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**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF ORANGE
NEW HAMPSHIRE**



**FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1999**

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The Town of Orange


Dedicates

This annual report to the memory

of

Robert Scotland

and

Irene
 **Hyde**

SELECTMEN

Geraldine Daniels'02*Charles Sova'00*Carol Decato'01

MODERATOR TOWN CLERK TREASURER

Daniel Hazelton Jan Smith Linda Bateman

TAX DEEDING ROAD

COLLECTOR AGENT AGENT

Sharon Proulx Sharon Proulx Garrett Decato

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE Charles Sova

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE Selectmen

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS Judith Connelly

CEMETERY HEALTH POLICE

AGENT OFFICER CHIEF

David Heath Donald Pfaefflin Andrew Ware

PLANNING BOARD

Fred Moore,Chairman*Scott Sanborn*Robert Proulx

Lyell Smith*Robert Ells*Evelyn Finn

Geraldine Daniels,Selectmens' Representative

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Donald Pfaefflin,Chairman*Beverly Ells*Donna Dias

Judith Connelly, Alternate

Charles Sova,SelectmensRepresentative

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Bruce Ells Beverly Ells Barbara Smith

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Elwin Grace Anita Watson

FOREST FIRE WARDEN Brent Stevens Larry Belloir

DEPUTY WARDENS Daniel Hazelton

AUDITORS Scott Sanborn Catherine Ells

BUILDING INSPECTOR Donald Pfaefflin

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Tim Connelly Lyell Smith Robert Proulx

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF ORANGE
TOWN WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Orange, in the county of Grafton in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED to meet at the Town House in said Orange on Tuesday, the 14th day of March, 2000, at eleven o'clock p.m. to act upon the following subjects. The polls will open for the election of Town Officers at 11 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. unless the Meeting votes to extend the time.

ARTICLE 1: To choose by ballot and plurality vote a Moderator, a Town Clerk, a Town Treasurer, 1 Selectman for three years, 1 Cemetery Agent, 1 Overseer of Public Welfare for one year, 1 Budget Committee Member for three years, 1 Auditor for one year, 1 Road Agent, 1 Tax Collector, 1 Deeding Agent, 1 Trustee of Trust Funds for one year and any other officers required by law.

ARTICLE 2: (By official ballot) To see if the town will amend the zoning ordinance to include the telecommunications facility ordinance. This article will be voted on by official ballot which will contain the following question:

“Are you in favor of amending the zoning ordinance to include the telecommunications facility ordinance as proposed by the planning board?”

Topical description: This amendment establishes the requirement to obtain a special exception from the Zoning Board of Adjustment in compliance with the standards contained in the amendment for the construction and installation of a telecommunication tower and antenna.

ARTICLE 3: (By official ballot) To see if the town will vote to adopt the revised building code as proposed by the planning board. This article will be voted on by official ballot which will contain the following question:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of a revised building code as proposed by the planning board?”

Topical description: The proposed ordinance updates the present Orange Building Ordinance, first adopted in 1987, to bring it in line with the current state and national codes to insure the protection of life, safety, health, property and environment for the citizens of Orange.

The following articles will be discussed and acted upon at the business meeting, which will start at 7 p.m.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$106,600.00 and any interest earned thereon for the shimming and 1/2 inch top coat on the presently paved sections of town roads (i.e. Tuttle Hill Road, Tug Mountain Road, Cross Road, Wheeler Road, New Colony Road, Peaselee Road and Eastman Road) and to authorize the Selectmen to borrow such sum by the issuance of notes under the Municipal Finance Act.

(BY 2/3 BALLOT VOTE)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$24,000 to shim and apply a ½ inch topcoat to the paved portion of Tuttle Hill Road.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN SHOULD

ARTICLE 3 FAIL)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to give a discount of 3% except for resident taxes on taxes paid in full within twenty days from the date of the bills pursuant to RSA 80:52 on the condition that the taxpayer deduct the discount at time of payment.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of taxes and to authorize the Tax Collector to accept payments in prepayment of taxes in accordance with N.H. R.S.A.:80:52-a.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of resident taxes and authorize the Tax Collector to accept payment in prepayment of taxes.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to establish a new capital reserve fund to be known as the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of a tax revaluation of property.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will appropriate five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be paid into the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of a revaluation of property.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town having voted to establish the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund will raise and appropriate \$5,000 to be paid into said capital reserve fund; to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund for the purchase of a town truck and to authorize the financing of any balance for a three year period.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the Highway Block Grant Fund of \$21,215.14 for construction, reconstruction and maintenance of Class 4 or 5 highways and for the purchase of equipment.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to establish a new capital reserve fund to be known as the Town House Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of Town House building improvements.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to be paid into the Town House Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of Town House building improvements.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$148,950.00 for town expenses as called for by the budget, submitted by the Budget Committee, and pass any vote in relation thereto.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 16: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and other officers heretofore and pass any vote relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17: To transact any business that may legally come before the meeting not on the warrant.

ARTICLE 18: Polls shall not close earlier than eight o'clock in the evening.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HAND AND SEAL THIS TWENTY
THIRD DAY OF FEBRUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND.

Geraldine Daniels

Carol E. Decato

Charles E. Sova

**ORANGE TOWN BUDGET
PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION**

| | Approp 1999 | Expend 1999 | Approp 2000 |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| General Government | | | |
| Officers Salaries | \$8300 | \$7,478 | \$8,300 |
| Elections & Registration | 800 | 947.85 | 1600 |
| Abatements | 200 | 0 | 200 |
| Property Reappraisal | 1,000 | 180.00 | 1,000 |
| Legal Expenses | 1,500 | 1,820.08 | 5,000 |
| FICA Payments | 1,300 | 2,111.45 | 2,100 |
| Planning and Zoning | 500 | 143.11 | 400 |
| General Gov't Bldings | 4,000 | 3,553.36 | 12,400 |
| Cemeteries | 1,500 | 1,526.46 | 1,500 |
| Insurance | 5,000 | 2,268.00 | 4,000 |
| Membership | 1,500 | 728.00 | 1,000 |
| Officers Expenses | 3,100 | 1,892.20 | 2,500 |
| Public Safety | | | |
| Police Department | 11,000 | 5,258.36 | 12,300 |
| FAST Squad (Canaan) | 2,500 | 2,500.00 | 2,500 |
| Fire Department | 18,000 | 6,615.92 | 13,500 |
| Building Inspection | 400 | 317.25 | 400 |
| Emergency Mgmt. E911 | 100 | 0.00 | 100 |
| Highway & Streets | | | |
| Highway | 59,500 | 62,512.82 | 59,500 |
| Sanitation | | | |
| Garbage Removal | 15,000 | 15,291.04 | 17,000 |
| Health | | | |
| Grafton County Senior Citizens & Mascoma Home Health | 1,700 | 1,835.07 | 1,800 |

| | Approp 1999 | Expend 1999 | Approp 2000 |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Welfare | | | |
| Direct Assistance | 1,500 | 0.00 | 1,500 |
| Culture and Recreation | | | |
| Town Socials | 100 | 69.07 | |
| Patriotic Purposes | 50 | 0.00 | |
| Other | | | 150 |
| Capital Outlay | | | |
| Town Hall Fire | 200 | 0.00 | 200 |
| To Capital Reserve | 5,000 | 5,000.00 | |
| To Agency Funds(Ambulance) | 5,000 | 5,000.00 | |
| Totals | 148,750 | 127,048.04 | 148,950 |

SOURCES OF REVENUE

| | Estimate 1999 | Actual 1999 | Estimate 2000 |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Taxes | | | |
| Resident Taxes | 1,660 | 1,560.00 | 1,600 |
| Yield taxes | 1,500 | 5,747.46 | 2,500 |
| Int. & Pen. on | | | |
| Delinquent taxes | 1,500 | 1,752.92 | 1,500 |
| Inventory Penalties | 200 | 250.00 | 200 |
| Licenses, Permits & Fees | | | |
| UCC | 0 | 45.00 | 0 |
| Motor vehicle | | | |
| permit fees | 30,000 | 36,687.80 | 35,000 |
| Building Permits | 150 | 160.00 | 150 |
| Other licenses, permits & fees | 500 | 669.00 | 500 |

| | Estimate 1999 | Actual 1999 | Estimate 2000 |
|----------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| From State | | | |
| Shared Revenue | 4,800 | 2,799.32 | 3,000 |
| Rooms & Meals Tax Dist. | 3,500 | 4,863.61 | 4,000 |
| Highway Block Grant | 22,117.11 | 22,117.11 | 21,215.14 |
| State & Fed. Forest | | | |
| Land Reimb | 5,250 | 5,511.23 | 5,000 |
| NH Admin. Cost Reimb. | 0 | 12,000.00 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous Revenues | | | |
| Interest on investments | 1,500 | 2,029.16 | 1,500 |
| Total Revenue & Credits | 72,677.11 | 96,192.61 | 76,165.14 |

SUMMARY OF VALUATION
As of December 31, 1999

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Land | \$11,158,916 |
| Buildings-Residential | 10,073,090 |
| Public Utilities | <u>374,122</u> |
| | \$21,606,128 |

TREASURER'S REPORT
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1999

Beginning Balance 1/1/99

Cash on Hand \$140,889.20

Received from Banks(Mascoma Savings Bank)

Interest on Checking 48.01

Interest on Money Market Account 1,981.15

Advances Tax Anticipation Loan 116,000.00

Total \$118,029.16

Received from Tax Collector

1996

Tax Liens Redeemed 1,160.49

Interest & Costs 552.91

1997

Tax Liens Redeemed 66.89

Interest & Costs 27.00

Resident Tax 20.00

Resident Tax Penalty 2.00

1998

Property Tax 35,542.68

Property Tax Interest 1,307.43

Resident Tax 70.00

Resident Tax Penalty 7.00

1999

Property Tax 273,165.10

Property Tax Interest 2.38

Resident Tax 1,470.00

Resident Tax Penalty 15.00

Yield Tax 5,747.46

99 Costs 387.70

Fees 2.00

99 Overpayment 31.41

Total Tax Collector \$319,577.45

Received from Selectmen

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Building Permits | 160.00 |
| Pistol Permits | 120.00 |
| Current Use Application | 24.00 |
| Reimbursement from MVRHS meeting | 200.00 |
| Intent to Cut Bond | 1,000.00 |
| Security Bond | 1,000.00 |
| Tax Information | 10.00 |
| Income Other Departments | 20.00 |
| Workmens Compensation Reimbursement | 348.00 |
| Insurance Dividends & Reimbursement | 683.23 |
| NHMA Property/Liability Reimbursement | 522.58 |

State of New Hampshire

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Highway Block Grant | 22,117.11 |
| Shared Revenue Grant | 2,799.32 |
| Rooms & Meals Tax Reimbursement | 4,863.61 |
| Forest Reimbursement | 5,511.23 |
| Forest Fire Training | 21.46 |
| Revenue Adm. Cost Reimbursement | 12,000.00 |

Total from Selectmen: 51,400.54

Received from Town Clerk

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Motor vehicle permits | 36,591.80 |
| Motor Vehicle Titles | 102.00 |
| Dog Licenses Issued | 334.50 |
| Kennel Fee | 18.00 |
| Late Fees | 10.00 |
| UCC's | 45.00 |
| Marriage Licenses | 65.00 |
| Death Certificates | 62.00 |
| Birth Certificates | 10.00 |
| Vital Statistics | 10.00 |
| Filing Fees | 6.00 |
| Petty Cash Payout | -0.50 |

Total from Town Clerk \$37,253.80

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|---|---------------------|
| Total Bank Deposits 1999 | \$408,231.79 |
| Total Bank Interest 1999 | \$2,029.16 |
| Total Advances Tax Anticipation Note | \$116,000.00 |
| Error From June 1999 | .02 |
| | |
| Payoff Tax Note (principal & interest) | \$116,000.00 |
| Paid Interest Tax Anticipation Note | \$1,211.48 |
| Selectmen's Orders to Pay | \$423,120.24 |
| | |
| Cash on Hand December 31, 1999 | \$126,818.45 |
| Checking Balance | 376.45 |
| Money Market Balance | 126,442.00 |

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
LINDA J BATEMAN, TREASURER

TAX COLLECTOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1999

DEBITS:

| | <u>1999</u> | <u>1998</u> | <u>1997</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Uncollected Taxes- | | | |
| Beg. of Year: | | | |
| Property Taxes | | 32,602.08 | 0.00 |
| Resident Taxes | | 130.00 | 40.00 |
| Land Use Change | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Yield Taxes | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Utilities | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Taxes Committed- | | | |
| This Year: | | | |
| Property Taxes | 322,881.48 | 4682.75 | 0.00 |
| Resident Taxes | 1,730.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Land Use Change | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Yield Taxes | 6037.26 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Utilities | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Overpayment: | | | |
| Property Taxes | 31.41 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Resident Taxes | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Land Use Change | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Yield Taxes | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Property Tax Costs | 0.00 | 387.70 | 0.00 |
| Added Resident Tax | 50.00 | 10.00 | 0.00 |
| Interest Collected | | | |
| On Delinquent Taxes | 2.38 | 1,307.43 | 0.00 |
| Collected Resident | | | |
| Tax Penalties | 17.00 | 7.00 | 2.00 |
| TOTAL DEBITS | \$330,749.53 | \$39,126.96 | \$42.00 |

CREDITS:

| | <u>1999</u> | <u>1998</u> | <u>1997</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Remitted to Treasurer | | | |
| Property Taxes | 273,165.10 | 35,542.68 | 0.00 |
| Resident Taxes | 1,470.00 | 70.00 | 20.00 |
| Land Use Change | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Yield Taxes | 5,747.46 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Utilities | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Interest | 2.38 | 1,307.43 | 0.00 |
| Penalties | 15.00 | 7.00 | 2.00 |
| Cost/Overpayments/Fees | 33.41 | 387.70 | 0.00 |
| | | | |
| Discounts allowed: | 7,263.18 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | | | |
| Abatements Made | | | |
| Property Taxes | 227.19 | 1,741.45 | 0.00 |
| Resident Taxes | 130.00 | 30.00 | 10.00 |
| Land Use Change | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Yield Taxes | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Utilities | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Current Levy Deeded | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Underpayment | 0.00 | 0.70 | 0.00 |
| | | | |
| Uncollected | | | |
| Taxes-End of Year | | | |
| Property Taxes | 42,226.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Resident Taxes | 180.00 | 40.00 | 10.00 |
| Land Use Change | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Yield Taxes | 289.80 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Utilities | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | | | |
| TOTAL CREDITS | \$330,749.53 | \$39,126.96 | \$42.00 |

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1999**

DEBITS:

| LEVIES OF | <u>1998</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1996</u> |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Unredeemed Liens | | | |
| Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year | 0.00 | \$4,084.51 | \$1,160.49 |
| Liens Executed During Fiscal Year | \$3,872.49 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Interest & Costs Collected | 0.00 | 27.00 | 552.91 |
| TOTAL DEBITS | \$3,872.49 | \$4,111.51 | \$1,713.40 |
| Remitted to Treasurer: | | | |
| Redemptions | 0.00 | \$66.89 | \$1,160.49 |
| Interest & Costs Collected | 0.00 | 27.00 | 552.91 |
| Unredeemed Liens Bal. End of Year | \$3,872.49 | \$4,017.62 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL CREDITS | \$3,872.49 | \$4,111.51 | \$1,713.40 |

Sharon Lee Proulx, Tax Collector

**REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUND
INVESTMENTS FOR 1999 OF THE TOWN OF
ORANGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

PRINCIPAL

| <u>Date Created</u> | <u>FUND</u> | <u>Balance 1/1/99</u> | <u>12/31/99</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 8 23 15 | Hannah M. French | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| 5 2 17 | Jennie M. French | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| 3 28 33 | Arthur A. Briggs | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| 3 27 34 | Clara A. Huse | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| 8 9 34 | Asa Hoyt | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| 3 13 56 | Mr. & Mrs. Harry Eastman | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| 3 13 56 | Abbie Fellows | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| 3 13 56 | Mr. & Mrs. A. Ford | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| 3 13 56 | Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ford | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| 3 13 56 | Lyman Batchelder | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| TOTALS | | 1,800.00 | 1,800.00 |

| <u>Date Created</u> | <u>FUND</u> | <u>Interest 4.921% Balance 1/1/99</u> | <u>1999 Interest</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| 8 23 15 | Hannah M. French | 534.94 | 36.17 |
| 5 2 17 | Jennie M. French | 826.56 | 50.52 |
| 3 28 33 | Arthur A. Briggs | 239.20 | 16.70 |
| 3 27 34 | Clara A. Huse | 203.74 | 14.95 |
| 8 9 34 | Asa Hoyt | 215.39 | 15.52 |
| 3 13 56 | Mr. & Mrs. Harry Eastman | 632.98 | 43.45 |
| 3 13 56 | Abbie Fellows | 783.84 | 50.87 |
| 3 13 56 | Mr. & Mrs. A. Ford | 810.85 | 52.20 |
| 3 13 56 | Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ford | 866.95 | 54.96 |
| 3 13 56 | Lyman Batchelder | 213.58 | 15.43 |
| TOTALS | | 5,328.03 | 350.77 |

**REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUND
INVESTMENTS FOR 1999 OF THE TOWN OF
ORANGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

| <u>Date Created</u> | <u>FUND</u> | <u>Balance</u> | <u>12/31/99</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 8 23 15 | Hannah M. French | | 771.11 |
| 5 2 17 | Jennie M. French | | 1,077.08 |
| 3 28 33 | Arthur A. Briggs | | 355.90 |
| 3 27 34 | Clara A. Huse | | 318.69 |
| 8 9 34 | Asa Hoyt | | 330.91 |
| 3 13 56 | Mr. & Mrs. Harry Eastman | | 926.43 |
| 3 13 56 | Abbie Fellows | | 1,084.71 |
| 3 13 56 | Mr. & Mrs. A. Ford | | 1,113.05 |
| 3 13 56 | Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ford | | 1,171.91 |
| 3 13 56 | Lyman Batchelder | | 329.01 |
| TOTALS | | | 7,478.80 |

**REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN
OF ORANGE FOR 1999**

**TUTTLE HILL ROAD BRIDGE FUND CHANGED TO
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT TRUCK FUND BY SPECIAL**

WARRANT ARTICLE Mascoma Savings Bank CDs

| <u>Date Created</u> | <u>Account</u> | <u>Balance 1/1/99</u> | <u>12/31/99</u> |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 4 /10 /89 | 386008987 | 14,958.13 | 15,507.95 |
| TOTALS | | | 14,958.13 15,507.95 |

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
March 15, 1999 to December 31, 1999

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Motor Vehicle Registrations | \$28,558.80 |
| Dog Fees | 334.50 |
| Kennel Fees | 18.00 |
| Late Fees | 10.00 |
| Titles | 80.00 |
| Marriage Licenses | 65.00 |
| UCC Filings | 30.00 |
| Vital Statistics | 10.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 72.00 |
| Account adjustment | (0.50) |
| Total deposits | \$29,177.80 |

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Selectmen of Orange, New Hampshire
Year Ending 31 December 1999

We extend our thanks to the Town Officials for their cooperation, assistance and preparedness for the town audit. Their time and effort is greatly appreciated.

Our only recommendation is to reiterate last year's suggestion that the Police Department bills be submitted to the Selectmen on a more regular basis (monthly or quarterly) so that the tax payments associated with the wages may be more evenly distributed. All of the Town's accounts balanced, and no corrections or adjustments were necessary as a result of this year's audit. In our opinion, the officer's reports accurately reflect the financial records of the Town of Orange for the year ending 31 December 1999

Respectfully submitted,
Scott C. Sanborn Catherine A. Ells
Auditors

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

As of December 31, 1999

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Town Hall & Land | 77,400.00 |
| Other Town Properties | |
| Land | 73,700.00 |
| Land CU | 37,437.00 |
| Furniture & Equipment | 10,000.00 |
| Library - Books and Equipment | 2,000.00 |
| Police Department | 2,000.00 |
| Highway Department | 40,000.00 |
| Cemetery Department | <u>1,500.00</u> |
| TOTAL | 244,037.00 |

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Number of Inventories Distributed 1999 | 209 |
| Appropriations Expended: | |
| Town | \$127,048.04 |
| School | 261,165.00 |
| County | 24,909.00 |
| Other: | |
| Taxes bought by Town | <u>3,872.49</u> |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$416,994.53 |

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Tax Rate Per \$1,000.00 | |
| Municipal | \$5.40 |
| County | \$1.61 |
| School | \$6.91 |
| State Property | <u>\$6.84</u> |
| TOTAL | \$20.76 |

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS
TOWN OFFICER SALARIES

| | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Lyell Smith | \$60.00 |
| Timothy Connelly | \$60.00 |
| Robert Proulx | \$60.00 |
| Daniel Hazelton | \$60.00 |
| Judith Connelly | \$100.00 |
| Maureen O'Reilly | \$116.00 |
| Sharon Proulx | \$1,084.00 |
| Jan Smith | \$1,238.00 |
| Geraldine Daniels | \$1,300.00 |
| Linda Bateman | \$800.00 |
| Carol Decato | \$1,300.00 |
| Charles Sova | \$1,300.00 |
| Catherine Ells | \$60.00 |
| Scott Sanborn | <u>\$60.00</u> |
| Total | \$7,598.00 |

TOWN OFFICER EXPENSES

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Beverly Ells | \$7.19 |
| Canaan Hardware | \$28.51 |
| Canaan Postmaster | \$33.00 |
| Carol Decato | \$66.00 |
| Carol Elliot, Reg Dds | \$42.99 |
| Charles Sova | \$486.77 |
| Country Chronicle | \$36.00 |
| DATOWN | \$578.83 |
| Dept of Agriculture | \$24.50 |
| Geraldine Daniels | \$7.95 |
| Lebanon Postmaster | \$33.00 |
| Maureen O'Reilly | \$17.60 |
| McBee | \$29.32 |
| National Mkt Rpts, Inc. | \$50.00 |

| | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| NH Health Officers | \$10.00 |
| NH Tax Coll. Assn. | \$30.00 |
| Postmaster | \$44.00 |
| Sharon Proulx | \$57.71 |
| Staples | \$55.71 |
| Stark and Son | \$24.49 |
| US Postal Service | \$218.20 |
| Valley News | <u>\$10.43</u> |
| | \$1,892.20 |

PLANNING AND ZONING

| | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Robert Proulx | \$18.11 |
| NHMA | <u>\$125.00</u> |
| | \$143.11 |

TOWN HALL EXPENSES

| | |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Bell Atlantic | \$324.78 |
| Canaan Hardware | \$16.20 |
| CPI | \$46.24 |
| Johnson & Dix | \$903.16 |
| New Hampshire-MV | \$48.50 |
| NHEC | \$723.43 |
| Rollins Land Survey | \$1,484.68 |
| Telco | <u>\$6.37</u> |
| | \$3,553.36 |

MEMBERSHIP

| | |
|---------|----------|
| UVLSPPC | \$728.00 |
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POLICE DEPARTMENT

| | |
|-------------|------------|
| Andrew Ware | \$5,258.36 |
|-------------|------------|

HIGHWAYS - SUMMER

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|----------------------|----------|
| Brownie's Auto Parts | \$145.75 |
| Buckwold Logging | \$240.00 |
| Canaan Hardware | \$213.07 |

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| Clifford Dyer | \$180.00 |
| Don's Sport & Power | \$360.95 |
| Evans Motor Fuels | \$327.74 |
| F.C. Hammond | \$1,929.00 |
| Garrett Decato | \$993.50 |
| Gleason Decato | \$2,035.00 |
| John Dalton | \$50.00 |
| Lee Waterhouse | \$1,295.00 |
| NH Municipal Truck | \$53.74 |
| Peter Schwarz | \$484.00 |
| R. Remacle | \$16,050.52 |
| Rex Longley | 1217.84 |
| Shaker Valley | \$14.94 |
| Stephen Bennett | \$3,193.50 |
| Twin State S&G | \$150.85 |
| UV Equip. Rentals | \$245.00 |
| Windshield World | <u>\$135.00</u> |
| | \$29,315.40 |

HIGHWAYS - WINTER

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Barker Steel | \$443.70 |
| Brownies Auto Parts | \$17.13 |
| Cargill Salt | \$1,047.43 |
| Clifford Dyer | \$340.50 |
| Evans Motor Fuels | \$263.00 |
| Garrett Decato | \$1,045.00 |
| Gleason Decato | \$55.00 |
| R. Remacle Const. | \$29,839.00 |
| Shaker Valley | <u>\$146.66</u> |
| | \$33,197.42 |

CEMETERY

| | |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Don's Sport & Power | \$65.45 |
| Michael Davis | <u>1493.01</u> |
| | \$1,558.46 |

ELECTION & REGISTRATION EXPENSE

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Ada Eastman | \$25.00 |
| Country Chronicle | \$36.00 |
| Bruce Ells | \$90.00 |
| Barbara Smith | \$105.00 |
| Maureen O'Reilly | \$50.00 |
| Daniel Hazelton | \$50.00 |
| Geraldine Daniels | \$50.00 |
| Carol Decato | \$50.00 |
| Charles Sova | \$50.00 |
| Beverly Ells | <u>\$130.00</u> |
| | \$636.00 |

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Health Officers Assn. | \$15.00 |
| Donald Pfaefflin | \$255.07 |
| Grafton Cty Sen Citiz | \$465.00 |
| Visiting Nurse | <u>\$1,100.00</u> |
| | \$1,835.07 |

INSURANCE & SOCIAL SECURITY

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| NHMA Prop Liab Trust | \$2,236.00 |
| IRS | <u>\$2,846.20</u> |
| | \$5,082.20 |

FIRE DEPARTMENT

| | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Brent Stevens | \$42.92 |
| Town of Canaan | <u>\$6,573.00</u> |
| | \$6,615.92 |

LEGAL

| | |
|------------------|------------|
| Gardner & Fulton | \$1,820.08 |
|------------------|------------|

SANITATION

| | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Town of Grafton | \$550.00 |
| Town of Canaan | \$1,250.00 |
| NE Waste Services | <u>\$13,682.89</u> |

\$15,482.89

RECREATION AND CULTURE

| | |
|------------------|----------------|
| Dorothy Rohanick | \$10.92 |
| Gary Hamel | <u>\$58.15</u> |
| | \$69.07 |

PAYMENT TO OTHER GOVERNMENT DIVISIONS

| | |
|----------------|--------------------|
| MVRSD | \$261,165.00 |
| Grafton County | <u>\$24,909.00</u> |
| | \$286,074.00 |

NEW HAMPSHIRE TAX ADMINISTRATION GRANT

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Grant | \$12,000.00 |
| Expenses | |
| Charles Sova | \$1,68.27(Computer Acc.) |
| Endor | \$240.00(Internet) |
| Charles Sova | <u>\$3,982.69(2 Dell Computers)</u> |
| Total | \$4,390.96 |
| Balance Carried Over | \$7,609.04 |

The balance carried over will be used to update the computerized tax maps and acquire any needed computer software to access the files; to re-file town records by map and lot number and acquire any equipment and supplies (e.g. file cabinet(s), file folders) needed to implement this. If funds are available to consider replacing the copy machine which does not always operate as it should and is very slow.

ROAD AGENT REPORT

It is my recommendation that the Highway Maintenance Budget be set at \$62,000. The winter maintenance budget at \$33,000 to cover the cost of salt, sand, plowing and snow removal. The summer maintenance budget at \$29,000. This will cover the cost of the following:

Sweeping of all paved roads in the spring

Roadside brush cutting (tractor)

Purchase of #1 blacktop for potholes etc.

Replace 3 culverts-Tuttle Hill Road (gravel section)

Work on River Road Bridge (turning water in a more direct route to the bridge)

Purchase of ledge stone (2 loads plus trucking)

3 loads of hard pack (plus trucking)

Brush cutting and removal

Flushing culverts and ditch work on all roads

New turn around- Wheeler Road

Grading and York raking of all gravel roads(average 7 times for summer)

12 loads of crushed gravel to be used on Tuttle Hill Rd., Burnt Hill and Tug Mtn. Rd.

This budget includes the cost of labor and Town Tuck maintenance (Gas, oil, grease & Maint.)

During the past summer we were able to accomplish the following:

Sweeping of all paved roads

Flushing of all culverts

Grading and York raking of graveled roads

New Colony Rd.: ditches moved further away from center of road, first 500 feet not yet completed due to problems with underground telephone cable, and a new turn around area constructed at the end of the road, (We should thank Bruce Murray for the use of his driveway all these years).

Pot holes filled

Peaslee Road: Pot holes filled, some ditch work done.

Burnt Hill Road: Cut brush (not finished) & removed. Some ditch work done, new water turnouts made. 10 loads crushed gravel.

River Road: Repaired washed out area by bridge due to storm damage, 5 loads of gravel.

Tuttle Hill Rd.: Pot holes filled. Some ditch work done. 4 loads of crushed gravel.

Cross Road: Pot holes filled. Some ditch work. Cut & removed brush. 5 loads of crushed gravel.

Wheeler Road: Filled in pot holes. Ditch work.

Eastman Road: Ditches moved further away from center of road.

Pot holes filled.

This budget is necessary to properly maintain all roads. It does not include any major preparation and surface improvements of our paved roads.

The recommended Phase I and Phase II projects to cover necessary preparations and resurfacing should be financed and done over a five year time period at a projected cost of \$106,600 as recommended by the Road Committee and should begin this year. It is my recommendation that we do as much each year in order to complete the project as early as possible due to rising costs.

My priorities as to which projects need to be done first are as follows: Tuttle Hill Rd., Cross Rd., Eastman Rd., New Colony Rd., Peaslee Rd., Tug Mtn. Rd., and Wheeler Rd.

It is also my recommendation and the Road Committee that the Town truck be replaced with a truck the same size with a plow. The truck is 13 years old, the plow is worn out, the dump body is rusted badly, as are the cross members on the truck. The mileage is low but the hours are high and the type of work it does it is

necessary to have something that is reliable and does not break down, especially during a snow storm. During 1999 the Town truck was used approximately 423 hours. It is used to plow snow, to haul gravel and stone, hot top, used to pull York rake, used to haul away ditch material, respond to emergencies (downed trees, wash outs etc.), and to periodically check roads.

If the Town were to hire a truck to cover this work at \$42.00 per hour it would cost approximately \$17,766 per year. The cost (if hired) would also be an added expense to both winter and summer maintenance budgets, thus cutting back on projects due to the added expense.

The cost of a new truck, equipped with a plow would be approximately 37,000.

Respectfully submitted by Gleason Decato Jr.

Report of Planning Board

Members 1999: Fred Moore, Chairman, Joseph Cioffi through 6/1/99, Geraldine Daniels (selectmens' representative), Robert Ells, Evelyn Finn, Raymond Miller, Robert Proulx, appointed 6/1/99, Lyell Smith.

The Planning Board was active during the year in several areas in addition to its responsibilities for subdivision and annexation review and approval. Among these were:

- Inspection of the Orange basin by Joe Cioffi, Bob Ells, Ray Miller and Fred Moore
- Support for the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission application to the Connecticut River Partnership Program to fund the Mascoma River Watershed.
- Researched and drafted a Telecommunication Tower Ordinance for vote by the March, 2000 Town Meeting.
- Reviewed and recommended adoption of the new Building Ordinance drafted by Donald Pfaefflin, Building Inspector and chairman of the ZBA.
- Researched and drafted a new Planning Board subdivision application form, fee schedule, explanation of subdivision and annexation process and checklist for Planning Board review and approval.
- Held a public hearing discussion of the State DOT and Land Management Dept. plans for upgrading the Fire Tower communications equipment on Mt. Cardigan.
- Several members attended one or more two hour seminars on planning board responsibilities conducted by attorneys from the NH Municipal Association.

In addition to the above activities, the Planning Board reviewed and denied one minor subdivision request and approved one annexation. Monthly meetings were held at the Town House on the fourth Wednesday except when in conflict with holidays when other meetings were held as posted.

Report of the Recycling Committee

The Canaan-Orange Recycling Facility on Cardigan Mountain Road, Canaan, was jointly built a number of years ago. It has been expanded ever since and is staffed by Canaan town employees. Orange now contributes a sum to Canaan each year for use of the facilities by our residents for household waste. It is not available for business use.

An Orange recycling permit sticker may be had at no additional cost to residents and may be obtained by asking for it at the facility. Just identify yourself by writing your name and address in the journal. Then place the sticker on your right side rear window. New stickers will be available July first each year.

The Canaan-Orange recycling pamphlet enclosed with your warrant gives the facts behind the need for all our residents to recycle. It also lists all items which can be recycled at this facility and hazardous waste items by special arrangement at the Hartford, VT Recycling Center in White River Junction.

By recycling as much of your waste as you can, you will be enhancing our environment by reducing that amount which goes into the Lebanon Landfill each week. It will also help reduce our tipping fees for our weekly trash pick-up. **THIS MEANS TAX SAVINGS!** Please do your part by joining in this program if you haven't already done so.

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL

Annual Report 1999

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provides programs and services which support the health and well being of our older citizens and assist them to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible. The Council operates eight locations throughout the County, including Plymouth, Bristol, Canaan, Lebanon, Orford, Haverhill, Littleton and Lincoln, and also sponsors the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of the Upper Valley and White Mountains(RSVP). Through the centers and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community based long term services such as home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 1999, 9 older residents of Orange were served by one or more of the Council's programs, offered through the Mascoma Area Senior Center:

Older adults from Orange enjoyed 434 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.

They received 8 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.

Orange residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 185 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.

They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 5 visits by a trained social worker.

Orange's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 619 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Orange residents in 1999 was \$4005.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of

chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. In addition, community-based services offered by the Council save tax dollars over nursing home care or other long-term care options. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc., is requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$480 from the Town of Orange for fiscal year 2000. This represents a per capita amount of \$8.89 for each of the 54 Orange residents aged 60 and older.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Orange's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Carol W. Dustin, Executive Director
 October 1 - September 30

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.

Statistics for the Town of Orange

October 1, 1998 to September 30, 1999

During the fiscal year, GCSCC served 9 Orange residents (out of 54 residents over 60, 1990 Census).

| <u>Services</u> | <u>Type of Service</u> | <u>Units of Service</u> | <u>Unit(1) Cost</u> | <u>Total Cost of Service</u> |
|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|

Congregate/Home

| | | | | |
|-----------|-------|-----|--------|------------|
| Delivered | Meals | 442 | \$5.31 | \$2,347.02 |
|-----------|-------|-----|--------|------------|

| | | | | |
|----------------|-------|-----|--------|------------|
| Transportation | Trips | 185 | \$8.48 | \$1,568.80 |
|----------------|-------|-----|--------|------------|

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|-------------------|-----|---|--------|--------|
| Adult Day Service | Hrs | 0 | \$4.57 | \$0.00 |
|-------------------|-----|---|--------|--------|

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|-----------------|----------|---|---------|---------|
| Social Services | Half Hrs | 5 | \$17.79 | \$88.95 |
|-----------------|----------|---|---------|---------|

Number of Orange Volunteers: 5. Number of Volunteer Hours: 619.

| | |
|---|------------|
| GCSCC cost to provide services for Orange residents | \$4,004.77 |
| Request for Senior Services for 1999 | \$465.00 |
| Received from Town of Orange for 1999 | \$465.00 |
| Request for Senior Services for 2000 | \$480.00 |

NOTES:

1. Unit cost from Audit Report for October 1, 1998 to September 30, 1999
2. Services were funded by: Federal and State Programs 44%, Municipalities, Grants & Contracts, County and United Way 14%, Contributions 19%, In Kind donations 19%, Other 2%, Friends of GCSCC 2%

COMPARATIVE INFORMATION

From Audited Financial Statement for GCSCC

Fiscal Years 1998/1999

October 1 - September 30

UNITS OF SERVICE PROVIDED

| | <u>FY 1999</u> | <u>FY 1998</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Dining Room Meals | 69,000 | 67,204 |
| Home Delivered Meals | 110,374 | 109,789 |
| Transportation(Trips) | 38,438 | 37,622 |
| Adult Day Services(Hours) | 9,191 | 10,373 |
| Social Services(1/2 Hours) | 9,366 | 9,022 |

UNITS OF SERVICE COST

| | <u>FY 1999</u> | <u>FY 1998</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Congregate/Home Meals | \$5.31 | \$5.14 |
| Transportation(Trips) | 8.48 | 7.67 |
| Adult Day Services | 4.57 | 3.86 |
| Social Services | 17.79 | 15.78 |

For all units based on Audit Report, October 1, 1998 to September 30, 1999

UNH Cooperative Extension Grafton County 1999 Report

UNH Cooperative Extension is a unique partnership among the Federal, State and County Governments who provide the funding and support for this educational outreach component of the University of New Hampshire. With an Extension Office in each New Hampshire county and campus-based subject matter specialists we serve the entire state.

Our education programs are designed to respond to the local needs of county residents through the direction and support of a volunteer advisory council. Our current programs focus on:

- Dairy and Pasture Management
- Agriculture Profitability and Nutrient Management
- Forest & Wildlife Habitat Management and Stewardship
- Nutrition, Food Safety, Parenting and Family Financial Management
- Positive Youth Development
- Water Quality Education
- Family Lifeskills Program(LEAP/LIFT)
- After-School Programs

The Extension Staff of seven works out of North Haverhill but we travel to all areas of the county. Three other grant-funded staff members provide programs through satellite offices in Plymouth, Littleton and Lebanon. Information and education are presented through phone calls, farm/office/home/agency visits, the media, workshops and educational series. Volunteers help expand our efforts through the Master Gardeners Program, 4H Clubs, and the Coverts Project. Our work is supported by an office staff of three.

Here are some ways that local residents benefitted from the work of the Cooperative Extension. Residents receive a bi-monthly newsletter highlighting upcoming events as well as looking at

some research that affects individuals, families and communities. Parents receive our aged-paced newsletters, Cradle Crier and Toddler Tales, that chronicle the early years of a child's life. Research on soils and nitrates has reduced the amount of fertilizers being applied to local farm lands, thereby reducing the chance of runoff into local streams, rivers or water supplies. Forest management plans help local landowners and those employed in the forest industry preserve the beauty of our local woodlands that draw thousands of tourists to our area. Youth across the county work with adult volunteers learning important life skills through our 4H program. An after-school project in North Haverhill is being evaluated by UNH professors. The information from this project will help to improve other local after-school programs. Water Quality events around the county allow residents an opportunity to learn how they can help keep their water clean and how agencies across the state are working toward that goal. Families with limited resources have access to nutrition and financial education to help them stretch their food dollars, thereby providing a more balanced diet for our young children. Cooperative Extension staff serve as resources to residents and agencies throughout the country. Homeowners concerned about their plants, trees and grounds get quick identification and control guidelines. Communities interested in improved decision making receive support from Cooperative Extension. Agriculture businesses receive help with business plans, marketing, computer usage and diversification.

Here in Grafton County the office is located on Route 10 in North Haverhill in the Grafton County Courthouse. We are open from 8AM until 4PM Monday through Friday. You can reach us: by phone-(603)787-6944; fax-(603)787-2009; email graffton@unhce.unh.edu, at our office in North Haverhill; or through our UNHCE Web site <http://ceinfo.unh.edu>.

We believe that our job is to provide residents of your community and Grafton County with the education and information they need to make informed decisions to strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources and improve the economy.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah B. Maes, Extension Educator and County Office
Administrator

**VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE VERMONT &
NEW HAMPSHIRE, Inc.
MASCOMA HOME HEALTH SERVICES BRANCH**

(Letter to Chairman, Board Of Selectmen)

As you prepare the Town Budget for the year 2000, I want to thank you and the citizens of the Town of Orange for working with us during the past year.

The partnership between the Town of Orange and Mascoma Home Health Services Branch is a vital collaboration to ensure that our home health, hospice, and family services are available to people of all economic means whenever needed. Together, we also provide a healthcare safety net of necessary care for your community's most vulnerable citizens--frail elderly and disabled people, families-at-risk, people with terminal illnesses, and the underinsured.

Our Mascoma Home Health Services Barnch respectfully requests funding of \$1,100 (\$1,000 for the Visiting Nurse Alliance and \$100 to support our Hospice program) to continue offering all of these services to the people of Orange in the year 2000, based on our service projections. The attached report itemizes the care we provided to people throughout your community last year.

Our Mascoma clinical staff and I would welcome an opportunity to meet with you and the Selectmen to discuss our role in promoting cost-effective solutions to Orange's community healthcare needs. Please feel free to telephone me at (802) 295-2604 to arrange a convenient time.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth J. Davis RN, MPH, Chief Executive Director

REPORT TO THE TOWN OF ORANGE

Continual changes in our nation's health-care systems mean that government has placed increased responsibility for patient care with community-based agencies, such as our Mascoma Home Health Services Branch. We are very appreciative of the continued support that Town of Orange provides to help us meet the home care, hospice and family support service needs of people in your community. We offer services that help your family, friends, and neighbors remain at home during times of illness or injury; we promote community wellness; and we provide important services to families-at-risk:

* Town funds help provide care for people who require medically necessary services but who are also unable to pay or do not have adequate health insurance.

* Our comprehensive range of services is available to everyone in the community - people of all ages and economic means use our services.

* Hospital discharge planners and attending physicians work closely with us to decide on an appropriate course of treatment for each home health or hospice patient.

* Our clinical staff provide services for people recovering from surgery or accidents; who have an acute illness or a disability; who require long term care; or who need support and symptom control during a terminal illness.

The Mascoma Home Health Services Branch provided the following services in the Town of Orange during the past year.

| | Visits | Family Support Services |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| | | Families 1 |
| Skilled Nursing | 39 | Individuals 2 |
| Physical Therapy | 14 | |
| Occupational Therapy | 2 | WIC Program |
| Home Health Aide | 91 | Clients 4 |
| Total Visits | 146 | Clinic Visits 26 |

On behalf of the people we serve in your community, thanks for your continued confidence.

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission Annual Report 1999

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) is a voluntary association of 26 New Hampshire and 3 Vermont communities. The Commission is concerned with the development of comprehensive plans for beneficial and balanced economic, environmental and social growth throughout the Region. It functions as a research, resource and informational agency and, when appropriate, acts to obtain Federal, State and other approvals, grants-in-aid, loans and similar assistance for individual member towns and for the Region. The Commission provides technical assistance to member communities in the areas of planning (land use, transportation, water quality, etc.), reviews of local development applications, mapping, community development, grantsmanship and grant administration. In addition, ongoing regional initiatives, such as our regional transportation planning program and household hazardous waste collections, and special regional projects, including the Lake Sunapee and Connecticut River Scenic Byway Studies, the Cold River watershed planning study, the Connecticut River boater education project, and the community-based inventory of cultural

and natural resources were undertaken to the benefit of more than one community.

Thanks are due to both the Vermont and New Hampshire legislatures for their continued support. Our Commission has enjoyed close collaboration with the Economic Development Corporation of the Upper Valley, the Sullivan County Economic Development Corporation, Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation, and the Upper Valley and Quechee chambers of commerce, and looks forward to a continued productive partnership.

In the past year, services such as our Planning Board training, and library, which features maps, planning resources and US Census data, were utilized by a large number of Region's residents, local officials, board members, citizen groups, prospective businesses, and other nonprofit organizations. In 1999, some examples of our work specifically for the Town of Orange included:

- *Continued work with local groups in town to finalize list of important natural and cultural resources which was submitted to the NH Land and Cultural Heritage Commission.
- *Prepared an index of zoning standards and provisions for the NH communities in the region.
- *Provided map of SAU 62 towns to assist with school bus routing.
- *Provided information to the Planning Board from DRED and NH DOT regarding the improvements in DOT telecommunications equipment on the Cardigan Mountain Fire Tower.
- *Assisted the Planning board with public notice for public hearing regarding Cardigan Fire Tower improvements.
- *Sent comments on a telecommunications ordinance under consideration, model ordinance and site plan amendment and example from another community.

Our Commission appreciates Orange's participation and support, and we look forward to serving the community in the coming year.

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Fire permits are required for any open burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow where the burning will be done. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are eleven Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. During the 1999 season Forest Rangers were busy assisting communities with suppression of difficult and remote multi-day fires. Forest Rangers have also investigated numerous complaints regarding violations of the timber harvest and forest fire laws, and have taken enforcement action to ensure compliance. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The 1999 fire season was a challenging but safe year for wildland firefighters in New Hampshire. The severe drought conditions throughout the spring and summer months combined with the residual effects of 1998 Ice Storm, resulted in a dramatic increase in wildland fires. In addition to burning in excess of 452 acres, 35 structures were also impacted by wildfire. Wildland fires in the urban interface is a serious concern for both landowners and firefighters. Homeowners can help protect their structures by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure that houses are properly identified with street numbers.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

Please contact your local fire department before doing **ANY** outside burning.

REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!!

1999 Fire Statistics

(All Fires Reported thru December 10, 1999)

| <u>TOTALS BY COUNTY</u> | | | <u>CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED</u> | |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|--|-----|
| | Numbers | Acres | | |
| Hillsborough | 271 | 50 | Debris Burning | 352 |
| Rockingham | 218 | 111 | Miscellaneous* | 279 |
| Merrimack | 213 | 115 | Smoking | 188 |
| Belknap | 139 | 66 | Children | 176 |
| Cheshire | 131 | 28 | Campfire | 161 |
| Strafford | 98 | 26 | Arson/Suspicious | 54 |
| Carroll | 81 | 17 | Equipment use | 43 |
| Grafton | 70 | 18 | Lightning | 42 |
| Sullivan | 62 | 17 | Railroad | 6 |
| Coos | 18 | 3.25 | | |
| | Total fires | Total Acres | *Miscellaneous (powerlines, fireworks, structures, OHRV) | |
| 1999 | 1301 | 452.28 | | |
| 1998 | 798 | 442.86 | | |

MARY RICKSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPORT

In 1993, a scholarship fund for graduating seniors was started in honor of Mary Rickson, a long time resident of Orange. Mary is the originator of our annual Christmas party, and generously made Santa's gifts for children and adults. Even though she is no longer residing in Orange, she continues to send gifts for our Christmas parties because she feels her home is here. In the spirit of Mary's dedication and love to the children and the Town of Orange, a scholarship in her name seemed appropriate.

We offer a scholarship to every graduating senior from the Town of Orange who plans to further his/her education. The interested senior is asked to write a short essay about our town - past, present or future - and to serve two hours of community service. To date we have awarded five scholarships.

To raise money for scholarships, we have had bake sales and white elephant flea markets. We are looking for community support in the form of donations, fund raising ideas, and help. We welcome new ideas and participants to keep the fund growing.

Thank you to all who helped in any capacity. We could not have done this without you.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Eastman

Anita Watson

Barb Smith

Marilyn Johnson

January 31, 1999

ORANGE TOWN DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES

February 3, 1999

Moderator Daniel Hazelton opened The Town of Orange Deliberative Session at 7:00 p.m to review, discuss, and/or amend the following warrant articles which shall be voted on by paper ballot on March 9, 1999. Moderator Hazelton noted that Article One is in regard to electing officers.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to give a discount of 3% on taxes paid in full within thirty days from the date of the bills with the stipulation that the discount becomes forfeited if it is not deducted by the payer at the time the payment is made. (Not recommended by Selectmen)

Discussion. Selectman Sova spoke in opposition stating that it penalizes those least able to pay. Selectwoman Daniels noted that the Department of Revenue Administration is not in favor of the 3% discount. Bob Proulx stated the Town would save \$9000 if they did away with the 3% discount and that the incentive to pay early (e.g. on time) is the 12% interest penalty. After discussion Sharon Proulx made the motion to amend the article to give a 3% discount on taxes paid in full within twenty days. Charles Sova second. Motion passed.

Article 2 to read: To see if the Town will vote to give a discount of 3% on taxes paid in full within twenty days from the date of the bills with the stipulation that the discount becomes forfeited if it is not deducted by the payer at the time the payment is made.

Article accepted as amended.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of taxes and to authorize the Tax Collector to accept payments in prepayment of taxes in accordance with N.H. RSA 80:52-a. (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

No discussion. **Article accepted.**

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of resident taxes and authorize the Tax Collector to accept payment in prepayment of taxes. (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

No discussion. **Article accepted.**

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the Highway Block Grant Fund of \$22,117.11 for construction, reconstruction and maintenance of Class V highways and for the purchase of equipment. (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

Discussion. Bob Ells stated that in the past the Block Grant was used to upgrade roads and motioned to amend the article to strike the wording: "for maintenance of Class V highways and for the purchase of equipment". Bruce Ells second. Discussion on amendment. Road agent Garret DeCato stated the Block Grant goes into the general highway department operating budget and is spent as needed. Discussed definition of "equipment". Bob Ells withdrew his amendment and motioned an amendment to Article 5 to strike the wording "and for the purchase of equipment". Fred Moore second. Motion passed.

Article 5 to read: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the Highway Block Grant Fund of \$22,117.11 for construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of Class V highways. **Article accepted as amended.**

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town having voted to establish the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund will raise and appropriate \$5,000 to be paid into said capital reserve fund. (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

Discussion on current Town truck's winter schedule. Discussion on whether a new truck was being considered. Selectman Sova said that any new vehicle would be per separate warrant article (which is not the case this year). **Article accepted.**

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the operating budget for the Town for the fiscal year 1998. The question to be voted on by Official Ballot as required by RSA 40:13-XI, is as follows:

"Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the Warrant, for the purposes set forth herein, totaling \$138,750?" Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$120,511 which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law, or the governing body (Board of Selectman) may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13-X and XIV to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only." (Recommended by Selectmen))

Discussion. Noted wording correction: 1999 not 1998. Selectmen answered questions regarding the increases in the line items of police, recycling, and legal expense. **Article accepted.**

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to return to the traditional town meeting. The question to be voted on by Official Ballot as required by NH RSA 40:14-VII is as follows: "Shall the provisions for voting by official ballot on all issues before the Town of Orange under RSA 40:13 be limited to the election of officers and certain other questions?"(SUBMITTED BY PETITION)

Bob Proulx stated he had initiated this article because a number of people were interested in restoring the traditional town meeting and that people voting on warrant articles by the SB2 process may lack a basic understanding of the issues. Edith Sova spoke in opposition of the article citing that many people may not be able to make town meeting but can usually budget the time it takes to vote by paper ballot. Charles Sova spoke in opposition of the article. Ulrike Gramp and Fred Moore spoke in favor. **Article accepted.**

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be donated to the Canaan F.A.S.T., Inc. to help defray the cost of a new ambulance.

(SUBMITTED BY REQUEST)

Selectwoman Daniels stated the original request was for \$10,000 but the Board felt a \$5,000 donation was adequate. **Article accepted.**

ARTICLE 10: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and other officers heretofore and pass any vote relative thereto.

No discussion.

ARTICLE 11: To transact any business that may legally come before the meeting not on the warrant.

Upon request, Selectwoman Daniels gave a synopsis of candidates seeking elected, municipal positions.

Moderator Hazelton adjourned the deliberative session at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Pierson

Clerk Pro Tem

