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ANNUAL REPORT
of the
TOWN OFFICES
of
DALTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1999



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Leonard Carbonneau

The Selectmen would like to dedicate this year's town report to Leonard Carbonneau for his many years of devoted volunteer service to the Town of Dalton.

TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

Donald F. Mooney
Victor St.Cyr
Dean Sweeney

Term Expires 2002
Term Expires 2001
Term Expires 2000

TOWN CLERK

Sandra B. York

TAX COLLECTOR

Eldora B. Shannon

TREASURER

Eleanor Hart

AUDITOR

Francis Dineen

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Nancy McVetty

POLICE CHIEF

John E. Tholl, Jr.

ROAD AGENT

Robert C. Wentworth, Jr.

MODERATOR

Charles Packard

FIRE CHIEF

Allen Blakslee

HEALTH OFFICER

Kevin Sweeney

CIVIL DEFENSE OFFICER

John Tholl

LIBRARIAN

Doris Mitton

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Jean Abbott

Nancy Comeau

Amber McGuire

Term Expires 2002

Term Expires 2001

Term Expires 2000

PLANNING BOARD

Leon Cloutier, Chairman

Edward Tomashek

Linda Cloutier

Agnes Mooney

Victor St.Cyr

Appointment Expires 2000

Appointment Expires 2000

Appointment Expires 2000

Appointment Expires 2001

Appointment Expires 2001

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Sara Martineau

Pauline Streeter

Vera Smith

Term Expires 2000

Term Expires 2002

Term Expires 2004

PHONE NUMBERS

To Report Any Emergency	DIAL 911
Canine Control Officer, Jolene Lambert	837-9286
Fire Department - non emergency	837-3100
Highway Garage	837-9821
Library	837-2751
Police Department - non emergency	837-2703
Selectmen's Office	837-2092
Tax Collector	837-9802
Town Clerk	837-2092
Fax Line	837-9642

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Highway Department	7 AM - 3:30 PM	Mon-Fri
Library	2 PM - 5 PM 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM 10 AM - 12 noon	Mon & Wed Wed Saturday
Police Department	5 PM - 8 PM	Monday
Selectmen's Office & Town Clerk	1 PM to 5:45 PM 8 AM to 4 PM	Monday Tues - Fri
Tax Collector	1 PM to 6 PM	Monday
Transfer Station	12 noon - 5 PM 8 AM - 5 PM	Tuesday Saturday

Selectmen meet every Monday (except holidays) at 6:00 PM

Planning Board meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM

Dalton Town Warrant

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in Dalton, NH on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March next, to act upon the itemized subjects to follow. The polls will open at 8 a.m. in the forenoon and will close at 7 p.m. The business meeting will be held at the Dalton School Gymnasium and will be opened at 7 o'clock in the evening.

1. To elect all necessary officers for the year.
2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Ninety One Thousand Thirty Four Dollars (\$491,034) for general Town operations.
3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve fund previously established for the purchase and replacement of highway equipment. The Selectmen recommend this article.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Sewer Pump Renovation and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this article.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Fire Department Major Vehicle Equipment Capital Reserve Account previously established for the purchase and replacement of fire equipment. The Selectmen recommend this article.
6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this article.

7. To see if the town will vote to make the Board of Selectmen the agents to expend from the Transfer Station Repair, Replacement and Equipment Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

8. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$425) for the Town's share of the Operating Budget for the Mt. Washington Regional Airport Authority for the current fiscal year. The Selectmen recommend this article.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the Transfer Station Repair, Replacement and Equipment Fund previously established. This sum to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) to help support The Caleb Group Interfaith Volunteer Caregiver Program that serves the needs of elderly and disabled people in the community. The Selectmen recommend this article.

11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Two Thousand Fifty Dollars (\$72,000) for the purchase of a new backhoe and to authorize the withdrawal of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) from the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of Forty Two Thousand (\$42,000) to be raised from notes and bonds. A two-thirds (2/3) ballot vote is required. Selectmen recommend this article.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for the purchase and installation of a 300 GPM pump on W-1. The Selectmen recommend this article.

13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the establishment and implementation of a mandatory Pay Per Bag System with revenues generated to be used to offset the cost of solid waste disposal and reduce the tax rate accordingly, and furthermore to adopt the provisions of RSA 41:9-a, *Establishment of Fees*, which will allow the Selectmen to establish fees and charges at the Transfer Station after holding a public hearing regarding same. Selectmen recommend this article.

14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) for the purchase of imprinted bags for the start-up costs for the "Pay Per Bag System". The Selectmen recommend this article.

15. To see if the Town will vote to sell the following equipment: three (3) portable pumps ranging in age from 25 to 35 years old and to allow appropriations from the sale to go into the General Fund for the purpose of reducing taxes. The Selectmen recommend this article.

16. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dean Sweeney
Victor St.Cyr
Donald F. Mooney

Budget for 2000

General Government

Executive			
North Country Council	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,459.95	\$ 7,200.00
Lunenburg, Gilman, Concord Senior Meals	800.00	797.32	828.00
Juvenile Diversion Program	400.00	400.00	400.00
Town Clerk	470.00	470.00	470.00
Voter Registration	6,000.00	5,168.24	6,000.00
Election	500.00	450.39	2,000.00
Financial Administration	500.00	355.33	2,000.00
Legal Expense	50,000.00	49,606.42	57,000.00
Social Security	5,000.00	668.11	5,000.00
Medicare	8,500.00	8,512.15	10,000.00
State Unemployment Tax	2,200.00	1,990.82	2,500.00
Workers' Compensation Fund	2,200.00	531.77	2,200.00
Employee Health Insurance	2,000.00	--	2,000.00
Planning & Zoning	24,300.00	24,427.32	28,000.00
General Govt. Bldgs.	700.00	90.90	700.00
	7,500.00	5,716.33	7,500.00

Cemeteries

	6,000.00	4,034.20	6,000.00
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Property-Liability Insurance

18,000.00	11,360.00	18,000.00
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Public Safety

Police	26,500.00	26,165.44	28,112.00
Ambulance	2,200.00	2,250.00	2,200.00
Fire	17,250.00	18,162.60	15,000.00
Fire Lanes	500.00	500.00	500.00
Emergency Management	500.00	240.00	500.00
Forest Fire Control	500.00	1,141.63	2,500.00

Highways & Streets

182,500.00	179,309.94	182,500.00
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Street Lighting

1,000.00	962.16	1,000.00
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Sanitation

Solid Waste	40,000.00	41,156.70	45,000.00
Sewage	12,500.00	4,166.97	12,500.00

Water Services

100.00	5.00	5.00
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Health

Health Administration
Health Agencies
Animal Control

250.00
3,111.00
1,200.00

45.21
3,111.00
959.30

250.00
3,204.00
1,200.00

Welfare

Direct Assistance
Community Action Program

2,000.00
800.00

1,039.00
800.00

2,000.00
800.00

Culture and Recreation

Parks & Recreation
Library
Patriotic Purposes

500.00
8,700.00
100.00

407.65
8,700.00
35.12

500.00
9,294.00
100.00

Conservation Commission

350.00

350.00

350.00

Debt Service

Principal-Long Term Notes
Interest-Long Term Notes
Interest-Tax Anticipation Note

21,875.00
6,250.00
10,000.00

21,874.05
6,253.09
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10,468.00
4,253.00
10,000.00

Capital Outlay

	1,000.00	299.63	1,000.00
TOTALS	\$ 481,956.00	\$ 439,973.74	\$491,034 .00

Transfers from General Fund to Capital Reserve Accts.
(1999 Warrant Articles: # 5, 7, 14, 16)

24,000.00 24,000.00

Other 1999 Warrant Articles:

Town Hall Renovations and Garage Note

34,192.00 34,192.00

Provan & Lorber Article #8

4,500.00 4,500.00

White Mt. Regional Airport Article #9

425.00 433.00

Caleb Article #18

1,500.00 1,500.00

Great North Woods Article #10

300.00 300.00

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatuses # 6

16,000.00 15,960.00

Emergency Management Generator # 17

1,000.00 --. --

1999 Under Budget by \$41,982.26

ASSESSMENTS

Executive	\$ 7,200.00
Other General Government	1,670.00
Election, Registration, Vital Statistics	7,000.00
Financial Administration	50,000.00
Legal Expenses	5,000.00
Personnel Administration	14,900.00
Employee Health Insurance	24,300.00
Planning & Zoning	700.00
General Government Buildings	7,500.00
Cemeteries	6,000.00
Property/Liability Insurance	18,000.00
Police	26,500.00
Ambulance	2,200.00
Fire	17,250.00
Fire Lanes	500.00
Forest Fire Control	500.00
Emergency Management	500.00
Highway	182,500.00
Street Lighting	1,000.00
Solid Waste	40,000.00
Sewage	12,500.00
Water Services	100.00
Health Agencies and Hospitals	3,111.00
Health Administration	250.00
Animal Control	1,200.00
Direct Assistance	2,000.00
Community Action Program	800.00
Parks & Recreation	500.00
Library	8,700.00
Patriotic Purposes	100.00
Conservation Commission	350.00
Capital Outlay	1,000.00
Principal - Long Term Debt	21,875.00
Interest - Long Term Debt	6,250.00
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total Appropriations	\$481,956.00

LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES AND CREDITS

Land Use Change Tax	3,000.00
Yield Taxes	16,000.00
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	40,000.00
Other Taxes	100.00
Inventory Penalties	3,000.00
Business Licenses and Permits	200.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	90,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	2,500.00
Shared Revenue	7,638.00
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	16,162.00
Highway Block Grant	61,625.00
Water Pollution Grants	9,891.00
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	490.00
Railroad Tax	11,520.00
Income from Departments	2,500.00
Sale of Municipal Property	6,000.00
Interest on Investments	10,000.00
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	4,000.00
Sewer	8,500.00
Voted From Surplus	34,192.00
Fund Balance	45,000.00
Trust and Agency Funds	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Revenues and Credits	\$373,318.00
Net Town Appropriations	\$199,690.00

SELECTMEN'S REPORT SUMMARY INVENTORY

Current Use Land	\$ 1,361,145.00
Residential Land	9,857,400.00
Commercial/Industrial Land	154,700.00
Residential Buildings	20,814,100.00
Manufactured Housing	3,156,200.00
Commercial/Industrial Buildings	5,318,047.00
Public Utilities	<u>977,142.00</u>
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	\$41,638,734.00
Less Elderly Exemptions	<u>245,000.00</u>
Net Valuation	\$41,393,734.00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall Land, Building and Contents	\$184,300.00
Furniture and Equipment	13,500.00
Police Department Equipment	43,800.00
Library Furniture and Equipment	120,000.00
Fire Station Building and Contents	146,700.00
Fire Dept. Vehicles	75,000.00
Town Highway Garage and Contents	98,900.00
Highway Dept. Vehicles	358,653.00
Parks and Playgrounds	18,450.00
Pump Station and Contents	<u>134,000.00</u>
Total Town Property	\$1,193,303.00

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Appropriations	\$563,873.00
Less Revenues	373,318.00
Less Shared Revenues	7,179.00
Add: Overlay	5,114.00
War Service Credits	11,200.00

Approved Town Effort	\$199,690.00
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Due to Regional School District	\$970,492.00
Less Adequate Education Grant	(357,738.00)
State Education Taxes	(273,959.00)

Approved School Effort	\$338,795.00
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State Education Taxes	\$273,959.00
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Due to County	\$170,410.00
Less Shared Revenue	(1,412.00)

Approved County Effort	\$168,998.00
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Total Property Taxes Assessed	\$ 981,442.00
Less War Service Credits	11,200.00

Total Property Tax Commitment	\$ 970,242.00
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Approved Tax Rate

\$23.86

Town - \$4.82	Local School - \$ 8.18	State School - \$6.78
County - \$4.08		

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance General Checking Account - 12/31/98

\$ 12,892.16

1999 Receipts

Tax Collector \$ 1,099,985.83

Town Clerk 95,490.00

Refund of Bank Fees 250.00

Selectmen 134,582.72

Total Receipts \$ 1,330,308.55

Transfers from PDIP* Account

to General Checking Account + 500,000.00

Transfers to PDIP* Account

from General Checking Account - 436,000.00

1999 Payments-Order of Selectmen - 1,374,029.44

Service Charge - 34.14

Interest Earned + 565.90

Balance Checking Account 12/31/99 **\$ 33,703.03**

* NH Public Deposit Investment Pool Account

Balance 12/31/99 \$256,108.95

Transfer from General Checking + 436,000.00

Transfer to General Checking - 500,000.00

Total \$ 192,108.95

Interest Earned + 9,239.14

Balance 12/31/99 **\$ 201,348.09**

SEWER SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance 12/31/98	\$ 5,124.73
Deposits	<u>9,980.38</u>
Total	\$15,105.11
Interest Earned	<u>98.84</u>
Total	\$15,203.95
Payments	<u>- 7,360.00</u>
Balance 12/31/99	\$ 7,843.95

Dalton Conservation Commission Account

Balance 12/31/98	\$ 275.72
Deposits	<u>9,985.80</u>
Total	\$ 10,261.52
Payments	- 9,950.39
Interest Earned	+ <u>2.57</u>
Total	\$ 313.70
Balance 12/31/99	\$ 313.70

Dalton Conservation Commission NH PDIP Account

Balance 12/31/99	\$ 9,191.78
Transfer to General Commission Acct	- 9,300.00
Interest Earned	+ <u>277.06</u>
Balance 12/31/99	\$ 168.84

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Balance January 1999	\$19,487.20
Interest earned	400.00
Funds expended during 1998	<u>9,119.56</u>
	\$10,767.64

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Balance January 1999	\$21,716.69
New Funds Created	10,000.00
Interest earned	<u>990.63</u>
	\$ 32,707.32

SEWER ACCOUNT FUNDS

Balance January 1999	\$ 6,748.85
New Funds Created	1,000.00
Interest earned	<u>283.82</u>
	\$ 8,032.67

POLICE CRUISER FUNDS

New Funds Created	\$ 5,000.00
Interest earned	<u>78.17</u>
	\$ 5,078.17

TRANSFER STATION FUNDS

New Funds Created	\$ 8,000.00
Interest Earned	<u>125.07</u>
	\$ 8,125.07

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Balance Jan 1, 1999	\$20,066.40
Interest from 1999 CD's	<u>776.49</u>
	\$20,842.89
Withdrawn for Cemetery Care	<u>\$-776.49</u>
Balance as of 12/31/99	\$20,066.40

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1999

DEBITS

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:

1999 Permits Issued	\$92,585.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 92,585.00

Dog Licenses and Penalties Collected:

Licenses	\$ 2,115.00	
Penalties	825.00	
Less 311 Fees	<u>311.00</u>	
		2,629.00

Filing Fees		2.00
Vital Statistics		<u>274.00</u>

TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 95,490.00
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CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer:

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$ 92,585.00
Dog Licenses and Penalties	2,629.00
Filing Fees	2.00
Vital Statistics	<u>274.00</u>

TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 95,490.00
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Motor Vehicle Permits Issued in 1999	1,260
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**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1999
PREVIOUS UNCOLLECTED TAXES AS OF 1/1/99:**

Property 1998	183,252.37
Land Use Change Tax	2500.00
Sewer Taxes	2534.00
Property Previous Years	4,598.63
Yield Taxes	575.54
TAXES COMMITTED 1999:	
Property	974,408.00
Land Use Change Tax	6,780.00
Yield Tax	19,255.58
Sewer Tax	8,500.00
Excavation Tax	775.70
Overpayments 1998	24.22
Overpayments(Levy 2000)	912.48
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	<u>16,222.05</u>

TOTAL DEBITS **\$1,220,338.57**

REMITTED TO TREASURER:

Property 1999	836,280.23
Property 1998	183,412.95
Land Use Change Tax 1998	2,500.00
Land Use Change Tax 1999	3,710.00
Yield Tax 1999	19,052.84
Yield Tax 1998	575.54
Sewer Tax 1999	7,140.00
Sewer Tax 1998	2,534.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	16,222.05
Excavation Tax	214.52
Overpayments(levy 2000)	912.48
Abatements	146.50
Excess Debits(Credits)	(151.86)

UNCOLLECTED TAXES OF 12/31/99

Property	137,996.77
Property Previous Years	4,598.63
Yield Tax	202.74
Sewer Tax	1,360.00
Excavation	561.18
Land Use Change	<u>3,070.00</u>

TOTAL CREDITS	\$1,220,338.57
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SUMMARY OF TAX LIENS REDEEMED

As of December 31, 1999

DEBITS

	1998	Prior
Balance of unredeemed taxes as of Jan. 1, 1999		\$118,719.79
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$113,228.77	
Interest Collected After Lien	<u>4,847.34</u>	<u>21,949.63</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$118,076.11	\$140,669.42

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer	\$ 45,674.71	\$ 76,692.35
Interest & Costs After Lien	4,847.34	21,949.63
Abatements	829.62	36.53
Excess Debits (Credits)		(200.00)
Liens Deeded to Town	1,069.28	1,616.77
Unredeemed at Close of Year	<u>65,655.16</u>	<u>40,574.14</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$118,076.11	\$140,669.42

REVENUE FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Highway Block Grant	\$ 61,625.38
Revenue Sharing	16,223.25
State Aid-Sewer	9,891.00
Railroad Tax	3,519.64
Rooms & Meals	16,161.58
State Education Grant	12,000.00
Forest Lands	<u>489.52</u>

TOTAL **\$119,910.37**

REVENUE FROM SELECTMEN

Refunds-Miscellaneous	757.14
Transfer from Cemetery Acct. to General Fund	776.49
Business Licenses & Permits	205.00
Donations	150.00
Sale of Town Property-Cemetery Lots	175.00
Forestry 50/50 Reimbursement	363.00
Sale of Town Property	5,025.00
Planning Board	104.16
Fines and Forfeitures	192.00
Copy Money	64.85
Refuse Charges	1,542.59
Insurance Dividends	4,894.96
Forest Fire Reimbursement	82.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>340.16</u>
Total	14,672.35

Grand Total **\$ 134,582.72**

Petty Cash Revenue **\$ 239.52**

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Executive

Board of Selectmen	\$ 3,000.00
Printing & Public Notices	1,224.03
5% Conservation Commission	335.80
Dues	45.00
Miscellaneous	<u>2,855.12</u>

Total Executive **\$ 7,459.95**

Other General Government

Juvenile Diversion Program	470.00
Lunenburg, Gilman, Concord, Senior Meals	400.00
North Country Council	797.32
Sub Total	<u>\$ 1,667.32</u>
Mt. Washington Airport	433.00
Caleb	1,500.00
Great North Woods	<u>300.00</u>

Total Other General Government **\$ 3,900.32**

Town Clerk

Town Clerk Fees	2,520.00
Town Clerk Salary	1,000.00
Department of Agriculture	626.00
Office Expenses	169.36
Deputy Town Clerk	518.88
Dues	60.00
Payments to State Vital Records	<u>274.00</u>

Total Town Clerk **\$ 5,168.24**

Voter Registration

Supervisors' Salaries	269.50
Supplies	109.69
Public Notices	<u>71.20</u>

Total Voter Registration **\$ 450.39**

Election

Election Workers	261.75
Moderator and Assistant Moderator	63.00
Supplies	<u>30.58</u>

Total Election **\$ 355.33**

Financial Administration

Administrative Assistant Salary	18,757.12
Tax Collector Fees	5,472.00
Tax Collector Salary	4,000.00
Auditor	3,399.00
Treasurer	2,488.33
Trustee of the Trust Funds	500.00
Assessor	8,240.04
Registry Fees	702.34
Maintenance & Repairs	635.11
Office Supplies	2,773.14
Postage	2,192.34
Dues	60.00
RSA's	<u>387.00</u>

Sub Total Financial Administration	49,606.42
State Education Tax Grant	<u>3,959.31</u>

Total Financial Administration **\$53,565.73**

Legal Expenses **\$ 668.11**

Personnel Administration

Social Security	8,512.15
State Unemployment Tax	531.77
Medicare	<u>1,990.82</u>

Total Personnel Administration **\$11,034.74**

Planning & Zoning

Public Notices	64.90
Miscellaneous	<u>26.00</u>

Total Planning & Zoning **\$ 90.90**

General Government Buildings

Telephone	1,842.26
Heat	1,035.27
Electric	1,386.67
Custodian	567.58
Maintenance & Repairs	<u>884.55</u>

Sub Total \$ 5,716.33

Town Hall Renovations 23,315.61

Total General Government Buildings **\$29,031.94**

Cemeteries

Maintenance	3,203.00
Supplies & Contracting Work	<u>831.20</u>

Total Cemeteries **\$ 4,034.20**

Property-Liability Insurance **\$ 11,360.00**

Health Insurance **\$24,427.32**

Police Department

Chief's Salary	\$ 13,000.00
Equipment	1,864.85
Specials Pay	3,358.88
Fuel	671.00
Uniforms	1,199.79
Telephone	1,069.21
Dues, Conventions	1,024.00
Equipment Maintenance	183.21
Reference Material	683.48

Office Expenses	1,748.48
Training	540.55
Vehicle Expense	<u>821.99</u>

Sub Total	\$ 26,165.44
Cruiser Capital Reserve	<u>5,000.00</u>

Total Police Department	\$ 31,165.44
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Animal Control

Officer Salary	83.75
Mileage	111.15
Supplies	44.40
Boarding & Euthanasia	<u>720.00</u>

Total Animal Control	\$ 959.30
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Ambulance	\$ 2,250.00
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Fire Department

Maintenance, Refills & Repairs	4,318.18
Telephone	356.59
Training & Salaries	1,530.19
Custodian	56.63
New Equipment	6,167.00
Heat	1,031.55
Electric	687.10
Chief's Salary	500.00
Dues	25.00
Fire Prevention Supplies	72.85
Gas & Diesel	317.04
Equipment Repair	2,872.72
Office Supplies	227.75

Sub Total	\$18,162.60
SCBA's	15,960.00

Total Fire Department	\$ 34,122.60
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Civil Defense	\$ 240.00
Forest Fire Control	\$1,141.63
Fire Lanes	\$ 500.00
Highway	
Administration	
Highway Salaries	73,673.58
Building Maintenance & Repairs	1,512.13
Uniforms	600.00
Electric	945.37
Telephone	502.97
Office Supplies	967.12
Shop Supplies	1,699.62
Dues	95.00
Tools	<u>875.78</u>
Sub Total Administration	\$ 80,871.57
Paving & Reconstruction	
Vehicle Maintenance & Repairs	15,098.38
Maintenance & Supplies	5,173.19
Asphalt, Gravel, Dust Control	61,529.24
Gas/Diesel	<u>5,232.39</u>
Sub Total Paving & Reonstruction	\$ 87,033.20
Snow & Ice Control	\$11,405.17
Sub Total Highway	\$179,309.94
Forestry Ice Storm Grant	<u>10,132.00</u>
Total Highway	\$189,441.94
Street Lighting	\$962.16

Solid Waste

Disposal Fees	25,976.88
Supplies	983.03
Utilities	325.42
Maintenance & Repairs	5,420.42
Training	333.74
Well Testing	2,377.90
Superintendent Salary	<u>5,739.31</u>

Sub Total	\$ 41,156.70
Trust Fund Transfer Station	8,000.00
Transfer Engineering	<u>8,060.70</u>

Total Solid Waste **\$ 57,217.40**

Sewage Disposal

Superintendent Salary	1,696.25
Utilities	1,895.17
Maintenance & Repairs	<u>575.55</u>

Total Sewage Disposal **\$4,166.97**

Water Services **\$ 5.00**

Health Administration **\$ 45.21**

Health Agencies **\$ 3,111.00**

Welfare

Direct Assistance	1,039.00
Community Action Program	<u>800.00</u>

Total Welfare **\$ 1,839.00**

Culture & Recreation

Library	8,700.00
Parks & Recreation	<u>407.65</u>

Total Culture & Recreation **\$ 9,107.65**

Patriotic Purposes	35.12
Conservation Commission	\$350.00
Refunds	\$ 1,556.68
Principal-Long Term Debt	
Shawmut/NHMBB-Sewer Bond	10,000.00
Fleet-Highway Garage Note	11,428.00
FHA-Sewer Note	<u>446.05</u>
Subtotal	\$21,874.05
Fleet Garage Note Payoff	<u>10,876.39</u>
Total Principal	\$ 32,750.44
Interest-Long Term Debt	
Sate St. Bank/NHMBB-Sewer Bond	4,067.50
Fleet-Highway Garage Note	1,264.64
FHA-Sewer Note	<u>920.95</u>
Total Interest	\$ 6,253.09
Capital Outlay	\$ 299.63
Transfers from General Fund to Capital Reserve Accounts	
Payment to Highway Department Capital Reserve Account	10,000.00
Payment to Sewer Pump Renovation & Replacement Capital Reserve Account	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds	\$ 11,000.00
Taxes Paid to County	\$ 170,410.00
Taxes Paid to School	\$ 662,262.00

Tax Lien	\$ 1,507.36
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1999 Total Payments	\$1,374,246.79
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Less Petty Cash Disbursements:	
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Financial Administration	82.72
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Fire Department	25.62
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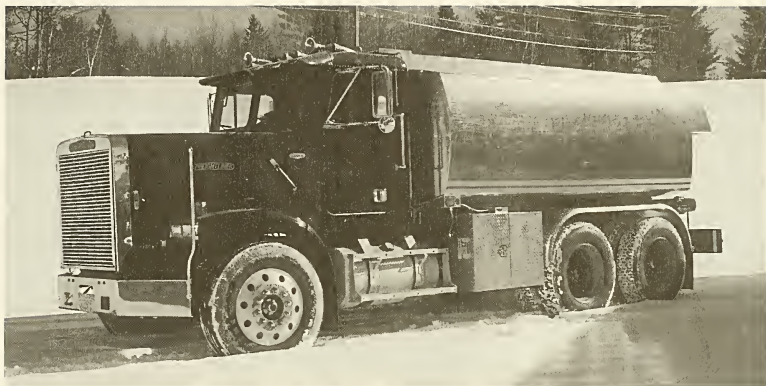
General Government Buildings	53.84
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Transfer Station	25.54
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Highway Dept	<u>10.63</u>
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Total Petty Cash Disbursements	\$198.35
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1999 Payments-Order of Selectmen	\$1,374,048.44
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Dalton Fire Department's new tank truck nearing completion.



The Dalton Congregation Church had major repairs to the foundation and new granite steps and handrails were added.



Lillian Edelman President of NHLTA presenting Jean Abbott with the Library Trustee of the year award.



Duncan McDougall reading to summer reading program children. June 1999

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen Town of Dalton
Dalton, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Dalton for the year ended December 31, 1999, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our audit procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of the systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statement being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We are pleased to report that, during the course of our review of internal controls, no material weaknesses in the Town's accounting systems and records were identified. Minor weaknesses or other considerations coming to our attention were generally procedural in nature and dealt with administrative or record keeping practices. In these instances, we made specific recommendations or provided instruction to those individuals involved during the course of our audit fieldwork. Areas of opportunity for further consideration include:

General Accounting

Revisions to the Chart of Accounts to match state budget forms
Continued efforts to reconcile the Tax Collector and General Fund Records on a regular basis

Trust Funds

Use of the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool for potentially better returns and liquidity of Capital Reserve Funds
Selectmen's approval of Fire Truck Expenditures

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Dalton as of and for the year ended December 31, 1999. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Dalton, as of December 31, 1999, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund types and nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Dalton. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

The Mercier Group, January 21, 2000

1999 SELECTMEN'S REPORT

This past year the town hall has been re-sided and all new windows have been installed. Not only will this help on energy efficiency but it has greatly improved the looks of our building. This year we are going to have the town hall parking area paved. At the same time the Church is having their parking area paved. Dean Sweeney and Jeff Young started work on a retaining wall located behind the town building. Part of this project will be building steps from the back parking area to the upper level. We hope to have the time capsule located under the top stair.

New 911 street signs were painted and put in place. 911 numbering is an on going project with constant changes and updates.

Provan & Lorber have completed the engineering designs for the preliminary close-out plan at the old transfer station. The next step will be applying for grants to help pay for the final close out. The test well results have all proved to be fine. The Department of Environmental Services has inspected the area and they are very happy with the results.

The Ridge Road has been partially repaired and shim coated. The Faraway Road shim work has also been completed.

You will note in your budget figures that we did not spend any money for workers compensation insurance in 1999. This is due to our employees practicing safe working habits.

By all departments working together to try and keep budgets in line we have managed to come in under budget by over \$40,000.

We are desperately seeking board members for the Planning Board and Conservation Commission. Leon Cloutier is resigning this year from his position as Chairman of the Planning Board creating another vacancy. We also have 2 positions open for Trustees of the Trusts funds. We have learned this year that due to the amount of funds the trustees handle we are we required to have 3 members. This year one person is running for the three year term and we have to appoint one for a 2 year term and one for a one year term. If there is anyone willing to volunteer for any of these positions please let us know.

The Board of Selectmen would like to thank all our employees, department heads, elected officials and volunteers who have helped us during this past year.

Dean Sweeney
Victor St.Cyr
Donald F. Mooney
Board of Selectmen

1999 Highway Department Report

The Highway Department saw the completion of several projects in 1999, and a good start to some others.

A salt shed was built to store winter salt. The highway garage was repainted inside and out. Clean up work was done on tree overhang, and with the help of a grant to be received from federal funds there was some necessary tree removal work done. The paving on Harriman was started with 7/10ths of a mile being completed. Also an apron was paved on the end of Union Road.

Some goals for the year 2000 include paving another section of Harriman Road, shimming parts of the Ridge Road, and cleaning and resealing all existing asphalt. The roadside mowing will continue, but no bushhogging is needed for this year. There will be some chipping and brush removal to be done. We will also work to get caught up on cleaning all the waterbars. Replacing some pipe around town will be necessary.

In the town warrant we are asking for a \$10,000.00 increase to the capital reserve fund. There is also a warrant to buy a backhoe. There are many reasons for getting a backhoe. Our loader is going to need rebuilding soon, and with a backhoe to keep some of the hours off the loader we should get seven more good years out of it. A backhoe is also much more practical for much of the work of the highway department. In the past we have spent from \$5,000.00-\$7,000.00 for outside contractors to do 83-120 hours of work. Although getting a backhoe will not eliminate the need of some outside contracting, for \$9,500.00 per year we can have unlimited use of a backhoe and keep caught up on our ditching pipe maintenance amongst other things.

All questions are welcomed. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Wentworth, Road Agent

DALTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Dalton Volunteer Fire Department responded to nineteen calls in 1999. Six of these incidents were severe. Eight responses were to calls for mutual aid.

John Bean and Jeff Young have completed the over two-hundred hour course to become state certified firefighters. Bringing our current total of certified firefighters to thirteen. Carl Brooks is currently completing this same course. Alan Bryant and Nick Balch are currently enrolled in an E.M.T. course offered through the Whitefield Ambulance.

In addition to our eleven training sessions the department held a live burn exercise. Several mutual aid departments attended, including Gilman - Lunenburg, Lancaster and Whitefield. The turnout for our department was excellent. The training and experience of the firefighters conducting the session resulted in a very smooth and safe exercise. New self-contained breathing apparatus were purchased, replacing our old packs. These SCBA are not only more reliable but have reduced donning time by over fifty percent.

The department goals for the year 2000 include:

1. The completion of our tanker replacement project
2. Improving communications equipment.
3. Replacing our forest *fire* tools and equipment using Federal Ice Storm Funds.

As we enter the year 2000, the fire service continues to improve and expand. This places ever increasing demands on volunteer members time and efforts. Our department is fortunate that so many have responded to meet these challenges. Through their efforts and your support the Dalton Volunteer Fire Department is now better trained and equipped than ever to meet these expectations.

Allen C. Blakslee, Chief Dalton Volunteer Fire Dept.

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Fire permits are required for any open burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow where the burning will be done. Violations of RSA 227-L: 17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are eleven Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. During the 1999 season Forest Rangers were busy assisting communities with suppression of difficult and remote multi-day fires. Forest Rangers have also investigated numerous complaints regarding violations of the timber harvest and forest fire laws, and taken enforcement action to ensure compliance. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The 1999 fire season was a challenging but safe year for wildland firefighters in New Hampshire. The severe drought conditions throughout the spring and summer months combined with residual effects of 1998 Ice Storm, resulted in a dramatic increase in wildland fires. In addition to burning in excess of 452 acres, 35 structures were also impacted by wildfire. Wildland fires in the urban interface is a serious concern for both landowners and firefighters. Homeowners can help protect their structures by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure that houses are properly identified with street numbers.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

Please contact your local fire department before doing ANY outside burning.

REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!!

1999 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru December 10, 1999)

<u>TOTALS BY COUNTY</u>			<u>CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED</u>	
	Numbers	Acres		
Hillsborough	271	50	Debris Burning	352
Rockingham	218	111	Miscellaneous	279
Merrimack	213	115	Smoking	188
Belknap	139	66	Children	176
Cheshire	131	28	Campfire	161
Strafford	98	26	Arson/Suspicious	54
Carroll	81	17	Equipment Use	43
Grafton	70	18	Lightning	42
Sullivan	62	17	Railroad	6
Coos	18	3.25		
	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	*Miscellaneous (powerlines, fireworks, structures, OHRV)	
1999	1301	452.28		
1998	798	442.86		

**Emergency Management
Town of Dalton**

During the past year we have been unable to convince the State Emergency Management Office to fund the purchase and installation on an Emergency Generator. They chose instead to fund generator packs to be located at various State Armory's about the state.

We are still on the list for a donated generator and will be notified when one becomes available. So the \$1,000 warrant article will not be needed.

**John Tholl
Emergency Management
Director**

Police Department Report Town of Dalton

For the first time in **five** years the Dalton Police Department has shown a decrease in case load. There were 55 Incident Investigations, 3 Assist Investigations, and 13 Accidents investigated by the Dalton Police Department.

Only 5 Traffic Summonses were issued and 15 Warnings written.

Investigative Statistics

Burglary	4	Assaults	7
Thefts	14	Sexual Assault	1
Criminal Mischief	6	Criminal Trespass	3
Harassment	1	Domestic Violence	3
Public Nuisance	2	Missing Person	1
Habitual Offender	1	All Others	12

The Dalton Police Department made 12 in custody arrests during 1999, from DWI to Domestic Assault. Although the number of reported incidents decreased, the number of patrol hours increased from 201 Special Hours in 1998 to 369 Special hours in 1999, primarily due to the number of calls that do not require reports but necessitate a response, such as stray dogs, loose cows, and alarms.

As we enter into a new century perhaps we should pause to reflect on the changes that have taken place in the town of Dalton. The Police Department has gone, in the span of a few short years, from an entirely reactive department with very little in the way of equipment, to a somewhat proactive department, that is working to prevent crime rather than just reacting to it.

In the past five years we have gone from a small poorly equipped department, without the means to meet the tasks set for it by the citizens of Dalton, to a department that is a maned, capable, and well equipped, (for a small Part-Time Agency) that is looking towards the future, not towards the past.

Respectfully submitted
John E. Tholl Jr., Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE TRANSFER STATION 1999

You know you never took your trash to the dump for free. Your taxes have always paid the cost of refuse removal. It's simple math: when the costs of "removing" go up, your taxes go up. Whatever is thrown into the *rented* dumpster costs you in the price-per-mile it is hauled, and again at the landfill by the weight of the contents of the dumpster. Your taxes pay for every bit of it three times.

That's why we re-introduced *voluntary* recycling. Most people are doing a superb job of culling out what's recyclable (putting it in the big cardboard bins called "Gaylords") and thus cutting down on the amount thrown into the *rented* dumpster. By rights, we should be saving money big-time. But there's a problem: now all three surrounding towns (Whitefield, Lancaster and Littleton) have "pay-per-bag" (or "pay-as-you-throw") programs in place, charging their citizens by the bag for what they throw into their respective dumpsters. Dalton's tonnage figures this year show a measurable increase beyond the predicted. Dalton did not experience an upsurge in new residents or in the establishing of new businesses in 1999. In addition there have been a growing number of private sightings and reports of household and business trash from the surrounding towns being brought in to our Transfer Station in borrowed vehicles (with Dalton dump stickers), by friends and family of residents of the neighboring towns (as a personal favor) or even boldly in person. In short, we believe that *Dalton taxpayers are paying the cost of significant amounts of trash that is slipped into our "free " dumpster. Dalton residents, I believe are paying with their tax dollars for trash removal of refuse generated outside Dalton.* That is neither fair nor sensible.

It's time for Dalton to go the same route and join the "Pay-Per-Bag" (or "Pay-as-You Throw") program and to set our per-bag prices pegged to those of the surrounding towns so as to eliminate the advantage of "slipping stuff across the border" into our "cheaper" dumpster. In the long run, Dalton residents will also cut the costs of their municipal government by creating

an income stream into the General Funds from the sale of household trash bags to Dalton residents.....to say nothing about doing something positive for the environment. AN ARTICLE CALLING FOR THE INSTITUTION OF A MANDATORY "Pay-Per-Bag" PROGRAM IS ON THE WARRANT FOR THE UPCOMING TOWN MEETING. I will seek a variety of public ways of explaining how it will work.

What else has been going on at your Transfer Station this year?

- Our working agreement with an area recycler-hauler did not work well; we now ship our recycled materials directly to Littleton at no charge except our trucking it there.
- We accumulate sufficient amounts on pallets or in "gaylords" to make our recyclables attractive to Littleton's facility (that's what the tractor-trailer body and the fork lift, purchased refurbished this year, help us do).
- We changed the hours of the facility by dropping "Thursday" altogether to permit personnel to do "second sort" on the gaylords and barrels to make sure that what we ship is not contaminated with other products (as required).
- We hired Mr. Bill McGeggion to be the on-site supervisor.
- I was sent by the Town to be trained and certified as a Transfer Station Operator (Level II) and have attended three other day-long workshops in Concord, Manchester and Bedford, sponsored by different federal and state agencies involved in recycling, hazardous materials handling, and refuse disposal. I continue to serve the Town as an unpaid volunteer.

I put you on notice that the fees charged for bringing large appliances and large furniture as well as "construction and demolition" materials in bulk (old roofing shingles, painted wood, sheetrock etc.) will probably soon have to be increased modestly as the cost of shipping them out is increasing and must be passed on to those who generate the material.

If you have concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted, Richard L. Rush (837-9869)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Conservation Committee, charged by state statute with maintaining a list of and seeking to protect the quality of the natural assets of the Town of Dalton, is engaged in compiling such a list. That inventory is advisory in nature and serves the purpose of identifying locations and specific exemplary examples of natural beauty and value that exist within the borders of the Town, whether they are located on public or private property. The State of New Hampshire simply wants each town to be aware of the assets of nature -- be they ancient trees, pristine wetlands, spectacular views, or particularly lovely water courses. No intrusion on private ownership or effect on tax values is intended. The list will be reviewed and amended annually.

In its several meetings this year, the Commission took note of several wetlands applications filed with the State by Dalton residents, made site inspections in instances where reported wetlands endangerments were referred to it, and in general maintained an active interest in the types of land and water conservation issues that typically are the focus of such commissions.

Again this year, the Commission took an active role in issues related to the disposal of refuse and the recycling of products that would otherwise be part of the waste stream that is so increasingly costly to municipalities such as ours. To that end, a storage trailer was purchased and sited at the Transfer Station to permit storage of recycled materials pending bulk transfer to their respective terminals. Further, the Commission loaned the Selectmen the funds with which to complete the purchase of the refurbished forklift used extensively at the Transfer Station (which was to have been purchased from the Reserve Fund created at last year's Town Meeting for capital equipment purchases, when it was discovered that a technicality in the wording of that approved article on last year's warrant prevented the Selectmen from, paying for the purchase at the time of delivery). That technicality can easily be corrected at this year's Town Meeting thereby freeing the funds to be returned.

I am deeply indebted to Commission Members Agnes Mooney, Charles Davisson and Dean Sweeney for their thoughtful and dedicated service to the Town. There continues to be space at our table if there are others who would like to join us.

Respectfully submitted, RICHARD L. RUSH, Chairman
(837-9869)

PLANNING BOARD

This past year seems to be a repeat of the previous two years of little activity for the Board. There were only two subdivisions in 1999, which included a total of 21.68 acres. Although, in January the Planning Board had its first ever two town subdivision. A subdivision which basically was in Littleton, but had the right of way to that property in Dalton. This subdivision had to be approved by both Planning Boards. The approval process went very smooth and gave us the experience of working with another board in a joint endeavor. There were no lot line adjustments or any revocations of subdivisions. There were also were no applications for any new gravel pits.

The Planning Board's activity seems to go in cycles, which a good amount is generated by the economy, etc.. The Board went through the 70's which was a slow period. In the 80's, when the economy took off, the Board was extremely busy. The pace finally slowed down in the 90's, and it seems to be at the same stage as the 70's. The Board has dealt with one of the largest subdivisions in the North Country, 50 lots plus, on Dalton Mountain to the easy two lot subdivison. Along the way, we all obtained experience on how to deal with the many aspects of the approval process. We have seen the Board go from a seven(7) member unit down to a five(5) member board.

This year, marks my sixteenth year on the Planning Board and it will be my last one. I'm retiring from my regular job and will do so from Town business in early summer. During my time as a member of the Board I have enjoyed the experience of working with a great group of people and appreciate their dedication to want to maintain a sound and progressive development of our Town. Hopefully, future boards will follow the same pattern as we have maintained over the past years.

Leon Cloutier
Chairman

LIBRARIAN REPORT

CIRCULATION:

Adult Materials	1115
Children's Materials	1639
Inter-Library Loan	37
Magazines, Videos, etc.	<u>533</u>
TOTAL CIRCULATION:	3324

Materials borrowed	
from other libraries	77
New Borrowers	5
Regular Hours Open	482
Volunteer hours-Open	161
Programs	8
Program attendance	114

ACCESSIONS:

Adult materials	90
Children's materials	157
Reference materials	encyclopedias
Video / Audio	23
Periodicals	<u>12</u>
TOTAL ACCESSIONS:	282

Total Materials in Library	7500
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The close of the century brought many happenings to the library. In January the library received a gift of 100 new children's books from the Brownstone Book Fund an organization in New York City. In March word came to us that we received the CLiF (Children's Literacy Foundation) Grant. The library provided \$300.00 of Mud Run money towards the grant with two thirds funding provided by the grant. The books from both gifts were in the library and ready for the summer reading program.

In April the town installed new windows in the library and we had the drapes cleaned at that time.

The library held its third Annual DALTON MOUNTAIN MUD RUN in April. There was an increase of racers attending this year. The proceeds from the race brought us closer to our goal to purchase a copier. The recognition the library receives during this event has been outstanding. We wish to thank all those organizations and citizens who helped with the event.

In May Jean Abbott was awarded the Trustee of the Year Award from the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association.

In June the library received a computer and printer for public access to the NH Works from the NH Department of Employment Security. The computer came with a Resume program and Internet access software. The library purchased a desk for this in November.

Children come to the library each week throughout the summer and participate in story hours and crafts. Eighteen children read 172 books in this year's reading program ONCE UPON A SUMMER READING. Special thanks are extended to Nancy Comeau for a program provided by the NH Fish & Game on Pond Ecology, and to Duncan McDougall who kicked off the program with a presentation of the donated books from the CliF Grant. Subway of Littleton donated sandwiches for the end of summer party for the children.

In November the library received an anonymous donation of \$10,000 to benefit children and children services. The Trustees have decided to invest the money at this time and use the interest for children's programs.

I attended the New Hampshire Library Association (NHLA) & NH Library Trustees Association (NHLTA) conferences in May; the New England Library Association (NELA) Conference in September and several state and local library related meetings throughout the year. In September I also attended a CLL course on Grant writing. In October I attended a three-week course on Juvenile Non-Fiction Collection Development.

Once again the library is collecting old town reports to have bound. If you have any old town reports to donate to the library for our collection, please drop them off at the library.

Many thanks are extended to the parents who helped with this years many activities. The support and encouragement of the community has been outstanding. We wish to thank all our friends for their donated books, magazines, gifts and time to the library.

Respectfully submitted,
DORIS MITTON, Librarian

DALTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
Treasurer's Report For December 31, 1999

Beginning balance: Jan.1, 1999		\$ 5131.32
Income:		
Town Appropriation	8700.00	
Fees	177.20	
Donations	10353.70	
Book Sales	47.35	
Raffle	26.10	
T-shirts	20.00	
Interest on savings	19.64	
Mud Run	1716.00	
Memory Tree	<u>148.50</u>	
Total Income		21208.49
Expenditures :		
Salary	4500.00	
Payroll taxes	344.28	
Conferences and Education	861.00	
Association dues	145.00	
Telephone	1146.18	
Supplies	633.62	
Books,periodicals,audio-visual	1416.15	
Programs	68.10	
Equipment & maintenance	347.61	
Mud Run	1134.60	
Transfer net fundraising		
proceeds to Friends of DPL	<u>1288.37</u>	
Total Expenditures		<u>11884.91</u>
Ending balance: Dec.31, 1999		\$14454.90
Capital Reserve Fund balance: Dec.31, 1999		<u>371.29</u>
		\$14826.19
CheckingAccount	\$13891.87	
SavingsAccount	425.58	
Capital ReserveFund	371.29	
Undepositedfunds	137.45	
	\$14826.19	

Jean Abbott, Treasurer

Weeks Home Health Services 1999 Annual Report

Greetings and best wishes to the residents of Dalton from Weeks Medical Center - Home Health Services. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the staff, I want to thank you for your continued support and caring. Without the Town's investment in the agency and its Mission, we could not have served so many residents of the North Country.

We end the millennium and 1999 with the following highlights: **New Corporate Name - Dartmouth-Hitchcock Alliance.** The Weeks Hospital Association, Inc. has changed its corporate name to Weeks Medical Center, Inc. Under the new name, the corporation includes the hospital, out-patient services, rehabilitation services, the physician offices (in Lancaster, Whitefield, and Groveton), and home health services. This decision helps to strengthen our relationship with the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Alliance.

Department of the Corporation. The Board of Trustees decided to dissolve the separate corporation (Weeks Home Health Services, Inc.) and the Weeks Medical Center - Home Health Services is now a department of the corporation. This decision greatly reduces the duplication of reporting requirements.

Prospective Payment System (PPS). The home care industry has survived the implementation of the Interim Payment System (IPS), which fostered the closing of over 2000 agencies nationally. Effective October 1st of 2000, a completely new system of Medicare reimbursement will be implemented for home health agencies. The Prospective Payment System is similar to hospital DRG, where services (and payment) will be based on the nature of patient's diagnosis, their functional limitations and rehabilitation requirement. This coming year will require many changes in home care management.

Mary Fitch, RN Retires. After 27 years of home health nursing, Mary Fitch retired as the Clinical Nursing Supervisor. She will be missed. Her replacement is Sandra Yunghans, BSN, MHSA.

Visits/units for the Total Agency Patients = 478. Skilled Nursing = 5214. Home Health Aide 10,827. Rehabilitation/Social Services = 1,249. Homemaker Units = 19,344. **Total = 36,634.**

Visits Specific to the Town of Dalton. Total Patients = 14
Skilled Nursing = 173 Home Health Aide = 236
Pehabilitation/Social Services = 35 Homemaker Units = 1036
Total Visits/Units = 1480

Thank you for the opportunity to serve your community. The commitment of Weeks Medical Center Dartmouth-Hitchcock and the Home Health Department is *the "We're here for you"*.

Bob Fink, MSW, Director

"We're here for you!"

LUNENBURG, GILMAN, CONCORD SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER REPORT

The Senior Center, independently run, is located on Riverside Avenue in Gilman, Vermont.

Our kitchen served 11,000 meals this year to people 60 years old and their spouses. This includes Homebound deliveries in Lunenburg, Gilman, Concord, East Concord, and Guildhall. Congregate and Homebound meals are served Tuesdays-Fridays.

Homebound meals are delivered by volunteers, with their vehicles. the Area Agency gives them a mileage reimbursement.

An advocate from the Area Agency on Aging located in St.Johnsbury, is available monthly to help people with food stamps, fuel assistance, Medicaid/Medicare and Social Security. Volunteers are available to help with Tax Rebates. Information about these programs is available by calling the Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-642-5119.

The Center sponsors many events that are open to the public. On the third Saturday of every month at 5:00 pm a Potluck Supper. Footcare Clinics/Blood Pressure Clinics, provided by Caledonia Home Health Care, are held on the first Thursday of every month starting at 12:30 pm . Cholesterol screening is also available.

The Center provides "Senior-cise", group exercises for seniors on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:00 am. The fourth Thursday of each month is "Bookmarks" at the Balch Library in Lunenburg. Programs, books and refreshments on special occasions are available through this program.

Share sign-up is available monthly as are USDA commodities. For more information call (802) 892-6616.

Our famous "Boutique" is open Tuesday through Friday 9:00 am to 1:30 PM or by appointment. Clothing donations are gratefully accepted and all sales are on a donation basis.

Continued community support for the Center will go a long way to help keep services for the elderly available, where and when it is needed. For more information call (802)892-6616.

Paul Mire,Chairman of the Board

NORTHERN GATEWAY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

'Gateway to the Great North Woods'

P.O. Box 537, 148 Main Street

Lancaster, New Hampshire 03584-0537

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It has been an extremely busy and productive year for the Chamber. With two moves to new quarters and important projects that should be of great value to the communities within The Chamber.

The first move was from the Masonic Building at 25 Main Street to The Old Court House at 148 Main Street, and the second from one office space to another within The Old Court House itself. And it looks as if we may move again as the present space will soon be occupied by the business next door which has been growing faster than expected. This is great, not because I enjoy moving, but because it means that the business community within The Old Court House have been successful and that is good for everyone. Some of the important projects that I mentioned are:

The Mount Washington Regional Airport's runway extension which will accommodate larger aircraft that will provide better service to and from this area. A new Terminal Building which will provide a much needed face lift for visitors using the Airport and hopefully the introduction of Charter Service to and from the area.

The second annual Chamber Publication will be ready for distribution within a few weeks.

The Chamber has been working with North Country Transportation in order to expand its service in new ways and new areas.

Please remember that together we can become anything we wish to be and that a Chamber, like anything else, is only as strong as the support that it gets.

I wish you all a very successful and satisfying year 2000.

Donald F. Mooney, Executive Director

REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT ONE

It is a pleasure to report to you as one of your elected officials serving on the five-member Executive Council within the Executive Branch of your NH State Government. This five-member elected group acts much like a board of directors for your very large NH State Government carrying out the law and budget as passed by the NH House & Senate and signed into law by the Governor. We also act upon gubernatorial nominations to the entire Judicial Branch of your Government, State Supreme Court, Superior Court, Probate Court, District Court all are nominated by the Governor, a posted public hearing must be held by the Council and then a vote to deny or confirm the nomination is held. Persons interested in serving on a volunteer board of commission should contact Kathy Goode at the Governor's Office, 271-2121.

This is a brief list & quick reference of some of the available services from NH State Government for citizens looking for financial and Technical assistance and general information.

Adjutant General John Blair (Army & Air Guard of NH) 271-1200
Community Presentations on Drug Demand Education.

Director Bruce Cheney of the NH Emergency E-911 Office
271-6900 Mapping Services to towns, tours and presentations available.

Director Art Haeussler of the State & Federal Surplus 271-2602
Informative newsletter about surplus foods, products, etc.

Commissioner Steve Taylor NH Dept of Agriculture 271-2561
Information on restoring old barns, controlling pests, has NH Weekly Market Bulletin available.

Attorney General Phil McLaughlin 271-3658
Financial grants for domestic violence, victim assistance, consumer protection bureau. Call Mark Thompson for listing.

Consumer Advocate Mike Holmes (Public Utilities) 1-800-852-3793 Handles complaints about electric bills, phone bills, etc.

NH Director of Prison Industries, Dennis Race 271-1875
Available products in furniture, data entry, signs, decals, car repair, printing and web page development.

NH Director of Historical Resources, Nancy Dutton 271-3558
Consults, has information about, historic structures, preservation, and appropriate laws and regulations.

NH State Librarian, Mike York 1-800-499-1232
Has services for persons with disabilities, electronic information, archives and political library.

NH Director of Emergency Management, Woodbury Fogg 1-800-852-3792
Is ready to respond to inquiries about ice jams, floods, high winds, oil spills, big fires, etc.

NH Employment Security Comm., John Ratoff 1-800-852-3400
Finds employees, trains them, keeps them working.

NH Environmental Services Comm., Robert Varney 271-3503
Air Resources, Waste Management (dumps/landfills) water/sewers, wetlands permits. River management.

NH Fish & Game Dept., Director Wayne Vetter 271-3421
.Hunter Education, public boat launches, wildlife centers.

NH Health & Human Services, Comm. Don Shumway 1-800-852-3345 Public Health, aids info, mental health, youth & families, long-term care, disabilities, elderly services, ombudsman.

NH Insurance Dept./Comm., Paula Ropers 1-800-852-3416
Processes complaints about insurance fraud.

NH Labor Department, Comm. Jim Casey 1-800-2724353

Handles complaints about wage and hours, worker's compensation, and vocational rehabilitation.

NH Community Technical College System, Comm. Glenn DuBois 1-800-247-3420

Info on programs for college credit, scholarships, at the seven-campus system throughout the State.

NH Dept. of Resources & Economic Development, Comm. George Bald 271-2411 Info on all State parks, economic development, ski operations, trails bureau, tourism maps, State forestry nursery and international commerce, and camping reservations.

NH Department of Safety, Comm. Richard Flynn 271-2791

Fire safety standards/training, motor vehicle registration, boating safety, State Police.

NH Secretary of State, William Gardner 1-800-562-4300

Corporate name department, records management & archives, securities regulation.

NH Transportation Dept., Comm. Leon Kenison 271-3734

NH Airports, bridges, highway design, public transportation, railroads, public works - all are part of this key department.

NH Veterans Council, Director Dennis Viola 1-800-622-9230

Advocate for veterans and their families.

NH Veterans Home in Tilton - Commandant Barry Conway

286-4412 A very suitable home for veterans with approved care and rehabilitative services.

NH Youth Services Dept., Comm. Peter Favreau 271-5942

Youth Center in Manchester, Detention Center in Concord, and the Tobey School for Youth.

All of NH State Government is accessible through 271-1110 and through the NH Webster System at <http://www.state.nh.us>, or call my office any time at 271-3632, or e-mail to-
rburton.@gov.state.nh.us

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond S. Burton
State House Room 207
Concord, NH 03301

Message to North Country Council Members

In our 26th year of operation North Country Council continues to work diligently for our members and the region as a whole. To most communities our greatest familiarity is the local assistance we provide in community planning. This year we have been very busy with master plans, land use control ordinances, community designs and site reviews in most if not all North Country towns. In addition, we have also been extremely busy providing local technical assistance on solid waste management, economic development, infrastructure development (water, sewer, utilities and telecommunications), GIS, and transportation projects at the local level.

In response to local needs and national priorities we are actively involved in watershed planning and conservation. We have represented the interests of our Eastern Coos County communities along the Androscoggin as the Androscoggin Watershed Council has been formed. We also have been working on behalf of all of our Connecticut River / Connecticut Lakes towns on River Management, Scenic Byways and Hydro Relicensing efforts with FERC. On the Ammonoosuc Watershed we have been working with local leaders and DES Officials in the creation of a regional wetland bank. Lastly, we have started program to address Source Water Protection in several watersheds in the North Country.

In economic development, we have conducted two region -wide studies. We completed a Labor Characteristics and Needs Study, which was followed by a second study that evaluated Livable Wages in the region; both studies are available in our office. We continue to expand facilities and services in our Business Resource Center this year with more data, equipment and seminars. The last half of the year was very intense with the Council playing a critical role in the resurrection of the Mountain View House in Whitefield. EDA Public Works Projects are underway in four communities at total funding in excess of \$6 million.

In transportation, we have one Corridor study underway between exits 35 and 44 on I93, another underway along the total length of Route 2 from Shelburne to Lancaster, and a proposal pending for a third effort in Plymouth on Route 25. Route 16 projects are moving forward with local pilots underway in Albany and Madison. In addition, study-identified projects are making their way into the TIP and TE process. We also helped to move the Ten-Year Highway Plan and Transportation Improvement Plan along in its biennial process. We have also solicited, reviewed, and ranked Transportation Enhancement Projects for state funding. We also continued to organize activities on the 565 miles of Regional Scenic Byways and secured funding to make improvements on the national and state Byways in the North Country. Under our new expanded services contract with DOT we have been doing all state traffic counts in the region as well as official road inventories. We also will be involved in project development at the DOT at a much greater level.

From the standpoint of the entire region we have been coordinating a 57 town - US Forest Service Coordination and Policy Development Committee as well as providing support to the State Commission on Land and Heritage. Last, but certainly not least, we have been working with our 3 County Members to seek opportunities for joint ventureship between them. It has been a busy year indeed.

Preston Gilbert
Executive Director

The Caleb Group Community Services Partnership

Nineteen-ninety-nine has been a very successful and growth oriented year for The Caleb Group. We have received a grant to expand into more areas of Coos and Grafton Counties. Much of the growth can be credited to the over 200 volunteers who have been assisting elders in maintaining their independence. Because of this growth we were able to access additional services and programs from other areas.

The Caleb Group assisted more than 214 Whitefield, Lancaster, Twin Mountain, Jefferson, and Dalton seniors. In 1999 over 6000 hours and 35,000 miles were donated by volunteers. They helped their older neighbors with such things as friendly visiting and telephone reassurance, chores, paperwork, safety checks, transportation for shopping, errands and medical appointments. Volunteers also assist in the Commodity Supplemental Food Program every other month. Caleb Caregivers deliver food to elders who are totally homebound.

Without these services, many of those people who need just a little extra help to continue living independently, might have had to go into a nursing home. In a few cases this past year, lives have been saved because of concerned volunteers alerting us of an ill care receiver. The appropriate calls were made, and the care receiver was given emergency attention. Many elderly citizens have no family in the area, so must depend on friends, neighbors and volunteers.

At the Highland House Computer Lab, volunteers provide training for seniors who want to learn how to use computers. These older learners are instructed on Internet use, and enjoy sending email to friends and family. They also learn how to research on the World Wide Web. New students are always welcome.

There are no fees for the volunteer caregivers services or the service coordination provided by The Caleb Group. The program is funded through grants, donations and generous appropriations of the towns in which the services are provided. We want to thank the residents of Dalton for their support and for making it possible for us to continue to provide these much needed services to the area's elders. The \$1,500 appropriated at last year's Town Meeting was greatly appreciated, and we ask for your continued support in 2000.

If you would like to be a volunteer caregiver, request a volunteer, or know someone who would benefit from our services, please call the Caleb Office at 837-9179, or contact anyone on the Advisory Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie E.Hall
Interim Director

MOUNT WASHINGTON REGIONAL AIRPORT 1999 ANNUAL REPORT

Since becoming a regional airport in October 1998, the Mount Washington Regional Airport (MWRA) has received financial support and active participation from the towns of Bethlehem, Dalton, Franconia, Jefferson, Lancaster, North Woodstock, Sugar Hill, Twin Mountain (Carroll), and Whitefield. The towns' contributions of \$12,819 enabled the airport to receive \$233,000 from the Federal Aviation Administration for the installation of new safety lights and a study to identify trees that are penetrating the airspace over the runway. During the past year, MWRA retained the Dufresne-Henry Engineering Firm to design and oversee capital improvements, hired a part-time manager, and sold a hangar in order to raise funds for a new terminal and visitor's center.

The airport's future is based on its ability to meet the market needs of the area. The region's destination resorts would like to offer charter flight service to visitors coming from outside of New England. Larger retail and manufacturing businesses need to be able to fly top management and key personnel to their facilities in the region. Owners of several of the region's destination resorts and representatives from Littleton Industrial Development Corp met with staff from the office of Senators Smith and Gregg to discuss the need for extending the runway to accommodate larger aircraft for corporate planes and charter flights. As a result of these discussions, the state's Division of Aeronautics has approved a revision of the airport's master plan to determine the market needs and costs of runway extension. Senator Judd Gregg has also recommended that the FAA allocate one million dollars for capital improvements to the airport in the coming year.

The Airport Commission is made up of eleven members who represent participating towns, area businesses, and pilots who use the facility. The members of the Airport Commission are: Joel Bedor (Mt. Washington Hotel), Roland Bronson (Roll In Aero, Whitefield), Raymond Chaput (Pilot, Twin Mountain), Bruce Hutchings (Pilot, Lancaster), Ken Jordan (Whitefield Selectman), Eric Lougee (Bethlehem Police Chief), Don Mooney (Dalton Selectman), Jayne O'Connor (White Mountains Attractions, North Woodstock), Susan Simpson (Flight Instructor, Sugar Hill), Greg Westcott (Marshall Insurance, Lancaster), and Bill Williams (North Country United Way, Franconia).

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DALTON, N.H.
for the Year Ending December 31, 1999**

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER	PLACE OF BIRTH
Jun 08	Saydee Leigh	Todd Goodness	Brandee Goodness	Littleton, NH
Jul 02	Hannah Eleanor	Joseph Way	Heidi Way	Littleton, NH
Jul 15	Cristina Marie	Gustavo Duenas	Lori Duenas	Littleton, NH
Jul 26	Joshua Daniel	Daniel York	Bethany Fraser	Lancaster, NH
Sept 20	Meredith Lynn	Lawrence Newton	Deborah Newton	Littleton, NH
Sept 23	Connor Ezra	Mitchell Sweeney	Angela Sweeney	Littleton, NH
Dec 17	Matthew Christopher	William Lattea	Patricia Lattea	Littleton, NH

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DALTON, N.H.
for the Year Ending December 31, 1999**

DATE	NAME OF GROOM	RESIDENCE	NAME OF BRIDE	RESIDENCE
Jan 16	Timothy J. Carr	Dalton, NH	Mamie D. Little	Whitefield, NH
May 11	Todd D. Goodness	Dalton, NH	Brandee J. Haran	Dalton, NH
Jun 05	John L. Irons	N.Concord, Vt	Marie Therriault	N.Concord, VT
Jun 15	Harvey Call	Dalton, NH	Natasha S. Yourison	Dalton, NH
Aug 03	Gregory A. Shepard, Jr.	Dalton, NH	Lorena A. Jewell	Dalton, NH
Aug 28	Patrick C. Judge	Dalton, NH	Jennifer R. Benjamin	Walpole, NH
Sept 12	E. John Lowmes III	Dalton, NH	Juanita A. Price	Dalton, NH
Oct 02	John B. Ross, Jr.	Dalton, NH	Wendy L. Chase	Dalton, NH
Nov 27	Kruy Pru Heng	Dalton, NH	Leang Tang	Dalton, NH

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DALTON, N.H.
for the Year Ending December 31, 1999

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	PLACE OF DEATH	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
Jan 04	Clyde B. Switser	Franconia, NH	Ueo Switser	Minnie Berwick
Mar 28	Kenneth C. Pelotte	Lebanon, NH	Clifford Pelotte	Gertrude Wells
May 21	Deborah A. LaPlante	Lancaster, NH	Charles Ball	Dorris Stebbins
Jun 07	Joseph N. Kazmirschuk	Lancaster, NH	Steven Kazmirschuk	Nellie (Unknown)

FOR SALE TAX DEEDED PROPERTY

Parcel #1

14.96 acres located on Rt 142 in the Town of Dalton. Parcel comes with a well and septic system and an older mobile home. Town Tax Map # 411 Lots 18 & 19. This property requires a minimum bid of \$15,000.

Parcel #2

Building lot located on Bridge Hill in Dalton. Town Tax Map #403 Lot 10.03

Parcel #3

2 Bedroom Mobile Home located in Meadowmist Trailer Park. Approximately 12 x 60 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. Mobile Home must be moved.

Sealed bids for these properties should be submitted no later than 5:30 PM April 3, 2000.

The Selectmen reserve the right to refuse any and all offers

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and Bob Wentworth



This forklift was purchased to help at the Transfer Station.



Dean Sweeney and Jeff Young working on retaining wall at the Town Hall.



Graded and ready for closeout process at the old Transfer Station



Construction work at the old Transfer Station.

