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TOWN OF LANCASTER
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FIRE TELEPHONE 788-4830

12 Main Street near Old Cemetery
13 Corner Main and Railroad Streets
14 Corner Main and North Main Streets
15 Corner North Main and Kilkenny Streets
16 Corner Causeway and Summer Streets
17 Coos Junction
21 Corner Main & Mechanic Sts. & All Rural Areas
22 Corner Pleasant and Portland Streets
23 Corner Williams and Prospect Streets
24 Prospect St. near Mary Elizabeth Inn
25 Corner Elm, Burnside and Winter Streets
26 Corner Elm and Water Streets
27 Prospect Park
28 Portland Street near John Brooks
29 Water and Winter Streets
31 Corner Summer and Wolcott Streets
32 Corner Railroad and Depot Sts., B&M Crossing
33 Corner High and Summer Streets
34 Corner Summer and Middle Streets
35 Corner Middle and Wesson Streets
36 Corner Middle, Hill and Mechanic Streets
37 North Road (Beyond Hospital)
41 Thompson Manufacturing Co.
42 Corner Main & Middle Sts., near Chesley Block
43 Corner Main and Park Streets
44 WEEKS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
45 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING
46 Country Village Health Care Center
51 Bunker Hill Street by M.C.R.R. Crossing
52 Top of Bunker Hill Street
142 McKerley Sheltered Home (Old Kent Nursing Home)
55 Red Cross - CD Emergency First Aid
333 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
All Clear - 30 second Blast - 2 minutes silence, repeat

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ELECTED OFFICIALS

Selectmen

Dean H. Wesson	1989
John P. Martin	1990
Michael W. Beattie	1991

Moderator

Robert D. Calamari	1991
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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	1994

Trustees of Trust Funds

Robert C. Rich	1989
Dennis Merrow	1990
James Seppala	1991

Library Trustees

Michael Nadeau	1989
Albert Tetreault	1990
Eva Matthews	1991

Col. Town Spending Committee

James Hampton	1989
Jeffrey Gilman	1989
Geraldine Tetreault	1989
Attorney Paul Desjardins	1990
JoAnne Emerson	1990
Edna Wells	1990
Harrison Southworth	1991
Philip Page, D.V.M.	1991
George Nugent	1991

Col. Town Investment Committee

Douglas B. McCaig
Richard Rochefort
Kevin Kopp
James Seppala

Dennis Merrow
Roger Gingue
Kenneth C. Baker

Cemetery Trustees

Ronald N. Bailey	1989
David Hutchins	1990
Raymond Wheeler	1991

Emmons Smith Fund Committee

John E. Brooks	1989
Eleanor D. Kenney	1990
Jean Foss	1991

Budget Committee

Charlotte D. Quay	1989
Aurore Hood	1989
Dennis Merrow	1989
Lee Eastman, Sr.	1990
Philip Page, D.V.M.	1990
Sandra E. Doolan	1990
Atty. Robert D. Calamari	1991
Howard R. Piche	1991
James Seppala	1991

Representative of Budget Committee

John P. Martin

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. Stearns
Michael W. Nadeau
Atty. Paul F. Donovan
Elwin R. Falkenham, M.D.
Sharon E. Covill

Zoning Board of Appeal		
Kevin Kopp		1989
Eleanor D. Kenney		1990
Carl Ramsdell		1990
Paul E. Thurston		1991
Dennis Merrow		1991
Planning Board		
Aurore Hood		1989
Roger Gingue		1989
Paul T. Crane		1990
Phyllis Quay		1990
John P. Martin		1990
David Hutchins		1991
George Smith		1991
Conservation Commission		
Richard C. Belmore		1989
Peter Riviere		1989
Priscilla Handler		1990
Dana Blais		1990
Fred Emerson		1991
Irene Connary		1991
Town History Committee		
Faith Kent	James Fitch	
Edna E. Whyte	Cecile Costine	
Housing Authority		
Dennis Merrow	Kevin Kopp	
Millard Martin, Jr.	James Seppala	
Librarians		
Barbara Robarts	Holly Verrier Hyde	
Fire Chief		
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		
John Lane		

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 the audited will be available later, detailing the findings.

Solid waste has become a national issue and Lancaster faces the same problem of disposal as others throughout. Lancaster has joined with other communities in the area and formed the Upper Grafton Lancaster Area Solid Waste District. Engineering on an acceptable landfill site was completed and a site in Littleton was selected. The Town is also associated with the Androscoggin Valley Waste District in working with James River Corporation in the development of its landfill.

The covering of the water supply reservoir was delayed for good and valid reasons. The piping and earth work was completed and the cover will be installed early 1989.

The town's Master Plan reached fruition by years end and will be finalized in early 1989. The Master Plan Committee deserves the plaudits of us all.

The South Lancaster Covered Bridge rehabilitation was completed and accepted.

The reappraisal of taxable property was completed and the new appraisals were used for the assessment of the properties.

Usual flooding occurred April 29, 1988, causing damage to bridges on Pleasant Valley and Garland Roads; washing several roads in that area making them impassable. In addition, property damage and other losses were suffered by individuals.

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 1989 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, 1988.

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 31:4)	Actual Appropriations 1988 (1988-89) (omit cents)	Actual Expenditures 1988 (1988-89) (omit cents)	Selectmen's Budget 1989 (1989-90) (omit cents)	Budget Committee	
				Recommended 1989 (1989-90) (omit cents)	Not Recommended (omit cents)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
1 Town Officers' Salary	\$ 85,960.	\$ 67,706.	\$ 100,400.	\$ 100,400.	
2 Town Officers' Expenses	30,550.	32,296.	38,900.	38,900.	
3 Election and Registration Expenses	1,800.	1,934.	850.	850.	
4 Cemeteries	50,400.	46,549.	49,600.	49,600.	
5 General Government Buildings	24,000.	21,534.	26,000.	26,000.	
6 Reappraisal of Property	12,000.	70,121.	-0-	-0-	
7 Planning and Zoning	5,350.	8,687.	9,504.	9,504.	
8 Legal Expenses	4,000.	1,805.	4,000.	4,000.	
9 Advertising and Regional Association	11,500.	10,947.	13,500.	13,500.	
10 Contingency Fund	8,000.	-0-	3,000.	8,000.	
11					
12					
13					
14					
PUBLIC SAFETY					
15 Police Department	198,790.	190,500.	199,950.	199,950.	
16 Fire Department	44,500.	54,693.	58,210.	58,210.	
17 Civil Defense	-0-	-0-	500.	500.	
18 Building Inspection					
19 Court Diversion	1,633.	1,633.	-0-	1,894.	
20					
21					
22					
HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES					
23 Town Maintenance	272,200.	288,579.	292,150.	292,150.	
24 General Highway Department Expenses					
25 Street Lighting	35,000.	32,831.	35,000.	35,000.	
26 Mt. Washington Regional Airport	-0-	-0-	500.	500.	
27					
28					
29					
30					
SANITATION					
31 Solid Waste Disposal	120,742.	114,045.	175,900.	175,900.	
32 Garbage Removal	4,500.	4,615.	6,000.	6,000.	
33					
34					
35					
36					

HEALTH					
37 Health Department					
38 Hospitals and Ambulances	14,375.	14,375.	13,980.	16,430.	
39 Animal Control	35,000.	27,646.	43,250.	43,250.	
40 Vital Statistics	900.	984.	900.	900.	
41					
42					
43					
WELFARE					
44 General Assistance					
45 Old Age Assistance	11,100.	14,475.	10,500.	10,500.	\$, 2,205.
46 Aid to the Disabled					
47					
48					

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 31:4) CULTURE AND RECREATION	Actual Appropriations 1988 (1988-89) (omit cents)	Actual Expenditures 1988 (1988-89) (omit cents)	Selectmen's Budget 1989 (1989-90) (omit cents)	Budget Committee	
				Recommended 1989 (1989-90) (omit cents)	Not Recommended (omit cents)
49 Library	\$ 47,684.	\$ 47,679.	\$ 52,015.	\$ 52,015.	
50 Parks and Recreation	162,004.	163,500.	166,537.	166,537.	
51 Patriotic Purposes	500.	500.	4,000.	4,000.	
52 Conservation Commission					
53					
54					
DEBT SERVICE					
55 Principal of Long-Term Bonds & Notes	119,000.	119,000.	119,000.	119,000.	
56 Interest Expense—Long-Term Bonds & Notes	25,825.	27,081.	20,975.	20,975.	
57 Interest Expense—Tax Anticipation Notes	11,200.	11,206.	11,200.	11,200.	
58 Interest Expense—Other Temporary Loans					
59 Fiscal Charges on Debt					
60					
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
61 New Equipment	-0-	-0-	164,800.	164,800.	
62 Bridge Construction	33,500.	32,613.	153,400.	153,400.	
63 S.W.D. - Engineering & Structure	-0-	-0-	49,950.	49,950.	
64					
65					
66					
67					
68					
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT					
69 Payments to Capital Reserve Funds:					
70 Highway Department	49,000.	49,000.	40,000.	40,000.	
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	5,000.	5,000.	5,000.	5,000.	
74 General Fund Trust					
75					
MISCELLANEOUS					
76 Municipal Water Department	128,700.	254,663.	147,000.	147,000.	
77 Municipal Sewer Department	80,155.	77,032.	85,850.	85,850.	
78 Municipal Electric Department					
79 FICA, Retirement & Pension Contributions	36,760.	32,573.	39,550.	39,550.	
80 Insurance	113,365.	110,834.	132,150.	132,150.	
81 Unemployment Compensation	1,750.	1,750.	1,550.	1,550.	
82					
83					
84					
85 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$1,797,743.	\$1,948,940.	\$2,291,571.	\$2,295,965.	\$ 2,205.

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 1988 (1988-89) (omit cents)	Actual Revenues 1988 (1988-89) (omit cents)	Selectmen's Budget 1989 (1989-90) (omit cents)	Estimated Revenues 1989 (1989-90) (omit cents)
TAXES					
86	Resident Taxes	\$ 20,180.	\$ 17,090.	\$ 20,000.	\$ 20,000.
87	National Bank Stock Taxes	2,000.	1,987.	2,000.	2,000.
88	Yield Taxes	12,500.	13,544.	12,500.	12,500.
89	Interest and Penalties on Taxes	21,500.	15,234.	20,000.	20,000.
90	Inventory Penalties				
91	Land Use Change Tax				
92					
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES-STATE					
93	Shared Revenue-Block Grant	65,798.	65,798.	65,800.	65,800.
94	Highway Block Grant	59,132.	59,132.	61,280.	61,280.
95	Railroad Tax	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
96	State Aid Water Pollution Projects	69,379.	69,379.	67,250.	67,250.
97	Reimb. a c State-Federal Forest Land	2,474.	2,474.	2,400.	2,400.
98	Other Reimbursements	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
99	Business Profits Tax	123,684.	123,703.	123,703.	123,703.
100					
101					
102					
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES-FEDERAL					
103					
104					
105					
106					
107					
LICENSES AND PERMITS					
108	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	210,000.	237,696.	235,000.	235,000.
109	Dog Licenses	1,700.	1,777.	1,800.	1,800.
110	Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	10,000.	10,117.	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	8,200.	8,617.	8,200.	8,200.
116	Ambulance Fees	38,500.	24,054.	46,750.	46,750.
117	Parking Meter Income	5,000.	1,374.	2,000.	2,000.
118					
119					
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
120	Interests on Deposits	43,000.	45,738.	45,000.	45,000.
121	Sale of Town Property (Cemetery Lots)	2,000.	1,500.	1,500.	1,500.
122	Municipal Library Income	8,330.	7,602.	7,100.	7,100.
123	Col. Town Trust Fund Income	159,504.	159,504.	162,537.	162,537.
124	Municipal Cemetery Income	46,400.	46,400.	45,100.	45,100.
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
125	Proceeds of Bonds and Long-Term Notes	-0-	-0-	175,900.	175,900.
126	Income from Water and Sewer Departments	208,853.	213,406.	232,850.	232,850.
127	Withdrawals from Capital Reserve	-0-	-0-	147,500.	147,500.
128	Withdrawals from General Fund Trusts				
129	Revenue Sharing Fund	775.	775.	-0-	-0-
130	Fund Balance	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
131	EPA Grant (Sewer Project)	18,127.	18,127.	18,127.	18,127.
132					
133	TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	\$1,143,036.	\$1,151,028.	\$1,520,297.	\$1,520,297.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Selectmen assessed all taxable property at its full value. The town's taxable property was reassessed this year and those new values were used to assess the property. The reappraisal was done by appraisers from the N.H. Department of Revenue Administration. The new assessments were used in determining the amount of taxes for the year. The gross assessed valuation \$172,274,825.00, deducted from that figure was \$28,230,993.00 for lands under the Current Use Assessment. Blind Exemptions were \$30,000.00 while Elderly Exemptions were \$288,000.00, Solar \$22,350.00, for a net taxable value of \$143,703,432.00.

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 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 Exemption amounted to just over \$85.00 each because of the low tax rate, in 1987 the exemption reduced each recipient's tax by \$326.00, due to the higher tax rate. The exemption is \$5,000 off the assessed valuation. Initial application for the exemptions are required and must be filed prior to April 16th of the year in which the exemption is claimed. Application forms are available at the Municipal Office.

The Board approved a total of 276 applications for Veterans Exemption, five at \$700 for service connected total disability, 271 at the \$50 per application or less. The exemption is on real estate taxes and the total taxes exempted was \$17,050.

The Board assessed a \$10 Resident Tax to all known persons between the ages of 18 and 65, except those exempt by law.

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 1988 property taxes committed to the Tax Collector were \$2,450,144. Add to that amount, \$17,050 for approved Veteran's Exemptions and \$12,020 for overlay, abatements and refunds, making the gross property taxes \$2,179,214.00. The Schools' share of the tax was \$1,330,209.00, the Town received \$785,720 and Coos County \$334,215.

Other Taxes: The \$10.00 Resident Tax committed totaled \$20,180, while Timber Taxes reached a total of \$12,500. National Bank Stock Tax received was \$1,986.00. Land use change taxes paid this year totaled \$1,950.00.

Revenues: Motor Vehicle permit fees produced \$237,696.00, the single highest local revenue. 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 \$9,642.00, license and fees amounted to \$2,251.00. Interest earned on deposits earned \$27,287.00.

Revenues received from the State included Highway Block Grant, \$59,132, (from the gas tax), Shared Revenues, (formerly Savings Bank Taxes, Room and Meals Taxes and Interest & Dividend Tax), \$65,798 and Business Profits Tax of \$123,703, of which the town benefited by \$32,160.00, the remainder being for the schools and county.

Tax Rate: The approved 1988 tax rate was \$17.05 per \$1,000 of valuation, a decrease of \$48.15 over 1987. The rate for each entity of government was: Municipal \$5.46, School \$9.26 and County \$2.33. The rate dropped because the valuation used to determine the amount of property taxes increased following the reappraisal. 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 1988 property taxes totaled \$2,450,144.00 and the net taxable valuation was \$143,703,432.00.

BUDGET SUMMARY

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

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>
Total Budget Appropriations	\$6,317,962.00	\$5,865,837.00
Less: Foundation Aid & Other Revenues	2,385,408.00	2,258,859.00
Raised by Property Taxes	<u>3,932,554.00</u>	<u>3,606,978.00</u>
Lancaster's Share Total Budget	\$2,770,300.00	\$2,521,371.00
Less: Fund Balance Share	19,395.00	140,380.00
Revenue Share	321,057.00	307,190.00
Foundation Aid	1,014,166.00	818,112.00
	<u>\$1,415,682.00</u>	<u>\$1,255,689.00</u>
Less: Applicable Business Profits Tax	<u>\$ 85,473.00</u>	<u>\$ 103,237.00</u>
Net Raised by Property Taxes	<u>\$1,330,209.00</u>	<u>\$1,152,452.00</u>
 <u>TOWN</u>		
Total Appropriation	\$1,799,241.00	\$1,869,344.00
Less: Revenues	1,010,431.00	1,302,953.00
	<u>\$ 788,810.00</u>	<u>\$ 566,391.00</u>
Less: Applicable Business Profits Tax	32,160.00	38,845.00
Plus: Veterans Exemptions	17,050.00	16,400.00
Overlay	<u>12,020.00</u>	<u>24,042.00</u>
Net Raised by Property Taxes	\$ 785,720.00	\$ 567,988.00
 <u>COOS COUNTY</u>		
Lancaster's Share Coos County Budget	\$ 340,276.00	\$ 255,304.00
Less: Applicable Business Profits Tax	<u>6,061.00</u>	<u>7,321.00</u>
Net Raised by Property Taxes	\$ 334,215.00	\$ 247,983.00
TOTAL RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES	\$2,450,144.00	\$1,968,423.00
Net Taxable Valuation	\$143,703,432.00	\$ 30,190,518.00
 TAX RATE: 1988-School \$ 9.26 - Town \$ 5.46 - County \$2.33 - Total - \$17.05		
1987-School \$38.18 - Town \$18.80 - County \$8.22 - Total - \$65.20		

SUMMARY OF VALUATIONS

	1988	1987
Lands	\$ 80,446,663.00	\$ 6,204,950.00
Buildings	86,149,560.00	23,597,795.00
Manufactured Housing	1,718,750.00	568,450.00
Electric Plants	2,209,861.00	922,603.00
Pipe Lines	1,749,991.00	351,650.00
Machinery	Included above	170,700.00
	<hr/>	<hr/>
TOTAL VALUATION	\$ 172,274,825.00	\$ 31,816,148.00
Less: Current Land Use Assessment	\$ 28,230,993.00	\$ 1,302,530.00
Less: Elderly Exemptions	288,050.00	296,750.00
Less: Blind Exemptions	30,000.00	15,000.00
Less: Solar Exemptions	<u>22,350.00</u>	<u>11,350.00</u>
Total Exemptions	<u>28,571,393.00</u>	<u>1,625,630.00</u>
NET TAXABLE VALUATION	\$ 143,703,432.00	\$ 30,190,518.00

N.H. Law reads in part, "the Selectmen shall appraise all property at its full and true value." The reappraisal attempts to value property at 100% of its value or its full and true value. The prior years valuation as a result of an equalized value survey, determined the assessed values to be approximately 28% of its true value. The reappraisal indicates the ratio was at 21%.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Registration of Motor Vehicles

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued in 1988 (3,886)	\$ 237,696.00
Municipal Agent Fees Collected	<u>5,906.00</u>
 Total Collected	 \$ 243,602.00

Licenses and Fines

Dog Licenses	\$ 1,776.50
Dog Fines Collected	<u>35.00</u>
 Total Collected	 \$ 1,811.50

Town Record Fees

Automobile Title Applications	\$ 912.00
Certified Copies of Vital Records	3,556.00
Filing, Terminating & Searching UCCs.	1,891.00
Marriage Intentions	660.00
Recording Fees & Tax Liens	92.00
Licenses and Fees	<u>142.85</u>
 Total Collected	 \$ 7,253.85

TOTAL REMITTED TO TREASURER \$ 252,667.35

Vital Records	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>
Marriages	45	27	36
Births	148	118	130
Deaths	132	98	118

All vital records, (births, deaths, marriages), occurring in the Town of Lancaster are recorded in the Town Clerk's Office. Certified copies are issued from these records for a fee. There are older records that are in public domain; births prior to 1901, deaths and marriages prior to 1938.

PLANNING AND ZONING

PLANNING

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 other times as may be required. The hearings are open to the public.

The Lancaster Planning Board had a particularly busy year. Two multi-unit housing proposals on Elm Street and Rowell Place took many special meetings and consultations. The matters are expected to reach final action early 1989.

The Planning Board approved 15 land subdivisions for a total of 36 separate lots, most for 1 or 2 lots, while one had 8 lots and another 5 lots. A 15 lot subdivision presented the Board, is pending.

In addition, the Board adopted certain rules of procedure and adopted Driveway Permit Regulations.

The Planning Board offered two amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, one adopted a Sign Ordinance regulating sign size, number, style and height. A permit is required prior to erecting a sign; the other updates the penalty for zoning violations.

The Planning Board and an active committee, with the assistance of North Country Council, developed a new Master Plan which will be presented early 1989.

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

ZONING

The Building Inspector issued a total of 72 building permits for new buildings, additions, pools and satellite antennas: 14 for new residential property, 9 for new commercial properties and 11 garages, 6 agricultural structures and 32 for additions. A summary of the permits issued and the estimated values are listed:

Permits Issued	Estimated Costs
14 Single Family Residential Living Units	\$ 1,122,000.00
14 Additions, Alterations, Residential	157,500.00
11 Residential Garages	87,000.00
9 Commercial Buildings	965,000.00
9 Commercial Additions, Alterations	890,000.00
6 Agricultural Structures	43,500.00
1 Hospital Addition	1,075,000.00
TOTAL VALUE	<hr/> \$ 4,340,000.00

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

The Zoning Board of Adjustment heard 12 appeals for variances and special exceptions. There were two appeals for sign variances, one granted for a sign larger than provided by the Ordinance and one denied. The denial was appealed and because of new evidence, the permit was granted. Seven appeals were to build closer to the lot line than required under the Zoning Ordinance. In one case it was discovered at the time of the sale, that the building was constructed years earlier, closer to the rear property line. In another it was discovered, after the foundation was constructed, but before the building was erected on it. Two met the test for a variance.

Two special exceptions were granted to operate businesses in the agricultural zone.

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL

North Country Council observed its sixteenth year of successful operation in 1988. The Council, chartered under NH RSA 36:45, provides non-profit local and regional planning assistance to member municipalities. The Board of Directors determined that last year's work program would focus on community planning, economic development, solid waste, transportation and housing. The Council maintains four standing committees which monitor local issues and determine Council policy. Overall, the Council's major objective is to work with North Country towns in solving local and regional problems.

In Lancaster, the Council provided extensive assistance to the Planning Board concerning the Board's duties and responsibilities, subdivision review process, ordinance review and individual subdivision development applications. The final draft of the Master Plan was completed and its adoption is scheduled for early 1989. In addition to developing the Master Plan and providing planning assistance, the Council coordinated the Upper Grafton/Lancaster Area and Androscoggin Valley Solid Waste Districts.

Community planning assistance continues to dominate our staff resources. New state mandates and rapid residential and commercial growth throughout the region placed an increasing burden on local planning and zoning boards in 1988. Regional workshops, technical bulletins and newsletters, ordinance review and update, as well as review of specific subdivision and site plan applications are a sampling of the myriad services performed this year for our membership. The Council also co-sponsored the popular Municipal Law Lecture Series which reviewed new case law and other specific areas of legal interest to local officials.

In addition, grant writing and grant administration continues as important components of the Council's work program. Currently, NCC staff are working in twelve towns administering fifteen Community Development Block Grant programs. These projects include feasibility studies for local infrastructure needs, water and sewer construction projects and targeted housing rehabilitation programs for income eligible residents.

In summary, it is important to understand that the North Country Council is organized and administered for the benefit of its constituents, local town governments. Our future success is, in large part, contingent upon your participation in Council activities. We rely on and appreciate involvement of town officials and residents and look forward to assisting your town this coming year.

ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

TOWN MEETING 1988

March 8, 1988

The meeting was opened at 10:00 A.M. by Moderator Robert D. Calamari. Voting by official ballot began for the election town officials and ballot voting for two Zoning Amendments and one Building Code Amendment. Consideration of all the remaining articles in the warrant began at 7:00 P.M.

The Officials elected to the various offices and the term of office were:

Selectman	Michael W. Beattie	3 year term
Moderator	Robert D. Calamari, Esq.	2 year term
Supervisor of the Checklist	Constance Cardinal	6 year term
Trustee of Trust Funds	James Seppala	3 year term
Library Trustee	Eva Matthews	3 year term
Cemetery Trustee	Raymond Wheeler	3 year term
Emmons Smith Fund	Jean C. Foss	3 year term
Col. Town Spending Committee	George Nugent	3 year term
	Phillip Page, V.M.D.	3 year term
	Harrison Southworth	3 year term
Budget Committee	Robert D. Calamari, Esq.	3 year term
	Howard R. Piche	3 year term
	James A. Seppala	3 year term

The Zoning Ordinance Amendment provided a Sign Ordinance which regulates sign size, location, number, height and type. A favorable vote 198 yes, 79 no, while the amendment updating the penalty for violation passed 203 to 48.

The Building Code Amendment, (Floodplain Ordinance), was adopted 228 to 38. That amendment was needed to continue the town's eligibility for the National Flood Insurance Program.

The evening business meeting opened at 7:00 P.M. to act upon the remaining articles in the warrant.

Article 4: Asked authority to expend the final amount of Revenue Sharing money received in 1987 in the amount of \$775.00 - favorably voted.

Article 5: Gave \$2,100.00 to the Community Action Outreach Program to assist in its summer months activities.

Article 6: The meeting approved \$15,000.00 for the town's share of the cost for the rehabilitation of the center pier of the South Lancaster Covered bridge. The Town of Lunenburg provided a like sum and the balance of the cost will be furnished by the State of New Hampshire.

Article 7: Created a capital reserve fund for highway truck purchases and transferred \$20,000 into the fund.

Article 8: Adopted the provisions of N.H.R.S.A. 80:58-86 for a real

estate tax lien procedure replacing the tax sale process.

The tax sale process is a statutory procedure by which delinquent real estate taxes are advertised in a prescribed manner and sold at a public sale and if not redeemed in 2 years from the date of the sale a tax collector's deed is taken. The lien process is much the same except the public tax sale is not conducted, and only the Town, State or County can acquire the lien, the private individual can not. The lien process gives the property owner better protection and gives the town the interest on the taxes.

Article 9: Requested the town oppose spraying of utility rights-of-ways with herbicides; an amendment was offered and asking the Conservation Commission to review and approve a plan for spraying. The article as amended was adopted.

Articles 10 & 12: The town accepted two new Streets, one in the Hartco Subdivision of Portland Street and the other in R. Eugene and Claire Blank Subdivision off Elm Street.

Article 11: Asked the Town to discontinue, in accord with RSA 231:43, certain Class 6 roads, 10 in total; the meeting did not want to relinquish the public right to those roads and strongly defeated the article.

The meeting authorized the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes and authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend Federal and State funds that may become available. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of any real estate acquired by Tax Collector's Deed.

The 1988 Budget totaling \$1,799,241.00 in appropriations net by real estate taxes estimated to be approximately \$700,000.00 was approved and the Selectmen were given the necessary authority to expend the money raised.

Many intelligent and timely questions were asked which precipitated active and informative discussions.

Reports of certain activities were given in response to inquiries.

The polls closed at 9:00 P.M. after all those wishing to vote had voted.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO SERVE AND PROTECT

We, as Law Enforcement Officers, have been given the responsibility by law, under the New Hampshire Constitution, of providing protection to every member of the community in the enjoyment of their life, liberty and property. It is a tremendous task, one which we take very seriously, and attempt to carry out in a professional and caring manner. We knew that we had to accept this obligation when we entered the Law Enforcement Profession, as well as knowing it would take a vast continual effort to accomplish it. What we did not realize was how enormous and demanding the task would become on our resources and time. Much to our displeasure, we acknowledge the fact we are no longer immune from the social ills of our times. The issues of drugs, child abuse, domestic violence, armed robbery, etc., is not just something you read about in the newspapers, or something that happens somewhere else, but confronts us within the community. Don't misconstrue this to mean crime is rampant or out of control, for this is not the case. The point to be made is that we are dealing with a different criminal element than we did a few years ago and this, coupled with the ever increasing calls for service, is straining our resources to the limit. This mixed with the mandates placed upon us by the Courts, Police Standards and legislation, further impacts on our resources, which in turn limits our ability.

During the last eight years, (1980 - 1988), total calls for service and activity have increased from 3,087 to 4,831, and it will continue to increase in the coming years as more growth and new development comes to the North Country. We must meet the challenge, both present and future. To accomplish our goal we must augment the Force, sustain a parity wage scale, and have the support from the citizens of Lancaster.

Your Police Department is greatly appreciative of the citizens of Lancaster, we will strive to serve you and provide you with a professional and caring level of Law Enforcement.

COMPLAINTS FILED - 2,533

Animal	259
Family	124
Juvenile	247
Arson	7
Assault	38
Breach of Peace	419
Bad Checks	77

Mental Disorders	24
Missing Persons	27
Trespass	34
Prowler	49
Harrassment	76
Domestic Violence	33
Untimely Death	5
Hit & Run	19
Drugs	19
OHRV	39
Shoplifting	6
Sexual Assault	10
Possession of Alcohol	41
Attempted Suicide	1
Public Intoxication	50
Small Claims Petitions	22
Child Abuse/Neglect	19
Stolen Motor Vehicles	23
Theft & Unauthorized Entries	278
Theft/Unauthorized Entries (Cleared/Unfounded)	198

MOTOR VEHICLE COURT CASES - 361

Speeding	153
Non-Inspection	17
Operating Under the Influence	24
Yellow Line/Improper Passing	25

Failure to Yield/Stop	27
Unregistered Motor Vehicle	42
Operating without License	3
Operating after Suspension/Revocation	22
Failure to use Protective Equipment	5
U-Turn	2
Allowing Improper person to operate	4
OHRV on Public Way	3
Taking without owner consent	5
Truck Laws	3
Operating with Defective Equipment	4
Disobeying Police Officer	7
Conduct after an Accident	3
Improper Movement	4
No Safety Chains	1
Following too Close	3
Misuse of Plates	5

CRIMINAL COURT CASES - 195

Robbery	2
Fraud	63
Juvenile Petitions	38
Illegal Possession Alcohol	24
Dog Violations	2
Arson	2
Possession Controlled Drug	2

Littering	1
Shoplifting	4
Indecent Exposure	1
Harrassment	1
Reckless Conduct	1
Carrying Loaded Weapon	2
Transporting Alcoholic Beverage	16
Theft (Unauthorized taking, Services, Stolen property)	5
Unauthorized Entries (Burglary, Trespass)	9
Breach of Peace (Disorderly, Intoxication)	4
Assault (Simple, Aggravated, Criminal Threatening)	15
Destruction of Property (Criminal Mischief)	4

ACCIDENTS - 170

Property Damage under \$500.00	50
Property Damage Over \$500.00	104
Totals	16
Pedestrian Accidents	3
Accidents Involving Animals	6
Hit & Run	19
Accidents with Injury	24
One Car Accidents	60
Two Car Accidents	105
Three Car Accidents	4
Four Car Accidents	1
No Damage or Injury (Reported as Accidents)	62

OTHER ACTIVITIES - 2,298

Motor Vehicles Checked	250
Motor Vehicle Warnings	323
DE Tags Issued	87
Emergency Blood Runs	8
Assist Sick or Injured	71
Assistance to Motorist	242
Routine Check of Persons	21
Illegal Parking	33
Alarms Answered	180
Door/Windows Checked	191
Parking Tickets	149
Assistance to Other Police	244
Breath Tests Given	69
Relays	97
Fire	84
Assistance to other Agencies	186
Improper Parking Warnings	63

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF LANCASTER
LANCASTER TOWN WARRANT
1989**

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

You are hereby notified, forthwith, to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster on Tuesday, the 14th day 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 to Article VII C Signs, Section 7C:03 (1), following the second sentence, (or) The fifty (50) square feet of allowable signage may be divided into two (2) separate signs, one on the building and one free standing, the free standing sign may not exceed twelve (12) square feet. If a business faces on more than one street, there may be a sign erected facing each Street, provided the total signage does not exceed seventy-five (75) square feet per business.

- 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 by adding a new section to Article 7C.03, (2.5) Locations other than Main Street; a business may have a sign on the building as provided or a free standing sign. The free standing sign may not exceed eight (8) feet in height above grade and shall not exceed nine (9) square feet in size.

- C. Amendment #3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 7C.03(7) by omitting, when approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

- D. Amendment #4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend 7C:10, Exempt Signage, by adding; Menu or bill of fare signs, flat against the building, not to exceed a total area of nine (9) square feet and the number of signs may not exceed two (2), are exempt.

- E. Amendment #5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend 7C:20, by omitting (d). If a business changes in character or type, it shall conform to the Ordinance.

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

- F. Amendment #6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend the Lancaster Zoning Map by adding to the Agricultural District an area beginning at a point on the southerly side of Elm Street at the junction of Blackberry Lane, so-called, thence running perpendicular to Elm Street 800 feet to a point; thence turning and running northeasterly parallel to, and 800 feet from, the Elm Street right-of-way, to the Residential line of Burnside Street. (by Petition) Disapproved by the Planning Board.

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

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Three Thousand Four Hundred (\$153,400) Dollars for the purpose of financing the cost of replacement of a (new) bridge over Otter Brook on Garland Road, and for this purpose authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow, by the issue of serial notes or bonds of the Town in accordance with the provisions of the NH RSA Chapter 33, the Municipal Finance Act, and any amendments thereto the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Three Thousand Four Hundred (\$153,400) Dollars to authorize the Selectmen to determine the time and place of payment and the rate of interest, and do whatever may be necessary and convenient in connection with the issuance thereof. (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$22,500) Dollars for the purpose of financing part of the cost of the purchase of a Fire Pumper Truck, and for this purpose authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow, by the issue of serial

notes or bonds of the Town in accordance with the provisions of the NH RSA Chapter 33, the Municipal Finance Act, and any amendments thereto, the sum of Twenty Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$22,500) Dollars to authorize the Selectmen to determine the time and place of payment and the rate of interest, and do whatever may be necessary and convenient in connection with the issuance thereof. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

- ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Capital Reserve Fund established for the purpose of acquiring Fire Apparatus, the sum of One Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand (\$127,000) Dollars to be used to defray the cost of a new Fire Pumper Truck.
- ARTICLE 6: To see whether the Town will vote to deposit 10 percent of the revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A, (the land use change tax), up to a total not exceeding Two Thousand (\$2,000) Dollars, in the conservation fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 III. as authorized by RSA 79-A:25 II.
- ARTICLE 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Two Hundred and Five (\$2,205) Dollars for support of the Community Action Outreach Program. (by Petition). (Not recommended by the Budget Committee)
- ARTICLE 8: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:43-f for the adjusted Elderly Exemptions from property Tax? These statutes provide for the following exemptions based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$10,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$15,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$20,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years; own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by his spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of less than \$10,000, or if married, a combined net income of less than \$12,000, and own net assets of \$30,000 or less, excluding the value of the person's residence. (by Petition)
- ARTICLE 9: Are you in favor of recinding the Town of Lancaster's exemption from RSA 654:8 to require the Town Clerk to accept voter registration applications during regular office hours. (by Petition)
- ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to instruct the town's representatives to the General Court to respond to our solid waste crisis by taking all necessary measures to insure that New Hampshire adopt legislation that will permit consumers to return for refund of deposit within New Hampshire, all soda, beer, wine cooler and liquor containers, and that all unclaimed deposit monies shall be collected by the state and no less than 80% shall be returned annually to local municipalities for the sole purpose of implementing, expanding and reimbursing community recycling projects. (by Petition)

ARTICLE 11: 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 (1988) 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 12: 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 13: 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 14: To see if the Town will vote to accept the budget as submitted by the Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 15: To direct how money raised for the above purpose be expended.

ARTICLE 16: To act upon any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

* Articles 1, 2, 3 and 4 are to be voted by ballot while the polls are open.

DATED this 20th day of February 1989.

A True Copy: ATTEST

/s/ Dean H. Wesson
Dean H. Wesson, Chairman

/s/ John P. Martin
John P. Martin

/s/ Michael W. Beattie
Michael W. Beattie

Board of Selectmen
Town of Lancaster, N.H.

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AUDITORS' REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

To the Members of
the Board of Selectmen
Town of Lancaster
Lancaster, New Hampshire 03584

We have examined the combined financial statements and the combining individual fund and account group financial statements of the Town of Lancaster, New Hampshire as of, and for the year ended December 31, 1987, 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. We did not examine the financial statements of the Town Trust Funds and Capital Reserve Funds, which statements reflect total assets constituting 18 percent of the combined total financial statements. These statements were examined by other auditors whose report thereon has been furnished to us and our opinion expressed herein, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Town Trust and Capital Reserve Funds, is based solely upon the report of the other auditors.

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, and based upon our examination and the report of other auditors, the combined financial statements and the combining, individual fund and account group financial statements referred to above present fairly the financial position of the Town of Lancaster, New Hampshire at December 31, 1987, 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 combining, individual fund and account group financial statements. The accompanying financial information listed as

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supplemental schedules, which also includes the supplemental schedule of Federal Financial Assistance, 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 Lancaster, New Hampshire. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the examination of the combined, combining, individual 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.

Very truly yours,


Francis J. Dineen, C.P.A.

December 28, 1988

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TRANSMITTAL AND COMMENTARY LETTER

Board of Selectmen
Town of Lancaster
Lancaster, New Hampshire 03584

Members of the Board:

We have examined the financial statements of the various funds and account groups of the Town of Lancaster for the year ended December 31, 1987 and have issued our report thereon, dated December 28, 1988. As part of our examination, we reviewed and tested the Town's system of internal accounting control to the extent we considered necessary to evaluate the system as required by generally accepted auditing standards. Under these standards, the purpose of such evaluation is to establish a basis for reliance thereon in determining the nature, timing and extents of other such auditing procedures that are necessary for expressing an opinion on the financial statements. Such study and evaluation disclosed the following condition that should be corrected in order to improve the Town's internal control system. Our following remarks are being made in the hope that they will improve existing procedures and are in no way a criticism of Town personnel.

Records of Tax Collector

We incurred difficulty in auditing the Tax Collector's records. The principal reason for the difficulty was employee turnover and failure to follow existing quality control procedures.

Recommendation

We would recommend that the Tax Collector, in the future, prepare a monthly reconciliation and statement of activity, and reconcile funds remitted and recorded by the Town Treasurer.

We extend our thanks to the officials and employees of the Town of Lancaster for their assistance during the course of our audit.

It is our opinion that the Town Manager and staff are doing an excellent job administering the Town of Lancaster.

Very truly yours,

 *Francis J. Dineen C.P.A.*
Francis J. Dineen, CPA

REPORT OF THE TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Between July 1987 and June 1988 we experienced more 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, Concord Forest Protection Headquarters at (603) 271-2217, or local Forest Ranger.

On January 1, 1989, the Deceptive Forestry Business Practices Law (RSA 224:54) goes into effect. This law, in summary, states that a person is guilty of a misdemeanor if, in the course of buying or selling a forest product, he uses a false weight or measure for falsely determining any quality or quantity of a forest product. For more information contact one of the persons mentioned above.

FOREST FIRE STATISTICS - 1988

	<u>State</u>	<u>District-8</u>	<u>Town of Lancaster</u>
Number of Fires	498	17	4
Number of Acres	509	5	.25
Cost of Suppression	\$ 78,144.00		

Richard C. Belmore, Forest Ranger

Samuel F. Evans, Forest Fire Warden

FIRE DEPARTMENT

A successful recruitment campaign in 1988 resulted in a 27 percent increase in the number of firefighters in the Department. The number of firefighters available during the daytime hours is significantly increased as a result of this campaign. Total members are now 33.

The unusual arson situation in Jefferson this summer resulted in total fire calls for 1988 to be slightly increased over 1987. Excluding those mutual aid calls to Jefferson, the number of calls actually decreased by 11 percent.

The Northern Fire Aid Pack, mutual aid system, comprised of 11 towns in New Hampshire and Vermont, of which Lancaster is a member, did indeed receive a workout this summer. When mutual aid is summoned for a large fire it is not unusual to have three to seven fire departments involved, some at the scene of the fire but also many providing backup at a neighboring town's fire station, or other forms of, "behind the scenes," support. It is an excellent method of sharing resources and each town does get, over the years, a balanced amount of giving and receiving. The mutual aid system itself received a great deal of training this summer and this resulted in much improved methods of operation.

The 11 percent decrease in fire calls in Lancaster is, in part, due to the Department's fire prevention activities. Visiting the Elementary School during Fire Prevention Week in October and presenting programs to the students is a good start to making citizens aware of fire hazards and fire safety. To continue and improve on this theme, the Department hopes in the coming year and in years following, to increase its fire prevention activities to include the entire 52 weeks in a year, and not just one week in October.

Another undertaking the Department hopes to pursue in 1989 is the purchase of a new state-of-the-art attack pumper to replace the Department's 22 year old Ford Thibault pumper. The techniques of firefighting have changed dramatically over the past two decades. So, instead of pushing older equipment beyond its capabilities and endangering firefighters and fire victims' lives, the Department wishes to purchase a new pumper to service the citizens of Lancaster in the manner to which you are accustomed and entitled.

Without the cooperation of the officers of the Police Department and the members of the Ambulance Corp, the job of firefighting would be much more difficult. Traffic control, medical assistance, lending a helpful hand, and overlooking the fire scene for dangerous situations, are just a few of the things that make a firefighter's job easier and for which each member offers a hearty thank you.

Finally, thanks to the citizens of Lancaster for it is your continued support that makes the Fire Department what it is.

FIRE CALLS - 1988

Mutual Aid	19
False Alarms	18
Structures	7
Chimney	6
Electrical	6
Vehicle	6
Brush	4
Gasoline Leaks	3
Grass	3
Lightning Strikes	3
Gasoline (fires)	2
Gasoline Spills	2
Oil Burner	2
Bomb Threat	1
Clothing	1
Other	1
Power Failure	1
Propane Odor	1
Rekindle	1
Utility Wire	1

PUBLIC WORKS

Solid Waste Disposal: The town continued its association with the Upper Grafton/Lancaster Area solid waste district. The engineering on the selected site was completed. The selected site is located in Littleton and is under the ownership of the Town of Littleton. The next step is design of the landfill for that site. The disposal of solid waste is a large expense and because of the strict regulations, it's becoming more expensive to develop landfills. No longer can waste be disposed of in just any hole in the ground. Lancaster continues to transport its solid waste to a landfill in Vermont at a relatively reasonable cost.

Lancaster is working with James River Corp., Berlin, and the Androscoggin Valley Solid Waste District in the development of the James River landfill. James River Corp. plans the construction of a landfill to dispose of waste generated by their operation and graciously invited certain communities to dispose of municipal waste at the site, details of which have yet to be worked.

Highway Department: The Street paving program continued with Hill Street, Cottage Street, and part of Blackberry Lane were paved with Type I hot asphalt which is long lasting and improves travel and maintenance. The police station parking lot was paved. The older method of liquid asphalt is slowly ending for various reasons.

Two new Streets were added to the Municipal Street system, Hartco Avenue (part) and Blackberry Lane, those of course, add to the maintenance responsibilities of the department.

Sidewalks on Cemetery Street, part of Summer and Mechanic Streets received an asphalt cover. Pedestrian travel improved and many hazards to users were eliminated. It is recognized that more needs to be done and it's comforting to know more will be done as the improvement program continues.

Repairs were made to flood damaged roads, including Pleasant Valley Road, Rowell and Community Camp Roads. An April flood damaged the roads and made them impassable, some families were isolated until emergency repairs were made. The bridge on Garland Road, over Otter Brook, was seriously damaged and must be replaced. A stone bridge on Pleasant Valley Road was damaged, but the severity of the damage was not clearly evident until later in the year when support stone collapsed into the bridge's water way. That structure will be replaced with modern day bridge culvert pipe.

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

Water Department: The reservoir cover installation began, but it's completion was delayed until early 1989. All the necessary piping was installed, some by force account, most under contract. A temporary reservoir was built and abandoned after problems with the structure and a conscious decision was made to delay the project because lateness with construction season, the threat of fires and heavy use of water by the Lancaster Fair.

Corrosion Control engineering study began and will be completed. A new chlorination method was mandated from the State Department, the type of equipment needed was determined and will be acquired. The significant difference is constant injection of chlorine as opposed to the pulsation method. It may become necessary to increase the size of the chlorination building because of the addition of new equipment.

New hydrants were added to the system and one relocated, which offers improved fire protection to the areas.

New customers were added to the system as growth continued. A water system distribution analysis program will be developed that tells in advance if any water system changes and the effects those changes will have on the entire water system, a valuable planning tool, the future can be told almost immediately.

Sanitation Department: The municipal waste water treatment of facilities, in town and in the Grange area, operated efficiently with little interruption in the normal operations. The Grange facility operated the first full year and was very satisfactory, the system is a simple and effective facility and functions at very minimal cost.

Two sanitary pumps in the main pump station were rebuilt after 15 years of service and are good for at least another 15 years.

The sanitary lines were maintained as needed and generally only little problems of stoppage were experienced. New users were added to the system as was a new sanitary line on Hartco Avenue.

Cemeteries: The new vault and maintenance structure in the Summer St. Cemetery was completed. A new water line was installed from Summer Street into the cemetery and a sewer sanitary service line was installed to facilities in the structure. The Street entrance was improved and paved after the installation of the utilities.

The newly appointed foreman and his assistants kept the municipal cemeteries well maintained, those cemeteries include Summer Street, Wilder (Main Street), No. 10 Martin Meadow Pond Road, North Road and Pleasant Valley Road.

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.

Description	Value
Town Hall, Lands & Buildings	\$ 819,000.00
Police Station	120,100.00
Weeks Memorial Library	350,000.00
Fire Station	251,000.00
Highway Dept., Garage	206,600.00
Prospect Street, Land & Buildings	38,350.00
Parks, Commons & Playgrounds	160,000.00
Water Supply Facilities	2,000,000.00
Sewer Plant Facilities	4,000,000.00
Waste Water Treatment Facilities - Grange	400,000.00
Parking Lots	116,000.00
Town Forest	119,900.00
Community Camp	108,900.00
Recreation Lands & Buildings	400,000.00
Land - Island Israel River	4,750.00
Land - Ice Retention Structure	4,650.00
Lands acquired through Tax Collector's Deeds:	
Riverside Drive Lot (Assessed Value)	\$ 19,000.00
Causeway St. Lots (Assessed Value) (3)	1,400.00
Page Hill Lot (Assessed Value)	26,550.00
Middle St. Lot	19,900.00
Wood Lot - Page Hill Road	2,300.00
Land - Grange Road	16,750.00
Land - Grange Road	8,550.00

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 N.H. welfare laws give local government the 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 24 qualifying applicants, including 34 adults and 31 children. Most were for short term duration, usually until the recipient qualified for a State program or became employed. At least one family was assisted in part for the entire year.

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 a person may have. Information concerning these programs may be received by contacting the N.H. Division of Human Services, Littleton, NH 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

1988 was a particularly busy year for the Weeks Memorial Library. Our circulation rose dramatically, due in large part to the increased number of programs offered in the library.

During the year the library sponsored programs on dinosaurs and puppet making, and weekly classes in sign language, Latin and Spanish. We continued our regular afterschool showings of cartoons and movies, and the weekly pre-school storyhour every Thursday led by Mrs. Ellen Moody who replaced Mrs. Elizabeth Gates in September. We received partial funding from the Northern New Hampshire Foundation for the "Having Fun with Fossils and Dinosaurs" program, and three intensive one-week sign language classes for children. During the summer Beth Katz performed with her Little Red Rug Puppet Theater and Patrice McDonough helped with a puppet making workshop to dedicate a puppet theater given to the library in memory of Sarah Pierce.

No major work was done to the building during 1988. We anticipate repair and painting on several areas with crumbling plaster during 1989.

Approximately 1000 books were added to the adult section of the library and 550 to the children's section. We appreciate recommendations of book titles as well as possible ideas for programs we might offer. The trustees and staff welcome suggestions and comments so that we can continue to provide the town with the best possible service.

WEEKS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Financial Statement

1988

Balance - January 1, 1988 \$ 931.13

Revenues:

Town of Lancaster	\$ 40,284.00
Col. Town Spending Committee	2,500.00
Interest	552.43
Trustees of Trust Funds	3,196.96
Fines/Copier Income	1,345.97
Refunds	6.51

Total Revenues

\$ 47,885.87

Expenditures:

Salaries & Wages	\$ 19,244.42
Telephone	459.72
Electric	708.05
Office Supplies	720.88
New Equipment	551.50
Heat (Fuel)	1,290.52
Equipment Maintenance	443.00
Maintenance	627.03
Custodial Services	2,016.68
Insurance	1,550.00
Water & Sanitation	175.00
Retirement	197.38
Social Security	1,592.53
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	2,618.04
Unemployment	249.53
Adult Books	8,677.14
Juvenile Books	4,494.83
Periodicals & Newspapers	1,341.58
Janitor Supplies	54.05
Advertising	67.60
Education	294.00
Meetings	50.50
Boiler Inspection	15.00
Motion Picture License	240.00

Total Expenditures

\$ 47,678.98

Balance - December 31, 1988

\$ 1,138.02

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Lancaster Ambulance Corps experienced yet another record year with 632 calls. These included:

Automobile/Motorcycle Accidents	48
Emergency Calls	238
Non-Emergency (including 62 fires)	115
Emergency Transfers	115
Non-Emergency Transfers	116

Calls to the towns in service area were:

Lancaster	412
Dalton	12
Jefferson	36
Gilman	16
Guildhall	7
Lunenburg	32
Others (transfers from other hospitals and calls to towns not normally served):	117

In addition to providing 24 hour ambulance coverage, the Corps also provided first-aid/ambulance services for the Lancaster Fair and Riverside Speedway. All Corps members were required to complete an average of 30 hours of continuing education to maintain their Ambulance Attendant licenses.

The membership of the Lancaster Ambulance Corps is ever changing and is always looking for people interested in serving on the Corps. Current members include: Linda Anderson, Diane Bennett, Tom Blanchette, Terry Bradbury, Andrew Buteau, Regis Cronauer, Tammy Emerson, James Hammond, Winnie Henchey, Walter Hicks, Wendy Houghton, Caroline Huddleston, Sarah Ladd, Alan Lambert, John Lane, Richard Moyer, George Nugent, Betty Quigley, Rita Richardson, David Stickney, Jeff Tenney, Randy Thomas and Lorelee Weatherbee.

With great regrets, the retirement of two longstanding members, Daniel Truland and William Baird, were accepted this year. Their efforts and commitment to the Corps has been greatly appreciated.

The Corps wants to thank the townspeople and town officials of all the communities served for the continued support. A special thank-you to all who have shared their expertise by instructing continuing education classes.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Lancaster Conservation Commission meets about six times a year to plan projects for the town.

In the past year the Commission planted eight trees, sent a high school student to conservation camp, identified properties on the Garland Brook watershed for the state Land Conservation Investment Program, (L.C.I.P.), reviewed approximately 12 wetlands permit applications, and planned a selective cutting of the town forests.

The Commission also considered the need for a wetlands map which would identify sensitive areas both for the Commission and the Planning Board.

As always, the Commission welcomes suggestions from residents about conservation projects.

DEBT SERVICE

BOND ISSUE: The principal payment on the Sewer Bond was \$110,000.00 and interest of \$25,875.00. The State of New Hampshire paid \$69,379.00 as its share of the principal and interest.

LONG TERM NOTES: Payments of \$9,000 principal and \$6,156.00 in interest were made on long term notes.

TEMPORARY LOANS & INTEREST: Interest of \$11,206.00 was paid to borrow \$400,000.00 of short term money. Re-investment of part of the funds returned \$5,671.59. 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 Date	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, 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
	\$ 410,000.00	\$ 36,225.00

POLICE STATION NOTE

6.0 percent

Amount of Original Note
Principal Payable Date
Interest Payable Date
Payable at:

\$ 90,000.00
December 1
June and December
Siwooganock Guarantee Savings Bank

Maturities	Principal	Interest
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
	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 19,440.00

WATER STORAGE RESERVOIR NOTE

5.4 to 7.25 percent

Amount of Original Note
Principal Payable Date
Interest Payable Dates
Payable at:

\$ 250,000.00
July 15
January & July
Municipal Bond Bank

Maturities	Principal	Interest
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
	\$225,000.00	\$ 76,250.00

COLONEL TOWN RECREATION DEPARTMENT

1988 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 Frances L. Town Trust Fund. Community recreation facilities include the Community House, Community Camp, Community Field and Ice Skating Rink. Our goals are to provide good supervised programs that meet the needs of the community.

The Community House meeting rooms are for local group meetings and activities, workshops, seminars, business and social gatherings. The gymnasium is used mainly for recreational activities but also serves the town as a hall for large group meetings, special events such as Noyes Lecture Fund programs, cultural performances and other service activities, including the American Red Cross Blood Bank. The Lancaster School uses the gymnasium for physical education classes for grades K-8 students.

The game room provides opportunities to bowl, play bumper pool, table shuffleboard, air hockey, marble football, table soccer, maze and many other games that can be checked out during free play sessions. Free play is the term we use to describe supervised drop-in activities when children or adults visit on a non-programmed basis and participate in one or more activities.

The Community House third floor library accomodates group meetings, craft classes and small groups that desire privacy. Local groups and organizations are encouraged to use the Colonel Town facilities. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis, (call 788-3321 during business hours). Rental rates established by the Spending Committee are reasonable.

The Colonel Town Community Field features five all-weather tennis courts, two Bambino/softball fields, a full sized baseball field, two childrens play areas with equipment, a junior and senior soccer field marked out in the baseball outfields and a 209,000 gallon pool. The excellent ballfields and maintenance program receive many compliments from visitors who enjoy playing in our tournaments, bringing dollars to the area businesses.

The Colonel Town Community Camp is a 55 acre facility located six miles east of town, featuring outstanding facilities for family and group picnics. The area has nine family/small group shelters with grills, and one large group shelter, a hall for indoor activities or lunch, playground equipment and other equipment such as horseshoes, volleyballs, whiffle balls and bats, soccer balls, frisbees that can be signed out at the caretakers house. School groups, youth leaders, community groups and families are encouraged to make use of the Community Camp facilities. Dave Cloutier took over the operation of the Camp in May 1988, in addition to duties on the regular Col. Town maintenance crew. Many fine comments on the camp's hospitality were appreciated. The Camp phone is marned only on weekends, so users are asked to make reservations by calling the Community House (788-3321). Additional programming during the summer of 1988 included tie-dye workshop, silkscreen workshops, a creative letter writing workshop (S.W.A.K.), and a workshop utilizing hot wax and cold weather dyes (Batikshop), plus cooperative

family "new games" on Tuesday evenings and family campouts, (3 Fridays), all under the leadership of Mrs. Patrice MacDonough. The programs were designed to further utilize the Community Camp and the area met our need for a private outdoor site with plenty of room.

The Colonel Town Pool enjoyed its best season ever. An excellent pool staff results in good swimmers at a young age. Lessons range from our mom/tot class, prebeginners through senior lifesaving and Water Safety Instructors class.

The Lancaster Tennis Association conducts an instructional program followed by round robin and tournament play for youth and adults. The backbone of Lancaster tennis, the past several years, Mrs. Flora Ingram, is stepping aside. Her kind, dedicated, knowledgeable leadership will be missed. Mrs. Joan Saunders is taking over the chairperson role with the assistance of veteran instructors Mary Sloat and John Lane.

Volunteers play an important role throughout the recreation program. Our need for more volunteers as program leaders, coaches, officials, league administrators, snackbar workers and in other areas continue. We are now able to better train volunteers through the National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA), utilizing VHS taped instructional series. Clinics are available certifying coaches in cheerleading, volleyball, baseball, basketball, soccer, hockey and softball. Certified coaches receive \$500,000 insurance coverage, training in first aid, planning practice time wisely, fundamentals and helpful ways to gain parental support. Contact the Colonel Town Recreation Department and inquire about the NYSCA training program.

Capital improvement projects completed in 1988, including resurfacing the outdoor basketball court, painting the trim and vinyl siding the back half (gym) of the Recreation Center, new carpeting, reupholstery work and a couple additional pieces of furniture for the front parlor, plus a fresh coat of paint for the walls and ceiling, re-coating the gym roof and 35 energy efficient windows for the upper gym. Replacement doors for the gym entrance will be installed in 1989. CAPITAL IDEAS for 1989 include energy efficient windows for the library and office, front rest room renovation, exercise equipment, handicap access ramp, office equipment and renovation, improved skating rink lighting, pool replacement diving board, start of a running track on the Community Field, a bus garage, replacement of 10 year old bus, side house landscaping and walk improvement, replacement of bridge to pond at Camp, renovate #1 shelter over grill and build storage workshop behind caretakers cabin. We have \$70,000± of capital ideas and \$10,572 in the budget for capital items. Our biggest future need will be a bus to replace our 10 year old bus. Groups, organizations and/or individuals looking for a project are encouraged to consider funding one of the Colonel Town capital ideas.

Andrea and I wish to express our appreciation to the Spending Committee members for their support and leadership. A special thanks to Jim Hampton who is retiring from the Committee after 15 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.

1989 CAPITAL IDEAS

\$	2,000	Replace 3 gym doors (1988)
	315	10 rubber stair treads (1988)
	4,000	Energy efficient windows - 16-3rd floor library, 2 office side porch window replace with door.
	900	Front entrance rest room renovation
	3,000	Exercise equipment (ergomedric bike/treadmill, etc.)
	10,000	Handicap access ramp.
	2,000	Office equipment/renovations.

FIELD

	500	Skating rink lighting.
	1,000	Pool diving board replacement.
	2,500	Begin development running track.
	10,000	24' x 50' bus garage.
	30,000	New bus (replace 1979 35 passenger).
	2,000	Side house landscaping/walk improvement.

CAMP

	400	Replace bridge to pond.
	150	Renovate #1 shelter over grill.
	1,500	Storage workshop behind caretakers cabin.
\$	70,265	Capital ideas cost.*
		*Most estimates based on staff labor.

\$	10,572	1989 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET
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COLONEL TOWN SPENDING COMMITTEE

TREASURER'S REPORT - DATED December 31, ,88

	1988 TO DATE	88 BUDGET	87 EXPERIENCE
CHECKBOOK BALANCE 1/1/87	730.84	730.84	924.30
HI FI BALANCE 1/1/87	12,006.06	12,006.06	5,235.58
TRUST FUND - 1986/4TH QUARTER	43,170.71	43,170.71	46,335.22
BALANCE / YEAR START	\$55,907.61	\$55,907.61	\$52,495.10
TRUST FUND INCOME - 1ST 3 QUARTERS	<u>75,000.00</u>	75,000	75,000.00
INTEREST INCOME - CHECKBOOK	<u>444.40</u>	1,000	225.93
HI / FI ACCOUNT	<u>2,325.66</u>		1,770.48
HOUSE FEES	<u>8,229.00</u>	8,000	3,922.25
CAMP FEES	<u>1,272.00</u>	800	906.37
POOL SEASON PASSES / DAILY FEES ...	<u>12,457.27</u>	9,200	8,850.77
VEHICLE REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>478.60</u>		306.35
<u>SPECIAL ACTIVITIES - (IN/OUT ITEMS)</u>		5,000	3,655.13
CLASS FEES	<u>142.00</u>		
COCA COLA	<u>964.55</u>		
CANDY / POOL TABLE/Juke Box/Videos	<u>155.85</u>		
<u>Energy Grant</u>	<u>4,600.00</u>	4,600	
<u>Ins. Re-imburse. - Glass Backboard</u>	<u>530.00</u>		
<u>Tourneys, games, etc.</u>	<u>1,653.05</u>		
<u>Sale of Gilson Tractor & other equip.</u>	<u>238.00</u>		
<u>Camp programs</u>	<u>861.90</u>		
TOTAL SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: <u>\$9,145.37</u>		<u>\$159,507.61</u>	
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	<u>\$109,352.28</u>		
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE BALANCE + INCOME=			<u>\$165,259.89</u>
		Less total expend.	<u>\$145,445.94</u>
CHECKBOOK BALANCE AS OF ABOVE DATE: \$	<u>311.52</u>		<u>\$ 19,813.95</u>
SAVINGS ACCOUNT - if any: \$	<u>19,502.43</u>		
	<u>\$ 19,813.95</u>		

TREASURER'S REPORT - EXPENDITURES	1988 <u>TO DATE</u>	1988 <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
<u>FIXED CHARGES / WAGES:</u>			
WAGES & SALARIES - gross	63,433.08	61,700	
INSURANCES - Workmens compensation	519.00	2,554	
Fine Arts Floater	535.00	600	
Multi-Peril	<u>-0-</u>	11,500	
Unemployment	498.68	750	
Employee Life	172.80	320	
Treasurer's bond	<u>65.00</u>	50	
ACCRUED INCOME TAX WITHHELD	<u>-0-</u>		
SOCIAL SECURITY	4,730.41	4,650	
BLUE CROSS / BLUE SHIELD	3,455.76	4,100	
RETIREMENT - State N.H. program	2,982.96	2,500	
FUEL OIL - House	3,792.60	3,500	
ELECTRIC - House	3,153.52	3,000	
TELEPHONE - House	<u>.850.55.</u>	1,000	
TOTAL WAGES / FIXED CHARGES \$	<u>84,189.36</u>	<u>\$96,224</u>	
<u>HOUSE OPERATIONAL COSTS:</u>			
OFFICE SUPPLIES	499.88	400	
MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	2,312.05	2,000	
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE EXPENSES	2,322.86	2,300	
RECREATION SUPPLIES / EXPENSES	4,632.86	3,000	
RECREATION CONFERENCES / MEETINGS	388.00	900	
MISCELLANEOUS - Treasurers pay	990.00	800	
Water & Sewar	<u>-0-</u>	-	
Dues / Memberships	166.00	150	
Cable	198.45	200	
Col. Town Lot	136.00	150	
Numerous items (misc)	<u>53.10</u>	300	
APPROPRIATIONS - Juvenile Library	2,500.00	2,500	
Girl Scouts	350.00	350	
Junior Hockey Equip.	<u>-0-</u>	300	
School Awards	<u>.200.00.</u>	200	
TOTAL HOUSE OPERATIONAL ... \$	<u>14,749.20</u>	<u>\$13,550</u>	

TREASURER'S REPORT -

	1988 <u>TO DATE</u>	1988 <u>BUDGET</u>	COMMENTS
<u>FIELD/VEHICLES/POOL/RINK/CAMP:</u>			
COL. TOWN COMMUNITY FIELD	1,240.87	2,000	
VEHICLES - REPAIRS/SERVICE	2,242.67	1,500	
GASOLINE	1,266.70	1,200	
COL. TOWN SKATING RINK -		1,300	
Supplies	163.37		
Fuel	553.34		
Electric	425.50		
Repairs	397.62		
Advertisement	35.40		
COL. TOWN POOL -		6,775	
Supplies/Chemicals	2,298.08		
Repairs & Maint.	803.54		
Electricity	2,202.12		
Telephone	336.37		
Fuel Oil	581.85		
COL. TOWN CAMP -		1,650	
Repairs/Supplies	1,441.02		
Electric	826.22		
Telephone	305.81		
TOTAL FIELD/VEH/POOL/RINK/CAMP: \$	<u>15,120.48</u>	<u>\$14,425</u>	
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES -		5,000	
Instructor fees	130.00		
Coca cola	1,125.60		
Valentine's Day	72.00		
Backboard	638.47		(\$530.00 re-imbursed by ins.) (re-imbursed)
Truck Repair	0		
Misc.	659.35		
Camp Programs	494.77		
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>3,120.19</u>		
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES -	28,266.71	30,305	
\$4,880 Vinyl siding/paint back	8,301.00		\$159,504 TOTAL BUDGET '88
2,000 3/8 Styrofoam/siding	2,000.00		
2,000 Replace gym doors	145,445.94		TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO DATE
1,665 Resurface outdr. court	1,655.00		
2,000 Re-coat flat roofs	2,204.64		
8,400 Carpet/Re-uphol./furn.	4,024.53		
600 Camp backup mower			
600 Vacuum cleaner	1,239.20		
8,160 Gym windows	6,813.50		
		438.23	Camp deck/hse. Garage
		550.00	Camp Refrigerator
		1,040.61	Gym Chairs

Signed: *Jolanne Emerson*
Treasurer

TOWN TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

TOWN MANAGER, Donald E. Crane	788-3391
TOWN CLERK, Jean E. Oleson	788-2306
TOWN ACCOUNTANT, Michael W. Nadeau	788-3391
TAX, WATER/SEWER COLLECTOR, Cheryl A. Stearns	788-3391
INFORMATION ON ZONING AND BUILDING PERMITS	788-3391
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE	788-2366
COLONEL TOWN COMMUNITY CENTER	788-3321
LANCASTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	788-4924
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS OFFICE	837-2553
WEEKS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	788-4911

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

POLICE DEPARTMENT	788-4402
FIRE DEPARTMENT	788-4830
CIVIL DEFENSE	788-3391
AMBULANCE	788-4911

Cover Photo - This year, 1988, commemorates the hurricane of September 21, 1938. Photo furnished by Lancaster Historical Society.

