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ELLSWORTH

NEW HAMPSHIRE



YEAR ENDING

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

OFFICERS


OF THE

*Town of
Ellsworth, N. H.*

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**TOWN OFFICERS
1977**

Moderator

Alfred B. Hunt

Town Clerk

Clifford Hillier

Selectmen

Charles J. Olivier — William Clark
Leonard Clayton

Tax Collector

Stella F. Batchelder

Treasurer

Janet Zwicker

Supervisors of the Check List

Pamela Bouley — Joyce McMajors
William Deachman

Auditors

Marilyn Clark — William Cantlin

Chief of Police

Owen Zwicker

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Polls will be open from 6:30 pm.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Ellsworth in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs :

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Ellsworth on Tuesday, the 14th day of March, next at 6:30 of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects :

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same. (Salaries - Town Officers Expenses - Elect. & Reg. - Town Hall) - \$3,420.00
3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500 for maintenance and repair of highways and bridges (summer \$1,800.00 - winter \$4,700.00) - \$6,500.00.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75.88 as Town share of TRA (State Share - \$505.85).
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the use of the Thornton Dump and Rumney Dump.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$900.00 to cover the cost of insurance.
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the Campton Fire Department.
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the care of cemeteries.
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the expenses of the Police Department.
10. To see if the Town, in order to clarify vote at 1972 Town Meeting relating to one (1) acre lots, will now vote to require all building lots to have a minimum dimension of 209 x 209 feet.

11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

12. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of Agents and Officers.

13. To transact any other business that may legally come before this Meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 15th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventhy-eight.

Charles J. Olivier
William Clark
Leonard Clayton
Selectmen of Ellsworth

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

Charles J. Olivier
William Clark
Leonard Clayton
Selectmen of Ellsworth

March 14th, 1978

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at Stella Batchelder Residence being a public place in said Town, on the 15th day of February, 1978.

Charles J. Olivier
William Clark
Leonard Clayton
Selectmen of Ellsworth

**BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF
ELLSWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue
for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1978 to December 31, 1978
or for the Fiscal Year from
January 1, 1978 to December 31, 1978**

	Appropriations Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Previous Fiscal Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year 1978 1978-79
PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,420.00	\$ 2,340.00	\$ 2,420.00
Town Officers' Expenses			
(1977 Note - \$350 charged in error)	600.00	1,271.57	750.00
Election & Registration Expenses	10.00	18.13	50.00
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	600.00	703.30	200.00
 PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY:			
Police Department		243.70	100.00
Fire Department	100.00	100.00	100.00
Insurance	800.00	891.00	900.00
 HEALTH DEPT. [Incl. Hospitals & Ambulance]			
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	100.00	100.00	100.00
 HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES:			
Town Maintenance	9,600.00	6,508.55	6,500.00
Summer - \$1,800			
Winter - \$4,700			
General Expenses of Highway Dept.		58.00	
Town Road Aid	76.37	76.37	75.88
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:			
Cemeteries	150.00	32.50	100.00

 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	 \$14,456.37	 \$12,343.12	 \$11,295.88

Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year 1978 1978-79
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SOURCES OF REVENUE

FROM STATE:

Savings Bank Tax	\$ 21.00	\$ 22.60	\$ 23.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	235.00	233.09	235.00
Highway Subsidy (Cl. IV & V)	1,325.00	1,517.43	1,847.42
Reimbursement Forest Conservation Aid (National Forest)	1,350.00	1,316.77	2,000.00

FROM LOCAL SOURCES:

Dog Licenses	25.00	38.60	35.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	10.00	8.00	10.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	900.00	1,262.00	1,200.00
Resident Taxes Retained	250.00	330.00	400.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	2,000.00	1,217.12	500.00

SURPLUS

2,423.75

*TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES

6,116.00 5,945.61 8,674.17

*AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES

2,621.71

TOTAL REVENUES

\$11,295.88

*Total estimated "Revenues from all sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year gives "Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes".

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATIONS

Land	\$1,489,000.00	
Buildings	772,300.00	
Trailers (6)	29,550.00	
Public Utility	34,350.00	
	<u> </u>	\$2,325,200.00

EXEMPTIONS

Vet's Exemption (5)	\$ 250.00	
B.S.A. Exemption	26,050.00	
	<u> </u>	26,300.00
		<u> </u>
Net Valuation		\$2,351,500

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT 1977

Automobile Registrations

Lois Minnon	\$ 80.50	
Clifford Hillier	1,179.50*	
	<u> </u>	\$1,260.00

Dog Licenses & Fines

Lois Minnon	2.00	
Clifford Hillier	36.60	
	<u> </u>	38.60

Filing Fees

Lois Minnon	0	
Clifford Hillier	2.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 2.00

Submitted to Town Treasurer	\$1,300.60
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*Includes \$2.00 Overpayment by L. Wheeler

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings

\$7,500.00

TREASURER'S REPORT 1977

12/31/77 Cash on Hand

\$ 1,891.56

Total Receipts 1977

13,367.80

Total

Total Payments 1977

15,259.36

-12,835.61

Balance 12/31/77

\$2,423.75

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Account #55428

Town Ellsworth Yield Tax Acct. - Roland Downing

\$103.68

Account #58995

Town of Ellsworth, Yield Tax Acct. - Thomas Roy

\$252.66

Account #44836

Town of Ellsworth (Formerly Trustees of Trust Fund)

Town House Account

\$140.32

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries

Clifford Hillier - (Town Clerk's Meeting)	\$ 162.64
Brown & Saltmarsh (Supplies)	28.18
Mountain Media (Town Reports and Bid Ads)	495.80
Rand's Hardware (Supplies)	13.00
Owen Zwicker (Governor's Conf.)	5.00
Charles Olivier (Postage, Phone, Mileage, Gov. Conf.)	152.61
State of New Hampshire	4.00
Homestead Press (Printing)	22.44
N.H. Town Clerk Assoc. (Dues)	10.00
Stella Batchelder (Postage)	16.25
Branham Publishing Co.(Book)	11.65

	921.57

Election & Registration

Brown & Saltmarsh (Supplies)	7.65
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Town Hall

Paul Montague (Floor)	650.00
N.H. Electric Co-op.	63.78

	713.78

Police

Owen Zwicker (Expenses)	181.75
Mack's Men Shop (jacket)	61.95

	243.70

Fire

Campton Fire Department	100.00
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Insurance

Noyes Insurance	
Bonds	\$ 20.00
Fire Ins.	35.00
Police	500.00

	555.00
Continental Insurance (Workmen's Comp.)	336.00

Dumps

Thornton Dump	50.00
Rumney Dump	50.00

Town Highway

Ken Carlucce (Summer)	32.20
Robert Whitehouse (Summer)	911.05
Leigh Johnston (Summer)	516.22
Waite Inc. (Culvert)	254.55
Town of Rumney (Grading)	90.20
Prescott Lumber (Creosote)	34.71
Campton Sand (Summer)	68.28
Leonard Clayton (Summer)	231.00
Penn Culvert (Culvert)	561.12
Leonard Clayton (Winter)	1,052.50
Robert Whitehouse (Winter)	2,200.00
Norman Bouley (Winter)	196.00
Campton Sand	140.72
Leonard Clayton	160.00
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	6,508.55

General Expense - Highway Dept.

State of N.H. (Road Signs)	58.00
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Cemetery

Ralph Webster (Cleaning)	32.50
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Discounts, Abatements, Refunds

John Downing (Refund)	50.74
Langdon Wheeler (Overpayment)	2.00
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	52.74

Interest

10.00

State of New Hampshire

Treasurer (TRA)	76.37
Treasurer (Bond & Debt)	422.82
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	499.19

Yield Tax Bond

350.00

Town Officers' Expenses

Owen Zwicker - Police	300.00
Charles J. Olivier - Selectman	350.00
Marilyn Clark - Auditor	50.00
William Clark - Auditor	50.00
William Clark - Selectman	300.00
Pamela Bouley - Supervisor of Check List	40.00
Alfred Hunt - Moderator	50.00
Stella Batchelder - Tax Collector	300.00
Leonard Clayton - Selectman	300.00
Janet Zwicker - Treasurer	300.00
Clifford Hillier - Town Clerk	300.00
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	\$ 2,340.00

**[For Current Year's Levy]
SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1977**

-DR.-

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$12,074.26	
Resident Taxes	280.00	

Total Warrants		\$12,354.26
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Yield Taxes		1,256.44
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Added Taxes:

Resident Taxes	40.00	
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40.00

Overpayments During Year:

a/c Yield Tax	50.74	
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50.74

Penalties Collected on

Resident Taxes	1.00	
Deposits on Yield Tax 1977 & 1978	350.00	

TOTAL DEBITS

\$14,052.44

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Remittances to Treasurer:

Deposits on Yield Tax		
1977 & 1978	\$	350.00
Property Taxes		365.04
Resident Taxes		240.00
Yield Taxes		1,166.38
O. P. Yield Tax		50.74
Penalties on Resident Taxes		1.00

	\$	2,173.16

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes		33.28
Resident Taxes		10.00
Yield Taxes		90.06

		133.34

Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1977:

[As Per Collector's List]		
Property Taxes		11,675.94
Resident Taxes		70.00
Yield Taxes		0

		11,745.94

TOTAL CREDITS

\$14,052.44

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1976**

-DR.-

Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1977:

Property Taxes	\$ 480.19
Resident Taxes	90.00

\$ 570.19

Interest Collected on Delinquent

Property Taxes	7.76
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Penalties Collected on

Resident Taxes	9.00
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TOTAL DEBITS

\$ 586.95

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Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year

Ended December 31, 1977:

Property Taxes	\$ 480.19
Resident Taxes	90.00
Interest Collected During Year	7.76
Penalties on Resident Taxes	9.00

586.95

TOTAL CREDITS

\$ 586.95

FINANCIAL REPORT

ASSETS

Cash:

In Hands of Treasurer	\$ 2,423.75	
In Hands of Officials (Spec. Town House Acct.)	140.32	
		\$ 2,564.07

Uncollected Taxes:

(a) Levy of 1977, Including Resident Taxes	11,745.94	
Total		11,745.94

Total Assets

14,310.01

GRAND TOTAL

\$14,310.01

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owned by the Town:

Due to State:	
2%-Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes	\$ 209.40
Yield Tax Deposits (Escrow Acc't)	350.00
County Taxes Payable	3,141.53

Tax Anticipation Notes Outstanding:

Pemigewasset National Bank)		
\$4,000.00			
Pemigewasset National Bank)		
\$1,000.00			
		5,000.00	
Total Accounts Owed by the Town			\$ 8,700.93

Capital Reserve Funds:

(Offsets similar Asset account)	
(Special Town House Acc't.)	140.32

Total Liabilities

8,841.25

Current Surplus [Excess of assets over liabilities]

5,468.76

Grand Total

\$14,310.01

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes: (Collected and remitted to Treasurer)

Property Taxes	
Current Year — 1977	\$ 365.04
Resident Taxes	
Current Year — 1977	240.00
Yield Taxes	
Current Year — 1977	1,166.38

Total Current Year's Taxes Collected and Remitted	\$ 1,771.42
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Property Taxes and Yield Taxes — Previous Years	480.19
Resident Taxes — Previous Years	90.00
Interest received on Delinquent Taxes	7.76
Penalties: Resident Taxes \$9.00	9.00

From State:

For Town Road Aid	448.80
For Highway Subsidy	
(213.92 Recv'd 1978 - Recorded as 1977)	1,071.63
Savings Bank Tax	22.60
Reimbursement a-c Federal forest lands	1,316.77
Meals and Rooms Tax	233.09

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	38.60
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	8.00
Motor vehicle permits	1,260.00

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	5,000.00
All Other Receipts (Attach Schedule) (Transfer from Spec. Fund to General Fund by Vote of Town Meeting)	
	650.00

Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue

5,650.00

Cash on Hand January 1, 1977 — (July 1, 1977)	1,891.56
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GRAND TOTAL

\$14,299.42

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses :

General Government :

Town officers' salaries	\$ 2,340.00
Town officers' expenses	1,271.57
Election and registration expenses	18.13
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	703.30

Protection of Persons and Property :

Police Department	243.70
Fire Department including forest fires	100.00
Insurance	891.00

Health :

Town dumps and garbage removal	150.00
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Highways and Bridges :

Town Maintenance Summer - \$2,759.33	
Winter - \$3,749.22	6,508.55
General Expenses of Highway Department	58.00

Public Service Enterprises :

Cemeteries including hearse hire	32.50
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Unclassified :

Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	52.74
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Total Current Maintenance Expenses	52.74
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Debt Service :

Paid on tax anticipation notes	10.00
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Total Interest Payments	10.00
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Payments to other Governmental Divisions:	
Paid State Treasurer — TRA	76.37
Payments to State a-c 2% Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes	<u>422.82</u>
Total Payments to other Governmental Division	<u>499.19</u>
Total Payments for all Purposes	<u>12,878.68</u>
Cash on Hand December 31, 1977 — (June 30, 1978)	<u>2,423.75</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$14,302.43</u>

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the reports and records of Ellsworth. Our examination included various checks of accounting records we deemed appropriate.

To the best of our knowledge these reports and records fairly and accurately report the financial activities of the town.

William Cantlin
Marilyn F. Clark
February 5, 1978

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

In many ways it has been a very busy year for the Selectmen, due mainly to the revaluation of the Town's property by the **State Tax Commission**. There have been quite a number of personal conferences with various members of the Tax Commission, as well as many phone calls to Concord.

It is the personal feeling of each member of the Board of Selectmen that the appraisal, in many respects, was way out of line - mainly on land valuations, where, in our opinion, there are quite a number of discrepancies. We sincerely hope that these inequities can be resolved to the mutual satisfaction of all concerned.

The Town Hall floor has been rebuilt and, we believe, has greatly enhanced the appearance of our historic little "Town House". We would like, in this coming year, to install a new electric light fixture, in order that we may properly see when we have meetings. Naturally we will attempt to install one in keeping with the colonial motive.

We wish to thank you all for your patience and cooperation. We will always attempt to do that which in our estimation is best for the Town - after all we are also taxpayers.

Selectmen of Ellsworth

REPORT OF DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF AND TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Forest fire control in New Hampshire is a joint state and town responsibility (RSA 224).

The Director, Division of Forests and Lands (State Forester) appoints a forest fire warden and several deputy fire wardens in each town upon the recommendation of the selectmen.

The local forest fire warden is responsible for forest fire prevention and fire suppression activities in his town. He regulates the kindling of outside fires when the ground is not covered with snow by the issuance of written permits only when conditions are safe. He is responsible for suppression with the town/city and state sharing the cost. Suppression costs in excess of 1/4 of 1% of the assessed valuation of the town are assumed by the state.

The state provides training for the local fire organization and helps coordinate activities between towns. The state also supports local forces with backup personnel, equipment, and supplies for suppression and prevention.

This combination of state and local cooperation, started in 1893, works well for New Hampshire has enjoyed one of the smallest acreage losses due to forest fires in the United States for the past 25 years.

1977 Forest Fire Statistics

	No. of Fires	No. of Acres Burned
State	1,091	2,386
District	40	49.1
Town	0	0

John Q. Ricard
District Fire Chief

Owen R. Zwicker, Jr.
Forest Fire Warden

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