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## THE COVER

'The New Somersworth' is glimpsed in this aerial view. It shows the public housing project for elderly citizens on the right, a federal program completed in 1965, and to the left the two areas cleared of sub-standard housing and business blocks which comprise the heart of the Triangle Urban Renewal Project. This land is to be redeveloped for commercial use, providing Somersworth with a new shopping center. General Electric Company, Somersworth's largest industry, is clearly seen in the center of the photo.

(G. E. Photograph)



# ANNUAL REPORT

For Year Ending December 31



City of  
Somersworth, N. H.  
1965

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## FOREWORD

Detailed data has been eliminated from this Annual Report. However, all records concerning the activities of the Departments and Commissions of your city's government are open to public inspection during regular office hours. You are welcome at all times to ask questions to advance your understanding about municipal affairs.

# THE MAYOR and CITY COUNCIL



Councilmen Roland J. Noel, Ward 2; Henry J. Pinkham, Ward 2; Roland N. Hebert, Ward 3; William J. Vigneault, Ward 3; Antoine A. Fournier, Ward 5.



Councilmen Roland J. Dubois, Ward 5; Richard L. Perreault, Ward 4; Roland W. Dumais, Ward 4; Thomas Lazarra, Ward 1; Richard A. Gagnon, Ward 1.

Somersworth functions under a mayor-council form of city government. The mayor is elected every two years and serves with an annual stipend of \$4500. He also is allowed an expense account of \$780.

The Somersworth City Council is comprised of 10 members — two elected from each ward every two years. Their salary is \$150 a year. If absent, \$12 is deducted from this annual salary. For a special

meeting, each member is paid \$12 but he receives no remuneration should he fail to attend that session.

The City Council must biennially meet to elect the city officials and fix their compensation. The Council has the power to make, alter, modify, amend and repeal ordinances and pass resolutions. By law, the Council shall, once in every



*Mayor John F. Donovan, 1964-65*

year at least, publish a City Report giving an account of receipts and expenditures.

The City Council must take proper care that no money paid from the city treasury unless previously granted and appropriated. The Council must yearly appropriate funds necessary for the conduct of all department operations, care of public buildings, equipment, etc.

# **COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO HELD OFFICE IN 1966**

Office	Name	Elected or Appointed	Salary	Term Expires
Mayor	<b>John F. Donovan</b>	Elected	\$4,500.00 annually	First Tuesday, Jan. 1966
Councilmen	<b>Ten Members</b>	Appointed by Council	\$ 150.00 annually	First Tuesday, Jan. 1966
City Clerk	<b>Romeo St. Laurent</b>	Appointed by Council	\$ 130.00 weekly	First Tuesday, Jan. 1966
Deputy City Clerk	<b>Rhenda Robinson</b>	Appointed by Council	\$ 67.10 weekly	First Tuesday, Jan. 1966
Street Commissioner	<b>Norman Fournier</b>	Appointed by Council	\$ 110.00 weekly	First Tuesday, Jan. 1966
Assessor	<b>Clovis G. Chabot</b>	Appointed by Council	\$ 85.00 weekly	First Tuesday, Jan. 1966
Tax Collector	<b>Joseph McKeon</b>	Appointed by Council	\$ 95.00 weekly	First Tuesday, Jan. 1966
City Messenger	<b>Albert Morin</b>	Appointed by Council	\$ 75.00 weekly	First Tuesday, Jan. 1966
City Solicitor	<b>Leo H. Cater</b>	Appointed by Council	\$2,000.00 yearly *	First Tuesday, Jan. 1966
City Physician	<b>Dr. W. E. Precourt</b>	Appointed by Council	\$ 450.00 yearly	First Tuesday, Jan. 1966
City Treasurer	<b>Agnes Heon</b>	Appointed by Council	\$ 300.00 yearly	First Tuesday, Jan. 1966
City Auditors	<b>Hayward C. Logan</b>	Appointed by Council	\$ 75.00 yearly	First Tuesday, Jan. 1966
City Auditors	<b>Jeannette Camire</b>	Appointed by Council	\$ 75.00 yearly	First Tuesday, Jan. 1966
Fire Chief	<b>Arthur Nadeau</b>	Appointed by Council	\$ 61.00 weekly plus Rent - heat - lights	
First Deputy Engineer	<b>Joseph R. Lucier</b>	Appointed by Council	\$ 250.00 yearly	First Tuesday, Jan. 1966
Second Deputy Engineer	<b>Malcolm Canney</b>	Appointed by Council	\$ 250.00 yearly	First Tuesday, Jan. 1966
Overseer of Welfare	<b>Clovis G. Chabot</b>	Appointed by Council	\$ 20.00 weekly	First Tuesday, Jan. 1966
Building Inspector	<b>Henry P. Mullen</b>	Appointed by Council	Fees	First Tuesday, Jan. 1966
Sanitary Officer	<b>Peter N. Chasse</b>	Appointed by Council	\$ 450.00 yearly	First Tuesday, Jan. 1966
Director of Public Works and City Engineer	<b>Norman Leclerc</b>	Appointed by Council	\$8,500.00 yearly	First Tuesday, Jan. 1966
District Court Judge	<b>Clovis I. DesMarais</b>	App. by Governor and Council	\$1,900.00 yearly	
Special Justice	<b>Oliver F. Colburn</b>	App. by District Court Judge	\$ 250.00 yearly	
Clerk of Court	<b>Laurier Sans-Cartier</b>	App. by District Court Judge	\$ 600.00 yearly	
Probation Officer	<b>Frank Kinsman</b>	Appointed	\$ 100.00 yearly	January, 1966
Plumbing Inspector	<b>Omer Chasse</b>	Appointed	Fees	January, 1966

\*December 7, 1965 \$3,000.00

## SELECTMEN

Elected Term 2 yrs. Exp. Jan. 66 No Salary  
 Ward 1 — Raoul A. Turmelle — Rose A. Lambert — Robert Lessard  
 Ward 2 — Ludger Langevin — Joseph Plante — Alfred Daigle  
 Ward 3 — Apollinaire Rondeau — Oliver Bisson — Ovide Levesque  
 Ward 4 — Edgar Routhier — Aime Demers — Adolphe Bisson  
 Ward 5 — Alfred Perusse — J. B. Fortier — Ernest Tanguay

## MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE

Appointed by Council

Salaries — Chairman \$100 each session;  
 Clerk \$100 each session; Others \$75.00 each session  
 Thomas L. Perron Term Expires  
 Letha Eden Furlong Term Expires  
 Oliver F. Colburn Term Expires Sept. 1966  
 Marcelle Chabot Term Expires Sept. 1967  
 Thomas R. Cavanaugh  
 Term Expires Sept. 1968

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Appointed by City Council

No Salary Term 5 yrs.  
 Henry P. Mullen Term Expires Jan. 1965  
 Gladys A. Hayes Term Expires Jan. 1966  
 Jessie O'Malley \* Term Expires Jan. 1967  
 Celopie Semitros Term Expires Jan. 1968  
 Gerard Gaudreau Term Expires Jan. 1969  
 \*Resigned Sept. 1965  
 Librarian: Anne C. Crist

## COMMISSIONERS

Appointed by Council

Term 3 yrs. Salary \$300. yearly  
 Clovis G. Chabot Term Expires March 1966  
 William Ball Term Expires March 1967  
 Paul Brunelle Term Expires March 1968

## SOMERSWORTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Appointed by Mayor

Term 5 Years No Salary  
 John J. Parson Term Expires Feb. 28, 1966  
 John A. Constantine, Jr. Term Expires Feb. 28, 1967  
 Leo A. Chabot (Chm.) Term Expires Feb. 28, 1968  
 Richard A. Willett Term Expires Feb. 28, 1969  
 Edward C. Charpentier Term Expires Feb. 28, 1970

## BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE TOWN

Appointed by Council

No Salary Term 2 Yrs.  
 Roland Noel Term Expires 1st Tues., Jan. 1966  
 Omer Chasse Term Expires 1st Tues., Jan. 1966  
 Arthur J. Auclair Term Expires 1st Tues., Jan. 1966

## WATER COMMISSIONERS

Appointed by Council

No Salary Term 4 years  
 Mayor John F. Donovan Term Expires Jan. 1966  
 Hector Sirois Term Expires Jan. 1964  
 Rene Morin Term Expires Jan. 1965  
 Dr. W. E. Precourt Term Expires Apr. 1966

## POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Salary: Chairman \$150. Others \$125 Yearly  
 2 Year Term  
 Paul E. Normandeau Term Expires Sept. 1, 1966  
 Roger G. Vanasse Term Expires Sept. 1, 1967  
 Paul Lemelin Term Expires Sept. 1, 1968

## WATER COMMISSIONERS

Appointed by Council Term 2 Years  
 Salaries:  
 Chairman \$250. Yearly Others \$200. Yearly  
 John F. Donovan Term Expires Jan. 1966  
 Napoleon A. Habel Term Expires Jan. 1966  
 Spencer S. Furbush Term Expires Jan. 1966

## TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Appointed by Council

Term 3 Years No Salary  
 Robert H. Fillion Term Expires Jan. 1965  
 Mary C. Furbush Term Expires Jan. 1966  
 Albert E. Dion Term Expires Jan. 1967

## BOARD OF HEALTH

Appointed by Council

No Salary Term 2 Years  
 Dr. W. E. Precourt Term Expires Jan. 1966  
 Clovis G. Chabot Term Expires Jan. 1966  
 Peter N. Chasse Term Expires Jan. 1966

## PLANNING BOARD

Appointed by Mayor

No Salary Term 6 Years  
 Mayor John F. Donovan  
 City Engineer Norman Leclerc and  
 City Councilman William J. Vigneault  
 Administrative Members  
 Jacob Cohen Term Expires Mar. 23, 1966  
 Romeo Brelsford Term Expires Mar. 23, 1967  
 Herman Horne Term Expires Mar. 23, 1968  
 Eugene Barry Term Expires Mar. 23, 1969  
 Thomas J. McLin Term Expires Mar. 23, 1970  
 Anita Flynn Term Expires Mar. 23, 1971

## BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Appointed by Mayor and City Council

No Salary Term 5 Years  
 Joseph E. Landry Term Expires July 28, 1965  
 Arthur Porelle Term Expires July 28, 1966  
 Paul E. Normandeau Term Expires July 28, 1967  
 Albert O. Fournier Term Expires July 28, 1968  
 Norman Turgeon Term Expires July 28, 1969

## COMMITTEE TRUSTEES

Appointed by City Council Term 5 Years  
 Salaries:

Clerk \$500. Yearly Others No Salary  
 Mary C. Furbush Term Expires Jan. 1965  
 Norman A. Fournier Term Expires Jan. 1966  
 John F. Beamis Term Expires Jan. 1967  
 Wendell G. Pinkham Term Expires Jan. 1968  
 Norman Joy Term Expires Jan. 1969



## TAX COLLECTION

### Collections Made

#### 1965 WARRANT

Submitted to Tax Collector As of Sept. 1965

##### Dr.

Property Tax (inc. Bank Stocks)	\$964,766.10
Added Property Tax	243.00
Poll Tax	6,196.00
Added Poll Tax	62.00

##### Total Debits

##### Cr.

Remitted to City Treasurer during  
fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1965

Property Tax	\$791,217.93
Poll Tax	4,422.00
Added Poll Tax	62.00
Property Tax Abatements	14,141.55
Poll Tax Abatements	182.00
Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1966	
Property Tax	159,649.62
Poll Tax	1,592.00

##### Total Credits

#### 1964 WARRANT

Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1965	
Property Tax	\$147,820.30
Poll Tax	1,956.00
Interest	1,065.97
Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1966	
Property Tax	1,764.88
Poll Tax	620.00

#### 1963 WARRANT

Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1965	
Property Tax	\$ 7,280.54
Poll Tax	148.00
Interest	6.48
Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1966	
Property Tax	\$ 1,205.06
Poll Tax	108.00



*General Electric Company, city's largest taxpayer.*

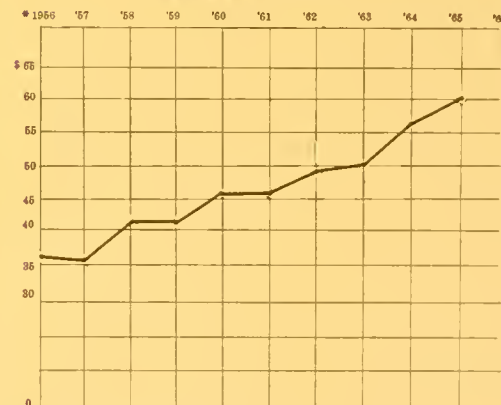
## TAXPAYER TAX

Period	Warrants Submitted to Tax Collector
Dec. 1, 1961 to June 1, 1962	\$10,691.88
June 1, 1962 to Dec. 1, 1962	10,816.44
Dec. 1, 1962 to June 1, 1963	10,719.88
June 1, 1963 to Dec. 1, 1963	11,424.08
Dec. 1, 1963 to June 1, 1964	10,895.33
June 1, 1964 to Dec. 1, 1964	12,372.94
Dec. 1, 1964 to June 1, 1965	11,441.06
June 1, 1965 to Dec. 1, 1965	12,165.64

#### Uncollected As Of

Jan. 1, 1965	Jan. 1, 1966
\$ 366.45	\$ 366.45
853.48	776.16
798.50	570.99
1,271.68	1,127.66
1,857.27	1,478.53
7,017.82	2,474.55

#### Tax Rate 1956 - 1965



\* Revaluation of all property carried out by State Tax Commission

## PLANNING

Herein find submitted the report of the Planning Board, the Board of Adjustment, and the Zoning Board for the year ending December 31, 1965.

During the year, the Planning Board held its regular monthly meetings and several special meetings. The first meeting of the year was a joint meeting of the City Council, the Board of Adjustment, the Housing Authority Board, the Fire Chief and the Health Officer. The purpose was to bring those present up to date on the work that had been done by the Planning Board on rezoning the city and to discuss the recertification of the Workable Program. The zoning map showing the suggested changes was presented to all present for discussion. Changes were suggested by the various groups which would enable the board to work on the map before presenting it to the council for adoption. Later on, a second joint meeting was held with the council on the zoning map without very much being accomplished.

The board granted Mathew Ginty permission to build a house on the Salmon Falls Road behind a vacant lot to avoid violation of the Sub-Division Code.

Warren Weeden was granted permission to operate a trailer park on Route 16B and a preliminary plan submitted to the board by the Bernier-Lemlin-Stackpole developers was approved and ac-

cepted. The board, however, refused to accept their final plan until water was carried into the development and a road was constructed or a bond was given to the City Clerk to assure that these things would be done. Reginald Willett was denied permission to place shelters for school children at various points in the city. The Somersworth Development Corporation was given a vote of confidence by the board for the plan submitted covering land on Route 16.

The rest of the time was devoted to changes in the zoning map which the board expects to be ready for council approval this coming year.

The Board of Adjustment held 18 public hearing during the year. Fifteen were granted, five were granted conditionally and one was denied.

Both boards richly deserve the gratitude of the citizens of Somersworth for the time they so generously give to their work gratuitously.

## CONSTRUCTION IN 1965

30 residences	\$464,050.00
16 garages and carports	23,650.00
1 apartment	35,000.00
9 commercial & non-resident	48,075.00
36 structures not buildings	24,830.00
60 alterations & additions	150,440.00
1 church	40,000.00
25 buildings demolished	15,000.00

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*New home construction increased in the city during 1965.*

## WATER DEPARTMENT

The Somersworth Water Works has gone through its fifth consecutive dry year. Nineteen sixty-five saw many communities forced to ban unnecessary uses such as watering lawns, washing cars, etc. Fortunately, these measures were not necessary in Somersworth but the "drought" did cause some concern not only in the area of available supply and storage but also in the fact that the distribution system requires expansion to serve areas not presently served by the Water Works.

The first area of concern naturally is to the availability of water to meet the requirements of the customers now served and sufficient surplus to permit the expansion of the distribution system.

The consumption has risen so rapidly over the past few years that additional supply is necessary before any major expansion of the system can be made. For example, the total pumped in 1952 was 178.5 million gallons and in 1965 the total was over 371.5 million gallons. So that the increase in population plus the increase in gallons used per capita is rapidly overtaking the available supply.

In 1952 the storage tank on the hill contained a three day's supply — now

that same tank holds less than one day's supply. These are factors that are very important when considering expansion.

Considering the needs of the City of Somersworth in the year 2000 the population should increase to about 10,500 and considering that all areas in the city will be served by that date, the yearly requirement for water will nearly double to more than 620 million gallons.

Based on the foregoing, it is apparent that the Water Works will have to start now or in the very near future to increase the supply and storage capacities of its water system to preclude shortages and emergencies in the immediate future.

## WATER POLLUTION

The abatement of all pollution originating from the City of Somersworth is a task requiring the construction of an interceptor sewer line, a pumping station, a storm water retention tank and chlorination facility, and the construction of the oxidation ponds or lagoons.

These facilities are to be very large to be able to handle the quantities involved. For example, the pumps required will be 3,000 gallon per minute capacity

pumps, the lagoon area will be about 85 acres of water surface.

But the most difficult problem to solve is the treatment of combined waste-storm water that is collected by the sanitary sewer system. This combination of storm water and sanitary waste can result in flows of up to 45,000 gallons per minute. This requires special attention and creates several problems in size of holding tank and chlorination facility. But these problems will be solved soon and it is expected that this city's pollution abatement project will be advertised for bids in September or October of 1966. Present plans now call for completion of construction by December 1, 1967.





## WATER WORKS

### Comparative Balance Sheet As At December 31, 1965 and 1964

Assets	December 31,	
	1965	1964
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Land	\$ 10,250.00	\$ 10,250.00
Water Supply Structures	59,506.51	41,604.64
Pumping Station Structures	54,794.20	54,184.20
Water Supply Equip.	35,913.22	35,913.22
Pumping Station Equip.	14,147.27	14,147.27
Purification Equipment	3,740.06	
Distribution Mains	507,610.79	499,451.24
Services	75,156.30	74,040.25
Hydrants	42,074.52	40,242.00
Meters	46,471.18	43,980.31
Trucks	3,640.00	3,640.00
Other Equipment	9,977.92	8,960.12
Stand Pipe Repairs	7,484.46	9,979.81
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,176,790.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,176,790.00</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Materials and Supplies	7,553.73	6,672.48
Accounts Receivable	28,435.81	41,561.46
Cash Savings Accounts	5,870.68	5,619.61
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 41,860.22</b>	<b>\$ 53,853.55</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,218,650.22</b>	<b>\$ 1,230,643.55</b>

#### Liabilities

<b>Capital Liabilities</b>		
Municipal Investments	\$100,392.79	\$100,392.79
Funded Debt	158,000.00	185,000.00
<b>Total Capital Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 258,392.79</b>	<b>\$ 285,392.79</b>

Contributions in Aid of Construction	66,777.80	61,042.59
Reserve for Depreciation	274,637.55	258,168.67
Surplus	312,818.49	285,642.56
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 654,233.84</b>	<b>\$ 584,853.82</b>

### Comparative Statement of Operations For the Years Ended December 31, 1965 and 1964

Income	December 31,	
	1965	1964
Commercial Sales and Job Work	\$105,843.93	\$ 90,082.34
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Labor at Wells	3,444.14	926.81
Power Purchased	8,199.90	8,104.59
Superintendence	7,371.43	7,270.43
Repairs to Mains	332.84	2,376.49
Repairs to Services	3,339.02	1,292.79
Repairs to Hydrants	1,623.94	1,490.24
Repairs to Meters	3,616.95	3,296.95
Office Supplies and Exp.	2,528.76	1,599.17
General Expense	1,130.44	1,399.95
Truck Expense	1,449.22	1,254.75
Interest	5,692.50	6,472.50
Shop Expense	1,069.62	632.65
Social Security	577.16	567.28
Insurance	677.35	
Damages		93.70
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 53,942.20</b>	<b>\$ 48,042.20</b>

Net Profit Before Depreciation and Amortization	64,790.68	53,304.04
Depreciation	16,468.88	14,261.55

Amortization of Standpipe	2,495.35	2,494.95
Testing for Well	1,083.75	
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,047.98</b>	<b>16,756.50</b>
Operating Income	44,742.68	36,547.54
Savings Bank Interest	251.05	452.40
<b>Total Income for Year</b>	<b>\$ 44,993.73</b>	<b>\$ 36,999.94</b>

## WATER EXTENSIONS IN 1965

Brian Street (Developer)	
335 ft. 1 Hydrant	\$1,554.06
Guy Street (Developer) 202 ft.	824.84
Indigo Hill Road (Water Works)	
424 ft. 1 Hydrant	2,298.16
Patricia Street (Developer)	
256 ft. 1 Hydrant	1,519.63



Well No. 3, major source of city's water supply.



## EXPENDITURES VS APPROPRIATIONS 1965

	Appropriation	Receipts	Appropriations and Receipts	Expendi- tures	Trans. from Gen. Fund	Trans. to Gen. Fund
Assessor's Office	\$ 1,750.00		1,750.00	1,826.91	76.91	
Bonds	57,000.00		57,000.00	57,000.00		
Capital Expenditures	13,338.75		13,338.75	10,553.41		2,785.34
Cemetery	5,730.00	4,853.33	10,583.33	9,151.71		1,431.62
Chandler Building	892.00		892.00	865.07		26.93
Christmas Lighting	500.00		500.00	500.00		
City Clerk's Office	3,262.00		3,262.00	3,173.09		88.91
City Hall	1,558.00	261.48	1,819.48	1,671.83		147.65
Civil Defense	1,000.00		1,000.00	363.45		636.55
County Tax	52,228.02		52,228.02	52,228.02		
District Nursing	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00		
Drainage	4,000.00	75.00	4,075.00	4,263.96	188.96	
Elections	1,865.00		1,865.00	2,102.79	237.79	
F. I. C. A.	6,200.00		6,200.00	5,766.62		433.38
Fire	22,820.74	374.18	23,194.92	25,246.55	2,051.63	
Group Insurance	4,642.40	990.01	5,632.41	4,642.40		990.01
Highway	62,691.08	9,488.22	72,179.30	64,074.07		8,105.23
Hydrant	8,280.00		8,280.00	8,280.00		
Insurance	5,556.30	141.59	5,697.89	2,435.80		3,262.09
Interest Notes Payable	4,488.88	11,509.63	15,998.51	17,865.55	1,867.04	
Interest on Bonds	4,128.93		4,128.93	27,605.00	23,476.07	
Library	9,600.00	2.97	9,602.97	9,905.86	302.89	
Macadam and Surfacing	11,968.18		11,968.18	11,611.34		356.84
Mayor's Expenses	600.00		600.00	600.00		
Mayor's Office	505.90	74.10	580.00	535.47		44.53
Memorial Day	600.00		600.00	600.00		
Miscellaneous	500.00		500.00	1,255.30	755.30	
Municipal Building	1,965.00		1,965.00	1,731.14		233.86
N. H. Seacoast Region	500.00		500.00	418.93		81.07
N. H. Seacoast Region	150.00		150.00	150.00		
Parks and Playgrounds	4,500.00		4,500.00	4,464.83		35.17
Police	80,000.00	619.96	80,619.96	80,000.00		619.96
Printing	1,355.00	7.75	1,362.75	1,481.82	119.07	

	Appropriation	Receipts	Appropriations and Receipts	Expendi- tures	Trans. from Gen. Fund	Trans. to Gen. Fund
Refuse Collection	26,587.35		26,587.35	25,181.49		1,405.86
Relocation (Police Station)	3,500.00	216.00	3,716.00	3,500.00		216.00
Removal of Dead Trees	500.00		500.00	499.65		.35
Salaries	60,167.60		60,167.60	60,000.19		167.41
Schools	505,678.73	101,584.09	607,262.82	606,216.94		1,045.88
Sidewalks	3,977.04	10.00	3,987.04	3,050.67		936.37
Sinking Fund	3,480.00		3,480.00	6,960.00		3,480.00
Street Lights	25,000.00		25,000.00	24,431.85		568.15
Tax Collector's Office	1,148.00	328.59	1,476.59	1,120.09		356.50
Town Road Aid	4,347.49		4,347.49	4,347.49		
Welfare and Relief	20,000.00	394.94	20,394.94	17,156.54		3,238.40
Workmen's Compensation	4,000.00	222.92	4,222.92	2,701.94		1,520.98
Zoning	1,000.00	75.00	1,075.00	916.65		158.35

100,000.00 350,000.00 1,050,000.00

Date Issued	Amount Issued	Paid in 1965		Amount Redeemed	Amount Outstanding	Expiration Date
FOR WATER WORKS		Principal	Interest			
June 1, 1949	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 202.50	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	June 1, 1969
December 1, 1952	100,000.00	5,000.00	800.00	65,000.00	35,000.00	Dec. 1, 1972
October 1, 1954	60,000.00	5,000.00	190.00	55,000.00	5,000.00	Oct. 1, 1966
July 1, 1959	200,000.00	15,000.00	4,500.00	90,000.00	110,000.00	July 1, 1974
FOR SEWER and SIDEWALKS						
June 1, 1949	47,000.00	2,000.00	202.50	39,000.00	8,000.00	June 1, 1969
FOR SEWER						
November 1, 1961	285,000.00	15,000.00	8,400.00	60,000.00	225,000.00	Nov. 1, 1981
FOR HIGHWAYS						
August 1, 1960	100,000.00	10,000.00	2,100.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	Aug. 1, 1970
FOR SCHOOLS						
December 1, 1955	480,000.00	25,000.00	6,875.00	255,000.00	225,000.00	Dec. 1, 1974
November 1, 1961	237,000.00	15,000.00	6,720.00	60,000.00	177,000.00	Nov. 1, 1981
December 1, 1963	398,000.00	20,000.00	12,160.00	38,000.00	360,000.00	Dec. 1, 1983
FOR IMPROVEMENT and EQUIPMENT						
March 1, 1956	115,000.00	5,000.00	812.50	85,000.00	30,000.00	Mar. 1, 1971
FOR INTERCEPTOR SEWER						
Authorized \$720,000.00						
December 4, 1962	690,000.00	30,000.00	21,390.00	60,000.00	660,000.00	Nov. 1, 1987
FOR URBAN RENEWAL						
August 1, 1964	100,000.00	10,000.00	3,100.00	10,000.00	90,000.00	Aug. 1, 1974

## VALUE OF CITY PROPERTY

Property	Structure	Contents
City Hall Annex, Main Street	\$ 53,064.00	\$ 20,000.00
Old High School, Grand Street	139,896.00	26,000.00
New High School, Cemetery Road	785,000.00	160,000.00
Chandler School, Green Street	74,880.00	17,500.00
Former Pumping Station, Wells Street	31,000.00	7,196.00
Street Department Garage, West High St.	17,300.00	4,000.00
Street Department Tool House, W. High St.	1,000.00	100.00
Street Dept. Equipment, Storage, W. High St.	9,000.00	2,000.00
Fire Station #2, Pleasant Street	26,800.00	4,000.00
Old Fire Station #3 (Ward House) Washington St.	1,500.00	

Old Fire Station #5 (Ward House) Main Street	1,500.00	
Old Fire Station (H. S. Shop)	1,500.00	
Pumping Station #1, Lily Pond Road	5,500.00	16,000.00
Pumping Station #2, Lily Pond Road	5,500.00	16,000.00
Pumping Station #3, Tate's Brook Road	5,500.00	16,000.00
Chapel Building, Forest Glade Cemetery	7,200.00	
Office Building, Forest Glade Cemetery	1,400.00	
Storage Bldg. Playground, Hamilton St.	2,500.00	
Cemetery Garage, Maple St Extension	1,000.00	2,000.00
Dump Garage, Maple St. Extension	2,080.00	
Sewer Pumping Station, Lily Pond Road	4,320.00	1,000.00
Jr. High School, Cemetery Road	184,000.00	19,000.00

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*Theatre building once city hall, was sold in 1965 to make way for urban renewal project.*

## FUNDS HELD IN TRUST BY THE CITY

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose	How Invested	Bal. Begin. Year	New Funds Created	Income Dur. Year	Expend. Dur. Year	Bal. End Year
Jan. 1887	Cemetery Trust Fund	Cemetery	Somersworth-Rollinsford Savings Bank	\$62,789.59	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,858.46	\$ 2,858.46	\$62,889.59
June 1894	Chandler Trust Fund	Library	Somersworth-Rollinsford Savings Bank	2,000.00		85.59	85.59	2,000.00
Dec. 1962	Harry Stein — Somersworth Shoe, Inc.	Scholarship	Somersworth-Rollinsford Savings Bank	6,224.76		267.35	380.00	6,112.11
Nov. 1962	Harry Stein — Somersworth Shoe, Inc.	Scholarship	Somersworth National Bank	6,366.01		273.43	200.00	6,439.44
Dec. 1962	Harry Stein — Somersworth Shoe, Inc.	Scholarship	Somersworth-Rollinsford Savings Bank	7,346.96	2,000.00	572.08	295.00	9,624.04

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Somersworth Fire Department in 1965 had a staff of two full-time firemen plus the Chief. The remainder of the Department is comprised of 25 paid callmen and 10 runners (who are paid when they attend a fire).

During 1965 this force continued regular instructional sessions. Fire schools are held for training purposes every month. In good weather these go on outdoors, in the winter they take place inside. Techniques are demonstrated in these classes to keep firemen constantly up-to-date with fire fighting developments.

A continuing program of education for fire safety is carried on by this Department. The Chief and his staff inspect public buildings such as schools and churches as well as factories, places of business, and homes. Suggestions are made when necessary for removal of fire hazards.

As a public service, the firemen gave considerable of their time in behalf of decorating this city for Christmas 1965. Material and labor costs incurred went far above the \$500 appropriation made by the City Council for this work. An extra one and a half miles of Christmas lighting was installed throughout the city. The bridge dividing Somersworth and Berwick was fully decorated — on both sides of the bridge, and the impressive







religious scenes were renovated and erected at strategic spots. The Fire Department took pride in planning and leading the Christmas parade, a project judged one of the finest ever held in Somersworth.

For the future, this Department needs even more full-time firemen. A city this size should easily support a force of six permanent men. It must be remembered that every home or business lost by fire means a corresponding loss of tax revenue to the entire city. Somersworth has some fine equipment, well-qualified men, but it needs additional full-time fire fighters to be certain that a fire is gotten

under control at the very earliest moment once the alarm is rung in.

It is interesting to note that 1965 found many minor fires fought by this department but no major conflagration. The total of calls for the year is as follows:

In 1965	
Box Alarms	40
Still Alarms	140
Engineer Alarms	80
Brush and Grass Fires	24
Aided Other Towns	16
Received Aid	1
Total Alarms	301



*Firemen extended Yule lighting.*

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

In 1965 the Highway Department seal-coated with asphalt the following streets:

Elm, Fayette, Indigo Hill Road, Central Park Acres, Tate Road, Winter, part of Rocky Hill Road, Blackwater Road, Green, Emery, Bartlett, Ellswick, Walcott, Alicia, Hill Top School and Stackpole Road, using 35,000 gallons of Asphalt M. C. 3.

The Highway Department made Hot-top sidewalks on Horne, Hanson, Grove, Grand and Green streets; and also Third Street. About 3,000 feet of new sidewalks using some 333 tons of Hot Top.

The Department used 150 tons of cold patch to patch holes in streets and to patch sewer and water trenches.

Two hundred forty-two tons of crushed gravel were used for sidewalks and streets. Also used were 330 tons of road salt for winter road maintenance and some 1500 tons of sand were distributed for seal coating and winter road use.

The Highway Department installed 510 feet of main Sewer extensions and 19 new sewer connections were installed.

Seven dead Elm trees were cut down and stumps removed.

These are just a few of the projects carried out besides the regular routine, maintenance work and helping of other departments.



## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### Work at Health

Buried Nuisances	85
Complaints from other sources	75
Disinfection of houses	4
Issued 23 milk licenses at \$2.	\$46.00
Issued 1 milk license exempt by law of fee	1
Contagious Diseases	2

## Forest Glade Cemetery

### Receipts

Appropriations	\$ 5,730.00
Income from Cemetery	1,994.87
Trust Fund Income	2,858.46

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Total Income	\$10,583.33
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### Expenditures

Labor	7,512.00
Supplies	1,639.71

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Total Expenditures	9,151.71
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Unexpended Balance	1,431.62
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### Welfare Costs

Groceries	\$ 730.39
Clothing	82.50
Fuel	245.46
Rent	153.00
Medical	994.95
Hospital	578.77
Board & Care	3,718.70
Office Expense	384.90
Old Age Assistance	6,085.26
Aid to Disabled	1,665.50
Burials	405.00
Supplies	43.00

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Total Aid for the year:	2,069.11
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	\$17,156.54
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## FINANCE REPORT

For a city this size, Somersworth has a progressive police department and efforts are constantly being made to improve its service to the public.

Yet there are some problems that need to be solved as a result of increasing population and the faster rate at which all of us now live. These problems require public understanding and attention if the police department is to continue its record of effectiveness.

First, in this day of high employment levels, it takes realistic pay scales to attract and then hold good men. This applies to every type of business and work today. The starting pay for a Somersworth police officer is still too low and this is making it difficult to recruit good men to serve as officers. A better pay level would be \$90 a week to start—this to increase to \$100 after six month' service.

The increased demands on the police department are fast leading to the day when a full-time inspector will be required to cope with all the investigative work there is to be done. This will be needed if the city is to have a top flight police department.

Also needed is a man or possibly a

woman to serve as dispatcher at the police station and also to carry out increasing amounts of clerical work. This would actually save the city money in the long run by relieving a full-time officer to do more important work.

The department continues to need some basic equipment. This includes, especially, a short gun, tear gas equipment, camera, and a file system to keep better track of criminal activities.

The general public can be of big help in the work of this department. Cars should be parked in zones set aside for parking, not in restricted areas; double parking should be eliminated; and, in winter, care should be given to keeping automobiles off the road to allow plows to do their work. In bad weather at any time of year, the best advice is to stay at home for safety's sake.

During times of emergency, especially fires, motorists should remain away from the scene of the fire to allow emergency equipment to get to the scene unimpeded.

Equipment added in the past year includes three walkie-talkies that now replace the telephone call boxes. This means an officer is available and ready to serve you at a moment's notice.



*Training is a continuous process.*



How the Department's \$50,000  
Appropriation Was Spent in 1965

Salaries (gross)	\$67,851.41
Retirement paid by City	3,099.33
Retirement paid by Officers	3,518.36
Gas, oil & tires	1,065.21
Cruiser repairs	300.50
Radio repairs	102.27
Public Service Co. (lights)	366.50
Telephone	1,631.10
General expenses	663.72
Insurance on cruisers	472.35
Clothing allowance	1,902.51
New equipment	1,200.59
Down payment cruiser	1,344.51

Total including down payment  
on equipment \$81,000.00

UNRECEIVED COURT

Receipts

	1965
Fines collected in Court	\$6,171.00
Restitution (Damages to officer's uniform)	25.00
Sale of Writs	9.20
Bails (Appealed or Probable Cause cases for Superior Court	620.00
Small Claims	19.00
Balance on hand December 31, 1964	442.95

CITY OF SOMERSWORTH \$6,887.15



New quarters were opened in City Hall in 1965 as Urban Renewal program re-  
quired removal of Police Department from its former home in the Somersworth  
Theatre building.

Disbursements

Department of Safety (State's share of fine for Traffic violations)	\$2,387.80
Witness Fees	115.00
Bails to Superior Court (Probable or Appealed Cases)	620.00
Restitution	25.00
Court Expense: Law books supplement	37.50

Small Claims Applications	15.80
Office supplies	5.98
Bond for Clerk of Courts	6.00
Printing	50.25
City of Somersworth	3,950.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$7,213.33
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1965	78.82
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TOTAL	\$7,292.15





*Somersworth High School is regional winner in national typing contest.*

The Somersworth schools this past year have continued to move forward in their service to the youth of our community.

The success of our endeavors depends, in a great measure, upon the primary objectives and policies as laid down by the school board. Administration of the schools is enhanced by a clear definition of the purposes and direction in which the schools are pointed. Teaching is enhanced due to a positive decision about the goals and support of what each teacher is attempting to accomplish. We

are indeed fortunate to have the kind of school board that has fulfilled its function to be a policy-making body only, and a group committed to the best education possible within the framework of available funds. Any success—and I think we have success—is not the product of any one man or group of men; if one group, however, is to be singled out, the honor is yours. To work with you has been my privilege this past year.

Enrollments at all levels continue to rise each year, and this year has been no exception. The recently completed high-school addition will provide space which will accommodate the projected enrollment for several years. Our difficulties lie in the elementary-school area where virtually every space which is available is now being used. This is not to say that immediate building is contemplated, but it is the age level which is giving us concern at this time.

Curriculum in our schools is continually reviewed in the light of changing needs and developments in our society to guarantee the validity of our teaching methods and educational programs. In the high school, large group instruction is an established technique with proven results. Teachers in social studies, mathematics, and English have incorporated this technique in their presentations to the pupils in these academic areas. Mr. Merrow has performed a real service in developing cooperative teaching using

the lecture room; this is our own modification of large group instruction. The experimental use of a grade school teacher at the high-school level to help pupils with reading difficulties has borne results that are positive in every sense of the word.

The elementary school has instituted a literature program for those pupils at the junior-high level who are superior in reading ability. This elementary staff is also working in the proposed fifth- and sixth-grade program that will have five teachers and two teacher aides providing instruction for three fifth- and three sixth-grade classes. The planning has required extensive allotments of time by these teachers for which they are to be commended.

I should like to say a few words about the financial support of the schools. It is



*Sunday basketball games are example of wide community use to which public school facilities are put.*

fully realized by all that there are limits to resources which support such institutions as school, libraries, etc. This community, I believe, desires good education for its children—a desire that requires the expenditure of money to realize. Good education is costly in terms of finances—poor education is costly in terms of children. Somehow the dichotomy between the desire for good schools and the resistance to raise the necessary funds must be resolved. In the past few years, the people, through their representatives in city government, have provided the funds to improve the educational environment and educational programs of our schools. In the future, larger enrollments, new equipment, teaching methods, additional teachers, and inflation all point to greater costs if we are to maintain or improve our school system. There is a source of revenue which, in my opinion has not been utilized, and that is state aid to education; one cannot except the property tax to carry virtually the complete burden of local taxation.

We continue to maintain our buildings on a programmed basis whereby we paint a few rooms a year, fertilize the lawns, oil the parking and hard-top areas as needed, repaint and waterproof brick walls, caulk around windows, and repair facilities before they become major problems. I feel the preventive nature of this work is good business practice that provides sav-

ings to the community over a period of years.

The budget for this fiscal year reflects increases in the following areas:

1. Teacher salaries — more teachers and higher salaries. We need teachers to care for larger enrollments and in the quest for teachers, higher salaries are required to keep us in a competitive position.

2. Increased services have resulted in higher costs for books, school supplies, speech therapist, and other pupil-connected costs.

3. Janitorial service — these men who do such a wonderful job are entitled to salary increases, and we did add a man when the high-school addition was completed.

4. Operation of the schools — heat, electrical, water, and cleaning supplies are higher due to a larger school plant.

This writer has in the past urged that some land be purchased for future school and/or recreational sites. I would again urge that a study relative to this matter be carried out with recommendation to the city. As more and more housing is established, population is increased and good land is being rapidly used up in all areas of the city. The purchase of one or two tracts now of at least twenty to thirty acres in size would reserve said

areas for future use at a reasonable cost. If we wait, the ultimate cost could be a serious blow to the financial requirements of the community.

I have in mind that if a school were built in a location that would allow us to reduce the need for bus transportation by one or two buses, the savings in transportation cost over a period of forty years would pay for the building.

I should like to extend my appreciation to my staff: the Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Pickard; the Principals, Mr. Bahros and Mr. J. Robert Brunelle; the teachers; the custodians; Mrs. Cormier and her staff in the lunch rooms; the transporter, Mr. Smith, and all those interested citizens who have made a good school year possible.





*Professional help broadens educational horizons.*

## PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Somersworth Library has joined other New Hampshire libraries in a co-operative attempt to boost library service throughout the state. This library is in the Concord District and is participating in planning for the entire district. Your librarian is currently serving on the Planning Committee and Somersworth is now

buying some of its books through the State Library at a greater discount.

Statistics published by the state show an increase in circulation, in per capita reading and in per capita spending for the City of Somersworth, and our figures for 1965 indicate more growth in our service to the people of this city.

The staff has discarded 921 books in 1965, making a total of 3,159 books discarded since 1960. Replacements have been added when necessary to keep our collection up to date. The process of weeding is time consuming and exacting, however, it is our hope to continue to discard extensively, both before and after the anticipated move to a new location.

## SOMERSWORTH 1965

<b>Volumes Added</b>	986
Adult	809
Juvenile	177
<b>Volumes Discarded</b>	921
<b>Gifts</b>	35
<b>Registerer Borrowers</b>	2,796
Adult	1,318
Juvenile	1,478
<b>Circulation</b>	27,756
Adult	15,615
Juvenile	12,141
<b>Professional Meetings Attended</b>	9
<b>Staff Talks</b>	5

## CITY CLERK



*Romeo St. Laurent, who was named City Clerk in 1962, ended his service in 1965 to accept a county appointment into the War on Poverty.*



The year 1965 saw the City Council authorize an expenditure for the revision and codification of Somersworth's ordinances, the first in 20 years.

This work was performed by the City Solicitor and the culmination of his long and tedious job was finalized by a vote of the Council, December 7. After the codification, the finished work was placed in printed form and copies made available for general public use.

#### Permits and Fees Collected

	1965	1964
1966 Motor		
Vehicle Permits \$	780.50	\$ 938.93
1965 Motor		
Vehicle Permits	56,424.86	909.04
1964 Motor		
Vehicle Permits	917.77	52,193.07
Dog Licenses	575.98	569.62
Building Inspector's		
Receipts	1,607.00	1,418.50
Misc. Licenses	388.00	531.00
Sewage Permits	2,195.00	2,240.00
Office Permits	2,322.80	1,932.40
City Maps	7.75	8.50

#### Vital Statistics

	1965	1964
Births	181	205
Deaths	107	95
Marriages	115	118
Dog Licenses		
Dogs	249	272



Somersworth Calls	892
Berwick Calls	105

	997
Cash collected & deposited	\$1,149.00

Free Chest X-Ray Clinic held  
June, 1965; 345 X-Rays taken.  
Free Polio Clinic Trivalent I,  
May, 1965; 227 doses administered.  
Free: 2200 Cancer Dressings distributed  
in 1965.

The Town of Berwick appropriates  
\$750.00 a year to the Somersworth-Berwick  
Nursing Association and the City of  
Somersworth \$2,000.00 a year.



*The nationally sold Citation Shoe is  
made here.*

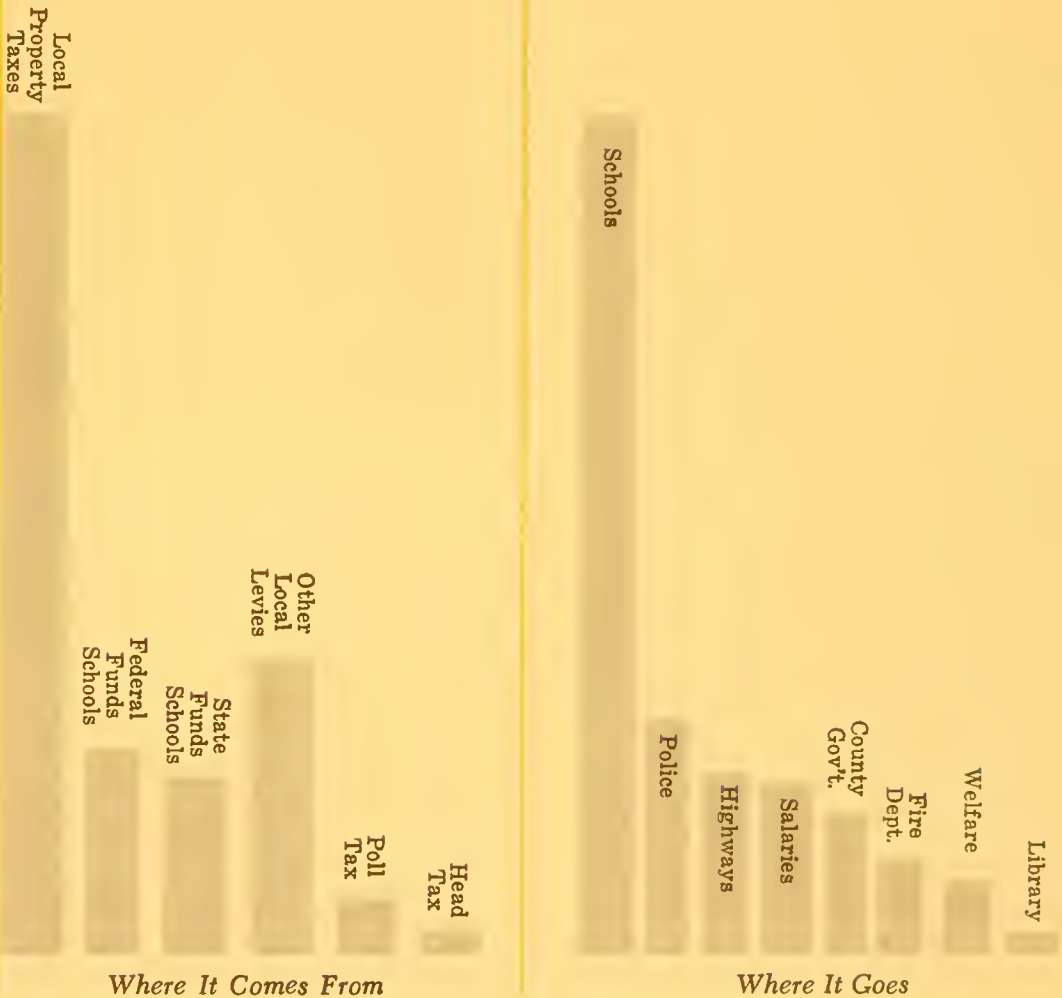


# SOURCES OF REVENUE

Property taxes raised locally provide the largest single source of revenue to run this City. Other sources are broken down here;

	1965 Estimated Revenue	1965 Actual Revenue
Automobile Taxes	\$54,000.00	\$56,424.86
Chandler Building	540.00	540.00
City Hall	600.00	340.00
Dog Licenses	550.00	575.98
Miscellaneous Licenses	550.00	388.00
Police Court Fees	3,500.00	3,950.00
Interest and Dividend Tax	5,655.83	5,655.83
Savings Bank Tax	5,141.95	5,141.95
Railroad Tax	455.93	455.93
Poll Taxes	5,800.00	4,484.00
Chandler Fund Income	85.00	85.59
National Bank Stock Tax	2,170.50	2,170.50
Head Tax Income	1,950.00	1,739.00
City Clerk's Office Fees	1,950.00	2,322.80
Interest —		
Uncollected Taxes	1,200.00	1,806.56
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	\$84,149.21	\$86,081.00

# SOMERSWORTH'S TAX DOLLARS



## IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

Somersworth's recreation program continued in 1965 to be confined to the 10-week summer schedule that revolves around the Noble Pines Playground.

A staff of five led by director Raymond L. Brunelle provides a full program of activities for young people and does this on a limited budget. For 1965, \$4,000 was appropriated for the entire program. The city gets considerable value from its investment.

Activities receiving continuous attention by young and old are horseshoes, tether ball, football, volley ball, ping pong, badminton, tennis, scoop ball, shuffleboard, and basketball. In the evening organized baseball teams supply sports fans at the playground's picturesque baseball field with many interesting contests. The field, having been seeded and fertilized, is in excellent condition during the year. Organized activities are held in the twilight hours, such as girls softball games and a basketball league under the lights for the older boys in the city.

There is considerable interest among the players and their supporters in the minor league competition which during the season found six teams competing.

A major improvement was made possible in 1965 through a \$400 appropriation for sealing the tennis courts. These courts are in almost constant use during the season.



## RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

Authorizing the Committee on Finance to borrow in anticipation of taxes a sum not to exceed the total tax levy of 1965. 1/5/65.

Authorizing the Finance Committee to buy a reconditioned bookkeeping machine (Sensimatic) not exceeding the sum of \$1,900.00 and a sum not to exceed \$100.00 for accounting cards and related tray. 1/5/65.

Authorizing the Finance Committee to pre-pay the City's share of the 1965 T.R.A. amount of \$567.06 to allow early completion of Stackpole Road and an additional sum of \$3,780.43 (the State's 1965 share) be paid to the State. The State to reimburse said sum of \$3,780.43 in July, 1965. 2/2/65.

Relative to the closing of Court Street and a conveyance of premises by quit-claims deed to the Somersworth Housing Authority. 4/12/65.

Authorizing the Mayor to convey by quit-claim deed to the Somersworth-Rollinsford Savings Bank a projection of land on the westerly side of Elm St. 8/6/65.

Authorizing the expenditure of \$743.00 to extend the main sewer line a distance of 175 feet at the southerly end of Indigo Hill Rd. 9/8/65.

Relative to the 20th Anniversary observance of the General Electric Co. 9/1/65.

Authorizing the Committee on Pollution to hold hearing to assess damages and take land for the purpose of extending the City Sewer Lines from the following named: Hyman Krinsky; Ernestine McNally and Willis P. Gould, Jr.; and the Boston and Maine Railroad. 9/1/65.

Empowering the School Board to exceed its appropriation by not more than \$4,000.00 11/4/65.

Authorizing the Committee on Public Buildings to expend a sum not to exceed \$11,000.00 for the removal of the Police Station contents and the renovation of the Municipal Building basement to house the Police Department. 11/9/65.

Congratulating the Somersworth-Berwick Fire Departments for the outstanding Christmas Parade. 12/7/65.

That the Housing and Home Finance Administrator relieve the City of the liability in the amount of \$7,800.00 regarding the High School Addition known as Project N. H. 21-P-49. 12/7/65.

Authorizing the transfer of funds from one department to another. 12/15/65.

## RESOLUTIONS

From Public Service Co. of N. H. for Police License - Stackpole Rd. Granted 1/4/65.

From Public Service Co. of N. H. and N. E. Tel. and Tel. for Pole Licenses - Blackwater Road and Kilda St Granted 1/4/65.

From Public Service Co. of N. H. and N. E. Tel. and Tel. for pole licenses - Cliff St., New Rochester Rd. and Maple St. Granted 2/2/65.

From B and W Foods Inc. for abatement of sewer tax in the amount of \$533.70. Tabled 2/2/65. Granted 5/4/65.

From Community T. V. Inc., of Laconia to install and/or maintain television coaxial cable and amplifiers. Tabled 2/15/65.

From Public Service Co. for pole license Verona St. Granted 4/6/65.

From Public Service Co. of N. H. and N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. for pole license - Stackpole Rd. Granted 4/6/65.

From Daniel C. Richard to repair sidewalk

at 140 Green St. Tabled 4/12/65. Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Drains with power to act. 5/4/65.

From Public Service Co. for pole license - Blackwater Rd. Granted 9/7/65.

From Public Service Co. and N. E. Tel. and Tel. for police licenses - Back Dover Rd., Old Salmon Falls Rd., Washington St. Granted 9/7/65.

From Public Service Co. for pole license - Central Park Acres; Genest St. and High St. Granted 10/8/65.

Public Service Co. and N. E. Tel. and Tel. for police license - Washington St. Granted 10/8/65.

Public Service Co. and N. E. Tel. and Tel. for pole license - Indigo Hill Rd. Granted 12/7/65.



*Washington Street housing project for senior citizens was opened in 1965.*



## OF INTEREST ABOUT YOUR CITY

### Somersworth has . . .

A population of 8,529  
(1960 census)  
A land area of 6,462 acres  
Water area of 153 acres  
An industrial employment of 3,300  
Ten and one-third square miles of land  
An altitude of a high of 250 feet, a low  
of 110 feet above sea level  
159 streets  
Somersworth is the only community  
in the world by this name  
Your city is located in:  
The County of Strafford  
The Seacoast Region  
The First Congressional District  
The Twentieth State Senate District  
The Second Governor's Council Dis-  
trict

Distance of 18 miles to the ocean, an  
hour's drive to the mountains to the north  
and about one and a half hour to Boston.  
The city has as headquarters, each with  
a fleet of trucks, The J. A. Garvey Trans-  
portation Company and the M & E Trans-  
portation Company. Somersworth is two  
miles from the Spaulding Turnpike and  
15 miles from U. S. Route 1, at Ports-  
mouth. Railroad freight is by Boston and  
Maine Railroad.

## MAJORS OF SOMERSWORTH

Franklin N. Chase	1893-
Christopher H. Wells	1894-1896
Benjamin F. Hanson	1897-
Arthur J. Seavey	1898-1900
Haven Doe	1901-
John N. Haines	1902-1903
Freeman A. Hussey	1904-
Benjamin F. Hanson	1905-1908
Thomas J. Dougherty	1909-1911
Paul LaBonte	1912-1913
Fred H. Brown	1914-1922
Peter M. Gagne	1923-1933
Clement P. Roy	1934-
Alfred J. Boucher	1935-1943
Arthur W. Proulx (Jan. 1 - June 6)	° 1944-1944
Napoleon A. Habel (June 6 - Dec. 31)	† 1944-1945
Romeo St. Laurent (June 30, 1953)	° 1946-1953
Placide J. Lagueux (July 1 - Dec. 31)	† 1953-1953
Edward S. Charpentier	1954-1957
Albert J. Nadeau	1958-1959
Robert H. Filion	1960-1963
John F. Donovan	1964-1965

° Resigned

† Unexpired Term



*Modern superhighways link Somersworth  
to the ocean, mountains, and world of  
commerce.*





