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OF THE TOWN OF

ACWORTH

New Hampshire

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1976

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TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

MODERATOR

Kenneth Grant

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Lyman A. Young - 1977

Raymond W. Roy - 1979

Alston W. Barrett - 1978

TOWN CLERK

Fay Knicely

TAX COLLECTOR

Leon F. Newton

TREASURER

Earl F. Luther, Jr.

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Gladys Ring

Maude Moody

Roselva Deardon

OVERSEER OF THE POOR AND HEALTH OFFICER

Roselva Deardon

AUDITOR

Edward H. Brown

CONSTABLE

Elbert Knicely

DOG WARDEN

Jack I. Berquist

POUND KEEPER

Arthur W. Smith, Jr.

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Don Sprague - 1977

Roscoe Clark - 1979

Virginia Amsden - 1978

TRUSTEES OF ACWORTH SILSBY FREE LIBRARY

Maggie Hanson - 1977

Nancy Poltrack - 1979

Barbara Hartwell - 1978

Librarians

Maude H. Moody

Ella P. Newton

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Kenneth Grant - 1977

William Austin III - 1978

Virginia Amsden - 1979

Richard Elsesser - 1977

Mario Cossa - 1978 - Resigned

Audrey Lyle - appointed

Gordon H. Gowen - 1979

ROAD AGENT APPOINTMENT

Don Porter

ROAD COMMITTEE

Elmer Rhoades - 1978 - Chairman

Kenneth Christie - 1978

Francis Wood - 1979

Carlton Tinker - 1977

Gordon H. Gowen - 1977

Harvey Putnam - 1979

Don Porter - Road Agent Member

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENTS

(5 years)

Fay Knicely - 1980 - Chairman

Daniel Gehan - 1977

Jean York - 1977 - Resigned

Robert Spaulding - 1981

Maggie Hanson - appointed

Harvey Bailey - 1978 - Resigned

James G. Phinzy - 1979

Frances Streeter - appointed

CONSERVATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

(3 years)

Robert Yale - 1978 - Chairman

Arthur Smith, Jr. - 1977

G. Kristian Fenderson - 1977

Craig Lawler - 1978

Kenneth Grant - 1978

Elizabeth Smith - 1979

Kenneth Christie - 1979

TREE WARDEN

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

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPOINTMENTS

(5 years)

Roscoe Clark - 1978

Leon F. Newton - 1979

Kenneth Grant - 1977

William Austin III - 1980

Virginia Amsden - 1981

ACWORTH VOLUNTEER FIRE CO., INC.

Elbert Knicely - Chief

Kenneth Grant, Secretary

Jack Berquist, Treasurer

FALL MOUNTAIN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Waldo Streeter

SANITATION OFFICER

Board of Selectmen

AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Co-chairmen

Kenneth Grant

George F. Hanson

Gary Bowen

Mildred Ingram

Marshall Waller

TOWN DIRECTORS TO UPPER VALLEY-LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

G. Kristian Fenderson

James G. Phinizy

ACWORTH TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

You are hereby notified to bring in your votes for Town Officers to the Town Hall on Tuesday, the eighth day of March, next between the hours of one of the clock in the afternoon until six of the clock in the evening; and,

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Acworth on Tuesday, the eighth day of March, next at seven-thirty of the clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

1. To see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to serve as Pound Keepers, Measurers of Wood, and Fence Viewers.
2. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
3. To see if the Town will direct the Selectmen to appoint the Road Agent.
4. To see if the Town will vote to return to the unofficial balloting system for the election of town officers. By Petition.
5. To see if the Town will appropriate the total capital outlay sum of \$45,000.00 for reconstructing Bridge # 111/065 (the South Acworth Bridge) over Cold River.
6. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to withdraw all principal and interest from Account # 810053-3 and Account # 7-1-0231-2 held by the Treasurer; these accounts being identified as South Acworth Bridge Reconstruction Capital Funds, for the purpose of offsetting the appropriated sum of \$45,000.00.
7. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow a maximum of \$12,000.00, the needed balance for reconstructing the South Acworth Bridge # 111/065; and to make minimum annual principal payments in the amount of \$3,000.00 to repay this debt.
8. To see if the Town will rescind affirmative action taken on Article # 9 at the Town Meeting of 1970, and any other action that may have been taken at any other meeting regarding the reconstruction of the South Acworth Bridge.
9. To see if the Town will appropriate a total of \$18.00 to supplement the cost of heat and utilities for the benefit of The Children and Youth Program at the Charlestown Medical Building. By Petition.
10. To see if the Town will appropriate a total sum of \$9,500.00 for the purchase price of the Galion Grader T-600 now in use; and to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow a maximum sum of \$4,500.00 to be used toward this purchase; and repay this debt by making minimum annual principal payments of \$2,250.00.

11. To see if the Town will appropriate \$1,000.00 for the purchase of Town Hall Office equipment.
12. To see if the Town will appropriate a total sum of \$6,500.00 for the purpose of commencing compilation and preparation of the Tax Maps (R.S.A. 31:95a); and to direct the Selectmen to withdraw the Tax Map Capital Reserve Fund (\$5,500.00 plus interest) to offset the above appropriated amount, and to cease further payments to this Fund.
13. To see if the Town will appropriate and authorize the Selectmen to withdraw \$10,000.00 from the Revenue Sharing Fund for use as setoffs against budgeted appropriations for the following specific purposes and in amounts indicated herewith:

| Appropriation | Amount |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Grader | \$5,000.00 |
| Acworth Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. | 2,000.00 |
| Town Hall Office Equipment | 1,000.00 |
| Tax Map | 1,000.00 |
| Silsby Free Library | 500.00 |
| Charlestown Visiting Nurse | 500.00 |
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| | \$10,000.00 |

14. To see if the Town will accept the Budget as submitted and recommended by the Budget Committee.
15. To see if the Town will grant authorization to the Board of Selectmen to issue written permits to recognized snow-mobile clubs for the purpose of creating, using, and maintaining trails over town owned forest land.
16. To see if the Town will require that the Selectmen first obtain an affirmative two-thirds vote on a warrant article at a regular Town Meeting before being empowered to sell Town owned lots and/or timber, gravel, and earth from any town property in an amount exceeding \$100.00, based on unit prices prevailing during calendar year of empowerment; and rescind any action taken on these subjects at prior town meetings.
17. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell, by means of public competitive bids, selected standing timber on the Gove Lot, in such amounts as to benefit the remaining forest; selection and sale management to be under the direction of the State Forester; and to use all revenue obtained in this article to accelerate repayment of principal of long term debts.
18. To see if the Town will empower and direct the Selectmen to postpone the lay out of any Class V or Class VI highway until a vote can be taken on the matter at a regular town meeting, regarding the need of such a lay out for the general benefit of the residents and property owners of Acworth.
19. To see what action, if any, the town desires to make to enforce the obligations of the Settlement Agreement between the Town of Acworth vs. Davis and Symonds Lumber Co.

ACWORTH TOWN WARRANT - continued

20. To see if the Town will accept \$300.00, as per request of Stephen B. Bragdon, administrator of the Estate of Albin Dressel, formerly of Acworth who died June 26, 1974, for perpetual care of Albin Dressel's cemetery lot.
21. To see if the town wishes to exclude from its Social Security plan services performed by election officials or election workers for each calendar quarter in which the remuneration paid for such services is less than \$50.00.
22. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this fourteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-seven.

SELECTMEN OF ACWORTH

Lyman A. Young
Alston W. Barrett
Raymond W. Roy

A true copy of Warrant-Attest:

Lyman A. Young
Alston W. Barrett
Raymond W. Roy

Acworth, N.H. March 1, 1977

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at South Acworth Village Store being a public place in said Town, on the 14th day of February, 1977.

Lyman A. Young
Alston W. Barrett
Raymond W. Roy

AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

January 31, 1977

Respectfully Submitted,
Edward H. Brown, Town Auditor

MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 2, 1976

The inhabitants of the Town of Acworth met at the Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. on March 2, 1976, according to the Warrant and acted on the articles thereon:

Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Kenneth Grant. He read the warrant and The Reverend Harold Crow offered a prayer.

The Moderator explained that due to problems and misunderstandings in the past he would not accept any motions to table or pass over any item this year, except if a specified time was included with a motion to pass over. This was questioned and the law was read.

A motion was made to over-rule the moderator. This was defeated 56 to 38.

Art. 1 Town Officers

113 ballots cast

Selectman - George Hanson - 51, Raymond Roy - 62. Raymond Roy elected.

114 ballots cast

Town Clerk - Linda Christie - 40, Fay Knicely - 72, Blank - 2. Fay Knicely elected.

Tax Collector - Leon Newton

Treasurer - Earl Luther, Jr.

Overseer of the Poor - Roselva Dearden

Auditor - Edward Brown

112 ballots cast

Constable - Jack Berquist - 48, Elbert Knicely - 63, Blank - 1. E. Knicely elected.

Trustee of Trust Funds - Roscoe Clark

Library Trustee - Nancy Poltrack

101 ballots cast

Budget Committee - Edward Brown - 1, Margaurite Hanson - 55, Virginia Amsden - 60, Gordon Gowen - 80. Virginia Amsden and Gordon Gowen elected.

Road Committee - 1 year term - Carlton Tinker
2 year term - Stephen Saunders - 40, Kenneth Christie - 50
Kenneth Christie elected.
3 year term - 91 ballots cast - Craig Lawler - 29,
Francis Wood - 61, Harvey Putnam - 78.
Harvey Putnam and Francis Wood elected.

Bicentennial Commission - Kenneth Grant and Marshall Waller.

Art. 2 Voted to empower the Selectmen to serve as Pound Keepers,
Measurers of Wood, and Fence Viewers.

Art. 3 Voted to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow money in
anticipation of taxes.

Art. 4 Voted to direct the Selectmen to appoint the Road Agent.

Art. 5 Amendment to postpone until a special and properly called meeting at
the Town Hall in Acworth on Saturday, the 17th day of April next at
7:30 in the evening.

Voice vote accepted the amendment.

Vote on the amended article: Yes - 65, No - 43, Blank - 1.
Total ballots cast - 109.

Art. 6 Voted to use Revenue Sharing Fund as worded.

Art. 7 Voted to make withdrawal from Capital Reserve Fund as worded.

Art. 8 Voted to accept the budget as written.

Art. 9 Voted to ratify deed as worded.

Art. 10 Voted not to discontinue roads listed.

Art. 11 Voted to adopt access standards as worded.

Art. 12 Defeated.

Art. 13 Voted in favor of nuclear power construction moratorium as worded.

Art. 14 Voted to adopt Non-Partison Ballot System as worded.
Yes - 67, No - 28. Total ballots cast - 95.

Art. 15 Ruled unacceptable as improperly worded. Motion made to support
the moderator's ruling. Sustain - 54, Over-rule - 15. Sustained.

Art. 16 Meeting adjourned at 12:00 midnight.

School Vote

Polls opened at 5:00 p.m.

Auditor - Brian Templeton - 66.

Moderator - I. Tucker Burr - 73, Marshall Waller - 1, Kenneth Grant - 2, Gordon
Gowen 1.

School Board Member - Waldo R. Streeter - 76.

A true copy - Attest:

Fay Knicely, Town Clerk

ADJOURNED OR POSTPONED TOWN MEETING

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Acworth on Saturday, the 17th day of April, next at 7:30 of the clock in the evening to act upon the following Article:

1. To see if the Town will vote to rescind all action taken on Article 1 at the Special Town Meeting of June 7, 1975, and to authorize the Selectmen to reconstruct the Town Hall as per plans submitted prior to and at the March 4, 1975 Regular Town Meeting; and further to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw and expend all money from Capital Reserve Town Hall Accounts, further deposits to cease, and further to authorize the Selectmen to expend all other reconstruction funds if, as, and when needed, in 1976 for Town Hall reconstruction. (Ref. Articles 7, 9, 1969. Article 5, 1975).
2. To see if the Town will vote to provide for the election by ballot of all members of the Planning Board. (By Petition)
3. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions for Absentee Balloting for the election of town officers (see RSA 60-38). By Petition.
4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize all contracts for capital expenditures in the sum of \$2,000. (two thousand dollars) or more - without exception - shall be made only after competitive bids are received prior to the signing of said contracts by the Selectmen. (By Petition)
5. To see if the Town will authorize that voting on all articles in this Warrant shall be by written ballot. (By Petition)

Given under our hands and seal, this 26th day of March in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-six (1976).

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

Lyman A. Young
Alston W. Barrett
Raymond W. Roy

Lyman A. Young
Alston W. Barrett
Raymond W. Roy

Selectmen of Acworth

MINUTES OF ADJOURNED OR POSTPONED TOWN MEETING

APRIL 17, 1976

The Inhabitants of the Town of Acworth met at the Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. on April 17, 1976 according to the Warrant and acted upon the articles thereon:

Moderator Kenneth Grant called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and read the warrant. The Reverend Craw offered a prayer.

Robert Yale was granted the opportunity to inform those present that the church has a mimeograph machine which is available for use by the Town. He also made it clear that the church building is available for public use.

The Moderator announced that although there were questions regarding Articles 2-5 that he would accept all but Art. 5 as proper. Since Art. 5 would be standard procedure, it was unnecessary as an Article. He warned that any decisions regarding these items may be challenged.

R. John Shortlidge, acting as Town Counsel, was then called upon to explain these questions. He explained that this meeting was considered adjournment of the regular March Meeting specifically to discuss Art. 1. The Warrant was posted and published with only Art. 1 before the other items were added, which would be misleading. The Attorney General also ruled the checklist should be closed as it would be for an adjournment of the March 2 Meeting.

Art. 1 Amendment offered so that Art. 1 would read as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to rescind all action taken on Art. 1 at the special Town Meeting of June 7, 1975, and to authorize the selectmen to reconstruct the Town Hall according to architectural, mechanical, structural, electrical design as provided by the N. H. Municipal Association; to offer such plans for competitive bidding, and further to authorize the selectmen to withdraw and expend all money from Capital Reserve Town Hall Accounts; further deposits to cease, and further to authorize the Selectmen to expend all other reconstruction funds, if, as, and when needed in 1976 for Town Hall reconstruction.

Stanley Poltrack objected to the amendment naming the N. H. Municipal Association. However, the Moderator ruled that he would consider this as a proper motion. No motion was made to over-rule.

Vote on the amendment: Yes - 112, No - 38. Total ballots cast - 150.
Amendment was carried.

Vote on question as amended: Yes - 107, No - 46. Total ballots cast - 153.
Art. 1 as amended was approved.

Art. 2 Amendment was proposed by David Lyle that the selectmen appoint a committee to study this matter and bring their findings before the regular Town Meeting next March. The amendment was defeated by voice vote.

Vote on Art. 2 - Yes - 67, No - 65. Total ballots cast - 132.

Art. 2 (To elect planning board) was approved as worded.

Art. 3 Vote: Yes - 74, No - 21, Blank - 1. Total ballots cast - 96.

Art. 3 (To adopt absentee balloting) was approved as worded.

Art. 4 Vote: Yes - 71, No - 41, Blank - 1. Total ballots cast - 113.

Art. 4 (Re: Bids) was approved as worded.

Two residents who were unable to have their names added to the checklist objected to Art. 2 - 4, but specifically to Art. 2, since they would both have voted No which would have caused a tie vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Fay Knicely, Clerk

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ACWORTH

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for

January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

| Purpose of Appropriation | Appropriation-1976 Recommended-1977 | |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------|
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT: | | |
| Town Officer's Salaries | \$3,850.00 | \$4,430.00 |
| Town Officer's Expenses | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Election & Registration | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Town Hall | 200.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Employees' Retirement & Social Sec. | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY | | |
| Police Dept. | 600.00 | 650.00 |
| Fire Dept. | 2,000.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Insurance | 3,500.00 | 4,500.00 |
| Planning & Zoning & Con. Comm. | 1,700.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Damages & Legal | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Civil Defense | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| HEALTH DEPARTMENT | | |
| Visiting Nurse & C&Y Care | 715.00 | 1,275.00 |
| Town Dump | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES | | |
| Town Maintenance (S&W) | 32,500.00 | 34,000.00 |
| Street Lighting | 550.00 | 600.00 |
| General Expenses of Highway | 10,000.00 | 12,000.00 |
| Town Road Aid | 1,146.00 | 1,131.00 |
| LIBRARIES | 2,250.00 | 2,270.00 |
| PUBLIC WELFARE | | |
| Town Poor | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| PATRIOTIC PURPOSES | | |
| Memorial Day | 75.00 | 75.00 |
| Am. Rev. Bicentennial Comm. | 100.00 | 0.00 |
| RECREATION | 100.00 | 150.00 |
| PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES | | |
| Cemeteries | 2,000.00 | 300.00 |
| Advertising & Regional Assoc. | 550.00 | 550.00 |
| DEBT SERVICE | | |
| Principal-Long Term Notes | 12,000.00 | 18,666.00 |
| Interest-Long Term Notes | 3,000.00 | 3,200.00 |
| Interest-Tax Anticipation Notes | 2,000.00 | 3,000.00 |

CAPITAL OUTLAY

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------|-----------|
| South Acworth Bridge | 3,000.00 | 45,000.00 |
| Grader-Galion T-600 | 0.00 | 9,500.00 |
| Tax Map | 0.00 | 6,500.00 |
| Town Hall Office Equipment | 0.00 | 1,000.00 |

PAYMENTS TO CAPITAL RESERVE TRUSTEES

| | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Town Hall Renovation | 5,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Tax Map | 1,000.00 | 0.00 |
| | <u>\$96,646.00</u> | <u>\$162,107.00</u> |

SOURCES OF REVENUE

| Estimated 1976 | Actual 1976 | Estimated 1977 |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|

FROM STATE:

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Interest & Dividends Tax | \$3,000.00 | \$4,481.94 | \$4,000.00 |
| Savings Bank Tax | 400.00 | 1,206.95 | 600.00 |
| Meals & Rooms Tax | 2,800.00 | 3,130.08 | 3,000.00 |
| Highway Subsidy Class V | 13,643.00 | 13,643.08 | 13,557.00 |
| Business Profits Tax (Town Portion) | 800.00 | 807.00 | 847.00 |

FROM LOCAL SOURCES:

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Dog Licenses | 200.00 | 216.60 | 200.00 |
| Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees | 100.00 | 217.00 | 200.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 7,000.00 | 9,488.25 | 7,000.00 |
| Interest on Taxes & Deposits | 2,000.00 | 5,731.45 | 4,000.00 |
| Withdrawal Capital Reserve Funds | 17,000.00 | 20,610.09 | 5,500.00 |
| Resident Taxes | 2,500.00 | 3,330.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Yield Taxes | 600.00 | 2,760.23 | 3,800.00 |
| Rent of Town Property | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Sale of Town Property & Gifts | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Income from Departments | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Notes | 35,000.00 | 35,000.00 | 26,000.00 |
| Surplus | 0.00 | 0.00 | 33,000.00 |
| Revenue Sharing | 9,000.00 | 9,000.00 | 10,000.00 |

**TOTAL REVENUE EXCEPT
PROPERTY TAXES**

| | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <u>\$94,043.00</u> | <u>\$109,622.67</u> | <u>\$105,704.00</u> |
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AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES

\$56,403.00

TOTAL REVENUES

\$162,107.00

Richard Elsesser, Chairman
 Kenneth Grant
 Andrew Lyle
 William Austin III
 Gordon H. Gowen
 Virginia Amsden

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Town Officers' Salaries | \$3,850.00 |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 2,500.00 |
| Election & Registration Expenses | 500.00 |
| Town Hall & Other Town Buildings | 200.00 |
| Employees' Retirement & Social Security | 2,000.00 |
| Police Department | 600.00 |
| Fire Department | 2,000.00 |
| Insurance | 3,500.00 |
| Planning & Zoning and Conservation Commission | 1,700.00 |
| Damages & Legal Expenses | 1,000.00 |
| Civilian Defense | 10.00 |
| Health Department-Visiting Nurse Assoc. | 715.00 |
| Town Dump & Garbage Collection | 2,000.00 |
| Town Maintenance-Summer & Winter | 32,500.00 |
| Street Lighting | 550.00 |
| General Expenses of Highway Department | 10,000.00 |
| Town Road Aid | 1,146.00 |
| Libraries | 2,250.00 |
| Town Poor | 200.00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 600.00 |
| Patriotic Purposes (Memorial Day, etc.) | 75.00 |
| Recreation (Parks, Playground, etc.) | 100.00 |
| Cemeteries | 2,000.00 |
| Bicentennial | 100.00 |
| Advertising & Regional Associations | 550.00 |
| Principal - long term notes | 12,000.00 |
| Interest - long term notes | 3,000.00 |
| Interest on Temporary Loans | 2,000.00 |
| Capital Outlay: | |
| 1. South Acworth Bridge Art. #9-1970 | 3,000.00 |
| Payments to Capital Reserve Fund Trustees: | |
| 1. Tax Map | 1,000.00 |
| 2. Town Hall Reconstruction | 5,000.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | \$96,646.00 |

LESS: ESTIMATED REVENUES AND CREDITS

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|--|------------------|
| Interest and Dividends Tax | \$4,481.94 |
| Savings Bank Tax | 1,206.95 |
| Meals and Rooms Tax | 2,933.03 |
| Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands | 100.00 |
| Revenue from Yield Tax Sources | 2,068.68 |
| Interest Received on Taxes | 2,000.00 |
| Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees | 100.00 |
| Dog Licenses | 200.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 7,000.00 |
| Resident Taxes | 2,900.00 |
| Revenue Sharing (Contra) | 9,000.00 |
| Highway Subsidy | 13,643.00 |
| Total Revenues and Credits | 45,633.60 |
| Net Town Appropriations | \$51,012.40 |
| Net School Appropriations | 143,519.33 |
| County Tax Assessment | 20,668.27 |
| Total of Town, School and County | 215,200.00 |
| Deduct: Total Bus. Profits Tax Reimbursement | 2,825.00 |
| Add: War Service Tax Credits | 2,200.00 |
| Add: Overlay | 2,922.07 |
| Property Taxes to be Raised | \$217,497.07 |

PROPERTY TAXES COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Gross Property Taxes | \$217,497.07 |
| Less: War Service Tax Credit | 2,200.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Net Tax Commitment | \$215,297.07 |

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|--------|------|-------|
| Town | .99 | 25.3% |
| School | 2.55 | 65.2% |
| County | .37 | 9.5% |

Total \$3.91 per \$100.00 assessed valuation

Tax Commitment Divided by Net Valuation Equals Tax Rate

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 1976: & \frac{\$217,497.07}{\$5,562,585.00} & = \quad \$3.91
 \end{array}$$

SUMMARY INVENTORY VALUATION

| | |
|---|------------------------|
| Land: | \$ 2,229,004.00 |
| Buildings: | 3,191,600.00 |
| Public Utilities - 2 | 115,281.00 |
| House Trailers, Mobile Homes, Trailers - 24 | 61,100.00 |
| Boats - 0 | 0 |
| Total Valuation before Exemptions | \$ <u>5,596,985.00</u> |
| Less: Elderly Exemptions - 15 | -34,400.00 |
| Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed | \$ <u>5,562,585.00</u> |
| | |
| Equalized Valuation - July, 1975 | \$10,704,668.00 |
| Number of Inventories Mailed | 567 |
| Date Inventories Mailed | March 13, 1975 |
| Number of Inventories Returned | 367 |
| Number of Survey Maps, etc. Provided | 291 |

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

| Name of Appropriation | Appropriation | Expended | Unexpended Balance | Overdraft |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Officers Salaries | 3,850.00 | 3,850.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Officers Expenses | 2,500.00 | 2,068.46 | 431.54 | 0.00 |
| Election & Registration | 500.00 | 457.29 | 42.71 | 0.00 |
| Town Hall | 200.00 | 150.54 | 49.46 | 0.00 |
| Emp. Ret. & Soc. Sec. | 2,000.00 | 1,559.68 | 440.32 | 0.00 |
| Police Dept. | 600.00 | 561.00 | 39.00 | 0.00 |
| Fire Dept. | 2,000.00 | 2,028.78 | 0.00 | 28.78 |
| Insurance | 3,500.00 | 8,385.65 | 0.00 | 4,885.65 |
| Planning | 1,500.00 | 326.70 | 1,173.30 | 0.00 |
| Zoning | 100.00 | 60.00 | 40.00 | 0.00 |
| Conservation Comm. | 100.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Damages & Legal | 1,000.00 | 900.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 |
| Civilian Defense | 10.00 | 0.00 | 10.00 | 0.00 |
| Visiting Nurse | 715.00 | 715.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Town Dump | 2,000.00 | 0.00 | 2,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Highway Maint. (S & W) | 32,500.00 | 32,000.60 | 499.40 | 0.00 |
| Street Lighting | 550.00 | 534.98 | 15.02 | 0.00 |
| Gen. Exp. Highway | 10,000.00 | 14,275.64 | 0.00 | 4,275.64 |
| Town Road Aid | 1,146.00 | 1,145.61 | .39 | 0.00 |
| Library | 2,250.00 | 2,250.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Town Poor | 200.00 | 42.86 | 157.14 | 0.00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 600.00 | 248.77 | 351.23 | 0.00 |
| Memorial Day | 75.00 | 75.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Recreation | 100.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Cemeteries | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Am. Rev. Bicent. Comm. | 100.00 | 77.00 | 23.00 | 0.00 |
| Advertising & Reg. Assoc. | 550.00 | 646.52 | 0.00 | 96.52 |
| Principal-long term notes | 12,000.00 | 11,667.00 | 330.00 | 0.00 |
| Interest-long term notes | 3,000.00 | 2,654.15 | 245.85 | 0.00 |
| Interest-temp. notes | 2,000.00 | 3,222.80 | 0.00 | 1,222.80 |
| Capital Outlay | | | | |
| 1. S. Acworth Bridge | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Payments to Capital Reserve | | | | |
| 1. Tax Map | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2. Town Hall | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | \$96,646.00 | \$101,345.21 | \$6,001.90 | \$10,601.11 |
| | Net Overdraft | | \$ 4,599.21 | |

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

ASSETS

| | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Cash | \$37,668.08 | |
| In Treasurer's Accounts | <u>39,594.61</u> | |
| Sub-Total | | \$77,262.69 |
| Long Term Notes - unissued | | \$18,500.00 |
| Capital Reserve Funds | | \$5,537.70 |
| Unredeemed Taxes | | |
| Levy of 1975 | \$7,889.57 | |
| Levy of 1974 | 3,903.26 | |
| Previous Years | <u>3,753.52</u> | |
| Sub-Total | | \$15,546.35 |
| Uncollected Taxes | | |
| Levy of 1976 | \$52,107.38 | |
| Levy of 1974 | <u>316.79</u> | |
| Sub-Total | | <u>\$52,424.17</u> |
| Grand Total | | \$169,270.91 |

LIABILITIES

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Accounts owned by the Town | | |
| Unexpended Balances of | | |
| Special Appropriations | \$19,735.02 | |
| Unexpended Revenue Sharing | 7,118.22 | |
| Due State-Bond & Debt | 458.04 | |
| Yield Tax Deposits | 3,378.00 | |
| School Taxes Payable | 68,484.95 | |
| Other Liabilities □ | | |
| Conservation Comm. Acct. - SBW | 251.38 | |
| S. Acworth Bridge | 50,725.01 | |
| Class V Maintenance | <u>1,033.22</u> | |
| Total Accounts Owed | | \$151,183.84 |
| Capital Reserve Funds | | 5,537.70 |
| Total Liabilities | | \$156,721.54 |
| Current Surplus | | <u>\$12,549.37</u> |
| Grand Total | | \$169,270.91 |

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Current Surplus - Dec. 31, 1975 | \$35,645.19 |
| Current Surplus - Dec. 31, 1976 | \$12,549.37 |
| Decrease of Surplus | \$23,095.82 |

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

| | | |
|---|--------------|---------------------|
| From Local Sources | | |
| Property Taxes - 1976 | \$165,933.63 | |
| Resident Taxes | 2,400.00 | |
| Yield Taxes - 1976 | 1,937.49 | |
| Total Collected & Remitted | | \$170,271.12 |
| Property and Yield Taxes - Previous Years | | 49,493.52 |
| Resident Taxes - Previous Years | | 930.00 |
| Interest on Delinquent Taxes | | 4,452.40 |
| Penalties: Resident Taxes | | 104.00 |
| Tax Sales Redeemed | | 13,278.78 |
| From State | | |
| Class V Maintenance | | 15,695.64 |
| Highway Subsidy | | 13,643.08 |
| Interest & Dividends Tax | | 4,481.94 |
| Savings Bank Tax | | 1,206.95 |
| Reimbursement-State Forest Land | | 120.75 |
| Reimbursement-MVTR | | 327.24 |
| Meals and Rooms Tax | | 3,130.08 |
| Reimbursement-Business Profits Tax | | 2,825.64 |
| Bounties | | 28.00 |
| From Local Sources except Taxes | | |
| Dog Licenses | | 216.60 |
| Permits & Filing Fees | | 217.00 |
| Interest Received on Deposits | | 1,279.05 |
| Motor Vehicle Permits | | 9,488.25 |
| Total Current Revenue Receipts | | \$291,190.09 |

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes | \$100,000.00 |
| Proceeds of Long Term Notes | 35,000.00 |
| Refunds | 530.06 |
| Proceeds from Capital Reserve Fund | 20,610.09 |
| Yield Tax Security Deposits | 3,878.00 |
| Revenue Sharing | 9,455.00 |
| Anti-Recession | 168.00 |
| Revenue Sharing from Savings Accounts | 9,000.00 |

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Total Receipts other than Current Revenue | \$178,641.14 |
| Total Receipts from all Sources | \$469,831.23 |
| Cash on Hand - January 1, 1976 | \$33,109.01 |
| Grand Total | \$502,940.25 |

PAYMENTS

General Government:

| | |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Town Officer's Salaries | \$3,850.00 |
| Town Officer's Expenses | 2,068.46 |
| Election & Registration | 457.29 |
| Town Hall expenses | 291.70 |
| Police Dept. | 561.00 |
| Fire Dept. | 2,028.78 |
| Planning & Zoning | 386.70 |
| Damages by Dogs & Bounties | 15.50 |
| Insurance | 8,385.65 |
| Conservation Commission | 100.00 |
| Health - Visiting Nurse | 715.00 |

Highways and Bridges:

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Town Road Aid | 1,145.61 |
| Town Maintenance Summer & Winter | 32,000.60 |
| Street Lighting | 534.98 |
| General Expenses - Highway | 14,275.64 |

Libraries

2,250.00

Public Welfare:

| | |
|--------------------|--------|
| Old Age Assistance | 248.77 |
| Town Poor | 76.21 |

Memorial Day

75.00

Recreation

100.00

Cemeteries

2,000.00

Bicentennial Commission

77.00

Damages and Legal

900.00

Advertising & Regional Assoc.

972.54

Taxes Bought by Town

10,157.24

Discounts, Abatements & Refunds

1,290.10

Employees' Retirement and Social Security

1,559.68

Total Current Maintenance Expenses

\$86,523.45

Debt Service

Interest on Debt:

| | |
|------------------------|------------|
| Tax Anticipation Notes | \$3,222.80 |
| Long Term Notes | 2,654.15 |

Total Interest

5,876.95

Principal of Debt:

| | |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Tax Anticipation Notes | \$100,000.00 |
| Long Term Notes | 11,667.00 |

Total Principal

111,667.00

| | | |
|------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Capital Outlay | | |
| Highways & Bridges-State Aid | \$17,427.32 | |
| Highways & Bridges-Town | 18,915.18 | |
| Revenue Sharing Account | 9,455.00 | |
| Lands and Buildings | 41,744.37 | |
| South Acworth Bridge Account | 2,250.00 | |
| Payments to Capital Reserve | 6,000.00 | |
| Total Outlay Payments | | \$95,791.87 |

| | | |
|--|------------|---------------------|
| Payments to other Governmental Divisions | | |
| Payments to State-2% Bond & Debt | 10.50 | |
| Taxes paid to County | 20,668.27 | |
| Payments to School District | 144,734.13 | |
| Total | | \$165,412.90 |
| Total Payments for all Purposes | | \$465,272.17 |
| Cash on Hand - Dec. 31, 1976 | | \$37,668.08 |
| Grand Total | | \$502,940.25 |

Schedule of Long Term Indebtedness

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Long Term Notes Outstanding | | |
| Leon F. Newton Bridge | \$22,500.00 | |
| Garage, Grader, Loader | 6,666.00 | |
| Town Hall | 35,000.00 | |
| Total Dec. 31, 1976 | | \$64,166.00 |

| | | |
|--|--|-------------|
| Reconciliation of Outstanding Long Term Indebtedness | | |
| Long Term Debt - Dec. 31, 1975 | | \$40,833.00 |
| Long Term Notes Issued | | \$35,000.00 |
| Sub-Total | | \$75,833.00 |
| Debt Retirement - Payments 1976 | | \$11,667.00 |
| Outstanding Long Term Debt - Dec. 31, 1976 | | \$64,166.00 |

TREASURER'S REPORT

From Leon F. Newton, Tax Collector

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Property Taxes, 1976 | \$165,933.63 |
| Yield Taxes, 1976 | 1,937.49 |
| Resident Taxes, 1976 | 2,400.00 |
| Property Taxes, Previous years | 48,670.83 |
| Yield Taxes, Previous years | 822.74 |
| Resident Taxes, Previous years | 930.00 |
| Interest | 4,452.40 |
| Resident Tax Penalties | 104.00 |
| Tax Sales Redeemed | 13,278.78 |

\$238,529.87

From Fay Knicely, Town Clerk

| | |
|--------------|----------|
| Dog Licenses | 216.60 |
| Auto Permits | 9,488.25 |

9,704.85

From State of New Hampshire

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Reimbursement A/C Tax Loss State Land | 120.75 |
| Gas Tax Refund | 327.24 |
| Bounties | 28.00 |
| Highway Subsidy | 13,643.08 |
| Class V Highway (Duncan) | 15,695.64 |
| Savings Bank Tax | 1,206.95 |
| Interest & Dividend Tax | 4,481.94 |
| Business Profits Tax | 2,825.64 |
| Rooms & Meals Tax | 3,130.08 |

41,459.32

From US Government

| | |
|-----------------|----------|
| Revenue Sharing | 9,455.00 |
| Anti-Recession | 168.00 |

9,623.00

From Miscellaneous Sources

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Fees, Permits | 217.00 |
| Interest | 1,279.05 |
| Yield Tax Security Deposits | 3,878.00 |
| Tax Anticipation Note | 100,000.00 |
| Long Term Note (T. Hall) | 35,000.00 |
| Refunds | 530.06 |
| Withdrawals from Capital Reserve | 20,610.09 |
| Revenue Sharing Savings Account | 9,000.00 |

170,514.20

469,831.24

Balance, January 1, 1976

33,109.01

Total Receipts

502,940.25

Total Disbursements

465,272.17

Balance, December 31, 1976

\$ 37,668.08

Earl F. Luther, Jr.
Treasurer

TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS

South Acworth Bridge Account - Conn. River National Bank

2½ year C. D. Maturing 31 August 1977 # 810053-3

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Balance 1 January 1976 | \$25,106.30 |
| Interest | 1,683.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance 31 December 1976 | \$26,789.30 |

South Acworth Bridge Account # 7-1-0231-2 Conn. River National Bank

| | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Balance 1 January 1976 | \$3,000.49 |
| Interest | 185.22 |
| Deposit | 2,250.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance 31 December 1976 | \$5,435.71 |

Revenue Sharing Account (90 Day) Conn. River National Bank

| | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Balance 1 January 1976 | \$6,059.15 |
| Deposits | 9,455.00 |
| Interest | 604.07 |
| Withdrawal | 9,000.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance 31 December 1976 | \$7,118.22 |

Temporary Loan Proceeds Reinvested - Regular Conn. River National Bank

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Deposit | \$10,000.00 |
| Interest | 101.44 |
| Withdrawal | 10,101.44 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance 31 December 1976 | 0.00 |

Temporary Loan Proceeds Reinvested - 90 Day Conn. River National Bank

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Deposit | \$40,000.00 |
| Interest | 1,177.61 |
| Withdrawals | 41,177.61 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance 31 December 1976 | 0.00 |

Conservation Commission Account Walpole

| | |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Balance 1 January 1976 | \$168.03 |
| Deposit | 74.00 |
| Interest | 9.35 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance 31 December 1976 | \$251.38 |

Earl F. Luther, Jr. - Treasurer

ACWORTH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.

Financial Statement

January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

EXPENSES

| | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Mutual Aid Dues | \$317.00 |
| Snow Plowing | 20.00 |
| Postage | 12.48 |
| Donations | 60.00 |
| Flowers | 24.67 |
| Gas - Trucks | 48.10 |
| Radio Repairs | 177.52 |
| Station Maintenance | 457.48 |
| N. H. Electric | 89.72 |
| New England Telephone | 245.42 |
| Granite State | 206.24 |
| Cray Oil | 1,012.18 |
| Fire School | 40.00 |
| Truck Payment | 2,350.00 |
| Home Day Dance | 6.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$5,066.81 |

INCOME

| | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Town | \$2,000.00 |
| Ladies Auxiliary | 700.00 |
| Sale of Equipment | 75.00 |
| Donations | 55.00 |
| Profit - Turkey Shoot | 1,836.86 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$4,666.86 |

Jack Berquist
Treasurer

REVENUE SHARING FUND

REPORT OF TOWN AUDIT

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1976

Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, Encumbrances and Fund Balance

| | |
|--|------------|
| Available Funds - January 1, 1976 (July 1, 1976) | \$6,059.15 |
|--|------------|

Add Revenue:

| | | |
|----------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Entitlement Payments | \$9,455.00 | |
| Interest | <u>604.07</u> | |
| | | <u>10,059.07</u> |

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS | \$16,118.22 |
|------------------------------|--------------------|

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Total Operating/Maintenance Expenses | \$500.00 |
|--------------------------------------|----------|

| | |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Total Capital Expenditures | \$8,500.00 |
|----------------------------|------------|

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| Total Expenditures | 9,000.00 |
|--------------------|----------|

| | |
|--|------------|
| Available Cash - December 31, 1976 (June 30, 1977) | \$7,118.22 |
|--|------------|

We have examined the accounts and records of the Revenue Sharing Fund of the Town of Acworth, N. H. for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1976.

In our opinion, the above Statement of Revenue, Appropriations, Encumbrances, and Available Unobligated Funds presents fairly the revenue, expenditures and encumbrances incurred, and status of Revenue Sharing Funds of the Town of Acworth, N. H. for the year ended December 31, 1976.

Signed

Edward H. Brown

Auditor
Town of Acworth, N. H.

Date - January 31, 1977

TAX COLLECTORS REPORT
Summary of Warrants
Property, Resident and Yield Taxes

LEVY OF 1976

Debits

Taxes Committed to Collector:

| | |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Property Taxes | \$215,296.89 |
| Resident Taxes | 3,460.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Warrants | \$218,756.89 |
| Yield Taxes | 2,482.41 |

Added Taxes:

| | |
|----------------|------------|
| Property Taxes | \$1,226.65 |
| Resident Taxes | 180.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 1,406.65 |

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes | 15.00 |
|--|--------------|

| | |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| TOTAL DEBITS | \$22,660.95 |
|---------------------|--------------------|

Credits

Remittances to Treasurer:

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Property Taxes | \$165,933.62 |
| Resident Taxes | 2,400.00 |
| Yield Taxes | 1,937.49 |
| Penalties on Resident Taxes | 15.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$170,286.11 |

Abatements Made During Year:

| | |
|----------------|--------|
| Property Taxes | 267.46 |
|----------------|--------|

Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1976:

| | |
|----------------|-------------|
| Property Taxes | \$50,322.46 |
| Resident Taxes | 1,240.00 |
| Yield Taxes | 544.92 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 52,107.38 |

| | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| TOTAL CREDITS | \$222,660.95 |
|----------------------|---------------------|

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Levy of 1975

Debits

Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1976:

| | | |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Property Taxes | \$48,521.21 | |
| Resident Taxes | 1,550.00 | |
| Yield Taxes | 258.34 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$50,329.55 |

Added Taxes:

| | | |
|----------------|----------|--------|
| Property Taxes | \$455.00 | |
| Resident Taxes | 220.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 675.00 |

| | |
|---|----------|
| Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes | 1,767.57 |
|---|----------|

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes | 84.00 |
|---------------------------------------|-------|

| | | |
|--------------|-------|-------------|
| TOTAL DEBITS | <hr/> | \$52,856.12 |
|--------------|-------|-------------|

Credits

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Property Taxes | \$48,670.83 | |
| Resident Taxes | 880.00 | |
| Yield Taxes | 258.34 | |
| Interest Collected During Year | 1,767.57 | |
| Penalties on Resident Taxes | 84.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$51,660.74 |

Abatements Made During Year:

| | | |
|----------------|----------|----------|
| Property Taxes | \$305.38 | |
| Resident Taxes | 890.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 1,195.38 |

| | | |
|---------------|--|-------------|
| TOTAL CREDITS | | \$52,856.12 |
|---------------|--|-------------|

Levy of 1974

Debits

Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1976:

| | | |
|----------------|---------------|----------|
| Property Taxes | \$106.79 | |
| Resident Taxes | 260.00 | |
| Yield Taxes | <u>532.00</u> | |
| | | \$898.79 |

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes | <u>5.00</u> |
|--|-------------|

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| TOTAL DEBITS | <u>\$903.79</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|

Credits

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976:

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|----------|
| Resident Taxes | \$50.00 | |
| Yield Taxes | 532.00 | |
| Penalties on Resident Taxes | <u>5.00</u> | |
| | | \$587.00 |

Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1976:

(as per collector's list)

| | | |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Property Taxes | \$106.79 | |
| Resident Taxes | <u>210.00</u> | |
| | | <u>316.79</u> |

| | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| TOTAL CREDITS | <u>\$903.79</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------|

Summary of Tax Sales Accounts as of December 31, 1976

Debits

Tax Sales on Account of Levies of:

| | 1975 | 1974 | Previous Years |
|---|-------------|------------|-------------------|
| (a) Balance of Unredeemed Taxes of January 1, 1976 | \$ | \$7,839.96 | \$10,588.18 |
| (b) Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year | 10,157.24 | | |
| Interest Collected After Sale | 20.99 | 223.00 | 2,419.08 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| TOTAL DEBITS | \$10,178.23 | \$8,062.96 | \$13,007.26 |

Credits

Remittances to Treasurer During Year:

| | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Redemptions | \$2,263.67 | \$3,936.70 | \$6,834.66 |
| Interest & Costs After Sale | 20.99 | 223.00 | 2,418.08 |
| Unredeemed Taxes-December 31, 1976: | <u>7,889.57</u> | <u>3,903.26</u> | <u>3,753.52</u> |
| TOTAL CREDITS | \$10,178.23 | \$8,062.96 | \$13,007.26 |

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1976**

| | | |
|----|--|---------------------|
| 1. | Town Hall, Lands and Buildings | \$20,000.00 |
| | Furniture and Equipment | 1,000.00 |
| 2. | Libraries, Lands and Buildings | 25,000.00 |
| | Furniture and Equipment | 5,000.00 |
| 3. | Police Department, Lands and Buildings | 0.00 |
| | Equipment | 3,000.00 |
| 4. | Fire Department, Lands and Buildings | 12,000.00 |
| | Equipment | 35,000.00 |
| 5. | Highway Department, Lands and Buildings | 35,000.00 |
| | Equipment | 40,000.00 |
| | Materials and Supplies | 5,000.00 |
| 6. | Parks, Commons and Playgrounds | 5,000.00 |
| 7. | All Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds | |
| | A. Jennison Lot | 4,000.00 |
| | B. Prouty Lot | 2,000.00 |
| | C. Howe Lot | 1,000.00 |
| | D. Johnson Lot | 1,000.00 |
| | E. Gove Lot | 20,000.00 |
| | F. Farnsworth Lot | 5,000.00 |
| | G. Barton Lot | 300.00 |
| | H. Marion Turner Lot | 2,000.00 |
| 8. | All other Property and equipment: | |
| | Conservation Lands | 6,000.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | TOTAL | \$227,300.00 |

DETAIL OF PAYMENTS

1. Town Officers Salaries

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Lyman A. Young, Selectman | \$600.00 |
| Alston W. Barrett, Selectman | 600.00 |
| Raymond W. Roy, Selectman | 600.00 |
| Leon F. Newton, Tax Collector | 600.00 |
| Fay Knicely, Town Clerk | 600.00 |
| Earl F. Luther Jr., Treasurer | 400.00 |
| Elbert Knicely, Constable | 300.00 |
| Edward H. Brown, Auditor | 100.00 |
| Roselva Deardon, Overseer of Poor | 50.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$3850.00 |

2. Town Officers Expenses

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Letterman Press - 350 Town Reports | \$662.80 |
| New England Telephone | 351.71 |
| Janet Haas - Typing & Clerical | 303.83 |
| Postage | 225.89 |
| Miller Publishing Co. - Public Notices | 138.75 |
| Homestead Press - Printed Bills | 69.42 |
| Chase's Office Supplies - supplies | 64.07 |
| Keene Publishing - Public Notices | 72.17 |
| Rick's Electric - Recorder | 47.95 |
| Sullivan County Rehabilitation Center - Colating | 20.00 |
| Brown & Saltmarsh - Tax Book | 19.45 |
| Wheller & Clark - Dog Tags | 17.25 |
| Brenham Publishing - Auto Book | 12.10 |
| Candlelight Printing | 31.00 |
| Eagle Publishing - Public Notices | 10.00 |
| N. H. Tax Collectors Association | 10.00 |
| N. H. Association of Assessors | 10.00 |
| N. H. State Treasurer | 2.07 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2068.46 |

3. Election & Registration

| | |
|------------------|----------|
| Gladys Ring | \$98.00 |
| Roselva Deardon | 98.00 |
| Maude Moody | 91.00 |
| Kenneth Grant | 50.00 |
| Frances Lizotte | 28.00 |
| Katharine Burke | 21.00 |
| Barbara Keiser | 14.00 |
| Mildred Ingram | 14.00 |
| Don Sprague | 14.00 |
| Virginia Amsden | 7.00 |
| Keene Publishing | 22.29 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$457.29 |

4. Town Hall & Other Town Buildings

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| S. R. Young - heating gas | \$121.70 |
| Elbert Knicely - repairs | 75.00 |
| Merrimack Farmers Exchange - plywood | 70.00 |
| Don Sprague - custodian | 25.00 |
| S. R. Young - heating gas returned | -141.16 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$150.54 |

5. Police Department

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Elbert Knicely - expenses | \$215.65 |
| Elbert Knicely - dog warden | 125.00 |
| Arthur W. Smith - dog warden | 100.00 |
| R. & R. Communications - radio repair | 48.00 |
| Village Store - gasoline & supplies | 36.35 |
| Jack Berquist - special officer | 36.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$561.00 |

6. Acworth Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.

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| New truck payment | \$2000.00 |
| Town of Marlow - forest fire | 28.78 |
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| | \$2028.78 |

7. Insurance

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| Burns & Masiello Ins. Co. | |
| Vehicles, Buildings, & Liability | \$5492.00 |
| Workman's Compensation | 2559.65 |
| Town Officer Bonds | 334.00 |
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| | \$8385.65 |

Credits Outstanding & Refunds

8. Planning Board

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|--------------------------------|----------|
| Printing - Master Plan Project | \$303.23 |
| Postage & Supplies | 13.02 |
| Advertising | 40.45 |
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| | \$326.70 |

9. Zoning Board of Adjustment

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| Advertising | \$60.00 |
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10. Conservation Commission

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| Deposit to Project Account | \$74.00 |
| N. H. Assoc. of Conservation Comm. dues | 20.00 |
| Copy service | 6.00 |
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| | \$100.00 |

11. Damages & Legal Expenses

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|----------------------------------|----------|
| R. J. Shortlidge, Jr. - Attorney | \$900.00 |
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12. Fall Mountain Visiting Nurse Association

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| Dues | \$715.00 |
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13. Town Dump

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| Estimated costs included in Highway Dept. (summer & winter) | \$1800.00 |
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14. Street Lighting

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| Granite State Electric | \$534.98 |
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15. Highway Department (Summer & Winter)

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| A. Labor (net): | | |
| Don Porter | \$10089.84 | |
| Harvey Putnam | 4430.54 | |
| Roger Pelton | 3285.68 | |
| Frank Haskins | 380.11 | |
| George Deardon | 240.55 | |
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| | | \$18426.72 |
| IRS deposits | | 3486.48 |
| Social Security deposits | 1415.79 | |
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| | | \$ 4902.27 |
| Total | | <hr/> <hr/> \$23328.99 |

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| B. Equipment Rental & Services | | |
| R. C. Hazelton - grader | \$3000.00 | |
| Leon Newton Bridge - balance | 2200.10 | |
| International Salt - salt | 1035.09 | |
| Don Porter - mowing | 580.00 | |
| Ronald Shaw - plowing | 450.00 | |
| Town of Alstead | 330.00 | |
| Carroll Robbins | 325.25 | |
| B & B Chains - chains | 300.00 | |
| Town of Charlestown | 231.00 | |
| Merrimack Farmers | 86.90 | |
| Acworth Garage | 77.00 | |
| Blanchflower Lumber - planks | 28.49 | |
| Pelton Construction | 15.75 | |
| N E Culvert - bands | 12.03 | |
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| | | \$ 8671.51 |
| | | <hr/> <hr/> \$32000.50 |

16. General Expenses

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|---------------------------------------|------------|
| R. E. Hinkley - gasoline | \$3569.14 |
| Ed's Equipment - truck repairs | 3178.35 |
| R. C. Hazelton - parts | 1126.84 |
| Bergenin's - truck repairs | 1665.20 |
| Sanel - parts | 815.66 |
| C & L Petroleum - fuel oil | 862.09 |
| Cota & Cota - fuel oil | 546.90 |
| R. N. Johnson - supplies | 419.06 |
| Taylor's - welding plow | 408.00 |
| Kmiec's - repairs | 240.08 |
| B & B Chain - chains | 221.50 |
| Angell's - supplies | 115.52 |
| Mirriam-Graves - welding supplies | 138.87 |
| Merrimack Farmers Exchange - supplies | 113.07 |
| Acworth Garage - repairs | 136.55 |
| N. E. Telephone - phone | 58.06 |
| Granite State Electric | 52.26 |
| Fall Mtn. Paint & Hardware - supplies | 41.03 |
| Keat's - loader supplies | 149.17 |
| Agway - compressor & supplies | 140.70 |
| Parker's - tools | 79.66 |
| Ralph Balla, Inc.-lumber | 36.25 |
| Whipple's Texaco - supplies | 30.39 |
| Rake's - chain saw parts | 37.00 |
| Fuller Machine - repair parts | 19.00 |
| Esslinges - truck undercoat | 17.00 |
| Keene Sentinel - advertising | 16.90 |
| Barney Bass - iron | 13.60 |
| Ross Express | 27.79 |
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| | \$14275.64 |

17. Library

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| Silsby Free Library Trustees | \$2250.00 |
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18. Old Age Assistance

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|-----------------------|----------|
| N. H. State Treasurer | \$228.77 |
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19. Town Poor

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| Overseer of Poor | \$42.86 |
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20. Memorial Day

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| Britton Porter Bost - Band | \$75.00 |
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21. Parks and Playgrounds

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| Christine Barnard | \$100.00 |
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22. Cemeteries

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| Gladys Ring - Treasurer Cemetery Assoc. | \$2000.00 |
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23. Advertising and Regional Associations

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| U.V.-L.S. Regional Planning Commission - dues | \$326.00 |
| N. H. Municipal Association - dues | 200.00 |
| Keene Publishing Co. Rev. Sharing notices | 70.54 |
| Miller Publishing Co. - notices | 30.00 |
| Claremont Eagle Pub. Co. | 20.00 |
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| | \$646.54 |

24. American Revolution Bicentennial Committee

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| Mildred Ingram - expenses and supplies | \$26.00 |
| Am. Rev. Bic. Com. - film for pictorial record | 51.00 |
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| | \$77.00 |

25. Social Security (Town Share)

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| N. H. State Treasurer | \$1801.58 |
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26. Taxes Bought by Town

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| Leon F. Newton - Tax Collector | \$10157.24 |
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27. Debt Service

Long Term Notes

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|---------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Principal | \$11667.00 |
| 2. Interest | 2726.15 |
| Tax Anticipation Notes-Interest | 3222.80 |

28. County Tax Commitment

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| Sullivan County - treasurer | \$20668.27 |
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29. Fall Mountain Regional School District

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| Miriam Ward, Treasurer per Town Fiscal Year | \$144734.13 |
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30. South Acworth Bridge Account

Total available Dec. 31, 1976

31. Deposits to Capital reserve Funds

Trustees of Trust Funds

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|-------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Town Hall Renovation | 5000.00 |
| 2. Tax Map | 1000.00 |
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| | \$6000.00 |

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FOR 1976

At the regular March Town Meeting the selectmen requested in an article that they be allowed to reassume full responsibility for reconstructing the Acworth Town Hall. The article was postponed to an Adjourned Town Meeting held on April 17, 1976. At this time it was voted to amend the article to include the services of the New Hampshire Municipal Association for aid in selecting a suitable architect and engineer. A strong affirmative vote was obtained on both the proposed amendment and the article itself.

Promptly an architect and engineer were chosen and plans and specifications suitable for public bidding were developed. A public meeting was held on June 29th at which time the architect's renderings and other details of proposed construction were presented by the selectmen with the architect and engineer present to answer questions. This presentation met with approval and soon the project was advertised for bids on August 6, 1976.

Seven bids were received and opened on August 17, 1976 at the Town Hall. The lowest qualified bid was submitted by P. and N. Building Construction, Inc. of Westmoreland, N. H. Contract negotiations commenced and construction began on September 21, 1976. Within a few days hydraulic jacks lifted the old town hall about six feet above ground level allowing for excavation for concrete foundations and posts to be directly attached to bed-rock.

A well was drilled 140 feet deep near the southwest corner of the old town hall which will produce enough water for both the town hall and the United Church of Acworth. A water supply line has been installed under the road to the basement of the Church for their use.

The new addition to the town hall was substantially finished to allow the selectmen to use a heated room for their meetings by late December. In January and February a series of several meetings were held by the Budget Committee, Road Committee and Planning Board.

We are very pleased with the resulting construction of the new town office and stage area and the reconstruction and preservation of the old town hall. The latter area also needed a new roof before the interior could be completed, which was done during December. Cooperation and generosity of time, to assist in overcoming major problems of reconstruction involving water, ledge, and property boundary problems and concern for costs, have been experienced by us from the architect, engineer, and contractor. We have been most pleased with the choice of these people.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORT - continued

During the months that the old town hall was not usable we met at the Acworth Volunteer Fire Co. building and at the Silsby Free Library. The use of these two buildings was greatly appreciated and we wish to thank the people who made this possible.

In June the Selectmen met with the Road Committee and the Budget Committee to discuss the purchase of a larger and more able road grader. These groups witnessed a demonstration of a Galion T-600 grader at the Town Garage and on a section of Forest Road. Following this the two Committees agreed in writing that the Board should be directed to sign a lease-purchase agreement with R. C. Hazelton, Inc. for this used grader with the installation of a Frink Wing at a total cost of \$15,000.00. An allowance of \$2,500.00 was given for our old grader. We have been very pleased with the performance of this new addition to our highway equipment and the service and cooperation of R. C. Hazelton, Inc.

During 1976, reconstruction of Luther's hill section of the Derry Hill road was finished. The costs of annual maintenance of our hard surfaced roads continues to increase disproportionately to the costs of maintaining our gravel surfaced roads. For the first time we surfaced heavy use and steep sections of some of our roads with crushed bank run gravel. This treatment was very successful and we feel that this practice should be continued and extended to other roads where substantial improvements for heavy loads and use recommend this procedure.

We have also had to assume the responsibilities of regular maintenance and plowing of additional miles of very costly roads. The problems of regular road maintenance continues to be a serious and costly part of your Budget and every effort should be made by the voters to understand the financial consequences which can result from inaction or hesitation when presented with the opportunity to limit future responsibilities.

Designs and specifications are being prepared for the reconstruction of the South Acworth Bridge in a manner which will not unduly affect surrounding homes and property. Accumulated funds should allow for this reconstruction to the town's design and specification to be within a budgeted amount of \$45,000.00.

We wish to report a very favorable response to our request for maps, sketches, and deeds for use in the preparation of our Tax Map as required by State statute. We have plans to assemble all known material which now covers a majority of the total land area during 1977.

We are very fortunate to have individuals within and outside Acworth who are very interested and active in contributing to this project, thereby enabling the town to fulfill this statutory obligation in such a manner that it does not become an unnecessary tax burden. We wish to thank all those people who have cooperated with us on this project and urge those of you who have not done so to provide such information, for your own future property tax benefit.

Respectfully submitted,

The Board of Selectmen of Acworth

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Although the Planning Board is somewhat behind schedule, for several reasons, we still feel that we have made reasonable progress this year.

In routine business we approved subdivisions on the Mastromarino, Truslow, Talman, Campbell and former Van Buskirk properties, and we reviewed three annexations.

While not completed at this time, study has been made toward road specifications and means of protecting our roads from improper access, heavy loads during mud season, or other damaging causes. Leon Geil, our County Engineer is working on this with us. Amendments to the subdivision regulations have also been considered with the recommendations of Leon Geil and the Sullivan County Soil Conservation Service.

The work on the Master Plan is nearly completed and should be adopted shortly after the February 22 and March 2 public meetings with the printing and distribution to follow.

The next step is development of the policies, such as amending the zoning and adopting a site-plan review ordinance. The present schedule is to have these and other related items ready to present at public hearings in May and June, to be followed by adoption at a special Town Meeting on July 12.

Attendance at public meetings has been extremely disappointing in the past, but it is hoped that this will improve. Our goal has always been to carry out the wishes of the majority with consideration of each individual. The only way this is possible is if everyone participates.

The vote to elect the Planning Board members left us somewhat puzzled as to just what the town wanted from us - the present "lame-duck" committee. After much thought and discussion we finally decided that we should continue as planned.

We sincerely believe that every appointment has been made with careful consideration by every selectman, and we believe that every one of those appointees has done a good job. Considering the amount of work accomplished and the familiarity with the goals that they have thus developed, we recommend that any former planning board member willing to serve be supported by your vote.

We wish to thank all who have supported the Planning Board in the past and hope everyone will continue to do so in the future. PLEASE attend all public meetings, ask questions, express opinions and vote knowledgeably.

Respectfully submitted,
Fay Knicely, Chairman
Robert Spaulding
Daniel Gehan
James Phinizy
Frances Streeter
Maggie Hanson

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee
Regional Planning Commission**

Most of the Commission's work that immediately relates to Acworth this year has been in technical assistance with the preparation of maps and other efforts by our staff and local planner Robert Ward. He has organized meetings throughout the past year in Acworth which have included the Planning Board, the Conservation Commission, the Selectmen and the Road Committee for preparation and development of the Acworth Master Plan. Incidentally, we are pleased to report that despite the high level of technical assistance, and because of an organizational change, Acworth's share of the Council's operating budget has been slightly reduced.

The Commission and Council's efforts continue to be organizational for the most part. However, throughout the past year there have been opportunities for local representatives and directors to express concern or discontent with state and federal programs which may affect us all. Currently in this category is the on-going development of the regional land use plan which we have been mandated by the federal government to develop for the area.

Respectfully submitted,

James G. Phinizy
G. K. Fenderson

Acworth Directors, UVLSC

REPORT OF THE ACWORTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Because of school time having to be made up for stormy days missed there were no children from the Fall Mountain Regional School District able to attend the 1976 Conservation Camp. Hopefully this will not happen in 1977 and we will again be able to share sending an Acworth student to Conservation Camp. For those parents or teenage students who might be interested in this excellent opportunity we suggest that they contact Mr. Robert Yale or Mrs. Robertson Smith as soon as possible.

Progress continues to be made in our negotiations for conservation easements in the East Acworth wetland area. Specific details will be released to local newspapers when negotiations are complete.

We are also continuing to help the Planning Board with the details of the Master Plan and urge wholehearted support and understanding of this important undertaking.

We continue to meet the first Tuesday of every month and would welcome any member of the interested public at any meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Yale, Chairman

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Board of Adjustment granted two variances during 1976. In several other instances brought before us for review, applicants discovered that by adjustments in their planning they were able to comply with the zoning regulations and thereby obtain the necessary permit.

Applicants for variances should be aware that our procedure involves notification of abutters, public notice and a public hearing and that the length of time these steps take varies. Therefore, applicants for variances must allow sufficient time for processing and understand that a variance presented at a Board of Adjustment meeting will not be heard and voted upon until the next meeting.

Our thanks to those who have cooperated with us during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
for the Board of Adjustment,

Kenneth D. Grant
Chairman

ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT

This Committee began its year in March by reviewing our goals for 1976 as outlined in the 1975 Committee report. Most of these goals have been achieved during the year. Luther's hill was capped and sealed. Approximately seven (7) miles of other roads were sealed. Due to the increased price of tar, we were not able to finish all the roads as planned.

Also at this meeting we considered projects for 1977. A larger grader with power was given serious thought, due to the fact that the one we had was nearly worn out. In May it became apparent that the old grader was no longer usable. We had the opportunity to rent a good used grader for \$3,000 per year, which may be used toward payment if we decide to purchase same. The total cost of this grader would be \$15,000 less \$2,500 allowed for the old one. The Road Committee and Board of Selectmen were all in favor of this transaction.

Due to the demand from the taxpayers for more and better services from the Highway Department, the selectmen suggested hiring a third man. The Road Committee felt this was justifiable due to the fact that more roads are having to be kept open for year around traffic.

Our main projects for 1977 will be to finish the Forest Road; seal from So. Acworth to the Forest Road; seal the East Acworth Road; repair and seal the road around the church; repair poor sections of the Cold Pond Road with crushed gravel.

Any remaining funds from T.R.A. will be used to begin construction work on the Charlestown Road. We will continue work on this road in the future until it is completed.

Another truck will be needed next year. This Committee feels that a good second-hand truck with angle plow would be more feasible for our needs than purchasing a new one. This truck could also be used for hauling gravel in the summer and sanding in the winter.

Elmer C. Rhoades
Chairman

ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY REPORT - 1976

Economics as well as the physical condition of the Library building made it necessary to make changes and repairs this year. The "Bird Room" was painted in the spring and new window shades purchased and three chairs recaned. Four storm windows for the front of the building were purchased. These items were covered by Revenue Sharing funds. The cellar door and bulkhead had to be repaired in December to prevent heat loss.

Gifts of books, magazines and money have been generously given. Community groups which have contributed in the past continued to do so this year. The Parents' Club, Woman's Club and Community Aid have donated money for new books. Volunteer workers have contributed much time during Library hours and for Bookmobile visits. One volunteer works each Tuesday afternoon when the school children come and two work on Thursday. The card catalog is being updated through their efforts.

Tuesday afternoon the older children visit the Library. A story hour is held on Thursday afternoon to stimulate interest in books among the younger children in the school.

A successful sale of duplicate, discarded and donated books was held July 17 and netted \$55.00.

Mrs. Newton attended three District Advisory Council Meetings and two Workshops. Book buying meetings in Keene were also attended.

The Board of Selectmen have held their meetings in the Library during the renovation of the Town Hall as have the Supervisors of the check list.

Tuesday evenings the Library opening has been extended by one hour for the benefit of Acworth residents.

Trustees - Acworth Silsby Library

ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY REPORT 1976

Additions in 1976: Fiction-49, Non-Fiction-68, Juvenile-65 - Total - 182

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| No. of magazines in circulation | 43 |
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| No. of Common Borrower Cards issued | 3 |
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| No. of books borrowed from the State Library | 23 |
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| No. of books borrowed from Keene City Library | 167 |
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| No. of books, magazines and records circulated | 6465 |
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| Fiction | 2214 |
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| Non-Fiction | 1482 |
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| Juvenile | 1859 |
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| Magazines | 833 |
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| Records | 177 |
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| No. of books borrowed from the Bookmobile | 3539 |
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| Fiction | 1100 |
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| Non-Fiction | 1164 |
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| Juvenile | 1257 |
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| Records | 18 |
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| No. of Bookmobile visits | 3 |
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Maude H. Moody, Librarian

Ella P. Newton, Asst. Librarian

ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY 1976

Receipts

| | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Balance Dec. 31, 1975 | 86.26 |
| Interest Trust Funds | 97.88 |
| Town & Revenue Sharing | 2250.00 |
| Gifts | 275.00 |
| Book sale and fines | 112.93 |
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| | \$2822.07 |

Expenditures

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|---------------------------|-----------|
| Electricity | 86.31 |
| Fuel | 287.81 |
| Salaries | 1025.80 |
| Custodian | 75.00 |
| Supplies, Miscellaneous | 107.60 |
| Books, Magazines, Records | 589.40 |
| Maintenance | 556.25 |
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| | \$2728.17 |

\$2822.07

2728.17

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| Balance Dec. 31, 1976 | 93.90 |
| Less book balance | 32.67 |
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| | 61.23 |

Barbara Hartwell, Treasurer

ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1977

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|--------------------------|---------------|
| Electricity | 120.00 |
| Fuel | 300.00 |
| Salaries | 1100.00 |
| Custodian | 75.00 |
| Books | 50.00 |
| Supplies & Miscellaneous | 125.00 |
| Revenue Sharing | <u>500.00</u> |
| | \$2270.00 |

Priorities for Capital improvements:

Storm windows

Refinishing floor in stack room

Trustees:

Maggie Hanson

Barbara Hartwell

Nancy M. Poltrack - Chairman

ACWORTH SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER REPORT

There are many concerns currently receiving attention by The Fall Mt. School district which I would like to share with you.

A study of all the buildings, by an engineering and architectural firm, was requested by The Building Needs Committee which has been working for several years. Earl Luther, Jr. is the Acworth representative.

The general consensus is to upgrade all buildings to meet life safety codes and to expand and modify the former high schools as well as Fall Mt. Regional School. This will be explained more fully in the school district reports.

Our building is considered to be adequate and sound, but does need improved lighting, energy conservation as well as some maintenance work.

The playground is sorely in need of fill and grading as well as equipment for which the Parents Club has raised money. Hopefully, with unified effort it can all be completed this year.

At the same time that the above study was conducted, a Citizens Educational Needs Committee met almost weekly during the summer. This committee is composed of representatives from all towns - those from Acworth are; Gordon Gowen, Ethel Gendron, Rose Knight and Marshall Waller. They were charged with the task of looking into the curriculum at all levels and making recommendations to the Building Needs Committee regarding facility requirements.

The Building Needs Committee is presently studying the above reports and will make recommendations accordingly, to the architectural and engineering firm.

Upon recommendation by the Committee on Administration Structure, the firm of Gale Associates was hired by the Supervisory Union to study the central office organization as well as administrative structure.

It is hoped that many benefits will be derived from this study and implemented soon.

The town of Acworth is most fortunate in having concerned citizens willing to devote so much of their time to all of the above named committees.

We are currently interviewing candidates for the position of Superintendent. Representatives from all towns, as well as students and faculty were asked to make suggestions as to the kind of superintendent they would like to serve our district.

John Day, a former superintendent in this district, is acting as consultant.

Ultimately, the selection rests with the Supervisory Union board and State Commissioner of Education.

I believe that the children of Acworth are being served well by very competent teachers and an aid. Each day an excellent hot-lunch program is provided.

Many services, offered in larger schools, are available here as well. The Monadnock Children's Services is always at our disposal and many of our children are recipients of their help.

A number of people in town offered help to the teachers to enrich the program.

The building is well cared for at all times by our competent custodians.

We need to carry on in all our combined efforts so that educating our young children near home can be continued.

My first year on the board has been interesting and satisfying, though at times frustrating.

Hopefully, as time goes on, more will be accomplished both in Acworth and the district.

Respectfully submitted,

Waldo R. Streeter

ACWORTH CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

“The Sandblaster” from Lebanon, N. H. started work on the stones in the cemetery early in May so that they would be repaired before Memorial Day. He did have the job completed at a cost of \$1,674.00. A few of the stones didn’t hold up, so Mr. Austin was contacted and he came back and did them over. This was not an easy task as the stones were neglected for so many years. I think that we are all in agreement, that due to the conditions, we probably couldn’t have had a better job done.

The cost of mowing and upkeep of the cemeteries this year came to \$205.00. We did fail to get the leaves raked this fall, so we will have that expense this spring.

At our annual meeting we discussed buying a lawn mower which would be acceptable for use in the old cemetery; and repairing and graveling the roadways leading into the cemeteries. We expect to do both of these projects in the upcoming year.

We would like to thank the South Acworth Community Aid for a \$50.00 check which they sent to us to be used in our efforts to improve the cemeteries. This was a fine gesture and greatly appreciated.

Gladys Ring, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE FALL MOUNTAIN VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION TO

THE TOWN OF ACWORTH

The Fall Mountain Visiting Nurse Association provided a total of 3302 units of service to the five-town area of Acworth, Alstead, Charlestown, Langdon and North Walpole in 1976.

Acworth, which has 7% of the total population, received 199 units of service: 141 nursing and occupational therapy services were provided; 58 clinic patients were seen. From year to year the proportionate number of services varies from town to town. In 1975, for example, Acworth received 9% of the total number provided.

In 1976 costs for non-reimbursed services to Acworth totalled \$875, \$160 more than Acworth's 1976 tax appropriation. With other general overhead added for administration, clerical services, building costs, etc., this amount was inadequate by more than \$300.

Increased costs, plus the need to cover non-reimbursable services, makes it necessary for the Agency to request \$2.50 per capita in 1977 to meet the anticipated budget. Without the full amount the V.N.A. may be forced to reduce its number of otherwise non-reimbursable services.

Recently the Fall Mountain V.N.A. filed an application for State Council on Aging funds that are available for the improvement of health, nutritional and social services to the elderly in the State of New Hampshire. If the funds are made available to our Agency, there will be increased clinic offerings with more comprehensive follow-up and referral services beginning in the spring of 1977.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Frazer, Director

REPORT OF
ACWORTH AMERICAN REVOLUTION
BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The Town having voted for and funded an American Revolution Bicentennial Committee at its Annual Meeting Tuesday, March 4, 1975, following is a report of this Committee's accomplishments in the interest of the Nation's bicentennial.

In recognition of the opening of the bicentennial year and the ride of Paul Revere, three lanterns were placed in the belfry of the Acworth Church on the Hill and also in the church in South Acworth on March 18th. On March 19th the bells of both churches were rung in commemoration of the Battle of Lexington. These ceremonies were repeated the following year.

In June two Acworth boys in Colonial garb represented Acworth's Bunker Hill soldiers at a commemorative parade in Manchester.

On Memorial Day, Acworth children planted an elm tree near the Town Centennial elm on the Village Green. Representative James Cleveland having presented the children of Acworth with a flag that had flown over the Nation's Capitol, this was raised at a ceremony on Old Home Day.

The Town's recognition as a Bicentennial Community was celebrated with the presentation of the official Bicentennial Flag followed by a luncheon at the Church on the Hill on October 18th.

On January 1st the custom of a New Year's Day Dinner at the Church on the Hill was revived. This was sponsored by the Committee and well attended by the people of the Town.

In February the Committee conducted a cake decorating contest for students at Fall Mountain Regional High School. The theme was a patriotic one and a Bicentennial medal was awarded as first prize.

Sunday, June 6th, a special service was held at the church to dedicate the new bell cradle and ring the bell, which had been silent the past few years. This Committee and the Female Charitable Society were responsible for the completion of this work through their efforts and matching funds from the New Hampshire American Revolution Bicentennial Commission.

On July 4th the day's festivities opened with a Colonial Service at the Church on the Hill attended by parishioners in costume. This was followed with picnic lunches on the Green and Acworth's Bicentennial Parade.

Over Old Home Day Weekend a bicentennial musical program and entertainment was staged following the regular Friday Night Supper.

During this period the children of Acworth painted a mural of Acworth houses and sites. This is exhibited on the walls of the school.

In addition to these specific activities, the Town Pound has been cleaned, the cemetery cleared and stones repaired, historical sites both in Acworth and South Acworth have been identified and signs erected. A complete scrapbook was kept of bicentennial observances along with all newspaper reports and photos.

Compilation of an oral and photographic history is being completed. Reminiscences of long-time residents have been taped and photographs taken of houses and sites to be made available for the future.

At its last meeting (August 4th, 1975) it was voted the Committee remain intact until August, 1977 - the anniversary of the Battle of Bennington. No regular meetings will be held and at the end of this period an accounting of its funds will be made.

The Committee acknowledges with gratitude efforts of the people in the Town who gave so unsparingly of their time, talents and money toward the proud success of Acworth's American Revolution Bicentennial program.

Mildred S. Ingram, Chairman
George Hanson, Co-chairman

Elizabeth Kay Storms, Secretary
Marguerite Hanson, Treasurer
Gary Bowen
Kenneth Grant
Marshall Waller
Christine Barnard

Report on the Acworth Bicentennial History

Work on the History has continued during the past year along the lines indicated in the 1975 Town Report, but much effort is still needed to produce a creditable book. Anyone who is interested and is able to devote time to historical research can help to speed up completion of the new History.

Study of old Acworth Town Record Books has become more convenient through use of microfilm copies obtained from the Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon Church). Early New Hampshire town records were filmed some years ago by the Mormons and another program was conducted recently to film later records (up to the year 1900). Through efforts of the Historical Society and the Town Clerk, films of most of the old Acworth records are now on file permanently in Salt Lake City.

January 3, 1977

Respectfully submitted,

J. Griffiths Barry,
Member of
Acworth Historical Society, Inc.

N. H. SUPREME COURT OPINION

by

Raymond Damour

The N. H. Supreme Court recently upheld an opinion of the N. H. State Board of Taxation issued on August 22, 1975. The case is Fearon vs Amherst. The taxpayer appealed his assessment on four parcels of land which were acquired at different times and were contiguous. Only one lot had buildings on it. The land was treated as four separate lots and each lot was assessed as containing one house lot with the remaining acreage assessed at a lesser amount.

The Board of Taxation considered the four lots as one for assessment purposes and the assessment on the land was for one house lot and the rest as acreage. The town appealed this opinion to the Supreme Court and the opinion of the Board was upheld. The Board of Taxation referred to RSA 75:9 Separate Tracts. "Whenever it shall appear to the selectmen or assessors that two or more tracts of land which do not adjoin or are situated so as to become separate estates have the same owner, they shall appraise and describe each tract separately and cause such appraisal and description to appear in their inventory."

They also referred to a paper by former State Tax Commissioner, Judge Marvin, delivered at the 1967 Spring Meeting. The following is an extract from his talk: "Whenever it appears to the selectmen or assessors that two or more tracts of land which do not adjoin or are situated so as to become separate estates are owned by the same person they should describe each tract separately and assess the property separately. Conversely, when the same person acquires two or more parcels which adjoin, so as to form one larger parcel then since the two or more parcels have merged into one larger parcel, the former assessments should be disregarded and one assessment should be made of the larger parcel."

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
R.S.A.-31:95-a
TAX MAPS

I. Every city and town shall, prior to January 1, 1980, have a tax map, so-called, drawn. Each tax map shall:

(a) Show the boundary lines of each parcel of land in the city or town and shall be properly indexed.

(b) Accurately represent the physical location of each parcel of land in the city or town.

(c) Show on each parcel of land the road or water frontage thereof.

II. (a) The scale on a tax map shall be meaningful and adequately represent the land contained on the map, taking into consideration the urban or rural character of the land. The scale shall be sufficient to allow the naming and numbering of, and the placement of dimensions within, the parcel represented in the individual plat.

(b) Nothing in this paragraph shall apply to any city or town which, prior to the imposition of such scale requirements, has drawn a tax map, appropriated funds or contracted with any person or firm to prepare a tax map or expended funds in the initial phase of preparing a tax map.

III. Each parcel shall be identified by a map and parcel number and shall be indexed alphabetically by owner's name and numerically by parcel number.

IV. Tax maps shall be continually updated to indicate ownership and parcel size changes.

V. Each tax map shall be open to public inspection in a city or town office during regular business hours.

Effective Date. This act shall take effect sixty days after its passage.

Approved June 16, 1975.

Effective date August 15, 1975.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Acworth Project #2099

Reconstruction of Bridge #084/042 over Cold River on Forrest Road

“Leon F. Newton Bridge”

| | | |
|--|------------|--------------|
| Final Amount Paid F. A. Tucker, Contractor | | \$143,957.23 |
| Construction Engineering | | |
| Survey | \$2,022.08 | |
| Inspection | 7,670.89 | |
| Finals | 1,723.11 | |
| Advertising | 32.86 | |
| Final Survey | 120.60 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total Construction Engineering | | \$11,569.54 |
| Laboratory Expenses | | 2,813.61 |
| Shop Inspection | | 460.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total to be shared by Town & State | | \$158,800.38 |
| Town's share 25% | | \$ 39,700.10 |
| Town paid on Ck. #1476, 7/1/74 | | \$ 20,072.68 |
| Town paid on Ck. #2227, 3/22/76 | | \$ 19,627.42 |

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ACWORTH, N. H. ON DECEMBER 31, 1976

| Name of TRUST FUND | How Invested | Balance Beginning Year | New Funds | Income During Year | Expended During Year | Balance End Year |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Cemetery | N. H. Savings | 11241.36 | | 950.72 | 950.72 | 18998.25 |
| Acworth Library | N. H. Savings | 1789.06 | | 89.56 | 89.56 | 1789.06 |
| Tax Map | C. R. Savings | 4000.00 | 1000.00 | 220.63 | | 5537.70 |
| Town-Dempsey Place | C. R. Savings | 3419.53 | | 196.06 | 4946.52 | -0- |
| Town Cap. Reserve | C. R. Savings | 10273.89 | 5000.00 | 389.70 | 15663.57 | -0- |
| Trustees of Acworth Cemetery | C. R. Savings | 1052.32 | 1040.18 | 93.84 | 243.93 | 2979.76 |

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ACWORTH, N. H.

During the Year Ending December 31, 1976

| Name of Child | Parents | Date | Place of Birth |
|----------------------------|--|---------------|-----------------------|
| John Matthew Balla | Glenda Mae Duchane John William Balla | Oct. 28, 1976 | Keene |
| Ira Nathaniel Dole | Kathleen Marie McDonough Albert William Dole | Aug. 1, 1976 | South Acworth |
| Jay Christopher LaClair | Linda Lou Handy Ronald Thomas LaClair, Sr. | Jan. 14, 1976 | Claremont |
| Margaret Florence Llantada | Cynthia Lucille Mason Venancio Cano Llantada | May 20, 1976 | Keene |
| Jennifer Jane Fullam | Margaret Linda Powers Lynn Wallace Fullam III | July 31, 1976 | Keene |
| Stephen Morris Ring | Roxie Lou Campbell Wayne Alfred Ring | Feb. 6, 1976 | Keene |

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ACWORTH, N. H.

During the Year Ending December 31, 1976

| Names | Date | Residence | Place of Marriage |
|---|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Henry W. Cannon Kim H. Clark | Sept. 10, 1976 | Alstead Acworth | Alstead |
| Kevin Scott Clark Elizabeth Ann Latham | Jan. 10, 1976 | Acworth Walpole | Alstead |
| Roger William Butson Patricia Fernn Starks | July 3, 1976 | Acworth Acworth | Acworth |
| John Myron Fuller Hazel Ann Ingoldsby | Jan. 24, 1976 | Keene Acworth | Keene |
| Kevin B. Pitkin Donna M. Nichols | Oct. 30, 1976 | Acworth Charlestown | Charlestown |
| Brian Arnold Ring Karen Ann Clark | Nov. 6, 1976 | Acworth Alstead | Keene |
| Gary Albert Roberge Donna M. Nichols | Sept. 18, 1976 | Acworth Thomaston, CT | Thomaston, CT |

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ACWORTH, N. H.

During the Year Ending December 31, 1976

| Name | Date | Age | Place of Death |
|---|----------------|-----|------------------------|
| Chester M. Carver | May 30, 1976 | 56 | Manchester, N. H. |
| Maynard L. Carver | Feb. 6, 1976 | 84 | Boston, Mass. |
| Lora B. Dearden | Sept. 15, 1976 | 89 | Unity, N. H. |
| Elliot E. Dickerman | July 26, 1976 | 46 | South Acworth, N. H. |
| Charles Horton | May 29, 1976 | 51 | |
| Gary W. Heino | June 27, 1976 | 25 | Acworth, N. H. |
| Albert Leroy Jacobs | May 29, 1976 | 72 | Acworth, N. H. |
| Kenneth S. Parker | June 2, 1976 | 57 | Hartford, VT |
| Myrle Elsworth Reed | March 3, 1976 | 84 | Springfield, VT |
| Albert Chester Tucker | Jan. 10, 1976 | 87 | New York, N. Y. |
| Total number of automobile registrations issued in 1976 | | 847 | |
| Total number of dogs licensed in 1976 | | 100 | Fay Knicey, Town Clerk |

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