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MANAGER'S LETTER



TO: The Honorable City Council and the Citizens of the City of Portsmouth, New Hampshire

It is my pleasure to transmit the 1975-76 Annual Report of the City of Portsmouth to you at this time. I hope that you will find it comprehensive and meaningful in giving you a better understanding of the many accomplishments during the past year.

I feel that the past year was a very active and successful year for the City, with the completion of our new Library addition/renovation, neighborhood improvements, new playgrounds and parks, and the construction of the new Industrial Park.

Portsmouth's future belongs to those who actively participate in the many decisions that must be made, and I would encourage you to become actively involved in the affairs of your City.

Respectfully,

Calvin A. Canney

City Manager





ANNUAL REPORT

1975-1976

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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City Council: Seated from left to right Councilmen

John J. Wholey Jay C. Edwards Nicholas R. Aeschliman

Bruce R. Graves, Mayor Peter E. O'Donnell, City Clerk Peter G. Weeks

Calvin A Canney, City Manager (Absent) William A. Thomson, Jr. Joyce Y. Hanrahan

John R. Maher (Asst. Mayor) Mary M. Keenan

CITY COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

JULY 1975

Decided on a work session on August 4 regarding the disposition of house on the "hill."

Vote unanimously to affirm sale of Land of Marne Ave.

Voted to:

Remove three meters in Court St. parking lot adjacent to Feaster Apartments.

Allow First National Bank to cover meter on Porter Street during banking hours.

Allow Piscataqua savings bank to cover meter on State Street during banking hours.

Install speed limit signs 20 mph, Caution, children signs, and stop signs as per City Managers drawing at Elwyn Park.

Rejected

Removing meter in front of Holland Home on Court St. Refferred back to traffic and parking.

Speed bumps and stop signs in Elwyn Park for a trial period to Septermber 15th.

Changing section of Middle Road to one-way.

Voted unanimously on a roll call vote that Resolution No. 17 (appropriation of \$41,709.14 for school lunch program) be adopted.

Defeated - Second reading of Ordinance restricting parking on easterly side of Highland St.

Adopted - Resolution No. 16 authorizing borrowing an anticipation of taxes.

The Council went on record as being in favor of Councilman Maher's letter to the Public Utilities Commission favoring Railroad Transportation for the Seacoast Area.

AUGUST

Made a motion and it was boted to suspend the rules to take up allowing Cable TV to televise the meeting.

Approval of amendment regarding Portsmouth Preservation Inc. to sell 13 restored houses - "any profit accruing to Portsmouth Preservation Inc. from sale of houses to be reverted to City."

Approved purchase of 2 radar moving units and to seek $50^{\circ}/^{\circ}$ funding from Highway Safety with the rest to come from Contingency Fund.

Change name of the Parking and Traffic Committee to Portsmouth Traffic Safety Commission.

All voted in favor to use Parrott Ave. parking lot one day a week between the hours of 2 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. for green thumb program.

GORDON HANCHETT APPEAL:

Voted:

- 1. Hearing on August 18, 1975
- 2. Having an opening statement from both attorneys
- 3 Both sides will present evidence, witnesses and Council and Attorneys may question.
- 4. Vote for a court stenographer.

Voted to adopt Resolution appropriating \$53,000 to satisfy the judgement which Franchi Bros. Construction Corp. has received against the City in regards to Little Harbour School.

Voted to write Sen. McIntyre so that he can petition the U.S. Senate to fund the Special Election since their ability to decide the Issue is the cause of it.

SEPTEMBER

Denied request to appropriate \$2,000.00 from Contingency Fund to move the Hovey Fountain to a permanent place in Prescott Park.

Voted to appoint or create a new Charter Commission.

Adopted Resolution No. 20 - \$6500.00 for special Senate Election.

HB 17 to be put on referendum ballot for the November Election

Granted a request for appropriation of \$335.00 to implement the Community Education Grant.

Voted that Boston and Maine Railroad put some warning signs at the crossing at the crossing in Atlantic Heights.

OCTOBER

Passed Resolution No. 21 - establishing the City as a holding agent.

Voted to electrify the clock in the North Church steeple and the money to come from Contingency Fund.

Voted unanimously to appropriate \$2,000.00 from the Contingency Fund to restore and relocate the Hovey Memorial Fountain.

JANUARY 1976

Voted unanimously to accept Mirona Road extension as a City Street.

Amended Resolution No. 1 (year 2 funding) by deleting \$113,500 for multi-purpose building and put into year three and use the \$113,500 for sidewalks on Lafayette Road from First National to McKinley Road and Woodbury Ave. at Maplewood Ave. the Gosling Road.

FEBRUARY

Mayor Appointed Study Committee - for report on having a liquor store in downtown area.

Revenue Sharing Resolution adopted.

City Manager authorized to sign agreement with Tamposi Associates for an Industrial

People were appointed to the following Commissions:

Charter Commission

Board of Adjustment

Southeast Regional Planning Commission

Taxi Commission

Courtroom Study Committee

MARCH

Donald Lane, former Fire Chief, was presented with Certificate of appreciation and gift for his 36 years of faithful service.

Adopted McDonough St. Improvement Phase I

Adopted Lafayette Road Sidewalk construction - Phase I

Adopted design plans for Industrial Park.

APRIL

Adopted Resolution No. 5.

City Manager to report on proposal and cost to demolish Farragut School Building, length of time it will take, also the cost of filling and landscaping.

MAY

Accepted a gift of land from National Gypsum Co.

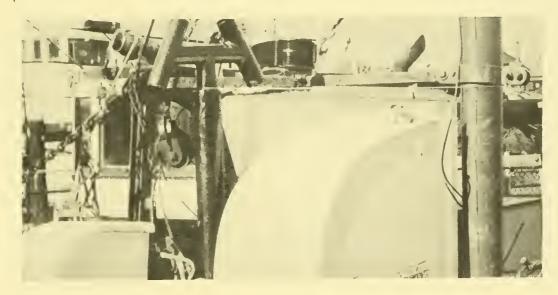
Adoption of Resolution favoring re-opening of B&M Railroad Bridge in Newburyport. Adoption of Resolution proclaiming Maritime Heritage Day.

Awarded bid on McDonough St. contract Phase to the John Iafolla Co. Alternate 1-B for the amount of \$67,461.00

Voted authorization for a Community Development Plan change to allow \$39,606.75 to be used from the Community Development Contingency Fund to close out the Urban Renewal Program.

JUNE

Senior Citizens Bus Transportation taken over by Portsmouth Housing Authority. Adopted Resolution: City Council's opposition of Shiller Plant without guarantee that such conversion will pose no health risk in terms of both regulated and unregulated pollution.



CITY CLERK

ELECTIONS HELD		VITAL STATISTI	CS RECORDED
MUNICIPAL ELECTION NAMES ON CHECKLIST	11,256	BIRTHS	DEATHS
BALLOTS CAST	4,927	1,042	291
ABSENTEE BALLOTS	516	1,012	271
COUNCILMEN ELECTED AT NOVER MUNICIPAL ELECTION	MBER 4, 1975	MARRIAGES 417	STILLBIRTHS 9
MONICIPAL LELCTION		417	9
	hn j wholey		
	ETER G. WEEKS		
NICHOLAS AESCHLIMAN JOYCE			OF DEATH
JAY C. EDWARDS WILLIAM A			o JUNE 30, 1976
	MARY KEENAN	Heart	117
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMAR February 24, 1976	.1	Cancer Pneumon i a	33
125KO/KT 24, 1970		Arteriosclerosis	22
NAMES ON CHECKLIST	11,295	Multiple Absce	
BALLOTS CAST	4,309	Respiratory	18
ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST	237	Anemia	1
WARD I		Kidney Disease	e 1
NAMES ON CHECKLIST	2,152	Encephalitis, V	iral 1
BALLOTS CAST	807	Decubital Ulce	
ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST	82	Renal Failure	4
WARD II	2.232	Cerebral Vascu	
NAMES ON CHECKLIST BALLOTS CAST	2,333 893	Pancreatitis	1
ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST	85	Anorexia neuro	
WARD III	03	Ritropenitor	oshacoma 1
NAMES ON CHECKLIST	1,391	Hyperkalemia	1
BALLOTS CAST	555	Stroke	3
ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST	37	Intestinal Obst	
WARD IV		Paroxysmal ver	ntricular
NAMES ON CHECKLIST	2,100	dysrhythmia	1
BALLOTS CAST	B72	mesenteric thre	
ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST	49		lyte disturbance 1
WARD V NAMES ON CHECKLIST	2,038	sepsis	1
BALLOTS CAST	753	hepatic Failure	
ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST	138	Shock Alcoholism	8 1
WARD VI		prematurity	4
NAMES ON CHECKLIST	1,282	emphysema	1
BALLOTS CAST	429	cerebral	7
ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST	19	Kidney Failure	
LICENSES AND PERMITS IS	SUED	Laennec's Cirrl	nosis 2
JULY 1, 1975 - JUNE 30, 1		Cirrhosis of liv	
VITAL STATISTICS		Liver failure	3
(BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES).	\$5,045 68	Influenza	2
UCC FILINGS AND TERMINATIONS		Uremia Castro intestina	4 homosphago 1
MARRIAGE INTENTIONS.		Gastro-intestina Leukemia	al hemorrhage 1
SEWER PERMITS		Asphyxia	1
	728 27	Septicemia	1
DOGS	4,490.75	Anencephaly	1
T 1 1 1 1	173 60	Natural	1
	965 00	hypercalcemia	1
	400.00	crib death	3
MISC. LICENSES	'	suicide	2
POLITICAL FILINGS		'	minal aneurysm1
TOKENS		accident dehydration	1
		derrydration	1
	\$20,776 80		

This year has been a healthy one for Portsmouth as no serious health problems of any kind were experienced. Physical examinations were given to prospective Police Officers and Firemen, as well as summer recreation workers. School health examinations were given in cooperation with other physicians and school nurses. City Welfare cases were treated. International Certificates of Vaccination for foreign travel were validated. All complaints, nuisances and violations were investigated.

CITY ATTORNEY

The Legal Department of the City of Portsmouth during fiscal year 1975-76 consisted of one attorney and one secretary. The cost to the taxpayers for this department was \$30,072.80.

The scope of services provided by this office is outlined by the administrative code. It includes advising and defending the City Council, City Manager, Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, the twelve boards and commissions in the City. In addition the City Attorney advises the police, prosecutes all cases for the police in the Portsmouth District Court, represents the Joint Building Committee and defends all cases brought against the City in Superior Court each year.

During fiscal year 1975-76 this service included the handling of over three hundred legal problems for the various City departments; the issuance of sixty-six written opinions and the drafting of thirty-nine ordinances and fifteen resolutions. During this same period the City Attorney successfully concluded action on 19 of the suits pending against the City in the Superior Court and prepared for the defense of the seventeen new suits filed in the Superior Court against the City during this year. As of June 31, 1976 there were twenty-six suits pending against the City in the Superior Court and three cases being redied for the New Hampshire Supreme Court.

As the prosecutor for the Portsmouth Police the City Attorney was involved in 351 criminal trials in fiscal year 1975-76. Of these 351 cases, 77% were won, 6% were lost and 17% of these 351 cases, were nolle prossed, or the charges were lowered.

DISTRICT COURT

	NUMBER	. DD sete	OFFENSES		
OFFEN5E5	REPORTED	ARRESTS	CLEARED	JUVENILES	
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	. 9 100	7 97	8 97	1 27	
ASSAULTS (OTHER) . ARRESTED FOR OTHER DEPTS		22	22	10	
ARSON		2	2	2	
AUTO THEFT RECOVERED 66		17	16	10	
AUTOMOBILE OFFENSES	. 2,429	2,429	2,429	5	
BASTARDY	0	0	0	0	JUVENILE OFFENDERS
BIGAMY	0	0	0	0	Neglect . 28
BURGLARY (B E & L)	296	52	52	25	Truancy 16 Uncontrollable 9
CONTEMPT OF COURT	1 80	1 80	1 80	1 22	Motor Vehicle 1
DISORDERLY CONDUCT DRUNKENNESS	119	119	119	9	Burglary 22
DWI .	175	175	175	0	Larceny 36
ESCAPED PRISONERS	3	3	3	2	Robbery
FORGERY	9	9	9	2	Robbery
FRAUD - FALSE PRETENSES	0	0	0	0	Sexual Assault 1
LARCENY BY CHECK		7	7	0	Drugs
EMBEZZELMENT	0	0	0	0	Assault 4 Fugitive From Justice 1
GAMBLING HOUSE MAAINTAIN	NING 0	0	0	0	Carrying Dangerous Weapon 1
GAMBLING HOUSE, MAINTAIN HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0	Criminal Threatening 1
LARCENY	833	85	85	23	Malicious Damage 2
LIQUOR LAWS	3	3	3	0	Arson
(MINORS IN POSS).	13	13	13	13	Receiving Stolen Property 1
LODGERS 926	-	-	-	-	Disorderly Conduct
MALICIOUS DAMAGE.	595	128	128	74	
MANSALUGHTER	0	0	0	0	
MENTAL PATIENTS	3	3	3 54	0	
narcotics non—support	54 1	54 1	1	13	
PERJURY	2	2	2	0	Stolen Property
RAPE — FORCIBLE	3	3	2	0	
STATUTORY	1	1	1	0	Amount Stolen \$499,167.51
ACCESSORY TO	0	0	0	0	Amount Recovered 204,212 19
ATTEMPTED TO COMMIT	2	2	2	2	Cash Received
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY		12	12	5	Beano Licenses \$2,400.00
ROBBERY — ARMED	9 5	5 4	5 4	2 3	Junk Licenses75 00
FROM PERSON . Safe Keeping	7	7	7	1	jam Electises
WEAPON OFFENSES	5	5	5	1	
MISCELLANEOUS ARRESTS	105	105	105	54	
RUN—A—WAY (Juveniles).	113	113	113	113	
UNCONTROLLABLE CHILD	24	24	24	24	
TRUANCY	8	8	8	8	
SEX OFFENSES — Adultery	0	0	0	0	SUMMARY OF COURT CASES
Exposing person		7	10	1	CRIMINAL CASES
Fornication	0	0 1	0 1	0	Violations
Lascivious Acts		8	8	1	Misdemeanors 880
50domy		0	0	0	Class B. Felonies 107
VICE CASES	0	0	0	0	Class A. Felonies25
VIOLATING CITY ORDINANC		17	17	0	SMALL CLAIMS CASES Cases entered for
CURFEW	2	2	2	2	the year417
TOTAL	5,218	3,632	3,635	456	JUVENILE CASES
ACCIDENTS REPORTED TO P	OLICE DEP	ARTMENT			Cases of Neglected Children 30
1,151					Cases of Delinquent Children
POLICE ESCORTS					80
STORE DOORS AND WINDOW					Cases of PINS27
STREET LIGHTS REPORTED O	UI	1			CIVIL CASES Landlord and Tenant
SUICIDE SUICIDE, ATTEMPTED					Actions
DEATHS DUE TO AUTO ACC					Civil Writs 149
11000000					143

On October 10, 1975, Lt. Raymond W. Labrie completed a two-week seminar on Narcotics & Dangerous Drugs given by the Drug Enforcement Administration, a branch of the United States Department of Justice.

In April of 1976, Labrie was appointed by Governor Meldrim Thomson to serve as a Juvenile Specilaist on the Standards & Goals Committee of the N.H. Governor's Commission on Crime & Delinquency

On June 19, 1976, Lt. Labrie received his Masters Degree in Public Administration from Golden Gate University. His Major was Justice Administration

Il Youth Services Officer Michael E. Fracher on September 23, 1976, completed a seminar on the Use of the Identi-Kit System which was sponsored by the Smith & Wesson Law Enforcement Group

On May 16, 1976, Officer Fracher received his Associates Degree in Science in Criminal Justice from St. Anselm's College.

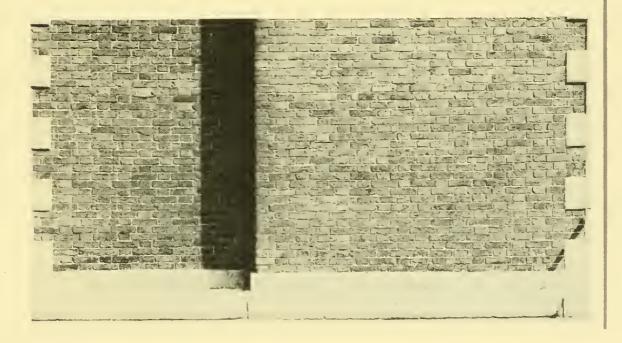
III. William Black began his 5th year in providing assistance to the Youth Services Division. Currently funded under a Grant from the NH Governor's Commission on Crime & Delinquency, Bill is attached to the Junction, working with the youth who are referred to him by the Portsmouth Police Department.

IV. Mary C. Larin began her 3rd year as a Police Youth Aide with the Youth Services Division. As the direct result of her dedication to the children of Portsmouth, she was voted one of the 10 most outstanding young women in America. On November 14, 1976, she traveled to Washington, D.C. at the invitation of the Outstanding Young Women of America. Group, and received many honors during a four (4) day stay in our Capital.

V. Through the Manpower program, and the cooperation of the City of Portsmouth, a "PAL Program" was initiated on November 5, 1975. Under the auspices of the Portsmouth Police Youth Services Division, Mr. Buchalski has arranged twenty-one (21) match-ups between adult volunteers and the same number of youngsters who had the need for such a program. During it's first year of operation, the "PAL Program" has certainly been a great success.

The following transitions occurred during the period of this report Retired Deputy Marshall E. Edward Scarponi on 12/1/75 No. Captain Emerson Miles on 9/1/75 Japatrolman Robert Bryant on 2/3/76 Gesigned Sergeant Edward Blanchette on 2/1/76.

New officer hired James Horan on B/16/75. GeorgeWilliams on 11/1/75 Robert Mello on 1/3/76. David Pace on 1/24/76. Robert Hersey on 2/28/76.



FIRE

FIRE ALARMS:	(53-False)
(a) Bell Alarms	135
(b) Still Alarms	523
(c) Total number of fires	
(1) Structural fires	109
(2) Non-Structural fires	110
(3) Transportation fires	53
(d) Ambulance Calls	1,433
(e) Misc. Calls	
(f) Out of Town Calls (Mutual Aid)	11
(Rye 4; Hampton	1; Greenland 4; Kittery 2)

The value of buildings and contents endangered by fire amounted to \$1,855,413.05 and the insurance on same was \$1,271,200.00. Damage by fire was \$781,034.51 and insurance paid was \$723,110.08, leaving an uninsured loss of \$57,924.43.

The following personnel changes and appointments occured during this period:

- (a) 12 Dec 75: Pvt George J. McKenna resigned after 8 years.
- (b) 31 Dec 75: 2nd Deputy Glen Sjith retired after 23 years.
- (c) 20 Feb 76. Pvt. Ernest Tomkinson resigned after 7 years.
- (d) 29 Feb 76: Chief Donald Lane retired after 31 years.
- (e) 3rd Deputy Chief Eugene Hersey was appointed 2nd Deputy Chief on Jan 19, 1976.
- (f) Captain Donald Gindlesperger was appointed as the Department Safety Officer in February 1976.
- (g) Deputy Robert P. Murphy was appointed as Acting Chief on March 1, 1976.
- (h) During this period, three firefighter vacancies were filled.

VEHICLE STATUS:

- (a) In October 1975, a 1976 four section, rear mount, aerial ladder truck, designed with a 100' all steel, hydraulically operated aerial ladder was specked out and ordered. Cost: \$132,500.00. Delivery date unknown.
- (b) In March 1976, a 1976 Type 1, Class 1 Modular Ambulance was specked out and ordered. The cost \$24,000.00. Delivery date late in 1976.
- (c) All department vehicles have been kept in good working condition by the department mechanic.

TRAINING:

The Portsmouth Fire Department continues to train and educate its members. Routine training and drills are conducted by the Captains and Lieutenants of their respective shifts, Members have taken advantage of area seminars and fire schools. Twelve members of the department are working on a degree in fire protection offered by the N.H. Technical Vocational College.

SAFETY:

- (a) Safety is a continuing part of training for all personnel. Six officers have completed a twelve hour National Safety Council Key Man Development Program. Two Officers have completed a Ten Week, three credit course in Industrial Safety.
- (b) Captain Gindlesperger, Department Safety Officer, attends safety committee meetings once a month. As Safety Officer he inspects Central and Sub-Stations for Safety hazards. All accidents, whether personal injury or property damage are investigated and reported to the Chief and to the Safety Committee.

FIRE ALARM:

During this period, six new Master Boxes and three new Street Boxes were added to our system. Todate, there are 63 Master Boxes and 130 Street Boxes. Data General was tied into our System. Fire Alarm Superintendent, John Gailey assisted in rebuilding the traffic lights on the corner of Middle and State Streets. All adjustments and maintenance work for the Fire Alarm System was performed to make the system as dependable as possible.

FIRE PREVENTION:

Regular yearly inspections were conducted of the schools, places of business and assembly as well as special inspections dealing with flammable liquids, etc. New and existing Day Care Centers as well as Nursing Homes, the Hospital, and Portsmouth Rehabilitation Center were inspected. Included were fire drills.

Building Improvements:

- (a) A new Auxiliary Generator was installed in the Central Station.
- (b) Under Title VI, the interior of the Centeral Station was painted.
- (c) The department employees painted the exterior and interior of the Sub-Station.

WELFARE

DIRECT RELIEF	
Average number of monthly cases	53.58
Average number of persons	146.08
Average monthly expenditures	\$4,849.56
BOARD AND CARE CHILDREN	
Average number of monthly cases	13,5
Average monthly expenditures	\$2,380.11
BOARD AND CARE ADULTS	
Average number of monthly cases	1.25
Average monthly expenditures	\$668.78
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE	
Monthly expenditures (164.67 ave./month)	\$9,689.64
OTHER EXPENSES	
Miscellaneous - monthly	\$289.70
ADMINISTRATIVE	
Salary; supplies; insurance; phone;	
dues; conference; transportation;	
Monthly average expense	\$1,222.42
Temporary/Emergency	\$1,215.38



RECREATION

SUMMER PROGRAM — PARTICIPATION
1. Overall playground attendance.13,042
2. Summer craft program
3. Farm system (major & minor
leagues)150
4. S-7 year old whiffleball league83
5. Girls softball league
7. Adult summer tennis program80
8 Free ice cream on all playgrounds 4,000
9. Little red wagon
12. Summer music program
14 Kingston state park 140
15. On wheels parade
15. On wheels parade
17. V.F.W. Swim Meet
0 . , ,
22. Summer music festival
23 City wide scavenger hunt
25. Summer basketball program. 60 26. Judo (summer)
27. Intramural basketball games28. National tennis week
29. Field playground trips Newcastle
Beach300 30. Girls softball games (out of town) (2-
games) 100 31. Mens & Womens softball
Joannes & Women's Softball
leagues
34 Pee Wee & Midget football leagues 120
35. Summer co-ed volleyball50
36. Shamrocks football team35
37. American Legion baseball program.20
Total participation in all the summer
programs45,089

JOHN F. KENNEDY ACTIVITIES

7th & 8th GRADE BASKETBALL (practices) BASKETBALL SHUFFLEBOARD YOGA POOL BATON TWIRLING PING PONG GIRL SCOUT & BROWNIE MEETINGS JUNIOR HIGH GYM CLASSES WEIGHT LIFTING TABLE GAMES VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE (Men & women) CO—ED VOLLEYBALL JOGGING DANCE CLASSES HANDBALL DUPLICATE BRIDGE RACQUET BALL TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION SENIOR CITIZEN PARTIES VOLLEYBALL (general)

COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

BASKETBALL LEAGUES

Girls (Jr. High and High School)

City (Adults)

Boys 7th and 8th grade

Church (High School Students)

Jr. High Cheerleaders (7th & 8th Grade)

Intramural Basketball

Practices for all the above leagues

Basketball tournaments

7th & 8th Grade Invitational

Seacoast (Adult Invitational)

Girls (Jr. High and High School)

JUDO (Jr. & Sr.)

ARCHERY (Jr. & Sr.)

BONNIE PRUDENCE PHYSICAL FITNESS

(Pre-Schoolers)

INDOOR TENNIS INSTRUCTION IN GYM

BOWLING LEAGUE

HOT SHOT BASKETBALL PROGRAM

ARTS & CRAFTS

EASTER EGG HUNTS

CITY WIDE SANTA MAIL

MUSIC PERFORMANCE TRUST FUND

CONCERTS TY TENNIS

CO—ED SPORTS BANQUET

ICE SKATING PROGRAM

BASKETBALL CLINIC (Films)

SEMINAR ON DRUG ABUSE (Films)

FLOAT (Christmas Parade)

WHIFFLEBALL **BILLIARDS**

PING PONG FILM PROGRAM

ART CONTEST TABLE GAMES

STREET HOCKEY PROGRAM (Co-ed)

Jr High

Elementary

High School

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL (7th & 8th Grade)

V.I.K. CLUB

(Very Important Kids)

PURPOSE

A program for child involvement in nonorganized sporting events, available for any student during the school year from September through lune

Fund raiser to purchase necessary recreational equipment for the club

ACTIVITIES

AIR HOCKEY PING PONG

TELEVISION **POOL**

INDOOR TENNIS STEREO MUSIC

TABLE GAMES (CARDS, CHECKERS, ETC.)

FIELD TRIPS T.V. TENNIS

MOVIES T.V. SOCCER

HOLIDAY PARTIES TV HOCKEY SPECIAL LECTURE ON DRUG ABUSE

WHIFFLEBALL

GAME TOURNAMENTS (PING PONG

AND INDOOR TENNIS)

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

				PL	AYGROUND	1974	1975
AMERICAN RED CRO	SS SWIMM	IING LES	SONS				
1974				1	Atlantic Heights	2308	1475
CLASS	SIGN—UP	PASSED	FAILED	2.	Carter Park (Play Area)	1226	1138
BEGINNERS	208	71	137				
ADVANCED BEGINNERS	107	51	56				
INTERMEDIATES	74	40	34	3.	Dondero	1080	1011
SWIMMERS	31	23	8				
ADVANCED SWIMMERS	14	10	4				
JUNIOR LIFE SAVING	10	7	3	4.	Gosling Meadows	2080	5065
SENIOR LIFE SAVING	9	6	3				
TOTAL	453	208	245	5.	Lafayette	972	1282
1975				6.	Maple Haven	1604	1883
CLASS	SIGN—UP	PASSED	FAILED				
CE, 133	31011-01	173510	TATELO	7.	McDonough Stree	t 1100	1285
BEGINNERS	162	101	61		(Play Area)		
ADVANCED BEGINNERS		69	73		, , ,		
INTERMEDIATES	83	44	39	8.	New Franklin or	1346	1333
SWIMMERS	46	38	8		Pine Street		
ADVANCED SWIMMERS	23	21	2				
JUNIOR LIFE SAVING	18	8	10	9.	Seacrest	3260	1003
SENIOR LIFE SAVING	18	8	10				
TOTAL	492	289	203	10.	Sherburne or Pannaway	1069	846
				11.	South	1884	1301
					TOTAL	17,929	17,622







PUBLIC EDUCATION

During the past year, expansion on both the Junior and Senior High Schools was completed. All Portsmouth Schools are now on regular session.

The Vocational Program at the High School has been expanded. Over 400 students may now participate in Vocational Education. The State will reimburse Portsmouth for Phase I, which is completed, and Phase II which is in the future. The Board of Education plans to wait for full funding before moving forward with Phase II. Nashua, Exeter and Keene have already received over four million dollars from the State for Vocational buildings and equipment. We should soon be funded.

MEMBERS PORTSMOUTH BOARD OF EDUCATION

Harry MacLeod, Jr., Chairman	Robert Philbrook
Janet Corcoran	Diane Share
Ruth Griffin	Frederick Sullivan
John I. Hale, Jr.	John Sullivan
Charles Halle	Harold Whitehouse
Francis T. Malloy	Ralph Woodman

udget)
31.70
21.36
368.95
300.33
4

OPENING DAY ENROLLMENT

	Sept 75	Sept 76
Atlantic Heights	157	151
Dondero	462	440
Lafayette	156	151
Little Harbour	543	553
New Franklin	316	298
Jones	449	445
Brackett	413	433
Sherburne	169	161
Wentworth	307	297
Junior High	453	840
Senior High	2093	2032

SURVEY OF GRADUATING CLASS OF 1976

Graduates Attending a Four Year College or University	350/0
Graduates Attending Other Post Secondary Institutions	110/0
Graduates Who are Employed	370/0
Graduates in Armed Forces	70/0
Graduates Unemployed	40/0
Graduates Now Housewives	
No information Available	30/0



Patch Collection, Strawbery Banke

PLANNING

The Planning Department plays a key role in recommending and implementing plans and programs which contribute to the orderly growth and development of the community. It acts as advisor the the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, and the Citizens' Council on Community Development. The Department provides staff assistance to these bodies as well as conducting comprehensive planning studies for the community. During the past year numerous recommendations were made through the Planning Board which are described below. The Department also makes recommendations on community policy to the City Council and the City Manager. The Department acts as the City's grantsman and has brought in over \$2,000,000 in public and private funds to the City in the past four years.

In addition to the tasks cited above, the Planning Department also administers the Community Development Program. 1975-1976 marked the beginning of Portsmouth's participation in this federally funded program. The City receives \$796,000 per year for the first three years of the program. A variety of improvement projects were initiated. The projects were recommended and monitored by the Citizen's Council for Community Development. Several projects were designed to upgrade the existing condition of Portsmouth's housing stock, play areas and playgrounds, social service facilities, and physical systems. Other projects included the development of a new industrial park and the creation of a multi-purpose center in the City's northern quadrant. The projects are summarized below:

McDonough Street project - A systematic inspection of all the dwelling units in the twenty-three block project area was begun. Loan and grant assistance was extended to homeowners in the project area. In addition, the first phase of physical improvements tol the area was completed. These included new sidewalks and curbing, street resurfacing, landscaping, and drainage improvements in an eight block area. Finally, steps were initiated to acquire the former Diamond International property for the development of a new neighborhood park.

Economic Development - The design of basic physical systems for the new industrial park was completed in the first months of 1976. Construction began in the spring. This work consisted of site clearance, utility installation, and associated basic physical improvements.

Lafayette Road Sidewalk - The design of a new sidewalk along the east side of Lafayette Road between South Street and the First National Bank property was completed in the early spring. Construction began in late spring and was completed in the summer.

Recreation Improvements - Ten public recreation sites were selected for improvements. They included school play areas, public playgrounds, and athletic fields. Improvements included new baseball fields, tennis courts, play equipment, and basketball courts. Work at six of the sites has been completed.

Seacrest Village Improvements - The initial phase of physical improvements to the Seacrest Village area was completed in the spring of 1976. This work included the construction of new sidewalks, installation of new curbing, resurfacing of streets, drainage system improvements, and landscaping. Approximately one third of the Seacrest Village area benefited from this project.

Social Services - Two existing social service facilities, the Port House and the Community Day Care Center, were provided assistance by the Community Development Program. Funds were expended to refurbish the facilities.

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board has multiple functions to perform in assisting in guiding the development of the community. It makes and perfects the Master Plan, acts on land subdivision requests, and recommends courses of action to various municipal bodies which are consistent with the Master Plan. During 1975-1976 the Planning Board acted on nine (9) requests for the subdivision of land. The largest and most important to the community was the layout and subdivision of the 127 acre Industrial Park. The Board also recommended the rezoning of land which housed a defunct shopping center so that a new computer industry could locate in the City.

The Planning Board provided a forum for the discussion of numerous issues facing the community including Coastal Zone Management, Mass Transportation, and Wastewater Facilities Planning. The Planning Board also received a comprehensive report from an Ad Hoc Committee which presented a recommendation for a comprehensive Historic District Ordinance. The Planning Board in turn recommended to the City Council that this ordinance be enacted.

During the year the Planning Board sent a number of zoning ordinance revision recommendations to the City Council. These included restrictions on temporary mobile signs, allowing free standing signs in the CBD, modifications to the parking requirements, and reenactment of the site review ordinances. The Board adopted a revised Capital Improvement Program and recommended the disposal of Pierce Island land for a commercial fish pier and disposal of city owned land for a State highway maintenance building.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Board of Adjustment is set up under New Hampshire law to provide a "relief valve" for specific situations where an individual cannot comply with the Zoning Ordinance and therefore seeks a variance. It also hears requests for special exceptions. Between July 1975 and June 1976 the Board held 71 public hearings on variance and special exception requests. Of those, 61 were variance requests, of which 51 were granted and 10 denied. This yielded a 83.60/0 approval rate. There were also 10 special exceptions requested, of which 8 were granted and 2 denied, yielding a 800/0 approval rate.



ECONOMIC COMMISSION

The past year marked a new threshold of activity for the Portsmouth Economic Commission. After a number of years of effort, Portsmouth finally realized a new 127 acre industrial park, financed as a joint venture between the City and private developer, using Community Development funds. This joint venture arrangement was met with interest by both public and private sector groups across the country as a new approach to developing industrial parks. Physical improvements in the park have all be completed. Careful attention has been paid to the aesthetic appeal of the park, resulting in a product which has prompted some to describe it as the most aesthetically pleasing park thus far built in New Hampshire. In addition to the park, a 25,000 square foot speculative manufacturing building was constructed as part of the joint venture agreement, and a commitment was given by the developers to erect another speculative building in the early spring of 1977. Construction of a 43,000 square foot manufacturing facility for Post Machinery Company, formerly of Beverly, Massachusetts, was begun, completed, and the building has been occupied. Post represents the first firm in the industrial park. Data General Corporation occupied the former Portex Plaza Shopping Center and began assembly operations in June. Currently, they employ approximately 180 people, with projections for 600 to 650 within two years in their present facility. Damart Thermawear occupied their facility, the former Woodbury Plaza, and currently employs approximately 90 people. The Federal Credit Union, currently based in the Federal Building, announced their plans to start construction of an \$800,000 facility in Borthwick Park, thus representing the sale of the last piece of property available in that park. This project represented the combined efforts of the Economic Commission and the Portsmouth Regional Development Corporation. A proposal to develop a recreational facility in the urban renewal area was tentatively approved by the City Council, and efforts are underway to secure financing for this facility, hopefully, paving the was for construction in 1977.

Additionally, the Commission has endeavored to find a user for the troubled Contental Shoe Building, and recently announced that Rani-Merona of Saugus, Massachusetts has purchased the building, intending to provide employment for former employees, manufacturing sneakers and other shoe apparel.

This past year represented a year of momentum for the Economic Commission, whereby many former obstacles to the City's development, both real and imagined, were overcome. The Commission published a Portsmouth Economic Profile and many promotional materials for industry, and began advertising on a wide-scale basis for the first time. The Economic Commission also benefited from a great deal of free promotion, since the activities of the Commission in the past year were well received and widely covered. Much of this promotion has resulted in a highly excelerated rate of industrial prospect activity and has placed the Commission in an excellent position to encourage some of the prospects we are now working with to come to Portsmouth.

Portsmouth's new industrial infrastructure, combined with New Hampshire's business climate, forecasted gains in the national economy and available labor supply all point to an optimistic economic picture locally in the coming year.



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission has actively pursued its activities in four different sectors:

(1) Preservation of open space within areas previously designated in the Open Space Plan: With the City Council's approval, several parcels of land (for a total of 30 acres) were acquired in the vicinity of Ocean Road. The larger parcel of twenty acres (mixed deciduous and coniferous woods and two areas of swamp) is accessible from Ocean Road and from the Boston and Maine right-of-way. From these points to the boundary of the City-owned recreation area at Maple Haven, a walking trail was developed by volunteers and former owners, John and Carl Widen. A proposal by Scout Thomas Berry of Boy Scout Troop 164 for establishing a bird sanctuary along the trail was approved by the Conservation Commission and was carried out by Tom Berry and other Scouts of his troop. Appropriate shrubs were planted, clean-up of certain areas and maintenance of the trail were undertaken. Parents and leaders from Troop 164 offerred needed assistance throughout the project. The Commission proposes that this twenty acre conservation property be officially named "The Widen Woods". Three smaller parcels of land acquired under the same purchase are either contiguous with or in the close vicinity of Conservation Commission land in the Atlantic White Cedar Area of the Packer Bog, thus creating a significant White Cedar preserve.

In collaboration with the Exonomic Commission, dedication to open space preservation of nearly ten acres of land in the densely wooded portion of the new Industrial Park was obtained. A right-of-way corridor connects the deeded lot with the Maple Haven-Widen Woods Conservation and Recreation Area, thus substantially increasing the open space available to the public and as a wildlife habitat.

(2) Shade tree program: A total of 122 trees were planted during the fiscal year--92 in the fall, of 1975, 30 during the spring of 1976. The varieties selected were: Crabapple and Bradford Pear (ornamental flowering trees), European Hornbeam, Sweet Gum, Zelkova, Little Leaf Linden, Pin Oak, Seedless Ash, and six different varieties of Maple. Five sugar Maples were planted on the grounds of City Hall together with five Norway Maples at the entrance to Memorial Bridge to help alleviate the barrenness of these important areas.

The planting of new trees and the replacement of dead trees was mapped out and supervised by the Commission. Pruning and staking were accomplished by Commission members. Mr. Michael Plumer, a student from the University of New Hampshire Environmental Institute, donated eight hours of work to cultivating and mulching. The Commission's chairman, Mrs. Clotilde Straus, was appointed to serve as volunteer City Arborist.

(3) Beautification projects: Petunias were planted in City-owned concrete urns on Market Square and the Vaughn Street parking lot, as well as on the grounds of City Hall and the Senior Citizen Center. A tricolor theme and pattern were adopted in honor of the Bicentennial celebration.

An addition to the landscaping of the Public Library was offered by the Commission in the form of twelve flowering shrubs (Pink Clethra and several varieties of Rhododendron) purchased with conservation funds. The shrubs were planted by members of the Library Committee and members of the Commission. One Linden tree was also planted on Library grounds as part of the general shade tree program.

(4) Applications by Portsmouth residents to the New Hampshire Special Board for permits to fill or dredge in the wetlands were reviewed and acted upon by means of recommendation to the Board in accordance with the provisions of the wetland legislation.

Site plans for industrial and commercial development within the City were also reviewed by the Commission which is an advisory member of the Site Review Committee. Recommendations to the Planning Board were made regarding conservation matters related to the projects.





LIBRARY

In late March the construction program at the Portsmouth Public Library was completed. For the first time the full library complex was opened to the public.

With the additional space, services for the community have been greatly expanded. Over forty-five seats are available for studying and reading. The library collection is now on open stacks, accessible to the public. The new community meeting room and the smaller meeting rooms are receiving ever increasing use by many groups. Individuals and organizations are utilizing the display area in the community room and display cases located throughout the complex. In the reference area the complete Portsmouth Herald is available on microfilm and copies of the microfilm can be made with the library's reader printer. Room is available for growing collections of New Hampshire State Documents, college catalogs, career information, tourist information, and pamphlets. Over 100 magazines and over 22 newspapers are available to the public at the library. Bulletin boards provide announcements of community events, as well as library activities. The library's photocopy machine is constantly in use. In the Children's Room reading lists, story hours, crafts classes, and reading clubs are just some of the activities available. There are also quiet corners where one can curl up to read. Films are provided for use by community groups outside the library, as well as being shown at the library. In addition to hardcover books, library users can borrow prints, magazines, paperbacks, and records. Many tours of the new complex have been conducted for school classes and for adults. Programming sponsored by the library for adults and for children is countinuing to grow

The importance of the library in the community is reflected in many ways. Over 104,000 items were loaned to people this year. After the entire complex opened in March, over 10,000 items a month were borrowed. Over 80,000 people enjoyed films which were supplied by the library, in coordination with the New Hampshire State Library.

Facts and figures alone can never give a true idea of the library's services and functions. The only way to find out about the library is to experience and use it. The Portsmouth Public Library intends to meet the needs of the community. As the community grows and changes, the services which the library offers to the community will change. At all times the library is a place of continuous and diverse activity which reflects a response to needs as expressed by the community.

HOURS:

MON-FRI 9am-9pm SAT 9am-5pm (SUMMERS: SAT 9am-3pm)

Art exhibits Art prints to loan Bulletin boards Business reference College catalogs Community information Consumer aid and information Copy machine Displays Encyclopedias Facilities to aid the handicapped patron Films to loan Indexes library loan Large print materials Library instruction

Magazines
Meeting rooms
Microfilm/Microfiche
Movies for kids and adults
Newspapers
Pamphlet file
Paperbacks
Pleasure reading
Pre-school story hours
Records
Reference-your questions answered

PHONE: 436-5724

School visits
State information
Telephone reference
Telephone directories
Zip code information



SERVICES/PROGRAMS "A to Z"









PUBLIC WORKS

I STREET MAINTENANCE

1. Contract Paving

The following streets were repaved by private contractors.

Pierce Island Road Victory Ave Colonial Drive Woodlalawn Circle Witner Ave Hall Court Hillcrest Drive Greenside Ave Sutton Street Georges Terrace Mason Ave Doris Ave Schurman Avenue Whipple Court Holly Lane

Worthern Road Decatur Road

The amount of bituminous products used on the above streets amounted to 3079.6 tons at a cost of \$54,662.94.

2. City Forces

The Public Works Department crews maintenance of city streets and sidewalks used the following amounts of material:

- a) 2670 tons of bituminous products
- b) 105 tons of gravel
- c) 400 tons of cold patch
- d) 102 tons of stone
- e) 3 cu yds of concrete
- f) 13 tons of sand

II SIGNS AND SAFETY

- 1. Installed 19.25 miles of yellow street center lines.
- 2. Installed or replaced 100 meter posts
- 3. Installed or replaced the following:
 - a) 40 Speed Limit Signs
 - b) 110 Restricted Parking Signs
 - c) 150 Street Signs
 - d) 75 Stop Signs
 - e) 25 Slow School and Children Signs
 - f) 24 Lane Marking Arrows
 - g) 500 Catch Basin Arrows
 - h) 5620 feet of yellow Curbing
 - i) 5620 feet of Yellow Curbing
 - j) Placed new gardrail on Islington Street
 - k) Placed treated railroad tie under High/Hanover Lot

III CONSERVATION TREE PLANTING

1. For the year, 205 trees were planted throughout the city. Types of trees planted include:

Servata Zelkova Marshall Ash European Hornbean Malus Hopa Flowering Crabs Pin Oak

Malus Radiant White Dogwood Emerald Queen Maple
Norway Maple Bradford Pear Schwedler Maple

Sugar Maple Sweet gum Red Maples
Little Leaf Linden

2. Park Maintenance

The Public Works Department is responsible for the grounds maintenance of fourteen areas.

Pierce Island Haven Park Langdon Park Clough Field Lafavette School

Plains MapleHaven Playground Eureka Cemetery Cotton Cemetery Goodwin Park

Atlantic Heights Park Mechanic Street Cemetery Pleasant Street Cemetery Sherburne Playground

IV ENGINEERING DIVISION

- 1 Sewer Construction Program
- a) The Deer Street-Mechanic Street gravity and force main interceptor was completed by Modern Continental Constr. Company for \$480,000. The Engineering Division was responsible for layout and inspection of this project
- b) Modification to the Deer Street and Mechanic Street are being done by Alrae Constr. Company and this contract will not be completed until April of 1977. Estimated cost of construction is \$1,100,00.
- c) In 1976 the North Mill Pond Bridge was rehabilitated with eight gauge galvanized corrugated liner and the Public Works Department is in the process of placing a new sewer line
- d) The Engineering Division is also designing and writing specifications for Court Street and Cater Parks.
- e) During the year 1976 the Engineering Division also worked on applications necessary for funding from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation on the South Playground tennis courts.
- f) The Engineering Division also provided technical assistance and inspection services to the Community Development Program.

V INSPECTION DIVISION

The inspection division encompasses the following areas; Building inspection, Electrical Inspection, Plumbing Inspection, Housing Code Inspection

The following is a breakdown of the activities of the inspection division

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 Inspection Breakdown 		4.422
a) Building		1433
b) Electrical		329
c) Plumbing		152
d) Sites		81
e) Junk vehicles		22
f) Complaints		134
2) Permits Issued		
a) Building		382
b) Electrical		246
c) Signs		63
d) Plumbing		231
e) P.S. of N.H		184
3) Licenses Issued		
a) Master Plumbers		31
b) Journeyman Plum		38
4) Housing Code		
a) Structures Inspected		717
b) Dwelling Units Inspected	t e	1115
c) Housing Code Violations	noted	1073
d) Housing Code Viol corre	ected	991
e) Inspections made for PH	IA .	87
f) Public Bldgs and Schools	Insp	23
5) Breakdown of Building Per	mits	
TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION	ESTIMATED COST	NO. PERMITS
Swimming Pools		9
New Homes	\$339,000	11

180,000

83,300

New Homes

New Garages

New Apartments

New Business	786,000	7
New Additions	2,848,300	49
Buildings Razed	19,200	8
Business Repairs	210,400	29
General Repairs	240,100	133
Buildings Remodeled	744,200	47
Miscellaneous	482,600	90
Miscellaneous		
Totals	5,933,100	382
	FEES COLLECTED \$7,249	

VI REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Refuse collection is provided to all sections of the city either by private contractors or city owned vehicles and city crews. The city crews pick up and dispose at the North Hampton Landfill the refuse from approximately 500 homes daily.

The following amount of refuse was collected this year:

28.600 tons

In addition to the regular refuse collection one week in April is designated as "Spring Clean Up Week". During this week city crews will pick up and dispose of any unwanted articles that are set out by the homewoner on their regular refuse collection day.

VII SEWER MAINTENANCE

- 1. Performed 187 excavation and repair jobs including:
 - a) 19 main line repairs
 - b) 6 lateral lines repaired
 - c) 5 new man holes constructed
 - d) 67 Manholes repaired
 - e) 22 new catchbasins constructed
 - f) 38 catch basins repaired
 - g) 5 catchbasin lines repaired
- 2. Performed 32 mainline preventative maintenance jobs
- 3. Cleared 69 mainlines
- 4. Performed 19 maintenance jobs on storm drains
- 5. Cleaned 24 culverts
- 6. Cleared 29 lateral lines
- 7. Responded to 650 calls for clearing flooded areas
- 8. 327 man-days expended cleaning catchbasins
- 9. Installed 18 new manhole covers
- 10. Installed 36 new catchbasin frames
- 11. Installed 36 new catchbasin grates

VIII WASTEWATER TREATMENT

The wastewater system has two treatment plants, Pierce Island and Seacrest Village. The following are the totals of matter processed and materials used from Jan. 1, 1976 to Dec. 31, 1976.

- 1. Pierce Island Plant
 - a) Flow of wastewater to Pierce Island Plant 748,000,000 mgd
 - b) Sludge processed 5,816,000 lbs
 - c) Lime used for processing 11,698 lbs
 - d) Calgon Polymer used for processing 1,444 lbs
 - e) Chlorine used for disinfection 135,400 lbs
- 2. Seacrest Plant
- a) Flow of wastewater to Seacrest Plant 143,000,000 mg
- b) Chlorine used for disinfection 7600 lbs
- 3. Totals for Seacrest and Pierce Island
 - a) 891,000,000 million gallons treated
 - b) 143,000 lbs of chlorine used for disinfection

The crew of the wastewater plant answered 25 emergency calls during the above period.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Calls rec'd	3,267
Dog bites reported to AnimalControl	48
Animal bites (other than dogs) reported	11
Dogs picked up and impounded	298
Dogs in protective custody (returned home)	196
Total number dogs handled	494
Dogs lost (reported to Animal Control	117
Dogs found by Animal Control	98
Animals (and birds) other than dogs handled	
Dead animals picked up and disposal made	
Dog licenses issued	

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Attended (and graduated) from the New Hampshire Emergency Medical Technicians course--total hours 84.

Gave talk and demonstration to the Rockingham County Law Enforcement association on handling injured animals.

Guest speaker at the Durham N.H. "Silver Hair Club" for the elderly.

Guest speaker at the New Hampshire SPCA meeting.

Attended a seminar sponsored by the New England Federation of Humane Societies. Gave talk and demonstration on "Why Control Dogs".

Gave several talks and slide shows to students at the Greenland Elementary School at request of the principal.

Elected to the Board of Directors of the New Hampshire S.P.C.A. at their annual meeting in January 1976.

Gave slide show and talk at the cub scouts annual Blue and Gold Banquet at Yokens Resturant.

Gave three classes to Portsmouth Junior High students under the direction of Mr. Stuart, a teacher at the Junior High.

Was guest speaker at the Bow, N.H., Franklin N.H., and the Laconia N.H. Rotary Clubs.

Conducted rabies clinics in Portsmouth N.H. (sponsored by the Portsmouth Rotary Club), Rye N.H. and Greenland N.H.

Guest speaker and gave slide show to the students at Rye Junior High school at request of the principal. Admiral James Shaw (USN-Ret) Director of the Humane Society Of The United States was a guest at that meeting.

Elected to the Board of Directors of the New England Federation Of Humane Societies at Hartford Conn. to serve for three (3) years in June of 1976.

Appointed as a representative to the D.O.G.S. (Dog Owners Of Granite State) organization. This organization is concerned with the passage and proposal of animals laws in the State.

This fiscal year conducted a total of twenty-seven (27) cub scouts and brownie groups thru the Animal Medical Center on Woodbury Ave.

TAX COLLECTOR

AMOUNT OF 1975 REAL ESTATE WARRANT	\$9,532,802.65
AMOUNT OF REAL ESTATE COLLECTED BY 6/30/76	8,501,704.33
1974 REAL ESTATE COLLECTED IN 1975	628,747.65
AMOUNT OF 1975 RESIDENT TAX WARRANT	104,570.00
RESIDENT TAXES COLLECTED FOR 1975	94,900.00
RESIDENT TAXES COLLECTED FOR 1974 in 1975	920.00
MISCELLANEOUS RESIDENT TAXES	512.00
TAX SALES REDEEMED	145,204.74
INTEREST ON TAXES	40,336.61
TITLES UP TO 6/30/76	4,921.00
TOTAL CASH COLLECTED FROM 7/1/75 to 6/30/76	\$9,762,017.87

AUTO REGISTRATIONS

number	1973	1974	1975
	14,813	15,373	15,750
INCOME	\$303,195.98	\$310,206.04	\$337,995.63

PARKING METER FINES

INCOME FROM 7/1/75 to 6/30/76

\$13,780.80

^{**}NOTE: The income from the parking meter fines is not reflected in the total cash collected from the tax office. The parking meter fines are collected in the tax office but the income is not entered into our ledger.



^{*}NOTE: The auto registrations are for the registration year of April 1 to March 31.

PURCHASING

The Purchasing Department issued 245 invitations to bid, requests for quotations, etc., to barious vendors during 1975/1976 fiscal year.

A total of \$3,179.50 was realized from sales of surplus materials, equipment, and vehicles which included three (3) police cruisers, 155 bags of fiberglass insulation from the Portsmouth Fire Department, and 19 pieces of surplus equipment from the Public Works Department.

FISCAL YEAR 1975/76 STATISTICS

Purchase Orders Processed during the Year	Expended
313 Purchase Orders for the month of July 1975	61,589.85
330 Purchase Orders for the month of August 1975	44,376.90
351 Purchase Orders for the month of September 1975	123,622.12
456 Purchase Orders for the month of October 1975	300,159.02
360 Purchase Orders for the month of November	104,097.03
441 Purchase Orders for the month of December 1975	111,359.52
408 Purchase Orders for the month of January 1976	106,960.09
451 Purchase Orders for the month of February 1976	78,501-41
306 Purchase Orders for the month of March 1976	85,212.75
415 Purchase Orders for the month of April 1976	172,894.73
361 Purchase Orders for the month of May 1976	156,433.98
276 Purchase Orders for the month of June 1976	211,393.76

4,468 total purchase orders processed in the amount of\$1,556,601.16

Shown below is a listing of purchase orders expended during the past four (4) years that reflect the increased volume of purchases during that period.

3, 581 Purchase Orders in the amount of \$823,066.68 for fiscal year 1972/1973. 4,096 Purchase Orders in the amount of \$1,072,834.49 for fiscal year 1973/1974 4,242 Purchase Orders in the amount of \$1,164,990.54 for fiscal year 1974/1975 4,468 Purchase Orders in the amount of \$1,556,601.16 for fiscal year 1975/1976

This is a total of 887 more purchase orders that were processed during that period of July 1, 1975 thru June 30, 1976 compared to fiscal year 1972/1973 and also an increase of \$733,534.48 expended for that period.

ASSESSOR

1977 TAX RATE ITEMIZED

Schools
County
City

47.00

ITEMIZED SUMMARY OF ASSESED VALUATIONS

	1975	1976
Land and Buildings	\$169,434,010.00	168,046,210.00
Factory Buildings	5,713,250.00	8,099,450.00
Public Utilities	43,968,900.00	39,483,900.00
Boats and Launches	150,400.00	126,100.00
Mobile Homes and Trailers	385,000.00	490,900.00
	\$219,651,560.00	216,246,560.00

BREAKDOWN OF TAXES

DESCRIPTION	1975	1976
Gross Valuation	\$219,651,560.00	216,246,560.00
Assessment Ratio	810/0	810/0
Veteran's Exemptions	104,399.60	111,327.40
Elderly Exemptions	680,150.00	1,429,975.00
Net Taxable Total	218,971,410.00	214,796,585.00
Tax Rate (Dollars/\$1,000)	44.00	47.00
Warrant to Tax Collector	9,530,370.60	9,984,175.56

ACTIVITIES

, terring	1975	1976
Inventory of Taxable Property Forms Distributed	6,173	5,918
Real Estate Inventories Returned and Processed	4,519	4,050
Veterans Exemption Form Distributed	1,695	1,761
Veterans Exemption Forms Processed	1,692	1,780
Veterans Exemptions Granted	1,642	1,730
Build Permits Investigated and Appraised	302	363
Property Transfers (sales) Investigated and Processed	545	646
Elderly Exemptions Granted	167	183



ACCOUNTANT'S OPINION

Honorable Mayor, Council and Manager City of Portsmouth, New Hampshire

We have examined the financial statements of the various funds and the general long-term debt group of accounts of the City of Portsmouth for the year ended June 30, 1976, listed in the foregoing table of contents, pages 2 to 38. 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. The financial statements of the Trust Funds of the City are examined by other certified public accountants, and accordingly, are not included in the accompanying financial report.

The City has not maintained a record of its general fixed assets, and accordingly a statement of general fixed assets, required by generally accepted accounting principles, is not included in the financial report.

In our opinion, the financial statements listed in the aforementioned table of contents, pages 2 to 38, present fairly the financial position of such funds and the general long-term group of accounts of the City of Portsmouth at June 30, 1976 and the results of operations of such funds and the changes in financial position of the Enterprise-Water Fund 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 primarily for the purpose of rendering an opinion on the basic financial statements described above taken as a whole. The supplemental data included in this report on pages 39 to 45, although not considered necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position and results of operations of such funds and the changes in financial position of the Enterprise-Water Fund, are presented primarily for supplemental analysis purposes. This additional information has been subjected to the audit procedures applied in the aforementioned examination of the basic financial statements and is, in our opinion, fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Portland, Maine September 3, 1976

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET, JUNE 30, 1976

ASSETS

Cash Savings accounts Repurchase agreements Accounts receivable Due from federal government Due from State of New Hampshire	\$75,533 121,720 535,000 68,826 114,532 168,656
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Taxes receivable - delinquent	\$1,186,694
Less estimated uncollectible delinquent taxes	976,694
210,000	
Deeded property	9,076
Due from other funds: Capital Projects Fund Enterprise - Water Fund Community Development Block Grant Fund Parking Meter Fund	8,136 2,151 540 51,808
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,132,672
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FU	UND BALANCE
Accounts payable Payroll and payroll withholdings Bid deposits	\$169,917 455,290 14,480
Reserve for encumbrances Reserves for designated improvements (Note 5) Reserves for governmental programs Fund balance	639,687 100,975 412,352 14,254 965,404
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE	CE \$2,132,672

ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

for the year ended June 30, 1976

Fund balance, July 1, 1975	\$722,659
Add transfer form:	
Capital projects completed	***
Public improvements - 1966	\$2,865
School construction - 1967	1,406
Urban Renewal - 1973	813
	5,084
Capital projects - school construction -	
1975	23,916
Close-out of Judgment Bond Fund (Note 1)	379,843
	408,843
	1,131,502
Deduct:	
Transfers to:	
Fod Stamp Fund	2,115
Capital projects - Urban Renewal - 1973	99,638
	101,753
Excess of expenditures and encumbrances	
over revenues	64,345
	166,098
Fund balance, June 30, 1976	\$965,404

STATEMENT OF REVENUE — ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL

for the year ending June 30, 1976

	Estimated Revenue	Actual Revenue	Actual Over (Under) Estimated
Taxes:			
Property tax	\$9,534,274	9,367,188	\$(167,086)
Resident tax	104,570	115,740	11,170
SUB-TOTALS	9,638,844	9,482,928	(155,916)
Licenses, permits and fees:			
Licenses	6,000	6,940	940
Auto registration permits	275,000	345,580	70,580
Fees	12,000	14,135	2,135
Dog tax revenue	4,000	4,491	491
Building inspection	4,000	10,529	6,529
SUB-TOTALS	301,000	381,675	80,675

Intergovernmental revenue:			
Revenue sharing	580,000	580,000	
Highway subsidy	97,194	97,122	(72)
Interest and dividends tax	124,224	124,224	
Business profits tax	620,995	636,520	15,525
Savings bank tax	39,150	39,150	
Room and meals tax	142,081	142,081	
Sewer bonded debt - state subsidy	128,923	100,120	(28,803)
Federal grant for school			
maintenance	1,100,000	1,264,537	164,537
School bonded debt - state			
subsity	341,190	341,190	
Sweepstakes	137,216	137,216	
Tuition	550,000	577,932	27,932
Food Stamp	14,000	13,324	(676)
Highway revenue - gasoline tax	10,000	15,026	5,026
Miscellaneous subsidies:			
Federal	451,630	415,531	(36,099)
State	111,288	130,974	19,686
Local	76,400	65,644	(10,756)
SUB-TOTALS	4,524,291	4,680,591	156,300
Fines and forfeitures	\$,42,500	\$84,761	\$42,261
Other revenues:			
Interest on taxes	20,000	37,407	17,407
Ambulance rental	8,000	14,047	6,047
Landfill	20,000	29,404	9,404
Income on invested funds	150,000	268,757	118,757
Payment in lieu of taxes	15,970	15,970	
Welfare revenue	2,000	2,113	113
Recreation	6,000	8,163	2,163
Comfort station	500	514	14
Miscellaneous	35,000	71,270	36,270
SUB-TOTALS	257,470	447,645	190,175
TOTALS	\$14,764,105	\$15,077,600	\$313,495
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STATEMENT OF GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBERANCES COMPARED WITH AUTHORIZATIONS

1976	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Unencumbered Balance
General government:				
Legislative	\$5,500	\$4,203		\$1,297
Executive	50,929	49,922		1,007
Comptroller	64,326	63,942		384
Treasury	21,887	21,887		

Tax collector	24,900	34,044		856
Assessor	42,228	40,209	\$1,577	442
Legal	30,073	30,073		
District court	26,350	24,954	85	1,311
Probation	27,124	26,390		734
City clerk	36,679	35,743		936
Planning	39,013	37,159		1,354
Public buildings	22,896	22,896	500	
Comfort station	27,272	27,272		
Economic commission	30,864	29,131	300	1,433
Purchasing	23,392	23,070	42	280
Animal control	12,964	12,674		290
Personnel	1,357	1,292		65
Elections	19,260	18,189		1,071
Senior citizens	11,000	11,000		
Senior citizens'				
transportation	15,000	15,000		
Municipal buildings	40,339	39,848	67	424
County tax	387,034	387,034		
Food stamp program	12,494	10,934		1,560
Tax anticipation				
note interest	41,619	40,603		1,016
Debt service fund transfer	2,175,945	2,175,945		
Unclassified	457,686	443,005		14,681
Contingency	36,721	81,428	1,500	(46,207)
Overlay	250,000	181,388		68,612
SUB TOTALS	3,944,852	3,889,235	4,071	51,546
Public safety:				
Police department	922,696	901,056	17,475	4,165
Fire department	633,520	624,191	847	8,482
Fire - sub-station	154,442	150,882	500	3,060
Fire alarm	3,184	2,296	75	813
Civil defense	200	99		101
SU8 TOTALS	1,714,042	1,678,524	18,897	16,621
Highways and streets:				
Public works:				
Administration	\$122,937	\$121,637		\$1,300
Engineering	18,005	18,005		
Street Cleaning	54,476	54,476		
Street maintenance	175,251	173,186	\$2,062	3
Snow removal	152,975	152,975		
Sidewalks	16,399	15,682		717
Inspection	55,889	55,476		422
Bridge maintenance	7,196	5,195		2,001
State aid	10,756	10,756		
Mosquito control	5,939	4,017		1,922
Equipment maintenance	101,093	94,888		6,205
Cemeteries and parks	27,840	25,864		1,976
Yard maintenance	67,940	64,811	56	3,073
Sewer maintenance	131,520	128,774	105	2,641
Waste water treatment	139,498	129,947	4,081	5,470

Free programs Safety equipment	18,665 688	15,538 688		3,127
SUB TOTALS	1,107,067	1,071,906	6,304	28,857
Sanitation: Public works:				
Rubbish collection	70,050	69,798		252
Rubbish disposal	123,020	117,896		5,124
SUB TOTALS	193,070	187,694		5,376
Capital programs	236,500	236,500		
Health	10,075	9,224		851
Welfare	243,781	242,341	1,440	
Culture and recreation:				
Public library	135,744	134,488	751	505
Community center	48,377	48,367	10	
J.F.K. center	32,607	32,067		
Maintenance	19,367	19,256	111	
Swimming facilities	26,650	26,445	205	
Summer playgrounds	21,860	21,129	731	
Special programs	9,573	9,573		
SUB TOTALS	294,178	291,865	1,808	505
Education	7,521,920	7,433,681	68,455	19,784
TOTALS	\$15,265,485	\$15,040,970	\$100,975	\$123,540

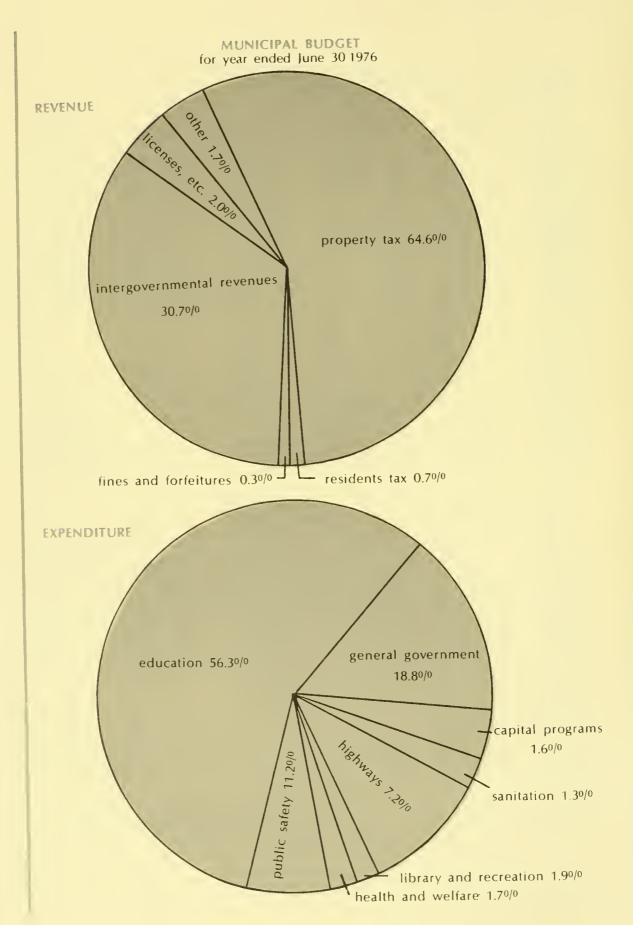
COMBINED SCHEDULE OF BONDS PAYABLE

June 30, 1976

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General Fund	Original	Int. Rate	Maturity	Balance July 1,	
School Bonds Outstanding:	Issue	0/0	Date	1975	Payments
Senior High School Issue-1955	\$2,750,000	2.1	1980	\$550,000	\$110,000
Supplemental School Issue-1956	203,000	3.0	1976	23,000	10,000
Elementary School Issue-1959	473,000	3.4	1979	100,000	20,000
School Construction Issue-1967	3,400,000	4.1	1987	2,210,000	170,000
Supplemental School Issue-1970	80,000	5.6	1975	15,000	
Supplemental School Issue-1971	100,000	4.4	1976	40,000	20,000
School Construction Issue-1973	550,000	4.7	1983	440,000	55,000
School Construction Issue-1975	3,670,000	5.25	1985	3,670,000	370,000
	11,226,000			7,048,000	755,000
Sewer Bonds Outstanding:					
Issued 1960	1,000,000	3 2	1980	250,000	50,000
Issued 1964	900,000	3.0	1983	360,000	45,000
Issued 1966	500,000	4 1	1976	100,000	50,000
Issued 1969	1,000,000	5.1	1989	700,000	50,000
Issued 1970	800,000	5.7	1980	400,000	80,000
Issued 1972	1,250,000	4.7	1992	1,120,000	65,000
	5,450,000			2,930,000	340,000
Municipal Bonds Outstanding					
Voting Machine Issue-1958	40,000	3.1	1978	6,000	2,000
Urban Renewal Issue-1961	200,000	3.25	1981	70,000	10,000
Public Improvement Issue-1966	353,500	4.1	1976	70,000	35,000
Capital Improvement Issue-1969	650,000	6-25	1979	325,000	65,000
Urban Renewal Issue-1970	250,000	5.6	1980	150,000	25,000
Urban Renewal Issue-1973	932,000	4.7	1983	740,000	95,000 250,000
Judgement Issue-1973	2,000,000	4.3	1981	1,750,000 	
	4,425,500			3,111,000	482,000
Total General Fund	21,101,500			13,089,000	1,592,000
Enterprise - Water Fund					
Issued 1971	300,000	4.4	1986	240,000	20,000
* REPRESENTS AMOUNTS	\$21,401,500			\$13,329,000	\$1,612,000

INTEREST

			oal Payments	Princi	Principal
Due			Due		Balance
Subsequent	Due	Paid	Subsequent	Due	June 30,
7 Years	1977	1976	Years	1977	1976
\$13,860	\$9,240	\$11,550	\$330,000	\$110,000	\$440,000
_	195	540	_	13,000	13,000
3,060	2,380	3,060	60,000	20,000	80,000
421,685	80,155	87,125	1,870,000	170,000	2,040,000
_	_	420	_		_
_	440	1,320	_	20,000	20,000
54,285	18,095	20,680	330,000	55,000	385,000
690,638	173,250	192,675	2,930,000	370,000	3,300,000
1,183,528	283,755	317,370	5,520,000	758,000	6,278,000
9,600	6,400	8,000	150,000	50,000	200,000
	9,450	10,800	270,000	45,000	315,000
	1,024	3,075	· —	50,000	50,000
	33,150	35,700	600,000	50,000	650,000
	18,240	22,800	240,000	80,000	320,000
	48,058	51,112	990,000	65,000	1,055,000
629,400	116,322	131,487	2,250,000	340,000	2,590,000
62	124	187	2,000	2,000	4,000
	1,787	2,113	50,000	10,000	60,000
	718	2,152	- J0,000	35,000	35,000
	14,219	18,281	195,000	65,000	260,000
	6,300	7,700	100,000	25,000	125,000
	30,315	34,780	550,000	95,000	645,000
	59,125	69,875	1,250,000	250,000	1,500,000
257,516	112,588	135,088	2,147,000	482,000	2,629,000
2,070,444	512,665	583,945*	9,917,000	1,580,000	11,497,000
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44,000	9,240	10,120	200,000	20,000	220,000
\$2,114,444	\$521,905	\$594,065	\$10,117,000	\$1,600,000	\$11,717,000



CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE GENERAL FUND NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Prior to June 30, 1975, Public Service Company of New Hampshire had brought suit against the City for abatement of property taxes assessed and paid for the property tax years 1970, 1971, 1973 and 1974 (fiscal year ended June 30, 1975). On November 10, 1975 the City settled the various suits with Public Serbice Company of New Hampshire for \$750,000. In addition, an assessed valuation of Public Service Company existing property and a method of determining assessed valuation of future property additions was agreed upon. The assets of the Judgment Bond F und exceeded the amount of this settlement. Accordingly, the excess assets of the Judgment Bond Fund were transferred to the General Fund during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1976 and the Judgment Bond Fund was terminated.

This settlement with Public Service Company occurred subsequent to the establishment of the property tax assessment to Public Service Company for fiscal 1976, thereby requiring the City to abate approximately \$224,000 of property taxes assessed to Public Service for fiscal 1976. This abatement has been recorded as a reduction of property tax revenue.

There are various claims and suits pending against the City which arise in the normal course of the City's activities. In the opinion of counsel and City management, the ultimate disposition of these various claims and suits will not have a material effect on the financial position of the City.

Total pension expense of the General Fund for the year was \$230,883.

Materials and supplies are considered expended when purchased and inventory is not reflected in the financial statements.



DIRECTORY

FUNCTION	OFFICIAL/LOCATION	TELEPHONE
Administration	Calvin A. Canney, City Manager	436-4125
Ambulance	Central Fire Station	436-1127
Animal Control	Robert Reynolds, 1801 Lafayette Road	436-9067
Assessments	Michael Pagano, Assessor, City Hall	436-1117
Associate Judge	Alvin Taylor, 426 Middle Street	436-6500
City Attorney	Peter J. Loughlin, City Hall	431-7431
City Auditor	Wilfred Young, City Hall	436-8222
Auto Licenses	Tax · Collector, City Hall	436-1124
Building Permits	Carl Sampson, Robert Haskins, Inspectors City Yard	436-5867
City Council	Bruce Graves, Mayor	436-2422
Civil Defense	Police Department, Penhallow Street	436-4711
Chamber of Commerce	David Cordeau, Dir., 278 State Street	436-1118
Clerk of Court	District Court, Penhallow Street	436-8551
Community Development		124 5 104
Program	John Whalen, Dir., City Hall	436-5421
Congressman	Louis Wyman, Federal Building	436-7720
Economic Commission	Raymond Richardson, Dir., City Hall	436-9411
Electrical Inspector	Carl Sampson, Building Inspector	436-5867
Fire Department	Paul Long, Fire Chief, Fire Station	436-1127
City Engineer	Daniel Ayer, City Yard	436-0176
Garbage Collection	Public Works, City Yard	436-5867
Harbor Master	Anthony Casa, New Castle	436-4996
Public Health	Elijah L. Levine, M.D.	436-3224
Hospital	Junkins Avenue	436-5110
Housing Code Inspector	John Gratton, Inspector, City Yard	436-5867
Housing; Public	Housing Authority, Middle Street	436-4310
Internal Revenue	Federal Building, Daniel Street	436-7720 436-5724
Library	Sherman Pridham, Librarian, Islington St.	430-3724
Licenses, Permits,	Fundam Hanssom, City Clock, City Hall	436-0013
Records, Elections,	Evelyn Hanscom, City Clerk, City Hall	436-5630
Municipal Judge	Thomas Flynn, 95 Court Street 600 State Street	436-3720
N.H. Unemployment Ordinances & Resolutions	City Clerk, City Hall	436-0013
Public Health Nursing	District Nursing Association	436-0815
Personnel	William Acott, Director	436-1925
Planning Department	A. Robert Thoresen, Dir., City Hall	431-5421
Plumbing Permits	George Browning, Inspector	436-5867
Public Service Company	1700 Lafayette Road	436-5660
Purchasing Department	John Fransoso, Agent, City Hall	431-8661
Recreation Department	Joseph Fate, Dir., Community Center JFK Center	436-4256
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Refuse Collection	Public Works, City Yard	436-5867
Red Cross	Red Cross Chapter	436-2600
Sewers	Public Works, City Yard	436-0176
Schools,	Timothy Monahan, Supt., Clough Drive	436-2434
School Nurse	Little Harbor School, Clough Drive	436-2601
Senator	Thomas McIntire, Federal Building	436-7720
Snow Plowing	Public Works, City Yard	436-0176
Strawbery Banke	Peggy Armitage, Director	436-8010
Social Security	Federal Building	436-7720
Tax Collection & Auto Permits	Margaret Sullivan, Tax Collector	436-1124
Treasury Information	Kenneth Dahl, Finance Director, City Hall	436-8222
Water Department	Randy Collins, Supt., City Yard	436-0176
Water Bills	Water Department, City Hall	436-2436
Welfare Department	William Scott, Director, City Hall	436-1925
U.S. Customs	Federal Building	436-7720
Zoning Enforcement	Robert Haskins, Inspector, City Yard	436-5867





