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Cover Photo: As the nation approaches its bicentennial observance, it seems appropriate to call attention to Lancaster's monument to its pioneers, the larger-than-life fox sculpture that was dedicated at Centennial Park at the time of the sesqui-centennial celebration in 1914.

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Directory of Officials

ELECTED OFFICIALS

	Term Expires
Selectmen	
Charles T. Bennett	1975
Richard Martin	1976
Earle K. Amadon	1977
Moderator	
Robert D. Calamari	1976
Town Clerk and Treasurer	
Dorothy H. Willson	1975
Supervisors of Check List	
Wilbur M. Schurman	1976
Robert C. Rich	1977
Agnes Moody	1978
Trustees of Trust Funds	
Dennis Merrow	1975
Laurance Bryan	1976
Daniel J. Truland	1977
Library Trustees	
Harold Mountain	1975
Grace M. Lee	1976
James B. Fitch, Treasurer	1977
Col. Town Investment Committee	
Robert V. Johnson	O. Leo Connary
James Fitch	John Olson
Raymond Carr	Hugh Galbraith
	Raymond W. McCaig
Col. Town Spending Committee	
Clifford A. Rowe	1975
Grace M. Lee	1975
Howard R. Piche	1975
Elwin Falkenham, Appointed	1975
Charlotte Quay, Appointed	1975
Richard Samson	1976
Ellen Moody	1976
Joyce F. Hall, Resigned	1976
Rodney Marshall	1977
Nathalie Wheeler, Deceased	1977
James Hampton	1977

Emmons Smith Fund Committee

Elmer Henson	1975
Jean Foss	1976
Mary B. Smith	1977

Budget Committee

Lee Eastman	1975
Everett W. Rexford	1975
Edna Whyte	1975
Atty. John Gormley	1976
Howard R. Piche	1976
Randall C. Carr	1976
Clifford A. Rowe	1977
Maynard G. White	1977
Robert W. Christie	1977

Representative of Budget Committee

Richard Martin

APPOINTED

Town Manager	Overseer of Public Welfare
Tax Collector - Building Inspector	Donald E. Crane
Town Acct., Admin. Asst., Water Collector	Donna P. Young
Town Counsel	John E. Gormley
Health Officer	Elwin R. Falkenham, M.D.
Public Health Nurse	Sandra Placey

Zoning Board of Appeal

	Term Expires
Henry Gardner	1975
Rodney Marshall	1976
J. Edward Perreault	1977
Charles Fitch	1978
Ethel McCarten	1979

Planning Board

Edna Whyte, Ferne Johnson	1975
Richard Martin	1975
William Ingram	1976
Norman Bell	1977
Willard Bean	1978
George Smith	1979

Cemetery Committee

Hugh J. Galbraith, Minnie Currier, Dorothy H. Johnson

Fire Chief

Roger N. Emery

Town History Committee

Hugh J. Galbraith

Faith Kent

Edna E. Whyte

Raymond Carr

Cecile Costine

Glenn S. Sheridan

Thelma Murphy

Health Officer

Dr. Elwin Falkenham

Public Health Nurse

Miss Sandra Placey, R.N.

Conservation Commission

Dolores Colbeth

Marshall Patmos

Harold Mountain

Ellen Denison

Howard K. Bartow

Calvin Perkins

Term Expires

1975

1975

1976

1976

1977

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Housing Authority**Librarians**

Barbara Miller, Elizabeth Currie

Chief of Police

Allvin L. Leonard

Water Dept. Foreman

Roger N. Emery

Highway Foreman

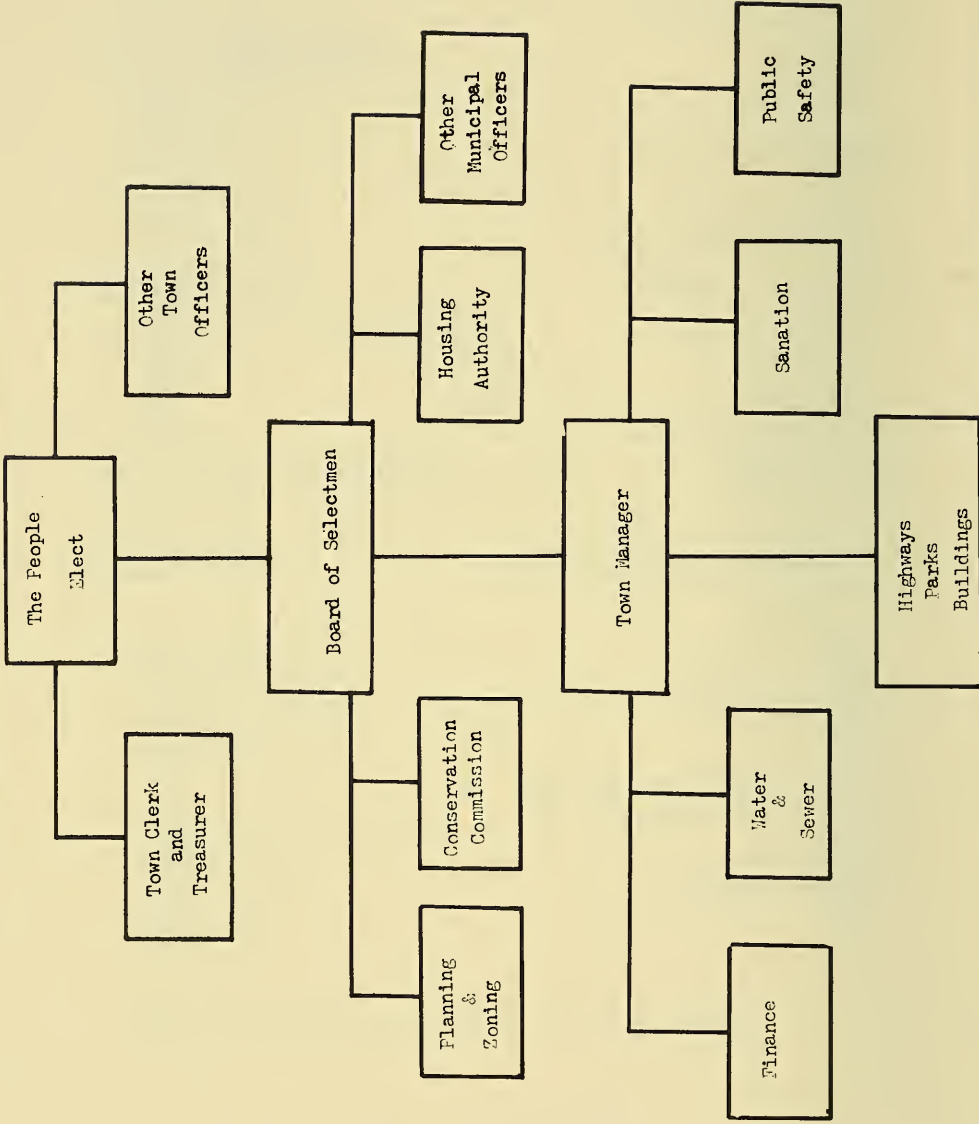
Arthur J. Savage, Resigned 1974

Edgar T. Libby, Appointed 1974

Ambulance Corps Director

Regis P. Cronauer

Local Government Organization



Report to the Citizens

The annual report of the activities of your local government are presented within the pages of this report. The financial condition of the town is also contained in this report and should answer questions.

This was the first full year of the operation of the Sewer Plant and it operated well, with only minor adjustments that had to be made, there were no failures. The operating costs were higher than anticipated because of increased electrical and chemical costs.

The solid waste disposal system changed from an open burning dump to a land fill operation July 1st. The cover material is trucked from the island, below the Main Street bridge, which accomplishes two things, provides cover material and makes room for spring ice storage.

The final method of disposal is still under study. Various alternative methods of the problem are being examined and a final recommendation is expected in 1975.

The year ended with a budget surplus of \$14,708.04. Unexpended balances of appropriations totaled \$7,096.97 and revenues excesses were \$7,611.07. The surplus will be included in the 1975 revenue budget figures to help keep the amount of money to be raised by property taxes to a minimum.

Best wishes to Arthur Savage upon his retirement. Mr. Savage served the community for 40 years as road agent and highway foreman, and served it well.

I express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen for their continued leadership, the department heads and employees for their dedicated service to the community and the citizens for their cooperation.

DONALD E. CRANE
Town Manager

Lancaster Town Warrant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, in the County of Coos, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster on Tuesday, the fourth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the subjects hereinafter mentioned. The polls will be open at said meeting place on said date from ten o'clock in the forenoon until seven o'clock in the afternoon for the reception of your ballots for the election of Town officers; and said polls will be open for such additional time after 7:00 p.m. as shall be determined by said meeting for the reception of your ballots on any matters to be voted on by written ballot at said meeting.

1. To choose all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.
2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to borrow a sum or sums of money not exceeding in the aggregate the amount of the tax commitment of the previous year (1974) in anticipation

of the collection of taxes for the current municipal year, and to issue in the name and on the credit of the Town negotiable notes therefor, said notes to be paid in the current municipal year from taxes collected during the current municipal year.

3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer or dispose of any real estate acquired by tax collector's deeds.

4. 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 setoffs against budget appropriations in the amount indicated; and, further, to authorize the Selectmen to make pro rata deductions in the amounts as estimated entitlements are reduced or to take any other action hereon. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend appropriations as follows:

Appropriation	Estimated Amount
New equipment	\$29,650.00
Water Department study	7,000.00
Public safety (police)	14,350.00
Town Hall (furnishings)	1,000.00
	\$52,000.00

5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Capital Reserve Fund the sum of Fifteen thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$15,200.00) to be used toward defraying the cost of a new Front End Loader, so-called. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Capital Reserve Fund the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500.00) to be used toward defraying the cost of a new Town ambulance. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Capital Reserve Fund the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for the purpose of financing part of the cost of constructing, or reconstructing, the Town swimming pool. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) for the purpose of enlarging the Town garage so as to provide necessary space for Town vehicles and the storage of Town equipment; and, for this purpose, to authorize the Selectmen to borrow, by the issue of serial notes of the Town in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 33 of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, being known as the Municipal Finance Act, and any amendment thereto, the sum of Forty Five Thousand Dollars; and to authorize the Selectmen to determine the time and place of payment and the rate of interest on said notes and do whatever may be necessary and convenient in connection with the issuance thereof. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) for the purpose of installing culverts in Indian Brook as needed in connection with stream improvements therein by the Soil Conservation Service; and, for this purpose, to authorize the Selectmen to borrow, by the issue of serial notes of the Town in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 33 of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, being known as the Municipal Finance Act, and any amendment thereto, the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00); and to authorize the Selectmen to determine the time and place of payment and the rate of interest on said notes and do whatever may be necessary and convenient in connection with the issuance thereof. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) for the purpose of financing part of the cost of constructing, or reconstructing, the Town swimming pool; and, for this purpose, to authorize the Selectmen to borrow, by the issue of serial notes of the Town in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 33 of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, being known as the Municipal Finance Act, and any amendment thereto, the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00); and to authorize the Selectmen to determine the time and place of payment and the rate of interest on said notes and do whatever may be necessary and convenient in connection with the issuance thereof. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing a radio warning system, so-called, for use by the Town Fire Department. (Submitted without recommendation by the Budget Committee)

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to be used for the purpose of assisting the Whitefield Regional Airport in the cost of operating and maintaining said Airport. (Submitted without recommendation by the Budget Committee)

13. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken at the 1974 Town Meeting whereby the Town adopted the provisions of Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 60, relative to absentee voting for Town officers at Town Meeting. (Recommended by the Selectmen and Town Clerk)

14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, contract for, and accept grants of federal or state aid, or both, for the purpose of reconstructing Town roads and bridges, or portions thereof, hereafter destroyed or damaged by floods and to raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the Selectmen to carry out the purpose of this Article.

15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Capital Reserve Fund the sum of Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000.00) to be used toward defraying the cost of a used Ladder Fire Department Truck, so-called. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

16. To see if the Town will vote to accept the budget as submitted by the Budget Committee.

17. To direct how money raised for the above purposes be expended.

18. To act upon any other business which may legally come before said meeting. Given under our hands and seal this thirteenth day of February, 1975.

CHARLES T. BENNETT
RICHARD MARTIN
EARLE K. AMADON

Selectmen of the Town of Lancaster

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

CHARLES T. BENNETT
RICHARD MARTIN
EARLE K. AMADON

Selectmen of the Town of Lancaster

Town Budget

The proposed budget for the fiscal year 1975 follows. The budget is prepared by the Budget Committee from information furnished by the Board of Selectmen and other Town Officers. The Budget Committee held a public hearing for a general discussion of all recommended appropriations. Expression from the public is a determining factor as to the amount of appropriations, or a particular appropriation. Many long hours were spent by the Committee and Town Officials in preparation of the Budget. It is their feeling that the expression of the public is reflected in the Budget.

Included is the estimate and actual revenues, appropriations and expenditures of the previous year 1974.

SECTION I PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	APPROPRIATIONS PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR	BUDGET COMMITTEE	
		RECOMMENDED	SUBMITTED
		1975 (1975-76)	WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Town Officers' Salaries	24,420 00	25,950 00	
Town Officers' Expenses	13,300 00	10,300 00	
Election & Registration Expenses	600 00	600 00	
Municipal & District Court Expenses	11,000 00	11,600 00	
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	39,500 00	16,200 00	
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	11,800 00	12,350 00	
Contingency Fund	7,000 00	8,000 00	
Tax Mapping	4,000 00	6,000 00	
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY: Parking Meters			
Police Department	55,650 00	59,900 00	
Fire Department	9,824 00	21,900 00	
Care of Trees	2,000 00	1,000 00	
Insurance	13,525 00	13,299 00	
Planning & Zoning	650 00	2,300 00	
Damages & Legal Expense	1,700 00	2,400 00	
Civil Defense	1,800 00	2,000 00	
HEALTH DEPT. (Incl. Hospitals & Ambulance)			
Vital Statistics	350 00	350 00	
Sewer Maintenance	25,500 00	30,700 00	
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	11,100 00	17,100 00	
HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES:			
Town Maintenance - Summer & Winter	111,250 00	113,200 00	
Street Lighting	13,500 00	18,600 00	
Soils Survey	8,000 00	0 00	
Town Road Aid	896 46	892 74	
LIBRARIES:			
	12,391 32	13,985 80	
PUBLIC WELFARE:			
Town Poor	2,000 00	2,500 00	
Old Age Assistance	13,300 00	12,500 00	
Aid to Permanently & Totally Disabled			
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES (Memorial Day, Etc.)	300 00	350 00	
RECREATION			
	107,988 23	89,364 00	
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:			
Municipal Water-Electric Utilities	500 00	1,250 00	
Cemeteries	33,000 00	35,000 00	
Airports	2,500 00	2,500 00	
	1,000 00	1,000 00	
Advertising & Regional Associations	5,500 00	4,000 00	
DEBT SERVICE:			
Principal & Long Term Notes & Bonds	113,500 00	113,500 00	
Interest - Long Term Notes & Bonds	90,470 00	85,398 00	
Interest on Temporary Loans	3,500 00	3,500 00	

CAPITAL OUTLAY (List Below):			
New Equipment	16,300	00	36,850 00
New Ambulance			19,500 00
Town Garage Addition			45,000 00
New Construction - Water Lines	3,000	00	3,000 00
Indian Brook Project			30,000 00
Water Dept. Study			10,000 00
Swimming Pool Construction			35,000 00
Payment to Capital Reserve Funds			
Ambulance	1,500	00	1,500 00
Water Department	3,000	00	0 00
Highway Department	4,000	00	4,000 00
Swimming Pool	10,000	00	5,000 00
Fire Equipment	2,000	00	5,000 00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	818,978	75	959,005 79

SECTION II SOURCES OF REVENUE	ESTIMATED REVENUE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR	ACTUAL REVENUE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR	ESTIMATED REVENUE FISCAL YEAR 1975 (1975-76)
FROM STATE: NH Hwy. Safety Agency			7,021 00
Interest & Dividends Tax	21,163	00	21,100 00
Railroad Tax	900	00	900 00
Savings Bank Tax	5,300	00	5,307 79
Meals & Rooms Tax	20,098	00	20,098 96
State Aid - Water Pollution Projects	131,517	00	131,517 00
Highway Subsidy (Cl. IV & V)	19,216	00	19,217 01
Reimbursement Forest Conservation Aid			
Reimbursement A/C Flood Control Land			
Reim. A/C Business Profits Tax (Town Portion)	98,330	00	98,329 72
Reimb. a/c State & Fed. Lands	700	00	927 78
OAA	200	00	217 63
FROM LOCAL SOURCES:			
Dog Licenses	850	00	837 00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	1,000	00	1,009 00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	43,000	00	45,526 31
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	38,207	00	39,125 22
Income from Trust Funds Col. Town Income	102,078	23	103,038 23
Withdrawal Capital Reserve Funds			19,700 00
Parking Meter Income	5,200	00	3,516 26
Fines & Forfeits - Municipal & District Court	14,000	00	16,569 09
National Bank Stock Taxes	1,944	70	1,944 70
Resident Taxes Retained	17,240	00	17,260 00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	1,593	00	1,593 95
Rent of Town Property	800	00	725 00
Sale of Town Property	7,600	00	7,600 00
Income from Departments			
Sale of Timber			6,000 00
Ambulance Fees	7,100	00	7,164 85
Income from Municipal Utilities	64,000	00	64,158 00
Bond & Note Issues (Contra)			110,000 00
Sub-Division Fees	380	00	225 00
SURPLUS	1,000	00	1,000 00
FROM FEDERAL SOURCES:			
Revenue Sharing	57,200	00	54,115 86
Equipment Rental	1,500	00	1,564 50
* TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES			
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES (Exclusive of County and School Taxes)	663,076	93	665,708 95
TOTAL REVENUES			809,049 00

Board of Selectmen and Town Manager

The Board of Selectmen are responsible for assessing property, warning of meetings, conducting certain hearings, laying out of highways, assessing damages and are empowered to make by-laws and various other duties. The Board appoints the Manager, supervises his performance and is responsible for determining policy. The Selectmen act as a group, not individually, in instructing the Manager.

The Town Manager is the administrative head of all departments of the Town and is responsible for the efficient administration thereof. He has general supervision of all town property and business affairs of the town and of the expenditures of monies appropriated by it for town purposes. He prepares and submits to the Selectmen the annual budget and submits such other reports as may be required. Keeps the selectmen advised as to the needs of the town and of the financial condition and such other duties as required by law or ordinance. The letting, making and performance of all contracts for work done for the Town, the purchase of all supplies for the Town and to administer the poor relief of the Town. He is collector of taxes, and building inspector.

The Board of Selectmen held twenty-four regularly scheduled meetings and several special meetings, with the Manager present, to conduct necessary town business. These are open to the public and are held the first and third Mondays of each month.

The Board issued several permits to conduct raffles to qualified charitable organizations, issued Beano licenses to those organizations who qualified, issued a license to trap on Town land, issued bids, prepared the Town warrant, attended meetings concerning solid waste disposal, met with officials concerning flood control and many others.

Appointed members to various committees and boards and performed many and sundry other duties and responded to public requests, always with the community's best interest in mind.

Board of Assessors

The Board of Selectmen-Assessors are charged with the responsibility of fairly and equitably assessing all taxable property at its full and true value. The assessors have accomplished that very difficult task well. The gross assessed valuation of taxable property reached \$24,640,050.00, an increase of more than \$1,000,000.00. Removed from the gross figure was \$676,785.00 for current use assessments, \$208,425.00 of valuation for elderly exemptions and \$10,000.00 for blind exemptions, making a net taxable valuation of \$23,744,840.00.

This was the third year of current use assessments and the first year under a new law. The new law is more difficult to administer and includes more types of land that may qualify for current use assessment. Land to qualify still must meet the criteria established by the Current Use Board. The Board becomes a permanent body. The law also contains a provision for a land use change tax of 10 percent which becomes due if the land use changes to a non-qualifying use.

Applications for current use assessment must be made each year to be eligible or to continue its eligibility.

The elderly exemptions are for those property owners who have reached the age of 70 and do not have a combined income of more than \$5,000.00 or a single person more than \$4,000.00, and do not have assets in excess of \$25,000.00. Applications are required and must be filed before April 16th of each year; application forms are available at the Town Office.

The Board approved a total of 271 applications for veterans exemptions, 3 at \$600.00 for service connected disability, 269 at \$50.00 per application or less. The exemption is for taxes and the total taxes exempted was \$15,135.00.

The Board assessed all known boats located in Lancaster on April 1st and assessed the \$10.00 resident tax to all persons between the ages of 18 and 65.

The Board of Assessors held meetings to receive inventories of taxable property forms and answer all inquiries relating to them. Other meetings were arranged for particular situations involving assessments. The Board attended meetings conducted by the N.H. Department of Revenue Administration.

Taxes, Revenues and Tax Rate

Property Taxes: The total 1974 property tax commitment was \$906,301.62, add to that amount \$15,135.00 for approved Veterans Exemptions and \$11,725.60 of overlay, for abatements and refunds, making the gross property taxes \$933,172.22. The school share was \$641,601.74, the Town \$228,866.02 and Lancaster share of County government \$35,844.07.

Federal Revenue Sharing: The Federal Revenue Sharing law that became effective in 1972 returned to the town in 1974 \$54,115.86. The formula used for determination of allocation is population, tax effort and per capita income. The formula begins at the state level, to the county and then the towns. The program continues through 1976 under the present law.

Other Taxes: The \$10.00 resident tax commitment was \$17,240.00. Interest and dividends tax returned \$21,163.00, rooms and meals tax \$20,098.00, Savings Bank tax \$5,300.00, and the Highway Subsidy (gas tax reimbursement) \$19,216.00. Only the resident tax is collected locally. A complete list appears under the summary of receipts locally.

Revenues: Motor vehicle permit fees continue to increase and is the largest single local revenue producing item, this year's yield was \$45,586.31. Others include district court returns \$16,589.09, interest on taxes \$6,991.50, interest earning from the bond issue money \$31,357.00, sewer rental fees \$23,772.16, license fees \$1,009.00 and rental of Town property and equipment \$2,289.50. These and others are found in the summary of receipts.

Tax Rate: The 1974 Tax Rate as approved by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration was \$39.30 per \$1,000.00 of valuation, up \$2.70 from the 1973 rate. The rate for each entity is; Municipal \$10.80, School \$27.00, and County \$1.50, or the respective percentages of the rate, Town 27 percent, School 69 percent, and County four percent. The tax rate is determined by applying the total net amount of money necessary, (property taxes) for the school, Town and County, to the net taxable valuation of the Town. The 1974 property taxes totaled \$933,172.22 and the net taxable valuation of the Town was \$23,744,840.00.

Budget Summary

A comparison of the Town's School's (Lancaster's share of the White Mountains Regional School District) and Coos County Budget summaries and share of property taxes is listed below.

School	1974	1973
Total budget W.M.R.S.D.	\$1,849,401.18	\$1,735,506.38
Lancaster Share	851,523.72	801,484.61
Less: Revenue Sharing	81,970.27	79,292.20
Less: Foundation Aid	59,578.30	60,755.81
Less: Foster Children Aid	1,200.00	1,200.00
Plus: Property Adjustment	772.62	772.62
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	\$ 709,547.77	\$ 661,009.22
Less: Appli. Bus. Prof. Taxes	67,946.03	64,710.29
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Net Raised by Property Taxes	\$ 641,601.74	\$ 596,298.93
Net Increase Over 1973	\$ 45,302.81	
Town		
Total Appropriations	\$ 818,978.75	\$ 643,662.12
Less: Revenues	564,546.93	454,728.00
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	\$ 254,431.82	\$ 188,934.12
Less: Appli. Bus. Prof. Taxes	25,565.80	24,348.30
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Net	\$ 228,866.02	\$ 164,585.82
Plus: Veterans Exceptions & Overlay	26,860.60	25,509.21
Amount Raised by	<hr/>	<hr/>
Property Taxes	\$ 255,726.62	\$ 190,095.03
Net Increase Over 1973	\$ 65,531.59	
County		
Lancaster Share Coos Cty. Bud.	\$ 40,662.24	\$ 46,627.45
Less: Applicable Bus. Prof. Taxes	4,818.17	4,588.72
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Amount Raised by		
Property Taxes	\$ 35,844.07	\$ 42,038.73
Net Decrease From 1973	\$ 6,194.66	

The amounts raised for veterans' exemptions and for overlay are included in the amount of property taxes, and reflected in the tax rate of the Town only. When these sums are proportionately charged to each, as they ought to be, the tax rates, the amount of property taxes and the percentages of the

total property taxes change, as illustrated below:
 1974 Gross Property Taxes \$1,004,641.62

	School	Town	County
Net Approp. after respective revenues are applied	\$709,547.77	\$254,431.82	\$40,662.24
Less: Profits Taxes	67,946.03	25,565.80	4,588.72
Plus: Veterans' Exemptions	10,685.31	3,844.29	605.40
Plus: Overlay	8,278.27	2,978.30	469.02
Net Property Taxes	\$660,565.33	\$235,688.61	\$36,918.49
Tax Rates	27.81	9.93	1.55
Percent of Property Taxes	71 percent	25 percent	4 percent

The increases in the Town Budget resulted from new appropriations and increases in certain others. Fuel costs increases are reflected in the budget for heating, gasoline and other petroleum base products. Some of the new appropriations are North Country Council \$1,800.00, Soils Map \$8,000.00 and tax mapping \$4,000.00. A few appropriation increases include White Mt. Community Services, up \$2,500.00, the Swimming Pool \$5,000.00 and the District Court up \$4,800.00. The largest single increase is for renovations to the Town Hall including the District Court Room. That amount is \$20,000.00. Revenue Sharing funds were used for that purpose.

SUMMARY OF VALUATIONS

	1974	1973
Lands	\$ 5,408,008.00	\$ 5,408,008.00
Buildings (inc. House Trailers)	17,871,465.00	16,800,647.00
Electric Plants	742,852.00	776,570.00
Pipe Lines	410,200.00	410,200.00
Machinery	195,700.00	195,700.00
Boats	11,525.00	14,875.00
Total Valuation	\$23,963,265.00	\$23,606,000.00
Less: Cur. Land Use Asses.	676,785.00	749,460.00
Elderly Exemptions	208,425.00	219,767.00
Blind Exemptions	10,000.00	2,000.00
Net Taxable Valuations	\$23,744,840.00	\$22,634,773.00

TRANSFERS AND CREDITS

Appropriations for projects that are not completed within the fiscal year for which it was approved, the unused balance may be forwarded into the the next fiscal year to complete the project. Appropriations that are made in one fiscal year to go with a future appropriation for a particular project or item may also be forwarded. The following items were forwarded to 1974:

Parking Lot Paving	\$ 2,290.50
Town Buildings	5,000.00
Town Officers Expense	650.00

Some departments earn credits during the year for performing services, sales of material, work under State Programs, such as Town Road Aid, and reimbursements from other Town Departments. Listed below are the departments and credits received.

Town Hall	\$ 319.00
Town Maintenance	4,107.14
Retire. & Soc. Sec.	9,604.95
Fire Department	1,231.93
Police Department	491.92
Hospitalization & Group Ins.	1,479.76
Welfare	172.45

\$17,407.15

Millions

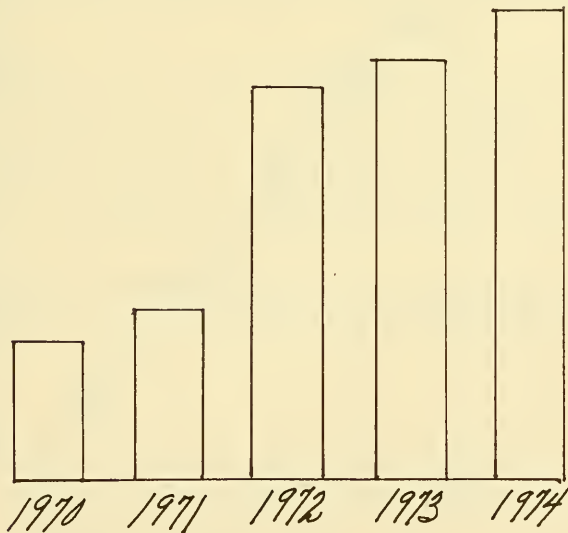
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NET ASSESSED VALUATION

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Notes Worth Noting

SOME NEW LEGISLATIVE ACTS ADOPTED 1974

State Capitol Budget of \$27.4 million which included diversified state educational facilities, seacoast docking facilities, small watershed control projects and dams, Winnepesaukee flood control and a \$700,000 legislative parking facility in Concord.

A Federal Aid Food Stamp Program which can furnish up to \$10,000,000 aid to low income and welfare families. Replaces surplus food program on July 1, 1974. This should help local welfare budgets, also.

State Purchases and Lease Operation of Abandoned Rail Lines. \$4 million of bonding authority provided to protect New Hampshire from more B&M RR abandonments and possible adverse action of 1973 Rail Transport Act.

Legalizing Aid Families Dependent Children (AFDC) Flat Grant and Upgrading Rents to 1972 Level. Upgrades maximum shelter rent unheated apartment from \$85 to \$101 a month - 1972 level while allows flat grant for food, clothing and other necessities of life. This should ease pressures on local welfare budgets.

Municipal Cable Television Franchise Authority. City Councils and selectmen on vote of town meeting can franchise, charge franchise fee and regulate cable TV - replaces inadequate poles and wire license procedure.

Local Option Referendum - Oil Refinery. Prohibits oil refinery from locating in a city or town without local approval. Oil refinery must also meet local zoning laws.

State Historic Preservation Office established by law to enable New Hampshire parties including cities and towns to take advantage of federal aid. Governor had established office by executive order after vetoing bill in 1973.

Clarification of Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Historic District Commission Membership. These allow appointed town planning board members to serve on any other board as long as two aren't on same board. A member of the conservation commission and a member of the historic district commission may serve on the planning board. 31-A:3, 31:89-d. Repeals mandatory requirement of planning board member on conservation commission. Act effective June 4, 1974.

Joint Operation of Mass Transportation Facilities. Chapter 15 allows cities and towns to operate mass transit of bus systems by joint agreement and appropriate money for such operations.

Town Clerk's Report

INFLATION HITS MOTOR VEHICLE PERMIT REVENUE:

Revenue derived from Motor Vehicle Permit fees was \$45,586.31. This amount is \$232.97 less than the revenue received in 1973. This shows that the yearly percentage growth of this income has been sharply curtailed due to inflation. All indicators point to income from this source in 1975 being less than that of 1974. With optimism we hope that the policy of purchasing new cars and other vehicles will soon be with us again.

OTHER INCOME:

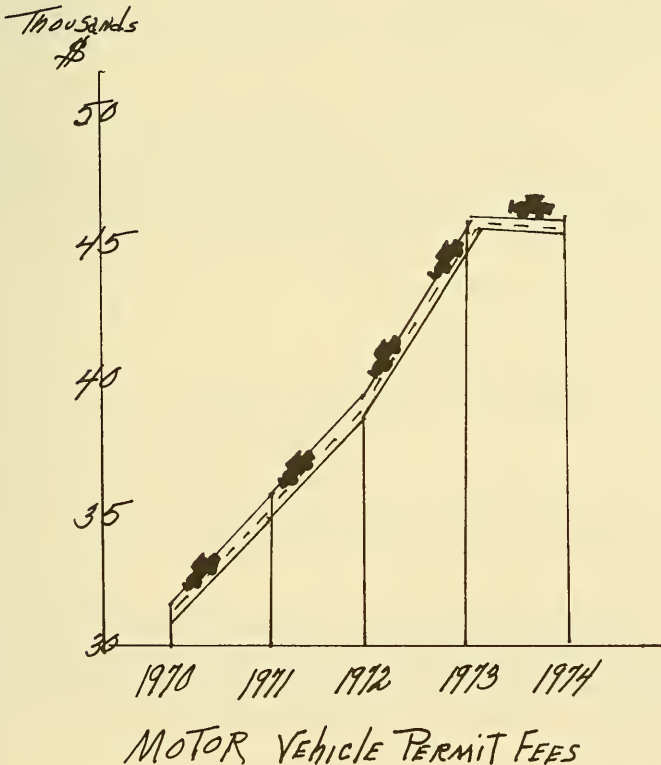
333 Dog Licenses - \$837.00
 Candidates' filing fees - 14.00

Total revenue received \$46,437.31

Remitted to Treasurer 46,437.31

VITAL STATISTICS RECORDED:

1974		1973	
Births	147-	Births	188
Deaths	125	Deaths	144
Marriages	43	Marriages	60\$



Planning and Zoning

PLANNING:

Each generation has its own rendezvous with the land, for despite our fee, titles and claims of ownership, we are all brief tenants on this planet. By choice, or by default, we will carve out a land legacy for our heirs. We can misuse the land and diminish the usefulness of resources, or we can create a world in which physical affluence and affluence of the spirit go hand in hand.

Stewart L. Udall

The Lancaster Planning Board conducts regular meetings every second Tuesday of each month and the public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Planning Board acted upon 21 submissions for final approval of sub-division plats, after each had appeared, as required, at a preliminary hearing. Some were returned for further detail and most were later re-submitted; others received final approval.

The largest approved plat was a 6-lot sub-division. A request for a 10-lot sub-division was returned to the sub-divider, who later received approval on a 3-lot sub-division. Most of the others were 2-lot sub-divisions, except 1 was to correct a deed and 2 to amend a previously approved sub-divisions.

The Planning Board presented a proposed zoning ordinance to a public hearing. Many suggestions and recommended changes, additions, and omissions were made by the public at that hearing. After several meetings of the Board to consider each, the changes were incorporated in the ordinance. The second public hearing was scheduled for early January.

Some of the significant differences of the proposed ordinance from the existing ordinance include:

More clearly defines uses, special exceptions, requirements, and districts.

Requires more information to be filed with building permit, applications, a plan with the dimensions of the lot, exact size and location of existing and proposed building, and the proposed sewage disposal plan. (Sewer plans are necessary for N.H.W.S.P.C.C. approval.)

Certificate of Occupancy required.

Appeal procedure spelled out.

Better and more definitions of terms used in ordinance.

Performance standards regarding waste, air, noise, etc.

Section on mineral extraction - gravel pits.

Sign regulations clear and billboards prohibited.

ZONING

The Building Inspector received 49 applications for building new structures, additions and alterations to existing structures, and for locating mobile homes, not including those moved into mobile home parks. Permits issued totaled 43 while 6 were denied because the applications indicated authority for the applicant's particular situation was with the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment conducted 5 hearings, after proper public notice. The appeals varied from undersize building lots to an industrial plant. Of the 6 appeals heard 4 were approved, one was withdrawn and one returned for more information.

Permits issued were within the categories listed below. The estimated cost of construction is also included.

Permits Issued	Estimated Cost
14 Residences, new	\$ 258,000.00
9 Residences, additions, remodeled	43,000.00
5 Garages, residential	10,000.00
1 Mobile home	8,500.00
3 Commercials, additions	85,000.00
4 Farm buildings	23,000.00
1 Swimming pool	800.00
1 Airplane hanger	5,150.00
1 Hospital addition	450,000.00
1 Nursing home	187,000.00
2 Commercial, new	55,000.00
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	\$1,125,450.00

North Country Council, Inc.

Under existing New Hampshire planning legislation, a regional planning commission is needed in order for communities to receive the benefits of community planning assistance. In the North Country, the North Country Council provides this service.

In the course of its first year, the Council has prepared a series of regional studies and technical reports. They include "Economic Base Study: North Country", Flood Insurance Booklet, Model Flood Plain Ordinance, Town Development Fact Book. The Economic Base Study describes, in a clear fashion, the existing and projected population changes, and economic trends on a subregional basis. It provides a building block for other planning work. The Flood Insurance Booklet describes how a community can become eligible in the flood insurance program. The Model Flood Plain Ordinance provides a working tool for Planning Boards and Conservation Commissions to use when trying to restrict land development in the flood plain. The Town Development Fact Book, prepared on an experimental basis for the Town of Lancaster, provides towns with a framework for collecting economic data on a local level.

A major work effort of the North Country Council is in the area of solid waste planning. The Council staff has developed information on volume, cost, transportation, and proposed recommended alternatives. The Soil Conservation Service (SCS) is assisting in the site identification process for areas suitable for a sanitary landfill.

The Council staff is working in the field of rural transportation through its activity in the preparation of a Public Transportation Plan, and in the submittal of a request to the Federal Department of Transportation for capital equipment and an administrative assistant for a public transportation system.

The Council Participated in the State's Outdoor Recreation Plan, by administering a recreation survey, by updating the inventory of public recreation sites, and by commenting on state recreation policies. This enables communities in the North Country to maintain eligibility for federal funds.

The Council staff has organized conferences and meetings on Land Use, Flood Insurance, Economic Development. Council staff also coordinates with the supplemental study effort of the Connecticut River Basin of the New England River Basin Commission.

Under the Regional Clearinghouse Program (A-95), the Council reviewed and commented on many projects seeking federal aid.

The North Country Council recognizes that planning assistance to the local community has the greatest immediate benefit. The staff spends a large amount of time responding to inquiries from elected and appointed town officials, or from businessmen, realtors, developers, and concerned citizens. The Council's role as a reliable source of technical information helps local people grapple with the problems of growth in their community. In order to do this job, the staff spends a considerable amount of time attending Town Planning Board meetings. As 1974 was the Council's first year of existence, the staff has spent limited time working with non-member communities.

The following are the projects the North Country Council assisted Lancaster in during the year: Prepared a flood plain ordinance for the Town; Prepared a Town Kit Fact Book, and a pre-application letter for Community Development funds; Reviewed and commented on Indian Brook Watershed; Provided information on solid waste.

Elections and Registrations

TOWN MEETING

The Town Meeting opened its business session at 10:00 A.M. and continued until the 17 articles in the warrant were acted upon, it may be the last day time business session as the meeting expressed its interest in having night business meetings at all Town Meetings and not the policy of every other year.

To avoid confusion that may result by other methods and to expedite the smooth functional operation of the meeting the Town Council, Atty. John E. Gormley, made the necessary motions under each warrant article. The Town offices elected the results of the warrant articles were:

Officers Elected:

Selectman	Earle K. Amadon
Trustee of Trust Funds	Daniel J. Truland
Library Trustee	James B. Fitch
Emmons Smith Fund	Mary B. Smith
Budget Committee (3)	Dr. Robert W. Christie
	Clifford A. Rowe
Col. Town Spending Committee 2-years	Maynard G. White
	Richard Samson
	Jean Tenney
Col. Town Spending Committee 3-years	James Hampton
	Rodney Marshall
	Nathalie Wheeler

Total non-partisan cast 560.

The meeting authorized the Board of Selectmen and Town Treasurer to borrow short term money in anticipation of property tax receipts. Early tax payments could eliminate the need or substantially reduce the amount necessary to borrow.

The meeting authorized the Board of Selectmen to dispose of any real estate acquired by Tax Collector's deeds.

Article 4 saw approval to withdraw from the Revenue Sharing Fund for

the purpose suggested, i.e. Town Hall renovations \$25,000.00, new equipment \$16,000.00, office assistant \$2,000.00 and public safety \$14,200.00.

The next four articles raised and appropriated \$1,800.00 to join the North Country Planning Council, \$8,000.00 for a soils survey, \$4,031.25 to assist the White Mountain Community Services, and \$500.00 to assist Alpha House, all were approved.

Article 9 asking authority to borrow \$30,000.00 to purchase and install culverts for the Indian Brook project, as part of the stream improvement, lost by only 24 votes and considering a two-thirds vote majority is required a very close vote, the ballots showed 344 voted yes and 210 no. Another money article to increase the Swimming Pool reserve fund by \$5,000.00 passed.

Article 11 to provide for the registration of voters by application to the Town Clerk was voted down.

Absentee voting for Town Offices at Town Meeting proved popular as the result was yes 355, no 182.

Other articles approved: Authorized Selectmen to apply for any grant funds that may be available to repair flood damaged roads and bridges; adopted a bicycle ordinance that prohibits riding bikes on sidewalks in the business area; again expressed support of the Corp of Engineers to construct an ice retention structure in the Israel River.

The meeting voted to indemnify any person employed by the Town and any member or officer of the Town's governing board, administrative staff or agencies, from personal loss arising out of any claim, demand, suit or judgement by reason of negligence resulting in accidental injury, or property damage, while acting within the scope of his employment or office.

The meeting approved the Budget as submitted by the Budget Committee and gave authority to expend the money to the Board of Selectmen.

An attempt to pass a resolution to put the Town on record as being in favor of an oil refinery in Durham failed. Insufficient information prevented an opportunity to make an intelligent judgement.

District Court

The Honorable Walter D. Hinkley is Justice of the Lancaster District Court, the Honorable Paul F. Donovan, Associate Justice and Mr. George Carter, Clerk. The expenditures of \$10,926.50 made by the town was for the salaries of those officers. The following show the receipts of the court and how the funds were distributed and expended.

RECEIPTS DURING YEAR

Fines, etc.	\$34,853.45
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DISBURSEMENTS

N.H. Division of Motor Vehicles	\$16,705.80
N.H. Fish & Game Department	328.00
Printing & Supplies, Postage	526.72
Special Justice	59.00
Dues	130.00
Small Claims	88.00
Bond	14.00
Witness fees	412.84

\$18,264.36

Paid Town of Lancaster

16,589.09

\$34,853.45

Police Department

To Protect and To Serve

Your Police Department must be responsive to the needs and problems of your community. While the Department's task is governed by law, the policies formulated to guide the enforcement of law must include consideration of the public will. This responsiveness must be manifested at all levels of the Department by a willingness to listen and by a genuine concern for the problems of individuals or groups. The total needs of your community must become an integral part of our programs designed to carry out the mission of your Police Department.

Remember, Police Officers are not individuals that are doing a job for themselves, but are doing it for the citizens of Lancaster. They as Police Officers are at your disposal 24 hours a day, seven days a week to protect you and your family and property from criminal acts. We need and solicit your help and guidance in the running of the Department.

During the past year, auto accidents in Lancaster were reduced by a little over 11%, going from 109 in 1973 to 97 in 1974. The biggest reduction in this area was the number of one car accidents occurring, dropping from 62 to 39.

Motor vehicle complaints brought before the court increased over last year by 22, with speeding violations leading the list. We prosecuted 136 speeders with 55 of these being clocked by radar. Also noted this year was an increase in the number of unregistered motor vehicles, going from 6 to 15. Uninspected motor vehicles increased from 19 to 27 and operating without a license went from 6 to 16 cases.

The offenses of larceny by check and fraudulent checks were the major number of criminal complaints brought forth under the criminal code. The Department handled 97 bad check complaints with 32 of them resulting in court action.

This year the Department had to investigate 18 major burglary and 27 larceny cases. Again as last year, this increase in criminal cases took place in the out lying areas of town. Only 5 of the total for burglary were committed within the compact area of town. It is also note worthy that 13 of the cases took place within the last two months of the year, a time when unemployment was on the increase. This points to the fact that unemployment and crime increases go hand in hand.

Juvenile problems arising this year were a marked disappointment to the members of this Department. There were 16 serious violations involving juveniles including 3 stolen motor vehicles, 6 burglaries, and 4 larceny cases.

The goal of this Department is usually to keep the juvenile out of the Youth Development Center, unless commitment is essential, as it was this year with repeated serious offenders. Eight Juvenile Petitions were brought before the court, with 5 necessitating commitment at the Youth Development Center for 30 days or longer.

As stated before by this Department, we are very fortunate to have the young people we have within the town of Lancaster. Even with the increase, it is indeed a small minority of the teenage population.

This year the Department had two members complete the Advance Fingerprinting School. One member received his diploma in Accident Investigation. The department as a whole attended training sessions at Berlin

and Concord given by the New Hampshire Police Standard and Training Council. These courses were on Criminal Investigation, Narcotic and Dangerous Drugs, Prosecutor Training, Search and Seizure, Juvenile Problems. We continued this year with our in-service training to accommodate Department need, and to actualize the interest and concern which the Department has for the self-improvement and personal development.

Again this year we were able to present to the Elementary School with funding from the Governors Commission on Crime and Delinquency, The Officer Bill Program, and the Users are Losers Drug Program. With Highway Safety Funds, a Bicycle Safety Program was given in May to all bike riders in the area.

ACCIDENTS - 97

Property damage under \$300.00	57
Property damage over \$300.00	33
Property damage listed as total	7
Accident requiring medical attention	18
Accident requiring hospitalization	6
Number of one car accidents	39
Number of two car accidents	55
Number of three car accidents	3
Number of accidents between deer, cows, horses with vehicles	3
Accidents resulting in fatality	0
Number of accidents resulting in court action	26

MOTOR VEHICLE COURT CASES - 295

Improper Turn	2
Operating snowmachine on public way	1
Operating snowmachine after hours	1
Misuse of plates	1
Operating without safety chains	1
Operating to endanger	1
Over height	1
Operating to the left of highway	1
Loud exhaust	1
Failing to report accident	1
Failing to yield	2
Passing on a yellow line	31
Failing to stop at stop sign	2
Operating without a license	16
Operating to endanger	1
Operating after revocation	1
Improper U turn	2
Following too close	1
Allowing an improper person to operate	2
Operating after suspension	1
Driving while intoxicated	24
Speeding (radar)	55
Speeding	81
Unreasonable speed	6
Operating unregistered motor vehicle	15
Operating with unsafe tires	11
Reckless operation of a motor vehicle	1
Passing on right	2
Operating uninspected motor vehicle	27
Leaving scene of accident	2
Failing to wear protective lenses	1
Passing a school bus	1

CRIMINAL COURT CASES - 89	
Criminal trespassing	2
Illegal possession of alcohol	7
Disorderly conduct	2
Petty larceny	7
Grand larceny	3
Intoxication	5
Assault	5
Fraudulent check	29
Larceny by check	3
Burglary	5
Fugitive from justice	1
Littering a water way	1
Peddling without a license	7
Allowing dog to run at large	3
Theft by unauthorized taking	2
Concealment of merchandise	2
Receiving stolen property	1
Derisive gestures	1
Criminal mischief	1
Malicious damage	2
Procurring for a minor	1
COMPLAINTS FILED - 886	
Dog	86
Family	112
Bad Checks	97
Juvenile	16
Burglary	18
Larceny	27
Malicious damage	25
Bicycles	13
Motor vehicles	66
Snowmobiles	22
Missing persons	1
Nuisance	392
Prowlers	5
Cat	6
OTHER ACTIVITIES	
Motor vehicles checked	711
Motor vehicles warnings	473
D E Tags issued	219
Emergency blood runs	31
Assistance to sick and injured	46
Assistance to motorists in trouble	119
Door and windows found open	276
Parking tickets given	297
Assistance to other Departments	75
Breath tests given	52

Public Works



HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

This department kept roads, streets and sidewalks in good condition for safe travel by vehicles and pedestrians, as the limited resources allow. Snow removal, sanding and salting are among the responsibilities. Surface treatment of streets with asphalt, street repair, construction of new and maintenance of surface drainage, cleaning streets of sand and debris and many more duties are performed by the department personnel.

The same personnel kept all highway equipment in good repair and do most of the mechanical work. The maintenance work is done at the Town Garage which is also maintained by the crew.

The Bunker Hill Street parking lot received the final cover of asphalt and parking lines were painted on the surface to mark parking spaces and to utilize the lot to its fullest capability.

The reconstruction of the hill on Page Hill Road began, but the early winter prevented its completion. Underdrain was installed along part of the road to carry ground water to the stream and prevent road surface damage. Ledge on both sides of hill was blown and will be removed. When complete, there will be improved visibility on the hill, a wider traveling surface for safer travel and better maintenance, and improved drainage.

The road surface of Page Hill Road was topped with asphalt pavement from the junction of North Main St. to the Trailer Park.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

The town dump became what is commonly known as a land fill solid waste disposal area. Effective with July 1st the open burning dump could no longer operate and burning stopped as required. Remaining at the same site the land fill operation began.

A dozer-loader was purchased to handle and compact the waste and to cover waste with earth material. The material is trucked in by the highway department from the island westerly of the Main St. bridge. Two things are accomplished by removing part of the island, providing material for the land fill and making space available for ice storage when the ice cover in the Israel River breaks up in the spring. It is planned to continue at the site until a viable alternative is determined or the land runs out.

SEWER DEPARTMENT

This was the first full year of operation for the sewage treatment facilities. Several operational problems were resolved and generally the system operated successfully. Operating expenses was greater than first anticipated because of increased costs of electrical service, which were approximately twice the estimate, and chemical cost also nearly doubled.

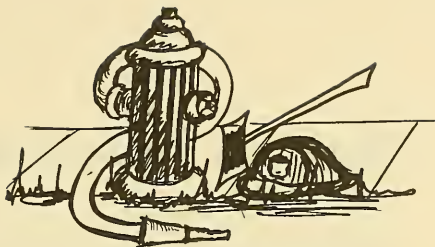
Several new services were connected to the new sewer mains, most of those were not previously on the municipal system and some were new services from new buildings.

W A T E R D E P A R T M E N T

The department personnel replaced nine service lines with new copper lines for longer life and improved service. There were eleven new services added to the water system. These included 6 new residences, 2 multi-housing units and 3 commercial users.

The water system operated successfully considering the age of the system and the fact the source of supply is open waters. Few leaks in the system were discovered and when discovered were promptly repaired. The supply was chlorinated and provided safe drinking water. One problem although minor and more a nuisance problem than water quality, is the occasional organics, such as leaf particles, sometimes found in limited areas of the system. They cannot be completely controlled because they do not have an opportunity to settle from the water. There are no settling basins in the system. This problem will change because of regulations adopted by the N.H. Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission, which requires all open public water supply sources to be fully treated or new underground sources developed.

Fire Department



This was the first full year of Department operations under the direction and leadership of Chief Roger Emery.

The Department answered a total of 69 alarms this year, which is a sizeable increase over last year. False alarms increased by 100 percent and other alarm classifications increased sharply.

Chief Roger Emery was selected to fill the Town Forest Fire Wardens position. The fact that the Town Fire Warden and the Fire Chief are the same individual, has eliminated the communication gap that caused problems for the Fire Dept. The Town Fire Warden is authorized to issue burning permits, among others, and in the past alarms have been turned in for fires which were burning under the authority of a legal permit but the Fire Chief was unaware of such being issued. This problem certainly stands corrected.

The Department launched an effort to obtain all available information and requested cost estimates on two major items they felt were needed. Department officers spent many hours on research and submitted these proposals with documentation to the Board of Selectmen. A new ladder truck and to form a ladder company, was submitted, and an updated alarm warning system was the other item proposed.

The Department was increased in size from 30 regular to 32 regular firefighters upon the recommendation of Chief Emery.

Department training this year included schools at Laconia and Fitzwilliams, N.H. Both of these schools are State approved and were attended by one half of Department firefighters. Two Department Drill Instructors were appointed this year to handle and plan Department training that is conducted in addition to schools conducted for N.H. Firefighters by the N.H. State Firemen's Association.

The many hours and labor that the men have donated to the operation of the Fire Department has kept our budget quite small and realized the Town a sizeable amount in savings. As we strive to improve fire service for the Town, we ask for continued support from Lancaster Residents.

Disaster Drills	1
Grass Fires	2
Brush Fires	4
Forest Fires	1
Dwelling Fires	5
Chimney Fires	9
Automobile Fires	6
Automobile Accidents	2
Out of Town Assistance	4
System Malfunction	1
False Alarms	9
Others	23
Search and Rescue	(non paid) 2

Municipal Cemeteries



The maintenance costs of Municipal Cemeteries and income is included in the statement below. Of the total \$2,500.00 was raised by taxation, the balance from other sources. The cemeteries include the Wilder, Main Street, Summer Street Cemetery and No. 10 on the Martin Meadow Pond Road.

Cash on hand—January 1, 1974:

Regular Account	\$ 2,270.97
Special Account	1,491.28

\$ 3,762.25

INCOME

Trustees of Trust Funds	+ \$35,573.93	
Town of Lancaster	2,500.00	
Perpetual care trusts	2,000.00	
Burials	2,119.00	
Sale of lots	955.00	
Care of lots	731.00	
Vault rental	80.00	
Sale of used equipment	65.00	
		<hr/> \$44,023.93

Total Funds Available \$47,786.18

LESS EXPENDITURES

Labor	\$15,699.00	
Equipment Rental	816.00	
Repairs	418.85	
Supplies	975.59	
Payroll Taxes	812.45	
Trustees of Trust Funds	2,000.00	
Water and Power	158.73	
Insurance	76.00	
Flowers-Plantings	361.00	
New Equipment	1,709.70	
New Fence - No. 10	394.59	
		<hr/> \$23,391.91

Balance on Hand + \$24,394.27

BALANCE ON HAND

Regular Account	\$ 6,905.49
Special Account	1,488.78
Siwooganock Guaranty	16,000.00

+ \$24,394.27

+ \$13,716.78 of these amounts represent advance distribution of 1975 operating funds by Trustees of Trust Funds.

Public Welfare

TOWN WELFARE: The town welfare is administered by the Overseer of Public Welfare. There were 10 cases of direct relief involving 19 adults and 16 children, at a cost of \$1,371.24. Most cases are of short duration until accepted under a state aid program or until employment can be found. Two local funds, administered by committees, have assisted some families and individuals in emergency situations, and have helped keep local welfare costs to a minimum. Information concerning these funds may be learned by contacting the Town Office.

The Medicaid Program helps reduce local costs, the program is designed to assist persons who do not have the means to provide for their medical care or who can do so only at a great financial sacrifice. Through this program, pharmaceutical, laboratory, skilled nursing home care, and physicians' services are supplied in whole or in part. In determining eligibility for these services, certain limitations have been established on the amount of annual income and assets that persons may have.

STATE WELFARE ASSISTANCE: These programs are administered by the State Department of Welfare and is financed jointly by Federal, State and Local governments. This year the local share is less than past years. The expenditure is Lancaster's share of Lancaster Persons over the age of 65 years, eligible to receive assistance under the program.

The Town is assisting in support of an average of 27 recipients of the Old Age Assistance program, 1 under the O.A.A. Aliens program and 6 persons aided under the disability program. The cost of the program to the town this year was \$11,043.03.

Information concerning these programs may be received by contacting the N.H. Dept. of Public Welfare, Berlin, N.H.

FOOD STAMPS: The Food Stamp program went in to effect this year for the first time in N.H. Lancaster residents must call the Woodsville office of the Public Welfare Office, telephone 747-2786, for an appointment to apply. If anyone thinks they may qualify for food stamps they should telephone for an appointment so a determination can be made. Do not delay.

PUBLIC WELFARE COSTS

1970	\$13,658.86
1971	\$13,535.71
1972	\$13,994.96
1973	\$14,800.37
1974	\$13,043.03

Weeks Memorial Library



In July of 1974, the Weeks Memorial Library was the recipient of a \$50,000.00 federal grant to set up a Library Cooperative. The purpose of the grant was to strengthen the collection at the Weeks Memorial Library and encourage six surrounding towns to utilize the additional services. The trustees hired a professional library consultant, Kathryn Wendelowski, to assist the librarian in administering the project.

The towns of Colebrook, Dalton, Groveton, Jefferson, Twin Mountain, and Whitefield each received \$500.00 to buy books, magazines, records, tapes and other library materials. Lancaster received \$9,000.00 for the same purpose. The library did not have sufficient space for the new books, so a downstairs area was converted from a dreary cellar to a carpeted and brightly-lit room. At the same time, using local funds, the Children's Department was painted and an area was carpeted and outfitted with colorful bean bag chairs.

The White Mountains Regional Library Cooperative purchased a photocopy machine, a 16mm film projector and screen, cassette players, framed art prints and an unusual collection of replicas of famous pieces of sculpture. Mrs. Currie, Children's Librarian, ordered hundreds of new children's books and records and replaced many worn out classics. All of the materials circulate to the libraries of the six other towns and then to the people in the communities.

The Cooperative also funded the taping of local newspapers, including the Coos County Democrat, for those who are unable to read. A Friends of the Library Group was organized to help start new programs at the library. Their first priority was programs for the Children's Department—story hours for the pre-schoolers and arts and crafts and reading clubs for the older children.

It was an exciting and exasperating year for the library staff, and we would like to publicly thank them all for working cheerfully under pressure and in chaotic surroundings.

Treasurer's Report

WEEKS MEMORIAL LIBRARY
LANCASTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year Ending December 31, 1974

Balance on Hand, Checking Account 1-1-74		\$	62.05
Received from:			
Fines	\$	107.30	
Col. F. L. Town Income Spending Committee		1,800.00	
Shurtleff Fund Interest		25.28	
Shurtleff Fund Bond Interest		125.00	
Brackett Fund Interest		5.47	
Linscott Fund Interest		367.83	
Hastings Bond Interest		60.00	
Trustees of Trust Funds-1973 Earnings		3,534.63	
1974 Earnings (partial)		1,710.70	
Town of Lancaster-Appropriation		12,155.77	19,891.98
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			\$19,954.03
Disbursements:			
Salaries	\$	6,430.00	
Substitute Salaries		2,594.00	
Social Security		552.98	
Lights, Telephone & Water		474.46	
Heat		898.45	
Insurance		640.00	
Flowers, post box rent, travel & dues		89.05	
Maintenance-painting & carpeting		2,418.52	
Books-Adult		3,157.09	
Juvenile		876.21	
Periodicals		277.75	
Office and Janitor Supplies		206.77	
Equipment		63.55	18,678.83
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Balance on Hand, Checking Account 12-31-74		\$	1,275.20

JAMES B. FITCH
Treasurer

Public Health

Our service continues to increase its activities in Lancaster, Whitefield, Jefferson and Dalton. We continue to have a Medicare contract with Groveton and are now also under Medicare contract with Milan. These contracts provide for billing through a certified agency and providing physical therapy to these communities.

Questions have been asked about provisions of the service during the past year. I will try to list some of our major functions and policies hopefully answering some of these questions.

We are allowed to make one visit only to a home without a licensed New Hampshire physician's written order. We must have written orders before administering any medication or performing any treatment other than basic bedside care or first aid on this first visit.

The purpose of the service is to assist a family in being able to care for a member of the family. We are to continue care for a patient on a long-term basis only if there is no family member available and no one who is able to assist the patient. Visits are to be limited to one visit daily not extending beyond two hours or on a daily visit routine for an extreme maximum of two weeks. Visits are usually ordered on a weekly basis.

The treatments performed are not always physical. We frequently receive referrals to make visits involving assessments of a home situation or following the emotional status of an individual. This involves observations by the nurse along with conversation. Usually, there is no actual physical care on this type of visit.

Some of the physical treatments include:

- A. Bath
 1. partial
 2. bed
 3. tub
- B. Physical Therapy - Types
 1. Evaluations
 2. Exercise
 3. Ambulation
 4. Consultation
- C. Treatments
 1. blood pressure
 2. weight checks
 3. diet therapy
 4. Foley catheter care and changes
 5. dressing changes
 6. enemas
 7. finger and toe nail care
 8. colostomy care
 9. shampoos
 10. checking on operative sites
 11. checking proper circulation
 12. venipuncture for lab tests
 13. administration of medications as set forth by M.D.
 14. teaching of injection administration, i.e.—insulin therapy

D. Health Guidance and Teaching

1. personal care
2. mental health
3. first aid
4. nursing care of patient to reliable family member for home nursing care.

E. Preventative

1. pre-school immunizations
2. pre-natal care
3. pre-school vision and hearing clinics
4. pre-school physical examination clinic
5. adult screening clinics

F. Referral System—set up with physicians and hospitals in the area.

This also includes New Hampshire Welfare, state public health nurse and other home health agencies.

G. Equipment. Lancaster and Whitefield have a variety of hospital equipment available to residents. This may be used, as available, free of charge.

H. Public Health Nursing Education. The nurses attend workshops, meetings and classes to broaden their education and update nursing knowledge.

I. Bookkeeping. A secretary is employed to do the secretarial and bookkeeping work for the agency along with the billing for the Medicare patients in Groveton and Milan.

The agency program is under the direction of the Public Health Nursing Committee, composed of volunteer members generously donating their time. The officers for the past year were:

- Chairman - Mrs. Robert Quay
- Vice-Chairman - Mrs. Roland Kimball
- Secretary - Mrs. Benjamin Blodgett
- Treasurer - Mrs. George Smith

Future plans of the agency include addition of dental check-up with pre-school physical examinations and an adult screening clinic in April including diabetes, glaucoma, oral cancer and blood pressure. This clinic will be free to the public. We also hope to continue with our pre-natal classes and possibly run another diabetes educational program this fall, following the screening clinic this spring, to include those people found with positive results.

NURSING VISITS

Lancaster Whitefield Jefferson Dalton

Antepartum	3	0	0	8
Postpartum	39	18	11	4
Premature-High Risk Infants	1	0	0	0
Well child-infant	37	25	13	4
Family Planning	0	0	0	0
Gynecological	7	2	7	0
Neurological	3	22	0	0
Respiratory	1	17	0	1
Orthopedic	83	37	6	3
CVA	252	22	4	2 ^b
Cardiac	478	254	28	39
Blood Dyscrasia	283	4	1	0
Cancer	69	68	45	0
Arthritis	34	94	12	2
Diabetes	279	10	15	26
EENT	40	4	2	0
Urological	44	3	8	0
Gastro-Intestinal	95	3	6	0
Peripheral Vascular	109	41	0	0
Mental Health	92	4	4	0
Mental Retardation	0	0	3	0
Non-orthopedic	15	55	19	7
Drug-Alcohol	8	0	0	0
Adult Health	11	2	0	0
	1983	685	184	88

A total of 2940 visits were made in 1974.

We wish to extend our appreciation to different organizations which have assisted us during the year. The Emmons Smith Fund has again assisted us in gaining some badly needed equipment. White Mountain Community Services have assisted us in patient problems and also in a teaching capacity. Crippled Children's Services and the Department of Welfare have been used extensively.

Special clinics and classes held during the year were:

1. Pap Smear and Breast Examination Clinic. This clinic was well attended and sponsored by the American Cancer Society.
2. Series of pre-natal classes. These were presented in April and October with a good attendance. We have added some presentations on nutrition by Caroline Huddleston, dietician at Beatrice D. Weeks Memorial Hospital and exercises by our physical therapist, Carol Haas, R.P.T.
3. Pre-school physical examinations were initiated and quite well attended. They appeared to be appreciated by parents and physicians.
4. Diabetes Education Classes. These were for the purpose of teaching known diabetics care of themselves regarding nutrition, drugs and personal care.

CHILD HEALTH STATION

Child Health Station was held every third Friday of each month with local physicians serving on a rotating basis. There were a total of 500 children immunized. Following is a schedule of state recommendations of immunizations available at the clinic for your own use.

AGE	IMMUNIZATIONS
2 months	DPT—Polio
4 months	DPT—Polio
6 months	DPT—Polio
12 months	Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Tuberculin Testing
18 months	DPT—Polio Booster
4-6 years	DPT—Polio Booster, Tuberculin Testing

This immunization program is sponsored by the Mahaney-Brisson Post of the Lancaster American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary. The immunizations are provided by the State Department of Health. Members of the Public Health Nursing Committee have assisted at the clinics during the year.

I would especially like to thank the Medical Staff of Beatrice D. Weeks Memorial Hospital; Dr. James Ferguson for serving on our Medical Advisory Committee; the Public Health Nursing Committee; Miss Eleanor Kenney, R.N.; Mrs. Stewart Foss, Secretary; Mrs. Jacquelyn Sawin, R.N. Mrs. Mary Fitch, R.N.; Mrs. Carol Haas, R.P.T. and members of our communities for their guidance and assistance during the past year.

A special thanks to Mrs. Bernadette Dumont, R.N. and Mrs. Diantha Rochefort, R.N. for assisting the staff during my illness this past summer.

Respectfully submitted,
SANDRA N. PLACEY, R.N.
Public Health Nurse

Debt Service

Bond Issue: The principal payment on the Sewer Bond Issue was \$110,000.00 and interest \$93,577.76, of which the state of N.H. paid \$131,517.00. A schedule of bond and other indebtedness follows.

Long Term Note: Payments on long term notes totaled \$3,683.58, \$3,500.00 principal. The only note outstanding is the Bunker Hill St. Parking Lot note and that will be retired in 1975.

Temporary Loan and Interest: The cost for borrowing \$225,000.00 in anticipation of tax receipts, cost in interest \$3,169.19. Early payment of taxes, or early part payment, eliminates borrowing short term money resulting in a saving to all.

LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS STATEMENT OF DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS As of December 31, 1974

Parking Lot Notes
3.50 percent

Amount of Issue		\$10,500.00
Date of Issue		October 10, 1972
Principal Payment Date		October 10
Interest Payable Dates		October 10 & April 10
Payable at	Lancaster Bank	Lancaster National Bank

Principal		Interest
\$3,500.00		\$122.50

Sewer Bonds
4.50 percent

Amount of Issue		\$2,170,000.00
Date of Issue		March 1, 1972
Principal Payable Date		March 1
Interest Payable Dates		March 1 & September 1
Payable at	Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co.	

Maturities - Fiscal Year Ending:

	Principal	Interest
December 31, 1974	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 90,225.00
December 31, 1975	110,000.00	85,275.00
December 31, 1976	110,000.00	80,325.00
December 31, 1977	110,000.00	75,375.00
December 31, 1978	110,000.00	70,425.00
December 31, 1979	110,000.00	65,475.00
December 31, 1980	110,000.00	60,525.00
December 31, 1981	110,000.00	55,575.00
December 31, 1982	110,000.00	50,625.00
December 31, 1983	110,000.00	45,675.00
December 31, 1984	110,000.00	40,725.00
December 31, 1985	110,000.00	35,775.00
December 31, 1986	110,000.00	30,825.00
December 31, 1987	110,000.00	25,875.00
December 31, 1988	110,000.00	20,925.00
December 31, 1989	110,000.00	15,975.00
December 31, 1990	100,000.00	11,250.00
December 31, 1991	100,000.00	6,750.00
December 31, 1992	100,000.00	2,250.00

	\$2,060,000.00	\$869,850.00
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Advertising - Promotional

Information Booth: The number of people requesting information at the booth was slightly below the previous year. The number this year was 9,809 and last year 11,014. The number of vehicles was 3,323.

This has always been a good stopover for our Canadian friends from the west but this year they would stop and ask for maps of Maine and Vermont, which were happily provided for them, and then they would proceed on their merry way counting their precious drops of gasoline. It did really make a difference. They seemed glad to get kits of brochures and complimented the attendants on having more than the average Information Booth, so maybe they will come back some day when the energy crisis is over.

This was a very pleasant summer for Mrs. Glenn Sheridan and she felt fortunate in having two very fine young men to help carry the ball, Stephen Gardner and Peter Blodgett.

Chamber of Commerce: The Chamber continued its efforts to provide town folders for distribution and its promotional programs. Letters received by the Chamber of Commerce from people who have an interest in moving here have increased 50 percent.

WHITE MTS. REGION ASSOCIATION ———

Your Region Association during the year 1974 was active in several cooperative programs. They included the White Mts. Center for Music and the Arts, an experimental mass highway transportation system, and the White Mts. '74 summer advertising program.

With respect to the Center (formerly called the White Mountains Art and Music Festival), your Region Association has contributed substantial in-kind services. As a board member and secretary, your Association's Executive Director handles many of the day to day details for the Center. In addition, the Association provided office space for the Center during May and June and was responsible for much publicity. Furthermore, the Association's secretary was on loan to the Center, half-time, for May and June.

Your Region Association provided assistance in setting up and implementing an experimental bus system. Communities served by the 10-week summer system included Berlin, Gorham, Milan, Groveton, Lancaster, Whitefield, Littleton, Franconia, Bethlehem, Twin Mountain, Jefferson, Randolph, Conway, North Conway and Jackson. During the first half of 1975, it is hoped a federal proposal will be approved which will permit the experiment to continue and to provide service to other communities.

Your Region Association was a major participant in White Mountains '74 cooperative advertising campaign designed to bolster the economy of the recreation industry this past summer. Your Region Association appropriated \$2500 to participate in the program. In addition to investing \$2500, your Association answered all written and telephoned inquiries which were generated by the advertising. As a result your Association responded to those inquiries with some 3500 vacation planning kits. Those participating included the White Mts. Attractions Association, the White Mts. Center for Music and the Arts, the New England Regional Commission, the Governor's office and Waumbek Village.

Other activities and projects of your Region Association include: participation in a newly created N.H. Travel Council, annual solicitation for the two accommodations brochures, distribution of WMRA folders, sponsorship of a conference on proposed wilderness areas in the White Mountain National Forest, solicitation for business memberships, presentation of 4-H awards and certificates, subscriptions to National 4-H magazines for group leaders in the three northern counties, assistance at the N.H. information booth at the Springfield Exposition to promote travel in northern N.H., the writing of several letters to the N.H. Congressional delegation and others protesting the proposed closing of numerous campgrounds and picnic areas in the White Mt. National Forest, also the writing of letters to many of the same group protesting the low priority tourism and recreation was to receive under a fuel allocation program, financial contributions to the restoration of the Bedell Covered Bridge, to the Mount Washington Observatory (in memory of Joe Dodge), and to the White Mts. Museum of Forest History. The WMRA also has helped out on some publicity for the proposed museum as well as some modest fund raising.

In addition, earlier in the year, the WMRA surveyed some thirty gasoline stations each week. The information on gasoline supplies was then relayed to the Dept. of Resources and Economic Development where it was used to aid out-of-state travellers.

Finally, your executive director wrote numerous news releases, two newsletters, some special articles for publications, and spoke on several radio programs in the region.

Answered 5,942 inquiries and wrote 101 personal letters.



Ambulance Service

The volunteers of the Lancaster Ambulance Corp. are commended for their dedicated service to their community and the Corp. They not only serve on ambulance runs, but stand by unselfishly many hours prepared to answer any call. Many members of the Corp. undertook additional training to better qualify themselves and offer the public improved service. Of course, all have advanced Red Cross first aid training. Several members will take additional training in 1975.

The Ambulance Corp. made 295 patient calls, these included emergency transfers, accident victims and non-emergency transfers. The total calls were 30 more than last year, an obvious increase in the use of the service.

Summary of calls:

214 Lancaster
49 Jefferson
26 Lunenburg
6 Guildhall

Receipts and Disbursements:

Receipts		
Collection 74 charges	\$7,164.85	
Collection prior years	2,535.80	
		\$9,700.00
Expenditures		
Payroll	\$4,032.89	
Vehicle Expense	2,533.91	
Training	80.00	
Supplies & Equipment & Dues	1,867.35	
Non-Cash	300.00	
		\$8,814.15
Deficit prior years		120.55
		\$8,934.70
BALANCE		\$ 765.95

The Towns of Jefferson, Lunenburg, and Guildhall contribute to the maintenance and operation of the Ambulance Service, for serving their communities.

Conservation Commission Report

The Lancaster Conservation Commission participated in many activities in 1974 and may have had its busiest year since it was voted in by the town in 1970. The Commission is continuing to work on the development of the Kilkenny Railroad bed as a public trail for hiking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. We are presently working with the N.H. Bureau of Off Highway Recreation Vehicles with the prospect of having the Kilkenny bed incorporated into a Statewide network of trails now being developed. Final details are being worked out and we hope to be able to report completion of the project soon.

As one of its assigned duties, the Commission has prepared a resource inventory map of Lancaster. The map, which includes all roads, rural buildings, streams and ponds also identifies agricultural land, open land not agricultural, forest land, wetlands and urban residential. The 1970 aerial photographics were used as a basis for the map so as an additional aid for planning, each new home built, or subdivision approved since 1970 is being plotted on the map. This will show how and where the rural areas of our town are being developed. Unique natural and scenic areas will also be included on the map in the future. Plans are to also label each rural home with the present owner. This map, along with the completed soil survey should prove to be invaluable in planning for the growth of Lancaster.

The Commission has been actively assisting the Planning Board in its resource related decisions regarding subdivisions and has procured material to aid them in their job.

As required by statute, we have also reviewed and responded to Dredge and Fill applications for proposed activity in Lancaster.

In addition to completing a scenic road inventory of the town, we have sought to have Prospect, Gore and Wesson Roads given scenic Road status.

Our Commission recently obtained a right-of-way across Groveton Papers Co. property which will provide public access from Page Hill Road into the 250 acre Town Forest.

In cooperation with members of the local Boy Scout troop, we have recently conducted a brief community survey, getting residents attitudes on various aspects of town development, etc.

Additional activities have included obtaining and distributing brochures on the proposed Indian Brook Watershed project, and sponsoring a local teacher to the week-long Teachers Conservation Workshop in Alexandria, N.H.

The Lancaster Conservation Commission welcomes any suggestions or ideas in areas that we may be able to assist in our efforts to promote the sound use of our town's natural resources.

MARSHALL PATMOS, Chairman

MEMBERS

Delores Colbeth
Howard Bartow
Calvin Perkins
Ellen Denison
Ferne Johnson

Colonel Town Spending Committee

Secretary's Report

The Col. Town Spending Committee is composed of nine members, three of whom are elected annually at the town meeting, to serve three years. The last March Town Meeting re-elected Mrs. Nathalie Wheeler and two new members, James Hampton and Rodney Marshall. Richard J. Samson was elected to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Carl Yunghans who resigned after serving one year of his three-year term.

The first meeting of the Spending Committee following election took place March 19, 1974 at the Community House and the following officers were elected to serve one year: Howard R. Piche, chairman, Mrs. Grace M. Lee, treasurer, Mrs. Nathalie Wheeler, secretary.

Chairman Piche appointed the following sub-committees: House Committee, Mrs. Wheeler, chairman, Mrs. Lee and Rodney Marshall; Field Committee: Howard Piche, chairman, Richard Samson and Mrs. Joyce Hall; Camp Committee, Clifford Rowe, chairman, Mrs. Ellen Moody and James Hampton.

Mrs. Lee presented a paper explaining the origin of the Col. Town Spending Committee and a short history concerning Col. Town and his will. The responsibilities of the committee were then generally outlined and it was felt that due to the increased income from investments and the expanding programs, the committee should develop written policies. It was decided that the sub-committees would meet and draw up proposed policies concerning the House, Field and Camp, and submit these to the entire committee for revision and adoption.

The committee was saddened to hear of the death of Mrs. Nathalie Wheeler while on vacation in California. She had been a long time member and had served as secretary for many years. The resignation of Mrs. Joyce Hall was accepted with regret. Mrs. Charlotte Quay and Dr. Elwin Falkenham were appointed by the committee to fill these two un-expired terms until the next Town Meeting. The chairman appointed Dr. Falkenham to serve on the Field Committee and Mrs. Quay to serve on the House Committee. Mrs. Ellen Moody was elected secretary for the remainder of the year.

Richard A. Tapply, director, Department of Resources and Economic Development, Concord, was present at the May meeting and made recommendations and suggestions in the formulation of policies.

Meetings were held monthly this year, and at the January 7 meeting all policies were reviewed, deletions, corrections and additions were made. The committee finalized and approved the policies. The people of Lancaster are urged to make use of the facilities of the Community House.

A report from Robert Rich regarding the Col. Town Scholarship Fund stated that payments on loans received were \$465.00 for 1974, loans paid, two, and loans outstanding, 14.

Colonel Town Recreation Program

1974 ANNUAL REPORT BY SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION

The Col. Town Recreation Program is operated from funds derived from the Colonel Francis L. Town Trust Fund. The trust fund makes it possible for Lancaster to enjoy facilities and a program comparable to much larger communities. Lancaster's outstanding recreation facilities are administered by the Col. Town Spending Committee. The Committee encourages groups and individuals to make maximum use of the facilities. Groups are invited to use the meeting rooms on a first come, first serve basis, particularly during the energy crisis, to save on use of fuel oil.

1974 was a good year for the Col. Town Recreation Program. 1974 has been the most difficult year for Andrea and I, as your recreation leaders since 1967, as we attempted to provide services to many more people, improve your recreation facilities and meet the ever increasing leisure time community recreation needs of the population.

The Community Field improvement completion has to be regarded as a significant accomplishment. This project included adding two all-weather tennis courts, the relocation of the softball-Little League field with the addition of lights for night softball, adding new equipment to the playground area and, in the fall, creating another ball field for Little League and girls-women's softball. The improved and additional facilities came at a time when, because of the energy crisis, more facilities were needed to meet the leisure time needs of the community.

We would like to comment on how these improvements that cost some \$30,000 came about. The project was born when an anonymous donation toward improving tennis facilities was received. The Connecticut Valley Softball League was approached to put their \$2,480 in their softball lighting fund into the project. When they agreed to pay the light bill each season, the Committee agreed to help pay the cost of relocating the field and installing the lights. The Committee decided to use the special youth fund established in memory of Gardner Wentworth for new playground equipment. The Committee made an additional \$7,000 from the Trust available for the project. This money might not have been available except the recreation staff had operated for over a year with one full-time permanent maintenance vacancy. The project was drawn up and submitted to the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation for matching funds with the Col. Town staff scheduled to accomplish much of the labor and with the softball players assisting with softball-Little League field section of the work.

We thank all the volunteers who assisted with the field project, especially those non-resident softball players. A special thanks to Town Manager Don Crane and the town crew for their assistance with equipment and manpower which proved invaluable.

The Col. Town Recreation Department, as a municipal agency of the Town, has the opportunity throughout the year to employ students and adults in federal work experience programs. We like to think that your recreation staff is especially sensitive to the financial needs of eligible participants. New positions are often created when federal funds become available. Our first concern is to put money in the pockets of the participants

in the federal programs. Second, we take these opportunities to provide better care for your facilities or add new leisure time recreation opportunities. At times, we have been able to provide jobs for as many as 20 students and adults during the summer. We can determine who is employed from the list of eligible candidates provided by the federal agency.

Our staff began to expand late in 1974 and grew more early in 1975 due to the availability of manpower (adults) through federal programs. Participants in the Col. Town Recreation program will benefit for many years from projects now underway with workers paid in full by federal government.

Our many youth oriented activities receive publicity throughout the year in the local news media. In this 1974 report, I would like to comment on the adult leisure opportunities provided by your recreation department. We would also like to invite Lancaster's adults to drop into the Community House often and make their leisure time interests known. Adults who have skill or special interest to share with other adults or youth and wish to volunteer can become an important person in the program.

ADULT ACTIVITIES (sponsored or assisted through use of facilities)

COL. TOWN PLAYERS, our adult theatre group, whose fourth production "Ten Little Indians" will be produced on April 4 & 5, 1975 at the Town Hall under direction of Domenic Pallaria, one of our outstanding volunteer leaders.

COL. TOWN SENIOR CITIZENS, the "Jolly Seniors," meet the second and fourth Tuesday, enjoy dinner trips, special events, over night trips, etc. All senior adults invited to join. Would especially like to encourage male participation. They have a lot to offer.

CRAFTS-REATION program for senior adults third Wednesday each month co-sponsored by office of Community Recreation services who provide leadership and materials. Committeewoman Grace Lee has been volunteer assistant leader for four years of program.

MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE'S nine teams play at the Community Field.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL program was initiated in 1974.

ADULT TENNIS ASSOCIATION conducted several successful tournaments and provided leadership for the youth and adult tennis programs.

WOMEN'S EXERCISE & VOLLEYBALL group meets Monday noons during indoor season in gym.

MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAMS (2) play and practice in Community House gym.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM was organized in December 1974 and plays other town teams.

MEN'S HOCKEY group utilizes skating rink playing mostly after regular skating hours so as to not cut down on youth hockey program or recreational skating hours.

TOWN TEAM SOCCER played during summer has proven real popular.

ADULT OIL PAINTING CLASSES were revived in early 1975, have enjoyed excellent participation.

Our role in these activities is varied from program leader to coach to coordinator to facility supervisor. We always have been and are now vitally interested in meeting the recreational needs of Lancaster's adult population. One of our goals in 1975 is to further expand opportunities for adults. If you have a program idea that would be of interest to a group of adults, please drop in at Community House and discuss it with us. We would like to see many more adults involved in leadership roles in youth programs during 1975. We need more coaches particularly in baseball, soccer, girls softball, girls field hockey, and elementary and junior high basketball. Please notify me if you would like to help coach or assist a program by serving as a bus trip chaperone, house visiting players overnight or provide administrative assistance to the program.

BIG YEAR IN 1975

The construction of a new larger Col. Town Swimming Pool is scheduled to begin in September 1975. **NEEDED IS A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY YES VOTE** at the March 4th town meeting on a \$35,000 bond issue. A twelve member citizens pool committee has been assisting the Spending Committee during the year developing the pool plans and conducting a fund drive. \$20,000 has been raised in addition to the \$15,000 appropriated for the pool fund the past two years by the town. The regular \$5,000 appears again in the 1975 town budget. **AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE** will make the total available for the pool reach \$75,000 to be matched by \$75,000 from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation Fund to build the \$150,000 swimming pool.

By raising the remaining the \$35,000 with a bond issue, the pool committee will be stopping their chase with inflationary prices. The cost each year to Lancaster taxpayers will remain at \$5,000 per year payable on the note. In laymens terms, the cost to each taxpayer will be 18 cents per thousand of evaluation or \$3.60 per year on a house or property valued at \$20,000. A person with property valued at \$20,000 will be contributing 1 cent per day toward the pool until the bond is paid off.

We are equally excited about the improvements to be accomplished at the Community Camp in 1975. Work is now underway cleaning up the woods, developing nature and snowmobile trails including building small bridges, developing an 18 target archery course in the woodland and plans call for construction of a new caretakers cottage that can be winterized making some Camp facilities available in the future during the winter to snowshoers, cross country skiers and snowmobilers.

We would like to extend our appreciation to the recreation staff, members of the Spending Committee and all the volunteer coaches and leaders who were responsible for any successes attained in 1974. We are looking forward to 1975 and hope we can meet your leisure time needs more successfully.

Respectfully submitted,
LOUIS F. LEAVER
 Superintendent of Recreation

Colonel Town Income Spending Committee

COL. F. L. TOWN INCOME SPENDING COMMITTEE

TREASURER'S REPORT Year Ended December 31, 1974

Checkbook balance 1-1-74		\$ 24,973.19
INCOME		
Col. Town Trust Fund		63,799.71
House fees	\$ 203.50	
Camp fees	153.14	
Pool fees	1,993.50	
Town of Lancaster-support of pool	1,500.00	
Returned from Student Loan Fd.	500.00	4,350.14
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Matching funds for BOR project		
Conn. Valley Softball league	2,481.56	
Wentworth youth fund	560.42	3,131.98
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SPECIAL ACTIVITIES		
Play school	3,504.66	
Candy and coke	802.80	
Sports equipment	243.25	
Game room	43.45	
Col. Town Players	1,659.00	
Tourney, team, and meet fees	698.86	
Re-imbursements	502.71	
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		7,454.73
Conn. Valley Softball league for operation of lights	821.45	
Babe Ruth Sponsor fee	150.00	
K of C for Little League	50.00	
Snowdrifters for peewee shirts	100.00	
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		1,121.45
Check No. 10469 returned		30.00
Refund on carboys (chlorine)		28.00
Re-deposit of check		12.00
Transfer from Savings A-C		15,000.00
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		119,921.20
Less 3-checks returned insufficient funds		46.00
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		\$119,855.20
SAVINGS ACCOUNT		
Balance 1-1-74	\$10,829.04	
1-8-74 Deposit	10,000.00	
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	\$20,829.04	
Withdrawals	15,000.00	
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	\$ 5,829.04	
Balance 1-1-75	\$ 6,525.48	

EXPENDITURES

Appropriations		
Lancaster Girl Scouts	\$ 200.00	
Hospital Renovation fund	500.00	
Weeks Memorial Library	1,800.00	
Pool Fund	1,000.00	
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		\$ 3,500.00
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES		
BOR Project	11,523.84	
Other items	1,880.36	
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		\$13,404.20
INSURANCE		
Workmen's Compensation, multi-peril, ball teams, bond		4,021.80
HOUSE		
Heat	\$ 2,810.60	
Telephone	909.50	
Lights and power	1,433.97	
Supplies	1,125.16	
Maintenance and repairs	807.32	
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		7,086.55
CAMP		745.16
FIELD		3,243.20
POOL		2,357.20
SKATING RINK		509.76
RECREATION		4,600.60
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES		3,819.32
WAGES AND SALARIES (net)		31,261.42
INCOME TAX WITHHELD		4,629.40
SOCIAL SECURITY WITHHELD		2,230.10
Social Security - Col. Town Share		2,230.10
BLUE CROSS		1,003.44
RETIREMENT WITHHELD		1,303.97
Retirement assessment		829.62
MISCELLANEOUS		
Water and sewer	\$ 425.00	
Dues and conventions	364.00	
Treasurer's pay	600.00	
Care of cemetery lot	95.00	
Numerous small items	339.21	
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		\$ 1,823.21
TOTAL		88,599.06
Transfer to Savings A-C		10,000.00
Checkbook Balance December 31, 1974		21,256.14
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		\$119,855.20

Respectfully submitted,
GRACE M. LEE, Treasurer

Colonel Town Scholarship Fund

Balance on hand, January 1, 1974	\$ 84.58
Interest received on account	12.62
Payments on loans received	465.00
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	\$562.20
Postage and typing	10.00
Repayment to Col. Town Spending Committee	500.00
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Balance on hand, December 31, 1974	\$ 52.20
Loans paid off during year	2
Loans outstanding	14

ROBERT C. RICH, Treasurer

Report of Trust Fund

For The Year Ended December 31, 1974

Investments, December 31, 1973	\$1,104,872.14
Cash on hand, December 31, 1973	448.25
Income from Investments	68,969.10
Profits on Securities	13,826.36
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	\$1,188,115.85
Payments to F. L. Town Spending Committee	\$ 63,799.71
Expense of Administration +	2,856.40
Losses on Securities	59,084.68
Cash (Income) on hand	2,761.24
Investments, December 31, 1974	1,059,613.82
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	\$1,188,115.85
Original Trust Fund (1926)	\$ 335,022.50
Profits	859,317.40
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	\$1,194,339.90
Losses	134,726.08
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	\$1,059,613.82
+ Investment Fees	\$1,951.00
Bookkeeping Services	750.00
Safe Deposit Box	16.00
Probate-Publication Fees	31.50
Legal Fees	100.00
Postage-Registered Mail	7.90
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	\$2,856.40

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond J. Carr
Treasurer

COL. F. L. TOWN FUND

- YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1974 -

INVENTORY - INCOME - GAINS (LOSSES)

1974

Name Of Security	Date of Purchase	Par Or Shares	Inventory 12/31/73	Inventory 12/31/74	Year End		Gains (Losses)
					Market	Income	
On Deposit - Burgess & Leith				30,118.00	30,118.00		
Siwoaganock Guaranty Savings Bank				51,948.69	51,948.69		2,241.24
U S Treasury Notes 3 7/8 due 11/15/74	3/ 2/59	500.00	500.00	- 0 -	- 0 -		19.38
U S Treasury Notes 6 1/2 due 5/5/76	7/23/69	40,000.00	39,562.80	39,562.80	39,587.60		2,600.00
U S Treasury Notes 8 due 2/15/77	6/15/70	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,367.25		2,000.00
U S Treasury Notes 6 1/4 due 2/15/78	2/16/71	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00	10,680.34		687.50
U S Treasury Notes 6 due 11/15/78	11/15/71	42,000.00	41,870.91	41,870.91	40,201.98		2,520.00
U S Treasury Notes 6 1/4 due 8/15/79	8/15/72	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	48,187.50		3,125.00
Alabama Power Co. 7 3/4 due 9/1/02	10/ 2/72	50,000.00	51,357.29	51,357.29	37,625.00		3,875.00
American Tel & Tel 8 3/4 due 5/15/00	5/15/70	2,500.00	2,672.50	2,672.50	2,512.50		218.76
Columbia Gas System 7 1/2 due 10/1/97	11/15/72	50,000.00	51,906.25	51,906.25	39,125.00		3,750.00
Consolidated Edison 9 3/8 due 9/15/00	9/15/70	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	10,125.00		1,406.26
Niagara Mohawk 7 3/4 due 8/1/02	10/24/72	50,000.00	51,000.00	- 0 -	- 0 -		3,875.00
Ohio Edison 9 1/4 due 5/1/00	6/11/70	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	18,325.00		1,850.00
American Tel & Tel Co.	12/17/68	1100	55,271.52	55,271.52	49,087.50		3,476.00
Cincinnati Gas & Electric	1/25/62	1075	25,511.68	25,511.68	15,587.50		1,763.00
Consumers Power Company	9/21/61	700	24,213.26	- 0 -	- 0 -		1,400.00
Duquesne Light Company	3/10/61	600	17,776.88	17,776.88	7,125.00		1,032.00
Eaton & Howard Balanced Fund	10/28/49	278.091	1,124.79	- 0 -	- 0 -		31.98
Federal National Mortgage	9/20/61	2000	8,494.80	8,494.80	36,750.00		1,360.00
First National Boston Corporation	4/15/46	800	9,577.91	- 0 -	- 0 -		1,348.00
Florida Power & Light Company	12/21/70	400	14,382.28	14,382.28	6,200.00		530.00
Foxboro Company	9/26/72	1500	41,172.65	41,172.65	34,875.00		900.00
Freeport Minerals	9/26/72	2000	41,804.28	41,804.28	53,000.00		2,400.00
General Motors Corporation	7/ 8/65	500	41,749.01	41,749.01	15,375.00		1,700.00
* Iowa Power & Light	7/23/69	1000	27,357.50	27,357.50	15,875.00		1,740.00
Kraftco Corporation	11/29/72	800	39,291.65	39,291.65	27,900.00		1,505.60
Marine Midland Banks	7/23/69	1000	37,375.00	- 0 -	- 0 -		1,800.00
Montana Dakota Utilities	10/19/67	500	15,107.20	15,107.20	13,187.50		1,030.00
Nation Wide Securities	4/12/54	86	433.12	- 0 -	- 0 -		8.60
Ohio Edison Company	9/20/61	1700	39,921.11	39,921.11	20,187.50		2,796.50
Peoples Gas Company	2/15/68	770	27,308.81	- 0 -	- 0 -		1,817.20
Philadelphia Electric Company	12/21/70	600	13,010.28	13,010.28	6,525.00		984.00
Smith, Kline & French Laboratories	7/23/69	700	31,975.65	31,975.65	32,112.50		1,400.00
* Southern New England Tel & Tel Co.	7/ 8/65	437	23,533.34	23,533.34	12,236.00		1,241.08
Union Electric Company	9/20/61	2500	47,152.37	47,152.37	23,750.00		3,200.00
Wisconsin Electric Company	9/20/61	2000	48,675.64	48,675.64	45,250.00		3,620.00
Wisconsin Public Service Company	9/20/61	1300	24,051.75	24,051.75	15,275.00		2,067.00
E. I. duPont deNemours Company	6/15/73	300	50,370.00	50,370.00	27,675.00		1,650.00
Baystate Corporation	11/19/74	1200	- 0 -	31,225.99	29,100.00		- 0 -
Charter New York Corporation	11/27/74	1500	- 0 -	31,341.80	27,937.50		- 0 -

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* Not On Legal List

Report of Audit

All records of the Town, including the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, District Court, Col. F. L. Town Fund, Weeks Memorial Library, Town Cemetary and all Trust Funds are audited each year by the Municipal Accounting Division of the Department of Revenue Administration.

The audit material is not included in this report due to the time schedule of completing the audit. The necessary statements will be published in the next annual report. The audit, when received, will be on file at the Town Office and may be examined upon request.

You will find the statements of receipts, and expenditures, of the Treasurer, water and sewer departments, and the capital project funds, also a summary of the tax warrants included with this report.

TOWN OF LANCASTER

GENERAL FUND

SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS AND PROOF OF BALANCE

FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1974

Balance Jan. 1, 1974	\$290,196.93	
Receipts During Year	<u>1,714,615.11</u>	
		\$2,004,812.04
Expenditures during Year		<u>1,709,979.01</u>
Balance December 31, 1974		\$294,833.03

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in Lancaster National Bank per Statement Dec. 31, 1974	\$289,524.49
Add: Deposit in Transit	<u>12,252.24</u>
	301,776.73
Less: Outstanding Checks	<u>28,943.70</u>
	272,833.03

PAYROLL ACCT.

Balance in Lancaster Bank per Statement	
Less: Outstanding Checks	<u>4,135.28</u>
Balance December 31, 1974	<u>2,000.00</u>
	\$294,833.03

TOWN OF LANCASTER
WATER DEPARTMENT
State of Receipts, Expenditures and Proof of Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1974

Balance January 1, 1974		\$ 5,419.46
Receipts During Year		
Water Rents	\$40,630.41	
Material Sales and Supplies	\$ 576.32	
Other	\$ 191.73	
		\$41,398.46
 Total Amount Available		 \$46,817.92
 Expenditures During Year:		
Administration & Clerical Salaries	\$ 4,620.00	
Wages	17,624.82	
Materials & Supplies	6,155.71	
Chlorinator	1,381.05	
Printing & Supplies	489.69	
Telephone	250.00	
Autil & Misc.	384.60	
Social Security & Retirement	1,711.93	
Truck Expense	547.87	
Insurance	501.00	
Hired Equipment	167.95	
New Construction	2,781.16	
Transfer to Reserve Fund	3,000.00	
Transfer to General Fund	1,373.86	
		\$40,989.64
 Balance - December 31, 1974		 \$ 5,828.28

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in Lancaster National Bank per Statement Dec.31, 1974	\$ 7,945.10	
Add: Deposit in Transit	1,026.74	
		\$8,971.84
Less: Outstanding Checks		3,143.56
		\$ 5,828.28
Reconciled Balance Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 5,828.28

TOWN OF LANCASTER
SEWER DEPARTMENT

Statement of Receipts, Expenditures and Proof of Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1974

Balance Jan. 1, 1974	\$ 854.62
Receipts During Year:	
Sewer Rental Fees	\$23,769.97
Sewer Entrance Fees	100.00
Interest on Rentals	8.94
Transfer from General Fund	1,000.00
	24,878.91
Total Amount Available	\$25,733.53
Expenditures During Year:	
Wages	7,597.25
Social Security & Insurance	883.14
Office Supplies	211.95
Insurance & Bond	232.00
Supplies	318.13
Chemicals	4,629.99
Utilities	9,939.17
Maintenance	962.06
	\$24,773.69
Balance December 31, 1974	\$ 959.84

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance Lancaster National Bank	\$1,451.20
per Statement - Dec. 31, 1974	763.26
Add: Deposit in Transit	
	\$ 2,214.46
Less: Outstanding Checks	1,254.62
	\$ 959.84
Reconciled Balance Dec. 31, 1974	

E.P.A. SEWER CONSTRUCTION FUND
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT & PROOF OF BALANCE

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1974

Balance Jan. 1, 1974		\$727,769.74
Receipts During the Year:		
Transfer from E.D.A. Sewer Construction Fund	\$119,008.97	
Interest Earned on Investment	45,609.79	
		164,618.76
 Total Amount Available		 \$892,388.50
Expenditures During the Year:		
General Contract	\$294,743.71	
Engineering Fees	22,317.97	
Land & R.O.W.	18.41	
Materials & Supplies	2,087.51	
Street Paving	28,728.00	
Transfer to Town General Fund	31,358.00	
		\$379,253.60
 Total Expenditures		 \$379,253.60
 Balance - December 31, 1974		 \$513,134.90

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Boston, Mass., per statement - December 31, 1974		\$ 14,099.42
Less: Outstanding Check		964.52
		13,134.90
 Add: Certificate of Deposit held by State Street Bank & Trust Co. due 1-24-75 @ 9 percent		 \$300,000.00
Due 1-28-75 @ 9 1/8 percent		200,000.00
		\$513,134.90

E. D. A. SEWER CONSTRUCTION FUND
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AND PROOF OF BALANCE

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1974

Balance Jan. 1, 1974		\$ 20,615.12
Receipts During the Year:		
EDA Federal Grant	\$120,573.49	
Misc.	3.00	
		120,576.49
Total Amount Available		\$141,191.61
Expenditures During Year:		
General Control	\$ 7,012.16	
Paving Streets	12,839.00	
Fund Transfer to E.P.A. Acct.	119,008.97	
Audit of Account	1,000.00	
Transfer to Town General Fund	1,331.51	
		\$141,191.61
Balance December 31, 1974		0

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in the Lancaster National		
Bank per Statement Nov. 31, 1974		0

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF PRIOR YEARS
- DR. -

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$100,345.36	
Resident Taxes or Head	5,100.60	
National Bank Stock Taxes	34.00	
Poll Taxes	22.00	
Total Warrants		\$105,501.96

Yield Taxes:

270.01

Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	\$ 473.97	
Resident Taxes	80.00	
Yield	5.49	559.46

Overpayments During Year:

a/c	Property	Taxes
a/c	Resident	Taxes

Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes	2,878.28	2,878.28
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Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes		378.50
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TOTAL DEBITS

\$109,588.21

- CR. -

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$ 99,800.83	
Resident Taxes or Head	3,794.10	
National Bank Stock Taxes		
Yield Taxes	138.71	
Interest Collected	2,878.28	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	378.50	
Polls	2.00	\$106,992.42

Discounts Allowed

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	\$ 622.20	
Resident Taxes or Head	285.00	
Yield Taxes		
Polls	2.00	909.20

Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1974:

(As Per Collector's List)

Property Taxes	\$ 396.30	
Resident Taxes or Head	1,101.50	
Yield Taxes	136.79	
National Bank Stock	34.00	1,686.59
Polls	18.00	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$109,588.21

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1974

- DR. -

Taxes Committed to Collector:			
Property Taxes		\$918,241.14	
Resident Taxes		17,240.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes		1,944.70	
Total Warrants			\$937,425.84
Yield Taxes			1,912.74
Added Taxes:			
Property Taxes	\$	90.39	
Resident Taxes		230.00	
			320.39
Overpayments During Year:			
a / c	Property Taxes		
a / c	Resident Taxes		
Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes			38.84
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes			26.00
TOTAL DEBITS			\$939,723.81

- CR. -

Remittance to Treasurer:			
Property Taxes		\$778,798.33	
Resident Taxes		12,260.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes		1,944.70	
Yield Taxes		1,912.74	
Interest Collected		38.84	
Penalties on Resident Taxes		26.00	
			\$794,980.61
Discounts Allowed			
Abatements Made During Year:			
Property Taxes		3,498.61	
Resident Taxes		370.00	
Yield Taxes			3,868.61
Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1974: (As Per Collector's List)			
Property Taxes		\$136,034.59	
Resident Taxes		4,840.00	
Yield Taxes		0	
			140,874.59
TOTAL CREDITS			\$939,723.81

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1974

—DR.—

Tax Sale on Account of Levies of:

	1973	1972	1971	1970
(a) Balance of Unredeemed Taxes of Jan. 1, 1974		\$20,926.84	\$10,440.37	\$169.71
(b) Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Yr. \$41,783.39				
Int. Collected after Sale	766.00	930.25	2,378.13	
Redemption Costs				
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$42,549.39</u>	<u>\$21,857.09</u>	<u>\$12,818.50</u>	<u>\$169.71</u>

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Remittances to Treasurer

During Year:				
Redemptions	\$17,466.96	\$ 8,852.59	\$10,093.72	
Interest and Costs after Sale	766.00	930.25	2,378.13	
Abatements During Yr. Deeded to Town	107.98	105.43	71.04	
During Year Unredeemed Taxes - Dec. 31, 1974	24,208.45	11,968.82	275.61	169.71
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$42,549.39</u>	<u>\$21,857.09</u>	<u>\$12,818.50</u>	<u>\$169.71</u>

EXHIBIT A

TOWN OF LANCASTER
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1974

ASSETS

CASH IN BANKS:

Lancaster National Bank - checking account	\$ 1,785.79	
Siwooganock Guaranty Savings Bank - savings accounts	<u>158,751.82</u>	\$160,537.61

INVESTMENTS:

<u>Bonds:</u>	<u>Face</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Book Value</u>	
U.S. Treasury	\$10,000.00	6.25%	2/15/76	10,068.78	
U.S. Treasury	5,000.00	6.50	5/15/76	5,000.00	
U.S. Treasury	3,000.00	6.00	5/15/75	3,028.39	
Federal Nat'l Mtg. Assn.	10,000.00	7.85	9/10/74	10,044.06	
Federal Nat'l Mtg. Assn.	50,000.00	8.25	12/10/75	50,297.92	
Niagra Mohawk	2,000.00	4.25	11/1/91	<u>1,997.50</u>	80,436.65
 <u>Stocks:</u>			<u>No. Shares</u>	<u>Book Value</u>	
American Telephone and Telegraph			500	22,435.00	
Consumer Power			1242	36,934.80	
Eaton and Howard Balanced Fund			196	1,901.27	
Eaton and Howard Income Fund			6733	43,781.59	
Federal National Mogul Corp.			1000	29,819.00	
Keystone Custodian Fund			4400	42,636.00	
Lancaster National Bank			42	2,975.00	
Libby Owens Ford			250	8,715.94	
National Investors Corp.			316	2,621.04	
New York State Electric and Gas			1500	48,446.65	
Pacific Telephone and Telegraph			2000	34,315.25	
Philadelphia Electric Co.			2000	43,414.00	
Remington Arms Co.			2000	28,073.35	
Siwooganock Guaranty Savings Bank			6	600.00	
Southern California Water Co.			480	<u>3,450.00</u>	<u>350,118.89</u>
 Total Assets					 <u>\$591,093.15</u>

TOWN OF LANCASTER
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

EXHIBIT A

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1974

TRUST FUND EQUITY

COMMON TRUST FUNDS

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Total</u>
Lyman Blandin Trust	\$ 67,603.94	\$ --	\$ 67,603.94
Cemetery Trust	177,406.91	--	177,406.91
Dennison Trust	6,542.28	1,180.96	7,723.24
James Dow Trust	5,586.14	604.83	6,190.97
Historical Trust	928.55	--	928.55
Library Trust	39,639.47	--	39,639.47
School Trust	5,868.96	--	5,868.96
Smith Trust	47,967.95	--	47,967.95
Stevens Trust	<u>147,891.48</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>147,891.48</u>
	<u>\$499,435.68</u>	<u>\$ 1,785.79</u>	\$501,221.47

<u>MONAHAN NURSING FUND</u>	<u>\$ 685.20</u>	<u>\$ 189.94</u>	875.14
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CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Ambulance	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 293.21	4,793.21
Highway Equipment	17,974.10	1,159.19	19,133.29
Fire Department	16,000.00	3,807.34	19,807.34
School Bus	2,500.00	164.43	2,664.43
Swimming Pool	15,000.00	263.66	15,263.66
Water Department	<u>20,371.48</u>	<u>6,963.13</u>	<u>27,334.61</u>
	<u>\$ 76,345.58</u>	<u>\$12,650.96</u>	88,996.54

Total Trust Fund Equity

\$591,093.15

TOWN OF LANCASTER
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

EXHIBIT B

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1974

	<u>Savings Accounts</u>	<u>Checking Account</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>CASH BALANCE - JANUARY 1, 1974</u>	<u>\$130,850.02</u>	<u>\$ 2,807.17</u>	<u>\$133,657.19</u>
 <u>RECEIPTS</u>			
Income from investments	--	29,623.41	29,623.41
Interest on savings	7,772.83	--	7,772.83
Capital gain distributions	--	1,374.73	1,374.73
New principal funds	274.00	22,250.00	22,524.00
Item received in error	--	90.00	90.00
Deposit of cash on hand at 12/31/73	100.00	--	100.00
Transfers from savings accounts	(4,869.76)	4,869.76	--
Transfers to savings accounts	<u>24,624.73</u>	<u>(24,624.73)</u>	<u>--</u>
 Total receipts	 <u>27,901.80</u>	 <u>33,583.17</u>	 <u>61,484.97</u>
 Total available	 <u>158,751.82</u>	 <u>36,390.34</u>	 <u>195,142.16</u>
 <u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>			
Distribution of income:			
Summer Street Cemetery:			
From Cemetery Trust	--	11,123.17	11,123.17
From Stevens Trust	--	<u>10,103.90</u>	<u>10,103.90</u>
	--	21,227.07	21,227.07
Rev. J.K. O'Conner, Cemetery	--	1,445.38	1,445.38
Historical Committee	--	63.34	63.34
Weeks Memorial Library	--	2,692.74	2,692.74
Lancaster School	--	337.44	337.44
Emmons Smith Fund	--	3,236.97	3,236.97
Town of Lancaster, Care of Cross Park	--	364.00	364.00
Northern Land Service, Dow Fund	--	537.27	537.27
Blandin Fund	--	<u>4,610.34</u>	<u>4,610.34</u>
 Total distributions of income	 --	 34,514.55	 34,514.55
Return of item received in error	--	90.00	90.00
 Total disbursements	 --	 <u>34,604.55</u>	 <u>34,604.55</u>
 <u>CASH BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 1974</u>	 <u>\$158,751.82</u>	 <u>\$ 1,785.79</u>	 <u>\$160,537.61</u>

EXHIBIT C

TOWN OF LANCASTER
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1974

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>BLANDIN</u>	<u>CEMETERY</u>	<u>DENNISON</u>	<u>DOW</u>
BALANCE - <u>JANUARY 1, 1974</u>	<u>\$559,228.93</u>	<u>\$67,260.72</u>	<u>\$173,522.83</u>	<u>\$7,600.39</u>	<u>\$6,298.16</u>
<u>INCREASED BY</u>					
Income from investments	29,623.41	3,385.96	9,589.10	385.10	361.41
Savings account interest	7,772.83	1,224.38	2,374.33	62.57	32.03
Capital gain dividends	6,458.53	343.22	2,489.20	39.18	36.64
New principal funds	<u>22,524.00</u>	<u> </u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total increases	<u>66,378.77</u>	<u>4,953.56</u>	<u>16,452.63</u>	<u>486.85</u>	<u>430.08</u>
Total available	<u>625,607.70</u>	<u>72,214.28</u>	<u>189,975.46</u>	<u>8,087.24</u>	<u>6,728.24</u>
<u>DECREASED BY</u>					
Income distributions	<u>34,514.55</u>	<u>4,610.34</u>	<u>12,568.55</u>	<u>364.00</u>	<u>537.27</u>
BALANCE - <u>DECEMBER 31, 1974</u>	<u>\$591,093.15</u>	<u>\$67,603.94</u>	<u>\$177,406.91</u>	<u>\$7,723.24</u>	<u>\$6,190.97</u>
<u>ANALYSIS OF BALANCE</u>					
Checking account	\$ 1,785.79	\$	\$	\$1,180.96	\$ 604.83
Savings account	158,751.82	18,390.81	38,025.69	925.35	353.06
Investments	<u>430,555.54</u>	<u>49,213.13</u>	<u>139,381.22</u>	<u>5,616.93</u>	<u>5,233.08</u>
Total	<u>\$591,093.15</u>	<u>\$67,603.94</u>	<u>\$177,406.91</u>	<u>\$7,723.24</u>	<u>\$6,190.97</u>

TOWN OF LANCASTER
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

EXHIBIT C

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1974

<u>HISTORICAL</u>	<u>LIBRARY</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>SMITH</u>	<u>STEVENS</u>	<u>MONAHAN NURSING</u>	<u>CAPITAL RESERVE</u>
<u>\$922.27</u>	<u>\$39,322.37</u>	<u>\$5,839.20</u>	<u>\$47,510.23</u>	<u>\$145,152.05</u>	<u>\$806.71</u>	<u>\$64,994.00</u>
62.21	2,586.12	293.27	3,027.51	9,932.73		
1.13	106.62	44.17	209.46	171.17	44.43	3,502.54
6.28	317.10	29.76	457.72	2,739.43		
					24.00	20,500.00
<u>69.62</u>	<u>3,009.84</u>	<u>367.20</u>	<u>3,694.69</u>	<u>12,843.33</u>	<u>68.43</u>	<u>24,002.54</u>
<u>991.89</u>	<u>42,332.21</u>	<u>6,206.40</u>	<u>51,204.92</u>	<u>157,995.38</u>	<u>875.14</u>	<u>88,996.54</u>
63.34	2,692.74	337.44	3,236.97	10,103.90		
<u>\$928.55</u>	<u>\$39,639.47</u>	<u>\$5,868.96</u>	<u>\$47,967.95</u>	<u>\$147,891.48</u>	<u>\$875.14</u>	<u>\$88,996.54</u>
23.48	2,053.21	1,617.19	3,945.18	3,546.17	875.14	88,996.54
<u>905.07</u>	<u>37,586.26</u>	<u>4,251.77</u>	<u>44,022.77</u>	<u>144,345.31</u>		
<u>\$928.55</u>	<u>\$39,639.47</u>	<u>\$5,868.96</u>	<u>\$47,967.95</u>	<u>\$147,891.48</u>	<u>\$875.14</u>	<u>\$88,996.54</u>

Town of Lancaster
BOX 151
LANCASTER, N.H. 03584

Bulk Rate
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Lancaster, N.H.
Permit No. 65

FIRE TELEPHONE 788-4830

Fire Call Boxes

- 12 Main St., near Old Cemetery
- 13 Corner Main and Railroad Sts.
- 14 Corner Main and North Main Sts.
- 15 Corner North Main and Kilkenny Sts.
- 16 Corner Causeway and Summer Sts.
- 21 Corner Main and Mechanic Sts. and all Rural Areas
- 22 Corner Pleasant and Portland Sts.
- 23 Corner Williams and Prospect Sts.
- 24 Prospect St., near Mary Elizabeth Inn
- 25 Corner Elm, Burnside and Winter Sts.
- 26 Corner Elm and Water Sts.
- 27 Prospect Park
- 28 Portland St., near John Brooks
- 31 Corner Summer and Wolcott Sts.
- 32 Corner Railroad and Depot Sts., B&M Crossing
- 33 Corner High and Summer Sts.
- 34 Corner Summer and Middle Sts.
- 35 Corner Middle and Wesson Sts.
- 36 Corner Middle, Hill and Mechanic Sts.
- 37 North Road, (beyond Hospital)
- 41 Thompson Manufacturing Co.
- 42 Corner Main and Middle Sts., near Chesley's
- 43 Corner Main and Parks Sts.,
- 44 WEEKS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
- 45 Elementary School Building
- 51 Bunker Hill St., by M.C.R.R. Crossing
- 52 Top of Bunker Hill St.
- 55 Red Cross - CD Emergency First Aid
- 66 Assistance to Other Towns
- 2 Chimney Fire
- 333 National Guard
- 7-7 6:45 A.M. — All schools closed entire day

CIVILIAN DEFENSE SIGNALS

- Alert Signal - Steady Blast, 3 minutes
- Take Cover Signal - Short Blast, 3 minutes
- All Clear - 30 second Blast - 2 minutes silence; repeated