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FOREWORD

The generous gift of the Bicentennial Committee was used during 1983 to renovate the Town Hall. The Hall was painted, equipped with storm windows, and re-wired. New lights were installed in the Kitchen and Selectmen's office. We thank the Committee for their efforts, which made the Bicentennial so successful, and for their generosity to the town.

The safety of people using the Town Hall and of the building itself was increased in 1983 by the installation of two much needed new furnaces. Also, a poured concrete vault was built to make sure that a fire, like that of 1913, won't destroy our valuable Town records. We all hope that the vault will never be put to the test.

On the Town Warrant this year four items will be of long range interest to everyone. In Article 2, provision for a sewage disposal system for the Town Hall is recommended. Mrs. Pearl Tucker has agreed to allow us to place a drainage field on her land between the Hall and the river. In return the Board of Selectmen recommended that the Town relieve Mrs. Tucker of her tax burden on the "Bean Lot" (where the power line crosses the Upper Cardigan Road) and on the "Martin Lot" (where the drainage field would be located). This is an opportunity for the Town which should not be lost.

Also, in Article 2, Two Thousand Dollars are provided for determining the best method for solving our solid waste disposal problem—what to do about trash and garbage. In particular, we have started to investigate the feasibility of a "Recycling Station." It appears to have potential, for a Town of our size, that other systems lack. Our goal is to bury nothing, burn nothing, reduce the cost, increase convenience, and, most of all, to have an affordable system of our own which is acceptable to state and federal regulating agencies.

Articles 8 and 9 make it possible for the Town to buy a new truck. All of our trucks are aging fast. Part of our road problems early in the Winter were caused by trucks which were broken down and in the garage waiting for long periods of time for hard-to-get parts. Your Board of Selectmen recommends that most of the 1983 year end surplus and all of the year end Federal Revenue Sharing Fund be used to buy an adequate, rugged, new truck for the highway department of the Town. You can do that by voting for Articles 8 and 9.

Article 10 is self explanatory. The Town has reached the point where a part time road agent cannot be expected to keep the roads up adequately. To solve this problem, it has been suggested that the Road Agent should be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. We are opposed to that approach mainly because we feel strongly that the voters of the town should not give up their franchise to elect their Road Agent. Therefore, we suggest the election of a full time Road Agent who is fully responsible to us.

Finally, there is an important anniversary approaching. The 1886 Town Report says, on the last page: *Date of opening the library to the public; March 21, 1885.*

That was a Saturday and the Haynes Library, a room in the old Town Hall, was open on Saturdays from that time on. We will have the opportunity to celebrate this important event in the heritage of our Town, next year.

TOWN OFFICERS**Moderator**

FLETCHER DEWOLF

Town Clerk

CHARLOTTE A. PLATTS

Selectmen

EDWARD C. LORD (84)

ALBERT W. BEAN (85)

BERNARD F. SHATTUCK (86)

Road Agent

ROBERT M. RAMSEY

Treasurer

DOUGLAS C. BENTON

Tax Collector

CHARLOTTE A. PLATTS

Chief of Police

ROBERT RAMSEY

Trustees of Trust Funds

HENRY HALL (84)

DOROTHY GORDON (85)

ISABEL SHATTUCK (86)

Supervisors

GEORGE WHITTAKER (84)

VELMA W. BENTON (86)

DEBORAH BARRON (88)

Whittaker 90**Health Officer**

SHARON BUCKLIN

Budget Committee

JOHN PYNE (84)

ROBERT PAINE (87)

ROBERT RAMSEY (85)

FREDERICK SHARP (88)

JOHN PAIVIA (86)

WESLEY PLATTS (89)

SCOTT BENTON (90)

Fire Warden

KENNETH PATTEN

Deputy Wardens

ALBERT BEAN
FRANCIS BUTLER
DAVID BUCKLIN

ARTHUR COSTIN
FLETCHER DEWOLF
ARTHUR BARRON

EDWARD LORD

Civil Defense Director

GEORGE G. WHITTAKER

Sexton of Cemeteries

JUNE R. EBBETTS

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Alexandria in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Alexandria on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March, 1984, next at 10 of the clock forenoon; business meeting at 7:30 PM, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

Town Officers Salaries	\$14,000.00
Town Officers Expenses	10,000.00
Election & Registration	1,000.00
Expense Town Hall & Other Buildings	7,500.00
Police Department	5,000.00
Fire Department Including Forest Fires	2,800.00
Insurance	9,000.00
Civil Defense	100.00
Newfound Area Ambulance Service	831.88
Vital Statistics	25.00
Hebron & Bridgewater Disposal	18,000.00
Street Lighting	1,200.00
Town Poor	500.00
Old Age Assistance	6,000.00
Memorial Day	100.00
Community Center	350.00
Cemetaries	600.00
Interest	18,000.00
Damages & Legal Expenses	700.00
Unemployment Compensation	500.00
Dog License Fee to State	81.50
	<u>\$96,288.38</u>

3. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,200.00 for the Newfound Area Nursing Association.

4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize withdrawal from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund for use as setoffs against budget appropriations in the amount indicated, and, further to authorize the Selectmen to make pro-rata reductions in the amounts if estimated entitlements are reduced or take any other action hereon.

1983 Audit	\$2,700
Tax Map	500

5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance and sealing of roads in summer. (We have \$47,000.00 in the budget.)

6. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the plowing and sanding of roads in winter. (We have \$26,000.00 in the budget).

7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate highway Block Grant Aid of \$20,000 from the State for highway maintenance in Alexandria.

8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of thirty four thousand dollars (\$34,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund; \$30,000 to be taken from surplus and \$4,000 to be raised by taxes.

9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$45,219 for a new Highway Truck and authorize the withdrawal of \$15,219 for this purpose from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund with the balance to be drawn from the Capital Reserve Fund.

10. To see if the Town will vote to make the Road Agent a 40-hour-a-week full time employee of the Town; his 40-hour pay to be the same as paid by the State for the same work; overtime pay to be at time-and-a-half for more than eight hours a day or 40 hours a week, overtime to be authorized by the Board of Selectmen only in cases of emergency. He will be eligible for Social Security and workmen's Compensation.

This Warrant Article requires the Road Agent to appear at Selectmen's meetings weekly, except in emergency conditions, in order to report on the status of the Town roads and to establish a schedule of road work to be done. The bookkeeping and secretarial work for the Road Agent will be done by the Selectmen's secretary. This Article will become effective immediately if desired by the newly elected Road Agent, otherwise on the day after the 1985 Town Meeting.

11. To see if the Town will vote to accept the road of Alan Baker on the Solar Acres Development, south of Route 104 near Cass Mill Road.

12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend without further action of Town meeting, in accordance with RSA 31:95-b, any money from a federal, state, or other governmental unit, or from a private source, which may become available during the year.

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

14. To see if the town will vote to authorize early collection of taxes at the request of the tax payer.

15. To see if the Town will vote for an appropriation of \$150.00 for the support of the Community Action Program.

The above funds would be used to support the local Community Action Program during the months that Fuel Assistance is non-operative (March-November).

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55.13 to the Lakes Region Association for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural advantages as well as preservation of the natural resources of the Town, in cooperation with the other towns in the Lakes Region.

17. "To see if the Town of Alexandria, New Hampshire shall call upon the Governor and Executive Council, its State Representative(s) and State Senator to promptly convene a Special Session of the Legislature for the sole purpose of preventing the imposition of high cost increases in electric rates resulting from the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant on the citizens, businesses, schools, and agencies in the Town of Alexandria, New Hampshire, and to direct the Selectmen to promptly notify our above listed elected officials of the Town's desire."

18. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

This warrant contains only articles prior to going to press and may be subject to additions.

Given under our hands and seal this 16th day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty four.

BERNARD F. SHATTUCK
EDWARD C. LORD
ALBERT W. BEAN
Selectmen of Alexandria

1984 BUDGET (MS-6)			
PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	Approp. 1983	Actual Expend. 1983	Approp. Ensuing Fiscal 1984
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$11,000.00	\$12,521.13	\$14,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	7,500.00	4,827.31	10,000.00
Election and Registration Expenses	500.00	541.58	1,000.00
Cemeteries	600.00	600.00	600.00
General Government Buildings	2,500.00	3,298.43	7,500.00
Reappraisal of Property (FRS)	14,540.90	19,285.88	
Legal Expenses	700.00	552.50	700.00
Financial Audit of Town (FRS)	2,800.00	2,650.96	2,700.00
Tax Maps (FRS)	500.00	475.00	500.00
Bicentennial Fund	7,000.00	5,540.00	
Furnace & Vault FRS	13,180.00	11,383.00	
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Police Department	3,500.00	3,835.00	5,000.00
Fire Department, inc. Forest Fire	2,700.00	3,311.77	2,800.00
Civil Defense	100.00	0.00	100.00
Highways, Streets, & Bridges:			
Town Maint.-Tucker Bridge-Summer	47,000.00	26,598.66	47,000.00
Town Maint.-Winter	26,000.00	26,607.56	26,000.00
Town Road Aid	7,103.85		
Highway Subsidy Class V	11,915.27		
Block Grant		21,882.05	20,000.00
Street Lighting	1,200.00	1,175.50	1,200.00
Sanitation:			
Solid Waste Disposal	16,000.00	16,000.00	18,000.00
Health:			
Ambulance	831.88	831.88	831.88
Vital Statistics	25.00	18.50	25.00
NANA	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	500.00	118.95	500.00
Old Age Assistance	5,000.00	5,711.14	6,000.00
Culture and Recreation:			
Bristol Community Center	350.00	350.00	350.00
Memorial Day-Old Home Day	100.00	65.00	100.00
Debt Service:			
Int. Exp.-Tax Anticipation Note	14,000.00	12,643.75	18,000.00
Capital Outlay (FRS)			15,219.00
Payment to Capital Reserve Fund	4,000.00	4,000.00	34,000.00
Unemployment Compensation			500.00
Insurance	10,500.00	8,246.70	9,000.00
Dog License Fee to State	71.50	81.50	81.50
Total Appropriations	\$213,918.40	\$195,353.75	\$243,907.38

1984 BUDGET (Continued)

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue 1983	Actual Revenue 1983	Estimated Revenue 1984
From Local Taxes:			
Resident Taxes	\$5,000.00	\$4,480.00	\$4,500.00
Yield Taxes	9,000.00	7,526.09	5,000.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	6,500.00	6,511.41	6,500.00
Inventory Penalties	200.00	884.00	500.00
Current Land Use Penalties		1,400.00	
From State:			
Business profits Tax	14,982.00		
Meals & Rooms Tax	4,000.00		
Interest & Dividends Tax	1,500.00		
Savings Bank Tax	1,400.00		
Revenue Block Grant		23,272.77	23,000.00
Highway Subsidy	17,078.05	9,005.63	
Town Road Aid	6,177.26		
Class V Highway Maintenance	11,915.27		
Highway Block Grant		22,188.28	37,542.95
Reimb. A/C State-Fed. Forest	786.00	986.29	1,000.00
Fire Warden Training			
Motor Vehicle Fees	1,650.00		
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	23,000.00	30,833.50	27,000.00
Dog Licenses	900.00	706.00	700.00
Business Lic., Permits, Fees	400.00	442.00	500.00
Rent of Town Property	750.00	910.00	1,000.00
Payments in lieu of taxes	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Interest on Deposits	8,500.00	11,103.79	16,000.00
Bicentennial Fund	7,000.00		
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve			30,000.00
Revenue Sharing Fund	<u>38,800.00</u>	<u>39,632.00</u>	<u>15,219.00</u>
Fund Balance	\$161,038.58	\$161,381.76	\$169,961.95

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION (MS-1)

Land	\$10,536,166.00
Buildings	11,145,250.00
Electric Plants	876,150.00
House Trailers, Mobile Homes, Travel Trailers (48)	<u>281,400.00</u>
Total Valuations Before Exemptions	\$22,838,966.00
Blind Exemption (1)	15,000.00
Elderly Exemption (7)	35,000.00
Total Exemptions Allowed	\$50,000.00
Net Valuation On Which The Tax Rate Is Computed	\$22,788,966.00
Number of Inventories Distributed in 1983	646
Number of Inventories Returned in 1982	570
Number of Individuals Applying for Elderly Exemption in 1982	14
Number Granted Elderly Exemption	7
Number of Property Owners who were granted Current Use	119
Number of Acres Exempted under Current Use	17,003
Acres Farm Land	572.4
Acres Wetland	385.3
Acres Forest Land	14,495.1
Acres Wild Land	1,550.2
Total Assessed Value of Land Under Current Use	\$921,010.00

STATEMENTS OF APPROPRIATIONS (MS-2)
AND TAXES ASSESSED FOR 1983

APPROPRIATIONS:

Town officers' salaries	\$11,000.00
Town officers' expenses	7,500.00
Election and Registration expenses	500.00
Town Hall and Other Buildings Expenses	2,500.00
Appraisal of property	-----
Audit	2,800.00
Police department	3,500.00
Fire Department, including forest fires	2,700.00
Insurance	10,500.00
Civil Defense	100.00
Health Department	2,200.00
Hospitals & Ambulances	831.88
Vital Statistics	25.00
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	16,000.00
Town Road Aid	7,103.85
Class V Highway Maintenance	11,915.27
Town Maintenance--Summer & Winter	73,000.00
Street Lighting	1,200.00
Town poor	500.00
Old age assistance	5,000.00
Patriotic Purposes	100.00
Recreation--Community Center	350.00
Cemeteries	600.00
Damages and Legal expenses	700.00
Interest on temporary loans	14,000.00
Capital Outlay	21,180.00
Capital Reserve	4,000.00
Dog License Fee to State	71.50
Update Tax Maps	<u>500.00</u>
Total Town Appropriations	\$199,377.50

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS (MS-2)
AND TAXES ASSESSED FOR 1982 (Continued)

SOURCES OF REVENUE	
Resident Taxes	\$5,150.00
Yield Taxes	8,812.12
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	2,500.00
Resident Tax Penalties	200.00
Meals and Rooms Tax	8,291.00
Interest and Dividends Tax	---
Savings Bank Tax	---
Highway Subsidy	9,005.63
Block Grant	22,188.28
Reimb. Acres State-Federal Forest Land	1,000.00
Motor Vehicle Permits Fees	1,688.00
Motor Vehicle Permits (State Fees)	23,000.00
Dog Licenses	900.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	400.00
Rent of Town Property	750.00
Gift in Lieu of Taxes	1,250.00
Bicentennial Fund	7,125.00
Revenue Sharing Funds	16,480.00
Interests on Deposits	8,500.00
Total Revenues and Credits	\$117,240.03

TAX RATE COMPUTATION	
Total Town Appropriations	\$199,378.00
Total Revenues and Credits	117,240.00
Net Town Appropriations	82,138.00
Net School Tax Assessments	376,354.00
County Tax Assessments	39,149.00
Total of Town, School and County	\$497,641.00

DEDUCT Total Business Profits Tax Reimbursement	\$ 14,982.00
ADD War Service Credits	3,550.00
ADD Overlay	3,754.00
Property Taxes To Be Raised	\$489,963.00

Taxes to be Committed to Collector:	
Gross Property Taxes	\$489,963.00
Less War Service Credits	3,550.00
Total Tax Commitment	\$486,413.00

Tax Rate = $\frac{\text{Property Taxes to be Raised}}{\text{Net Evaluation of Town}}$

Approved Tax Rate = $\frac{\$489,963.00}{22,788,966.00} = 0.0215$

TAX RATE IS \$2.15/\$100 ASSESSMENT
TAX RATES:

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Town	.32	.01	.59	.58	.38
School District	1.47	1.92	2.31	2.74	1.60
County	.12	.21	.22	.26	.17
TOTAL TAX RATE	\$1.91	\$2.14	\$3.12	\$3.58	\$2.15

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1983

Title of Appropriation	Appropriations	Expenditures	Balance	Overdraft
Town Officers' Salaries	\$11,000.00	\$12,521.13		\$1,521.13
Town Officers' Expenses	7,500.00	4,827.31	\$2,672.69	
Election & Registration	500.00	541.58		41.58
Cemetaries	600.00	600.00	0	0
Reappraisal of Property	14,540.90	19,285.88		4,744.98
Tax Map	500.00	475.00	25.00	
Bicentennial Fund	7,000.00	5,540.00	1,460.00	
Furnaces and Vault	13,180.00	11,383.00	1,797.00	
Audit	2,800.00	2,650.96	149.04	
Legal Expenses	700.00	552.50	147.50	
General Government Buildings	2,500.00	3,298.43		798.43
Police Department	3,500.00	3,835.00		335.00
Fire Department	2,700.00	3,311.77		611.77
Civil Defense	100.00	0	100.00	
Insurance	10,500.00	8,246.70	2,253.30	
Dog License	71.50	81.50		10.00
Street Lighting	1,200.00	1,175.50	24.50	
General Expense of Highway Department	73,000.00	53,206.22	19,793.78	
Town Road Aid & Class V Maintenance	19,019.12	21,882.05		2,862.93
Solid Waste Disposal	16,000.00	16,000.00	0	0
NANA, Ambulance, & Vital Statistics	3,056.88	3,050.38	6.50	
General Assistance	500.00	118.95	381.05	
Old Age Assistance	5,000.00	5,711.14		711.14
Patriotic Purposes	100.00	65.00	35.00	
Parks and Playgrounds	350.00	350.00	0	0
Interest	14,000.00	12,643.75	1,356.25	
Capital Reserve	4,000.00	4,000.00	0	
TOTALS	\$213,918.40	\$195,353.75	\$30,201.61	\$11,636.96

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1983 (MS-5)***ASSETS**

Cash:		
All funds in custody of treasurer	106,613.00	
Yield Deposits	3,801.00	
Bicentennial Fund	7,739.00	
TOTAL CASH		118,153.00
Capital Reserve Funds: Highway Equipment	20,450.00	
Total Capital Reserve Funds		20,450.00
Other bills due Town: IRS	2,016.00	
Total Accounts Due to the Town		2,016.00
Unredeemed Taxes: (from tax sale on account of)		
(a) Levy of 1982	1,900.00	
(b) Levy of 1981	1,323.00	
(c) Levy of 1980	290.00	
Total Unredeemed Taxes		3,513.00
Uncollected Taxes: (Including All Taxes)		
(a) Levy of 1983	116,223.00	
(b) Levy of 1982	230.00	
(c) Levy of 1981	849.00	
(d) Previous Years	130.00	
Total Uncollected Taxes		11,432.00
Total Assets		261,564.00

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Bills outstanding	6,272.00	
Unexpended Balances of Special Appropriations	2,200.00	
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	3,823.00	
Allowance for Estimated Uncollectable Taxes	1,870.00	
Yield Tax Deposits (Escrow Acc't)	2,052.00	
School District(s) Tax(es) Payable	183,603.00	
Total Accounts Owed by the Town		199,820.00
Total Capital Reserve Funds		20,450.00
Total Liabilities		220,270.00
Fund Balance—Current Surplus		
(Excess of assets over liabilities)		41,294.00
Grand Total		261,564.00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY
As of December 31, 1983

Description:	Value
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$101,300.00
Furniture and Equipment	8,000.00
Police Department, Lands and Buildings	
Equipment	400.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	29,700.00
Equipment	90,000.00
All Lands and Buildings Acquired Through Tax Collector's Deeds:	
Chellis Meadow	4,650.00
Right-of-way across Clough Lot	25.00
	\$234,075.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
January 1, 1983 – December 31, 1983

Received:	
1983 Motor Vehicle Permits	\$30,899.00
Dog Licenses issued and penalties	708.50
Less Fees	- 68.00
Filing Fees	9.00
Total Paid to the Treasurer	\$31,548.50

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1983 (June 30, 1984)
Town of Alexandria, New Hampshire

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-----Levies Of:-----

Uncollected Taxes -

Beginning of Fiscal Year	1983	1982	Prior
Property Taxes		\$107,015.80	\$1,552.18
Resident Taxes		670.00	260.00
Yield Taxes		996.17	461.85
Inventory Penalties		464.29	

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$486,410.08
Resident Taxes	5,240.00
Land Use Change Taxes	1,400.00
Yield Taxes	8,831.64
Inventory Penalties	836.36

Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	250.00
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Interest Collected on

Delinquent Property Taxes:	24.15	5,881.97	555.57
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Penalties Collected on

Resident Taxes	53.00	44.00	3.00
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TOTAL DEBITS	\$503,045.23	\$115,072.23	\$2,832.60
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Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year

Property Taxes	\$372,278.39	\$107,015.80	\$893.35
Resident Taxes	4,480.00	440.00	30.00
Yield Taxes	7,526.09	937.00	
Inventory Penalties	454.22	464.29	
Land Use Change Taxes	1,400.00		
Interest Collected During Year	24.15	5,881.97	555.57
Penalties on Resident Taxes	53.00	44.00	3.00

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	575.37
Resident Taxes	20.00
Inventory Penalties	11.04

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT – (Continued)

	1983	1982	Prior
Uncollected Taxes – End of Fiscal Year: (As Per Collector's List)			
Property Taxes	113,806.32		658.83
Resident Taxes	740.00	230.00	230.00
Yield Taxes	1,305.55	59.17	461.85
Inventory Penalties	371.10		
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$503,045.23</u>	<u>\$115,072.23</u>	<u>\$2,832.60</u>

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1983 (June 30, 1984)
Town of Alexandria, New Hampshire

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	---Tax Sales on Account of Levies Of---		
	1982	1981	1980
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes—			
Beginning Fiscal Year*		3,122.81	289.62
Taxes Sold to Town During			
Current Fiscal Year**	2,565.50		
Interest Collected After Sale	2.66	177.58	
Redemption Costs			
TOTAL DEBITS	\$2,568.16	\$3,300.39	\$289.62

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Remittances to Treasurer During Year			
Redemptions	\$665.13	\$1,799.76	
Interest & Costs After Sale	2.66	177.58	
Unredeemed Taxes—			
End of Fiscal Year	1,900.37	1,323.05	289.62
TOTAL CREDITS	\$2,568.16	\$3,300.39	\$289.62

* These sums represent the total of Unredeemed Taxes, as of January 1, 1983 from Tax Sales held in *Previous* Fiscal Years.

** Amount of Tax Sale(s) held during current fiscal year, including total amount of taxes, interest and costs to date of sale(s).

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT
January 1, 1983 to December 31, 1983

Operating Fund:

Balance December 31, 1982	\$58,046.82
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Receipts:

Tax Collector	505,125.96	
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Selectmen	418,355.36	
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Town Clerk	31,548.50	
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Total receipts	955,029.82	
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1983 Expenditures	904,699.95	
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Account Balance December 31, 1983	108,376.69
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Revenue Sharing Fund:

Balance December 31, 1983	10,309.33
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Withdrawals	11,705.59	
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Deposits	4,206.03	
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Interest Earned	163.25	
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Balance December 31, 1983	2,973.02
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Certificates of Deposit:

Uncommitted 12/31/82	10,294.27	
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Committed 12/31/82	22,035.67	
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Interest Earned	2,656.99	
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Transfer from Revenue Sharing Fund	11,705.59	
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Transfer to Operating Fund	39,632.00	
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Uncommitted Certificate Balance 12/31/83	7,060.52
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Yield Tax Account	2,061.99
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Bicentennial Account	7,760.52
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I hereby certify that the above report is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Douglas C. Benton, Town Treasurer

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS (MS-5)**FROM LOCAL TAXES**

Property Taxes – current year	\$372,278.00	
Resident Taxes – current year	4,480.00	
Yield Taxes – current year	7,526.00	
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes – previous years	108,906.00	
Resident Taxes – previous years	470.00	
Land Use Change Tax – current and prior years	1,400.00	
Interest received on Delinquent Taxes	7,594.00	
Tax sales redeemed	2,465.00	
Total Taxes Collected and Remitted		505,119.00

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES

Highway Subsidy	9,006.00	
Town Road Aid	1,089.00	
Reimb. a/c State-Federal Forest Land	986.00	
Business Profits Tax	2,951.00	
Highway Block Grant	22,188.00	
Forest Fire Refund	60.00	
State Shared Revenues	23,352.00	
Motor Vehicle Fees	1,688.00	
Total Intergovernmental Revenues		61,320.00

LICENCES AND PERMITS

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	31,155.00	
Dog Licenses	384.00	
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	443.00	
Total Licenses and Permits		31,982.00

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

Rent of Town Property	910.00	
Total Charge For Services		910.00

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES

Interest on Deposits	11,104.00	
In Lieu of Taxes	1,250.00	
Refunds	1,582.00	
Miscellaneous	117.00	
Gifts	250.00	
Total Miscellaneous Revenues		14,303.00

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS – (Continued)**OTHER FINANCING SOURCES**

Revenue Sharing Fund	39,632.00	
Total Other Financing Sources		39,632.00

NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS

Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	300,000.00	
Total Non-Revenue Receipts		300,000.00

Total Receipts from All Sources		953,266.00
Cash on Hand, January 1, 1983		58,047.00
GRAND TOTAL		1,011,313.00

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS (MS-5)**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Town Officers' Salaries	\$11,064.00	
Town Officers' Expenses	7,224.00	
Election & Registration Expenses	518.00	
General Government Buildings	2,776.00	
Reappraisal of Property	19,511.00	
Cemeteries	600.00	
Total General Governmental Expenses		42,245.00

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department	3,835.00	
Fire Department	3,312.00	
Total Public Safety Expenses		7,147.00

HIGHWAYS, STREETS, BRIDGES

Town Maintenance	51,105.00	
General Highway Department Expenses	21,882.00	
Street Lighting	1,081.00	
Total Highways and Bridges Expenses		74,068.00

SANITATION

Solid Waste Disposal	16,000.00	
Total Sanitation Expenses		16,000.00

HEALTH

Health Department	2,200.00	
Hospitals and Ambulances	832.00	
Vital Statistics	18.00	
Total Health Expenses		3,050.00

WELFARE

General Assistance	119.00	
Old Age Assistance	5,623.00	
Total Welfare Expenses		5,742.00

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Parks and Recreation	350.00	
Patriotic Purposes	65.00	
Total Cultural and Recreational Expenses		415.00

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS—(Continued)**DEBT SERVICE**

Interest Expense—Tax Anticipation Notes	12,644.00	
Total Debt Service Payments		12,644.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Town Hall Furnaces and Vault	15,580.00	
Total Capital Outlay		15,580.00

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

Payments to Capital Reserve Funds	4,000.00	
Total Operating Transfers Out		4,000.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Insurance	8,247.00	
IRS Overpayment	3,203.00	
Total Miscellaneous Expenses		11,450.00

UNCLASSIFIED

Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes	300,000.00	
Taxes Bought by Town	2,565.00	
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	1,339.00	
Refund and Payment from Yield Tax Escrow Fund	1,749.00	
Total Unclassified Expenses		305,653.00

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS

Payment to State a/c Dog License Fees	719.00	
Taxes Paid to County	39,149.00	
Payment to School Districts	366,838.00	
Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		406,706.00

Total Payments for All Purposes		904,700.00
Cash on Hand December 31, 1983		106,613.00
GRAND TOTAL		1,011,313.00

AUDITOR'S REPORT
Letter of Transmittal

February 15, 1984

Board of Selectmen
Alexandria, New Hampshire

We have examined the financial statements of the various funds and account groups of the Town of Alexandria, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 1983 and have issued our report thereon, dated January 31, 1984. As part of our examination, we reviewed and tested the Town's system of internal accounting control to the extent we considered necessary to evaluate the system as required by generally accepted auditing standards. Under these standards, the purpose of such evaluation is to establish a basis for reliance thereon in determining the nature, timing, and extent of other such auditing procedures that are necessary for expressing an opinion on the financial statements.

The objective of internal accounting control is to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance as to the safeguarding of assets against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and the reliability of financial records for preparing financial statements and maintaining accountability for assets. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that the cost of a system of internal accounting control should not exceed the benefits derived and also recognizes that the evaluation of these factors necessarily requires estimates and judgement by management.

There are inherent limitations that should be recognized in considering the potential effectiveness of any system of internal accounting control. In the performance of most control procedures, errors can result from misunderstanding of instructions, mistakes of judgement, carelessness, or other personal factors. Control procedures whose effectiveness depends upon segregation of duties can be circumvented by collusion. Similarly, control procedures can be circumvented intentionally by management with respect to the estimates and judgements required in the preparation of financial statements. Further, projection of any evaluation of internal accounting control to future periods is subject to the risk that the procedures may become inadequate because of changes in condition and that the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate.

Our study and evaluation of the Town's system of internal accounting control for the year would not necessarily disclose all weaknesses in the system. The following recommendations on administration and operational matters and internal accounting control were developed from our observation of the Town's operations. They are not the result of a special study.

Motor Vehicle Permits. During our test of motor vehicle permit revenues, we noted that the Town Clerk did not consistently include the milage rates,

particularly when split rates applied. In order to allow the vehicle owner to test Town Clerk computations and to provide a clear audit trail, we believe that this detail should be recorded on the permit.

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes. As part of our audit test, we reviewed the Selectmen's meeting minutes. During January to mid-December 1983, the minutes did not appear to contain sufficient detail to comply with state law. We notified the Selectmen of this oversight and they took immediate corrective action. We urge that the Board of Selectmen continue to maintain the minutes in accordance with state requirements.

Tax Sales. We observed that the Town is carrying tax sales past the time for deeding. While sufficient reserves have been established for financial reporting purposes, we believe the Tax Collector should transfer these properties to the tax sale purchasers, as is required by state law.

As in 1982, the tax sale was held at the latest possible date. We urge that the tax sale be held at an earlier date to improve the Town's cash position with respect to taxes receivable.

Selectmen's Tax Abatements. The Board of Selectmen issue tax abatements from several books of blank forms. In order to maintain control over the abatements, we recommend that blank abatement forms be serially numbered and issued in order.

Control of Payroll Records. We observed the payroll records are filed in several different places. We believe that record keeping would be simplified if all permanent payroll records, such as Form W-4 and the individual earning records, were filed in one central location. We also believe that payroll timekeeping records should be made a part of the voucher system employed for regular cash disbursements.

Reconciliation of Cash Accounts. We noted that cash had not been reconciled to the books for some time prior to year end. Consequently, the Treasurer experienced some difficulty with the year end reconciliation. We believe that prompt reconciliation of all cash accounts to the books should be a primary internal accounting control mechanism. We recommend that the accounts be reconciled on a monthly basis.

Bookkeeping Assistance. As part of our 1982 management letter, we recommended that the Board of Selectmen secure bookkeeping and clerical assistance. Timely posted accounting records are an essential part of controlling Town assets. We again urge the Town to consider a part time employee for the Selectmen's office.

Tax Collector's Year End Reports. As of our report date, the Tax Collector's annual report was not available. Control over taxes receivable under the state mandated tax collection system is effective primarily through interim and annual reporting. When the reporting function is neglected, control is also weakened. We believe the Tax Collector should make the year end report available within two weeks of year end.

Yield Tax Accounts. We were pleased to note that our previous recom-

mentation with respect to yield taxes was adopted. However, Town policy at present is to open an individual bank account for each depositor. We believe that unnecessary bank accounts weaken control over cash. When the yield tax performance bonds are recorded in a separate journal, we feel that no benefits are realized from separate bank accounts.

Conclusion The length and nature of this commentary letter might lead some to a negative connotation regarding the Town's financial operations and business practices. However, the purpose of a letter of this type is to provide constructive recommendations by an independent third party. We feel that many of our recommendations can be implemented with little or no cost. Those that require additional funding are made in the belief that the potential benefits outweigh any additional costs.

We did find many positive aspects of Town management and procedures which we did not mention. We would like to acknowledge the assistance extended to us by all Town officials during our work.

Very truly yours,
Carey, Vachon & Clukay

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT**Robert M. Ramsey****January 1, 1983 to March 8, 1983****Winter Roads****Labor:**

Robert M. Ramsey	\$1,606.00
Peter A. Braley	1,017.00
Rodney L. Braley	1,410.75
William L. Simpson	85.50
Total Labor	<u>\$4,119.25</u>

Hired Equipment:

Robert M. Ramsey	\$2,138.60
Rodney L. Braley	16.00
Total Equipment	<u>\$2,154.60</u>

Purchases:

Yeaton Oil Inc.	\$1,903.44
Irwin Motors	2,993.45
Grappone, Inc.	167.35
Leclerc Auto Parts	94.09
Sanel Auto Parts	121.68
Gerrity Bldg.	8.48
Jordan Milton, Inc.	12.14
R.P. Williams and Sons	108.10
Panbro Sales	156.42
Donovan Spring	179.58
International Salt	284.40
Bidall	140.00
E.W. Sleeper Co.	19.20
Howard Fairfield, Inc.	30.48
Robert M. Ramsey	116.40
Total Purchases	<u>\$6,335.21</u>

Sand:

Ronald J. Olszak	250.50
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Grand Total	\$12,859.56
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ROAD AGENT'S REPORT – (Continued)**Laurance Sharp****March 8, 1983 to December 31, 1983****Winter Roads****Labor:**

Laurance Sharp Jr.	\$820.50
Francis Comeau	522.38
David Sharp	154.88
Donald Sharp	157.50
Leon Sharp	640.50
Laurance Sharp II	47.25
Richard Sharp	288.75
Lee Robie	26.25
Fred Sharp	99.75
Jamie Robison	42.00
Ronnie McLean	315.00
Richard Haggerty	288.75
Total Labor	<u>\$3,403.51</u>

Equipment:

Fred and Larry Sharp	<u>255.00</u>
Grand Total	<u>3,658.51</u>

Summer Roads**Labor:**

Laurance Sharp, Jr.	426.00
Francis Comeau	446.26
David Sharp	635.26
Donald Sharp	593.25
Leon Sharp	1,595.95
Laurance Sharp II	42.00
Bruce Patten	63.00
Richard Sharp	21.00
Jamie Robinson	624.75
Edward Sharp	52.50
Total Labor	<u>4,499.97</u>

Equipment:

Fred and Larry Sharp	<u>8,647.75</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$13,147.72</u>

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT – (Continued)**T.R.A.****Labor:**

Laurance Sharp Sr.	378.00
Robert Webber	190.00
Gary Simula	180.00
Leon Sharp	57.75
Jamie Robison	126.00
Francis Comeau	168.00
Richard Sharp	<u>267.75</u>
Total Labor	1,367.50

Gravel:

Earl Bucklin	786.80
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Equipment:

Fred and Larry Sharp	<u>12,919.00</u>
Grand Total	15,073.30

POLICE REPORT 1983

The following complaints were answered in 1983:

Nature of Complaint	Number
Motor Vehicle Accidents	10
Disturbing the Peace	3
Domestic Complaints	12
Motorcycle Complaints	3
OHRV Complaints	7
Suspicious Persons	8
Malicious Damage	7
Misconduct with Motor Vehicle	7
Stolen Vehicle	1
Unreasonable Speed	22
Stolen Property	14
Breaking & Entering	6
Silent Alarms	17
Assault	2
Stray Animals	31
Property Damage	6
Controlled Drugs	1
Miscellaneous	222
Total	<u>379</u>

Robert M. Ramsey
Police Chief
Alexandria, N.H.

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS ON DECEMBER 31, 1983

4 Shares—Northern Railroad	400.00
3360 Shares—Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank	3,360.00
701.87 Shares—Eaton & Howard Fund	7,597.33
Bristol Bank Accounts:	
CD #071 0208 64 #2	1,500.00
CD #070 0286 70	10,000.00
CD #070 0294 48	20,500.00
#18-348-0	494.16
#29954-8	1,891.45
#18-266-0 (savings)	129.55
#18-266-0 (checking)	91.35
Total Trust, Capital Reserve & Cemetery Trustees Funds	<u>\$45,963.84</u>

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA (MS-9)
For the Year Ending December 31, 1983

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund*	PRINCIPAL				INCOME			
			Balance Beginning Year	Balance End Year	Capital Gain Dividends	Income Percent* During Year Amount	Balance Beginning Year*	Income Percent* During Year Amount	Expended During Year*	
1884	Cass	Crawford Cemetery	84.98	88.57	3.59	—	.0045196	10.63	10.63	—
1886	Crawford	Crawford Cemetery	1,699.05	1,770.91	71.86	—	.0903496	212.44	212.44	—
1894	Perkins	Riverside Cemetery	84.99	88.58	3.59	—	.0045196	10.63	10.63	—
1896	Rhoades	Rhoades Cemetery	849.63	885.56	35.93	—	.0451805	106.24	106.24	—
1899	Cheney	Rhoades Cemetery	84.99	88.58	3.59	—	.0045196	10.63	10.63	—
1905	Perkins School	Schools	6,629.30	6,909.68	280.38	2,336.23	.352523	828.90	—	3,165.13
1906	Burns	Burns Hill Cemetery	509.97	531.54	21.57	—	.027982	63.76	63.76	—
1910	Leneghan	Bailey Cemetery	339.99	354.37	14.38	—	.0180795	42.51	42.51	—
Unknown	Literary	Schools	509.74	531.30	21.56	179.65	.0271058	63.74	—	243.39
Unknown	Ministerial	Church	509.74	531.30	21.56	179.65	.0271058	63.74	63.74	—
1918	S. B. Sleeper	Church	1,699.06	1,770.92	71.86	598.77	.0903502	212.44	179.44	598.77
1918	Knowles	Riverside Cemetery	84.99	88.59	3.60	—	.0045190	10.63	10.63	—
1920	Berry	Riverside Cemetery	84.99	88.59	3.60	—	.0045196	10.63	10.63	—
1933	Cushing	Rhoades Cemetery	84.99	88.59	3.60	—	.0045196	10.63	10.63	—
1940	C. K. Gray	Riverside Cemetery	339.98	354.36	14.38	—	.018079	42.51	42.51	—

1940	R.S. Gray	Pitman Cemetery	169.96	7.19	177.15	-0-	.0090376	21.25	21.25	-0-
1942	H.W. Noyes	Rhoades Cemetery	169.96	7.19	177.15	-0-	.0090376	21.25	21.25	-0-
1942	A.C. Sleeper	Crawford Cemetery	84.99	3.59	88.58	-0-	.0045196	10.63	10.63	-0-
1942	1942 Cemetery Fund	Crawford Cemetery	3,022.42	127.83	3,150.25	1,065.13	.185722	377.91	-0-	1,443.04
1943	Patten	Riverside Cemetery	84.99	3.59	88.58	-0-	.0045196	10.63	10.63	-0-
1945	Seavey	Riverside Cemetery	339.98	14.38	354.36	-0-	.018079	42.51	42.51	-0-
1946	Akerman	Riverside Cemetery	169.97	7.19	177.16	-0-	.008039	21.25	21.25	-0-
1946	Hines	Rhoades Cemetery	169.96	7.19	177.15	-0-	.0090376	21.25	21.25	-0-
1946	Twombly	Riverside Cemetery	169.96	7.19	177.15	-0-	.0090376	21.25	21.25	-0-
1949	G.H. Noyes	Rhoades Cemetery	169.96	7.19	177.15	-0-	.0090376	21.25	21.25	-0-
1968	Gifford Lot	Rhoades Cemetery	285.86	12.09	297.95	-0-	.0152012	35.74	35.74	-0-
1968	Lawrence Gray Lot	Riverside Cemetery	167.35	7.08	174.43	-0-	.008899	20.92	20.92	-0-
1980	Raymond B. Hutchins	Riverside Cemetery	203.53	8.61	212.14	-0-	.0108228	25.45	25.45	-0-
	TOTALS		18,805.28	795.36	19,600.64	4,359.43	100	2,351.35	1,582.83	5,127.95
	Highway Equipment	Capital Reserve*	15,047.40	5,946.76**	20,994.16	new fund	created			
	Cemetery—Trustee Fund	Cemetery Maintenance*			241.09					

* Invested in Bank Account.

** New Funds Created

HAYNES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Treasurer's Report

Velma W. Benton, Treasurer

Checking Account:

Balance 12/31/82	17.09
Interest from Acct. #390	370.13
Interest from CD	904.80
Total Deposits	1,274.93
	1,292.02

Expenses:

Public Service	75.00
Insurance	317.00
Oil	184.60
Appreciation Gift	
Librarian Nancy Butler	250.00
Country Flowers	13.50
Total Expenses	840.10
Balance as of 12/31/83	451.92

Savings Account:

Balance as of 12/31/82	3.00
Sale of 43 shares Bristol Bank Stock	
@ \$16.00 each	688.00
Interest	15.45
Total Income	703.45
Balance as of 12/31/83	706.45

Time Certificate (interest redeposited):

Balance as of 12/31/82	12,216.91
Interest	904.80
Total Time Certificate Balance	13,121.71
Less withdrawals	1,274.93
Balance as 12/31/83	11,846.78

Time Certificate:

Balance as of 12/31/82	1,781.21
Interest	201.06
Balance as of 12/31/83	1,982.27

Money Market Certificate (renewed)

30 months @10.85

Andrew and Elizabeth Est. Bal.

12/31/82

610.98

Interest

77.31

Balance as of 12/31/83

688.29

ALEXANDRIA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT Report for 1983

The Alexandria Volunteer Fire Department reports another year of progress and achievement. A number of small but important projects were started and/or completed. Our self contained Breathing Apparatus was extensively overhauled and converted to keep pace with new standards for this type of equipment. New 4-inch fittings were purchased to enhance pumping operations with our 1000 GPM Mack Pumper.

In the spring we hosted a joint "Lakes Region Fire Mutual Aid Assn." and "Twin Rivers Mutual Aid Assn." drill. This was conducted in the village area as a Full 3rd Alarm Mutual Aid response, plus a Special Call 4-inch hose lay assignment. The size of this drill in terms of manpower, fire trucks, auxiliary equipment, and water flow potential provided excellent training for all participants. A drill of this type offers hands-on training for new recruits, and furthers the experience of all Fire Fighters and Officers. It gives an opportunity to try new equipment or ideas under controlled conditions, and to experience problems or failures so that corrective action can be taken. The drill was very successful for our department, and for all those who participated.

This year marked our twentieth year of service to our town and we are proud of our progress and accomplishments. A celebration was planned and well attended in early September. There were T-shirts, hats, mugs, and a Pancake Breakfast with real maple syrup from the Platts Bros., and an afternoon parade with Guest Speaker Senator James Cleveland. The celebration ended with an Open House at the Fire Station, free refreshments, and the awarding of Parade Trophies.

Later in November a new "Building Fund Account" was established for the purpose of accumulating funds for adding an addition and Hose Tower to our present station. A generous donation helped start this project in memory of Mrs. Gene Nathan Stone. It was given by her parents. Although plans are yet to be completed on this very important project, we are underway. We shall keep you informed.

We want to say thank you to everyone who has helped this to be another great year, and also thank our Ladies Auxiliary for their dedicated support. Thank you.

We responded to the following incidents in 1983:

Chimney fires	13
Mutual Aid Calls	10
Forest Fires	3
Wires Down	1
Structure Fires	2

Search for Person	2
Auto Accident	1
Truck Fire	1
Chimney Inspections	70
Wood Stove Inspections	6
Fire Drills—Village School	1

To Report a Fire in Alexandria dial 524-1545. Give the dispatcher the exact address location of the fire emergency. When possible remain on the line so further information can be obtained if needed.

PLEASE check your chimney often for creosote build up.

PLEASE install your woodstove in accordance with all recommendations for clearance and safety.

PLEASE call us if you have a question or need assistance..

PLEASE maintain your smoke detector.

Respectfully submitted,
Francis I. Butler
Fire Chief
Alexandria Volunteer Fire Department

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Once again, our cooperative town and state forest fire prevention and control program leads the nation in least acres burned per forest fire. Less than one-half acre per fire statewide average.

At the town level, your Forest Fire Warden is responsible for the prevention and control of all grass and woods fires when the ground is not snow covered.

Forest fire prevention is achieved at the town level by issuing a written permit for every fire that is to be kindled on the ground out of doors when the ground is not covered with snow. Each person wishing to have an outside fire must obtain this written permit from the town Fire Warden before kindling the fire. Any person that does not obtain a fire permit, when one is required, is violating our forest fire permit law and is subject to a court appearance and could be fined up to \$1,000 and receive a jail sentence of up to one year.

No fire permit will be issued between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. unless it is raining. The reason for this is twofold: the fire danger increases steadily between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., then subsides to a safe level between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. This happens because the sun dries out the fine fuels that are easily ignited and dries the air which permits rapid fire spread. Also during this part of the day fire fighters are not readily available in most communities so an escaped fire could burn longer and cause greater damage before being suppressed.

Your cooperation in burning only when conditions are safe is greatly appreciated.

As Smokey says, "Remember, Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires!"

1983 Statistics

	State	District	City/Town
No. of Fires	779	23	1
No. of Acres	348	24.0	1/160

John Q. Ricard
Forest Ranger
Canaan, N.H.

Kenneth Patten
Forest Fire Warden
Alexandria, N.H.

CEMETERY REPORT

Work on the cemeteries has gone quite well this year, partly because of the tremendous job done by our former sexton, which made my job easier. However, there is still much work to be done. Headstones should be straightened; brush cut; fences built or repaired; and some grassy areas need to be reseeded.

The new sexton will find the shed in order and equipment working which will make the job easier.

June R. Ebbetts

REPORT OF THE GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

We appreciate this opportunity to more directly communicate with our taxpaying citizens through their annual town/city reports.

Because of our July 1st fiscal year, it is hard to anticipate the local tax impact of the county budget. The Commissioners are accountable to the public and taxpayers, and accordingly are extremely conscious of meeting the citizens' needs adequately and efficiently, yet as economically as possible. However, we are faced with similar budgeting dilemmas as towns and cities. Real budget concerns are created by the federal and state mandated programs and services without supporting funds or local control, and the increased demand for services while attempting to hold down budgets and taxes. We all must maintain a close relationship with our legislators. The Commissioners are following very closely the pending legislation regarding settlement and assistance programs and hope that the towns are also involved in this very important issue.

Courtroom #2 was finished last summer and was dedicated during the opening of the fall term of Superior Court on September 13, 1983. We anticipate having a second judge in March, which should relieve the backlog and reduce the need for masters.

Counties, as well as towns, are experiencing the transition of the courts into the new State Unified Court System, and should notice a decrease in local expenses for the judicial system. However, the counties will have to "reimburse" \$2.75 million to the Unified Court System in fiscal year 1985, which means approximately \$200,000 to Grafton County. We also expect that the counties will retain certain operating expenses such as Probate Court guardianship and appeals costs, Superior Court bailiff costs, and probably will have to provide court space, furnishings and equipment without remuneration.

On Commissioner recommendation, the Delegation Executive Committee appointed a Jail Study Committee to review the needs for the county correctional facility. The National Institute of Corrections made an independent study of the correctional facility at no cost to taxpayers, and issued an encouraging report recommending minor changes, but overall indicating a good facility in general compliance with laws, regulations and meeting needs. Some attention is being given to the need for additional space, especially for "weekend" incarcerations. There was no recommendation for new permanent facility construction at this time.

Grafton County is currently involved in litigation in a retirement buy-back issue which could have heavy impact on all local governments in the N.H. Retirement System. Assessment on Grafton County in this one case could run approximately \$70,000 plus legal fees and could result in a serious "domino" effect on local governments.

Grafton County will be going through the budgeting process in May and June, with a public hearing on the Commissioners recommendations expected to be held in mid-June. The hearing will be advertised, and we strongly encourage your attendance at the hearing to voice your opinions and feelings on the budget. We welcome your attendance and comments.

The Commissioners meet Mondays at 9:30 a.m. at the Courthouse and at 12:30 p.m. at the Nursing Home. Meetings are open to the public.

Grafton County Commissioners,
Dorothy Campion-Corcoran, Chairperson

Richard L. Bradley, Vice Chairman
Arthur E. Snell, Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS
Marriages

Date and place of marriage, name of bridegroom and bride; name, official station and residence of person by whom married.

1983

- April 2 Alexandria, N.H.; Robert A. Braley; Laura M. Olson; John M. Fischer, Paster, Hebron, N.H.
- April 23 Alexandria, N.H.; Steven Allen Lacasse; Judy A. Elliott; John M. Fischer, Pastor, Hebron, N.H.
- May 5 Bristol, N.H.; Anthony N. Sylvestre, Elaine S. Haskell; Albin Landry, Justice, Bristol, N.H.
- June 25 Campton, N.H.; Gary A. Simula; Laura L. Sharp; Susan M. DeRoma, Justice of Peace, Alexandria, N.H.
- August 5 Alexandria, N.H.; Donald T. Towle; Elizabeth T. Chambers; Evelyn T. Towle, Reverend, Hebron, N.H.
- August 6 Alexandria, N.H.; Ronald E. Palmer; Wendy Peterman; John M. Fischer, Pastor, Hebron, N.H.
- Sept. 10 New Hampton, N.H.; Stephan R. Cantara, Jackie L. Taylor; John M. Fischer, Pastor, Hebron, N.H.
- Nov. 26 Alexandria, N.H.; Robert B. Armstrong; Susan A. Flanders; John M. Fischer, Pastor, Hebron, N.H.

VITAL STATISTICS**Births**

Date of birth, place of birth, name, father's name and mother's maiden name.
1983

March 14	Laconia, N.H.; Ashley Joan Williams Craig Thomas Williams; Cynthia Joan Hallberg
April 12	Laconia, N.H.; Elizabeth Christine Benton Dean Wallace Benton; Carol Phoebe Mosher
April 13	Franklin, N.H.; Isaiah Benton Mosher Christopher Kevin Mosher; Martha Lee Guptill
April 29	Concord, N.H.; Hannah Caroline Smart Chester Goudie Smart; Helen Elizabeth Robie
May 7	Laconia, N.H.; Adrian Michael Smith Paul Steven Smith; Normena Pray Jacquith
June 28	Laconia, N.H.; Jennilee Helen McGowan Thomas Gerard McGowan; Susan Gail Cote
July 21	Franklin, N.H.; Suzanne Lyn Richards Christopher John Richards, Sherre Lyn Spague
August 1	Laconia, N.H.; Jennifer Louise Lord Jerry William Lord; Cynthia Louise Dearborn
August 3	Franklin, N.H.; Rebecca Dawn Lacasse Steven Allen Lacasse; Judy Ann Lord
August 7	Concord, N.H.; Eric John Defosses Dale Melvin Defosses, Virginia Lorenza Mussen
August 15	Franklin, N.H.; Eric Samuel Sharp Edward Arnold Sharp; Eva Marie Brough

Deaths

Date of death, name, age, place of death

1982 Received in 1983

February 25 Harry B. Ramsey, 84, Lynn, MA.

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May 15 Robert C. Downs, 53, Hanover, N.H.

May 18 Marguerite L. Plummer, 65, Alexandria, N.H.

September 2 Robert B. Whittinghill, 66, Franklin, N.H.

