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1978 ANNUAL REPORT



Annual Report

of the

SELECTMEN

and other

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

ACWORTH

New Hampshire

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1978

Please bring your Town Report to Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 1979

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TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Moderator

Kenneth Grant

Board of Selectmen

Raymond W. Roy - 1979

Lyman A. Young - 1980

Marshall S. Waller - 1981

Town Clerk

Brenda Pitkin

Tax Collector

Leon F. Newton

Treasurer

Earl F. Luther, Jr.

Supervisors of the Checklist

Gladys Ring

Roselva Dearden

Maude H. Moody

Overseer of the Poor and Health Officer

Kathleen Maxwell

Auditor

Alston W. Barrett

Constable and Dog Warden

Herman Barth

Trustees of Trust Funds

Roscoe Clark - 1979

Don Sprague - 1980

Marguerite Hanson - 1981

Trustees of Acworth Silsby Free Library

Nancy Poltrack - 1979

Alva Grant - 1980

Barbara Hartwell - 1981

Librarians

Maude H. Moody

Ella P. Newton

Budget Committee

Gordon H. Gowen - 1979

Roscoe Clark - 1980

Elbert Knicely - 1980

Linda L. Christie - 1981

Joseph Boivin - Appointed

Richard Haney - Appointed

TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES, Continued

Road Agent Appointment

Don Porter

Road Committee

Elmer Rhoades - 1981 Chairman

Francis Wood - 1979

Carlton Tinker - 1980

Kenneth Christie - 1981

Harvey Putnam - 1979

Gordon H. Gowen - 1980

Don Porter - Road Agent

Planning Board

Alston W. Barrett - 1981 Chairman

Kenneth Christie - 1979

Frances Streeter - 1980

Robert Weaver - 1981

Marguerite Hanson - 1979

James G. Phinizy - 1980

Conservation Commission

G. Kristian Fenderson - 1980 Chairman

Kenneth Grant - 1983

Craig Lawler - 1983

Floyd Smith - 1983

Rose Knight - 1979 Appointed

Elizabeth K. Smith - 1980

Barbara Kaiser - 1979

Tree Warden

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

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Roscoe Clark - 1983

Kenneth Grant - 1982 Chairman

Arthur Partridge - 1981

Leon F. Newton - 1979

Acworth Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.

Elbert Knicely, Chief

Kenneth Grant - Secretary

James G. Phinizy - Treasurer

Fall Mountain Regional School Board Member

Waldo Streeter

Sanitation Officer

Board of Selectmen

Acworth Director to Upper Valley - Lake Sunapee

Regional Planning Commission

Frederick Wolf

Recreation Committee

Barbara Kaiser

Michael Maxwell

Deborah Hinman

Robert Weaver

Ethel Gendron

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 thirteenth day of March, next between the hours of two of the clock in the afternoon until eight of the clock in the evening; and,

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Acworth on Tuesday, the thirteenth 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 pay to the Crescent Lake Association, Inc. (a non-profit organization), the sum of \$250.00, in order to increase police protection for property within the Crescent Lake area, to which the Crescent Lake Association, Inc., will match, dollar for dollar, to hire the services of Mr. Edward Bruno for year-round protection of cottages and road patrol.

5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate one thousand dollars (\$1,000.) for improvements to the Acworth Silsby Free Library building and authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5,500.) for a truck and for a trailer and authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2,000.) for a Police Cruiser and authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate three thousand dollars (\$3,000.) for early debt retirement of the South Acworth Bridge debt and authorize withdrawal of this sum for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

TOWN WARRANT, Continued

9. To see if the Town will accept the Budget as submitted and recommend by the Budget Committee.

10. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, by means of public competitive bids, selected standing timber on Town Forest Land, in such amounts to benefit the remaining forest, and to use all revenues obtained from this Article to accelerate repayment of principal of long-term debt.

11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the Champney Lot located on the west side of Keyes Hollow Road, East Acworth.

12. To see if the Town will accept two hundred dollars (\$200.) in trust, for the perpetual care of the Everett Knight cemetery lot (Section 1, Lot 3, new part of the Acworth Cemetery).

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

Given under our hands and seal, this tenth day of February, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine (1979).

Selectmen of Acworth,

Raymond W. Roy
Lyman A. Young
Marshall S. Waller

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

Raymond W. Roy
Lyman A. Young
Marshall S. Waller

Acworth, N.H., February 26, 1979

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 the South Acworth Village Store, it being a public place in said Town, on the 26th day of February, 1979.

Raymond W. Roy
Lyman A. Young
Marshall S. Waller

AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Town Auditor
Alston W. Barrett

January 31, 1979

MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING

March 14, 1978

The Inhabitants of the Town of Acworth met at the Town Hall at 7:30 P.M. on March 14, 1978 according to the Warrant and acted on the Articles thereon:

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

The following Town Officers were elected:

Moderator - 2 Year Term	Kenneth Grant
Selectmen - 3 Year Term	Marshall S. Waller
Town Clerk	Brenda G. Pitkin
Tax Collector	Leon F. Newton
Treasurer	Earl F. Luther, Jr.
Supervisor Check List - 6 Year Term	Roselva A. Dearden
Overseer of Poor	Kathleen Maxwell
Auditor	Alston Barrett
Constable	Herman Barth
Dog Warden	Herman Barth
Trustee of Trust Fund - 3 Year Term	Maggie Hanson
Trustee of Acworth Silsby Library - 3 Year Term	Barbara Hartwell
Budget Committee - 3 Year Term	Linda L. Christie
	William Austin
Road Committee - 3 Year Term	Kenneth Christie
	Elmer Rhoades
Planning Board - 3 Year Term	Robert Weaver
	Alston Barrett

ARTICLE 1: Voted to empower the Selectmen to serve as Pound Keepers, Measurers of Wood, and Fence Viewers.

ARTICLE 2: Voted to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 3: Voted to direct the Selectmen to appoint the Road Agent.

MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING, Continued

ARTICLE 4: Voted to pay the Crescent Lake Association, Inc. (a non-profit organization), the sum of \$250.00 in order to increase police protection for property within the Crescent Lake Area, to which the Crescent Lake Association, Inc. will match dollar for dollar, to hire the services of Mr. Edward Bruno for year-round protection of cottages and road patrol.

ARTICLE 5: Voted to appropriate a total capital outlay sum of \$8,000.00 for reconstruction and repairs to the Acworth Silsby Free Library building, to be commenced during 1978.

ARTICLE 6: Voted to appropriate and authorize the Selectmen to withdraw \$13,500.00 from the Revenue Sharing Fund for use as set offs against budgeted appropriations for the following specific purposes and in amounts indicated herewith:

<u>APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Silsby Free Library - Structural Repairs	\$ 8,000.00
Tax Map	1,000.00
Grader - Galion T-600 Early Debt Retirement	4,500.00
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TOTAL	\$13,500.00

ARTICLE 7: Voted to accept the Budget as amended and recommended by the Budget Committee. The Budget now reads \$147,838.00 after passing Article 4 - police protection for Crescent Lake Area for \$250.00 a year.

ARTICLE 8: Voted to establish a Recreation Committee per R.S.A. 31:47 to consist of Five (5) persons whose duties it shall be to select and obtain the use of suitable areas for non-commercial recreational purposes. This committee to be appointed in 1978.

ARTICLE 9: Voted to empower the Planning Board pursuant to R.S.A. 36:19-a to review, and approve or disapprove site plans for the development of tracts for non-residential uses whether or not such development includes a subdivision or resubdivision of the site.

5 Signatures for ballot count - 110 ballots cast: 87 YES 22 NO 1 VOID

ARTICLE 10: Voted to consider supporting a County solid waste facility, if such a facility is found feasible to construct and operate. (See letters on pages 56-57).

ARTICLE 11: Voted to consider joining a neighboring town in a solid waste transfer station operation, if this operation should prove more economical than individual town operated stations. (See letters on pages 56-57).

ARTICLE 12: Voted to take a consensus vote of the qualified voters as to whether the Historical Society should further proceed with a HISTORY OF ACWORTH, as outlined in the Society's Report. (See pages 54-55). By Society Request.

MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING, Continued

BALLOT VOTE - 99 Votes Cast: 60 YES 39 NO

ARTICLE 13: Voted to exempt itself from the requirements that the Town Clerk register applicants for the Voter Check List. (Ref. R.S.A. 55:9-C)

ARTICLE 14: Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, by means of public competitive bids, selected standing timber on Town Forest Land, in such amounts to benefit the remaining forest, and to use all revenue obtained from this article to accelerate repayment of principal of long-term debt.

2/3 Vote: 95 YES 0 NO

ARTICLE 15: Voted not to change the classification of Grout Hill Road from A. Supplee's property included, to and including R. Wilson's property Lot II from Class VI to Class V. By Petition.

ARTICLE 16: Voted not to empower and direct the Selectmen to Lay Out a Class V Highway, upon receipt of a petition to do so, from Ingoldsby's dwelling north to the Max Boy dwelling. By Petition.

ARTICLE 17: Voted not to authorize the Selectmen to Lay Out a Class V Highway of that portion of Road #92 (North End) from Acworth Town to Derry Hill which presently is Class VI. By Petition.

ARTICLE 18: Voted not to authorize the Selectmen to Lay Out a Class V Highway that section of the Old Stage Road (#102) from the Storms/Brown driveway westerly to the Colburn dwelling (formerly Hunt) westerly boundary presently classified as Class VI Highway. By Petition.

ARTICLE 19: Voted not to return to the unofficial ballot system for the election of Town Officers. (See Minutes of Article 4 of March 8, 1977 Town Meeting).

Mario Cossa spoke and handed out literature on The Phoenix Nest Earth-Arts Center, Inc.

The Business Portion of the Meeting recessed at 12:20 and after the counting of ballots the Meeting was fully adjourned at 2:20 A.M.

School Vote:

Clifford Holmes	154
Ken Grant	5
Dr. Berg	1
Blank	15

Brenda Pitkin
Town Clerk
Acworth

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ACWORTH

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Appropriation 1978	Recommended 1979
General Government:		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 4,430.00	\$ 5,685.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,800.00	2,935.00
Election & Registration	500.00	330.00
Town Hall	1,500.00	1,650.00
Employee's Retirement & Social Security	2,000.00	2,000.00
Protection of Persons & Property:		
Police Department	900.00	915.00
Fire Department	2,500.00	3,000.00
Insurance	7,131.00	6,100.00
Planning, Zoning, Cons. Comm. (\$700 + \$150 + \$150)	1,000.00	1,000.00
Damages, Legal Expense, inc. Dog damage	1,100.00	1,100.00
Civil Defense	10.00	10.00
Health Department:		
Visiting Nurse	1,242.00	1,553.00
Child & Youth Care	26.00	200.00
Town Dump	2,000.00	2,000.00
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Maintenance	54,152.00	53,347.00
Street Lighting	800.00	1,000.00
General Expenses	14,000.00	16,000.00
Town Road Aid	1,081.00	1,214.00
Library:	2,005.00	2,650.00
Public Welfare:		
Town Poor	200.00	200.00
Old Age Assistance	600.00	600.00
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day	75.00	100.00
Recreation - Mowing Commons:	150.00	200.00
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries	300.00	300.00
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	550.00	550.00

BUDGET, Continued**Debt Service:**

Principal - Long Term Notes	18,750.00	18,000.00
Interest - Long Term Notes	3,600.00	2,375.00
Interest - Temporary Notes	5,000.00	3,000.00

Capital Outlay:

Tax Map	4,000.00	0.00
Highway Subsidy Class V 241:15	7,436.00	8,271.00
Library Building Repairs	8,000.00	1,000.00
Town Hall Equipment	0.00	1,000.00
Highway Truck & Trailer	0.00	5,500.00
Police Cruiser	0.00	2,000.00

Payment to Capital Reserve Fund	0.00	0.00
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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$147,838.00	\$145,785.00
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	<u>Estimated</u> 1978	<u>Received</u> 1978	<u>Estimated</u> 1979
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Sources of Revenue:**State:**

Interest & Dividend Tax	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,481.94	\$ 4,500.00
Savings Bank Tax	700.00	1,102.53	1,000.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	3,100.00	3,130.08	3,100.00
Highway Subsidy:			
R.S.A. 241:11	14,258.00	14,220.20	13,908.00
R.S.A. 241:14	13,211.00	13,210.51	12,756.00
R.S.A. 241:15	7,436.00	7,212.41	8,271.00
Reimbursement - State Lands	100.00	114.46	100.00
Reimbursement - Business Profits Tax	889.00	889.00	889.00

Town Revenue:

Dog Licenses	200.00	553.50	500.00
Business Licenses & Filing Fees	150.00	374.00	300.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	9,000.00	12,696.50	12,000.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	4,000.00	3,229.22	3,000.00
Resident Taxes	3,000.00	3,320.00	3,000.00
Yield Taxes - Timber	4,000.00	7,039.80	4,000.00
Rent of Town Hall	100.00	175.00	150.00
Sale of Gove Lot Timber	1,500.00	1,631.00	1,500.00

Federal Sources:

CETA	6,240.00	5,550.06	0.00
Revenue Sharing Withdrawal	13,500.00	13,500.00	11,500.00

Total Revenue Except Property Taxes	\$88,384.00	\$92,430.21	\$ 80,474.00
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Estimated Revenue from Property Taxes			65,311.00
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TOTAL REVENUE			\$145,785.00
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STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS — 1978

General Government:	
Town Officers Salaries	\$4,430.00
Town Officers Expenses	2,800.00
Election and Registration	500.00
Town Hall Expenses	1,500.00
Protection Persons and Property:	
Police Department	900.00
Fire Department	2,500.00
Planning & Zoning - \$700 + \$150	850.00
Insurance	7,131.00
Civil Defense	10.00
Conservation Commission	150.00
Health:	
Town Dump	2,000.00
Visiting Nurse & Child and Day Care (\$1,242 + \$26)	1,268.00
Highways & Bridges:	
Town Road Aid	1,081.00
Town Maintenance	54,152.00
Street Lighting	800.00
General Expenses	14,000.00
Library:	2,005.00
Public Welfare:	
Town Poor	200.00
Old Age Assistance	600.00
Patriotic Purposes:	
Memorial Day	75.00
Recreation:	
Common - mowing	150.00
Public Service Enterprises:	
Cemeteries	300.00
Unclassified:	
Damages & Legal Expenses	1,100.00
Advertising and Regional Association	550.00
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	2,000.00
Debt Service:	
Principal - Long Term Notes	18,750.00
Interest - Long Term Notes	3,600.00
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	5,000.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, Continued**Capital Outlay:**

1. Highway Subsidy - RSA 241:15	\$ 7,436.00
2. Library Reconstruction	8,000.00
3. Tax Map	4,000.00
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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$147,838.00

LESS: ESTIMATED REVENUES**Sources of Revenue:****From Town Taxes:**

Resident Taxes	\$3,580.00
Yield Taxes	7,413.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	4,000.00

From State:

Meals & Rooms Tax	3,130.00
Interest & Dividends Tax	4,482.00
Savings Bank Tax	1,103.00
Highway Subsidy	34,905.00
Reimbursement - State Forest Land	100.00

From Town Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	200.00
Business Licenses, Permits, Filing Fees	150.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	9,000.00
Rent of Town Property	100.00
Sale of Town Property	1,500.00

Receipts other than Current Revenue:

CETA Funds	6,240.00
Revenue Sharing Funds	13,500.00
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TOTAL REVENUE \$89,403.00

Total Town Appropriations \$147,838.00

Less: Estimated Revenues 89,403.00

Net Town Appropriations \$58,435.00

Fall Mountain Regional School System Appropriation \$176,895.00

County Tax Assessments 22,517.00

TOTAL TOWN, SCHOOL, COUNTY \$257,847.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, Continued

Less: Total Business P. Tax Reimbursement	\$ 3,114.00
Add: War Service Credits	2,600.00
Add: Overlay	<u>3,030.00</u>
Property Taxes to be Raised	\$260,364.00
Less: War Service Credits	<u>2,600.00</u>
TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT	\$257,764.00

PROPERTY TAXES COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR

Gross Property Taxes	\$260,364.00
Less: War Service Tax Credits	<u>2,600.00</u>
NET TAX COMMITMENT	\$257,764.00

Town	\$ 1.02
School	2.82
County	<u>0.36</u>
TOTAL	\$ 4.20 per \$100.00 assessed valuation

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land:	\$2,286,607.00
Buildings:	3,756,500.00
Public Utilities (2)	173,201.00
House Trailers, Mobile Homes, Trailers (27)	75,000.00
Boats (9)	<u>2,834.00</u>
TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS	\$6,294,142.00
Less: Elderly Exemptions (18)	- 90,000.00
Less: Blind Exemption (1)	<u>- 5,000.00</u>
NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED	\$6,199,142.00
Equalized Valuation	\$15,497,855.00
Number of Inventories Mailed	582
Date Inventories Mailed	March 20, 1978
Number of Inventories Returned	531

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF
CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS**

	Appropriation	Expended	
Town Officer's Salaries	\$ 4,430.00	\$ 4,430.00	\$ 0.00
Town Officer's Expenses	2,800.00	2,419.42	380.58
Election and Registration	500.00	589.59	(89.59)
Town Hall and other			
Town Buildings	1,500.00	1,513.82	(13.82)
Employee's Ret. & Social Security	2,000.00	1,544.62	455.38
Police Department	900.00	910.36	(10.36)
Fire Department	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
Insurance	7,131.00	6,961.30	169.70
Planning Board	700.00	275.19	424.81
Zoning Board	150.00	27.60	122.40
Conservation Committee	150.00	151.00	(1.00)
Damages and Legal Expenses	1,100.00	1,350.03	(250.03)
Civil Defense	10.00	0.00	10.00
Visiting Nurse	1,242.00	1,242.00	0.00
Child and Youth Care	26.00	26.00	0.00
Town Dump	2,000.00	1,158.45	841.55
Town Highway Maintenance	54,152.00	56,588.90	(2,436.90)
Street Lighting	800.00	906.92	(106.92)
General Expenses	14,000.00	16,110.88	(2,010.88)
Town Road Aid	1,081.00	1,080.55	.45
Library	2,005.00	2,005.00	0.00
Town Poor	200.00	0.00	200.00
Old Age Assistance	600.00	263.25	336.75
Old Home Day	75.00	75.00	0.00
Mowing Commons	150.00	120.00	30.00
Cemeteries	300.00	300.00	0.00
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	550.00	479.77	70.23
Debt Service:			
Principal - Long Term Notes	18,750.00	19,500.00	(750.00)
Interest - Long Term Notes	3,600.00	3,381.99	218.01
Interest - Short Term Notes	5,000.00	2,809.29	2,190.71
Capital Outlay:			
Tax Map	4,000.00	3,966.00	34.00
Highway Subsidy R.S.A. 241:15	7,436.00	7,464.00	(28.00)
Library Repairs	8,000.00	6,466.25	1,533.75
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TOTALS	\$147,838.00	\$146,617.18	\$ 1,320.82

FINANCIAL REPORT
For The Year Ended December 31, 1978

ASSETS

Cash:		
In hands of treasurer	\$ 9,987.76	
In hands of officials		
A. Revenue Sharing Account	4,816.38	
B. Conservation Comm. Account	<u>440.24</u>	
	5,256.62	
TOTAL		\$15,244.38
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1977	5,722.20	
Levy of 1976	4,037.69	
Levy of 1975	5,169.49	
Previous Years	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL		14,927.38
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1978, including Resident Taxes	66,861.01	
Levy of 1977	895.53	
Levy of 1976	0.00	
Previous Years	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL		<u>67,756.54</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		\$97,930.30
Current deficit		0.00
GRAND TOTAL		\$97,930.30
Current Surplus, December 31, 1977		\$13,677.19
Current Surplus, December 31, 1978		\$ 5,081.71
Decrease of Surplus - Change in Financial Condition		\$ 8,595.48

FINANCIAL REPORT, Continued

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:

Bills outstanding		\$ 0.00
Unexpended Balances of Special Appropriations:		
A. Library - Structural Repairs	\$1,533.75	
B. Tax Map (\$2,900.00 + \$34.00)	2,934.00	
C. Planning Board (\$1,526.21 + \$424.81)	1,951.02	
	<u> </u>	\$6,418.77
Unexpended Balances of Bond & Note Funds		0.00
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds		4,816.38
Due to State:		
2% - Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes (collected - not remitted to State Treasurer \$1,173.20)		1,173.20
Yield Tax Deposits		0.00
County Taxes Payable		0.00
School District Tax Payable		80,000.00
Tax Anticipation Notes Outstanding		0.00
Other Liabilities		
Conservation Comm. Account		440.24
TOTAL ACCOUNTS OWED BY THE TOWN		<u> </u> \$92,848.59
Capital Reserve Funds		0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u> </u> \$92,848.59
Current Surplus (Excess of assets over liabilities)		<u> </u> \$ 5,081.71
GRAND TOTAL		<u> </u> \$97,930.30

FINANCIAL REPORT, Continued

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes - Current Year - 1978	\$194,477.54	
Resident Taxes - Current Year - 1978	2,690.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes - Current Year 1978	0.00	
Yield Taxes - Current Year - 1978	<u>6,286.17</u>	
Total Current Year's Taxes		\$203,453.71
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes - Previous Years		133,293.15
Resident Taxes - Previous Years		630.00
Poll Taxes/State Head Taxes - Previous Years		0.00
Interest received on Delinquent Taxes		3,229.22
Penalties: Resident Taxes		72.00
Tax sales redeemed		13,792.08

From State:

For Highways and Bridges		
A. For Town Road Aid		0.00
B. For Class V Highway maintenance RSA 241:11		14,220.20
C. Highway Subsidy (241:14 - \$13,210.51) (241:15 - \$7,212.41)		20,422.92
Interest and dividends tax		4,481.94
Railroad tax		0.00
Savings Bank Tax		1,102.53
Reimbursement a-c Motor Vehicle Road Toll		568.38
Reimbursement a-c Old Age Assistance		0.00
Meals and Rooms Tax		3,130.88
Reimbursements a-c Business Profits Tax		3,115.28
All Other Receipt from State: Bounties		18.50

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses		553.50
Business Licenses, permits and filing fees		436.00
Rent of town property		175.00
Interest received on deposits (Cons. Comm. Acct.)		17.10
Income from departments		50.40
Motor vehicle permits - 1978		<u>12,696.50</u>

TOTAL CURRENT REVENUE RECEIPTS

\$415,573.75

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	\$95,000.00	
Proceeds of Long Term Notes	0.00	
Proceeds of Bond Issues	0.00	
Insurance adjustments	1,019.89	
Refunds	74.70	
Gifts	0.00	
New Trust Funds received during year	0.00	

FINANCIAL REPORT, Continued**RECEIPTS, Cont.**

Payments in Lieu of Taxes	0.00
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds	0.00
Sale of town property - Gove Lot Timber	1,631.00
Yield Tax Security Deposits	1,831.20
Grants from U.S.A.	
A. Revenue Sharing	10,030.00
B. Interest on Investments of Revenue Sharing Funds	591.06
C. All Other Grants from USA - CETA	5,550.06
All Other Receipts	
Revenue Sharing Savings Account	13,500.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CURRENT REVENUE	\$129,227.91
TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES	\$544,801.66
Cash on Hand January 1, 1978	28,947.87
GRAND TOTAL	\$573,749.53

FINANCIAL REPORT, Continued**PAYMENTS**

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town Officers' salaries	\$4,430.00
Town Officers' expenses	2,419.42
Election and registration expenses	589.59
Expenses town hall and other buildings	<u>1,513.82</u>

\$ 8,952.83

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department	\$ 910.36
Fire Department, including forest fires	2,500.00
Planning and Zoning (\$275.19) + (\$27.60)	302.79
Damage by dogs	722.00
Insurance	6,961.30
Civil Defense	0.00
Conservation Commission	<u>151.00</u>

\$11,547.45

Health:

Health Department	\$1,268.00
Town dumps and garbage removal	<u>1,158.45</u>

\$ 2,426.45

Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	\$ 1,080.55
Town Maintenance	61,566.84
Street lighting	906.92
General Expenses of Highway Department	<u>16,110.88</u>

\$74,687.25

Libraries:

Library	\$ 2,005.00
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Public Welfare:

Old age assistance	\$263.25
Town poor	0.00
Aid to Permanently and Totally Disabled	<u>0.00</u>

\$ 263.25

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day, Veteran's Association and Old Home Day	\$ 75.00
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Recreation:

Parks and playgrounds	\$ 120.00
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Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries	\$ 300.00
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FINANCIAL REPORT, Continued

Unclassified:

Damages and legal expenses	\$ 628.03	
Advertising and Regional Associations	479.77	
Taxes bought by town	11,083.11	
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	709.52	
Employees' Retirement and Social Security	1,544.62	
Payments to trustees of trust funds (New Trust Funds)	0.00	
All Other Current Maintenance Expenses	<u>14,234.90</u>	
		<u>\$28,679.95</u>

TOTAL CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES \$134,035.12

Debt Service:

Interest on Debt:

Paid on tax anticipation notes	\$ 2,809.29
Paid on long term notes	<u>3,381.99</u>

TOTAL INTEREST PAYMENTS \$ 6,191.28

Principal of Debt:

Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes	\$195,000.00
Payments on long term notes	<u>19,500.00</u>

TOTAL PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS \$214,500.00

Capital Outlay:

Highways and Bridges - Town Construction	
RSA 241:15	\$7,464.00
Lands and Buildings	6,466.25
Payments to capital reserve funds	0.00
Tax Maps	<u>4,990.70</u>

TOTAL OUTLAY PAYMENTS \$ 18,920.95

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

Taxes Paid State Treasurer - Dog Taxes	\$ 38.50
Payments to State a-c 2% Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes	826.12
Taxes paid to County	22,517.00
Payments to School District	<u>166,732.80</u>

TOTAL PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS \$190,114.42

TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR ALL PURPOSES \$563,761.77

Cash on Hand December 31, 1978 9,987.76

GRAND TOTAL \$573,749.53

SCHEDULE OF LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

As of December 31, 1978

Long Term Notes Outstanding:		
Leon Newton Bridge	\$12,500.00	
Town Hall Reconstruction	21,000.00	
South Acworth Bridge	<u>9,000.00</u>	
TOTAL LONG TERM NOTES OUTSTANDING		\$42,500.00
TOTAL BOND OUTSTANDING		0.00
TOTAL LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS		
December 31, 1978		\$42,500.00

RECONCILIATION OF OUTSTANDING LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding Long Term Debt - January 1, 1978		\$62,000.00
New Debt Created During Fiscal Year:		
A. Long Term Notes Issued	0.00	
B. Bonds Issued	<u>0.00</u>	
		<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL		\$62,000.00
Debt Retirement During Fiscal Year:		
Long Term Notes Paid		<u>\$19,500.00</u>
Outstanding Long Term Debt - December 31, 1978		\$42,500.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

FROM LEON F. NEWTON, TAX COLLECTOR

Property Taxes — 1978	\$194,477.54
Yield Taxes — 1978	6,286.17
Resident Taxes — 1978	2,690.00
Property Taxes — Previous Years	132,539.52
Yield Taxes — Previous Years	753.63
Resident Taxes — Previous Years	630.00
Interest	3,229.22
Resident Tax Penalties	72.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	13,792.08

\$354,470.16

FROM BRENDA PITKIN, TOWN CLERK

Dog Licenses	553.50
Auto Permits	12,696.50

13,250.00

FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Reimbursement A/C Tax Loss State Land	114.46
Gas Tax Refund	568.38
Bounties	18.50
Highway Subsidy	13,210.51
Additional Highway Subsidy (Ingram Bill)	7,212.41
Class V Highway (Duncan)	14,220.20
Savings Bank Tax	1,102.53
Interest and Dividend Tax	4,481.94
Business Profits Tax	3,115.28
Rooms & Meals Tax	3,130.88

47,174.29

FROM U.S. GOVERNMENT

Revenue Sharing	10,030.00
CETA Program	5,550.06

15,580.06

FROM MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES

Fees Permits	436.00
Yield Tax Security Deposits	1,831.20
Tax Anticipation Notes	95,000.00
Insurance Claims & Adjustments	1,019.89
Revenue Sharing Savings Account	13,500.00
Rent of Town Hall	175.00
Refunds	74.70
Sale of Town Property (Gove Timber)	1,631.00
Income from Department (Health)	50.40

\$113,718.19

TREASURER'S REPORT, Continued

CURRENT RECEIPTS - TOTAL \$544,192.70

Summary:

Check #3127, November 28, 1977 - Not cashed	\$ 6.07
Balance - January 1, 1978	28,947.87
Current Receipts	<u>544,192.70</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$573,146.64
Less: Total Disbursements	<u>563,158.88</u>
Balance, 31 December 1978	\$ 9,987.76

TREASURER'S SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNT (90-DAY) CONN. RIVER BANK

Balance, 1 January 1978	\$ 7,695.32
Deposits	10,030.00
Interest	591.06
Withdrawal	<u>- 13,500.00</u>
Balance, 31 December 1978	\$4,816.38

CONSERVATION COMMISSION ACCOUNT — WALPOLE SAVINGS

Balance, 25 January 1978	316.09
Deposit	107.05
Interest	<u>17.10</u>
Balance, 31 December 1978	\$ 440.24

Earl F. Luther, Jr.
Treasurer

REVENUE SHARING FUND
Report of Town Audit
Year Ending December 31, 1978

Available Funds - balance January 1, 1978	\$ 7,695.32
Payments - 1978:	
1. \$7,521.00	
2. \$2,509.00	10,030.00
Interest	<u>591.06</u>
TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$18,316.38
Expenditures - 1978:	
1. Library - \$8,000.00	
2. Tax Map - \$1,000.00	
3. Principal of debt - \$4,500.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$13,500.00
Balance December 31, 1978	\$ 4,816.38

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, 1978.

In our opinion, the above Statement of Revenue, Appropriations, 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, 1978.

Alston W. Barrett

Auditor
Town of Acworth, N.H.

January 31, 1979

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Warrant Levy of 1978

Debits

Taxes committed to Collector:		
Property	\$257,922.05	
Resident	3,560.00	
Yield	8,895.03	
Added taxes:		
Resident	180.00	
Interest collected	8.68	
Penalties collected	11.00	
	<hr/>	\$270,576.76

Credits

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property taxes	\$194,477.54	
Resident taxes	2,690.00	
Yield taxes	6,286.17	
Interest	8.68	
Penalties	11.00	
	<hr/>	\$203,473.39
Abatements:		
Property	\$ 242.36	
Uncollected:		
Property	63,202.15	
Resident	1,050.00	
Yield	2,608.86	
	<hr/>	\$ 66,861.01
		\$270,576.76

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT, Continued**Summary of Warrant Levy of 1977**

Uncollected taxes January 1, 1978:

Property	\$133,135.47	
Resident	1,120.00	
Yield	919.16	
	<u> </u>	\$135,164.63

Added Taxes:

Property	\$ 51.21	
Resident	70.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 121.00

Interest collected	\$ 2,111.18	
Penalties collected	62.00	
	<u> </u>	

\$137,469.02

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property taxes	\$132,539.52	
Resident taxes	640.00	
Yield taxes	753.63	
Interest	2,111.18	
Penalties	62.00	
	<u> </u>	\$136,106.33

Abatements:

Property taxes	467.16	
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Uncollected taxes 12-31-78:

Property	\$ 180.00	
Resident	550.00	
Yield	165.53	
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\$137,469.02

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT, Continued**Summary of Tax Sales Accounts As Of December 31, 1978****Tax sales on account of the levies of:**

	1977	1976	Previous
Balance unredeemed 1-1-78		\$7,454.62	\$10,182.73
Taxes sold to Town during year	\$11,083.11		
Interest collected after sale	50.70	256.52	790.34
TOTAL DEBITS	\$11,133.81	\$7,711.14	\$10,973.07
Remittances to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	\$ 5,360.91	\$3,416.93	\$ 5,013.24
Interest collected	50.70	256.52	790.34
Unredeemed taxes 12-31-78	5,722.20	4,037.69	5,169.49
	\$11,133.81	\$7,711.14	\$10,973.07

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

Leon F. Newton
Tax Collector

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY**As of December 31, 1978**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Value</u>
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 60,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	2,000.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	3,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	10,000.00
Police Department, Lands and Buildings	0.00
Equipment	3,000.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	15,000.00
Equipment	35,000.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	40,000.00
Equipment	50,000.00
Materials and Supplies	6,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	5,000.00
All Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's Deeds	
Jennison Lot	4,000.00
Prouty Lot	2,000.00
Howe Lot	1,000.00
Johnson Lot	1,000.00
Gove Lot	20,000.00
Farnsworth Lot	5,000.00
Barton Lot	300.00
Marion Turner Lot	2,000.00
Champney Lot	1,000.00
Cold River Conservation Lot	6,000.00
TOTAL	\$271,300.00

SUMMARY OF DETAIL OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers Salaries

Raymond W. Roy, Selectman	\$ 690.00
Lyman A. Young, Selectman	690.00
Marshall S. Waller, Selectman	690.00
Leon Newton, Tax Collector	690.00
Brenda Pitkin, Town Clerk	690.00
Earl F. Luther, Jr., Treasurer	460.00
Alston W. Barrett, Auditor	115.00
Kathleen Maxwell, Overseer of Poor	60.00
Herman Barth, Constable	345.00
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	\$4,430.00

Town Officer's Expenses

Annual Report and Related Expenses	\$ 797.43
Office Supplies	538.59
Telephone	286.28
Clerical Supplies	378.47
Postage	186.65
Dues	232.00
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	\$2,419.42

Elections and Registrations

Supervisors	\$ 320.00
Ballot Clerks	130.00
Ballots, Registration Cards	129.51
Postage	10.08
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	\$ 589.59

Town Buildings

Fuel	\$ 519.49
Services and Supplies	627.47
Paint and Storm Windows	366.86
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	\$1,513.82

Police Department

Cruiser - repair and parts	\$ 280.18
Crescent Lake Association, Inc.	250.00
Uniforms and equipment	203.85
Radio repairs	109.40
First Aid and other supplies	66.93
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	\$ 910.36

SUMMARY OF DETAIL OF PAYMENTS, Continued

Planning Board

Public notices published	\$ 120.04
Printing	54.30
Postage	74.07
Letterheads and supplies	<u>26.78</u>
	\$ 275.19

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Public notices published	\$ 27.60
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Acworth Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

Town Appropriation	\$2,500.00
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Insurance

Fleet, buildings, and Workmans Compensation	\$6,090.30
Accident and Sick	617.00
Town Officer Bonds	<u>254.00</u>
	\$6,961.30

Legal Expenses

Services	\$ 628.03
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Dog Damage

Farm animals destroyed by dogs	\$ 722.00
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Conservation Commission

Association dues	\$ 25.00
Postage	18.95
Savings deposit	<u>107.05</u>
	\$ 151.00

Town Dump

Custodial Labor	\$1,069.70
Supplies and Services	<u>88.75</u>
	\$1,158.45

SUMMARY OF DETAIL OF PAYMENTS, Continued**Visiting Nurse**

Town Appropriation	\$1,242.00
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Child and Youth Care

Town Appropriation	\$ 26.00
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Town Road Aid

Town Appropriation - paid to State	\$1,080.55
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Street Lighting

Granite State Electric	\$ 906.92
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Highway Department**Summer and Winter**

Labor (net):	\$25,784.86	
I.R.S.	2,593.80	
Social Security	1,994.79	
	<u> </u>	\$30,373.45

Supplies:

Asphalt for sealing	\$6,421.53	
Culverts	4,295.67	
Salt	2,357.12	
Bridge Timber	2,290.35	
Blades	1,990.46	
Bituminous patching	1,395.30	
General	1,104.40	
	<u> </u>	\$19,854.83

Contract Services:

Scening sand	\$2,560.00	
General	3,800.62	
	<u> </u>	\$ 6,360.62

<u> </u>	\$56,588.90
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**General Expenses
[Highway Department]****Fuel:**

Gasoline - 8,177.4 gallons	\$4,714.56	
No. 1 fuel - 309.8 gallons	149.10	
No. 2 fuel - 1,347.3 gallons	634.85	
	<u> </u>	\$5,498.51

SUMMARY OF DETAIL OF PAYMENTS, Continued**General Expenses, Cont.**

Replacement Parts & Contract Repairs	\$7,157.20	
Supplies and Parts	2,789.41	
Services	472.12	
Telephone	193.64	
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		<u>10,612.37</u>
		\$16,110.88

Library

Town Appropriation - To Trustees	\$2,005.00
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Town Poor	\$ 0.00
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Old Age Assistance

Assistance Provided	\$ 263.25
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Memorial Day

Britton-Porter Post - band	\$ 75.00
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Town Commons

Mowing lawns	\$ 150.00
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Cemeteries

Town appropriation - to Cemetery Committee	\$ 300.00
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Advertising and Regional Associations

Dues	\$ 322.00
Advertising - public notices	<u>178.29</u>
	\$ 500.29

Employees Retirement and Social Security

Treasurer - State of New Hampshire	\$1,544.62
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Debt Service

Long Term Notes - principal	\$19,500.00
Long Term Notes - interest	3,381.99
Tax Anticipation Notes - interest	2,809.29

SUMMARY OF DETAIL OF PAYMENTS, Continued

Capital Outlay

Acworth Tax Map	\$3,966.00
Library - structural repairs	6,466.25
Highway Subsidy - Class V R.S.A. 241:15	
Crushing gravel	5,450.00
Gravel, lumber, truck	1,200.00
Trucks, bulldozer	814.00
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	\$7,464.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FOR 1978

The structural repairs of the Library were completed late in the year. These repairs, along with the improvements to the School, the refurbishing of the Church and the enlargement of the Town House have enhanced the beauty of the Commons and increased the functional use of the buildings. Use of the Town House has increased substantially because of the improved meeting quarters for both large and small groups.

The major rebuilding of the Acworth-Charlestown Road has been started. As monies are available, increments of this road will be rebuilt each year. The major repair of the Grout Hill Bridge is the fourth bridge crossing the Cold River to have been completed in as many years.

Tax Map work continues to progress to completion. A total of four public presentations were made, each covering a different section of the Town. These presentations were very informative and brought out some ownership questions, practically all of which have been resolved. We can now be sure that all Acworth land has been recorded on the tax roll.

One of the Selectmen's more frustrating problems is the control of dogs. Dog damage to farm animals amounted to \$677 in 1978, plus \$45 veterinarian fees. During the latter part of the year a concerted effort was made to gain control over this problem. As a result, dogs registered and licenses issued increased by over 60%. Identification of roving dogs will be easier and unlicensed dogs can be handled properly, reducing the possibility of nuisance and damage.

Even with the progress that has been made, there are still problems that need attention. The annual review of real estate assessments with the necessary on-site appraisal of all new construction, plus the tabulation and computational work required to establish the tax rate, continues to be a major problem for your Selectmen. The time required increases each year because of the increasing activities of subdividing, building and transferring of ownership. The 1978 tax roll includes 585 property owners, covering some 900 parcels of land and 370 buildings spread over 37 square miles of the Town. More than 50 transfers of title were processed.

The new Tax Map and indexing system will ease the problem of keeping ownership records current. Methods to reduce the bookkeeping and computational load are being investigated. Hopefully, these improvements will reduce the task to a more reasonable level. However, the option of a separate Board of Assessors should receive serious consideration.

In the immediate future of 1979-1981, the problems of solid waste disposal will have to be dealt with. Our present method of disposal does not have the desired environmental standards. There is no easy low-cost way to meet Federal and State standards. At this time, a cooperative effort with the County and/or neighboring towns is being studied. Your Selectmen are cooperating in this study as authorized by you in the 1978 Town Meeting. Results of this study will be publicized via local news media.

REPORT OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN, Continued

The Selectmen want to thank Mrs. Christine Barnard for the many years of competent and dedicated service of supervising the summer maintenance of the Town Commons. Mrs. Barnard has been performing her special service for approximately two decades. We are most appreciative of her faithful services which will be sorely missed in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

The Board of Adjustment held 6 public hearings in the year ending December 31, 1978. 7 requests for variances were granted; 1 request for variance was denied.

Our activity this year was considerably greater than in previous years, and from all indications will continue at the same or at an increased rate. As with previous years, a number of requests which might have required action by this Board were able to be resolved at the Planning Board by adjustment on the part of the applicant to permit the request to be brought in line with the zoning regulations. This in great measure lightens our load, and provides for a speedy and equitable resolution of differences.

The Board has at present 2 rulings which have required legal action, and these have been referred to the Selectmen and Town Counsel for appropriate action. Resolution of these by the lawyers and/or courts is pending at this time.

In light of the increased activity of the Board, which entails expenditures for public notice of meetings and correspondence, it would seem prudent to institute a fee system to defray the costs associated with our work. We have so recommended to the Selectmen.

The Board of Adjustment meets at the Town Hall on the first Thursday of each month, at 7:30 P.M. Those wishing to meet with the Board should contact a member of the Board prior to the meeting they will attend. Applicants for variance should bear in mind that 30 days is the minimum time required for processing a variance.

We wish to thank the Planning Board and the Selectmen for their cooperation and assistance during this past year.

Submitted for the Board,

Kenneth Grant, Jr.
Chairman

REPORT OF TOWN COUNCIL

The year 1978 required relatively little legal activity on behalf of the Town of Acworth. There were three matters of active litigation, as follows:

1. The Davis and Symonds Company decision and agreements from 1975 involving Pierce Brook Estates was brought back before the Court on behalf of some of the residents of that area in an attempt to get the Company to complete some of the road work that it had been ordered to do. Additional work was done on the roads as a result of several court hearings during the year. Further court hearings may be necessary, but hopefully more work will be done on the roads during 1979.

2. Court action was initiated against a local family in March of 1978 for construction of an addition to their dwelling without a Building Permit nor a variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment in order to satisfy set back requirements from the highway. This case is scheduled for trial in March 1979, and the Town will try to recover its legal fees in the enforcement proceedings.

3. Also continued for Court action in March 1979 is an appeal from a denial by the Acworth Zoning Board of Adjustment of a variance to construct a cottage on a sub-standard lot on the north shore of Crescent Lake.

There are no other cases initiated or pending for or against the Town as of February 14, 1979.

Respectfully submitted,

R.J. Shortlidge, Jr.

REPORT OF THE ACWORTH PLANNING BOARD — 1978

The seven member Planning Board continues to hold regular meetings on the last Tuesday of each month for pre-scheduled subdivision hearings and to accept new subdivision applications. Other meetings during the year were held by appointment to handle additional subdivision material and discuss proposals submitted by applicants, in addition to working on the Master Plan and Site Plan Review Regulations.

The following is a summary of subdivision activity for 1978. The Board heard twenty-three applications; twelve were processed to an approved completion; nine are pending or in progress; and two were determined not to constitute a subdivision. The twelve applications processed to completion created thirteen new parcels of land. These average in size from five to twenty acres.

At the end of May, the Board held a hearing at the eastern end of the Charlestown Road per requirements of R.S.A. 253:18, "Scenic Roads." Ten people attended and viewed the Town reconstruction site. There were no objections to the proposed plans and approval was granted.

Also during late May and continuing into July, the Board developed a set of Site Plan Review regulations for non-residential use. These have been written and adopted per R.S.A. 36:19-a. Sample forms in use by other New Hampshire towns were used for guidance along with technical and printing assistance from Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Council.

The Master Plan has been completed with minor revisions and updating to reflect any significant changes in current land use and Town attitudes. Plans indicate that printing and binding will be completed during early 1979.

The Acworth Conservation Commission developed a plan to have one of its members present at all the monthly Planning Board meetings and report to its own members the current activities of the Planning Board. This has been done on a rotation basis, giving all members an opportunity to participate. The Planning Board has benefited from this attendance and it is hoped that the practice will continue.

The Planning Board welcomes that public to attend any of its meetings and would also welcome the presentation of questions and opinions in order that the Board may better represent the whole Town.

The following are elected Planning Board members shown with their respective term expiration dates:

Kenneth Christie — 1979

Frances Streeter, Secretary — 1980

Robert Weaver — 1981

Maggie Hanson — 1979

James G. Phinizy — 1980

Alston W. Barrett — 1981

Selectman Member - Marshall S. Waller - 1981

Respectfully submitted,

Alston W. Barrett

Chairman

CONSERVATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

Early this May, the Conservation Commission again held a "Green-up Day" - removing litter from local roadsides. Our thanks go to the many volunteers both young and old who help us with what has become an annual project.

Our past Chairman, Robert Yale who had held that position since the creation of the Commission chose not to accept re-appointment this year. We regret his absence and wish to publically extend our thanks to him for his past efforts on behalf of the Commission. Several new members have been appointed and Kristian Fenderson was elected Chairman.

For the first time this year Commission members have been regularly attending Planning Board meetings on a rotating basis. The Commission felt that it would be advantageous to both the Planning Board and potential subdividers if potential matters of land and water conservation could be brought to our mutual attention during early stages of proposals. We have had excellent relations with the Planning Board regarding this new policy and wish to thank them for their co-operation.

On November 9, The Commission showed the film "Farming and the Land" which dealt with the alarming loss of farmland in southern New Hampshire. We were fortunate in having Gordon Gowen, Farm Bureau Policy Board member with us to discuss some of the economic factors contributing to this problem. In addition to Mr. Gowen, Bruce Clement, Cheshire County Co-operative Extension Agent, and Carol Rees of N.H. Organic Farmers Association presented their perspectives on the problem.

In addition, when possible, Commission members have attended area meetings relating to conservation matters.

Respectfully submitted,

G.K. Fenderson, Chairman
Acworth Conservation Commission

ROAD AGENT REPORT — 1978

The following work was done on the roads in 1978:

1. Culverts were put in on Heino, Serkin, Derry Hill, East Acworth, Turkey Shoot and Grout Hill Roads.
2. Grout Hill bridge had new planks on floor, plus railings replaced.
3. Ledge was put on shoulders of the Crane Brook and Forest Roads.
4. Sealing was done on Charlestown and Forest Roads, and all the main roadsides were mowed.
5. The ditches were cleaned on Derry Hill and Charlestown Roads.
6. Hot top was put on Forest and Crescent Lake Roads, and around the Town Hall and the School.
7. Posts and railings were put on Lynn Hill Road around the big culvert.
8. Brush was cut on Lynn Hill, Charlestown Road, Grout Hill, Poly Hill and Rhoades Road.
9. Crushed gravel was put on Lynn Hill, Black North, Turkey Shoot Roads, Brier's, Campbell's, Serkin's and Pitkin's Roads; also Phoenix Nest, Poly Hill, Balla's, Meader's, Putnam's, Gates Mountain, Harvey Bascom's, Ken Bascom's, Pelton's, Grout Hill, LaBarre's, Nelson's, Moody's and Taylor's Roads.
10. All roads were graded once and some of them twice.
11. The loader, 4-wheel drive truck, and all the snow plow equipment were painted.

I want to thank everyone who worked with me this past year.

Thank you,

Don A. Porter, Road Agent

CONSTABLE and DOG WARDEN

Annual Report

March 15, 1978 to December 31, 1978

1. Toured Acworth with cruiser 122 days out of 295 days; total miles - 3,497.
2. Car accidents involving bodily injury - 2 (4 victims).
3. Car accidents - 5.
4. Car accidents involving property damage other than car - 2.
5. Motorcycle accident bodily injury - 1.
6. Stolen property (Town) - 3. Open cases.
7. Abandoned cars towed away by Acworth Garage - 4.
8. Stolen vehicle towed by Acworth Garage - 1. Cleared, resulting in 4 arrests and convictions of other crimes.
9. Break-ins involving theft - 8. Cleared.
10. Break-ins involving vandalism - 3. Cleared.
11. Reported theft of wood - 1. Cleared.
12. Reported theft of trees - 1. Cleared.
13. Bicycle theft - 1. Teenage convicted.
14. Theft personal property at Deep Hole. Cleared.
15. Domestic problems - 2. Cleared.
16. Gun stolen by teenager recovered. Cleared.
17. Complaint log skidders in roadway.
18. Stabbing - 1. Open.
19. Stolen mail boxes - 1.
20. Gun shots reported - 1.
21. Violation of boundaries (stone wall).
22. Prowler calls - 5.
23. Warrants served - 1.
24. Traffic violations warnings - 6.
25. Deer hit by car - 1. Destroyed.
26. Wrecker calls - 21. Cars off roadway, break downs.
27. Stolen cars, Maine registration, resulting in arrest of suspect.
28. Guns bought by Acworth residents - 8.

Dog Warden Annual Report

March 15, 1978 to December 31, 1978

1. Stray dogs - 7.
2. Stray dogs destroyed - 2.
3. Stray dogs, found homes for - 3.
4. Stray dogs claimed by owners - 2.
5. Restrain orders after bites - 2. 10 days maximum.
6. Written warnings - 10.
7. Written warnings, second time - 2.
8. Total dog calls - 15.

Respectfully submitted,

Herman Barth,
Constable and Dog Warden

ACWORTH CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

About the only thing that was done in the cemetery this year was the regular maintenance work. This was done at a cost of \$265.00.

We did, however, purchase a Bolens lawnmower from R.N. Johnson to help us with the mowing. Our old mower was beyond repair.

The annual Cemetery Association meeting was poorly attended. The same officers were re-elected.

We would like to thank the Ladies Community Aid for its contribution to us.

Gladys Ring
Treasurer

THE FALL MOUNTAIN VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE TOWN OF ACWORTH

Nine and a half percent of the population of Acworth, or 45 different people, received VNA services in 1978. Services included skilled nursing care, occupational therapy, nurse evaluation and health promotion visits, and clinic. A number of health screening programs (including cancer, diabetes and blood pressure) were offered, and flu vaccinations were provided free of charge.

Sixty percent of the services provided by the VNA are paid for by Medicare, Medicaid or other insurances. However, because the VNA provides care regardless of an individual capacity to pay, 40% needs special funding. A part of this additional funding is realized through fund drive receipts, private contributions and memorial gifts. The balance must come from community tax support. Without tax support fully 35% of the VNA's services would be sacrificed.

It is necessary for the VNA to request a substantial increase in tax support in 1979. As the cost of living rises fewer people can afford the cost of health care, so VNA income is correspondingly reduced. VNA expenses, unfortunately, increase along with everyone else's. It was hoped in 1978 that the Agency could realize more funding through special appeals. But, again, the inflation crunch reduced anticipated total contributions.

Without additional local tax support, those with the greatest need would have to be denied services. Especially hard hit would be the elderly, the terminally ill able to be cared for at home because of VNA help, and young mothers who need special guidance in parenting and good health practices.

In the long run a few more tax dollars for the VNA can save the community many dollars that would otherwise have to be spent on hospitals, nursing homes and other special services.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Frazer
Director

Although our school is the most remote of any in the district, the district goal is that all attendance areas have the same quality of education. I am confident that this goal is realized in Acworth.

Our district is mandated by law 94-142 to offer a program for the handicapped from ages 3 - 21. We are doing it, but it requires a lot of transportation from Acworth to the learning disability centers. District-wide it requires personnel of 25 to offer this program and still some are sent outside of the district. I bring this up only to show that this is a service of the district (of which there are many) of which we are recipients by being a member of the district.

The enrollment in the school has gone down steadily which makes the per pupil cost rise. Presently the cost per pupil is around \$600 more to offer the benefits of a small rural school. Acworth is growing and so will the school. We can probably double our enrollment and handle it within our existing building.

We have continued to improve the playground this year by bringing in fill, grading and seeding, enlarging the asphalt play area, and installing a new backstop and rail fence.

New carpeting was installed in the lower grades' room and painting was done. In the upper grades' room window shades were replaced. All windows have been equipped with storm sash. Also, the installation of a fire alarm system and emergency lighting was completed.

We are most fortunate to have the same teachers who continue to give our children a very high quality of education.

Many interested citizens assist throughout the year with special services for the children. If I were to single out projects or names I would be sure to leave some one out. They are greatly appreciated by teachers and pupils as well as myself.

The Parents' Club is very supportive in its fund-raising projects and extra curricula activities which they provide for the children.

Accountability is a word that will be heard frequently in our district, state, and nation. The State Board of Education has mandated that each school district have in effect by 1981 a comprehensive planning program, which will lead to reliable reporting of student performance to the community and the state. Dr. Westcott, Superintendent of Schools, will cover what has been done and what will be done to comply with this mandate in his report to the district.

I have served as the Vice Chairman of the district board and as delegate to the State School Board's Association. This has afforded me the opportunity to attend many state conferences as well as regional meetings. All our meetings are in the Fall Mountain Regional High School library and open to the public. We encourage people to come and participate.

I feel that we have experienced another year of dynamic leadership under Dr. Westcott, and we can look forward to continued progress.

This completes three years on the board. I have found it a learning and rewarding experience as I have endeavored to give Acworth good representation.

Respectfully submitted,

Waldo R. Streeter,
Acworth School Board Member

ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY REPORT 1978

The repairs to the Library have been completed and the building is in excellent condition. All requirements for insurance regulations have been met. Storm windows have been installed throughout. This work was covered by funds from Revenue Sharing.

In the 1979 budget, money is requested for installation of a Waterless Toilet. The present facility in the basement does not meet sanitary codes and should be relaxed.

The school and Library continue to work cooperatively for the best interest of the children. Older children visit the Library on Tuesday afternoon and the younger ones on Thursday. At that time they have a story read by Mrs. Christine Grant or Mrs. Deborah Hinman. Various exhibits were held throughout the year; Christmas books, 4-H prize awards, books on insects. Anyone who entered the children's room met "Sherman", a papier mache dinosaur, exhibit by the youngsters in Mrs. MacDonald's class. In conjunction with this the Library showed books on prehistoric animals.

Once again community organizations contributed to the book fund; Community Aid, Female Charitable Society, Woman's Club. Various individuals also donated. Due to the inflated cost of books these gifts are sincerely appreciated.

Mrs. Newton attended three District Advisory Council meetings and two book buying exhibits. In October Mrs. Maurice Miller was a delegate to the New Hampshire Conference on Library and Information Service. For reasons of economy the Bookmobile service may be curtailed by the State. This was a point of discussion at the Conference. Acworth residents have been urged to write letters to the State Library to protest this action. An article appeared in the January 1979 issue of "New Hampshire Profiles" in which our Library received favorable publicity. **One For The Books** by Tom Richmond quotes Mrs. Newton on the necessity for continuing Bookmobile service.

Salaries must be increased to conform to the Federal Minimum Wage Law and the budget so indicates. To continue as a member of the State Development Plan the Library must be open a minimum of eleven hours per week. This is based upon population increase. Acworth is ninth in the State in per capita circulation in the population category of 2000 or less. This further justifies the extra hours weekly. The budget is presented upon an eleven hour week.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Poltrack
for the Trustees

ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY 1978

Librarian's Report

Additions 1978 - Fiction, 33 - Non-fiction, 64 - Children, 58 - Puzzles, 12	
TOTAL	167
Number of magazines in circulation	37
Number of records	190
Number of puzzles	12
Number of Common Borrowers Cards issued	3
Number of books borrowed from the N.H. State Library	19
Number of books borrowed from Keene City Library	108
Number of books borrowed from Shedd Library, Alstead	160
Number of books borrowed from the Bookmobile:	
Fiction	1066
Non-fiction	1133
Children	1625
Total books borrowed from Bookmobile	3830
Records	7
Number of visits of Bookmobile	3
Number of books, magazines, records, and puzzles circulated:	
Fiction	2809
Non-fiction	1325
Magazines	597
Records	47
Puzzles	36
Children	2057
TOTAL	6871

This is an increase of over 250 items circulated in 1978 as compared to 1977.

Librarians,

Maude H. Moody, Librarian
Ella P. Newton, Assistant Librarian

ACWORTH SILSBY FREE LIBRARY

Financial Report 1978

RECEIPTS:

Balance December 31, 1977	\$ 518.20
Interest Trust Funds	98.18
Town	2,005.00
Revenue Sharing	675.00
Gifts	315.00
Book sales, Fines	79.68
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	\$3,691.06

EXPENDITURES:

Electricity	83.61
Fuel	332.51
Salaries	1,216.35
Custodian	75.00
Supplies, Miscellaneous	89.10
Books, Magazines, Records	705.02
Maintenance	727.50
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	\$3,229.09

	\$3,691.06
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Balance December 31, 1978	\$ 461.97

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Hartwell, Treasurer
Board of Trustees

ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY

Proposed Budget for 1979

OPERATING BUDGET

(Based on the Library being open 11 hours per week instead of 9 hours.)

Salaries	\$1,626.00
Fuel	450.00
Electricity	120.00
Supplies, Maintenance, etc.	175.00
Books	204.00
Custodian	75.00
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	\$2,650.00

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Installation of Waterless Toilet and enclosure	\$1,000.00
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Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Poltrack
For the Library Trustees

TAX RATES PER HUNDRED DOLLARS
Ten Years and
Distribution of Dollars

	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>
Town	\$1.17	\$1.25	\$.86	\$1.24	\$.61
School	2.63	2.88	2.41	2.06	2.27
County	<u>.30</u>	<u>.37</u>	<u>.39</u>	<u>.30</u>	<u>.42</u>
TAX RATE	\$4.10	\$4.50	\$3.66	\$3.60	\$3.30

	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
Town	\$.96	\$.92	\$.99	\$.94	\$1.02
School	2.33	2.22	2.55	2.50	2.82
County	<u>.36</u>	<u>.36</u>	<u>.37</u>	<u>.44</u>	<u>.36</u>
TAX RATE	\$3.65	\$3.50	\$3.91	\$3.88	\$4.20

TOWN TAX REVENUE
Ten Years and
Distribution of Revenue

	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>
Town	\$ 36,805.21	\$ 39,852.83	\$ 35,727.69	\$ 36,472.67	\$ 24,651.08
School	88,249.05	101,667.55	108,243.03	108,476.69	110,814.86
County	<u>10,105.90</u>	<u>12,995.69</u>	<u>17,414.07</u>	<u>15,713.99</u>	<u>20,117.91</u>
TOTAL	\$135,160.16	\$154,516.07	\$161,384.79	\$160,663.35	\$155,583.85

	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
Town	\$ 44,748.00	\$ 47,270.19	\$ 51,012.40	\$ 52,191.00	\$ 58,435.00
School	120,510.65	127,658.59	143,519.33	150,666.89	176,894.73
County	<u>18,184.75</u>	<u>20,607.26</u>	<u>20,668.27</u>	<u>26,199.11</u>	<u>22,517.00</u>
TOTAL	\$183,443.40	\$195,635.04	\$215,200.00	\$230,410.00	\$257,846.73

Net Town Tax increases 1.59 times
 Net School Tax increases 2.00 times
 Net County Tax increases 2.23 times
TOTAL TAX INCREASES 1.91 times

TAX REVENUE AND REIMBURSEMENTS

From State

Ten Years

	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>
Int. & Div. Tax	\$ 362.84	\$ 776.59	\$ 784.85	\$ 1,545.97	\$ 1,743.04
Sav. Bank Tax	246.52	246.63	286.75	284.26	298.96
Meals & Rooms Tax	1,039.02	1,868.48	2,083.87	2,283.50	2,522.85
Reimb. Forest	104.84	249.08	274.05	371.49	467.53
Reimb. D.A. Assist.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Highway Subsidy Tax	0.00	0.00	7,591.46	15,161.64	15,069.37
Reimb. Bus. P. Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,324.68	2,440.92
Class V "Duncan"	8,924.86	9,490.45	9,476.80	10,492.09	12,272.98
TOTAL	\$10,678.08	\$12,631.23	\$20,497.84	\$32,463.63	\$34,815.65

	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
Int. & Div. Tax	\$ 4,034.00	\$ 3,377.91	\$ 4,481.94	\$ 7,486.72	\$ 4,481.94
Sav. Bank Tax	385.46	524.71	1,206.95	793.52	1,102.53
Meals & Rooms Tax	2,727.72	2,933.03	3,130.08	3,130.08	3,130.08
Reimb. Forest	0.00	126.55	120.76	134.90	114.46
Reimb. O.A. Assist.	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,761.27	0.00
Highway Subsidy Tax	14,741.13	14,066.02	13,643.08	13,557.40	20,422.92
Reimb. Bus. P. Tax	2,562.96	2,691.08	2,825.64	2,966.92	3,115.28
Class V "Duncan"	13,994.65	12,606.47	15,695.64	15,486.34	14,220.20
TOTAL	\$38,445.92	\$36,325.77	\$41,104.09	\$49,317.15	\$47,174.29

TOTAL STATE TAX REVENUE increase 4.42 times

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ACWORTH, N.H. ON DECEMBER 31, 1978

Name of TRUST FUND	How Invested	Balance Beginning Year	New Funds	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year
Cemetery	N.H. Savings	\$20,214.82	\$ 0.00	\$1,104.09	\$1,095.07	\$20,223.84
Library	N.H. Savings	1,789.06	0.00	97.99	97.99	1,789.06
Cemetery	C.R. Savings	2,842.54	1,095.07	140.90	280.00	3,798.51

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

DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1978

NAMES	DATE	RESIDENCE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE
Philip Paul Brehio Dorothy Eva Bailey	June 10, 1978	Langdon, N.H. Langdon, N.H.	Acworth, N.H.
John Joseph Fernandes Elaine Louise Tucker	July 29, 1978	Newtown, Ct. Danbury, Ct.	Acworth, N.H.
Daniel Robert McWethy Deborah Miner	December 30, 1978	Acworth, N.H. Acworth, N.H.	Acworth, N.H.

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

DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1978

<u>NAME OF CHILD</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
Samuel Michael Blake	Susan Marie Dionne Michael Everett Blake	December 30, 1977	Peterborough, N.H.
Benjamin Isaac Ayer	Ellen Marie Slater Larry Richard Ayer, Sr.	March 24, 1978	Lebanon, N.H.
Annaliese Hiller Wolf	Helen Hiller Frink Frederick James Wolf	June 30, 1978	Peterborough, N.H.
Samuel Cushing Phinizy	Elin Calvert Myrin James G. Phinizy	September 15, 1978	Keene, N.H.
John Murray Lyman	Andrea Jeanne Murray Robert Kirk Lyman, Jr.	November 12, 1978	Acworth, N.H.

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

DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1978

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>
John F. Balla	January 6, 1978	93	Unity, N.H.
Earl F. Luther, Sr.	June 21, 1978	84	Hanover, N.H.
Harvey S. Putnam	October 6, 1978	63	Hanover, N.H.

