</u></u>
Property, Taxes to be raised	\$158,555.03

PROPERTY TAXES COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR

Gross Property Taxes	\$158,555.03
Less: War Service Tax Credit	<u><u>2,200.00</u></u>
Total Tax Commitment	\$156,355.03
Municipal	.61 ----- 18%
County	.42 ----- 13%
School	<u>2.27</u> ----- 69%

Tax Rate \$3.30 per \$100.00 assessed valuation

Approved by N. H. Tax Commission

**SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION
TAX YEAR 1973**

Land:		
Resident	632,070.00	
Non-Resident	1,347,538.00	
Total		\$ 1,979,608.00
Building:		
Resident	1,371,950.00	
Non-Resident	1,351,750.00	
Total		\$ 2,723,700.00
Public Utilities - Electric:		
Granite State Electric, Inc.	53,310.00	
N.H. Elec. Cooperative, Inc.	38,580.00	
Total		\$ 91,890.00
House Trailers, Mobile Homes and Trailers:		
Resident — 8	12,700.00	
Non-Resident — 19	26,800.00	
Total		\$ 39,500.00
Boats and Launches:		\$ 500.00
Gross Valuation before Exemptions		\$ 4,835,198.00
Elderly Exemptions — 10		
Total Exemptions Allowed		\$ 30,500.00
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed		\$ 4,804,698.00
Number of Inventories Distributed in 1973		542
Date Inventories were mailed		March 17, 1973
Number of Inventories Returned in 1973		432

CERTIFICATE

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

Lyman Young
Alston W. Barrett
Raymond Roy
Selectmen of Acworth

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1973

TITLE OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriation	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended	
				Balance	Overdrafts
Town Officers' Salaries	3,100.00	3,100.00	3,020.00	80.00	
Town Officers' Expense	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,464.52	35.48	
Election & Registration	150.00	150.00	218.61		68.61
Town Hall Expenses	200.00	200.00	189.34	10.66	
Social Security	850.00	850.00	791.73	58.27	
Police Dept.	965.00	965.00	248.00	717.00	
Fire Dept.	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00		
Library	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00		
Insurance	2,200.00	2,394.10	3,723		1,328.90
Planning & Zoning	500.00	500.00	392.74	107.26	
Conservation Comm.	100.00	100.00	100.00		
Damages & Legal Exp.	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,945.00		445.00
Civil Defense	10.00	260.00	250.00	10.00	
Visiting Nurse	250.00	250.00	250.00		
Town Dump	150.00	150.00	389.00		239.00
Town Highway Maint.	25,000.00	25,000.00	24,082.87	917.13	
Town Highway Gen. Exp.	7,000.00	7,000.00	6,463.39	536.61	
Town Road Aid	1,273.08	1,273.08	1,273.08		

Street Lighting	350.00			357.28		7.28
Class V Highway Fund (Duncan)		350.00		9,885.31	(2,387.67)	
Town Poor	175.00	(12,272.98)		67.81	107.19	
Old Age Assist.	900.00	900.00		791.61	108.39	
Patriotic Purposes	60.00	60.00		60.00		
Recreation	100.00	100.00		100.00		
Cemeteries	200.00	200.00		200.00		
Town Land Survey	200.00	200.00			200.00	
Reg. Assoc. U.V.LS Council	300.00	300.00		287.00	13.00	
Town History	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00		
Long Term Notes & Bonds (2 trucks)						
Principal	3,550.00	3,550.00		3,584.18	34.18	
Interest	450.00	450.00		415.82	34.18	
Temporary Loans: Interest	1,000.00	1,000.00		868.75	131.25	
New Equip. - Highway Dept.		12,500.00		11,759.13	742.87	
Capital Res. Acc'ts: To Trustees						
1. Town Tax Map	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00		
2. Town Hall Renovation	0	0		0	0	
So Acworth Bridge Account	3,000.00	3,000.00		3,000.00	0	
L. Newton Bridge Acc't	5,000.00	5,000.00		5,000.00	0	
Soils Map (SCSCD) Acc't	5,000.00	5,000.00		0	0	
Plaque	0	400.00		75.44	324.56	
Totals					\$ 4,133.85	\$ 2,122.97
Net Balance						\$ 2,010.88

**FINANCIAL REPORT
OF THE TOWN OF ACWORTH, N.H.
For The Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973**

ASSETS

Cash:		\$ 42,008.30
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Town Hall Renovation	4,257.07	
Property Tax Map	2,047.41	
Special Acc't-So. Acworth Bridge	19,452.99	
Total		\$ 25,757.47
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1972	5,749.29	
Levy of 1971	3,443.32	
Previous years	4,017.91	
Total		\$ 13,210.52
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1973, including resident	36,912.89	
Levy of 1972	679.37	
Levy of 1971	301.77	
Total		\$ 37,894.03
<u>Grand Total</u>		\$ 118,870.32
Current Surplus - Dec. 31, 1972		23,462.71
Current Surplus - Dec. 31, 1973		32,170.24
Increase of Surplus		8,707.53

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Unexpended Balances of Special Approp.:		
Soils Map	5,000.00	
L. Newton Bridge	5,000.00	
Plaque	324.56	
		\$ 10,324.56
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	1,471.13	
School District(s) Tax(es) Payable	46,759.25	
Class V Highway (Duncan)	2,387.67	
		50,618.05
Total Acc'ts Owed by the Town		\$ 60,942.61

Capital Reserve Funds:	6,304.48
So. Acworth Bridge (Spec. Acc't)	<u>19,452.99</u>
Total Liabilities	86,700.08
Current Surplus	<u>32,170.24</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>118,870.32</u>
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RECEIPTS

From Local Taxes:	
Property Taxes – Current Year - 1973	\$ 120,222.39
Resident Taxes – Current Year - 1973	1,890.00
Nat. Bank Stock Taxes	
Current Year - 1973	15.50
Yield Taxes – Current year - 1973	14.32
Total Current Year's Taxes	
Collected and Remitted	122,142.21
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes – Previous Years	42,754.78
Resident Taxes – Previous years	510.00
Int. rec'd on Delinquent Taxes	1,930.05
Penalties: Res. Tax \$51.00	51.00
Tax sales redeemed	3,757.77
From State:	
For Class V Highway maint.	12,272.98
Highway subsidy	15,069.37
Int. & dividends tax	1,743.04
Savings Bank Tax	298.96
Reimb. a-c State & Fed.	
forest lands 1972-1773	467.53
Reimb. a-c Motor Veh. Road Toll	246.96
Reimb. a-c APTD Assist. Recovery	182.70
Meals & Rooms Tax	2,522.85
Reimb. a-c Bus. Profits Tax	2,440.92
Bounties	48.50
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:	
Dog Licenses	201.80
Business Lic. permits &	
filing fees	155.00
Rent of town prop.	61.00
Motor Vehicle permits	<u>6,055.52</u>
Total Current Revenue Receipts	\$ 212,912.94
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:	
Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	50,000.00
Insurance adjustments	8,805.00
Refunds	202.43

Sale of town property	517.90	
Revenue Sharing	12,976.00	
Int. on Investments of Revenue Sharing Funds	332.13	
Bi-Centennial Committee	203.17	
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Total Receipts Other than Current Rev.		\$ 73,036.63
Total Receipts from All Sources		285,949.57
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1973		35,500.06
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Grand Total		\$ 321,449.63

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Exp.:		
Town officers' salaries	\$	3,020.00
Town officers' expenses		1,466.60
Election and registration expenses		218.61
Exp. town hall & other town bldgs.		189.34
Police Department		248.00
Fire department		7,000.00
Planning & Zoning		392.39
Insurance		3,723.00
Civil Defense		250.00
Conservation Comm		100.00
Health dept.		250.00
Town dump		389.00
Town Road Aid		1,273.08
Town Highway Maintenance		23,814.93
Street Lighting		357.28
Gen. Exp. of Hgwy Dept.		6,463.39
Libraries		1,600.00
Old age assist.		791.61
Town Poor		67.81
Memorial Day, Vet's Assoc, & Old Home Day		135.44
Parks and playgrounds,		100.00
Cemeteries		200.00
Damages & legal exp.		1,945.00

Adv. & Reg. Assoc.	287.00	
Taxes bought by town	5,984.16	
Abatements & refunds	157.45	
Employees' retirement & S.S.	883.27	
Hist. Soc.	1,000.00	
Bounties	35.50	
Total Current Maint. Exp.		\$ 62,267.42
Interest on Debts:		
Pd. on tax anticipation notes	868.75	
Pd. on long term notes	415.82	
Total Interest Payments		\$ 1,284.57
Principal of Debt:		
Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes	50,000.00	
Payments on long term notes	3,584.18	
Total Principal Payments		\$ 53,584.18
Capital Outlay:		
Highways & Bridges		
Town Construction	9,885.31	
New equip. Highway	11,757.13	
Payments to capital res. funds	4,000.00	
Total Outlay Payments		\$ 25,642.44
Payments to Other Gov't Divisions:		
Res. Taxes Pd. State	613.80	
Payments to State a-c 2% Bond & Debt Ret. Taxes	120.36	
Taxes paid to county	20,117.91	
Payments to Sch. Dist.		
1972 Tax \$61,031.45		
1973 Tax \$54,703.76	115,735.21	
Total Payments To Other Gov't Divisions		\$ 136,587.28
Total payments for all Purposes		279,441.33
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1973		42,008.30
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 321,449.63

SCHEDULE OF LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

As of December 31, 1973; June 30, 1974 (1)

Long Term Notes Outstanding:

Trucks	\$ 5,656.23	
Total Long Term Notes Outstanding		<u>\$ 5,656.23</u>

RECONCILIATION OF OUTSTANDING LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding Long Term Debt Dec. 31, 1972; June 30, 1973		\$ 9,240.41
Total		9,240.41
Long Term Notes Paid	3,584.18	
Total		3,584.18
Outstanding Long Term Debt Dec. 31, 1973; June 30, 1974		<u>\$ 5,656.23</u>

TREASURER S REPORT

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

From Leon Newton, Tax Collector	
Property Taxes, 1973	\$ 120,422.39
Nat'l Bank Stock Tax 1973	15.50
Yield Taxes	14.32
Resident Taxes	16,900.00
Property Taxes, previous years	42,430.66
Resident Taxes	510.00
Yield Taxes, previous years	324.12
Interest	1,930.05
Resident Tax Penalties	51.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	3,757.77
	\$ 171,145.81
From Leon F. Newton, Town Clerk	
Dog Licenses	201.80
Auto Permits	6,055.52
	6,257.32
From State of New Hampshire	
1972 & 1973 Reimb. A/C tax loss(State land)	467.53
Bounties	48.50
Gas Tax Refund	246.96
Business Profits Tax	2,440.92
Class V Highway Fund (Duncan)	12,272.98
Int. & dividends tax	1,743.04
Savings Bank Tax	298.96
Highway Subsidy	15,069.37
Rooms and Meals Tax	2,522.85
APTD Assistance Recovery	182.70
	\$ 35,293.81
From Miscellaneous Sources	
Jordan-Milton Machinery Refund	8.33
Hidden Springs, T. Hall Rental	29.00
Ralph Balla, Grader Rental	32.00
Grange Mutual Ins. Co. Fire loss - Garage	5,200.00
Kemper Ins., Fire loss - Truck	3,605.00
Earl F. Luther, Bicentennial proceeds	203.17
Pierce-Putnam Agency, Ins. refund	194.10
Goshen Auto Wrecking Co.	
Burned dozer and junk	280.90
Ronald Shaw - Tires	137.00
Springfield, N.H. CD, siren	100.00
Thomas B. Powers, subdivision fee	15.00
Fred Stearns, subdivision fee	20.00

Robert Carter, subdivision fee	20.00
Waldo Streeter, subdivision fee	25 00
John C. Monks, subdivision fee	75.00
Conn. R. Nat'l Bank, Temp. Loans	<u>50,000.00</u>
	\$ 59,944.50
From U.S. Gov't	
Federal Revenue Sharing	5,786.00
Fed. Rev. Sharing Savings Acc't (Princ.)	7,190.00
Interest	<u>332.13</u>
	13,308.13
Receipts, 1973	285,949.57
Balance, January 1, 1973	<u>35,500.06</u>
Total	321,449.63
Disbursements, 1973	<u>279,441.33</u>
Balance - December 31, 1973	42 008.30
So. Acworth Bridge Account:	
Balance, January 1, 1973	15,606.46
Appropriation, 1973	3,000.00
Interest, 1973	<u>846.53</u>
Balance, December 31, 1973	\$ 19 452.99

Earl Luther Jr., Treasurer

TAX COLLECTORS REPORT
Summary of Warrants Levy of 1973

Summary of Warrant Levy of 1973

Total property, National Bank Stock, and Resident	
Taxes committed to Collector	\$ 158,795.14
Yield Taxes committed to collector	704.44
Added Taxes (Resident)	230.00
Int. & Penalties collected	4.35
	<u>\$ 159,733.93</u>

Credits

Total remittances to Treas.	122,146.56
Abatements allowed	674.48
Uncollected taxes, Dec. 31, 1973	36,912.89
	<u>\$ 159,733.93</u>

Levy of 1972

Uncollected Property, Resident & Yield	
Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1973	44,069.27
Added Taxes during 1973 (Res.)	140.00
Int. & Penalties collected	1,547.76
	<u>\$ 45,757.03</u>

Credits

Remittances to Treas.	44,647.46
Abatements allowed during year	376.20
Deeded to Town	54.00
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1973	679.37
	<u>\$ 45,757.03</u>

Levy of 1971

Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1973	466.85
Int. & Penalties collected	22.22
	<u>\$ 489.07</u>

Credits

Remittances to Treas.	187.30
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1973	301.77
	<u>\$ 489.07</u>

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS
As of December 31, 1973

	Tax sales on account of the levies of:		
	1972	1971	Prev.
Bal. of unredeemed			
Taxes Jan. 1, 1973		5,499.92	6,220.01
Taxes sold to Town during current fiscal year	5,984.21		
Interest collected after sale		193.16	229.36
	\$ 5,984.21	\$ 5,693.08	\$ 6,449.37
Remittance to Treasurer			
Redemption	234.92	2,056.60	1,466.25
Interest		193.16	229.36
Abatements during year			590.69
Deeded to the Town			145.16
Unredeemed Dec. 31, 1973	5,749.29	3,443.32	4,017.91
	\$ 5,984.21	\$ 5,693.08	\$ 6,449.37

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

Leon F. Newton, Tax Collector

TOWN CLERKS REPORT
Motor Vehicle Permits issued Jan. 1, 1973 - Dec. 31, 1973

1972 permits	131.31	
1973 permits	5,924.21	
Paid Treasurer		\$ 6,055.52
Dog Licenses issued Jan. 1, 1973 - Dec. 31, 1973		
Dog Licenses and penalties collected		218.00
Fees retained by clerk	16.20	
Paid Treasurer	210.80	\$ 218.00

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

Leon F. Newton, Town Clerk

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY (Form M-5)
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1973; JUNE 30, 1974**

1. Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	12,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
2. Libraries, Lands and Building	18,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	5,000.00
3. Police Department, Lands and Buildings	----
Equipment	1,800.00
4. Fire Department, Land and Buildings	12,000.00
Equipment	35,000.00
5. Highway Department, Land and Buildings	5,000.00
Equipment	20,000.00
Materials and Supplies	4,000.00
6. Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	1,000.00
7. All Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds	
Jennison Lot	4,000.00
Prouty Lot	2,000.00
Howe Lot	100.00
Johnson Lot	300.00
Gove Lot	15,000.00
Farnsworth Lot	1,000.00
Barton Wood Lot	300.00
8. All other Property and Equipment:	
Two rights of way	<u>1,000.00</u>
	\$138,500.00

REPORT OF THE ACWORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT 1973

Numerous minor automobile accidents were investigated and reported to the Motor Vehicle Department. Routine messages were delivered. Fifteen cases of burglary were investigated. Ten of these are still under investigation by the State Police and Sheriff's Department.

For the past three years Bud Peck and Keith Goodell of the Ram's Motorcycle Club of Stowe, Mass. have asked for our cooperation during their fall trail tour. This is a very carefully planned tour which includes Acworth as a small portion of their total mileage over public roads. Besides donating \$200 of their profits to the Dan Metcalf Scholarship fund, they chose to give \$400 to an Acworth organization. Since they asked for a recommendation, we suggested that it be donated to the Acworth Fire Company. Added to the Civil Defense funds available this year, this donation enables the purchase of a long-needed portable radio. It was felt that this would be of benefit to the entire town and possibly might benefit the donors themselves someday. We all owe them a special thanks for their consideration through the years as well as this generous donation.

Elbert Knicely, Constable

DETAIL OF PAYMENTS

1. Town Officers Salaries

Lyman Young, Selectman	\$	500.00
Alston W. Barrett, Selectman		500.00
Raymond Roy, Selectman, appointed Oct. 1, 1973		210.00
Kenneth Bascom Selectman, resigned July 31, 1973		210.00
Leon Newton, Tax Collector, Town clerk		900.00
Earl Luther, Jr. Treasurer		200.00
Edward Brown, Auditor		50.00
Elbert Knicely, Constable, Dog Warden		350.00
Roselva Deardon, Overseer of Poor		50.00
George F. Hanson, Sanitation Officer		50.00
	\$	<u>3,020.00</u>

2, Town Officers Expenses

N.H. Municipal Association	\$	62.50
N.H. Tax Collectors Association		10.00
N.H. Town Clerks Association		8.00
Association of N.H. Assessors		10.00
New England Telephone		237.12
Postage		186.76
Registry of Deeds, Sullivan County		74.53
Hurd's Offset Press, 350 Town Reports		402.10
Chase's Office Supplies Inc.		72.97
Homestead Press		62.45
Brown and Saltmarsh		21.23
Candlelight Press		22.00
Transportation Expenses		125.00
Keene Publishing Co.		87.02
Typing service		80.00
Misc. Printing, supplies, & services		2.84
	\$	<u>1,464.52</u>

3. Election and Registration

Roselva Deardon, Supervisor	\$	56.00
Maude Moody, Supervisor		56.00
Gladys Ring, Supervisor		56.00
Thomas Ruiter		7.00
Comstock Printer		14.00
Keene Publishing Co.		3.61
The Village Press		26.00
	\$	<u>218.61</u>

4. Town Hall

Don Sprague	\$	25.00
S.R. Young, Inc. heating gas		160.48
Granite State Electric		3.86
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	\$	189.34

5. Police Department (Federal & State Grants \$942.00)

Elbert Knicely, Constable, general expenses	\$	100.00
Police Communication System (Town's Share)		148.00
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	\$	248.00

6. Acworth Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

General Expense Account	\$	2,000.00
New Equipment, from Revenue Sharing Funds		5,000.00
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	\$	7,000.00

7. Insurance

Burns & Masiello Ins. Agency		
1. Workman's Compensation	\$	498.00
2. Buildings, vehicles, liability & bonds		2,215.00
Peerless Insurance Co.		
1. Policy 8/27/70 - 8/27/71		445.00
2. Policy 8/27/71 - 8/27/72		484.00
3. Policy 8/27/72 - 11/02/72		81.00
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	\$	1,010.00
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	\$	3,723.00

8. Planning & Zoning

Keene Pub. Co.	\$	77.70
Candlelight Press		40.65
Eagle Pub. Co.		108.04
Millie Pub. Co.		82.50
The Village Press		76.00
Typing service		7.50
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	\$	392.39

9. Conservation Commission

General Expenses	\$	100.00
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10. Damages & Legal Expenses

R.J. Shortlidge, Jr. Attorney \$ 1,945.00

11. Visiting Nurse Account

Charlestown Visiting Nurse \$ 250.00

12. Town Dump Account

Ralph Balla, Inc. \$ 354.00
 Jack Berquist, summer supervision 35.00
 \$ 389.00

13. Street Lighting

Granite State Electric \$ 357.28

TOWN ROAD MAINTENANCE
 Summer and Winter

(January 1, 1973 – March 6, 1973)

Labor:

J. Leonard Balla \$ 2,232.25
 George Deardon 1,163.00
 Daniel Balla 639.50
 Leon Balla 161.40
 Robert Balla 115.00
 Walter Brodin 103.75
 John W. Balla 40.00
 Philip Brodin 22.50
 \$ 4,477.40

Equipment Rental & Services

Screening Sand (1100 yards) \$ 825.00
 Trucks & loader 1,105.00
 Welder & Torch 44.00
 Misc. Items 246.21
 \$ 2,220.21

January 1, 1973 – March 6, 1973 \$ 6,697.61

(March 6, 1973 – December 31, 1973)

Labor:

Ronald Shaw	\$	2,406.98
George Deardon		1,626.99
Robert Boothby		1,180.72
Daniel Balla		1,073.75
Arthur Smith		1,040.99
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	\$	7,329.43

Equipment Rental & Services

Bulldozers	\$	2,015.39
Loaders		1,660.00
Trucks		301.00
Chain saw and brush cutter		440.00
Welding		17.00
Misc. Items		204.19
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	\$	4,637.58

March 6, 1973 – December 31, 1973 \$ 11 967.01

Materials and Services (Jan. 1, 1973 - Dec. 31, 1973)

Cold River Hot Mix - 411,160 lbs.	\$	1,605.20
Don Davis - Grader		1,160.00
Northeastern Culvert Co. - culverts		1,155.94
Chemical Corp. - winter salt Jan. 10, 1973		1,005.21
Cold River Sand & Gravel		83.60
Acworth Garage		25.00
Misc. Items		383.30
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	\$	5,418.25

Town Road Maintenance - Summer & Winter

Total \$ 24,082.87

15. GENERAL EXPENSES

(January – February 1973)

Cray Oil Co. gasoline - 2281 gals. @.3347	\$ 763.57
Ed's Equipment - grader, labor & parts	572.91
Hill-Martin - grader parts	77 31
R.C. Hazelton, sander parts	151.22
Share Corp.	20.50
Angel's Automotive, truck parts	123.10
B-B Chain Co., tire chains	100.00
Jordan-Milton, truck parts	102.67
Barney Bass, steel	6.48
Cold River Sand & Gravel, sand	83.60
Whipple's Texaco, fan belt	3.75
Eserky's Hardware, 50' - 3/4" rope	12.50
R.N. Johnson, misc. tools and parts	85.95
Reynolds and Son, plow parts	54.42
Frank Whitcomb	4.65
Sanel, sander parts	21.16
Village Store, gasoline	20.36
Misc. Items	23.31
	\$ 2,227.46

General Expenses (March - December 1973)

R.E. Hinkley Co., gasoline - 2557 gals @ .3304	\$ 844.88
R.E. Hinkley Co., oil, lubrication, anti-freeze	424.62
R.E. Hinkley Co., two-300 gal. skid tanks	109.90
Village Store, gasoline - 98 gals.	41.82
Bergeuin's, repairs to Int. truck	1,078.39
Ed's Equipment	134.72
Barney Bass	42.25
R & L Auto	18.96
Angel's	9.72
Auto Electric	14.43
Sanel Auto Parts	104.26
Keats Inc.	27.74
Hill-Martin, grader parts	572.40
R.N. Johnson	65.84
Ralph Balla Inc., town garage site clean-up	126.00
B.B. Chain Co., tire chains	250.00
Bruno's, truck inspection & batteries	70.00
Sam Bevely, 1000 gal. tank, power, & pump rental	300.00
	\$ 4,235.93
General Expenses	\$ 4,235.93
Total	\$ 6,463.39

**16. Class Highway Maintenance Allotment
"Duncan"**

Labor:	
Daniel Balla	\$ 720.50
Ronald Shaw	700.00
Arthur Smith	635.00
Robert Boothby	628.00
Withholding & S.S. (Employee's Share)	<u>616.44</u>
	\$ 3,299.94
Supplies and Services:	
Arthur Smith, truck rental	536.00
Ronald Shaw chipper	1,088.00
Ralph Balla, Inc., loader and trucks	1,730.95
Cold River Hot Mix, hot patch	562.96
R.N. Johnson, turf tractor	252.45
Goshen Auto Wrecking, tank transport	200.00
Town of Goshen, tank	500.00
Ferguson, loader and truck	136.00
H.R.S. Construction, trucks	1,408.00
Misc. supplies and services:	<u>171.01</u>
	\$ 6,585.37
Class V Maintenance Allotment Total	\$ 9,885.31
Town Road Aid	
State of N.H., Treasurer	1,273.08
Library	
Silsby Free Library, Trustees	1,600.00
Old Age Assistance	
State of N.H. Treasurer	791.61
Town Poor	
Sullivan County, Surplus Food	67.81
Memorial Day	
Britton-Porter Post	60.00
Parks and Playgrounds	
Christine Barnard, Treasurer	100.00
Cemeteries	
Leon Newton, Treasurer	200.00
Regional Association	
Upper Valley - Lake Sunapee Council	287.00

	Debt Service (2 trucks)		
Conn. River National Bank			
Long Term: Principal		3,584.18	
Interest		415.82	
			4,000.00
(Balance owed:			
	Debt Service		
Conn. River National Bank			
Tax Anticipation Notes:			
Principal		50,000.00	
Interest:			868.75
	Social Security (Town's Share)		
State of N.H. Treasurer			791.73
	Taxes Bought by Town		
Leon F. Newton, Tax Collector			5,984.16
	County Tax Assessment - 1973		
Sullivan County, Treasurer			20 854.15
	South Acworth Bridge		
Reconstruction Account:			
1970 Deposit to Principal		8,500.00	
1971 Deposit to Principal		3,000.00	
1972 Deposit to Principal		3,000.00	
1973 Deposit to Principal		<u>3,000.00</u>	
Total Principal		17,500.00	
Accrued Interest		1,952.99	
Total		19,452.99	
	Leon Newton Bridge		
Reconstruction Account:			
1973 Deposit to Principal		5,000.00	
TOWN HALL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND for Renovation			
*1969	Article 7 - Voted to establish a Capital Reserve Fund Article 9 - Voted authorization to sell Dempsey Property Net Proceeds to be added to Article 7 (\$3,419.53)		
1970	See Report of Trust Funds		
1971	See Report of Trust Funds		
1972	See Report of Trust Funds		
1973	Principal (Dec. 31, 1973)		\$3,419.53
	Accrued Interest		<u>837.54</u>
		Total	\$4,257.07

PROPERTY TAX MAP CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

1972	Article 9 - Voted authorization to start fund with appropriation of \$1,000.00. Same amount to be added each year.	
	December 31, 1972 -- Principal	\$1,000.00
1973	Principal (Dec. 31, 1973)	\$2,000.00
	Accrued Interest	<u>47.41</u>
	Total	\$2,047.41

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF ACWORTH
Acworth, New Hampshire

Under Municipal Budget Law Emergency Provisions (RSA 32:10 - a) the Town of Acworth has been authorized to expend unappropriated funds.

1. On April 23, 1973 the Acworth Budget Committee unanimously approved the Board of Selectmen's application to expend \$12,500. for purchase of new highway equipment lost in fire of February 14, 1973.
2. On April 27, 1973 the State of New Hampshire Tax Commission approved Acworth Budget Committee request to expend \$12,500. for purchase of new highway equipment.

Lyman Young, Chairman
Alston W. Barrett
Kenneth Bascom

SELECTMEN OF ACWORTH

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

On February 14, 1973, a fire destroyed the town garage and its contents, which included the small International dump truck purchased in 1969, the sander, tools, extra tires, and miscellaneous items. Insurance settlements of \$8,805.00 were applied to offset emergency expenditures of \$12,500.00 recommended by the Budget Committee and approved and authorized by the N. H. State Tax Commission. Following the fire we initiated a complete review of all our insurance coverage and took steps to secure more realistic coverage for future years.

J. Leonard Balla, Road Agent, retired in March, 1973. His many years of service in a difficult position are appreciated. Ronald Shaw was appointed to succeed Mr. Balla and continued to fill that position for the remainder of 1973. We wish to thank Mr. Shaw for his service to the Town in a year which saw much storm damage to the roads, both in mid-summer and December.

Relative to severe storm damage to our Class V roads, the Selectmen are continuing to seek disaster aid to help offset the high costs of road repair. As we are at this date outside the geographic and political limits of the area, defined as eligible by the Governor's office, we foresee limited success at this time.

In July, 1973, Kenneth Bascom Selectman, resigned and in October, Raymond W. Roy was appointed to fill this vacancy until the regular elections of the 1974 Town Meeting.

We are pleased to report that preliminary design and engineering are completed for reconstruction of the Leon Newton Bridge. Agreeable site selection has been determined by the abutter, N. H. Highway Department engineers and the Selectmen, and construction is anticipated in the spring.

This year Town Road Aid was used towards completion of the Crane Brook Road project. Other road projects using Duncan or Town Appropriations include clearing trees and brush removal along E. Luther's Hill Road and the reconstruction of a portion of the Hidden Springs Road. We wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the abutters and primary benefactors of this last project for donating necessary sand and gravel, a portion of the tree removal, and supplying adjacent areas for boulder and stump dumping. This cooperation made it financially feasible to undertake this reconstruction project. We also wish to thank the Planning Board for their efforts of granting permission for the preplanned widening and removal of trees on the E. Luther Hill Road project, as is required in the case of designated Scenic Roads.

At the beginning of 1974, the Selectmen appointed Roger Pelton to serve as Road Agent until Town Meeting. Work will continue on the serious and extensive damage done by the December flood. Near normal maintenance will be attempted in spite of a very real shortage of fuel for Town vehicles. If any

drastic economy measures have to be taken, every effort will be made to give first priority of service to those areas of full-time residences.

The continuing suit of Acworth vs. Davis & Symonds et. al. is outlined in the report of R. J. Shortlidge, Attorney, whom we wish to thank for his many varied efforts on our behalf.

Another matter which required much effort by the Selectmen resulted from an injury suffered by J. Leonard Balla on November 1, 1971, while in the employment of the Town. After much inconvenience to Mr. Balla and the Town, it was discovered in early 1973 that our former insurance agent, Pierce-Putnam Insurance Agency, Keene, N. H. had not renewed our Workman's Compensation Insurance policy, leaving the Town liable for Mr. Balla's injury and related expenses. Efforts by the Selectmen and Mr. Balla resulted in hearings in Concord at the Departments of Labor and Insurance to secure proper legal compensation for the injured and recompense for the Town's payments toward a policy which had been cancelled without proper notification. As a result of these hearings and actions taken by our Town Attorney, we are pleased to report that Peerless Insurance Company has assumed responsibility for the gross negligence of its former agent. This resulted in a disability payment of \$5,521.20 to Mr. Balla, a payment which could have been incumbent upon the Town. Peerless Insurance Company has also reimbursed the Town in the amount of \$524.50 representing all expenditures prior to the settlement of this case. As part of the same settlement Peerless Insurance Company has agreed to cover any future medical expenses resulting from this accident. The Town, in concluding this settlement, purchased three policies from Peerless Insurance Company for retroactive coverage for 1970-1971-1972, premiums for which amounted to \$1,010.00. This settlement was reviewed and approved by the New Hampshire Departments of Labor and Insurance.

In the past year twenty building permits were applied for and granted. This compares with fourteen permits granted in 1972. There are a number of zoning violations still in existence at this time, however we wish to report that official action has been undertaken in such cases, and we are anticipating compliance. We note with interest that most such violations seem to occur in ill-conceived subdivisions and seldom involve the actual resident population of Acworth.

Respectfully submitted,
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REPORT FROM TOWN COUNCIL

R. J. Shortlidge, Jr.

February 5, 1974

Re: Pierce Brook Estates

The Town's complaint against Davis & Symonds was filed and served during the summer of 1972, some year and a half ago. Since that time the Superior Court of Sullivan County, which has jurisdiction over the suit, has scheduled a hearing on the matter (to consider the various motions filed by Davis & Symonds and to prepare the case for trial) on at least three occasions, and each time the matter has been postponed at the request of Davis & Symonds. The latest hearing was scheduled for February 6, 1974, but was postponed by the court at the defendant's request on the ground that the developer is completely revising its development plan for Pierce Brooks Estates, and hopes the new plan will be acceptable to the Town when submitted so that there will be no occasion for a trial of the case by the Court.

The Planning Board, Selectmen and other interested citizens are in the process of reviewing the revised plans for Pierce Brooks Estate proposed by the Developer, and until these newly proposed revisions (which had not been received by the Town prior to 1974) have been completely reviewed, we cannot know whether it will be necessary to press forward with the law suit.

In the meantime, the first objective of the law suit has been met: That is, work on the unsatisfactory development plan which Davis & Symonds was in the process of implementing in 1972 has been completely stopped; many of the lots sold to buyers in the development have been re-purchased by the developer; any potential obligations of the Town to provide facilities and services for the area have been indefinitely postponed, at least, by the law suit; and the tax burdens for the development will probably be substantially reduced from what they would have been otherwise, when and if the development ever comes into being.

Please refer to last year's report for a discussion of the precise issues raised by the law suit filed on behalf of the Town.

R. J. Shortlidge, Jr.

February 13, 1973

Our complaint against the defendant has five counts, as follows: I, The defendants trespassed on the Town's roads adjacent to Pierce Brook Estates by changing their character and making them impassable; II, The defendants violated Acworth's subdivision regulations by selling certain lots without subdivision approval; III, Sales by defendants of certain other lots violated the Town's zoning ordinance because the lots lacked frontage on a public right of way; IV, The defendants promised their buyers certain town services, such as

road maintenance, and priced their lots accordingly, thus unjustly enriching themselves at the expense of their buyers and/or the Town; and V, The defendants failed to make full disclosure of their prospective purchasers under the State's Land Sales Full Disclosure Act.

Newspaper and other media interest in the case continues to remain high. According to reporters, responsible citizens in other communities are extremely interested in the results of the Acworth suit, for the reason that ground which they may also wish to read, is being broken. We receive calls from the media periodically asking to be informed of each step in the case, plus comments and inquiries from concerned citizens.

R. J. Shortlidge, Jr.

ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY REPORT - 1973

The total circulation of Acworth Silsby Library increased in 1973 by 700 pieces, including books, magazines and records. This was made possible by the wonderful help we had from everyone in the community. Many people gave of their time in various ways, on the Bookmobile, the very successful book sale, and the regular hours at the library. We received a gift of a magazine rack, another typewriter, money from individuals, also money in memory of Mrs. Gladys Farley, from the Acworth Parent's Club, Acworth Woman's Club, The Community Aid, with large gifts of books and magazines.

We had much difficulty with our magazine subscriptions, in spite of several letters and telephone calls we never received McCall's and the Yankee Magazine was very late in coming.

No. of books added during 1973, Fiction: 130,

Non-fiction: 118; Juvenile: 64.

No. of records added	7
No. of records circulated	104
No. of Common Borrowers Cards issued	2
No. of books borrowed from St. Library	65
No. of books circulated	6,163
Acworth Library	6,051
Goodnow Community Stop	112
Fiction	1,599
Non-fiction	1,924
Juvenile	1,896
Magazine	528
Records	104
No. of books borrowed from Bookmobile:	
Acworth Library: 3371; Goodnow Comm Stop: 112	
No. of Films circulated	1
No. of Magazines circulated	37

Mrs. Ella Newton, Term Expires 1974

Mrs. Barbara Hartwell, Term Expires 1975

Chairman Mr. Scott Farley, Term Expires 1976

**ACWORTH SILSBY FREE LIBRARY
FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET**

Receipts

Balance Dec. 31 1972	\$177.68
Interest from Trust Funds	92.30
Town Appropriation	1,100.00
Revenue Sharing Appropriation	500.00
Gifts	181.27
Sale of books and fines	218.59
	\$2,269.84

Expenditures

Electricity	60.83
Fuel	119.61
Salaries	784.00
Custodian	65.00
Supplies, miscellaneous	96.80
Books and magazines	530.96
Repairs - Revenue Sharing	402.14
	\$2,069.34

Balance Dec. 31, 1974	\$227.11
Revenue Sharing	97.86
Book Balance	112.64

This book balance can only be used for the purchase of books. Most of this Balance had been expended by February 1974.

Budget for 1974

Electricity	75 00
Fuel	150.00
Salaries	800.00
Custodian	65 00
Books	50.00
Miscellaneous, postage, supplies	100.00
Maintenance (Revenue Sharing) painting trim, refinishing Bird Room Floor, repair windows, cut brush	500.00
	\$1,740.00

**REPORT OF ACWORTH DIRECTORS
UPPER VALLEY-LAKE SUNAPEE COMMISSION AND COUNCIL**

At the annual Town Meeting of 1973 Acworth voted favorably upon an article to join the Regional Planning Body now known as the Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Commission.

Our membership did not become effective until July 1, 1973 but before that date we were provided with various services from the office of our area of the Commission, the Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Council in Newport. Most of these services were in the form of assistance from Mr. Robert Ward, Regional Planner, in helping the Planning Board set up a format for the preparation of a Master Plan. Specifically the Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Council helped in the preparation of forms for gathering information and in the recommending of guidelines to be used in compiling mapping information. Recently Mr. Ward met with the Planning Board to review information already collected. The Council office in Newport is currently in the process of redrafting map information provided them by the Planning Board and Conservation Commission to be used in the preparation of the Master Plan.

The U. V. L. S. Council has taken an active interest in the suit of Acworth vs. Davis & Symonds et. al., resulting in Council representation at meetings with Attorney Shortlidge and various Boards here in Acworth.

The Council's Newport office has reviewed the condition and operation of Acworth's dump facilities as part of a regional study of waste disposal problems. At the January meeting of the Council the directors were presented with a summary of information on waste disposal procedures of all towns in the Council area. The collected information is going to be presented to a Boston management engineering firm that will return a report with various alternatives for the member towns to consider.

In conjunction with the Sullivan County Soil Conservation District Office the Council Office has recently completed model subdivision regulations which have been made available to the boards of Acworth. In the coming year it is hoped that a comparative study can be made and appropriate changes be considered.

As Acworth's members to the Board of Directors we have attended a Commission meeting in Lebanon and regular monthly Council meetings in Newport. At the former we voted on matters concerning the Commission as a whole. To date most of these matters have been of an organizational nature, but we do wish to remind the voters of Acworth that we now have a vote equal to that of Hanover, Lebanon, or Claremont in determining matters of regional policy which come before us.

In conclusion we sincerely solicit any ideas, comments, or criticisms that will help us better express the needs and wishes of Acworth as directors of the Upper-Valley Lake Sunapee Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan York, Director
G. K. Fenderson, Director

LAKE SUNAPEE POPULATION COMPARISONS

Area	1970 Population	1960 Population	Numerical Change 1960-70	Per Cent Change 1960-70
Claremont	14,221	13,563	658	4.9
Newport	5,899	5,458	441	8.1
Charlestown	3,274	2,576	698	27.1
New London	2,236	1,738	498	28.7
Sunapee	1,384	1,164	220	18.9
Cornish	1,268	1,106	162	14.6
Unity	709	708	1	0.1
Bradford	679	508	171	33.7
Sutton	642	487	155	31.8
Wilmot	516	391	125	32.0
Newbury	509	342	167	48.8
<u>Acworth</u>	<u>459</u>	<u>371</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>23.7</u>
Croydon	396	312	84	26.9
Goshen	395	351	44	12.5
Grantham	366	332	34	10.2
Lempster	360	272	88	32.4
Langdon	337	338	-1	-0.3
Springfield	310	283	27	9.5
Washington	248	162	86	53.1
Lake Sunapee Region	34,208	30,462	3,746	12.3
Upper Valley Region	36,194	32,482	3,712	11.4
Merrimack County	80,925	67,785	13,140	19.4
Sullivan County	30,949	28,067	2,882	10.3
New Hampshire	737,681	606,921	130,760	21.5

Figures are from the U. S. Bureau of Census, 1970.

ACWORTH PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Although handicapped by frequent changes in membership and lack of a permanent meeting place, the planning board has managed to maintain continuity. This has been due largely to the willingness of everyone to work at home as well as at frequent meetings. Assistance received from our Regional Planner, Robert Ward, our County Engineer, Leon Giel, and Soil Scientist, Roy Shook, has also been a tremendous help.

There was a sharp decrease in subdivision this year. Only five proposals were received, and two were pending from last year. Four were approved, and three are still incomplete at this time. Several people have also brought tentative plans in for discussion. Generally people have been cooperative and eager to do things properly.

Dan Gehan, Elbert Knicely, Richard Elsesser, and Robert Shepard, were appointed to a subcommittee to study the problems of the town hall. Since they have been working entirely on their own, they will present their own report.

Work has been completed on maps showing the status of all town roads, the distribution of power lines, as well as the location and use of all buildings. Drafting and printing will be done by the Upper Valley Regional Planning Council as a service included with our membership. We are presently working on index cards which will give further description of each property. These will be numbered to match the symbols on the map. Field work for the soils study was done this summer and the interpretation and mapping is nearing completion. We have already made use of this information several times.

While we have always felt that Acworth's greatest asset is its people, the large and thoughtful response of the questionnaire certainly confirmed this. The percentage of comments actually far exceeds the 27% shown, as many others were interspersed throughout all the questions. Although expressed in many ways, the comment that appeared repeatedly was that people prefer Acworth the way it is and want it to stay that way.

Our thanks go out to everyone who replied to the questionnaire and to those who helped us distribute and collect them. We also thank the selectmen, the community aid, and currently the Fire Co. for the temporary use of their quarters for our meetings.

We continue to welcome any comments, suggestions, questions or criticisms at any time. Our goal is to carry out the wishes of the people in a way that will be of continued benefit to the town as a whole.

Fay Knicely, Chairman

ACWORTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

The Commission has worked with the local Planning Board this past year, helping to gather information for the Town Master Plan. It has also acted on an advisory capacity to the Board of Adjustment and Planning Board on matters concerning building sites, etc. in questionable conservation areas.

The group conducted a successful roadside cleanup day in April with plans to make this an annual program.

Legislative changes during the last session have helped to make local commissions more effective in their respective towns in areas governing open spaces, scenic roads, conservation and preservation easements and dredging and filling. The Commission would be glad to hear from interested people.

Due to the energy crisis, the members are now meeting the first Tuesday of each month at the home of Robert Yale. Towns people are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert L. Yale, Chairman



ROAD COMMITTEE STATEMENT

The reasons for inserting Articles 5 and 6 in the 1974 Warrant are as follows:

A. The Town has no place to safely work on, nor house, our highway equipment, in order to keep that equipment in good operating condition; thus we feel that the Town needs a new Town Garage.

B. The money the Town spends for hiring a loader each year should cover payments for a new loader. Also, it would be more readily available and valuable for other work besides loading sand and gravel.

C. The Town grader is in need of major repairs and is inoperative at this time. The Town, in order to properly maintain its roads needs its own grader. We recommend to either repair or purchase a second-hand grader, whichever we feel is the most economical.

Respectfully submitted,
THE ACWORTH ROAD COMMITTEE
Francis Wood, Chairman
Elmer Rhoades
Gordon Gowen
Harvey Bascom

SANITARY INSPECTION OFFICER'S REPORT

Numerous requests for information on the installation of sewage disposal systems were answered by phone and letter. Several on-site visits were made where soil conditions presented problems in installing conventional systems.

There is a need to educate home owners and builders on the requirements of the State and the procedures necessary to satisfy them. Communications could be improved at state and local levels to insure that the State requirements are being met in all instances.

Although the specific duties and responsibilities of the Sanitary Inspection Officer should be codified, it is the opinion of the incumbent that those specified in Chapter 147 RSA are not appropriate for the Town of Acworth as they relate to areas of higher population density and the availability of public sewerage.

G. Hanson
Sanitary Inspection Officer

ACWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

The new Acworth History is the culmination of work started in the 1940's by the late Frank B. Kingsbury and continued by other members of the Acworth Historical Society. Work on the new History is proceeding, with a good possibility that it will be completed late in 1974 or early in 1975. Since all effort now is on a voluntary basis, delays have resulted recently from the pressure of more urgent matters.

The History is divided into two parts. Part I contains 13 narrative chapters prepared by Mr. Newton F. Tolman, largely based on material furnished to him by the Historical Society. An additional chapter covers "Houses - Present and Past" and is accompanied by maps showing the locations of existing houses and known former building sites. An index following this chapter will assist in locating houses occupied by known residents.

Part II contains genealogies of Acworth families, with emphasis on the period following the original History of Acworth (1869). Available data on about 400 families will be included. An index of family names mentioned in the genealogies (other than the 400 Acworth families) will probably be included.

A current estimate of the numbers of pages (including photographs) in the new History is as follows: 13 Narrative Chapters (65 pages); Chapter on Houses (42 pages); Genealogies (450) pages; Index on genealogies (?).

It appears now that the new History will contain about 600 pages. By the end of 1973, the following progress had been made: 13 Narrative Chapters (written, typeset by printer (in galley form); Chapter on Houses - Essentially complete, but not yet typeset (awaiting some further information "uncovered" in the genealogies and other sources.); Genealogies: First 1/3 of families (A-F) - A large portion has been typeset by printer, although some additions and corrections must be made. Remainder nearly ready for typesetting, but has been held back to reduce the need for changes. Second 1/3 of families (G-M) - Work is actively proceeding on editing, double checking data from Historical Society files, cross-referencing, typing in final form etc. Last 1/3 of families (N-Z) - Most family data has been written in first-draft form from Society files. Some editing and typing has already been accomplished.

Assistance in the form of volunteer initiative and effort and the valuable appropriations from Revenue Sharing Funds and Town Taxes has been sincerely appreciated and will make possible an earlier production of this important work.

J. G. Barry

Dec. 30, 1973

THE CHARLESTOWN VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

This year has seen the biggest change in the VNA since its inception. The patient caseload of both VNA and C-Y (Child-Youth) Project increased staggeringly until one nurse could no longer handle both. Each will now employ their own full-time nurse.

Our charge per visit had remained at \$3.00 for years, when our actual cost per visit for 1972 was in excess of \$12.00 (by independent audit). Third party payments (Medicare, Insurance, etc.) previously reimbursed the Agency up to cost, but in the future will only reimburse our actual charge. Therefore, we have been forced to set our charge at \$12.00, but are using a sliding scale for our private patients. This will be based on income, size of family, and circumstances, so that no one cannot afford our services. For some private patients, this will mean a very small sum -perhaps nothing- for those who can afford the full charge of \$12.00, with the graduations in between.

In the beginning of this Agency, each town agreed to appropriate money on a per capita basis, which they did. There has been a population increase since that time, and the towns have been asked to increase their appropriations accordingly.

The name of the Agency will be changed to the Fall Mountain Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. as soon as it is legally possible; to more truly represent the areas served.

The Board of Directors has eight new members to augment a dwindling number who have served for a very long time. The Board has worked diligently, with the various committees, to revitalize and update policies in order that we might maintain high standards on the very tight budget proposed. We ask not only financial support from townspeople, but participation and encouragement in the continuance of service.

The only thing more expensive than good health care is no health care.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan E. Beach, Acting President

THE TOWN HALL SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

We have discussed and inspected the Acworth Town Hall quite carefully. It is our feeling that in order to do a complete job the following improvements must be made.

1. The overall appearance of the building should remain in keeping with the present architecture
2. The part of the building from the stage back should be torn down
3. In its place, a 40 ft. extension the width of the present building should be added
 - A. A 10 ft. extension of the main meeting hall
 - B. A 14 ft. stage area
 - C. A 16 ft. office area to include the selectmen's office, a committee meeting room and bathrooms.
4. Heat the building with a hot air furnace
5. Drill a well
6. Add a septic system
7. Add two I beams under the main part of the Town Hall

We have asked the town for direction in this project through an article in the Warrant, but it is our hope that we will build on the capital reserve fund until such time as the job can be done right.

Richard Elsesser
Dan Gehan
Elbert Knicely
Robert Shepard

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ACWORTH, N.H. ON DECEMBER 31, 1973

Date of Creation	Name of TRUST FUND (Cemetery Fund)	How Invested	New Funds	Balance		Income		Expended		Balance	
				Beginning Year	End Year	During Year	During Year	During Year	Beginning Year	End Year	
4-22-13	Edward C. Ball	N.H. Savings		100.00	100.00		8.17	4.58	71.03		75.62
4-22-13	Julia A. Buswell	N.H. Savings		200.00	200.00		23.98	11.98	247.81		259.81
4-26-16	Mary L. Bowers	N.H. Savings		300.00	300.00		29.56	14.78	251.83		266.61
2-17-22	George W. Neal	N.H. Savings		106.76	106.36		9.80	4.90	76.79		81.69
7-8-22	T.W. Place	N.H. Savings		50.00	50.00		4.09	2.04	26.68		28.73
8-5-24	William Warner	N.H. Savings		100.00	100.00		8.17	4.58	71.03		75.62
1-3-25	Horace G. Perham	N.H. Savings		50.00	50.00		3.97	1.98	24.68		26.67
3-19-25	Henry A. Clark	N.H. Savings		200.00	200.00		27.78	13.89	318.68		332.57
7-13-25	Laura L. McKeen	N.H. Savings		100.00	100.00		9.17	4.58	71.03		75.62
12-29-25	Abram Mitchell	N.H. Savings		190.00	190.00		20.45	10.22	191.82		202.05
5-3-29	Charles K. Wood	N.H. Savings		100.00	100.00		7.46	3.73	39.49		43.22
3-14-30	Charles Elliot	N.H. Savings		50.00	50.00		3.97	1.98	14.68		16.67
4-1-30	Hiram Hayward	N.H. Savings		100.00	100.00		9.17	4.58	71.03		75.62
1-12-31	Cynthia E. Finley	N.H. Savings		100.00	100.00		9.17	4.58	71.03		75.62
9-1-31	Ada L. Wallace	N.H. Savings		200.00	200.00		19.33	9.66	160.98		170.65
11-19-31	White Ryder	N.H. Savings		95.00	95.00		8.68	4.34	67.20		71.54
4-21-32	Oarlett Eaton	N.H. Savings		25.00	25.00		2.01	1.00	13.00		14.01
2-27-33	Samuel A. Nye	N.H. Savings		100.00	100.00		9.17	4.58	71.03		75.62
4-19-34	Ashton A. Hemphill	N.H. Savings		100.00	100.00		9.17	4.58	71.03		75.62
7-12-34	George W. Buss	N.H. Savings		100.00	100.00		9.17	4.58	71.03		75.62
10-23-37	Frank McLaughlin	N.H. Savings		100.00	100.00		9.17	4.58	71.03		75.62
12-15-37	Walter Slader	N.H. Savings		300.00	300.00		29.72	14.86	254.88		269.74
5-15-38	George W. Call	N.H. Savings		100.00	100.00		9.17	9.17	71.03		71.03

1-1-39	Alger E. Hemphill	N.H. Savings	100.00	100.00	71.03	9.17	4.58	75.62
5-4-40	Charles M. Thornton	N.H. Savings	100.00	100.00	69.32	9.05	4.52	73.85
11-2-41	Gertrude C. Read	N.H. Savings	200.00	200.00	160.97	19.33	9.66	170.64
12-9-41	Weston Kemp	N.H. Savings	100.00	100.00	71.03	9.17	4.58	75.62
12-9-41	Olin R. Kemp	N.H. Savings	50.00	50.00	25.14	4.02	2.01	27.15
7-23-42	James Jeffery	N.H. Savings	100.00	100.00	71.03	9.17	4.58	75.62
7-23-42	H.W. Allen	N.H. Savings	100.00	100.00	71.03	9.17	4.58	75.62
2-28-43	Ella Prentiss	N.H. Savings	100.00	100.00	71.03	9.17	4.58	75.62
12-27-44	Almon E. Clark	S.R. Savings	130.00	130.00	82.06	18.31	5.65	87.74
12 27-44	Francis Buss	S.R. Savings	70.00	70.00	36.05	5.65	2.82	38.88
10-19-45	Edwin S. Chatterton	S.R. Savings	300.00	300.00	211.08	27.25	13.62	224.71
2-3-46	Horace Rugg	S.R. Savings	100.00	100.00	59.09	8.48	4.24	63.33
2-9-46	Erving Davis	S.R. Savings	150.00	150.00	100.47	13.35	6.67	107.15
10-28-46	Carl Kemp	S.R. Savings	100.00	100.00	59.09	8.48	4.24	63.33
10-28-46	W. A. Barney	S.R. Savings	100.00	100.00	59.09	8.48	4.24	63.33
5-6-47	Fred Batchelder	S.R. Savings	100.00	100.00	59.09	8.48	4.24	63.33
11-4-47	Bass Lot	S. R. Savings	200.00	200.00	141.83	18.24	19.12	150.95
9-29-51	Horace Dexter	S.R. Savings	100.00	100.00	59.09	8.48	4.24	63.33
5-6-51	Grace Muzzy	S.R. Savings	100.00	100.00	59.09	8.48	4.24	63.33
3-24-52	Barnet C. Finley	S.R. Savings	100.00	100.00	70.82	9.11	4.55	75.38
3-24-52	George W. Potter	S.R. Savings	100.00	100.00	59.09	8.48	4.24	63.33
8-11-54	Roscoe Hull	S.R. Savings	200.00	200.00	123.61	17.26	8.63	132.24
10-30-55	Cara Johnson	S.R. Savings	200.00	200.00	117.20	16.93	8.46	125.67
4-1-37	C.M. Emerson	S.R. Savings	100.00	100.00	47.81	7.88	3.94	51.75
10-28-57	Frank & Jennie Metcalf	S.R. Savings	100.00	100.00	47.83	7.88	3.94	51.77
10-28-57	Nathan, George and John Webster	S.R. Savings	100.00	100.00	47.82	7.88	3.94	51.76
5-27-58	Freeman Campbell	N.H. Savings	100.00	100.00	60.93	8.61	4.30	65.24

9-5-58	John Symonds	N.H. Savings	100.00	59.45	8.50	4.25	63.70
9-5-58	Elmer E. Wheeler	N.H. Savings	150.00	90.26	12.85	6.42	96.69
9-5-58	Arthur Perham	N.H. Savings	200.00	120.13	17.13	8.56	128.70
1-1-59	Lufkin - Robbins	N.H. Savings	100.00	57.00	8.37	4.18	61.19
2-6-59	Clarence Jeffery	N.H. Savings	100.00	56.54	8.36	4.18	60.72
10-20-59	Reed-Wallace	N.H. Savings	200.00	110.16	16.61	8.30	118.47
3-14-60	Hobart B. Jones	N.H. Savings	200.00	106.15	16.39	8.19	114.35
3-14-60	B.K. Barlow	N.H. Savings	100.00	52.82	8.17	4.08	56.91
10-19-61	Solon L. Neal	N.H. Savings	150.00	73.11	11.93	5.96	79.08
10-19-61	Solon Neal	N.H. Savings	150.00	73.11	11.93	5.96	79.08
10-27-61	Arthur Potter	N.H. Savings	100.00	49.45	7.97	3.98	53.44
10-27-61	Raymond C. Davis	N.H. Savings	200.00	98.82	15.99	7.99	106.82
4-10-62	Hayward, Livingston & Holden Lots	N.H. Savings	500.00	239.40	39.61	19.80	259.21
4-10-62	Daniel Moody & W. Huntley Lots	N.H. Savings	200.00	95.68	15.84	7.92	103.60
10-9-62	Charles Barlow	N.H. Savings	200.00	89.57	15.50	7.75	97.32
12-10-62	Meader - Hemphill	N.H. Savings	150.00	65.62	11.54	5.77	71.39
10-6-64	Charles H. and Bessie M. Perry	N.H. Savings	200.00	68.90	14.39	7.19	76.10
3-3-65	Wm. & Belle Pitkin	N.H. Savings	150.00	47.44	10.56	5.28	52.72
7-21-65	Herbert F. Hartwell	N.H. Savings	125.00	37.52	8.71	4.35	41.88
2-23-67	George W. Walker	N.H. Savings	200.00	27.53	12.16	6.08	33.61
9-11-68	Hammond Reed & Lyman Young	N.H. Savings	200.00	26.67	12.12	6.06	32.73
10-18-68	Wm. & Rufus Hilliard	N.H. Savings	600.00	80.05	36.44	18.22	98.27
2-26-69	Eva & Carl Grant	N.H. Savings	600.00	80.05	36.44	18.22	98.27

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ACWORTH, N.H.
 During the Year December 31, 1973

Date	Place	Names	Residence
Apr. 7, 1973	Walpole	David Marshall Jacobs Barbara Lee York	Walpole Acworth
Apr. 28, 1973	Acworth	Scott Farley Wilhemina Winifred Schmidt	Acworth Acworth
June 30, 1973	Acworth	Carl Allen Ring Bette Jean Butson	Acworth Acworth
July 28, 1973	Alstead	Joseph Langdon Holmes Eileen Chloe Bascom	Langdon Acworth
July 28, 1973	Acworth	Larry Peter Mack Lorrie Ellen Ingoldsby	Alstead Acworth
Oct. 7, 1973	Acworth	Edward G. Simeone Janet A. Ruby	New Jersey New York
Oct. 27, 1973	Acworth	Richard E. Whitcomb Joan C. Christie	Westminster, Vt. Acworth

BIRTHS REGISTERED ON THE TOWN OF ACWORTH, N.H.
During the Year Ending December 31, 1973

Date	Place	Name of Child	Parents
Apr. 16, 1973	Claremont, N.H.	Timothy Andrew Hunt	Hilary Francesca Creighton Thomas George Hunt
Apr. 16, 1973	Lebanon	Tobias Morgan Shepard	Marjorie Gibbon Robert Tyler Shepard
May 3, 1973	Keene	Hugh Douglas Gendron	Ethel Ann Clark Michael Wallace Gendron
Aug. 25, 1973	Claremont, N.H.	Nathaniel James Wasowicz	Mary Isabelle Linneham Richard Paul Wasowicz
Nov. 14, 1973	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Hope Tao Stradling	Diane Klien Mark Oliver Stradling
Nov. 30, 1973	Montague, Mass.	Tully Brendan Gehan	Gertrude Mary Ann Gehan Daniel James Gehan

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ACWORTH, N.H.
 During the Year Ending December 31, 1973

Name	Age	Date of Death	Place
Mark Edward Cullinane	19	May 21, 1973	Acworth
Dolores Elsesser	42	May 22, 1973	Hanover, N.H.
Morris Ring, Jr.	50	Aug. 31, 1973	Bellows Falls, Vt.
Clint M. Lawler	7	Nov. 11, 1973	Hanover, N.H.
BROUGHT HERE FOR BURIAL			
Mary Norcross Perham,	88	May 6, 1973	Waterbury, Conn.

REPORT OF THE ACWORTH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY
for the year 1973

We responded to eight fires this year.

The new fire truck was ordered in March, 1973 and was delivered to us in November, 1973. In the meantime the firehouse modifications had been completed per Insurance Services requirements. Therefore, in December, we applied for and received insurance accreditation as stated in the accompanying letter.

Many people, through the years, have helped to make this possible, especially Mr. Tom Budd and Mr. Julius Christie. Without their efforts we would still be carrying buckets.

The Southwestern Mutual Aid worked very hard toward having the three-mile radius extended to five road miles for 100% - participating fire departments. This became effective in October of this year.

This summer we sold the old 1951 truck to a new fire department in Windham, Vermont.

For the next four years we will be totally dependent on turkey shoot income for the increasing costs of utilities, maintenance, Mutual Aid dues, and the interest on the loan for the truck. This means that we will need and appreciate more than ever the continued support of everyone as members, working at the turkey shoot, and cash donations.

Elbert Knicely, Chief
Lyman Young, Asst. Chief

Kenneth Grant, Secretary
Jack Berquist, Treasurer

Directors

Arthur Smith - 1974
Robert Yale - 1974

Stephen Saunders - 1975
Francis Wood - 1975



Lyle Farnsworth -- well known in the Community and the State for his support of the Fire Department.



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W. HARRISON FERRIS, MANAGER

January 4, 1974

Board of Selectmen
Acworth
New Hampshire 03601

Gentlemen:

We are pleased to advise that the insurance classification of the Town of Acworth has been changed from F to E-5. This means that those dwellings within five road miles of the fire station will receive a more favorable insurance rate; the savings approximating 20% to 25%, contingent upon the type of policy.

The foregoing is a result of the purchase of the new pumper recently placed in service in your town. There are some items of equipment that would be desirable to acquire, in order to obtain the most effective use of the new truck. The chief has been provided with a list of the requisite equipment.

Please extend our compliments to the chief and men of the fire department for their long-term efforts in this regard.

Sincerely,

William E. Proper, S.F.P.E.
Engineering Representative
Public Protection

WEP:mtj

cc: Chief Elbert Knicely
Chief Robert Callahan

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