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Elected Officials

Selectmen

Michael W. Beattie	1988
Dean H. Wesson	1989
John P. Martin	1990

Moderator

Robert D. Calamari	1988
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Town Clerk

Jean E. Oleson	1990
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Town Treasurer

Ann M. Huddleston	1990
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Supervisors of the Check List

Clifford A. Rowe	1990
Robert C. Rich	1992
Constance Cardinal	1988

Trustees of Trust Funds

Mary Jane Falkenham	1988
Daniel J. Truland	1989
Dennis Merrow	1990

Library Trustees

Eva Matthews	1988
Michael Nadeau	1989
Albert Tetreault	1990

Col. Town Spending Committee

Harrison Southworth	1988
Philip Page, D.V.M.	1988
Elwin Falkenham, M.D.	1988
James Hampton	1989
Jeffrey Gilman	1989
Geraldine Tetreault	1989
Attorney Paul Desjardins	1990
JoAnne Emerson	1990
Edna Wells	1990

Col. Town Investment Committee

Douglas B. McCaig
Richard Rochefort
Kevin Kopp
James Seppala

Dennis Merrow
Roger Gingue
Kenneth C. Baker

Cemetery Trustees

Raymond Wheeler 1988
Ronald N. Bailey 1989
David Hutchins 1990

Emmons Smith Fund Committee

Jean Foss 1988
Mary B. Smith 1989
Eleanor D. Kenney 1990

Budget Committee

Atty. Robert D. Calamari 1988
Howard R. Piche 1988
James Seppala 1988
Charlotte D. Quay 1989
Aurore Hood 1989
Dennis Merrow 1989
Lee Eastman, Sr. 1990
Philip Page, D.V.M. 1990
Sandra E. Doolan 1990

Representative of the Budget Committee

Michael W. Beattie

Appointed

Town Manager

Tax Collector - Building Inspector
Deputy Tax Collector, Water/Sewer Collector
Town Accountant
Town Counsel
Health Officer
Public Health Nurse

Overseer of Public Welfare
Donald E. Crane
Cheryl A. Morin
Michael W. Nadeau
Atty. Paul F. Donovan
Elwin R. Falkenham, M.D.
Sharon E. Covill

Zoning Board of Appeal

Paul E. Thurston 1988
Chester Savage, Jr. 1988
Philip Page, D.V.M. 1989
Carl Ramsdell 1990
Eleanor D. Kenney 1990

Planning Board		
	Dean H. Wesson	1988
	Wayne Marshall	1988
	George Smith	1988
	Aurore Hood	1989
	Roger Gingue	1989
	Paul T. Crane	1990
	Atty. Paul Desjardins	1990
Conservation Commission		
	Fred Emerson	1988
	Irene Connary	1988
	Richard C. Belmore	1989
	Robert Napolitano	1989
	Priscilla Handler	1990
	Dana Blais	1990
Town History Committee		
	Faith Kent	Glenn S. Sheridan
	Edna E. Whyte	James B. Fitch
	Cecile Costine	
Housing Authority		
	Dennis Merrow	Kevin Kopp
	Millard Martin, Jr.	James Seppala
Librarians		
	Barbara Robarts	
	Holly Verrier Hyde	
Fire Chief		
	David Fuller (Resigned)	Samuel Evans
Chief of Police		
	Allvin L. Leonard	
Superintendent of Recreation		
	Louis F. Leaver	
Water Department Foreman		
	Roger N. Emery	
Highway Foreman		
	James Savage	
Ambulance Corp Director		
	Jeff Tenney	

Report to Citizens

It's a privilege to have the opportunity to participate in the preparation of the within annual report of the community. The financial position of the town is sound and detailed in this report. It deserves your examination.

The new police station was occupied this year and followed by an open house enjoyed by many citizens.

The waste water treatment facility in the Grange area was completed and went into full operation.

The new Solid Waste District, with the assistance of North Country Council, continued its efforts to locate and design a landfill, but not without disappointment. An acceptable landfill site was withdrawn from consideration by the owner. Efforts continued to find a suitable site.

Bond approval was received to finance the cost of lining and covering the municipal water storage reservoir.

Lancaster enjoyed another banner year in building growth, both residential and commercial properties.

The re-appraisal of all taxable and non-taxable property began this year with July 1988 as the completion schedule.

I express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen for their continued leadership, the department heads and employees for their dedicated service; the various committee members and citizens for their cooperation.

DONALD E. CRANE,
Town Manager

Town Budget

The proposed budget for the fiscal year 1988 follows: The budget is prepared by the Budget Committee from information furnished by the Board of Selectmen and other Town Officers. The Budget Committee held a public hearing for general discussion of all recommended appropriations. Expression from the public is a determining factor as to the amount of appropriations, or a particular appropriation. Many long hours were spent by the Committee and Town Officials in preparation of the Budget, it is their feeling that the expression of the public is reflected in the Budget.

Included is the estimate of revenues and actual revenues; appropriations and expenditures of the previous year, 1987.

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 31:4)	Actual	Actual	Selectmen's	Budget Committee
	Appropriations 1987 (1987-88) (omit cents)	Expenditures 1987 (1987-88) (omit cents)	Budget 1988 (1988-89) (omit cents)	Recommended 1988 (1988-89) (omit cents)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
1 Town Officers' Salary	\$ 59,120.	\$ 59,095.	\$ 85,960.	\$ 85,960.
2 Town Officers' Expenses	26,900.	28,079.	30,550.	30,550.
3 Election and Registration Expenses	500.	408.	1,800.	1,800.
4 Cemeteries	85,800.	69,919	50,400.	50,400.
5 General Government Buildings	25,100.	22,159.	24,000.	24,000.
6 Reappraisal of Property	1,000.	2,184.	12,000.	12,000.
7 Planning and Zoning	15,331.	12,403.	5,350.	5,350.
8 Legal Expenses	4,000.	5,159.	4,000.	4,000.
9 Advertising and Regional Association	11,550.	11,394.	11,500.	11,500.
10 Contingency Fund	8,000.	-0-	8,000.	8,000.
11				
12				
13				
14				
PUBLIC SAFETY				
15 Police Department	170,300.	172,653.	198,790.	198,790.
16 Fire Department	39,750.	38,389.	44,500.	44,500.
17 Civil Defense				
18 Building Inspection				
19 Court Diversion	1,398.	1,398.	-0-	1,633.
20				
21				
22				
HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES				
23 Town Maintenance	269,500.	248,203.	272,200.	272,200.
24 General Highway Department Expenses				
25 Street Lighting	34,000.	34,997.	35,000.	35,000.
26 Whitefield Regional Airport	500.	500.	-0-	-0-
27				
28				
29				
30				
SANITATION				
31 Solid Waste Disposal	77,300.	94,577.	120,742.	120,742.
32 Garbage Removal	4,500.	4,305.	4,500.	4,500.
33 Household Hazardous Waste	1,536.	1,536.	-0-	-0-
34				
35				
36				

HEALTH					
37	Health Department	11,650.	11,650.	14,375.	14,375.
38	Hospitals and Ambulances	29,350.	23,980.	35,000.	35,000.
39	Animal Control	900.	375.	900.	900.
40	Vital Statistics				
41					
42					
43					
WELFARE					
44	General Assistance	11,000.	6,913.	9,000.	9,000.
45	Old Age Assistance				
46	Aid to the Disabled				
47	CAP - Outreach	1,680.	1,680.	2,100.	2,100.
48					

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	Appropriations 1987 (1987-88) (omit cents)	Expenditures 1987 (1987-88) (omit cents)	Budget 1988 (1988-89) (omit cents)	Recommended 1988 (1988-89) (omit cents)	
CULTURE AND RECREATION					
49	Library	\$ 44,653.	\$ 45,675.	\$ 47,684.	\$ 47,684.
50	Parks and Recreation	141,120.	140,455.	163,504.	163,504.
51	Patriotic Purposes	500.	500.	500.	500.
52	Conservation Commission				
53					
54					
DEBT SERVICE					
55	Principal of Long-Term Bonds & Notes	125,225.	125,225.	119,000.	119,000.
56	Interest Expense—Long-Term Bonds & Notes	32,465.	32,126.	25,825.	25,825.
57	Interest Expense—Tax Anticipation Notes	11,200.	5,885.	11,200.	11,200.
58	Interest Expense—Other Temporary Loans				
59	Fiscal Charges on Debt				
60					
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
61	New Equipment	10,000.	20,745.	-0-	-0-
62	Bridge Construction	-0-	9,865.	33,500.	33,500.
63					
64					
65					
66					
67					
68					
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT					
69	Payments to Capital Reserve Funds:				
70	Highway Dept.	29,000.	29,000.	49,000.	49,000.
71	Fire Equipment	8,000.	8,000.	8,000.	8,000.
72	Ambulance	3,000.	3,000.	3,000.	3,000.
73	Solid Waste Closeout	16,696.	16,696.	5,000.	5,000.
74	General Fund Trust				
75					
MISCELLANEOUS					
76	Municipal Water Department	347,500.	90,792.	128,700.	128,700.
77	Municipal Sewer Department	73,500.	69,247.	80,153.	80,153.
78	Municipal Electric Department				
79	FICA, Retirement & Pension Contributions	31,000.	28,504.	36,760.	36,760.
80	Insurance	103,420.	100,795.	113,365.	113,365.
81	Unemployment Compensation	2,600.	2,823.	1,750.	1,750.
82					
83					
84					
85	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$2,432,154.	\$2,208,419.	\$1,797,608.	\$1,799,241.

Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues, Exclusive of Taxes (Line 133) _____

Amount of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School and County Taxes) _____

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF LANCASTER, N.H.

BUDGET FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS
OF THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET LAW

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenues 1987 (1987-88) (omit cents)	Actual Revenues 1987 (1987-88) (omit cents)	Selectmen's Budget 1988 (1988-89) (omit cents)	Estimated Revenues 1988 (1988-89) (omit cents)
TAXES				
86 Resident Taxes	\$ 20,480.	\$ 18,845.	\$ 20,000.	\$ 20,000.
87 National Bank Stock Taxes	2,000.	1,896.	2,000.	2,000.
88 Yield Taxes	5,000.	16,766.	5,000.	5,000.
89 Interest and Penalties on Taxes	51,500.	27,423.	51,500.	51,500.
90 Inventory Penalties				
91 Land Use Change Tax				
92				
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES-STATE				
93 Shared Revenue-Block Grant	79,474.	79,474.	79,500.	79,500.
94 Highway Block Grant	54,270.	54,270.	59,132.	59,132.
95 Railroad Tax	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
96 State Aid Water Pollution Projects	71,505.	71,505.	69,379.	69,379.
97 Reimb. a c State-Federal Forest Land	1,856.	2,588.	2,000.	2,000.
98 Other Reimbursements	9,300.	9,300.	-0-	-0-
99	149,403.	149,403.	149,400.	149,400.
100				
101				
102				
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES-FEDERAL				
103				
104				
105				
106				
107				
LICENSES AND PERMITS				
108 Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	190,000.	210,046.	210,000.	210,000.
109 Dog Licenses	1,700.	1,852.	1,700.	1,700.
110 Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	12,000.	9,649.	10,000.	10,000.
111				
112				
113				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
114 Income From Departments	6,000.	6,000.	6,000.	6,000.
115 Rent of Town Property	6,600.	9,964.	8,200.	8,200.
116	23,500.	22,967.	38,500.	38,500.
117				
118				
119				
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
120 Interests on Deposits	43,440.	44,550.	43,000.	43,000.
121 Sale of Town Property	2,000.	1,450.	2,000.	2,000.
122	5,000.	5,376.	5,000.	5,000.
123	136,120.	136,120.	159,504.	159,504.
124	81,300.	90,615.	46,400.	46,400.
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
125 Proceeds of Bonds and Long-Term Notes	7,200.	9,146.	8,330.	8,330.
126 Income from Water and Sewer Departments				
127 Withdrawals from Capital Reserve	250,000.	250,000.	-0-	-0-
128 Withdrawals from General Fund Trusts	171,000.	177,140.	209,700.	209,700.
129 Revenue Sharing Fund	7,000.	7,327.	-0-	-0-
130 Fund Balance	-0-	775.	-0-	-0-
131	46,500.	46,500.	-0-	-0-
132	18,127.	18,127.	18,127.	18,127.
133				
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	\$1,452,275.	\$1,479,079.	\$1,204,372.	\$1,204,372.

Board of Assessors

The Board of Selectmen-Assessors are charged with the responsibility of fairly and equitably assessing all taxable property at its full and true value. The assessors have accomplished that very difficult responsibility. The gross assessed valuation of taxable property reached \$31,816,148, deducted from the gross figure was \$1,302,530 for current use assessments. \$15,000 Blind Exemption, \$296,756 of valuation for Elderly Exemptions and Solar Exemptions totaled \$11,350., making a net taxable valuation of \$30,190,518. The equalization valuation was 38% full value.

The current use assessment law provides qualified land owners for an assessment on their land at its current use, i.e., farm land, forest land, etc., not taking into consideration its location or its true value or market value. The range of land valuations are determined by the Current Use Advisory Board. Land to qualify must first meet the criteria established under the Current Use Law. The law also contains a provision for a land use change tax of 10 percent of its full value, which becomes due if the land changes to a non-qualifying use. Initial applications for current use assessment must be filed before April 16th.

The Elderly Exemptions are for those property owners, (either spouse) who have reached the age of 68 years of age and do not have a combined income of more than \$6,000 or for a single person, more than \$5,000, and do not have assets in excess of \$35,000. The Elderly Exemption is \$5,000 in valuation and is not reduced by the equalization figure. Initial applications are required and must be filed before April 16th of the year in which an exemption is claimed. Application forms are available at the Municipal Offices.

The Board approved a total of 262 applications for Veterans Exemption, five at \$700 for service connected disability, 257 at the \$50 per application or less. The exemption is on real estate taxes and the total taxes exempted was \$16,400.

The Board assessed the \$10 Resident Tax to all known persons between the ages of 18 and 65.

The Board of Assessors held meetings to receive inventories of taxable property forms and answer all inquiries relating to them. Other meetings were arranged for particular situations involving assessments. The Board attended meetings conducted by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration. The Board responded to several assessment appeals and held hearings to hear testimony and receive evidence.

Taxes, Revenues and Tax Rate

Property Taxes: The 1987 property taxes committed to the Tax Collector were \$1,952,022. Add to that amount, \$16,400 for approved Veterans Exemptions and \$24,042 for overlay, abatements and refunds, making the gross property taxes \$1,968,422. The Schools' share of the tax was \$1,153,452, the Town received \$567,988 and Coos County \$247,983.

Other Taxes: The \$10.00 Resident Tax committed totaled \$20,480, while Timber Taxes reached a total of \$5,000. National Bank Stock Tax received was \$1,895.00. Land use change taxes paid this year total \$14,000.00.

Revenues: Motor Vehicle permit fees was a high of \$210,046.00 and is the single highest local revenue producer. The Town Clerk is the Municipal Agent for the Motor Vehicle Department and issues re-registration certificates for a fee of \$2.00. The Town Clerk's office fees returned \$9,358.00, license and fees amounted to \$2,152.00. Interest earned on deposits and short term loans total \$21,111.00.

Revenues received from the State included Highway Block Grant, \$54,270, (from the gas tax), Shared Revenues, (formerly Savings Bank Taxes, Rooms and Meals Taxes and Interest & Dividend Tax), \$78,474 and Business Profits Tax of \$149,403, of which the town benefited by \$39,460.00, the remainder being for the schools and county.

Federal Revenue Sharing: The Town received \$705.00 in Federal Revenue, a remaining balance in the Fund. Revenue Sharing program officially ended in 1986.

Tax Rate: The approved 1987 tax rate was \$65.20 per \$1,000 of valuation, a decrease of \$5.50 over 1986. The rate for each entity of government was: Municipal \$18.80, School \$38.18, and County \$8.22. The tax rate is determined by applying the total net amount of money necessary to be raised by property taxes to the net taxable valuation of the Town. The 1987 property taxes totaled \$1,968,423 and the net taxable valuation was \$30,190,518.00.

Budget Summary

A summary of the Town's, School's (Lancaster's share of the White Mountain Regional School District) and Coos County, (Lancaster's share) budgets are listed below. The previous year is included for comparison.

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>
Total Budget Appropriations	\$5,865,837.00	\$5,299,130.00
Less: Fund Balance & Revenues	1,041,250.00	462,632.00
Raised by Property Taxes	<u>\$4,824,587.00</u>	<u>\$4,836,498.00</u>
 Lancaster's Share Total Budget	 2,521,371.00	 2,344,653.00
Less: Fund Balance Share	140,380.00	31,778.00
Revenue Share	307,190.00	172,918.00
Foundation Aid	818,112.00	558,546.00
	<u>\$1,255,689.00</u>	<u>\$1,581,411.00</u>
 Less Applicable Business Profits Tax	 <u>\$ 103,237.00</u>	 <u>\$ 104,871.00</u>
 Net Raised by Property Taxes	 \$1,152,452.00	 \$1,476,540.00

TOWN

Total Appropriation	\$1,869,344.00	\$1,628,503.00
Less: Revenues	1,302,953.00	1,212,223.00
	<u>\$ 566,391.00</u>	<u>\$ 416,280.00</u>
Less: Applicable Business Profits Tax	38,845.00	39,460.00
Plus: Veterans Exemptions	16,400.00	15,500.00
Overlay	<u>24,042.00</u>	<u>24,943.00</u>
 Net Raised by Property Taxes	 \$ 567,988.00	 \$ 417,263.00

COOS COUNTY

Lancaster's Share Coos County Budget	\$ 255,304.00	\$ 172,585.00
Less: Applicable Business Profits Tax	<u>7,321.00</u>	<u>7,437.00</u>
 Net Raised by Property Taxes	 \$ 247,983.00	 \$ 165,148.00
 TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES	 \$1,968,423.00	 \$2,058,951.00
 Net Taxable Valuation	 \$30,190,518.00	 \$29,122,365.00

TAX RATE: 1987 - School \$38.18 - Town \$18.80 - County \$8.22 -Total \$65.20
 1986 - School \$50.71 - Town \$14.31 - County \$5.68 -Total \$70.70

Summary of Valuations

	1987	1986
Lands	\$ 6,204,950.00	\$ 6,086,025.00
Buildings	23,597,795.00	22,805,195.00
Manufactured Housing	568,450.00	489,100.00
Electric Plants	922,603.00	880,000.00
Pipe Lines	351,650.00	351,650.00
Machinery	170,700.00	170,700.00
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TOTAL VALUATION	\$31,816,148.00	\$30,782,670.00
Less: Current Land Use Assessment	\$ 1,302,530.00	\$ 1,318,055.00
Less: Elderly Exemptions	296,750.00	315,900.00
Less: Blind Exemptions	15,000.00	15,000.00
Less: Solar Exemptions	11,350.00	11,350.00
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NET TAXABLE VALUATION	\$30,190,518.00	\$29,122,365.00

Town Clerk's Report

Registration of Motor Vehicles

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued in 1987 (3,795)	\$ 210,046.00
Municipal Agent Fees Collected	<u>3,279.50</u>
 Total Collected	 \$ 213,325.50

Licenses and Fines

Dog Licenses Issued	\$ 1,852.43
Dog Fines Collected	<u>130.00</u>
 Total Collected	 \$ 1,982.43

Town Record Fees

Automobile Title Applications	\$ 968.00
Certified Copies of Vital Records	2,989.00
Filing, Terminating & Searching UCCs.	1,701.50
Marriage Intentions	587.00
Recording Fees & Tax Liens	146.00
Licenses and Fees	<u>105.21</u>
 Total Collected	 \$ 6,496.71

TOTAL REMITTED TO TREASURER	\$ <u><u>221,804.64</u></u>
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Vital Records

	1985	1986	1987
Marriages	30	45	27
Births	189	148	118
Deaths	136	132	98

The new Graphic Plate issue for renewal of Passenger Plates in 1987 was a big success. Because of the success, Municipal Agents, as of January 4, 1988 can now do new registrations and transfers for passenger vehicles. For an additional fee of \$2.00 to the Town, renewals, transfers and new registrations can be completed at the Town Clerk's Office.

Planning and Zoning

The Lancaster Planning Board meets monthly the second Tuesday, beginning at 7:30 P.M. in the District Court Room, second floor Town Hall and the hearings are open to the public.

The Planning Board approved 17 land subdivisions and denied one, some of the significant numbers of lots, while most were single lot subdivisions. A 15 lot subdivision, a 12 lot subdivision and a 6 lot subdivision received approval after careful and thorough examination by the Board.

Land owners planning to subdivide are reminded that approval of the subdivision is required prior to sale.

The Planning Board offered two amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and one to the Zoning Map, all were adopted. One amendment expanded the aldn areas to accomocate Manufactured Housing lots and subdivisions. The other amendment clarified apartment house density and increased the minimum building lot size. The Zoning Map amendment expanded the Residential District on Elm Street.

Zoning

Lancaster experienced another of its busiest years in new building. The Building Inspector issued a total of 72 building permits for new, additions, pools and satellite antennas: 25 for new residential property, 5 for new commercial properties and 9 garages and barns, and 16 for additions. A summary of the permits issued and the estimated values are listed:

Permits Issued	Estimated Costs
25 Single Family Residential Living Units	\$ 2,096,000.00
16 Additions, Alteration - Residential	192,000.00
9 Garages - Residential	76,300.00
5 Commercial	813,500.00
TOTAL VALUE	\$ 3,177,800.00

N.H. Energy Permits are required and applications must be made to the P.U.C.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment heard 14 appeals and denied an appeal for a rehearing. Variances were approved for 5 appellants and one was denied; 4 special exceptions were approved and one was later withdrawn; 2 requests for off-premise signs were denied.

North Country Council

North Country Council was extremely busy in 1987 as it continued to provide a wide range of assistance to North Country communities.

The Council is responsible for assisting its member communities in local town planning, regional planning, economic development and numerous other community services. In addition to the direct assistance the Council provides each member community, it is an advocate for all North Country towns in legislative and funding issues with the State and Federal governments.

In Lancaster, The Council coordinated the planning efforts of the Upper Grafton/Lancaster Area Solid Waste District, co-sponsored the North Country Household Hazardous Waste Collection Project and provided recycling technical assistance. In addition, NCC initiated the Master Plan process by compiling the community attitude surveys and surveying the land uses in Town. The Council also reviewed several subdivision applications. Town officials participated in the Council's Industrial Marketing Workshops. The sessions provided special training for future town development and job growth.

The Council again provided information and guidance to many towns on federal and state grant and loan programs. This past year the Council administered over \$6.7 million in Community Development Block Grant funds in fifteen communities. The funds were used for housing rehabilitation, downtown revitalization, public facility improvements, business revolving loans, and feasibility studies for housing rehabilitation and public facility improvements.

The Council has taken an active role in addressing the affordable housing issue in cooperation with member communities. The Council is presently administering a regional housing rehabilitation program which is making 358 housing units available to eligible North Country residents.

Community planning assistance has emphasized master planning and improvement in local land use controls. New state mandates and commercial and residential growth in several towns have created busy work loads for planning boards. The Council's assistance takes many forms: regional workshops, newsletters, regulation review and update, and assistance on a regular or one-time basis for subdivision and site plan applications.

The Council sponsored four industrial development workshops for local economic officials. The workshops provided information on business recruitment, marketing and working cooperatively with federal and state officials to promote community economic development.

The Council again co-sponsored the Municipal Law Lecture series with the NH Municipal Association. The Law Lecture this year covered local planning board procedures, administration and enforcement of ordinances, growth management and review of recent court cases and state law changes regarding local land use planning.

Overall, the Council's major objective is to work with North Country towns in solving local and regional problems. We rely on and appreciate the involvement of town officials and residents and look forward to assisting your town this coming year.

UGLA 1987 Report

The Upper Grafton/Lancaster Area (UGLA) Solid Waste District voted to pursue the siting of a District owned regional landfill in early 1987. At March 1987 Town Meetings, 11 or 12 towns in the UGLA District raised \$54,000 to support the District's decision.

Wehren Engineering was contracted by the District for Phase I of the landfill development. Phase I included site determination and evaluation, test pit and well sampling and preliminary design.

Following site work by Wehren, two possible locations for the landfill were identified. The most feasible site in Bethlehem was withdrawn for consideration by the landowner in December. The second site owned by the Town of Littleton is now under investigation. A meeting with the State's Waste Management Division to review the initial work has been scheduled.

Calendar year 1988 will be a busy one for the UGLA District as landfill development continues and a district agreement is drafted. The District also plans to actively promote recycling as a means of reducing waste volume.

Elections and Registrations

TOWN MEETING 1987: The meeting opened 10:00 A.M. with Moderator Robert D. Calamari presiding. Voting by official ballot to elect Municipal Officers began and ballot voting for three proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance continued until the evening session. Consideration of all other warrant articles began at 7:00 P.M.

The officials elected to the various offices and the term of office which resulted from ballots cast were:

Selectman	John P. Martin	3 year term
Town Treasurer	Ann M. Huddleston	3 year term
Town Clerk	Jean E. Oleson	3 year term
Trustee of Trust Funds	Dennis Merrow	3 year term
Library Trustee	Albert H. Tetreault	3 year term
Cemetery Trustee	David Hutchins	3 year term
Budget Committee	Lee E. Eastman, Sr.	3 year term
	Philip Page	3 year term
	Sandra Doolan	3 year term
Emmons Smith Fund	Eleanor D. Kenney	3 year term

Moderator Robert D. Calamari opened the evening business meeting at 7:00 P.M. when all remaining articles in the warrant were acted upon. The meeting was meaningful, active; a democracy in action.

Article 2: Received a favorable vote for 3 amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, all of which were presented by the Planning Board. Those amendments strengthened the Zoning Ordinance in a positive way.

Article 3: Requesting \$250,000.00 for a new water storage reservoir was favorably voted by ballot, 101 yes and 16 no. A 2/3rd vote was required for passage. Water quality will improve.

Article 4: Provided funding for the Town to continue with several other communities in the Upper Grafton/Lancaster area Refuse Disposal District to do planning for solid waste disposal. The vote also authorized the appointment of a planning committee.

Article 5: Established a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of Landfill Close-out and transfer \$5,000.00 into the Fund. Additional funds will be deposited each year until sufficient funds have accumulated to accomplish the purpose.

Articles 6 & 7: A favorable vote was received to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for Business and Industrial promotions, transferred \$7,700.00 into the fund and in addition, transferred \$12,000.00 raised in 1986 for the same purpose, but not used during that year.

Articles 8 & 9: Changed the purpose of a Capital Reserve Fund established for land acquisition which was no longer needed for that

purpose, to Town Garage improvements, specifically overhead door replacement. Authority was given to withdraw the funds to accomplish that purpose.

Article 10: Asking the town to raise \$13,500.00 for cost of providing certain insurance coverage for the Col. Town property failed on a ballot vote, 50 yes, 64 no. It was believed Col. Town income would be sufficient to support it's approved budget.

Article 11: Received a favorable vote to provide funding (\$1,536) in support of a regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection project. The League of Women Voters will administer the program.

Article 12: Was favorably voted to provide \$1,398.00 toward the support of the Lancaster District Court Diversion Program.

Article 13: Gave Community Action Outreach Program \$1,680.00 as requested.

Article 14: The Lancaster Chamber of Commerce's request that the Town purchase a parcel of land it acquired for \$8,500.00 adjacent to the Bunker Hill Street parking lot failed a ballot vote, 30 yes, 87 no. The parcel size would accomodate only approximately 13 vehicles.

Article 15: The voters decided to continue with the Resident Tax by a 3 vote margin, 56 to 59.

The meeting refused to accept a public street within a subdivision known as Hartco Residential Development. The vote was 35 yes, 83 no.

A vote was favorable that low level radioactive waste from the Seabrook Nuclear Plant shall not be stored or disposed of within the Town of Lancaster unless approved by the voters.

The Selectmen and Town Treasurer were authorized to borrow tax anticipation money and the Selectmen were authorized to dispose of real estate acquired by Tax Collector's deeds.

A vote authorized the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend monies from other governments under the provision of N.H.R.S.A. 31:95-b. That statute provides public hearings prior to use and the use must be included in the Municipal Budget.

The meeting approved the budget as submitted by the Budget Committee totaling \$1,891,344.00. The amount to be raised by property taxes approximates \$550,000.00. Authorization was given the Board of Selectmen to expend the money raised.

The polls remained open more than one hour following the business meeting session.

Police Department

Your Police Department is greatly appreciative of the support, both moral and financial, given by the majority of the citizens of Lancaster. Your sincere interest and genuine concern, coupled with your manifestos, lend itself to our goals, efficacious and accomplishment. As our motto decrees, "We are here to serve you in any manner, at any time, within the realm of our authority and to protect you from transgressions, to keep you and your family safe from harm." Your police force, your guardians of justice, strive to provide you, the citizens of Lancaster, with a community in which you can live with harmony and self-content.

In keeping with our trend of professionalism and to provide you with trained and informed police officers, we attend schools and seminars throughout the year. Courses attended included Drug Enforcement, Computer Operation, Personnel Evaluation, Police Training and Objective and Fire Arms.

In 1987 there was a substantial increase in calls for police services. The number of complaints and calls received was 2483, a 44 percent increase over last year. The major increase being Theft and Unauthorized Entries, (218 to 341), of the 341 cases, 267 were solved, cleared or unfounded, which is 78.5% well over the national average. Other increases were Juvenile (216 to 331), Family (104 to 153), Breach of Peace (215 to 356, Harrassement (5 to 74), Sexual Assault (4 to 14) and Missing Persons (6 to 25), reductions were noticed in Animal and Hit and Run.

Criminal Court complaints increased 29% from 206 cases to 282. The notable increases were Unauthorized Entries (8 to 22), as a result of our solving many of afore mentioned complaints, Juvenile Court (22 to 51) and Breach of Peace (4 to 16) as were Juvenile Court (22 to 51) and Breach of Peace (4 to 16).

Motor Vehicle complaints processed through District Court increased a little over 5% from last year, going from 357 to 376, with Operating Under the Influence leading and Unregistered Motor Vehicles coming in second.

During the last year, much to our displeasure, we had a 7% increase in Auto Accidents, but we are proud of the fact that 1987 was the fourth year in a row without any auto accident fatalities.

The department moved into its new Police Headquarters building in April of this year. We invite you to stop in and see how much nicer it is over the old place.

Complaints Filed - 2,483

Animal	296
Family	153
Juvenile	331
Theft & Unauthorized Entries	341

Theft & Unauthorized Entries (Cleared or Unfounded)	267
Arson	4
Breach of Peace	356
Bad Checks	96
Missing Persons	25
Possession Alcohol	32
Trespass	19
Prowler	51
Harrassment	74
Untimely Death	3
Destruction of Property	66
Attempted Suicide	5
Stolen Vehicles	5
Hit & Run	7
Miscellaneous	289
Drugs	15
Sexual Assault	14
Child Abuse or Neglect	7
Public Drinking	27
Motor Vehicle Court Cases - 376	
Operating under the influence.	31
Speeding	145
Non-Inspection	9
Yellow Line/Improper Passing	19
Failure to Stop/Yield	29
Unregistered Motor Vehicle	41
Operating without a license.	31
Operating after suspension/revocation.	15
Failure to use protective equipment.	4

U-Turn	4
Misuse of Plates	7
Following too close	7
Improper movement	1
OHRV on public way.	5
Taking without owners consent.	1
Failure to display (Plates)	2
Operating with defective equipment.	3
Reckless operation.	3
Disobeying an Officer.	6
Conduct after an accident.	2
False report to law enforcement.	1
Habitual offender.	1
Criminal Court Cases - 282	
Theft (unauthorized taking, services, stolen property)	7
Unauthorized Entries (Burglary, trespass, etc.)	22
Fraud	102
Obstruction Government Operation (Resisting arrest, etc.)	4
Breach of Peace (Disorderly, intoxication)	16
Assault (Simple, Aggravated, criminal threatening)	14
Distruccion of Property (Criminal Mischief)	6
Possession of controlled drugs	5
Juvenile cases.	51
Illegal possession alcohol.	32
Consuming alcoholic beverage on Main Street.	2
Dog Violations	2
False report to law enforcement.	1
Prohibited sales.	2

Transporting alcoholic beverage.	21
Littering	1
Harrassment	1
Sexual assaults.	2
Shoplifting (all juvenile)	12
Fugitive from Justice.	2
Reckless conduct.	1
Carrying a loaded weapon.	2

Accidents - 145

Property Damage under \$500.00	44
Property Damage over \$500.00	93
Totals	5
Pedestrian Accidents	1
Bicycle Accidents	1
Accidents involving Animals	5
Hit & Run	7
Accidents with Injury	24
One Car Accidents	50
Two Car Accidents	85
Three Car Accidents	2
No damage or injury (reported as accidents)	62

Other Activities - 2,137

Motor Vehicles Checked	237
Motor Vehicle Warnings	280
DE Tags Issued	128
Emergency Blood Runs	7
Assist Sick & Injured	79

Assistance to Motorists.	200
Door & Windows Found Open	197
Parking Tickets	375
Assistance to Other Police	141
Breath Tests Given	61
Relays	99
Fire	71
Assistance to other agencies	74
Routine check of persons.	57
Illegal Parking	72
Improper Parking Warnings	59

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

LANCASTER TOWN WARRANT
1988

To the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, in the County of Coos, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster on Tuesday, the Eighth of March, at Ten O'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the subjects hereinafter mentioned. The polls will be open at said meeting place on said date from Ten O'clock in the forenoon until Seven O'clock in the afternoon for the reception of your ballots for the election of Town Officers and said polls will be open for such additional time after 7:00 p.m. as shall be determined by said meeting for the reception of your ballots on any matters to be voted on by written ballot at said meeting.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

* To be voted on by ballot while the polls are open.

ARTICLE 2: To see what action the Town will take on the following questions relative to the Lancaster Zoning Ordinance:

A. Amendment #1: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend by adding a new section Article VII (C), signs-which controls and regulates signs as to size, number, style and height within the Town of Lancaster.

B. Amendment #2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article XIII, Penalty, Section 1, by changing the penalty of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to conform to New Hampshire R.S.A. 676:17.

* To be voted on by ballot while the polls are open.

ARTICLE 3: To see what action the Town will take on the following question relative to the Lancaster Building Code Ordinance (Flood Plain Ordinance):

Amendment #1: Are you in favor of the adoption of Admendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

Strengthen the Requirements of flood-proofing and the permit process. Amendment required by National Flood Insurance Program to maintain eligibility.

* To be voted on by ballot while the polls are open.

ARTICLE 4: 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 setoffs against budget appropriations in the amount indicated and, further to authorize the Selectmen to make pro-rata deductions in the amount as estimated entitlements are reduced or to take any other action hereon. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend appropriations as follows:

<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Estimated Amount</u>
Office Equipment	\$775.00

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-One Hundred (\$2,100.00) Dollars for support of the Community Action Outreach Program. (by Petition)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars for the purpose of paying the Towns share of the cost of rehabilitation of the center pier of the South Lancaster Covered Bridge, so-called, over the Connecticut River, off N.H. Route 135.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of Highway Department Equipment (Trucks), to make the Board of Selectmen Trustees of said Capital Reserve Fund and for that purpose raise and appropriate and transfer to said Capital Reserve Fund the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) Dollars.

ARTICLE 8: Shall we adopt the provision of RSA 80:58-86 for a real estate tax lien procedure? These statutes provide that tax sales to private individuals for nonpayment of property taxes on real estate are replaced with a real estate tax lien procedure under which only a municipality or county where the property is located or the State may acquire a tax lien against land and buildings for unpaid taxes.?

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to oppose the spraying of herbicides along powerlines or any other Utility right-of-ways in the Town of Lancaster. (by Petition)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public Street the right-of-way as described within the subdivision known as R. Eugene Blank III & Claire M. Blank, located southerly off Elm Street, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreeable to the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote, in accord with RSA 231:43, to discontinue, relinquish and abandon all interest of the Town in the following Class VI roads:

- A. Brook road from the Floyd Newell property to the Henry Ryder property;
- B. The roadway off the Pleasant Valley Road from the Elyn Brown property to its terminus at the Savage Place, so-called;
- C. The road from the Page Hill Road to the Vern Blanchard house;
- D. That part of the Paul Road from the end of Causeway Street to the Paul Farm;
- E. The Flaherty Road from the dooryard of the Douglas Marshall buildings to the Town line;
- F. Mill Street from the easterly end of the Ainslee Maclean property, running easterly to its intersection with Mechanic Street;
- G. The Stebbins Hill Road from the Lee Farm so-called, to its westerly terminus (the Morse Farm);
- H. The Stebbins Hill road from the Sally Carter Farm westerly to its intersection with the road comming uphill from Route #135;
- I. The Jordan Hill road (a/k/a Spaulding Hill Road) from the Page Hill Road to the Town line; and
- J. The Branch road from its intersection with the Jordan Hill road (a/k/a Spaulding Hill Road) to the Town Line.

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ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public street the right-of-way as described within the subdivision known as Hartco Residential Development, located westerly of Portland Street upon such terms and conditions as may be agreeable to the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to borrow a sum or sums of money not exceeding in the aggregate the amount of the tax commitment of the previous year (1986) in anticipation of the collection of taxes for the current municipal year, and to issue in the name and on the credit of the Town, negotiable notes therefore, said notes to be paid in the current municipal year from taxes collected during the current municipal year.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to administer and dispose of any real estate acquired by Tax Collector's Deed at public or private sale, as the Selectmen, in their sole discretion, deem equitable and just. (RSA 80:42 (I and III)).

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend money from the state, federal or another governmental unit or private source which becomes available during the year in accordance with the procedures set forth in NH RSA 31:98-b.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to accept the budget as submitted by the Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 17: To direct how money raised for the above purpose be expended.

ARTICLE 18: To act upon any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

* Articles 1, 2 and 3 are to be voted by ballot while the polls are open.

DATED this 22nd day of February 1988.

A True Copy: ATTEST

/S/ Michael W. Beattie
Michael W. Beattie-Chairman

/S/ Dean H. Wesson
Dean H. Wesson

/S/ John P. Martin
John P. Martin

Selectmen, Town of Lancaster

Fire Department

Fire calls have shown a significant decrease in 1987 with a noticeable decrease in chimney fires. The lower cost of heating oil is one reason for the crease, as fewer and fewer people are using wood as a source of heat.

Mutual aid calls increased in 1987, most of these calls are for station coverage by Lancaster firefighters in a neighboring town, or firefighters from other towns assisting the Lancaster department during major fires.

The main reason for the increase in mutual aid calls is fewer firefighters being able to respond to fire calls during the daytime hours; many firefighters work out of town during the day. Increasing coverage during the daytime hours will be one of the department's chief undertakings during 1988.

A new fire chief was appointed by the Selectmen in July, Samuel Evans, who is a 20 year veteran of the department.

A strong training program has been part of the departments overall method for success for many years and 1987 was no exception. In addition to two regular training meetins each month, firefighters are encouraged to take part in any additional training, both within and outside the department. Members traveled to other departments in New Hampshire, usually on weekends, to receive training. Also, the department was fortunate to be able to have the opportunity to burn two houses for training in 1987; this type of training is invaluable that it offers many opportunities for demonstrations under controlled fire conditions.

The Department's library of training materials, (books, slides, videotapes) continues to grow with the addition of three fire prevention tapes, one tape on firefighter safety and survival, a videotape of the Chesley fire and one tape on one of the houses burned for training. These materials are available for loan, free of charge, to other area departments.

Fire prevantion activities continued in 1987. Firefighters visited the Elementary School during Fire Prevention Week in October and in cooperation with Weeks Memorial Hospital, presented several programs to the students. Fire Prevention Week was climazed by the department's annual night-time parade of fire trucks and ambulances.

The availability of water on the South Lancaster Road, particularly during the winter months, was improved with a dry hydrant installed in a pond about 1 3/4 miles south of the Stebbins Hill Road intersection. The hydrant was tested and is capable fo supplying at least 850 gallons per minute.

A second exit (a fire escape) was added to the upper floor of the fire station in 1987 to provide for the safety of people using the hall.

A special thank you is in order to the officers of the Police Department for their efforts at traffic control at the intersection by the town hall during fire calls; without them firefighters responding to fires would encounter considerable delays.

Also, a special thank you to the Ambulance Corp for responding to every fire call; many times, when firefighters have sought medical assistance at a fire scene, (be it a band-aid, oxygen, or the more serious trip to the hospital's emergency room), it is a good feeling to know that you are right there.

Finally, thanks to the citizens of Lancaster, for it is your continued support that makes it all possible.

Chimney Fires	11
Oil Burners	3
Structure Fires	9
Partition Fires	1
Smoke Scares	0
Electrical Fires	7
Vehicle Fires	8
False Alarms	14
False Alarms (Malicious)	4
Grass Fires	3
Forest Fires	0
Brush Fires	2
Automobile Accidents	2
Mutual Aid	6
Woodstove	2
Illegal Kindling	1
Gas Spills/Hazardous Material	6
Others	4

Report of the Town Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Between July 1986 and June 1987 we experienced fewer fires than normal. The three leading causes of forest fires were again children, fires kindled without written permission of a Forest Fire Warden and debris burning. All causes are preventable, but only with your help.

Please help our town and state forest fire officials with forest fire prevention. Contact your Forest Fire Warden for more information.

Enforcement of a state timber harvest regulation is the responsibility of State Forestry officials. Our state has excellent timber harvest regulations; however, your assistance is needed.

If you know of a logging operation and suspect a state timber harvest law may be violated, call your Forest Fire Warden, or Concord Forest Protection headquarters at (603) 271-2217.

If you own forest land, you became responsible for the timber tax payment starting April 1, 1986. This is a change in the Timber Tax Law that will impact all forest landowners. Contact your Board of Selectmen for timbertax forms.

1987 STATISTICS

	State	District 8	Town of Lancaster
Number of Fires	403	11	2
Number of Acres	189	6	1.3

Cost of Suppression - \$44,682.00

Richard C. Belmore, Forest Ranger

David Fuller, Forest Fire Warden

Public Works

Solid Waste Disposal: The disposal of solid waste is fast becoming the most expensive municipal service because of the required method of disposal. No longer can garbage be dumped on land or under land without a properly approved designed lined landfill. Burning of waste must be in an approved incinerator designed to protect the environment. The cost of both methods is beyond a single community alone. Lancaster transports its waste from the Transfer Station at Water Street to an approved landfill in Vermont. A Vermont State imposed tax and the landfill owners increased fee unexpectedly increased the cost late in 1987.

Lancaster continues to work with and is a part of the Upper Grafton/Lancaster Area Solid Waste District. North Country Council assists the communities in this effort and a report will be found elsewhere. Lancaster is also working with James River Corp., who plans a landfill and invites certain communities to join with them.

Highway Department

Under the paving program, Williams Street and Pleasant Street were newly paved with Type I hot asphalt which is longer lasting than the traditional liquid asphalt and sand mix. The paving program is planned to have all Streets paved and discontinue the liquid asphalt treatment. Some other streets were surface treated with liquid asphalt.

Improvement on the Stebbins Hill Road continued with widening, improved drainage and gravel surface; safe travel and visibility is much better.

A section of sidewalk on Prospect Street, Williams and Summer Street were resurfaced. Sidewalk improvement needs more work and must be seriously looked at in the near future.

Streets and roads were maintained in a safe manner all season. Snow removal, sanding and salting was done in a responsible manner. Grading, chloriding and graveling kept the rural roads in a safe and comfortable traveling condition. The streets were swept free of sand and debris after winter use and after surface treatment, as well as other times, keeping the community clean.

Water Department

The Town Meeting approved a bond issue to finance lining and covering the water storage reservoir. The bids to do the job were received on two different occasions and were above the available funds. An alternative method of covering within available finances is being explored.

Several new customers were added to the system, most from new housing developments. A section of the Cemetery Street and Depot Street water main was extended to, and joined the Railroad Street water main, giving the area a hooped system for purpose of circulation of water and eliminating a dead-end line.

The water system operated with minimal interruption and no restriction on use and the water was properly treated and delivered safe for use. Chlorine treatment of the water mandated by the Safe Drinking Water Act continues but must be improved. A new chlorinator will be requested for installation in 1988.

Sanitation Department

The waste water treatment facility was completed and in operation. Fencing of the area was added to protect the facility and public. The system functions well and at a reasonable cost.

The in-town system operated well with some maintenance problems due to the age of the equipment. The seasonal disinfection program ended because the legislature did not extend the program. The operating cost and chemical use increased as a result.

Cemeteries

All municipal cemeteries were maintained well throughout the season. Vandalism in the Wilder Cemetery mared an otherwise good year. Wilder Cemetery needs restoration. Several grave markers and stones, due to age and neglect, are in a deterioration state. The Lancaster Historical Society has agreed to assist in that effort as they did to clean stones spray painted by vandals.

The construction of a new vault in the Summer Street Cemetery began this year and will be completed in 1988. Street improvements continued as did fencing.

Schedule of Town Property

The values shown are not intended to be true values: some are cost basis and others are estimates used for prior specific purposes.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Value</u>
Town Hall, Lands & Buildings	\$ 250,000.00
Police Station	125,000.00
Weeks Memorial Library	200,000.00
Fire Dept., Lands & Buildings	100,000.00
Highway Dept., Lands & Buildings	150,000.00
Parks, Commons & Playgrounds	200,000.00
Water Supply Facilities	2,000,000.00
Sewer Plant Facilities	4,000,000.00
Waste Water Treatment Facilities - Grange	400,000.00
Parking Lots	20,000.00
Town Forest	13,000.00
Recreation Lands & Buildings	200,000.00
Lands acquired through Tax Collector's Deeds:	
Riverside Drive Lot (Assessed Value)	400.00
Causeway St. Lots (Assessed Value) (3)	400.00
Page Hill Lot (Assessed Value)	100.00
Middle St. Lot	2,100.00
Wood Lot - Page Hill Road	2,300.00
Land - Grange Road	3,400.00
Land - Grange Road	1,200.00

Inventory of Municipal Equipment

Highway

1982	John Deere Motor Grader 670A
1985	John Deere Loader 544C
1971	Elgin Sweeper 375
1987	GMC Dump Truck w/Plow
1979	John Deere Loader/Backhoe 410
1969	John Deere Loader 544
1982	GMC Dump Truck w/Plow
1983	GMC Dump Truck w/Plow
1976	Ford L-800 w/Spreader Body
1978	Bombardier Sidewalk Plow/Sander
1966	General Utility Trailer
1985	Eager Beaver Roller SRH300
1978	Steam Thawing Unit - Lookout Boiler
1978	Sicard Model 2100 Snowblower
1965	Joy Compressor
1983	Simplicity Mower
1985	Swenson Materials Body Spreader
1984	Frink Materials Body Spreader

Fire Dept.

1978	Mack-Boyer Pumper (Universal)
1976	Chevrolet - Tanker (Water)
1967	Ford - Thibault, Pumper
1974	Ford Walk-in Van
1952	Jeep
1949	Seagrave Ladder Truck
1934	Maxim Pumper

Police Dept.

1987	Chevrolet Caprice - Cruiser
1985	Chevrolet Impala - Cruiser

Ambulance Corp.

1986	Ford Van - Type III Wheeled Coach
1984	Ford Van - Type II Wheeled Coach

Water & Sewer

1984	Ford Pickup - Sewer Dept.
1985	Ford Pickup w/Plow - Water Dept.
1972	Sewer Rodder

Public Welfare

The welfare laws, adopted in 1985 by the N.H. Legislature gives local government the administration and financial responsibility for all direct relief programs. The communities no longer assist in financing the State administered Old Age Assistance program. The Child Welfare program is now fully financed by the State.

TOWN WELFARE: The town furnished public assistance to 25 qualifying applicants, including 33 adults and 35 children. All were for short term duration, usually until the recipient qualified for a State program or became employed.

STATE WELFARE ASSISTANCE: The N.H. Department of Human Services administers the Old Age Assistance Program, as well as the Aid to Families with Dependent Children, to qualifying recipients. the O.A.A. program is financed by the State, County and Federal governments.

The Medicaid Program is designed to assist persons who do not have the means to provide for their medical care, or who do so only at a great financial sacrifice. Through this program, pharmaceutical, laboratory, skilled nursing home care and physicians' services are supplied in whole, or in part. In determining eligibility for these services, certain limitations have been established on the amount of annual income and assets that person may have. Information concerning these programs may be received by contacting the N.H. Division of Human Services, Littleton, N.H. Telephone 1-800-552-8959.

FOOD STAMPS: Lancaster residents may contact the N.H. Division of Human Services, Littleton, N.H., Telephone 1-800-552-8959 for an appointment to apply for food stamps. Anyone may telephone for eligibility requirements.

The Federal Fuel Assistance program for eligible low income families and for qualifying elderly persons, was available through the Community Action Program.

Weeks Memorial Library

The Weeks Memorial Library had a busy year. Our circulation in both adult and children's sections increased. The number of reference questions also increased. The staff spends a good deal of time answering research questions on a great variety of subjects. We receive many genealogical questions by mail and from individuals who have come to Lancaster to trace their roots. The library has an excellent New Hampshire collection which is used for historical and genealogical studies.

More than 800 books were added to the adult section of the library and 500 to the children's section. Some of these were donations for which we are always grateful. We also receive close to 100 magazines by subscription and gift. People may not realize that besides providing printed materials, the library also has a copier which the public can use.

There was only one staff change during the year. Mrs. Belinda Biddle replaced Mrs. Deborah Turaj as one of our part-time assistants. She joins a very capable staff consisting of Mrs. Virginia Richardson, assistant librarian, Mrs. Claudia Remick, part-time assistant, and Ms. Holly Hyde, children's librarian. Mrs. Elizabeth Gates continues to hold weekly story hours for preschoolers every Thursday at 10:00 A.M. We are considering the addition of a "come in your PJ's" bedtime storyhour one night a week and would appreciate reaction to that idea.

Two major jobs were undertaken on the building itself. On the inside the walls of the Reference Room were replastered and repainted. On the outside the entire front of the building was cleaned. During the coming year we hope to repair and repaint other rooms which have peeling plaster and water stained walls.

The trustees and staff of the library appreciate the town's continued support of the library. We hope that townspeople will make suggestions for book purchases and for programs. We need everyone's input in order to continue to provide the community with quality service.

William D. Weeks Memorial Library

Financial Statement

1987

Balance--January 1, 1987 \$ 7.36

Revenues:

Town of Lancaster	\$37,453.00
Col. Town Spending Committee	2,500.00
Interest	1,646.12
Trustees of Trust Funds	3,609.12
Fines/Copier Income	1,290.41
Book Replacement	43.90
Donations	<u>57.09</u>

Total Revenues 46,599.64

Expenditures:

Salaries & Wages	\$18,274.67
Telephone	449.06
Electric	665.07
Office Supplies	1,321.60
New Equipment	569.09
Heat (Fuel)	1,304.33
Equipment Maintenance	279.45
Maintenance	1,660.68
Custodial Services	2,000.00
Insurance	1,800.00
Water & Sanitation	135.00
Employees' Benefits	4,211.27
Adult Books	8,483.17
Juvenile Books	3,137.21
Periodicals & Newspapers	923.86
Janitor Supplies	220.92
Advertising	141.40
Education	32.00
Membership Dues	10.00
Transfer to Saving Account	<u>57.09</u>

Total Expenditures 45,675.87

Balance--December 31, 1987 \$ 931.13

Ambulance Service

1987 was another busy year for the members of the Lancaster Ambulance Corps. During the year the town's two ambulances answered a record 597 calls. These included:

Automobile/Motorcycle Accidents	92
Emergency Calls	238
Non-Emergency (including 55 fires)	93
Emergency Transfers	128
Non-Emergency Transfers	96

Calls to the towns served were:

Lancaster (including hospital & nursing home)	416
Dalton	7
Gilman	16
Guildhall	5
Jefferson	23
Lunenburg	26
Others (transfers from other hospitals and calls to towns not normally served)	104

In addition to providing 24 hour ambulance coverage, most of the corps members also took an average of 30 hours of continuing education that is required in order to be licensed as Ambulance Attendants.

The Corps wants to thank the townspeople and town officials for the continuing support enjoyed for the past 17 years.

Debt Service

BOND ISSUE: The principal payment on the Sewer Bond was \$110,000 and interest of \$25,875.00. The State of New Hampshire paid \$58,750 as its share of the principal and interest.

LONG TERM NOTES: Payments of \$15,225 principal and \$5,820.00 in interest were made on long term notes. One note was retired.

TEMPORARY LOANS & INTEREST: Interest of \$5,885.00 was paid to borrow \$400,000.00 of short term money. Re-investment of part of the funds returned \$5,885.00. The loan was paid July 1st.

The schedule of Indebtedness follows:

Sewer Bonds

	4.50 percent
Amount of Original Issue	\$ 2,170,000.00
Date of Original Issue	March 1, 1972
Principal Payable Dates	March 1
Interest Payable Dates	March 1 and September 1
Payable at	Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company

Maturities - Fiscal Year Ending	Principal	Interest
December 31, 1988	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 20,925.00
December 31, 1989	110,000.00	15,975.00
December 31, 1990	100,000.00	11,250.00
December 31, 1991	100,000.00	6,750.00
December 31, 1992	100,000.00	2,250.00
	\$ 520,000.00	\$ 57,150.00

Police Station Note

6.0 percent

Amount of Original Note	\$ 90,000.00
Principal Payable Date	December 1
Interest Payable Date	June and December
Payable at	Siwooganock Guarantee Savings Bank

Maturities	Prinicpal	Interest
December 1988	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 4,860.00
December 1989	9,000.00	4,320.00
December 1990	9,000.00	3,780.00
December 1991	9,000.00	3,240.00
December 1992	9,000.00	2,700.00
December 1993	9,000.00	2,160.00
December 1994	9,000.00	1,620.00
December 1995	9,000.00	1,080.00
December 1996	9,000.00	540.00
	\$ 81,000.00	\$ 24,300.00

Water Storage Reservoir Note

5.4 to 7.25 percent

Amount of Original Note	\$ 250,000.00
Principal Payable Date	July 15
Interest Payable Date	January & July
Payable at:	Municipal Bond Bank

Maturities	Principal	Interest
July 1988	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 17,275.38
July 1989	25,000.00	14,637.50
July 1990	25,000.00	13,237.50
July 1991	25,000.00	11,762.50
July 1992	25,000.00	10,237.50
July 1993	25,000.00	8,662.50
July 1994	25,000.00	7,012.50
July 1995	25,000.00	5,312.50
July 1996	25,000.00	3,575.00
July 1997	25,000.00	1,812.50
	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 93,525.38



Colonel Town Recreation Department

1987 Annual Report by Superintendent of Recreation

The Colonel Town Recreation Department governed by a nine member Spending Committee, operates with funds derived from the Colonel Francis L. Town Trust Fund. Your recreation facilities include the Community House, Community Camp, Skating Rink and Community Field. Our goals are to provide good supervised recreational programs that meet the needs of our community.

The Community House meeting rooms are for groups and organizations to host meetings, leadership workshops, seminars, business and social gatherings. The gymnasium's main use is recreational activities, but also serves the town as a hall for large group meetings, special events, cultural performances and community service programs, such as the Red Cross Blood Bank. The Lancaster School is presently using the gymnasium for their physical education classes for students in grades K-8.

The game room provides opportunities to bowl, play bumper pool, table shuffleboard, air hockey, marble football, table soccer, maze and many other games during free play sessions. Free play is the term we use to describe when the building is used on a drop-in basis and children and/or adults come on a non-scheduled basis and may choose one or more activities during their visit.

The Community House 3rd floor library room accomodates large group meetings, craft classes and small groups that need privacy. Local groups and organizations are encouraged to use the Colonel Town meeting facilities. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis, (call 788-3321). The rental rates have been recently reviewed and updated by the Spending Committee.

The Spending Committee is especially proud of the fine outdoor recreation facilities that provide many play opportunities for all ages. The Community Field has five all-weather tennis courts, one full size baseball field and two junior baseball/softball diamonds, two playground equipment areas, our 209,000 gallon swimming pool and space for regulation and junior soccer fields.

An excellent pool staff results in a community of good young swimmers. Swim participants begin very young in our mom and tots class, progress to the pre-beginners class and then join the formal Red Cross swim instruction format through senior lifesaving. The Lancaster Tennis Association led by Mrs. Flora Ingram and her group of mother/instructors, is responsible for much of the activity on the five tennis courts. The Tennis Association offers youth instruction classes in the spring and then they conduct tourneys and special events for their students and others, and also for adults throughout the summer months. Adults meet and play tennis one morning a week from spring through the summer. Newcomers are invited to join.

The Community Camp enjoyed another good season under the leadership of Richard Bedard. The family/group picnic area features nine family grill/shelters and one large group site, a hall for indoor picnics/gatherings, playground equipment, and equipment that can be signed out such as horseshoes, volleyball, whiffleball and bats, soccer balls, frisbees and other play equipment to make your visit more enjoyable. School groups and youth leaders, as well as adult and family organizations are encouraged to make more use of the outstanding outdoor recreational facilities at the Colonel Town Community Camp. Telephone 788-3546 during the season, or contact the Community House (788-3321) if you wish to reserve a special grill for your family or group outing.

Volunteers, throughout the program, play a very important role in the success of the Colonel Town Recreation Department. Our need for program leaders, coaches, officials and league administrators continue. We are now better able to serve our volunteer coaches through training sessions offered by the National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA) via V.H.S. In 1987 Lancaster became a chapter of NYSCA through their affiliation with the National Recreation & Park Association. Clinics were given in Lancaster certifying coaches in baseball, basketball, soccer, hockey and softball. Adults interested in helping in a youth program are urged to contact us and ask about the NYSCA training program. Participants in the local programs have found that the sponsoring league often pays the \$15.00 coach certification fee.

The Colonel Town Recreation Department received a \$4,600 grant from the Governor's Energy Office. Insulation was blown in the back section of our building (gym) and the grant will also provide styrofoam insulation under the siding to be installed this spring.

Other improvements planned for 1988 include resurfacing the outdoor basketball court, re-coating the gym's flat roof, refurbishing the House front parlor with a new rug, couch and chair, and some re-upholstering.

The Colonel Town Bambino League, which successfully hosted the New Hampshire State Tournament in 1984, the New England tourney in 1986 and the District III playoff in 1987, has been selected to host the 1988 New Hampshire State Tournament again. We know the Town of Lancaster will welcome the age 10, 11 and 12 baseball players, and support the local league in making the tournament a success. Work is progressing by the White Mt. Babe Ruthers (players age 13-15) to host a tournament this summer.

Andrea and I wish to express our appreciation to the Spending Committee members for their support and leadership. A special thanks to Dr. Elwin Falkenham who is retiring from the Spending Committee after many years of outstanding service. Thanks also to each person who has served on the staff during the year and provided dedicated service, making a good program better.

Colonel Town Spending Committee

TREASURER'S REPORT - DATED December 31, 1987

	<u>1987</u> <u>TO DATE</u>	<u>87 BUDGET</u>	<u>86 EXPERIENCE</u>
CHECKBOOK BALANCE 1/1/87	924.30	924.30	6,224.17
HI FI BALANCE 1/1/87	5,235.58	5,235.58	1,235.58
TRUST FUND - 1986/4TH QUARTER	46,335.22	46,335.22	28,486.69
BALANCE / YEAR START	\$52,495.10	\$52,495.10	35,946.44
TRUST FUND INCOME - 1ST 3 QUARTERS	\$75,000.00	75,000	75,000
INTEREST INCOME - CHECKBOOK	<u>225.93</u>	750	429.04
HI / FI ACCOUNT	<u>1,770.48</u>		620.89
HOUSE FEES	<u>3,922.25</u>	900	945.00
CAMP FEES	<u>906.37</u>	700	732.41
POOL SEASON PASSES / DAILY FEES ...	<u>8,850.77</u>	7,200	7,072.57
VEHICLE REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>306.35</u>	NONE	572.60
<u>SPECIAL ACTIVITIES - (IN/OUT ITEMS)</u>		5,000	4,208.65
CLASS FEES	<u>310.00</u>		
COCA COLA	<u>990.35</u>		
CANDY / POOL TABLE /V.IDEQ GAMES	<u>257.95</u>		
SALE OF EQUIPMENT	<u>235.00</u>		
BOB LOWE TOURNEY	<u>366.00</u>		
<u>CONN. VALLEY SOFTBALL LEAGUE</u>	<u>500.00</u>		
<u>BASEBALL TOURNEY</u>	<u>30.00</u>		
<u>HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL</u>	<u>214.30</u>		
<u>PAYROLL RE-IMBURSEMENT</u>	<u>726.53</u>		
<u>BUS FUND</u>	<u>25.00</u>		
TOTAL SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: \$ 3,655.13			
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 94,637.28		
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE BALANCE + INCOME=			\$ 147,132.38
		Less total expend.	\$ 134,395.48
CHECKBOOK BALANCE AS OF ABOVE DATE: \$	<u>730.84</u>		<u>\$ 12,736.90</u>
SAVINGS ACCOUNT - if any:	\$ <u>12,006.06</u>		
	<u>\$ 12,736.90</u>		

	1987 <u>TO DATE</u>	1987 <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
TREASURER'S REPORT - EXPENDITURES			
<u>FIXED CHARGES / WAGES:</u>			
WAGES & SALARIES - gross	\$58,853.50	59,200	
INSURANCES - Workmens compensation	3,201.82	2,965	
Fine Arts Floater	<u>535.00</u>		
Multi-Peril	11,426.50	13,500	
Unemployment	<u>360.88</u>	650	
Employee Life	<u>103.68</u>	220	
Treasurer's bond	<u>50.00</u>	50	
BUS/PICKUP TRUCK	(1,222.00)	2,400	
ACCRUED INCOME TAX WITHHELD	<u>-0-</u>		
SOCIAL SECURITY	4,246.80	4,200	
BLUE CROSS / BLUE SHIELD	<u>3,868.51</u>	4,100	
RETIREMENT - State N.H. program	<u>2,294.17</u>	2,000	
FUEL OIL - House	<u>3,531.01</u>	5,860	
ELECTRIC - House	<u>2,425.68</u>	3,000	
TELEPHONE - House	<u>896.01</u>	1,000	
TOTAL WAGES / FIXED CHARGES	<u>\$ 90,571.56</u>	<u>\$ 99,145</u>	
<u>HOUSE OPERATIONAL COSTS:</u>			
OFFICE SUPPLIES	<u>419.78</u>	200	
MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	<u>1,839.04</u>	2,500	
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE EXPENSES	<u>2,380.25</u>	2,300	
RECREATION SUPPLIES / EXPENSES	<u>4,610.27</u>	3,000	
RECREATION CONFERENCES / MEETINGS	<u>499.39</u>	900	
MISCELLANEOUS - Treasurers pay	<u>1,400.00</u>	800	
Water & Sewar	<u>-0-</u>	none	
Dues / Memberships	<u>143.00</u>	128	
Cable	<u>193.05</u>	200	
Col. Town Lot	<u>139.00</u>	150	
Numerous items (misc)	<u>65.00</u>	300	
APPROPRIATIONS - Juvenile Library	<u>2,500.00</u>	2,500	
Girl Scouts	<u>350.00</u>	350	
Junior Hockey Equip.	<u>300.00</u>	500	
School Awards	<u>200.00</u>	200	
TOTAL HOUSE OPERATIONAL ...	<u>\$ 15,038.78</u>	<u>\$ 14,028</u>	

TREASURER'S REPORT -

	1987 TO DATE	1987 BUDGET	COMMENTS
<u>FIELD/VEHICLES/POOL/RINK/CAMP:</u>			
COL. TOWN COMMUNITY FIELD	\$2,931.91	2,000	
VEHICLES - REPAIRS/SERVICE	2,109.18	1,000	\$288 =1986 town's service rcvd Jan 87
GASOLINE	858.35	1,500	
COL. TOWN SKATING RINK -		1,100	
Supplies	245.91		
Fuel	323.75		
Electric	299.64		
Repairs	1,070.64		
Advertisement	11.00		
COL. TOWN POOL -		6,250	
Supplies/Chemicals	2,834.88		
Repairs & M aint.	1,320.61		
Electricity	1,854.20		
Telephone	359.59		
Fuel Oil	1,339.36		
COL. TOWN CAMP -		1,650	
Repairs/Supplies	780.82		
Electric	386.70		
Telephone	391.08		
		
TOTAL FIELD/VEH/POOL/RINK/CAMP: \$	<u>17,117.62</u>		\$13,500
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES -		5,000	
Instructor fees	280.00		
Coca cola	882.05		
Athletic Equip.	69.04		
Flowers	20.00		
Butson's	32.25		
Cookout	72.84		
Soccer balls, etc.	291.35		
TOTAL:	<u>\$1,647.53</u>		
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES - TOTAL:	\$10,019.99	17,660	
\$ 600 Camp refrigerator	589.99		\$149,620 TOTAL BUDGET '87
800 Office typewriter	836.00		
4,880 Siding bld.	2600.00		
2,340 close 36 gym wind.	_____		
8,000 Camp/field tractor	5994.00		
1,040 Plastic field fence	_____		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO DATE:		<u>\$134,395.48</u>	
Signed:	<i>[Signature]</i>		Treasurer

Col. F. L. Town Trust Fund

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1987

Investments, December 31, 1986	\$ 1,534,230.05
Income from Investments - 1987	133,596.82
Cash Income on Hand - 1/1/87	1,015.26
Profit from Security Sales	33,420.38
	<u>\$ 1,702,262.51</u>
Payments to F. L. Town Spending Comm. (Sch. 4)	\$ 118,170.71
Expenses of Administration * (Sch. 5)	16,348.09
Cash Income in Transit	93.28
Investments, December 31, 1987	1,567,650.43
	<u>\$ 1,702,262.51</u>
 * Expenses of Administration:	
Fiduciary Bond	\$ 150.00
Safe Deposit Box	35.00
Accounting Fee	750.00
Registered mail	20.10
Probate Court Fees	41.00
Management Fees	<u>15,351.99</u>
	<u>\$16,348.09</u>
 Original Trust - 1926	 \$ 335,022.50
Profits	1,424,196.03
Losses	(191,568.10)
Trust - December 31, 1987	<u>\$ 1,567,650.43</u>





(Cover photo: The Frank Smith Co. buildings on Middle Street, where the Fire Station and Town Garage were once located.)

TOWN OF LANCASTER

Box 151

Lancaster, N.H. 03584

TELEPHONE 788-4830

- Street near Old Cemetery
- Main and Railroad Streets
- Main and North Main Streets
- North Main and Kilkenny Streets
- Causeway and Summer Streets
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- Main & Mechanic Sts. & All Rural Areas
- Pleasant and Portland Streets
- Williams and Prospect Streets
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- Elm, Burnside and Winter Streets
- Elm and Water Streets
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- and Winter Streets
- Summer and Wolcott Streets
- Railroad and Depot Sts., B&M Crossing
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- Corner Summer and Middle Streets
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- Corner Middle, Hill and Mechanic Streets
- North Road (Beyond Hospital)
- Thompson Manufacturing Co.
- Corner Main & Middle Sts., near Chesley Block
- Corner Main and Parks Streets
- WEEKS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
- ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING
- Country Village Health Care Center
- Bunker Hill Street by M.C.R.R. Crossing
- Top of Bunker Hill Street
- McKerley Sheltered Home (Old Kent Nursing Home)
- Red Cross - CD Emergency First Aid
- NATIONAL GUARD
- 7-7 6:45 A.M. - ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED ENTIRE DAY

CIVILIAN DEFENSE SIGNALS

- Alert Signal - Steady Blast 3 minutes
- Take Cover Signal - Short Blast 3 minutes

repeat



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 P. O. Box 151
 LANCASTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03584

University of N.H. Library
 Durham, N.H. 03824

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