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**New Hampshire**

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**Town Officers**  
  
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## TOWN OFFICERS

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### Selectmen

Frederick Bryson, Chm.

George W. Morse

E. John Zani

### Tax Collector

Inez M. Cushman

### Moderator

Daniel W. Fleetham

### Town Clerk

Inez M. Cushman

### Town Treasurer

Patricia Eastman

### Road Agent

Thomas Ireton

### Chief of Police

Ernest B. Smith

### Overseer Public Welfare

Norma Clark

### Civil Defense Director

Roger Pollard

### Health Officer

Charles Clifford

**Representative to the General Court**

Carol Stomberg

**Cemetery Agent**

Daniel Eastman

**Trustees of the Trust Funds**

Reginald Varney

David Holton

Jacqueline Lary, Treas.

**Fire Chief**

Gilbert Downing

**Forest Fire Warden and Deputies**

Gordon Lary, Warden

**Deputies**

Vern Hines

Brent Stevens

Roger Remacle, Sr.

Donald Knudson

Edward Hammond

Sidney Lary, Jr.

Leslie P. Mansur

**Special Deputies**

Donald Knudson

Gordon Lary

Brent Stevens

**Town Auditors**

Nelson Therriault

Brent Stevens

**Planning Board**

Claire Brown, Chm.

Roger Remacle, Sr.

Bruce Pacht

Lucy M. Roberts

John Hammond

E. John Zani

Edward Lary

**Town Budget Committee**

Milton Wilson, Chm.	Term Expires 1979
Martha Pusey	Term Expires 1977
Ruth Lester	Term Expires 1977
Donald McAlister	Term Expires 1977
Edward Lary	Term Expires 1978
Brian Hayes	Term Expires 1978
Henry Gagnon	Term Expires 1979
Robert Fahrner	Term Expires 1979

**Library Trustees**

Zephyryn Clarke	Cecil Blodgett
Martha Pusey	

**Conservation Commission**

Albert DeCato	Robert Wurtz
Joseph Hill	Lee Woodward
Roger L. Remacle, St.	

**TOWN WARRANT**  
**The State of New Hampshire**

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The polls will be open beginning at 10:00 a.m. on March 8, 1977 and will not close before 6:00 p.m. The polls are located at the Canaan Elementary School, Canaan, New Hampshire.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Canaan in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Canaan Elementary School in said Canaan on Tuesday, March 8, 1977, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.

And then, beginning at seven o'clock in the evening, to vote on the following articles:

2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of tax revenues.

3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey to the highest bidder by Quitclaim Deed all property acquired by tax deed or to take any other action pertaining thereto.

4. 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 the provisions of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated 80: 52-a.



5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept gifts and/or federal or state aid in the name of the Town of Canaan.

6. To see if the Town will vote to fix a three (3) year term of office for the Police Chief, beginning with the March, 1978 elections, such that the Police Chief will be elected every three (3) years beginning in March, 1978.

7. Pursuant to a Petition by ten or more voters or legal property owners abutting South Road, Canaan, New Hampshire: to see if the Town will vote to designate South Road from the intersection of Upper Lockhaven Road at West Canaan and including Potato Road intersection and continuing on South Road to the intersection of Westcott Road as scenic under the provisions of R.S.A. 253:17 and 18, for the purpose of protecting and enhancing the scenic beauty of Canaan.

8. Pursuant to a Petition of ten or more voters to see if the Town will vote to reopen and accept a section of road leading from Prospect Hill Road to the Barrows residence.

9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Sixty Dollars (\$360) as its share of the cost of publicizing and promoting the natural attractions of the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region.

10. To see if the Town will vote to install a street light at the intersection of Route 4 and John Roberts Road, to pay such amounts as may be necessary for the operation thereof and to authorize the Selectmen to take all necessary action to effect the purpose of this article.

11. To see if the Town of Canaan will vote to approve the following Resolution:

Whereas, that there continues to exist within the state a serious shortage of safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations at rents which elderly and low income persons can afford, and that such persons are forced to occupy sub-standard dwelling accommodations; and

Whereas, the General Court of the State of New Hampshire has enacted Chapter 204-A of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated establishing the New Hampshire Housing Commission; and

Whereas, Section 9 of that Act provides that in a municipality where there is no local housing authority operating, the Commission shall not operate without the consent of the governing body of a municipality; and

Whereas, said Section 9 provides that consent of the governing body must be given for each project; and

Whereas, under the provisions of Section 8 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, the United States of America, acting through the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, is authorized to enter into annual contributions contracts with public housing agencies pursuant to which such agencies may enter into contracts to make assistance payments to owners;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Town Meeting of the Town of Canaan, Grafton County, State of New Hampshire as follows:

That the New Hampshire Housing Commission be and is authorized to operate in the Town of Canaan, Grafton County, State of New Hampshire.

That said New Hampshire Housing Commission is authorized to sponsor a project, under Section 8 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, for any of the following dwelling accommodations or a combination thereof;

(a) existing Standard housing; (b) rehabilitated housing; (c) newly constructed housing; the total amount of the foregoing not to exceed fifty dwelling units.

12. To see if the Town will vote to ratify and confirm the deeds from the Town of Canaan to Elmer and Mary Dulmage dated March 6, 1963 and November 22, 1972, which conveyed a portion of a former street known as Barney Avenue, and to authorize the Selectmen to execute and deliver corrective deeds to said land, or any portion thereof, and to further authorize the Selectmen to make other conveyances of said Barney Avenue, and to execute deeds therefor, upon such terms and conditions as the Selectmen may determine; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action that may be necessary or convenient to effect this purpose.

13. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Resolution:

We, the people of Canaan, support the Town of Seabrook in their formal opposition to the construction of a nuclear-powered electricity station within their borders. We express this sentiment publicly in recognition of the vulnerability of both our present community and our future generations to the effects of radiation from a source as near as our own coastline. These hazards, which include increased incidence of cancer and birth defects, are caused by the radioactive fuel, and waste generated. Both of these highly toxic materials would require **absolutely** leak-proof transportation within our state; the waste would require **absolutely** leak-proof storage for thousands of years. In light of recent disclosures on the failure of the industry to contain these substances, we consider it foolhardy to consent with our silence to this so-called "solution" to our energy needs.

14. The Crystal Lake Water Company has offered to sell the company to the Town. The Town is contemplating this purchase. Prior to further negotiations between the Crystal Lake Water Company and the Town, the Selectmen wish to determine the opinion of the townspeople regarding the proposed purchase. Therefore, in accordance with the provisions of RSA 38: 5, the following Article is submitted for consideration and vote:

A. To see if the Town will vote by ballot (2/3) that it is expedient for the Town to acquire the Crystal Lake Water Company for a sum not to exceed \$50,000 and thereby manufacture and distribute water for municipal use and for the use of the Town's inhabitants and others, and for such other purposes as may be permitted, authorized or directed by the Public Utilities Commission.

If the vote of the Town is in the affirmative, the Selectmen will negotiate with the appropriate officials of the Crystal Lake Water Company in accordance with the provisions of RSA Chapter 38 relative to the terms and conditions of the purchase and, thereafter, to report their findings to the Town at a continued session of this Town meeting to be held on the 21st day of June, 1977 at 7:00 p.m. at the Canaan Elementary School in said Canaan. At that continued Town meeting a vote will be taken on the following questions:

B. To see if the Town will vote to ratify the agreement regarding the purchase price which is negotiated between the Selectmen and the officials of the Crystal Lake Water Company.

If the vote of the Town is in the affirmative, votes will be taken on the following questions:

(1) Pursuant to the Municipal Finance Act and any amendments thereto, to see if the Town will vote by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all the voters present and

voting, to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the purchase of the Crystal Lake Water Company by borrowing the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the purchase of the Crystal Lake Water Company by borrowing the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) through the issuance of serial notes, which are to be signed by the Board of Selectmen and counter-signed by the Town Treasurer and to have the corporate seal of the Town affixed thereto; and to delegate to the Board of Selectmen the authority for fixing the date, maturities, denominations, the interest rate, the place of payments, the form and other details of said notes and of providing for the sale thereof as the Board of Selectmen deem necessary or advisable. The Selectmen are authorized to take any other action which may be necessary to effect this purpose.

(2) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint three (3) commissioners to manage, construct, control and direct the municipal water works system, to receive and collect water rentals, to maintain separate books of accounts pertaining to the operation of the municipal water works system including separate checking and savings accounts, to pay bills incurred in the operation of the system, to hire and appoint such officers, employees and agents as they deem necessary and to fix their compensation, to establish a capital reserve fund only from surplus from water rentals for the financing of all or part of the cost of (a) the construction, reconstruction or acquisition of a specific capital improvement, or the acquisition of a specific item or specific items of equipment, or (b) the construction, reconstruction, or acquisition of a type of capital improvement or the acquisition of a type of equipment, and to do all other things allowable by law in order to manage and operate the municipal water works system.

(3) To see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation of the three (3) water commissioners at \$100 per commissioner per annum.

(4) To see if the Town will vote, until such time as this vote is amended, to establish the water rates charged to users at those rates which are charged by the Crystal Lake Water Company in accordance with its "Schedule for Water Service applicable in Village of Canaan, New Hampshire (so-called), Town of Canaan, New Hampshire: effective July 1, 1962, amended July 1, 1971 (effective date) and amended January 1, 1976 (effective date).

(5) To see if the Town will vote to empower the water commissioners to amend the water rates charged to users, after holding one public meeting which is warned at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the public hearing by posting notice of said public hearing in two (2) public places within the Town and by publishing two (2) notices of the public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within said Canaan, the first notice to be published seven (7) days prior to the public hearing and the second notice on the day of the hearing.

15. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Providing for the Regulation and Licensing of Music Festivals" as proposed by the Board of Selectmen. A copy of the aforesaid ordinance is to be posted together with an attested copy of this Warrant at the place of the meeting and at one other public place in Canaan, at least fourteen (14) days before the day of the meeting.

16. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

17. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or any other officers here-to-before chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto and to transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as set-offs against budget appropriations in the amount indicated; and, further, to authorize the Selectmen to make pro rata reductions in the amounts if estimated entitlements are reduced or take any other action thereon:

Reappraisal of Property .....	\$1,700.00
Town Officers Expense .....	1,000.00
Title II Funds for	
Town Officers Expense .....	178.00

Given under our hands and seals this 14th day of February, 1977.

Frederick Bryson, Chairman  
George W. Morse  
E. John Zani  
Selectmen of Canaan  
Grafton County, N. H.

A True Copy,  
Attest:

Frederick Bryson, Chairman  
George W. Morse  
E. John Zani  
Selectmen of Canaan  
Grafton County, N. H.

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF CANAAN

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue Fiscal Year 1977 (1977-78)
<b>From State:</b>			
Interest & Dividends Tax .....	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 12,224.06	\$ 12,000.00
Bounties .....		2.00	
Savings Bank Tax .....	1,000.00	2,893.45	1,500.00
Meals & Rooms Tax .....	12,000.00	13,552.58	12,000.00
Highway Subsidy (Cl. IV & V) .....	24,012.81	24,012.81	23,902.12
Reimb. Forest Conservation Aid .....	100.00		118.00
Reimb. A/C Flood Control Land .....	10,000.00	10,189.00	
Reimb. A/C Business Profits Tax .....	14,000.00	14,693.20	14,000.00
Civil Defense .....	50.00		50.00
Reimbursement O. A. A. ....		550.36	
<b>From Local Sources:</b>			
Dog Licenses .....	900.00	808.80	800.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees .....	50.00	214.00	50.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees .....	27,000.00	37,044.66	30,000.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits .....	3,000.00	2,968.39	3,000.00
Income from Trust Funds (Incl. Cemeteries, Labor & Equip.)		8,472.16	
Withdrawal Capital Reserve Funds ...			24,764.00
Prim. A/C M.V. Road Toll .....	400.00	183.09	300.00
Fines & Forfeits — Municipal & District Court .....	2,000.00	4,776.00	3,000.00
National Bank Stock Taxes .....	10.00	10.00	10.00
Resident Taxes Retained .....	11,000.00	14,423.53	14,000.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed .....	700.00	1,273.72	700.00
Reimbursement, Police Cadet .....		762.75	
Other receipts from state .....		102.26	
Income from Departments .....	500.00	50.97	1,000.00
Duncan .....	11,433.35	11,433.35	11,468.82
Refunds .....		411.53	
Town of Orange — Fire .....	400.00	400.00	400.00
Town of Orange Grader Rental .....		132.00	
Reimbursement from Libraries .....		988.64	
Reimbursement — Police Radio .....			1,165.00
<b>From Federal Sources:</b>			
Fulltime Police .....		3,324.00	
Revenue Sharing .....	25,000.00	20,392.00	18,000.00
Anti-Recession Fiscal Assistance .....		178.00	
Bicentennial Committee .....		1,000.00	
Town Dock .....			1,600.00
Total Revenues from all Sources		<hr/>	<hr/>
Except Property Taxes .....	\$156,556.16	\$187,467.31	\$173,827.94



Purpose of Appropriation	Appropriations Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Prev. Fiscal Yr.	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Yr. 1977
<b>General Government:</b>			
Town Officers' Salaries .....	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 9,100.00
Town Officers' Expenses .....	7,500.00	6,240.29	9,000.00
Election & Registration Expenses .....	70.00	1,624.10	500.00
Municipal & District Court Expenses .....	1,800.00	1,820.00	1,200.00
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings .....	12,000.00	7,259.85	15,000.00
Employees' Ret. & Social Security .....	4,500.00	5,546.87	6,500.00
Contingency Fund .....	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Dog Officer .....	600.000	322.27	750.00
<b>Protection of Persons &amp; Property:</b>			
Police Department .....	12,200.00	14,809.41	16,500.00
Fire Department .....	4,800.00	4,610.83	6,500.00
Care of Trees .....	263.00	263.00	30.00
Insurance .....	6,700.00	5,845.25	7,000.00
U. V. Lake Sunapee Coun. & Planning .....	1,752.00	1,352.00	1,800.00
Damages & Legal Expense .....	3,000.00	2,716.45	3,000.00
Civil Defense .....	50.00	50.00	50.00
<b>Health Dept. (Incl. Hospitals &amp; Ambulance) .....</b>			
Vital Statistics .....	6,023.00	6,123.00	6,200.00
Sewer Maintenance .....	50.00	39.00	50.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal .....	250.00	250.00	250.00
Highways & Bridges: Winter .....	4,000.00	3,888.50	4,000.00
Town Maintenance — Summer .....	45,000.00	52,529.31	47,000.00
Street Lighting .....	3,300.00	3,029.87	35,000.00
General Expenses of Hwy. Dept. .....	6,500.00	14,513.91	3,300.00
Town Road Aid .....	1,693.46	1,693.46	13,100.00
Libraries .....	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,685.09
Airport .....			2,500.00
Town Poor & Old Age Assistance .....	11,000.00	10,564.21	1,000.00
Aid to Soldiers & Families .....	50.00	96.25	100.00
Conservation Commission .....	50.00	35.00	500.00
<b>Patriotic Purposes (Memorial Day, Etc.) .....</b>			
Recreation .....	500.00	524.00	200.00
Gasoline .....	1,000.00	4,281.10	1,518.00
Historic Dist. Comm. .....	4,000.00	4,208.66	4,000.00
Cemeteries .....	200.00	8.50	
Parks & Playgrounds .....	500.00	7,984.48	1,000.00
	1,000.00	841.65	1,000.00

Advertising & Regional Associations	266.00	266.00	1.00
Bicentennial Commission .....		1,000.00	
Historic Museum .....		25.00	
Old Meeting House Restoration .....		2,135.00	
Interest on Temporary Loans .....	4,500.00	4,407.05	4,500.00
U. V. Senior Citizens .....	350.00		979.40
Meals on Wheels .....	350.00	350.00	
Reappraisal of Property .....	500.00	1,266.05	
Revaluation Funds .....	5,000.00	3,836.75	41,764.00
Highway Subsidy .....	24,012.81	24,012.81	
Tarvia .....	10,000.00	1,293.11	5,000.00
Duncan .....	11,433.35	11,433.35	
Misc. Payments to other Departments		927.68	
Fast Squad .....			1,500.00
Sidewalks .....			2,000.00
Mowing & Brush .....			1,500.00
Bridges — Planks .....			1,500.00
Sewer Funds .....	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Purchase of Water Works .....			1.00
<b>Total Appropriations .....</b>	<b>\$210,343.62</b>	<b>\$224,674.02</b>	<b>\$271,079.49</b>

Milton A. Wilson, Chairman  
Henry P. Gagnon  
Martha G. Pusey  
Edward Lary  
Robert B. Fahrner  
Brian Hayes  
Donald E. McAlister  
Ruth A. Lester  
Budget Committee

## FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

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

### BALANCE SHEET

#### Assets

##### Cash:

In hands of treasurer	\$262,431.31	
Total		\$262,431.31

##### Capital Reserve Funds:

Reappraisal Fund	24,764.00	
Sewer Fund	7,354.00	
Total		32,118.00

##### Unredeemed Taxes:

Levy of 1974	308.65	
Levy of 1975	3,773.82	
Total		4,082.47

##### Uncollected Taxes:

Levy of 1976, incl. res. taxes	68,329.17	
Levy of 1975	1,959.47	
Levy of Previous Years	324.79	
Total		70,613.43

Total Assets		\$369,245.21
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Current Surplus (Deficit), 12-31-76	76,750.14
Current Surplus (Deficit), 12-31-75	52,893.88
Increase-Decrease of Surplus (Deficit) Change in Financial Condition	+23,856.26

### LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:

Bills outstanding (F. Bryson, Salary)	\$ 900.00
Unexpended Bal. of Special Appropriations	6,842.99
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	15,062.00
Yield Tax Deposits	121.68
School District(s) Tax(es) Payable — 1977	269,568.40
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Total Accounts Owed by the Town	\$292,495.07
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Capital Reserve Funds	32,118.00
Total Liabilities	292,495.07
Current Surplus	76,750.14
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Grand Total	\$369,245.21

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

### Receipts

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes — 1976	\$505,396.22
Resident Taxes — 1976	10,210.00
Nat'l Bank Stock Taxes — 1976	10.00
Yield Taxes — 1976	1,273.72

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Total Current Year's Taxes

Collected and Remitted	\$516,889.94
Property Taxes & Yield Taxes — Previous Years	48,881.76
Resident Taxes — Previous Years	1,870.00
Int. rec'd on Delinquent Taxes	1,796.35
Penalties	291.00
Tax sales redeemed	4,773.74

From State:

Reim. — Flood	10,189.00
For Class V Hwy. Maintenance	11,433.35
Highway Subsidy	24,012.81
Interest and Dividends tax	12,224.06
Savings Bank Tax	2,893.45
Reim. a-c Motor Veh. Road Toll	183.09
Reim. a-c Old Age Assistance	550.36
Meals and Rooms Tax	13,552.58
Reim. a-c Business Profits Tax	14,693.20
Other receipts from state	102.26
Bounties	2.00

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	808.80
Cemetery Lots	595.00
Bus. licenses, permits & filing fees	214.00

Fines & forfeits, municipal & District Court	4,776.00
Interest received on deposits	1,035.47
Income from trust funds (Incl. cemetery labor & equip.)	7,877.16
Income from departments	50.97
Motor vehicle permits	37,044.66
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Total Current Revenue Receipts	\$716,741.01

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Proceeds of Tax Anticipation	
Notes	\$151,062.00
Refunds	411.53
Bicentennial Commission	1,000.00
Withdrawals from Capital	
Reserve Funds	.....
Reim. — Libraries	988.64
Revenue Sharing	15,062.00
Town of Orange	532.00
Anti-Recession Fiscal	
Assistance	178.00
Historic Museum	33.50
Old Meeting House	322.59
Fed. Payment for Fulltime	
Police Dept.	3,324.00
Reim. — Police Cadet	762.75
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Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue	\$171,348.76
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Total Receipts from all Sources	\$890,418.02
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Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1976 (adjusted balance because of Revenue Sharing)	248,982.83
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Grand Total	\$1,139,400.85
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## Payments

### Current Maintenance Expenses:

#### General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 9,108.00	
Town Officers' Expenses	6,240.29	
Election & registration exp.	1,624.10	
Municipal & Dist. Court exp.		1,820.00
Expenses town hall and other buildings	7,259.85	
Reappraisal of Property	1,266.05	
Revaluation Funds	3,836.75	

#### Protection of Persons & Property:

Police department	14,809.41	
Fire dept., incl. forest fires	4,610.83	
Insurance	5,845.25	
Conservation Commission	35.00	
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Council	1,352.00	

#### Health:

Health dept., incl. hospitals & ambulance	6,123.00	
Vital Statistics	39.00	
Town dump & garb. removal	3,888.50	

#### Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	1,693.46	
Town Maintenance	52,529.31	
Street Lighting	3,029.87	
General Exp. of Hwy. Dept.	14,513.91	

Libraries: 2,500.00

#### Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	7,017.71	
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Town Poor	3,546.50	
Aid to Permanently and Totally Disabled Soldiers	96.25	
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day, Vet's Assn. and Old Home Day	524.00	
Recreation:		
Recreation	4,281.10	
Parks & playgrounds, incl. band concerts	841.65	
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries, incl. hearse hire	7,984.48	
Unclassified:		
Damages & legal expenses	2,716.45	
Taxes bought by town	6,671.69	
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	621.84	
Employees Ret. & Social Sec.	5,546.87	
All Other Current Maintenance Expenses	56,144.01	
Total Current Maintenance Exp.		<u>\$238,117.13</u>
Debt Service:		
Paid on tax anticipation notes	4,407.05	
Total Interest Payments		<u>4,407.05</u>
Principal of Debt:		
Payt. on Tax Anticipation Notes	145,732.19	
Total Principal Payments		<u>145,732.19</u>



Capital Outlay:

Payments to capital  
reserve funds 1,000.00

Total Outlay Payments 1,000.00

Payments to Other Gov't. Divisions:

Payments to State a-c 2%  
Bond & Debt Ret. Taxes 254.68  
Taxes paid to county 42,634.18  
Payments to School Districts 444,824.31

Total Payments to Other  
Governmental Divisions 638,852.41

Total Payments for all Purposes 876,969.54

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1976 262,431.31

Grand Total \$1,139,400.85

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

<b>Description</b>	<b>Value</b>
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$100,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	5,000.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	30,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	9,000.00
Police Department, Equipment	6,000.00
Fire Dept., Lands and Buildings	10,000.00
Equipment	28,000.00
Highway Dept., Lands and Buildings	1,500.00
Equipment	50,000.00
Materials and Supplies	1,000.00
Parks, Commons & Playgrounds	7,500.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	500,000.00
Covey Lot	1,000.00
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Total	\$749,000.00

## REPORT OF TOWN AUDITORS

This certifies that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Road Agent, Library Trustee and Municipal Court and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

Nelson Therriault  
Brent Stevens

February 26, 1977

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**  
**For the Year Ending December 31, 1976**

**Dog Report**

**Receipts**

1976 — 167 males @ \$2.00	\$	334.00
40 females @ \$5.00		200.00
109 spayed females @ \$2.00		218.00
1 Kennel @ \$50.00		50.00
3 Half Kennels @ \$12.00		36.00
Replaced 2 lost dog tags @ .50 each		1.00
30 Penalties @ \$1.00		30.00
1973 — Dogs		4.00
		\$ 873.00

**Payments**

Fees Retained	\$	64.20
Paid to Treasurer — Patricia A. Eastman		808.80
		\$ 873.00

**Auto Report**

1975 — 48 Auto Permits	\$	742.74
Overpayment		37.21
1976 — 2,480 Auto Permits		36,264.71
		\$37,044.66

**Payments**

Paid to Treasurer — Patricia A. Eastman	\$	37,044.66
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**Filing Fees**

Town Meeting	\$	16.00
Primary		6.00
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	\$	22.00
Paid to Treasurer — Patricia A. Eastman	\$	22.00

Respectfully submitted,

Inez M. Cushman  
Town Clerk

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

**For the Year Ending December 31, 1976**

Receipts from Selectmen	\$262,986.77	
Receipts from Town Clerk	37,875.46	
Receipts from Tax Collector	574,493.79	
Revenue Sharing	15,062.00	
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		\$ 890,418.02
Balance on hand December 31, 1975		
(adjusted balance because of		
Revenue Sharing)		248,982.83
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		\$1,139,400.85
Payments by order of Selectmen	876,969.54	
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Balance on hand December 31, 1976	\$	262,431.31

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Eastman  
Town Treasurer

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**For the Year Ending December 31, 1976**

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS**  
**Property, Resident and Yield Taxes**  
**Levy of 1976**

**Debits**

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$578,682.27
Resident Taxes	11,620.00
Nat'l Bank Stock Taxes	10.00

Total Warrants                      \$590,312.27

Yield Taxes 1,506.04

Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	1,174.19
Resident Taxes	760.00
Yield Taxes	175.99

Penalties Collected on

Delinquent Resident Taxes 117.00

Total Debits                                           \$594,045.49

**Credits**

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$505,396.22
Resident Taxes	10,210.00
Nat'l Bank Stock Taxes	10.00

Yield Taxes	1,273.72	
Penalties	117.00	
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		\$517,006.94
Abatements Made During Year:		
Property Taxes	8,319.38	
Resident Taxes	390.00	
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		8,709.38
Uncollected Taxes — Dec. 31, 1976		
Property Taxes	66,140.86	
Yield Taxes	408.31	
Resident Taxes	1,780.00	
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		68,329.17
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Total Credits		<u>\$594,045.49</u>

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS**  
**Property, Resident and Yield Taxes**  
**Levy of 1975**

**Debits**

Uncollected Taxes — As of Jan. 1, 1976		
Property Taxes	\$50,315.93	
Resident Taxes	2,260.00	
Yield Taxes	254.40	
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		\$52,830.33

Added Taxes:	
Property Taxes	268.12
Resident Taxes	40.00
Interest collected on Delinquent	
Property Taxes	1,700.59
Penalties Collected on Delinquent	
Resident Taxes	174.00
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Total Debits	<u>\$55,013.04</u>

### Credits

Remittances to Treasurer During Year	
Property Taxes	\$47,960.38
Resident Taxes	1,870.00
Yield Taxes	254.40
Interest Collected	1,700.59
Penalties Collected	174.00
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	\$51,959.37
Abatements Made During Year	
Property Taxes	1,529.47
Resident Taxes	430.00
Uncollected Taxes	
Property Taxes	1,094.20
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Total Credits	<u>\$55,013.04</u>

## SUMMARY OF WARRANT

### Property

#### Levy of 1974

#### Debits

Uncollected — As of Jan. 1, 1976		
Property	\$1,123.70	
Added	13.19	
Interest Collected	35.64	
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Total Debits		\$1,172.53

#### Credits

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property Tax	\$ 334.83	
Interest	35.64	
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		370.47
Uncollected Taxes at close of year		525.34
Abatements during year		276.72
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Total Credits		\$1,172.53

## SUMMARY OF WARRANT

### Property

#### Levy of 1973

#### Debits

Uncollected — As of Jan. 1, 1976		
Property	\$ 380.22	
Interest Collected	60.12	
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Total Debits		\$ 440.34



### Credits

#### Remittances to Treasurer During Year

Property	\$ 332.15	
Interest	60.12	
	<hr/>	\$ 392.27
Uncollected — Dec. 31, 1976		48.07
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Total Credits		\$ 440.34

## SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

	<b>Debits</b>	
	<b>Tax Sales on Account of Levies of:</b>	
	<b>1975</b>	<b>1974</b>
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes		
January 1, 1976 .....		\$1,969.85
Taxes Sold to Town During		
Current Fiscal Year .....	\$6,581.69	
Interest Collected After Sale .....	46.90	208.09
Redemption Costs .....	30.34	24.34
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Total Debits .....	\$6,658.93	\$2,202.28
	<b>Credits</b>	
Remittances to Treasurer .....	\$2,807.87	\$1,661.20
Interest & Costs .....	77.24	232.43
Unredeemed Taxes —		
Dec. 31, 1976 .....	3,773.82	308.65
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Total Credits .....	\$6,658.93	\$2,202.28

## UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES

December 31, 1976

	<b>1975</b>	<b>1974</b>
Barry, John B. & Sharon .....	\$ 137.77	
Campbell, Donald .....	948.14	
Daigneault, Norman .....	225.56	
Dunkerton, Clayton .....	156.77	
Fellows, David & Mabel .....	803.62	
Hayward, Ralph & Barbara .....	583.02	
Koloski, Henry S. & Sandra .....	Interest	
Neily, Norman .....	36.90	
Parkington, John K. .....	452.15	
Sleeper, Lee .....	169.02	
Silver, James & Judith .....	122.68	
Tibbets, Harold C. .....		205.43
Zani, David M. .....	138.19	103.22
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	\$3,773.82	\$308.65

I hereby certify that the above lists showing the names and amounts due each delinquent taxpayer as of December 31, 1975 on account of levies of 1974 and 1975 on account of levies of 1974 and 1975 is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

Inez M. Cushman  
Tax Collector

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

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### Town Officers Salaries

Frederick Bryson, Chm.	
	(March 1977 — \$900.00)
George W. Morse	750.00
E. John Zani	750.00
Inez Cushman, Town Clerk	350.00
Patricia A. Eastman, Treas.	1,500.00
Inez Cushman, Tax Collector	1,500.00
Norma Clark, Welfare Dir.	600.00
Auditors	150.00
Treasurer Trustee	300.00
Fire Chief	500.00
Fees	2,708.00
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	\$ 9,108.00

### Town Officers Expenses

Telephone	\$ 623.11
Supplies	351.17
Postage & Printing	1,793.37
Clerk	2,235.85
Misc. & Travel	428.57
Equipment	35.12
Advertising and Associations	532.05
Internal Revenue	241.05
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	\$ 6,240.29

### Election & Registrations

Supervisors	\$ 190.00
Ballot Clerks	155.00
Moderator	80.00
Printing & Advertising	1,017.29

Supplies	42.31	
Miscellaneous	139.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,624.10

### Municipal Court

Judge	\$1,500.00	
Clerk	300.00	
Miscellaneous	20.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,820.00

### Town Hall & Other Buildings

Fuel Oil	\$3,870.52	
Electric	877.00	
Water	21.45	
Custodian	492.00	
Supplies	32.91	
Contracted Services	269.00	
Repairs	1,637.93	
Miscellaneous	59.04	
	<hr/>	\$ 7,259.85

### Police Department

Ernest B. Smith, Chief	\$7,966.78	
Special Officers	866.25	
Telephone	1,202.33	
Supplies	184.52	
Insurance	719.31	
Maintenance & Repair	1,636.14	
Equipment	1,412.00	
Police Cadet	771.50	
Miscellaneous	50.58	
	<hr/>	\$14,809.41

### Fire Department

Salaries	\$2,011.50
Forest Fires	296.04
Supplies	541.74
Telephone	518.23
Hydrants	637.05
Gasoline	86.45
Maintenance & Repair	497.31
Miscellaneous	22.51
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	\$ 4,610.83

### Health Department

Charles Clifford, Health Officer	\$ 440.00
Mascoma Area Health Council	3,683.00
Ambulance	2,000.00
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	\$ 6,123.00

### Town Dump

Anne Brooks & David Guest	\$1,500.00
Rent	1,200.00
Maintenance	1,172.00
Miscellaneous	16.50
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	\$ 3,888.50

### General Expense

Fuel & Oil	\$ 829.79
Truck & Grader Maintenance	8,225.25
Supplies	5,373.17
Miscellaneous	85.70
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	\$14,513.91

**Beach & Recreation**

Life Guard	\$ 904.00	
Telephone	63.60	
Supplies	90.08	
Dock & Beach	3,149.10	
Miscellaneous	70.00	
Advertising	4.32	
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		\$ 4,281.10

**Payments to Other Government Div.**

2% Bond & Debt Retirement	\$ 254.68	
County Tax	42,634.18	
Mascoma Valley School Dist.	444,824.31	
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		\$487,713.17

## CANAAN POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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A total of 316 complaints have come before the Canaan Municipal Court as a result of Police work performed in the Town of Canaan this year.

Again this year we had crosswalks painted in the Village for the safe crossing of street for those who wish to use them (You are protected by law when you are on a crosswalk when crossing a street). The New Hampshire State Law says in part 262-A:33 that all traffic shall yield to pedestrians on a crosswalk, slowing down and stopping if need be.

I am sorry to say we are not free of a fatal accident this year as we had a fatal on Sept. 27th, 1976 which occurred on the Potato Road.

This year has been a good year as far as major crimes in the Town of Canaan as the burglary rate was down about 50% or better.

The Canaan Police Department has recovered or has helped recover about \$4,250.00 in stolen property this year.

I again this year have a request with the Budget Committee for a Radar Unit to help to reduce the speeding in different areas of the Town. It has been a big help in the past year that the Police Department of the Town of Enfield has let us borrow their radar unit.

I am very happy that we now have the F. A. S. T. Squad as this very efficient and effective organization has been a great help to me and the Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest B. Smith  
Chief of Police

## REPORT OF DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF AND TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN

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

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

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

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

### 1976 Forest Fire Statistics

	No. of Fires	No. of Acres
State	746	294
District	18	33
Town	2	1½

John Q. Ricard  
District Fire Chief

Gordon Lary  
Forest Fire Warden



## ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

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Gordon Lary

Jan. 1, to March 2, 1976

### Winter Maintenance

Labor	\$ 7,584.51
Equipment	8,493.70
Sand	692.20
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	\$16,770.41

### Highway Subsidy

Labor	\$ 954.53
Equipment	1,077.40
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	\$ 2,031.93
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Grand Total	\$18,802.34
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Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Lary

Thomas Ireton

March 3, 1976 to December 31, 1976

### Winter Maintenance

Labor	\$ 9,362.16
Equipment	9,883.05
Sand	222.50
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	\$19,467.71

**Summer Maintenance**

Labor	\$ 6,243.02
Equipment	9,866.97
Gravel	181.20
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	\$16,291.19

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Material	\$ 1,293.11
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**Highway Subsidy**

Labor	\$10,516.26
Equipment	10,344.23
Material	658.19
Gravel	462.20
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	\$21,980.88

**Duncan Fund**

Labor	\$ 3,346.45
Equipment	7,207.15
Gravel	879.75
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	\$11,433.35
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Grand Total	\$89,268.58
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This year we were able to pave 3.6 miles of Goose Pond Road and South Road under the town road aid subsidy from the state.

During the summer I initiated a program of cutting trees and brush along the roadsides to allow increased visibility and to permit the sun's penetration. In this time

of energy conservation, opening the roads to the sun can save sanding and spring maintenance during mud season. This cutting, in general, was done by local residents who received the wood for fuel thereby saving the Town labor expense.

Our growing population requires better roads and this winter we increased the sanding program for travel ease. I acknowledge, we do not have the funding to allow for major road rebuilding. However, I feel by wise continuous maintenance we can revitalize our existing system.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Ireton

## CEMETERY REPORT

April 17th thru September 8th, 1976

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Labor & Equip., Wells	\$2,670.30
Labor & Equip., Canaan Street	2,169.70
Labor & Equip., West Canaan	682.50
Labor & Equip., St. Mary's	160.50
Labor & Equip., Sawyer Hill	168.50
Labor & Equip., West Farms	162.60
Labor & Equip., Birch Corner	52.70
Labor & Equip., Attwell & Jones	52.70
Labor & Equip., Cobble Hill	62.70
Labor & Equip., All Cemeteries	200.00
Labor & Equip., Davis Fund — Water Shed	168.00

Respectfully submitted,

Myrtle W. Kimball, Agent

Myrtle Kimball resigned September 8, 1976 and Daniel Eastman was appointed the same day to fill the position of Cemetery Agent through March 8, 1977. The following was spent from September 8, 1976 to December 31, 1976.

Labor & Equip., All Cemeteries	\$1,083.78
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Respectfully submitted,

Selectmen, Town of Canaan

## REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES — 1976

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### Income:

Balance January 1, 1976	\$ 89.06	
Town of Canaan	2,500.00	
Trustees of Trust Funds	298.00	
Gifts	55.14	
Fines, lost books, maps	133.07	
Interest from NOW account	77.43	
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Total		\$3,152.70

### Expenditures:

Books	\$1,778.99	
Salaries	996.00	
FICA (Employer's)	54.64	
Supplies	208.31	
Postage	25.36	
Miscellaneous	68.24	
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Total		\$3,131.54
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1976		21.16
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Total		\$3,152.70

Martha G. Pusey  
Cecile Blodgett  
Zepheryn G. Clarke, Treas.  
Trustees — Canaan Town Library

**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**  
**1976**

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Volumes on hand January 1, 1976	18,614
Volumes added	474
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	19,088
Volumes Discarded	96
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Volumes on hand December 31, 1976	18,992
Records on hand January 1, 1976	314
Records added	13
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	327
Records Discarded	3
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Records on hand December 31, 1976	324

Circulation:

Fiction	4,225
Non-Fiction	1,981
Juvenile	3,201
Records	594

Total 

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 10,001

Active Cards — 412

Books borrowed from Bookmobile (4 trips) 3,719

Books borrowed from Extension Service — 84

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Cady, Librarian

**TOWN OF CANAAN TRUST FUNDS  
BALANCE SHEETS**

**December 31, 1976 and 1975**

**Assets**

	<b>1976</b>	<b>1975</b>
Cash	\$ 64,687	\$ 55,322
Common Stock (Note 1 and 2)	9,888	9,888
Mutual Funds (Note 1 and 3)	221,588	218,909
	<u>\$296,163</u>	<u>\$284,119</u>

**TRUST FUNDS PRINCIPAL AND UNEXPENDED INCOME**

Trust Funds Principal (Note 4)	\$207,114	\$204,721
Unexpended Income (Note 4)	89,049	79,398
	<u>\$296,163</u>	<u>\$284,119</u>

The accompanying notes to financial statements are  
an integral part of this statement.

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

For the Year Ending December 31, 1976

	Principal	Income Unrestricted	Total
BALANCE — Beginning of period	\$204,721	\$ 79,398	\$284,119
Capital gains	2,193	485	2,678
Income from interest and dividends	.....	12,234	12,234
Proceeds from sales of lots and other receipts	200	6,660	6,860
Expenditures	.....	(9,728)	(9,728)
 Balance — End of period	 <u>\$207,114</u>	 <u>\$ 89,049</u>	 <u>\$296,163</u>

The accompanying notes to financial statements are  
an integral part of this statement.

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the Year Ended December 31, 1976

FUND	Receipts	Disbursements
Canaan Free Hospital Bed	\$ 783	\$ 742
Literary Fund	89	90
Public Speaking	646	....
Sewer System (Note 5)	1,151	....
Town of Canaan	86	81
Town Library	315	298
Reappraisal	6,279	....
Cemeteries:		}
General	660	623
Atwell	18	32
Birch Corner	5	36
Canaan Street	2,429	3,409
Cobble Hill and Schofield	7	55
Jones	10	....
Plant for lot	11	....
Sawyer Hill	184	121
St. Mary's	34	110
Wells	4,523	3,201
Wells — Water System (Note 5)	1,391	313
West Canaan	646	502
West Farms	113	116
	<u>\$19,380</u>	<u>\$9,729</u>
 Net receipts over disbursements	 <u>\$ 9,651</u>	

The accompanying notes to financial statements are  
an integral part of this statement.



**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
December 31, 1976 and 1975

**1. Basis for valuation of common stock and mutual funds.**

Common stock and mutual funds which were held by the trusts on January 1, 1970 are carried at their market value as of that date. Subsequent purchases and capital gain distribution are recorded at cost.

**2. Common Stock**

Investments in common stock are comprised of the following:

	December 31, 1976	December 31, 1975
Shares	Cost	Market
Crystal Lake Water Co.	60	60
Duquesne Light Company	100	100
General Motors Corp.	100	100
	\$ 600	\$ 600
	2,375	2,375
	6,913	6,913
	<u>\$9,888</u>	<u>\$8,163</u>
	<u>\$10,412</u>	

**3. Mutual Funds**

Investments in mutual funds are comprised of the following:

	December 31, 1976	December 31, 1975
Shares	Cost	Market
Broadstreet Invest. Corp.	2406	2257
National Investors Corp.	3442	3370
Putnam Investor's Fund	2677	2677
Putnam Income Fund	4126	4136
G. Putnam Fund	1926	1926
Chemical Fund	2423	2367
Decatur Fund	2463	2463
Eaton & Howard Income Fund	1481	1481
	\$ 33,756	\$ 33,708
	28,524	25,574
	26,392	23,870
	36,581	35,941
	32,711	29,911
	28,981	21,201
	25,073	33,226
	9,570	9,878
	<u>\$221,588</u>	<u>\$213,309</u>
	<u>\$218,909</u>	<u>\$181,672</u>

4. Trust fund principal and unexpended income

Balances of principal and unexpended income for the various classification of funds is as follows:

FUND	December 31, 1976		December 31, 1975	
	Principal	Unexpended Income	Principal	Unexpended Income
Canaan Free Hospital Bed	\$ 17,833	\$ 782	\$ 17,659	\$ 742
Literary Fund	2,027	89	2,008	85
Public Speaking	12,614	3,388	12,470	2,742
Sewer System (Note 5)	.....	7,354	.....	6,203
Town of Canaan	1,953	86	1,934	81
Town Library	7,161	315	7,092	298
Reappraisal (Note 5)	.....	24,764	.....	18,485
	<u>41,588</u>	<u>36,778</u>	<u>41,163</u>	<u>28,636</u>
Cemeteries:				
General (Note 5)	.....	36	.....	.....
Atwell	429	(23)	425	(6)
Birch Corner	170	(78)	169	(46)
Canaan Street	52,407	4,294	51,869	5,274
Cobble Hill & Schofield	168	(56)	167	(8)
Jones	216	27	214	17
Plant for Lot	216	66	213	55
Sawyer Hill	3,722	704	3,681	641
St. Mary's	1,024	(301)	1,016	(226)
Wells	89,023	19,776	87,821	18,454
Wells — Water System (Note 5)	.....	27,842	.....	26,764
West Canaan	15,389	92	15,246	(52)
West Farms	2,762	(108)	2,737	(105)
	<u>165,526</u>	<u>52,271</u>	<u>163,558</u>	<u>50,762</u>
	<u>\$207,114</u>	<u>\$89,049</u>	<u>\$204,721</u>	<u>\$79,398</u>

**5. Receipts**

Capital gains on investments from unexpended income amounts and proceeds from the sale of lots and other unrestricted receipts are included as additions to unrestricted income for the year.

**6. Disbursements**

For the year ended December 31, 1976, unexpended income in the general fund was not sufficient to fund all the disbursements in excess of accumulated unexpended income for some of the cemetery accounts. The deficit balances shown in unexpended income totalling \$566 represent borrowings from other funds in anticipation of appropriations from the Town of Canaan.

## MASCOMA AREA HEALTH COUNCIL

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The MASCOMA AREA HEALTH COUNCIL established at the Town Meetings in 1969 will, this year, start its eighth year of service to the Towns of Canaan, Enfield, Grafton and Orange and its second year to Dorchester. Serving a population of approximately 5500 the Councils two nurses provide nursing service in the home and a complete health promotion and disease prevention program. The Council receives referrals from hospitals, local physicians, relatives, concerned neighbors or the patient. The Nurses' home visits now average about 210 per month. A Physical Therapist, Elaine Mackin, of Enfield, is on contract with the Council and available when needed as are the Home Health Aides.

The free WELL CHIL CLINIC, held every month, has an enrollment of approximately 250 pre-school children. These children are eligible to participate in the bi-annual Dental Clinic sponsored by the N. H. State Department of Dental Health. These clinics are now held in Enfield Town Hall, "Whitney Hall," where the MASCOMA AREA HEALTH COUNCIL office is located, telephone 632-7234.

From time to time the Council cooperates with other agencies and the N. H. Department of Health to provide Adult Health Screening clinics and a Women's Clinic sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

Council support comes from the Five Towns served on a per capita bases, plus fees collected from Medicare, Medicaid, Third Party Payers and private paying patients. Of necessity we must set a fee for skilled nursing service rendered other than the free clinics. However

the services of the Council are available to everyone regardless of ability to pay.

The Council is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors elected from the five towns. Its Medical Policies and Practices are supervised by a Medical Advisory Board consisting of area physicians and nurses.

Susan Schleich, R.N. of West Canaan is Nurse-Director of the Council. Betsy Larison, R.N. of West Lebanon is a full time nurse and our office and administrative duties are assisted by Sharron A. Wheeler of Enfield.

## CANAAN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

### 1976 Annual Report

From May to November of 1976 the Commission held five meetings in the Town Building. It was formally agreed at the July 29th meeting that the Commission should continue to deal with major applications and discussions at the monthly meetings. However, minor or uncomplicated business can best be settled by agreement of three or more members, with the secretary noting the decisions in the minutes of the next formal meeting. This has proved to be a useful procedure, since it expedites on-the-spot consultation and quick decision on requested approvals.

During the year eleven applications for certificates of approval of revisions and additions to property in the Canaan Historic District were reviewed, discussed, and approved. Five of these involved minor alterations or painting, two covered construction of new out-buildings, one was a major building addition, two were temporary approvals to lead to final applications in 1977, and one was later filed for reference after the project was abandoned (parking lot and fence at the Town Beach). One of the temporary approvals covered limited demolition needed to permit assessment of the extent and method of restoration and structural repairs to the old Methodist Church building.

In addition to the foregoing, a temporary application pending from 1975 was settled during 1976 when the property owner removed the temporary structure in question from his premises.

Restoration work on the Old Meeting House was reviewed at meetings of the Commission, but details are omitted because they are covered in the report of the Old Meeting House Committee.

A request from a real estate broker for a copy of "Regulations for Canaan Historic District" was fulfilled. The Commission is again distributing this information to other real estate brokers in the vicinity.

During one Commission meeting a review of a possible technical violation of Historic District regulations emphasized that no accurate map of the Historic District showing property ownership and precise District boundaries is known to exist. It will be an objective of the Commission to develop such a map at such time as a Town property map becomes available. Up to the present, there have been no applications which would have been affected by lack of such a map.

Canaan Historic District Commission  
William Geoghegan, Chairman  
Radcliffe Edmonds, Secretary  
A. L. Morris  
George Morse  
David Webster

## REPORT OF OLD MEETING HOUSE COMMITTEE — 1976

Physical restoration of the Old Meeting House was resumed in 1976. The main building was re-roofed. The belfry was rebuilt structurally and re-roofed. The exterior of the clock tower was renovated, including repair or replacement of loose or damaged sheathing and clapboards, caulking, and exterior painting. The clock dials and weathervane were overhauled and refinished with gold leaf. A new three wire electric service was installed with the feeder relocated to the rear of the building.

The foregoing work consumed the greater part of the available money, and the restoration fund stood at \$1,491.32 at the end of the year. No major donations were received in 1976.

Following up the general plan established in 1975, the Committee prepared in 1976 a detailed analysis of the restoration. This will be the working guide. It comprises a breakdown of the project into individual jobs, an outline of the interrelationships and required sequence, and a listing of points that will need additional information, design decisions, or special skills.

Formal application was made to the New Hampshire State Historic Preservation Office for a grant of matching funds from the Historic Preservation Grant-in-Aid program of the National Park Service. Approval was received for a grant of \$5,000 for 1977. Actual receipt of this will be contingent upon our providing the matching amount from the restoration fund, and upon eligibility of expenditures under the detailed rules of the National Park Service.

The goals of the Committee for 1977 are as follows:

- (1) Intensify fund-raising to build the fund to at least the \$5,000 needed to match the available grant.



Do this early enough in the year to have the money to spend during the building season.

- (2) Continue the exterior renovation of the main building by repair or replacement of sheathing and clapboards, caulking and exterior painting, and complete overhaul and refinishing of all sash. It is estimated that this will approximately match the 1977 funding goal.
- (3) Prepare plans and specifications for the first phases of interior work, get estimates, and apply for matching funds for 1978 to correspond to a reasonable goal of work and fund-raising.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Dana Christy, Secretary  
W.H.B. Geoghegan, Chm.  
Earl C. North  
Clayton W. Stark  
Pamela Webster

## REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD

### 1976-1977

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The Canaan Planning Board held seventeen meetings during 1976-77. The chief piece of business to come before the Board this year was its first major subdivision application. After many revisions and ten meetings including two abutters' hearings, the subdivision application was approved on February 2, 1977, seventeen months after its initial submission. Needless to say, the Board's review process was long and detailed; however, the subdivider himself took no action for ten of those months.

In addition to approving one major subdivision, the Board also approved two minor subdivision applications and found thirteen applications not to be subject to the regulations. All applications which were denied at any point were subsequently approved after revisions. Eight public hearings were held for abutters and other townspeople to express their feelings about particular subdivisions. The Planning Board twice granted variances after holding Public Hearings.

In 1976, the Town voted to make the Planning Board an elective rather than an appointive body. Six persons are to be elected in 1977 to fill two three-year, two two-year, and two one-year posts. In each succeeding year, two persons will be elected to three-year posts. The Selectmen will appoint one of their member to be the Board's seventh member.

In 1977-78 the Planning Board will continue to administer the subdivision regulations as well as continue gathering information it needs to compile an Official Map of the Town. When engineers have outlined the

flood plain limits in more detail as required in the National Flood Insurance Act, the Planning Board will be required to draw up and recommend to the Town additional land control ordinances.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Pacht, Secretary

**Members 1976-77**

Claire Brown, Chairperson

John Hammond

Edward Lary

Roger L. Remacle, Sr.

Lucy Roberts

Bruce Pacht

E. John Zani

## REPORT OF CONSERVATION COMMISSION

For the Year Ending December 1976

The Canaan Conservation Commission was reorganized this year and held its first meeting on April 26, 1976.

The primary order of business was to effect a new COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT between the TOWN OF CANAAN and the CANAAN CONSERVATION COMMISSION, and the GRAFTON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT, the SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE relative to: Acceleration of soil surveys for land use planning in certain areas of CANAAN, N. H., Grafton County.

The first Agreement effected on the 15th of June 1974 ran out without utilizing a \$2,750.00 grant from the Ford Foundation. The new agreement effected on the 6th of July 1976 will utilize all of this Ford Foundation grant. All work under this agreement is to be completed and in the possession of the TOWN of CANAAN on or about September 1, 1977. It is hoped that this effort will complete the soil sampling of all the acreage of the TOWN. However the COMMISSION is anticipating a shortfall of completing approximately 2000 (two thousand) acres and has therefor requested a modest sum of money be incorporated in this years town budget to continue this effort. Money not expended cannot be carried over to the next fiscal year for the COMMISSION.

The CONSERVATION COMMISSION will upon the completion of this soils mapping project have in its possession a base soil map for the TOWN and soil survey interpretation sheets which provide information about engineering properties of soils, the suitability of soils as resource material, and major soil features affecting engineering uses of soils. The interpretation sheets also

contain information relative to the degree of soil limitation for TOWN and COUNTRY planning and recreational uses, and suitability for farm, woodland and wildlife uses.

All information obtained under the terms of this agreement is public property.

The CONSERVATION COMMISSION has been consulted on several state and local projects prior to the initiation of the work requested.

The conservation Commission will be as effective as the citizens of the TOWN of CANAAN desire it to be. Anyone interested in being a member of the COMMISSION or who has information, projects, or ideas to offer is encouraged to contact any member of the COMMISSION or the selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger L. Remacle, Sr.

Chairperson

Joseph W. Hill

Albert O. Decato

Lee T. Woodward

Robert H. Wurtz

Secretary

## REPORT OF THE WILLIAMS FIELD BICENTENNIAL PROJECT

A Bicentennial Committee was formed early in 1976. One of the requirements for becoming a Bicentennial community was to choose a project that would benefit the town, but it must also be one that would not, in all probability, be done under normal circumstances.

The project chosen was the restoration of Williams Field. This included building a 50x100 ft. skating rink, replacing and restoring playground equipment and refurbishing the existing dugouts. We applied for and received matching funds from the New Hampshire American Revolution Bicentennial Commission. We received \$1,000 from the town and \$1,000 in matching funds.

Fill was hauled in and graded. Then clay was placed over the top and leveled to make a waterproof base for the rink. Then planks were placed all around and a clay cove was built to hold the water. The rink has been flooded and is being used by area children and by the Mascoma Area Recreation Committee for Saturday morning skating lessons.

The dugouts were repaired and painted. The balance of the money was spent on playground equipment. The playground was covered with woodchips and a light was installed over the skating rink.

Equipment purchased for installation in the spring includes: three spring animals, three park benches, 1 four board seesaw, two basketball backboards and hoops and six new seats and chains for the old swing set.

Our hopes for the future include: a fence between the playground and Rt. 4, a new backstop, picnic tables, a set of bleachers and more playground equipment.

I would like to thank those people who donated their time, equipment and materials to make this dream a reality.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas E. Carrier  
Project Director

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF  
WILLIAMS FIELD PROJECT**

**Dec. 31, 1976**

Money Received From Town	\$1,003.35
Grant Funds Received From NHARBC	1,000.00
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TOTAL	\$2,003.35

**Expenditures**

Fill, Clay and Dozing	\$ 741.50
Paint, Lumber and Hardware	119.73
Playground Equipment	1,142.12
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TOTAL	\$2,003.35

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas E. Carrier  
Project Director

**BIRTHS**

<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Place of Birth</b>	<b>Name of Child</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Name of Father</b>	<b>Maiden Name of Mother</b>
1971					
Nov. 11	Lyme, N. H.	Jeffrey Peter	M	Charles Lewis Townsend	Jean Helburn
1975					
Dec. 28	Lebanon	Theodore Roosevelt III	M	Theodore Roosevelt Kendall, Jr.	Dorothy Frances Cross
1976					
Feb. 5	Lebanon	Ramon Genobana	M	Ediberto Constantino Ramos	Fe Baricuatro Genobana
8	Hanover	Jennifer Lynn	F	Michael Otis Woodward	Sandra Lee Facto
10	Canaan	Gabriel Carlson	M	John Kent Freitag	Lisa A. Carlson
16	Lebanon	Heather Lee	F	Anthony Stevens Adams	Jamie Marie Stewart
26	Lebanon	Amy Lou	F	Lee Thomas Woodward	Sandra Mary Brodeur
Mar. 1	Lebanon	Megan Emily	F	Robert James Miller	Susan Elizabeth Beckey
13	Lebanon	Stacy Ann	F	William Clay Mock II	Sylvia Pauline Lackey
Apr. 8	Lebanon	April Ann	F	Larry Melvin Sleeper	Janet Marion Remick
May 20	Hanover	Errol Michael	M	Gordon Henry Laumann	Ann Margaret Bautzmann
25	Lebanon	Stephen James	M	John Edwin Alexander	Elizabeth Ann Ward
31	Lebanon	Heather Lynn	F	James Arthur Jones	Betsy Lou Taylor
July 14	Canaan	Jesse Anthony	M	Walter Peter Mulinski	Heidi Mary Grout
30	Lebanon	Leslie Cecilia	F	John Herbert Moses	Natalie Carol Walker
Sept. 3	Hanover	Eron Douglas	M	Douglas Wilbur Hammond	Teena Joyce Roof
20	Lebanon	Belinda Jean	F	Ronald Allen Hagar	Diane Jean Clough



21	Hanover	Barbara	F	Stephen Andrew Loomis	Nancy Lea Basehore
27	Lebanon	Keith Sterling Jr.	M	Keith Sterling Hollenbeck	Diana Lynn Lewis
30	Canaan	Kai Lee	M	Nichols Hugh Loundon	John Elizabeth Lasser
6	Lebanon	Richard Dana Jr.	M	Richard Dana Bean, Sr.	Donna Marie Kennedy
19	Hanover	Meridith Diane	F	Daryl John Robbins	Gloria Jean Page
20	Lebanon	Joshua Alan	M	Wayne Arthur Chapman	Beverly Ann Vanier
Nov. 28	Hanover	Ann Elizabeth	F	Arthur David Mitchell	Margaret Frances Nutt
Dec. 1	Lebanon	Tammy Lynn	F	David Lee Miller	Lynn Marie Goodell
4	Hanover	Amy Lynn	F	Edward Charles Littlefield	Bessie Ann Isaac
13	Lebanon	Benjamin Robert	M	Bill Musty	Brenda Susan French
20	Lebanon	Bradley James	M	James Eaton Rostrom	Carol Laverne Buzzell
21	Hanover	Nicholas John	M	Alan Lee Goodman	Carol Ann Penrod
24	Hanover	Ann Sandra	F	Charles Colby Bent II	Maude Robin McCoy

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

INEZ M. CUSHMAN, Town Clerk

## MARRIAGES

<b>Date of Marriage</b>	<b>Place of Marriage</b>	<b>Name and Surname of Groom and Bride</b>	<b>Name, Residence and Official Station of Persons by Whom Married</b>
Mar. 13	Danbury	Keith Sterling Hollenbeck Diana Lynn Lewis	Rev. Elmer A. Braley Minister, Danbury
Apr. 23	Canaan	Philip Stanley Boivin Cheryl Lynne Gould	Myrl H. Webster Justice of the Peace, W. Canaan
May 8	Canaan	Walter Arthur Roney Gloria Jean Smith	Rev. Larry L. Bowyer Pastor, Enfield
15	Canaan	Arthur George Taylor Sandra Eilene Merriam	Rev. Paul W. Zeckhansen Minister, Wilbraham, Mass.
June 6	Canaan	Walter Peter Mulinski Jr. Heidi Mary Greely	Inez M. Cushman Justice of the Peace, Canaan
12	Canaan	Lawrence Bernard Gaudette Regina Alice Lozeau	Rev. Daniel Gravitt Pastor, Canaan
22	Canaan	Darrel Edwin Smith Donna Mae Timmons	Rev. Daniel Gravitt Pastor, Canaan
July 4	Canaan	Patrick Alan Greenwood Ruth Ingrid Carlson	Gerald Forest, M.S. Cath. Priest, Montreal, P.Q. Canada
7	Canaan	Gary Alan Locke Shirley Ann Emerson	Myrl H. Webster Justice of the Peace, W. Canaan
17	Enfield	Bruce E. Prior Bonnie J. Stone	Rev. Larry L. Bowyer Pastor, Enfield
24	Canaan	Victor Bruce Pacht Carol Ann Stomberg	Inez M. Cushman Justice of the Peace, Canaan
31	Canaan	David Lee Miller Lynn Marie Goodell	Myrl H. Webster Justice of the Peace, W. Canaan

Aug. 16	Canaan	John Brian Barry	Rev. Larry L. Bowyer
		Sharon Lee Chesley	Pastor, Enfield
20	Canaan	Randall Joseph Labbie	Mary D. Hathorn
		Mary Jane Withington	Justice of the Peace, Canaan
16	Enfield	Norman Bruce Allen	Rev. Russell A. Shopland
		Roberta Ann Cook	Minister, Enfield
Sept. 4	Canaan	Robert Cooper Sanborn Jr.	Rev. Larry L. Bowyer
		Patricia Tucker	Pastor, Enfield
8	Canaan	Melvin Dennis Rocte	Robert B. Fahrner
		Marsha Jane Bryson	Justice of the Peace, Canaan
11	Canaan	Charles Joseph Wallace	Rev. Larry L. Bowyer
		Darlene Ann Charbono	Pastor, Enfield
9	Lebanon	Clyde Conrad LeMay	Rev. Larry L. Bowyer
		Sonya Sue King	Pastor, Enfield
12	Lyme	David Orin Cushman	Inez M. Cushman
		Carole Agnes Bircher	Justice of the Peace, Canaan
14	Canaan	Roland G. Ford	Inez M. Cushman
		Laura I. Kilton	Justice of the Peace, Canaan
25	Canaan	Charles Joseph Therriault	Inez M. Cushman
		Cindy Jane Wilson	Justice of the Peace, Canaan
27	Canaan	Carroll James Stark	Myrl H. Webster
		Sonya Jean Stark	Justice of the Peace, W. Canaan
Oct. 1	Canaan	Richard Edgar Martz	Inez M. Cushman
		Aletta Louise Johnson	Justice of the Peace, Canaan
16	Canaan	George Michael Marcoulier	Rev. Harry R. Mahomey, Minister
		Sarah Perry Greene	Cardigan Mountain School, Canaan
23	Canaan	Robert J. McGuire	Mary D. Hathorn
		Adrienne E. Henry	Justice of the Peace, Canaan

MARRIAGES — Continued

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Name, Residence and Official Station of Persons by Whom Married
Nov. 7	Canaan	Stephen Jerome Darrow Rose Jutta Nicinski	Inez M. Cushman Justice of the Peace, Canaan
12	Canaan	Dana Harry Sousa Betty Ann Clough	Myrl H. Webster Justice of the Peace, W. Canaan
26	Canaan	Harry Conway Brigitte Wojciechowski	Inez M. Cushman Justice of the Peace, Canaan
Dec. 4	Enfield	Robert Allen Colburn Lori Ann Loupis	Rev. Russell A. Shopland Pastor, Enfield
11	Canaan	Peter Labouisse Eno Linda Ann Peet	Rev. Deneal A. Amos, Minister New Canaan Academy, Canaan
18	W. Canaan	Harry Edward Camber Jr. Bonnie May Champney	Rev. Russell A. Shopland Pastor, Enfield
31	Canaan	John Joseph Talley Susan Lynn Pollard	Rev. Larry L. Bowyer Pastor, Enfield

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## DEATHS

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Jan. 1	Hanover	Wesley Neily	61	August Neily	Blanche Butman
2	Canaan	Nellie Clancy	55	Vern Barton	Katherine Ashley
Feb. 12	Lebanon	William Theodore Burns	66	Joseph Burns	Hattie Rand
16		Wilfred H. Smart			
Apr. 26	Lebanon	Roger Jasper Neily	62	Alfred Neily	Pearl Colburn
May 24	Hanover	Earlah M. Laraway	70	Henry Collins	Margaret Mason
June 10	Hanover	Harry P. Webster	77	Herbert Webster	Ida B. Sargent
July 2	Orange	Gary M. Kilton	19	Harland Kilton	Dorothy Eastman
Aug. 1	White River, Vt.	Cleo R. Bellimer	48	George Bellimer	Anna Merriam
8	Canaan	Margaret C. Jordan	93	James Bircher	Elizabeth Garrity
23	Canaan	Helen Gillespie	91	Unknown	Unknown
29	Canaan	Katherine Ballantyne	76	Isaac Paterson	
Sept. 2	Hanover	Harry B. Foster	85	Walter Foster	
18	Canaan	Harold Joseph Rameor	81	Otis Rameor	Eva Giguere
27	Hanover	Tina Ellen Neily	5	Herbert W. Neily	Helen A. Lashua
Oct. 17	Norwich, Vt.	Doris L. Clark	62	Joseph Graham	Nancy Rix
26	Goffstown	Lucretia Van Wyck	93	Haskell Brown	Irene Beauregard
Dec. 8	Derry	Charles Emile Decato Jr.	47	Charles E. Decato	Idella Barney
25	Hanover	Ned B. Smith	83	Carey Smith	Jesse Gentry
27	Canaan	Charles C. Francis	86	James R. Francis	

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Homer Clark  
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