

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
TOWN OFFICES
of
DALTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2000



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WINTER SCENE



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Pauline Streeter

The Selectmen would like to dedicate this year's town report to Pauline Streeter. Not only has Pauline worked and volunteered for the Town of Dalton in many capacities over the years, but she still can put a smile on the face of everyone she comes in contact with.

TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

Dean Sweeney	Term Expires 2003
Victor St.Cyr	Term Expires 2001
Raymond LaCroix	Term Expires 2001

TOWN CLERK

Sandra B. York

TAX COLLECTOR

Jessie Wentworth

TREASURER

Eleanor Hart

AUDITOR

Mercier Group

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Tammy Letson, Elinor Clarke, Sharon Sweeney

POLICE CHIEF

John E. Tholl, Jr.

FIRE CHIEF

Allen Blakslee

ROAD AGENT

Robert C. Wentworth, Jr.

HEALTH OFFICER

Kevin Sweeney

MODERATOR

Charles Packard

CIVIL DEFENSE OFFICER

John Tholl, Jr.

LIBRARIAN

Doris Mitton

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Amber McGuire	Term Expires 2003
Jean Abbott	Term Expires 2002
Nancy Comeau	Term Expires 2001

PLANNING BOARD

Leon Cloutier, Chairman	Appointment Expires 2003
John Letson	Appointment Expires 2002
Brian Hardy	Appointment Expires 2002
Agnes Mooney	Appointment Expires 2001
Victor St.Cyr	Appointment Expires 2001
Linda Cloutier & Michael Loughlain - Alternates	

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Sara Martineau	Term Expires 2006
Vera Smith	Term Expires 2004
Pauline Streeter	Term Expires 2002

PHONE NUMBERS

To Report Any Emergency	DIAL 911
Canine Control Officer, Kathy Barden	837-9402
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	4 PM to 7 PM 9 AM to 12 noon	Monday Thursday
First Saturday of each month 10 AM to 12 noon		
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 thirteenth day of March 2001, 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 Five Hundred Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Five Dollars (\$511,695) 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.
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.
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.
6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established.
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for the final engineering plans required by NHDES for the dump closure.

8. To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable general trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Pay Per Bag Replacement Fund for the purpose of re-purchasing bags for the "Pay Per Bag" system and to raise and appropriate the sum of up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000). The source of these funds will be 25 cents from each bag sold. Also to see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen to act as agents to expend this fund.

9. To see if the Town will vote to sell the 1976 GMC 10 wheel dump truck and to raise and appropriate up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Highway Department Major Vehicle Equipment Capital Reserve Account previously established for the purchase and replacement of highway equipment. Taxes will not be raised for this appropriation. This vehicle will be sold by sealed bids.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to repair the bridge on the French Rd. The entire cost of this project will be \$150,000. The \$30,000 represents the town's 20% share of an 80/20 grant.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for the purchase of six complete sets of bunker gear, each set to include helmet, coat, pants, and boots.

12. To see if the voters will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 (one thousand five hundred dollars) to help support The Caleb Group Interfaith Volunteer Caregiver Program that serves the needs of elderly and disabled people in the community.

13. To see if the Town will re-instate Buck Road as a class VI road not subject to maintenance by the Town of Dalton. Furthermore, to see if a sign will be posted marking Buck Road with a second sign erected advising users that they pass at their own risk. This article by petition. The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

14. To see if the Town will provide free of charge a maximum of 24 trash bags per year to Dalton households owned by persons 65 years or older who have fixed incomes and otherwise qualify for the maximum property tax credit based on age and income. The bags are to be delivered or are to be mailed to qualified households. This article by petition. The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

15. To see if the Town will require the Select Board to solicit a minimum of three qualified bids or proposals for goods and services valued at \$200 or more. This article by petition. The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

16. To see if the voters will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 (one thousand five hundred) to help support the Group Workcamps project sponsored by AHEAD. Group Workcamps will bring 400 teenage youth to the North Country, these young people and their adult leaders will perform voluntary home repairs for residents who, because of age and/or disability, cannot do the work themselves. This article by petition. The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

17. To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable general trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Cemetery Care and Maintenance Fund for the purpose of maintaining and upgrading town cemeteries and to further raise and appropriate the sum of up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000). The source of these funds will be 1/2 the amount of any monies received from the sale of any cemetery lot. Also to see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen to act as agents to expend this fund.

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

Victor St.Cyr
Raymond LaCroix
Dean Sweeney

Budget for 2001

General Government	Appropriated 2000	Actual 2000	Estimated 2001
Executive	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 6,393.52	\$ 7,200.00
North Country Council	828.00	827.27	815.00
Lunenburg, Gilman, Concord Senior Meals	400.00	400.00	400.00
Juvenile Diversion Program	470.00	470.00	336.00
Town Clerk	6,000.00	5,644.28	6,000.00
Voter Registration	2,000.00	1,380.05	1,000.00
Election	2,000.00	1,492.50	500.00
Financial Administration	57,000.00	52,649.22	57,000.00
Legal Expense	5,000.00	7,108.06	5,000.00
Social Security	10,000.00	8,452.25	10,000.00
Medicare	2,500.00	1,976.74	2,500.00
State Unemployment Tax	2,200.00	453.14	2,200.00
Workers' Compensation Fund	2,000.00	1,472.71	2,630.00
Employee Health Insurance	28,000.00	26,779.95	29,300.00
Planning & Zoning	700.00	699.08	700.00
General Govt. Bldgs.	7,500.00	7,549.61	8,000.00
Cemeteries	6,000.00	2,785.00	6,000.00

Property-Liability Insurance

18,000.00	11,360.00	18,000.00
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Public Safety

Police	28,112.00	25,237.76	28,500.00
Ambulance	2,200.00	2,200.00	5,380.00
Fire	15,000.00	16,912.72	25,000.00*
Fire Lanes	500.00	453.00	500.00
Emergency Management	500.00	60.00	500.00
Forest Fire Control	2,500.00	11,080.63	500.00

Highways & Streets

182,500.00	191,665.24	192,000.00
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Street Lighting

1,000.00	951.30	1,000.00
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Sanitation

Solid Waste	45,000.00	35,702.87	34,500.00
Sewage	12,500.00	3,994.58	12,500.00

Water Services

5.00	5.00	---
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* \$7,000 added to Fire Dept budget for this year only to replace the furnace in the fire station

Health

Health Administration	250.00	83.58	750.00
Health Agencies	3,204.00	3,204.00	3,364.00
Animal Control	1,200.00	159.72	1,200.00

Welfare

Direct Assistance	2,000.00	1,918.00	2,000.00
Community Action Program	800.00	800.00	800.00

Culture and Recreation

Parks & Recreation	500.00	417.96	500.00
Library	9,294.00	9,294.00	9,470.00
Patriotic Purposes	100.00	---	200.00

Conservation Commission

	350.00	350.00	350.00
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Debt Service

Principal-Long Term Notes	10,468.00	10,468.35	17,840.00
Interest-Long Term Notes	4,253.00	4,230.15	6,260.00
Interest-Tax Anticipation Note	10,000.00	---	10,000.00

<i>Capital Outlay</i>	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTALS	\$ 491,034.00	\$ 458,082.24	\$511,695 .00
Transfers from General Fund to Capital Reserve Accts. (2000 Warrant Articles: # 3, 4, 5, 6, 9)	77,000.00	77,000.00	
Other 2000 Warrant Articles:			
White Mt. Regional Airport Article #8	425.00	433.00	
Caleb Article #10	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Backhoe for the Highway Dept. # 11	72,000.00	30,000.00 from Cap. Res.	
		42,000.00 from notes	
Pump for the Fire Department # 12	6,000.00	6,000.00	
Town of Dalton "Pay per Bags" # 14	8,000.00	8,000.00	
2000 Under Budget by \$32,951.76			

ASSESSMENTS

Executive	\$ 7,200.00
Other General Government	1,698.00
Election, Registration, Vital Statistics	10,000.00
Financial Administration	57,000.00
Legal Expenses	5,000.00
Personnel Administration	16,700.00
Employee Health Insurance	28,000.00
Planning & Zoning	700.00
General Government Buildings	7,500.00
Cemeteries	6,000.00
Property/Liability Insurance	18,000.00
Police	28,112.00
Ambulance	2,200.00
Fire	15,000.00
Fire Lanes	500.00
Forest Fire Control	2,500.00
Emergency Management	500.00
Highway	182,500.00
Street Lighting	1,000.00
Solid Waste	45,000.00
Sewage	12,500.00
Water Services	5.00
Health Agencies and Hospitals	3,204.00
Health Administration	250.00
Animal Control	1,200.00
Direct Assistance	2,000.00
Community Action Program	800.00
Parks & Recreation	500.00
Library	9,294.00
Patriotic Purposes	100.00
Conservation Commission	350.00
Capital Outlay	1,000.00
Principal - Long Term Debt	10,468.00
Interest - Long Term Debt	4,253.00
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total Appropriations	\$491,034.00

LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES AND CREDITS

Land Use Change Tax	2,000.00
Timber Yield Taxes	12,000.00
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	40,000.00
Other Taxes	100.00
Inventory Penalties	3,000.00
Business Licenses and Permits	200.00
Excavation Tax	1,970.00
Excavation Activity Tax	1,885.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	90,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	2,500.00
Shared Revenue	7,638.00
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	19,638.00
Highway Block Grant	60,663.00
Water Pollution Grants	9,356.00
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	636.00
Railroad Tax	4,535.00
Income from Departments	10,000.00
Sale of Municipal Property	10,000.00
Interest on Investments	6,000.00
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	2,500.00
Sewer	8,500.00
From Capital Reserve Funds	30,000.00
Proceeds from Long Term Notes	42,000.00
Voted From Surplus	40,000.00
Fund Balance	65,000.00
Trust and Agency Funds	<u>1,000.00</u>

Total Revenues and Credits	\$471,121.00
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Net Town Appropriations	\$193,652.00
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT SUMMARY INVENTORY

Current Use Land	\$ 1,554,470.00
Residential Land	9,722,900.00
Commercial/Industrial Land	133,800.00
Residential Buildings	21,027,300.00
Manufactured Housing	3,319,600.00
Commercial/Industrial Buildings	5,316,847.00
Public Utilities	<u>1,212,309.00</u>

Total Valuation Before Exemptions **\$42,287,226.00**

Less Elderly Exemptions 262,700.00

Net Valuation **\$42,024,526.00**

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall Land, Building and Contents	\$184,300.00
Furniture and Equipment	43,500.00
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	198,900.00
Highway Dept. Vehicles	358,653.00
Transfer Station, Equipment and Contents	44,750.00
Parks and Playgrounds	18,450.00
Pump Station and Contents	<u>134,000.00</u>

Total Town Property **\$1,368,053.00**

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Appropriations	\$655,959.00
Less Revenues	471,121.00
Less Shared Revenues	7,179.00
Add: Overlay	4,493.00
War Service Credits	11,500.00

Approved Town Effort	\$193,652.00
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Due to Regional School District	\$1,061,382.00
Less Adequate Education Grant	(357,738.00)
State Education Taxes	(273,959.00)

Approved School Effort	\$429,685.00
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State Education Taxes	\$273,959.00
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Due to County	\$159,202.00
Less Shared Revenue	(1,412.00)

Approved County Effort	\$157,790.00
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Total Property Taxes Assessed	\$ 1,055,086.00
Less War Service Credits	11,500.00

Total Property Tax Commitment	\$ 1,043,586.00
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Approved Tax Rate

\$25.30

Town - \$4.62	Local School - \$ 10.22	State School - \$6.71
	County - \$3.75	

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

2000 Receipts

Tax Collector	\$ 1,069,717.16
Town Clerk	105,771.00
Selectmen	<u>146,429.65</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 1,321,917.81

Transfers from PDIP Account	202,071.31
Transfers from Laconia Trust	710,500.00
Transfer to Laconia Trust Account	- <u>790,000.00</u>

	122,571.31
Bank Interest Earned	508.70
2000 Payments-Order of Selectmen	- <u>1,432,305.74</u>

Balance Checking Account 12/31/2000	\$ 46,395.11
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Laconia Trust Account

01/26/00 Transfer from General Checking \$200,000.00
to open Laconia Trust Account

Transfers to Laconia Trust	590,000.00
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Transfers from Laconia Trust	-710,500.00
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Interest Earned	<u>7,812.26</u>
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Balance 12/31/2000	\$ 87,312.26
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SEWER SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance 12/31/99	\$ 7,843.95
Deposits	<u>8,010.54</u>
Total	\$15,854.49
Interest Earned	<u>178.00</u>
Total	\$16,032.49
Payments	<u>- 7,360.00</u>
Balance 12/31/2000	\$ 8,672.49

Dalton Conservation Commission Account

Balance 12/31/99	\$ 313.70
Deposits	<u>8,938.76</u>
Total	\$ 9,252.46
Payments & Transfer to Trust	8,248.28
Interest Earned	+ <u>2.72</u>
Balance 12/31/2000	\$ 1,006.90

Dalton Conservation Commission Trust Account

9/1/2000 Transfer from Dalton Conservation Commission Account	\$ 8,000.00
Interest Earned	<u>122.95</u>
Balance 12/31/2000	\$ 8,122.95

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

During the year the Trustees of Trust Funds began investing the monies for the Capital Reserve Funds and the Trust Funds in cash management accounts. This has greatly increased our return on investments.

The following is the breakdown of the funds in our care:

CAPITAL RESERVES:

FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

Balance as of 01/01/2000	10,767.64
Funds Deposited:	
Sale of Fire Truck	3,150.00
2000 Warrant Article 5	10,000.00
Interest on Investments	517.23
Funds Withdrawn:	
Work on Fire Trucks per 1998 Warrant Article 6	<u>7,469.23</u>
12/31/2000 Balance	<u><u>16,965.64</u></u>

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT HEAVY EQUIPMENT

Balance as of 01/01/2000	32,707.32
Funds Deposited:	
2000 Warrant Article 3	20,000.00
Interest on Investments	1,468.10
Funds Withdrawn:	
Deposit on Backhoe per 2000 Warrant Article 11	<u>30,000.00</u>
12/31/2000 Balance	<u><u>24,175.42</u></u>

SEWER PUMP RENOVATION & REPLACEMENT

Balance as of 01/01/2000	8,032.67
Funds Deposited:	
2000 Warrant Article 4	1,000.00
Interest on Investments	<u>427.31</u>
Funds Withdrawn:	
None	
12/31/2000 Balance	<u><u>9,459.98</u></u>

POLICE CRUISER

Balance as of 01/01/2000	5,078.17
Funds Deposited:	
2000 Warrant Article 6	6,000.00
Interest on Investments	<u>418.32</u>
Funds Withdrawn:	
None	
12/31/2000 Balance	<u><u>11,496.49</u></u>

GENERAL FUND TRUSTS

TRANSFER STATION REPAIR, REPLACEMENT & EQUIPMENT

Balance as of 01/01/2000	8,125.07
Funds Deposited:	
2000 Warrant Article 9	40,000.00
Interest on Investments	391.45
Funds Withdrawn:	
Forklift	8,000.00
Baler	<u>1,800.00</u>
12/31/2000 Balance	<u><u>38,716.52</u></u>

NONEXPENDABLE TRUSTS

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE

Balance as of 01/01/2000	20,066.40
Funds Deposited:	
Interest on Investments	1,072.31
Funds Withdrawn:	
Income to offset the care of cemetery	<u>1,063.72</u>
12/31/2000 Balance	<u><u>20,074.99</u></u>

Respectfully Submitted,
Tammy York-Letson,
Bookkeeper, Trustee of Trust Funds

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2000

DEBITS

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:

2000 Permits Issued	\$103,240.00	
	<u> </u>	\$103,240.00

Dog Licenses and Penalties Collected:

Licenses	\$ 1,993.00	
Penalties	500.00	
Less 301 Fees	<u>301.00</u>	
		2,192.00

Filing Fees		7.00
Vital Statistics		<u>332.00</u>

TOTAL DEBITS		\$105,771.00
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CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer:

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$103,240.00
Dog Licenses and Penalties	2,192.00
Filing Fees	7.00
Vital Statistics	<u>332.00</u>

TOTAL CREDITS	\$105,771.00
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Motor Vehicle Permits Issued in 2000	1,316
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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2000
PREVIOUS UNCOLLECTED TAXES AS OF 1/1/00:

Property 1999	137,097.24
Land Use Change Tax	3,070.00
Sewer Taxes	1,360.00
Property Previous Years	4,598.63
Yield Taxes	202.74
Excavation tax	561.18
Penalties	1,905.00
TAXES COMMITTED 2000:	
Property	1,046,496.00
Land Use Change Tax	9,768.30
Yield Tax	10,623.89
Sewer Tax	8,500.00
Excavation Tax	1,950.02
Penalties	5,100.00
Gravel Activity Tax	3,888.00
Overpayments 1999	16.38
Overpayments 2000	203.92
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	<u>13,454.85</u>

TOTAL DEBITS	\$1,248,841.15
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REMITTED TO TREASURER:

Property 2000	793,997.98
Property 1999	137,063.62
Land Use Change Tax 2000	7,038.30
Land Use Change Tax 1999	3,070.00
Yield Tax 2000	10,271.43
Yield Tax 1999	202.74
Sewer Tax 2000	6,545.00
Sewer Tax 1999	1,360.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	13,454.85
Excavation Tax 2000	1,126.62
Excavation Tax 1999	561.18
Gravel Activity Tax	3,313.00

Penalties 2000	2,726.61
Penalties 1999	1,850.00
Penalties Abated 1999	100.00
Overpayments 2000	203.92
Current Levy Deeded	2,003.00
Abatements 2000	797.00
Abatements 1999	50.00
Excess Debits(Credits) Refunded	(20.00)

UNCOLLECTED TAXES OF 12/31/00

Property	249,698.02
Property Previous Years	4,598.63
Yield Tax	352.46
Sewer Tax	1,955.00
Excavation	823.40
Gravel Activity Tax	595.00
Penalties	2,373.39
Land use Change	<u>2,730.00</u>

TOTAL CREDITS	\$1,248,841.15
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SUMMARY OF TAX LIENS REDEEMED

As of December 31, 2000

DEBITS

	1999	Prior
Balance of unredeemed taxes as of Jan. 1, 2000		\$106,229.30
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$65,911.76	
Interest Collected After Lien	<u>1,604.74</u>	<u>20,259.69</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 67,516.50	\$126,488.99

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer	\$ 14,001.71	\$ 64,539.64
Interest & Costs After Lien	1,604.74	20,259.69
Abatements		448.63
Excess Debits (Credits)	(4.69)	(29.50)
Liens Deeded to Town	4,659.01	9,785.29
Unredeemed at Close of Year	<u>47,255.73</u>	<u>31,485.24</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$67,516.50	\$126,488.99

REVENUE FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Highway Block Grant	\$ 60,663.35
Revenue Sharing	16,229.00
State Aid-Sewer	9,356.00
Railroad Tax	4,060.03
Rooms & Meals	19,638.34
Ice Storm Grant	10,132.00
Forest Lands	<u>726.02</u>

TOTAL **\$120,804.74**

REVENUE FROM SELECTMEN

Refunds-Miscellaneous	1,256.79
Transfer from Cemetery Acct. to General Fund	1,063.72
Donations	170.00
Sale of Town Property	9,757.74
Income from Departments	1,055.48
Copy Money	103.00
Refuse Charges	1,923.60
Sale of Garbage Bags	8,605.00
Dividends & Reimbursements	1,334.78
Forest Fire Reimbursement	39.80
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>315.00</u>
Total	25,624.91

Grand Total **\$ 146,429.65**

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Executive

Board of Selectmen	\$ 3,000.00
Printing & Public Notices	1,576.40
Dues	545.00
Miscellaneous	<u>1,272.12</u>

Total Executive **\$ 6,393.52**

Other General Government

Juvenile Diversion Program	470.00
Lunenburg, Gilman, Concord, Senior Meals	400.00
North Country Council	827.27
Sub Total	<u>\$ 1,697.27</u>
Mt. Washington Airport	433.00
Caleb	<u>1,500.00</u>

Total Other General Government **\$ 3,630.27**

Town Clerk

Town Clerk Fees	2,636.00
Town Clerk Salary	1,000.00
Department of Agriculture	681.50
Office Expenses	483.22
Deputy Town Clerk	451.56
Dues	60.00
Payments to State Vital Records	<u>332.00</u>

Total Town Clerk **\$ 5,644.28**

Voter Registration

Supervisors' Salaries	1,081.50
Supplies	107.79
Public Notices	<u>190.76</u>

Total Voter Registration **\$ 1,380.05**

Election

Election Workers	1,274.00
Meals	<u>218.50</u>

Total Election **\$ 1,492.50**

Financial Administration

Administrative Assistant Salary	18,811.52
Tax Collector Fees	2,976.00
Tax Collector Salary	4,000.00
Tax Collector Deputy	57.00
Auditor	4,750.00
Treasurer	2,520.00
Trustee of the Trust Funds	500.00
Current Use Project	1,322.00
Assessor	8,361.96
Mapping Services	2,377.50
Registry Fees	753.04
Maintenance & Repairs	514.19
Office Supplies	3,338.98
Postage	1,908.78
Dues	65.00
RSA's	<u>393.25</u>

Total Financial Administration **\$52,649.22**

Legal Expenses **\$ 7,108.06**

Personnel Administration

Social Security	8,452.25
State Unemployment Tax	453.14
Workers Compensation Fund	1,472.71
Medicare	<u>1,976.74</u>

Total Personnel Administration **\$12,354.84**

Planning & Zoning

Public Notices	82.60
Miscellaneous	<u>616.48</u>

Total Planning & Zoning **\$699.08**

General Government Buildings

Telephone	2,013.16
Heat	1,834.90
Electric	1,538.86
Custodian	617.27
Maintenance & Repairs	<u>1,545.42</u>

Total General Government Buildings **\$ 7,549.61**

Cemeteries **\$ 2,785.00**

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

Health Insurance **\$26,779.95**

Police Department

Chief's Salary	\$ 13,450.00
Equipment	891.58
Specials Pay	3,845.52
Fuel	869.22
Uniforms	641.41
Telephone	1,137.19
Dues, Conventions	914.00
Equipment Maintenance	128.10
Reference Material	538.88
Office Expenses	1,367.45
Training	101.14
Vehicle Expense	<u>1,353.27</u>

Total Police Department **\$ 25,237.76**

Ambulance **\$ 2,200.00**

Fire Department

Maintenance, Refills & Repairs	10,791.69
Telephone	360.29
Training & Salaries	1,210.00
New Equipment	115.00
Heat	2,196.87
Electric	730.73
Chief's Salary	500.00
Dues	100.00
Fire Prevention Supplies	185.95
Gas & Diesel	485.54
Office Supplies	<u>236.65</u>

Sub Total	\$16,912.72
W1 Pump	<u>6,000.00</u>

Total Fire Department **\$ 22,912.72**

Fire Lanes **\$ 453.00**

Emergency Management **\$ 60.00**

Forest Fire Control **\$11,080.63**

Fire Lanes **\$ 453.00**

Highway**Administration**

Highway Salaries	69,765.61
Building Maintenance & Repairs	2,609.83
Uniforms	600.00
Electric	1,020.62
Telephone	508.88
Office Supplies	1,342.41
Shop Supplies	2,620.56
Dues	100.00
Tools	<u>2,731.66</u>

Sub Total Administration **\$ 81,299.57**

Paving & Reconstruction

Vehicle Maintenance & Repairs	7,756.63
Maintenance & Supplies	4,033.47
Asphalt, Gravel, Dust Control	78,089.79
Gas/Diesel	<u>8,542.85</u>

Sub Total Paving & Reonstruction \$ 98,422.74

Snow & Ice Control \$11,942.93

Total Highway \$191,665.24

Street Lighting \$951.30

Solid Waste

Disposal Fees	21,214.21
Supplies	845.22
Utilities	202.54
Maintenance & Repairs	202.78
Garbage Bags	861.31
Training	150.00
Well Testing	3,454.39
Salaries	<u>8,772.42</u>

Sub Total \$ 35,702.87

Bags "Pay Per Bag" 8,000.00

Transfer Engineering 1,222.29

Total Solid Waste \$ 44,925.16

Sewage Disposal

Superintendent Salary	1,761.25
Utilities	1,677.78
Maintenance & Repairs	<u>555.55</u>

Total Sewage Disposal \$3,994.58

Water Services \$ 5.00

Health Administration	\$ 83.58
Health Agencies	\$ 3,204.00
Animal Control	
Officer Salary	31.88
Mileage	19.84
Boarding & Euthanasia	<u>108.00</u>
Total Animal Control	\$ 159.72
Welfare	
Direct Assistance	1,918.80
Community Action Program	<u>800.00</u>
Total Welfare	\$ 2,718.80
Culture & Recreation	
Library	9,294.00
Parks & Recreation	<u>417.96</u>
Total Culture & Recreation	\$ 9,711.96
Conservation Commission	
Annual Appropriation	350.00
5% Current Use	<u>419.42</u>
Total Conservation Commission	769.42
Principal-Long Term Debt	
Shawmut/NHMBB-Sewer Bond	10,000.00
FHA-Sewer Note	<u>468.35</u>
Total Principal	\$ 10,468.35

Interest-Long Term Debt

Sate St. Bank/NHMBB-Sewer Bond	3,331.50
FHA-Sewer Note	<u>898.65</u>

Total Interest **\$ 4,230.15**

Capital Outlay **\$ 1,000.00**

Refunds **\$ 779.78**

Transfers from General Fund to Capital Reserve Accounts

Payment to Highway Department Capital Reserve Account	20,000.00
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Payment to Fire Department Capital Reserve Account	10,000.00
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Payment to Cruiser Capital Reserve	6,000.00
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Payment to Sewer Pump Renovation & Replacement Capital Reserve Account	<u>1,000.00</u>
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Total Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds \$ 37,000.00

**Transfer from General Fund to
Transfer Station Tust Fund**

\$40,000.00

Taxes Paid to County **\$ 159,202.00**

Taxes Paid to School **\$ 653,729.00**

Tax Lien **\$ 65,911.76**

Petty Cash **\$ 26.25**

2000 Payments-Order of Selectmen **\$1,432,305.74**



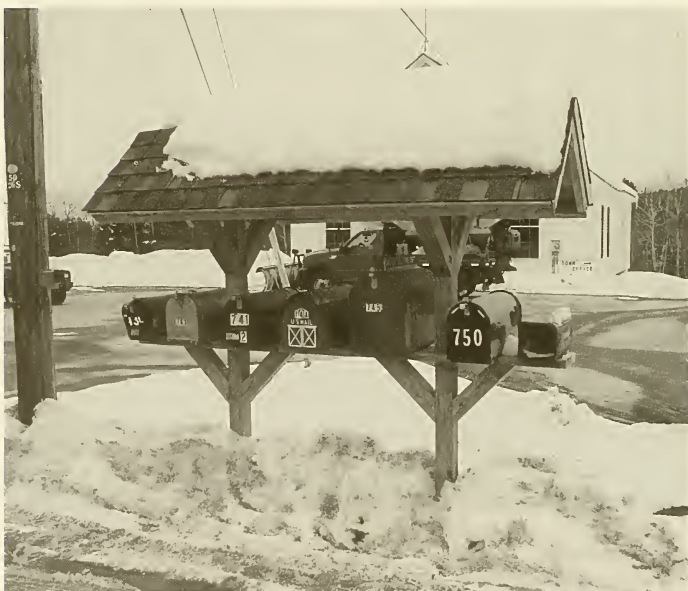
NEW PAVEMENT AT THE TOWN HALL



PAVERS WORKING ON THE NEW PAVEMENT



FIRE DEPT'S NEWLY COMPLETED TANK TRUCK



NEW MAILBOX ROOF AND SETUP
THANKS TO SCOTT LYNAUGH

2000 SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Another year has passed and we have had a very productive year. This past year we had the town hall driveway and parking lot paved, completed the second phase of paving on the Harriman Rd and we instituted the "Pay Per Bag" system in August. The first 5 months of this program has been very successful. We have seen a dramatic drop in our tonnage. Last year our tonnage figures were 5 to 8 ton per week on this new system our figures are now 3 to 4 tons every other week. Everyone has helped to make this a good job well done. We have had some very generous people in town donate bags for us to keep on hand at the town hall for people that can't afford them. If you cannot afford the bags please come and ask about these. A used baler, in very good condition, has been purchased for the transfer station and we are in the process of changing it from electric to gasoline. This will make it portable as well as more versatile for the transfer station. The baler will cut down on our volume of recyclables to be transported by compacting plastic, aluminum cans and cardboard. By baling these items we will attract a higher selling price from the companies that buy recycled goods.

We have been working with the Road Agent on the road maintenance program for the town's road system. This year we are pre-buying gravel to help defer the proposed rising prices going into effect this spring. Rising fuel costs have led to the price increases in gravel. We are also pre-buying our fuel, which has proved to be very cost effective.

It has been 3 years since the town has had to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. This has been a savings to the taxpayers by not having to pay interest costs.

We are, at this time, working on our final closure plans for the old landfill. If the warrant article passes we hope to move to the next phase and finally close it for good. This burden will no longer be hanging over our heads. We have North Country Council working on an 80/20 grant to help defer our total cost of the landfill closure. So far the good news about the landfill is that there is no apparent rise in toxicity in the 7 test wells . We continue to do our own testing thereby saving the taxpayers about \$2,000 a year.

This year we are planning to complete the retaining wall behind the town hall, finish the John's River Cemetery, seek out engineering information on the Ridge Road, re-do the bridge on the French Road and continuing work at the transfer station.

We would like to thank our department heads and employees for their hard work, for working safely and for keeping spending down. This hard work accomplished by all is truly an asset to all of us in town. Thank you!

Board of Selectmen

Victor St.Cyr
Raymond LaCroix
Dean Sweeney

The Mercier Group
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF
REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen Town of Dalton

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Dalton for the year ended December 31, 2000, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these 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 or 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 in 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 statements 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.

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.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

Basically Conservation Commissions do two things: *they keep track of conservation issues in their respective towns, and they seek (and use) varieties of ways of informing the public as to the natural assets that can be found within town borders.* Your Dalton Conservation Commission has been doing just that in the year just past.

We have broadened the focus of "inventorying the natural assets of the Town" (as required of us by state law), noting the locations of places and items of natural beauty and inherent value to all of us. The list includes the waterways within the town: the Connecticut and John's Rivers and Forest Lake the particularly lovely vistas as enjoyed from several locations within Dalton ... the presence of interesting or historic spots (like the long abandoned gold mines etc.). We made a modest donation to the local Bluebird House project at the Elementary School to help make possible the participation of more Dalton young people in an activity designed to teach conservation values as well as increase bluebird habitat.

As "Conservators" of the assets of nature in Dalton, we have followed closely the application and permit processes by which land owners and home builders adapt the land to their use - seeking (when asked) to assist them in doing so within the framework of existing state law and regulations. We make field inspections of situations in which potential or actual endangerments to the environment (for instance: to wetlands preservation) are either noticed or referred to us. When necessary or appropriate we approach landowners with words of caution if demonstrable infractions of state regulations are apparent, always seeking to resolve any misunderstandings here at the local level. Only when these means are exhausted do we "call Concord" and whichever appropriate state or federal agency is involved to report the situation as a violation and turn the matter over to them for investigation and enforcement. Our friendly advice to anyone considering any

encroachment or modification of a stream or piece of wetlands or the installation of a culvert is to call us before doing the work; it can save a lot of misunderstanding and frustration later on.

We record here with sadness the death of commission member Charles Davisson this year; he is much missed and the Town has lost a staunch friend. We also record with appreciation the addition of three new members: Nancy Comeau, Trish Hey Hardy and David Falkenham - each of whom brings a background of related knowledge and experience to our work. Agnes Mooney, Dean Sweeney and I are the other three members of the Commission.

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

DALTON FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

The Dalton Fire Department responded to fifteen calls in 2000. Three of these were severe; six were in response to mutual aid calls. There were no severe fires in Dalton. Alan Bryant completed the Emergency Medical Technician course and is serving with several ambulance corps as well as the Dalton Fire Department. The department's personnel roster remains at a full complement of twenty officers and firefighters.

Our second tanker was completed early in 2001, completing a three-year project, requiring hundreds of volunteer man-hours. Our department can now provide fifty five hundred gallons of water to a scene as a first response. These tankers also have many adaptations that make them more versatile on a fire scene than the apparatus they have replaced.

Using federal matching funds we have replaced our wildfire hand tools, provided protective clothing and purchased a portable wildfire pump. We are now better equipped than ever in this field.

Our goals for 2001 include station improvements, new protective gear, and an ambitious training program.

I thank the firefighters for their efforts and the town for their continued support.

Allen C. Blakslee
Chief, Dalton Fire Dept.

2000 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Highway Department had another good year for completion of projects. Another mile of Harriman Road was paved. In 2001, we plan to see the completion of Harriman Road, finishing that stretch of the school bus route. Continuing work on the bus route, we would like to do 1.3 in miles of Union Road in 2002. In 2003 we will need to start work on the Ridge Road. We will only be doing what is needed to keep that road passable for the next few years. It will be a large project.

Overhang trimming throughout the town will be a top priority this summer.

The highway budget ran over last year due to the severe increase in fuel costs and an unplanned increase in the amount of paving done.

An increase of \$9500.00 in the highway's budget has been requested to help offset the fuel costs, and to build up the considerable supply of winter sand necessary.

Another note of importance is the warrant article on the French Road bridge. Repair of it is becoming a necessity. The old guard rail is in need of replacement. My budget will not support both the repair of the bridge and being able to continue on schedule with the aforementioned planned paving projects of the bus route. The bridge will need to be repaired in 2001.

Upkeep of all pavement will continue.

The backhoe has worked out very well. We were able to maintain our ditches and pipework much more efficiently, and there is still much more to do.

I would like to thank Reg Rodger and Jeff Young for their hard work and dedication to the town. Also a thank you goes out to the board of selectmen for their guidance and support. It takes teamwork to get things done efficiently and well.

I find it a pleasure to serve the town of Dalton. Questions, comments and suggestions are always welcomed. 837-9821.

Respectfully submitted
Robert Wentworth Jr, Road Agent

LIBRARIAN REPORT 2000

CIRCULATION:

Adult Materials	1629
Children's Materials	1868
Magazines, Videos, etc.	<u>290</u>
TOTAL CIRCULATION:	3787

New Borrowers	32
Regular Hours Open	472
Volunteer hours-Open	114

Programs	16
Program attendance	146

ACCESSIONS:

Adult materials	85
Children's materials	176
Reference materials	39
Video / Audio	6
Periodicals	<u>12</u>
TOTAL ACCESSIONS:	318

Total Materials in Library	7500
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In January the library held a winter reading program WARM UP WITH A GOOD BOOK for children, the Saturday morning stories and activities were a welcome relief from the winter weather.

The library held it's fourth Annual DALTON MOUNTAIN MUD RUN in April. There was an increase of racers attending this year. The proceeds from the race have been added to the Friends of the Library Account for improvements to the library. The recognition the library receives during this event has been outstanding. We wish to thank all those organizations and citizens who help with the event.

Children come to the library each week throughout the summer and participate in story hours and crafts. Fifteen children read 317 books in this year's reading program **READING CATS AND DOGS!** Special thanks are extended to Nancy Comeau for a program provided by the NH Fish & Game on Wild Cats and Dogs at the Hatchery in Twin Mountain. Once again Subway of Littleton donated sandwiches for the end of summer party for the children.

Holiday craft days were held for Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas this year. The children made items for their home and for their parents. Thanks for all the volunteers who help make it a great success.

I attended the NH Library Association (NHLA) & NH Library Trustees Association (NHLTA) conferences in May; and several state and local library related meetings throughout the year.

Once again the library is collecting old town reports. We are missing some issues to have a complete set to be bound for hardcover edition. If you have any old town reports to donate to the library for our collection, please drop them off at the library.

We are putting together an album for the Town's time capsule. Several photos and news releases have been included. The Trustees have decided to include the 1999 and 2000 events to make it a millennium edition for the library.

Many thanks are extended to the parents who helped with this year's 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

Trustees
JEAN ABBOTT
NANCY COMEAU
AMBER MCGUIRE

HOURS: Mon 2-5; Wed. 2-5 and 6:30-8:30 and Sat 10 - noon

DALTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
TREASURER'S REPORT - DECEMBER 31, 2000

Beginning balances - Jan 1, 2000

Children's Programs & Service Fund	\$10,000.00
Cap. Res. Fund-Technology	371.29
Savings Account	425.58
Checking Account & Cash on Hand	<u>4,029.32</u>
	\$14,826.19

Income:

Grants & Government	\$ 9,294.00
Fines & Fees	88.30
Donations	23.00
Friends of DPL-M.R. Tshirts	442.00
Raffle & sale of magnets	64.30
Interest on savings	<u>20.57</u>

Total Income \$ 9,932.17

Expenses:

Salary	\$ 5,304.00
Payroll Taxes	405.78
Conferences & Education	545.00
Association Dues	150.00
Telephone	1,170.05
Supplies	204.21
Books	968.67
Reference Books	1,841.22
Programs	262.98
Equipment	90.68
Mud Run T-shirts	<u>442.00</u>

Total Expenses \$11,384.59

Ending Balance - Dec. 31, 2000 \$13,373.77

Ending balance breakdown

Children's Programs and Services Fund	\$10,000.00
Cap. Res. Fund-Technology	371.29
Savings Account	621.75
Checking Account	2,515.97
Less payroll taxes payable	<u>(135.24)</u>
	\$13,373.77

Jean Abbott, Treasurer

PLANNING BOARD

Another year has passed and the Board has seen it to be a very slow one. There were no subdivisions approved in the year 2000 and only one lot line adjustment. The lot line adjustment consisted of making three lots into one large one of 24.30 acres. Apparently between a slow economy and a tight money market, people are not building in the town. The growth of the Town, for new home sites, has slowed down considerably over the past five years.

As far as the area of gravel pits, the Board did approve of only one new one. This past year was the renewal period for all existing gravel pits in Town, and they have done so.

There was a change over on the Board of its membership. In July Linda Cloutier stepped down as a regular member to be an alternate and one member did not want to be re-appointed. This gave the Board a chance to add two new members. Our two new members are John Letson and Brian Hardy. In November we also added Michael Loughnane as an alternate. This brings the Board to five regular members and two alternates.

I had planned to retire from the Board this past year but due to some unforeseen circumstances and being asked by the Board of Selectmen to stay on for some time, I'm still here. I will stay long enough to see that the new Board members are well informed on how the Planning Board works in this Town.

The Planning Board in Dalton has been very progressive over the years and has tried not to be over restrictive to discourage growth. Through the past Chairmans and members, who have recognized the uniqueness we have in Dalton, we have maintained this position. We are a bedroom community and probably will always be one. This rural character is what most people have liked about our community and we should maintain it at all cost.

Leon A. Cloutier, Chairman

POLICE REPORT TOWN OF DALTON

2000 was a varied year for the police department. The trend of decreasing crime has continued for another year.. However, accidents and DWI arrests were up.

Att. Murder/2nd Degree Assault	1	Disorderly conduct	1
Simple Assault	2	Bad checks/Fraud	2
Intimidation	3	Vandalism	3
Burglary	3	DWI	5
Theft	5	Domestic Violence	2
Stolen Vehicle	1	All Other Offenses	4
Trespass	2	Traffic Offenses	4

Incidents were down 38/55 a decrease of 31%. Accidents were up 21/13 an increase of approximately 29%. DWI arrests were up 5/1 and increase of 500%.

There were 6 full custody arrests made by the members of the Dalton Police Department in 2000. For a decrease of 50%.

A total of 21 accidents were investigated by the Dalton Police Department, of which only 4 resulted in injury. There were also 4 accidents which the department assisted in the investigation.

Please remember, if there is an Emergency please use 911, all other times please call 837-2703 or Dispatch 846-3333 (State Police Troop F). You can also call me at home if you would rather not give the information to a dispatcher. Please don't hesitate to call the Dalton Police Department for assistance, we are here to help you!

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Tholl Jr.
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE TRANSFER STATION 2000

The good news is in the "numbers"!! The decision, not only to recycle but also to move to a "pay-per-bag" program for household trash, has made a *significant* saving for Dalton taxpayers. The total tonnage (beginning when the pay-as-you-throw program was initiated in August) shows a massive decline in what we are paying to ship to the landfill in Bethlehem. "Pay-per-Bag" is saving Dalton big bucks! Based on five months' statistics, it is possible to project a significant savings in the cost of operating the Transfer Station in the year ahead.

Who should get the credit for this? *You* should! You are the ones who are doing such an effective job of separating out and depositing what is recyclable from your household trash into the appropriately labeled "Gaylord" bins at the Transfer Station. You are the ones buying the bags and paying your own fair share to have trash hauled away. You are the ones who closed the loopholes that allowed refuse from outside-of-Dalton-sources to flow into our dumpsters. You are to be congratulated!

Fresh (and free) "dump stickers" every January allow control of access to the Transfer Station. They are easily obtained at the Town Clerk's Office, as are rolls of the blue "Dalton Trash Bags" (in a choice of two sizes: rolls of ten smaller ones for \$10 and rolls of ten larger ones for \$15). Compliance with our program is not all that difficult. In fact, let it be known on the record that Town Clerk Sandy York has on several key occasions stationed herself at the Transfer Station (as a volunteer!) to make that compliance possible "on the spot". We thank her for having done that.

What next? On the horizon are additional state "regs" about disposal of items that contain specifically hazardous or toxic substances (like "mercury"; and old computers which contain some other toxic substances). Another initiative being studied

concerns getting rid of oil-based paints, stains and varnishes (which make up the bulk of so called "Household Hazardous Waste"). You will be kept posted and we will adapt to keep recycling as simple and inexpensive as possible for you.

We are studying specific equipment (which, if purchased, would be paid for mostly out of accumulated Capital Reserve Funds) and which would help us reduce the shipping costs of our recycled materials and even of hauling our dumpster trash. No purchase will be made unless we are absolutely convinced that the pay-back would be assured. So far our "low-tech" transfer station works just fine. We are not inclined to spend needlessly.

With the N.H. Supreme Court yet *to rule* on the legality of the recent expansion of the landfill in Bethlehem, and the realization that there will finally come a day when even that facility will fill and close (leaving us facing a long-haul of our trash and demolition debris to a site in southern N.H.), I am committed to building a data base that shows our tonnages of recycled materials. The other "nearby" landfill in Vermont requires that we be able to show that we have been recycling at least 40% of our household waste before we are granted use of that facility. Please keep recycling everything you can. It will save us dollars immediately and possibly tens of thousands of dollars more in the future (if/when the Bethlehem landfill closes).

This report would be remiss if I did not cite the fine work done on site by Bill McGeggion, Reg Roger, Bob Wentworth (Road Agent) and his crew. Together and individually they have served you well.

Respectfully submitted, *Richard L. Rush* - Recycling Co-Ordinator (volunteer) 837-9869.

REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT ONE BY RAYMOND S. BURTON

It is once again a privilege to report to the people of this large Northern Council district 98 towns and four cities spread throughout Coos, Grafton, Carroll, Belknap and Sullivan Counties.

The constitutional and statutory responsibilities of the Executive Council are within the Executive Branch of your New Hampshire State government. Our role is much like a board of directors of a large company. We are charged with carrying out the laws and budget passed by the New Hampshire House and Senate. The Governor and council employ 294 Commissioners and Directors to administer over 100 departments and agencies to carry out the details of the laws and budget of your State government. The Council has an overall supervisory role in assisting citizens, businesses, agencies, towns, cities and counties in effectively working with State government.

Preparing for the coming two-year term that I have been elected to as one of your public servants, I share with you the following ideas and requests:

. If anyone is interested in making a volunteer contribution of their time and talent on a Board or Commission through the appointment process of the Governor and Council, please contact my office or Kathy Goode, Council Liaison, Governor's Office, State House, Concord, NH 03301, Tel. 271-2121, and ask for the appointment list for 2001. As your Councilor, I am always looking for people to serve on a multitude of Boards and Commissions in your State government.

. The Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (five Executive Councilors and the Commissioner of Transportation) will be holding hearings around the State on citizen and regional planning commission recommendations for improving our highway system throughout New Hampshire. If you have suggestions on a needed improvement, please send them to your regional planning commission or to my office soon so they may be given consideration.

- . The Regional Health Planning District Councils continue to meet and consider major changes in the health maintenance system for citizens both at the local and state levels. Anyone wishing to serve on your region's District Health Council should contact my office or Lori Real, Director of Planning Research at NH Health and Human Services Department, Tel 271-4235.
- . As one of your elected officials, I would urge your town and region to be in constant contact with our New Hampshire Congressional Delegation to let them know of your ideas, concerns and desires. I am interested in promoting projects to send to Senators Smith and Gregg and Congressmen Sununu and Bass. They are effective in their committee assignments and should always have a list from back home in New Hampshire to advance in our nation's Capitol.
- . I recommend use of the NH Webster System. It is the official state locator for your New Hampshire State Government at <http://www.state.state.nh.us>. A complete directory of phone numbers and addresses of all state agencies is listed for your convenience. Utilize your local Town/City Library to access the Webster System which is administered and maintained by the New Hampshire State Library.
- . My office has available a handy 800 toll-free phone card of organizations for rural areas.
- . Always know my office is at your service. Contact me anytime!

Ray Burton

The Caleb Group Community Services Partnership

The year two-thousand was a transitional time for The Caleb Group. The Caleb Group lost its long time director and founder, had a temporary interim director for a few months and then hired a permanent director. During all these changes The Caleb Group still maintained its heartfelt mission....Enhancing independent living for the elderly, infirm and homebound by relieving isolation and assisting with friendly visits, care and supportive services through a network of volunteers and the fostering of caring communities.

The Caleb Group assisted more than 238 Bethlehem, Dalton, Groveton, Jefferson, Lancaster, Littleton, Twin Mountain, and Whitefield seniors. We serve many elderly that range in age from their late 50's to 80's, 90's and one elder that's 101! In 2000 over 5,500 hours and 29,000 miles were donated by volunteers. Much of the success of our program can be credited to the over 100 active volunteers that give of their time and talents, so that many of the elders can maintain their independence. Without these volunteers, The Caleb Group would not exist. These volunteers helped their older neighbors with such things as friendly visiting, telephone reassurance, chores, paperwork, light housekeeping, transportation for shopping, errands, and medical appointments. Sometimes transportation is provided just so the elder can get out of the house and see the outside world. 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 that Caleb provides many of the elderly who need just a little extra help to continue living independently, might have had to go into a nursing home.

At the Highland House Computer Lab, a volunteer provides 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. A few of our

Caleb Carereceivers have gone out and bought their own computers. They feel comfortable enough, after taking these training sessions, to give it a go on their own. Our computer volunteer is always available to them if any problems should arise.

There are no fees for the volunteer caregiver services provided by The Caleb Group. The program is funded through grants, fundraising, 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 2001.

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,

Bobbie Gaudes
Program Director

Advisory Board Members

Eleanor Brauns, Twin Mountain

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REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

There are 2200 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 number of fires reported during the 2000 fire season was below average as referenced in the statistics below. Despite this, our network of fire towers and detection patrols were still quite busy with the fire towers being first to report over 135 fires. These fires were quickly and accurately reported to the local fire department for their prompt and effective suppression efforts. Wildland fires occurring in areas where homes are situated in the woodlands are a serious concern for both landowners and firefighters. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure that houses are properly identified with street numbers. Please contact the Forest Protection Bureau to request a brochure to assist you in assessing fire safety around your home and woodlands.

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 ALL 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. 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, or for general information visit our website at www.dred.state.nh.us

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. These factors are critical in controlling the size of wildland fires, keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible. Due to permitting and fire safety concerns, please contact your local fire department BEFORE using portable outdoor fire places and vessels, including those constructed of clay, concrete or wire mesh.

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

REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!!

2000 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru November 10, 2000)

<u>TOTALS BY COUNTY</u>			<u>CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED</u>	
	Numbers	Acres		
Hillsborough	118	40	Debris Burning	263
Rockingham	49	24	Miscellaneous	151
Merrimack	92	16	Smoking	30
Belknap	54	13	Children	17
Cheshire	41	20	Campfire	16
Strafford	58	13	Arson/Suspicious	14
Carroll	46	10	Equipment Use	9
Grafton	16	7	Lightning	9
Sullivan	12	2	Railroad	7
Coos	30	4		
	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	*Miscellaneous (powerlines, fireworks, structures, OHRV, unknown)	
2000	516	149		
1999	1301	452		
1998	798	443		

LUNENBURG, GILMAN, CONCORD SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER REPORT

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

Our kitchen served 12,000 meals this year to people 60 years old and their spouses. This includes Homebound deliveries in Lunenburg, Gilman, Concord, and Guildhall. Congregate and Homebound meals are served Tuesdays-Fridays at 12:00 noon.

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 for Northeastern Vermont, located in St. Johnsbury, is available to help people with food stamps, fuel assistance, Medicaid/Medicare and Social Security. Volunteers are available to help with Tax Rebates, and Companionship. 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 last Friday of the month after lunch Pokeno is played. Foot Care/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

Report From Mount Washington Regional Airport To Towns in Regional Authority

As passenger traffic at major airports around the country grows beyond their capacity to expand, federal and state governments are looking for opportunities to develop regional airports. While the North Country may not have a population base large enough to sustain regularly scheduled airline service, it does have enough tourists to potentially support on demand charter flight service. A growing number of the region's ten to twelve million visitors now come from the Mid-Atlantic States and Europe. The destination resorts as well as other tourism businesses have expressed interest in having charter flight services available to bring their guests closer to their final destinations. Many of the North Country's larger businesses, which now fly key personnel into the region, would also like a longer runway on which to land corporate jets. Recognizing the growth in the area's economy, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has agreed to pay for a revision to MWRA's Master Plan that will evaluate the airport's market opportunities and the feasibility of extending the runway.

Since the formation of the Regional Authority in 1998, the Mount Washington Regional Airport has received financial support and active participation from the towns of Bethlehem, Dalton, Franconia, Jefferson, Lancaster, Littleton, Lincoln, North Woodstock, Sugar Hill, Twin Mountain (Carroll), and Whitefield. These eleven towns have contributed a combined total of \$27,108, of which Dalton's share has been \$858. The contribution of these funds has enabled the airport to receive \$353,000 in federal and state grants. This year FAA has allocated \$90,000 for a marketing and engineering analysis, and \$202,000 to begin a four-year project to purchase abutting properties, tree clearing easements, and make safety improvements.

During the year, MWRA has:

- . Constructed a new post and beam terminal and visitors facility
- . Raised \$19,100 from local businesses and supporters toward the terminal's construction
- . Increased the membership in the Authority from nine to eleven towns, with the addition of Littleton and Lincoln.
- . Revised the hangar leases and rate structures to be comparable with lease rates at similar airports in Northern New England.
- . Hired a part-time manager
- . Improved the appearance and maintenance of the facility.
- . Raised its standing with the State Division of Aeronautics and the Federal Aviation Administration, which now plan to spend \$1.2 million over the next four years.

In the coming year, MWRA plans to increase the volume of visiting pilots to the airport through marketing and promotions, creation of a website, and hosting of events for visiting pilots. There are plans to provide more ground transportation options for visiting pilots, participate in joint promotions with key tourism businesses in the region and create a stronger, more active committee structure within the commission.

The Airport Commission is made up of thirteen members. Four members are users of the facility, four are from businesses with a stake in the development of the airport, four are from the Select Boards of the participating towns, and one member at large from the Town of Whitefield. The Commission meets monthly and is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the airport. Selectmen from each of the participating communities meet once a year in the fall to review the progress of the past year, and approve the goals and budgets for the coming year.

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

The year 2000 has been a year of change for North Country Council. After 10 years as the Executive Director, Preston Gilbert left North Country Council to take a position at Syracuse University. Replacing Preston as the Executive Director is Michael King who had been the Operations Manager and Controller for the Council. Additional changes included the hiring of Blake Cullimore as Regional Planner and the hiring of Stacey Wyvill as Community Planner.

We continued to complete a number of local and regional projects for all of our 51 communities throughout the region. A summary of some of those projects is as follows:

Transportation:

- . Reviewed, and submitted to the Department of Transportation 27 transportation enhancement projects for the North Country.
- . Began the coordination of the Route 2 Corridor Planning Study with the communities along Route 2.
- . Received funding from the NHDOT to begin an I93/18/302 planning and research project.
- . Participated with NHDOT and member communities in the development of a regional bike path map (still in progress).
- . Provided technical transportation assistance to the majority of the communities in our region.
- . Coordinated the North Country Transportation Committee.
- . Conducted 135 traffic counts in 41 communities.

Economic Development:

- . Submitted and received federal funding for two major public works projects (The Plymouth Green Street project, and the Mountain View Hotel project).
- . Coordinated the North Country District Economic Development Committee.
- . Coordinated and published the results of a region wide survey of business and workers in the North Country.
- . Published the Living Wage Study for the North Country.
- . Updated the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the region.

Community/Regional Planning:

- . Provided technical assistance to 28 towns throughout the region.
- . Updated seven master plans and zoning ordinances for member communities.
- . Coordinated the Law Lecture Series for the Office of State Planning.
- . Coordinated and project managed the American Heritage River project. This is a project sponsored by EDA to develop best management practices for land use and development along the Connecticut River.
- . Performed a town wide inventory of junkyards for one of our member communities.

Environmental Planning:

- . Provided technical assistance to over 34 communities in the area of solid waste and hazardous waste management.
- . Served on the Governor's Solid Waste Task Force.
- . Coordinated the Household Hazardous Waste Management collections for 32 communities.
- . Managed an EPA project to increase recycling in the hospitality industry.
- . Managed a source water protection program for the Department of Environmental Services, which developed methods to help in the prevention of surface intake contamination.
- . Developed a non-point source pollution education program for a number of our communities.
- . Provided technical assistance in the National Flood Insurance Program throughout the region.

Many of these programs will continue into the year 2001. We continue to enhance our staff capacity and will be looking to provide additional technical assistance and planning support to all our communities. Major programs for the year 2001 will be the fourth biennial Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) update, the submission of two new major economic development funding requests (maybe more), an increase in assistance to communities updating their master plans and zoning ordinances with an emphasis on some of the new zoning challenges we are

facing (eg. cell towers), the publication of a regional plan, and the continued assistance of solid waste management with an emphasis on conducting town audits on their solid waste management practices.

Our overall goal, however, remains the same: to provide support and leadership to the region, its governments, businesses and citizens.

Michael J. King
Executive Director

Weeks Home Health Services 2000 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 begin the millennium and 2000 with the following highlights:

Weeks Medical Center - Modernization Project to Better Serve You. The Board of Trustees of Weeks Medical Center made a major commitment with its decision to modernize the hospital and its rehabilitation services. The project will greatly improve the facility and expand very needed services. Since the national trend for rural hospitals is to have fewer acute, inpatient beds, the design of the renewed facility is to strengthen its outpatient services (including home health services).

Prospective Payment System (PPS) - The home care industry has survived the implementation of the Medicare's Interim Payment system (IPS), which forced the closing of over 2000 home health agencies nationally. Effective October 1st of 2000, a completely new system of Medicare reimbursement has been implemented for home health agencies. The Prospective Payment System (PPS) is similar to hospital's DRG (diagnostic related groups), where services and reimbursement is based on the nature of patient's diagnosis or illness, their functional limitations and their rehabilitation requirements. Although there are no changes in Medicare eligibility for home care patients, the impact of the new reimbursement system will force agencies to carefully care manage patient services. Again, it will be a year of adjustments and learning the new system.

Praising an Excellent Nursing Team - It is often that I get notes from patients and families expressing their appreciation for our nursing staff. I want to share with you my praise for a great team: Sandra Yunghans, BSN, Clinical Nurse Manager; Marlene May, RN, Supportive Care and Hospice Manager; and the staff nurses: Patricia Arnesen, RN of Jefferson, Harriet Beattie, RN of Lancaster, Brenda Cunnien, BSN of Lancaster, Susan Doyle, RN of Lancaster, Teri Lacasse, RN of Lunenburg, Penny McKinnon of Littleton, and Anna Zanes, RN of Lancaster.

Visits/Units for the Total Agency - Total Patients = 469.
Skilled Nursing = 5,526 Home Health Aide = 10,607.
Rehabilitation/Social Services = 1,018. Homemaker Units = 18,806. Total = 36,941.

Visits Specific to the Town of Dalton - Total Patients = 18
Skilled Nursing = 186 Home Health Aide 195
Rehabilitation/Social Services = 23 Homemaker Units = 1,008
Total Visits/Units = 1,412

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

Bob Fink, MSW, Director

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DALTON, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 2000

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER	PLACE OF BIRTH
Jun 05	Erica Jean	Moore, Eric	Moore, Carol	Lancaster, NH
Jun 19	Khierstyn Naomi	Bryant, Allan	Bryant, Christina	Lebanon, NH
Sep 09	Tiffany Jordan	Carr, Timothy	Carr, Marnie	Lancaster, NH
Oct 04	Lexi Montgomery	Welch, Quinten	Welch, Heather	Lancaster, NH

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DALTON, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 2000

DATE	NAME OF GROOM	RESIDENCE	NAME OF BRIDE	RESIDENCE
Mar 11	Kyle A. MacBean	Dalton, NH	Pamela A. Michaud	Littleton, NH
Mar 12	Robert P. Regan, Jr.	Dalton, NH	Holly A. Gravelle	Dalton, NH
May 14	Lloyd M. Saltmarsh	Dalton, NH	Peggy J. Miller	Dalton, NH
July 01	G. Michael Ploss	Littleton, NH	Susan R. Cleaver	Littleton, NH
July 18	William J. Donohue	Dalton, NH	Mary Beth Johnson	Dalton, NH
Aug 18	John W. Gainer	Dalton, NH	Jodi L. Davis	Dalton, NH

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DALTON, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 2000

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	PLACE OF DEATH	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
Jan 02	Raymond J. Hayes	West Brookfield, MA	Levi Hayes	Catherine Haggerty
Jan 13	Winifred B. Pilotte	Dalton, NH	Frederick Hand	Alice Knight
May 05	Rose A. Smith	Lancaster, NH	Moire Paquette	Marie Fountain
May 21	Charles H. Davisson	Lancaster, NH	Charles Davisson	Julia Bjork

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