

ANNUAL REPORT
for the
Town
of
BRIDGEWATER
New Hampshire



For the Fiscal Year Ending
December 31, 1983

TOWN OFFICERS

March Town Meeting

Town Clerk

Patricia Mitchell	1984
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Selectmen

Terrance Murphy	1984
Thomas Janelle	1985
William Thistle	1986

Treasurer

Marilyn Raymond	1986
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Tax Collector

Margaret Thistle	1984
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Trustees of Trust Funds

Carl Goutell	1984
C. Dudley Barnard	1985
John Townsend	1986

Supervisors of Check Lists

Myra Cavis	1984
Cecile Gray	1986
Jean Wilcox	1988

Moderator

Ronald Towne	1984
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Library Trustees

Catherine Drew	1984
Mary Delashmit	1985
Elizabeth Cheney	1986

APPOINTMENTS

Forest Fire Warden

Deputy Fire Wardens

John Jenness

John Morgan Jr.

Fred McLain

Planning Board

Lawrence Denton, Chm	Robert Williams
Allan Dehls	Creighton Gray
John Townsend	Marilyn Raymond
William Thistle, Ex Off.	
Mary Jane Denton, clerk	

Conservation Commission

Ronald Towne	Nancy Gray
Helyn Townsend	Robert Bent
William Delashmit	Marjorie Dehls

Chief of Police	Kenneth Raymond
Fire Chief	David Bartlett
Building Inspector	Fred Wilcox

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Nils Larson	1986
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Financial Condition

The auditors have once again found the town officials books in good order. They have reported a \$39,651.00 fund balance as of December 31, 1983. Substantial increases in the motor vehicle permits, yield taxes and a savings in interest on tax anticipation notes due to the semi-annual billing of real estate taxes, added to the 1982 fund balance of \$11,382.00, accounted for most of the increase in the surplus.

The total long term indebtedness of the Town is \$20,000, on the combined total of the fire truck and the new highway truck. We are recommending taking the money from surplus and paying off these 2 notes, saving on interest payments and freeing the Town of any debt. In addition we are recommending \$12,000 of the surplus be transferred to the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund for any future use the Town may wish to use the funds.

Article 4 is asking for the purchase of a computer system for the Town, including both hardware and software. The article calls for the Revenue Sharing Funds to be used for this purpose. The system will allow several uses instead of just tax billing including residents tax billing, voter checklists, notices to delinquent tax payers, municipal accounting by departments, reports to department heads at anytime, camera ready reports for the town report, to name a few of the functions that can be performed. All of this means saving time, increasing cash flow and saving the town money.

Article 5 is asking for the purchase of a 1 acre parcel of land abutting the Town property to the south on Route 3A. This parcel has 200' frontage on the road and would be developed for off street parking, which at present is strictly limited. \$3,000 of the surplus would be used for part of the \$7,750 purchase price. \$4,750 would be raised by appropriation. We are recommending favorable action on this article.

The projected budget for the Town for 1984 is the same as the 1983 budget, with no increase. With the added valuation to be picked up in 1984, we are projecting no increase in the 1984 tax rate. It is a possibility that the rate may decrease, depending on what the school and county budget looks like. We suggest that the conservative approach to Town affairs continue and keep spending in check.

Incinerator

Articles #7&8 are requesting voter approval to enlarge the Regional Refuse Disposal District. Waste disposal has no easy solution. It is a continual problem no matter where an individual lives and works. We feel that the present facility is the best solution presently available. When the facility was first constructed, it was designed for future expansion to include surrounding area towns. It is

a matter of economics. Waste disposal is getting more costly and the more that is processed, the lower per ton the cost, the lower the rate to member towns. Our individual cost for the Town of Bridgewater is \$19,000.00 for the year 1984, an increase of \$4,000.00 over 1983. The present operation would operate more efficiently with an increase load. This facility has been cited by the State as a model facility in light of the fact that the towns of Bridgewater and Hebron took it upon themselves to create an independent disposal district in 1975.

Revaluation

During the month of November each year the State Tax commission sends to cities and towns the equalization forms to be completed by local officials and returned to the State department. In filling out the forms this year, one fact became very evident in examining the sales of properties in town. The market value on land has shifted considerably. This happens over a period of time as certain locations of land become scarce and the demand shifts to other areas. In the early 1970's this shift was evident and the selectmen did a revaluation of the land. This being the case again, the selectmen are going to undertake to revalue the land values. We will look to professional help to assist the selectmen in arriving at comparable land values throughout the Town. A sum of money has been included in Town Officer's Expenses for this purpose.

On February 2, 1984, two interested citizens appeared at the selectmen's meeting and showed them a copy of a petition being circulated by person or persons to cause a revaluation of the Town. The selectmen are not aware of any gross inequities in the assessment of properties in the Town other than the problem that has surfaced as mentioned above. No individual or group of individuals has appeared before the Board of Selectmen inquiring into or even suggesting that inequities do exist. All building values in Town are on an equitable basis. If individuals do feel that such inequities do exist, the answers are found by looking into the assessment records of the properties in question at the Selectmen's office. Talk amongst or by individuals does not answer the question(s). It only serves to create animosity and doubt without knowing the actual facts before making individual decisions.

One individual did, in appearing before the Selectmen, complain of an inequity, but he refused to identify the situation and didn't want to discuss the situation, so that it could be investigated and any adjustments made if the situation warranted it. This is what the abatement process is set up for. This is the only individual who has appeared before the Board of Selectmen to complain of a possible gross inequity in a good many years. Individuals have appeared to inquire as to how their assessed value was arrived at or to compare valuations, but not to complain about inequities. Individuals should be willing to come forward and discuss and examine what they think are so called inequities in assessed valuations.

One of the decisions to be made is whether or not gross inequities do exist before the Selectmen are willing to commit the Town to great expense, thousands of dollars, for a revaluation.

TOWN WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER IN THE COUNTY OF GRAFTON IN SAID STATE, QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Grange Hall in said Bridgewater on Tuesday, the Thirteenth day of March, next at twelve of the clock in the noon to act on the following subjects:

Polls to be opened from 12:00 noon to 6:30 P.M.

Business Meeting at 8:00 P.M.

1. To choose a Selectman for three (3) years and all other necessary town officers.
2. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Expenses as estimated in the budget.
3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund the sum of \$12,000.00 from the 1983 Fund Balance.
4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000.00) for a computer system and authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund.
5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$7,750.00 for the purchase of a parcel of land on Route 3A adjoining the Town property to the south. \$3,000.00 to be taken from the 1983 Fund Balance and the Town to raise \$4,750.00.
6. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue and made subject to gates and bars the Highway described as follows: The so-called Old County Road #24 from the Hunt Road southeasterly to the previously discontinued portion of the same road, as provided in RSA 238:2.
7. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Regional Refuse Disposal District Agreement so as to add, as an additional member town, the Town of Bristol, conditional upon the vote of said town to join said district and the appropriation of the sum of \$65000.00 toward construction expense.
8. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Regional Refuse Disposal District Agreement so as to add, as an additional member town, the Town of Alexandria, conditional upon the vote of said town to join the district and the appropriation by said town of the sum of \$21000.00 toward construction expense.

9. To see if the Town will vote to deposit any monies received from towns joining the Regional Refuse Disposal District into the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund.
10. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to, apply for, accept and expend money from the State, Federal, or other government unit or a private source which becomes available during the year in accordance with procedures set forth in RSA 31:95.
11. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
12. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seals, this Twenty Fifth day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred eighty four.

William T. Thistle	Selectmen
Terrance Murphy	of
Thomas Janelle	Bridgewater

Atrue copy of Warrant... Attest

William T. Thistle	Selectmen
Terrance Murphy	of
Thomas Janelle	Bridgewater

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

General Fund

Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues

For the Year Ending December 31, 1984

REVENUES	Estimated Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Ensuing Fiscal Year
Taxes			
Resident Tax	4310.00	4570.00	4500.00
National Bank Stock Tax	4.00	4.00	4.00
Yield Taxes	8000.00	11839.00	7000.00
Interest & Penalties	2000.00	3771.00	3000.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES			
Meals & Rooms Tax	2000.00		
Interest & Dividends Tax	2700.00		
Savings Bank Tax	1800.00		
Highway Subsidy Block Grant	10808.00	10808.00	20925.00
Railroad Tax		17.00	17.00
Business Profits Tax	8645.00	8645.00	8500.00
Motor Vehicle Transfer Fees		771.00	
Shared Revenues		4760.00	4800.00
LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	18000.00	25923.00	22000.00
Dog Licenses	400.00	483.00	450.00
Business Licenses, Permits	50.00	615.00	50.00
Boat Taxes		32.00	35.00
Rent of Town Property	900.00	1820.00	1800.00
Sale of Town Property		5800.00	
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
Interest on Deposits	4500.00	5585.00	4500.00
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Proceeds from Long Term Note	12000.00	12000.00	
Revenue Sharing Fund	13747.00	13747.00	14000.00
Fund Balance		4000.00	35000.00
TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS		115190.00	126581.00

CULTURE & RECREATION

Library	235.00	235.00	235.00
Community Center	560.00	609.00	610.00
Old Home Day	200.00	200.00	250.00
Conversation Commission	500.00	104.00	500.00
Bi-Centennial Committee			500.00

DEBT SERVICE

Principal of Long Term Notes	4000.00	4000.00	20000.00
Interest Expense Notes	2600.00	960.00	1480.00
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	8000.00	4467.00	1000.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Art #4 1983 New Equip	29000.00	29409.00	
Art #4 Computer System			14000.00
Art #5 Land Purchase			7750.00

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

Payment to Capital Reserve Fund			12000.00
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MISCELLANEOUS

Employee's Social Security	5000.00	4074.00	4500.00
Insurance	12500.00	12170.00	12500.00
Unemployment Compensation		972.00	1000.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	227591.00	214506.00	268886.00
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Less Amount of Estimated Revenues, Exclusive of Taxes			126581.00
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Amount of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School & County)			142305.00
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Amount of Taxes Raised in 1983	"	"	"	142424.00
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PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERN. DIVISIONS

Newfound School District	197346.00
County Tax	65214.00

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER, N. H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensueing Year

January 1, 1984 to December 31, 1984

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION

	Appropriation Previous Year	Act. Expenses Previous Year	Appropriation Year 1984
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Town Officers Salaries	8000.00	8670.00	9000.00
Town Officers Expenses	7500.00	8517.00	9500.00
Election & Registration	450.00	455.00	600.00
Cemeteries	400.00		400.00
Town Buildings	13500.00	11463.00	16000.00
Planning & Zoning	500.00	1604.00	500.00
Legal Expenses	700.00	344.00	700.00
Advertising & Regional Assoc	350.00	350.00	360.00
Lakes Region Planning Commission	686.00	686.00	736.00
Town Clerk's Fees	800.00	786.00	900.00
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police Department	3800.00	3767.00	4000.00
Fire Department	7400.00	6618.00	9000.00
HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES			
General Expenses Highway	90000.00	82562.00	93000.00
Town Road Aid	545.00		
Highway Subsidy Block Grant	10808.00	10808.00	20925.00
SANITATION			
Solid Waste Disposal	15000.00	15000.00	19000.00
HEALTH			
NANA	2200.00	2200.00	2200.00
Newfound Ambulance Assoc	750.00	741.00	750.00
N.H. Humane Soc.	250.00	250.00	250.00
Vital Statistics	5.00		5.00
Interlakes Day Care Center	50.00	50.00	50.00
Upper Valley Senior Citizens Co.	50.00	50.00	50.00
WELFARE			
General Assistance	500.00	185.00	500.00
Old Age Assistance	100.00	1700.00	4000.00
Outreach Program	152.00		135.00

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

	Actual 1983	Estimated 1984	change
Total Town Appropriation	227,591	268,886	+ 41,295
Total Revenues	85,167	126,581	+ 41,414
Net Town Appropriation	142,424	142,305	- 119
Net School Assessment	197,346	207,196	+ 9,850
County Assessment	65,214	68,474	+ 3,260
Total Town, School, County	404,984	417,975	+ 12,991
Deduct Business Profits	8,645	8,600	- 45
Add War Service Credits	3,730	3,700	- 30
Add Overlay	8,551	8,500	- 51
Property Tax to be Raised	408,620	421,575	+ 12,955

$$1983 \quad 408,620 \div 11,674,845 = \$35.00/1000$$

PROPERTY VALUATION COMPARISON LAST 7 YEARS

	net property valuation	valuation change from previous year	tax rate
1977	\$10,024,150		\$2.35
1978	10,280,150	+ 256,000	2.60
1979	10,451,100	+ 170,950	2.69
1980	10,767,700	+ 306,600	2.90
1981	11,170,840	+ 413,140	3.35
1982	11,272,540	+ 101,700	3.65
1983	11,674,845	+ 402,305	3.50

Carri • Plodzik • Sanderson
accountants & auditors

A. Bruce Carri, C.P.A. ||
Stephen D. Plodzik, P.A. ||
Robert E. Sanderson, P.A. ||

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|| Concord, New Hampshire 03301
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To the Members of
the Board of Selectmen
Town of Bridgewater
Bridgewater, New Hampshire

We have examined the combined financial statements and account group financial statements of the Town of Bridgewater, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 1983, as listed in the table of contents. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

As described in Note 1B, the combined financial statements referred to above do not include financial statements of the General Fixed Asset Group of Accounts which should be included to conform with generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, except that omission of the General Fixed Asset Group of Accounts results in an incomplete presentation, as explained in the above paragraph, the combined financial statements and account group financial statements referred to above present fairly the financial position of the Town of Bridgewater, New Hampshire at December 31, 1983, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Our examination was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the combined financial statements taken as a whole and on the account group financial statements. The accompanying financial information listed as supplemental schedules in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the combined financial statements of the Town of Bridgewater, New Hampshire. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the examination of the combined fund and account group financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the combined financial statements taken as a whole.

Carri • Plodzik • Sanderson

February 6, 1984

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTSDecember 31, 1983

The annual requirements to amortize all debt outstanding as of December 31, 1983, including interest payments, are as follows:

Annual Requirements To Amortize Long-Term Debt

<u>Year Ending December 31</u>	<u>General Obligation Debt</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
1984	\$ 8,000	\$1,480	\$ 9,480
1985	8,000	880	8,880
1986	<u>4,000</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>4,280</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>\$2,640</u>	<u>\$22,640</u>

All debt is general obligation debt of the Town, which is backed by its full faith and credit.

NOTE 3 - CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

The capital reserve fund balance held by the Trustees of Trust Funds at December 31, 1983, is for the Highway Department, in the amount of \$690.

NOTE 4 - TRUST FUNDS

The principal amount of all nonexpendable trust funds is restricted either by law or by terms of individual bequests in that only income earned may be expended. The Town's nonexpendable and expendable trust funds at December 31, 1983, are detailed as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Nonexpendable</u>	<u>Expendable</u>
Cemetery Care	<u>\$4,060</u>	<u>\$4,383</u>

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Town Officers Salaries

Patricia Mitchell, town clerk	\$1086.00
Terrance Murphy, selectman	1000.00
Thomas Janelle, selectman	1000.00
William Thistle, selectman	1000.00
Kenneth Raymond, police chief	100.00
Marilyn Raymond, treasurer	400.00
Margaret Thistle, tax collector	4505.00
Ronald Towne, moderator	75.00
Fred Wilcox, building inspector	

Town Officers Expenses

ADP	375.00
Branham Publishing	24.55
Brown & Saltmarsh	124.50
Dorothy Cate	529.08
Morton Cavis	581.70
Clay's	202.11
Drew's Florist	25.00
Equity Publishing	200.95
Barbara Fortier	1.50
Granite State Data	150.00
Homestaed Press	153.37
I B M	82.75
Killion, Plodzik & Sanderson	2550.00
Patricia Mitchell	7.65
Mountain Media	682.90
N. E. Telephone	967.30
N.H. Assessing Assoc.	20.00
N.H. Municipal Assoc.	300.00
N.H. Town's Clerk Assoc	12.00
N.H. State Treasurer	50.19
N.H. Tax Collector's Assoc	35.50
Postmaster Bristol	460.00
Postmaster Plymouth	100.00
Sprint Print	13.40
Margaret Thistle	570.50
Wheeler & Clark	15.79
Charles Wood, registrar	157.50
Robert Woodward	123.40

Planning Board

Enterprise Press	1039.78
Mountain Media	540.28

Election And Registration

Enterprise Press	286.80
Cecile Gray	36.00
Jackie Grinley	15.00
Susan Mitchell	45.00
Mountain Media	39.30
Newfound Grocery	51.24
Ileene Pollard	45.00
Jean Wilcox	36.00

Police Department

Town of Bristol	385.00
Campton Printing	83.25
Ed Grinley	1042.50
N.H. State Treasurer	11.00
Kenneth Raymond	992.90
Fred Wilcox	767.77
Wright Communications	64.60

Town Hall and Other Buildings

Charles A. Carr Co	5955.00
Phillip Gammons	18.00
Jackie Grinley	40.45
Harry Heath	33.90
N. H. Electric Coop	371.27
Newfound Grocery	4.27
Pemi Heating	480.16
Public Service Co	1545.13
Rand's	3.77

Conservation Commission

Rand's	9.76
Anthony Rodrigues	73.33
Kenneth Raymond	5.70
R.P. Williams	63.96

Insurance

Bristol Insurance	9986.50
N.H. Municipal Assoc	12.48
N.H. Municipal Unemploy. Comp.	971.93
N.H. State Treasurer	557.00
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	

Fire Department

Donald Atwood	49.27
David Bartlett	80.01
Conway Assoc	25.00
W.S.Darley	160.05
Andrew Denton	35.62
Dept Motor Vehicles	10.00
Harvey Fogg	19.80
Fred's Auto	126.56
Ed Grinley	19.80
James Hand	19.83
Irwin Motors	477.86
Laconia Electric	6.24
Laconia Fire Equipment	81.30
Lakes Region Central Purchase	312.44
Lakes Region Fire School	172.50
Lakes Region Central Dispatch	3248.45
Louis Lavigne	20.52
Leather Landing	22.95
LeClerc Auto	138.92
Ron Linde	19.80
C.R. McLoud	348.95
Meadowood Fire School	45.00
Middlesex Fire Equipment	81.38
John Morgan Jr	49.03
Paul Morrill	20.00
Motorola	590.00
N.H. State Treasurer	18.90
Newfound Grocery	158.17
Peabody Hardware	24.25
Sanel	50.00
Schwartz Truck Parts	21.41
Strafford County	415.00
Twin Rivers Mutual Aid	15.00
R.P. Williams	2.60
Winnepesaukee Communications	403.20

Advertising, Regional & Patriotic

Old Home Day	200.00
Lakes Region Assoc	150.00
Newfound Chamber of Commerce	200.00

Highway

Labor

Donald Atwood	17484.00
Andrew Denton	14716.00
Harvey Fogg	14180.00
Mark Monohan	1891.00

Expenses

Agway	177.80
Atlantic Sign	259.07
Atlantic Plow Blade	246.84
Donald Atwood	277.50
B-B Chain	97.95
Barrett Equipment	4321.57
Belmont Sand	1371.64
Campton Sand & Gravel	89.62
Carrco	2995.00
Central Distributors	123.06
Max Cohen	305.20
Earth Inc	1015.00
Fedco Tank	113.89
Federal Liscensing	35.00
Fred's Auto	76.98
Fullwell Motor Products	1248.74
Gerrity Building	14.41
Gilbert	192.61
Gilman Outdoor Equipment	18.00
John Grappone Inc	134.29
Hawkensen Enterprises	170.58
R.C. Hazelton	237.49
Helm Inc	64.00
Hudson Sand & Gravel	931.02
International Salt	854.36
Irwin Motors	5527.88
Jordan Milton	452.30
Kelton Motors	97.07
Kinne Electric	137.50
Iaconia Electric	77.04
LeClerc Auto	649.48
Lubrication Engineers	161.69
J.P. Morrison	4130.00
N.E. Equipment	558.39
N. H. Bituminus	16406.64
N.H. Electric Motors	12.31
Newfound Grocery	68.16
Northeast Tire	130.00

Northeastern Culvert	460.99
Ronald Olszak	540.00
Ossipee Electronics	51.60
Oxygen - Welding Supply	12.05
Peabody Hardware	16.54
Penn Culvert	596.24
Plymouth Auto	54.13
Donald Poitras	1236.00
Robbins Auto	600.72
St. Johnsbury Trucking	22.98
Sanel	607.66
Sullivan Tire	808.02
E. Wayne Thompson	990.00
Tilton Sand	1541.37
Union Leader Corp	20.37
R.P. Williams	88.41
Wilson Tire	38.00
Winnepesaukee Communications	64.80
Dean Yeaton	200.00
Yeaton Oil	1175.28

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

<u>Description</u>	<u>Value</u>
Town Hall	\$18,000.00
Grange hall, fire station & land	83,000.00
Furniture & equipment	8,000.00
Highway garage	35,000.00
19 A Willoughby Property	20,000.00
Highway department	
Trucks and plows	55,000.00
J.D. Loader	3,500.00
Hough Payloader	10,500.00
Caterpillar Grader	5,500.00
Tools & equipment	6,000.00
Fire Department	55,000.00

BRIDGEWATER POLICE DEPT.

Court cases	42
Domestic violence	2
Criminal	3
Motor vehicle	38
Fish & game	1
Patrol miles	2731

DOG OFFICERS REPORT

Dogs transported to humane soc.	7
Dogs licensed	124
Mileage for dog control	312
Penalties paid to town	\$115

SELECTMEN'S REPORT OF INVENTORY

Land, Improved & Unimproved	\$5,281,875
Buildings	5,980,820
Public Utilities	228,950
Mobile Homes	277,800
Gross Valuations	11,769,445
Elderly Exemptions Allowed	94,600
Net Valuation	11,674,845

Property Taxes Assessed	408,620
Less: Veterans Exemptions	4,800
Net Property Tax	404,900

Tax Rate	35.00/1000
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SELECTMEN'S CERTIFICATION

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

Terrance Murphy
 William Thistle
 Thomas Janelle
 Selectmen

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund Name and Purpose</u>	<u>Balance 1-1-83</u>	<u>Principal Changes</u>	<u>Income 1983</u>	<u>Expense 1983</u>	<u>Balance 12-31-83</u>
1914	Old Home Cemetery Cemetery Care	\$ 800.00 1237.49		\$162.24	\$ 90.00	\$ 800.00 1309.73
	Emerson Cemetery Cemetery Care	400.00 544.32		74.63	52.00	400.00 566.95
1938	John B. Batchelder Batchelder Lot Care	500.00 711.35		96.04	63.50	500.00 743.89
	Webster-Cross Cemetery Care	710.00 508.40		97.35	45.00	710.00 560.75
	Whittmore Cemetery Cemetery Care	1500.00 1074.83		205.06	107.50	1500.00 1172.39
1966	Bernice A. Smith Care of Parents Lot * Common Trust Fund Totals	150.00 27.26 8163.65		13.63 648.95	12.00 370.00	150.00 28.89 8442.60
1971	Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund	305.57 120.56		22.92		305.57 143.48
1978	Ter-Centennial Fund Capital Reserve Fund	180.00 49.11		12.32		180.00 61.43
	TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$8819.89		\$684.19	\$370.00	\$9133.08
	Trust Funds Invested in					
	Bristol Bank Certificate of Deposit #701140			7.75%	11-16-86	\$1362.36
	Bristol Bank Certificate of Deposit #701308			7.75%	7-16-87	7050.64
	Bristol Bank Checking Account					29.60
	* Common Trust Funds Total					8442.60
	Bristol Bank Savings Account #22550 2			5.25%		449.05
	Bristol Bank Savings Account #27876 1			5.25%		241.43
	TOTAL ASSETS					\$9133.08

Trustees of Trust Funds
 Carl R. Goutell
 Dudley P. Barnard
 John B. Townsend

* Income from assets of Common Trust Funds prorated annually on the average of opening and closing balances of Principal and Interest.

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

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

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

Forest Fire prevention is achieved at the town level by issuing a written permit for every fire that is to be kindled on the ground out of doors when the ground is not covered with snow. Each person wishing to have an outside fire must obtain this permit from the town Fier War-den before kindling the fire. Any person that does not obtain a fire permit, when one is required, is violating our forest fire permit law and is subject to court appearnce and could be fined up to \$1,000.00 and receive a jail sentence of up to one year.

No fire permits will be issued between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. unless it is raining. The reason for this is two fold: the fire danger in-creases steadily between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., then subsides to a safe level between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Also during this time of the day fire fighters are not readily available in most towns so an escaped fire could burn longer and cause greater damage.

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

1983 STATISTICS

	State	District	Town
No. of fires	779	23	0
No of acres	348	24	0

John Q Ricard
Forest Ranger

BRISTOL RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Bristol Community Center

Certainly 1983 was a busy year for the BCC and one of change. There were a vast array of activities sponsored by the Center to name a few; Aerobics, Newfound people in action, Youth Basketball ranging from grades 3 - 12, Scouts, Archery, Arts, Baton, Volleyball and Open House six afternoons a week. In addition to these events were special events and fund raisers. Billiard Tournament, Carnival Queen and Mr. B, March Ice Breaker Dance, Winter Family Carnival, Jack Frost and Miss Snowflake, Road Race, Tag Day, Ham and Bean Supper, Lobster and Chicken Barbeque and Santa's Village.

The year also saw a change in directors. Best wishes to Mr. Nunez in Vt. and I look forward to the challenges and joys of the position.

The year round calendar of programs and special events will continue to grow and change with recreational needs. The BRAC is always open to residents of the area, your ideas and participation.

As always, this department is ever grateful to all the volunteers who've given so much of themselves for the Center, they're the heart and soul of the Center.

Looking forward to 1984 as a year of great progress and cooperation.

Patricia McGoldrick
Director

NEWFOUND AREA NURSING ASSOCIATION

Town Budget, Request and Report

The board of Directors of the Newfound Area Nursing Assoc. voted at their Nov. 28, 1983 meeting not to request an increase in town appropriations for the coming year. Mindful of our own tight budgets constraints we urge you to grant our request in order that we may continue to provide this vital and needed service to the residents of the area.

1984 REQUEST

Bristol	\$9,900.00
Bridgewater	2,200.00
New Hampton	4,400.00
Alexandria	2,200.00

The following is a list of services provided during 1983

Skilled nursing	1998 visits
Physical Therapy	363 "
Home Health Aide	1368 "
Homemaker	493 "
Supervision	416 "
TOTAL	4638 visits

In addition to the above home visits the Assoc. offers a monthly health screenings and clinics. Numerous other activities are undertaken during the year such as the Lion's Van screening and the Christmas Party for the area Senior Citizens.

During 1983 we received \$18,700 from the four towns and provided \$15,295 of services not reimbursable through other sources. The was used to supplement the cost of operating our many clinics.

We look forward to serving those who need our services in 1984

Jeanne M. Martin
Executive Director

NANA BUDGET FOR 1984

	1983 <u>Budget</u>	12 months to 10/31/83	1984 <u>Budget</u>
PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUE			
Public Support			
Municipal Appropriations	\$22,000	\$26,995	\$23,200
Contributions	10,000	15,300	15,000
Revenue			
Program services			
Grants-State council on Aging		12,919	9,850
Fees- Medicare at 83%		53,309	59,000
Medicaid		17,750	19,490
VA Insurance		8,510	9,172
Other Insurance		11,658	12,612
Private pay		1,311	2,293
	<u>128,000</u>	<u>105,457</u>	<u>112,417</u>
Less - Free & uncollectible	(8,000)	(8,056)	(8,000)
	<u>120,000</u>	<u>97,401</u>	<u>104,417</u>
Other revenue		<u>1,870</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Total Public Support & Revenue	152,000	141,567	144,117
Total Expense	(132,100)	(112,145)	(130,724)
Net Operating Gain (Loss)	<u>19,900</u>	<u>29,422</u>	<u>13,393</u>
Less - Reserve for prior obligations	(18,000)	(35,264)	(13,000)
Net Gain (Loss)	<u>\$ 1,900</u>	<u>(\$ 5,842)</u>	<u>\$ 393</u>
EXPENSES			
Salaries	\$76,600	\$62,595	\$79,177
Payroll taxes	5,600	5,005	5,542
Employee benefits	12,600	1,221	2,500
Sub total	<u>94,800</u>	<u>68,821</u>	<u>87,219</u>
Physical therapy services	7,600	7,035	10,000
Continuing education			1,000
Transportation	6,000	4,482	5,000
Nursing supplies	3,000	1,297	1,300
Office supplies	2,500	1,000	1,000
Postage	2,000	887	1,000
Telephone	3,200	3,438	2,800
General insurance	1,500	(305)	3,000
Mortgage & note interest	1,000	5,810	5,065
Legal & accounting fees	2,300	13,788	6,500
Maintenance & repairs	2,000	1,000	400
Utilities	4,000	1,486	2,000
Other	<u>1,600</u>	<u>525</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Sub total	131,500	109,266	127,784
Depreciation building & equipment	<u>600</u>	<u>2,879</u>	<u>2,940</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$132,100	\$112,145	\$130,724

BRIDGEWATER PLANNING BOARD

The master plan for Bridgewater was approved in July of 1981 after two years of work by interested citizens. The work was done locally by a committee chaired by Allen Dehls, with much input from the Lakes Region Planning Commission. Their effort culminated in the town's approval of a land use or zoning ordinance on June 21, 1983.

Meetings during the balance of the year dealt with normal subdivision applications and continued discussions regarding town planning.

The master plan will be three years old this July. The board is reminded of it's recommendations and what should be done to implement them and update the original plan.

At the January 1984 meeting, a highway planning group was considered of immediate import as town goals. A long range program for highway improvements, centering on upgrading the Dick Brown Road to an all weather "Centrel Artery".

Further resident and taxpayer activity related to the master plan should include the following study groups:

- Study of our historic inventory
- Study of recreational access to Newfound Lake
and the Pemigewasset River
- Study of forest management
- Study of industrial developement
- Study of volunteer fire department locations to
better provide town-wide service
- Study of a centralized municipal facility, location
and construction

The Planning Board will attempt in 1984 to establish these groups to update the master plan.

Respectively submitted,

Lawrence L. Denton
Chairman

BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY (River Road)

Books on hand Dec. 31, 1983

Adult fiction	1184	
Adult non fiction	920	
Western	135	
Mystery	280	
Science fiction	19	
Juvenile fiction	383	
Juvenile non-fiction	252	
Easy readers	380	3553
Paperbacks	210	
Jigsaw puzzles	130	
Phonograph records	20	360

Books Loaned

Adult fiction	431	
Adult non-fiction	269	
Juvenile fiction	178	
Juvenile non-fiction	34	912
Magazines	82	
Jigsaw puzzles	97	
Phonograph records	49	228

We now have a cassette player donated to the library by the David Cheneys and cassettes are available from the media mobile (former bookmobile). They also carry a large collection of large print books, hand puppets, puzzles, etc. along with their usual supply of books. Each month they visit the River Road library and Newfound Grocery on Rte 3A. Everyone is invited to come make their selections or leave requests at the library. Phone 968-7911

Respectively submitted

Marilyn Raymond
Librarian

LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Balance Dec. 31, 1982	\$ 679.96	
Stock sold, Bristol Bank	64.00	
Cert. of Deposit. matured	1000.00	
Interest earned	396.42	
Check from town	<u>235.00</u>	
TOTAL		\$2375.38

Payments

Cert of Deposit, bought	\$1000.00	
Books, magazines, etc.	123.83	
Supplies & postage	22.95	
Misc.	<u>5.50</u>	
TOTAL		\$1152.28

Balance Dec. 31, 1983

\$1223.10

Mary Delashmit

Treasurer
Library Trustees

BRIDGEWATER FIRE BRIGADE REPORT

The Brigade responded to 29 incidents during 1983. Wood stove or chimney related fires are our most called upon incidents. Monthly chimney inspections and maintaining safe distances from stove pipes and wood stoves to combustable materials are strongly urged.

1983 FIRE CALLS

Jan	5	structural fire	Able Brook Road
	10	" "	M/a Campton
	18	cover truck	M/a Hill
	18	chimney fire	Rte 3A
Feb	14	smoke alarm activation	Whittemore Pt Road
	21	auto fire	Dick Brown Road
	23	chimney fire	Hammond Hill Road
	28	structural fire	M/a Campton
Apr	4	grass fire	River Road
May	7	brush fire	Dick Brown Road
	19	structural fire	M/a Hebron
	22	structural fire	M/a Plymouth
	25	lumber yard fire	M/a Wentworth
Jun	14	structural fire	M/a Alexandria
	27	wash down auto accident	Rte 3A
Aug	12	transformer fire	Rte 3A
	13	boat fire	Dick Brown Road
	25	smoke investigation	Bridgewater Hill Road
Sept	5	church fire	M/a Plymouth
	6	animal rescue	Whittemore Pt Road
	7	brush fire	M/a Hebron
	10	grass fire	M/a Bristol
	13	search & rescue	M/a Hill
Oct	11	chimney fire	River Road
	11	" "	River Road
Dec	2	structural fire	M/a Campton
	12	smoke alarm investigation	Whittemore Pt Road
	28	smoke investigation	Bridgewater Hill Rd

REPORT OF THE GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Dorothy Campion-Corcoran, Chairperson

Richard L. Bradley, Vice Chairman

Arthur E. Snell, Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

Date and place of birth; name and sex of child; name of father;
maiden name of mother;

March 13,1983, Plymouth, Abigail Lee Conkey, female
Art Clarence Conkey, Denise Anne Markie

April 4, 1983 Plymouth, Nicolette Elizabeth Janelle, female
Thomas Henri Janelle, Dorinda Jane Atwood

April 20,1983 Laconia, Kathleen Ellen Carter, Female
Gary Wayne Carter, Sandra Elinor Monte

August 23,1983 Plymouth, Mandy Marie Dessert, Female
Donald Oscar Dessert, Cheryl Ann Gleason

Sept. 15,1983 Franklin, Lauren Alyssa Hill, Female
George Norman Hill, Ruby Ann Phelps

Oct. 24,1983 Laconia, Steven Michael Berube, Male
Robert Andrew Berube, Deneen Mayo Reed

Dec. 30,1983 Plymouth, Nicolas Charles Tanner, Male
Bradford DeWolf Tanner, Gloria Victoria Marquez-Sterling

Marriages

Date of marriage, name and surname of bridegroom and bride;
residence at time of marriage

June 05,1982 James M. Fortune, Bridgewater, N.H.;
Marguerite A. Houseworth, Bridgewater, N.H.

May 14,1983 John V. Miller, III, Bridgewater N.H.
Linda J. Hanson, Laconia, N.H.

June 25,1983 W. Scott Barthold, Lyme, N.H.
Joan Crane, Bridgewater, N.H.

Sept. 10,1983 Stephen W. Doten, Wilmington, Mass.
Julia E. Miller, Wilmington, Mass.

Oct. 28,1983 Kenneth A. Tewksbury, Bridgewater, N.H.
Carol L. Lyon, Bridgewater, N.H.

Dec. 16,1983 Wilbur M. Saulnier, Bristol, N.H.
Kathryn M. Morgan, Bridgewater, N.H.

Deaths

Date and place of death, name and surname of deceased,
name of Father, name of Mother

Jan. 29,1983	Franklin, N.H. Hollis L. Pollard Arthur Pollard; Hazel Sibley
Feb. 12,1983	Laconia, N.H. Carl F. Uhlendorff Carl F. Uhlendorff; Sine Sorensen
August 22,1983	Bridgewater, N.H. Raymond C. Smith Helen Smith
Aug.29,1983	Plymouth, N.H. Muriel Barbara Dicey William J. Shortt; Mabel M. Gould
Oct. 5,1983	Bridgewater,N.H. Evelyn Augusta Gale Henry C. Foote; Evelyn Newton
Dec. 06,1983	Bridgewater, N.H. Sonja V. Kennett Gustaf Neilson; Eilen Anderson

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

Emergency Calls

To Report Fires
524-1545

24 Hour Police Emergency — 744-3358

Chief of Police — 1-968-3866

State Police (Concord) — 1-800-562-8282

Grafton County Sheriff's Department — 1-800-552-0393

Poison Information Center — 1-800-643-4000

Newfound Ambulance Service — 744-3358