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## HANOVER FINANCE COMMITTEE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

The members of the Hanover Finance Committee began their annual deliberations well aware of the fact that the citizens of Hanover look, hopefully, each year, to them to keep the tax rate down, and at the same time giving consideration to the needs of the community. While conferring with the officials of the School District, Precinct and Town, and carefully scrutinizing all items in the annual budgets presented to them for each area of government, there lurked in the minds of all members of the Committee the knowledge that no provision had yet been made for a new high school.

With this in mind, the Committee tried to find ways to keep current operating expenses properly controlled. Hanover is, perhaps, a unique community. With no industry to help carry the tax load, its citizens still expect perhaps more than the usual good schools for their children, and perhaps more than the ordinary services for a growing community.

At the public hearing the fact that the 1956 tax rate would be over \$5.00, led some of those present to challenge the Finance Committee with an obligation to find new sources of revenue for the town—specifically from the College and from that portion of the Hospital occupied by the offices of the Hitchcock Clinic. The Committee this year felt it would be a service to the community to review the facts about the tax obligations of the College and the Hospital.

At the request of the Committee, the following statement on DARTMOUTH COLLEGE PROPERTY TAXES was prepared by the Treasurer of Dartmouth College—

“Under the laws of New Hampshire, the properties of Dartmouth College fall into three distinct categories, for tax purposes, as follows:

(1) Properties which, as “seminaries of learning,” are wholly exempt from taxation. All classroom, administration and other similar buildings, Baker Library, Rollins Chapel, Dick’s House, Alumni Gymnasium and other student athletic facilities are included in this classification.

(2) Properties which by legislative enactment are partially

exempt from taxation, with the Town having authority to increase this exemption. In this category are student dormitories and faculty and other employee housing constructed by the College for such purposes. New Hampshire is the only state which subjects student dormitories to taxation and one of the few states in which faculty rental housing is taxed. This situation increases Dartmouth College's operating expenses on dormitories and faculty housing, and thus places it at a distinct economic disadvantage with respect to liberal arts colleges located in other states and with which Dartmouth competes for students and faculty. It is this class of properties which is presently assessed by vote of the Town at \$800,000. In 1955 the College paid \$35,617.60 to the Town in taxes on these properties alone.

(3) Properties which are fully taxable on precisely the same basis as other properties in private hands. This group includes the Hanover Inn, the Lang Building and all rental housing owned by the College which was owned privately prior to its acquisition by the College. As of April 1, 1955 the College properties in this category had a total assessed valuation of \$846,550 on which the College paid taxes of \$37,315.26.

Thus in 1955 Dartmouth College paid in Town and Precinct taxes a total of \$72,932.86 or 16% of Hanover's total tax bill.

At the request of the College its property tax position was fully explained last May in a news release issued by the Selectmen of the Town of Hanover, announcing the College's agreement to make an additional voluntary contribution to the Town for a four year period beginning with the 1956 tax year. The precise amount of this contribution is to be determined by applying the tax rate each year to \$200,000. In practical effect this arrangement is equivalent to increasing the College's assessment on dormitories and certain rental housing from the above mentioned \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 for the four year period.

At the time the Selectmen accepted the College's offer it was pointed out that the College had expressed its willingness to review its tax status again with the Selectmen at the end of the four year period, at which time most of the College's current major building

program will have been completed and the question of alternative forms of taxation for local purposes may have been resolved by the legislature.”

After reviewing this statement carefully, the Finance Committee felt that the Hanover tax situation now warrants that it recommend that the Board of Selectmen review in 1956, with the Trustees of the College, the vote of the Town in 1915, at which the \$800,000 assessment was established.

The Finance Committee further recommends that the Board of Selectmen make appropriate overtures to the Trustees of Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital regarding the assumption of a tax obligation to the Town of Hanover for that portion of its property occupied by the offices of the Hitchcock Clinic.

Because of the present tax rate the Finance Committee felt obligated to urge the financial officers of all three areas of local government to try to plan their 1957 budgets so there will be little or no increase in the rate.

The Committee also wishes to recommend that our representatives to the General Court in 1957, do all in their power to secure the passage of a broad base tax designed to relieve the burden on the local property owner.

A brief summary follows of the conclusions and recommendations of the Finance Committee on each budget.

#### SCHOOL DISTRICT

In the proposed expenditures for the Hanover schools for 1956-57 the cost of Administration is \$15,137, an increase of 15 per cent over the 1955-56 budget. Administrative expenses constitute 4.17 per cent of the total budget of \$362,717. The increases are accounted for by increases in the salaries of secretaries and in Hanover's share of the Superintendent's salary, as well as by a new item of School Board travel.

The proposed expenditures for Instruction are \$224,933, an increase of 12.3 per cent over last year. Instruction expense constitutes 62 per cent of the budget, by far the largest category of expense. The

salaries for principals and teachers will be budgeted at \$204,533, an increase of 12.4 per cent over last year. This increase is the result of recommendations by a Salary Study Committee, which were unanimously adopted by the School Board. They are as follows:

1. That the present beginning salary of \$2,760 be raised to \$3,200, a total raise of \$440.
2. That each step on the salary schedule be raised by the same amount, namely \$440.
3. That for the school year 1956-57, a moratorium be called on the regular step rate increases on the salary schedule. This means that as of September, 1956, each teacher would get an increase of \$440 but would not get the regular step rate increase.

There was considerable discussion by the Finance Committee of the adequacy of the \$440 increase for experienced teachers. Under this schedule the maximum for a male teacher would be \$5,300 and for a female teacher \$5,000. In view of the fact that the matter of salaries will be the subject of continuing study, it was agreed to make no recommendations to the School Board for revision of the Salary schedule at this time.

Other increases in the Instruction category were for textbooks, supplies, etc. These instructional expenses may be expected to grow with increasing enrollment.

Operation of the school plant, which constitutes 7.2 per cent of the proposed budget, is up 3.7 per cent over last year. Most of this increase is accounted for by higher wages for janitors and increased expenditures for supplies.

Maintenance of school plant at \$18,402 is 5.7 per cent of the budget and represents an increase of 93 per cent over last year. The Committee endorsed the policy of adequate maintenance of the school plant and commended the School Board for the detailed plans for repairs and replacements presented to the Committee.

Proposed expenditures for auxiliary agencies such as health supervision, transportation, school lunch, athletics and tuition amount to \$25,448 or 7.37 per cent of the budget. This is a decrease of 0.9

per cent from last year, caused mainly by a decrease in transportation expense.

Fixed charges are 20 per cent larger than last year, due to increases for retirements and insurance. Principal payments and interest on debt will be increased by 38 per cent over last year.

Total proposed expenditures for 1956-57 are \$365,929 or an increase of 12.5 per cent over last year.

On the receipts side, the total of \$50,142 includes \$2,400 for Federal aid for the school lunch program, \$2,600 state aid for building and \$4,500 from the Bridgman Trust, The largest item among receipts is tuition from non-Hanover students. Four elementary pupils pay the new rate of \$247. The tuition for grades 9 through 12 has been raised to \$420. It is estimated there will be 80 students from Norwich, 6 from Lyme and 3 from other communities. It is expected that the number of pupils from Lyme will be reduced from 20 to 6, due to the higher tuition. Lyme will pay \$330, their legal liability, but not \$420 except under contract with Hanover. The loss of two-thirds of the Lyme students entails a revenue loss of nearly \$6,000. The Committee again, as in past years, gave serious thought to tuition pupils in the Hanover High School and felt that they should, as nearly as possible, pay the entire cost to Hanover of their education.

Deducting receipts from budgeted expenditures leaves the sum of \$315,787 to be raised by the local property tax. This represents a 13.6 per cent increase over last year.

It was VOTED that the School District budget be accepted.

#### VILLAGE PRECINCT

A comparison of the Precinct budget for 1955 with actual expenditures for the year shows an overrun of \$11,461. The departments accounting for the major portion of the overrun are—Highway, \$5,719; General Government, \$1,904; Sewer Construction, \$1,714; Health and Sanitation, \$1,035; Trees, \$896; Sewer Maintenance, \$772; and Police, \$665.

In the highway department extraordinary expenditures were necessary for roads and drains, partly due to the heavy rains last summer. A sorely needed installation of a drainage system in Prospect Park

is well under way. Sewers to serve new houses on Rip and Kingsford Roads were laid. Several major repairs were made on existing sewer lines of the East Side System.

The expenditure of \$3,025 for the dump includes the cost of supervising the dump as well as the final cost of constructing the road and preparing the site.

The overrun in the tree account is due to increased cost of spraying and removing diseased elms.

The proposed budget for 1956 of \$194,575 is an increase of \$34,610 over last year, an increase of 21.63 per cent. Among the more significant increases is \$7,300 for new equipment, including \$800 for a new cruiser and other items for the police department; a new panel truck at \$2,150 for the fire department; a Hough payload loader for the highway department at \$11,000. This loader will be used for loading sand and gravel at the sandbank and for road building within the Precinct. In order to spread the cost over the next two years, it is proposed to borrow \$5,500 on a short term note.

Fire hydrant rentals will amount to \$12,000 in 1956, an increase of \$4,800. The rent per hydrant has been increased from \$40 to \$90 under the revised schedule adopted by the Hanover Water Works Co. with the approval of the N. H. Public Utilities Commission. As part of the College's voluntary contribution to the Town, the College will pay \$1,950 for hydrants used exclusively for the protection of their property. The Hospital will pay \$200.

The question was raised and discussed as to the advisability of Precinct ownership and operation of the Hanover Water Works. Under the present joint ownership with the College, the Company is obliged to pay federal income taxes and probably pays a higher rate of interest for borrowed capital than if municipally owned. The matter will be explored by Precinct and College officials.

The police department budget is up \$2,890 to provide salary increases for regular officers and to provide for special officers, school patrol, and new traffic signs.

The contract for the Lebanon Street Project was awarded at \$143,601, which exceeded the estimated funds available from Federal, State, and Precinct sources by \$16,120. Savings will be effected,

however, which, it is hoped, will be sufficient to care for the difference between the bid price and the funds available.

The \$60,800 bond issue authorized by the Precinct voters in March, 1955 has been placed. The bonds, dated February 1, 1956 will mature in 10 years and bear interest at  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent per year. Interest on indebtedness in the 1956 budget is increased by \$800 to take care of the first 6 months interest on these bonds. Annual principal payments of \$6,080 will be shared equally by the State and the Precinct. Interest charges will be borne by the Precinct.

Budget receipts for 1956 show a number of items which appear for the first time. Receipts from the Town of Hanover for police, fire and dump services have been increased by agreement with the Selectmen. The objective has been to shift to the residents of the Town who live outside the Precinct a share of the burden of maintaining these services according to the benefits received by them. Since 17 per cent of the assessed valuation of property of the Town lies outside the Precinct, this percentage of the cost of maintaining the police department and dump has been used to determine the Town's contribution. The amounts are \$4,250 and \$575 respectively. In the case of the fire department, the cost of maintaining the Etna fire station has been deducted, thus leaving a contribution of \$790 for fire service.

After deducting receipts from expenditures the amount to be raised by the Precinct property tax is \$132,760, an increase of 13.27 per cent over last year.

It was VOTED that the Precinct budget be accepted.

#### TOWN BUDGET

The Town closed its books with a balance of \$2,360. Current expenses showed an overrun of \$2,776.

The 1956 budget of \$103,895 is an increase of 9.65 per cent over last year. Among the budget items which account for the increase are an estimated \$1900 for social security for 8 town employees; an increase of \$1400 in the general government cost is due to salary increases; an increase of \$1,000 in highways and bridges to take care of the reconstruction of a portion of Gibson Road; increases for

appropriations for fire and police services are explained under the Precinct budget.

The appropriation for the Howe Library has been decreased from \$3,500 to \$2,000 at the request of the Library. No additional appropriation is being made for the Town Planning Board for 1956.

New equipment for the highway department will require \$6,900 and includes the purchase of two new trucks—a heavy duty gravel truck at \$4,450 and a pick-up truck at \$2,450. The \$2,500 placed in capital reserve in the 1955 budget will be used to finance the purchase of the new trucks in part.

An item of \$1,500 is included in the 1956 budget for the surveying and marking of the Precinct line, since the exact boundaries of the Precinct need to be established.

Increases in revenue are expected in 1956, notably \$2,000 for automobile permits, \$600 in municipal court and parking fines, and \$100 for town nursing service. \$7,500 accumulated from the timber yield tax, which was in the hands of the Trustee of Trust Funds, has, on advice of the State Tax Commission, been withdrawn and will be used for current purposes.

The amount to be raised by the Town property tax is \$32,808 or an increase of 11.49 per cent over last year.

The Selectmen informed the Committee of the request of the Etna Fire Department for a pumper to cost \$18,000. This proposal will be the subject of a special article in the warrant. After discussion of the proposal the Finance Committee felt that, with the facts now available to it, it could not recommend the purchase of the pumper. The lack of adequate water, and the manpower available, influenced this decision. The Committee recommends that Etna give serious consideration to the establishment of a separate fire district.

It was VOTED that the Town budget be accepted.

## SUMMARY

The estimated results of the proposed budgets on tax rates, with a four year comparison, are given below. The rates are based on a Town valuation of \$1,696,326 and a Precinct valuation of \$9,012,146.

					Est.
Unit	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Town	.69	.86	.63	.61	.64
Precinct	.98	1.07	1.25	1.31	1.47
School District	2.16	2.26	2.25	2.60	2.95
Within Precinct	3.83	4.19	4.13	4.52	5.06
Outside Precinct	2.85	3.12	2.88	3.21	3.59

## HANOVER PUBLIC DEBT

Description	Rate	Final	Outstanding
Grade School Bonds	1.5%	9-1-70	190 000
Special Bond Issue for Schools	2.30%	8-1-65	42 400
Sewer Bonds	2.5%	9-1-64	27 000
Sewer Notes	1.75%	8-1-57	15 000
Fire Equipment Bonds	1.7%	5-1-61	27 000
Highway Equipment Bonds	2.25%	10-1-60	25 000

## HANOVER FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Term expires 1957	Term expires 1958
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Term expires 1958	Term expires 1956
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Term expires 1957	Term expires 1956
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MARTIN A. LINDAHL, Secretary, Representing the Precinct	
JOHN C. MANCHESTER, Representing the School District	
CHARLOTTE FORD MORRISON, Chairman	

## HANOVER TOWN PLANNING BOARD FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

This first annual report of the Hanover Town Planning Board covers the period from the Board's first meeting on May 10, 1955, to February 1, 1956. It deserves some preface on the work of earlier planning commissions.

### PLANNING COMMISSIONS, 1944-1955

Community planning activities in Hanover began before D-Day in War II. On March 14, 1944, the moderators of the Town, Precinct, and School District were authorized to appoint a "Commission on Postwar Planning and Rehabilitation to study the long-time future needs of the three governmental units . . ." This first commission, under the chairmanship of John Pearson, inaugurated a series of planning activities that lasted more than a decade.

The commission was continued for another year by the Town Meeting of 1945, under the chairmanship of William P. Kimball, and in March, 1946, was voted a three-year term as a "Commission on Postwar Planning" with Hugh S. Morrison, James F. Cusick, and Frank M. Morgan serving as successive chairmen for the three years. Additional three-year terms were voted by the Town in 1949 and 1952; during these six years Mr. Morgan served as chairman, and the name was changed to "Town Planning Commission."

This series of planning commissions accomplished a great deal of value, notably the publication of a new map of the Township in 1947, a thorough revision of the Precinct Zoning Ordinance in 1947-1948, a modern program for integrating and improving the Hanover sewer system in 1949, study of the parking problem which led to the installation of parking meters in 1950, and studies which led to the building of a new town dump in 1955. In addition, there were valuable studies of such matters as streets and traffic, township zoning, long-range financial planning, precinct boundaries, and the town-manager problem.

The successive planning commissions were handicapped, however, by three factors: (a) lack of official status and powers according

to State statutes; (b) lack of money, and consequently, (c) lack of trained professional planning assistance, almost essential in so complicated a task.

### TOWN PLANNING BOARD

To meet these handicaps, important changes in Hanover's town planning structure were made in 1955. At a special meeting on April 22, 1955, the Town voted to establish a Town Planning Board conforming to the requirements, and under the authority, of Chapter 53 of the Statutes of New Hampshire. This calls for a Board consisting of one Selectman and six other citizens appointed by the Selectmen who shall hold no other town office (with certain minor exceptions), shall serve without compensation, and who are subject to removal from office for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office. The Board is charged with a roster of duties and obligations occupying several paragraphs of the State statute.

The Board's powers are almost wholly advisory to existing governmental agencies. It may "adopt" a comprehensive plan, or features of one, but it cannot enact it or put it into effect. It can serve, without further legal steps, as a commission to draw up revisions of zoning ordinances, but these must be publicly heard and enacted by existing governmental authorities. It does have the power to receive grants from state and federal sources for local planning purposes.

At the meeting of April 22, 1955, the Town voted, in two additional articles, to empower the Town Planning Board to work with adjoining towns in New Hampshire and Vermont toward effective regional planning, and to regulate and control the development of new subdivisions for the good of the neighborhood and the community.

The Town Planning Board is a continuing body, with rotating membership, the terms of the first members ranging from one to five years, with the Selectmen appointing new members at the expiration of the terms of old ones. Thus continuity as well as variety is assured.

The Selectmen appointed the members of the Board and attended its first meeting on May 10, 1955. The Board adopted rules of

procedure, including regular and special meetings, quorum, rules of order, and the duties of officers. The officers chosen for the year 1955-56 are indicated at the end of this report. Eighteen regular and special meetings have been held as of the date of this report, and the Board is currently meeting every two weeks.

### BUDGET

The local contribution toward planning work was \$5,000 for the first year, contributed in equal shares by the Town and the College. The State Planning & Development Commission agreed to contribute an additional \$3,000, *in the form of services rendered by the Commission*. By making suitable application and drawing up an acceptable program of planning studies, a federal matching grant of \$8,000 was obtained from the Housing & Home Finance Agency in Washington. Thus the Hanover planning project has a total budget of \$16,000. According to H-HFA rules this entire sum must be administered, disbursed, recorded, and reported by the State Planning & Development Commission, as a part of the federal project known as N.H. P-1 and including the planning programs of Portsmouth, Dover, Hampton, Newport, Lebanon, and Hanover.

The State's contribution of \$3,000 in services comprises administrative, clerical, and technical aid, notably the making of maps and the publication of reports. The balance will go for professional planning services and for other administrative and clerical costs. The entire sum must be spent, according to H-HFA rules, by the end of the "project period," on March 31, 1957. At that time all financial support for planning activities in Hanover will cease, unless further appropriations—local, state, or federal—are found to be necessary and desirable, and are duly voted.

### PLANNING CONSULTANTS

Professional planning consultants were sought over a long period of time, and as far afield as California and Brazil. It is very difficult, at a time when H-HFA planning projects are going on all over the nation, to obtain competent professional planners. The Board felt especially fortunate, accordingly, to announce on December 22nd the appointment of the firm of Adams, Howard & Greeley,

of Cambridge, Massachusetts, as planning consultants for Hanover.

One of the outstanding groups of planners in the United States, the firm is at present consulting on planning and zoning projects for Boston, Worcester, Peabody, and Amherst, Mass.; Hartford and New Canaan, Conn.; Washington, D. C.; and the regional planning of the San Francisco Bay area. It includes a past president and the present president of the American Institute of Planners. Its principals have in the past served many professional societies, metropolitan planning boards, the League of Nations, the United Nations, the Atomic Energy Commission, and are all currently members of the Department of City Planning at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In particular charge of the Hanover planning project are Prof. Burnham Kelly, a member of the Planning Department and former director of the Bemis Foundation at M.I.T., and the Senior Planning Assistant, Mr. Justin Gray, recently the resident planner at Rye, New York, who serves as Hanover's resident planner.

In order to assure close liaison between Town and College planning work, Mr. Paul F. Young, Assistant to the Treasurer of Dartmouth College, was named a consultant to the Board and has attended all meetings.

#### PLANNING PROGRAM

Since professional consultants were only recently appointed, the major part of the planning project remains to be accomplished during the year 1956. Included in it are the following planning studies, with some indication of work accomplished to date.

1. *Preparation of maps.* Four new maps are nearing completion in Concord. They are base-maps, at a scale of 200 feet to the inch (slightly larger-scale than the Precinct Map of 1942), and cover the area approximately from Fullington's Farm on the Lyme Road to half a mile south of the Hanover-Lebanon line, and from the river to the reservoir. These are being made with the aid of new aerial photographs, delivery of which from a government agency was greatly expedited through the courtesy of Senator Norris Cotton. Transparent overlays can be used with these base-maps to record specialized

studies such as those listed below. Other maps, such as ones of the commercial center or various parts of the township, will be made as required.

2. *Land-use study.* A study of existing land-uses, residential, educational, commercial, industrial, agricultural, and recreational, is basic to any intelligent zoning revision.
3. *Population study.* Studies will be made of the past and probable future trends in Hanover's population growth and distribution.
4. *Building activity.* A study of recent trends in the nature and direction of building construction will aid in forecasting probable future growth-trends.
5. *Traffic circulation.* A study of traffic movement, both local and through, will affect any plans for Hanover's future street pattern. Interesting possibilities for future street development have been submitted by Nelson Aldrich, the consultant architect to the College, and by Paul Young. Helpful conferences regarding long-distance traffic movement have been held with Mr. Farwell Brown, State Highway Division Engineer, and Mr. Frederick C. Auer, chief of the Planning & Economics Division of the State Commission of Public Works and Highways. State Location and Design engineers are expected to visit Hanover to make special studies in mid-February. Valuable advice has been given by Mr. John Clarkeson, of the Clarkeson Engineering Company of Boston.
6. *The parking problem.* A petition from a large number of leading businessmen to the Precinct Commissioners for immediate study of the parking problem was referred to the Board. A special committee was established in November to attack this problem. Under the chairmanship of John V. Neale, and with James Champion, Jr., Andrew J. Ferguson, Arthur H. Kiendl, and Mrs. Lawrence Morin as members, this committee has made extensive studies and its final report, with detailed recommendations, will be studied by the consultant planners. The development of new parking facilities is one of Hanover's most urgent problems.
7. *Zoning.* Careful study will be made of the zoning ordinances of both Town and Precinct, and consideration given to the

desirability of changes in both regulations and zoning maps, especially in the commercial center and in new residential neighborhoods not at present adequately protected. But it should be clearly understood that the Town Planning Board has not taken over the functions of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

8. *Subdivision regulation.* A special committee, under the chairmanship of E. M. Cavaney, and with Messrs. Francis R. Drury, Haslett Fullington, Dale Nelson, Richard W. Olmsted, and Norman Stevenson as members, is studying the problem of regulation and control of new subdivisions, including street layout, lot platting, utilities, open spaces, etc. It will work in cooperation with the consultant planners.
9. *Recreation.* A study of recreational planning and programming, including both local and regional resources, is of obvious importance in a town such as Hanover.
10. *Institutional development.* It is vital that the development programs of the schools, hospital, and college should be closely integrated with the overall town development.

The Hanover School Board and the Superintendent of Schools have kept the Planning Board fully informed of progress toward school planning. Conferences and field-trips with Dr. Nikolaus Engelhardt, consultant to the School Board, and with the Site Committee under the chairmanship of Russell Stearns, have been followed by a field-trip with Prof. Frederick J. Adams, senior member of the planning consultant firm, and with Prof. Burnham Kelly of M.I.T.

The Planning Board has received excellent cooperation from all offices of the College, especially the office of the Treasurer. It has been informed of all college development projects, spent a meeting with Nelson Aldrich, the College's consultant architect, and given informal advice on the Hopkins Center project as it relates to town planning problems. Two members of the Planning Board, Messrs. Amsden and Morrison, serve on the College's Advisory Committee on Plant Development.

11. *Comprehensive plan.* It is the somewhat sanguine hope of

the Planning Board that completion of the several studies listed above may permit the preparation of a comprehensive plan for Hanover's future by the end of the "project period," March 31, 1957. A master plan for a community is not, of course, a blue-print for immediate action. It is rather a general guide, looking toward the future, for the integration of the step-by-step growth that is inevitable in most communities over the years. It must be flexible and adaptable to changing needs and circumstances. Most of all, its purpose must be the preservation of the character of the community and the welfare of its citizens.

The foregoing program is the immediate goal of the Planning Board for the coming year. In later years, or—if time and circumstances permit—this year, it will undertake certain additional planning studies.

12. *Transportation.* A study, particularly, of air transport problems. On January 23rd, the Board appointed a group of three men, Earl C. Ward, Sidney C. Hayward, and Dr. Ralph E. Miller to serve as Hanover's delegation on a Tri-Town committee to study the future of the West Lebanon airport, which is essentially a regional facility.
13. *Utilities.* A study should be made of the adequacy of present provisions, and desirable future developments, of reservoirs, pipe-lines, fire-hydrants, sewer-lines, and sewage disposal.
14. *Capital improvement program.* A study of possible sources of financing improvements not customarily carried in the tax load. A committee consisting of James Campion, Jr., E. M. Cavaney, Hugh Morrison, and S. J. Stebbins has begun investigation of corporate structures through which needed community improvements might be achieved by either private capital and/or Urban Renewal Assistance grants of the H-HFA.
15. *Taxation.* This is not primarily within the province of a Town Planning Board, except insofar as the latter may be able to provide advice to governmental units on tax problems related to its peculiar studies. The preparation of a tax-map of the Town, for example, is often recommended.

16. *Regional planning.* The Hanover Planning Board is specifically empowered to cooperate with neighboring communities in the development of regional planning. Hanover planning consultants will keep in close contact with the professional consultants for Lebanon, Northeast Planning Associates, Inc. It seems likely that the most effective fields for regional planning are in the areas of highways, transport, and recreation.

#### CONCLUSION

Members of the Board are making themselves available to talk to clubs, groups, etc. and keep Hanover's citizens informed of its work. The Board has named John V. Neale as Publicity Director. Any comprehensive plan that may be evolved will be made fully available through maps, reports, pamphlets, newspaper releases, etc.

We should like to conclude by an appeal for your help. Planning any community for future years is a highly complicated matter that must depend in part on the techniques of the professionally-trained planner. But the Hanover Town Planning Board feels strongly that the overall goals and guidance should be set and determined by Hanover people. This is *your* town that is being planned. You have lived here many years and you know it well: none is so able as you to envision the future you want for your community, and no one but yourselves can bring that future to reality. We urgently submit that every citizen is a planner: we want *your* ideas and your help. We hope that you will tell us what problems you think are important, what solutions you may have to suggest, and what sort of town you want Hanover to be.

*Hanover Town Planning Board*  
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February 1, 1956

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HALSEY C. EDGERTON (Term expires 1956)

FRANCIS V. TUXBURY (Term expires 1957)

ROBERT J. PUTNAM (Term expires 1958)  
(Resigned September 1, 1955)

CHARLOTTE M. BIELANOWSKI (Appointed)

*Advisory Assessors Board*

NATHANIEL G. BURLEIGH (Term expires 1956)

HALSEY C. EDGERTON (Term expires 1957)

WALTER H. TRUMBULL (Term expires 1958)

*Zoning Board of Adjustment*

G. WESLEY LABOMBARD

CARL L. SWEET

HARLEY H. CAMP

MARTIN J. REMSEN

WALTER H. TRUMBULL

*Fence Viewers*

LEON G. HAYES

ELMER DANA

CLIFFORD R. ELDER

*Surveyors of Wood and Lumber*

MORRIS HAYES

JOHN H. MINNICH

## WARRANT

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Grafton, SS

Town of Hanover

To the inhabitants of the Town of Hanover in the County of Grafton, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Auditorium of the High School in said Hanover on Tuesday, the thirteenth of March next, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, until 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon, unless otherwise voted, to act upon the following subjects:

*First:* To choose by Non-Partisan Ballot the following Town officers:

one Selectman for three years

one Town Clerk

one Treasurer

one Library Trustee

one Trustee of Trust Funds

also, To bring in your ballots for the election of Delegates at Large; Alternate Delegates at Large; Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the National Conventions of the various Political Parties to be held to nominate Party Candidates for President and Vice President of the United States.

also, To bring in your ballots for the election of Delegates to the Constitutional Convention to be holden on Tuesday, May 15, 1956.

*Second:* To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Auditors, and other Town officers and to pass any vote relating thereto.

*Third:* To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and to make appropriation of the same.

*Fourth:* To see if the Town will vote to

1. Authorize the Selectmen to purchase in behalf of the Town of Hanover and the Etna Fire Department a 500 gallon pumper or other pumper of substantially the same capacity, a tank truck of at least 500 gallons capacity, an electric alarm siren with suitable controls; all such apparatus to be built and equipped to equal or exceed the minimum standards established by the New Hampshire Board of Underwriters, at a total cost not to exceed \$30,500.

2. Raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$30,500 to finance the cost of any firefighting equipment the purchase of which may be authorized at this meeting, and for this purpose to authorize the Selectmen to issue notes on the Town of Hanover to be repaid over a 5 year period; \$6,500 in 1956, and \$6,000 annually during the next four years.

*Fifth:* To see if the Town will vote to endorse the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the present large membership in the House of Representatives is very expensive, contributing to bringing the per capita cost for State Government to the highest in the land, and

WHEREAS, the large membership may be less efficient than a smaller group might be, and

WHEREAS, the possibilities of major income producing taxes are practically exhausted by the all inclusiveness of our present structure of Special Taxes, and

WHEREAS, the proper consideration and planning of a broader based tax structure cannot be carried out without having available as a legal possibility the graduated income tax, and

WHEREAS, the history of previous amendments offered by Constitutional Conventions is that they do not receive proper voter consideration due to the lack of public understanding of the amendments,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Hanover endorse by vote a Constitutional Convention Amendment reducing the size of the General Court so long as this is done proportionally.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Hanover endorse by vote a Constitutional Convention Amendment making legal changes in our State Constitution so that a graduated Income Tax would be constitutional if and when it were enacted by the General Court.

*Sixth:* To elect by majority vote the following Town Officers:  
 two Auditors  
 one Member of the Advisory Assessors Board for  
     three years  
 three Fence Viewers  
 two Surveyors of Wood and Lumber  
 other necessary Town Officers

*Seventh:* To see if the Town will vote to allow the Taxpayer a discount of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  per cent upon all taxes on real and personal property paid within fifteen days after the date of the tax bills, or on or before July 15 — whichever is the later date.

*Eighth:* To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to meet the Town's obligations until the taxes are collected and paid into the Treasury.

*Ninth:* To transact any other business that legally may be brought before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this Twenty-eighth day of February in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred Fifty-six.

FLETCHER LOW,  
 NILES A. LACOSS,  
 GORDON R. INGRAM,  
*Selectmen of Hanover*

A true copy of the Warrant, attest.

FLETCHER LOW,  
 NILES A. LACOSS,  
 GORDON R. INGRAM,  
*Selectmen of Hanover*

## ABSTRACT FROM THE TOWN CLERK'S RECORD

A legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Hanover, New Hampshire, was called to order by Edgar H. Hunter, Moderator, on March 8, 1955 at 7:30 P.M. in the auditorium of the High School Building.

The Warrant on which the meeting was called was read by the Clerk, L. Leroy Blodgett.

*Voted:* That the polls be closed at 11:00 P.M. and that otherwise the meeting remain open until all business under the articles of the Warrant was completed.

The following officers were elected by Non-Partisan Ballot:

Niles A. Lacoss, Selectman, for three years

Gordan R. Ingram, Selectman, for two years

L. Leroy Blodgett, Town Clerk, for one year

Ethel C. Bond, Treasurer, for one year

Adna L. Camp, Library Trustee, for three years

Robert J. Putnam, Trustee of Trust Funds, for three years

*Article II:* Moved by David J. Bradley, duly seconded, that it is the sense of this meeting that we are prepared to support a state administered, locally shared retail sales tax (with food for home consumption and prescription medicines exempted) provided that the revenues are raised for the purposes of: (1) aiding the public schools, (2) improving other public services, and (3) relieving the burden on the property tax payer.

A Motion was made by Mrs. Edith P. Atkins duly seconded, that Article II be passed over. The motion was not carried.

A Motion was made by Almon B. Ives, duly seconded, that Article II should be amended by addition after the word "exempted" the words "or a graduated income Tax." The motion was not carried.

The original motion under Article II, moved by David J. Bradley was voted on by ballot. The motion was carried.

*Voted:* That the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Auditors, and other Town Officers be accepted as printed.

*Voted:* That in addition to County, Highway, and regular Poll taxes required by law, the town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand ninety-nine dollars (\$25,099.00) and appropriate said sum and all other money that may be paid into the Treasury, and which are not required by law otherwise to be expended, in accordance with the budget and report as presented by the Selectmen.

*Voted:* That the Town raise and appropriate twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) and place same in Capital Reserve to apply toward the future purchase of a highway truck.

*Voted:* That the Town raise and appropriate twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) for the Town Planning Board; such money to be used for land use studies, surveys, technical services and other planning work.

The following officers were elected:

Louis O. Foster and LeRoy G. Porter, Auditors, for one year  
Walter H. Trumbull, Member of Advisory Assessors Board,  
for three years

Leon Hayes, Elmer Dana, and Clifford Elder, Fence Viewers,  
for one year

Morris Hayes and John H. Minnich, Surveyors of Wood and  
Lumber, for one year

*Voted:* That the Town allow the Taxpayer a discount of 1½ percent upon all taxes on real and personal property paid within fifteen days after the date of the tax bills, or on or before July 15, whichever is the later date.

*Voted:* To authorize the Selectmen to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to meet the Town's obligations until the taxes are collected and paid into the Treasury.

*Moved:* That the following resolution become a part of the record of this Town Meeting.

RESOLVED: That the town of Hanover in meeting assembled express its sincere and deep appreciation of the services of Archie Benjamin Gile. His fidelity to his duty, his impeccable honesty and his fairness won for him the greatest respect of his fellow-men of Hanover.

Be it further Resolved that: The Town Clerk be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to Mrs. Gile.

## RESOLUTION

*Resolved:*

1. That, with the exception of two improved sections, New Hampshire Route #10 between the Village of Hanover and Orford Street, the principal North-South Artery along the Connecticut River is in a deplorable condition for a State Highway in New Hampshire, and its condition is such that:

- a) it is not as good as many unpaved town roads
- b) a speed of 20 M.P.H. is difficult to maintain in winter
- c) many vehicles have been damaged by excessive frost heaves and holes
- d) it is hazardous to human life
- e) most of the residents of our towns and tourists detour onto Route U. S. #5 in Vermont to avoid using it whenever possible.

2. That, any traffic count on this highway would yield an unreliable estimate of its future use, because of the re-routing of traffic to the Vermont side of the river.

3. That, the recreational and business growth of our communities is being stifled by the disgraceful condition of Route #10 in contrast to U. S. #5 in Vermont.

4. Therefore, we request that immediate steps be taken to complete the Reconstruction of N. H. Route #10 in accordance with the excellent standards set by the Highway Dept. for the

New Highways Construction in other parts of the State of New Hampshire.

*Moved:* That the resolution, as read, be accepted, and signed by the Town Clerk as adopted at the Town Meeting, and one copy be sent to His Excellency, The Governor of the State of New Hampshire, one copy be sent to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and one copy be sent to the Chairman of the Grafton County Delegation.

The resolution was carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

L. LEROY BLODGETT,  
*Town Clerk*

### SPECIAL MEETING

A Special meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Hanover was held on Friday, April 22, 1955, in the Auditorium of the High School.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Edgar H. Hunter.

The Warrant on which the meeting was called was read by the Clerk, L. Leroy Blodgett.

*Voted:* That the Town establish a Town Planning Board under the authority granted municipalities in Chapter 53, Revised Laws of New Hampshire, 1942, as amended. Such Board shall conform in appointment, membership, qualifications and duties as set forth in Chapter 53. The Board shall consist of one Selectman and six other citizens appointed by the Selectmen as provided in Chapter 53.

*Voted:* That the Town Planning Board be authorized to enter into agreement with adjoining towns in New Hampshire and Vermont for the purpose of regional plan pursuant to and as authorized under sections 37 and 38, Chapter 53, Revised Laws of New Hampshire, 1942.

*Voted:* That the Planning Board be authorized and empowered to approve or disapprove in its discretion, Plats showing new streets or the widening thereof, or parks and upon adoption of this article it shall be the duty of the Town Clerk to file with the Registry of Deeds of the County of Grafton, a certificate showing that the said Planning Board has been so authorized, giving the date of Authorization as provided in Sections 19-29 inclusive, Chapter 53 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire as inserted in Section 1, Chapter 138 of the Laws of 1949.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

L. LEROY BLODGETT,  
*Town Clerk*

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS  
WITH BUDGET COMPARISONS

	Budget 1955	Receipts 1955	Proposed Budget 1956
<i>CURRENT REVENUE</i>			
<i>From Local Taxes</i>			
Taxes Previous Years		2 255 74	
Poll Taxes Current Year	3 348	3 116 00	3 200
National Bank Stock Taxes	1 000	1 047 20	1 000
Timber Yield Tax	531	1 430 99	8 500
Head Tax	950	9 636 50	950
<i>Property Taxes, Current Year for</i>			
School	277 947	277 946 99	315 787
Precinct	117 210	117 210 00	132 760
County	30 193	30 193 28	30 200
Town	29 427	28 535 11	32 808
<i>From State</i>			
Railroad Tax	640	619 19	600
Savings Bank Tax	250	1 568 96	1 550
Interest and Dividends Tax	40 983	40 982 67	41 000
Town Road Aid	*8 184	*7 550 71	8 182
Bounties	125	162 00	
Refund on Old Age Assistance		1 023 51	
<i>Treasurer of U. S.—Civil Defense Radio</i>		208 25	750
<i>From Local Sources-Except Taxes</i>			
College Contribution to Town Planning Board		2 500 00	
Refund on Hospital Bill—1952 & 1953		902 03	
Town Nursing Service	1 000	1 045 87	1 100
Automobile Permits	21 000	24 333 04	23 000
Dog Licenses	1 100	1 120 88	1 100
Other Licenses	175	114 33	100
Municipal Court Fines	1 200	1 455 60	1 400

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS  
WITH BUDGET COMPARISONS  
(continued)

	Budget	Receipts	Proposed Budget
	1955	1955	1956
Parking Fines	1 000	1 478 00	1 400
Precinct of Hanover—Secretary Fees	1 100	1 100 00	1 300
Town Clerk's Fees	1 850	2 080 70	2 000
Sale of Cemetery Lots	2 500	1 915 00	2 000
Trustee of Trust Funds	1 200	1 110 60	1 200
Cemeteries Miscellaneous	1 300	1 473 21	1 400
Accounts Miscellaneous-Previous Years	525	519 56	400
Timber Tax Reserve (Interest)	200		
Misc. Accounts (Town Histories, etc.)		33 12	
Temporary Loans		32 500 00	
Accounts Receivable—1955		2 445 68	
Tax Sales Redeemed	287	603 10	2 219
Sale of Truck	900		
Capital Reserve			2 500
Balance	8 667	105 510 75	2 361
Social Security Refund			1 600
	554 792	705 728 57	622 367

\*Balance of allotment received in materials from State (\$633.28)

SUMMARY  
TOWN ROAD AID  
1955

*Expenditures*

Materials from State	633 28
Labor, Gas, and Gravel	7 550 71
	8 183 99

*Receipts*

Cash from State	7 550 71
Materials—From State	633 28
	8 183 99

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES  
WITH BUDGET COMPARISONS

	Budget	Expenses	Proposed Budget
	1955	1955	1956
<i>CURRENT EXPENSES</i>			
<i>General Government</i>	20 270	20 527 22	21 670
<i>Social Security (1955; 1956)</i>			3 500
<i>Election and Registration</i>	400	428 34	700
<i>Legal Expense</i>	75	66 44	75
<i>Town Planning Board</i>	2 500	5 000 00	
<i>Protection of Persons and Property</i>			
Dog Account	400	441 82	400
Street Lights	450	443 04	450
Etna Fire Association	1 500	1 391 13	1 750
Police	500	500 00	4 250
Civil Defense	240	52 45	240
Precinct Fire Department	300	171 00	790
Pine Blister Rust	400	400 00	400
Bounties		37 00	
Radio Control, Fire Trucks, Including			
Etna	1 500	1 498 98	
Other Accounts	800	757 14	750
<i>Health (Including Vital Statistics)</i>	6 500	5 239 74	7 065
<i>Highways and Bridges</i>	33 000	36 509 76	34 000
<i>Etna Library</i>	1 000	960 51	1 000
<i>Howe Library</i>	3 500	3 500 00	2 000
<i>Charities</i>	11 000	13 282 27	11 500
<i>Patriotic Purposes</i>			
Memorial Day	75	49 50	75
Flag Pole—Repairs & Insurance		91 11	175
<i>Cemeteries</i>	9 800	10 071 80	10 761
<i>Tax Sales (Bought by Town)</i>	287	286 34	2 219
<i>Tax Refunds</i>		125 54	
<i>Interest</i>	250	117 71	125
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<i>Total Current Expenses</i>	94 747	101 948 84	103 895
 <i>NEW CONSTRUCTION AND PROPERTY</i>			
Capital Reserve	2 500	2 500 00	
New Culverts	750	973 53	1 000
New Equipment	1 693	780 00	6 900

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES  
WITH BUDGET COMPARISONS

(continued)

	Budget 1955	Expenses 1955	Proposed Budget 1956
<i>OTHER PAYMENTS</i>			
Temporary Notes		32 500 00	
Town Road Aid	8 184	7 550 71	8 182
Accounts Receivable		2 850 10	
Dartmouth—Lake Sunapee Region	500	500 00	500
State Highway Appropriation (TRA)	1 068	1 067 48	1 068
Timber Tax Reserve		866 21	
Precinct Dump			575
Survey—Precinct Line			1 500
<i>OTHER GOVERNMENT DIVISIONS</i>			
County Tax	30 193	30 193 28	30 200
Precinct Tax	117 210	117 210 00	132 760
Precinct Highways	20 000	20 000 00	20 000
Head Taxes		9 864 50	
Schools	277 947	274 970 05	315 787
Balance due Schools		97 946 99	
Balance due State (Head Taxes)		1 646 00	
<i>BALANCE</i>		2 360 88	
	554 792	705 728 57	622 367

TAX DETERMINATION

<i>General</i>		
County Tax	30 200	
Highway Tax by Law	5 000	
<i>By vote of Town</i>		
General	32 808	
Overlay	5 500	
Total Town and County Tax		73 508
Village Precinct		132 760
School		315,787
		522 055
Total Taxes inclusive of \$5,500 overlay		522 055

## TAX RATES

	1947	1952	1953	1954	1955	Est. 1956
Town	68	69	86	63	61	64
Precinct	85	98	1 07	1 25	1 31	1 47
Schools	1 84	2 16	2 26	2 25	2 60	2 95
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Tax Rate within Precinct	3 37	3 83	4 19	4 13	4 52	5 06
Tax Rate outside Precinct	2 52	2 85	3 12	2 88	3 21	3 59

## ASSESSMENT STATISTICS

1955

	Dist. No. 1	Town Dist.
Land and Buildings	8 571 700	1 611 570
Electric Plants	159 168	97 816
21 Horses over two years old		1 005
365 Cows		20 040
204 Neat Stock over two years old		7 245
22 Sheep and Goats	120	75
50 Hogs over two per family		1 000
2825 Fowls over 50 per family	50	1 970
7 Boats	303	1 700
Road Machinery	4 750	1 500
Gas Pumps and Tanks	3 225	2 380
Stock-in-Trade	365 330	16 925
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	9 104 646	1 763 226
Veterans' Exemptions	92 500	66 900
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Net Valuations	9 012 146	1 696 326
GRAND TOTAL		10 708 472
Number of Polls		
Listed at \$2.00	1 225	449

## TIMBER YIELD TAX

Total Valuation	12 674 02	
Tax at 7% and 10%		1 079 59

## ASSETS

Cash		
Balance from 1955		2 360 88
Balance due Schools		97 946 99
Balance due State—Head Taxes		1 646 00
Taxes not Collected		
1952	63 00	
1954	4 00	
1955	3 089 35	
	<hr/>	3 156 35
Accounts Receivable		404 42
Road Machinery and Tools		
Truck, International, No. 13	2 500 00	
Truck, International, No. 12	1 000 00	
Truck, International, No. 14	3 500 00	
Truck, International, No. 11	400 00	
Truck, Chevrolet Pickup	50 00	
Tractor, Diesel, No. 3	400 00	
Austin-Western Grader, 99M	7 000 00	
Caterpillar, No. 33, Grader No. 20		
Grader	100 00	
Snow Plow, Tractor	250 00	
Snow Plow, (Frink), Grader No. 3	1 500 00	
Snow Plow, (Good Roads),		
Truck No. 1	150 00	
Snow Plow, (Good Roads),		
Truck No. 2	750 00	
Welder (Arc)	500 00	
Two Sanders	75 00	
Gasoline Shovel and Truck	3 500 00	
Supplies	1 000 00	
Other Tools and Equipment	500 00	
1 Two way Field Radio (Forest Fires)	350 00	
	<hr/>	23 525 00

History of the Town of Hanover		50 00
Schedule of Town Property (Not including Trust Funds)		
Pine Knolls Cemetery	20 000 00	
Truck, Chevrolet 1/2 Ton Pickup (Cemetery)	1 500 00	
Other Cemeteries	2 000 00	
Gravel Bank, Reed	1 000 00	
Library Building, Etna	3 000 00	
Storehouse Property, Etna	5 000 00	
Storehouse, Pine Knolls Cemetery	2 000 00	
Storehouse, East Side	100 00	
Adams Farm	500 00	
Fire Station Property, Etna—Old	1 000 00	
Fire Station Property, Etna—New	9 500 00	
		<hr/> 45 600 00
Total Assets		<hr/> 174 689 64

## LIABILITIES

Yield Tax Reserve		7 497 10
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## TAX COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT

1955

L. LEROY BLODGETT

*Debits*

	1952	1953	1954	1955	Total
Property Taxes	47 03	60 84	1 075 30	461 801 33	462 984 50
Poll Taxes		4 00	162 00	3 348 00	3 514 00
Bank Stock				1 047 20	1 047 20
Yield Taxes	127 00	261 90	375 80	1 079 59	1 844 29
Additions			54 00	772 25	826 25
Interest		2 19	20 33	17 56	40 08
	<u>174 03</u>	<u>328 93</u>	<u>1 687 43</u>	<u>468 065 93</u>	<u>470 256 32</u>

*Credits*

Property Taxes paid					
Treasurer			1 030 66	453 885 38	454 916 04
Poll Taxes paid					
Treasurer		4 00	194 00	3 116 00	3 314 00
Bank Stock paid					
Treasurer				1 047 20	1 047 20
Yield Taxes paid					
Treasurer	64 00	28 00	375 80	963 19	1 430 99
Int. Paid Treasurer		2 19	20 33	17 56	40 08
Discount				5 050 08	5 050 08
Abatements	47 03	294 74	62 64	897 17	1 301 58
Uncollected			4 00	2 972 95	2 976 95
Uncollected Yield Taxes	63 00			116 40	179 40
	<u>174 03</u>	<u>328 93</u>	<u>1 687 43</u>	<u>468 065 93</u>	<u>470 256 32</u>

## TAX SALES REDEEMED

Received Tax purchase accounts	548 44
Received Interest on above	46 80
Received Expense	7 86
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	603 10
Paid Ethel C. Bond, Treasurer	603 10

L. LEROY BLODGETT,  
Tax Collector

SUMMARY OF WARRANT  
STATE HEAD TAX  
LEVY OF 1955

— DR —

*State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:*

Original Warrant	10 540 00
Added Taxes	80 00

<i>Total Commitment</i>	10 620 00
<i>Penalties Collected</i>	26 50

<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	10 646 50
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*Remittances to Treasurer:*

Head Taxes	9 610 00
Penalties	26 50

	9 636 50
<i>Abatements</i>	305 00
<i>Uncollected Head Taxes as per Collector's List</i>	705 00

<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	10 646 50
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L. LEROY BLODGETT,  
Tax Collector

SUMMARY OF WARRANT  
STATE HEAD TAX  
LEVY OF 1954

— DR —

<i>Uncollected Taxes—As of January 1, 1955</i>	852 50
<i>Added Taxes During 1955</i>	170 00
<i>Penalties Collected During 1955</i>	89 50
	1 112 00
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>1 112 00</b>

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<i>Remittances to Treasurer During 1955:</i>		
Head Taxes	897 50	
Penalties	89 50	
	987 00	
<i>Abatements During 1955</i>		125 00
		1 112 00
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>1 112 00</b>

L. LEROY BLODGETT,  
*Tax Collector*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 1955

Balance on hand		105 510 75
Received from L. L. Blodgett		
Tax Collector	461 351 41	
Head Taxes	10 623 50	
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		471 974 91
L. L. Blodgett, Town Clerk		
Automobile Account	24 333 04	
Dog Account	1 120 88	
Fees	2 111 70	
Selectmen	19 916 40	
Nursing Service	1 045 87	
State		
Railroad Tax	619 19	
Savings Bank Tax	1 568 96	
Interest and Dividends Tax	40 982 67	
Municipal Court Fines	1 455 60	
Parking Fines	1 478 00	
Trustee of Trust Funds	1 110 60	
Temporary Notes	32 500 00	
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		600 217 82
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		705 728 57
Amount paid out as per		
Selectmen's orders	603 774 70	
Balance on hand		
December 31, 1955	101 953 87	
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		705 728 57
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ETHEL C. BOND,  
*Treasurer*

## EXPENDITURES DETAIL

	Expenses 1955
<i>General Government</i>	
Salaries and Expenses	13 924 15
Retirement	828 28
Postage, Printing, Telephone	1 239 64
Insurance and Bonds	265 05
Supplies and Equipment	605 03
Miscellaneous	176 87
	<hr/> 17 039 02
<i>Municipal Court</i>	
Salaries	690 00
Miscellaneous	198 20
	<hr/> 888 20
<i>Rent (Municipal Building)</i>	2 600 00
	<hr/> 20 527 22
<i>Election and Registration</i>	
Salaries	381 00
Supplies and Printing	9 84
Miscellaneous	37 50
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<i>Legal Expense</i>	66 44
<i>Town Planning Board</i>	5 000 00
<i>Protection of Persons and Property</i>	
<i>Dog Account</i>	
Constable	197 20
Expenses	244 62
	<hr/> 441 82

*Etna Fire Association*

Salaries	135 00
Supplies and Repairs	201 56
Lights, Fuel, Insurance	531 87
Coats and Boots	399 77
Miscellaneous	122 93

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<i>Street Lights</i>	443 04
<i>Police</i>	500 00
<i>Precinct Fire Department</i>	171 00
<i>Civil Defense</i>	52 45
<i>Pine Blister Rust</i>	400 00
<i>Bounties</i>	37 00
<i>Radio Control, Fire Trucks, Including Etna</i>	1 498 98
<i>Other Accounts</i>	757 14

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*Health*

Vital Statistics	752 25
Milk Inspection	
Health Officers	50 00
Other	36 77

*Town Nurse*

Salary	3 625 38
Equipment & Supplies	39 73
Car Expense	373 72
Telephone	21 28
Clothing Allowance	81 90
Other	10 58
Retirement	248 13

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*Highways and Bridges*

General Expenditures	24 361 83
Snow and Ice	5 250 48
Employment Liability	770 07
Equipment	6 127 38
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	36 509 76

*Town Road Aid* 7 550 71

*State Highway Appropriation (TRA)* 1 067 48

*Libraries*

Etna	960 51
Howe	3 500 00
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	4 460 51

*Charities*

Old Age Assistance	6 530 65
Town Poor	3 691 89
Hospitalization	3 059 73
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	13 282 27

*Patriotic Purposes*

Memorial Day	49 50
Flag Pole—Repairs and Insurance	91 11
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	140 61

*Cemeteries*

Salaries	7 611 85
General Maintenance	1 215 79
Supplies	283 56
Gas & Oil	237 97
Repairs & Use of Truck	208 55
Mowers & Small Equipment: Repairs, Gas, etc.	350 01

Insurance	161 22
Miscellaneous	2 85
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	10 071 80
<i>Tax Sales</i> (Bought by Town)	286 34
<i>Tax Refunds</i>	125 54
<i>Interest</i> —Temporary Notes	117 71
<i>Timber Tax Reserve</i>	866 21
<i>Capital Reserve</i>	2 500 00
<i>New Equipment</i>	780 00
<i>New Culverts</i>	973 53
<i>Payment on Indebtedness</i> —Temporary Notes	32 500 00
<i>Dartmouth</i> — <i>Lake Sunapee</i>	500 00
<i>Accounts Receivable</i>	2 445 68
Balance to be collected	404 42
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	2 850 10
 <i>Other Government Divisions</i>	
County	30 193 28
Precinct	117 210 00
Precinct Highway	20 000 00
 <i>Head Taxes</i>	9 864 50
 <i>Schools</i>	
1954 Balance	94 970 05
1955	180 000 00
Balance due Schools	97 946 99
Balance due State (Head Taxes)	1 646 00
Balance Dec. 31, 1955	2 360 88
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	705 728 57

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS  
FOR TOWN OF HANOVER

*Common Trust Funds*

Principal January 1, 1955		47 537 09
Add		
Dartmouth Cemetery Fund	200 00	
Pine Knolls Cemetery Fund	50 00	250 00
		47 787 09

*Income*

Balance January 1, 1955		606 93
Add		
Interest—Dartmouth Savings Bank	779 98	
Interest—United States Government Bonds 2½%	500 00	1 279 98
		1 886 91

*Expenditures*

Ethel C. Bond Treasurer for Schools	175 63	
Ethel C. Bond Treasurer for Poor	5 38	
Ethel C. Bond Treasurer for Library	35 00	
Ethel C. Bond Treasurer for Cemeteries	1 063 97	1 279 98
Balance Income December 31, 1955		606 93

*Reserve Principal Account*

Timber Tax Reserve January 1, 1955	6 453 42	
Add		
Timber Tax Reserve 1955	866 21	
Town of Hanover Equipment Reserve January 1, 1955	0 00	
Add		
Town of Hanover	2 500 00	
Equipment Reserve—Precinct	2 025 95	11 845 58
Paid Precinct of Hanover During Year		1 500 00
Balance December 31, 1955		10 345 58

*Income & Expenditures*

Precinct Equipment Reserve January 1, 1955	1 361 48	
Interest—Dartmouth Savings Bank	73 86	
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	1 435 34	
Paid Ethel C. Bond Treasurer of Precinct	188 95	
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Balance Precinct Fire Equipment Reserve		1 246 39
Town of Hanover Equipment Reserve		
Interest Dartmouth Savings Bank	6 25	
Paid Ethel C. Bond Treasurer Town of Hanover	6 25	0 00
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Timber Tax Reserve—Interest Dartmouth Savings Bank	177 47	
Balance Timber Tax Reserve		177 47
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Balance Income Reserve		1 423 86

## REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

	Principal	Balance of Income Last Year	Income for Year	Income Expended	Balance of Income End of Year
For the Support of Schools	6 522 58		175 63	175 63	
For Support of the Poor	200 00		5 38	5 38	
For the Care of Cemetery Lots	39 764 51	606 93	1 063 97	1 063 97	606 93
Library	1 300 00		35 00	35 00	
Precinct Equipment Reserve Account	525 95	1 361 48	73 86	188 95	1 246 39
Town of Hanover Equipment Reserve Acct.	2 500 00		6 25	6 25	
Timber Tax Reserve Account	7 319 63		177 47		177 47
	<u>58 132 67</u>	<u>1 968 41</u>	<u>1 537 56</u>	<u>1 475 18</u>	<u>2 030 79</u>

SUMMARY OF TOWN CLERK'S ACCOUNT  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1955

*Debits*

*Motor Vehicle Permits Issued*

1954-1955 Nos. 254519-254607	361	80
1955-1956 Nos. 91264- 93250	21	178 85
1955-1956 Nos. 266201-266441	2	648 94
1956-1957 Nos. 114151-114159	143	45
		24 333 04

*Dog Licenses Issued*

341 @ 2.00	682	00
23 @ 2.50	57	50
47 @ 5.00	235	00
5 @ 5.50	27	50
28 Miscellaneous	50	88
5 Kennels	68	00
		1 120 88

*Fees to Town*

Filing Fees	5	00
Town Clerk's Fees	917	95
Vital Statistics	752	25
Hanover Water Works	375	00
Tax Fees	35	50
		2 085 70
Paid to Ethel C. Bond Treasurer		27 539 62

L. LEROY BLODGETT,  
*Town Clerk*

## HANOVER TOWN LIBRARY REPORT

for the

Year Ending December 31, 1955

This year the appearance of the library has been brightened by the painting of the outdoor trim, pillars and the front door. There is now a box near the entrance where books may be returned when the library is not open. The roof of the vestibule has been repaired and is now in good condition.

The Bookmobile continues to be a great help in adding variety to the choice of books. We have had many second-hand books given to us and have purchased second-hand books as well as new ones.

There seem to be no major jobs ahead for next year. The floors should be waxed, the furnace should be cleaned, and a step should be put in from the bank to the road.

Respectfully submitted,

PHOEBE STEBBINS,

HELENE POLAND,

ADNA CAMP,

*Trustees of Hanover Town Library*

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

January 1, 1955—December 31, 1955

From January 1, 1955 through December 31, 1955, the Town Library at Etna has been open one hundred and five days.

Seven hundred and fifty-six adult books, four hundred and eleven juvenile books, and three hundred and seventy-two periodicals have been loaned. This shows a sharp decrease over the previous year, due, I believe, to the increase in Television sets.

The Bookmobile visited five times. Two hundred and ten books were borrowed and loaned to our readers one hundred and eighty-eight times.

A goodly number of books have been given to our library this past year by the Howe Library and friends. We gratefully thank these donors.

## LOANS

(Does not include Bookmobile books)	
Adult Fiction	584
Adult Non-Fiction	172
Juvenile	396
Magazines	372
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	1 524

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH GREENWOOD,  
*Librarian*

## HANOVER MUNICIPAL COURT

Fiscal Year Ending December, 1955

The following cases were tried in the Hanover Municipal Court during the calendar year 1955:

*Offenses against State Motor Vehicle Laws and Local**Motor Vehicle Ordinances:*

Careless and negligent driving	11
Failure to display plates	1
Failure to observe "Stop" sign	13
Failure to stop on Officer's signal	3
Illegal parking	4
Leaving scene of accident	1
Misuse of plates	1
Operating after suspension or revocation of license	2
Operating on sidewalk	1
Operating overloaded truck	6
Operating to left of "Yellow line"	7
Operating under influence of liquor	9
Operating uninspected vehicle	9
Operating unregistered vehicle	22
Operating without furnishing proof of financial responsibility	1
Operating with inadequate brakes	4
Operating without license	7
Operating without lights	1
Permitting improper person to operate	2
Reckless driving	1
Speeding and unreasonable speed	68
Throwing trash on highway	1
Unnecessary noise with muffler	2

*Offenses against State Statutes and Local Ordinances  
other than Motor Vehicle:*

Assault	1
Assaulting an officer	1
Begging	1
Contributing to delinquency of a minor	1
Derisive words	1
Disorderly conduct	1
Drunk	14
Falsely representing age	1
False statement to obtain hunting license	1
Indecent exposure	1
Nonsupport	1
Petty larceny	6
Resisting an officer	1

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There were 36 "small claims" cases handled during the year. The limit on these claims is \$60, not including interest and court costs. The court charge per claim is now \$2.00, since the U. S. postal rate for registered "return receipt" letters was increased to fifty cents. Creditors can obtain application blanks from the Justice.

The only other civil cases filed during the year were three "landlord and tenant" cases in the nature of suits for eviction. All of these were settled without court action.

There were 2 juvenile cases.

## MUNICIPAL COURT OF HANOVER

Receipts and Expenditures for Calendar Year 1955

*Receipts*

Town of Hanover:		
Fines and Bail Forfeitures	1 443 60	
Parking Tickets	1 478 00	
Civil Case Fees	12 00	
	<hr/>	2 933 60
New Hampshire State Fish and Game Commission		9 00
New Hampshire State Motor Vehicle Department—		
Fines		1 292 40
New Hampshire State Unemployment Commission—Fine		18 00
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TOTAL RECEIPTS		4 253 00

*Expenditures*

Town of Hanover:		
Fines and Bail Forfeitures	1 443 60	
Parking Tickets	1 478 00	
Civil Case Fees	12 00	
	<hr/>	2 933 60
New Hampshire Fish and Game Commission		9 00
New Hampshire State Motor Vehicle Department—Fines		1 292 40
New Hampshire State Unemployment Commission—Fine		18 00
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES		4 253 00

DONALD L. STONE,  
*Justice*

## THE ETNA FIRE ASSOCIATION

The Etna Fire Association submits the following report for the year of 1955.

At our annual election, held on August 3, 1955, the Association accepted the resignations of two of its faithful officers. Retiring Chief, Adna Camp, was given an unanimous vote of appreciation of his 33 years of service, and was elected Honorary Chief of the Association. Harley Camp, who has held the office of Secretary-Treasurer since 1942, was also given an unanimous vote of appreciation for his years of service. Howard Randall was elected the new Chief of the department.

Our membership has grown to twenty-five members, all of whom are interested in building a better department. As a group, we propose to give our village better protection through trained personnel and modern equipment which meets the standards set up by the New Hampshire Board of Fire Underwriters. Our members have been regular in their attendance of our monthly fire drills, and some have attended other area training sessions.

Twelve new rubber coats and helmets were purchased last fall, and we are planning to buy additional ones in the spring, so that all of our men may be protected.

Our present trucks are outdated and do not meet with the standards of the Board of Fire Underwriters. A committee has investigated various types of trucks available, talked with the manufacturers of fire apparatus, and with an engineer of the New Hampshire Board of Fire Underwriters. Their recommendations and proposals have been submitted to the Board of Selectmen of Hanover.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR W. GERSTENBERGER,  
*Secretary*

## AUDITORS' REPORT

Hanover, New Hampshire  
January 24, 1956

We have examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Judge of the Municipal Court, and Trustees of Trust Funds for the year ending December, 1955, and find them correct with disbursements supported by appropriate vouchers.

LOUIS O. FOSTER,  
LEROY G. PORTER,  
*Auditors*

## MARY HITCHCOCK MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

During the year January 1, 1955, through December 31, 1955, the Hanover Free Bed Fund in the Mary Hitchcock Memorial hospital, Hanover, New Hampshire rendered 162 days' service to 23 residents of the Town of Hanover.

The charges at the minimum hospital rates for services rendered to these patients during the period amounted to \$3,100.43.

The portion of the hospital's income from Free Bed Funds, which is allotted to the Town of Hanover, was increased during 1955 from \$650.00 to \$1,000.00. As of December 31, 1954, there was an overuse of \$168.04 which was subtracted from this figure, bringing the allotment down to \$831.96.

In addition, the Town of Hanover made cash payments to the hospital in the amount of \$2,268.47, and the net allotment amounted to \$3,100.43.

WILLIAM L. WILSON,  
*Administrator*

## FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

January 1, 1956

During the year 1955 we had several potentially serious forest fires in Hanover. The most serious covered approximately 25 acres of woodland on the south end of Moose Mountain. This fire, caused by lightning, could have involved thousands of acres and was contained and rapidly extinguished because of prompt discovery and reporting, and by hard work on the part of the fire fighters. We received valuable assistance from the Lebanon Fire Department and the Civil Air Patrol.

Other fires were quickly extinguished and burned areas held to a minimum, even though in the driest part of the summer, because of early discovery.

Generally speaking, the cooperation of the townspeople was excellent, both in obtaining permits as needed and in keeping the

burning under control. However, two violation cases were encountered which involved the calling out of suppression crews due to improper burning. In such cases, the individual responsible for the fire is subject to the penalties prescribed by law, in addition to being liable to the town for the full cost involved in extinguishing the fire.

I would like to again bring to your attention the fact that a permit is required for any fire built out of doors, also the fact that having a permit does not exempt the permittee from liability for payment of damages to property of another person, payment of suppression costs, or prosecution for failure to comply with the regulations involved, as set forth on the permit form.

During the past year, the warden and deputy wardens took part in training meetings and attended meetings of the Grafton-Sullivan Forest Fire Wardens' Association. Several also participated in the Fire School, sponsored by the New Hampshire Fire Chiefs' Club.

We solicit your support in 1956 to help us keep our woodlands free from man caused fires. If there are any questions regarding the regulations pertaining to burning, we will be pleased to have you ask us.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD J. RANDALL,  
*Forest Fire Warden*

## WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST CONTROL

## TOWN OF HANOVER

1955

*Financial Statement*

Town Funds Expended	396 65	
Cooperative Funds Expended	229 68	
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Total Expended		626 33
Received from Town	400 00	
Expended from Town Funds	396 65	
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Balance due Town		3 35
Area Worked	1 894 Acres	
Currant and Gooseberry Bushes Destroyed	3 418	

WILLIAM H. MESSECK, JR.,  
*State Forester*

## REPORT OF TOWN NURSE

December 31, 1955

I made 1,276 visits during the year 1955. These visits included:

Crippled Children	4
Post Natal	114
Children under 1 month	116
Children over 1 month	2
Pre-School Children	13
School Children	101
Adults	895
Persons not at home	31

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1 276

833 visits were for nursing services. Of these visits

584 were for full fee
129 free
120 Old Age Assistance (Paid by State)
443 Health Conferences

I attended the Civil Defense meeting in Concord, N. H., February 3, 1955; Polio Vaccine Clinic in Plymouth, N. H., April 14, 1955; and a Mental Hygiene Clinic in Newport, N. H. with a patient on July 7 and November 4, 1955.

I took two patients to the County Farm in Woodsville, N. H., and one patient to a nursing home in Haverhill, N. H. Two visits were made to the Golden Rule Farm in Tilton, regarding placement of a child.

A Polio vaccination was held at the Grade School in Hanover on May 24, 1955.

I received \$5.00 from the Woman's Club, and sums of money from the Salvation Army, as needed. I felt it would be best to establish an account at the bank, to be known as the "Visiting Nurse Gift Fund," to be drawn on as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. PATTEN, R.N.,  
*Visiting Nurse*

REPORT OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
ACTIVITIES IN THE TOWN OF HANOVER  
For the Year 1955

The following is a summary of activities carried on in the Town of Hanover, for the year 1955, by the New Hampshire Department of Health, Bureau of Public Health Nursing:

In the months of May and October, 1955, a Salks Polio Vaccine Clinic was held at the school for children from Hanover, Lyme, and Orford. This clinic was financed by the National Polio Foundation for the children of the first and second grades. The clinics were conducted by the New Hampshire Department of Health, Bureau of Public Health Nursing, with excellent cooperation of the Hanover physicians, schools, local School and Public Health Nurse, and a committee of volunteer ladies recruited by the local March of Dimes chairman.

About 105 first and second grade children from Hanover and Etna took advantage of this clinic.

The Department of Health Nurse is also available for consultation as necessary to your local Public Health Nurse.

May I, at this time, express my sincere appreciation to the Schools, School Officials, Doctors, Public Health and School Nurses, Hospital Local Committees, and any others who helped in any way to make this program a success.

Respectfully submitted,

LOIS W. BARTON, R.N.  
*Public Health Nurse*  
*N. H. Dept. of Health*

FIFTY-FIFTH

**ANNUAL REPORT**

OF THE

**OFFICERS**

OF THE

**VILLAGE PRECINCT**

OF

HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31,

**1955**



## OFFICERS OF THE PRECINCT OF HANOVER

*Moderator*

DONALD L. STONE

*Clerk*

I. N. BIELANOWSKI

## COMMISSIONERS

GORDON H. GLIDDON (Term expires 1956)

JAMES CAMPION, JR. (Term expires 1957)

MARTIN L. LINDAHL (Term expires 1958)

*Treasurer*

ETHEL C. BOND

*Building Inspector*

FRANCIS R. DRURY

*Auditor*

LOUIS O. FOSTER

*Park Commissioner*DONALD L. STONE  
(Term expires 1958)

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

CARLTON H. NOTT, *Chief*SYDNEY C. HAZELTON, *1st Asst.*ALBERT P. STEWART, *2nd Asst.*HOWARD J. RANDALL, *Capt.**Lieutenants*

GERALD WHEELER

HARRY WARE

JOHN RAND

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANDREW J. FERGUSON, *Chief*

ROLAND M. LEE

DENNIS COONEY

RALPH PROVENCHER

BENJAMIN THOMPSON, JR.

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

*Milk Inspector and Health Officer*

DR. REGINALD K. HOUSE

DR. PHILIP O. NICE, *Asst.*

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

FRANK M. MORGAN, *Chairman*EDWARD S. BROWN, *Clerk*

LEWIS BRESSETT

FRED F. PARKER

KENNETH C. DIMICK

## WARRANT

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Grafton, SS.

Town of Hanover

To the inhabitants of the Village Precinct, in the Town of Hanover, in the County of Grafton, in the State of New Hampshire; qualified to vote in Precinct affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Auditorium of the High School Building, in said Village, on Wednesday, March 14, 1956, at 7:30 P.M. o'clock, to act upon the following subjects:

*First:* To choose by ballot a Moderator to serve for one year.

*Second:* To choose by ballot a Clerk to serve for one year.

*Third:* To hear the report of the Precinct Commissioners, Treasurer, Auditor, and other Precinct Officers, and pass any vote relating thereto.

*Fourth:* To raise such sum of money as may be necessary to defray Precinct expenses for the ensuing year according to the proposed budget for 1956, including an item of \$1,700 from Fire Equipment Reserve, and make appropriation of the same.

*Fifth:* To choose by ballot a Treasurer and an Auditor, each to serve for one year; and one Precinct Commissioner to serve for three years.

*Sixth:* To see if the Precinct will vote to authorize the Commissioners to borrow \$5,500 on a short term loan for one year to pay for one-half of the expense of a new power shovel which is being purchased during the 1956 tax year at a cost of \$11,000, as shown in the Precinct budget under New Equipment for the Highway.

*Seventh:* To see if the Precinct will vote to allow the taxpayer a discount of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  per cent upon all Taxes, on real and personal property paid within fifteen days after the date of the tax bills, or on or before July 15, 1956, whichever is the later date.

*Eighth:* To see if the Precinct will vote to authorize the Precinct Commissioners to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to meet the Precinct obligations until the Taxes are collected and paid into the Treasury.

*Ninth:* To transact any other business that legally may be brought before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 27th day of February, 1956.

GORDON H. GLIDDON,  
JAMES CAMPION, JR.,  
MARTIN L. LINDAHL,  
*Commissioners*

A true copy of Warrant, attest,

GORDON H. GLIDDON,  
JAMES CAMPION, JR.,  
MARTIN L. LINDAHL,  
*Commissioners*

Hanover, New Hampshire  
March 10, 1955

A meeting of the voters of the Village Precinct of Hanover, New Hampshire was called to order at 7:30 P.M. in the Auditorium of the High School Building.

The Warrant was read by the Clerk.

ARTICLE 1. Donald L. Stone was elected Moderator for a term of one year.

ARTICLE 2. I. N. Bielanski was elected Clerk for a term of one year.

ARTICLE 3. *Voted:* That the Precinct report as printed, including the reports of the Commissioners, the Treasurer, the Auditor and other Precinct Officers be accepted.

ARTICLE 4. *Voted:* That the Village Precinct of Hanover raise the sum of one hundred and seventeen thousand, two hundred and ten dollars (\$117,210) and appropriate said sum and all other moneys which may be paid into the Treasury, to defray the expenses of the Precinct for the year ending December 31, 1955, according to the budgets, and reports as presented by the Commissioners, including an item of \$1,600 from Highway Reserve.

ARTICLE 5. (a). Ethel C. Bond was elected Treasurer for a term of one year.

(b). Donald L. Stone was elected Park Commissioner for a term of three years.

(c). Martin L. Lindahl was elected Precinct Commissioner for a term of three years.

(d). Louis O. Foster was elected Auditor for a term of one year.

ARTICLE 6. *Voted*: (1) That the Precinct Commissioners be authorized to complete the widening and reconstruction of Lebanon Street from South Main Street to the Precinct line, removing trees where necessary, putting in proper drains and sidewalks where feasible, and putting in the proper grade; the expense of this project to be borne by the Precinct with aid from State and Federal funds,

and

(2) That a sum not to exceed sixty thousand eight hundred dollars (\$60,800), in addition to the federal funds available, be raised and appropriated to defray the cost of the widening and reconstruction of Lebanon Street authorized by the next preceding vote and to defray all costs incurred for the purchase of land or other rights in real estate, the cost of surveys, plans and specifications, material and supplies, and all other items of expense necessary or convenient to effect the purposes of the next preceding vote, such sums to be raised by the issuance and sale of notes, or bonds of the Village Precinct of Hanover, to be issued in accordance with the provisions of the so-called Municipal Bonds Act, Chapter 72 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire, as amended, to bear interest at not exceeding  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent per annum payable semi-annually and subject to the limitations expressed in said Chapter 72, as amended, and to the foregoing limitations, the Precinct Commissioners are hereby given full power and authority to determine the denominations, the form of said notes or bonds and the time and place of payment of principal and interest, and to arrange for, negotiate and effect the issuance and sale of said notes or bonds including the power to fix the terms of sale and to enter into any contracts or agreements in connection with the issuance and sale of any notes or bonds authorized at this meeting; the Precinct Commissioners or any majority thereof are hereby authorized to sign and affix the seal of the Precinct to said notes and the Treasurer to countersign the same.

Result of Rising Vote

In Favor — 71

Opposed — 7

ARTICLE 7. *Voted*: That the Precinct allow the Taxpayers a discount of  $1\frac{1}{2}\%$  upon all taxes on real and personal property paid within fifteen days after the date of the tax bills or on or before July 15, 1955, whichever is the later date.

ARTICLE 8. *Voted*: That the Precinct Commissioners be authorized to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to meet the Precinct obligations until the taxes have been collected and paid into the Treasury.

ARTICLE 9. (a). *Voted*: To adopt the following resolutions:  
"Resolved: That the Precinct of Hanover, in meeting assembled, desires to pay tribute to, and honor the memory of Kenneth Noel Atkins, who died May 20, 1954.

In his capacity as Health Officer and Milk Inspector he served this community for twenty-three years and during the interval he conscientiously and wisely directed his efforts toward the preservation of the health of its people.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes and be made a permanent part of this meeting, and a copy of it sent to Mrs. Atkins."

(b). There being no further business it was *Voted* to adjourn the meeting—(9:40 P.M.)

I. N. BIELANOWSKI,  
*Clerk*

## CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	1955	1956
<i>Current Assets</i>		
Cash on Hand		
General	304 72	1 758 85
Accounts due Precinct		
Miscellaneous Accounts 1943 (Maps on Consignment)	6 40	6 40
Miscellaneous Accounts 1950	279 50	279 50
Miscellaneous Accounts 1951	47 50	47 50
Miscellaneous Accounts 1952	17 78	17 78
Miscellaneous Accounts 1954	160 15	
Miscellaneous Accounts 1955		2 026 51
Materials and Supplies (Schedule A)	2 790 00	1 899 25
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	3 606 05	6 035 79
 <i>Liabilities</i>		
Notes Outstanding (Schedule B)	119 500 00	111 500 00
 <i>Excess of Liabilities over Current Assets</i>	115 893 95	105 464 21
 <i>Capital Reserve Account</i>		
(Trustee of Trust Funds)		
Reserve for Highways	1 688 95	
Reserve for Fire Equipment	1 698 48	1 772 34
 <i>Sewer Construction Fund</i>		
Cash Balance	4 424 77	4 424 77
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	7 812 20	6 197 11

## SCHEDULE OF PRECINCT PROPERTY

	1955	1956
<i>Land and Buildings</i>		
Municipal Buildings and Apartments, including land	77 000 00	77 000 00
Storehouse and Sand Shed, including land	7 500 00	7 500 00
Gould Farm	4 000 00	4 000 00
Sand Bank, Record Farm	2 700 00	2 700 00
Hall House	3 600 00	3 600 00
Gile Land	3 300 00	3 300 00
<i>Furniture and Apparatus</i>		
Municipal Building Equipment	2 000 00	2 000 00
Fire Department Equipment (Schedule C)	62 200 00	54 850 00
Fire Alarm System	8 893 00	8 893 00
<i>Highway Department Equipment (Schedule D)</i>		
	49 289 00	42 514 00
<i>Police Department Equipment (Schedule E)</i>		
	4 909 50	4 868 50
<i>Sewer Department</i>		
East Side Sewer	90 655 00	95 870 00
River Ridge	11 772 00	11 772 00
Storrs Road	4 452 00	4 452 00
Carter Street	2 376 00	2 376 00
<i>Other</i>		
Hanover Water Works Company	42 500 00	42 500 00
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	377 146 50	368 195 50

RECEIPTS 1955  
WITH  
BUDGET COMPARISONS

	Budget	Receipts	Proposed Budget
	1955	1955	1956
<i>Town of Hanover</i>			
Precinct Tax	117 210	117 210 00	132 760
Highway Tax	20 000	20 000 00	20 000
Police Services	500	500 00	4 250
Fire Services	300	171 00	790
Dump Services			575
<i>Refund From State—Lebanon St. Project</i>		4 133 00	2 253
<i>Milk Licenses</i>	50	52 00	50
<i>Taxi Licenses</i>	60	80 00	60
<i>Bicycle Plates</i>	60	70 37	60
<i>Sale of Maps</i>	25	29 75	25
<i>Entertainment Licenses</i>	500	502 00	500
<i>Police Fees</i>	300	230 00	230
<i>Fire Department—Outside Fires</i>		673 90	
<i>Money Borrowed for Shovel</i>			5 500
<i>Sale of Gravel</i>		82 20	
<i>Rentals</i>			
Municipal Building	2 600	2 600 00	2 800
Municipal Apartments	1 500	1 542 00	1 500
Hall Apartments	1 000	822 00	840
Gould Farm	600	600 00	600
<i>Sale of Old Equipment</i>		35 86	
<i>Refund From Civil Defense</i>			750
<i>Sewer</i>	1 800	2 096 10	2 000

RECEIPTS 1955  
WITH  
BUDGET COMPARISONS  
(Continued)

	Budget 1955	Receipts 1955	Proposed Budget 1956
<i>Dividends and Hydrant Rentals</i>			
Hanover Water Works Co.	2 550	2 550 00	2 550
College Water Rent			1 950
Hospital Water Rent			200
<i>Unclassified</i>		6 52	
<i>Reserve For Highway Equipment</i>	1 600	1 688 95	
<i>Reserve For Fire Equipment</i>			1 700
<i>Parking Meter Account</i>	8 500	9 063 87	8 500
<i>Loans</i>			
Temporary		108 000 00	
<i>Accounts Receivable</i>			
Miscellaneous—1955		14 200 60	2 027
Miscellaneous—1954 (\$78 included in Lebanon Street Project)	160	82 15	
Miscellaneous—1952	18		18
Miscellaneous—1951	48		48
Miscellaneous—1950	280		280
Balance from Previous Year	304	304 72	1 759
	159 965	287 326 99	194 575

DISBURSEMENTS 1955  
WITH  
BUDGET COMPARISONS

	Budget 1955	Expenses 1955	Proposed Budget 1956
<i>General Government</i>			
Administration	3 350	5 210 28	4 450
Printing, Postage, & Telephone	500	505 57	550
Legal	500	545 30	500
Other	100	93 64	100
Engineering—Lebanon St. Project		4 055 00	
Easement Damages—Lebanon St. Project		2 253 00	
	4 450	12 662 79	5 600
<i>Police Department</i>			
Regular Service	18 850	19 024 00	19 750
Special Service	250	290 81	800
Insurance	500	471 76	500
Transportation	750	717 93	900
Uniforms	500	566 52	1 000
Postage, Telephone, & Telegraph	350	407 21	400
Bicycle Plates	100	117 08	140
Traffic Signs & Marking Streets	500	702 77	1 000
Other	200	367 09	400
	22 000	22 665 17	24 890
<i>Fire Department</i>			
Services	12 000	11 359 60	12 000
Equipment: Repairs & Replacements	750	1 217 41	1 000

DISBURSEMENTS 1955  
WITH  
BUDGET COMPARISONS  
(Continued)

	Budget 1955	Expenses 1955	Proposed Budget 1956
Alarm System Maintenance	200	298 99	200
Supplies	300	243 81	300
Insurance	800	763 54	800
Other	350	416 63	350
	14 400	14 299 98	14 650
<i>Fire Hydrant Rentals</i>	7 200	6 518 84	12 000
<i>Health and Sanitation</i>			
Services—Health Officer	250	200 00	200
Dump	1 820	3 025 37	3 380
Other	125	5 00	125
	2 195	3 230 37	3 705
<i>Sewer Department</i>	800	1 572 91	1 000
<i>Highway Department</i>			
<i>Roads and Sidewalks</i>			
Ordinary Maintenance	22 000	22 015 57	24 000
New Roads and Drains	4 000	10 193 62	6 000
Reconstruction and Surfacing	6 080	6 080 00	3 040
Oiling	4 000	3 253 05	4 000
Snow Removal and Sanding	6 000	4 291 97	6 000
Equipment: Repairs and Replacements	2 500	3 804 14	2 500
Storehouse, Sand Shed, and Sand Bank	300	242 48	300
Supplies	1 200	1 735 80	1 500
Insurance	1 500	1 637 37	1 600
Other	200	245 76	200
	47 780	53 499 76	49 140

DISBURSEMENTS 1955  
WITH  
BUDGET COMPARISONS  
(Continued)

	Budget 1955	Expenses 1955	Proposed Budget 1956
<i>Street Lighting</i>	9 000	8 660 32	9 500
<i>Meters</i>			
Maintenance and Additions	800	1 075 10	1 200
Dartmouth National Bank (Services)	400	400 00	400
	1 200	1 475 10	1 600
<i>Municipal Building</i>			
Services and Supplies	2 500	2 502 09	2 500
Repairs and Betterment	500	793 37	500
Heat, Light, and Power	1 350	1 402 52	1 400
Insurance	400	404 78	400
Other	50	40 72	50
	4 800	5 143 48	4 850
<i>Municipal Apartments</i>			
Services and Supplies	125	84 00	125
Repairs and Betterment	300	331 19	300
Heat	800	1 008 76	1 000
Other	75	82 35	75
	1 300	1 506 30	1 500
<i>Gould Farm</i>	500	372 67	500
<i>Hall Apartments</i>			
Repairs	100	3 40	300
Insurance, Water, Sewer	100	31 38	100
	200	34 78	400
<i>Interest on Indebtedness</i>	3 200	3 250 44	4 000
<b>TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSES</b>		<b>134 892 91</b>	

DISBURSEMENTS 1955  
WITH  
BUDGET COMPARISONS  
(Continued)

	Budget 1955	Expenses 1955	Proposed Budget 1956
<i>Work for Outside Parties</i>			
Accounts Receivable			
Miscellaneous—1955		14 200 60	
Balance to be Collected		2 026 51	
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		16 227 11	
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	119 025	151 120 02	133 335
 <i>New Equipment</i>			
Police Department	850	1 074 05	800
Fire Department	1 850	1 798 97	2 700
Highway Department	4 500	4 909 73	11 000
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	7 200	7 782 75	14 500
<i>Sewer Construction</i>	3 500	5 214 60	3 500
<i>Civil Defense</i>	240	54 15	240
<i>Care of Precinct Trees</i>	4 500	5 396 62	5 000
 <i>Payment on Indebtedness</i>			
Temporary	5 000	95 500 00	17 500
Other	20 500	20 500 00	20 500
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	25 500	116 000 00	38 000
 <b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>			
Balance Forward		285 568 14	
		1 758 85	
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<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>159 965</b>	<b>287 326 99</b>	<b>194 575</b>

## PARKING METER ACCOUNT

TOTAL RECEIPTS—1955		9 283 98
Paid Dartmouth National Bank—		
Services	400 00	
Paid Dual Parking Meter Co.	466 18	
Inspection and Maintenance	829 03	
Precinct General Fund	7 588 77	
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		<u>9 283 98</u>

## SEWER CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

Received from Sewer Bonds		37 534 64
Expenditures—1952:		
Conant Road	285 24	
Carter Street	2 375 86	
Storrs Road	4 452 20	
Rip Road	14 224 38	
River Ridge	9 132 25	
	<hr/>	30 469 93
Expenditures—1953:		
River Ridge		2 639 94
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		33 109 87
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Balance, December 31, 1955		4 424 77
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## SCHEDULE A

*Materials and Supplies*

625 Bags of Salt	650 00
Drain Pipes	604 50
Tar and Asphalt	114 50
Grease and Oil	138 25
Other Supplies	392 00
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	1 899 25

## SCHEDULE B

*Bonds and Notes Outstanding*

F. W. Horne and Company	
East Side Sewer Bonds	27 000 00
Fire Equipment Bonds	27 000 00
Sewer Notes	15 000 00
Highway Equipment Bonds	25 000 00
Dartmouth National Bank Notes	17 500 00
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	111 500 00

## SCHEDULE C

*Fire Department Equipment*

Maxim Pumper No. 1	9 000 00
Maxim Pumper No. 2	12 500 00
Chevrolet Triple Combination No. 3	2 350 00
Ford Tank	150 00
Portable Pump	200 00
Panel	250 00
Trailer	100 00
Hose Dryer	300 00
Fire Hose, Extinguishers, Rubber Coats, Hats, Boots, and other equipment	3 500 00
Maxim Aerial Ladder Truck	26 500 00
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	54 850 00

## SCHEDULE D

*Highway Department Equipment*

Truck, Reo 1934, No. 1	200 00
Truck, GMC 1955, No. 2	4 000 00
Truck, GMC 1941, No. 3	500 00
Truck, Chevrolet 1947, No. 4	700 00
Truck, Chevrolet 1949, No. 5	1 000 00
Truck, Chevrolet 1936, No. 6	100 00
Truck, Chevrolet 1950, No. 7—Pickup	400 00
Truck, Chevrolet 1947, No. 8	650 00
Cletrac Tractor, 1933, No. 1	100 00
Cletrac Tractor, 1939, No. 2	150 00
Ford Tractor, 1948, No. 3	500 00
Old Sweeper	10 00
2 Chip-It-Over Sanders	150 00
2 Winter Sanders	50 00
2 Truck Plows	450 00
2 Sidewalk Plows	100 00
2 Old Road Machines	10 00
Tarvia Mixer	5 00
Steam Boiler and Truck	200 00

Wheel Dray	50 00
2 Pavement Plows	50 00
Air Compressor	60 00
Paint Sprayer	10 00
Austin Western Grader	11 000 00
Sicard Snow Loader	11 000 00
Elgin Sweeper	7 200 00
Ditch Pump	65 00
2 Loaders	400 00
Tar Pot	50 00
Mowing Machine	5 00
Road Hone	100 00
2 Hand Sprayers	5 00
Zone Line Marker	20 00
Set Sewer Rods and Truck	650 00
Small Road and Shop Tools	2 574 00
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	42 514 00

### SCHEDULE E

#### *Police Department Equipment*

5 Pair Peerless Handcuffs	50 00
1 Reising Sub-Machine Gun	50 00
1 Winchester Shot Gun 16 in. Barrel	20 00
5 Colt Police Service Revolvers	250 00
200 Rounds of .45 Cal. Tracer Ammunition	8 00
1 Sickening Gas Grenade	12 50
4 Tear Gas Grenades	50 00
1 1955 Chevrolet Patrol Car	1 800 00
1 Underwood Typewriter	100 00
2 Gas Lanterns	15 00
1 Police Short Wave Receiver	100 00
Uniforms	300 00
1 Tape Recorder	150 00
1 Radio Transmitter	1 260 00
1 Mobile Two-Way Radio	290 00
1 Handi Talki Radio	250 00

1 Hand-Carrying Spotlight	10 00
1 Fire Extinguisher	20 00
1 Camera	75 00
1 Pair Binoculars	50 00
200 Rounds of .38 Cal. Ammunition	8 00
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	4 868 50

## TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 1955

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1955		304 72
Received From:		
Town of Hanover		
Taxes Collected	137 210 00	
Police Services	500 00	
Outside Fires	171 00	
Sewer Rentals	2 096 10	
Milk Licenses	52 00	
Taxi Licenses	80 00	
Bicycle Plates	70 37	
Entertainment Licenses	502 00	
Police Fees	230 00	
Fire Department, Outside Calls	673 90	
Rentals	5 564 00	
Hanover Water Works Co. (Dividends)	2 550 00	
Parking Meter Account	9 063 87	
Sale of Maps	29 75	
Sale of Old Equipment	35 86	
Miscellaneous	9 52	
Telephone Refunds	49 16	
Reserve for Highways	1 688 95	
Accounts Receivable	18 445 79	
Temporary Notes	108 000 00	
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		287 022 27
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		287 326 99

## VILLAGE PRECINCT

Amount paid out as per Commissioners' orders	285 568 14	
Balance on Hand, December 31, 1955	1 758 85	
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ETHEL C. BOND,  
*Treasurer*

## PARKING METER ACCOUNT

December 31, 1955

Received from meters		9 283 98
Amount paid Dual Parking Meter Account	220 11	
Amount paid Village Precinct	9 063 87	
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ETHEL C. BOND,  
*Treasurer*

## SEWER CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

Balance on hand, January 1, 1955		4 424 77
Balance on hand, January 1, 1956		4 424 77

ETHEL C. BOND,  
*Treasurer*

## AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

Hanover, New Hampshire  
January 24, 1956

I have examined the accounts of Gordon H. Gliddon, James  
Campion, Jr., and Martin L. Lindahl, Precinct Commissioners, for  
the period of one year, January 1, through December 31, 1955,  
and I find them to be correctly kept and supported by proper  
vouchers.

I have examined the accounts of Ethel C. Bond, Precinct  
Treasurer, for the year 1955, and I find them correctly kept and  
supported by proper vouchers.

LOUIS O. FOSTER,  
*Auditor*

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 1, 1956

To the Board of Precinct Commissioners of the Village Precinct  
of Hanover, New Hampshire:

*Roster of the Department:*

1. Andrew J. Ferguson, Chief  
Appointed March 31, 1941
2. Dennis J. Cooney, Patrolman  
Appointed July 4, 1945
3. Roland M. Lee, Patrolman  
Appointed November 16, 1949
4. Ralph Provencher, Patrolman  
Appointed April 1, 1951
5. Benjamin Thompson, Jr., Patrolman  
Appointed February 1, 1955
6. Sten Olson, Patrolman  
Appointed September 1, 1951  
Assigned to School Patrol

*Special Officers*

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Robert Agan          | 17. Leath Henderson     |
| 2. Ernest Badger        | 18. George Jewett       |
| 3. Bryce Beattie        | 19. Richard Kaye        |
| 4. Oran Beckley         | 20. Francis LaBounty    |
| 5. Matthew Berwick, Jr. | 21. Harold LaBounty     |
| 6. Wilbert Bowen        | 22. Roger Lambert       |
| 7. Harley Camp          | 23. Dana Leavitt        |
| 8. Ernest Cilly         | 24. Henry Leavitt, Sr.  |
| 9. John Connor          | 25. Henry Leavitt, Jr.  |
| 10. William Connor      | 26. Levi LeMere         |
| 11. Alfred Gauthier     | 27. William Lynch       |
| 12. Dona J. Greenwood   | 28. Remembrance Martin  |
| 13. Benjamin Griggs     | 29. Donald Michaud      |
| 14. Norman Hackett      | 30. Armand M. Normanden |
| 15. George O. Harrison  | 31. Henry Richards      |
| 16. James Hayes         | 32. Richard Robbins     |

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 33. Howard Shawney  | 35. Clayton Shovan |
| 34. Francis Tuxbury | 36. Edgar R. Sorel |
| 37. Freeman Wright  |                    |

The Special Police Officers listed above were used by this department to assist with special events in the Precinct and Town of Hanover. A total of three hundred and fifty (350) Special Police, Motor Vehicle Inspectors, and members of the State Police were assigned for special policing, such as Carnival, Football games, Hockey, Basketball, Dances, etc. This was accomplished at no expense to the Precinct or Town.

#### *Motor Vehicle Activities*

The following is an account of the various Motor Vehicle work done by the department:

In addition to the arrests and warnings, the Department investigated 35 automobile accidents which occurred both in the Precinct and Town of Hanover. The year 1955 ended with no fatal accidents in the township; three (3) pedestrians were reported struck by automobiles which caused little or no injuries to them; twenty-eight (28) automobile accidents resulted in damage to the vehicles only, and four (4) accidents with injuries to both person and property. I feel this is an excellent record, considering the great increase in traffic during the year.

The department was awarded a plaque from the National Safety Council, which placed the department on the National Traffic Safety Contest Honor Roll for 1954, and we hope again to receive the same honor for 1955.

A certificate of merit was issued to the Chief of the Police Department in appreciation of faithful and meritorious service to public and highway safety from Mr. Frederick N. Clarke, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles in the State of New Hampshire. It would be difficult to state in this report the efforts made by the entire force to establish greater highway safety in the community.

<i>Charge</i>	<i>Arrests</i>	<i>Warnings</i>
Accidents, Leaving Scene of	1	6
Accidents, Failed to Report		4
Careless and Negligent Operating	11	
Defective Brakes	4	10
Defective Equipment		18
Defective Lights		389
Defective Muffler		20
Failed to Display Red Flag on Truck		2
Failed to Furnish Financial Responsibility	1	
Failed to Inspect Vehicle	10	5
Failed to Keep to Right of Yellow Line	7	12
Failed to Stop for an Officer	2	
Failed to Observe Stop Sign	14	21
Failed to Carry Registration		12
Failed to Carry License		15
Failed to Give Hand Signal		55
Failed to Display Plates	1	
Failed to Heed Warning of a Siren	1	
Misuse of Plates	1	
Obstructing Traffic		8
Operating after Revocation	1	
Operating after Suspension	2	
Operating on Sidewalk	1	3
Operating Under the Influence of Liquor	8	
Operating Unregistered Vehicle	27	
Operating Without a License	9	
Operating Without Lights	1	
Operating Overloaded Truck	1	
Permitting Improper Person to Operate	3	3
Reckless Operating	1	
Speeding	73	81
Unnecessary Noise, Horn Blowing	2	
Using Without Authority		3
Violation of Parking-Court Action	5	91
Violation of Parking Tickets	*1701	
	<hr/> 1888	<hr/> 758

\*Indicates number of Motor Vehicle operators paying small fines for minor violation of traffic ordinances. These people were allowed, by permission of the Justice of the Hanover Municipal Court, to pay their fines to the Town Clerk at the time of violation, rather than appear in court at a later date.

*Commitment cases*

1. To N. H. State Hospital at Concord, N. H.	8
2. To County House of Correction at Haverhill, N. H.	5
3. To Veterans Hospital at White River Junction, Vt.	1
4. To Veterans Hospital at Taugus, Maine	1
	15

*Criminal Activities*

The following 36 criminal arrest figures pertain to persons arrested as a result of investigations made by the department; in each case of arrest the persons were found guilty in the Hanover Municipal Court or turned over to other law enforcement agencies for prosecution. The department investigated 99 criminal cases during the year. In the "Apprehended and Released" column are listed persons released without prosecution for reasons which the department felt were for the better of all concerned.

<i>Crime</i>	<i>Arrest</i>	<i>Investi- gation</i>	<i>Apprehended &amp; Released</i>
Assault & Battery		2	2
Assault on an Officer	2		
Breaking & Entering		3	1
Begging		10	10
Carrying Concealed Weapon	1	3	2
Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor	1	2	2
Desertion	2	2	
Derisive Words, use of	1	1	
Destruction of Property		2	2
Disorderly Conduct	1	1	

Discharging Firearms		2	2
Discharging Firecrackers		2	2
Drunk & Disorderly	16	28	12
Fishing in Restricted Waters		2	2
Fraudulent Checks		5	2
Falsely Representing Age to Procure			
Alcoholic Beverages	1	1	
Grand Larceny		1	1
Indecent Exposure	1	1	
Non-Support	1	2	1
Profane Language, use of	1	1	
Petty Larceny	6	10	2
Receiving Stolen Property		1	1
Resisting Arrest	1		
Throwing Rubbish in Street	1	2	1
Violation of Local Ordinances		15	15
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	36	99	60

The Department investigated many minor complaints which are too numerous to mention in this report. However, all complaints, regardless of their nature, were investigated to the best of the Department's ability.

#### *Automobiles*

Number of Automobiles reported stolen, 9;

Number of Automobiles recovered, 9; valuation \$11 000 00

#### *Bicycles*

Number of Bicycles registered, 345

Number of Bicycles reported stolen, 14; valuation \$280 00

Number of Bicycles recovered, 8; valuation \$160 00

#### *Miscellaneous Articles recovered*

Money, clothing, jewelry, etc. reported lost or stolen

and returned to original owner to the value of \$1 450 00

#### *Grand Total*

\$12 610 00

*Miscellaneous Activities*

Transients—42 given a night's lodging. 310 doors and windows found unlocked. 55 street lights reported out. 18 homes checked during the absence of the owner.

There were 63 emergency cases handled by the Department—Persons taken to the hospital, when no other means of transportation were available; emergency messages delivered; relaying blood to hospitals on emergency cases in cooperation with other police vehicles.

*Cruiser Mileage*

It was necessary for the Police Cruiser to travel a distance of 23,634 miles in the performance of its patrolling duties and the other services which are described in this report.

In addition to the above, the Police Department has been glad to render numerous services which could be best described as "extra duties" not required by laws, ordinances or regulations. For example, we have given assistance to distressed motorists, located members of families and relatives in cases of emergency, responded to calls for help in locating lost animals, and answered innumerable requests for information. There has been no end to the variety of calls made upon us for help, advice and information which are not accounted for in this report.

Also not mentioned in this report is the work of the Department in investigating many cases for Federal, State and other law enforcement agencies. The Department has also taken, upon request, hundreds of finger print impressions which are required by governmental agencies and others for the purpose of identification and security checks.

The volume of vehicular traffic has been increasing, and reached an all-time high during the Summer months of the year. As a result, the demands upon the Department have been correspondingly heavier. The additional work, however, has been handled by the same staff, even though it was necessary for two men to surrender their Summer vacations in order to enable us to carry this heavier work load. One of the greatest problems has been the lack of

adequate parking facilities. I believe that immediate steps should be taken to relieve the situation.

Members of the Department have attended numerous police conventions and lectures on police work during the year. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, the County Solicitors and the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police have held conferences on all phases of police work, giving instruction on such subjects as new techniques and procedures in the prevention and detection of crime. Members of the Department have found these meetings valuable in improving their work to the benefit of the Town and Precinct.

In conclusion, I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the splendid assistance and cooperation given by the people of Hanover.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW J. FERGUSON,  
*Chief of Police*

## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

January 1, 1956

## CALLS

There was a total of 82 calls during the past year, of which 20 were bell alarms, 62 silent alarms, and 4 false alarms. Nine of these calls were outside of the Precinct, and 5 were out of town.

The severest fire in the Precinct last year was in the apartment of Richard Abbott at 68 Lebanon Street.

The Department made two runs to Etna this past year; one was a forest fire on the south end of Moose Mountain, while the other was a wood's fire in Hanover Center.

Of the out-of-town fires, one was at Pompanoosuc in the Town of Norwich, and four were in the Town of Lebanon. Three of the latter number were on the West Lebanon Road, while one was in Lebanon proper.

## CHIEF CAUSES OF FIRES

Fires in automobiles and oil burners were the chief offenders in type fires with 6 each.

The Town and Precinct dump required the department to make 14 runs, 5 of which were to the old dump, and 9 to the new one.

It is gratifying to state that whenever permits were issued to individual citizens none of the fires got out of control.

It will be helpful if all the citizens of this community will familiarize themselves with the following Rules and Regulations concerning the building of fires out-of-doors:

Section 6 of the Fire Department Regulations of the By-Laws and Regulations of the Precinct of Hanover reads as follows:

"No person shall burn or cause to be burned any trash, brush, leaves, straw or any other combustible material in the open without a written permit signed by the State or Town Forest Fire Warden and the Chief Engineer or an Assistant Engineer of the Fire Department, stating the time and place when such burning is to be permitted and the nature of the material to be burned; provided, however, that such material may be burned by any person on land owned or occupied by him in incinerators so constructed and operated

as to prevent the ignition therefrom of other combustible material.”

During the year 1954, the so-called incinerator law was a source of grave concern to Forest Fire Wardens and the Chiefs of the neighboring Fire Departments.

“Many incinerators which are constructed of a coarse, loosely woven wire mesh or of perforated sheet metal, are, due to their construction or location, entirely unsafe receptacles in which to burn rubbish. Such incinerators are the source of many fires and investigations.

These incinerators are of such unsafe construction that the building of a fire in them corresponds to igniting a fire in the open, which is prohibited by law without a permit from the Fire Warden or the Fire Chief. If, in the opinion of one of these officials, the burning of refuse in such an incinerator might be the source of a fire being communicated to other material or woodlands, he should refuse to issue a permit for such burning, until weather conditions, or changes made in the incinerator or its location, make such burning safe.”

The preceding quotation is from the “Manual of the Forest Fire Service” of the State of New Hampshire, page 6.

Therefore, it is evident that, if you use an incinerator, you need a permit for its use, the same as you would if you built an open fire in your garden or any place on your property.

A large number of incinerator permits were issued in 1955, and there will undoubtedly be more in 1956. We wish to thank the people of the community for being so cooperative in obtaining permits for the building of such fires.

#### MEETINGS

The meetings of the Grafton-Sullivan Forest Fire Wardens Association were well attended by the officers and members of the Hanover Volunteer Hose Company this past year.

The Fire Training School sessions, sponsored by the Twin State Fire Districts Association, were held during the summer at the training site of the various members of the Association. The sessions were well attended and were very helpful and instructive.

Chief Nott attended the New England Chiefs Convention at Wentworth-by-the-Sea.

Captain Howard Randall and Robert Barwood attended the State Training School at Manchester, N. H.

Chief Nott, Lieutenant Gerald Wheeler, and James Campion, III, spent three days at the Training School at New Haven, Conn.

#### EQUIPMENT

The rolling stock of the Department consists of one 75 foot aerial ladder, two 750 gallon pumpers, one Chevrolet truck, one panel truck, one portable pump, and a Navy type portable pump.

Within the past year a General Electric two-way radio was installed in the station and trucks of the department. A radio tone control enables this department to operate the siren in Etna. In addition, an Etna truck has been equipped with radio with the receiver placed in the Etna station.

This equipment has proven very helpful and worthwhile, and has saved the Hanover Department many needless miles of travel.

#### IMPROVED PROTECTION IN THE COMMUNITY

There has been an increase, during the past year, in the number of permits which have been issued for the installation and use of oil burners.

Because of the increase in requests for such permits each year, it seems advisable to call to the attention of the public the Rules, Regulations, and the Penalty for Violation of said Rules and Regulations.

The New Hampshire State Rules, Regulations, and the Penalty for Violation of said Rules and Regulations are as follows:

These rules and regulations require that a permit be obtained in order (1) to install oil burning equipment, and (2) to operate oil burning equipment. The permits may be obtained at the Fire Department headquarters, at no cost to the firm which installs the equipment, or to the operator.

“22. PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF REGULATIONS. Whoever shall violate any rule or regulation of the board issued pursuant to section 5 of paragraph 1, section 12, shall upon con-

viction thereof, be fined not more than one hundred dollars for each offense. All penalties, fees or forfeitures collected under the provisions of this chapter shall be paid into the treasury of the state."

The Rescue Squad, together with the other members of the Department, held drills on ice rescue, the use of a boat in water rescue, and in artificial respiration. These drills were under the direction of Assistant Chief Sidney C. Hazelton, and Dr. Lewis H. Lambert.

The members of the Hanover and Etna Fire Departments were given a rigid physical examination, and tetanus inoculations, by Dr. Lambert and other Doctors and nurses on the staff of the Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital. Such an examination is certainly a step in the right direction, and it is hoped that it may become an annual procedure. The first examination showed that most of the men were in good physical condition.

A drill ground is being prepared close by the pond which is situated close to the road leading up to the new dump. Here, different types of fires may be created, and practice may be obtained in extinguishing them. This will prove to be helpful in the training program.

The extension of the Police radio to the Fire Station is still in use and is monitored by the station man of the Hanover Fire Department.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board of Engineers of the Hanover Fire Department recommend the purchase of a station wagon to replace the 1939 Panel Truck. The Board of Engineers also recommend that a 500 gallon pump be installed on the Chevrolet truck, which would enable the Chevrolet truck to be used on the country roads instead of one of our 750 gallon trucks.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS

In addition to fighting fires, the Hanover Volunteer Hose Company was called upon to perform other duties. Some of these duties were as follows: the removal of cats from trees; the use of the aerial ladder truck to help put Christmas decorations on the tree in the center of the Campus; aiding in placing the decorations on

Main Street, as well as in replacing bulbs on these decorations; and in painting the flag pole at the High School.

On July 4th, the department gave a public demonstration at the stadium on the possible uses of various pieces of equipment.

This year, for a change, the weather was clear and cold for our children's Christmas party. The favorable weather enabled the children to have longer and more comfortable rides. Four children, whose condition permitted, from the Children's Ward of the Hospital were given a ride around town in one of the trucks. In all, about 550 children were greeted by Santa Claus at the station.

Santa made his usual visit at the Hospital, and left a television set in the Children's Ward. This set was a joint contribution of the Hanover Volunteer Hose Co., and of the Lions Club of Hanover.

The Board of Engineers, the officers and men of the Hanover Volunteer Hose Co., wish to extend their sincere thanks and genuine appreciation to the people of Hanover, for their hearty cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. NOTT, *Chief*

S. C. HAZELTON, *Assistant Chief*

A. P. STEWART, *Assistant Chief*

## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

January 1, 1956

To the Commissioners of the Village Precinct of Hanover,  
New Hampshire:

	1954	1955
Total Calls	53	82
Bell Alarms	13	20
Silent Alarms	40	62
False Alarms	2	4
Calls, Defined and Compared with Last Year		
Out of Town	2	5
Out of Precinct	8	9
Precinct Alarms		
Chimney	5	1
Grass, Brush, and Leaves	5	4
Fraternity and College Buildings	2	6
Grease	0	2
First Aid and Life Saving	0	1
Automobiles	3	6
Woodland	1	0
Waste Material and Dump	3	14
Oil Burners and Heaters	7	6
Electric or Broken Wires	1	1
Lightning	0	1
Furnaces	2	2
Dwellings	1	3
Investigations	4	4
Miscellaneous	7	10
Amount of 2½ in. Hose laid in feet	5200	2600
Amount of 1½ in. Hose laid in feet	3000	2100
Amount of Booster Hose laid in feet	5200	6620
Amount of Ladders raised in feet	1674	2488
Total Miles Driven	1932	2540

## REPORT OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

January 1, 1956

To the Commissioners of the Village Precinct of Hanover,  
New Hampshire:

Gentlemen:

Hanover has had the following infectious diseases reported to the Health Department during the past year:

Pneumonia (all types)	26
Measles	18
Chicken Pox	17
Hemolytic strep pharyngitis (including scarlet fever)	11
Mumps	6
Infectious hepatitis	4
German Measles	3
Influenza	3
Poliomyelitis	2
Tuberculosis	1

The above figures do not represent an accurate count of the reportable diseases. Many of the less serious ones are not reported to the Health Officer because they are not seen by a physician. It can be stated, however, that there was no disease of epidemic proportion in Hanover during the year 1955.

Mr. John Peck, regional inspector for the State Department of Health, and the Health Officer have visited the food dispensing establishments in town periodically. Mr. Peck's experience in this field has been of great aid to this department.

Complaints brought to this office have been investigated when necessary. The majority have not been serious. The Brock Sewer, which is located in the area of Woodrow and Barrymore Road, has caused a great deal of trouble during the past several years and at various times complaints have been registered with this department. This sewer periodically blocks up and then backs up into the basements. The Precinct officials are aware of this problem

and it is hoped that this situation can be corrected in the very near future.

The chlorination of the Hanover water supply was instituted in August on the recommendation of the State Board of Health. This was due to the fact that our water analyses during the spring and summer showed a consistently high bacterial count. A chlorination unit is now present at the reservoir.

The inspection of the milk shed supplying this town has been continued during the year under the supervision of Dr. Wilbur Collins. A total of 1478 cows have been examined in 54 herds.

Last spring approximately 187 children of the first and second grades were given the first inoculation of the Salk vaccine distributed by the State Board of Health. The majority of these children have now received their second inoculation. As of this writing, children from one year through fourteen years who have written permits from their parents will shortly receive the Salk vaccine.

Respectfully submitted,

REGINALD K. HOUSE, M.D.  
*Health Officer*







