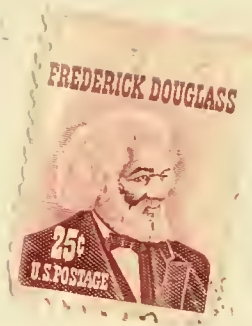


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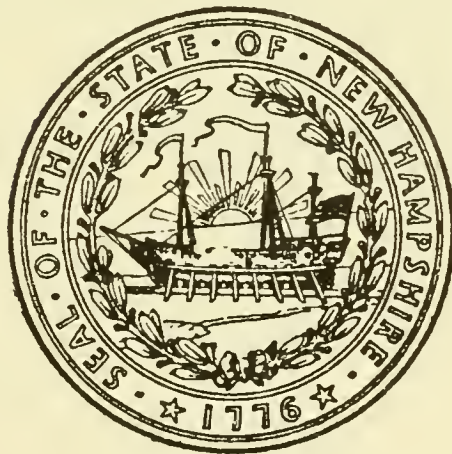
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TOWN OFFICERS
March Town Meeting

Town Clerk

PATRICIA MITCHELL	1978
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Selectmen

HOLLIS POLLARD	1979
E. WAYNE THOMPSON	1978
WILLIAM T. THISTLE	1977

Treasurer

CLARA JENNESS	1978
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Tax Collector

MARGARET A. THISTLE	1978
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Trustees of Trust Funds

MORTON CAVIS	1979
CARL GOUTELL	1978
DR. JAMES TOWNSEND	1977

ELECTIONS

Supervisors of Check List

JEAN WILCOX	1982
CECILE GRAY	1980
MYRA CAVIS	1978

Moderator

RONALD TOWNE	1978
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APPOINTMENTS

Forest Fire Warden
HOLLIS L. POLLARD

Deputy Wardens

DELMORE BUCKLIN	JOHN JENNESS
JOHN MORGAN JR.	PAUL MORRILL

Chief of Police
KENNETH RAYMOND

Fire Chief
PAUL MORRILL

Planning Board

LAWRENCE DENTON	ROBERT WILLIAMS
FRANCIS SEELY	LAWRENCE DREW
CONSTANCE WEISBERG	MARILYN RAYMOND
WILLIAM T. THISTLE, Ex. Off.	
MARY JANE DENTON, Clerk	

Conservation Commission

DR. JAMES TOWNSEND	MARLENE MATTHEWS
RONALD TOWNE	

TOWN WARRANT
State of New Hampshire

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Grange Hall in said Bridgewater on Tuesday, the Eighth day of March next, at twelve of the clock in the noon, to act upon the following subjects:

Polls to be opened from 12:00 noon to 7:00 P.M.
Business Meeting at 8:00 P.M.

1. To choose a Selectman for three (3) years and all other necessary Town Officers.
2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$501.52 for T.R.A., provided that the State contributes the sum of \$3,343.48.
3. To see if the Town will vote to expend the 1977 State Highway Subsidy Fund for Town Construction.
4. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Expenses as estimated in the budget.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,500 for the purchase of new equipment, and authorize the withdrawal of \$5,500 from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 as amended by 2nd Session of the 94th Congress.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,500 for a Highway Garage, and authorize the withdrawal of \$3,500 from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 as amended by 2nd Session of the 94th Congress, with the balance to be raised by issuing a series of notes for a period not to exceed Ten (10) years.
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum

of \$4,000 for the Fire Dept., and authorize the withdrawal of \$2,000 from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 as amended by 2nd Session of the 94th Congress, and \$2,000 by appropriation.

8. To see if the Town will vote to approve the purchase of the Edward Willoughby property, approximately 19 acres, on the Pemigewasset River at a price of \$15,000, to be paid for, without interest, over a period of 3 years, in equal payments, for use by the Town for future recreational purposes. (Requested by the Planning Board)

9. To see what action the Town will take regarding Libraries.

10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to receive in the name of the Town any and all grants or relief from any other governmental divisions.

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

12. To transact any further business that may legally come before the meeting.

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

Hollis L. Pollard
E. Wayne Thompson
William T. Thistle
Selectmen of Bridgewater

A true copy of Warrant **Attest

Hollis L. Pollard
E. Wayne Thompson
William T. Thistle
Selectmen of Bridgewater

SELECTMEN'S REPORT OF INVENTORY

Land, Improved and Unimproved	\$4,487,900.00
Buildings	4,503,950.00
Public Utilities	228,950.00
House Trailers, Mobile Homes	191,200.00
Boats & Launches	51,000.00
Total Valuation before Exemptions	\$9,805,100.00
Less exemptions allowed	49,400.00
Net Valuations	\$9,755,700.00
Property Taxes Committed to Collector	\$236,811.62

Tax Rate \$2.45

SELECTMEN'S CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the information in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

HOLLIS L. POLLARD
 WILLIAM T. THISTLE
 E. WAYNE THOMPSON
 Selectmen of Bridgewater

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER, N.H.
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

SECTION I	Appropriations	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations
PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Previous Fiscal Yr.	Previous Fiscal Yr.	Ensuing Fiscal Yr. 1977
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$4,500.00	\$4,779.00	\$5,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	4,500.00	3,290.00	3,500.00
Election & Registration Expenses	400.00	612.00	300.00
Motor Vehicle Permits	600.00	770.00	800.00
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	2,100.00	3,667.00	3,500.00
Employees' Retirement & Soc. Sec.	1,900.00	3,164.00	1,900.00
Contingency Fund	200.00	200.00	200.00
Lakes Region Mental Health	50.00	0	50.00
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Police Department	1,800.00	2,077.00	2,000.00
Fire Department	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
Ambulance Service	500.00	520.00	625.00
Insurance	4,500.00	4,875.00	5,000.00
Planning & Zoning	300.00	133.00	150.00
Damages & Legal Expense	750.00	268.00	750.00
Civil Defense	200.00	0	----
Health Department:			
[Incl. Hospitals & Ambulance]			
Vital Statistics	5.00	4.00	5.00
Humane Society	150.00	150.00	200.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	8,000.00	4,341.00	2,500.00
Highways & Bridges:			
Lakes Region Planning Commission	520.00	523.00	523.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	57,500.00	69,998.00	60,000.00
Town Road Aid	504.00	504.00	502.00
Libraries:	235.00	235.00	235.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	400.00	196.00	400.00
Old Age Assistance	1,200.00	2,126.00	2,200.00
Patriotic Purposes			
[Memorial Day, etc.]	630.00	615.00	630.00

Recreation:	450.00	0	450.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Newfound Area Nursing Association	1,000.00	0	1,000.00
Old Home Day	100.00	100.00	150.00
Cemeteries	300.00	119.00	400.00
Conservation Commission	0	0	200.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	300.00	305.00	310.00
Debt Service:			
Principal & Long Term Notes & Bonds	3,750.00	3,750.00	1,000.00
Interest - Long Term Notes & Bonds	2,350.00	282.00	1,050.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	2,500.00	4,900.00	3,500.00
Capital Outlay:			
Town Construction	6,600.00	6,600.00	6,600.00
New Equipment	5,200.00	12,877.00	5,500.00
Incinerator	8,500.00	8,500.00	0
Land Purchase	1,000.00	150.00	5,000.00
Fire Department	4,000.00	3,159.00	4,000.00
New Buildings	----	----	3,500.00
Deficit			5,000.00
Total Appropriations	\$126,210.00		\$130,030.00

SECTION II SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Yr.	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Yr.	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Yr. 1977
From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	5,000.00	5,518.00	5,000.00
Savings Bank Tax	600.00	846.00	800.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	2,900.00	3,197.00	3,100.00
Highway Subsidy (Cl. IV & V)	6,600.00	6,630.00	6,670.00
Reim. A/C Business Profits Tax (Town Portion)	2,500.00	2,534.00	2,500.00
Gas Tax Refund	----	1,260.00	500.00
From Local Sources:			
Dog Licenses	175.00	270.00	250.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	0	97.00	----
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	7,000.00	12,261.00	7,000.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	1,200.00	1,804.00	1,500.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	260.00	418.00	400.00
Resident Taxes Retained	2,800.00	3,370.00	3,300.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	400.00	456.00	700.00
Rent of Town Property	120.00	136.00	120.00
Sale of Town Property	----	65.00	----
Interest on Invested Funds	0	137.00	----
Plowing of Driveways	2,000.00	3,275.00	2,500.00
Bond & Note Issues (Contra)	3,000.00	----	----
Miscellaneous Income	----	6.00	----
From Federal Sources:			
Revenue Sharing	10,200.00	10,200.00	11,000.00
*Total Revenues From All Sources Except Property Taxes	45,055.00	----	45,340.00
*Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes	----	----	84,690.00
Total Revenues			\$130,030.00

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

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The financial condition of the Town during fiscal 1976 resulted in a change from a surplus of \$2,966 to a deficit \$35,280.

As indicated in the audit report a total of \$132,683.21 was expended to rebuild the Town roads after the disastrous flood in 1973. The State Disaster Coordinating Office has refused to allow \$37,063 of this amount. The Selectmen are now awaiting the outcome of a special audit conducted last December. In case of an adverse decision on this audit an appeal will be made to the highest possible authority.

Other than this, the financial condition of the Town remains very favorable with a budget deficit of \$2,417 and a long term indebtedness of \$3,000.

A considerable increase in the 1976 Tax Rate resulted from increases in the School and County tax levies by over \$30,000. It is hoped that the School share may decrease in the coming year due to a possible drop in the Bridgewater enrollment and application of the new formula.

All of the legal requirements have been met regarding the Regional Refuse Disposal District which will reimburse the Town of Bridgewater in full for all expenditures to date. The facility will be in operation in the spring, however, final arrangements for separation of cans and bottles are uncertain at this time.

The TRA project on the Dick Brown Road now has been completed as far as the Town Dump. Present plans are to seal this and the other hard surfaced roads during the coming summer. The department is now very well equipped to carry out its duties with everything in good condition with the exception of the sand and salt spreader which is badly corroded and is now 5 years old. An article is in the warrant for a replacement.

The Huber grader was exchanged for a larger Caterpillar unit when it was found that the expense of repairs and overhaul would exceed the cost of exchanging for a larger machine which is in excellent condition.

An article has been placed in the warrant for a new and larger garage for the Highway Department. It is suggested that the building be located on land now owned by the Town near the gate to the present Town Dump. The present garage is large enough to house only one piece of equipment and two of the fire trucks. Land

space is not available to allow for any sizable addition. The Selectmen propose to make the present building available to the Fire Department.

The Fire Department now consists of a complement of 19 men, who are equipped with helmets, coats and boots. The boots were purchased by each man individually. Many of the coats and helmets have been acquired through the efforts of the Auxiliary.

Three of the trucks are now equipped with radios and are able to communicate with other departments as well as between themselves. When and if winter storage space becomes available a total of 2,000 gallons of water will be ready for immediate use at a fire situation. A standard Mack 750 gal pumper is now on loan from the State Forestry Dept. but has not been put into use as yet.

500 feet of 1½" hose and 250 feet of 2½" has been purchased this year but more hose and air packs are still greatly needed. However the predominant problem is the lack of storage space for Fire Trucks. Presently the only available space in the Highway Garage allows the storage of one tanker and the smaller Forestry truck thereby greatly reducing the capability of the Department in cold weather.

Bridgewater membership in the Twin Rivers Mutual Aid Group is now under consideration by that group. Individual mutual aid agreements have been consummated with Alexandria and Hebron departments.

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description:	Value
Town Hall	\$15,000.00
Grange Hall, Garage & land	50,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,500.00
Libraries	1,000.00
Office Equipment	2,500.00
Highway Department	
Trucks & Plows	\$38,000.00
J.D. Front Loader	5,000.00
Hough Payloader	18,000.00
Caterpillar Grader	8,500.00
Tools & Equipment	3,000.00
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Fire Department	\$8,000.00

PLODZIK AND SANDERSON

Accountants and Auditors
Kearsarge Building
5 South State Street
Concord, N.H. 03301

January 21, 1977

**TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
AUDITOR'S OPINION**

We have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Bridgewater, New Hampshire for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1976.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheets and statements of sources of revenue and expenditures present fairly the financial position of the Town of Bridgewater, New Hampshire at December 31, 1976, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental entities, applied on a consistent basis.

Respectfully submitted,
Plodzic and Sanderson

**TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL**

Board of Selectmen
Town of Bridgewater
Bridgewater, New Hampshire 03222

Gentlemen:

We have examined the books and records of the Town of Bridgewater, New Hampshire for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1976, and have prepared the attached exhibits and schedules in

conformity with the recommended format prescribed by the Municipal Services Division of the State of New Hampshire. Included in the examination were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Trustees of Trust Funds and Road Agent.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

General Fund:

Comparative Balance Sheet - December 31, 1975 and December 31, 1976: (Exhibit A-1)

A comparative balance sheet disclosing the financial condition of the general fund as of December 31, 1975 and December 31, 1976 is presented in Exhibit A-1. As indicated therein, the financial condition of the Town changed from a current surplus of \$2,966 at December 31, 1975, to a current deficit of \$35,280 at December 31, 1976.

In addition to a budget deficit of \$2,417 as indicated on Exhibit A-4, the principal factor responsible for the current deficit at December 31, 1976 was actual expenditures paid by the Town for damages incurred by heavy rains in 1973, and the amount approved for reimbursement by the FDAA. According to the final audit report prepared by the New Hampshire State Disaster Coordinating Office dated September 16, 1976, claims for reimbursement by the Town amounted to \$132,638.21 and only \$95,574.78 was recommended for reimbursement.

The Selectmen intend to appeal the findings of the audit report.

Analysis of Change in Current Financial Condition: (Exhibit A-2)

An analysis of change in current financial condition of the Town during the year is made in Exhibit A-2, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein.

Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures - Estimated And Actual Revenues: (Exhibits A-3 and A-4)

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenue for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1976 are presented in Exhibits A-3 and A-4. As indicated by the budget summary (Exhibit A-4) a net overdraft of appropriations of \$15,149, less a revenue surplus of \$12,732,

resulted in a net budget deficit of \$2,417.

Long-Term Indebtedness:

Comparative Balance Sheet: (Exhibit A-5)

A comparative balance sheet which discloses the outstanding long-term indebtedness of the Town as of December 31, 1975 and December 31, 1976 is included in Exhibit A-5.

Statement of Debt Service Requirements: (Exhibit A-6)

A statement showing annual debt service requirements of principal and interest as of December 31, 1976 is presented in Exhibit A-6.

OTHER FUNDS AND OFFICIALS' ACCOUNTS

The accompanying supplemental exhibits covering segregated funds and the accounts of those officials entrusted with the custody, receipt or expenditure of Town funds, are presented in accordance with the current requirements of the Municipal Services Division of the State of New Hampshire. Although not considered necessary for a fair presentation of the financial statements and results of operations, our examination of these accounts included the same tests and auditing procedures applied in the examination of the aforementioned financial statements. In our opinion, these exhibits are stated fairly in all material respects when considered in conjunction with the financial statements taken as a whole.

We extend our thanks to the officials and the office staff of the Town of Bridgewater for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Very truly yours,
Plodzick and Sanderson

**TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Regional Refuse Disposal District:

The Towns of Bridgewater and Hebron have established a Regional Refuse Disposal District pursuant to Chapter 53-B of the

Revised Statutes Annotated of the State of New Hampshire. The costs are to be shared equally by each Town. The Town of Bridgewater has assumed all of the initial costs of planning, borrowing and construction of the incinerator as of December 31, 1976. Based on data obtained from the records maintained by the Town of Bridgewater, total expenditures incurred by the Town in 1975 and 1976 have amounted to \$120,075 of which \$34,620 has been appropriated and contributed by the Town of Bridgewater. The balance of \$85,455 is due the Town by the newly formed regional refuse disposal district and should be recovered in fiscal 1977. This amount has been reflected on the general fund balance sheet as due the Town of Bridgewater at December 31, 1976.

**EXHIBIT A-4
TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
General Fund**

**Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenue and Budget Summary
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976**

SOURCE	Estimated	Revenue Actual	Excess
Local Taxes:			
Current:			
Property	\$235,315	\$236,662	\$1,347
Resident	3,070	3,190	120
Yield	456	456	----
National Bank Stock	150	418	268
Prior Years:			
Resident Taxes	----	180	180
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	1,200	1,804	604
From Federal Sources:			
Revenue Sharing Funds	10,200	10,200	----
From State of New Hampshire:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	5,518	5,518	----
Savings Bank Tax	846	846	----
Meals and Rooms Tax	3,197	3,197	----
Highway Subsidy	6,630	6,630	----
Business Profits Tax	2,534	2,535	1
Gas Tax Refund	----	1,260	1,260
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	7,000	12,261	5,261
Dog Licenses	175	270	95
Rent of Town Property	120	136	16
Business Licenses, Permits & Fees	----	97	97
Interest on Invested Funds	----	137	137
Plowing Driveways	----	3,275	3,275

Sale of Town Property	----	65	65
Miscellaneous Income	----	6	6
Totals		<u>\$276,411</u>	<u>\$289,143</u>
			\$12,732

BUDGET SUMMARY

Overdrafts of Appropriations	\$37,466		
Unexpended Balances of Appropriations	<u>22,317</u>		
Net Overdraft of Appropriations		\$15,149	
Actual Revenue	\$289,143		
Estimated Revenue	<u>276,411</u>		
Revenue Surplus		<u>\$12,732</u>	
Net Budget Deficit			\$2,417

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Town Officers Salaries:

Clara Jenness	\$ 300.00
Patricia Mitchell	100.00
Emil Anderson	60.00
William T. Thistle	665.00
E. Wayne Thompson	665.00
Margaret A. Thistle	2,362.95
Hollis Pollard	626.10
	<u>\$4,779.05</u>

Town Officers Expenses:

Postmaster Ashland	\$81.00
Postmaster Bristol	108.00
Branham Publishing Co.	12.60
Brown & Saltmarsh	117.70
Morton Cavis	562.91
Enterprise Press	544.98
Equity Publishing Co.	10.00
First National Bank Bristol	13.82
Barbara Fortier	.70
Homestead Press	37.92
Patricia Mitchell	25.43
Mountain Media, Inc.	126.86
N.E. Assn. of Town Clerks	5.00
New England Telephone	508.70
N.H. Assoc. Assessing Officers	20.00
N.H. Municipal Assn.	200.00
N.H. Tax Collectors Assn.	20.00
N.H. Town Clerks Assn.	10.00
N.H. State Treasurer O.A.S.I.	9.91
N.H. State Treasurer Audit	489.29
N.H. State Treasurer Boat Reports	17.25
Hollis Pollard, Office Machine	100.00
Margaret A. Thistle	334.15
	<u>\$3,356.24</u>

Election & Registration:

Ronald Towne	\$100.00
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Myra Cavis	43.80
Cecile Gray	47.20
Jean Wilcox	42.00
Agnes Murphy	60.00
Susan Mitchell	60.00
Enterprise Press	191.55
Mt. Media Inc.	60.45
Fire Auxiliary	3.95
Patricia Mitchell	2.57
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	\$611.52

Town Hall & Other Buildings:

C.A. Carr Co	\$2,211.11
Greenwood Plumbing	66.20
Harris Brothers	19.76
N.H. Electric Coop	42.98
Persons Concrete	320.00
Public Service Co.	509.57
Rands Hardware	46.31
Margaret Thistle	53.94
William Thistle	72.61
R.P. Williams	9.31

Planning Board:

Lawrence Drew	\$ 55.00
Enterprise Press	10.40
Mt. Media, Inc.	19.00

Insurance:

Bristol Real Estate & Insurance	\$ 171.80
John C. Ray	3,694.20
Blue Cross	1,297.17
Plymouth Hospital	20.00

Fire Department:

Bristol Fire Dept., Moore Fire	\$ 158.20
Bristol Fire Dept., Keenan Fire	181.25
Blanchard Assoc. Inc.	1,488.31
Bristol Bank	820.00

Hawkenson Enterprises	206.59
Sanel	155.95
Paige Welding	500.00
Rands	5.65
Sears	214.10
Gilbert Welding	258.81
Farina & Sons	20.00
Kidders Radio	599.70
Bristol Sunoco	14.53
David Bartlett	24.58
H. Pollard, Warden's Training	28.78
P. Morrill, Warden's Training	17.00
J. Morgan, Warden's Training	17.00
Freds Auto	5.54
Dicks Body & Weld	20.40
State of N.H., Indian Pumps	159.80
Harris Brothers	18.90
Town of Bridgewater, Highway Dept.	178.02
Eastern Fire Equipment	78.90
Sheppard Auto	79.52

Town Dump:

Town of Bristol	\$1,200.00
John Thompson	615.00
Mike Gray	459.00
Allan Jordan	1,949.50
Paul Morrill	48.00
Harris Brothers	10.96
R.P. Williams	10.23
Trojano-Rhines	2.10
The Printers	26.20

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Labor:

John P. Morgan Jr.	\$9,200.00
Eugene Morgan	2,694.49
Donald Atwood	8,751.90
Garrett Gilpatric	90.00
Andrew Denton	1,663.12

David Bergeron	60.00
Everett Piper	5,270.99
Paul Morrill	351.75

Equipment Hire:

Garrett Gilpatric	\$1,276.00
Eugene Morgan	770.00
A.S. Woodward	198.00

Expenses:

Int. Chemicals Corp.	\$ 120.91
Donald Atwood, Battery Analyzer	30.00
Barrett Eq. Inc., Plow & Repairs	2,588.45
Bartlett Auto Inc., Road Service	25.00
B-B Chain Co., Chain Links	27.75
Dennis Belair, Tools	134.20
Belknap Tire Co., Inc., Tires	106.90
Bigelow Waste Co.	78.09
Bomor Construction Co.	1,414.00
Bristol Drug	22.40
Bristol Sunoco	11.60
Bristol Tire & Battery	22.61
Brooks Auto Supply	496.95
Bucklin Tractor	5.31
Campton S & G	40.93
Car-Go	999.00
C.A. Carr Co.	1,736.39
Tony Champagne	191.25
J.C. Croucher	722.96
Cummings Northeastern	623.95
W.S. Darley & Co.	69.74
Freds Auto Service	1,742.97
Gilpatric Gareth, Sand	307.80
Chas Gould	73.70
Greenwood Plumbing Co.	2.40
Harris Brothers	38.90
Hawkensen Ent.	544.28
Hazelton	1,033.53
Int. Salt Co.	1,820.59
Interstate Equipment, Inc.	86.72
Irwin Motors, Inc.	2,069.69

Kinne Electric Service	80.00
Leclerc Performance	21.00
Lubrication Engineers Inc.	396.05
Matco Sales	183.68
Merrill's Radiator, Inc.	39.50
Metra Chemical Corp., Calcium	264.01
Munson Earth Moving Corp.	222.50
Murphy Equipment	1,215.37
C.R. McLoud	220.00
N.H. Explosives	253.75
Northeast Tire Service	1,027.00
Northeastern Culvert	2,126.16
Palmer Spring Co.	148.32
Panbro Sales	823.76
L.M. Pike, Gravel Reserve	4,500.00
Pooler Chevrolet	22.60
Prescott Lumber	510.27
Robert Ramsey	22.50
Rands Hardware	109.71
Robbins Auto Parts	14.70
Sanel Auto Parts	1,006.88
Sears Roebuck	71.37
Shortts Garage	23.00
Southern Parts Corp	250.10
Fred H. Speed	3,731.29
Harry Wallace	3,801.00
R.P. Williams	4.80

Police Department:

David Cheney, Police Duty	\$ 108.00
Jack Laiweneek, Police Duty	257.11
Ken Raymond, Police Duty	1,203.26
Fred Wilcox, Police Duty	274.14
Wright Communications	155.40
E.W. Thompson, Police Duty	30.00
	<u>\$1,847.91</u>

INCINERATOR

Jamin Ballou	\$ 136.10
Barnard Ent.	80.00
Bristol Electric	8.06

Trapper Brown	17,660.00
Central N.H. Tractor	7,815.00
Verrold Currier	340.24
Daniels Artesian Wells	3,896.00
Dicks Body & Weld.	15.10
Earth Inc.	780.90
Del Gilbert & Son	160.00
George Gilman	1,100.00
Hawkensen Ent.	34.05
Kelley Co., Inc.	56,591.00
Town of Bridgewater	4,949.27
Manson Morrill	327.00
Ora Morrill	288.00
Paul Morrill	69.00
Paige Welding Co.	1,034.82
Persons Concrete	8,387.25
Prescott Lumber Co.	451.16
Public Service Co. of N.H.	412.31
J. Reid & Sons	717.00
J. Thompson	3,255.00
R.P. Williams	1,237.89

EXHIBIT E
TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

Trust Funds

Summary of Principal, Income and Investments
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

	----- PRINCIPAL -----			----- INCOME -----			Balance of
	Balance	New	Balance	Balance	Earned	Expended	Principal
	January	Funds	December	January	During	During	& Income
	1, 1976	Created	31, 1976	1, 1976	Year	Year	December
							31, 1976
Cemetery Funds:							
Bridgewater Old Home	\$800	----	\$800	\$992	\$90	\$97	\$985
Cemetery Association	400	----	400	456	43	39	460
Emerson Cemetery	500	----	500	481	49	4	526
John B. Batchelder Estate	510	200	710	295	49	44	300
Webster-Cross Cemetery	800	----	800	828	81	74	835
Whittemore Point Cemetery	150	----	150	----	8	----	8
Bernice A. Smith Estate							
Capital Reserve Funds:							
Highway Department				1	----	----	1
Totals	\$3,160	\$200	\$3,360	\$3,053	\$320	\$258	\$3,115
							\$6,475

Investments

Balance in the Bristol Savings Bank -
December 31, 1976

\$6,475

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TOWN TRUST FUNDS

The Trustees wish to thank Mr. Lawrence G. Morrill for his excellent and devoted service in the care of the four Bridgewater public cemeteries, namely the Whittemore Point, the Emerson, the Webster-Cross, on the River Road, and the Old Home Cemetery, on Bridgewater, formerly known as the Center Cemetery.

We also wish to thank the Bicentennial Committee for providing and erecting the handsome signs which now identify these four cemeteries.

With the expert help of Mr. Frank Cheney, Town Engineer, and Mr. Fred V. Emmons of Bristol, the maps of the Whittemore Point, Emerson and Webster-Cross have been completed. The map of the Old Home Cemetery has presented unusually difficult problems because the records of many of the early burials have been lost and the names on some of the old stones are almost impossible to decipher. However, the space which is still available for future burials has been determined.

James H. Townsend
Morton H. Cavis
Carl R. Goutell
Trustees of the Trust Funds

EXHIBIT A-6
TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
Long-Term Indebtedness
Statement of Debt Service Requirements
As of December 31, 1976

	<div>Highway Equipment Notes 5%</div>	
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Amount of Original Issue	\$3,000	
Date of Original Issue	May 17, 1976	
Principal Payable Date	December 31	
Interest Payable Date	December 31	
Payable At	The Bristol Bank	
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Maturities - Fiscal Year Ending	Principal	Interest
December 31, 1977	\$1,000	\$150
December 31, 1978	1,000	100
December 31, 1979	1,000	50
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Totals	\$3,000	\$300
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BRIDGEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT**1976 Report**

Police Calls Answered		67
Dog Complaints	8	
Welfare Cases	3	
Health Officer	2	
Accidents	5	
Fire Calls	4	
Arrests	6	
Court Cases	6	
Warnings	9	
Winter Snowmobile Patrol (Camps)	3	
Missing Person	1	

New Officer Appointed - Earl D. Ryder.

K. Raymond
Chief of Police

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

January 17	T.H. Moore	Electrical Fire	13 Men
January 22	James Hand	Tree Fire	5 Men
January 24	Hebron Station	Cover Duty	4 Men
March 12	St. John	Tree Fire	5 Men
April 12	Keenan	Chimney Fire	8 Men
April 19	Hunt Road	Forest Fire	21 Men
November 15	D. Denton	Smoke Invest.	6 men

9 Calls at Town Dump.

Paul Morrill, Fire Chief

REPORT OF DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF AND TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Since its beginning in 1893, the State Forestry Department has recognized the fact that forest fire prevention and suppression is a joint state and town or city responsibility. Local authorities recommend names of persons to the State Forester, who appoints one person as town or city fire warden and several other persons as town or city deputy fire wardens to a three year term.

The local forest fire warden controls the kindling of all outside fires, when the ground is not covered with snow, by issuing a written permit for kindling a fire. Permits are only issued at such times and in such places as the fire warden deems as safe.

The State Forest Fire Service trains the local forest fire organization in modern forest fire prevention and suppression tactics. The State also provides backup personnel and equipment for suppression and prevention activities.

The combination of State and local forces has resulted in one of the smallest acreage loss due to forest fires in the United States for the past 20 years.

1976 Forest fire Statistics

	No. of Fires	No. of Acres
State	746	294
District	44	24
Town	1	2

Gerald S. Gross
District Fire Chief

Hollis Pollard
Forest Fire Warden

NEWFOUND AREA NURSING ASSOCIATION 1976 Yearly Report

1976 has been a time of growth and a period of change for the Newfound Area Nursing Association. NANA has had an active year serving the people of the towns of Alexandria, Bristol, Bridgewater and New Hampton.

Due to the changing trend in health care, home health services are now more widely used. Many times patients are discharged at an earlier time with the knowledge that continued skilled nursing care can be carried on within the home setting.

The total number of nursing visits are as follows:

Skilled Nursing	2,146	
Health promotions	341	
	<hr/>	2,487
Physical Therapy		53

In June there was a change of staff personnel, including two registered nurses and a qualified physical therapist. This staff has worked together as an effective team for better nursing care.

There has been an increasing number of nursing referrals from our local physicians as well as physicians from hospitals in Franklin, Lakes Region, Hanover and Veterans Administration.

NANA is involved in discharge planning groups from Franklin Regional Hospital and Lakes Region Hospital. These groups plan ahead for nursing care of patients in the home.

Members of the staff of NANA have attended various workshops to continue education and update knowledge of trends in home health care.

Community activities in which NANA has been involved are as follows:

- Bloodmobile Drive - August
- Swine Flu Immunization - October
- Blood Pressure & Diabetes Screening Clinics - February
& December.

Respectfully Submitted
Joan Morrill, RN

NEWFOUND AREA AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION
1976

Received from five towns	\$3,565.00
Donations	10.00
Bank Interest	117.92
Savings Account	414.46

\$4,107.38

Paid to Fred V. Emmons	3,500.00
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\$ 607.38

Total calls	196
Unpaid calls	63

Alexandria	17
Ashland	1
Bridgewater	13
Bristol	100
Danbury	2
Hebron	4
Hill	6
I-93	9
Groton	3
Meredith	1
New Hampton	34
Transfers	6

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Last year we reported that the Town Forest had been surveyed, the boundaries marked, and a timber cruise made by the State and County foresters. Inspection of the property last summer indicated that at some recent time trees had been cut on the Bridgewater side of the north boundary line, perhaps inadvertently by persons approaching from Hunt Road. It is recommended that some simple type of fence be constructed along this line.

There have been no further developments on the so-called "Kelly Lot" on the river bank just north of Union Bridge. Various friends have pointed out that this $\frac{3}{4}$ -acre piece with its approach by old Route 3, which is also town property, does not lend itself very well to a bathing beach. However, as a place to launch canoes or other small boats, it is believed that a ramp could be constructed at comparatively small expense.

Several requests for Dredge or Fill were received. Most of these were related to repair of damage to beaches on Whittemore Point during the 1973 flash flood. One request involved placing a culvert in a small branch of Dick Brown Brook near the golf-driving range on Route 3A. This was discussed with the Selectmen who believed it was in the town's interest to approve it. Another request involved running a power line over the Pemigewasset River to a trailer park in New Hampton.

At a meeting of the Planning Board, attended by a member of the Conservation Commission, there was a discussion of the possibility of developing a recreation area near the site of the old covered bridge on property now owned by Dorothy and Edward Willoughby. Since recreation areas are generally considered to be one of the primary interests of Conservation Commissions, it is recommended that a full discussion of this matter be held at a joint meeting of the Planning Board and all the members of the Conservation Commission before any town funds are expended on this property. It is historically a very interesting area, and it is possible that it could be made into a most attractive recreation asset with much less expense to the town than that called for by the plans discussed at the above-mentioned meeting.

After five years of service, Mrs. Marlene Matthews has asked to be replaced as Secretary. The Commission wishes to take this occasion to express its thanks to her for her faithful attendance at

meetings, and careful preparation and preservation of the records. The Chairman also feels that he should be replaced as Chairman, although he will be glad to continue as a member.

Potential replacements for both of these positions have been approached, but have not been formally appointed. They are willing to serve.

Up to this time, the Conservation Commission has not requested any funds in the Town Budget. Most of its expenditures have been covered by the Ford Foundation Grant which paid for all the maps, surveys etc., but which is now exhausted. It hopes that an amount of approximately \$200.00 will be authorized to cover the legitimate and reasonable expenses of the Commission, such as the required membership in the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (\$25.00), attendance at various appropriate meetings, mileage when on official business, such as investigating Dredge and Fill requests, necessary secretarial supplies, etc.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald Towne, Member
James H. Townsend, Chairman

NEWFOUND AREA BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The Newfound Area Bicentennial Committee has been meeting monthly since May, 1975 to plan and carry out appropriate events and projects commemorating the two hundredth anniversary of the American Revolution in six area towns: Alexandria, Bridgewater, Bristol, Danbury, Groton and Hebron. The focus of the Bicentennial has been Heritage, (recalling the past); Festival (celebrating); and Horizon (planning for the future). Projects of the Area Committee have intentionally reflected these national aims.

Committee sponsored events have also been designed to promote good will, cooperation and mutual aid among the member towns. A list of events and projects reflects such a spirit:

1. four signs, "Happy Birthday America"
2. refurbishing two vintage drums for use by New Chester Fyfe and Drum
3. sale of Newfound Area Bicentennial Calendars, with historic scenes from each town
4. two colonial clothing workshops
5. sale of Newfound Bicentennial tea tiles
6. purchase of four new drums for the Newfound Fife and Drum (children's group)
7. support of colonial ball, March 27
8. support of the C.Y.O. cookbook
9. New Hampshire conestoga wagon, sponsored by the Baha'i group
10. Fourth of July parade
11. fireworks at Newfound Lake
12. two concerts by the Pemigewasset Choral Society
13. magic show
14. reprinting of the Bristol/Bridgewater history
15. Bicentennial parade in August
16. support of the caravans for arts, crafts and drama from the University of New Hampshire
17. Fyfe and Drum boat parade and concert at Newfound Lake
18. Thanksgiving Dinner, November 13

Individual town committees were active highlighting events and

personalities important in local history, and promoting pride in each community. Your committee's report is included with this 1976 Town Report.

A visitor to our area remarked, "You people have caught the Bicentennial spirit and made it come alive all year. You folks really turn out, and in costume, too! How did you involve so many people, especially the children?"

The answer is that members of the Area Committee have worked together for nearly two years in order to provide constructive leadership and a positive influence upon our neighborhood of rural towns. However, the Committee did not work in isolation, but depended heavily upon the support of many committed people in each town. People of all ages.

Some ask, "Aren't you tired of the Bicentennial?" No! Unless one tires of our American heritage of national and local pride, neighborliness, mutual respect and hard work. Let us not tire of dreaming dreams for the future.

Committee members:

Chairman: Mrs. Lucy Baker, Bristol
 Secretary: Mrs. Beverly Smith, Hebron
 Treasurer: Mrs. Martha Kuplin, Bridgewater

Town Representatives

Alexandria:

Mrs. Rosalie Hall
 Mrs. Hope Hanron
 Mr. Richard Mundy

Bridgewater:

Mr. Lawrence Denton

Bristol:

Mr. Orvis Hopkins
 Mr. William Noel

Danbury:

Mrs. Rebecca Towle

Groton:

Mrs. Jean Ray
 Mrs. Kathy Buck

BRIDGEWATER BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The year 1976 was festive and memorable for all those who participated in the Bicentennial. For Bridgewater, the celebration began on March 18 when our town was officially designated a Bicentennial Community. We received our Bicentennial flag in an impressive ceremony held at the Town House on June 6. Speakers for the occasion included Congressman James Cleveland, Representative John Gemmill, and Town Moderator Ronald Towne.

Bridgewater's Bicentennial Weekend was held August 13, 14, 15. The weekend began with artifacts exhibits at the Grange Hall and the River Rd. School. At the mock town meeting held Friday evening, Moderator Ronald Towne presided. The warrant used was adapted from the warrant of the very first Bridgewater town meeting, held "March ye 11, 1788." Saturday was the 78th observance of the traditional Old Home Day which was highlighted by a square dance that evening. On Sunday, a colonial church service was held with the Rev. Charles W.F. Smith, Rev. Harold Ockenga, Rev. John E. Booty and Mr. Albert O. Wilson presiding.

Lasting projects that our committee undertook were reprinting a history of Bridgewater and placing signs at the following town cemeteries: Emerson, Old Center, Whittemore, Webster, and Turnpike Cemeteries. We also entered floats in both the July 4th and August 21st Bicentennial parades depicting a colonial home scene.

To all those who contributed in any way to our successful Bicentennial celebration, this committee would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You". The cooperation shown on the part of so many townspeople in a town as spread out as ours is indeed an excellent example of the "Spirit of '76." We are looking forward to the same excitement and festivity when Bridgewater will celebrate its own Bicentennial in 1988.

Lawrence Denton, Chairman
Marti Kuplin, Secretary
Hellen Baldwin
Morton Cavis

Terry Murphy
Pauline Thompson
Amy Townsend
William Weir, Sr.

Lawrence Drew

BRIDGEWATER OLD HOME DAY REPORT

Balance on hand from 1976 appropriation	\$ 2.53
Appropriation, 1976	100.00
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	\$102.53

Payments:

Beans for noon lunch	\$27.87
Photograph	20.00
Children's prizes	50.00
Postage	2.60
Flag pole repair	1.87

Total	<hr/>	\$102.34
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Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1976	<hr/>	.19
		\$102.53

Patricia Mitchell

VITAL STATISTICS**- Births -**

Date and place of birth; name and sex of child; name of father, maiden name of mother.

01/24/76 Plymouth, N.H. Douglas Everett Piper, Male; Everett Edward Piper; Sherry Madonna Webber.

03/17/76 Plymouth, N.H. Michael Steven LeBlanc, Male; Norman Sylvio LeBlanc; Deborah Way Hall.

04/07/76 Laconia, N.H. Elizabeth Anne Carter, Female; Gary Wayne Carter; Sandra Elinor Monte.

05/26/76 Laconia, N.H. Leila Regina Tapply, Female; Charles Dunkason Tapply; Claire Louise Janelle.

12/06/76 Laconia, N.H. Jamie Lynne Lord, Female; Robert Leonard Lord; Roberta Jean Thompson.

Deaths

Date and place of death; name and surname of deceased; age.

01/14/76 Bridgewater, N.H. David Budd Dickinson; 72.

03/15/76 Franklin, N.H. Francis Michael Maher; 91.

07/06/76 Bridgewater, N.H. Richard Freeman Crosby; 63.

Marriages

Date and place of marriage; name and surname of bridegroom and bride; name and official station of person performing ceremony.

02/27/76 Bridgewater; Robert Nickolas Puffinburger, Mary Ann DiNardi; Alan E. Landry, Justice of the Peace.

03/20/76 Bristol; Norman Morris Cyr, Frances Mabelle Fifield; Rev. Eugene J. Pelletier, R.C. Priest.

06/12/76 Laconia; Alan Vincent Spinney, Janet Elaine Leighton; Edwin A. Currier, Ordained Minister.

06/05/76 Bridgewater; Thomas Henri Janelle, Dorinda Jane Atwood; Rev. Philip M. Polhemus, Minister.

06/26/76 Ashland; Robert Leonard Lord, Roberta Jean Thompson; Rev. Albert Beulanger, Priest.

07/03/76 New Hampton; Terry Lee Torsey, Rebecca Jane Boynton; Rev. Roger P. Cleveland, Clergyman.

11/26/76 Bridgewater; Charles Abbot Tracy, Helen Emily Sayers (Janiec); William R. Weir, Justice of the Peace.

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

Emergency Calls

To Report Fires

744-8081

744-3322

24 hour Police Emergency 744-3358

Chief of Police 1-968-3866

State Police (Concord) 1-800-562-8282

Grafton County Sheriff's Department 1-800-552-0393

Forest Fire Warden 744-3176

Poison Information Center 1-800-643-4000

Newfound Ambulance Service 744-3358