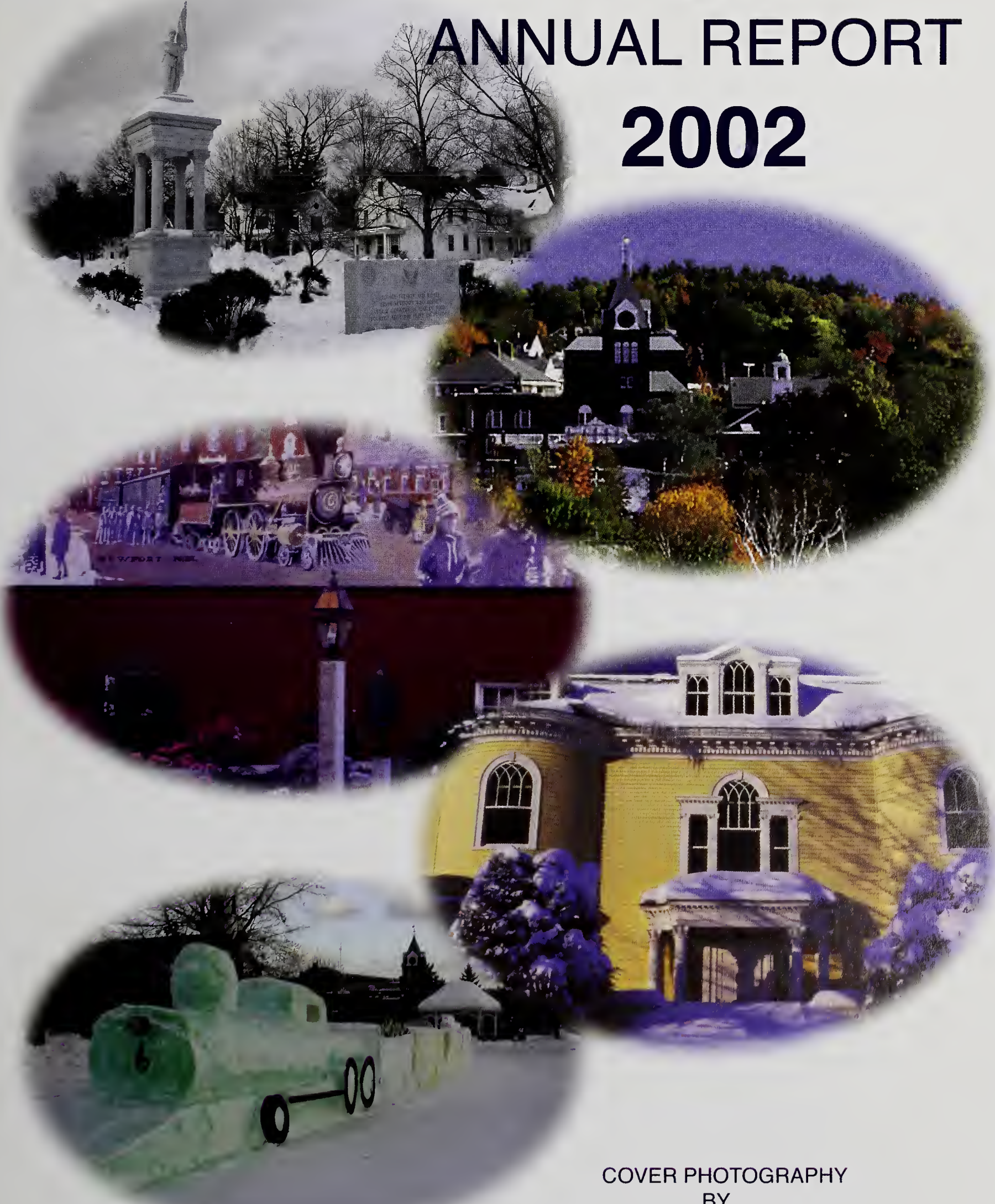


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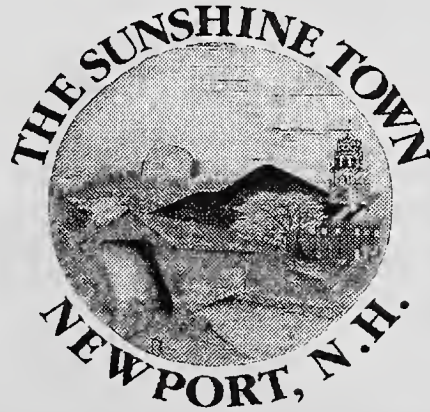


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IN DEDICATION TO ROY MALOOL



Roy Malool - Courtesy Photo

It can be compared to a secretive inside joke that far too many people know about, thus not really making that much of a secret anymore. At the same time, not nearly enough people are aware of the secret contained in the following pages.

The story revolves around generosity, in this particular case the generosity of one man. In the dictionary, there is a definition of generosity. And then there are those actions that go far beyond anyone's wildest definition of the very word generous.

Perhaps you have heard Newport's Selectmen speak of the kindness of a certain resident who continues to give, time and time again, without ever asking for, or receiving, the recognition that almost any other individual would seek in similar circumstances.

Maybe you have read what seems to have been story after story in the Eagle Times or the Argus-Champion about an anonymous donation given to the Police Department, or to various Town projects.

It's possible that you have been involved in one of those discussions where each person mentions a name thinking they may have insight into who our Town's anonymous donor may be.

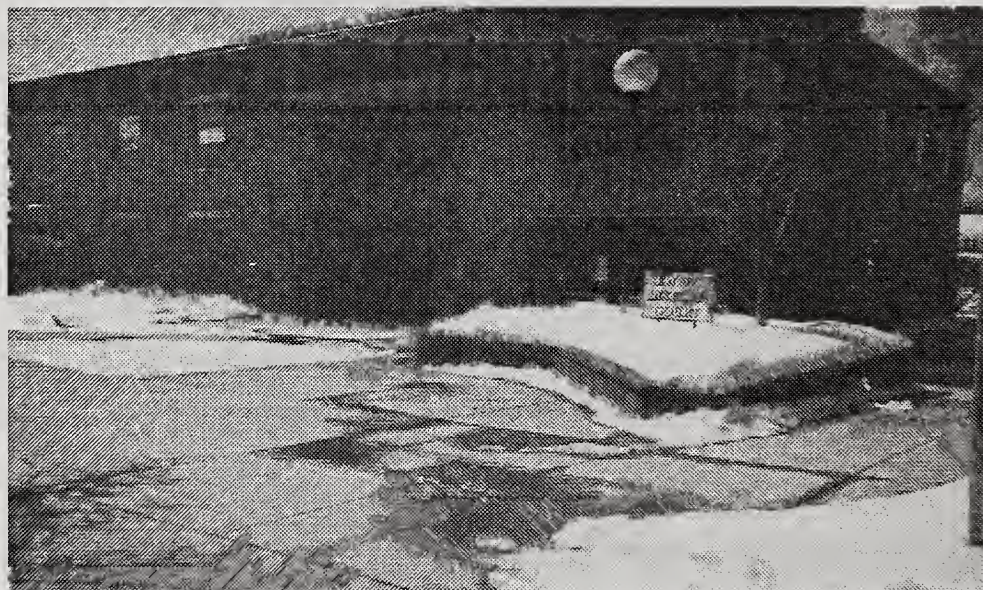
Regardless of where someone may have heard about, read about, or even talked about the many donations this individual has “anonymously,” the time has come for Newport to thank our noble citizen who has given so much of himself to our beloved community.

Although he can never be truly thanked for all that he has given to help make the Sunshine Town a little brighter, we shall make an attempt by dedicating this year’s Town Report to Roy Malool.

“Recognition of Roy’s many contributions is well overdue,” Town Manager Dan O’Neill says. “He has truly been a valuable asset for this community and his dedication is greatly appreciated.” “Every few weeks I’ll get a phone call from Roy, he’ll say Dan I got this idea or what do you think about this?” “Roy’s mind is always going 100 mph.”

“PEOPLE LIKE ROY MAKE THE SUNSHINE TOWN THAT MUCH BRIGHTER – Selectman and State Representative Beverly Rodeschin

For too many years for just about anyone to remember, Malool, 77, has been quietly donating significant amounts of money to various undertakings in Town, most notably, a recent donation of \$275,000 to the Town. The money, coupled with numerous donations, allowed the Town to purchase and renovate property at 55 Main Street, which has become the new home of the Newport District Court.



Newport District Court - Courtesy Photo

While there was much speculation, and several suggestions from city and state officials in Claremont, that the District Court could be moved to Sullivan County’s only city, Roy stepped forward to help resolve the situation.

Thanks in great part to Roy’s kindness and willingness to boldly intervene during Newport’s time of need, the District Court won’t be going anywhere anytime soon.

But for Roy, the thoughtful act was nothing new.

“He has always been there for Newport,” Selectman Betty Maiola said. “And it has always been out of the goodness of his heart.”

While the \$275,000 donation may have been the highest amount Roy has ever given the Town at one time, those who have been familiar with his generous acts say Roy has become the most significant contributor Newport has ever seen.

“Roy may now be known as the guy that gave all of that money to the court, but his list of giving is so much longer than that,” Selectman Gary Nichols said. “There is the property he donated to the Town that was swapped for the Eagle Block. And I know that he has become a true friend of the Police and Fire Departments. He is always willing to step forward when they have a certain need.”

A few years ago, Roy donated land that he had purchased for nearly \$200,000 to the Town in hopes that it could one day be used as an industrial park, part of a bigger economic development effort by the Town and the Economic Corporation of Newport.

Somewhat to Roy’s dismay, the land was swapped with William Ruger Jr., in exchange for the Eagle Block property.

Built in 1825 as the Eagle Hotel, the one-acre downtown site was designated an American Treasure in 1999, through a program sponsored by the United States Department of Interior and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

That same year, the property was acquired by ECON, whose intention it continues to be to renovate the 179 year-old building so that it can eventually house a restaurant and a center for advanced machine tool training.

Roy calls the land swap a “big mistake.”

“I donated that land so that Newport could have something by which it could attract industrial business,” he said. “That was the only chunk of land in town that could have been used for industrial purposes. The decision to give up that land, I believe, hurt the long-term future of the Town. I think it was wrong, but I didn’t stipulate that they couldn’t do it when I donated the land.”

Roy Malool stating his opinion?

“If he has something on his mind, you will hear about it,” long-time friend John Coronis said. “He’s not shy about giving you a piece of his mind.”

Coronis and Malool have been close friends for years, and the two have traveled to various spots around the world together.



John Coronis and Roy Malool – Courtesy Photo

“He is a hell of a guy,” Coronis said.

Those who know Roy realize that he has never been one to keep his opinion to himself, especially when he believes he has something constructive to offer. That is one of his greatest attributes.

“I have had numerous conversations with Roy, especially since I was elected to the Board,” Nichols said. “He is always bringing forth his ideas, his opinions. And he is not afraid to speak up when necessary. It is his way of trying to make things happen in this Town.”

“A QUIET LOVE FOR THE TOWN OF NEWPORT” – Selectman Gary Nichols

While originally from Teaneck, New Jersey, Roy says he quickly fell in love with New Hampshire soon after his family first began spending their summers in Lempster in 1929.

“There was just something about the area that I really enjoyed,” he said.

In 1949, Roy would leave the Garden State for a permanent life in Lempster. However, the stay was short-lived, and Roy moved to Newport in 1956.

Just six years later, with little formal education, but with the guts to try, Roy decided to start his own business.

In 1962, Roy formed and incorporated Roymal, the business that has kept him going for more than four decades.

Roy remembers fondly the early days of the company, which began in the bedroom of the Malool home, with Roy “doing the selling,” while his wife, Margo, would “take care of

the office work.” Later, the business was moved to a location on the corner of Central and Sunapee Streets.

At first, Roymal was a marketing organization that sold industrial coating, for cosmetic or aesthetic use, to numerous types of original equipment manufacturing industries worldwide. The products were marketed under the Roymal label, but manufactured by outside companies.

But Roy soon felt his company should be involved in more than just the marketing and selling of the products.

In 1969, the company, and its ten employees, moved to its current Sunapee Street location in Guild, where workers began to produce the company’s own products to be shipped directly to its customers.

During the mid-seventies, as the world faced an oil crisis, Roy was faced with a decision that would forever change his business. Roy needed to decide what the future of industrial coatings would be and to determine how his company would fit in.

In what was considered a bold move, Roymal moved away from nitrocellulose solvent based coatings, which it had manufactured since the companies inception, to clear water base overprint coatings. Roymal focused on marketing packaging for the food and tobacco industry, selling its products to such companies as McDonald’s and Nabisco, and Camel. The marketing strategy was an overwhelming hit overseas and later became just as successful in the United States.



Roymal – Courtesy Photo

Today, Roymal’s business is split evenly between foreign and domestic markets. Nearly 35 percent of its foreign business is conducted in Asia, with the remainder being split amongst Australia, Europe, Mexico, and South America.

To this day, Roy is considered to be a visionary among manufacturers of biodegradable industrial coatings.

“You have to have ideas in order to be successful,” Malool says. “It takes some guts, too.”

While his business has allowed Roy to travel the world, he has always kept a firm commitment to his “hometown.”

“He could have lived anywhere in the world, but he always stayed because he cared,” Nichols said.

And Roy doesn’t plan to go anywhere anytime soon. And the same can be said for the Roymal.

“While I’m alive, the company will stay in Newport,” he said. “I have seen various people and cultures all around the world, but it just makes me appreciate what I have back home that much more. I am still just a flatlander from New Jersey.”

“YOU DON’T BECOME SUCCESSFUL BY FOLLOWING A BOOK”

– Roy Malool

Roy credits his success to things that, as he puts it, can’t be found in a textbook, a lesson he wishes he could pass on to students attending Newport’s three schools.

“You have to have the guts to try things,” he says. “You have got to want it in order to be successful.”

Malool recalls a young man who came to work for Roymal directly out of Dartmouth’s Tuck Business School.

“He came in here and said, ‘Well, the book says we have to do it this way.’”

“That’s nonsense! Sometimes, you have to just use plain old common sense. Many times, you have to make decisions by the seat of your pants. That’s what business is all about,” Roy said as a smile came to his face, the excitement of the topic of discussion rushing through his veins.

“ROY HAS BEEN VERY GENEROUS WITH HIS CONTRIBUTIONS. HE IS A VERY KIND MAN.” – Newport Police Chief David Hoyt

For years, Roy has had a very close relationship with both the Newport Police and Fire Departments, answering the call of need whenever he has been asked.

When talking to Roy about these Departments, one is quickly made aware of just what each means to him.

“I have a great deal of respect for those people,” he says. “I help them because I believe in them, that’s all.

“Roy has been one of the most unselfish characters this Town has ever seen,” Jim Lantz said. “He just cares so much, especially when it comes to the Firemen and the Police. It’s truly amazing and he should be applauded for it.”

But finding out just how Roy has specifically helped each Department is no easy task.

When asked about his contributions, Roy shakes his head and asks a question. “Why do you need to know each thing? It’s not that important.”

Most people, including Hoyt and Fire Chief Peter Lamb, would beg to disagree.

One of the most interesting ideas Roy proposed for the Police Department was to host an exchange with law enforcement officials from Finland. Roy had met a few individuals during his travels to that country whom he believed had something to offer our Town, and vice versa. And so, in typical Malool fashion, he put the wheels in motion for the exchange to take place.

Roy took Newport Police Sergeant Denis O’Sullivan, and his wife, Melanie, to Finland to experience how law enforcement works in the European nation.

In particular interest to O’Sullivan, who at the time handled Newport’s canine unit, were customs searches performed by police dogs trained to detect explosives and drugs.



Finland Law Officials, Denis O'Sullivan, Roy Malool

While O’Sullivan had the opportunity to travel to a new land for the training experience of a lifetime, Roy decided the Finnish police should receive a similar opportunity. In addition, Roy believed Newport’s officers could gain a number of public relation tips from their European counterparts.

“They are trained on it so much more than we are in the United States,” Roy says. It’s always good to experience things that expand one’s way of thinking.”

For several weeks, officers from the country came to Newport to work with our local officers, as well as having the opportunity to spend time at a Concord training facility and Manchester Airport. The exchange worked so well, Roy is thinking about trying it again.

“I think it was beneficial to both sides,” he said. “Hey, I am just happy it worked out.”

Possibly one of Roy’s single biggest contributions to Newport is the fact that he opened up our community to the world. Roy has invited numerous business associates throughout the world to visit “The Ranch” in Guild. The cozy, log cabin guesthouse is filled with memorabilia that Roy has collected during his travels. The fact that he has made Newport a necessary stop on many of his client’s itinerary should not be overlooked.

As much as Roy has given to the people of Newport, he says that he wishes the Town called upon him more often. Not necessarily for a monetary donation, but as an outlet for high school students to come to Roymal to learn the necessary skills to run a successful business like Malool’s.

The schools haven’t utilized businesses enough,” he says. “We could have specialists working with students or young people. I really think we can help those students who may want to quit school to learn the skills that will be so valuable to them throughout life.”

Most summers, you can find at least a student or two spending their summer hours working at Roymal.



“The Ranch” - Courtesy Photo

“I enjoy having them here,” Roy says. “Most businesses in this Town would be more than willing to help out with something like that. The schools only need to ask.”

That is what Roy Malool is all about. Trying to make things better, the only thing he knows after three-quarters of a century on this planet. “You pick up a thing or two over the years,” he says with a smile.

Nichols, who mowed Roy’s lawn as a summer job “many years ago,” says he has known Malool his whole life and considers him to be just like an uncle. He can think of no better lesson in education for Newport’s high school students than to have them just listen to what Roy has to offer. “It’s a shame more people don’t know him as well as I do. It is amazing the things you can learn.”

“NEWPORT’S BEST KEPT SECRET” – Selectman Virginia Irwin

While his generosity has been unlike any other, Roy has always requested that his name not be mentioned when making a donation.

Many people may be astonished to learn of the great lengths to which Roy is willing to go in order to help out the community, but to him, it is a very easy thing to do.

“I don’t need the recognition,” Roy said. “I do it because I want to and why shouldn’t I do it?”

“I don’t believe in just giving the money away to my family. Look at my generation, no one gave us anything, and we made out all right. It is what makes America so unique.”

While Roy has included very few stipulations when donating his money, he says he does have one basic rule – all donations are to benefit Newport.

“We set that policy, because Newport is where we are and this is where the money should go. Hey, these are things I believe in. Why not give the money, 100 percent tax-free, to where it should go anyway? Why give it to Washington? I would rather see it go to good use here in Newport.”

Nichols can’t thank Malool enough for his efforts.

“I am so appreciative of everything Roy has done for our Town, but I only wish more people could get to know him,” he said. “Roy is such a brilliant asset to our community.

Newport Historical Society Museum Curator Harold Perkins says the Malool name belongs near the top of the list of Newport’s finest contributors. Richards, Towle, LaValley, Lantz, is a short list of names Perkins mentions has having a spot on that list.

“Malool would certainly be near the top,” Perkins said. “The contributions he has made, many in private, are quite possibly unmatched in Newport’s history.

Since establishing himself in Newport, Roy says he has seen a number of changes, some good, some bad. To him, the biggest change has come to the Main Street area, where

shops used to fill just about every storefront. "Main Street has gone downhill," he says. "I blame the big shopping centers for it."

While poor economic conditions during the past year have hit Newport particularly hard, with Ames Department Store, Pizza Hut, and Jack's Coffee among the businesses to close their doors, and long-time Newport staple Dorr-Woolen preparing to close its doors for the last time, Malool sees a bright future for Newport.

"We are at war and in the middle of a recession," he says. "Those are parts of the game. But I have no doubt this Town will bounce back. During the last ten years, a hell of a lot has been done to improve Newport, but there is still a long way to go."

As for the company he has made world famous, Roy says the best is yet to come. Recently, he handed the reigns of the company over to one of his daughters, but Roy has no plans of driving his Lincoln off into the sunset anytime soon.

"It is nice that we are able to keep it as a family business," he says. "It allows me to hang around so that I know what is going on."

Recently, Roy purchased the old New England Ordinance building just off of Whipple Road. The building sits in close proximity to Roymal and will be the site of future expansion for the company.

"I AM NOT INTERESTED IN HOW I AM REMEMBERED, PARTICULARLY. WE HAVE HAD GOOD LIVING AND THAT'S ENOUGH." – Roy Malool

Roy hopes that his contributions to Newport will have a lasting effect on the Town, but believes it is unimportant how people remember him.

"I am absolutely satisfied with how things have turned out. I have been privileged with good living and we have found success in our own way," he says.

But for others, it is imperative that Roy's contributions be recognized.

"Too many people don't realize the long-term commitment he has shown this Town," Nichols said. "That commitment is about much more than just the money he has donated. He truly loves Newport and that love has gone on for years now."

Roy truly has been a godsend to the people of Newport. Whether there has ever been a citizen of the Sunshine Town that has helped so many people, so quietly, simply does not matter. For we have been blessed to be here, at this particular point in time, with Roy by our side, 100 percent of the way.

Can we ever really properly thank him?

Of course not. But this dedication is our futile attempt.

Patryc Wiggins summed up Roy's contributions this way.

“Roy Malool is a leader in the scope of his goodwill and stunning contributions to the municipality. He epitomizes a distinguished, envied tradition of Newport's locally owned business community; one that reinvests in the community's public good. It is a rare situation in this day and age to have such magnanimous local philanthropy, where there is a closed circle of investment given by private enterprise for the purpose of making the community a better place for the local citizen to live. He is frequently approached to consult on business, to which he responds in earnest. He is valued for his candid advice. His remarkable generosity, often unnamed, endows economic development in diverse civic dimensions defined through preservation, conservation, and culture. His gifts catalyze many of Newport's ongoing achievements; critical in timing, invaluable, vital, endearing, enduring. Roy is a true friend of Newport.”

**Written by,
Wojtek Staszkiwicz**

**TOWN OF NEWPORT
GENERAL INFORMATION**

Date of Incorporation **October 6, 1761**

Total Land Area **43.6 Square Miles**

Elevation Above Mean Sea Level

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

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

U.S. Congressional District **Second**

Representatives: **Charles Bass**

142 No. Main Street, Concord, NH 03301

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Senate Russell Courtyard 4

Washington, DC 20510

Judd Gregg

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

393 Russell Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

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State Senator

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Gordon Flint, Sr.

21 Lincoln Terrace, Newport, NH 03773

Beverly Rodeschin

336 Sunapee St., Newport, NH 03773

Peter Franklin

PO Box 411, Newport, NH 03773

District Court **Newport**

Number of Registered Voters **2,786**

Population **6,269**

2002 Tax Rate: **Town** **\$11.12**

School **10.78**

County **4.31**

State **6.28**

Total **\$32.49**

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Term Expires

Gary E. Nichols, Chair May, 2004
Elizabeth W. Maiola, Vice Chair May, 2003
Bennie C. Nelson May, 2004
Beverly T. Rodeschin May, 2005
Virginia O. Irwin May, 2005

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Nancy H. Black May, 2003

MODERATOR

W. Howard Dunn. May, 2004

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Heather Fraser May, 2006
Martha E. Lovely May, 2008
Ella M. Casey May, 2004

TOWN CLERK

Karlene W. Stoddard May, 2005

TOWN TREASURER

Jonathan A Howard May, 2005

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND

Peter R. Lovely May, 2003
Louise K. Hastings May, 2004
Chad P. Howe, Sr. May, 2005

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

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| TOWN MANAGER | Daniel P. O'Neill |
| Executive Assistant | Lisa M. Pitkin |
| DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS | Larry A. Wiggins |
| Airport Manager | Dean Stetson |
| Cemetery Superintendent | Brian T. Richardson |
| Highway Superintendent | Fraser L. Michaud |
| Sewage Treatment Plant Superintendent | Arnold L. Greenleaf |
| Water & Sewer Superintendent | Robert K. Naylor |
| EMS DIVISION CHIEF | Brian W. Tracey |
| CIVIL DEFENSE CO-DIRECTORS | David A. Hoyt Peter M. Lamb |
| FINANCE DIRECTOR | Paul J. Brown, C.P.A. |
| FIRE CHIEF/HEALTH OFFICER | Peter M. Lamb |
| PLANNING & ZONING COORDINATOR | Julie M. Collins |
| POLICE CHIEF | David A. Hoyt |
| RECREATION & PARKS DIRECTOR | P.J. Lovely, Jr. |
| TAX COLLECTOR | Daniel P. O'Neill |
| Senior Deputy Tax Collector | Elaine Van Dusen |

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

APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Term Expires

AIRPORT COMMISSION

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| Dean Stetson, Airport Manager | Ex-Officio |
| Peter Anastos, Chairman | May, 2004 |
| Herbert Findeisen | May, 2004 |
| Roy Barnes | May, 2005 |
| David Little | May, 2005 |
| Kent Gooding | May, 2004 |
| Elizabeth Maiola, BOS Rep | May, 2003 |
| Larry Wiggins, Staff Rep | May, 2003 |

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

| | |
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| Ella Casey | May, 2005 |
| David Little | May, 2003 |
| Betty Avery | May, 2005 |
| Jodi Holmes | May, 2003 |
| Ben Nelson, BOS Rep | May, 2003 |
| Holly Harrison, School Board Rep. | May, 2003 |
| Paul Brown, Town Staff Rep | May, 2003 |

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Nancy Parssinen, Chair | May, 2003 |
| Jack Liberman, Secretary | May, 2004 |
| June Liberman, Treasurer | May, 2004 |
| Albert Cole | May, 2005 |
| Dick Wentzell | May, 2003 |
| Norris Learnard, Alternate | May, 2003 |
| Ken Merrow | May, 2004 |
| Lesley Scheele | May, 2006 |
| Tracy Nudd-Homeyer, Alternate | May, 2006 |

APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Term Expires

ECONOMIC CORPORATION OF NEWPORT (ECON)

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David McCrillis, Secretary Stephen Ensign, Treasurer
Patryc Wiggins, Director Ella Casey
Kathy Hubert Richard Bates
Jeffery Cornish Daniel O'Neill
Kevin Chamberlain Marilyn Brannigan
Betty Maiola, BOS Rep Michael Shklar
Bill Wightman Seth Wilner
Tracy Nudd-Homeyer

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Patrice Brewer, Chair May, 2004
Sharon Christie, Vice Chair May, 2004
Roger Nelson, Secretary May, 2003
Martha Cain May, 2004
Laura Kessler May, 2003
Clifford Richer May, 2005
Ray Reid, Alternate May, 2003
Gary Nichols, BOS Rep May, 2003

JOINT LOSS MANAGEMENT (SAFETY) COMMITTEE

Steve Dube, Sr., Chair Aaron Aldrich, Vice Chair
Lisa Pitkin, Secretary Shady Blackwell
Ken Dennis Wilbur Martin
Peter Lamb PJ Lovely
Dan O'Neill Brian Tracey Ed Schinck

APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Term Expires

PLANNING BOARD

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| W. Howard Dunn, Chair | May, 2003 |
| Gary Nichols, BOS Rep | May, 2003 |
| David Burnham | May, 2003 |
| Pauline Andrews | May, 2004 |
| Frederick Jones | May, 2003 |
| Erna McCormick | May, 2005 |
| Michael Clark | May, 2005 |
| Bill Deane, Alternate | May, 2005 |
| David Kibbey, Alternate | May, 2003 |

POLLARDS MILLS COVERED BRIDGE COMMITTEE

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Lou Thompson | Eleanor Thompson |
| Harold Berkeley | Jeff Kessler |
| Ray Reid | Adam Nudd-Homeyer |
| Lawrence Schissel | Gary Nichols |

RECREATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

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| Betty Maiola, BOS Rep | May, 2003 |
| Robert Scheele | May, 2004 |
| Kimberly Rosendahl | May, 2003 |
| Larry Flint | May, 2003 |
| Ken Dennis | May, 2003 |
| Angela Maynes | May, 2005 |
| Peter Lamb | May, 2004 |
| Gary LaFountain | May, 2003 |
| Samantha Rosendahl, Student Rep | May, 2003 |

APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Term Expires

SULLIVAN COUNTY REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

Virginia Irwin **May, 2005**
Dan O'Neill **May, 2003**
Beverly Rodeschin, Alternate **May, 2003**
Jeffrey Kessler, Alternate **May, 2003**
Peter Franklin, Alternate **May, 2003**

WASTE DISPOSAL ADVISORY STUDY COMMITTEE

Guenter Hubert, Chairman **Virginia Irwin, Vice Chairman**
Mary Schissel **Andy Andrews**
Dan Lloyd **Wendell Berry**
Celestine Wiggins **Ann MacConnell, Alternate**
Janet DeRose, Alternate

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Anthony DiPadova, Chair **May, 2005**
Ben Nelson, BOS Rep **May, 2003**
Patrice Brewer **May, 2004**
Virginia Irwin **May, 2005**
David Lain **May, 2003**
Nicki Sullivan, Alternate **May, 2004**

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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When you enter Newport on Sunapee Street you see the granite sign in Campbell Park that simply states Newport 1761. I often wonder what those founding families would think of Newport now. We often say Newport doesn't change, but in fact, it has evolved slowly but steadily changing with the times. This year has been no different. Much of what has transpired is not noticeable but will affect Newport into the future.

The Board changed from the results of the election. Previous member Virginia "Biddy" Irwin, was elected. Biddy was Chairman of the Board the year I was first elected and we welcome back her experience and insight. Beverly Rodeschin was re-elected to a second term. Beverly brings a wider vision to the Board and we benefit from her service as a State Representative. Rounding out this Board is Vice Chairman Elizabeth Maiola and former Chairman Bennie Nelson.

I will only touch on the highlights of the many changes that have taken place this year, as more in-depth reports will be addressed by the Department Heads and in the Town Manager's report.

Pollards Mills Bridge will be completed by the first of July, 2003. This bridge will be longer so as not to restrict the river flow and will allow for safe travel while maintaining the restrictive width that the citizens expressed a desire for.

We will complete the water and sewer project on South Main Street early in the summer with a new duct bank being installed by Verizon and clearing the way for much needed unrestricted flow.

Over the last year Arnold Greenleaf at the Sewer Treatment Plant has been installing much needed improvements. We have been putting funds away to address the eventual cleaning of the lagoons. Arnie's efforts over the years have led to extending the lagoon's life, which has saved the Town considerable funds. We appreciate his efforts.

The most compelling news for Newport has to be the new District Court. Over the last five years the Board has considered many options to address the deficiencies that were present in the old location. None were forthcoming that would have not had a tax impact. It was not until Roy Malool came forward to donate \$275,000, and other concerned citizens like Harold & Gerry LaValley, Jim Lantz, William Ruger, Jr., Sugar River Savings Bank, Lake Sunapee Bank, McCrillis and Eldredge, and because of you the citizens that voted to use \$195,000 of fund balance that made it all possible. The new building should guarantee that the court remain in Newport for the foreseeable future. When Newport comes together to accomplish a goal we are a formidable community.

Now to the future. The Board has recommended to the citizens the first steps of the rebuilding of Cheney Street. Design funding and water and sewer funding are in this year's budget and the remainder will appear in next year's budget.

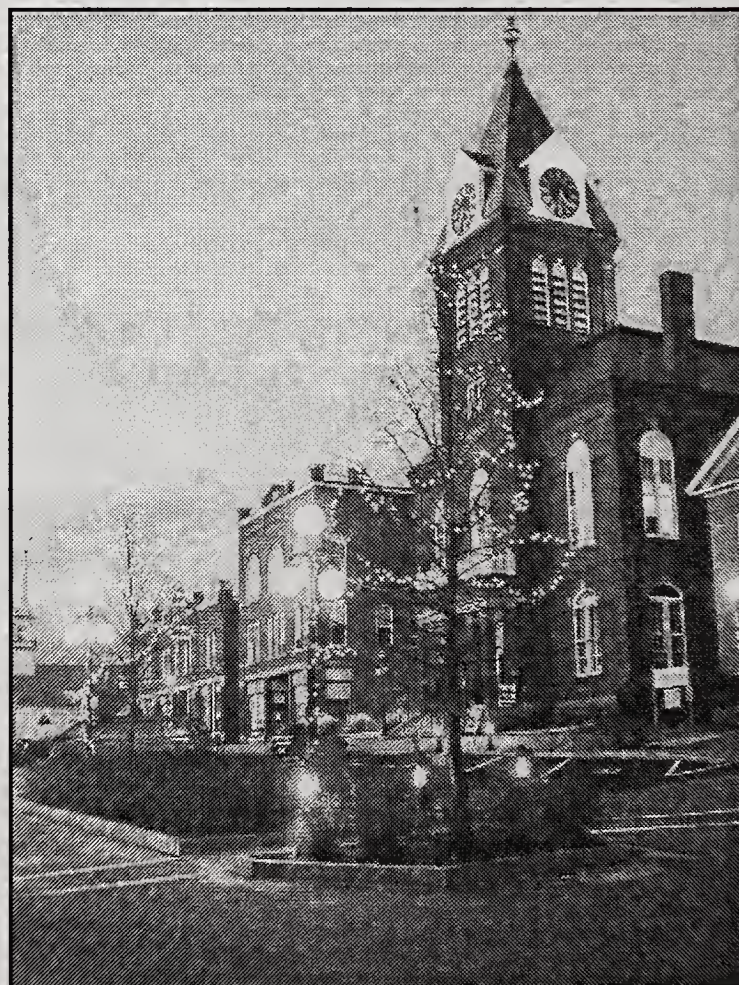
There has been some discussion about street lighting, and there will be upcoming discussions on placement, removal, and cost that surround the topic.

Last year we re-paved Belknap Avenue but did not have the funds to re-deck the bridge, it is in this year's Town warrant and I hope you support it.

I hope every citizen will attend Town Meeting to express their opinions and cast their vote for the direction that you wish to see Newport grow.

In closing I hope when the citizens approach Newport on Sunapee Street 202 years from now they will be pleased with what we did to continue Newport's proud past.

**Gary E. Nichols,
Chairman**



Newport Opera House
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TOWN MANAGER'S 2002 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

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As I write my annual letter for the Town Report the TV news is playing in the background. Our troops have encircled Baghdad and excursions into the city center have occurred. The sights on the television and in the newspapers over the past few weeks continue to remind me of how fortunate we are to live in a place that has the freedoms we all enjoy and often times unfortunately take for granted. On Town Meeting day we will be exercising our most basic rights, the right to vote for our representatives and to voice our opinions about the appropriateness of future government activity.

I would like to thank those of you who have taken the time to read the Town Report and attend Town Meeting. Those of us that work for the public at the local level understand that the effectiveness of our work is directly dependant upon the participation and feedback that we receive from the citizenry.

Looking over the previous years events clearly the most significant is the new District Court at 55 Main Street. The District Court project was successful because of the combined efforts of a number of individuals, businesses, local and state government. As with many of the projects we initiate at the local government level obtaining adequate funding is always a major hurdle. In this particular case a very generous contribution from Roy Malool put us in a position to make this project happen. His contribution in combination with contributions from Harold and Gerry LaValley, Jim Lantz, Bill Ruger, Jr., Sugar River Savings Bank, Lake Sunapee Bank, McCrillis & Eldredge and the citizens of Newport, we were able to build a very nice facility that addresses all of the courts needs

I thank the Board of Selectmen and Town employees for helping me this year and I encourage citizens in our community to look into the vacancies that are coming up on Town appointed committees if you just want to talk about town operations or have ideas and concerns please give me a call.

**Daniel P. O'Neill,
Town Manager**

REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF COUNCIL DISTRICT ONE

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A new era is underway in the Executive Branch of your NH State Government, headed by Governor Craig Benson. I envision that his administration will be bringing new and innovative ideas of a modernized New Hampshire State Government, by utilizing tools of the new age of technology. This will bring enhanced services to the citizens and users of NH State Government. Through the many checks and balances of power at the State Capitol, Governor Benson will not go too slow or too fast.

I encourage citizens to contact Governor Benson and offer to serve on a Board or Commission. Each biennium more than 300 citizens are appointed to these public Boards. The address is: State House, 107 North Main St. Concord, NH 03301. The phone number is : 603 271-2121. A new administration is in Concord. Let's make very sure our region is a part of the Benson era of New Hampshire! For a listing of the Boards and Commissions under the authority of the Governor and Council, please visit the Secretary of State Web site at: <http://webster.state.nh.us/sos/> or call my office at 271-3632.

As Councilor, I will be conducting official tours with Commissioners and Directors of State Agencies all summer and fall of 2003. If you have a special event or project you would like a certain agency to visit or focus on, please let me know.

As Councilor, I will be holding official summer 2003 hearings on proposed changes to the NH Ten Year Highway Plan. All Town, Counties and Cities will be notified of this schedule of public hearings in your region. Please utilize your regional Planning Commission as a starting point for your transportation ideas and concerns. For detailed information on the Ten Year Highway Plan visit the Department of Transportation web site: <http://webster.state.nh.us/dot/>

All citizens and public agencies should contact our NH Congressional Delegation and ask for more support from Washington, DC. New Hampshire ranks near the bottom of the list in monies returned back from the Federal budget.

For every dollar of taxation we sent to Washington we get back ONLY 71 cents! Let's send many lists to Senators Gregg, and Sununu, and Congressmen Bass and Bradley and give them a chance to do better.

Please keep in touch with my office. I am at your service.

Ray Burton, Executive Councilor

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The primary concerns of the Newport Conservation Commission are:

- acquisition of wetlands and other natural lands
- protection of wetlands and other natural resources
- care of town trees
- conservation and environmental education

Last year in Town Meeting, voters approved an amendment to the Newport Zoning Ordinance creating a new zoning district called the Conservation District. Nine parcels of land owned by the Town of Newport located adjacent to the Sugar River are now protected as part of the Conservation District.

Eight members from the International Volunteers for Peace spent two weeks in Newport helping us with projects in the Town Forest. We also had six local girls and their counselor, Tracy Nudd-Homeyer, who participated in the work camp as part of the summer Recreation Department program. This year we upgraded the South Boundary Trail which connects Summer and Cheney Streets just inside the forest. The trail was widened and relocated in several areas, rocks were removed and fill added to improve the surface, and forty foot raised walkway was built over a wetland crossing. Several new sign posts were put up. Work was also done on the Pinnacle where we cut brush to maintain the open view. When it became obvious that the brush cutting job was too much to handle with hand tools, we bought a gas powered brush cutter which Conservation Commission members will use to finish the work. The Newport Revitalization Committee sponsored the volunteers, providing transportation, room and board, and organizing many opportunities for community involvement.

The Newport Recreation Department also worked many hours on the trails, getting them ready for the mountain bike race they hosted there in July. We heard many compliments on the fine condition of the trails and the challenging course laid out up over the Pinnacle.

Routine repairs were completed on the Wetland Boardwalk, kiosks, and signs. Also, one of our members has been monitoring the Town Forest, walking the trails each week, removing trash and reporting any damage.

Four Commission members attended a GPS workshop this fall; new maps and brochures for the Town Forest were then computer generated.

We again participated in the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture Purple Loosestrife Control Project, raising leaf eating insects for release at the Sugar River in Guild.

The ornamental crab apple tree that was broken off in a hit and run accident on the Common was replaced and three other trees planted on the North Main Street beyond the Towle School. They were paid for the appropriation of \$4,000 tree money at the 2000 Town Meeting.

This spring we will continue our planned professional tree maintenance work. Trees along North Main Street and the west side of the Common will be evaluated, pruned and fertilized.

We are continuing to follow our Forest Management Plan, hiring Northwoodlands, Inc. to remove the mature white pine and poor quality spruce from stand six of the Town Forest. Logging was done in February and March with an estimated 35 MBF plus some pulpwood generated.

A number of Wetland Permits were filed with the Town this year. Each was reviewed by the Commission, sites were visited, and all necessary paperwork was sent to the Wetland Board in Concord. We also checked on several possible violations and helped owners file for permits.

The annual inspection of lands on which the Town holds Conservation easements was completed and the required reports were sent to The New Hampshire Forest Society.

One interesting note - with the addition of Lesley we now have had four second generation Conservation Commission members: Sterling Brackett and daughter Nancy Parssinen, Chet Silver and daughter Janet Merritt, Louise Kelly and niece Tracey Blodgett, Ted Niboli and daughter Lesley Scheele.

**Nancy Parssinen,
Chair**

HERITAGE COMMISSION

The Heritage Commission continues to preserve and safeguard the cultural and historic heritage of Newport. Members of the Commission are dedicated to maintaining and preserving property values within Newport's Town Common State Historic District and Downtown National Historic District. The Commission remains tenacious in its role to strengthen the historic heritage and traditions for the education, pleasure, and welfare of the citizens of Newport.

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

In May, Marshall Barrett, a Newport Middle High School technology education teacher made a presentation to the Commission regarding his project proposal, Mapping a Community's Historical Architectural Styles of Historical Buildings, for his architectural class in the 2002-2003 academic year. The Commission agreed to support Mr. Barrett in his project and is identified as the community organization for the project. Mr. Barrett's project will use GPS mapping devices and other materials to map those buildings which have been identified as the historical buildings in the Town's two historic districts.

In July, Kathy Hubert of ECON presented plans to the Commission regarding the restoration and uses of the Eagle Block. The Commission supports the restoration project and the proposed uses of the building.

The members of the Commission appreciate the support the Board of Selectmen has given to the preservation and restoration of the Revere Bell enclosure. The placement of the Revere Bell provides the public an opportunity to view this historic artifact and to appreciate a piece of Newport's cultural heritage.

**Patrice Brewer,
Chairman**

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Wayne R. Conroy

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Brian Tracey

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Lt./EMT William Carley (career)*

Lt./EMT Michael Sanderson (call)*

Lt./EMT Insp. Steven Dube (career)*

Lt./EMT James Blood (career)*

Lt. Michael Rastallis (call)

Lt./EMT Ken Carleton (call)*

Fftr./EMT Chris Amos (career)*

Fftr. Barry Sleath (call)

Fftr. David McCrillis (call)

Fftr. Dean Gregory (call)

Fftr. William Stone (call)

Fftr. Joel Lussier (call)

Fftr./EMT Jason Rook (career)*

Fftr. Rob Kuell (call)

Fftr. Jon Ryba (call)

Fftr. Kyle Ranney (call)*

Fftr. Sid Lorandean (call)

Fftr. Tim Beard (call)

Fftr./EMT Tyler Brown (call)*

Fftr. Joe Moulton Jr., (call)

Fftr. Joe Moulton (call)

Fftr. Jerry Durant (call)

Fftr. Jon St. Francis (call)

Fftr. William Stone (call)

Fftr. Lisa Simoneau (call)

Fftr. Christopher Conroy (call)

* Denotes on EMS Division as well.

EMS DIVISION (call)

EMT-I Michael Dixon

EMT-I Keith Gregory

EMT-I Gary Nichols

EMT-I Susan Gregory

EMT-I Wenda White

EMT-P Benjamin Holobowicz

EMT Dianne Fournier

EMT Melissa Patten

EMT Barbara Daly

EMT Jodie Gregory-Blood

EMT Tammy Tait

EMT John Wilcox

EMT Mike Hartwell

EMT Jennifer Norris

EMT Kim Lavine

EMT Louis Lemay

EMT Richard Slack

Newport Fire/EMS is a full service municipal Fire Service. The Department has three “Divisions”, Fire Operations, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and Building and Life Safety. The career firefighters work two 12-hour shifts or 24-hour days with three days off. The Chief works primarily the day shift and responds when available after normal business hours. The Fire Operations is staffed with four career firefighters/officers along with the Deputy Chief, who works mostly days as the “operations officer” and twenty one on-call firefighters/officers. The EMS Division is currently staffed by the EMS Division Chief who works four 12-hour days (M-TH) and is subject to call backs, and a cross-trained firefighter being assigned to a rotating weekday shift and twenty call Emergency Medical Technicians who respond when possible. The Building and Life Safety Division (Municipal Inspector) duties are handled mostly by Lt.Dube with assistance from Deputy Chief Conroy and the Chief.

The EMS Division handled 1,268 calls this year, which is 122 calls more than last year. This brings the five year average to well over 1000 calls a year. The average amount of time for an EMS call is a minimum of two hours for at least two technicians. During the past year there were numerous times when we staffed and responded to three emergency ambulance calls at the same time. The EMS Division provides ambulance service to Newport, Goshen, Croydon, and part of Sunapee. The revenues generated by all the calls are put back into the Town’s “General Fund” which offsets the actual taxpayer’s dollars.

Of the 1268 EMS calls, the monthly breakdown is as follows:

| | | | | | | | |
|----------|-----|-------|-----|-----------|-----|----------|-----|
| January | 119 | April | 84 | July | 106 | October | 106 |
| February | 90 | May | 100 | August | 123 | November | 106 |
| March | 115 | June | 80 | September | 118 | December | 121 |

First Quarter 324 Second Quarter 264 Third Quarter 327 Fourth Quarter 333

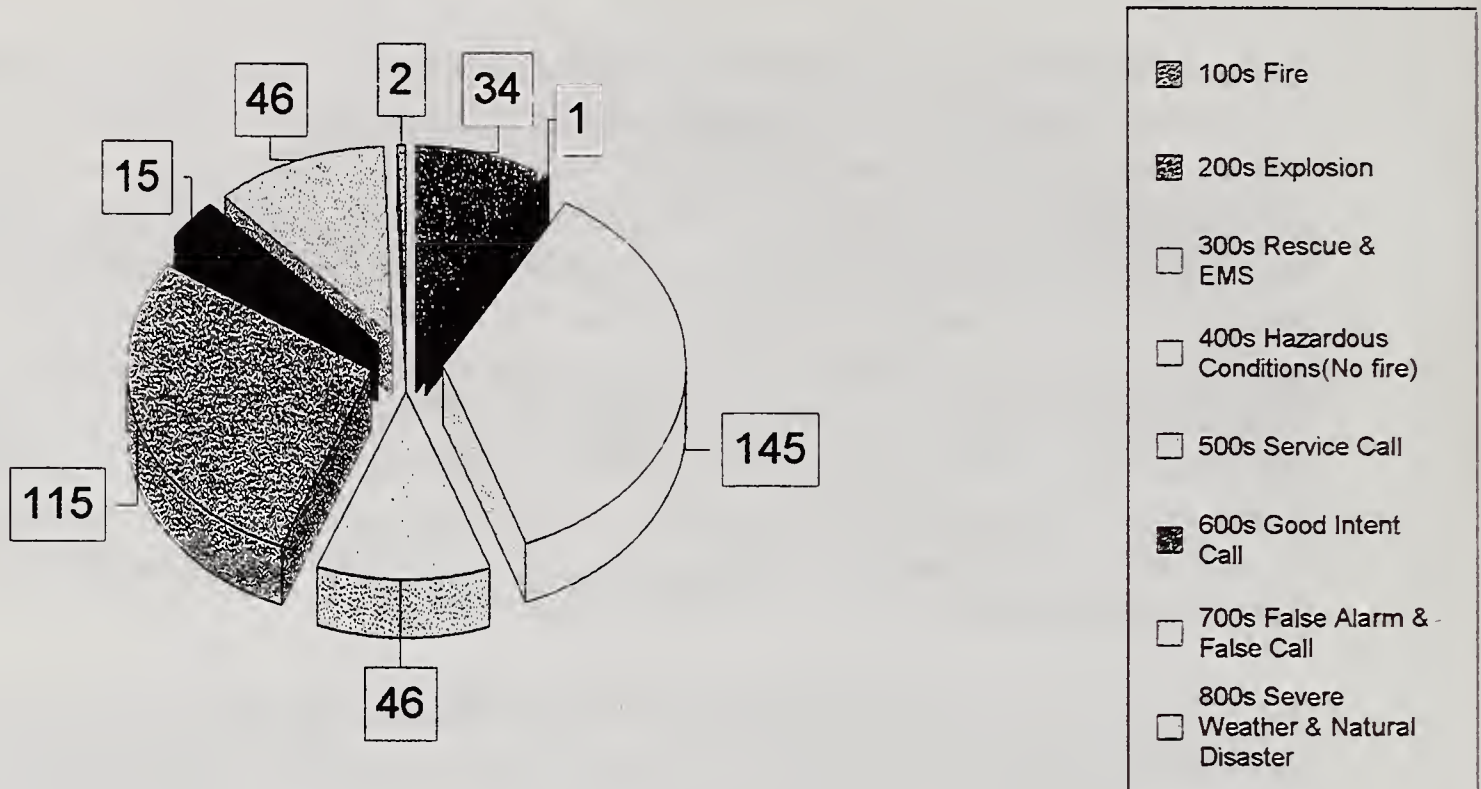
With the increased call volumes and the wear and tear on the ambulances, we may need to replace one of the older ambulances sooner than originally thought. This also carries over to the fire operations side as well. We are researching potential grants and funding areas that may assist us with the acquisition of replacement vehicles for the Department.

Fire Operations responded to over 404 calls during 2002. This represents a decrease of 52 calls from the previous year. The data on the calls reveals that 67% of the calls for Fire Operations occurred during 2002 from 0600 to 1800 hours (or “working hours”). The following represents Fire Operations calls:

Incident Report, By Type Of Incident

Print Date: 1/3/2003

Newport Fire Department
Incident Date in 1/01/2002 to 12/31/2002



Graphed Items are sorted by Incident Type

| Type Of Incident: | Total Of Incidents: | Percentage Value: |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|
| 100 Series-Fire | 34 | 8.42% |
| 200 Series-Explosion | 1 | 0.25% |
| 300 Series-Rescue & EMS | 145 | 35.89% |
| 400 Series-Hazardous Conditions(No fire) | 46 | 11.39% |
| 500 Series-Service Call | 115 | 28.47% |
| 600 Series-Good Intent Call | 15 | 3.71% |
| 700 Series-False Alarm & False Call | 46 | 11.39% |
| 800 Series-Severe Weather & Natural Disaster | 2 | 0.50% |

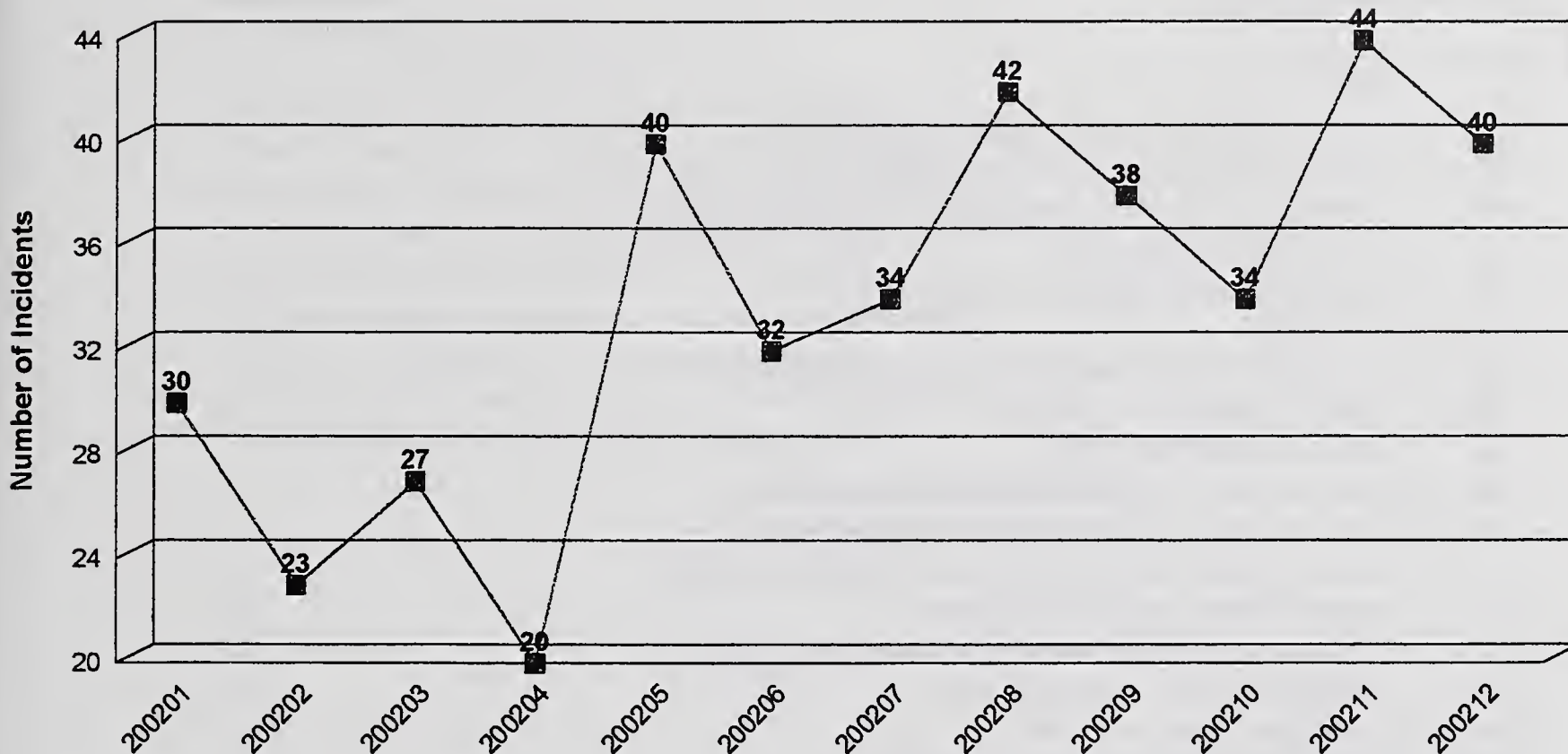
Grand Total: 404
Type Of Incident Most Frequent: 300 Series-Rescue & EMS

Incident Reporting by Month

Print Date: 1/3/2003

Newport Fire Department

Incident Date in 1/01/2002 to 12/31/2002



Plotted points on Graph read from left to right.

| Period: | # of Incidents: |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| January 2002 | 30 |
| February 2002 | 23 |
| March 2002 | 27 |
| April 2002 | 20 |
| May 2002 | 40 |
| June 2002 | 32 |
| July 2002 | 34 |
| August 2002 | 42 |
| September 2002 | 38 |
| October 2002 | 34 |
| November 2002 | 44 |
| December 2002 | 40 |
| Total Incidents: | 404 |

Incident Date in 1/01/2002 to 12/31/2002

Print Date: 1/14/2003

| Type Of Situation Found | Total Incidents: |
|---|-------------------------|
| - 100 Fire, other | 3 |
| - 111 Building fire | 6 |
| - 112 Fires in structures other than in a building | 2 |
| - 113 Cooking fire, confined to container | 2 |
| - 114 Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue | 7 |
| - 131 Passenger vehicle fire | 4 |
| - 142 Brush, or brush and grass mixture fire | 4 |
| - 143 Grass fire | 1 |
| - 154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire | 1 |
| - 160 Special outside fire, other | 2 |
| - 162 Outside equipment fire | 1 |
| - 163 Outside gas or vapor combustion explosion | 1 |
| - 221 Overpressure rupture of air or gas pipe/pipeline | 1 |
| - 300 Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS) call, other | 3 |
| - 311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew | 48 |
| - 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury | 19 |
| - 322 Vehicle accident with injuries | 25 |
| - 350 Extrication, rescue, other | 1 |
| - 352 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle | 4 |
| - 353 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator | 1 |
| - 360 Water & ice related rescue, other | 1 |
| - 381 Rescue or EMS standby | 43 |
| - 400 Hazardous condition, other | 2 |
| - 411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill | 6 |
| - 412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG) | 6 |
| - 413 Oil or other combustible liquid spill | 6 |
| - 424 Carbon monoxide incident | 5 |
| - 440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other | 2 |
| - 441 Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn | 3 |
| - 443 Light ballast breakdown | 1 |
| - 444 Power line down | 11 |
| - 445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment | 4 |
| - 500 Service Call, other | 8 |
| - 510 Person in distress, other | 7 |
| - 511 Lock-out | 5 |
| - 521 Water evacuation | 2 |
| - 522 Water or steam leak | 4 |
| - 531 Smoke or odor removal | 34 |
| - 541 Animal problem | 1 |
| - 542 Animal rescue | 2 |
| - 551 Assist police or other governmental agency | 11 |
| - 561 Unauthorized burning | 17 |
| - 571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup | 24 |
| - 600 Good intent call, other | 6 |
| - 611 Dispatched & canceled en route | 4 |
| - 621 Wrong location | 1 |
| - 631 Authorized controlled burning | 4 |

Newport Fire Department

Incident Date in 1/01/2002 to 12/31/2002

Print Date: 1/14/2003

| Type Of Situation Found | Total Incidents: |
|--|------------------|
| - 700 False alarm or false call, other | 2 |
| - 730 System malfunction, other | 3 |
| - 732 Extinguishing system activation due to malfunction | 1 |
| - 733 Smoke detector activation due to malfunction | 11 |
| - 734 Heat detector activation due to malfunction | 1 |
| - 735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction | 5 |
| - 741 Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional | 1 |
| - 743 Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional | 7 |
| - 744 Detector activation, no fire - unintentional | 3 |
| - 745 Alarm system sounded, no fire - unintentional | 12 |
| - 813 Wind storm, tornado/hurricane assessment | 2 |
| Total Number of Incidents: | 404 |
| Total Number of Incident Types: | 58 |

The Building and Life Safety Division (formerly the Building Inspection part of TOPAZ) was quite active during the past year. With Brad Lane leaving in 2001, the Fire Department was assigned the duties of building inspection. At Town Meeting in 2002, approval was given for re-organization of manpower within the Fire/EMS Department. Lt. Steve Dube joined Chief Lamb and Deputy Conroy as a Municipal Inspector two days a week. This work includes plan reviews, permit reviews, the issuance of permits, and inspections. This work is actually done out of the TOPAZ office with administrative assistance from TOPAZ Assistant, Sandy Hale and Julie Collins, Planning and Zoning Coordinator. This year there were over 210 permits and approximately 1100 inspections for building and fire code compliance. The revenue from these permits was up slightly from last year.

The fire personnel also issue burning permits as outlined by the division of Forest and Lands of the State of New Hampshire. This year we also tried to inform residents and guests of Newport who get burning permits on the new statewide requirements for outside incinerator or "barrel" burning. The NCTV has run the public service announcement many times outlining the requirements. There are also copies of the requirements at the fire station, Town Office, and the Richards Free Library. The following represents the activities of the local permits issued by the Deputy Wardens of Newport.

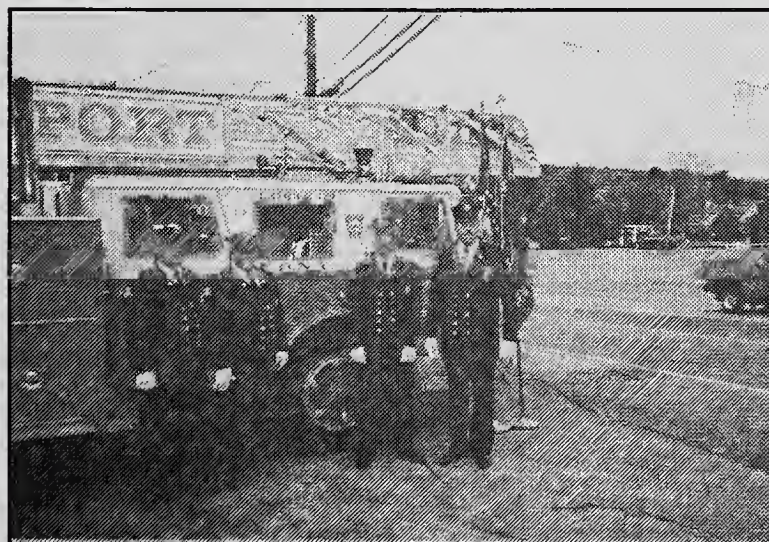
| | <u>Brush</u> | <u>Incinerator</u> | <u>Cooking</u> | <u>Campfire</u> | <u>Commercial</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Jan. | 88 | 19 2 | | 1 | 0 | 110 |
| Feb. | 74 | 4 0 | | 3 | 0 | 81 |
| March | 114 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 126 |
| April | 134 | 26 | 5 | 12 | 0 | 177 |
| May | 100 | 19 | 9 | 35 | 0 | 163 |
| June | 110 | 19 | 9 | 27 | 0 | 165 |
| July | 60 | 16 | 2 | 13 | 0 | 91 |
| Aug. | 16 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 0 | 32 |
| Sept. | 40 | 5 | 5 | 12 | 0 | 62 |
| Oct. | 86 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 95 |
| Nov. | 96 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 104 |
| Dec. | <u>67</u> | <u>13</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>83</u> |
| Totals | 985 | 114 | 38 | 122 | 0 | 1,282 |

As one can see from the above numbers, the deputy wardens are quite busy in permitting fires within the Town of Newport. In addition, many of the above permits are seasonal in nature where one will call in each time they conduct an open fire, so that we are aware of the situation. In addition during fire season we are in communications with the Croydon fire outlook tower.

As indicated in the front section of this report are the names of the team members of Newport Fire/EMS. These people not only respond to emergencies to assist people in need, they are also trained professionals who often take time away from their families, as well as continue with training and maintain certifications. The personnel of the EMS Division must be a certified Emergency Medical Technicians prior to becoming a member and must maintain their certifications. The members of the EMS Division logged more than 725 total man hours in training Fire Operations members logged in over 1,825 hours in fire service training hours. This includes 6 firefighters in Firefighter I, 3 firefighters in Firefighter II, 1 firefighter in career level certification, and over 100 man hours in the Building and Life Safety disciplines. All in all, the training hours totaled over 2,650.

The Fire/EMS Department is proud of its heritage and its traditions. We are pleased that the Newport Firefighters Association and the Newport Ambulance Attendant's Association continue to serve the community and it's citizens. As Chief of the Department, I wish to extend my sincere appreciation and admiration to the officers, members, and the families of all three divisions of the Fire/EMS Department for their loyalty and dedication to serve. A special note of thanks to those individuals and organizations that have helped us "behind the scenes", especially the Newport Service Organization. Without the invaluable support that NSO provides, we would not have been able to purchase much needed equipment for two of our ambulances and for our EMS personnel. We also want to thank our customers and taxpayers for allowing us to serve, Department Heads, and Town personnel for their cooperation. This is what makes Newport not only a good place to work, but a great place to live.

Chief Peter Lamb



Mike Rastallis, Rob Kuell, Joel Lussier, Chris Marcotte

2002 DAILY DEER REGISTRATIONS AT NEWPORT FIRE STATION
(STATION NUMBER 45)

| DATE | MALES | FEMALES | TOTAL | SEASONS OPEN |
|----------|-------|---------|-------|--------------------------|
| SEPT. 15 | 1 | 2 | 3 | ARCHERY ONLY |
| SEPT. 16 | 2 | 1 | 3 | ARCHERY ONLY |
| SEPT. 21 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ARCHERY ONLY |
| SEPT. 23 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ARCHERY ONLY |
| SEPT. 25 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ARCHERY ONLY |
| SEPT. 26 | 0 | 1 | 1 | ARCHERY ONLY |
| SEPT. 27 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ARCHERY ONLY |
| SEPT. 29 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ARCHERY ONLY |
| OCT. 04 | 0 | 1 | 1 | ARCHERY ONLY |
| OCT. 07 | 0 | 1 | 1 | ARCHERY ONLY |
| OCT. 12 | 0 | 1 | 1 | ARCHERY ONLY |
| OCT. 13 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ARCHERY ONLY |
| OCT. 17 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ARCHERY ONLY |
| OCT. 19 | 0 | 1 | 1 | ARCHERY ONLY |
| OCT. 22 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ARCHERY ONLY |
| OCT. 25 | 0 | 1 | 1 | ARCHERY ONLY |
| OCT. 26 | 0 | 2 | 2 | YOUTH WEEKEND |
| OCT. 27 | 0 | 2 | 2 | YOUTH WEEKEND |
| NOV. 02 | 5 | 9 | 14 | ARCHERY AND MUZZLELOADER |
| NOV. 03 | 6 | 3 | 9 | ARCHERY AND MUZZLELOADER |
| NOV. 04 | 2 | 4 | 6 | ARCHERY AND MUZZLELOADER |
| NOV. 07 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ARCHERY AND MUZZLELOADER |
| NOV. 08 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ARCHERY AND MUZZLELOADER |
| NOV. 09 | 2 | 0 | 2 | ARCHERY AND MUZZLELOADER |
| NOV. 10 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ARCHERY AND MUZZLELOADER |
| NOV. 11 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ARCHERY AND MUZZLELOADER |
| NOV. 12 | 2 | 0 | 2 | ARCHERY AND MUZZLELOADER |
| NOV. 13 | 8 | 2 | 10 | ARCHERY AND FIREARMS |
| NOV. 14 | 2 | 0 | 2 | ARCHERY AND FIREARMS |
| NOV. 16 | 7 | 0 | 7 | ARCHERY AND FIREARMS |
| NOV. 17 | 4 | 0 | 4 | ARCHERY AND FIREARMS |
| NOV. 18 | 2 | 0 | 2 | ARCHERY AND FIREARMS |
| NOV. 19 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ARCHERY AND FIREARMS |
| NOV. 20 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ARCHERY AND FIREARMS |
| NOV. 21 | 3 | 0 | 3 | ARCHERY AND FIREARMS |
| NOV. 22 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ARCHERY AND FIREARMS |
| NOV. 23 | 2 | 0 | 2 | ARCHERY AND FIREARMS |
| NOV. 24 | 2 | 0 | 2 | ARCHERY AND FIREARMS |
| NOV. 25 | 2 | 0 | 2 | ARCHERY AND FIREARMS |
| NOV. 26 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ARCHERY AND FIREARMS |
| NOV. 27 | 5 | 0 | 5 | ARCHERY AND FIREARMS |
| NOV. 28 | 4 | 0 | 4 | ARCHERY AND FIREARMS |
| NOV. 29 | 3 | 0 | 3 | ARCHERY AND FIREARMS |
| NOV. 30 | 4 | 0 | 4 | ARCHERY AND FIREARMS |
| DEC. 01 | 3 | 0 | 3 | ARCHERY AND FIREARMS |
| DEC. 02 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ARCHERY AND FIREARMS |
| DEC. 03 | 2 | 0 | 2 | ARCHERY AND FIREARMS |
| DEC. 04 | 2 | 0 | 2 | ARCHERY AND FIREARMS |
| DEC. 07 | 4 | 0 | 4 | ARCHERY AND FIREARMS |
| DEC. 08 | 2 | 0 | 2 | ARCHERY AND FIREARMS |
| TOTAL | 98 | 31 | 129 | |

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate and coordinate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ALL outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for all outside burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding areas) is completely covered with snow. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2000 and/or a year in jail, plus suppression cost.

A new law effective January 1, 2003 prohibits residential trash burning (RSA 125-N). Contact New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (800) 498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information.

Help us to protect you and your forest resources. Most New Hampshire wildfires are human caused. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and make sure that the house number is correct and visible. Contact your fire department or the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands at www.nhdfi.org or 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES

2002 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported through November 10, 2002)

TOTALS BY COUNTY

| | <u># of Fires</u> | <u>Acres</u> |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Belknap | 52 | 13.5 |
| Carroll | 80 | 10.5 |
| Cheshire | 39 | 17 |
| Coos | 3 | 2.5 |
| Grafton | 53 | 21 |
| Hillsborough | 108 | 54.5 |
| Merrimack | 94 | 13.5 |
| Rockingham | 60 | 25.5 |
| Strafford | 31 | 23 |
| Sullivan | 20 | 6 |

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| Arson/Suspicious | 43 |
| Campfire | 31 |
| Children | 32 |
| Smoking | 32 |
| Rekindle of Permit | 3 |
| Illegal | 7 |
| Lightning | 36 |
| Misc * | 356 |

(*Misc: powerlines, fireworks, railroad, ashes, debris, structures, equipment.)

TOTAL FIRES

TOTAL ACRES

| | | |
|------|-----|-----|
| 2002 | 540 | 187 |
| 2001 | 942 | 428 |
| 2000 | 516 | 149 |

Highway Department

Superintendent

Fraser L. Michaud

Working Foreman

Larry A. Glidden

Truck Driver/Equipment Operators

Wilbur G. Martin

Stephen B. Carley

Richard N. Sturtevant

Ernest R. Boivin

The year 2002 gave us 38 treatable snow and/or ice storms. We spent most of the winter plowing, treating and widening roads and picking up snow. We used 1504 tons of road salt and 4683 tons of winter sand to treat Newport's roads. We were down two truck drivers for most of the winter. We would like to thank Police Chief David Hoyt, Fire and Water/Sewer Department personnel for all their assistance throughout the winter.

Spring clean up was done. Streets were swept and crosswalks that could be painted were painted as well as parking lines. Pothole patching continued throughout the year, shoulder gravel was placed and culverts were replaced on various roads, roadsides were mowed, rip-rap was placed in some deep ditches, spring grading was completed, we responded to complaints of trash on the sides of roads, ditch lines were cleaned out, trees and brush were cut and trimmed along roadsides, many signs have been replaced due to vandalism and theft and traffic counts were taken on various streets throughout the season. The traffic count information will be used in the Road Surface Management System (RSMS) program.

Due to the ongoing spring mud problems on Hickey Road and Cornish Turnpike Road, the department installed 600 feet of fabric and gravel on Hickey Road and 1500 feet of fabric and gravel on Cornish Turnpike Road. New drainage culverts were also installed on Chandlers Mill Road.

The Belknap, Canal & Cross Street Reconstruction Project was completed. Many culverts were replaced and drainage problems corrected on these streets.

Hillside Drive, DeWalt Avenue and Highland Avenue were shimmed. Falls Road and Union Street were shimmed and overlaid.

The Highway Department assisted Parlin Airport with their facility improvements by taking down the old building that used to be located at that site and by screening and placing loam at the tie-down area.

Fall grading was completed, winter sand was stockpiled at the Public Works Garage, catch basins were cleaned and leaf pick-up was attempted a number of times, but due to the early arrival of snow on October 23rd and the fact that the trees held onto their leaves well into November, very few bagged leaves were picked up. Sand barrels were put out and snow removal equipment was checked over in preparation for winter weather.

**Fraser Michaud,
Highway Superintendent**

Joint Loss Management Committee (Safety Committee)

The Joint Loss Management Committee is committed to ensure the safety of Town employees in the workplace. The committee has been busy trying to reorganize and redirect plans and to focus on the needs of the employees through our safety surveys. The surveys provided the Committee with helpful ideas for future health related programs geared to the employees needs.

In late winter several employees participated in the annual wellness / fitness program. The Fire Department held their annual Fire Safety month and the Police Department along with the Public Works Department held in-house training.

The Joint Loss Management Committee meets quarterly throughout the year to review injury reports and look for new ways to eliminate or reduce injuries in the workplace. We make recommendations to Department Heads to provide for a safer work environment. Safety tips and ideas are posted quarterly on Department bulletin boards.

The Committee has been busy trying to complete yearly inspections of each Town facility and to make sure corrections have been made or problems have been addressed. Thank you to those Departments who have attempted to make corrections. We know how hard it is to correct items with budget restraints and keeping taxes low. Let's hear it for our Departments for a job well done.

The Committee has considered several training topics for the future. The Committee welcomes new and innovative ideas for training.

I would like to thank all the Committee members for their active participation and involvement.

It is our focus to educate the Town employees on health and safety practices that can be beneficial to them and their families for a better tomorrow. We seek to make the Town of Newport a safe and healthy place to work.

**Steven Dube, Sr.,
Chairman**

Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association

Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association has the opportunity on a daily basis to make a real difference in our community and to provide services that are significant. We try to strengthen your ability to achieve what is valuable to you through our highly skilled clinical services, the caring touch of our staff and volunteers, through our technology, our health education, and our support programs.

We know that home care keeps families together...there is no more important social value. We know that home care helps preserve the independence of the elderly and prevents or postpones institutionalization. Home care promotes healing, provides support and symptom management for the dying, and allows acutely and chronically ill children to be at home, and sometimes even to continue to attend school.

During the past year all of us at Lake Sunapee Region VNA worked to ensure that we carried out our mission to collaborate with physicians and others to provide needed home health and hospice services that preserve dignity and independence; and to sponsor a work environment of excellence for our employees.

Medicare and private insurance companies continue to focus on decreasing costs to control government spending and to keep premiums affordable. This is a difficult task that puts additional burdens on health care providers daily. Medicare funding for residents of Newport and others in towns considered rural, was cut 5% on October 1, 2002 and will be cut an additional 10% on April 1, 2003. These cuts will begin to impact access to care because Lake Sunapee Region VNA will not have the resources to meet all of the needs for medically necessary home health and hospice care. The gap between insurance reimbursement and costs is closed by private donations, grants, support from service organizations and by town appropriations.

We also face increasing staff shortages, especially in nursing. In order to deal with this reality, Lake Sunapee Region VNA continued to invest in technology this past year that allows us to become more efficient. Technology investments ranged from monitoring units in the home, to personal emergency response units, to laptop technology for the staff that makes documenting care and complying with regulations more efficient. We also invested in training our staff to ensure that they have the most up to date skills and competencies to meet the ever-changing demands in the home. Finally, we partnered with other organizations to develop new models of care such as our *Bringing Children Home* project. This initiative links five home care agencies with other providers to develop systems and skills that will allow us to care for very sick children and keep them at home with their families as much as possible. One father stated, "your services allowed us to be a family again".

We hope that if you or someone you know received care during the past year from Lake Sunapee Region VNA, that it was a service that had value to you and your family. Following is a list of a few of the community benefit services we provided for residents in your community:

- Caregiver training programs
- Adult and children bereavement support
- Health education programs
- Parent-Child support group
- Administration of the LifeLine Program
- Daily monitoring of acutely and chronically ill patients through telemedicine
- Mentoring of student nurses, licensed nursing assistants and therapists
- Medications for low income children
- Site for Kearsarge Food Pantry
- Meeting space for outside groups
- File of Life Kits and emergency preparedness teaching for each patient
- Hospice volunteer training

During the past year *1151* residents of Newport utilized our services. Adults and children needing home care and hospice services received *6792* visits. In addition, people needing long-term assistance received *14,569* hours of care. LifeLine monitoring was provided for *62* people, and *55* residents used our HomMed vital sign monitoring program. We are grateful for the loyal support of our individual, service organization, religious, and business donors. We are hopeful that the Town of Newport will find these services valuable for its residents and *restore* town support to LSRVNA making it possible for us to continue our mission in this community.

**Andrea Steel,
President and CEO**

Nurse Laurie Bride and
client Bernice Fontaine



Library Arts Center

Board of Directors

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George Montgomery
Richard Wilson

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The revamped kitchen at the Library Arts Center was a work in progress at the last report. Thanks to donations in memory of Priscilla Hill, a generous matching contribution from LaValley Building Supply, and the work of Ted Niboli, Anne Kathan, and Ollie Kathan it is now a reality and all users enjoy this much improved facility as more community parties are booked at the LAC.

The 2002 season, began at Winter Carnival with the Champions in the Arts, group exhibit, February 8 - March 16. Jerry Padova was the hit of the Newport Hall of Fame, where area champs were invited to display their trophies in all kinds of endeavors. Music by Old New England completed the event.

Earth Inspiration: photographs by Kathy Lowe, ceramic vessels by David Ernster and sculpture by Mark Ragonese opened on March 22nd with a special performance created by Kathy Lowe. If you didn't attend, you may have seen it on NCTV. The NH State Council on the Arts was a partial sponsor of the show and the performance. The show also featured masks made as 3D replicas of the creatures that Lowe found in her nature photos, Petroflections Live. April 20 was the last day of that show.

The Newport Elementary School exhibit opened on May 3 and ran through May 30. We were treated to a performance of the Towle School chorus at the opening party. The Three Clubs Photography Exhibit, with participation from June 7 - July 6. Donations for the LAC Annual Auction were displayed just prior to the gala event with Larry Wight as auctioneer on June 22. Besides art work and antiques, imaginative Board members auctioned themselves out to provide services such as planting a spring garden, hosting a scuba diving adventure, scavenging for wild mushrooms or enjoying a fully catered dinner in your home. Al St. Martin displayed his wood carvings in the Backstage Gallery after the auction.

Thanks for the Friends of the Richards Free Library, Summer Performances for Kids each Thursday in July brought over 100 at a time to the side lawn to see Partners in Rhyme, Michael

Zerphy, Steve Coronella and the Ha 'Penny Theatre's Mr. Bear's Picnic. LAC "Contemporary Visions" featured artists selected as winners of the prior years juried regional exhibit. The show opened on July 12 and ran through August 10. Mary Jane Morse, Brenda Phillips, Jonathan Rose and Tom St. Martin all showed new work created for the exhibit. We were saddened by the death of Tom St. Martin shortly after his exhibit closed, and the LAC was filled with mourners at a reception following his funeral.

Poetry and art combined in an exhibit titled Solitude of Self from August 16 through September 21. Poetry readings, class visits and special workshops run by the "NH Women's Caucus for Art" enriched this show. The LAC obtained a Community Arts Grant to supplement the costs of the events. Anne Corbett's solo photography exhibit showed work completed over the past four years.

August 24 brought the Apple Pie Craft Fair, for the first time a little rain fell by afternoon and there was the usual cry of "More Pie!" and the crowd standing around waiting for a taste of the winning pies in the Apple Pie Contest. Please consider making a pie for the LAC. Tom Pirozzoli and the Orzechowski's Sugar River String Band entertained.

The LAC Juried Regional Exhibit opened on October 5 and ran through November 9. Lake Sunapee Bank has continued annual support of this showcase for area artistic talent.

For the first time, the LAC skipped the Dickens Fair and instead featured "Dickens through December" with crafts for sale in the gallery from November 15 through December 20. The stage was turned into a Dickens era living room decorated for the holidays. Fine crafts, holiday ornaments, cards, paintings and antiques priced from sixty cents on up filled the gallery. The Preview party was a Dickens Feast of ham, turkey and other savories including a pumpkin cheese cakes flown in for the event and a tasting of micro brewery beers from the Four Corners in New London. Priscilla's Corner, a tribute to Priscilla Hill, featured donated items and low priced gifts for children to purchase and wrap. Throughout December, area organizations find the LAC a wonderful setting for their holiday parties.

Other events and classes are ongoing throughout the year: Carriage House Studio, The Newport Camera Club, and weekly, "Art After School sponsored by a grant from the Newport Charitable Fund were active throughout the year. The LAC operates without tax support from the Town. Memberships, business donations, fund raisers, grants, plus income from endowments make up the budget. The high quality of visual arts programming has won the Arts Center grants and awards. The LAC is active in the NH Visual Arts Coalition and other established arts organizations. It is a well designed and beautiful space for a small town facility. So much is accomplished with the help of area businesses sponsorships and individual support, with special thanks for the paid memberships renewed each year. Behind the scenes are many volunteers who have come when called throughout the year, including the dedicated LAC Board.

Contributions to the Library Arts Center in memory of Tom St. Martin are enabling the LAC to do some needed improvements in the gallery. It is fitting because, as his parents Al and Zora St. Martin have both said, "He loved that place." Tom was involved in the Library Arts Center in so

many ways, as a contributing artist and volunteer for hanging and painting in the gallery. As Director, I had watched Tom's photography and artistic vision mature over the past thirteen years. Even earlier, his experiences at the LAC as a boy growing up in Newport helped foster his desire to become an artist and writer. We have marked the 35th Anniversary of this cultural asset to Newport.

**Doris Nelson,
Executive Director**

Parlin Field

Newport's Municipal Airport

Dean Stetson
Airport Manager

Maura Stetson
Airport Assistant

As a municipal facility, sight can not be lost of the fact that each and every taxpayer is a sponsor for this property, and that they have a great responsibility to provide an environment that is safe and serviceable to the community.

With the help of the Highway Department and their equipment the landscape around the hangar and fuel pump was leveled, making it both aesthetic and ready for more functional purposes.

This year's State Inspection of our airport went very well, and the State Inspector noticed the improvements being made.



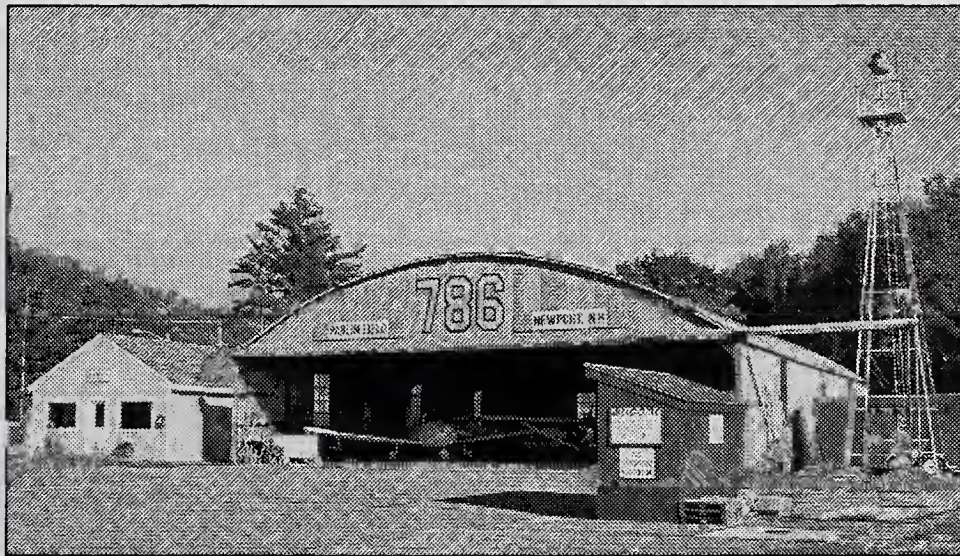
David Little, Dana Stetson, Betty Maiola, Maura Stetson

This summer saw an increase in air traffic for Parlin Field – especially after mid-July. There were a couple of times that we had a “stack-up” of small aircraft waiting to land and take off from our runway! Pilots, townspeople, and summer visitors came by to sample ice cream at the ‘Lil Red Baron, returning time and again with friends and family for more. Many stayed to watch the sunsets that are exceptionally beautiful from Parlin’s vantage point.

Dick Karl, a freelance reporter for the “FLYING” magazine was so impressed with Parlin Field, that he featured our small country airport in this national publication. We expect to see an increase in fly-in visitors due to this great publicity!

Summer also saw a return of the Abanaki Indian Pow Wow. Dancing, drumming, and singing was again seen and heard amongst the natural beauty by the Corbin Covered Bridge located on the west end of our turf runway.

Our second annual fly-in was held at the field with a great turn out by both visitors and townspeople. A hot-air balloon raffle was held and drawn at this event. A fellow Newporter, Ella Casey, was the winner. A mock plane crash provided a training exercise for our fire personnel and EMT’s and was narrated by Fire Chief Lamb during this event. Our new flight operation building was dedicated to “The Sunshine Lady”; Nadia Gobin. As the day progressed, a fast moving storm ushered many of the aviators on their way by mid-afternoon.



In August, a 38 foot tower with a beacon was placed at Parlin Field. It stands next to the hangar, and will eventually house our weather instruments and radio antennae. Granted by the State of New Hampshire, it was brought to the field transported by LaValley Building Supply from the Skyhaven airport in Rochester. It is a perfect match for our rural airport.

The continual changes of the seasons bring different characteristics to Parlin Field. With the onset of the school year, the Vocational School’s forestry class came back for more land management work. Their current project is clearing and managing an area along our western boundary for a couple of proposed camping sites to add to the variety of activities all can enjoy here.

Grading and seeding of a grassy tie down area have been completed to provide a safer and more convenient location to park the ever increasing number of aircraft that are “discovering” one of New Hampshire’s oldest airports.

Maura has been researching the history of Parlin Field and its evolution as one of New Hampshire’s oldest landing fields. Many individuals who have been contacted have shared valuable information and some photos. When completed, this collection will be made available for future generations.

Winter brought us a tremendous amount of snow. We wish to thank the Town Highway Department personnel and others for their assistance in keeping our runway open and accessible.

Winter Carnival provided an opportunity for an outstanding fireworks display promoted by a committee of the Airport Commission and sponsored by area companies and individuals. Snowmobilers have been traveling the trails along the border of the property and many have commented as to the beauty of this area and their appreciation of it's use.

Numerous projects are on the agenda for Parlin Field in the next year. Maura and I are enthusiastic about the future for Parlin Field and many townspeople and aviators stop by to visit and express their interest and excitement.

We appreciate the continued guidance, support, and help by the Town's municipal services. We invite all to make Parlin Field a place where everyone can *take off* to follow their dreams.

**Dean Stetson,
Airport Manager**



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David A. Hoyt*Chief of Police
Shady Blackwell III*Deputy Chief
Mary E. Hoyt.....Administrative Assistant

Detective Bureau

James R. Brown.....Lieutenant/Detective
Denis J. O'Sullivan.....Sergeant / Detective

Patrol Division

Craig M. Robertson*Corporal
James C. Burroughs*Corporal
Richard G. Lee.....Patrolman
William "Buddy" Russell*Patrolman/K-9
Timothy Barone.....Patrolman(resigned)
Aaron B. Aldridge.....Patrolman
Michael J. Batista*Patrolman
Justin R. Merrill.....Patrolman
Christopher Batista.....Patrolman
Heather A. Shea.....School Resource Officer
Robert E. Ballou..... Captain(Ret) P/T
Eric Daignault*Sergeant P/T
Aries.....Department Canine

Communications Division

John F. Taylor.....Communications Specialist
Susan M. Gregory.....Communications Specialist
Cara E. Tibbits*Communications Specialist
Terri A. Stone.....Communications Specialist
Amy L. Maslan.....Communications Specialist P/T
Sylvia A. McElreavy Communications Specialist P/T
James Blood.....Communications Specialist P/T

**Denotes member of Special Operations Unit

In my tenth year as Chief of Police, I submit the following:

PATROL HIGHLIGHTS

This past summer, the bicycle patrol returned to Newport. Although this type of patrol is somewhat limited due to staffing and calls for service in outlying areas, it has a number of beneficial aspects--with little, if any, financial impact. Officers on bicycle patrol can more closely observe activity, and better conduct security checks. Officers on this patrol also have greater opportunity to interact with people in a non-threatening environment, which helps to build trust and foster positive relationships between the police force and local citizens, particularly our youth. Because of this, our bicycle patrol is quite popular with the townspeople and we are all fortunate to have a bicycle patrol as an important component to our patrol force.

The department was also pleased to learn that a local business has made arrangements to fund a Harley Davidson motorcycle for the department for the summer of 2003. AutoServe, which has several locations throughout the state, donates a police motorcycle to each police department in the community in which they have a dealership. In Newport, this motorcycle will be used for radar details, special events, parades and other duties for which only a single officer is needed. This generous donation will allow the department to reduce mileage to police cruisers, thereby reducing cost for fuel and maintenance during the non-winter months.

During the warmer months, numerous officers from Newport, as well as surrounding areas, could be seen providing roadside and security assistance with major construction projects here in town. The major projects were the installation of new fiber optic cable by Adelpia Cable Company, and the South Main Street construction project. It is important to note that any contractor performing work within the travel portion of a road is required by law to hire an officer for public safety reasons. Because the town charges the contractor for the officer's time, a fee if a cruiser is necessary, and insurance and administrative fees, there is no cost to the taxpayer for these services.

PERSONNEL

The department's annual award ceremony, held in May, honored members of the department for accomplishments throughout the previous year. Awards presented included lifesaving, unit citations, good conduct and meritorious service. Also presented at this ceremony were the annual awards for employees of the year, which are nominated by members of the department. This past year's recipients were Sgt. Denis O'Sullivan for Officer of the Year and Mary Hoyt as Civilian Employee of the Year.

Officer Justin Merrill, now a full-time patrol officer, successfully completed the state's 12-week intensive training program required for certification of full-time officers, and graduated in March from the NH Police Academy.

The end of the year saw the transfer of Lt. James Brown from the detective bureau to the patrol division and Cpl. James Burroughs from patrol to the detective bureau. Lt. Brown will fill the position of patrol supervisor working nights, while Cpl. Burroughs will assume the primary duties of criminal investigation. Sgt. Denis O'Sullivan was made the supervisor of the detective division.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT

The department's Special Operations Unit is a team of highly-trained officers from the Newport and Sunapee forces who are called upon to handle high-risk, tactical situations. This team was used several times throughout the past year for arrests and service of warrants where the threat of violence was imminent or of great risk. As just one example, the team was called to assist in the arrest of an individual with a history of violent behavior and who was in possession of enough assorted firearms, ammunition and other survival materials to hold an army of officers at bay for several days. The team's specialized training and tactical approach allowed the man to be taken by surprise, and without incident.

To maintain their proficiency, the team trains on a monthly basis, although they are only compensated for a small portion of their training time. The team also conducts larger scale training exercises on a periodic basis. This past spring, one of these comprehensive training exercises was a "mock disaster" conducted at the Newport Middle High School. This event involved approximately 50 people, and included all of Newport's emergency services as well as the Claremont Special Operations Team. Several NMHS staff, students, and members of the community also participated in this mock disaster. This event proved to be quite successful in terms of training value and community-wide preparedness.

SCHOOL RESOURCE PROGRAM

School-based policing is one of the fastest growing areas of law enforcement. The key figure is the School Resource Officer (SRO), a police officer assigned full-time to a school. At the close of the 2002 school year, Officer Aaron Aldridge ended his two year assignment as Newport's SRO to return to regular patrol. Officer Heather Shea, a two-year Newport officer, was assigned as the new SRO and began her duties in late August.

Newport's SRO, whose primary office location is at the Newport Middle High School, is a resource to all three public schools in Newport. The SRO has three essential roles: monitoring the school and responding to the numerous daily complaints which the school is required to turn over to local law enforcement; conducting appropriate classroom instruction, and providing a professional resource on school safety, traffic laws, general law and crime prevention to students, teachers, and administrators; and finally, conferring with students, parents, and school officials on individually specific issues involving law enforcement, safety, and crime prevention. The SRO program has been referred to as "the best example of community policing that exists today. The Newport program continues to validate this statement as it remains a valued and effective resource to the school system, students and families, and the entire community.

GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

In 2002, the department applied for and was fortunate to have received a number of grants to provide funding for some existing services, as well as new initiatives here in Newport. One of these grants funded the Youth Attendance Program, which provides temporary shelter and adult supervision to minors in need of services and who cannot return home. During their brief stay, while appropriate longer-term arrangements are being made, the youths are in a comfortable, non-confined area of the police facility, where a television, sleeping cots, meals, and adult supervision are provided. The grant pays for the adult's on-call and monitoring time and any other expenses that may be incurred. Newport is the third entity in the state to have such a program.

We also received two grants from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Council this year for the purpose of increasing public safety awareness and practice. Each grant funded fifteen four-hour patrols, focusing on two specific safety concerns. One grant allowed off-duty officers to provide radar speed enforcement while another provided funds for an off-duty officer to monitor jay-walking, and cars failing to yield to pedestrians along Main Street. *A related safety reminder to residents: New Hampshire laws state cars must yield to pedestrians who have entered a crosswalk, but pedestrians jay-walking (or crossing the road at a place other than a crosswalk) must yield to vehicles.*

This past year, the department also applied for and received federal and state grant funds (including drug forfeiture monies) to further strengthen our fight against drugs and drug-related crime. This remains a priority issue for the department and we shall continue to work closely with various segments of the local, regional, and state community to help address this wide-spread problem.

COMMUNICATIONS/EMERGENCY DISPATCH UPGRADE

Through a federal grant received by the New Hampshire Department of Safety, digital radios were installed in all of our cruisers, and digital portable radios provided to officers while on duty. These radios, worth \$35,000, provide the first step in digitalizing voice and data communications for the department. State and county agencies are already digital. Within the next few years, all other municipalities must be digital-compatible in order to effectively communicate with other agencies on issues that range from routine recovery of data, such as license and record checks, to dispatching and coordination of emergency calls.

The next phase of upgrading our communications system to digital-compatibility will focus on the dispatch center, which controls all routine as well as emergency communication (police, fire, EMS) for this area. We continue to seek out opportunities for grant money to assist in the funding of updated technology. However, even if we are able to secure some future grant funding for this next phase, the Town of Newport will most likely have to fund some portion of this major effort. This technology upgrade is necessary not only for the town to remain in compliance with regulatory requirements, but most importantly to ensure the continued ability to adequately respond to the health and safety needs of our citizens.

In closing, let me take this opportunity to say that it has been an honor and a privilege to have served as your Chief of Police over the past decade, and I very much look forward to continuing to serve the community in this role for some time to come. On behalf of the entire department, I would like to thank all agencies, businesses and citizens who have assisted and supported the police department over the past year. This confidence and support is most important to us as we continue to do our very best to serve and protect each and every one of you, each and every day.

David A. Hoyt
Chief of Police

2002 STATISTICAL SNAPSHOT
(Includes only top 3 percentiles for each category)

Who:

35% of crime victims were acquainted with the offender;
15% were strangers,
14% were neighbors.

32% of victims are between 11-17 years old;
32% are between 36-54 years old
14% are between 18-24 years old.

31% of individuals arrested are between 18-24 years old;
29% are between 11-17 years old
19% are between 35-34 years old .

21% of drivers involved in motor vehicle accidents are between 50-60 years old;
17% are between 26-35 years old
15% are between 36-45 years old
15% are between 16-19 years old

30% of drivers who commit traffic offenses are between 26-35 years of age
23% are between 16-19 years of age
23% are between 36-45 years of age
15% are 55 years of age or older

What:

\$161,279 was the value of property stolen
\$80,650 was the value of recovered stolen property
\$7,865 was the value of property lost, stolen, damaged or otherwise reported

34 mph is the average speed *limit* in town
52 mph is the average speed of vehicles *traveling* in town (*51 mph in 2001*)
81% of all the motor vehicles stopped for a traffic violation were given warnings (*82% in 2001*)
\$27,105 was the total revenue (for fines only, non-court) collected by the state for motor vehicle offenses
3% is the increase in calls for service in 2002 over 2001.

Where:

48% of incidents happened in the residence (home, apartment, condo)
20% on the road
10% in school
21% of motor vehicle accidents occur on the John Stark Highway
10% occur on Sunapee Street
10% occur on South Main Street

When:

16% (highest number) of incidents occurred on Fridays (*In 2001 it was Saturdays*).

12% (lowest number) on Sundays (*same as 2001*)

34 % (highest number) of incidents occurred between the hours of 5 PM to 11 PM

10% (highest number)of incidents occurred both in July and in August

5% (lowest number) both in February and December

18%(highest number) of vehicle accidents occur on Wednesday

11% (lowest number) on Sunday

53% of motor vehicle accidents occur between the hours of 12pm and 5pm

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Sewage Treatment Plant

Public Works Garage

Secretary

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Chief Mechanic

Edward Schinck

Mechanic

James Gagner

Public Works Laborers

Fred Faulkner

Kevin Evans

In addition to the normal maintenance activities, 2002 found the department involved in numerous projects. A brief description and status of those projects is as follows:

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Fuel Storage Tank Program

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

The NHDES approved the proposed Activity and Use Restriction (AUR) for the Meadow Park site (former Town Garage site). After the AUR is recorded in the Registry of Deeds, no further action is required for this site.

Based on a Site Investigation Report (SIR) prepared for the Guild Ejector Station site, the NHDES notified the Town that this site could be closed and no further action is required.

The department will apply for reimbursement of eligible engineering and remediation work for these sites through the Oil Discharge and Disposal Cleanup Fund (ODDCF).

Pollards Mills Bridge

SEA Consultants, Inc. completed the plans and specifications for the Pollards Mills Bridge and the project was issued for bid in October. F.W. Whitcomb Construction, Inc. was awarded the contract based on their low bid. The bridge is scheduled for substantial completion in June of 2003. The department secured three easements from abutters to the project which were required due to the location of the new bridge. In accordance with the NHDOT Bridge Aid Program, the Town will be reimbursed for 80% of all eligible engineering and construction costs for the bridge.

Road Projects

United Construction Corporation was low bidder on the bid package issued by the department to reclaim and pave Belknap Avenue, Canal Street and Cross Street. The contract scope of work also included the construction of a parking area adjacent to Campbell Park as designed by the department.

Main Street

The department prepared contract documents and specifications for sidewalk improvements and lighting between the Sullivan County Cooperative Extension building and Hubert's Department Store. Due to the unavailability of the brick pavers, the project has been delayed until the summer of 2003.

South Main Street Sewer Reconstruction Project

Scott Construction, Inc. was awarded the contract in early June to replace the existing 100 year old 6" dia. clay sewer main with an 8" dia. PVC pipe. The project was substantially complete in November of 2002 with 1,912 feet of sewer main replaced and over 1,300 feet of sewer services reconstructed. The project was delayed approximately two weeks when it was discovered the existing sewer main was embedded in a Verizon concrete duct bank. To prevent further delay, the new sewer main was rerouted to connect with the existing sewer main upstream of the duct bank. This left approximately 40 feet of existing sewer main in place. The Public Works Department is in negotiations with Verizon regarding the resolution of the conflict and associated costs. Plans are underway to replace the duct bank with a sleeved sewer main in the summer of 2003. Due to the delay, the NH Department of Transportation rescheduled paving of the wear course to the spring of 2003. The project is funded through the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) Program. The department will also apply for a State Aid Grant at the conclusion of construction.

Cheney Street Conceptual Engineering Project

Conceptual engineering was completed on the Cheney Street Infrastructure Project. Engineering included a walk-through with the Board of Selectmen and area residents in April. At the walk-through, Dufresne-Henry presented the proposed improvements to the water, sewer and drainage systems as well as streets, sidewalks and utilities. The Department met with Verizon and PSNH representatives to request utility pole relocation to behind the sidewalks in most areas. Construction is scheduled for the summer of 2005. Funding was secured for the initial engineering through the NHDES SRF. The department will apply for low interest loans and grants for engineering and construction through the NHDES Drinking Water and Wastewater State Revolving Loan programs, State Aid Grants (SAG) and the USDA Rural Development Agency.

Parkview Sewer Reconstruction Project

As required by the SRF/Rural Development programs, the department prepared a Request for Proposals (RFP) for engineering services on the Parkview Sewer Reconstruction Project. Five engineering proposals were received in response to the RFP. The department will award a contract for engineering services in early 2003. Construction is scheduled for 2004. As part of

the Town's application for Rural Development funding, the department contracted Dufresne-Henry, Inc. to perform an Environmental Review of the project area. Based on the Town's application, the department was notified the project is eligible for reimbursement of 50% of the engineering and construction costs.

Miscellaneous Water & Sewer Projects

The department prepared contract bid documents to seal sewer main pipe joints in the Maple Street and East Mountain areas.

The department obtained appraisals of properties around Gilman Pond relative to purchase of property in the area to protect the pond's watershed.

The department worked with Dorr Woolen Co. to submit an application for a Groundwater Management Permit for the Dorr Lagoons. The application was submitted in late 2002 to the NHDES for review and approval.

The department performed further lagoon sludge testing at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and forwarded the results to NHDES for their review. The NHDES required this testing prior to determining the Town's next course of action on the Industrial Pretreatment Program (IPP).

MISCELLANEOUS

New employees at Public Works Department (at year's end) are:

Ernest Boivin (Highway Department)
Richard Boone (Wastewater Treatment Plant)
Ken Carpenter (Highway Department)

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

Recreation Department

Director

PJ Lovely

Recreation Supervisor

Scott Blewitt

Secretary

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John Hopkins

Jason Fish

Barbara Beauchaine

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Kathryn Plouffe

Eli Smith

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Barbara Beauchaine

Marjorie Hutchins

Jenn Shull

Day Camp

Kathy Gardner, Director

John Hopkins

Jenn Johnston

Angela Thomas

Nicole Galloway

Megan Shomphe

Caitlin Hockenberry

Joe Buehler

Josh Fisher

B-Ball Coordinator

John Hopkins

Volunteers

127

2002 showed why Newport is so rich especially in times of economic uncertainty. Our affluence is based on volunteerism and community support. The Newport Recreation Department had 127 volunteers in the year 2002. These volunteers donated over 5500 man-hours to benefit the community in recreation related endeavors. Not to be outdone, local businesses and organizations donated over \$23,000 in money and goods to recreation programs in Newport. Wow!

59 programs operated in the year 2002, benefiting thousands of Newport area residents. Our programs brought in \$45,000 dollars in revenue as well. We have added over 30 programs since the early 90's. Our stable programs are still very well attended and soccer is continuing to grow.

Highlights of the year include a new intramural basketball program for Middle School athletes. 110 kids participated in the inaugural season. The league was operated by the Newport Recreation Department and housed at Newport Middle High School. A girl's peace camp was offered in conjunction with the Newport Revitalization Committee's Work Camp For Peace. This allowed our local girls to learn great carpentry skills working in the Town Forest while interacting with their foreign mentors.

Late in the year the Newport Service Organization donated some indoor cycling bikes to the center. These bikes allow us to provide fitness classes to the community. If success

is based upon turnout, we already have a waiting list. What a great chance to provide healthy activities, while the nation's obesity levels continue to rise.

Boxing entered back into Newport after taking a 20-year vacation. Our "volunteer of the year" - Joe Szelangowski and his crew of boxing coaches have led over 50 locals through boxing training sessions. This group ranges in age from 7 to 50, some training for pleasure, others for competition. A USA boxing event at Wheeler Gym drew close to 400 spectators. Club member Anthony Accardi was crowned golden glove champion in 2003.

2002 was a great year for the Recreation Department. Even with all the world's troubles, Newport rose to the top while striving for a better quality of life. I humbly thank all my staff, volunteers, and businesses for their dedication to Newport and its youth. Town departments have always been there to help our cause and are extremely valuable to our success. We will continue to move forward to try and offer more recreation for the community. The train is moving, hop on.

**PJ Lovely,
Recreation Director**

RICHARDS FREE LIBRARY

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Victoria Carl, Assistant Librarian
Janice Brehio, Library Assistant
Cindy Williams, Library Assistant
Mary Hogan, Page

This past year was a busy one at the library. People came to see us over 67,500 times during the course of the year. That averages to about 216 visits per day. Almost 1 every 2 minutes!

Circulation was up by 9% which meant that people checked out about 167 items each day. Over the year, 5,000 kids and 500 adults were involved in our 276 programs and almost 3,800 people used the computers. That may make us the busiest public building in Town.

To make all this possible, we did several things. As well as our ongoing programs, some of the highlights include receiving a grant from The Newport Fund for our after-school program for teens to explore media literacy; instituting a weekly lap-sit story time for infants and their parents that was led by Janice Brehio; getting a LSTA (Library Service and Technology Act) grant to purchase multicultural children's books and adult foreign language materials; collaborating with Richards School to bring a Reading Buddies Program to the library every Wednesday after school under the guidance of children's librarian, Shannon Poehlman and first grade teacher, Libby Curran; and a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for four new public access computers and a server.

We also had some honors and achievements. The 46th annual Sarah Josepha Hale Award was presented to Ernest Hebert. We honored Mary Lou Howard with the third annual Pam Gay Award for Volunteerism. We were honored by the fact that Vicki Carl has been employed at the

library for 20 years this year. We dedicated the children's room with a "Wild Rumpus" to honor Linda Rollins Harwick, and the library received national media coverage with an article in the *Shy Librarian* written by Shannon Poehlman, our children's librarian, on her successful participation in the Great Stone Face Award.

Speaking of Shannon, she left the library this winter to start work as the new librarian at Richards and Towle schools. So, while the library will miss her, the children of Newport will not. We welcomed a new children's librarian, Suzanne Orlando, in March, who comes to us from Charlestown.

This past year, the Trustees received completed architectural plans for renovation of the 3rd floor, addition of a handicapped elevator, and ADA and fire code compliance for both the library and the Library Arts Center. This important expansion project is estimated to cost \$712,000 and a special article is included in this year's town warrant asking for the voters to fund up to \$300,000 over the next several years. There is information about the project available at the library and at the town office. Please call us to ask for details. We hope you will support it.

It was a great year and we couldn't do it without our volunteers. Thank you to The Newport Garden Club, Jinny Parker, Dottie Collins, Mary Lou Howard and the Friends of the Library. A special thank you goes to the Soo-Nipi Quilters for the beautiful story time quilt.

For more information about programs, services or hours call us at 863-3430 or check our website at www.newport.lib.nh.us.

**Andrea Thorpe,
Library Director**

TOWN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Community Alliance of Human Services administered the Town of Newport's Public Assistance Program during 2002 for the eighth consecutive year. The collaborative working relationship we share with town officials has been central to the program's success.

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

Funds through the Town Assistance Program provide for the basic needs of individuals and families. Rent or shelter, fuel, electricity, and medical assistance are available to qualified Newport residents. Financial responsibility is an important aspect of the program. Residents who are determined able are required to pay assistance monies back to the Town. Some recipients are able to work in the CASP (Community Assistance Service Program) and thus repay the Town for the assistance they have received. During 2002 Newport recovered \$4,226 from previous expenditures, an increase of more than \$3,000 over 2001.

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

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

Community Alliance provided free transportation services for any individual in need of transportation to Claremont in order to apply for other social services, register at the employment office, or get to a doctors appointment. Financial support was also given to Newport residents who did not have the means to finance their much needed dental care, through the Alliance Dental Program.

During 2002, the Alliance continued to actively participate in and represent the Town in the NH Local Welfare Administrators Association. Our involvement allows us to remain knowledgeable on the many changes that have and continue to occur in the area of welfare reform. The New

Hampshire MAPS Program, a database developed by the Association, has been effective in compiling statistics and maintaining Town Assistance records throughout the year.

The Newport Town Assistance office is located at the Alliance's Administration Office, 46 North Main Street. It is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. We may be reached by telephone at 863-9529.

We feel the partnership we have formed with the Newport community in this area has been very successful and has served the residents of Newport well. A breakdown of assistance provided during 2002 includes:

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| RENT: | \$16,744 | FUEL: | \$1,355 |
| ELECTRIC: | \$ 1,782 | MEDICAL: | \$ 75 |
| FUNERALS: | \$ 1,000 | SHELTER: | \$ 875 |
| FOOD: | \$ 50 | | |

**Linda Pappas,
Administrative Services Coordinator**

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Chief of Department

Peter Lamb

As most of you are aware, the TOPAZ office has gone through further re-structuring this year. The Office of Planning & Zoning is still the correct place to obtain building permits and contact our new Municipal Inspector, Steve Dube. If you have building permit questions, code questions, or need to schedule an inspection, please call 863-6278. Although Steve is part-time in this capacity, we are trying our best to review and issue permits in a timely fashion. We have noticed that the most common delay in receiving a permit is that the applicant does not provide us with all of the required documentation when they submit the application for review. Please *read* the review sheet that accompanies the permit application.

In an effort to answer some of the most common questions we hear, I have compiled a list of what types of projects require which permit:

Building Permit: *Required* for the erection, alteration, improvement or addition of any structure (Anything constructed or erected with a fixed location on the ground, or attached to something having a fixed location on the ground. Structure includes, but is not limited to a building, swimming pool, mobile home, or **sign**. It shall not include a minor installation such as a mail box, flag pole or a fence less than six feet high providing such fence does not obstruct vision of highway and traffic.) which shall be in the *excess of two hundred dollars*. (Building Permits Adopted at 1951 Town Meeting and amended at Town Meeting, March 1965).

Zoning Permit: Required for a *change of use* or purpose that affects the level of activity in a non-residential or multi-family dwelling unit (including condominiums). This includes the installation or alteration of any equipment that is regulated by the Building Code.

Certificate of Occupancy: Required for the use or occupancy of any land or structure, or part thereof created, erected, changed, converted, or wholly or partly altered or enlarged in its use or structure. A certificate of occupancy shall not be needed for the normal repair or redecorating of structures.

Site Plan Review: Required when a project involves the **development** (a change to improved or unimproved real estate, including buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filing, grading, paving, excavating and drilling or an activity, action, or alteration that changes undeveloped property into developed property) **or modification** (a structural change or rearrangement in the walls, roof, ceiling, floors, beams, columns, interior plan or layout, exterior architectural features and exit facilities alterations.) **of nonresidential uses and for multi-family dwelling units** (including condominiums).

I am well aware that this process can be confusing. Our mission here is to provide assistance to property owners in Newport. Please do not hesitate to call and ask questions (before your neighbors do) about a project. We will try our best to help you analyze your plan and get your project going as quickly as possible. We *always* prefer to help people *before* they begin, rather than shut down a job or threaten to collect fees from those individuals that are in violation of our regulations.

The application deadline for either the Planning Board or the Zoning Board of Adjustment is at least fifteen (15) *business* days before the meeting date. As posted, the Planning Board meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. and the Zoning Board of Adjustment meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm.

BUILDING INSPECTIONS

Permits

A. Thanks to the hard work and diligence of Chief Lamb, Steve Dube and Wayne Conroy, the building inspection portion of TOPAZ is running quite smoothly. Once again, our permit numbers were higher this year than last year. TOPAZ issued 272 building permits in the year 2002. The reported construction costs were approximately \$7,000,000.00. Included in these permits were nineteen permits for new, stick-built homes. Their reported value will add just over \$2,000,000.00 to our tax base. We also issued permits for four new mobile homes. There were of course, many permits issued for new garages, sheds and renovation projects. The Town received fees of approximately \$14,000.00 for these permits.

PLANNING BOARD

Public Hearings

A. The Planning Board held twenty-eight public hearings in 2002. Six of the hearings involved property annexations; one major and eight minor subdivisions; thirteen site plan reviews; and one hearing on the proposed use of property located on a Class VI road for residential purpose. Some of the new commercial projects that required site plan review included the continued expansion of the Newport Shopping Plaza, two telecommunication towers, a new garage at LE Weed & Son, two new buildings at Newport Sand & Gravel, an addition at Sturm, Ruger Company, Inc., as well as additions at Spanos Auto and Maple Manor. Ed Gregory of "Crazy Ed's" is near completion of his new building in Kelleyville. In addition

to this new construction, is the extensive renovation of the Eagle Block. The plans for this project comprise a new restaurant, a machine tool training facility, some retail space, and several offices. I would like to congratulate and express our gratitude to these people and their businesses for their continued support and investment in the Newport community. I believe that in the face of losing several businesses this year, it is vital to our economy to support the entrepreneurs that have chosen Newport as their base.

Other Activities

A. The Planning Board welcomes it's new alternate member, Bill Deane. The Planning Board consists of seven regular members and two alternates. As always, it is impossible to run a town without those citizens willing to donate their time and energy by volunteering on these boards. We are very fortunate to have a vast variety of skills and expertise on the Planning Board. I believe that our board has a very supportive base and is committed to enhancing the eclectic spirit of the Newport community.

The Planning Board is currently working on the adoption of a new building code. Currently, we are still operating under the BOCA 1984 addition. The State of NH has officially adopted the International Building Code 2000, the International Plumbing Code 2000, the International Mechanical Code 2000, the International Energy Conservation Code 2000, and the National Electric Code 1999. As the International Building Code pertains to commercial structures only, the town will operate under the BOCA Code until such time as they rescind that code and adopt a new residential code. When reviewing commercial projects, the more stringent of the codes applies.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Public Hearings

A. The ZBA held twenty-eight public hearings in 2002. Thirteen of the hearings were appeals for variances to the terms of the zoning ordinance. Twelve of the appeals involved approval for uses not permitted in the applicant's perspective zoning district. One appeal was for a reduction in the number of parking spaces required for commercial use in the downtown area. None of the appeals were denied. There were fifteen requests for special exceptions. Of these, six were for home businesses; two were for permitted uses allowed only by special exception; two were for mixed use of property; and five were for the reasonable expansion of non-conforming structures. All of the special exceptions were granted.

Other Activities

A. The ZBA would like to thank Nicki Sullivan for answering our call for help serving as an alternate on the board. Nicki came in with an application for an appeal, and was so interested in the process, signed on as a member. As always, we appreciate and applaud the efforts of the volunteers that serve on these boards so vital to our town. The ZBA consists of five regular members and two alternates. At this point in time, we are seeking one more individual to serve as an alternate member of this board.

**Julie M. Collins,
Planning & Zoning Coordinator**

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) is a nonprofit, voluntary association of 30 communities in Vermont and New Hampshire. Our service area is based on clusters of communities united by a long history of employment, transportation, and education connections as well as by other issues of common concern. We serve Sullivan County and its Claremont-Newport socioeconomic center, the towns of the Lake Sunapee area, and the Upper Valley. Each year we strive to focus on activities that will best meet the needs of each of these three areas, while we balance the differing concerns of larger and smaller communities. Your community's membership in UVLSRPC provides you with a voice in both regional and statewide decision-making that affects the future of your community.

We provide the communities of the region with a mechanism to work together toward balanced growth, in part by developing and implementing a comprehensive regional plan. In 2002, we began an update of the UVLSRPC Regional Plan, incorporating and responding to what we have learned from 2002 Census data and the Upper Valley Housing Needs Analysis. Among other activities, we:

- Worked with area organizations and businesses to increase awareness of the serious housing shortage in the Upper Valley, and worked with communities to address the problem.
- Helped several communities obtain grant funds for a variety of projects, including planning for economic development, protection of watersheds, wildlife habitat, scenic resources and agricultural land, and building visitor facilities and bikepaths.
- Provided guidance to the Sullivan County Economic Development Council on organizational issues; explored a possible new partnership with the North Country Economic Development District for Grafton County communities; continued work on the East-Central Vermont Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy in partnership with Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation to ensure business growth meets the needs of our communities; and helped launch the Eastern Vermont Gateway Regional Marketing Organization to support tourism in the Upper Valley.
- Assisted 11 communities with updates of their master plans and 10 with local land

use regulations.

- Utilized special-purpose grants to develop a plan for Hartford's Route 5 South corridor that balances resource protection and industrial development goals; for Hartland's Three Corners area that improves the safety of the pedestrian and bicycle circulation; and for the areas surrounding Hartland's Interstate 91 interchange to maintain scenic vistas while facilitating appropriate development.
- Continued our assistance to watershed organizations planning for the stewardship of the Connecticut River and its tributaries, including the Sugar River, Cold River, Mascoma River, and Lull's Brook.
- Organized four hazardous waste collections that gave 805 households a way to keep approximately 9,000 gallons of hazardous chemicals out of the region's groundwater.
- Began re-addressing in Claremont to improve emergency responses; completed hazard mitigation plans in Lebanon and Enfield, and arranged funding to complete six more in the coming year, as well as integrate those in the core Upper Valley communities.
- Participated in the review of several proposed developments with potential regional impacts including the expansion of the Mt. Sunapee ski area, a proposed new boat ramp on Lake Sunapee, the new visitors' center and Vermont Institute for Natural Science museum at Quechee Gorge, and several telecommunications towers in our Connecticut River valley communities.
- Collected traffic data in 20 communities, and mapped new roads in 14 communities to qualify for state aid for maintenance.
- Continued to work with public transit providers serving the area's residents, employees, and visitors to identify opportunities to improve service using currently available funds, and to prioritize needs for additional funding.
- Provided monthly circuit rider services to five communities to review subdivision and site plan applications for compliance with local regulations.
- Held 12 training sessions for local officials on land use regulations, natural resource protection, and the National Flood Insurance Program.
- Responded to day-to-day requests from local board members and staff for guidance on many issues, including: improvements for roads and intersections, unmaintained road policies, management of excavations, preservation of historic resources, future school enrollment projections, capital improvement programming and impact fees, interpretation of local land use regulations, hiring

consultants, and planning and zoning board procedures.

- Continued to increase the ability of our geographic information system (GIS) to perform land use analysis and natural resource planning; provided GIS services to 21 communities and partner organizations.
- Maintained a library with the latest technical guidance, planning literature, and sample regulations; incorporated 2000 Census information into a new digital regional socioeconomic profile as it became available; and responded to numerous requests for information from local officials, businesses, and other area organizations.

We appreciate the high level of participation and support we receive from our communities, and look forward to continuing to serve the needs of the region in the coming years. We count on feedback from the Commissioners appointed by each community, and from local officials and residents, to ensure that our work program focuses on regional issues that are of the highest priority to you. Please feel free to contact us at (603) 448-1680 or info@uvlsrc.org to share your thoughts.

**Tara E. Bamford,
Executive Director**

WASTE WASTER TREATMENT FACILITY

Plant Superintendent
Arnold L. Greenleaf

Plant Operator
Richard Boone

Our big project this year was the old aeration units in lagoon #2 with a new fine bubble aeration system. We now have both lagoons operating with this new equipment. This change alone has made a tremendous improvement in the quality of our treatment process, as well as being a great energy saver.

We continued this year to make further improvements in upgrading various operational equipment in the plant; new watertight stainless steel dump body for our 1 ton dump truck, replaced the worn screen and the grinder on the influent screenings equipment, new effluent flow meter, new bulbs in the UV system, replaced the second 60 hp. blower with a new unit, rebuilt our John Deere tractor, did additional modifications to the grit removal system to deal with the reduced flows, installed new phone lines into the building, new heavy duty hoist to handle increased screening output and rebuilt the entire seal water system for both raw sewage pumps. We also had Maine Drilling and Blasting in to demolish part of the outer retaining walls and the ends on the old basins behind the main building. This now allows us vehicular access to the ends of the tanks to set up the new dewatering bags next summer to remove the biosolids from lagoon #1.

Algae blooms continued to plague our discharge throughout the year and phosphorus is the culprit. This nutrient is creating the algae blooms, which in turn causes gross solids violations over our discharge limit. We now have a policy that no further septage is to be put into the lagoons. Any septage that we should receive will be treated and the solids hauled off site, only the remaining water that is treated for phosphorus will be discharged to the lagoon. Experience has shown us that this procedure works well. It resulted in additional expenditure of money and labor, but the improvement in our treatment process was well worth the effort. With the septage rate increase for 2002 to cover those extra costs, we did not end up having any septage delivered to the plant this year, but it will be dealt with properly if the need arises.

Plant personnel spent time this summer at the landfill on Breakneck Road clearing brush and trash from the site. The wells and surface water sites were inspected and sampled twice for the year. The groundwater management application was submitted for renewal of another 5-year permit.

Both plant operators attended classes for lagoon operation, safety and regulatory changes

throughout the year to maintain our operator certification. Our newest operator, Richard Boone was hired in early October to replace Wayne Palmer who left to go to Florida.

The Industrial Pretreatment Program (IPP) work is still ongoing. There must be an extra effort on everyone's part to eliminate the disposal of any expired medicines, petroleum based products, and any other hazardous or toxic compounds into the sewer system that could impact the collection and treatment systems. There is a tremendous amount of fats, oils and greases being disposed of into the sewer system, unfortunately it is not breaking down and is ending up being disposed of into the sewer system, unfortunately it is not breaking down and is ending up as large clumps in our wetwells or going through the plant and floating on the surface of the lagoons. This results in time being spent to skim it off the surface before it becomes a treatment problem. There is literature available at the plant and the Town Office that can provide information on how to properly dispose of fats, oils, greases and hazardous waste rather than discarding it to the sewer system.

For those interested in weather data, our annual recorded precipitation here at the plant was 37.64". That was 3.05" more moisture for the year than we received in 2001 and 2.4" less than our 31 year average of 40.04".

While rainfall was up slightly over 3" for the year, we experienced a decrease in flow to the plant of almost 34 million gallons for the year, almost 93,000 gallons per day less than we had in 2001. It helped that rainfall was still below average, but we saw a good reduction in flow after the completion of the South Main Street project. We had less impact from the fall storms on our influent flows once the new line was in service. 2001 figures are in parentheses.

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| WASTEWATER | 196,925,000 | (230,889,000) |
| SEPTAGE | 157,750 | (270,650) |

**Arnold L. Greenleaf,
Plant Superintendent**

Waste Disposal Advisory Study Committee

2002 was the third year of the Newport Solid Waste Study Committee. This past year three new members joined our ranks:

Celestine “Da” Wiggins, Dan Lloyd, and Wendell “Bud” Berry.

Currently Newport is part of the “New Hampshire Project,” which has a contract to incinerate our trash until June of 2007. Our purpose is to examine solid waste options and practices, including recycling, and bring forth recommendations and their estimated costs. After numerous visits to other towns and many conversations with both local and distant solid waste managers, we have come to several conclusions and a few recommendations.

- The more we recycle as a community, the more options we may ultimately have in disposing our waste which is not recyclable. Many disposal options, such as the future Hartford, VT. landfill are predicated on extensive recycling.
- In order to have maximum effort made towards recycling, the implementation of a curbside recycling program is necessary.
- Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT), a volume based disposal program, has a significant influence on increased recycling.
- Comparing our current practices, we personally are spending as much now on trash pickup alone as we might with a plan that includes both curbside trash and recyclable, but is controlled by the Town.
- There needs to be a substantial education program involving our citizens, schools, businesses, and governmental entities in order to achieve maximum results with a recycling plan.
- Such a plan would need to be implemented prior to 2007, when the contract with Wheelabrator expires, in order to fine tune the program enabling the Town to possibly increase its options in regards to its waste disposal issue.

In addition to reviewing several community recycling programs, committee members attended state and private conferences and seminars on solid waste management. They have brought back many good ideas for Newport to consider, but they are all predicated on mandatory recycling.

Results of our residential survey completed over a year ago showed that a majority of taxpayers responding support municipal curbside pickup. This year we surveyed the business and

industrial community, and their needs are quite different. Therefore we will continue to work on plans to address their trash issues, as well as a review of how to best manage construction and demolition (C&D) debris.

We are looking to pilot a low risk proposal which has private haulers picking up residential trash and recyclables based on estimating routes within the Town. We see this proposal also reducing truck traffic, by having one service picking up trash on a given road, while still maintaining “free enterprise.” We have requested the sum of \$20,000 to begin this pilot. This will give us an idea of how successful this service will be, and also an opportunity to see when and if the Town should invest resources in a recycling and transfer station. The funding of the pilot will allow us to purchase recycling bins and also the initial order of PAYT bags which will be necessary for the residential trash pick-up.

Should a future recommendation be that the Town operate its own facility, we could then address the management of items such as appliances, yard wastes, used motor oil filters, paint, and other items, and perhaps have a “swap-shop” as well. We could also consider including our neighboring communities when the current contract is over.

The committee can always use new members, and welcome your suggestions on how to manage Newport’s solid waste.

**Guenter K. Hubert,
Chairman**

Water and Sewer Department

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Superintendent

Robert K. Naylor

Utilities Technicians

Michael Denno

Michael McGill

John Shull

We have experienced unusual extremes in weather conditions. The Year 2002 has been another very dry year. This has been the second year of summer drought conditions. The water levels of our lakes, rivers and streams were at record low levels this summer. The State of New Hampshire had declared a drought emergency and many water systems in New England implemented water use restrictions to conserve water. Although the Newport Water Department had not enacted emergency water use restrictions, we made preparations for such an event.

On South Main Street, the 106 year-old clay sewer main was replaced with new pipe. Hopefully, it will be good for another hundred years!

We have replaced our meter reading equipment with new hand-held computers and interrogators.

We have been working on enhancing the security systems of the water and wastewater facilities. The Federal and State governments have adopted new guidelines, rules, and regulations affecting the security of our public water systems. It is now a federal offence to tamper with a public water system.

Our water treatment system is working well. We have had no violations in 2002 and we have continued to pass our residential tests for lead and copper. The Department of Environmental Services has reduced some of our sampling requirements.

The wastewater pumping stations required several repairs. These included replacement of check valve, sump pump, and replacement of one 25 hp pump.

Newport Water & Sewer Department personnel received professional development training in *Surface Water Treatment Rules Update*, *Wastewater Collection Systems*, *Water System Valve O&M*, *Sewer Process Modeling*, *Water Tank Inspections*, *Water*

System Operations, Computer Software Advances, and Ozone Treatment Technology.

The Water Filtration Facility continues to consistently produce high quality water. Water Production in 2002 was about 2% greater than in 2001.

Annual Water Production Gallons (2001)

| | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Total Flow | 199,628,730 (195,250,470) |
| Average Daily Flow | 546,928 (534,933) |
| Max. Daily Flow | 629,230 (707,700) |

The Newport Water Department had no permit violations in 2002. The water produced by Newport Water Works meets or exceeds all Federal and State drinking water standards.

Operational Statistics

| | | | |
|--------------------------|----|--------------------|----|
| Test Meters For Accuracy | 20 | Meter Replacement | 44 |
| Frozen Meters | 15 | Water Turned On | 16 |
| Water Turned Off | 16 | Line Location | 22 |
| Manholes Located | 13 | Curbside Repairs | 25 |
| Water Quality Calls | 12 | Road Repairs | 14 |
| Filters Cleaned | 32 | Hydrant Repairs | 21 |
| Manhole Repairs | 18 | New Water Services | 3 |

We look forward to the future and continued water and sewer system improvements. This year our projects will include Cheney Street project engineering and Parkview Ejector System engineering in addition to hydrant replacement, water and sewer system line replacement and repairs.

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

**Robert K. Naylor,
Superintendent**

REVERE BELL

The following material came from the interior of the original Revere Bell enclosure. In 2002, the old enclosure was dismantled and the new cabinet was built.

Previous Enclosure Sign

This Paul Revere Bell was placed here for the citizens of Newport - past, present, and future - on the twenty-first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven, through the efforts of Selectman Bernard Root and local historian Kenneth Andler. The display structure was erected by United Construction Corp. of Newport, N.H.

The expense of erecting this exhibit was underwritten by the Newport Savings Bank, the First Citizens National Bank, the Sugar River Savings Bank, the Newport Rotary Club, the Newport Lions Club, and Mr. James Lantz of Harrington's Jewelers.

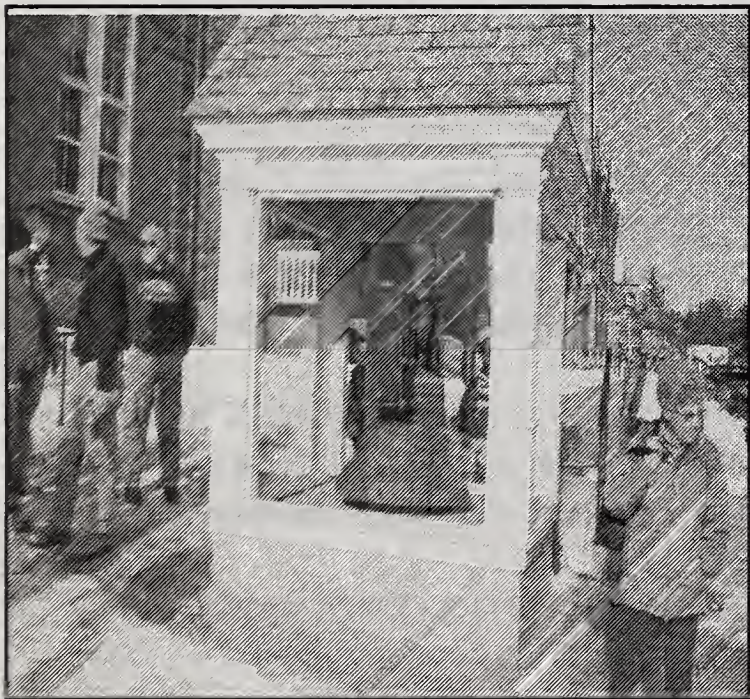


Photo by Andy Andrews

Revere Bell History

This Revere bell hung in the belfry of the Newport Universalist-Unitarian Church from about 1837 until 1896 when it was sold to the Town of Newport for \$200. In 1897 the bell was hoisted to the roof of the Town Hall for use as the town's main fire alarm and was used for the purpose until 1923 when the present horn was purchased. From 1923 until recent years it was used as an auxiliary alarm with the horn and also for tolling at the funerals of firemen. For the latter purpose it had an appropriately doleful tone. It was removed from the Town Hall roof in 1975 and placed on this present site for display in November 1977.

The exact age of the bell is unknown. It almost certainly was made after 1802 as it is not listed in "The Early Bells of Paul Revere" covering the period 1792-1802, and showing the names and locations of the purchasers of Paul Revere's first 46 bells. Nor could it be one of those bells, bought second hand, because they are all marked "Paul Revere and Son", or "Revere and Co.", or, as in this case, "Revere - Boston."

Paul Revere's bell-casting business was carried on by Paul's son, Joseph, after Paul's death in 1818 until 1828 when it passed to the Revere Copper Company which never undertook bell casting. So this bell must have been made before 1828.

Newport is fortunate in having two other Revere bells, one in the South Congregational Church, the other in the Baptist Church. Both of those bells date from 1822.

Vital Statistics

Weight: 1200 lbs.

Diameter: 3' 3"

Height: 2' 9"

Tone: A-flat



Photo by Andy Andrews

TOWN WARRANT

2003 Town Warrant
for the Newport Town Meeting of May 13, 2003
State of New Hampshire

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

You are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in said Town of Newport on the second Tuesday of May, 2003, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects: (Polls shall open for the reception of ballots on Articles 1-4 at 9:00 a.m. and shall not be closed earlier than 7:00 p.m. and the business part of the meeting shall start at 6:00 p.m.)

- ARTICLE 1** To elect one (1) Selectman for a one (1) year term.
- ARTICLE 2** To elect one (1) Selectman for a three (3) year term.
- ARTICLE 3** To elect a Library Trustee for a three (3) year term.
- ARTICLE 4** To elect a Trustee of Trust Funds for a three (3) year term.
- ARTICLE 5** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Sixty Three Thousand (\$763,000) Dollars to be used for costs associated with the Cheney Street Project, said sum to consist of Forty-Six Thousand (\$46,000) from the General Fund and Seven Hundred Seventeen Thousand (\$717,000) Dollars through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate said bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest and time period thereon, and to take other such action as may be necessary to affect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town; and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend such monies as become available from the Federal and/or State governments for use in connection with said project and pass any votes thereto. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7, III and will not lapse until the project is completed or the appropriation is rescinded. The debt is intended and anticipated to be repaid with Three Hundred Sixty Thousand (\$360,000) Dollars from the Water Fund and Three Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand (\$357,000) Dollars from the Sewer Fund. **(By Ballot) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee)**

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Twenty Thousand (\$720,000) Dollars to be used for costs associated with the renovation of the Richard's Free Library. These renovations include installing fire protection, ADA compliance, renovations of the third floor ballroom and meeting rooms, and the addition of an elevator for handicapped access to all levels. Said sum to consist of Four Hundred Twenty Thousand (\$420,000) Dollars from a combination of funds raised through private donations, grants, and other available funding mechanisms; and up to Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000) Dollars through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate said bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest and time period thereon, and to take other such action as may be necessary to affect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town; and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend such monies as become available from the Federal and/or State governments for use in connection with said project and pass any votes thereto. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7, III and will not lapse until the project is completed or the appropriation is rescinded.

Further, the Richard's Free Library Board of Trustees shall include the anticipated bond interest payments in their fund raising efforts so that the burden to the Town shall primarily be for the principal payment alone. The committee further pledges to make a good faith effort to raise privately as much as possible to reduce the total amount of the bond, and that no bonds shall be issued until all fund raising is complete and successful to meet the balance of the project costs. **(By Ballot) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee)**

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey any real estate acquired by the Town by Tax Collector's deed; such conveyance shall be by deed following public auction or the property may be sold by advertised sealed bids or may be otherwise disposed of as justice may require as determined by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to RSA 80:80.

ARTICLE 8 To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of its surplus equipment and/or vehicles no longer needed.

ARTICLE 9 To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items of the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town and the Police Union for the period July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2005, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

| | Estimated Increase |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Year 2003-2004 | \$18,024 |
| Year 2004-2005 | 18,580 |

and to further raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand Twenty-Four (\$18,024) Dollars for funding the increases in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing level paid in the current fiscal year. **(Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 10 To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items of the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town and the Public Works Union for the period July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2005, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

| | Estimated Increase |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Year 2003-2004 | \$21,759 |
| Year 2004-2005 | 19,543 |

and to further raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Nine (\$21,759) Dollars for funding the increases in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing level paid in the current fiscal year. Said sum to consist of Twelve Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Four (\$12,194) Dollars from the General Fund, Six Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Five (\$6,775) Dollars from the Water Fund and Two Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety (\$2,790) Dollars from the Sewer Fund. **(Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

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

ARTICLE 12 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Nine (\$135,009) Dollars for the following highway equipment:

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Dump truck with attachments | 107,393 |
| 1- Ton dump truck | 27,616 |

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

ARTICLE 13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) Dollars for the purchase of a rescue truck for the Fire Department, said sum to consist of One Hundred Eighty Thousand (\$180,000) Dollars from a FEMA grant and Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars from the General Fund. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars for the paving overlay project. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the completion of the project or five years, whichever is sooner. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 15 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) Dollars for engineering and construction services of the Belknap Street bridge. Said sum to consist of One Hundred Sixty Thousand (\$160,000) Dollars from the State of NH Bridge Program and Forty Thousand (\$40,000) Dollars from the Pollards Mill Bridge Capital Projects Fund. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:3 VI and will not lapse until the completion of the project or five years, whichever is sooner. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Eighty (\$16,580) Dollars from the Water Fund for the purchase of the following equipment:

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Flow Metering Equipment | 7,160 |
| Treatment Plant Security System | 9,420 |

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

ARTICLE 17 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand (\$60,000) Dollars for Town Hall Renovations, said sum to be withdrawn from the Town Hall Improvements Fund. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 18 To see if the Town will appropriate up to the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars for the purpose of starting the

Town's recycling program. Said funds to come from 2002-03 surplus revenues. **(Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen or Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 19 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000) Dollars for the purpose of installing a new furnace in the old district court building. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 20 To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell an 11.4 acre parcel of Town property, located on Corbin Road, to Sturm, Ruger for the sum of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) Dollars and the transfer of ownership of an approximate .5 acre parcel owned by Sturm, Ruger, located on the south side of Corbin Road west of the paved runway. Proceeds of the sale will go into the Airport Fund for future infrastructure improvements. Said sale subject to a perpetual right of access by the Town to and for development of the water rights; aviation navigation easement; access for recreational hiking, fishing, and hunting; and a prohibition of the erection of buildings of any nature except as may be needed in the development of the water rights.

ARTICLE 21 To see if the Town will reaffirm the 1997 Town Meeting vote to withdraw from the Sullivan County Refuse Disposal District ("District") on June 1, 2007. This being the day the current contract with Wheelabrator ends. This article will be brought forward for reaffirmation each year until the contract ends.

ARTICLE 22 Shall the Town raise and appropriate Four Thousand (\$4,000) Dollars for the support of West Central Behavioral Health. West Central provided Mental health services to 651 Newport Residents last year. The \$8,000 Will maintain services to uninsured and underinsured Newport Residents. **(By Petition) (Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen or Budget Advisory Committee)**

ARTICLE 23 To raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000) Dollars for the purpose of the spay and neuter program for stray cats and dogs within the Town. **(By Petition) (Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen or Budget Advisory Committee)**

ARTICLE 24 To instruct the Board of Selectmen to appoint Peter Franklin of Newport to the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District as a full voting member for three years, the term beginning May 2003. **(By Petition)**

ARTICLE 25 To see if the Town will pass the following resolution:

The Health Care for New Hampshire Resolution

Whereas, New Hampshire residents pay the 12th highest cost for insurance in the country; and

Whereas, the cost of health insurance premiums for families has increased by 45% over the past three years; and

Whereas, 100,000 New Hampshire residents have no health coverage and 77% of them have a full-time worker at home; and

Whereas, due to these rising costs almost half of New Hampshire's small businesses cannot afford health coverage for their employees, therefore be it resolved

That we, the citizens of Newport, New Hampshire, call on our elected officials from all levels of government, and those seeking office, to work with the consumers, businesses, and health care providers to ensure that:

- Everyone, including the self-employed, unemployed, un- and underinsured, and small business owners, has access to an affordable basic health plan similar to what federal employees receive;

-Everyone, including employers, consumers, and the state, local, and federal government makes a responsible and fair contribution to finance the health care system;

-Everyone receives high quality care that is cost efficient and medically effective; and

-That these efforts help control the skyrocketing cost of health care.

(By Petition)

ARTICLE 26 To hear and/or accept reports of or appoint any committees, auditors or agents necessary to transact the business of the Town and to transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Gary E. Nichols, Chairman
Elizabeth W. Maiola, Vice Chairman
Virginia O. Irwin, Selectman
Bennie C. Nelson, Selectman
Beverly T. Rodeschin, Selectman

Budget for the Town of Newport, NH
Purpose of Appropriations

| | Approved Budget 2002-03 | <u>Recommended Appropriation 2003-04</u> | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| | | <u>Selectmen</u> | <u>Budget Advisory Committee</u> |
| OPERATING BUDGET: | | | |
| General Government: | | | |
| Executive | \$102,437 | \$112,784 | \$112,784 |
| Election/Registration | 61,572 | 61,572 | 61,572 |
| Financial Administration | 240,834 | 272,740 | 272,740 |
| Legal | 12,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Personnel Administration | 669,295 | 800,579 | 800,579 |
| Town Office of Planning and Zoning | 47,660 | 59,797 | 59,797 |
| General Government Buildings | 210,865 | 249,252 | 249,252 |
| Cemeteries | 108,215 | 110,367 | 110,367 |
| Insurance | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Advertising & Regional Associations | 11,200 | 17,798 | 17,798 |
| Other General Government | 61,172 | 113,532 | 113,532 |
| Total General Government | <u>1,527,250</u> | <u>1,815,421</u> | <u>1,815,421</u> |
| Public Safety: | | | |
| Police | 662,930 | 736,206 | 736,206 |
| Emergency Communications | 188,929 | 193,563 | 193,563 |
| Prosecution | 71,343 | 73,574 | 73,574 |
| Ambulance Department | 272,763 | 263,290 | 263,290 |
| Fire Department | 312,544 | 297,843 | 297,843 |
| Building Inspection | 19,022 | 23,417 | 23,417 |
| Emergency Management | 6,450 | 6,350 | 6,350 |
| Total Public Safety | <u>1,533,981</u> | <u>1,594,243</u> | <u>1,594,243</u> |
| Highways and Streets: | | | |
| Public Works Garage | 178,018 | 175,864 | 175,864 |
| Highways and Streets | 544,063 | 500,955 | 500,955 |
| Bridges | 3,800 | 3,800 | 3,800 |
| Street Lighting | 55,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Airport | 67,540 | 79,100 | 79,100 |
| Total Highways and Streets | <u>848,421</u> | <u>809,719</u> | <u>809,719</u> |
| Sanitation: | | | |
| Solid Waste Collection | 50,000 | 40,000 | 40,000 |
| Sewer Department | 515,582 | 521,528 | 521,528 |
| Total Sanitation | <u>565,582</u> | <u>561,528</u> | <u>561,528</u> |
| Water Department | <u>462,618</u> | <u>473,300</u> | <u>473,300</u> |

Budget for the Town of Newport, NH
Purpose of Appropriations

| | Approved Budget 2002-03 | Recommended Appropriation 2003-04 | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | Selectmen | Budget Advisory Committee |
| Health: | | | |
| Health Administration | 3,900 | 3,500 | 3,500 |
| Health Agency | 19,000 | 15,500 | 11,500 |
| Total Health | 22,900 | 19,000 | 15,000 |
| Welfare: | | | |
| Welfare Administration | 23,400 | 24,400 | 24,400 |
| Welfare Direct Assistance | 40,000 | 35,000 | 35,000 |
| Total Welfare | 63,400 | 59,400 | 59,400 |
| Culture and Recreation: | | | |
| Recreation | 180,817 | 190,372 | 190,372 |
| Library | 236,000 | 240,814 | 240,814 |
| Patriotic Purposes | 3,250 | 3,250 | 3,250 |
| Total Patriotic Purposes | 420,067 | 434,436 | 434,436 |
| Conservation Administration | 5,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| Debt Service: | | | |
| Principal LTD | 45,400 | 45,400 | 45,400 |
| Interest LTD | 12,358 | 9,877 | 9,877 |
| Tax Anticipation Interest | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| Lease Payments | 79,899 | 124,919 | 124,919 |
| Water Fund Debt | 181,838 | 178,362 | 178,362 |
| Sewer Fund Debt | 186,413 | 276,659 | 276,659 |
| Debt Service | 505,958 | 635,267 | 635,267 |
| Capital Outlay: | | | |
| General Fund Articles | 289,596 | 11,000 | 11,000 |
| Water Fund Articles | 4,075 | 0 | 0 |
| Sewer Fund Articles | 373,575 | 0 | 0 |
| Capital Projects Fund Articles | 613,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Capital Outlay | 1,280,246 | 11,000 | 11,000 |
| Transfers: | | | |
| Transfer to Airport Fund | 232,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| | 232,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET | 7,467,423 | 6,442,314 | 6,438,314 |

Budget for the Town of Newport, NH
Purpose of Appropriations

| | Approved Budget 2002-03 | Recommended Appropriation 2003-04 | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | Selectmen | Budget Advisory Committee |
| INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES: | | | |
| Cheney Street Project | | 763,000 | 763,000 |
| Library Renovation Project | | 720,000 | 720,000 |
| Police Union | | 18,024 | 18,024 |
| Public Works Union | | 21,759 | 21,759 |
| Highway Equipment | | 135,009 | 135,009 |
| Fire Rescue Truck | | 200,000 | 200,000 |
| Paving Overlay Project | | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| Belknap Street Bridge Project | | 200,000 | 200,000 |
| Water Equipment | | 16,580 | 16,580 |
| Town Hall Renovations | | 60,000 | 60,000 |
| Old District Court Furnace | | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| TOTAL INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES | <u>0</u> | <u>2,249,372</u> | <u>2,249,372</u> |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS | <u>\$7,467,423</u> | <u>\$8,691,686</u> | <u>\$8,687,686</u> |

TAX RATE IMPACT SUMMARY:

| | | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Total Appropriations | \$7,467,423 | \$8,691,686 | \$8,687,686 |
| Add: | | | |
| War Service Credits | 42,700 | 41,700 | 41,700 |
| Overlay | 99,477 | 80,000 | 80,000 |
| Less: | | | |
| Estimated Revenues | <u>5,060,845</u> | <u>6,060,705</u> | <u>6,060,705</u> |
| Estimated Property Taxes to be Raised | <u>\$2,548,755</u> | <u>\$2,752,681</u> | <u>\$2,748,681</u> |

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

| | Approved Budget 2002-03 | Estimated Revenue 2003-04 | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | Selectmen | Budget Advisory Committee |
| Taxes: | | | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | 3,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Yield Taxes | 30,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 |
| Payment in Lieu of Taxes | 41,000 | 32,000 | 32,000 |
| Penalties & Interest | 80,000 | 70,000 | 70,000 |
| Total Taxes | 154,000 | 137,000 | 137,000 |
| Licenses and Permits: | | | |
| Motor Vehicle Permits | 820,000 | 850,000 | 850,000 |
| Building Permits | 8,000 | 9,000 | 9,000 |
| Other Licenses and Permits | 17,400 | 26,400 | 26,400 |
| Total Licenses and Permits | 845,400 | 885,400 | 885,400 |
| Intergovernmental Revenues | 571,504 | 937,311 | 937,311 |
| Charges for Service: | | | |
| Income from Departments | 379,500 | 446,000 | 446,000 |
| Garbage/Refuse | 40,000 | 40,000 | 40,000 |
| Water Department | 514,393 | 515,017 | 515,017 |
| Sewer Department | 725,570 | 725,977 | 725,977 |
| Airport | 67,540 | 54,100 | 54,100 |
| Library | 45,800 | 465,900 | 465,900 |
| Total Charges for Service | 1,772,803 | 2,246,994 | 2,246,994 |
| Miscellaneous: | | | |
| Sale of Property | 2,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| Interest on Investments | 50,000 | 40,000 | 40,000 |
| Rent of Property | 24,000 | 28,000 | 28,000 |
| Transfer from Trust Funds | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| Other Miscellaneous | 62,000 | 60,000 | 60,000 |
| Miscellaneous - Capital Projects Fund | 388,000 | 51,000 | 51,000 |
| Total Miscellaneous | 546,000 | 203,000 | 203,000 |

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

| | Approved Budget 2002-03 | Estimated Revenue 2003-04 | |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | Selectmen | Budget Advisory Committee |
| Other Financing Sources: | | | |
| Transfer from Capital Reserve - General | | 40,000 | 40,000 |
| Transfer from General Fund - Capital Projects | 212,000 | | |
| Transfer from General Fund - Airport | | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| Transfer from Capital Projects Fund - General | | 40,000 | 40,000 |
| Proceeds of Long-Term Debt - General | | 300,000 | 300,000 |
| Proceeds of Long-Term Debt - Water | | 360,000 | 360,000 |
| Proceeds of Long-Term Debt - Sewer | 350,000 | 357,000 | 357,000 |
| Use of Fund Balance - General Fund | 462,000 | 285,000 | 285,000 |
| Use of Fund Balance - Water Fund | 134,138 | 160,000 | 160,000 |
| Use of Fund Balance - Sewer Fund | | 75,000 | 75,000 |
| Use of Fund Balance - Capital Projects Fund | 13,000 | 9,000 | 9,000 |
| Total Other Financing Sources | <u>1,171,138</u> | <u>1,651,000</u> | <u>1,651,000</u> |
| TOTAL REVENUES | <u>\$5,060,845</u> | <u>\$6,060,705</u> | <u>\$6,060,705</u> |

**FINANCIAL REPORTS
AND
VITAL STATISTICS**

FINANCE DEPARTMENT 2002 Annual Report

Finance Director

Paul J. Brown, C.P.A.

Charge Bookkeeper

Amy G. Spreadbury

Charge Bookkeeper

Donna M. Lizotte

Buildings Manager

Kenneth J. Dennis

Payroll Clerk

Sandy L. Ouellette

Maintenance/Custodian

Sylvia K. McElreavy

Victor Stork

Cathy J. Welch

Accounting Clerk

Rebecca Hastings

The Finance Department had a busy year in 2002. New ambulance billing software approved at the 2002 Town Meeting required several modifications to the computer network, but allowed us to upgrade other programs at the same time. These program changes keep us in compliance with State and Federal law. Following the computer conversion, it was time for year end and the annual audit, while also working on updating the Water and Sewer Rate Study and beginning preparation for the 2003-04 budget.

From a financial standpoint, the Town is in very strong position, with adequate cash balances, and moderate uncollected taxes. Current revenues and expenditures should be within budget. The budget for next year has increased expenditures in excess of increased revenues, resulting in a tax increase. The budget does adequately address operations, equipment, and infrastructure needs.

The primary goal for the upcoming year is preparing for the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 34 implementation, which makes substantial changes to the way we report our operations. The Statement's purpose is to improve the financial reports for the three groups of users: citizens, elected officials and creditors. The changes are widespread with a focus on the total cost of the governments operations, including the cost of depreciation of assets. Assets to be included are equipment, land and buildings as well as infrastructure, roads and bridges. The Town of Newport's implementation date is July 1, 2003.

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

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

STATEMENT OF REVENUES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2002

| | Budget | Actual | Over (Under) Budget \$ | % |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| Taxes: | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$2,193,030 | \$2,250,661 | \$57,631 | 2.63% |
| Land Use Change Taxes | 1,000 | 5,725 | 4,725 | 472.50% |
| Yield Taxes | 30,000 | 28,404 | (1,596) | -5.32% |
| Payment in Lieu of Taxes | 31,065 | 30,985 | (80) | -0.26% |
| Excavation Tax | 5,000 | 4,575 | (425) | -8.50% |
| Excavation Activity Tax | 21,694 | 10,674 | (11,020) | -50.80% |
| Penalties & Interest | 95,000 | 86,530 | (8,470) | -8.92% |
| Total Taxes | <u>2,376,789</u> | <u>2,417,554</u> | <u>40,765</u> | 1.72% |
| Licenses and Permits: | | | | |
| Motor Vehicle Permits | 725,000 | 869,226 | 144,226 | 19.89% |
| Building Permits | 10,000 | 17,277 | 7,277 | 72.77% |
| Other Licenses and Permits | 14,400 | 20,598 | 6,198 | 43.04% |
| Total Licenses and Permits | <u>749,400</u> | <u>907,101</u> | <u>157,701</u> | 21.04% |
| Intergovernmental Revenues | <u>832,195</u> | <u>661,143</u> | <u>(171,052)</u> | -20.55% |
| Charges for Service: | | | | |
| Income from Departments | 450,000 | 437,882 | (12,118) | -2.69% |
| Garbage/Refuse | 45,000 | 21,480 | (23,520) | -52.27% |
| Water Department | 497,217 | 456,820 | (40,397) | -8.12% |
| Sewer Department | 570,472 | 559,293 | (11,179) | -1.96% |
| Airport | 27,230 | 43,605 | 16,375 | 60.14% |
| Total Charges for Service | <u>1,589,919</u> | <u>1,519,080</u> | <u>(70,839)</u> | -4.46% |
| Miscellaneous: | | | | |
| Sale of Property | 12,000 | 8,254 | (3,746) | -31.22% |
| Interest on Investments | 80,000 | 52,136 | (27,864) | -34.83% |
| Rent of Property | 24,000 | 32,047 | 8,047 | 33.53% |
| Insurance Reimbursements | 24,000 | 84,350 | 60,350 | 251.46% |
| Transfer from Trust Funds | 20,000 | 16,790 | (3,210) | -16.05% |
| Other Miscellaneous | 69,000 | 23,849 | (45,151) | -65.44% |
| Total Miscellaneous | <u>229,000</u> | <u>217,426</u> | <u>(11,574)</u> | -5.05% |
| Other Financing Sources: | | | | |
| Transfer from Capital Reserve - General | 90,000 | 87,085 | (2,915) | -3.24% |
| Total Other Financing Sources | <u>90,000</u> | <u>87,085</u> | <u>(2,915)</u> | -3.24% |
| TOTAL REVENUES | <u><u>\$5,867,303</u></u> | <u><u>\$5,809,389</u></u> | <u><u>(\$57,914)</u></u> | -0.99% |

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2002

| | Budget | Actual | Under (Over) Budget | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| | | | \$ | % |
| General Government: | | | | |
| Executive | \$102,368 | \$102,884 | (\$516) | -0.50% |
| Election/Registration | 61,918 | 62,536 | (618) | -1.00% |
| Financial Administration | 211,776 | 23,651 | 188,125 | 88.83% |
| Legal | 20,000 | 10,822 | 9,178 | 45.89% |
| Personnel Administration | 678,110 | 623,322 | 54,788 | 8.08% |
| Town Office of Planning and Zoning | 98,309 | 65,366 | 32,943 | 33.51% |
| General Government Buildings | 232,484 | 232,303 | 181 | 0.08% |
| Cemeteries | 108,362 | 108,744 | (382) | -0.35% |
| Insurance | 2,000 | 0 | 2,000 | 100.00% |
| Advertising & Regional Associations | 5,700 | 10,444 | (4,744) | -83.23% |
| Other General Government | 23,891 | 26,327 | (2,436) | -10.20% |
| Total General Government | 1,544,918 | 1,266,399 | 278,519 | 18.03% |
| Public Safety: | | | | |
| Police | 693,498 | 720,770 | (27,272) | -3.93% |
| Emergency Communications | 186,269 | 172,054 | 14,215 | 7.63% |
| Prosecution | 58,663 | 54,935 | 3,728 | 6.35% |
| Ambulance | 246,008 | 241,394 | 4,614 | 1.88% |
| Fire | 307,165 | 311,093 | (3,928) | -1.28% |
| Building Inspection | 10,425 | 8,583 | 1,842 | 17.67% |
| Emergency Management | 4,500 | 2,137 | 2,363 | 52.51% |
| Total Public Safety | 1,506,528 | 1,510,966 | (4,438) | -0.29% |
| Highways and Streets: | | | | |
| Public Works Garage | 171,689 | 169,250 | 2,439 | 1.42% |
| Highways and Streets | 488,830 | 468,193 | 20,637 | 4.22% |
| Bridges | 3,800 | 837 | 2,963 | 77.97% |
| Street Lighting | 58,500 | 48,469 | 10,031 | 17.15% |
| Airport | 27,230 | 37,516 | (10,286) | -37.77% |
| Total Highways and Streets | 750,049 | 724,265 | 25,784 | 3.44% |
| Sanitation: | | | | |
| Solid Waste Collection | 53,000 | 32,000 | 21,000 | 39.62% |
| Sewer Department | 464,554 | 411,562 | 52,992 | 11.41% |
| Total Sanitation | 517,554 | 443,562 | 73,992 | 14.30% |
| Water Department | 455,442 | 378,269 | 77,173 | 16.94% |

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2002

| | Budget | Actual | Under (Over) Budget | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| | | | \$ | % |
| Health: | | | | |
| Health Administration | 3,000 | 2,588 | 412 | 13.73% |
| Health Agency | 18,500 | 18,500 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Total Health | <u>21,500</u> | <u>21,088</u> | <u>412</u> | <u>1.92%</u> |
| Welfare: | | | | |
| Welfare Administration | 21,500 | 22,150 | (650) | -3.02% |
| Welfare Direct Assistance | 65,000 | 25,965 | 39,035 | 60.05% |
| Total Welfare | <u>86,500</u> | <u>48,115</u> | <u>38,385</u> | <u>44.38%</u> |
| Culture and Recreation: | | | | |
| Recreation | 177,541 | 180,356 | (2,815) | -1.59% |
| Library | 175,200 | 175,200 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Patriotic Purposes | 3,250 | 3,309 | (59) | -1.82% |
| Total Patriotic Purposes | <u>355,991</u> | <u>358,865</u> | <u>(2,874)</u> | <u>-0.81%</u> |
| Conservation Administration | <u>6,000</u> | <u>5,699</u> | <u>301</u> | <u>5.02%</u> |
| Debt Service: | | | | |
| Principal LTD | 45,400 | 45,400 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Interest LTD | 14,844 | 14,839 | 5 | 0.03% |
| Tax Anticipation Interest | 50 | 0 | 50 | 100.00% |
| Lease Payments | 60,008 | 59,706 | 302 | 0.50% |
| Water Fund Debt | 45,311 | 43,895 | 1,416 | 3.13% |
| Sewer Fund Debt | 68,460 | 66,775 | 1,685 | 2.46% |
| Debt Service | <u>234,073</u> | <u>230,615</u> | <u>3,458</u> | <u>1.48%</u> |
| Capital Outlay: | | | | |
| General Fund Articles | 604,826 | 187,936 | 416,890 | 68.93% |
| Water Fund Articles | 91,338 | 70,240 | 21,098 | 23.10% |
| Sewer Fund Articles | 488,253 | 467,155 | 21,098 | 4.32% |
| Capital Outlay | <u>1,184,417</u> | <u>725,331</u> | <u>459,086</u> | <u>38.76%</u> |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS | <u>\$6,662,972</u> | <u>\$5,713,174</u> | <u>\$949,798</u> | <u>14.25%</u> |

AUDIT REPORT

The following has been extracted from the June 30, 2002 audit, performed by Plodzik & Sanderson. The complete audit report is available for review at the Town Office.

TOWN OF NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2002

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Newport, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended June 30, 2002 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

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

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

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Newport as of June 30, 2002, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund types and nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Newport taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed as schedules in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Newport. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

September 19, 2002

*Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association*

EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Types and Account Group
June 30, 2002

| <u>ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS</u> | <u>Governmental Fund Types</u> | | |
|---|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | <u>General</u> | <u>Special Revenue</u> | <u>Capital Projects</u> |
| <u>Assets</u> | | | |
| Cash and Equivalents | \$ 2,784,844 | \$ 170,306 | \$ |
| Investments | 299,571 | | 16,616 |
| <u>Receivables (Net of Allowance For Uncollectible)</u> | | | |
| Taxes | 1,481,806 | | |
| Accounts | 128,476 | 29,576 | 36,488 |
| Intergovernmental | 310,366 | 10,438 | |
| Interfund Receivable | 404,342 | 100 | |
| Restricted Asset - Cash and Equivalents | | | |
| Inventory | | 13,036 | |
| Prepaid Items | 87,477 | | |
| Tax Deeded Property Subject to Resale | 10,581 | | |
| Fixed Assets | | | |
| Accumulated Depreciation | | | |
| <u>Other Debits</u> | | | |
| Amount to be Provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt | | | |
| TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS | <u>\$ 5,507,463</u> | <u>\$ 223,456</u> | <u>\$ 53,104</u> |

| <u>Proprietary Fund Type</u> | <u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u> | <u>Account Group</u> General Long-Term Debt | Total (Memorandum Only) |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| <u>Enterprise</u> | <u>Trust</u> | | |
| \$ 1,810,535 | \$ 658,841 | \$ | \$ 5,424,526 |
| | 955,135 | | 1,271,322 |
| | | | 1,481,806 |
| 362,504 | | | 557,044 |
| 759,846 | | | 1,080,650 |
| 19,866 | | | 424,308 |
| 194,729 | | | 194,729 |
| | | | 13,036 |
| | | | 87,477 |
| | | | 10,581 |
| 10,559,763 | | | 10,559,763 |
| (3,025,611) | | | (3,025,611) |
| | | <u>572,450</u> | <u>572,450</u> |
| <u>\$ 10,681,632</u> | <u>\$ 1,613,976</u> | <u>\$ 572,450</u> | <u>\$ 18,652,081</u> |

EXHIBIT A (Continued)
TOWN OF NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Types and Account Group
June 30, 2002

| <u>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</u> | <u>Governmental Fund Types</u> | | |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | <u>General</u> | <u>Special Revenue</u> | <u>Capital Projects</u> |
| <u>Liabilities</u> | | | |
| Accounts Payable | \$ 144,179 | \$ 627 | \$ |
| Accrued Expenses | | | |
| Accrued Payroll and Benefits | 53,998 | 855 | |
| Intergovernmental Payable | 762 | | |
| Interfund Payable | 14,751 | 58,943 | 37,746 |
| Other Current Liabilities | 3,636 | | |
| Deferred Tax Revenue | 3,702,325 | | |
| Other Deferred Revenue | 14,905 | | |
| State Revolving Fund Loan Payable | | | |
| General Obligation Bonds/Notes Payable - Current | | | |
| General Obligation Bonds/Notes Payable | | | |
| Capital Leases Payable | | | |
| Compensated Absences Payable | | | |
| Total Liabilities | 3,934,556 | 60,425 | 37,746 |
| <u>Equity</u> | | | |
| Contributed Capital | | | |
| <u>Retained Earnings</u> | | | |
| Reserved | | | |
| Unreserved | | | |
| <u>Fund Balances</u> | | | |
| Reserved For Encumbrances | 425,207 | | |
| Reserved For Endowments | | | |
| Reserved For Inventory | | 13,036 | |
| Reserved For Special Purposes | 212,000 | | 15,358 |
| Reserved For Tax Deeded Property | 10,581 | | |
| <u>Unreserved</u> | | | |
| Designated For Special Purposes | | 149,995 | |
| Undesignated | 925,119 | | |
| Total Equity | 1,572,907 | 163,031 | 15,358 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | \$ 5,507,463 | \$ 223,456 | \$ 53,104 |

| <u>Proprietary Fund Type</u> | <u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u> | <u>Account Group General Long-Term Debt</u> | <u>Total (Memorandum Only)</u> |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--|
| <u>Enterprise</u> | <u>Trust</u> | | |
| \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 42,434 | | | 144,806 |
| | | | 42,434 |
| | | | 54,853 |
| | 1,240 | | 2,002 |
| 296,078 | 16,790 | | 424,308 |
| | | | 3,636 |
| | | | 3,702,325 |
| 1,557 | | | 16,462 |
| 20,398 | | | 20,398 |
| 265,477 | | | 265,477 |
| 1,607,177 | | 227,000 | 1,834,177 |
| | | 173,342 | 173,342 |
| | | 172,108 | 172,108 |
| <u>2,233,121</u> | <u>18,030</u> | <u>572,450</u> | <u>6,856,328</u> |
| 3,897,579 | | | 3,897,579 |
| 673,796 | | | 673,796 |
| 3,877,136 | | | 3,877,136 |
| | | | 425,207 |
| | 923,421 | | 923,421 |
| | | | 13,036 |
| | 672,525 | | 899,883 |
| | | | 10,581 |
| | | | 149,995 |
| | | | 925,119 |
| <u>8,448,511</u> | <u>1,595,946</u> | | <u>11,795,753</u> |
| <u>\$ 10,681,632</u> | <u>\$ 1,613,976</u> | <u>\$ 572,450</u> | <u>\$ 18,652,081</u> |

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

EXHIBIT B
TOWN OF NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

| | Governmental Fund Types | | | Fiduciary Fund Type | Total (Memorandum Only) |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | General | Special Revenue | Capital Projects | Expendable Trust | |
| <u>Revenues</u> | | | | | |
| Taxes | \$ 2,417,552 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 2,417,552 |
| Licenses and Permits | 907,101 | | | | 907,101 |
| Intergovernmental | 686,988 | 29,893 | | | 716,881 |
| Charges for Services | 459,362 | 30,117 | | | 489,479 |
| Miscellaneous | 177,636 | 140,601 | 39,774 | 32,751 | 390,762 |
| <u>Other Financing Sources</u> | | | | | |
| Proceeds of General Obligation Debt | 72,989 | | | | 72,989 |
| Operating Transfers In | 126,875 | 191,943 | | 65,000 | 383,818 |
| <u>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</u> | <u>4,848,503</u> | <u>392,554</u> | <u>39,774</u> | <u>97,751</u> | <u>5,378,582</u> |
| <u>Expenditures</u> | | | | | |
| <u>Current</u> | | | | | |
| General Government | 1,426,883 | | | | 1,426,883 |
| Public Safety | 1,502,172 | 35,124 | | | 1,537,296 |
| Highways and Streets | 717,920 | | | | 717,920 |
| Sanitation | 24,000 | | | | 24,000 |
| Health | 21,088 | | | | 21,088 |
| Welfare | 48,115 | | | | 48,115 |
| Culture and Recreation | 177,365 | 341,841 | | 7,347 | 526,553 |
| Conservation | 5,699 | 3,677 | | | 9,376 |
| Debt Service | 119,945 | | | | 119,945 |
| Capital Outlay | 415,433 | | 33,565 | | 448,998 |
| <u>Other Financing Uses</u> | | | | | |
| Operating Transfers Out | 210,200 | 23,000 | | 87,085 | 320,285 |
| <u>Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u> | <u>4,668,820</u> | <u>403,642</u> | <u>33,565</u> | <u>94,432</u> | <u>5,200,459</u> |
| <u>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u> | | | | | |
| | 179,683 | (11,088) | 6,209 | 3,319 | 178,123 |
| <u>Fund Balances - July 1</u> | <u>1,393,224</u> | <u>174,119</u> | <u>9,149</u> | <u>669,206</u> | <u>2,245,698</u> |
| <u>Fund Balances - June 30</u> | <u>\$ 1,572,907</u> | <u>\$ 163,031</u> | <u>\$ 15,358</u> | <u>\$ 672,525</u> | <u>\$ 2,423,821</u> |

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

EXHIBIT C
TOWN OF NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis)
General and Special Revenue Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

| | <u>General Fund</u> | | Variance Favorable (Unfavorable) |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|--|
| | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | |
| <u>Revenues</u> | | | |
| Taxes | \$ 2,376,789 | \$ 2,417,552 | \$ 40,763 |
| Licenses and Permits | 749,400 | 907,101 | 157,701 |
| Intergovernmental | 832,195 | 661,144 | (171,051) |
| Charges for Services | 495,000 | 459,362 | (35,638) |
| Miscellaneous | 186,000 | 177,636 | (8,364) |
| <u>Other Financing Sources</u> | | | |
| Operating Transfers In | <u>133,000</u> | <u>126,875</u> | <u>(6,125)</u> |
| <u>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</u> | <u>4,772,384</u> | <u>4,749,670</u> | <u>(22,714)</u> |
| <u>Expenditures</u> | | | |
| <u>Current</u> | | | |
| General Government | 1,544,918 | 1,475,399 | 69,519 |
| Public Safety | 1,476,528 | 1,459,802 | 16,726 |
| Highways and Streets | 722,819 | 686,749 | 36,070 |
| Sanitation | 53,000 | 32,000 | 21,000 |
| Health | 21,500 | 21,088 | 412 |
| Welfare | 86,500 | 48,115 | 38,385 |
| Culture and Recreation | 175,791 | 178,665 | (2,874) |
| Conservation | 6,000 | 5,699 | 301 |
| Debt Service | 120,302 | 119,945 | 357 |
| Capital Outlay | 604,826 | 284,153 | 320,673 |
| <u>Other Financing Uses</u> | | | |
| Operating Transfers Out | <u>210,200</u> | <u>210,200</u> | <u> </u> |
| <u>Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u> | <u>5,022,384</u> | <u>4,521,815</u> | <u>500,569</u> |
| <u>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u> | <u>\$ (250,000)</u> | <u>227,855</u> | <u>\$ 477,855</u> |
| <u>(Increase) Decrease in Fund Balances</u> | | | |
| Reserved for Inventory | | | |
| Reserved for Special Purposes | | (212,000) | |
| Reserved for Tax Deeded Property | | 4,706 | |
| <u>Unreserved Fund Balances - July 1</u> | | <u>936,616</u> | |
| <u>Unreserved Fund Balances - June 30</u> | | <u>\$ 957,177</u> | |

| Annually Budgeted Special Revenue Funds | | | Total (Memorandum Only) | | |
|--|------------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------|--|
| <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | Variance Favorable (Unfavorable) | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | Variance Favorable (Unfavorable) |
| \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 2,376,789 | \$ 2,417,552 | \$ 40,763 |
| | | | 749,400 | 907,101 | 157,701 |
| | 12,820 | 12,820 | 832,195 | 673,964 | (158,231) |
| 27,230 | 30,117 | 2,887 | 522,230 | 489,479 | (32,751) |
| 44,800 | 40,356 | (4,444) | 230,800 | 217,992 | (12,808) |
| <u>175,200</u> | <u>191,943</u> | <u>16,743</u> | <u>308,200</u> | <u>318,818</u> | <u>10,618</u> |
| <u>247,230</u> | <u>275,236</u> | <u>28,006</u> | <u>5,019,614</u> | <u>5,024,906</u> | <u>5,292</u> |
| | | | 1,544,918 | 1,475,399 | 69,519 |
| | | | 1,476,528 | 1,459,802 | 16,726 |
| | | | 722,819 | 686,749 | 36,070 |
| | | | 53,000 | 32,000 | 21,000 |
| | | | 21,500 | 21,088 | 412 |
| | | | 86,500 | 48,115 | 38,385 |
| 247,230 | 275,104 | (27,874) | 423,021 | 453,769 | (30,748) |
| | | | 6,000 | 5,699 | 301 |
| | | | 120,302 | 119,945 | 357 |
| | | | 604,826 | 284,153 | 320,673 |
| | | | <u>210,200</u> | <u>210,200</u> | |
| <u>247,230</u> | <u>275,104</u> | <u>(27,874)</u> | <u>5,269,614</u> | <u>4,796,919</u> | <u>472,695</u> |
| <u>\$ -0-</u> | 132 | <u>\$ 132</u> | <u>\$ (250,000)</u> | 227,987 | <u>\$ 477,987</u> |
| | (2,999) | | | (2,999) | |
| | | | | (212,000) | |
| | | | | 4,706 | |
| | <u>23,862</u> | | | <u>960,478</u> | |
| | <u>\$ 20,995</u> | | | <u>\$ 978,172</u> | |

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

EXHIBIT D
TOWN OF NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balance
All Proprietary Fund Types and Nonexpendable Trust Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

| | <u>Proprietary Fund Type</u> | <u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u> | <u>Total (Memorandum Only)</u> |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| | <u>Enterprise</u> | <u>Nonexpendable Trust</u> | |
| <u>Operating Revenues</u> | | | |
| Charges for Sales and Services | \$ 889,681 | \$ | \$ 889,681 |
| New Funds | | 17,046 | 17,046 |
| Interest and Dividends | | 38,073 | 38,073 |
| Net Decrease in Fair Value of Investments | | <u>(54,599)</u> | <u>(54,599)</u> |
| <u>Total Operating Revenues</u> | <u>889,681</u> | <u>520</u> | <u>890,201</u> |
| <u>Operating Expenses</u> | | | |
| Costs of Sales and Services | 795,788 | | 795,788 |
| Depreciation | 296,418 | | 296,418 |
| Transfers Out To Other Funds | | <u>33,533</u> | <u>33,533</u> |
| <u>Total Operating Expenses</u> | <u>1,092,206</u> | <u>33,533</u> | <u>1,125,739</u> |
| <u>Operating Loss</u> | <u>(202,525)</u> | <u>(33,013)</u> | <u>(235,538)</u> |
| <u>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</u> | | | |
| Intergovernmental | 56,984 | | 56,984 |
| Interest Revenue | 54,896 | | 54,896 |
| Interest Expense | <u>(110,670)</u> | | <u>(110,670)</u> |
| <u>Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</u> | <u>1,210</u> | | <u>1,210</u> |
| <u>Loss Before Operating Transfers</u> | <u>(201,315)</u> | <u>(33,013)</u> | <u>(234,328)</u> |
| <u>Operating Transfers</u> | | | |
| Transfers Out | (30,000) | | (30,000) |
| <u>Net Loss</u> | <u>(231,315)</u> | <u>(33,013)</u> | <u>(264,328)</u> |
| <u>Add Depreciation on Contributed Assets Acquired with Capital Grants</u> | 137,919 | | 137,919 |
| <u>Retained Earnings/Fund Balances - July 1</u> | <u>4,644,328</u> | <u>956,434</u> | <u>5,600,762</u> |
| <u>Retained Earnings/Fund Balances - June 30</u> | <u>\$ 4,550,932</u> | <u>\$ 923,421</u> | <u>\$ 5,474,353</u> |

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

EXHIBIT E
TOWN OF NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Statement of Cash Flows
All Proprietary Fund Types and Nonexpendable Trust Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

| | <u>Proprietary Fund Type</u> | <u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u> | <u>Total (Memorandum Only)</u> |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| | <u>Enterprise</u> | <u>Nonexpendable Trust</u> | |
| <u>Cash Flows From Operating Activities</u> | | | |
| Cash Received from Customers and Users | \$ 1,189,626 | \$ | \$ 1,189,626 |
| Cash Paid to Suppliers and Employees | (715,275) | | (715,275) |
| Cash Received as New Funds | | 17,046 | 17,046 |
| Cash Received as Interest and Dividends | | 38,073 | 38,073 |
| Cash Paid to Other Funds | | (40,523) | (40,523) |
| <u>Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities</u> | <u>474,351</u> | <u>14,596</u> | <u>488,947</u> |
| <u>Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities</u> | | | |
| Principal Payments - Debt | (269,290) | | (269,290) |
| Transfers to Capital Reserve Fund | (30,000) | | (30,000) |
| Capital Contributions and Advances | 158,966 | | 158,966 |
| Acquisition and Construction of Capital Assets | (159,955) | | (159,955) |
| Interest Paid | (110,670) | | (110,670) |
| Proceeds of Debt | 20,398 | | 20,398 |
| <u>Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Financing Activities</u> | <u>(390,551)</u> | | <u>(390,551)</u> |
| <u>Cash Flows From Investing Activities</u> | | | |
| Purchase of Investments | | (119,469) | (119,469) |
| Interest Received | 54,896 | | 54,896 |
| <u>Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities</u> | <u>54,896</u> | <u>(119,469)</u> | <u>(64,573)</u> |
| <u>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash</u> | <u>138,696</u> | <u>(104,873)</u> | <u>33,823</u> |
| <u>Cash - July 1</u> | <u>1,866,568</u> | <u>121,222</u> | <u>1,987,790</u> |
| <u>Cash - June 30</u> | <u>\$ 2,005,264</u> | <u>\$ 16,349</u> | <u>\$ 2,021,613</u> |

EXHIBIT E (Continued)
TOWN OF NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Statement of Cash Flows
All Proprietary Fund Types and Nonexpendable Trust Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

*Reconciliation of Operating Loss to
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities*

| | <u>Proprietary Fund Type</u> | <u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u> Nonexpendable <u>Trust</u> | <u>Total (Memorandum Only)</u> |
|---|----------------------------------|---|--|
| | <u>Enterprise</u> | | |
| <u>Operating Loss</u> | \$ (202,525) | \$ (33,013) | \$ (235,538) |
| <u>Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</u> | | | |
| Net Decrease in Fair Value of Investments | | 54,599 | 54,599 |
| Depreciation Expense | 296,418 | | 296,418 |
| Decrease in Accounts Receivable | 296,956 | | 296,956 |
| Decrease in Interfund Receivable | 1,432 | | 1,432 |
| Increase in Accrued Expenses | 16,792 | | 16,792 |
| Decrease in Retainage Payable | (18,027) | | (18,027) |
| Increase (Decrease) in Interfund Payable | 81,748 | (6,990) | 74,758 |
| Increase in Deferred Revenue | <u>1,557</u> | <u> </u> | <u>1,557</u> |
| <u>Total Adjustments</u> | <u>676,876</u> | <u>47,609</u> | <u>724,485</u> |
| <u>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</u> | <u>\$ 474,351</u> | <u>\$ 14,596</u> | <u>\$ 488,947</u> |

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

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Financial Reporting Entity

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

B. Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting

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

Governmental Fund Types

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

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

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

Proprietary Fund Types

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

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Fiduciary Fund Types

Trust and Agency Funds - These funds account for assets held by the Town as a trustee or agent for individuals, private organizations, and other units of governments.

Account Groups

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

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

General Long-Term Debt Account Group - This account group is established to account for all long-term debt of the Town.

C. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

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

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

D. Budgetary Accounting

General Budget Policies

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

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

State statutes require balanced budgets, but provide for the use of beginning unreserved fund balance to achieve that end. In the fiscal year 2001-2002, \$250,000 of the beginning General Fund fund balance was applied for this purpose.

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

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

| | <u>General Fund</u> | <u>Special Revenue Funds</u> |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <u>Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u> | | |
| Per Exhibit C (Budgetary Basis) | \$ 4,521,815 | \$ 275,104 |
| <u>Adjustments</u> | | |
| <u>Basis Difference</u> | | |
| Encumbrances - June 30, 2001 | 445,586 | |
| Encumbrances - June 30, 2002 | (425,207) | |
| Retirement Contributions Paid by the State of New Hampshire | 25,844 | |
| Capital Leases | 72,989 | |
| Budgetary Prepaid Items - June 30, 2001 | (4,265) | |
| Budgetary Prepaid Items - June 30, 2002 | 32,058 | |
| <u>Entity Difference</u> | | |
| <u>Unbudgeted Funds</u> | | |
| Police Grants | | 17,073 |
| Library Arts Center | | 66,737 |
| Conservation Commission | | 3,677 |
| Ambulance Donations | | <u>41,051</u> |
| Per Exhibit B (GAAP Basis) | <u>\$ 4,668,820</u> | <u>\$ 403,642</u> |

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E. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Equity

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

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

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

Whenever the treasurer has in custody an excess of funds which are not immediately needed for the purpose of expenditure, the treasurer shall, with the approval of the Town Manager, invest the excess funds in obligations of the United States government, in the public deposit investment pool established pursuant to RSA 383:22, in savings bank deposits, certificates of deposit and repurchase agreements of banks incorporated under the laws of the State of New Hampshire or in banks recognized by the state treasurer. Any person who directly or indirectly receives any such funds or moneys for deposit or for investment in securities of any kind shall, prior to acceptance of such funds, make available at the time of such deposit or investment an option to have such funds secured by collateral having a value at least equal to the amount of such funds. Such collateral shall be segregated for the exclusive benefit of the Town. Only securities defined by the bank commissioner as provided by rules adopted pursuant to RSA 386:57 shall be eligible to be pledged as collateral.

The Town participates in the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool established in accordance with N.H. RSA 383:22-24. Based on GASB Statement No. 3, *Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments (including Repurchase Agreements), and Reverse Repurchase Agreements*, investments with the Pool are considered to be unclassified. At this time, the Pool's investments are limited to short-term United States treasury and United States government agency obligations, State of New Hampshire municipal obligations, certificates of deposit from A1/P1-rated banks, money market mutual funds (maximum of 20% of portfolio), overnight to 30-day repurchase agreements and reverse overnight repurchase agreements with primary dealers or dealer banks. Under the terms of GASB Statement No. 31, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools*, the Pool is considered to be a **2a7-like pool** which means that it has a policy that it will, and does operate in a manner consistent with the SEC's Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. This rule allows SEC-registered mutual funds to use amortized cost rather than market value to report net assets in computing share prices if certain conditions are met. Therefore, the Town reports its investment in the Pool at amortized cost which would equal the Pool's share price.

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

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

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Receivables

Receivables have been recorded for the following:

- a. Tax revenue is recorded when a warrant for collection is committed to the Tax Collector. However, an allowance has been established for any taxes involved in bankruptcy or where voluntary liens have been taken. The allowance totals \$23,967 at June 30, 2002.

As prescribed by law, the Tax Collector places a lien on properties for all uncollected property taxes in the following year after taxes are due. The lien on these properties has priority over other liens and accrues interest at 18% per annum. If property is not redeemed within the 2-year redemption period, the property is tax-deeded to the Town.

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

Interfund Receivables and Payables

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

Inventory

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

Prepaid Items

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

Property, Plant and Equipment

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

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

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

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

Deferred Revenue

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

Long-Term Liabilities

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

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

Fund Equity

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

F. Total Columns (Memorandum Only) on Combined Statements

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

NOTE 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations

The following governmental funds had an excess of expenditures over appropriations for the year ended June 30, 2002:

| | |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| <u>Special Revenue Funds</u> | |
| Airport Operating | \$ 24,044 |
| Richards Free Library | <u>3,830</u> |
| <u>Total</u> | <u>\$ 27,874</u> |

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

NOTE 3 - ASSETS

A. Cash and Equivalents

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

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

Category 1 Includes deposits that are insured (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation).

Category 2 Includes deposits that are uninsured, but are collateralized by securities held by the pledging financial institution, its trust department or agent in the Town's name.

Category 3 Includes deposits that are uninsured and uncollateralized.

| | Category | | | Total | |
|------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | Bank Balance | Carrying Value |
| Cash | <u>\$ 535,929</u> | <u>\$ -0-</u> | <u>\$ 5,134,756</u> | <u>\$ 5,670,685</u> | <u>\$ 5,619,255</u> |

B. Investments

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

Category 1 Includes investments that are insured or registered, for which the securities are held by the Town or its agent in the Town's name.

Category 2 Includes uninsured and unregistered investments, for which the securities are held by the Town, broker, counter party's trust department or agent in the Town's name.

Category 3 Includes uninsured and unregistered investments, for which the securities are held by the broker, counter party, counter party's trust department or agent, but not in the Town's name.

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

| | Category | | | Fair Value |
|--|---------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| Certificates of Deposit United States Government Obligations | \$ | \$ 86,895 | \$ | \$ 86,895 |
| Corporate Bonds | | | 182,165 | 182,165 |
| | | | <u>108,114</u> | <u>108,114</u> |
| | <u>\$ -0-</u> | <u>\$ 86,895</u> | <u>\$ 290,279</u> | \$ 377,174 |
| Mutual Funds New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool | | | | 577,961 |
| | | | | <u>316,187</u> |
| <u>Total Investments</u> | | | | <u>\$ 1,271,322</u> |

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C. Property Taxes

The property tax year is from April 1 to March 31 and all property taxes are assessed on the inventory taken in April of that year. The net assessed valuation as of April 1, 2001, upon which the 2001 property tax levy was based was:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| For the New Hampshire Education Tax | \$ 218,188,056 |
| For All Other Taxes | \$ 223,729,656 |

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

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

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

The tax rate for the year ended June 30, 2002, was as follows:

| | <u>Per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation</u> | <u>Property Taxes Assessed</u> |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Municipal Portion | \$ 10.44 | \$ 2,335,207 |
| <u>School Portion</u> | | |
| State of New Hampshire | \$ 6.89 | 1,502,486 |
| Local | \$ 10.55 | 2,361,201 |
| County Portion | \$ 5.06 | <u>1,132,580</u> |
| <u>Total Property Taxes Assessed</u> | | <u>\$ 7,331,474</u> |

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During the current fiscal year, the Tax Collector placed a lien on March 27 for all uncollected 2001 property taxes.

Taxes receivable at June 30, 2002, are as follows:

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| <u>Property</u> | |
| Levy of 2002 | \$ 1,143,830 |
| <u>Unredeemed (under tax lien)</u> | |
| Levy of 2001 | 214,085 |
| Levy of 2000 | 112,643 |
| Voluntary Liens | 33,594 |
| Land Use Change | 1,460 |
| Timber | 160 |
| Less: Allowance for estimated uncollectible taxes | <u>(23,967)</u> |
| <u>Net Taxes Receivable</u> | <u>\$ 1,481,806</u> |

D. Other Receivables

Other receivables as of June 30, 2002, are as follows:

| | <u>General Fund</u> | <u>Special Revenue Funds</u> | <u>Capital Projects Funds</u> | <u>Enterprise Funds</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Accounts | \$ 263,390 | \$ 29,576 | \$ 36,488 | \$ 362,504 | \$ 691,958 |
| Intergovernmental | 310,366 | 10,438 | | 759,846 | 1,080,650 |
| Allowance for Uncollectible Amounts | <u>(134,914)</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u>(134,914)</u> |
| <u>Net Total Receivables</u> | <u>\$ 438,842</u> | <u>\$ 40,014</u> | <u>\$ 36,488</u> | <u>\$ 1,122,350</u> | <u>\$ 1,637,694</u> |

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E. Interfund Receivables/Payables

Individual fund interfund receivable and payable balances at June 30, 2002 are as follows:

| | <u>Interfund Receivable</u> | <u>Interfund Payable</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| General Fund | \$ 404,342 | \$ 14,751 |
| <u>Special Revenue Funds</u> | | |
| Airport Operating | | 38,869 |
| Richards Free Library | | 1,400 |
| Police Grants | | 2,704 |
| Neighborhood Improvement | | 1,750 |
| Ambulance Donations | | 14,220 |
| Recreation Revolving | 100 | |
| <u>Capital Projects Funds</u> | | |
| Police Facility Construction | | 3,570 |
| Town Hall Improvements | | 34,176 |
| <u>Enterprise Funds</u> | | |
| Water Department | 8,692 | 153,794 |
| Sewer Department | 11,174 | 142,284 |
| <u>Trust Funds</u> | | |
| Nonexpendable | <u> </u> | <u>16,790</u> |
| <u>Totals</u> | <u>\$ 424,308</u> | <u>\$ 424,308</u> |

NOTE 4 - LIABILITIES

A. Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue at June 30, 2002 consists of property taxes and other revenue collected or levied in advance of the fiscal year to which they apply, as follows:

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| <u>General Fund</u> | |
| Fiscal Year 2002 Property Taxes | \$ 3,702,325 |
| Other | 14,905 |
| Enterprise Funds | <u>1,557</u> |
| <u>Total</u> | <u>\$ 3,718,787</u> |

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B. Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of the Town's general long-term debt transactions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002:

| | <u>General Obligation Bonds/Notes Payable</u> | <u>Capital Leases Payable</u> | <u>Compensated Absences Payable</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| <i>General Long-Term Debt Account Group</i> | | | | |
| Balance, Beginning of Year | \$ 272,400 | \$ 168,977 | \$ 148,908 | \$ 590,285 |
| Issued | | 72,989 | | 72,989 |
| Retired | (45,400) | (68,624) | | (114,024) |
| Net increase in compensated absences payable | | | <u>23,200</u> | <u>23,200</u> |
| Balance, End of Year | <u>227,000</u> | <u>173,342</u> | <u>172,108</u> | <u>572,450</u> |
| <i>Enterprise Funds</i> | | | | |
| <u>Water Fund</u> | | | | |
| Balance, Beginning of Year | 1,166,944 | | | 1,166,944 |
| Retired | <u>(144,290)</u> | | | <u>(144,290)</u> |
| Balance, End of Year | <u>1,022,654</u> | | | <u>1,022,654</u> |
| <u>Sewer Fund</u> | | | | |
| Balance, Beginning of Year | 975,000 | | | 975,000 |
| Retired | <u>(125,000)</u> | | | <u>(125,000)</u> |
| Balance, End of Year | <u>850,000</u> | | | <u>850,000</u> |
| <u>Total Enterprise Funds</u> | <u>1,872,654</u> | | | <u>1,872,654</u> |
| <u>Total Account Group and Enterprise Funds</u> | <u>\$ 2,099,654</u> | <u>\$ 173,342</u> | <u>\$ 172,108</u> | <u>\$ 2,445,104</u> |

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Long-term debt payable at June 30, 2002, is comprised of the following:

| | <u>Original Amount</u> | <u>Issue Date</u> | <u>Maturity Date</u> | <u>Interest Rate %</u> | <u>Outstanding at June 30, 2002</u> |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| <u>General Long-Term Debt Account Group</u> | | | | | |
| <u>General Obligation Bonds Payable</u> | | | | | |
| Police Facility | \$ 454,000 | 1996 | 2007 | 5.45 | \$ <u>227,000</u> |
| <u>Capital Leases Payable</u> | | | | | |
| Loader | \$ 100,298 | 1999 | 2004 | 5.27 | 41,068 |
| Excavator | \$ 68,294 | 2001 | 2005 | 5.49 | 53,673 |
| Sidewalk Tractor | \$ 40,610 | 2001 | 2005 | 6.25 | 31,361 |
| Police Vehicle | \$ 72,989 | 2002 | 2004 | 5.95 | <u>47,240</u> |
| | | | | | <u>173,342</u> |
| <u>Compensated Absences Payable</u> | | | | | |
| Vested Sick Leave | | | | | <u>172,108</u> |
| <u>Total General Long-Term Debt Account Group</u> | | | | | |
| | | | | | <u>572,450</u> |
| <u>Enterprise Funds</u> | | | | | |
| <u>Water Department</u> | | | | | |
| Water Treatment Plant | \$ 1,050,000 | 1992 | 2022 | 5.5 | 660,345 |
| Water Tank Replacement | \$ 470,393 | 2001 | 2006 | 1.1875 | <u>362,309</u> |
| <u>Total Water Department</u> | | | | | |
| | | | | | <u>1,022,654</u> |
| <u>Sewer Department</u> | | | | | |
| Sewer Treatment Facilities | \$ 2,522,000 | 1988 | 2008 | 6.85-7.55 | <u>850,000</u> |
| <u>Total Enterprise Funds</u> | | | | | |
| | | | | | <u>1,872,654</u> |
| <u>Total General Long-Term Debt Account Group and Enterprise Funds</u> | | | | | |
| | | | | | <u>\$ 2,445,104</u> |

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The annual requirements to amortize all general obligation debt outstanding as of June 30, 2002, including interest payments, are as follows:

Annual Requirements To Amortize Governmental Fund General Obligation Bonds Payable

| <u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</u> | <u>Principal</u> | <u>Interest</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2003 | \$ 45,400 | \$ 12,372 | \$ 57,772 |
| 2004 | 45,400 | 9,897 | 55,297 |
| 2005 | 45,400 | 7,423 | 52,823 |
| 2006 | 45,400 | 4,949 | 50,349 |
| 2007 | <u>45,400</u> | <u>2,474</u> | <u>47,874</u> |
| <u>Totals</u> | <u>\$ 227,000</u> | <u>\$ 37,115</u> | <u>\$ 264,115</u> |

Annual Requirements to Amortize Capital Leases Payable

| <u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</u> | <u>Principal</u> | <u>Interest</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2003 | \$ 69,716 | \$ 9,882 | \$ 79,598 |
| 2004 | 73,678 | 5,920 | 79,598 |
| 2005 | <u>29,948</u> | <u>1,728</u> | <u>31,676</u> |
| <u>Totals</u> | <u>\$ 173,342</u> | <u>\$ 17,530</u> | <u>\$ 190,872</u> |

Annual Requirements To Amortize Enterprise Fund Bonds/Notes Payable

| <u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</u> | <u>Principal</u> | <u>Interest</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 2003 | \$ 265,477 | \$ 99,574 | \$ 365,051 |
| 2004 | 259,879 | 87,268 | 347,147 |
| 2005 | 245,736 | 74,885 | 320,621 |
| 2006 | 226,046 | 62,704 | 288,750 |
| 2007 | 156,207 | 50,943 | 207,150 |
| 2008-2022 | <u>719,309</u> | <u>205,973</u> | <u>925,282</u> |
| <u>Totals</u> | <u>\$ 1,872,654</u> | <u>\$ 581,347</u> | <u>\$ 2,454,001</u> |

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

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All lease-purchase agreements contain non-appropriation funding clauses whereby, in the event no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated by the Town, the leases shall terminate without penalty or expense to the Town.

Bonds or Notes Authorized - Unissued

Bonds and notes authorized and unissued as of June 30, 2002 were as follows:

| <u>Per Town Meeting Vote of</u> | <u>Purpose</u> | <u>Unissued Amount</u> |
|---|--|----------------------------|
| May 9, 2000 | Water/Sewer Projects/Road Reconstruction | \$ 30,000 |
| May 8, 2001 | South Main Street Sewer Project | 348,000 |
| May 14, 2002 | South Main Street Sewer Project | 110,000 |
| May 14, 2002 | Parkview Sewer Ejector Station | <u>240,000</u> |
| <u>Total</u> | | <u>\$ 728,000</u> |

NOTE 5 - OTHER INFORMATION

A. Risk Management

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors or omissions; injuries to employees; or natural disasters. During fiscal year 2002, the Town was a member of **The New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange (Primex) Workers' Compensation Program** which is a pooled risk management program under RSAs 5-B and 281-A. The workers' compensation and employer's liability policy provides statutory coverage for workers' compensation and up to \$2,000,000 of employer's liability coverage. Primex retained \$500,000 of each loss. The membership and coverage run from January 1 through December 31. The estimated net contribution from the Town of Newport billed for the year ended December 31, 2002 was \$30,615 of which \$22,963 was paid as of June 30, 2002 and the remainder of \$7,652 is being paid in monthly installments through October 2002. The member participation agreement permits Primex to make additional assessments to members, should there be a deficiency in contributions for any member year, not to exceed the member's annual contribution. At this time, Primex foresees no likelihood of an assessment for this or any prior year.

The Town continues to carry commercial insurance for all other risks of loss, including employee and public official fidelity bonds, health and accident insurance.

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B. Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Plan Description and Provisions

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

Description of Funding Policy

The System is financed by contributions from both the employees and the Town. Member contribution rates are established and may be amended by the State legislature while employer contribution rates are set by the System trustees based on an actuarial valuation. All employees except police officers and firefighters are required to contribute 5% of earnable compensation. Police officers and firefighters are required to contribute 9.3% of gross earnings. For the year ended June 30, 2002, the Town contributed 4.63% for police officers, 5.40% for firefighters and 4.14% for other employees. The contribution requirements for the Town of Newport for the fiscal years 2000, 2001 and 2002 were \$86,995, \$92,515, and \$103,248, respectively, which were paid in full in each year.

The State of New Hampshire funds 35% of employer costs for firefighters and police officers employed by the Town. The State does not participate in funding the employer costs of other Town employees. GASB Statement #24, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Grants and Other Financial Assistance* requires this amount to be reported as a revenue and expenditure in the Town's financial statements. This amount \$25,844 has been included on Exhibit B - Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds and is reconciled to the budgetary expenditures in Note 1D.

C. Changes in Contributed Capital - Enterprise Funds

| | Water <u>Department</u> | Sewer <u>Department</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Balance - July 1, 2001 | \$ 1,134,020 | \$ 2,890,153 | \$ 4,024,173 |
| Capital Contributed | | 11,325 | 11,325 |
| Depreciation Applied to Contributed Capital | <u>(33,283)</u> | <u>(104,636)</u> | <u>(137,919)</u> |
| Balance - June 30, 2002 | <u>\$ 1,100,737</u> | <u>\$ 2,796,842</u> | <u>\$ 3,897,579</u> |

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D. Segment Information for Proprietary Funds

Enterprise Funds

The Town maintains two Enterprise Funds. The Water Department Fund accounts for the provision of water services and the Sewer Department Fund accounts for the basic sewage treatment facilities. Selected segment information for the year ended June 30, 2002, is as follows:

| | <u>Water Department</u> | <u>Sewer Department</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Operating Revenues | \$ 411,431 | \$ 478,250 | \$ 889,681 |
| Depreciation | 114,698 | 181,720 | 296,418 |
| Operating Loss | (92,599) | (109,926) | (202,525) |
| Net Loss | (94,384) | (136,931) | (231,315) |
| Current Capital Contributions | | 11,325 | 11,325 |
| Depreciation Reducing Capital Contributions | 33,283 | 104,636 | 137,919 |
| Property, Plant, and Equipment Additions | 39,630 | 119,825 | 159,455 |
| Net Working Capital | 1,086,344 | 1,240,461 | 2,326,805 |
| Total Assets | 4,466,274 | 6,215,358 | 10,681,632 |
| Bonds and Other Long-Term Liabilities | | | |
| Payable from Operating Revenues | 1,022,654 | 850,000 | 1,872,654 |
| Total Equity | 3,269,482 | 5,179,029 | 8,448,511 |

E. Summary Disclosure of Significant Contingencies

Litigation

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

Grants

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



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

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

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Newport for the year ended December 31, 2002, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We are pleased to report that, during the course of our review of internal controls, no material weaknesses in the Town's accounting systems and records were identified. Minor weaknesses or other considerations coming to our attention were generally procedural in nature and dealt with administrative or recordkeeping practices. In these instances, we made specific recommendations or provided instruction to applicable individuals during the course of our audit fieldwork.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

*Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association*

September 19, 2002

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND:

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Beginning Balance - July 1, 2001 | | \$2,786,334.43 |
| Income: | | |
| Tax Collector | \$7,981,824.00 | |
| Town Clerk | 907,497.64 | |
| Selectmen | 2,975,192.00 | |
| Interest | 54,872.58 | |
| Total Income | | 11,919,386.22 |
| Disbursements | | <u>(11,717,047.56)</u> |
| Ending Balance - June 30, 2002 | | <u>\$2,988,673.09</u> |
| | | |
| Checking - Operating | \$41,005.04 | |
| Checking - Payroll | 1,808.16 | |
| Savings - Pooled | 2,646,289.11 | |
| Savings - NHPDIP | 299,570.78 | |
| Cash on Hand - June 30, 2002 | | <u>\$2,988,673.09</u> |

POLICE FACILITY CAPITAL PROJECT FUND:

| | | |
|----------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance - July 1, 2001 | | \$16,255.45 |
| Interest | | <u>360.47</u> |
| Cash on Hand - June 30, 2002 | | <u>\$16,615.92</u> |

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

| | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance - July 1, 2001 | | \$9,520.88 |
| Income: | | |
| Receipts | 10,820.38 | |
| Interest | 136.34 | |
| Total Income | | 10,956.72 |
| Disbursements | | <u>(8,732.96)</u> |
| Cash on Hand - June 30, 2002 | | <u>\$11,744.64</u> |
| | | |
| Checking | \$8,957.83 | |
| Certificate of Deposit | 2,786.81 | |
| Cash on Hand - June 30, 2002 | | <u>\$11,744.64</u> |

CORBIN ROAD TREE FUND:

| | | |
|----------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Beginning Balance - July 1, 2001 | | \$957.41 |
| Interest | | <u>17.90</u> |
| Cash on Hand - June 30, 2002 | | <u>\$975.31</u> |

1998 TOWN WIDE CDBG TARGET AREA FUNDS:

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Beginning Balance - July 1, 2001 | | \$8,973.57 |
| Income: | | |
| Miscellaneous | \$162.62 | |
| Interest | 6.47 | |
| Total Income | <u>169.09</u> | 169.09 |
| Disbursements | | <u>(9,142.66)</u> |
| Cash on Hand - June 30, 2002 | | <u><u>\$0.00</u></u> |

AMBULANCE FUND:

| | | |
|---|------------------|---------------------------|
| Beginning Balance - July 1, 2001 | | \$39,962.23 |
| Income: | | |
| Donations & Grants | \$15,560.00 | |
| Interest | 570.39 | |
| Total Income | <u>16,130.39</u> | 16,130.39 |
| Disbursements (Transferred to General Fund) | | <u>(32,613.74)</u> |
| Cash on Hand - June 30, 2002 | | <u><u>\$23,478.88</u></u> |

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT FUND:

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Beginning Balance - July 1, 2001 | | \$48,908.52 |
| Income: | | |
| Loan Repayments | \$5,218.24 | |
| Interest | 836.06 | |
| Total Income | <u>6,054.30</u> | 6,054.30 |
| Disbursements (transfer to 1 yr CD) | | <u>(50,000.00)</u> |
| Cash on Hand - June 30, 2002 | | <u><u>\$4,962.82</u></u> |

CDBG - NEIGHBORHOOD FUND CD

| | | |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Beginning Balance - May 7, 2002 | | \$50,000.00 |
| Interest | | <u>106.16</u> |
| Cash on Hand - June 30, 2002 | | <u><u>\$50,106.16</u></u> |

CDBG - REVOLVING LOAN FUND:

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Beginning Balance - July 1, 2001 | | \$2,671.31 |
| Receipts: | | |
| Loan Repayments | \$8,540.42 | |
| Interest | 121.13 | |
| Total Income | <u>8,661.55</u> | 8,661.55 |
| Cash on Hand - June 30, 2002 | | <u><u>\$11,332.86</u></u> |

AIRPORT:**OPERATING FUND:**

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Beginning Balance - July 1, 2001 | | \$17,709.61 |
| Income: | | |
| Charges for Service | \$5,624.34 | |
| Credit Card Charges | \$24,417.78 | |
| State of NH Grant | \$5,940.99 | |
| Interest | 57.72 | |
| Total Income | | 36,040.83 |
| Disbursements | | <u>(18,156.00)</u> |
| Cash on Hand - June 30, 2002 | | <u><u>\$35,594.44</u></u> |

BUILDING FUND:

| | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| Beginning Balance - July 1, 2001 | | \$3,274.30 |
| Income: | | |
| Donations | \$3,600.00 | |
| Interest | 108.60 | |
| Total Income | | 3,708.60 |
| Disbursements | | <u>0.00</u> |
| Cash on Hand - June 30, 2002 | | <u><u>\$6,982.90</u></u> |

WATER FUND:**OPERATING**

| | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| Beginning Balance - July 1, 2001 | | \$968,134.52 |
| Income: | | |
| User Fees | \$578,754.23 | |
| State of NH - Bond Aid | 3,695.05 | |
| Interest | 21,848.93 | |
| Total Income | | 604,298.21 |
| Disbursements: | | |
| Water Tank | | |
| Bond | 188,184.95 | |
| Operating Expenses | 376,114.22 | |
| Total Disbursements | | <u>(564,299.17)</u> |
| Cash on Hand - June 30, 2002 | | <u><u>\$1,008,133.56</u></u> |
| Checking | \$18,989.18 | |
| Investment | \$602,262.40 | |
| Savings | 150,574.02 | |
| Savings - Pooled | 236,307.96 | |
| Cash on Hand - June 30, 2002 | | <u><u>\$1,008,133.56</u></u> |

ACCESS FEES

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Beginning Balance - July 1, 2001 | | \$78,140.05 |
| Income: | | |
| User fees | 5,664.00 | |
| Interest | <u>\$3,439.30</u> | |
| Total Income | | 9,103.30 |
| Cash on Hand - June 30, 2002 | | <u><u>\$87,243.35</u></u> |

PRELOAD RETAINAGE

| | | |
|--|--------------|----------------------|
| Beginning Balance - July 1, 2001 | | \$12,144.90 |
| Income: | | |
| Interest | <u>87.44</u> | |
| Total Income | | 87.44 |
| Disbursements (Closed to General Fund) | | <u>(12,232.34)</u> |
| Cash on Hand - June 30, 2002 | | <u><u>\$0.00</u></u> |

SEWER FUND:**OPERATING**

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Beginning Balance - July 1, 2001 | | \$710,575.79 |
| Income: | | |
| User fees | \$653,125.94 | |
| State Aid | 140,935.94 | |
| Interest | <u>16,400.02</u> | |
| Total Income | | 810,461.90 |
| Disbursements | | |
| Bond Payments | 191,774.68 | |
| Ordinary Expenses | <u>526,899.63</u> | |
| Total Disbursements | | <u>(718,674.31)</u> |
| Cash on Hand - June 30, 2002 | | <u><u>\$802,363.38</u></u> |
| Checking | \$34,071.88 | |
| Investment | \$301,131.20 | |
| Savings | 153,425.91 | |
| Savings - Pooled | <u>313,734.39</u> | |
| Cash on Hand - June 30, 2002 | | <u><u>\$802,363.38</u></u> |

ACCESS FEES

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Beginning Balance - July 1, 2001 | | \$96,595.09 |
| Income: | | |
| User fees | 6,660.00 | |
| Interest | <u>\$4,231.31</u> | |
| Total Income | | <u>10,891.31</u> |
| Cash on Hand - June 30, 2002 | | <u><u>\$107,486.40</u></u> |

Jonathon Howard, Town Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

JULY 1, 2001 to JUNE 30, 2002

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

| Creation | Name | PRINCIPAL | | | INCOME | | | TOTAL Principal & Income | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| | | Beginning Balance | New Funds | Withdrawals | Ending Balance | Beginning Balance | Income | | Withdrawals |
| <i>CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1972 | Fire Department | 0.00 | | | 0.00 | 1,590.21 | 67.24 | | 1,657.45 |
| 1974 | Ambulance | 55,000.00 | 20,000.00 | (75,000.00) | 0.00 | 9,061.52 | 3,023.01 | (12,084.53) | 0.00 |
| 1984 | Highway Department | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,106.80 | 99.52 | | 2,206.32 |
| 1989 | Sewer Department | 281,873.50 | 30,000.00 | | 311,873.50 | 94,653.41 | 15,316.10 | | 109,969.51 |
| 1989 | Police Department | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | | 20,000.00 | 1,662.28 | 595.99 | | 2,258.27 |
| 1990 | Water Department | 34,373.50 | | | 34,373.50 | 14,797.73 | 1,961.11 | | 16,758.84 |
| 1992 | Town Office Computers | 3,981.00 | | | 3,981.00 | 1,701.34 | 226.63 | | 1,927.97 |
| 1993 | Recreation Department | 13,000.00 | 5,000.00 | (8,000.00) | 10,000.00 | 1,676.69 | 819.58 | | 2,496.27 |
| 1996 | Central Street | 0.00 | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| <i>EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1995 | Earned Time | 25,000.00 | | | 25,000.00 | 7,215.10 | 1,284.84 | | 8,499.94 |
| TOTAL EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS | | \$423,228.00 | \$65,000.00 | (\$83,000.00) | \$405,228.00 | \$134,465.08 | \$23,394.02 | (\$12,084.53) | \$145,774.57 |

NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

| | Name | PRINCIPAL | | | INCOME | | | TOTAL Principal & Income | |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| | | Beginning Balance | New Funds | Gain/Loss | Ending Balance | Beginning Balance | Income | | Withdrawals |
| Various | Cemetery Perpetual Care | 408,457.67 | 4,200.00 | 7,678.90 | 420,336.57 | 27,826.00 | 16,951.45 | (23,617.38) | 21,160.07 |
| TOTAL NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND: | | 408,457.67 | 4,200.00 | 7,678.90 | 420,336.57 | 27,826.00 | 16,951.45 | (23,617.38) | 21,160.07 |

Tax Department

Tax Collector

Daniel P. O'Neill

Senior Deputy Tax Collector

Elaine Van Dusen, CDTC

Deputy Tax Collector

Tammy Flewelling

Computer Update:

In March 2002, the Tax Department converted to the Avitar tax system. This company was chosen mainly because the Assessing Department has used them since 1988 and it provides a direct link for converting data from assessing to taxes. This conversion process is vital for accuracy. Also, this new company has an excellent support system and holds regular user meetings. These are group meetings for the Assessing and Tax Departments and the Avitar programmer and tax support staff are present to review problems and improvements. Avitar is in the process of upgrading the tax system and Newport is scheduled for July 2003.

County Meeting:

The annual Sullivan County Tax Collector's meeting was held on November 13, 2002 at the Newport Tax Office. The featured speaker was Barbara Paronto. Barbara is a paralegal who contracts with many towns in the county to do mandated mortgage searches. Barbara explained the process she follows and presented information on problems and took questions from the group. The two county coordinators, Newport and Charlestown did a review of the annual Tax Collector's Conference for those who were not able to attend. The meeting was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Annual New Hampshire Tax Collector's Conference:

I attended the 64th Annual Conference which was held September 18-20, 2002. This year's conference discussed such topics as, Right to Know Law-Tax Collector Specific, How to Follow Legislation, Legal Rights as Appointed and Elected Officials and Tax Collector's Procedures. These programs were well presented and timely. At the conference I was awarded with a 25 year meritorious service award.

Thank you:

Once again, the Tax Department wishes to thank you for all of your cooperation and timely payments. We look forward to serving you in the coming year.

**Elaine Van Dusen,
Senior Deputy Tax Collector**

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

REPORT OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES

| | <u>2002</u> | <u>2001</u> | <u>Prior</u> |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Uncollected Taxes - July 1, 2001: | | | |
| Property Taxes | | \$1,266,270.98 | |
| Excavation Activity Taxes | | 3,701.00 | |
| Yield Taxes | | | 5,592.77 |
| Elderly & Disability Liens | | | 10,432.24 |
| Excavation Taxes | | | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | | | 200.00 |
| Taxes Committed to Collector: | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$3,703,429.00 | \$3,748,810.91 | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | | 5,725.00 | |
| Yield Taxes | | 22,936.46 | 5,467.37 |
| Elderly & Disability Liens | | 6,043.18 | |
| Excavation Activity Taxes | | 10,674.00 | |
| Excavation Taxes | | 4,574.56 | |
| Prepaid Property Taxes | 159.03 | | |
| Overpayments | | 3,694.02 | |
| Interest and Costs - All Taxes | 50.50 | 40,280.95 | 558.28 |
| TOTAL DEBITS | \$3,703,638.53 | \$5,112,711.06 | \$22,250.66 |
| Remitted to Treasurer: | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$2,558,362.49 | \$5,015,371.91 | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | | 2,285.00 | 200.00 |
| Yield Taxes | | 17,957.23 | 11,060.14 |
| Excavation Taxes | | 4,574.56 | |
| Excavation Activity Taxes | | 12,945.00 | |
| Interest and Costs | 0.50 | 40,280.95 | 558.28 |
| Elderly & Disability Liens | | | |
| Prepaid Property Taxes | 132.03 | | |
| Abatements: | | | |
| Property Taxes | 1,104.00 | 3,404.00 | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | | 1,980.00 | |
| Yield Taxes | | 4,818.79 | |
| Excavation Activity Taxes | | 1,430.00 | |
| Uncollected Taxes - June 30, 2002: | | | |
| Property Taxes | 1,144,039.51 | | |
| Yield Taxes | | 160.44 | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | | 1,460.00 | |
| Elderly & Disability Liens | | 6,043.18 | 10,432.24 |
| TOTAL CREDITS | \$3,703,638.53 | \$5,112,711.06 | \$22,250.66 |

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

REPORT OF UNREDEEMED TAXES

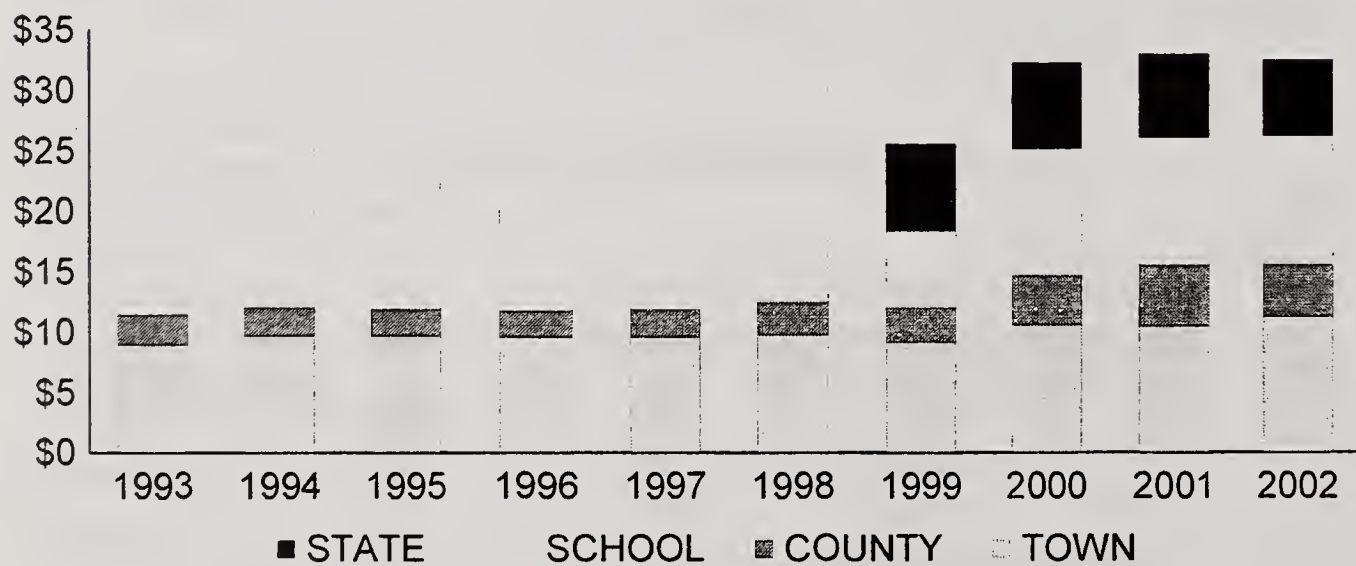
| | <u>2001</u> | <u>2000</u> | <u>Prior</u> |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Unredeemed Taxes - July 1, 2001: | | \$205,969.80 | \$88,092.18 |
| Liens Executed | \$272,177.50 | 42,552.02 | |
| Interest and Costs | <u>2,747.31</u> | <u>20,390.55</u> | <u>30,013.55</u> |
| TOTAL DEBITS | <u>\$274,924.81</u> | <u>\$268,912.37</u> | <u>\$118,105.73</u> |
| | | | |
| Remitted to Treasurer: | | | |
| Redemptions | \$58,092.06 | \$119,850.73 | \$87,001.71 |
| Interest and Costs | 2,747.31 | 20,390.55 | 30,013.55 |
| Abatements | | | |
| Deeded to Town | | | 0.00 |
| Unredeemed Taxes June 30, 2002 | <u>214,085.44</u> | <u>128,671.09</u> | <u>1,090.47</u> |
| TOTAL CREDITS | <u>\$274,924.81</u> | <u>\$268,912.37</u> | <u>\$118,105.73</u> |

PROPERTY TAX LIEN HISTORY

| <u>Year of Tax Levy</u> | <u>Total Tax Committed *</u> | <u>% of Taxes Uncollected</u> | <u># of Liens</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1993 | 6,709,059 | 13% | 458 |
| 1994 | 6,928,514 | 9% | 343 |
| 1995 | 7,236,995 | 9% | 334 |
| 1996 | 7,215,962 | 6% | 290 |
| 1997 | 7,310,463 | 6% | 258 |
| 1998 | 6,607,617 | 5% | 202 |
| 1999 | 5,550,482 | 4% | 189 |
| 2000 | 7,093,870 | 5% | 219 |
| 2001 | 7,294,792 | 4% | 190 |
| 2002 | 7,330,426 | 4% | 187 |

TEN YEAR TAX RATE COMPARISON 1993-2002

| | <u>School Rate</u> | <u>% of Total Rate</u> | <u>State School Rate</u> | <u>% of Total Rate</u> | <u>Town Rate</u> | <u>% of Total Rate</u> | <u>County Rate</u> | <u>% of Total Rate</u> | <u>Total Rate</u> |
|------|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1993 | 15.98 | 58.3% | | | 8.96 | 32.7% | 2.46 | 9.0% | 27.40 |
| 1994 | 16.18 | 57.4% | | | 9.72 | 34.5% | 2.30 | 8.2% | 28.20 |
| 1995 | 17.18 | 59.0% | | | 9.70 | 33.3% | 2.22 | 7.6% | 29.10 |
| 1996 | 17.05 | 59.2% | | | 9.57 | 33.2% | 2.18 | 7.6% | 28.80 |
| 1997 | 17.29 | 59.4% | | | 9.55 | 32.8% | 2.29 | 7.9% | 29.13 |
| 1998 | 18.06 | 59.2% | | | 9.77 | 32.0% | 2.70 | 8.8% | 30.53 |
| 1999 | 6.38 | 25.0% | 7.17 | 28.1% | 9.17 | 35.9% | 2.81 | 11.0% | 25.53 |
| 2000 | 10.45 | 32.4% | 7.10 | 22.0% | 10.58 | 32.8% | 4.11 | 12.7% | 32.24 |
| 2001 | 10.55 | 32.0% | 6.89 | 20.9% | 10.44 | 31.7% | 5.06 | 15.4% | 32.94 |
| 2002 | 10.69 | 32.9% | 6.28 | 19.3% | 11.20 | 34.5% | 4.32 | 13.3% | 32.49 |



Assessing Department

Assessing Assistant

Kaara K. Gonyo

Assessor

George W. Hildum

FORESTRY LAWS

In March, I was able to attend a Forestry Laws Workshop held in New London. It was the first time that there has been a formal training workshop that dealt with all aspects of harvesting timber. Interesting facts and information were presented including the fact that New Hampshire is the second largest forested state. There were graphs presented that showed each community and the number of harvests it reported and Newport was one of the highest shown. Topics discussed included when an Intent to Cut Wood or Timber form needs to be filed, how to assess the taxes due on the timber reported when the cut is complete and when an operation should be considered exempt. Wetland issues were addressed as well as legal issues which included trespassing onto another owner's property, theft by deceptive forest practices and when an illegal action becomes a felony. It was informative and I appreciated the opportunity. After the workshop I was asked if Newport would host a brief information session for surrounding towns to discuss upcoming changes in forestry issues. We hosted the meeting at the end of April at the Fire Station.

CURRENT USE FOREST LAND EVALUATION

Newport currently has 419 parcels of land enrolled in Current Use for a total of 19,183 acres. State Certification requires that each community value parcels enrolled in current use based on the grade, location and site of each parcel. Taking this into consideration, the Assessor reassessed all of Newport's parcels and made any necessary adjustments by using soil legends and maps provided by the Sullivan County Conservation District office and the Town's tax maps. Each parcel was graded by taking into consideration any slopes, accessibility, and types of soil found on the parcel. The project was completed and I entered the data prior to the first tax bill of 2002. In most cases there was only a slight change in value.

ASSESSING PROCEDURES

As mentioned last year, the state has begun the Certification process that each community has to comply with. The verification of sales that occur in our community is an important part of the certification process. Each year we have to complete a report of all sales that have happened between October 1 and September 30, and determine whether the sale should be considered "qualified" or not. This past year, (10/1/01 to 9/30/02), there were a little more than 200 sales in Newport. To help with this process, in May, we adopted a policy of mailing a property transfer survey to properties that were sold. We have received very positive feedback from these surveys and we thank all of you that have taken the time to respond.

DISCRETIONARY PRESERVATION EASEMENT

The State passed a new easement into law and it became effective in July 2002, to encourage the preservation of old New Hampshire barns and other historic agricultural structures. This easement provides tax relief and an incentive to keep old barns and buildings from being demolished. Applications can be filed starting April 1, 2003. Applications and a complete list of criteria are available in the Assessing Department. Some of the criteria are that the building is an historic agricultural building, and offers some public benefit, either historically or scenically. If all criteria are met, an easement may be granted for 10 years which would reduce the full value of the building and land that it is on to an agreed amount between 25%-75% of its full value. The structure would have to be maintained and preserved by the owner during this 10-year period. If you would like more information and may have a building that may fit all of the criteria, please contact the Assessing Department for an application.

CIVICWARE PROGRAM UPDATE

Quarterly the Department attends a group software user's meeting to network and learn about new program features. The January 7, 2003 meeting revealed that our assessing program will be receiving another update in the near future that will have several new features. A couple of these features include the ability to put a percentage into the sketch field that shows what portion of a new building is complete if it isn't totally complete when the Assessor comes to review it and a parcel that has multiple cards will have the total value of the parcel shown on all cards instead of only on the last one. The other features in this update will benefit our department in processing requests for mailing labels and the reports that are needed for setting the tax rate. The update will also be changing how the Veteran's Credit is given on the tax bill. Beginning with the tax bills in 2003, the credit will be given at 50% on each bill instead of 100% on the first bill.

General Information

The Assessing Office hours continue to be Monday - Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm. The Assessor holds office hours two days per month. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please contact the Assessing Office at 863-6407 and I will be glad to arrange an appointment for you. If you have any property related questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the office.

Once again, the Assessing Department thanks you, the taxpayers, for continuing to support and assist us in maintaining complete and accurate appraisal records. We welcome the opportunity to work with you in the future.

**Kaara K. Gonyo,
Assessing Assistant**

ASSESSOR'S REPORT
PRELIMINARY 2003 NET TAXABLE VALUATION

| | 2003 Preliminary Valuation * | % of Total Valuation |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Current Use Property | <u>\$1,772,423</u> | 0.778% |
| Residential: | | |
| Property | 35,416,200 | 15.542% |
| Buildings | <u>116,182,600</u> | 50.984% |
| Total Residential | <u>151,598,800</u> | 66.526% |
| Commercial/Industrial: | | |
| Property | 14,889,800 | 6.534% |
| Buildings | <u>55,459,900</u> | 24.337% |
| Total Commercial/Industrial | <u>70,349,700</u> | 30.871% |
| Utilities: | | |
| Property | 125,600 | 0.055% |
| Buildings | <u>5,315,000</u> | 2.332% |
| Total Utilities | <u>5,440,600</u> | 2.387% |
| Less: Blind/Elderly Exempt Property Included Above | <u>(1,281,000)</u> | -0.562% |
| Net Taxable Valuation | <u><u>\$227,880,523</u></u> | |
| Tax Exempt: | | |
| Property | \$3,916,400 | 1.719% |
| Buildings | <u>26,725,600</u> | 11.728% |
| Total Tax Exempt | <u><u>\$30,642,000</u></u> | 13.447% |

* Adjustments anticipated prior to setting tax rate.

COMPARISON TO PRIOR YEAR VALUATION

| | 2002 Final Valuation | 2003 Preliminary Valuation | Change |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|
| Current Use | \$1,775,524 | \$1,772,423 | -0.175% |
| Residential | 151,498,300 | 151,598,800 | 0.066% |
| Commercial/Industrial | 70,146,600 | 70,349,700 | 0.290% |
| Utilities | 5,440,600 | 5,440,600 | 0.000% |
| Exemptions | <u>(1,288,800)</u> | <u>(1,281,000)</u> | -0.605% |
| Net Taxable Valuation | <u><u>\$227,572,224</u></u> | <u><u>\$227,880,523</u></u> | 0.135% |
| Tax Exempt | <u><u>\$30,540,700</u></u> | <u><u>\$30,642,000</u></u> | 0.332% |

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

| Location | Map/Lot | Purpose/Use | Valuation |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| TOWN | | | |
| 8 Greenwood Road | 0019-0021 | Tax Deeded Property - Old Mill | 4,900 |
| Oak Street | 0019-0063-2 | Tax Deeded Property - Land only | 11,800 |
| Oak Street | 0019-2012 | Cemetery | 24,500 |
| 567 Oak Street | 0019-2165 | Future Cemetery | 58,000 |
| Corbin Road | 0020-0056 | Vacant | 22,500 |
| 8 Airport Road | 0020-2364 | Airport | 422,000 |
| 8 Airport Road | 0020-2364-TAX | Airport - Leased Bldg | 27,700 |
| Sugar River | 0020-2471 | Vacant | 20,600 |
| Reeds Mill | 0021-1001 | Vacant | 6,400 |
| Sugar River | 0025-0001 | Vacant | 10,400 |
| Old Hurd | 0025-2367 | Vacant/Gravel Pit | 15,500 |
| Summer Street | 0027-0131 | Vacant/Conservation Easement | 51,200 |
| North Main Street | 0027-0170 | Vacant | 8,800 |
| 365 North Main St | 0027-0443 | Vacant | 9,500 |
| 268 North Main St | 0027-1583 | Vacant | 35,200 |
| North Main Street | 0027-1753 | Vacant | 28,300 |
| North Main Street | 0027-1832 | Vacant/Stp Easement | 30,000 |
| North Main Street | 0027-2121-2 | Stp Lagoons | 325,400 |
| 2360 Summer Street | 0027-2365 | Water Tower | 67,400 |
| 20 Putnam Road | 0028-2468 | Sewer Treatment Plant | 4,075,600 |
| Spruce Street | 0029-0861 | Vacant | 400 |
| Cheney Extension | 0029-2470 | Wilmarth Park | 40,600 |
| 428 Sunapee Street | 0031-2502 | Pine Grove Cemetery | 90,500 |
| Sunapee Street | 0031-2505 | Cemetery | 22,500 |
| Sunapee Street | 0032-2508 | Vacant | 5,700 |
| Sugar River | 0033-1113 | Waste Treatment Lagoons | 144,800 |
| Sunapee Street | 0034-2518 | Pump House | 1,300 |
| Sugar River | 0036-1523 | Vacant | 52,700 |
| Sunapee Street | 0036-1635-1 | Pump House | 26,000 |
| Sugar River | 0037-2410 | Vacant | 2,200 |
| 65 Belknap Street | 0042-1268 | Recreation Building | 216,400 |
| North Main Street | 0043-0506 | Town Common | 85,900 |
| 40 Pine Street | 0044-0084 | Vacant | 18,700 |
| Pine Street | 0044-0112 | Vacant | 19,500 |
| Meadow Road | 0045-0027 | Vacant | 2,500 |
| Elm Street | 0045-0121 | Vacant | 35,000 |
| Mechanic Street Rear | 0045-0202 | Vacant | 200 |
| 20 Main Street | 0045-0258 | Town Hall/Opera House | 620,400 |
| 20 Main Street | 0045-0258 | District Court | 188,400 |
| 15 Sunapee Street | 0045-0258 | Town Office | 211,000 |
| 11 Sunapee Street | 0045-0258 | Fire Station | 419,100 |
| 59 Sunapee Street | 0045-0400 | Vacant | 45,900 |
| 47 Central Street | 0045-0590 | Vacant | 7,600 |

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| 55 Main Street | 0045-1172 | Future District Court | 322,700 |
| 2 Arnold Campbell Dr | 0045-1818 | Police Station | 23,000 |
| 59 Main Street | 0045-1818-2 | Police Station | 543,000 |
| Pearl Street | 0045-2022-1 | Vacant | 1,200 |
| 15 Meadow Road | 0045-2509 | Ambulance Building | 100,100 |
| Meadow Road | 0045-2510 | Vacant/Floodplain | 39,300 |
| Mechanic St Rear | 0045-2511 | Vacant | 1,400 |
| Various | 0046-1118 | Right-Of-Way | 54,600 |
| Sunapee Street | 0046-2348 | Pumping Station Easement | 9,500 |
| Various | 0048-0325 | River Right-Of-Way | 200 |
| Maple Street | 0048-2498 | Cemetery | 37,100 |
| Chandlers Mills Rd | 0052-2493 | Vacant | 2,300 |
| Chandlers Mills Rd | 0052-2494 | Vacant | 2,300 |
| John Stark Highway | 0054-1611 | Tax Deeded Property - Land only | 8,000 |
| Bascom Road | 0062-0054 | Tax Deeded Property - Land only | 8,600 |
| Breakneck Road | 0063-1516 | Vacant | 51,700 |
| 449 South Main Street | 0063-1735 | Public Works Garage | 656,700 |
| 140 Pollards Mill | 0063-2388 | Water Department | 52,400 |
| Old Goshen Road | 0064-0527 | Tax Deeded Property - Land only | 7,200 |
| Blaisdell Road | 0064-0817 | Vacant | 400 |
| Unity Road | 0076-0544-1 | Pump House | 7,000 |
| Unity Road-Unity | M13F3-457 | Water Treatment Plant | 914,880 |
| Unity Road-Unity | M8J8-734 | Clorination Building | 84,640 |

SCHOOL DISTRICT

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|
| 237 North Main Street | 0028-2467 | Newport Middle High School | 4,647,800 |
| North Main Street | 0029-1553 | Sugar River Tech Center | 3,123,000 |
| 86 North Main Street | 0043-1541 | Towle Elementary School | 1,399,700 |
| 15 School Street | 0043-2513 | Richards Elementary School | 2,024,400 |

The Town underwent a complete property revaluation as of April 1, 1998. A listing of all properties in Town can be found in the 1999 Town Report. There is access to the property assessing system in the lobby of the Town Office for use by the general public.

TOWN CLERK 2002 ANNUAL REPORT

Karlene W. Stoddard, Town Clerk

Adelaide Kozlik, Deputy Town Clerk

I want to give a special "THANKS" to everyone who supported my successful bid for re-election. It has been our pleasure to serve the residents of Newport this past year as it has in all past years. This year marks my 16th year serving the citizens of Newport as your Town Clerk. Addie Kozlik, the Deputy Town Clerk, celebrated her 12th year. As in most years 2002 saw numerous changes.

In our continuing effort to keep up with the many new laws and changes that are passed each year, I attended the Town Clerk's annual convention. Addie attended the Spring workshop.

REGISTRATIONS:

In our continuing effort to serve the public we continue to be Municipal Agents. We do new registrations (if the weight is under 8001 pounds), renewals (if not more than two months late) and transfers. This includes passenger, trailer and motorcycle plates.

The conservation "Moose" plate is seen all over NH and people seem to like it. The price for these plates is an initial plate fee of \$8.00 plus the additional fee of \$30.00 per year. The Vanity Conservation plates are available at an additional fee of \$25.00 per year. The normal state registration and municipal permit fees will also be assessed. These plates may be obtained at renewal time or on a new vehicle registration.

The new Veteran plates were released November 8, 2001. It has been very popular and many are seen on the roads. To qualify for the new Veteran plates, the registrant must provide a copy of their DD214 verification of service form indicating that they were Honorable Discharged. The normal state registration and municipal permit fees will be assessed, along with the \$8.00 plate fee and a one time \$25.00 fee for each set of Veteran plates. A registrant may have multiple sets of Veteran plates. Vanity Veteran plates are available at an additional fee of \$25.00 each year. These plates are also only available at renewal time or on a new vehicle registration. The Veteran vanity plates may contain up to six characters. By statute, the new Veteran plates are non-transferable and expire upon the death of the veteran.

Plate fees are now \$4.00/plate, \$8.00/set, and \$7.50 per plate for replacement plates.

POW plates - ANY incarceration now qualifies.

Items acceptable to register exempt (88 and older) vehicles are: previously issued or expired NH registration, a valid NH or out-of-state title, or a TDMV19A (verification of vehicle identification). We can accept photocopies of all the forms, except the TDMV19A.

New laws concerning trailers:

All trailers with GVW less than 3001, that do not have VIN, will need to have a TDMV19A form filled out, then we can issue a VIN when they register.

All trailers with a gross vehicle weight (GVW) of 3001 lbs or greater, will need to be inspected by a NH Highway Patrol and Enforcement Officer if there is no VIN located on the trailer. After inspection, the Enforcement Officer will issue the trailer a NH VIN and give the customer a DSMV547 form, for a fee of \$30.00

Low digit plates can only be renewed up to 30 days late. If more than 30 days the customer must complete transaction in Concord. Any type of change in ownership must also be completed in Concord.

Late registration of over 2 months, vehicles with a gross weight of over 8000 lbs and transfers in vehicles on low digit plates must be completed at either a NH sub- station or Concord.

Pink slips are needed for registrants under 18 years of age.

Other new laws:

Title fees are now \$25.00. Antique vehicles (vehicles over 25 years) may also be titled at the request of the owner. To do so, they must present the following:

A prior NH or out-of-state title. If a title does not exist, they need a prior NH or out-of-state original registration, and a TDMV19A or a copy of a NH registration and a TDMV19A.

If none of these documents are available, they must submit a TDMV105 (affidavit of ownership) and a TDMV19A.

If the title or registration is not in the name of the buyer, a report of sale on form TDMV22A or a similar form from the seller is required.

A Salvage inspection fee is now \$50.00.

VOTING: For 2002 we had 4 different meetings. Town Meeting was May 14, a Special Meeting concerning buying and renovating the building on Main Street for a new District Court on July 23, the State Primary on September 10 and the General Election on November 5.

The supervisors of the checklist have many dates that they register new voters. We register new voter every day at our office and same day voter registration is always available.

BOOK RESTORATION: There was not enough money in the budget for any new book restorations.

VITAL RECORDS: Prices for certified copies remain the same as last year. The first copy is \$12.00, additional copies obtained at the same time are \$8.00. Marriage Licenses are \$45.00. Laminating is available and is especially good on the pocket size birth certificates. There is an additional fee of \$1.00 for this service.

DOGS: All dogs should be registered by May 1 of each year. Reminder: As soon as you get a new dog it should be registered. A puppy over 4 months also needs to be registered. Prices are \$9.00 for a regular dog, \$6.50 for an altered dog or a puppy up to age 7 months and \$2.00 for the 1st dog of a person age 65 or older. Proof of rabies inoculation and neutering is required.

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES: The price for hunting and fishing licenses increased again in 2002. The same rules apply as last year. Residents must supply proof of residency for the past 6 months and we need to see either a driver's license or a non-driver's identification. If buying a Hunting or Archery license we need proof of prior licenses or hunter or archery safety course. For the permanent license the licensee has to be at least 68 and a resident of New Hampshire for at least 2 years.

2001 TOWN CLERK DEPARTMENT COLLECTIONS:

| Town | | | State | |
|--------------------|--------|------------------|--------|-----------------|
| Auto registrations | (9494) | \$895,606.51 | (8166) | \$253,200.00 |
| Dogs | (785) | 3,406.50 | | 1,735.50 |
| Miscellaneous* | | <u>31,684.30</u> | | <u>5,288.00</u> |
| Total | | \$930,697.31 | | \$260,223.50 |

These figures reflect an increase of 490 more registrations and \$46,500 more in Town Revenues for 2002.

*Miscellaneous includes UCC filings, Marriage Licenses, Vital Record copies, Filing fees and Transfer Station Cards.

**Karlene W. Stoddard,
Town Clerk**

2002 RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT
NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Birth Place</u> | <u>Child's Name</u> | <u>Father's Name</u> | <u>Mother's Name</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Jan 06 | Lebanon | Darren Thomas Hulton | George Hulton | Sheila Hulton |
| Jan 09 | Claremont | Lindsay Grace Baker | Michael Baker | Christine Baker |
| Jan 21 | Claremont | John Henry Kozlik | John Kozlik | Robin Kozlik |
| Feb 11 | Lebanon | Ryleigh Marie Bruno | Edward Bruno | Taysa Bruno |
| Feb 15 | New London | Jarred Allen Meyette | Timothy Meyette | Robyn Meyette |
| Feb 18 | Franklin | Austin C Malool-Juneau | Michael Juneau | Shayna Malool |
| Mar 03 | New London | Brennan Matthew Bodner | Daron Bodner | Tacey Bodner |
| Mar 04 | Claremont | Natasha Jane Whipple | Cary Whipple | Christy Whipple |
| Mar 11 | Claremont | Alexandra Jolyne Sa Richardson | Brent Richardson | Becky Richardson |
| Mar 21 | New London | Hannah Leah Babbitt | David Babbitt | Michelle Babbitt |
| Apr 01 | Claremont | Nicole May Ellison | John Ellison | Tammy Ellison |
| Apr 05 | Lebanon | Tia Marria Slocum | Todd Slocum | Tara Slocum |
| Apr 09 | New London | Nicholas Mitchell Hubert | Thomas Hubert | Stephanie Hubert |
| Apr 12 | Lebanon | David Timothy Barone | Timothy Barone | Tracey Barone |
| Apr 18 | Claremont | Mason Michael Martell | Michael Martell | Paula Spanos |
| Apr 20 | Claremont | Ozali Pangea Charlebois | Chrestien Charlebois | Elizabeth Charlebois |
| May 15 | Claremont | Annika Rose Mary Randall | Timothy Randall | Susan Randall |
| May 15 | Claremont | Lillian Sharon Iris Randall | Timothy Randall | Susan Randall |
| May 17 | Lebanon | Cooper Leland Skarin | Michael Skarin | Christine Skarin |
| May 22 | Lebanon | Antigoni Irena Souliotis | George Souliotis | Jennifer Souliotis |
| May 23 | Lebanon | Lucille Joellyn Nelson | Jon Nelson | Heather Nelson |
| Jun 05 | Claremont | John Robert Fagga | Robert Fagga | Elaine Fagga |
| June 10 | Lebanon | Madeline O'Reagan Blewitt | Scott Blewitt | Katie Blewitt |
| Jun 24 | Lebanon | Brett Douglas Barrell | Christopher Barrell | Kathleen Barrell |
| Jun 25 | Lebanon | Tyler Eric Danielson | Eric Danielson | Jennifer Danielson |
| Jul 01 | Lebanon | Ethan Taylor Pederson | Dale Pederson | Cassie Pederson |
| Jul 12 | Lebanon | Victor Ronnie Branch | Victor Branch | Rebecca Branch |

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|-------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Jul 23 | Claremont | Kyle Wayne Currier | Shawn Currier | Crystal Currier |
| Aug 01 | Claremont | Hunter James Frye | Jeffrey Frye | Heather Frye |
| Aug 02 | Lebanon | Caitlin Mary Kilmer | Christopher Kilmer | Nanette Kilmer |
| Aug 15 | Claremont | Luke Anthony Bocko | Frederick Bocko | Susan Bocko |
| Aug 22 | Claremont | Christian Lewis Avery | Ronald Avery | Candy Avery |
| Sep 03 | Claremont | Caitlyn Rae Bressette | Terry Bressette | Catherine Bressette |
| Sep 04 | Claremont | Mozes Leeland-David Gonyon | Andrew Gonyon | Jennifer Gonyon |
| Sep 11 | Lebanon | Juliauna Marie Taylor | Tobias Taylor | Jessie Taylor |
| Sep 11 | Claremont | Connor Daniel Lane | Jody Lane | Nichole Lane |
| Sep 17 | Claremont | Dylan James Wallace | James Wallace | Tammy Wallace |
| Sep 18 | Claremont | Fionah Carlin Carbee | Michael Carbee | Temple Carbee |
| Sep 18 | Lebanon | Blaize Alexander Richardson | Michael Richardson | Lora Richardson |
| Sep 24 | Claremont | Paige McKenzie Cusanelli | Anthony Cusanelli | Kristie Cusanelli |
| Oct 09 | Lebanon | Eliza Gray Bates | Robert Bates | Rebecca Bates |
| Oct 29 | Claremont | Kirsten Elizabeth Hurd | Ryan Hurd | Brandi Hurd |
| Nov 16 | Lebanon | Jenna Ann Maheu | Jeremy Maheu | Wendy Maheu |
| Dec 05 | Lebanon | Logan Eric Matson | Todd Matson | Sarah Matson |
| Dec 31 | Lebanon | Ryder Steven Lovely | Peter Lovely | Erin Lovely |
| Dec 31 | Lebanon | Jagger Peter Lovely | Peter Lovely | Erin Lovely |

I hereby certify that the above are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief, Karlene Stoddard, Town Clerk.

**2002 RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT
NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Name of Groom</u> | <u>Residence</u> | <u>Name of Bride</u> | <u>Residence</u> |
|-------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Jan 11 | Michael J Magee | Newport | Cindy Siam | Newport |
| Feb 02 | Raymond A Decesare | Goshen | Wendy M Couitt | Newport |
| Feb 09 | John C Dimond | Newport | Anna M Miller | Newport |
| Feb 14 | Anthony Cusanelli | Newport | Kristie L Pockett | Newport |
| Feb 18 | Brian R Fournier | Newport | Justine Rhodes | Newport |
| Mar 10 | Alexander J Garrison | Newport | Ariel L LeClerc | Newport |
| Mar 13 | James R Wallace | Newport | Tammy Blodgett | Newport |
| Mar 16 | Robert W Ingalls | Newport | Susan L Herrin | Lebanon |
| Mar 23 | Neil E West | Newport | Heather L Roth | Newport |
| May 04 | Jason A Bocash | Newport | Kerri L Tarr | Newport |
| May 11 | Creighton A King | Newport | Jessie A Willis | Newport |
| May 13 | Douglas G Bolduc | Newport | Cathy V Daicy | Newport |
| May 25 | Richard E Goyette | Newport | Shelley R O'Brien | Newport |
| May 25 | Zachary M Dickinson | Newport | Heidi J Perry | Newport |
| Jun 01 | Arthur K Sanborn | Newport | April D Dowlin | Newport |
| Jun 08 | Philip A Poole | Newport | Rebecca N McMahon | Newport |
| Jun 15 | Nathan D Powell | Newport | Sarah M Seale | Newport |
| Jun 15 | Paul M Grochowik | Newport | Donna M Cameron | Newport |
| Jun 30 | Michael S Seale | Newport | Kimberly M Ouellette | Newport |
| Jul 04 | Mark F Walton | Newport | Diane L Crossman | Newport |
| Jul 06 | Raymond V Hauver | St. Johnsbury, Vt | Tonia N Gokey | Newport |
| Jul 06 | Terence K Moore | Newport | Diane Walmisley | Newport |
| Jul 13 | Brian R Rossiter | Newport | Jennifer M Ryba | Newport |
| Jul 13 | Charles R Mendoza | Newport | Kezia M Montgomery | Newport |
| Jul 20 | Clifford W Cameron | Newport | Sally J Colwell | Meriden |
| Jul 27 | David J Drainville | Newport | Simone A Bissonnette | Newport |
| Jul 27 | Daniel A Willets | Newport | Wendy M Gould | Newport |
| Jul 27 | Jason A Teeter | Newport | Lisa M Barry | Newport |

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|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Jul 28 | Daniel H Lord | Goshen | Melissa G Miller | Newport |
| Jul 31 | Brian L Page | Newport | Rachel A Eshelman | Newport |
| Aug 03 | Christopher M Decato | Newport | Jodie L Warburton | Newport |
| Aug 10 | Paul R Bigoney | Newport | Jean K Gregory | Newport |
| Aug 17 | Charles A Woosley | Newport | Sherry Hale | Newport |
| Aug 17 | William J Baker | Newport | Jesse N Bell | Newport |
| Aug 23 | Brent H Baker | Newport | Lyubov A Vinokurova | Newport |
| Aug 24 | Robert M Ayotte | Newport | Crystal A Burke | Newport |
| Aug 31 | Terry C Robertson | Newport | Crystal Lee A Remillard | Newport |
| Aug 31 | William B Thompson | Newport | Kim M Merlotti | Newport |
| Sep 07 | Michael G Wesley | Newport | Shari L Young | Newport |
| Sep 08 | Richard G Sullivan | Newport | Dina Cody | Newport |
| Sep 14 | William M Patterson | Newport | Lauri A Santorella | Newport |
| Sep 14 | Michael A Rastallis | Newport | Wendy A Kristl | Newport |
| Sep 21 | Derick C Dimaggio | Newport | Tiffany M Root | Newport |
| Sep 21 | Scott M Turgeon | Newport | Debra A Clogston | Newport |
| Sep 21 | Robert C Williams | Newport | Brenda L Sturtevant | Newport |
| Sep 22 | Gerald P Bellavance | Claremont | Nanette O Lavigne | Newport |
| Sep 28 | Michael K Meunier | Newport | Kelly T Currier | Newport |
| Oct 05 | Daniel C MacCreighton | Newport | Angela R Schaediger | Newport |
| Oct 26 | Jeremy J Ford | Newport | Monica A Stewart | Newport |
| Nov 03 | Alfred L Tucker | Newport | Michele L Guillemette | Newport |
| Nov 07 | Douglas B Morse | Newport | Meredith I Kurland | Norwalk, CT |
| Dec 14 | Frank S Daniels | Newport | Deborah J Engman | Newport |
| Dec 14 | David L Merrill | Newport | Elizabeth J Nutting | Newport |
| Dec 28 | James A Keenan | Newport | Tracy J Rockwell | Newport |
| Dec 29 | Charles F Laber | Newport | Phyllis H Stoughton | Newport |

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2002 RESIDENT DEATH REPORT NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Name of Deceased</u> | <u>Town of Death</u> | <u>Name of Father</u> | <u>Maiden Name of Mother</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Jan 02 | Maurice P Parizo | New London | Philip Parizo | Evelyn Barber |
| Jan 08 | Ralph W Surrell | Claremont | George Surrell | Gertrude Quimby |
| Jan 08 | Bruce A Wilcox | Newport | Stanley Wilcox | Eleanor Baker |
| Jan 09 | Jean S Duffly | New London | James Stanton | Florence Vickery |
| Jan 11 | Marcus W Click | New London | William Click | Birdie Brewer |
| Jan 14 | Edith M O'Connor | New London | Richard Bennett | Doris Heath |
| Jan 17 | Helen L Richardson | Brattleboro, Vt | William Dillon | Laura Whipple |
| Jan 17 | Alvina M White | New London | Walter Heard | Matilda Crook |
| Jan 28 | Kenneth T Wallace | Lebanon | Royal Wallace | Veleten Paradis |
| Jan 30 | James H Deptula | Branford, Ct | Unknown Deptula | Unknown |
| Feb 07 | Helen Pepin | Newport | Filex Mendrek | Karolina Sczempek |
| Feb 08 | Eva M Santaw | Newport | Frank King | Ida Cook |
| Feb 09 | Theresa E Loper | New London | Louis Paquette | Henrietta Martel |
| Feb 09 | Phyllis G Horton | Newport | Wellington Lee | Rose Colbeth |
| Feb 10 | Larry E Judkins | Lebanon | Roy Judkins | Marlene Ridlon |
| Feb 12 | Ronald F Patten | Newport | Emery Patten | Bertha Brooks |
| Feb 15 | Catherine C Otis | Unity | Thomas Casey | Ellen McDonald |
| Feb 16 | Beverly A Wirkkala | Lebanon | Waino Heino | Helen Woods |
| Feb 16 | Eleanor D Babcock | New London | William Phoenix | Mary Shaughnessy |
| Mar 05 | Harry J Keller | Newport | Daniel Keller | Clara Lang |
| Mar 07 | Beulah I Curtis | Newport | Albert Bowers | Goldie Dean |
| Mar 12 | Rickey T Franckowiak | Newport | Frank Franckowiak | Dorothy Ludermann |
| Mar 22 | Jennie M Pasonen | Claremont | Adolf Johnson | Katri Maki |
| Mar 24 | Gerald N Salinardi | Claremont | Nicholas Salinardi | Josephine D'Laurenzio |
| Mar 26 | Eva M Spanos | New London | William Whittaker | Emma Montplaisure |
| Mar 26 | Walter J Meade | Newport | Walter Meade | Gertrude Hawkes |
| Mar 29 | Henry F Buinicky | New London | John Buinicky | Elizabeth Kvalita |
| Apr 09 | Delphine L Emery | Newport | Everett Searle | Regina Perry |

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|-------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Apr 10 | Renald G Menard | White River Jct | Wilfred Menard | Fabiola Ferland |
| Apr 16 | Minerva M Hoyt | Newport | George Hoyt | Ethel Emmons |
| Apr 21 | Victor N Sullivan | New London | Richard Sullivan | Anna Nymán |
| Apr 27 | Anne T Vedder | Burlington, Vt | William Huck | Mary Wirtz |
| Apr 30 | Nancy M Barber | Hanover | Walter Billings | Georgianna Saunders |
| May 01 | Joseph Tarrien | Hanover | Joseph Tarrien | Josephine Lafrance |
| May 03 | David C Green | Newport | Unknown | Arlene Fagga |
| May 03 | Dorothy M Haley | Springfield, Vt | Justin White | Nora Despaw |
| May 12 | Rose M Elhardt | New London | Daniel Cornetto | Helen Domick |
| May 23 | Lillian S Randall | Lebanon | Timothy Randall | Susan Youngquist |
| May 25 | Ralph E Brown | New London | Francis Brown | Mary McCellan |
| Jun 04 | Sandra Maryn | New London | Oscar Van Haastert | Nicoline Van Zuylen |
| Jun 11 | Maurice J Faltot | New London | Emil Faltot | Margaret Demonet |
| Jun 19 | Arthur W Kennan | Newport | Roy Kennan | Josephine Schofield |
| Jun 23 | Patricia M Wright | Lebanon | Edward Mason | Melvina Cote |
| Jun 24 | Edward D Winkler | Lebanon | Edward Winkler | Barbara Hutcheon |
| Jun 27 | Richard L Parizo | Newport | Clement Parizo | Grace Bugbee |
| Jun 29 | Jadwiga Koziell | Manchester | Paul Szupienko | Anna Belaus |
| Jul 02 | Byron R Barnett | Lebanon | Harvey Barnett | Helene Horn |
| Jul 05 | Hyman Diamond | Newport | Harry Diamond | Goldie Applebaum |
| Jul 09 | George E Petrin | Lebanon | Ovide Petrin | Flore Joyal |
| Jul 12 | Elizabeth A Maley | Newport | Harry Jubb | Edna Brooks |
| Jul 14 | Eleanor N Lussier | Newport | Edward Wells | Ida Stimpson |
| Jul 15 | George B Farley | Newport | George Farley | Gladys Clark |
| Jul 15 | Agnes E Shedd | Unity | Meda Bennett | Elizabeth Lamora |
| Jul 20 | Frances H Pratt | Lebanon | Joseph Hitchcock | Evelina Carter |
| Jul 20 | Irene H Page | New London | Nestor Koivisto | Hilma Pollari |
| Jul 26 | Mary L McDonough | Claremont | Fred McDonough | Lucy Johnson |

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|-------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Aug 02 | Anna B McLaughlin | Newport | Charles Woodard | Doris Riley |
| Aug 04 | Eileen D Weisner | Newport | Francis Donohue | Mary Nolan |
| Aug 08 | Marion S Rowell | Newport | Jesse Stearns | Lottie Windham |
| Aug 09 | Henry N Allen | Lebanon | Henry Allen | Daphne Thompson |
| Aug 20 | Elman B Moulton | Claremont | Linwood Moulton | Faith Putney |
| Aug 23 | Gloria J Brown | Newport | Olie Cole | Maude Deslile |
| Sep 11 | Vera M Gilmartin | New London | Harry Stetson | Laura Horr |
| Sep 14 | Lorraine P Curtis | Newport | Joseph Myers | Lena Pine |
| Sep 16 | Gerard L Poisson | Newport | Gerard Poisson | Helen Welch |
| Sep 23 | Barbara P Mahoney | Lebanon | Unknown | Eleanore Harte |
| Sep 30 | Henry A Burke | New London | Henry Burke | Laura Roberts |
| Oct 02 | Leda C Kennett | Claremont | Albert Coolidge | Mae Gordon |
| Oct 08 | Michael Oakley | Lebanon | Unknown Oakley | Iris Sumie |
| Oct 09 | Eloise H Dodd | Newport | Raymond Husted | Emma Franz |
| Oct 29 | Lillian M Rickard | New London | Wallace Messer | Ida Drew |
| Nov 01 | William A Deane | Rochester | William Deane | Mabel Smith |
| Nov 03 | Mauna L Brown | New London | Almon Morey | Leone Brough |
| Nov 13 | Cecelle A Sanborn | New London | Fred Goulding | Pauline Pike |
| Nov 16 | Gerald R Flanders | Claremont | Ernest Flanders | Georgie Day |
| Dec 12 | Robert Pratt | Lebanon | Harold Pratt | Eva Dimmick |
| Dec 12 | Dimetro Suto | Newport | Dimetro Suto | Irene Kohon |
| Dec 17 | George Sheridan | Newport | Robert Sheridan | Mabel Bachan |
| Dec 18 | Chester W Kane | Newport | Thomas Kane | Anna Wright |
| Dec 23 | Alexandra Rudin | Newport | Mitrofan Sergejev | Maria Kompaneysky |
| Dec 25 | Dorothy E Goyette | Claremont | Harold Gould | Lena Walker |
| Dec 28 | Tonya Brown | New London | Erwin Brown | Jean Mootte |
| Dec 30 | Normand C Paquette | New London | Charles Paquette | Eva Martineau |

I hereby certify that the above are correct , according to the best of my knowledge and belief, Karlene Stoddard, Town Clerk.

2002 NEWPORT TOWN MEETING
MAY 14, 2002

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- Article 1. Elected Virginia O'Brien Irwin and Beverly Rodeschin Selectmen for three year terms.
- Article 2. Elected Karlene Stoddard Town Clerk for a three year term.
- Article 3. Elected Jonathan A Howard Treasurer for a three year term.
- Article 4. Elected Wm Howard Dunn Moderator for a two year term.
- Article 5. Elected Martha E Lovely Supervisor for a six year term.
- Article 6. Elected Chad P Howe Sr. Trustee of Trust Fund for a three year term.
- Article 7. Voted to adopt amendment to the Conservation District..
- Article 8. Voted to adopt the Outdoor Storage amendment.
- Article 9. Voted **not to adopt** the Off-Street Parking amendment.
- Article 10. Voted to modify the elderly exemption for property taxes.
- Article 11. Voted \$110,000 for South Main Street Sewer Project.
- Article 12. Voted \$240,000 for replacing the Parkview Sewer Ejector Station..
- Article 13. Voted to sell any real estate acquired by Tax Collector's deed.
- Article 14. Voted to dispose of any surplus equipment and vehicles no longer needed.
- Article 15. Voted to enter into long term leases of portions of vacant land at Parlin Field.
- Article 16. Voted to establish a Recreation Revolving Fund.
- Article 17. Voted \$5,967,177 for operating budget.
- Article 18. Voted \$45,601 for 1st payment on a lease of a pumper/tanker truck for the Fire Department.
- Article 19. Voted \$188,995 for the paving of Belknap Ave., Cross and Canal Street.
- Article 20. Voted \$30,000 for the Main Street Project.
- Article 21. Voted to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for base mapping the Town and the sum of \$25,00 to be placed in the fund.
- Article 22. Voted \$8,150 for purchase of new electronic water reading equipment.
- Article 23. Voted \$19,500 for Sewer equipment.
- Article 24. Voted \$38,000 for Town Hall Exterior Renovations.
- Article 25. Voted to reaffirm vote to withdraw from the Sullivan County Refuse Disposal District.
- Article 26. Voted **not to endorse** the year-round maintenance and operation of portable-stand signs concerning crosswalks.
- Article 27. Voted \$\$8,000 for the support of West Central Behavioral Health.
- Article 28. Passed over this article to sell property on Corbin Road..
- Article 29. Passed over this article concerning use of Sewer Fund revenues to construct a building on the former recycling building site.
- Article 30. Voted to accept reports of and appoint any committees necessary to transact the business of the Town and under any other business it was voted as a sense of the meeting to ask Select board to further check into the matter of a Covered Bridge at Pollards Mill.

Karlene W. Stoddard,
Town Clerk

2002 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

July 23, 2002

Article 1. Voted \$575,000 for the purchase and rehabilitation of the building at 55 Main Street, and to lease or sell the building to the State of New Hampshire for purposes of housing the Newport District Court.

Karlene W. Stoddard, Town Clerk

**New Hampshire Municipal Association
October, 2002**

The Town of Newport has been selected as the

Third Place Winner

in the New Hampshire Municipal Association's
2002 Annual Reports Contest.

This award recognizes excellence in the production of annual reports — publications that are creative, accurate, informative, and easily understood by the average citizen.

