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DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
1997

A BIT OF HISTORY

The Origin of the Town Seal
The Bicentennial Medal became the Town Seal

The Town of Deerfield, New Hampshire has awarded to the Robbins Company of Attleboro, Massachusetts the medallion contract for its 1966 Bicentennial Anniversary. Thus, the 1 1/4" high-relief medallion becomes the sixth special unit during the last three years produced by Robbins in conjunction with the bicentennial or sesquicentennial observance by a New England town.

The obverse of the medal depicts the stag for which Deerfield was named. While the petition for the legal separation from the Town of Nottingham was pending 200 years ago, a Mr. Batchelder of the town killed a large deer and presented it to New Hampshire's Governor Wentworth. His Excellency, being highly pleased and thereby inclined to favor the act of incorporation, suggested the name Deerfield as that by which this township should be know. The official incorporation took place on January 8, 1766.

The medal's reverse shows the arm and gun of Major John Simpson. Major Simpson, when he heard the news of the Battle of Lexington, shouldered his gun and with others from Deerfield enlisted in Captain David Moore's company. This company was in the forefront of the Battle of Bunker Hill where Major John Simpson fired the first shot on June 17, 1775.

The town has retained its early New England flavor, its population remaining at approximately 2,700 until the last few years. In 1800, Deerfield argued its cause as the permanent site as the capital of New Hampshire. In 1805, the capital, which had been migratory without any permanent seat of government, went to Concord which was incorporated a year earlier.

One of the finest old local fairs in America has become the pride of Deerfield. Each September thousands of new Englanders and visitors gather in Deerfield to re-enact those traditions and contest which represent the best in state fairs.

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TOWN OFFICERS

Board of Selectmen

Donald F. Smith	March 1998
Frank G. Bioteau	March 1998
James T. Alexander	March 1999
Richard J. Mailhot, Sr.	Resigned
Robert B. Sanborn	March 2000

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Cynthia E. Heon	March 2000
Jeanette Foisy, Deputy	March 2000

Town Treasurer

Cynthia Tomilson	March 1999
Carol Tordoff, Deputy	March 1999

Moderator

Jonathan Hutchinson	March 1998
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Trustees of Trust Funds

David L. Baker, Jr.	Resigned
Dwight Barnes	March 1998
Jeffrey G. Harbour	Resigned
T.J. Shaughnessy (Appointed)	March 1998
Raymond Sundstrom (Appointed)	March 1998

Library Trustees

Mary L. Spindel	March 1998
Norman P. Merrill	March 1998
William Mountford	March 1998
Joanne P. Decenzo	March 1999
Constance E. Stone	March 1999
Eric M. Hazen	March 2000
Lynda L. Truncellito	March 2000

Water Commissioners

David O'Neal	March 1998
Charles R. Sanborn	March 1999
Louis A. Nephew	March 2000

Supervisors of Checklist

Willis T. Rollins, Jr.	March 1998
George A. Putnam	March 2000
Harriet Cady	March 2002

Planning Board Members

Robert J. Urbanowski	March 1998
Thomas N. True	Resigned
Katherine Hartnett	March 2000
Frederick J. McGarry	March 2000
Frances Menard (Alternate)	March 1998
Robert B. Sanborn	Selectmen Member

Highway Agent

David P. Twombly	March 1998
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Municipal Budget Committee

Kevin J. Barry	March 1998
Robert A. Robertson	March 1998
Charles P. White	March 1998
Erick B. Berglund, Jr.	March 1999
George Humphrey	March 1999
Susan Stroud	March 1999
Emily Moore	March 2000
Richard J. Mailhot (Selectmen Member)	Resigned
Frank Bioteau	Selectmen Member
Gary Lenahan	School Board Member

Overseer of Welfare

Wendy Margelot	March 1998
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Appointed Offices

Police Department:

Robert Wunderlich, Chief
Benjamin Jean, Full Time Officer
James Tomilson, Full Time Officer
Steve Turner, Full Time Officer
Donald Kirlis, Full Time Officer

Part-time Police Officers

Richard Taylor

Secretary, Glenda Lloyd

Librarian

Evelyn Cronyn

Building Inspector/Health Officer

Daniel O'Donnell	April 1998
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Heritage Commission

Joe Sears	April 1998
Laura Guinan	April 1998
Irene Shores	April 1998
Richard Boisvert	April 1998
David Ottinger (Alternate)	April 1998
Paula McCoy (Alternate)	April 1998
David Kellogg (Alternate)	April 1998
Clarabel Hersey (Alternate)	April 1998
Elsie Brown (Alternate)	April 1999
Frank Bioteau	Selectmen Member

Animal Control Officers

Donald Evans	April 1998
Barbara Raymond (Part-time)	April 1998

TOWN OFFICERS

Board of Adjustment

Warren Guinan	April 1998
Dennis Kuczewski	April 1998
Robert Mathews, (Alternate)	April 1998
Kathy Hanson, (Alternate)	April 1998
Susan Stroud	April 2000
Donald Gorman	April 2000
Janice Bodine	April 2000
Darlene Dunn	April 2000
Jacqueline Nyberg (Alternate)	April 2000
Nancy Vachon (Alternate)	April 2000

Conservation Commission

Joe Sears	April 1998
Mary Ann Johnson	April 1998
Katherine Hartnett	April 1999
Frank Mitchell	April 1999
Al Jaeger	April 1999
Nicholas Karakoudas	April 2000
Brenda Eaves	April 2000
Judy Muller	April 2000
Ellen O'Donnell	April 2000

Parks & Recreation Commission

Dwight Barnes	April 1998
Richard Pelletier	April 1998
Ted McDonald	April 1999
Holly Haas	Resigned
Jeff Shute	April 2000

Veasey Park Commission

Paula McCoy	April 1999
William Haas	April 1999
Bruce Graham	April 1999
Laura Fontaine	April 1999
Holly Haas	April 2000

Cemetery

Paul Asselin	April 1998
Roger Hartgen	April 1999
Warren Guinan	April 2000

Forestry Committee

David Sidmore	April 1998
Frederick Dodge	April 1999
Roger Mathes	April 2000

Representatives to the General Court

Rebecca Hutchinson	Joe Stone
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Fire Chief

Mark A. Tibbetts

Warden

Mark A. Tibbetts

Fire Wards

Mark A. Tibbetts
Warren Billings III
Scott Burklund

Deputy Fire Wards

Kevin MacDonald
Lewis G. Clark, Jr.
Keith Rollins
Dwight Stevens
Donald F. Smith
Warren Billings III
George F. Clark
Mathew Kimball

OFFICE HOURS

Board of Selectmen Meet Monday's 5:30PM
Selectmen's Office 463-8811

Office Hours Monday 8:30AM - 7:00PM
Tuesday - Friday 8:30AM - 1:00PM

Town Clerk/Tax Collector 463-8811
Office Hours Monday 8:30AM - 7:00PM
Tuesday - Friday 8:30AM - 1:00PM

Transfer Station 463-7705
Hours: Saturday & Sunday 8:00AM - 4:00PM
Permits are Required / Closed on Holidays

Planning Board 463-8811
Meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7:30PM

Board of Adjustment 463-8811
Meets the 4th Tuesday 7:30PM

Conservation Commission
Meets the 1st Wednesday of each Month

Philbrick-James Library 463-7187
Monday 1:00PM - 8:00PM
Tuesday 9:00AM - 5:00PM
Wednesday 1:00PM - 8:00PM
Thursday 1:00PM - 5:00PM
Friday 1:00PM - 5:00PM
Saturday 9:00AM - 12:00PM

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Deerfield in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Deerfield Town Hall in said Deerfield, on Tuesday, the tenth day of March, next at 7 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To see if the Town will vote to adopt all proposed amendments to the existing Deerfield Zoning Ordinance and Building Code as here posted. (The amendments are available for inspection at the offices of the Town Clerk and Selectmen during business hours of 8:30AM to 1PM, Tuesday through Friday, and from 8:30AM to 7:00PM on Monday's.)
3. Pursuant to RSA 40:14 shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow voting by official ballot on all issues before the Town of Deerfield. (3/5 vote required)

THE POLLS ARE TO OPEN AT 7 AM AND WILL CLOSE NOT EARLIER THAN 7 PM.

THE BUSINESS PORTION OF THE TOWN MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 14TH NINETEEN HUNDRED NINETY EIGHT AT THE DEERFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL BEGINNING AT 9 AM.

Given under our hands and seal, this 21st day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-eight.

James T. Alexander	
Donald F. Smith	Selectmen
Frank G. Bioteau	of
Robert B. Sanborn	Deerfield

A true copy of Warrant -- Attest:

James T. Alexander	
Donald F. Smith	Selectmen
Frank G. Bioteau	of
Robert B. Sanborn	Deerfield

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Deerfield in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Deerfield Community School in said Deerfield, on Saturday, the fourteenth day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To hear the reports of Committees, Commissions or Officers chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.
2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to bring the G. B. White Building, public water supply, into compliance with Department of Environmental Services regulations (Work will include: A pump house, well casing above ground, metering system and new air compressor). The Selectmen recommend this Article. The Municipal Budget Committee recommends this Article.
3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) for the purpose of refurbishing the 1975 Tank Truck. The Selectmen recommend this Article. The Municipal Budget Committee recommends this Article.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400) to fund Traffic Safety/Prevention Patrols and to accept a grant from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency in the amount of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400) in off-setting Federal Funds. This funding will cover operations in Phase I and Phase II of the project which will run from May through October, 1998. The Selectmen recommend this Article. The Municipal Budget Committee recommends this Article.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds for one (1) of the following options:
 - A. OPTION 1-Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$16,500) for engineering, design and other necessary preliminary studies needed to convert the G. B. White Building into a combination Emergency Services Facility and Town Offices Building or;
The Selectmen recommend this Article. The Municipal Budget Committee does not recommend this Article.
 - B. OPTION 2-Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$16,500) for engineering, design and other necessary preliminary studies which may be needed to construct an Emergency Services Facility on Map 004B Lot 001-001 (12 +/- acres of Town owned land) on North Road or;
The Selectmen recommend this Article. The Municipal Budget Committee does not recommend this Article.

C. OPTION 3-Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for further study and evaluation of an Emergency Services Facility and site for same. The Selectmen recommend this Article. The Municipal Budget Committee does not recommend this Article.

6. To see if the Town will vote to accept title to parcels of land off Lang Road, identified as Tax Map 008, Lot 45, eight acres, more or less, and a portion of Lot 46, thirty-six acres, more or less, to be developed for recreational use; and to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$62,000) for the purchase of said land, provided that any additional funds required to complete such purchase become available from private sources or municipal trust funds. The Selectmen recommend this Article. The Municipal Budget Committee recommends this Article.
7. To see if the Town will vote to hire two (2) Part Time Police Officers and to raise and appropriate Twenty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Two Dollars (\$28,292) for Salaries and Benefits. This amount will be offset by Twenty Four Thousand Forty Eight Dollars (\$24,048) in Federal Funds (\$4,244 to be raised by taxes). The Selectmen recommend this Article. The Municipal Budget Committee does not recommend this Article.
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the revision of the Town's Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations. This is the first year of a three year project. The Selectmen recommend this Article. The Municipal Budget Committee recommends this Article.
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Five Dollars (\$8,935) for the purpose of Town employee raises for salaries and wages. (This represents a 3% increase.) The Selectmen recommend this Article. The Budget Committee recommends this Article.
10. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
11. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:42 and RSA 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of property acquired by tax deed after March 14, 1998 by public auction, advertised sealed bids or otherwise as justice may require. This authority shall continue indefinitely, until rescinded.
12. To see if the Town will vote to accept from John L. Sherburne and Suzanne P. Sherburne a conservation easement on a certain approximately 94-acre parcel of land on the southerly side of Nottingham Road, located partly in Deerfield (Tax Lot 6-53B, 33+/- acres) and partly in Nottingham (Tax Lot 62-5, 61+/- acres), being shown on "Plan of Boundary Line Adjustments on Land of John L. and Suzanne P. Sherburne and C. Gregg and Judith D. Williams", prepared by David W. Sidmore, dated February 1994, recorded in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds Plan D-22769, the easement to be administered by the Conservation Commission on behalf of the Town.
13. To transact any other business that may legally come before this Meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 21st day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety eight.

James T. Alexander	
Donald F. Smith	Selectmen
Frank G. Bioteau	of
Robert B. Sanborn	Deerfield

A true copy of Warrant--Attest:

James T. Alexander	
Donald F. Smith	Selectmen
Frank G. Bioteau	of
Robert B. Sanborn	Deerfield

Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 3213, V)	Narr Art#	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATION ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
4130-4139	Executive		173,517	161,604	180,410		180,410	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		4,300	4,949	13,675		13,675	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		10,570	7,716	10,400		10,400	
4152	Revaluation of Property		36,000	31,850	47,000		47,000	
4153	Legal Expense		13,000	6,867	20,000		20,000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		31,500	24,416	29,000		29,000	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		16,465	15,402	19,850		19,850	
4194	General Government Buildings		86,103	76,142	87,675		87,675	
4195	Cemeteries		9,100	9,322	10,600		10,600	
4196	Insurance		105,000	86,904	105,000		105,000	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		1,200	1,254	1,300		1,300	
4199	Other General Government							
PUBLIC SAFETY								
4210-4214	Police		197,330	194,563	240,355		240,355	
4215-4219	Ambulance		3,000	3,000	3,500		3,500	
4220-4229	Fire		40,620	36,343	41,235		41,235	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		11,408	8,462	11,238		11,238	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		1,750	1,580	1,750		1,750	
4299	Other Public Safety (including Communications)							
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER								
4301-4309	Airport Operations							

Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr Art#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS ENDSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
HIGHWAYS & STREETS								
4311-4312	Admin., Highways & Streets		444,740	527,994	583,104		583,104	
4313	Bridges		1,500		1,500		1,500	
4316	Street Lighting							
4319	Other							
SANITATION								
4321-4323	Admin. & Solid Waste Collection		157,453	165,785	163,601		163,601	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal							
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up							
4326-4329	Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other							
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT								
4331-4332	Admin. & Water Services							
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation & Other							
ELECTRIC								
4351-4352	Admin. & Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maint.							
4359	Other Electric Costs							
HEALTH AND WELFARE								
4411-4414	Admin. & Pest Control		5,274	7,442	7,475		7,475	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other		16,713	16,683	16,951		16,951	
4441-4442	Admin. & Direct Assistance		24,000	2,439	24,000		24,000	

Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 321.3, V)	Warr Act#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other							
CULTURE & RECREATION								
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		80,140	16,258	20,210		20,210	
4550-4559	Library		31,086	29,835	35,957		35,957	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		1,250	1,035	1,250		1,250	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation							
CONSERVATION								
4611-4612	Administration & Purchase of Natural Resources							
4619	Other Conservation		5,225	5,225	6,225		6,225	
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING							
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT							
DEBT SERVICE								
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		190,000	190,000	190,000		190,000	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		88,900	88,900	71,878		71,878	
4723	Interest on TANs		3,000		3,000		3,000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service							
CAPITAL OUTLAY								
4901	Land							
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment							
4903	Buildings							

Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 3213, V)	Marr Art#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4909	Improvements Other Than Buildings		22,875	22,875		22,875		
4912	To Special Revenue Fund							
4913	To Capital Projects Fund							
4914	To Enterprise Fund							
	sewer-							
	Water-							
	Electric-							
	Airport-							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund			2,443*				
4916	To Expendable Trust Funds (except Health Maintenance Trust Fund)			14,911**				
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Fund							
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Agency Funds							
SUBTOTAL 1					1,813,019	1,762,199	1,971,014	1,971,014

1997 Warrant Articles Appropriated/Expended See Attachment to Page 4 of 7
 1998 Warrant Articles Appropriated See Page 5 of 7

* Payment to State
 ** Transfer of Funds

TOWN OF DEERFIELD
1997

Warrant Article Number	Purpose of Appropriations	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year
No. 1	GBW/Renovations	\$12,178	11,367
No. 2	TH/Renovations	6,652	5,952
No. 3	HWY/Reconstruct Rds	10,000	0
No. 4	Traffic Safety	2,400	985
No. 5	Bicycle Safety Program	1,000	0
No. 6	PD/Software, Computer	7,200	0
No. 7	PD/Recon Radar Unit	1,200	1,075
No. 8	PD/Cruiser Video Cam	4,200	4,200
No. 9	Emergency Services	500	375
No. 10	Town Employee Raise	7,558	See Individual Line #
No. 11	Bicentennial Field	1,000	1,000
No. 12	Northwood Lake	1,500	1,500
No. 13	Dowst-Cate Forest	30,000	0
No. 14	FD/Replace Tank	5,000	5,000
	SUB TOTALS	90,388	31,454

TOWN OF DEERFIELD

Warrant Article Number	Purpose of Appropriations	1998 Appropriations Selectmen Recommend	1998 Appropriations MBC Recommends
No. 2	GBW Building / Water	10,000	10,000
No. 3	FD/1975 Tank Truck	3,500	3,500
No. 4	Safety Patrol Phase 1	1,200	1,200
No. 4	Safety Patrol Phase 2	1,200	1,200
No. 5	Safety Complex/Option 1	16,500	0
No. 5	Safety Complex/Option 2	16,500	0
No. 5	Safety Complex/Option 3	5,000	0
***Note: No. 5, only one Option will be appropriated			
No. 6	Parks & Recreation/Land Purchase	62,000	62,000
No. 7	PD/ (2) Part-time Police Officers	28,292	0
No. 8	Zoning/Subdivision Regulations	5,000	5,000
No. 9	Town Employee Raise	8,935	8,935
	SUBTOTALS	136,627	91,835

Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art. #	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE Ensuing Year
TAXES					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		10,000	30,690	20,000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Yield Taxes		15,000	8,633	5,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		70,000	86,287	50,000
	Inventory Penalties				
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES					
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		3,500	8,921	8,000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		255,000	369,575	307,000
3230	Building Permits		5,500	8,378	6,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		8,000	13,649	12,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		37,000	52,473	32,900
FROM STATE					
3351	Shared Revenues		45,000	21,190	21,190
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		11,500	35,668	35,668
3353	Highway Block Grant		87,445	91,651	89,500
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		3,265	3,743	3,265
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)			32,905	99,680
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		40,000	33,966	7,000
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
3401-3406	Income from Departments		20,000	8,508	10,500
3409	Other Charges				
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property				
3502	Interest on Investments		30,000	119,796	30,000
3503-3509	Other		50,000	100,495	75,000
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				

Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art. #	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Revenue Esuing Year
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds				
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds		7,000	7,041	9,100
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
Amounts VOTED From Fund Balance ("Surplus")					
Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes					
TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS			698,210	1,033,569	821,803

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	SELECTMEN	BUDGET COMMITTEE
SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended (from page 4)	1,971,014	1,971,014
SUBTOTAL 2 Special warrant articles Recommended (page 5)	-0-	-0-
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" warrant articles Recommended (page 5)	136,627	91,835
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	2,107,641	2,062,849
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	821,803	821,803
Estimated Amount of Taxes To Be Raised	1,285,838	1,241,046

(REV.1997)

Town of Deerfield
Town Meeting--Election Portion
March 11, 1997

Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, read the Warrant, gave instructions to the voters, indicated the Absentee List was posted and those ballots would be cast after 2:00PM.

Ballot Boxes were shown to be empty and resealed.

Election Officials present were: Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson; assisted by Assistant Moderators, George Owen and James D'Alessio; Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Cynthia E. Heon; assisted by Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Jeanette Foisy and Election Assistants Suzanne Barss, Barbara Sundstrom, Ruth Sanborn, Karen Mailhot; from the Inspectors of Elections Joanne Wasson and Nettie Farr were designated Ballots Clerks assisted by Jennie Owen, Barbara Daley and Irene Shores; Supervisors of the Checklist, Chairman, George Putnam, Roger King and Willis Rollins, Jr.; Selectmen, Chairman James Alexander, Richard Mailhot Sr., Donald F. Smith, Vice Chairman and Robert Sanborn.

Gatekeepers for this Election were Officer Katherine Hillner and Detective Steven Turner.

7:00AM The Poils were declared open by the Moderator and the balloting began.

2:00PM Absentee Ballots were begun.

100	Absentee Ballots
48	Absentee Ballots Mailed
44	Absentee Ballots Returned
40	Absentee Ballots Cast
4	Absentee Ballots Canceled
4	Absentee Ballots Never Returned
52	Absentee Ballots Not Sent

3:00PM Absentee Ballots were completed.

7:00PM Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, declared the polls closed.

The Counting of Ballots began immediately.

Serving as Inspectors of Elections to count ballots were: Ella Sawyer, Gus Csuka, Harriet Cady, Richard Granger, Laura Guinan, George Keech, Marianne Taylor, Jeff Shute, Kevin Barry, Debra Clark, Thomas Linskey, Claude Daley, Joseph Dubiansky, Brenda Chalbeck, Kevin Chalbeck, Howard Maley, Eleanor Ambrose, Charlotte Darling, Louis Nephew, Amy Marquis, Joan Mountford, Philip Bilodeau, Robert VanWinkle and Alvin Upper.

The Moderator announced the following dates of importance.

March 14	Last Day to Request a Recount
March 15	Town Meeting -- Business Portion - 9:00AM Deerfield Community School
March 18	Last Day to Request a Recount of a Ballot Question
March 21	Last Day to Remove Political Advertising

Registered Voters	2229
Regular Ballots Cast	668
Absentee Ballots Cast	40
Voter Turnout	31%

The results of the Town Ballot (Officers to be Elected) were read by the Moderator.

For Selectmen for Three Years (Vote for One)	
Robert B. Sanborn	498

and, Robert B. Sanborn having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a three year term.

For Supervisor of the Checklist for Five Years (Vote for One)	
Harriet Cady	Write-In Votes 37

and, Harriet Cady having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a five year term.

For Town Clerk/Tax Collector for Three Years (Vote for One)	
Cynthia E. Heon	652

and, Cynthia E. Heon having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a three year term.

For Highway Agent for One Year (Vote for One)	
David P. Twombly	537

and, David P. Twombly having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a one year term.

For Overseer of Welfare for One Year (Vote for One)	
Wendy P. Margelot	610

and, Wendy P. Margelot having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a one year term.

For Trustee of Trust Funds for Three Years (Vote for One)
David L. Baker, Jr. 574

and, David L. Baker, Jr. having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a three year term.

For Water Commissioner for Three Years (Vote for One)
Louis Nephew Write-In Votes 25

and, Louis Nephew having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a three year term.

For Planning Board for Three Years (Vote for Two)
Katherine Hartnett 521
Frederick J. McGarry 526

and, Katherine Hartnett and Frederick J. McGarry having a plurality of all votes cast, were declared elected for a three year term.

For Municipal Budget Committee for Three Years (Vote for Three)
Thomas P. Dillon 476
Gerard H. Gill 461
Emily W. Moore 511

and Thomas P. Dillon, Gerard H. Gill and Emily W. Moore having a plurality of all votes cast, were declared elected for a three year term.

For Trustee of Philbrick James Library for Three Years (Vote for Two)
Eve M. Hazen 564
Lynda L. Truncellito 549

and Eve M. Hazen and Lynda L. Truncellito having a plurality of all votes cast, were declared elected for a three year term.

The results of the Official Ballot Questions are as follows:

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow Official Ballot Voting on all issues before the Town of Deerfield? (By Petition)
Yes 327 No 331

Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, stated there were 658 ballots cast on the question. 395 votes were needed for the 3/5 majority (60%) for the question to pass. The final percentage was less than 50%. The Moderator declared the question had failed.

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A: 11a,b shall we permit the public library to retain all money it receives from its income generating equipment to be used for general repairs and upgrading and for the purchase of books, supplies and income generating equipment? (By Petition)

Yes 594

No 62

Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, declared the question passed.

The results of the Proposed Amendments to the Deerfield Zoning Ordinances, March 11, 1997 are as follows:

Article No. 1

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment as No.1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article II, Section 204 to require a special exception for aircraft takeoff and landing strips as accessory to a dwelling. State law now automatically allows such strips as accessory uses unless regulated by zoning.

YES 377

NO 292

Article No.2

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No.2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

- (a) Amend Article III, Section 319.4 to prohibit temporary signs from blocking the view of traffic, and
- (b) Amend Article IV, Section 403 and Section 404 to clarify the use of travel trailers as temporary residences, and
- (c) Amend Article VI, Section 602 to clarify the definition of "restaurant."

YES 495

NO 181

Article No.3

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No.3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article VII, Section 702A to require abutter notice at the time of application for a building permit for a new dwelling.

YES 462

NO 225

Article No.4

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No.4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article VII, Section 702B to eliminate newspaper notice by the Building Inspector after issuance of a building permit.

YES 373

NO 303

The results of the Deerfield School District Ballot were announced by the School District Moderator, James P. D'Alessio.

For Moderator for One Year (Vote for One)

James P. D'Alessio	589
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and, James P. D'Alessio having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a one year term.

For School District Clerk for One Year (Vote for One)

Sonia Rogers	540
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and, Sonia Rogers having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a one year term.

For School District Treasurer for One Year (Vote for One)

Cynthia E. Tomilson	635
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and, Cynthia E. Tomilson having the plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a one year term.

For School Board Member for Three Years (Vote for Two)

Susan Aubrey	291
Debra M. Black	333
David F. O'Neal	401
Judy Williams	231

and, Debra M. Black and David F. O'Neal having the plurality of all votes cast, were declared elected for a three year term.

NOTE: Write-In Votes from the School Ballot were inadvertently sealed before they were recorded.

The results of the Official Ballot Question is as follows:

By Petition, pursuant to RSA 40:14, shall we adopt the provision of RSA 40:13 to allow voting by official ballot on all issues for the School District of the Town of Deerfield?

YES 345	NO 294
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Moderator, James D'Alessio, stated there were 639 ballots cast on the question. 3/5 majority (60%) was needed for the question to pass. The final percentage did not reach 60%. The Moderator declared the question had failed.

The School Ballot Box was sealed at 10:05PM and the Town Ballot Box was sealed at 10:15PM. The Moderator declared the Meeting adjourned at 10:20PM.

NOTE: There was an overwhelming amount of Write-Ins on the Town Ballot which caused the delay in the sealing of the Town Box.

NOTE: A complete list of Write-Ins for the Town Officers are available at the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office.

A True Record,
Attest:

Cynthia E. Heon
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

TOWN OF DEERFIELD
Town Meeting - Business Portion
March 15, 1997

In recognition of the labor and sacrifice of those who created, defended and refined the privilege of democratic government under which the Meeting was assembled, Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, asked all to rise and Pledge Allegiance to the Flag. The 1997 Town Meeting Business Portion was declared open at 9:07AM.

Town Officials present at this Meeting were: Town Counsel, David Connell; Selectmen-James Alexander, Chairman; Richard Mailhot, Frank Bioteau, Donald Smith and Robert Sanborn; Assistant Moderator and Parliamentarian, James D'Alessio, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Cynthia Heon; Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Jeanette Foisy; Assistant Clerk, Andrea Lajoie; Supervisors of the Checklist-George Putnam, Chairman; Willis Rollins, Jr. and Harriet Cady; Ballot Clerks, Nettie Farr and Irene Shores assisted by Barbara Daley and Joanne Wasson; Assistant Moderator on the Floor, George Owen; George Clark, Louis Nephew, George Keech, Ella Sawyer, Joseph Dubiansky, Kevin Barry, Debra Clark, Gus Csuka and Claude Daley, Counters on the Floor.

Officials present who were elected Tuesday, March 11th, were asked to come forward. Robert B. Sanborn, Selectman; Cynthia E. Heon, Town Clerk/Tax Collector; Louis Nephew, Water Commissioner; Emily Moore, Municipal Budget Committee Member; Katherine Hartnett, Planning Board Member; Debra Black and David O'Neal, School Board Members; Linda Truncellito, Library Trustee and James D'Alessio, School District Moderator, came forward, and took the Oath of Office in open meeting, administered by Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson.

The purpose, rules and decorum of the Meeting, Roberts Rules as modified by the Moderator, in accordance with the Laws of the State of New Hampshire, were reviewed. After passing through the Checklist registered voters should have a Voting Card, a Sheet of Yes/No Ballots and a Yellow Ballot-Article 18. Non-voters were seated in the designated area except for Andrea Lajoie, Assistant Clerk. They will be allowed to participate in discussion.

Each Article in the Warrant will require a motion and a second. For the purpose of recording the Meeting, speakers were asked to use the microphones. A motion, to address the question or close debate, will be allowed but not both in the same motion. Votes will be by a show of Voting Cards. If the Moderator cannot see a clear majority, he will move to a division (show of raised cards), likewise, if a member does not believe the results are correct, a division may be requested. Before the initial vote, a Secret Ballot can be requested, in writing, with five signatures. Any ruling, of the Moderator, is subject to appeal by the body.

In keeping with the principal of fairness, the Moderator encouraged members to ask for a Point of Inquiry if they are uncertain of how to proceed. Amendments should be in writing.

The Moderator directed everyone's attention to the various displays in the room. He indicated some of these were directly related to Warrant Articles.

The Moderator recognized Chairman of the Board, James Alexander. Mr. Alexander requested the Rules be Suspended to take Article 25, Out of Order, for the purpose of hearing Committee Reports. Seconded by Richard Mailhot.

The Moderator called for the **VOTE TO SUSPEND THE RULES** and take **ARTICLE 25 OUT OF ORDER**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared.

ARTICLE 25

To transact any other business that may legally come before this Meeting.

The Moderator stated, at this time, the Meeting would hear reports from various Committees.

Sludge Study Committee - Wendy Schorr

Ms. Schorr stated the Committee was formed to address concerns resulting from an Article at last years' Town Meeting. They met with a State expert, reviewed State and Federal Regulations, Regulations in other Towns, received input from the NH Bureau of Health Risk Assessment and attended a symposium. The Committee recommends the Board of Selectmen adopt, as part of a Health Ordinance, the following restrictions: (1) Only Class A Sludge be allowed (2) Sludge not be placed near an aquifer. (3) Sludge would be tested when delivered to the site.

Recycling Committee - Wendy Schorr

Ms. Schorr referred to the handout "Options for Recycling". The Committee was directed through last years' Town Meeting to look into mandatory recycling. Input from the Meeting, as to the best areas to explore, will give the Committee direction this year.

Ms. Schorr noted from 1995 to 1996 trash tonnage increased 12%; recycling increased 3%. She went on to explain three options.

Option 1 Continue the way we have. Pros-No change. Cons-Disposal costs rise and little increase in the recycling.

Option 2 Unit-based pricing system. A fee charged for each bag or item thrown in the hopper. Some Towns use special bags. Fees are not collected at the Transfer Station.

No fee for recycled items. Pros-Probable increase in recycling and decrease in trash. Cons-An employee would be hired and residents would have to adapt.

Option 3 Mandatory Recycling. Employees have to check garbage bags or clear plastic bags need to be used. Pros-Probable increase in recycling and probable decrease in garbage disposal. Cons-Would have to hire an employee to enforce it.

The Moderator recognized Joanne Wasson who filed an Objection to the Sludge Committee Report. Ms. Wasson stated, as a member of the Committee, meetings had been poorly attended and there had been no mention of a Committee Report. Ms. Wasson did not feel the Report was from the Committee as a whole.

Emily Moore requested clarification of the amount currently expended, from the budget, to cover this area. Selectman, Richard Mailhot, said it was \$90,000. It was noted the budget would not be affected this year. A direction will be achieved from this Meeting, research will be done and a Public Hearing held, prior to implementing any program.

Residents told of experiences in Greenfield and Chester. These Towns have experienced mandatory recycling and did not hire additional staff nor require policing after the first year. Ms. Schorr commented one attendant may be able to handle it if they were aggressive. Residents wanted the Committee to seek a solution somewhere between mandatory and voluntary recycling. Others spoke of more community involvement, concerns for costs involved in these programs and incineration of trash in relationship to air quality.

The Moderator stated he would seek a Sense of the Meeting, a Non-Binding Vote, to determine the level of support for each option. This would provide the Solid Waste Committee with an idea of what to pursue in the upcoming year. The Moderator called for the **SENSE OF THE MEETING** on Options 1, 2 and 3. He declared the results of the **HAND VOTE** were **EVENLY SPLIT BETWEEN THE THREE OPTIONS**. The Sense of the Meeting had been achieved.

Recreation Commission/Facilities Committee - Dwight Barnes

Mr. Barnes said the Committee was formed to determine whether there was a need for new recreational facilities and if the need existed, seek out an appropriate location. A Committee handout revealed growth over the past 20 years of sports activities and an increase, from 50 to 250 young people, using the present facilities. From this information, the Committee determined there was a definite need for facilities which could accommodate present and future sports activities and other recreational opportunities.

The Committee began the search for property. The search ended with the Whitcher property which has frontage on Freezes Pond and Route 107. Mr. Barnes noted the important characteristics of the location; it was in walking distance of the school, covered safety considerations, parking problems and access. The Town was to own the facility and the Friends of Deerfield Recreation, a non-profit group would secure funding, donation of materials and all else needed. Little or no financial burden was to fall on the taxpayers, instead, the Board of Selectmen had given the authority to swap two Town owned lots.

Financial Report - Richard Mailhot, Selectman

Selectman Mailhot stated, during the budget process, it was reported there would be a \$50,000 surplus to reduce taxes in 1997. The audit is now complete, revenues were up significantly in 1996, and it appears there is approximately \$209,000. Selectman Mailhot further explained this would mean the Warrant, as presented, would be covered and leave about \$68,000 to offset taxes, or use, as the Meeting chooses.

Conservation Commission - Katherine Hartnett

Ms. Hartnett urged the Meeting to review the information on the Conservation Commission table before voting on Article 13.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, placed a motion before the Meeting to Table Article 25. Seconded by Frank Bioteau.

The Moderator asked if there were any Objections to Tabling Article 25. Seeing **NO OBJECTIONS, ARTICLE 25 IS TABLED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**.

1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,178 (Twelve Thousand One Hundred and Seventy Eight) for the following purposes: clean, remove, and dispose of one (1) 10,000 gallon #2 fuel oil storage tank and refill the hole at the George B. White Building (\$5,150); install four (4) 330 gallon vertical fuel tanks (\$3,365); install carpet in the Deerfield Police Department (\$1,731); install new tile in the ladies bathroom (\$342); and install vinyl stair treads at front entrance to George B. White Building (\$1,590). The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved Article 1 be adopted as printed. Seconded by Donald Smith, Selectman.

Mr. Alexander stated the purpose of these funds was to continue the capital improvements being made to the George B. White Building. The Article was broken into various ingredients and the cost for each one.

Gary Roberge asked for the costs versus the rental income of the building. Chairman Alexander quoted a gross rental income of approximately \$50,000. Richard Mailhot, Selectman, indicated costs had been difficult to track because it is all under General Government Buildings. Mr. Mailhot said steps are being taken to allow for this report next year.

Harriet Cady commended the Selectmen for keeping the building in good repair but requested the Board ask for bids in a newspaper, of general circulation, and have the proposals presented at Town Meeting to vote on. Chairman Alexander replied, saying, a figure is secured for budgetary purposes and then a competitive bid process is used.

Katherine Hartnett requested a description of the fuel tank to be removed. Richard Mailhot stated it is a 10,000 underground tank which services two sections of the building via a circulating pump. To eliminate problems in the future, it will be replaced with two in the front section and two in the back section.

Discussion ended. The Moderator called for the vote on **ARTICLE 1**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 1 is adopted in the amount of \$12,178.

2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,652 (Six Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Two) for the following purposes: to install an exhaust fan in the Town Hall basement (\$905); paint the exterior, Fire-House side, of the Town Hall (\$1,250); install two new horizontal fuel tanks under the Town Hall (\$1,497); remove one (1) 2,000 gallon #2 fuel underground storage tank (\$2,000); remove one (1) 2,000 gallon #2 oil tank from the Town Hall, refill the hole, loam and seeding (\$1,000). The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved Article 2 be adopted as printed. Seconded by Donald Smith, Selectman.

Chairman Alexander moved to **AMEND ARTICLE 2**, fifth line, to insert after "tank" and before "(\$2,000)", "from the Town Hall" and after "(\$2,000)" delete "remove One (1) 2,000 gallon #2 oil tank from the Town Hall". Seconded by Frank Bioteau, Selectman.

There was no discussion on the **AMENDMENT**. The Moderator called for the vote to amend **ARTICLE 2** as just read. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared.

Returning to the Main Motion, as Amended, Chairman Alexander told the Meeting the fan will provide ventilation and prevent further rotting. The second coat of paint will protect the side of the building having more exposure to the weather. Replacement of the tank is to remove the last underground tank owned by the Town.

Harriet Cady questioned if the work was going to be bid as two separate jobs, or all as one, and how the costs were arrived at. Chairman Alexander answered as follows: Tank removal-Les Cartier Associates; Paul Smith-Contractor; Oil tanks installed-A.I. Welch. The Board did not intend to go out to bid for removal of the tanks because of the confidence they have in Les Cartier Associates to perform the work with no repercussions.

Seeing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote on **ARTICLE 2, AS AMENDED**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE**. Article 2 is adopted in the amount of **\$6,652**.

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand) for the purpose of reconstructing municipal roads and bridges, or portions thereof, destroyed by floods; and to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, contract for and accept grants of Federal or State aid or both as may be available and to do all things necessary to carry out the purposes of this appropriation. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved Article 3 be adopted as printed. Seconded by Donald Smith, Selectman.

Mr. Alexander noted the Article had been placed in the Warrant, for the past four years, and in October when it got "a little wet", the Town was reimbursed slightly more than \$7,200. Having this Article adopted, and through the efforts of Joe Stone, Federal aid was received.

The Moderator moved directly to the vote on **ARTICLE 3**, as printed. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 3 is adopted in the amount of **\$10,000**.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,400 (Two Thousand Four Hundred) to fund Traffic Safety/Prevention Patrols and to accept a grant from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency in the amount of \$2,400 in offsetting Federal funds. This funding to cover operations in Phase I & II of the project which will run April through September, 1997. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved Article 4 be adopted as printed. Seconded by Donald Smith, Selectman.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, deferred to Detective Steve Turner. Detective Turner stated this is the fifth year of patrols. It allows for added patrols for officers paid for by the Federal Government. The high visibility, being a deterrent to crime, keeps the streets safer.

There was no discussion. Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, called for the vote on **ARTICLE 4**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 4 is adopted in the amount of \$2,400.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 (One Thousand) to fund a Child Bicycle Safety Program (\$350) and to fund an Anti DWI Driver Education Program (\$650) and to accept two grants from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency totaling (\$1,000) in offsetting Federal Funds. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved Article 5 be adopted as printed. Seconded by Donald Smith, Selectman.

Chairman Alexander deferred to Detective Steve Turner. Detective Turner stated this Article was returning, this year, because the window to apply for Grants had been missed. Federal, State and Town fiscal years are all different and for this reason, it requires coordination when applying for funds. If Grants are not approved, money is not spent.

The Moderator called for discussion. Seeing none, he went directly to the vote on **ARTICLE 5**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 5 is adopted in the amount of \$1,000.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,200 (Seven Thousand Two Hundred) dollars to purchase a software update, computer, data base, and two laptop computers to be utilized by the Deerfield Police Department and to accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice COPS More Program in the amount of \$5,400 (partial offset) with the balance to be raised through taxation. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved Article 6 be adopted as printed. Seconded by Donald Smith, Selectman.

Chairman Alexander deferred to Detective Steve Turner. Detective Turner said the same explanation given for Article 5 applied to Article 6.

There was no discussion. The Moderator called for the vote on **ARTICLE 6**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 6 is adopted in the amount of \$7,200.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200 (One Thousand Two Hundred) to purchase a reconditioned hand held Radar Unit and to accept a grant from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency in the amount of \$600 in Federal matching funds. The Selectmen recommend this article; the Budget Committee does not recommend this article.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved to adopt Article 7 as printed. Seconded by Gary Roberge.

Mr. Alexander deferred to Detective Steve Turner. Detective Turner noted the unit would be used to slow people down, not necessarily for writing tickets. A reconditioned unit was chosen to save the expense of a new one. Because accidents have been occurring on back roads, where stationary radar is not effective, this unit would give the police a tool to work with.

Rebecca Hutchinson, Chairperson of the Municipal Budget Committee explained the vote on this Article: 4 In-Favor; 5 Opposed. Members in favor felt patrolling the back roads was needed. Those opposing thought it wasn't necessary.

Rod Swanson, Highway Safety Committee, stated, in view of the number of accidents occurring, it was a good investment.

Discussion ended and the Moderator called for the vote on **ARTICLE 7**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 7 is adopted in the amount of **\$1,200**.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,200 (Four Thousand Two Hundred) to purchase a Cruiser Video Monitoring System and to accept a grant from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency in the amount of \$2,100 in Federal matching funds. The Selectmen recommend this article; the Budget Committee does not recommend this article.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved Article 8 be adopted as printed. Seconded by Richard Mailhot, Selectman.

Chairman Alexander deferred to Detective Steve Turner. Detective Turner indicated the Police Department worked with a similar unit this past year. It has provided back up information for the officer in court, aided in prosecution of DWI cases and protects the officer.

Rebecca Hutchinson, Chair of the MBC, read the vote: 5-In Favor; 5-Opposed; Motion Failed. Some members noted the unit had limited use by all officers. Others thought it would enhance crime prevention.

Other views shared were: It keeps everyone in line and it backs confrontational people down.

The Article did not yield any further discussion. The Moderator called for the vote on **ARTICLE 8**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 8 is adopted in the amount of **\$4,200**.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, asked for a moment to publicly thank Steve Turner for the hours of work he puts into seeking grants and surplus equipment. The Meeting gave Mr. Turner a round of applause.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 (Five Hundred) for the purpose of a feasibility study of an Emergency Services Housing Facility. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved to adopt Article 9 as printed. Seconded by Richard Mailhot.

Mr. Alexander explained the three emergency services in the community have, contained in their Master Plans, the need for housing for emergency vehicles. Vehicles are kept outside, or at an individuals home, and fire trucks have to be taken out of the building to be worked on. The purpose of the Article is to look at options and form a direction to go in.

John Pfeiffer asked if the building would house just equipment or would office space be included. Chairman Alexander said, at this time, there wasn't a set plan. Mr. Pfeiffer indicated a building, which could be added to, should be considered.

Discussion ended and the Moderator went directly to the vote on **ARTICLE 9**.

It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 9 was adopted in the amount of **\$500**.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,558 (Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Eight) for the purpose of Town employee raises for salaries and wages. (This represents a 3% increase.) The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved Article 10 be adopted as printed. Seconded by Frank Bioteau, Selectman.

Chairman Alexander noted the intent was to keep the Town employees, at, or slightly ahead, of the cost of living.

John Pfeiffer respectfully agreed with the raise because the Town and School Reports were out before the deadline. He praised the people who accomplished it.

A question was raised as to how many full time employees the Town had. Chairman Alexander stated thirteen. The Board was also requested to look into additional sick days for employees whose position exposes them to weather conditions.

At this time, the Moderator called for the vote on **ARTICLE 10**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 10 is adopted in the amount of **\$7,558**.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 (One Thousand) for the purpose of Dugout Benches w/Shelf and Landscaping around the Batting Cage at the Bicentennial Field. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved Article 11 as printed. Seconded by Frank Bioteau, Selectman.

Chairman Alexander deferred to Ted McDonald, Parks and Recreation Committee Chairman. Mr. McDonald told the Meeting of improvements done during past years. He stated, with support for this Article, it will wrap up the work to be done at the Bicentennial Field.

The Moderator called for the vote on **ARTICLE 11**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 11 is adopted in the amount of **\$1,000**.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 (One Thousand Five Hundred) to be used by the Northwood Lake Watershed Association in the treatment of Northwood Lake to control the Milfoil problem. BY PETITION The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Petitioner, Rod Swanson, moved Article 12 be adopted as printed. Seconded by Brenda Wilson.

Mr. Swanson explained Milfoil is an exotic weed transported to lakes on propellers of boats. The weed thrives in rich soil and since the lake bottom was once farmland, it grows rapidly. The Northwood Lake Watershed Association has found a good method to control the weed and with additional funds from Epsom, Northwood, the State and the Watershed Association, the project could be successful.

Residents spoke about a potential loss of tax revenue if assessments were altered due to poor water quality in the lake, preservation of one of Deerfield's finest natural resources, additional costs if the weed was allowed to continue to increase and assurance neighboring Town's were contributing to the cost of removing the weed.

The Moderator moved to the vote on **ARTICLE 12**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 12 is adopted in the amount of **\$1,500**.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand) to purchase property (map 6, lot 45-1) adjacent to Dowst-Cate Town Forest for conservation purposes, to be managed by the Conservation Commission. This land is 93.4 acres, and is offered to the Town at less than its market value. BY PETITION The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Petitioner, Frank Mitchell, Conservation Committee Member, moved Article 13 be adopted as printed. Seconded by Brenda Eaves, Conservation Committee Co-Chair.

Mr. Mitchell, Conservation Commission Member, explained Mr. and Mrs. Weiss contacted the Commission to ask about the possibility of the purchase of this land at half its assessed value. \$123,300. The Conservation Commission, through this Article, is asking the Town for one half of the amount and the remainder would be raised through other sources.

The Commission examined its unique features-wetlands, water quality protection, and a connection between Northwood Meadows and Pawtuckaway State Park. It is adjacent to the Dowst-Cate Town Forest and fits into the long range vision of open space.

A concern was raised about liabilities and costs to the Town. Mr. Mitchell stated the project would create minimal cost or perhaps no cost.

Phil Bilodeau commended the Conservation Commission for securing this opportunity for Deerfield .

Representative Rebecca Hutchinson, Chair of the MBC, read the vote of the Committee: 5-In favor; 3-Opposed; 1-Abstained. Committee view points were: Public funds should not be spent in this manner when other committees spend time on fund raisers; it would benefit the Town to have this particular land and at this price; the value of tying this land into the Town Forest and other easements was seen, but thought it should be offset by the sale of the other land the Town already owned.

Representative, Joe Stone, asked for the status of the fund balance in the Conservation Commissions account. Frank Mitchell, Commission Member, deferred to Commission Treasurer, Judy Muller, who stated there was approximately \$10,000 in the account. Mr. Mitchell explained the funds are used in between Town Meetings to perform survey work and the like and then are reimbursed at the following Town Meeting.

Harriet Cady requested a description of what Bear Paw Greenways was. Frank Mitchell told the Meeting it consisted of six surrounding towns and was created to provide for regional conservation planning.

Mrs. Cady wanted the acreage broken down as to the amount in Conservation Easements, Town owned Conservation lands, State Lands, lake and mountain acreage and how much land was in Current Use.

Frank Mitchell referred to a handout and stated he recalled one half of Deerfield being in Current Use. Kate Hartnett, Conservation Commission Member, read the following facts: The Town is comprised of 33,350 acres; the property being considered, by this vote, is 93 acres; 1,592 Acres is Town Owned Land-4.8%; addition of the 93 Acres would increase percentage to 5.1%; Conservation Easements total 1,080 acres; Town Forest and Conservation area 512 Acres.

Josh Freed made a motion to Close Debate and Move the Question. Seconded by Margo Fligg. The Moderator called for the vote to **CLOSE DEBATE AND MOVE THE QUESTION**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared.

Point of Inquiry

Richard Mailhot, Selectman, questioned the method for payment if the additional \$30,000 is not raised in the appropriation. Town Counsel, David Connell, said the Conservation Commission is unique, in that, the Commission can receive funds from private, as well as, public sources and expend it without permission of Town Meeting.

Point of Information

Ralph Sullivan stated the Article was illegal because it should read \$60,000 and should be struck from the Warrant. The Moderator ruled the Article to be legal.

Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, called for the vote on **ARTICLE 13** as printed. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 13 is adopted in the amount of **\$30,000**.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 (Five Thousand) for the purpose of replacing a tank on an existing piece of fire apparatus. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved Article 14 be adopted as printed. Seconded by Richard Mailhot, Selectman.

Chairman Alexander deferred to Fire Chief, Mark Tibbetts. Chief Tibbetts stated the vehicle and tank had, in the past, been maintained and repaired. The tank is now beyond repair. Chief Tibbetts noted there would be matching funds of \$5,000 from the Fire Department Association and Fire Department personnel would do the work.

As there was no discussion, the Moderator called for the vote on **ARTICLE 14**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 14 is adopted in the amount of **\$5,000**.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 (Forty Five Thousand) for the purpose of repair and reconstruction of Old Centre Road from Meetinghouse Hill Road 1850 feet North. BY PETITION The Budget Committee does not recommend this article.

The Moderator called for a Petitioner to move the Article. Seeing no response, he declared, if a motion was not made he would move on to the next Article.

John Pfeiffer stated, for the purpose of placing the Article on the Floor, he would move Article 15 as printed. Seconded by Harriet Cady.

Mr. Pfeiffer spoke to the need to improve roads.

Harriet Cady said she notified the Board of Selectmen, in writing, of the hazardous condition existing on this section of Old Centre Road and would bill the Town for damages incurred due to action not being taken. Mrs. Cady noted the Town was open for liability.

Representative Rebecca Hutchinson, Chair of the MBC, explained the vote of the Committee. It unanimously failed because, although Members of the Committee agreed the section of road needed repair, it was thought the \$45,000 should have been part of the Budget and not Petitioned. The other concern was \$45,000 may not be enough to do the work.

Representative Joe Stone, Administrative Assistant to the Highway Department, said this section of road came to the attention of the Board of Selectmen in April of 1995. The Highway Agent was asked to review this section of road, do a survey and present it to the Board. The Board requested an engineer draft the plan, however, money had not been budgeted for. In 1996, after a request from Mrs. Margelot as to the cost of the repairs, the \$45,000 appeared as a Petitioned Warrant Article.

Frank Bioteau, Selectman, recalled a costly drainage problem which had not been addressed. This could add to the cost of the reconstruction.

Another unresolved issue was the taking of a piece of land through Eminent Domain. This would have to be settled prior to work actually beginning.

The subject of whether or not this should have been presented as a Petitioned Article or added to the Highway Budget drew lengthy discussion. Residents offered the following suggestions:

(1) List the roads in priority order (2) Follow a road improvement plan (3) Work on roads which present a liability for the Town. Some citizens thought this Petition was setting a precedent and in the years to come, other Petitions will be forthcoming.

Robert Ashforth had heard Deerfield was getting further behind in the way of road work. Selectman, Frank Bioteau, said it was a correct statement. Mr. Ashforth, suggested to the Board, they take this as a wake up call to keep pace with what needs to be done on the roads.

Jack Sherburne made a motion to amend Article 15 to read: "To see if the Town will vote to advise the Selectmen and Road Agent to repair and reconstruct Old Centre Road from Meetinghouse Hill Road, 1850 feet North." Seconded by Gary Roberge.

Point of Order

Harriet Cady questioned the legality of the Amendment. She thought it changed the intent of Article 15 which was to fund road repairs. Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, stated it would create an Advisory Article and funds would have to be found elsewhere.

Point of Clarification

Harriet Cady requested, it be clarified, if the funds for repairs would come from another project. The Moderator stated the money must come from somewhere else and a Vote in Favor could not cause the work to be done.

Point of Order

Harriet Cady asked, to make this mandatory, what needed to be done. The Moderator responded a Vote on Article 15, as amended, and another amendment to the budget would accomplish it. Mrs. Cady was still concerned the language was not in keeping with the original Petition and the Legislative process would not remain pure. The Moderator stated the Petitioned Article, Article 15, belongs to the Town and can be amended as any other.

Point of Information

Debra Clark requested the names on the Petition, be read, in an effort to have someone who signed it, explain it. The Moderator read the names. No one came forward.

Tom True, Chairman of the Road Study Committee, pointed out costs for this project could be higher because of an unresolved drainage issue.

Residents questioned planning for this Department, costs associated with this project and overall costs of road reconstruction. Representative Stone told the Meeting there was a list of roads and a five-year plan. He noted, with the present budgeting practices, not enough funds were available to keep from falling behind. Mr. Stone addressed the issue of Eminent Domain by saying, through a conversation with NHMA, he learned it was the Selectmen who have the responsibility for this. Richard Mailhot, Selectman, clarified the Board's position by reporting, there had to be a definitive plan before the Board could proceed.

Point of Information

Highway Agent, David Twombly, explained this was a dangerous section of road. He went on to say permission is needed from property owners to do the necessary work on ditches.

There was a request for the amount of Impact Fees available for Old Centre Road. Selectman Mailhot answered it was approximately \$4,092.

When questioned on the priority of the road, Highway Agent, David Twombly, responded it was not on the list. The work was being done to prevent liability.

Jonathan Winslow made a motion to Close Debate and Move the Question. Seconded by Margo Fligg. The Moderator called for the vote to **CLOSE DEBATE** and Move the Question. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. The Motion carries.

The Moderator reread the Amendment: **“To see if the Town will vote to advise the Selectmen and Road Agent to repair and reconstruct Old Centre Road, from Meetinghouse Hill Road, 1850 feet North.”**

Point of Order

Harriet Cady asked if this was voted down would the original Article still carry the money. The answer was yes.

The Moderator called for the vote to amend the language of Article 15, as just read. Moderator Hutchinson stated, if amended, the Article would be advisory only. Because the **HAND VOTE** was **UNCLEAR**, the Moderator asked for the vote to be counted.

The Moderator read the results of the **COUNTED VOTE: YES 104 NO 53**

It was a vote in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. The **AMENDMENT to ARTICLE 15 (ADVISORY MOTION)** has been adopted.

Jonathan Winslow made a motion to Close Debate and Move the Question. Seconded by Brenda Wilson. The Moderator called for the vote to **CLOSE DEBATE** and Move the Question. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. The motion carries.

The Moderator called for the vote on Article 15, as amended. The **HAND VOTE** being **UNCLEAR**, the Moderator asked for the vote to be counted.

The Moderator read the results of the **COUNTED VOTE: YES 91 NO 79**

It was a **VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. **ARTICLE 15, as AMENDED is ADOPTED (Advisory Motion).**

Point of Clarification

Jolene Smith wanted it clear whose responsibility it is to decide what roads to repair and when. Richard Mailhot, Selectman, issued the following statement: David Twombly, Highway Agent, is an elected official at the same level as the Board of Selectmen. State Law indicates the Highway Agent is responsible for hiring, maintenance and expenditure of funds for the highways. Should

the Board receive letters of concern or requests for payment for damages to vehicles, they are forwarded to the Highway Agent for approval before funds are released. Mr. Mailhot went on to say, rather than a reactive Department, it was now a proactive Department. This is due to set policies and Mr. Stone working with the Highway Agent.

Citizens continued to offer comments. It was mentioned the law could be interpreted to read the Board is responsible for the what is repaired and when. Someone else thought it was a sad state of affairs when officials do not work together.

The Meeting was Recessed at 12:07PM.

The Meeting was Called to Order at 12:20PM.

16. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

During Article 16, the Budget Article, Representative Rebecca Hutchinson, Chairperson and Andy Robertson, Vice Chair of the Municipal Budget Committee, joined other Officials on the Platform.

Rebecca Hutchinson, Chair of the MBC, moved Article 16 in the amount of \$1,771,839. Seconded by Kevin Barry, Municipal Budget Committee Member.

In a statement made by Representative Hutchinson, Chair of the MBC, she explained the process the Committee goes through. She expressed appreciation to the Richard Mailhot, Selectmen's Representative to the Committee, for answering their questions and providing them with the information they needed. She informed the Meeting there would not be many areas of difference, in the budget, and only a few changes due to new information.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, stated on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, it was felt there had been good communication between the Board and the Committee.

As the Budget was reviewed, the following areas were discussed and/or amended:

Town Administration

Lines 01-4130.20-118, 119, 399 and 741

Peter Aubrey questioned over expenditures, the increases in the full time, part time and the nature of the contract line and the contingency fund.

Chairman Alexander replied the cost increases were attributed to personnel changes during 1996 and revamping processes and procedures. The Contract Line was to have a financial assistant aid in planning and establishing procedures. This would provide the staff with a clear direction to go in. Another area which shows an increase is Microfilming and Record Retention. This appears in Town Administration, as well as, Town Clerk/Tax Collector. It provides funds to develop and maintain a system, whereby, the records can be readily accessible. Mr. Alexander said the contingency fund was for the unexpected expenses. Representative Hutchinson noted a specific example, last year, a printer had to be replaced.

Chairman Alexander addressed questions about the line items for Vehicle Maintenance and Mileage. He stated, the vehicle being maintained, was an old cruiser used primarily by the Building Inspector. Mileage is for employees attending meetings or traveling on the Town's behalf.

Data Processing

Line 01-4150.60-440

Gary Roberge requested a breakout of Lease Payments. Mr. Mailhot read a detailed list of payments.

Revaluation of Property

Chairman Alexander moved to **Amend Line 01-4152.10-398/Contract Appraiser to increase it by \$24,000.** Seconded by Selectman, Frank Bioteau.

Chairman Alexander explained the time had come to digitize the Tax Maps. Money had been encumbered from last year and an amount was requested for this year. Because the estimates came in higher than anticipated, it was felt one half of the funds should be raised this year and the remainder next year. This also readies the Town for a revaluation. By using aerial photography and GPS identification, there is a high degree of accuracy allowing for Topographical and Wetlands Maps to be overlaid on the Tax Maps.

Joanne Wasson questioned if there was a discrepancy between land and building assessments and whether a revaluation was imminent.

Chairman Alexander noted, having a 136% Equalization Ratio, could prompt a message from Concord to have the revaluation done. With the information the Board has, it appears land values are closer than structures to the actual market value.

Jack Sherburne suggested spreading the cost over three years. Chairman Alexander replied the actual time to do the mapping was less than 18 months. The company was willing to extend the payments over a two or three year period. The Board thought it a better financial choice to do 50% now and 50% next year, rather than, committing to a three-year project not knowing what was coming down the road.

Harriet Cady asked if there were more requests for abatements and had there been a capital reserve account set up. Chairman Alexander stated abatements were on a downward trend and instead of a capital reserve account, the digitizing of Tax Maps is the first step towards the revaluation.

Discussion ended and the Moderator called for the vote on the **AMENDMENT to INCREASE** Line 01-4152.10-398/Contract Appraiser by \$24,000. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. **LINE 01-4152.10-398/CONTRACT APPRAISER** is now **\$36,000.**

Back to the Main Motion, the Budget Article, as previously Amended.

Police Department

Line 01-4210.10-140/Overtime

Robert Ashforth requested an explanation as to the increase in this Line. Richard Mailhot, Selectman, indicated mandatory training for officers had caused this increase.

Harriet Cady asked whether the officers were being paid overtime and special officers also hired. Selectman Mailhot said some of each happens and reminded the Meeting the 1997 Police Budget would be offset with \$37,000 from the COPS Fast Program.

Highway Department

Road Surfacing

Representative, Joe Stone, moved to **Amend Line 01-4312.40-394/Tarring by inserting \$1** in the Line. Seconded by Jack Sherburne.

Mr. Stone explained, by inserting the \$1, if funds were available from another line item, they could be moved here to seal cracks. He told the Meeting the Highway Department is looking into new methods of tarring but estimates were not available for the Meeting.

Representative Rebecca Hutchinson, Chair of the MBC, said the Committee voted to remove the funds because of the methods used in the past.

Citizens commented the money would be well spent and new methods would be appreciated.

Seeing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote on the **AMENDMENT** to Line 01-4312.40-394/Tarring to Insert \$1. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. **LINE 01-4312.40-394/TARRING** is **ADOPTED** in the amount of **\$1**.

Back to the Main Motion, the Budget Article, as previously amended.

Road Reconstruction

Representative Joe Stone, Highway Department, Administrative Assistant, stated the Meeting had shown the desire to repair Old Centre Road, Article 15, as amended. Thus, the funds would need to be raised through taxation, as it was not budgeted for or other projects would have to be put on hold.

One resident thought the more heavily traveled roads should be repaired first. There was the concern another section of Town (Currier Road) was isolated from services because of a vote taken at a prior Meeting.

Richard Mailhot, Selectman, made a motion to **Amend Line 01-4312.50-399/Contract to add \$45,000 for the specific purpose, to rebuild 1850 feet of Old Centre Road, North, from its intersection of Meetinghouse Hill Road**. Seconded by Gary Roberge.

Selectman Mailhot said the Petitioners request was clear and no one spoke to there not being a need to fix the road. Because the Board would like this type of request in the Highway Budget, the amendment is being offered. The question was asked about there being enough money to do

the job. David Twombly, Highway Agent, stated the use of Town trucks and employees would offset the cost.

Phil Bilodeau heard the explanation of the use of Town vehicles and thought those costs should be factored in. Mr. Stone stated the anticipated total cost was \$45,000.

The concerns citizens raised during discussion of Article 15 were, again, addressed.

Discussion ended and the Moderator called for the vote on the **AMENDMENT** to Line 01-4312.50-399/Contract to add \$45,000. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. **LINE 01-4312.50-399/CONTRACT** is amended to the amount of **\$68,360**.

Back on the Main Motion, the Budget Article, as previously Amended.

Representative Stone moved to **Amend Line 01-4312.50-001/Surveys to insert \$1**. Seconded by Margo Fligg.

There was no discussion. The Moderator called for the vote on the **AMENDMENT** to **INSERT** in Line 01-4312.50-001/Surveys \$1. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. **LINE 01-4312.50-001/SURVEYS** is now **\$1**.

Sanitation/Transfer Station

Robert Mathews moved to **Amend Line 01-4323.10-690/Miscellaneous to add \$500**. Seconded by Gary Roberge.

Mr. Mathews told the Meeting the purpose of the Amendment was to make funds available to the Solid Waste Committee as they search for the best method to encourage recycling.

A question arose as to whether this was actually needed. Chairman Alexander directed the Meeting to the Engineering Line. He indicated the funds could come from that Line.

The Moderator called for the vote on the **AMENDMENT** to **INCREASE** Line 01-4323.10-690/Miscellaneous by \$500. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **NEGATIVE** and so declared. The Motion **FAILS**.

Harriet Cady noted Landfill Closure should be in its own section because it was a temporary cost. Chairman Alexander's reply was, it was a note to the budget, not a heading, and this expense would disappear after this year.

Health Department

Frank Bioteau, Selectman, made a motion to **Amend Line 4415.10-805/Appropriation by adding \$566**. Seconded by Chairman James Alexander.

Selectman Bioteau explained, during the budget process, requests from different agencies are reviewed. This late arrival, Sexual Assault Support Services, was determined to be of value to the community and funds needed to be appropriated.

Harriet Cady asked what organization Sexual Assault Support Services was tied to. Richard Mailhot, Selectman, said it was part of Hotline Crisis Intervention and Education Program out of Portsmouth. These services are used by the Police Department.

Harriet Cady asked, under what law, the Selectmen had the right to seek donations, through taxation, to non-profit organizations. Mrs. Cady went on to say the New Hampshire Constitution states you cannot force any person to give to a charitable organization. By the method used in the budget, even if she objected to a particular charity, she would be forced to contribute. The Article is in the Warrant, if voted by the majority, the money would be raised.

Attorney David Connell explained the subject had been a topic of discussion for many years. The Department of Revenue struggled with the answer, but ultimately, ruled these appropriations proper if there is a public health, safety or welfare benefit found, even if there was some private benefit.

Harriet Cady, again, noted if the appropriation is put on the Warrant and it is voted, it forces people to pay, by taxation, whether or not individuals support the organizations being funded.

Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, called on Counsel to render his opinion as to the legality of this issue. Town Counsel, David Connell, stated: If it is a proper public purpose, and it was his opinion it is, the request is legal. Taxpayers cannot decide which taxes they pay and which they do not. If it is a valid appropriation, it goes into the tax rate and is assessed against all properties.

Harriet Cady responded, pointing out, it has become a custom to go into anybody's pocket, by way of taxation. Mrs. Cady cited an historic event in the 1800's of a similar nature. In conclusion, she commented money was being taken from people who are working to pay for those who may not be willing to work.

There was no further discussion on the amendment. The Moderator called for the vote on the **AMENDMENT** to Line/01-4415.10-805 to add \$566. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. **LINE/01-4415.10-805** is now **\$16,213**.

Culture and Recreation/Veasey Park

Joanne Wasson asked to speak to several issues surrounding Veasey Park. Ms. Wasson noted the population had increased, the hours have decreased, the area to swim in has decreased, the park is not open during all of the posted hours and out of 526 feet of shoreline only 124 feet are used. With the recent movement to provide activities for teenagers, this would be a good place for them to spend time. Mrs. Wasson said she had written a letter expressing her concerns and beyond that, would like to see a Study Committee formed to review the use of the park.

Andy Merrill, Chairman-Veasey Park Commission, said the issues brought forward by Mrs. Wasson have been discussed and will continue to be discussed. Because of the times we live in, the Commission mandated the Park only be open when there is a lifeguard. The Commission did not feel they had the expertise to direct work on the waterfront because of the permits needed by the State of New Hampshire. Mr. Merrill said the Commission had tried to reach a delicate balance between teenagers and families with young children. He went on to say the input is welcomed and the number of hours open should increase this year.

Debra Clark suggested the Commission check with State Parks as to regulations for swimming when a lifeguard is not on duty or perhaps, just a sign stating the Town is not liable.

Robert Sanborn, Selectman, stated Priscilla “Dusty” Smith would be missed as she always took the best interest of Veasey Park to heart.

Richard Mailhot, Selectman, was recognized by the Moderator, to address the Meeting, to update citizens on the Town’s bond issues and lease payments. They reach maturity as follows: PSNH-2001; Landfill-2006; Fire Truck Lease-2001.

The Budget had been reviewed Section by Section. The Moderator called for the vote on **ARTICLE 16, the BUDGET ARTICLE**, in the amount of \$1,841,407. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 16, the Budget Article, is adopted in the amount of **\$1,841,407**.

17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept title to a parcel of land identified as tax map 4, lot 6, excepting an approximately 10-acre portion of said lot with frontage on North Road to be subdivided (“The Parcel”); and, in exchange for the parcel, to convey to the owners of the parcel two (2) Town owned lots identified as tax map 4B, lot 12 and tax map 4B, lot 13, together with payment of such sums of money as the Selectmen deem reasonable to complete the transaction, provided that such money becomes available from private sources or Municipal Trust Funds. The authority in this article is conditional on approval by the Planning Board and relevant state agencies of a plan to develop the parcel for outdoor community recreation. BY PETITION

Petitioner, Dwight Barnes, Chairman of the Recreation Committee, moved to Article 17 as printed. Seconded by Gary Roberge.

Mr. Barnes said the Committee was to look into the needs for an outdoor recreational facility and once the need was established locate land to place it on. The facility should be for family members of all ages and include baseball fields, soccer fields, walking paths, cross country trails, picnic areas, concession stands, conservation and outdoor educational opportunities. The opportunity to trade properties leaves little or no impact on the Town’s operational expenses. The Whitcher property has 76 acres, 66 would be for recreational use the remaining 10 will stay with the land owner. Further, the Committee seeks authorization for the Selectmen to trade two Town owned properties.

Joanne Wasson thought this was a highly desirable project, however, would have liked a choice. There was no ability to raise money, just give up land. The two lots being swapped have frontage on the Freezes Pond, in a nice section with deep water, which would provide for a nice Town picnic area.

Robert Ashforth asked if the Selectmen would be able to expend money from private sources. Attorney Connell, Counsel for the Town, said a couple of years ago, an Article was adopted which empowered the Selectmen to expend money from other sources which had not been anticipated. Another way is Municipal Trust Funds. This fund does not exist but could be created by donors and accepted by the Town.

There was lengthy discussion on buying the lots or swapping for the land. Entering into this was whether or not the lots to be swapped were truly grandfathered or needed a variance.

Harriet Cady asked to amend Article 17 to outright buy the property to which the Moderator stated the Article would have to be rewritten.

Point of Order

Dwight Barnes asked how funds could be allocated if the Budget Article had passed. When asked for advice, Attorney Connell told the Meeting he was unaware of anything that would prevent the Article from being rewritten.

Harriet Cady suggested a Sense of the Meeting be taken prior to the language being changed to see how much interest there was.

Point of Clarification

Emily Moore asked for the status of the surplus funds in relation to the action of the Meeting. Chairman, James Alexander, said, the surplus had been used up plus about \$1,000. Additional spending would directly affect the tax rate.

Harriet Cady was puzzled by the earlier action of the Meeting to save land in order to keep development from happening in the community and now there is consideration to give up two house lots. Her proposal was to keep the Town owned land and outright buy the property needed.

The Moderator responded to inquiries about how to accomplish amending the Article. He stated it was in the authority of this Meeting to fund this through reopening the budget and adding in the amount. There was some risk. If there is a twist in the law, it could be illegal.

For the purpose of the Sense of the Meeting, the voter would either be interested in modifying the Article so monies are raised by taxes to pay for this property or the voter would opt to leave the Article the way it is.

Point of Clarification

Richard Mailhot, Selectman, asked what was being raised from other sources. Dwight Barnes said funds from other sources would be for constructing and maintaining the facility.

There was continued discussion regarding what stage negotiations were at and what may or may not be accepted by the land owner.

Point of Information

Robert Ashforth stated there was a need to seek the level of commitment from the Meeting before going on.

Lengthy discussion ended and the Moderator called for the Sense of the Meeting. He asked those who were in favor of modifying this Article, so the money would be raised by taxes to pay for property and there would be no land swap, to raise their hands. The Moderator called for those in favor of continuing with the Article the way it is printed to raise their hands. The Moderator declared the results of the **HAND VOTE** stating there were more in **FAVOR** of **MODIFYING** Article 17. The **SENSE OF THE MEETING** is **ACHIEVED**.

The Moderator declared a Recess at 2:45PM.
The Meeting was Called to Order at 3:00PM.

The Meeting was reconvened and the Moderator stated because of the substantial interest in changing it from a land swap to paying for it with tax dollars Article 17 would need to be amended, then reconsideration of the Budget Article, Article 16, to amend to add only what is available under the 10% rule.

Harriet Cady moved to **Amend Article 17, to read, "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a parcel of land identified as Tax Map 4 Lot 6, excepting approximately a 10 acre portion of said lot with frontage on North Road, to be subdivided, ("The Parcel") using sums appropriated for Parks and Recreation, together with such additional sums as the Selectmen deem reasonable to complete the transaction, provided that such additional money becomes available from private sources or Municipal Trust Funds. The authority in this Article is conditional on approval by the Planning Board and relevant State agencies of a plan to develop "The Parcel" for outdoor community recreation."**. Seconded by Gary Roberge.

Discussion resumed with citizens speaking for and against the land acquisition through raising money and/or swapping properties.

Dwight Barnes said the Committee appreciated the support the Meeting was giving to the purchase. They did not, originally, intend to ask for money.

Jonathan Winslow made a motion to Close Debate and Move the Question. Seconded by Steve Barry. The Moderator called for the vote to **CLOSE DEBATE** and move the question. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. The motion carries.

Point of Clarification

Jolene Smith asked if the Town buys the land is it Town property or does the private group play a part in ownership. Dwight Barnes said the Town would own the property and the Friends of Deerfield Recreation, a private non-profit group, would construct and maintain the facility.

The Moderator Reread the amendment to **ARTICLE 17** to add the new language and immediately went to the vote on Article 17 as amended. The **HAND VOTE** being **UNCLEAR** the Moderator asked for the vote to be counted.

The Moderator read the **COUNTED VOTE: YES 87 NO 62**

It is a counted vote in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 17 is **ADOPTED** as **AMENDED**.

As discussion continued, mention was made of the number of pieces of land the Committee looked at. There was a concern the Zoning Board of Adjustment would not automatically grant a variance and the concern if this motion failed the swap could not be pursued. Citizens asked for the tax impact which was thought to be about \$.23.

Robert Ashforth moved to **Amend the Amendment “to authorize the transfer of the parcels to the Whitcher’s.”** Seconded by Warren Guinan.

Point of Order

Harriet Cady

Mrs. Cady questioned the Moderator as to whether the Article could be reconsidered in order to allow for the land swap. The Moderator said it could be.

On a **VOICE VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** Robert Ashforth and Warren Guinan withdrew the motion to **AMEND** the **AMENDMENT**. The motion is **WITHDRAWN**.

Keith Belgard made a motion to Close Debate and Move the Question. Seconded by Gary Roberge. The Moderator called for the vote to **CLOSE DEBATE** and Move the Question. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. The motion carries.

The Moderator called for the vote on **ARTICLE 17** as amended. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 17 is **ADOPTED AS AMENDED**.

The Moderator stated he would entertain a motion, from someone, who voted in favor of the budget, to reconsider Article 16, the Budget.

Steve Barry moved to Reconsider Article 16, the Budget Article, to amend the amount in Parks and Recreation, for the purpose of supporting the land purchase. Seconded by Kevin Barry.

The Moderator called for the vote to Reconsider Article 16, the Budget Article. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. **ARTICLE 16**, the **BUDGET ARTICLE**, will be **RECONSIDERED**.

Steve Barry moved to **Amend, in Parks and Recreation Line 01-4520.10-399/Contract to increase the Line by \$62,000 to 65,045.** Seconded by Gary Roberge.

Point of Order

Representative Joe Stone asked for verification the \$62,000 was available without going over the 10% Rule. Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, said a number of people had checked it and there was \$62,700 available. The Moderator stated the Minutes would reflect this was last item raised and it would be the Meetings intention, if it exceeded the cap, it would be reduced by that amount needed to get under the 10%.

Louis Nephew made a motion to Close Debate and Move the Question. Seconded by Gary Roberge. The Moderator called for the vote to **CLOSE DEBATE** and Move the Question. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. The motion carries.

The Moderator called for the vote to **AMEND** under Parks and Recreation, Line 01-4520.10-399/Contract to add \$62,000 for the purchase of the land described in Article 17. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. **LINE 01-4520.10-399/Contract** now reads **\$65,045**. The Moderator then moved to the vote on **ARTICLE 16**, the **BUDGET ARTICLE**, in the amended amount of \$1,903,407. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the

AFFIRMATIVE and so declared. Article 16, the Budget Article, as amended, is **ADOPTED** in the amount of **\$1,903,407**.

18. Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Deerfield, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$30,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$50,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$70,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$18,400 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$26,400; and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. BY BALLOT

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved Article 18 be adopted as Printed. Seconded by Donald Smith, Selectman.

Chairman Alexander told the Meeting the State has passed a new Law regarding Elderly Exemptions. As of January 1998, Exemptions currently in effect will be replaced by the State's new regulations. What is proposed is what we have in effect today with the exception of raising the net assets to \$35,000 and income is higher because Social Security payments were not counted as part of the income in the past.

As there was no discussion, the Moderator gave the Meeting instructions on the voting process for this Article. The vote will be done by Secret Ballot using the Yellow Ballot marked Article 18. The Balloting began.

19. To see if the Town will accept sums of monies, from the following persons for the purposes stated:

Seventy dollars from Mrs. Major, for cemetery lots and care of Smith lots in the Morrison Cemetery.

Two hundred dollars from Barbara Raymond, for cemetery lots and care of Ladd lots in the Morrison Cemetery.

Four hundred dollars from Diana Stevens, for cemetery lots and care of Steven's lots in the Morrison Cemetery.

Four hundred dollars from Ella Sawyer, for cemetery lots and care of Sawyer lots in the Morrison Cemetery.

Four hundred dollars from Mrs. Emerson, for cemetery lots and care of Emerson lots in the Morrison Cemetery.

Four hundred dollars from Barbara Watts, for cemetery lots and care of Watts lots in the Old Centre Cemetery.

Four hundred dollars from Joseph Connelly, for cemetery lots and care of Connelly lots in the Morrison Cemetery.

Eight hundred dollars from John O'Gara, Sr., for cemetery lots and care of O'Gara lots in the Morrison Cemetery.

Four hundred dollars from Ronald Vinnacombe, for cemetery lots and care of Vinnacombe lots in the Morrison Cemetery.

Four hundred dollars from Raymond and Cynthia Heon, for cemetery lots and care of Smith lots in the Morrison Cemetery.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved Article 19 be adopted as printed. Seconded by Donald Smith, Selectman.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, told the Meeting this was a housekeeping Article.

The Moderator called for the vote to adopt **ARTICLE 19** as printed. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 19 is **ADOPTED**.

20. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A: 4-d authorizing the Library Trustees, indefinitely, until specific rescinded of such authority, to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the Library for any public purpose, provided, however, that no acceptance of personal property by the Library Trustees shall be deemed to bind the Town or the Library Trustees to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property. Requested by Library.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved to adopt Article 20 as printed. Seconded by Richard Mailhot, Selectman.

Chairman Alexander moved to amend Article 20, line two, to replace the word "rescinded" with the word "rescission". Seconded by Donald Smith.

Chairman Alexander stated the amendment, to change the word, would provide clarity.

Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, asked the Meeting if there was any Objection to the change. Seeing none, he declared the **AMENDMENT** was **ADOPTED** by **UNANIMOUS CONSENT**. The word "rescinded" is replaced with "rescission".

Because there was no discussion, the Moderator called for the vote on **ARTICLE 20**, as **AMENDED**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 20 is **ADOPTED**.

The Moderator read the results of the **SECRET BALLOT VOTE** on **ARTICLE 18: YES 130 NO 5**. It was a vote in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 18, by Secret Ballot, is **ADOPTED**.

21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, to accept on behalf of the Town gifts, legacies, and devises made to the Town, in trust, for any public purpose as permitted by RSA 31:19.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved to adopt Article 21 as printed. Seconded by Richard Mailhot, Selectman.

Chairman Alexander told the Meeting this was a housekeeping article which would allow Article 19 to be removed from the Warrant in the future.

There was no discussion. The Moderator called for the vote on **ARTICLE 21**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 21 is **ADOPTED**.

22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey to Ralph Francioso, or his nominee, all the Town's right, title and interest in a parcel of land shown as being comprised of a portion of Tax Map 4A, Lot 217 and Area B, totaling 3.11 acres on a plan entitled "Tax Map 4A, Lot 217 & Tax Map 4, Lot 15, Deerfield, NH, Town of Deerfield and Ralph Francioso, Lot Line Adjustment" dated July 25, 1996, prepared by Little River Survey Company, in exchange for conveyance to the Town by Ralph Francioso of all his right, title and interest in a certain parcel shown as being comprised of a portion of Tax Map 4, Lot 15 and Area A, totaling 4.07 acres, on said Plan.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved to adopt Article 22 as printed. Seconded by Richard Mailhot, Selectman.

Chairman Alexander explained the Article is a Lot Line Adjustment, for a gravel pit the Town owns, on Blakes Hills Road. The line has been in question for many years. This Adjustment places the gravel pit on the Town portion and Mr. Francioso would own the portion closest to the river.

As there was no discussion, the Moderator called for the vote on **ARTICLE 22** as printed. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 22 is **ADOPTED**.

23. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:42 and 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of property acquired by tax deed after March 15, 1997 by public auction, advertised sealed bids or otherwise as justice may require. This authority shall continue indefinitely, until rescinded.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved to adopt Article 23 as printed. Seconded by Richard Mailhot, Selectman.

Chairman Alexander deferred to Town Counsel, Dave Connell.

Attorney Connell explained tax deeded property had to go to the Town Meeting to receive authorization to be disposed of. This Article, if adopted, would give the Selectmen authority, until rescinded, to auction off property by sealed bid or otherwise, as justice may require. As justice may require, usually means, it can be deeded back to the former owner. It provides the Selectmen with a way to get the tax money and the person a way to get their property back.

Joanne Wasson felt a better approach would be, as is done in other communities, to hold the property and let the next Town Meeting decide what to do with it. She also objected to the Board having indefinite authority.

Attorney Connell said the concern lies, if there has been a tax deed and an individual presents a defect or claims unconstitutionality, it is better to have the power to deed it back to the owner. Deerfield has already had a case tested in Superior Court and the Legislature is attempting to sort through this issue.

Joanne Wasson moved to **Amend Article 23 to delete "This authority shall continue indefinitely, until rescinded."** Seconded by Erick Berglund.

Point of Clarification

Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, asked Counsel's opinion - If the sentence was dropped would the Article appear every year? Town Counsel, David Connell, said yes, every year.

The Moderator called for the vote on the **AMENDMENT to ARTICLE 23** to delete the sentence "This authority shall continue indefinitely, until rescinded." It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. The Amendment is **ADOPTED**.

Point of Clarification

Harriet Cady expressed concern, that if faced with the situation where a tax deed involved an elderly person and they had not been aware of the Elderly Exemption Law, which would have, in turn, allowed them to pay their taxes, the Town would not ask them to leave their home. Attorney David Connell explained, in this situation, it is discretionary to take the tax deed, or not, and is dealt with separately.

The question of whether this applied to deeds acquired only after March 15th was answered. Town Counsel, David Connell, interpreted it to be only after March 15th and asked the Board of Selectmen to state their intent. Chairman Alexander stated the Board would want this to be only on properties acquired after March 15th.

The Moderator called for the vote on **ARTICLE 23** as amended. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 23 is **ADOPTED AS AMENDED**.

24. To see if the town wishes to amend the existing agreement under Section 218 of the Social Security Act by excluding the services performed by election workers for a calendar year in which the remuneration paid for such service is less than \$1,000.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved to adopt Article 24 as printed. Seconded by George Keech.

Chairman Alexander stated this Article is in the Warrant as a result of a notice received that it was not required to withhold Social Security from election workers who earn less than \$1,000. This exclusion is specifically limited to election workers.

The Moderator called for the vote on **ARTICLE 24** as printed. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 24 is **ADOPTED**.

25. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Gary Roberge/Cooperative Planning Committee

The Moderator recognized Mr. Roberge, who told the Meeting, there was a newsletter available which outlines the Committee's activities, during the past year.

Louis Nephew made a motion to Take from the Table, Article 25, for the purpose of Adjournment. The Moderator stated a motion to adjourn would do the same.

Selectman, Robert Sanborn, moved to Adjourn the Meeting. Seconded by Louis Nephew. The Moderator called for a Voice Vote to adjourn. It was a **VOICE VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and the 1997 Town **MEETING-Business Portion, is ADJOURNED at 4:00PM.**

A True Record,
Attest:

Cynthia E. Heon
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Footnote: The above actions were taken by 227 Registered Voters.
The Checklist for the Meeting had a total of 2299 Registered Voters.

1997 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land - Current Use	2,369,700
Residential Land	84,044,600
Commercial Land	1,604,000
Residential Buildings	105,773,900
Commercial Buildings	1,643,200
Public Utilities - Electric	18,200,000
Elderly Exemptions	1,210,000
Total Exemptions Allowed	1,197,900
NET VALUATION	212,437,500

Less: Estimated Revenues & Credits

Land Use Change Tax	23,060
Yield Tax	7,136
Interest & Penalties on Delinq. Tax	90,000
Business Licenses & Permits	12,486
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	307,682
Building Permits	7,061
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	7,267
Other: Cops Fast Grant	48,500
Shared Revenue / With School	21,190
Rooms & Meals Tax	35,668
Highway Block Grant	91,651
State & Federal Forest Lands Reimb	3,743
Landfill Closure Grant	32,000
From Other Governments	
(Dept. Phone Reimb., Insurance)	49,816
Income From Departments	13,000
Interest on Investments	92,481
G.B. White Rentals	45,333
Cemetery	7,103
General Fund Balance	<u>250,000</u>

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Executive	173,517
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	4,300
Revaluation of Property	36,000
Legal Expense	13,000
Personnel Administration	31,500
Planning	15,265
General Government Building	86,103
Cemeteries	9,100
Insurance	105,000
Advertising & Regional Association	1,200
Board of Adjustment	1,200
Police Department	197,330
Ambulance	3,000
Fire Department	29,637
Building Inspection	11,408
Highways & Streets	444,740
Bridges	1,500
Highway Safety	1,750
Transfer station	157,453
Animal Control	5,274
Health Agencies & Hospitals	16,713
Rescue Squad	10,983
General Assistance	24,000
Parks & Recreation	80,140
Library	31,086
Patriotic Purposes	1,250
Conservation	5,225
Princ-Long Term Bonds & Notes	190,000
Int-Long Term Bonds & Notes	88,900
MBC	1,075
Data Processing	9,495
Int-Short Bonds & Notes	3,000
Fire Truck Payment	22,875
Warrant Articles	<u>90,388</u>
	1,903,407

TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS 1,145,177

Appropriations	1,903,407
Less: Revenues	1,145,177
Less: Shared Revenues	13,079
Add: Overlay	149,765
Add: War Service Credits	18,000
Net Town Appropriation	912,916
Net School Appropriation	4,268,372
County Tax Assessment	206,126

ALLOCATION OF TAX DOLLAR

Town	School	County
4.30	20.09	.97
1997 Tax Rate		\$25.36
1996 Tax Rate		\$24.20

1997 COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	APPROPRIATION	EXPENDITURE
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>		
BOARD OF SELECTMEN	3,900	3,800
TOWN ADMINISTRATION	117,903	107,655
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR	51,714	50,149
TOWN MEETING/ELECTIONS	4,300	4,949
MBC	1,075	653
DATA PROCESSING	9,495	7,063
REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	36,000	31,850
LEGAL EXPENSE	13,000	6,867
TOWN FICA/MEDI	31,500	24,416
PLANNING BOARD	15,265	12,355
ZONING BOARD	1,200	3,047
GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS	79,028	73,311
TOWN HALL	7,075	2,831
CEMETERIES	9,100	9,322
INSURANCE	105,000	86,904
ADVERTISING/REGIONAL DUES	1,200	1,254
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>		
POLICE DEPARTMENT	197,330	194,563
AMBULANCE	3,000	3,000
FIRE DEPARTMENT	24,637	26,054
RESCUE SQUAD	10,983	8,076
FOREST FIRES/WATER HOLES	5,000	2,213
BUILDING INSPECTION	11,408	8,462
HIGHWAY SAFETY	1,750	1,580
<u>HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</u>		
HIGHWAY - WINTER	138,570	145,660
HIGHWAY - SUMMER	88,184	86,363
ROAD SURFACING	80,001	55,526
ROAD RECONSTRUCTION	116,001	210,452
GRAVEL ROADS	21,984	29,993
BRIDGES AND RAILING	1,500	0
<u>SANITATION</u>		
TRANSFER STATION	157,453	165,785
<u>HEALTH</u>		
ANIMAL CONTROL	5,274	7,442
HEALTH DEPARTMENT	16,713	16,683
<u>WELFARE</u>		
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	24,000	2,439
<u>CULTURE AND RECREATION</u>		
RECREATION	65,945	4,110
VEASEY PARK	14,195	12,148
LIBRARY	31,086	29,835
MEMORIAL DAY	250	250
OLD HOME DAY	1,000	785
<u>CONSERVATION</u>		
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	5,225	5,225

DEBT SERVICE

LONG TERM - PRINCIPAL	190,000	190,000
LONG TERM - INTEREST	88,900	88,900
TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE	3,000	0
TRANSFER OF FUNDS	0	14,911
PAYMENT TO THE STATE	0	2,443

CAPITAL OUTLAY

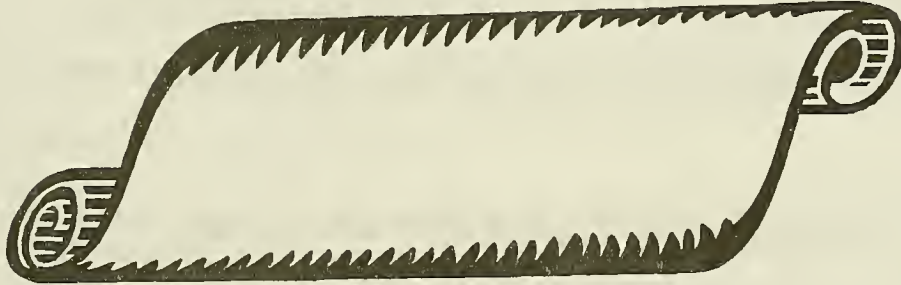
FIRE TRUCK/LEASE PURCHASE	22,875	22,875
WARRANT ARTICLES	90,388	31,454

Current Deerfield net debt shown by year		1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Year		1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Fire truck												
Net F. TRUCK	\$22,875.00	\$22,875.00	\$22,875.00	XXXXXXX								
PSNH												
Net PSNH	\$111,262.50	\$105,187.50	\$99,112.50	\$93,037.50	XXXXXXX							
Landfill												
Net LANDFILL	\$130,135.23	\$125,289.97	\$120,444.71	\$115,599.44	\$110,754.18	\$105,908.92	\$101,063.66	\$96,218.36	\$91,373.13	XXXXXXXXXX		
School Bldg.												
Net BUILDING	\$321,115.00	\$300,115.00	\$279,115.00	\$258,115.00	\$237,115.00	\$216,115.00	XXXXXXXXXX					
Net outlay after grants	\$585,387.73	\$553,467.47	\$521,547.21	\$466,751.94	\$347,869.18	\$322,023.92	\$101,063.66	\$96,218.36	\$91,373.13			
Decline from previous year		\$31,920.26	\$31,920.26	\$54,795.27	\$118,882.76	\$25,845.26	\$220,960.26	\$4,845.30	\$4,845.23			

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTIES

Map & Lot	Description	Acres	Value
6-67	Dowst-Cate Town Forest - Nottingham Rd	110.3	226,800
2-11	Wells Lot - Mt. Delight Rd	80	47,200
4-70	McNeil Woods - Blakes Hill Rd	65	66,400
7-150	Lindsay Conservation Area - Raymond Rd	51	49,000
7-150-B	Athletic Field	4.42	56,100
8-131	Arthur Chase Land - Mt. Delight Rd	37.3	62,300
9-100	Alvah Chase Land - Ridge Rd	30	38,700
13-41-T	Sanitary Landfill - Brown Rd	36.78	136,100
4-84	Susan Yeaton Land - Northwood Town Line Pleasant Lake Dam land, flowage rights	16	10,900
1-17-TT	Clark Land - Pleasant Hill	9-8	6,800
6-61-T	Brower Land - Mountain Rd	9.32	40,900
7-50	Levesque Land - Mountain Rd	7	39,000
7-52-T	DeVries Land - Mountain Rd	4.2	3,200
1-26-T	Veasey Park - Pleasant Lake	5.95	137,500
1-58	Jarius Page Land - Off Griffin Rd	3	2,300
13-8-T	O'Neal Land - Tandy Rd	2.8	31,100
4-15	Freese Land - Gravel Bank - Freeses Pond	2.5	33,400
7-93	Daniel Stevens Land - North Rd	4.6	41,600
12-92	Mills Land - Lamprey River	1	8,000
5-13	Tuttle Land - Woodman Rd	1.5	29,000
12-	Maynard-Philbrick Land - JCT 107&43	2	
12-62-T	Dearborn Land - Candia Rd	.3	26,400
4A-133	Richard Land - Freeses Pond	.5	17,300
4-87	Witham Land - Freeses Pond	.5	29,000
4A-203	Kenney Land - Freeses Pond	.5	15,800
7-118	Town Hall Lot & Building Highway Building - Old Center Rd	2	421,700
7-116	Fire Station - Old Center Rd		269,300
7-115	Soldiers Memorial Lot & Bldg. - Old Center Rd		148,500
11-36-A	South side Fire Station Lot & Bldg. - Birch Rd	.75	105,000
7-36-A	Academy Lot (Joseph Mills) - Nottingham Rd	34'x49.5'	2,300
7-151-J	Flanders Land - Candia Rd	13.57	9,400
7-151-K	Flanders Land - Candia Rd - Tannery site	.25	23,200
7-36	Parade cemetery (Joseph Mills) - Nottingham Rd	.5	31,800
9-6	Mt. delight Poor Farm Cemetery		
9-34	John Sanborn Cemetery		
8-51	Land around Haynes cemetery	20' wide	
7-181-T	Old Center Cemetery - Meetinghouse Hill Rd	1.2	39,100
7-131	Morrison cemetery - Raymond Rd		43,000
6-66	Cate Land - Cate & Nottingham Rd	3.5	33,500
1-47	John Doe Land - back land off Griffin Rd	30	18,900
13-49	John Doe Land - back land off Brown rd	5	7,200
9-5-A	John Doe Land - off Mt. Delight Rd	.5	200

Map & Lot	Description	Acres	Value
4B-1-1	Freeses Land	12	92,700
4B-5	Freeses land	6	53,300
4B-12	Freeses Land	2	24,600
4B-13	Freeses Land	2	24,600
4B-29	Freeses Land		4,500
7-129	GBW Building	5	533,900
7-151-B	Land across from GBW Building	2	43,800
8-82-A	Fowler Land - off Ridge Rd	8	5,500
8-83-H	Miller Land - Ridge Rd	10	30,200
8-83-I	Miller Land - Ridge R	8	2,600
8-83-G	Miller Land - Ridge Rd	12	31,000
4A-3A	Witham Land - Penn Avenue	6,092sf	16,000
1-15-2	Hart Land - Griffin Rd	71	112,700
3-74	Holiskey Land - Babb Rd	4	32,000
7-58-A-2	Chase Manhattan Bank	3.19	34,000



SCENIC ROADS

1. MEETINGHOUSE HILL ROAD (From Rt. 107 to Old Centre Road)

Article 22 of Town Meeting Warrant voted on March 12, 1974 which was an adjourned meeting from March 5, 1974.

2. WHITTIER ROAD (From Griffin Road to Dead End)

Article 23 of Town Meeting Warrant voted on March 12, 1974 which was an adjourned meeting from March 5, 1974.

3. PERRY ROAD (From Nottingham Road to Cate Road)

Article 14 of Town Meeting Warrant voted on March 4, 1975.

4. MOUNTAIN AVENUE - NOW KNOWN AS HARVEY ROAD

Article 20 of Town Meeting Warrant voted on March 4, 1978.

5. CATE ROAD, BEAN ROAD & COFFEETOWN ROAD

Article 15 of Town Meeting Warrant voted on March 14, 1992

6. CANDIA ROAD & COLE ROAD

Article 28 of Town Meeting Warrant voted on March 13, 1993.
RE: Candia Road - amended to add "a portion of Candia Road between Old Centre Road and Middle Road

7. GULF ROAD

Article 23 of Town Meeting Warrant voted on March 16, 1996.

PLODZIK & SANDERSON

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

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

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Deerfield as of and for the year ended December 31, 1996. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements 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.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Deerfield has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

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 Deerfield, as of December 31, 1996, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its 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 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 Deerfield. 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.

*Town of Deerfield
Independent Auditor's Report on Financial Presentation*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated February 27, 1997 on our consideration of the Town of Deerfield's internal control structure and a report dated February 27, 1997 on its compliance with laws and regulations.

February 27, 1997

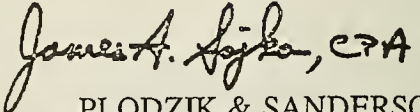

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Professional Association

EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Types and Account Group
December 31, 1996

<u>ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS</u>	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>	<u>Fiduciary Fund Types</u>	<u>Account Group</u>	<u>Total (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Trust and Agency</u>	<u>General Long-Term Debt</u>
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 2,094,768	\$ 86,448	\$ 42,921	\$ 2,224,137
Investments	3,135	73,545	231,115	307,795
<u>Receivables (Net of Allowances For Uncollectibles)</u>				
Taxes	733,671			733,671
Intergovernmental	2,226			2,226
Interfund Receivable	7,041	1,287	4,247	12,575
<u>Other Debits</u>				
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt				2,013,185
				<u>2,013,185</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	 <u>\$ 2,840,841</u>	 <u>\$ 161,280</u>	 <u>\$ 278,283</u>	 <u>\$ 2,013,185</u>
				<u>\$ 5,293,589</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</u>				
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Accounts Payable	\$ 3,000	\$	\$ 280	\$ 3,280
Accrued Payroll and Benefits	150			150
Intergovernmental Payable	2,085,196		7,719	2,092,915
Interfund Payable	4,247		8,328	12,575
Escrow and Performance Deposits			20,185	20,185
General Obligation Debt Payable				1,450,000
Capital Leases Payable				80,185
Postclosure Landfill Costs Payable				483,000
Total Liabilities	<u>2,092,593</u>		<u>36,512</u>	<u>2,013,185</u>
				<u>4,142,290</u>
<u>Equity</u>				
<u>Fund Balances</u>				
Reserved For Endowments			146,297	146,297
Reserved For Encumbrances	39,557			39,557
Reserved For Special Purposes			95,474	95,474
<u>Unreserved</u>				
Designated For Special Purposes		161,280		161,280
Undesignated	708,691			708,691
Total Equity	<u>748,248</u>	<u>161,280</u>	<u>241,771</u>	<u>1,151,299</u>
				<u>1,151,299</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	 <u>\$ 2,840,841</u>	 <u>\$ 161,280</u>	 <u>\$ 278,283</u>	 <u>\$ 2,013,185</u>
				<u>\$ 5,293,589</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT B
TOWN OF DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			Fiduciary	Total (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Expendable Trust</u>	
<u>Revenues</u>					
Taxes	\$ 5,135,024	\$	\$	\$	\$ 5,135,024
Licenses and Permits	339,480				339,480
Intergovernmental	227,103				227,103
Charges for Services	20,033				20,033
Miscellaneous	252,292	15,615	2,491	1,995	272,393
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>					
Operating Transfers In	53,900	52,166			106,066
Proceeds of General Obligation Debt			1,000,000		1,000,000
<u>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</u>	<u>6,027,832</u>	<u>67,781</u>	<u>1,002,491</u>	<u>1,995</u>	<u>7,100,099</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>					
<u>Current</u>					
General Government	443,350				443,350
Public Safety	219,007	20,574			239,581
Highways and Streets	389,517				389,517
Sanitation	212,525				212,525
Health	16,678				16,678
Welfare	10,788				10,788
Culture and Recreation	17,624	29,601			47,225
Conservation	488	308			796
Debt Service	128,581				128,581
Capital Outlay	168,132		627,491		795,623
Intergovernmental	4,268,815				4,268,815
<u>Other Financing Uses</u>					
Operating Transfers Out	48,747	8,675		38,184	95,606
<u>Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	<u>5,924,252</u>	<u>59,158</u>	<u>627,491</u>	<u>38,184</u>	<u>6,649,085</u>
<u>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>					
	103,580	8,623	375,000	(36,189)	451,014
<u>Fund Balances (Deficit) - January 1</u>	<u>644,668</u>	<u>152,657</u>	<u>(375,000)</u>	<u>56,461</u>	<u>478,786</u>
<u>Fund Balances - December 31</u>	<u>\$ 748,248</u>	<u>\$ 161,280</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 20,272</u>	<u>\$ 929,800</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 1996

Long-term debt payable at December 31, 1996, is comprised of the following individual issues:

<u>Description of Issue</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Interest Rate %</u>	<u>Outstanding at 12/31/96</u>
<u>General Long-Term Debt Account Group</u>					
<u>General Obligation Debt Payable</u>					
Public Service Company -					
Abatement Bond	\$925,000	1990	2001	6.750	\$ 450,000
Landfill Closure Bonds	\$1,000,000	1996	2006	5.625	1,000,000
<u>Capital Lease Payable - Fire Truck</u>	\$130,000	1994	2000		80,185
<u>Accrued Landfill Postclosure Care Costs</u>					<u>483,000</u>
<u>Total General Long-Term Debt Account Group</u>					<u>\$ 2,013,185</u>

Annual Requirements To Amortize Governmental Fund Debt

The annual requirements to amortize all general obligation debt outstanding as of December 31, 1996, including interest payments, are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Governmental Fund Debt</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
1997	\$ 190,000	\$ 88,901	\$ 278,901
1998	190,000	71,887	261,887
1999	190,000	60,188	250,188
2000	190,000	48,487	238,487
2001	190,000	36,787	226,787
2002-2006	<u>500,000</u>	<u>84,375</u>	<u>584,375</u>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$ 1,450,000</u>	<u>\$ 390,625</u>	<u>\$ 1,840,625</u>

Annual Requirements to Amortize Capital Leases

<u>Fiscal Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Capital Leases</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
1997	\$ 18,465	\$ 4,410	\$ 22,875
1998	19,481	3,394	22,875
1999	20,552	2,323	22,875
2000	<u>21,687</u>	<u>1,193</u>	<u>22,880</u>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$ 80,185</u>	<u>\$ 11,320</u>	<u>\$ 91,505</u>

All debt is general obligation debt of the Town, which is backed by its full faith and credit, and all debt will be repaid from general governmental revenues.

THE TOWN OF DEERFIELD
REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK
January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997

MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS

January	\$29,433
February	24,249
March	26,597
April	43,415
May	31,728
June	31,871
July	27,890
August	30,720
September	28,133
October	25,430
November	27,139
December	33,434
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE REVENUE	\$360,039

OTHER REVENUES

Dog Licenses Issued	\$4,020.00
Dog Penalties	151.50
Titles	1,564.00
Copies	43.25
UCC's	1,567.63
Federal Tax Lien	75.00
Certified Copies-Death	414.00
Certified Copies-Marriage	78.00
Marriage Licenses	900.00
Election	5.00
Bad Check Fees	245.00
Dredge & Fill Permits	75.79
Voter Cards	27.00
Municipal Agent Fees	7,972.00
Overpayments	27.50
Pole Petition	40.00
Articles of Agreement	35.00
State Tax Lien	15.00
TOTAL OTHER REVENUES	\$17,255.67
REMITTANCE TO THE TREASURER	\$377,294.67

Respectfully Submitted,
Cynthia E. Heon
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

Year Ending December 31, 1997

	Debits			
	Tax Lien Levies of			
	1996	1995	1994	1993-1991
Unredeemed Taxes 1/1/97		\$163,052.63	\$93,475.20	\$12,854.94
Liens Executed				
During Fiscal Year	\$200,521.26			
Interest & Costs Collected				
After Lien Execution	3,345.76	17,343.49	28,202.38	4,774.07
Overpayment				
 Total Debit	 \$203,867.02	 180,396.12	 \$121,677.58	 \$17,629.01
	Credits			
Remittance to Treasurer				
Redemption's	\$55,956.02	\$98,516.13	\$88,678.65	8,393.09
Interest & Costs Collected				
After Lien Execution	3,345.76	17,343.49	28,202.38	4,774.07
Abatements of Unredeemed	4,868.49	1,345.04	1,267.23	562.33
Unredeemed Taxes as of				
12/31/97	139,696.75	63,191.46	3,529.32*	3,899.52**
 Total Credits	 \$203,867.02	 \$180,396.12	 \$121,677.58	 \$17,629.01

* Deeding 1/98 Pending Re-notification

** Bankruptcy

Cynthia E. Heon
Town Clerk / Tax Collector

TOWN OF DEERFIELD
REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997

Debits

	Levies of			
	1997	1996	1995	1994-1993
Uncollected Taxes 1/1/97				
Property Taxes		\$596,858.32	-0-	\$10,174.00
Land Use Change		6,920.00		
Yield Taxes		336.12		
Taxes Committed to Collector				
Property Taxes	\$5,369,438.00			
Land Use Change	34,780.00			
Yield Taxes	9,770.61			
Overpayments				
Property Taxes	1,515.00	812.85		
Interest Collected on				
Delinquent Taxes	6,839.83	44,953.01		1,742.99
Total Debits	\$5,422,343.44	\$649,880.30	-0-	\$11,916.99

Credits

Remitted to Treasurer				
Property Taxes	4,681,699.80	\$423,849.30	-0-	5,853.00
Land Use Change	23,770.00	3,530.00		
Yield Taxes	8,297.08	38.70		
Interest on Taxes	6,839.83	44,953.01		1,742.99
Conversion to Lien		176,935.29		
Abatements Allowed				
Property Taxes	5,770.00	574.00		
Uncollected Taxes 12/31/97				
Property Taxes	683,483.20	-0-	-0-	4,321.00*
Land Use Change	11,010.00			
Yield Taxes	1,473.53			
Total Credits	\$5,422,343.44	\$649,880.30	-0-	\$11,916.99

* Bankruptcy

Cynthia E. Heon
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on Hand January 1, 1997		2,094,568.37
Receipts from Town Clerk	377,294.67	
Receipts from Tax Collector	5,484,869.01	
Receipts from Selectmen	485,580.95	
Other Receipts	3,270,514.47	
Total Cash Available		11,712,827.47
Less Payments Approved by Selectmen	6,005,535.04	
Transfer to NHPDIP	2,309,501.13	
Bank Charges, Wire Transfer Fees	269.25	
Transfer to BNH CD	3,125,000.00	
Checking Account Balance December 31, 1997		272,522.05

TREASURER'S REPORT

SUMMARY REPORT

1/1/97 - 12/31/97

Category Description

1/1/97 - 12/31/97

Income

CD 1,365,000.00

Interest Income:

CD BNH 25,282.52

CD Off Site 712.68

NOW 1,285.54

Off Site Saving 38,892.16

NHPDIP 53,622.90

Total Interest Income 119,795.80

Off Site CD BNH 73,552.86

Other Receipts

1996 Checks Voided 88.06

CO Driveway Accounts 7,839.94

NHPDIP-Off Site 26,682.67

Road Bonds 2,500.00

Teen Center Phone 55.14

Total Other Receipts 37,165.81

From Selectmen:

Accident Reports 220.00

Applications 320.00

Auburn Court 1820.00

Bad Check Fees 26.00

Bicentennial Books 7.00

Building Inspector:

Building Permits 8,377.50

Total Building Inspector 8,377.50

BMSI Class Refund 35.00

Cable 7,112.00

Cemetery:

Lots 2,500.00

Total Cemetery 2,500.00

CFNH

Return 35,207.86

Total CFNH 35,207.86

Copies 414.60

CU-Filing Fee 132.00

Dog 1,175.00

Driveway:

Bond 1,000.00

Permit 1,490.00

Total Driveway 2,490.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

SUMMARY REPORT

1/1/97 - 12/31/97

Category Description

1/1/97 - 12/31/97

DCS Phone Reimbursement	7,283.33
ECO-Smith	709.11
Education Grant	864.30
Fast Cop	49,835.74
Fax	10.00
FI. Reimbursement	1,247.00
Forest 1996	3,743.11
GA PY-97-08	384.10
Impact Booklet	16.00
Landfill Close	32,904.62
Lot Line Adj.	543.00
Lucent Technology	117.86
Misc. Ad Costs	2.32
NET	96.00
NHMA A	118.29
NHMA Prop-Lia	58.00
NHMA Prop-Liab	7,908.89
PD Det.	114.00
Police:	
Class Act. Sett.	57.16
Detail-Fair	2,310.00
Insurance Copies	150.00
Liability Insurance	3,318.14
Pistol Permits	50.00
Police Reports	<u>885.00</u>
Total Police	6,770.30
Postage	20.64
Property Owners List	42.50
Property Index	37.50
Rent	53,317.92
Rooms & Meals Tax	35,706.74
Road Bond	1,500.00
Site Plan Review Regulation	253.00
South Rd. Reconstruction	26,632.07
State of NH:	
Highway Block Grant	112,337.33
Highway Reimbursement	2,987.50
Revenue Sharing	43,790.36
Supplemental Highway Block Grant	<u>23,134.25</u>
Total State of NH	182,249.44

TREASURER'S REPORT

SUMMARY REPORT

1/1/97 - 12/31/97

Category Description

1/1/97 - 12/31/97

Subdivision:

Fees	3,182.00
Regulations	<u>88.70</u>
Total Subdivision	3,270.70
Tax Copies	8.00
Tax Maps	.25
Town Hall:	
Art's Festival	100.00
Dances	310.50
Restoration	<u>155.00</u>
Total Town Hall	565.50
Town Maps	44.75
Trail Books	48.00
TT Funds:	
Carter Fund	<u>61.67</u>
Total TT Funds	61.67
TT Cemetery	7,041.00
TT Det	95.00
US Treasury	744.95
Variance Fees	342.50
Witness Fees	824.89
Zoning Book	39.00
Zoning Ordinance	172.00
Total from Selectmen	485,580.95

From Tax Collector:

1991 Tax Lien R:	
Interest	1,644.63
Principal	<u>2,066.52</u>
Total 1991 Tax Lien R	3,711.15
1992 Tax Lien R:	
Cost	18.81
Interest	1,250.74
Principal	<u>3,407.31</u>
Total 1992 Tax Lien R	4,676.86
1993 Interest	531.19
1993 Property Tax	1,905.00
1993 Tax Lien R:	
Cost	37.31
Interest	1,822.58
Principal	<u>2,919.26</u>
Total 1993 Tax Lien R	4,779.15
1994 Interest	1,211.80
1994 Property Tax	3,948.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

SUMMARY REPORT

1/1/97 - 12/31/97

Category Description

1/1/97 - 12/31/97

1994 Tax Lien R:

Cost	999.42
DC	117.00
Interest	27,085.96
Principal	<u>88,678.65</u>

Total 1994 Tax Lien R

116,881.03

1995 Tax Lien R:

Cost	1,277.98
Interest	16,065.51
Principal	<u>98,516.13</u>

Total 1995 Tax Lien R

115,859.62

1996 Interest

23,167.90

1996 Property Tax

423,849.30

1996 Tax Lien R:

Cost	830.25
Interest	2,515.51
Principal	<u>55,956.02</u>

Total 1996 Tax Lien R

59,301.78

1996 Tax Lien C.

488.00

1996 Yield Interest

7.29

1996 Yield Tax

38.70

1996 Current Use

3,530.00

1996 Current Use Fee

15.00

1996 Current Use Interest

310.53

1997 Current Use

23,770.00

1997 Current Use Fee

96.32

1997 Current Use Interest

334.05

1997 Interest

6,372.71

1997 Property Tax

4,681,699.80

1997 Yield Tax

8,297.08

Bad Check

75.00

Copies

11.75

Total from Tax Collector

5,484,869.01

Tax Rev. Acct.

1,675,000.00

From Town Clerk:

Articles of Agr.	35.00
Bad Checks	245.00
CC Marriage	78.00
CC Death Cert.	414.00
Copies	43.25
Dog Fines	151.50
Dog Licenses	4,020.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

SUMMARY REPORT

1/1/97 - 12/31/97

Category Description	1/1/97 - 12/31/97
Dredge & Fill	75.79
Elections	5.00
Fed. Tax Lien	75.00
MAF	7,972.00
Marriage Licenses	900.00
Overpayment	27.50
Pole Petition	40.00
State Tax Lien	15.00
Titles	1,564.00
UCC	1,567.63
Vehicle Permits	360,039.00
Voter Cards	27.00
Total Town Clerk	377,294.67
TOTAL INCOME	9,618,259.10

TREASURER'S REPORT

Other Town Accounts

Impact Fees	6,499.90
Forest Maintenance Fund	1,258.44
Conservation Commission	16,428.28
Road Bond / Driveway	4,276.34
Teen Center	2,547.92
Cottonwood Estates Subdivision	5,314.15
Middle Road Subdivision	761.17
Road Bond / Brown	563.93
Road Bond / Rollins	563.93
Off Site Account BNH	10,953.40
Security Deposit State Property	2,101.37
NHPDIP - Tax Revenue	561,125.25
NHPDIP - Off Site	46,879.23
CD-BNH - Tax Revenue	1,760,219.86
Pistol Permits	355.58

Cynthia E. Tomilson, Treasurer

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

EXECUTIVE

Selectmen	3,200.00
Treasurer	<u>600.00</u>
	3,800.00

TOWN ADMINISTRATION

Full Time Employee	65,405.53
Seminars/Meetings	1,058.04
Reimbursement	0
Auditing Services	6,460.00
Legal Notices	662.94
Telephone	12,349.12
Registry Recordings	942.31
Maintenance Agreement	1,181.50
Meter Rental	1,007.16
Town Report	3,350.00
Mileage	61.33
Microfilm/Record Retention	39.42
Heritage Committee	217.44
Supplies	4,159.41
Copy Service	23.20
Postage	5,771.84
Vehicle Expenses	512.65
Books & Periodicals	842.35
Miscellaneous	824.90
Office Equipment	2035.94
Contingency	<u>749.85</u>
	107,654.93

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Full Time Employee	45,649.96
Overtime	995.92
Dues	50.00
Mileage	96.26
Tax Search	1,734.40

Microfilm/Record Retention	1,335.00
Books & Periodicals	287.75
Miscellaneous	<u>0</u>
	50,149.29

TOWN MEETING/ELECTIONS

Moderator	124.25
Assistant Moderator	174.56

Supervisors of Checklist	438.00
Ballot Clerks	460.75
Ballot Counters	684.00
Election Assistant	1,076.39
Legal Notices/Services	810.06
Sound System	338.00
Ballots	604.35
Supplies	<u>238.63</u>
	4,948.99

MBC

Part Time Employee	652.53
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DATA PROCESSING

Training/Seminars	541.61
Software Upgrades	0
Lease Payments	3,651.60
Supplies	1,883.96
Hardware Upgrades	<u>986.00</u>
	7,063.17

REVALUATION OF PROPERTY

Contract Appraiser	31,849.84
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LEGAL EXPENSE

Town Attorney	6,867.17
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TOWN FICA/MEDI

Fica	18,067.14
Medi	<u>6,348.85</u>
	24,415.99

PLANNING BOARD

Part Time Employee	4,635.76
Seminars/Meetings	12.00
Refunds/Reimbursement	0
Engineering Reviews	223.28
Consultants	981.00
Legal Services	1,185.75
Legal Notices	517.00
Registry Recordings	442.00
Printing	302.40
Dues & Subscriptions	2,661.00
Mileage	127.05
Supplies	39.99

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Postage	645.43	Contractors	7,829.00
Books & Periodicals	122.70	Supplies	<u>93.34</u>
Miscellaneous	<u>460.00</u>		9,322.34
	12,355.36		
<u>ZONING BOARD</u>			
Part Time Employee	639.28	<u>INSURANCE</u>	
Training/Seminars	0	Health Insurance	21,130.94
Legal Services	1,547.00	Unemployment Tax	2,446.02
Legal Notices	419.20	Worker's Compensation	20,926.91
PO Box Rental	13.00	Property & Liability	35,851.00
Printing	49.88	Deductibles	<u>6,548.63</u>
Supplies	50.00		86,903.50
Postage	<u>328.97</u>	<u>ADVERTISING/REGIONAL ASSOCIATION</u>	
	3,047.33	NHMA Dues	1,253.60
<u>GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS</u>			
Part Time Employee	16,353.04	<u>POLICE DEPARTMENT</u>	
Legal Notices	130.32	Full Time Employee	157,458.74
Service Calls	443.88	Part Time Employee	1,962.21
Contract	3,173.88	Overtime	4,201.45
Electricity	24,582.47	NH Retirement	4,809.41
Heating Oil	7,334.12	Training/Seminars	1,903.00
Rubbish Collection	3,453.84	Reimbursement	86.96
Repairs & Maintenance	1,547.09	Telephone/Fax	2,287.48
Maintenance	1,092.79	Uniforms	1,583.48
Repairs	5,232.45	Ammunition/Firearms	644.85
Nat'l Preservation Trust	90.00	Contract	676.21
Mileage	66.00	Vehicle Maint. & Repairs	3,810.53
Supplies	2,388.27	Maintenance Agreement	235.06
Miscellaneous	1,060.69	Dues	278.00
Capital Improvements	4,671.48	Supplies	1,954.05
Tools/Equipment	22.45	Postage	393.75
Water Testing	<u>1,668.00</u>	Gasoline	4,362.49
	73,310.77	Equipment(non-electronics)	543.30
<u>TOWN HALL</u>			
Telephone	277.05	Books & Periodicals	1,248.57
Heating Oil	1,284.42	Miscellaneous	1,005.84
Maintenance	16.51	Equipment(electronics)	2,885.22
Restoration	<u>1,253.22</u>	Special Detail	<u>2,232.82</u>
	2,831.20		194,563.42
<u>CEMETERIES</u>			
Superintendent	1,400.00	<u>AMBULANCE</u>	
		Contract	3,000.00
<u>FIRE DEPARTMENT</u>			
		Telephone	1,153.89
		Electricity	2,618.32

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Heating Oil	1,612.19	Electricity	1,258.46
Vehicle Fuel	224.73	Heating Oil	840.38
Miscellaneous	93.50	Vehicle Maint./Repairs	2,357.97
Appropriation	<u>20,351.00</u>	Mileage	0
	26,053.63	Supplies	646.54
<u>RESCUE SQUAD</u>		Oxygen/Acetylene	321.96
Training/Seminars	2,188.60	Vehicle Fuel	4,951.69
Immunizations	77.72	Salt	18,450.05
Equipment Maintenance	1,409.41	Sand	13,757.58
Supplies	1,651.04	Bldg. Maint. & Repairs	186.47
Postage	0	Cold Mix	1,993.55
Equipment	<u>2,748.86</u>	Tires	1,482.00
	8,075.63	Blades	295.70
		Parts	1,645.89
		Miscellaneous	<u>3,931.72</u>
<u>FOREST FIRES/WATER HOLES</u>			145,659.61
Training	0	<u>HIGHWAY - SUMMER</u>	
Forest Fires	548.86	Full Time Employee	38,384.79
Water Holes	<u>1,664.05</u>	Part Time Employee	0
	2,212.91	Overtime	1,240.13
		Legal Notices	533.00
<u>BUILDING INSPECTION</u>		Blasting	500.00
Part Time Employee	6,481.50	Mowing Contract	3,962.00
Training/Seminars	0	Contract	29,207.50
Legal Services	861.00	Vehicle Maint./Repairs	1,037.31
Legal Notices	119.58	Supplies	2,464.06
Contract	201.25	Gravel	0
Dues & Subscriptions	271.78	Cold Mix	5,682.38
Mileage	438.10	Grease/Oil	561.88
Supplies	<u>88.65</u>	Signs	0
	8,461.86	Culverts	1,365.52
		Parts	65.67
<u>HIGHWAY SAFETY</u>		Miscellaneous	<u>1,358.56</u>
Emergency Management	603.66		86,362.80
Postage	15.00		
Equipment	<u>961.34</u>	<u>ROAD SURFACING</u>	
	1,580.00	Resurfacing	55,525.78
		Tarring	0
<u>HIGHWAY - WINTER</u>			55,525.78
Full Time Employee	37,807.08		
Part Time Employee	1,782.50		
Overtime	1,182.33		
Telephone	369.98		
Service Calls	0		
Contract	<u>52,397.76</u>		

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Surveys	3,282.50
Blasting	0
Contract	7,776.35
Material	1,962.09
Hot Top	0
South Road Reconstruction	<u>197,430.88</u>
	210,451.82

GRAVEL ROADS

Gravel (processed)	29,993.44
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BRIDGES AND RAILINGS

Supplies/Materials	<u>0</u>
	0.00

TRANSFER STATION

CMA Invoices	10,911.00
Part Time Employee	20,903.39
Training/Seminars	140.00
Engineering	16,803.80
Legal Services	0
Legal Notices	531.39
Telephone	411.87
Testing	1,054.09
Contract	1,889.15
Electricity	1,087.60
Disposal/Solid Waste	103,976.74
Disposal/Refrigerators	476.68
Disposal/Recyclables	4,510.04
Disposal/Tires	0
Disposal/Oil	282.50
Maintenance & Repairs	525.23
Mowing	326.79
Dues & Subscriptions	188.76
Mileage	35.09
Supplies	1,075.80
Miscellaneous	294.76
Heavy Equipment Contract	<u>360.00</u>
	165,784.68

ANIMAL CONTROL

Part Time Employee	4,598.34
Legal Notices	0

Veterinary Services	586.00
Contract	2,211.11
Mileage	10.26
Supplies	36.72
Meetings	<u>0</u>
	7,442.43

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Physicals	470.00
Appropriation	<u>16,213.00</u>
	16,683.00

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Appropriation	2,439.33
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PARKS AND RECREATION

Contract	3,384.60
Electricity	250.13
Supplies	<u>474.78</u>
	4,109.51

VEASEY PARK

Part Time Employee	10,069.51
Legal Notices	0
Telephone	407.78
Contract	761.61
Electric	71.20
Rubbish Collection	153.24
Repairs	140.49
Supplies	<u>544.11</u>
	12,147.94

LIBRARY

Part Time Employee	16,148.57
Telephone	481.37
Electric	600.00
Heating Oil	961.42
Maint. & Repair	93.41
Equipment Maintenance	200.00
Humanities	350.00
Supplies	500.00
Books	7,500.00
Equipment	<u>3,000.00</u>
	29,834.77

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

<u>MEMORIAL DAY</u>	250.00	<u>TAXES PAID TO COUNTY</u>	210,375.00
<u>OLD HOME DAY</u>	785.30	<u>PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL</u>	
		96-97 Appropriations	2,165,196.00
<u>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u>		97-98 Appropriations	1,869,000.00
Legal Services	119.00		
Dues	200.00		
Supplies	281.77		
Postage	74.53		
Meetings	50.00		
Conservation Comm. Projects	4,000.00		
Land	<u>500.00</u>		
	5,225.30		
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>			
Long Term - Principal	190,000.00		
Long Term - Interest	88,900.00		
Tax Anticipation Note	0		
Transfer of Funds	14,911.02		
Payment to State	<u>2,443.00</u>		
	296,254.02		
<u>CAPITAL OUTLAY</u>			
Fire Truck/Lease Purchase	22,875.00		
<u>WARRANT ARTICLES</u>			
Art #1 GBW/Renovations	11,366.98		
Art #2 TH/Renovations	5,952.00		
Art #3 Hwy/Reconstruct RDS	0		
Art #4 Traffic Safety	985.20		
Art #5 Bicycle Safety Prog.	0		
Art #6 PD/Software, Computer	0		
Art #7 PD/Recon Radar Unit	1,075.00		
Art #8 PD/Cruiser Video Cm	4,200.00		
Art #9 Emergency Services	375.20		
Art #10 Town Employee Raise			
Expended Under Line Items			
Art #11 Bicentennial Field	1,000.00		
Art #12 Northwood Lake	1,500.00		
Art #13 Dowst-Cate Forest	0		
Art #14 FD/Replace Tank	<u>5,000.00</u>		
	31,454.38		
<u>ABATEMENTS/REFUNDS</u>	17,531.80		

TOWN EMPLOYEE ROSTER

James T. Alexander, Selectmen	800.00
Joseph V. Arsenault, Landfill/ACO	7,612.56
Danielle A. Asselin, Veasey Park	2631.00
Suzanne M. Barss, Office Assistant	12,380.80
Aimee B. Bioteau, Veasey Park	2,720.75
Frank G. Bioteau, Selectmen	600.00
Jane Boucher, Planning Board Secretary	4,635.76
Donna T. Cisewski, Office Assistant	21,493.77
Samuel S. Coco, Library Custodian	2,851.95
Deborah A. Cole, Office Assistant	3,531.76
Evelyn F. Cronyn, Librarian	14,095.52
Lissa Dorfman, Building Inspector/Health Officer	1,721.50
Eugene T. Edwards, Sr., Transfer Station Manager	4,152.00
Donald Evans, Part-time ACO	4,013.38
Jeanette L. Foisy, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector	22,915.49
Bruce C. Graham, Part-time Police Officer	539.55
Laura C. Guinan, Library	808.22
Amanda L. Hamilton, Veasey Park	1,440.00
Cynthia E. Heon, Town Clerk/Tax Collector	27,103.68
Catherine Hillner, Police Secretary	16,088.15
Benjamin R. Jean, Full-time Police Officer	27,957.78
Donald Kirlis, Full-time Police Officer	26,286.31
Andrea Lajoie, Office Assistant	19,488.09
Glenda J. Lloyd, Police Secretary	1,343.00
Richard J. Mailhot, Sr., Selectmen	600.00
Leonard D. Mandigo, Transfer Station Attendant	6,340.50
Wendy Margelot, Overseer of Welfare	800.00
Richard A. McLaughlin, Part-time Police Officer	237.60
Daniel B. O'Donnell, Building Inspector/Health Officer	4,466.00
Steven T. Piwowarczyk, Full-time Highway	23,373.59
Barbara Raymond, Part-time ACO	584.96
Sonia P. Rogers, Planning Board/Zoning Board Secretary	639.28
Robert B. Sanborn, Selectmen	600.00
Donald F. Smith, Selectmen	600.00
Herbert C. Smith, Jr., Full-time Highway	360.81
Mark Southmayd, Part-time Landfill	2,639.93
Joseph E. Stone, Highway Administrative Assistant	1,782.50
Richard C. Taylor, Part-time Police Officer	1,353.75
Mark A. Tibbetts, Part-time Custodian	13,380.83
Cynthia E. Tomilson, Treasurer	600.00
James R. Tomilson, Full-time Police Officer	29,576.63
David Towle, Veasey Park	3,277.76
Steven J. Turner, Full-time Police Officer	29,630.61
David P. Twombly, Highway Agent	28,528.00
Waldo H. Twombly, Jr., Full-time Highway	26,351.93
Beth L. Urbanowski, MBC Secretary	172.55
Jeanette E. Winslow, Library	1,626.97
Robert H. Wunderlich, Full-time Police Chief	33,000.24

ELECTION OFFICIALS

James D'Alessio, Assistant Moderator	65.31
Jonathan Hutchinson, Moderator	109.25
George W. Owen, Assistant Moderator	109.25
Roger King, Supervisor of Checklist	96.00
George A. Putnam, Supervisor of Checklist	150.00
Willis Rollins, Jr., Supervisor of Checklist	150.00
Barbara A. Daley, Ballot Clerk	99.75
Nettie M. Farr, Ballot Clerk	99.75
Jennie Owen, Ballot Clerk	61.75
Irene B. Shores, Ballot Clerk	99.75
Joanne F. Wasson, Ballot Clerk	99.75
Eleanor Ambrose, Ballot Counter	14.25
Kevin Barry, Ballot Counter	52.25
Steve Barry, Ballot Counter	38.00
Philip Bilodeau, Ballot Counter	14.25
Harriet Cady, Ballot Counter	56.25
Kevin Chalbeck, Ballot Counter	14.25
Debra Clark, Ballot Counter	52.25
George Clark, Ballot Counter	38.00
Gus Csuka, Ballot Counter	52.25
Brenda Chalbeck, Ballot Counter	14.25
Claude Daley, Ballot Counter	52.25
Charlotte Darling, Ballot Counter	14.25
Joseph Dubiansky, Ballot Counter	14.25
Richard Granger, Ballot Counter	14.25
Laura Guinan, Ballot Counter	14.25
George Keech, Ballot Counter	52.25
Thomas Linskey, Ballot Counter	14.25
Howard Maley, Ballot Counter	14.25
Amy Marquis, Ballot Counter	14.25
Joan Mountford, Ballot Counter	14.25
Louis Nephew, Ballot Counter	52.25
Jeff Shute, Ballot Counter	14.25
Ella Sawyer, Ballot Counter	52.25
Marianne Taylor, Ballot Counter	14.25
Robert VanWinkle, Ballot Counter	14.25
Alvin Upper, Ballot Counter	14.25
Karen Mailhot, Election Assistant	16.63
Ruth S. Sanborn, Election Assistant	40.38
Barbara S. Sundstrom, Election Assistant	40.38

CONTRACTORS

Averell Landscape	7,523.25
Dirt Designs	12,635.05
Gold Leaf Landscaping	805.00
Ray Heon	9,731.25
Jason Markson	4,653.00
Bruce Mayberry	780.00
Steven Piwowarczyk	693.25
George E. Sansoucy	2,999.58
Paul Smith	4,380.00
Glenn Young	13,442.90
Mark Young	20,194.60
Charles Wheeler	4,433.66
Paul Brown	3,549.00
Carl Sherblom	4,226.50
James D'Alessio	1,131.06
Keith Rollins	29,196.59
David Twombly	19,619.96
Charles Butterfield	850.00
David O'Neal	3,962.00
Nathan Pearce	2,772.50
Randy Young	2,901.40

REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF DEERFIELD, NH ON DECEMBER 31, 1997

DATE OF CREATION	DESCRIPTION OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF FUND	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			GRAND TOTAL P & I 12/31/97	
				12/31/96 BALANCE	NEW FUNDS	WITH-DRAWALS	12/31/97 BALANCE	INCOME 1997	EXPENDED 1997		12/31/97 BALANCE
5/15/77	CEMETERY LAND ACQUISITION	CAP RES	PW GOVT	\$ 6,900.00			\$ 6,900.00	\$ 863.06		\$ 11,931.82	\$ 18,831.82
				<u>\$ 6,900.00</u>			<u>\$ 6,900.00</u>	<u>\$ 863.06</u>		<u>\$ 11,931.82</u>	<u>\$ 18,831.82</u>

DESCRIPTION OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF FUND	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			GRAND TOTAL P & I 12/31/97	
			12/31/96 BALANCE	NEW FUNDS	WITH-DRAWALS	12/31/97 BALANCE	INCOME 1997	EXPENDED 1997		12/31/97 BALANCE
COMMON TRUST FUND A	CEMETERY	GNMA	\$ 21,901.08			\$ 21,901.08	\$ 4,198.12	\$ (1,355.00)	\$ 36,705.66	\$ 58,606.74
COMMON TRUST FUND B	CEMETERY	GNMA	\$ 8,078.39			\$ 8,078.39	\$ 896.87		\$ 5,338.33	\$ 13,416.72
FREEWILL BAPTIST FUND	CHURCH	GNMA	\$ 4,136.83			\$ 4,136.83	\$ 285.82	\$ (285.82)	\$ -	\$ 4,136.83
PHILBRICK FUND #1	LIBRARY	GNMA	\$ 5,675.11			\$ 5,675.11	\$ 392.10	\$ (392.10)	\$ -	\$ 5,675.11
PHILBRICK FUND #2	LIBRARY	GNMA	\$ 7,798.67			\$ 7,798.67	\$ 538.81	\$ (538.81)	\$ -	\$ 7,798.67
CROSS-SANBORN FUND	LIBRARY	GNMA	\$ 1,981.57			\$ 1,981.57	\$ 136.91	\$ (136.91)	\$ -	\$ 1,981.57
PROGRESSIVE GRANGE	SCHOLARSHIP	GNMA	\$ 1,018.15			\$ 1,018.15	\$ 152.47	\$ (100.00)	\$ 1,241.16	\$ 2,259.31
FRIENDS OF REBEKAH'S	SCHOLARSHIP	GNMA	\$ 9.24			\$ 9.24	\$ 26.04	\$ (25.00)	\$ 368.74	\$ 377.98
WRC ROOM	LIBRARY	GNMA	\$ 208.72			\$ 208.72	\$ 14.42	\$ (14.42)	\$ -	\$ 208.72
JENNESS FUND	EDUCATION	GNMA	\$ 5,134.72			\$ 5,134.72	\$ 354.76	\$ (354.76)	\$ -	\$ 5,134.72
PHILBRICK-JAMES LIBRARY FD	LIBRARY	GNMA	\$ 36,488.63			\$ 36,488.63	\$ -	\$ (2,385.10)	\$ -	\$ 36,488.63
BILL SANBORN FUND	LIBRARY	GNMA	\$ 333.72			\$ 333.72	\$ -	\$ (23.06)	\$ -	\$ 333.72
JOE CARTER MEMORIAL FUND	NEEDY	GNMA	\$ 4,584.95			\$ 4,584.95	\$ 334.13	\$ (238.33)	\$ 346.98	\$ 4,931.93
TOWN HALL RESTORATION	TOWN HALL	GNMA	\$ 1,757.79	\$ 465.50		\$ 2,223.29	\$ 161.22		\$ 736.97	\$ 2,960.26
MORRISON CEMETERY FUND	CEMETERY	GNMA	\$ 38,303.30	\$ 100.00		\$ 38,403.30	\$ 4,383.73	\$ (4,910.67)	\$ 23,538.25	\$ 61,941.55
OLD CENTRE CEMETERY FUND	CEMETERY	GNMA	\$ 16,807.84	\$ 2,400.00		\$ 19,207.84	\$ 2,111.53	\$ (3,056.67)	\$ 10,608.61	\$ 29,816.45
UNALLOCATED INCOME	CHECKBOOK	PWRMA	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 296.48	\$ (1,322.82)	\$ -	\$ -
			<u>\$ 154,218.71</u>	<u>\$ 2,965.50</u>	\$ -	<u>\$ 157,184.21</u>	<u>\$ 16,691.57</u>	<u>\$ (15,139.47)</u>	<u>\$ 78,884.70</u>	<u>\$ 236,068.91</u>

DWIGHT D. BARNES
TREASURER, TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

FINANCIAL REPORT OF PHILBRICK-JAMES LIBRARY

Balance on hand, January 1, 1997		\$8,696.02
Receipts:		
Trustees of the Trust Funds	\$2,394.83	
Cross Sanborn Fund, W. R. C. Room Fund		
Philbrick-James Funds #1 & #2	\$1,279.50	
Interest	\$97.38	
Donations, Fines, Book Receipts,		
Memorial Gifts, etc.	\$522.93	
Copier Income	\$136.00	
NH Humanities - Grant	\$787.40	
Town Funds Transferred	<u>\$12,150.00</u>	
	\$17,368.04	\$26,064.06
Expenditures:		
Supplies and Maintenance:		
Public Service of NH	\$721.15	
Office Supplies	\$709.53	
U.S. Postal Service	\$38.40	
Computer	\$2,799.97	
Repairs	\$75.00	
Programs and Personnel Expenses:		
Book Discussion Groups (Grant)	\$949.80	
Library Family Memberships:		
Currier Museum	\$40.00	
Science Enrichment Encounters	\$50.00	
N.H. Historical Society	\$30.00	
Speaker Fee	\$303.75	
NH Library Trustee Mem./Meetings	\$95.00	
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	
Books and Periodicals:		
Books	\$6,373.83	
Magazines	\$491.49	
Newspapers	\$182.00	
McNaughton Rental	\$849.66	
Video Cooperative	<u>\$160.00</u>	
	\$13,969.58	\$12,094.48
Balance on hand December 31, 1997		\$12,094.48

PHILBRICK - JAMES LIBRARY BUILDING FUND

Balance on hand, January 1, 1997	\$2,737.64
Receipts:	
Interest	\$68.58
Donations	\$35.00
Expenditures:	
None	
Balance on hand, December 31, 1997	\$2,841.22



PHILBRICK-JAMES LIBRARY REPORT

Visits to the library in 1997	7,378
Books/other materials borrowed in 1997	12,717
Registered borrowers	2,240
Books at the library in 1996	14,556
Books added in 1997	693
Books at the library in 1997	15,249

What an exciting year for the town library! In July we changed our hours to accommodate the new “full-time” status of our librarian and provide more consistent service to the public. Our new year-round hours are:

Mondays and Wednesdays 1 - 8 pm
Tuesdays 9am - 5pm
Thursdays and Fridays 1-5pm
Saturdays 9am-12 noon

This means that we are open two evenings a week, two mornings a week and every weekday afternoon from 1-5pm. We would appreciate your input concerning these changes!

Highlights of 1997:

- Free pass to NH Farm Museum in Milton in addition to others: Christa McAuliffe Planetarium and NH History Museum in Concord; Currier Art Gallery and Science Enrichment Encounters in Manchester; Shaker Village in Canterbury.
- Valentine-making activities
- “Take us to Your Readers”, the space theme for summer 1997 Reading Program, was held on Tuesday mornings in July. It was well-attended session with nine children completing the requirements for a certificate!
- Star Trek family movie night.
- Preschool Storytime returned on Tuesday at 10am with an hour of stories, songs, games and crafts geared to 3’s & 4’s
- 6th annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Caroling party

We’re still collecting food for the Deerfield Woman’s Club Food Pantry and appreciate the Campbell’s soup labels for DCS. We are a willing participant of the Christmas Wish Star program. Thanks to everyone who contributed time and talent to make the Friends of the Library fund-raisers such an overwhelming success this year! We appreciate the donation of clean current paperback titles for our collection!

There’s a world waiting to be explored at your public library!

Evelyn F. Cronyn
Librarian

DEERFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
ANNUAL REPORT 1997

The Deerfield Conservation Commission is a volunteer board with members appointed for three year terms by the Selectboard. State Law RSA 36-A calls for the establishment of Conservation Commissions for "the proper utilization and protection of natural resources and the protection of watershed resources." The Commission may also, with Selectboard approval, acquire land as conservation areas or town forests and then manage those areas.

Monitoring regulated wetland activities continue to be one of the prime concerns and duties of the Commission. In the year 1997, over 35 new applications for work done that may affect wetland areas were received and had to be reviewed. When applications are received, the members of the Commission ensure that wetland and Shoreline Protection Laws are followed. New building lots are visited, creation of ponds checked, logging operations examined and sites examined that are in violation of town and/or state wetland laws. As our town grows, this has become an increasingly large portion of Commission business.

In 1997, the work of land conservation continued. The Land Conservation Investment Program lands continue to be monitored and trails checked and marked. This is mandated by the program. The Shores Memorial Forest is nearing the completion of the easement process. Through the family's work with the Forest Society and the Conservation Commission, the land and the beautiful view from the top of the hill will be preserved. In addition, the Commission is actively working with five other families who have expressed desire to preserve their lands for future generations. We look forward to the completion of the Weiss land conservation project as well as others in 1998.

The issue of Prime Wetlands will continue to be addressed in 1998. During 1997, letters to landowners whose land abuts the important wetland areas in town were sent out. The Commission is endeavoring to supply all the information possible so that residents will be able to make an informed decision about its wetlands as the town grows. Currently, the wetland areas of the Black Gum Swamp, Adam's Hill, Curry Marsh and Foss Meadows have been identified as four of the most significant areas which have impact on the town.

The Conservation Commission has continued to work with the other town boards in developing a Master Plan. The Commission meets with the Selectboard two times a year as well as other boards when the need arises.

New appointee to the Commission this year was Nick Karakoudas.

All the Commission members look forward to a productive 1998 with its continued commitment to the land and people of Deerfield.

MEMBERS: Al Jaeger, Frank Mitchell, Kate Hartnett, Joe Sears, Ellen O'Donnell, Judy Muller, Brenda Eaves, Nick Karakoudas, Maryann Johnson

Respectfully Submitted, Maryann Johnson, Secretary

REPORT OF THE TOWN OFFICES

Nineteen Hundred Ninety Seven was a year for the Town to regroup and prepare for what lies ahead in 1998.

After research, it was determined, the 2 to 1 funding was, again, available to continue the reconstruction of South Road. The Grant was applied for, another section of South Road improved and the Grant money received from the State. The Board is hopeful the project will continue during the upcoming year.

The Board of Selectmen accepted, with regret, the resignation of Richard Mailhot, Sr. Rick served on the Board for almost six years. His expertise will be missed. The Board will have three new faces in 1998, as Donald Smith and Frank Bioteau have opted not to seek another term. Don served seven years and Frank six years. We wish them all well and thank them for serving Deerfield as Selectmen.

The Town Office staff experienced a change in personnel as well. Debbie Cole has replaced Suzanne Barss. Debbie is a familiar face to a lot of our residents and comes to us with 15 years of banking experience. Welcome Debbie!

During 1998, the Town Office's will be reviewing assessing programs. This will require a thorough examination of hardware and software needs, present and future. The end result, a data base through which assessing can be done, in house. An ambitious project, but one that is long overdue. If anyone wishes to share their computer knowledge with the Town, please let the office know.

Do you have ideas or suggestions, about any aspect of Town Government, you would like to share with the Board of Selectmen or the Town Offices? Let us know. We will appreciate the input.

Respectfully Submitted,

James T. Alexander, Chairman
Donald F. Smith, Vice Chairman
Robert B. Sanborn
Frank G. Bioteau
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

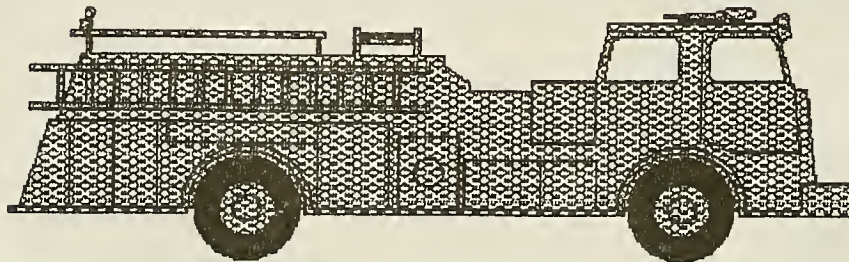
Cynthia E. Heon
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Deerfield Volunteer Fire Association Annual Report

1997 has proven to be a year showing an excellence in volunteerism within our Fire Department. \$5,000 of appropriated tax monies, funding from the Fire Association and the volunteer effort of the association members allowed the Fire Department to transform a supply tank truck, that had suffered a catastrophic tank failure, into a reliable, functional piece of apparatus. It is important to note that without the efforts of the Association and the support of the taxpayers this could have easily resulted in a \$125,000 warrant article requesting a new piece of apparatus. It is instances such as this that reinforce the relationship between the members of the community and the Fire Association as a whole. The Deerfield Volunteer Fire Association/Department looks to a future that is bright with the confidence gained by our belief in neighbor helping neighbor.

Yours in fire prevention,

Warren Billings III, President
Deerfield Fire Association



DEERFIELD VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT
Annual Report 1997

INCOME

Balance as of January 1, 1997	6,966.24	
Town of Deerfield	25,062.00	
Donations	6,000.00	
Checks lost or replaced	608.24	
TOTAL		38,636.48

EXPENSES

Misc. Parts and repairs	941.20	
Truck parts and repairs	3,528.61	
Fire tools and supplies	4,936.00	
Protective gear	3,038.56	
Supplies	930.85	
Radio Service	1,591.80	
Training	190.00	
Equipment	18,651.18	
Misc.	27.54	
Dues	394.10	
Propane	365.60	
Postage	110.00	
Building Repairs	150.00	
TOTAL		34,855.44

Bank Charges		<u>30.00</u>
		34,885.44
Balance of December 31, 1997		3,751.04

FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER REPORT

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. 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 ten Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. 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 1997 fire season was a safe period for wildland firefighters with no major injuries reported. The drought conditions experienced during the early summer months was a significant factor resulting in the total number of fires reported during the season.

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.

1997 FIRE STATISTICS (All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1997)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

Belknap	58
Carroll	96
Cheshire	63
Coos	29
Grafton	51
Hillsborough	145
Merrimack	148
Rockingham	54
Strafford	63
Sullivan	19
TOTAL FIRES	726
TOTAL ACRES	177.17

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Smoking	54
Debris Burning	261
Campfire	99
Power Line	33
Railroad	3
Equipment Use	23
Lightning	14
Children	60
OHRV	0
Miscellaneous	130
Incendiary	33
Fireworks	16

John Dodge
Forest Ranger

Mark A. Tibbetts
Forest Fire Warden

Deerfield Police Department Annual Report

The Deerfield Police Department experienced some personnel changes again this year. In May, Rick Taylor was hired as a Part Time Officer. Rick lives in Raymond with his wife Jenn, and they are expecting their first child this spring.

In October, Rick McLaughlin and Bruce Graham resigned as Part Time Officers. Both Rick and Bruce had been with the Deerfield Police since 1987.

Also in October, Kate Hillner resigned as a Part Time Officer and full time secretary. Kate began her employment with Deerfield in April of 1996.

In December, Glenda Lloyd was hired as the full time secretary. Glenda is a lifelong resident of Deerfield and has two sons.

On May 23, 1997, at ceremonies held in Meredith, NH, Officer Ben Jean was presented a plaque for "Outstanding Contributions to the Field of Traffic Safety Through Proactive Criminal Arrests from Traffic Stops". The Police Department was given a similar plaque for "Outstanding Contributions to the field of Traffic Safety".

Various projects undertaken by the department and it's members this year include: D.A.R.E. Program at the school, having lunch with the school kids, conducted programs and dances at the teen center, and conducted home security checks. These things were mostly done by the department members on their off duty time.

Sgt. Tomilson, on his own time, attended classes and became a certified EMT. He now also volunteers his time to the Rescue Squad. All the other Department members attended First Responder classes. This was so that the Officers could provide medical assistance until the arrival of the Rescue Squad.

Members of the department also received basic training in Fire Fighting from the Fire Department. This was so that they could assist at fire scenes until the arrival of more fire fighters.

Our Cop Card Program appears to be very successful and popular with the children in town. We would like to again thank all those who helped us through their contributions of money and time. Children can receive a Cop Card just by asking an Officer for one.

Through the Federal COPS Grants, the Town has been reimbursed approximately \$38,000 in salaries in 1997. The department, through fees for reports and court fines, returned over \$2000.00 to the Town's General Fund.

The Police Department was awarded another Federal COPS Grant for 2 Part Time Officers. This grant is in the amount of \$65,248.00, which is 75% of the cost of the 2 officers for 3 years. The cost to the Town over the three years will be \$21,748.00 or, about \$7,250.00 per year. There is a warrant article to be voted on by the Town before these officers can be hired or the money spent.

As can be seen by the compiled statistics, the Department has been busy responding to a variety of calls. The Department responded to 59% more motor vehicle accidents than in 1996, criminal reports were down 7%, arrests were down 49%, 7.5% more warnings and 24.5% less citations were issued, 49% more juvenile complaints and 57% more runaways were handled. The Department answered 86% more total calls for service than in 1996.

The Department also answered 132 alarms and 52 911 hang-up calls. Residents are advised that every time an alarm call is received or a 911 call is made, the police will respond. Please remind your children not to play with the phone, the source of most of the 911 calls received.

Current members of the Police Department are:

Chief Robert Wunderlich	Full Time
Sgt. James Tomilson	Full Time
Det. Steven Turner	Full Time
Ptl Benjamin Jean	Full Time
Ptl Donald Kirlis	Full Time
Ptl Richard Taylor	Part Time
Secretary Glenda Lloyd	Full Time

Respectfully Submitted

Robert H. Wunderlich
Chief of Police

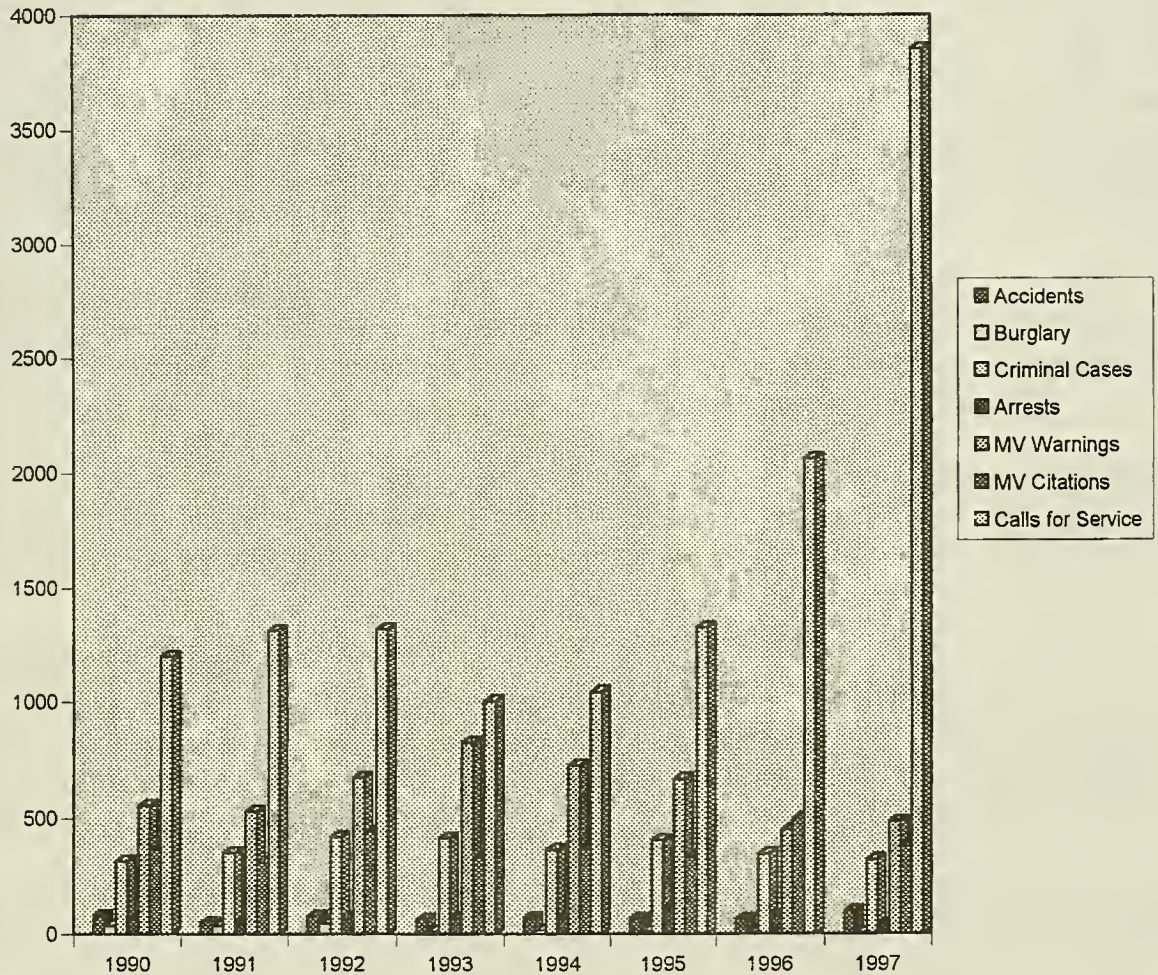
DEERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
TYPES OF CALLS FOR SERVICE AND CRIMINAL ACTIVITY
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 1997

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
Aid to Law Enf				162	222
Alarm/Open Door				140	132
Animal Compl.	36	30	5	71	65
Arson	0	2	1	2	1
Bad Checks	15	19	7	8	13
Burglary/Att. Burg	13	18	16	4	7
Civil	38	30	3	70	17
Civil Stand-By				15	14
Cr. Mischief	80	74	63	52	75
Cr. Threatening	23	24	23	15	17
Disorderly Conduc	16	10	11	9	16
Disobey Police	2	3	2	1	2
Domestics	34	40	18	15	12
DWI	10	11	8	5	12
False 911 Calls				60	52
Fire Assist				32	36
Found Property				9	26
Habitual Offender	2	0	1	2	21
Harassment Calls	27	15	40	29	2
Info Requests				105	179
Indecent Exposure	0	0	2	2	3
Juvenile Complaint				24	47
Lost/Stolen Plates				19	6
Miscellaneous				86	257
Missing Person	23	14	4	9	11
Money/Bank Escort				38	76
MV Complaint				82	103
Motorist Assist				83	113
Op After Susp	15	16	16	26	7
Op without License				4	2
Open Container	6	5	5	4	2
Passing Bus				2	3
Poss Alcoh/Drugs	19	19	18	14	14
Poss of Tobacco	0	0	3	3	0
Prohibition				9	1
Protective Custod	6	2	3	1	3
Prowler	5	1	2	4	0
Reckless Conduct	5	5	6	7	12
Reckless Oper	15	13	4	2	10
Rescue Assist				80	65
Resist Arrest	0	1	2	3	4
RO Svc.				12	9
Runaway				9	21
Serve Legal Docs				67	141
Serve Misc Papers				2	35

Sexual Assaults	8	4	5	5	2
Simple Assault				14	23
Susp. Veh/Persons				97	100
Thefts	74	71	62	58	57
Transporting Drugs				3	2
Trespassing	32	71	30	26	26
Untimely Death				5	4
TOTAL:	504	498	360	1606	2080
ACCIDENTS	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Injury/Damage	65	72	68	64	102
Fatal	0	0	1	0	0
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT					
Summons	333	372	333	501	378
Warnings/MV Viol	829	730	670	453	310
Warnings/Def Eqpt				330	177
ARRESTS					
Persons Arrested	70	72	107	83	42
Criminal Charges	124	142	167	121	81
CRIMINAL CASE	417	366	409	348	322

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
Accidents	83	52	78	65	72	68	64	102
Burglary	38	37	49	13	18	13	4	4
Criminal Cases	317	352	422	417	366	409	348	322
Arrests	68	48	70	70	72	107	83	42
MV Warnings	558	532	677	829	730	670	453	487
MV Citations	367	310	445	333	372	333	501	378
Calls for Service	1200	1313	1322	1008	1047	1327	2063	3848

Police Activity 1990-1997



DEERFIELD RESCUE SQUAD

The Deerfield Rescue Squad is staffed with various levels of volunteers emergency medical providers. In addition to responding to medical emergencies ranging from minor lacerations and sprains to respiratory and cardiac arrest, we respond to trauma calls which include falls, motor vehicle accidents, etc. our services on these calls range from simply checking vitals to stabilizing patients with serious and, in some cases, potentially paralyzing or fatal injuries.

We are pleased to report the acceptance into membership of several new members and the increased level of training which some of our members are undergoing.

The level of support we receive from the Community is most gratifying. We are also grateful to the close cooperation and support received from the Deerfield Police Department and the Deerfield Volunteer Fire Department. Their support and hands-on assistance is instrumental in providing the highest level of service to the community.

DEERFIELD EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Members:

Rod Swanson--Manager for casualty claims company, head of Rescue Squad
Jim Morton--Structural Engineer
Mark Tibbetts--State Park Maintenance, Fire Chief
Ray Heon--Construction
Bob Wunderlich--Management for telecommunications company, Police Chief
Don Smith--Selectmen's Representative

Committee's Charter:

To look at the current facilities of the Fire Department, Police Department, and Rescue Squad and to determine as best possible what will be needed for facilities to sustain those Departments for the next 20 years or more. Once a determination is made, to present those findings to the Board of Selectmen and the Town of Deerfield.

Rescue Squad Facilities:

The Rescue Squad currently occupies a single room of 546 square feet in the front portion of the George B. White Building which is shared with Emergency Management. This room is used for meetings and storage of equipment and supplies. The Rescue van is parked outside next to the Central firehouse. The van is exposed to the weather and in cold months, is difficult to start. Also, the oxygen stored inside is cold, making it unusable in some cases. There's no place to put the van indoors out of the weather. Additional space is needed for storage of supplies and for training and meetings. The current facilities are a quarter mile for the Rescue vehicle.

Police Department Facilities:

The Police Department currently occupies approximately 732 square feet in the center section of the George B. White Building. There is also a storage/evidence room of approximately 80 square feet in the rear section of the building. The cruisers are parked outside at various officer's homes.

There is just enough room for each of the officers to have a desk. There's no room where confidential interviews can be held. There's no room for meetings and training for the officers. Storage space for files/supplies is very limited. There's no place to park the vehicles inside. Current facilities are not very secure.

Fire Department Facilities:

The Central Fire House is located on Old Center Road South. There are 8 trucks parked inside this building. The upstairs section is a large meeting hall and kitchen. There is a small room downstairs used as the radio room. (There's is also a South station, located on Birch Road. This building is currently adequate for the needs of that end of Town and is not being considered in the committee's report).

The current building does not allow room for working on the vehicles without removing one from the building first. Some trucks must be checked to insure they are full, otherwise they won't fit through the doors. There is no room for storage of supplies. New vehicles must be custom fitted to the building.

The community has placed a warrant article in the town warrant for the townspeople to consider. There are 3 options to be voted on and the committee hopes the townspeople will provide them with direction by their vote:

1. Renovate the G. B. White Building
2. Construct new building on town owned land
3. Continue to develop plans

These options were arrived at after months of investigation and discussion and options 1 & 2 were determined to be the most viable.

Deerfield Highway Safety Committee Report

During 1997 the Highway Safety Committee continued its efforts to enhance the safety of the Town of Deerfield's roads and highways by utilizing State, Federal and Town funds to obtain services and equipment at the lowest possible expense to the town.

This year the major accomplishment which we are most proud of was the installation of School Zone Warning lights in front of the Deerfield Community School. The placement of these lights was a combined effort of the Highway Safety Committee, the Deerfield School Board, the Superintendents office of SAU 53, the New Hampshire Department of Transportation and Public Service Co. of New Hampshire. A special note of appreciation goes to Mr. Joe Reed, owner of JCR Utility Construction in Raymond, who set the poles on which the lights and signs are installed and to Deerfield's Highway Agent, Dave Twombly for transporting the poles from the Town Hall to their current site.

This projects total cost was approximately \$600.00. This included the cost (\$200.00 Each) of the computerized lighting controls and about \$200.00 in hook up fees for the electrical service drops. The signs, warning beacons, and wiring were provided by the State DOT at no cost as were the "SCHOOL" lettering painted on both ends of the school zone on Rt107 and the "END SCHOOL ZONE" signs which were posted. We also saved the cost of buying two utility poles which cost approximately \$700 each buy utilizing used poles which the Highway Department had stored near the Town Hall. If the Town had paid for the entire project from scratch the cost would have been over \$3,500.00.

This year also saw the purchase of a Hand Held Radar unit which was obtained using a grant from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency as well as a second Cruiser Video System which was also placed into service. In addition the Police Department was able to operate Enforcement patrols thanks to another grant. Highway Safety was also able to hold another Bicycle Rodeo in conjunction with Deerfield Olde Home Days using materials and helmets provided solely by the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency.

1997 was also the first full year of operation for the Deerfield Rescue Squads rescue vehicle which was obtained from the US Government in 1996 and placed into service in Deerfield in September of that year. The vehicle has responded to everything from accidents to fires, medical aid calls of all kinds as well as serving as a mobile command post for searches involving lost people. The vehicle also is used at the Deerfield Fair for emergency responses.

For 1998 we hope to continue our success in obtaining funding and materials utilizing grants and surplus programs which will be used to promote the safety of our streets and our town as a whole.

Thanks go to you, the people of Deerfield, for your continued support of our projects and warrant articles, to the Selectmen and the Budget Committee for their support and to the department heads of all the Emergency Services for making Deerfield safer to live and drive in.

Steven Turner, Chair
Deerfield Highway Safety Committee

Members

Rod Swanson Bob Wunderlich Robin Jodoin Jim Tomilson Mark Tibbetts

1997 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT FOR DEERFIELD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Office of Emergency Management is responsible for responding to and coordinating the response of emergency service personnel and equipment to emergencies involving disasters, either natural or manmade, mass casualties, large scale fires or floods as well as aeronautical accidents.

The emergency manager acts under the authority of the New Hampshire Office of Emergency Management and works directly under the authority of the Deerfield Board of Selectmen.

Emergency Management is responsible for the establishment of such things as evacuation plans, shelter preparedness, radiological monitoring, establishing communications between town department such as Highway, Police, Fire, Rescue and the town office as well as state headquarters in Concord.

In 1997 a complete re-write of the towns Emergency Management Plan was done. This re-write included updated lists of rosters and available equipment from all of the towns emergency services including the Highway Department, an update of town officials and their contact numbers, updated shelter locations, medical facility and medical response capabilities as well as projected assistance from outside agencies at the state and local level. As of this writing the plan has been upgraded and modified and is in the process of being typed. Once it is completed it will be submitted to the Board of Selectmen for their review and approval before being submitted to the State Office of Emergency Management for their file. This plan was last re-written in 1989 so this update was long overdue.

Also in 1997 Emergency Management obtained some equipment that will be used for shelter facilities, search and rescue operations as well as mass casualty and haz-matt responses. The office obtained several items from Federal Surplus at greatly reduced costs such as thermal canteens, entrenching tools, and sundry packs which contain items that can be used by displaced persons or emergency response personnel.

Emergency Management also obtained 10 Kevlar ballistic helmets for the police department. These helmets, complete with lexan face shields cost \$350.00 when the government purchases them. Deerfield obtained 10 new helmets for \$4.00 each (Four Dollars). In addition 4 Military Flak jackets were also obtained and, although they are not bullet proof, they offer police officers protection from items such as bottles, rocks and other projectiles. These jackets cost only \$2.00 each.

The Deerfield Women's Club also donated a number of blankets, glasses and sets of eating utensils to be used in an emergency shelter situation. Also hand lanterns, water proof flash lights, spare batteries, emergency lights, reflective vests and a safety helmet were also purchased. Three upgraded Radiological Monitoring kits were also obtained from state headquarters and a training class was held in December of 1997 with members of police, fire and rescue attending. There are now 11 certified Radiological Monitors within Deerfields emergency service personnel. This training was provided by state OEM with no cost to the town.

In 1998 it is hoped Emergency Management will be able to continue the process of upgrading disaster equipment and plans, obtaining additional training for the town emergency personnel, utilizing both state and federal surplus programs to obtain additional equipment and save the town tax dollars in the process.

Steven Turner, Director
Deerfield Office of Emergency Management

BUILDING DEPARTMENT 1997 REPORT

Total building permits issued for 1997: 103

Breakdown:

Single Family Homes 25

Two Family Homes 01

Commercial Construction 00

Additions 18

Manufactured Housing 04

Barns/Sheds 21

Garages Only 12

Repair/Remodel 06

Foundation Only 03

Decks, Porches, Etc. 07

Renewal of Last Years Permits 03

Replace Fire Damaged Home 02

Demolition of Building 01



ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The Board of Adjustment was established in 1970 within the Deerfield Zoning Ordinance as required by NHRSA 673:1, Section IV and specified in RSA 673:3. The Board of Selectmen appoint its five members to three year staggered terms and may appoint five alternate members. The Board also acts as the "Building Code Board of Appeals" as approved by voters at a Town Meeting. In 1997, the Board consisted of its five members and four alternates.

"Rules of Procedure" were adopted in 1970 as required by RSA 676:1 for all land use boards. Several changes have been made through the years as necessary. This year a complete revision was required because the State Legislature adopted a new procedure known as an Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirement to correct certain property boundaries brought about through no fault of officials or the property owner. (See RSA 674:33.a.)

An applicant in filing an appeal must be the owner of the property or his agent. The agent must obtain the notarized signature of the owner and attach the letter to the application.

Procedures for joint hearings with the Planning Board (RSA 676:2) were adopted in 1988. Copies of all the procedures, guidelines, instructions, and revised rules are on file with the Town Clerk.

The Board met in 6 of the 12 months of the year for public hearings and considered 14 appeals with decisions rendered on all. Variances were granted on 4 cases, denied on 4 cases, and 1 Special Exception was granted. Two administrative decision were heard. On one of these, the Board upheld the Building Inspector. The second requested a rehearing which the Board denied. Three appeals were withdrawn.

The budget for the Board for 1997 was \$1,200. This was an amount based on an estimated 10 public hearings and having only limited knowledge of legal costs for a court action that was pending. Although our legal fees were considerably under funded, the final court ruling favored the Town and settled a Board of Adjustment action dating from 1984. Several items in our budget have become known from better accounting procedures and future budgets will reflect these. A total of \$3107 was spent. Other parts of the bookkeeping reflects that fees brought in from the 13 cases totaled \$455.00 plus an additional amount totaling \$210.00 for certified postage to applicants and abutters. (Each applicant and all abutters must be notified before each public hearing.) Thus in 1997, the fees and postage amounted to more than 20 percent of the Board's expenditures.

Applications for appeal to the Board may be obtained only from the Selectmen's Office, The Building Inspector, or the Planning Board. Completed application, with appropriate fee and mailing costs, should be filed with the Board at least 10 days before the fourth Tuesday of the month. This will allow placing a legal notice in a paper having general circulation, posting notices, and notifying the applicant and abutters by certified mail at least five days prior to the date of the hearing. A new application with instructions was adopted this year. Hopefully, it will make filing easier for you. Keep the instructions when you file: they are yours.

A variance deals with your use of your land and the land's unique problem(s). A special exception is a permitted use as outlined in the ordinance but requiring a hearing and approval of the Board. Read the instructions carefully, seek help if you need it, but remember you alone must decide the type of appeal that is appropriate for your problem

Donald W. Gorman, Chairman

Warren A. Guinan, Clerk

DEERFIELD HERITAGE COMMISSION

ANNUAL REPORT - 1997

During 1997 the Deerfield Heritage Commission held 10 regular meetings.

On May 4, the Commission sponsored the third annual Heritage Museum at the Town Hall. This year's theme was Deerfield Schools through the Years. The event was well attended.

The Commission would like to thank Karen Leavitt of Deerfield Community School and everyone else who made this wonderful museum possible.

The Commission continued to move forward with plans to seek a nomination for Deerfield Center to the National Register of Historic Places. In April the commission sponsored an informational evening attended by representatives of the churches, the library, and other abutters. Christine Fonda and Richard Boisvert of the Division of Historical Resources were on hand to explain the National Registry process and respond to questions and concerns.

The Commission solicited and received proposals from six architectural historians to prepare the nominations. Commissioners expect to make a selection early in 1998, and fund-raising will begin. Several individuals and organizations have already expressed interest in donating. The Commission will be setting up a fund to accept donations.

A project to work with a broad spectrum of town organizations to create a souvenir booklet for the year 2000 is under discussion. The booklet could be similar to the 1966 Bicentennial Book developed by the Bicentennial Committee.

Commission members are continuing to discuss constructing a bandstand near the Town Hall, developing maps for walking, bicycling, and driving tours of the town, and sponsoring field trips to nearby activities and places of historic interest.

Mark May 17 on your calendars for the 1998 Heritage Museum. The theme will be the history and contributions of the Deerfield Volunteer Fire Department. The Commission looks forward to working with Fire Chief Mark Tibbetts and his department to present what promises to be an exciting event.

The Commission is part of the town government with the charge of researching and documenting the human - created heritage of the community and helping citizens to enjoy it.

Members of the Deerfield Heritage Commission are Joe Sears, Chairman, Frank Bioteau, Selectmen representative, and members Richard Boisvert, Laura Guinan, Irene Shores, and alternates Elsie Brown, Clarabel Hersey, David Kellogg, Paula McCoy, and David Ottinger.

Joe Sears, Chairman

Laura Guinan, Secretary

VEASEY PARK COMMISSION - 1997

The Veasey Park commission held six regular meetings during 1997. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers visited to help ready the park for opening day. Refreshments were provided by Deerfield Pizza and Basic Kneads Bakery. Commission members would like to thank both for the delicious refreshments.

Twenty hours of swimming lessons a week were given at the park. The Commission employed 4 life guards on a rotating basis. One life guard was the swimming instructor.

During the summer the Commission had the septic system pumped. Members decided to eliminate the position of parking lot attendant, as a cost-cutting measure. They also decided not to bring electricity to the guard house because of the high cost. New buoys are being purchased, as well as new grills for the barbecues. Hearing the concerns of residents, the Commission is planning more recreational activities, such as tetherball and volleyball.

Members have met a few times with the Veasey park Study Committee, formed after the 1997 Town Meeting. Members of the Study Committee are Brenda Wilson, Dolores O'Neal, Roger Marquis, and Ellen O'Donnell, representing the Conservation Commission. The commissioners are working closely with the Conservation Commission to explore ways of expanding park facilities, while staying in compliance with the Shoreline Protection Act.

In 1998 the Commission plans to install an answering machine at the park where residents can hear messages about park hours and other important information. Plans are being made to clean away dead brush and possibly remove some trees to create a gathering area for teenagers.

The park is expected to open Memorial Day Weekend, the weekends of June 6-7 and 13-14, and full time June 20. Park hours will be the same all 7 days of the week.

The commissioners wish to thank residents for taking pride in their beach and keeping it clean. The commissioners welcome your questions and comments. Please call!

Willy & Holly Haas 463-9793

Lauren Fontaine 463-8316

Paula McCoy 463-7338

SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The Southern New Hampshire Planning commission has a wide range of services and resources available to help the dues-paying members deal with a variety of municipal issues. Technical assistance is provided by a professional staff whose expertise is, when necessary, supplemented by consultants who are selected for their specialized skills or services. Each year, with the approval of your appointed representatives, the Commission staff designs and carries out programs of area-wide significance that are mandated under New Hampshire and federal laws or regulations, as well as local or site- specific projects which would pertain more exclusively to your community.

Technical assistance is provided in a professional and timely manner by staff at the request of your Planning Board or Board of Selectmen. The commission conducts planning studies and carries out projects that are of common interest and benefit to all member communities, keeps your officials apprised of changes in planning and land use regulation, and offers training workshops for Planning and Zoning Board members on a annual Basis.

Services that were performed for the Town of Deerfield during the past year are as follows:

1. Co-sponsored the Municipal Law Lecture series. Deerfield town officials were invited to the lectures.
2. Conducted traffic counts at several locations in the Town of Deerfield. Copies of the traffic counts were forwarded to the Chairman of the Deerfield Planning Board.
3. The Town was furnished with the "Suggested Schedule" for the March 1998 Annual Town Meeting.
4. Provided a video entitled "Community Growth Management" for the use of the Planning Board.
5. An overlay showing the Historic Sites in Deerfield was prepared and forwarded to the Deerfield Historical Society.
6. Prepared computerized maps, using the GIS, for the Bear-Paw Regional Greenways Project. This was done at the request of the Planning Board and Conservation Commission.

Deerfield Representatives to the Commission are:

Frederick McGarry
Thomas N. True

Executive Committee Member: Frederick McGarry

REPORT OF ROCKINGHAM COMMUNITY ACTION

Rockingham Community Action (RCA) is a private, non-profit corporation. Our mission is to serve the multitude of needs of Rockingham County's low-income residents by assisting them in coping with the hardships of poverty, giving them the tools to lift themselves out of poverty and seeking to eradicate the root causes of poverty. RCA has been addressing these needs for over thirty years.

Greater Raymond Community Action Center is an outreach office of RCA that serves residents of Deerfield and 12 other communities, and as such acts as Deerfield's central resource for information regarding all available human services. RCA also offers intake, clinic and distribution sites in over half of the county's thirty-seven communities for the application and provision of various Community Action services.

Community Action provides a wide range of services that are unduplicated elsewhere in the county. Many of our services meet immediate, critical needs, while others are designed to help families achieve long-term economic self-sufficiency. The following services were provided by Community Action to eligible residents of Deerfield from July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997.

37 households received on of a group of Fuel Assistance Programs, services that provide financial grants of up to \$750 to income eligible households to assist with energy-related expenses through the Fuel Assistance Program (some households also receive furnace cleaning and budget and energy counseling services), and grants of up to \$250 for fuel and utility emergencies for households not eligible for the Fuel Assistance Program through the Neighbor Helping Neighbor and the Senior Energy Assistance Service.

2 households received help through the Housing Services Program, which provides security deposit loans through the Security Deposit Loan Fund to people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, and provides affordable housing referrals and advocacy, landlord-tenant mediation and tenant education and counseling through the Housing Information Clearinghouse.

3 homes were weatherized through the Weatherization or Energy Management Services Programs, which provide high quality energy conservation materials and skilled labor to weatherize homes of income-eligible and high energy-using households in order to reduce heating costs and conserve energy, and provides major repairs or replacement of heating systems for low-income homeowners.

13 child care referrals were arranged through the Child Care Resource and Referral Program, which compiles current data on all available child care options, provides child care referrals to employees of participating companies as well as to the general public, and expands the supply of quality child care by recruiting, training and assisting new child care providers, including the training of TANF participants.

54 individuals received help through the WIC or Commodity Supplemental Food Programs: WIC provides supplemental nutritious foods, nutrition education, breast-feeding support and health care screening/referrals to pregnant women, nursing mothers, infants and children up to the age of five; the Commodity Supplemental Food Program provides monthly allotments of commodity foods and nutrition education materials to senior citizens, postpartum women and 5 year old children.

925 individual food allotments were provided through the Emergency Food Assistance Program, which distributes USDA surplus food to emergency food pantries, soup kitchens and homeless shelters throughout Rockingham County.

1 household received crisis Services, programs that provide emergency grants to income eligible households for the payment of rent, mortgage, electricity, fuel or other basic necessities for those facing evictions, foreclosures, utility termination's, lack of fuel or other emergencies.

In addition to these major programs, much of our staff time is devoted to working with people who come to us seeking help. During the past year, we logged 60 calls or visits from Deerfield residents, many of which were crisis calls involving fuel or utility problems, the lack of food or clothing, or general financial needs. By working closely together with local and state welfare administrators, fuel and utility companies, other human service agencies and interested clergy and civic groups, we are able to link those in need with the services available to them.

The services provided by our staff, together with the programs provided by our agency, have a direct and significant effect on Deerfield's welfare budget. If our services were decreased due to lack of funding, the town would experience a resulting increase in requests for local welfare assistance.

Since the services we provide greatly relieve the towns we serve of the full financial burden of providing for the needs of their low-income residents, we ask every community we serve to make a financial contribution to our agency based upon this level of service we have provided to its residents. The amount we request equals 5% of the total dollar value of services we provided during the previous fiscal year, which means that we request \$5.00 for every \$100.00 we provided in direct services.

From July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997, Community Action provided \$66,453 in services to Deerfield residents. We are therefore requesting the town of Deerfield to contribute 5% of this amount or \$3,323. The town of Deerfield has contributed to our agency for many years, and we extend our appreciation to you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Jacques-Dow, Outreach Center Director
Greater Raymond Community Action Center
Rockingham Community Action



A Circle of Caring Since 1968.

Rural District Visiting Nurse Association TOWN REPORT 1997

Despite the immense changes in reimbursement that have challenged the home care industry in 1997, Rural District Visiting Nurse Association has remained focused on what matters most—providing compassionate, cost-effective, quality care to our patients in Deerfield.

Our Board of Directors, including your Board Representative, Robert Pezzano, continue to assess the health care environment in Deerfield to ensure that the decisions we make are in the best interest of your community. We continue to participate in numerous networks including: the Coalition of Strafford County Agencies, the Strafford Network, the Rural Home Care Network and the Home Care Association of New Hampshire. Through these affiliations we are able to keep our costs down and stay abreast of the legislative issues that impact our agency and the communities we serve.

Rural District Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. has served as the primary home care provider in Deerfield for 29 years. In the era of mega-mergers, Rural District Visiting Nurse Association continues to serve your community as a small, private, independent, non-profit home health agency certified by Medicare and licensed by the state in home health, hospice and community clinics. Most importantly, our accreditation with *commendation* by the Joint Commission on Health Care Organizations assures you and your family that Rural District Visiting Nurse Association provides high quality care in a cost effective manner.

Rural District Visiting Nurse Association also remains committed to serving patients regardless of their financial circumstances. In fact, we are the only agency serving Deerfield that routinely serves uninsured and underinsured, in addition to insured and private-paying clients.

Your town contributions are essential to meeting the many health needs in your community. As competition increases for insured client referrals, please keep in mind you have a right to choose. Choose quality with a long-standing commitment to your community. Ask for **Rural District Visiting Nurse Association by name.**

We are proud to be meeting your home health care needs since 1969 and are looking forward to working for you in the future.

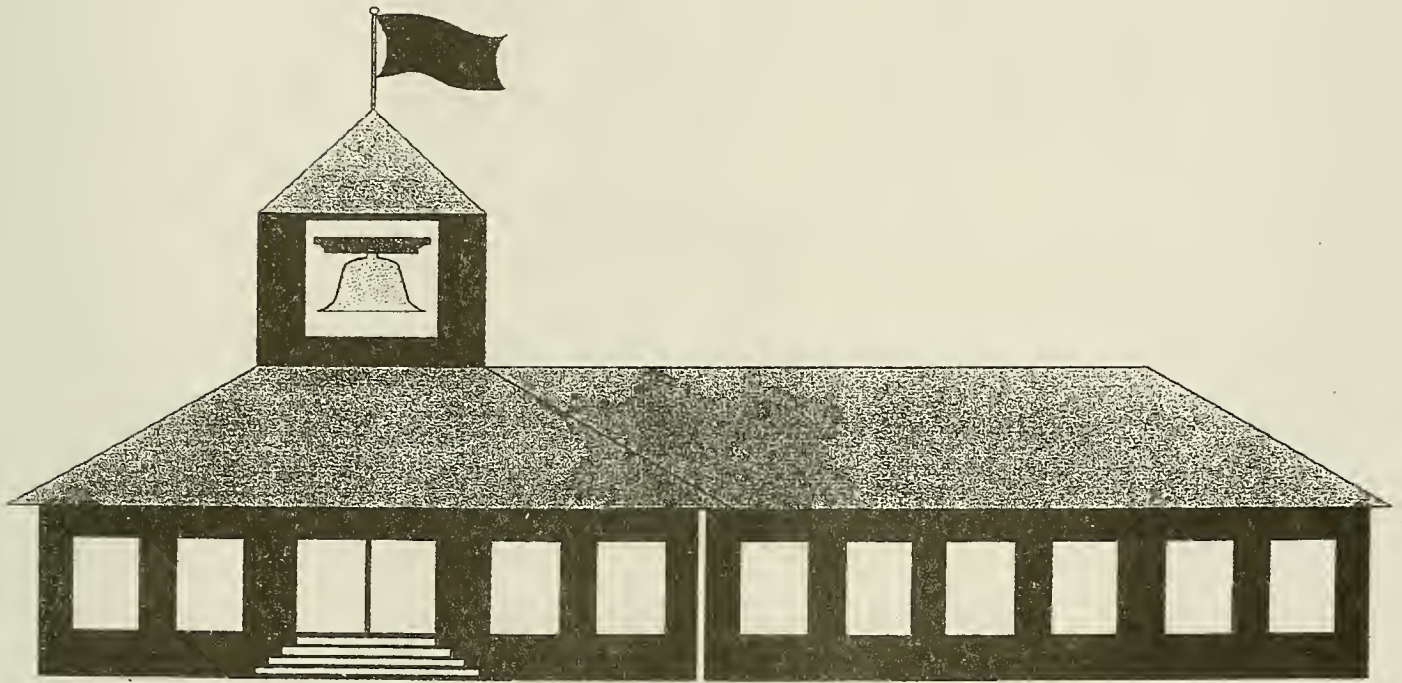
Type and number of visits:	Pay Status	%of patients	%of visits
Skilled Nursing 1,465	Medicare	86%	88%
Home Health Aide 1,387	Medicaid/HCBC	11%	8%
Physical therapy 81	Commercial	6%	1%
Occupational therapy 17	Private duty	3%	1%
Speech therapy 0	Hospice	6%	2%
Medical Social Worker 82			
Total Visits 3,032			
Days of Hospice Care 61			

Report submitted by
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Executive Director

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MODERATOR

James P. D'Alessio

SCHOOL BOARD

Jean Kutylowski	Term Expires 1998
Gary Lenehan	Term Expires 1999
Rodney Swanson	Term Expires 1999
Debra Black	Term Expires 2000
David O'Neal	Term Expires 2000

DISTRICT CLERK

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DISTRICT TREASURER

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David Dziura

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PRINCIPAL

Peter Sweet

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF DEERFIELD,
QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said District on the 10th day of March, 1998 at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose one member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. BY PETITION, pursuant to RSA 40:14 shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow voting by official ballot on all issues before the school district in the town of Deerfield.

The polls are to open at 7:00 A.M. and will close not earlier than 7:00 P.M.

All other School District business to be conducted at the regular School District meeting as otherwise posted.

Given under our hands at said Deerfield this 18th day of February, 1998.

Rodney Swanson
Gary Lenehan
Debra Black
Jean Kutylowski
David O'Neal
Deerfield School Board

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF DEERFIELD,
QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Deerfield Community School in said District on the 21ST day of March, 1998 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning to act upon the following subjects:

1. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

2. To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board to accept gifts and donations from any source on behalf of the School District.

3. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,440,480 to provide for the high school tuition costs of Deerfield students. **This is a special warrant article.** (School Board recommends approval. Budget Committee recommends approval.)

4. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to support the activities of the Cooperative School District Planning Committee. (School Board recommends approval. Budget Committee recommends approval.)

5. To see if the District will vote to approve the cost items as set forth in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Deerfield School Board and the Deerfield Education Association for the 1998/99 school year, said items increasing the cost for teachers' salaries and benefits by \$41,901 over the 1997/98 school year, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,901 to fund these cost items. (School Board recommends approval. Budget Committee recommends approval.)

6. To see if the District will authorize the expenditure of up to \$30,000 of the anticipated fund balance in the 1997/98 high school tuition account (which was approved as a special warrant article at the 1997 School District Meeting) for the purpose of replacing carpet with vinyl tile in all areas except the library and main office complex. (School Board recommends approval. Budget Committee recommends approval.)

7. To see if the district will vote to appropriate the sum of \$479,409 and to raise by general taxation \$192,639 of that figure (with the balance to be received from State Building Aid to kindergarten) for the purpose of constructing, furnishing, equipping and employing appropriate staff to operate a public kindergarten facility at Deerfield Community School and establishing a public kindergarten program for all eligible children in the district. (School Board recommends approval. Budget Committee recommends approval.)

8. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of funding a portion of the Deerfield Community School technology plan. (School Board recommends approval. Budget committee recommends approval.)

9. To see what sum of money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries and benefits for school district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District.

10. To choose Agents and committees in relation to any subjects embraced in the Warrant.

11. To transact other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 18th day of February, 1998.

Rodney P. Swanson
Gary Lenehan
Debra Black
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David O'Neal
Deerfield School Board

DEERFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT - 1998/99 PROPOSED BUDGET

Date: 2/18/98

ACCOUNT # DESCRIPTION 1996/97 EXPENDED 1997/98 BUDGET 1997/98 PROJECTED 1998/99 PROP. BUD. +/- FROM 97/98 BUD. APPROVAL

1100 REGULAR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

001-1100-110-000	TEACHERS SALARIES	884,840.81	924,292.00	902,931.00	923,630.00	(662.00)	923,630.00
001-1100-111-000	INTERN STIPENDS	7,113.96	7,200.00	7,200.00	7,200.00	0.00	7,200.00
001-1100-112-000	SUBSTITUTE SALARIES	6,976.33	4,680.00	4,680.00	7,200.00	2,520.00	7,200.00
001-1100-114-000	AIDE SALARIES	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00
001-1100-115-000	CHAPTER I TUTORIAL	7,240.05	7,200.00	7,200.00	7,200.00	0.00	7,200.00
	REGULAR PROGRAMS SALARIES	906,171.15	943,373.00	922,011.00	945,231.00	1,858.00	945,231.00

Teachers' Salaries: This account incorporates salary increases approved at the March 1997 meeting. Salaries are level funded.

Substitute Salaries: This account incorporates a per diem increase to make substitute salaries competitive with surrounding districts.

Staff Position 97-98 98-99

Full Time Teachers	27	27
Part Time Teachers	2	2
Chapter I Tutor	1	1

Physical education (shared position)
50% position

DCS STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Year	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	Ungraded	Total
95-96	68	58	72	44	53	53	56	1	457 (October 1st)
96-97	65	55	61	76	49	50	58	0	483 (October 1st)
97-98	63	59	64	67	72	48	50	0	477 (Actual, 10/23/97 493 home schooled students)
98-99	50	60	59	64	67	72	48	0	483 (Estimate, 496 with home schooled students)

001-1100-563-108-000	HIGH SCHOOL TUITION	1,099,679.50	1,335,177.00	1,299,389.00	1,440,480.00	105,303.00	1,440,480.00
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1998-99 PROJECTED HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ENROLLMENT

High School	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	Total	Per Pupil	Total Cost
Pembroke Academy	0	13	9	7	29	\$ 5,635	\$ 163,415
Coe-Brown	10	12	10	14	46	6,754	310,684
Manchester Central	3	4	9	9	25	5,505	137,625
Manchester Memorial	2	2	1	4	9	5,505	49,545
Oyster River	0	0	17	13	30	7,875	236,250 (Estimated at 5%)
Concord High	34	26	8	3	71	7,695	76,950 (10 students)
Merrimack Valley	0	0	0	1	1	7,541	460,001 (61 students)
Totals	49	57	54	51	211	6,010	\$ 1,440,480

As of 1/97, 199 students were enrolled in high school. The 1998/99 projection of 211 students is an increase of 12 students.

DEERFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT - 1998/99 PROPOSED BUDGET

Date: 2/18/98

	1996/97	1997/98	1997/98	1998/99	+/- FROM	MBC
ACCOUNT #	EXPENDED	BUDGET	PROJECTED	PROP. BUD.	97/98 BUD.	APPROVAL
DESCRIPTION						

Pembroke Academy has informed the District that it will no longer accept new DCS students for enrollment due to space needs. This follows a similar notice from Oyster River during the 1996/97 school year.

The District is projecting a surplus in the 1997/98 high school tuition line of approximately \$35,000.00.

TEACHING SUPPLIES

001-1100-615-108-000 GENERAL SUPPLIES	20,870.93	15,461.00	15,464.00	16,639.00	1,178.00	16,639.00
001-1100-615-108-008 ART	2,980.81	2,954.00	2,954.00	3,179.00	225.00	3,179.00
001-1100-615-108-017 GUIDANCE	315.00	225.00	225.00	242.00	17.00	242.00
001-1100-615-108-021 PRE-VOCATIONAL	64.14	177.00	177.00	190.00	13.00	190.00
001-1100-615-108-023 MATH	18,977.17	9,108.00	9,108.00	5,904.00	(3,204.00)	5,904.00
001-1100-615-108-024 MUSIC	2,156.99	2,191.00	2,191.00	7,078.00	4,887.00	7,078.00
001-1100-615-108-025 PHYSICAL EDUCATION	3,493.56	2,936.00	2,936.00	3,160.00	224.00	3,160.00
001-1100-615-108-027 LANGUAGE ARTS	20,880.29	8,317.00	8,317.00	18,950.00	10,633.00	18,950.00
001-1100-615-108-029 SCIENCE	4,001.69	26,506.00	26,506.00	6,492.00	(20,014.00)	6,492.00
001-1100-615-108-030 SOCIAL STUDIES	1,946.13	2,233.00	2,233.00	2,403.00	170.00	2,403.00
TEACHING SUPPLIES	75,686.71	70,108.00	70,111.00	64,237.00	(5,871.00)	64,237.00

These lines have been level funded the past two (2) years. These increases reflect a cost of living adjustment for the past two (2) years (5.2% total).

These lines also include specific purchases for books (Science \$1,819 and Math \$875). Two initiatives for Music and Language Arts are proposed. To support Music, \$4,720 is proposed for the purchase of 90 books and 3 CD packages for Grades 3, 5 and 7. To support Language Arts, \$16,100 is proposed to support replacement of worn classroom books and new reference materials. Additionally, a portion of this proposal would support staff training for the reading recovery program.

INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPMENT

001-1100-613-108-000 INSTR. EQUIPMENT REPAIR	3,009.81	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
001-1100-741-108-000 NEW EQUIPMENT	4,275.32	12,447.00	12,447.00	0.00	(12,447.00)	0.00
001-1100-742-108-000 EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	404.20	600.00	600.00	2,500.00	1,900.00	2,500.00

Equipment replacement: This proposed increase of \$1,900 would be used to support the purchase of chairs, desks and tables that can no longer be repaired.

INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPMENT	7,689.33	16,047.00	16,047.00	5,500.00	(10,547.00)	5,500.00
TOTAL 1100	2,089,236.69	2,364,705.00	2,307,658.00	2,455,448.00	90,743.00	2,455,448.00

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1996/97 EXPENDED BUDGET 1997/98 PROJECTED PROP. BUD. +/- FROM 1998/99 PROP. BUD. 97/98 BUD. APPROVAL MBC

ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	1996/97 EXPENDED BUDGET	1997/98 PROJECTED PROP. BUD.	+/- FROM 1998/99 PROP. BUD.	97/98 BUD.	APPROVAL	MBC
1200 SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS							
001-1200-110-108-000	TEACHERS SALARIES	222,607.83	223,009.00	184,050.00	(38,959.00)	184,050.00	
001-1200-114-108-000	AIDE SALARIES	225,111.59	252,007.00	236,277.00	(15,730.00)	236,277.00	
001-1200-115-108-000	SUMMER TUTOR	15,417.75	23,735.00	44,027.00	20,292.00	44,027.00	
001-1200-116-108-000	SPECIAL ED. COORDINATOR	0.00	0.00	54,013.00	54,013.00	54,013.00	
001-1200-117-108-000	PRESCHOOL AIDES	0.00	0.00	29,946.00	29,946.00	29,946.00	
001-1200-330-108-000	CONTRACTED SERVICES	0.00	1.00	58,936.00	58,935.00	58,936.00	
001-1200-331-108-000	CENTRAL ADMIN. COST	0.00	0.00	16,236.00	16,236.00	16,236.00	
	SPECIAL PROGRAMS SALARIES	463,137.17	498,752.00	623,485.00	124,733.00	623,485.00	
001-1200-563-108-000	SUMMER PROGRAM TUITION	0.00	0.00	10,240.00	10,240.00	10,240.00	
001-1200-569-108-000	SPECIAL PLACEMENTS/TUITION	139,896.79	288,894.00	269,375.00	(19,519.00)	269,375.00	
001-1200-580-108-000	SPECIAL ED. MILEAGE	0.00	0.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	
001-1200-615-108-000	SPECIAL ED. SUPPLIES	1,914.18	2,150.00	2,150.00	0.00	2,150.00	
001-1200-890-108-000	SPECIAL ED. PROGRAM REVIEW	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	

The special programs accounts for the 1998/99 budget have been expanded by the School Board in an attempt to provide more specific information to the voters. There are no increases to the special education staff proposed in this budget.

<u>In District Identified Special Needs Students</u>		<u>(Children at DCS)</u>	
Year	E-8	Total Enrollment	% of Population
1995/96	43	466	9.2%
1996/97	55	485	11.3%
1997/98	64	477	13.4%
1998/99	68	483	14.0% (anticipated as of 1/98)

<u>Out of District Identified Special Needs Students</u>		<u>(Children in Preschool, High School and Private Placement)</u>	
Year	Out of District Population	Out of District Population	Out of District Population
1995/96	31	31	31
1996/97	31	31	31
1997/98	47	47	47
1998/99	52 (anticipated as of 1/98)	52 (anticipated as of 1/98)	52 (anticipated as of 1/98)

The Special Ed. Coordinator position incorporates a 3% salary and related benefits increase.
 The \$116,154 increase is due to an increasing special needs population, new special needs students with severe disabilities and private and court ordered placements.

DEERFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT - 1998/99 PROPOSED BUDGET

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1996/97 1997/98 1997/98 1998/99 +/- FROM MBC
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ACCOUNT # DESCRIPTION

Offsetting special education revenue from both the state and federal government is anticipated in the amount of \$134,675 for 1998/99.

TOTAL 1200 604,948.14 789,797.00 734,378.00 905,951.00 116,154.00 905,951.00

1410 OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

001-1410-110-108-000	COCURRICULAR SALARIES	5,150.00	4,400.00	4,400.00	4,400.00	0.00	4,400.00
001-1410-310-108-000	COCURRICULAR OFFICIALS	960.00	960.00	960.00	960.00	0.00	960.00
001-1410-610-108-000	COCURRICULAR SUPPLIES	1,335.00	1,335.00	1,335.00	1,335.00	0.00	1,335.00

These lines cover stipends and supplies for coaching, game officials, cheerleading, band, and chorus and student funds bookkeeper. Coaching stipends are well below neighboring Districts.

TOTAL 1410 7,445.00 6,695.00 6,695.00 6,695.00 0.00 6,695.00

2110 ATTENDANCE & SOCIAL WORK

001-2110-330-108-000	REIMBURSEMENT FROM OTHER DISTRICTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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TOTAL 2110 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00

2120 GUIDANCE

001-2120-110-108-000	GUIDANCE SALARIES	38,550.00	39,280.00	26,369.00	26,369.00	(12,911.00)	26,369.00
001-2123-330-108-000	DIAGNOSTIC	25,134.94	22,095.00	22,095.00	6,883.00	(15,212.00)	6,883.00

Diagnostic: These services include psycho-education testing, vocational assessments and administrative costs. This year, savings are due to an increase in 94:142 Federal Funds (\$29,550). This line was formerly designated as "Appraisal-Contracted Services."

TOTAL 2120 63,684.94 61,375.00 48,464.00 33,252.00 (28,123.00) 33,252.00

2130 HEALTH

001-2132-610-108-000	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	546.21	420.00	420.00	420.00	0.00	420.00
001-2132-613-108-000	HEALTH EQUIP. REP.	65.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	0.00	75.00
001-2132-615-108-000	MEDICAL/A.V.	0.00	35.00	35.00	60.00	25.00	60.00
001-2132-630-108-000	HEALTH BOOKS	411.32	270.00	270.00	270.00	0.00	270.00
001-2134-110-108-000	NURSING SALARY	31,765.00	32,164.00	32,164.00	32,164.00	0.00	32,164.00
001-2134-520-108-000	NURSE'S LIABILITY INSURANCE	99.00	99.00	0.00	0.00	(99.00)	0.00

TOTAL 2130 32,886.53 33,063.00 32,964.00 32,989.00 (74.00) 32,989.00

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2190 OTHER PUPIL SERVICES

001-2190-890-108-000 ASSEMBLY	0.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	0.00	750.00
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This account supplements funds donated by F.O.C.U.S. to provide an opportunity for students to meet and learn from an Author/Illustrator.

TOTAL 2190	0.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	0.00	750.00
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2210 IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION

001-2212-320-108-000 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	2,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
001-2213-270-108-000 STAFF COURSE REIMBURSEMENT	1,802.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
001-2213-320-108-000 IN-SERVICE TRAINING	2,229.80	2,340.00	2,340.00	2,340.00	0.00	2,340.00
001-2213-630-108-000 PROF. BOOKS/SUBSCRIPTIONS	322.91	250.00	250.00	250.00	0.00	250.00

STAFF COURSE REIMBURSEMENT: This account funds the negotiated amount for the Teachers' Agreement.

TOTAL 2210	6,354.71	9,590.00	9,590.00	9,590.00	0.00	9,590.00
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2220 EDUCATIONAL MEDIA - LIBRARY

001-2222-111-108-000 LIBRARY INSTRUCTOR	24,218.07	25,309.00	25,475.00	25,475.00	166.00	25,475.00
001-2222-114-108-000 LIBRARY AIDE SALARY	3,071.46	4,218.00	4,012.00	5,350.00	1,132.00	5,350.00
001-2222-610-108-000 LIBRARY SUPPLIES	346.47	350.00	350.00	350.00	0.00	350.00
001-2222-615-108-022 LIBRARY-GENERAL REFERENCE MATERIAL	5,699.46	6,012.00	6,012.00	6,012.00	0.00	6,012.00
001-2222-640-108-000 LIBRARY PERIODICALS	1,210.46	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
001-2222-741-108-000 LIBRARY EQUIPMENT	253.36	150.00	150.00	150.00	0.00	150.00
001-2223-613-108-000 AUDIO VISUAL REPAIRS	278.70	350.00	350.00	350.00	0.00	350.00
001-2223-615-108-000 AUDIO VISUAL MATERIAL	352.79	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
001-2223-741-108-000 AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT	192.43	350.00	350.00	350.00	0.00	350.00
001-2224-330-108-000 EDUCATIONAL TV	463.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

The \$1,298 increase in this account is primarily due to the loss of volunteer support for library services to students.

TOTAL 2220	36,086.99	35,439.00	35,399.00	39,737.00	1,298.00	39,737.00
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2290 OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF SERVICES

001-2290-580-108-000 WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES	6,338.70	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
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This account funds the negotiated amount in the Teachers' Agreement.

TOTAL 2290	6,338.70	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
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DEERFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT - 1998/99 PROPOSED BUDGET

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1996/97 EXPENDED BUDGET 1997/98 PROJECTED PROP. BUD. 1998/99 +/- FROM 97/98 BUD. APPROVAL MBC

ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	1996/97 EXPENDED BUDGET	1997/98 PROJECTED PROP. BUD.	1998/99 +/- FROM 97/98 BUD.	APPROVAL	MBC
2310 SCHOOL BOARD						
001-2310-330-108-000	SCHOOL BOARD SECRETARY	1,391.29	1,429.00	1,429.00	0.00	1,429.00
001-2310-380-108-000	SCHOOL BOARD SALARIES	2,000.00	2,000.00	1.00	(1,999.00)	1.00
001-2310-390-108-000	CONTRACTED SERVICES	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
001-2310-540-108-000	ADVERTISING	1,552.25	2,079.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
001-2310-610-108-000	BOARD EXPENSES	498.75	1,100.00	600.00	(500.00)	600.00
001-2310-810-108-000	N.H.S.B.A. DUES	2,469.87	2,581.00	2,581.00	0.00	2,581.00
001-2312-370-108-000	CENSUS	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-2313-380-108-000	TREASURER SALARY	750.00	750.00	750.00	0.00	750.00
001-2313-610-108-000	TREASURER'S EXPENSE	889.09	846.00	846.00	0.00	846.00
001-2314-800-108-000	SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING EXP.	1,331.69	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
001-2315-380-108-000	ATTORNEYS	5,332.15	3,500.00	4,000.00	500.00	4,000.00
001-2315-391-108-000	LEGAL NOTICES	42.00	350.00	250.00	(100.00)	250.00
001-2316-380-108-000	MODERATOR	110.00	75.00	75.00	0.00	75.00
001-2317-380-108-000	AUDITORS	2,666.00	3,355.00	2,050.00	(1,305.00)	2,050.00
001-2319-380-108-000	CLERK - DISTRICT MEETING	35.00	505.00	505.00	0.00	505.00
TOTAL 2310		21,468.09	22,070.00	18,587.00	(3,404.00)	18,587.00
2320 SAU MANAGEMENT SERVICE						
001-2320-351-108-000	DISTRICT SHARE	106,493.00	105,413.00	115,011.00	9,598.00	115,011.00
TOTAL 2320		106,493.00	105,413.00	115,011.00	9,598.00	115,011.00

School Board Salaries: This decrease is due to the decision by the School Board to end stipend salaries for Board members.

Deerfield's share of the total SAU budget is based upon student population and property valuation which is up slightly to 17.6 of the SAU budget. The SAU is engaged in a significant upgrade of computer support for the 1998/99 school year.

DEERFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT - 1998/99 PROPOSED BUDGET

Date: 2/18/98

1996/97 1997/98 1997/98 1998/99 +/- FROM MBC
 EXPENDED BUDGET PROJECTED PROP. BUD. 97/98 BUD. APPROVAL

ACCOUNT # DESCRIPTION

2400 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

001-2410-110-108-000	PRINCIPAL'S SALARY	56,665.00	58,365.00	58,365.00	59,825.00	1,460.00	59,825.00
001-2410-111-108-000	ASST. PRINCIPAL'S SALARY	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
001-2410-550-108-000	REPORT CARDS	477.25	420.00	478.00	500.00	80.00	500.00
001-2410-810-108-000	PROFESSIONAL DUES - SCHOOL ADMIN.	1,070.00	1,188.00	1,205.00	1,638.00	450.00	1,638.00
001-2410-811-108-000	ACCREDITATION EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,450.00	3,450.00	3,450.00
001-2411-115-108-000	SECRETARY SALARIES	37,368.90	38,251.00	39,921.00	38,251.00	0.00	38,251.00
001-2490-532-108-000	POSTAGE	1,848.59	1,851.00	1,851.00	1,851.00	0.00	1,851.00
001-2490-580-108-000	TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	3,262.75	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00
001-2490-610-108-000	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,775.25	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
001-2490-613-108-000	EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	9,052.92	5,000.00	5,000.00	9,000.00	4,000.00	9,000.00
001-2490-630-108-000	PROFESSIONAL BOOKS/SUBSCRIPTIONS	153.00	100.00	100.00	150.00	50.00	150.00
001-2490-741-108-000	NEW EQUIPMENT	210.26	0.00	0.00	13,994.00	13,994.00	13,994.00
001-2490-890-108-000	COMMENCEMENT	878.38	725.00	725.00	900.00	175.00	900.00

Principal's salary: Mr. Peter Sweet, Principal of DCS for the past 18 years, has resigned to take a similar position in North Hampton. This line reflects the voted increase to the principal position. A principal search committee has been formed with the goal of finding a qualified candidate to begin as principal at the beginning of school next fall.

Accreditation Expense: Funding in this line supports the second year of the two year school improvement plan to develop short and long term education goals for the District. A new long range plan is required by statute and is a prerequisite to access funding for numerous block grants the district routinely applies for and is awarded. This expenditure supports the expense required for a 6 person visitation team who will be at DCS for 4 days in September. Completion of the plan is anticipated in the fall of 1998 and will also result in DCS accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

New Equipment: This line reflects the proposal to purchase a new copy machine and duplicator. The present machine is over 5 years old, lacks a sorter, and is subject to numerous and frequent breakdowns. As of February 1998, there were 1,607,143 copies made on the present machine.

TOTAL 2400		113,262.30	116,900.00	118,646.00	140,559.00	23,559.00	140,559.00
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DEERFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT - 1998/99 PROPOSED BUDGET

Date: 2/18/98

1996/97 EXPENDED BUDGET 1997/98 PROJECTED PROP. BUD. 1998/99 +/- FROM 97/98 BUD. APPROVAL MBC APPROVAL

2540 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	1996/97 EXPENDED	1997/98 BUDGET	1997/98 PROJECTED	1998/99 PROP. BUD.	+/- FROM 97/98 BUD.	MBC APPROVAL
001-2540-110-108-000	CUSTODIAN SALARIES	69,510.29	77,114.00	84,260.00	76,586.00	(528.00)	76,586.00
001-2310-116-108-000	FACILITIES COORDINATOR	2,266.65	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
001-2540-531-108-000	TELEPHONE	6,898.73	5,322.00	5,322.00	6,898.00	1,576.00	6,898.00
001-2540-580-108-000	CUSTODIAN MILEAGE	141.75	300.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
001-2540-610-108-000	CLEANING SUPPLIES	3,911.04	3,360.00	3,360.00	4,206.00	846.00	4,206.00
001-2540-652-108-000	ELECTRIC	34,125.97	37,902.00	37,902.00	37,902.00	0.00	37,902.00
001-2540-653-108-000	OIL	14,257.19	12,621.00	12,621.00	13,463.00	842.00	13,463.00
001-2542-443-108-000	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	1,604.08	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,211.00	(89.00)	2,211.00
001-2542-520-108-000	SMP INSURANCE	12,562.00	12,220.00	12,458.00	12,458.00	238.00	12,458.00
001-2544-613-108-000	EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	1,818.07	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
001-2544-741-108-000	EQUIPMENT - NEW	0.00	0.00	1,560.00	423.00	423.00	423.00
001-2544-742-108-000	EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	33.43	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00
001-2549-442-108-000	PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE	3,932.61	3,580.00	3,580.00	4,500.00	920.00	4,500.00
001-2549-443-108-000	CONTRACTED SERVICES	10,035.98	9,256.00	9,256.00	10,525.00	1,269.00	10,525.00
001-2549-490-108-000	GROUPS MAINTENANCE	3,197.17	5,000.00	5,000.00	2,250.00	(2,750.00)	2,250.00
TOTAL 2540		164,294.96	174,976.00	183,919.00	177,723.00	2,747.00	177,723.00

Custodian Salaries: It is anticipated that this line will be over-expended in 1997/98 primarily due to additional pay related to converting the classrooms from rug to tile this summer. It is proposed to include additional maintenance support to maintain the hallways if the voters approve converting the hallway rugs to tile (\$7.50 per hour x 4 hours per day x 180 days: Total \$5,400)

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1996/97 EXPENDED BUDGET 1997/98 PROJECTED PROP. BUD. 1998/99 +/- FROM 97/98 BUD. APPROVAL MBC

2550 PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	1996/97 EXPENDED	1997/98 BUDGET	1997/98 PROJECTED	1998/99 PROP. BUD.	+/- FROM 97/98 BUD.	APPROVAL	MBC
001-2550-300-108-000	BUS DRIVER PHYSICALS	230.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-2550-513-108-000	TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT	84,690.40	147,893.00	147,893.00	148,893.00	1,000.00	148,893.00	148,893.00
001-2550-519-108-000	INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE	1,486.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-2552-110-108-000	BUS DRIVER SALARIES	58,591.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-2552-112-108-000	SUBSTITUTES SALARIES	2,533.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-2552-116-108-000	BUS COORDINATOR SALARY	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-2553-110-108-000	SPECIAL ED. DRIVER SALARIES	2,473.25	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	(5,000.00)	0.00	0.00
001-2553-513-108-000	SPECIAL ED TRANSPORTATION	15,885.85	35,163.00	33,378.00	38,740.00	3,577.00	38,740.00	38,740.00
001-2553-514-108-000	SUMMER TRANSPORTATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,134.00	16,134.00	16,134.00	16,134.00
001-2554-110-108-000	FIELD TRIPS	975.50	6,160.00	6,160.00	2,500.00	(3,660.00)	2,500.00	2,500.00
001-2555-110-108-000	ATHLETIC TRIPS	350.00	2,665.00	2,665.00	2,500.00	(165.00)	2,500.00	2,500.00
001-2555-656-108-000	FUEL FOR BUSES	6,903.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL 2550		175,119.22	196,881.00	195,096.00	208,767.00	11,886.00	208,767.00	208,767.00

Transportation Contract: The 1998/99 school year will begin the second year of a full service contract with Dail Transportation. This increase is agreed pursuant to contract. The Board has determined with the new contract, that there has been a total savings to the District in the first year of \$19,624, as compared to our previous lease arrangement for bus service.

Summer Transportation: This is a new line that reflect the expansion of 1200 special programs account. The money supports transportation of special needs children to summer programs. In previous years, funds to support this service were paid from the 1200-569 special placements/tuition line.

2900 OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES (Employee related costs and benefits)

001-2900-211-108-000	HEALTH INSURANCE	173,756.14	153,424.00	123,718.00	133,472.00	(19,952.00)	133,472.00	133,472.00
001-2900-212-108-000	DENTAL INSURANCE	18,399.87	21,488.00	21,112.00	23,407.00	1,919.00	23,407.00	23,407.00
001-2900-213-108-000	LIFE INSURANCE	3,653.74	3,617.00	3,617.00	3,617.00	0.00	3,617.00	3,617.00
001-2900-214-108-000	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	14,048.03	14,425.00	13,037.00	15,317.00	892.00	15,317.00	15,317.00
001-2900-222-108-000	TEACHER RETIREMENT	30,444.41	37,577.00	38,655.00	37,806.00	229.00	37,806.00	37,806.00
001-2900-225-108-000	ANNUITIES	6,360.00	6,440.00	6,972.00	6,972.00	532.00	6,972.00	6,972.00
001-2900-230-108-000	FICA	129,974.61	127,086.00	127,211.00	132,285.00	5,199.00	132,285.00	132,285.00
001-2900-260-108-000	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	2,661.17	4,100.00	4,100.00	3,615.00	(485.00)	3,615.00	3,615.00
001-2900-291-108-000	RECOMMENDED CERTIFIED INCREASES	0.00	0.00	0.00	41,901.00	41,901.00	41,901.00	41,901.00
001-2900-291-108-000	RECOMMENDED NON-CERTIFIED INCR	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,248.00	13,248.00	13,248.00	13,248.00

Health Insurance: The savings projected are a result of a change in provider from the New Hampshire Municipal Association to School Care. It also reflects savings due to a policy change in 1997/98 that changed insurance benefits payable to some non-certified staff.

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1996/97 EXPENDED BUDGET 1997/98 PROJECTED BUDGET 1998/99 +/- FROM APPROVAL MBC

ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	1996/97 EXPENDED BUDGET	1997/98 PROJECTED BUDGET	1998/99 +/- FROM APPROVAL	MBC	
TOTAL 2900		379,297.97	338,422.00	411,640.00	43,483.00	411,640.00

Teacher Contract: The proposed 1997/98 Teacher Contract includes a 3.5% salary increase. The total amount to be raised, \$41,901, includes salary related benefits. There has been a reduction in dental benefit from 100% to 85%.

Non-Certified Staff Increase: The proposed Non-Certified Staff increase includes a 3.0% salary increase. The total amount to be raised, \$13,248, includes salary related benefits.

4200 FACILITIES ACQUISITION/CONSTRUCTION

001-4200-460-108-000 FACILITIES/SITE IMPROVEMENT	0.00	14,635.00	52,865.00	1.00	(14,634.00)	1.00
TOTAL 4200	0.00	14,635.00	52,865.00	1.00	(14,634.00)	1.00

5100 DEBT SERVICE

001-5100-830-108-000 BONDED DEBT PRINCIPAL	300,000.00	300,000.00	300,000.00	300,000.00	0.00	300,000.00
001-5100-840-108-000 BONDED DEBT INTEREST	157,500.00	136,500.00	136,500.00	115,500.00	(21,000.00)	115,500.00
TOTAL 5100	457,500.00	436,500.00	436,500.00	415,500.00	(21,000.00)	415,500.00

5240 MISC. ACCOUNTS

001-5240-880-108-000 TRANSFER TO FOOD SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
TOTAL 5240	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

GENERAL FUND TOTALS 4,264,407.24 4,743,367.00 4,835,228.00 4,975,701.00 232,334.00 4,975,701.00 4.98%

WARRANT ARTICLES

COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM	0.00	0.00	0.00	479,409.00	479,409.00	479,409.00
TECHNOLOGY PLAN	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00

TOTAL 0.00 0.00 0.00 500,909.00 500,909.00 500,909.00

DEERFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT - 1998/99 PROPOSED BUDGET

1996/97 EXPENDED 1997/98 BUDGET 1997/98 PROJECTED 1998/99 PROP. BUD. +/- FROM 97/98 BUD. APPROVAL

ACCOUNT # DESCRIPTION

1996/97 EXPENDED	1997/98 BUDGET	1997/98 PROJECTED	1998/99 PROP. BUD.	+/- FROM 97/98 BUD.	APPROVAL
4,264,407.24	4,743,367.00	4,635,228.00	5,476,610.00	733,243.00	5,476,610.00
GRAND TOTAL					
49,695.93	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00
FUND II ANTICIPATED GRANTS					
95,548.12	104,710.00	104,710.00	100,610.00	(4,100.00)	100,610.00
FUND IV FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM					
29,272.57	64,032.00	64,032.00	0.00	(64,032.00)	0.00
GOALS 2000					
4,338,923.86	4,937,109.00	4,828,970.00	5,602,220.00	665,111.00	5,602,220.00
TOTAL DISTRICT APPROPRIATION					

**DEERFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 22, 1997**

At 9:15 AM Moderator James D'Alessio called the meeting to order.

School District Officials and Administrators were introduced. School Board Chair, Susan Aubrey; School Board Members, Robert Ashforth, Jean Kutylowski, Gary Lenehan, Rodney Swanson; SAU Counsel Ted Comstock; Superintendent of the SAU, Tom Haley; SAU Representative, Peter Aubrey; Assistant Moderator and Parliamentarian, Doug Leavitt; Clerk, Sonia Rogers; Assistant to the Clerk, Mary Spindel; Ballot Clerks, George Owen and Kevin Barry.

The Moderator announced the election results: James D'Alessio, School District Moderator; Sonia Rogers, School District Clerk; Debra Black and David O'Neal, School Board Members for three year terms; Cynthia Tomilson, School District Treasurer. All officials have been previously sworn in, except Cynthia Tomilson (term expires July 1997).

The Moderator asked that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The Moderator asked that all non-registered voters sit in the designated area to his left. The Moderator stated that the meeting would be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, as modified by the Moderator in accordance with the rules of the State of New Hampshire. The order of the day is the School District Warrant. The Moderator stated he would read the Article, recognize the School Board Chair to move the Article, then seek a second. In other instances the maker of the motion would be recognized first. The maker of the motion will speak first, then the Article would be open for discussion. The vote will first be by raised hands with voting cards. If the result is unclear the Moderator will request a count of the votes. A secret ballot would be conducted if there was a written request by five registered voters prior to the voice vote. The Moderator noted that there was no smoking allowed, pointed out the four fire exit doors on each side of the building, and asked that everyone try to remain seated as much as possible. He thanked Mark Tibbetts and Bill Fowler for setting up the meeting.

The Moderator stated that all persons wishing to speak would have three minutes to do so. He instructed people to go to the microphone where they would be recognized in turn to speak.

A Motion to close debate would not be accepted from someone who has just spoken. Such a motion would be accepted from someone standing at the microphone, with a second given, and a two-thirds majority vote. The Moderator stated that all comments were welcome, and urged everyone who wished to speak to do so.

The Moderator recognized Susan Aubrey, School Board Chair, to present some awards. An award was presented to Robert and Jean Wellock for their countless hours spent supporting children's learning in the Deerfield Community School. Over the past fifteen years they could be found in the school library reading with children, helping publish students; work, making pop up books - even learning about computers to help our kids make learning fun and meaningful. Mrs. Aubrey then presented an award to Bob Ashforth, School Board Member, thanking him for his 3 years of dedicated

services and for caring about what would be best to help our children educationally as we move towards the 21st century.

The Moderator then recognized Jean Kutylowski, School Board Member, to present an award. An award was presented to Susan Aubrey, School Board Chair, thanking her for her years of service and leadership. Mrs. Aubrey stated that it was an honor to represent this school for the past 3 years. Mrs. Aubrey went on to state that she felt the progressive educational growth we take pride in is a direct result of Mr. Sweet's responsible leadership role, along with the efforts of our professional devoted staff.

The Moderator read a letter received by Dan & Lauren Fontaine into record. Mr. & Mrs. Fontaine requested a moment of silence to remember our neighbor Bill Whiting, who passed away on March 3, 1997. Bill served the town of Deerfield as a member of the Deerfield Board of Adjustment for 12 years. There was a two minute moment of silence given in his behalf.

Article 1. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

Susan Aubrey, School Board Chair, moved Article 1 to be adopted as written. Seconded by Gary Lenehan. Mrs. Aubrey deferred to Larry Lassins, Deerfield Cooperative High School Planning Committee, gave a brief history of the committee. He stated that the Planning Committee has been in communication with the towns of Auburn, Barrington and Litchfield since the 1996 School District Meeting. Currently the Planning Committee has been meeting with Nottingham in a series of meetings to discuss the possibility of a cooperative high school. The Planning Committee is working towards bringing a proposal to the people of the Town of Deerfield some time this year. The committee feels that they have made very positive progress towards a resolution of our high school needs.

Mrs. Aubrey deferred to Joe Stone, Friends of Deerfield Recreation, gave a brief history of the fields in Deerfield that are being considered. Mr. Stone stated that this committee is trying to recreate an outdoor recreation facility that would be utilized by family members of all ages. This facility would include: baseball fields, soccer fields, walking paths/cross country trails, picnic areas, concession stands and a sports shop. But will provide conservation and outdoor education opportunities. The committee's goal is to complete this with little or no impact to the town's current operations expenses.

Article 2. To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board to accept gifts and donations from any source on behalf of the School District.

Susan Aubrey, School Board Chair, moved Article 2 to be adopted as written. Seconded by Gary Lenehan.

There was no discussion. The Moderator called for the vote on **Article 2**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. **Article 2 is adopted as written.**

Article 3. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,325,473 to provide for the high school tuition costs of

Deerfield students. This is a special warrant article. (School Board recommends approval. Budget Committee recommends approval.)

Susan Aubrey, School Board Chair, moved Article 3 to be adopted as written. Seconded by Gary Lenehan.

Mr. Lenehan stated that the figures had changed since the Warrant Article was put together.

Mr. Lenehan made a motion to amend the amount of Article 3 to \$1,335,177. Seconded by Rod Swanson.

The Moderator reread the **AMENDMENT** to **Article 3** and called for the vote. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. **Article 3 is amended to \$1,335,177.**

Article 4. To see if the District will vote to authorize the expenditure of up to \$40,000 of the anticipated fund balance in the 1996/97 high school tuition account (which was approved as a special warrant article at the 1996 School District Meeting) for the purpose of offsetting an expected deficit in the overall 1996/97 budget due to health insurance costs. (School Board recommends approval. Budget Committee recommends approval.)

Susan Aubrey, School Board Chair, moved Article 2 to be adopted as written. Seconded by Gary Lenehan.

There was no discussion. The Moderator called for the vote on **Article 4**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. **Article 4 is adopted as written.**

Article 5. To see if the District will vote to approve the cost items as set forth in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Deerfield School Board and the Deerfield Education Association for the 1997/98 school year, said items increasing the cost for teachers' salaries and benefits by \$26,842 over the 1996/97 school year, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,842 to fund these cost items. (School Boards recommends approval. Budget Committee recommends approval.)

Susan Aubrey, School Board Chair, moved Article 2 to be adopted as written. Seconded by Gary Lenehan.

There was no discussion. The Moderator called for the vote on **Article 5**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. **Article 5 is adopted as written.**

Article 6. To see if the District will vote to authorize creation of the Cooperative School District Planning Committee to succeed the committee approved at the March, 1994 School District Meeting in accordance with RSA 195:18. (By law, the current committee's charter ends with this meeting and a successor committee must be authorized for investigation of a cooperative district to continue.) The committee will consist of 3 qualified voters, at least one of whom shall be a member of the school board. Members of the committee shall be appointed by the Moderator. It shall be the duty of the committee to study the advisability of

establishing a cooperative school district in accordance with the standards set forth in RSA 195:2.

Susan Aubrey, School Board Chair, moved Article 2 to be adopted as written. Seconded by Gary Lenehan.

A brief discussion followed.

Mr. Lassins explained that the Planning Committee is currently meeting with Nottingham to discuss the possibility of a cooperative high school and he feels these discussions should continue.

Bernie Cameron stated that the eight grade students have a very difficult time choosing a high school under the current process.

Gary Lenehan stated that it is very frustrating to see 27% of the budget go to high school tuition when we do not have any say in our students curriculum.

Jack Hutchinson stated that next year at School District Meeting an Article of Agreement will be presented to the towns' people.

John Keech made a motion to close debate and move the question. Seconded by Margo Fligg.

The Moderator called for the vote on the motion to **CLOSE DEBATE** and move the question. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. The motion carries.

The Moderator called for the vote on **Article 6** as written. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. **Article 6 is adopted as written.**

Article 7. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to support the activities of the Cooperative School District Planning Committee. (School Board recommends approval. Budget Committee recommends approval.)

Susan Aubrey, School Board Chair, **MOVED** Article 7 as written. Seconded by Gary Lenehan.

Susan Aubrey stated that this money is needed for printing.

There was no discussion. The Moderator called for the vote on **Article 7** as written. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. **Article 7 is adopted as written.**

Article 8. BY PETITION, To see if the Deerfield School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,447 for the purpose of purchasing six computers and accessories for a portable mathematics computer lab to fully utilize existing math software. (School Board recommends approval. Budget Committee recommends approval.)

George Humphrey moved the article as written. Steve Barnes seconded.

There was a brief discussion.

George Humphrey, Technology Committee, explained the pilot program is to (a) help with the math curriculum and (b) to enable the committee and the community to track the usefulness of computers in the

curriculum. Most of the computers in the school are obsolete.

Linda Perry would like to know why wasn't GOALS 2000 money used for the computers?

Harriet Cady urged the School Board to use the bid process. She also feels that the Board should look into companies donating computers.

Dan Fontaine does not feel that we know where technology is going and that we should not invest a lot of money. Mr. Fontaine recommended that we purchase used equipment.

Debbie Boisvert, co-chair school's computer committee, stated that almost all the school's computers were acquired by grants. Even the obsolete computers are good for word processing and teaching keyboard skills. Ms. Boisvert feels that GOALS 2000 money could have gone toward the computers.

Bruce Graham made a motion to stop debate and move the question. Seconded by Gary Roberge.

The Moderator called for the vote to **CLOSE DEBATE** and move the question. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared.

The Moderator called for the vote on **Article 8** as written. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. **Article 8 is adopted as written.**

9. BY PETITION, To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for pupil transportation for the purpose of continuing the District's practice of hiring and supervising its own bus drivers. (School Boards does not recommend approval. Budget Committee does not recommend approval.)

Chris Hatfield moved the article as written. Seconded by Steve Barry. Lengthy discussion followed.

Chris Hatfield stated that we just voted on a considerable amount of money for computer hardware and that equal consideration should be given to our humanware. We currently have 7 drivers, totaling 88 years of experience which does have an educational impact on our children. The drivers are part of our education team. Education of our children also includes how we behave as a community, the decisions we make.

Rebecca Hutchinson, MBC chair, applauds the School Board efforts to save money, while providing safe transportation. The savings from a full service contract could be used for educational materials.

Annie Barnes stated that since we have 3 different sets of figures, the issue is more complex. If we act in haste we will lose options and choice. We need to take more time.

Gary Lenehan, School board rep. to MBC, stated that our 3 year contract is coming to an end. We have 2 options, either a lease only or a full service contract. The Board is seeking direction from this Meeting. Mr. Lenehan stated that the Board can see a significant savings in a full service contract, even if the saving figures have fluctuated. This savings could be put toward education.

Joe Stone feels that the school is in the business of educating children and not hiring bus drivers. \$12 - \$22 an hour could be better used to educate our youngsters. We should buy educational equipment. This is not a case of drivers being fired as much as changing employers.

Don Smith made a motion to close debate and move the question. seconded by Steve Barry.

The Moderator stated that there was a request on the floor for a secret ballot for Article 9. He gave instructions for secret ballot procedure.

The Moderator designated Ballot A for Article 9, read the Article once again, and instructed the secret ballot voting to begin.

Once voting was completed the Moderator called for a recess.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50am.

The Moderator reconvened the meeting at 12:20pm, and read the results of the secret ballot vote on Article 9.

YES	138	NO	141	UNMARKED	2
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Article 9 fails.

Mr. Dubiansky requested a recount.

Ms. Moore moved to seal the vote.

The Moderator explained that this was not the appropriate time.

Article 10. To see what sum of money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries and benefits for school district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District.

Rebecca Hutchinson, MBC Chair, moved article 10 in the amount of \$4,437,109.00. Seconded by Mr. Barry.

The Moderator stated that he would be scanning through the Budget line items, and would welcome input at any time.

Gary Lenehan , responding to a question concerning the tax impact. He estimated that the total increase on property worth 100,00, would be \$20.79, up from \$18.90 last year for an increase of \$1.89.

CHAPTER 1 TUTORIAL

Meredith Berkland made an **AMENDMENT** to 001-1100-115-108-000 CHAPTER 1 TUTORIAL fund \$6,500 for the summer literacy program. Seconded Steve Barry.

Mrs. Berkland explained that this program helps to get children up to speed in reading.

Mr. Lenehan explained that the balance of the moneys from Chapter 1 is used for the summer program. Money is not put aside specifically for the program.

Mrs. Fligg did not feel that enough information was given to make an informed decision. Her son benefits, but she wants to know how many children are involved in this program and if grant money can be applied for, to offset the cost.

15 students, 6 weeks, 3 times a week

Rebecca Hutchinson, expressing personal opinion, does not support the amendment. It did not go through the regular budget process.

Jim Alexander asked 4 times for School Board to show him on which line the expenditure is shown. No one could find it. Mr. Alexander insisted it is in the budget somewhere.

Bruce Graham made a motion to close debate and move the question. Seconded by Margo Fligg.

The Moderator called for the vote on the motion to **CLOSE DEBATE** and move the question. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. The motion carries.

The Moderator reread the **AMENDMENT** to 001-1100-115-108-000 CHAPTER 1 TUTORIAL to fund \$6,500 for the summer literacy program and called for the vote. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **NEGATIVE** and so declared. The amendment fails.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Emily Moore, MBC Member, made an **AMENDMENT** to cut \$50,000 from Line 1200 Special Education Programs. Seconded by Erick Berglund.

Ms. Moore explained that the Staffing in Special Education is layered with duplications. Some special education funds are being used for services to regular education students said to be at risk.

Chris Hatfield stated that it is not a matter of choice but law. In the long run, we are saving money. Helps to avoid out of district placement and law suits.

Gary Lenehan stated that it would be irresponsible to cut such a large sum from this budget. The School Board spent many hours looking at this issue. More children will be entering into the program, 85 to 193. The School Board is frustrated, but it is required by law. It is a major piece of the budget that is not subject to control.

Rebecca Hutchinson, MBC Chair, stated that Ms. Moore as an MBC Member spent countless volunteer hours studying the budget. Looking at the Special Education budget, I too wondered if it is all required. The School Board could always come back for a deficit appropriation if need be.

Judy Cappelle, Special Ed. Teacher, is alarmed that \$50,000 is being taken from this section. All students have the right to an appropriate education.

Jean Kutylowski has been working with non-certified staff to save \$27,000 due to changes in benefits

Judy Williams feels that it is irresponsible to cut \$50,000 without knowing which area would be impacted.

1:45PM Results of **Article 9** recount.

YES 138 **NO** 141 **UNMARKED** 2

The Moderator declared **ARTICLE 9** failed.

Ms. Moore stated that she would be happily to suggest the money come from the aides salary line. Ms. Moore further stated that not counting child-specific aides, the student-adult ratio in the school is 8 or 9 to 1. She thinks this is excessive.

Susan Shapiro introduced herself as a consultant from UNH for Special Education. She stated that she has visited many schools. She feels Deerfield spends Special Ed. money more wisely than most schools that she has visited. She sees a competition growing in Deerfield between regular education and special education and that is not the way to go. This adds to the pain of families with special education children.

Bruce Fligg stated that if these aides are not in the classroom, parents will have their children coded to get the services at an extra cost.

Gary Lenehan explained that this budget is not based on a worst-case scenario. It is derived from an actual list of services provided for each coded student. It is the most reasonable estimate of the students' needs.

Mike Gayhardt stated that our children did not asked for these disabilities. Our children are suffering on a daily basis. Adding an additional burden is inappropriate.

Debra Clark made a motion to CLOSE DEBATE and move the question. Seconded by Gary Roberge.

The Moderator stated that there was a request on the floor for a **secret ballot** for Line 1200 Special Education Program. He gave instructions for secret ballot procedure.

The Moderator designated Ballot B for Line 1200 Special Education Program, read the **AMENDMENT** once again, and instructed the secret ballot voting to begin.

The Moderator read the results of the Secret Ballot vote.

yes 123 **no** 145

The Amendment fails.

SOUND BAFFLES (multi-purpose room)

Gary Lenehan explained that the sound baffles would be hung from the ceiling to improve the sound.

Debra Clark asked if half the baffles could be installed this year and half next year.

Gary Lenehan stated that the \$22,000 for sound baffles is a worst-case scenario. Savings can be generated by volunteer help.

Chris Hatfield commended Jeff Cook for donating his time to do the sound

safety study.

AIR QUALITY STUDY

Jolene Smith questioned the defective pipe from the furnace and if this is what has been making everybody sick. She also wanted to know why it took so long for the Board to act on this matter.

Rod Swanson, School Board Member, stated that he took actions upon it immediately after it was brought to his attention. Mr. Swanson stated that there was a leak from the furnace fluke which has been repaired. He will ask to have the carbon dioxide levels tested right away.

Joe Dubiansky made a motion to close debate and move the question on Article 10. Seconded by Kevin Barry.

Seeing no further discussion. The Moderator called for the vote on Article 10 in the amount of \$4,937,109. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 10 is approved in the amount of \$4,478,916.

Emily Moore moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 9. Seconded by Donald Smith.

Harriet Cady moved to restrict reconsideration on all Articles. Seconded George Keech.

The Moderator called for the vote on the **AMENDMENT** to restrict all reconsideration. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. The motion carries.

Article 11. BY PETITION, To see if the voters will authorize the District to allow access through and the use of a portion of the school property which is adjacent to the Whitcher property (map4, lot 6), for the purpose of becoming part of a community outdoor recreation facility. The District property in question would be defined as: that which begins at the side of Tordoff Field and extends to the current Whitcher property line and extends to all adjacent property lines within that section.

Joe Stone moved the Article as written. Seconded by Dan Fontaine.

There was no discussion. The Moderator called for the vote on Article 11. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. **Article 11** is adopted as written.

Article 12. To see if the District will vote to extend the F.C.A. exclusion limit, in accordance with the Social Security Independent and Program Act of 1994.

Susan Aubrey, School Board Chair, moved Article 12 to be adopted as written. Seconded by Gary Lenehan.

There was no discussion. The Moderator called for the vote on **ARTICLE 12**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. **Article 12** is adopted as written.

Article 13. To choose Agents and Committees in relation to any subjects embraced in the Warrant.

Susan Aubrey, School Board Chair, moved Article 13 to be adopted as written. Seconded by Gary Lenehan.

There was no discussion. The Moderator called for the vote on **ARTICLE 13**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 13 is adopted as written.

Article 14. To transact other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Susan Aubrey moved the Article as written. Seconded by Gary Lenehan.

Debra Clark made an **ADVISORY MOTION** to the School Board to include School Employee Roster, Election Official and Contractors in next years Annual report.

On a **MOTION TO ADJOURN** by Margo Fligg, seconded by Peter Devlin, the Moderator called for the vote. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. The Town Meeting -- School Portion is **ADJOURNED** at 3:30PM.

Due to recording difficulties, there are no tapes available of this meeting.

A True Record

Sonia Rogers
School District Clerk

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

For the Year Ending June, 1997

INSTRUCTION		
Regular Education Programs	\$	989,547.19
Special Education Programs		530,654.21
Other Instructional Programs		7,445.00
PUPILS		
Guidance		60,417.40
Health		32,886.53
INSTRUCTIONAL		
Improvement of Instruction		6,354.71
Educational Media		36,086.99
Other Instructional Staff		6,338.70
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION		
School Board		21,468.09
Office of the Superintendent		106,493.00
School Administration		113,262.30
BUSINESS		
Operation & Maintenance of Plant		164,294.96
Pupil Transportation		162,638.22
Other Supporting Services		379,297.97
INSTRUCTION - HIGH SCHOOL		
Regular Education Program		1,099,679.50
Special Education Program		74,293.93
Guidance		3,267.54
BUSINESS - HIGH SCHOOL		
Pupil Transportation		12,481.00
INSTRUCTION - DISTRICT WIDE		
Debt Service		457,500.00
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
Regular Education Program		12,253.40
Special Education Programs		31,434.81
Attendance & Social Work		27,955.57
Guidance		1,925.00
Other Support Services		5,399.72
FOOD SERVICE FUND		
Food Service		95,548.12
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 4,438,923.86

STATEMENT OF REVENUES

For the Year June 30, 1997

REVENUES FROM LOCAL SOURCES

Current Appropriation \$ 4,035,196.00

TUITION

Pupils, Parents, & Other Sources 3,246.00
Other LEA Within NH 17,352.94

OTHER LOCAL REVENUES

Earnings on Investments 1,052.18
Food Service 65,320.21
Pupil Activities 10,163.56
Contributions & Donations 407.48
Other Local Revenue 7,464.75

FROM LOCAL REVENUES 84,408.18

TOTAL LOCAL REVENUES 4,140,203.12

REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES

Foundation Aid 122,688.92
School Building Aid 96,271.62
Catastrophic Aid 18,645.41
Child Nutrition 2,149.00

TOTAL STATE REVENUE 239,754.95

REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES

Chapter II Aid 39,424.07
Child Nutrition Program 18,056.00
Misc. Elementary/Secondary Programs 1,925.00
Other Elementary/Secondary Programs 8,346.86
Fed. Thru Inter. Agency 29,272.57

TOTAL FEDERAL REVENUE 97,024.50

TOTAL REVENUES \$ 4,476,982.57

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997

CASH ON HAND JULY 1, 1996		\$181,794.54
Received from Selectmen	\$4,035,196.00	
Revenue from State Sources	316,758.26	
Received from Tuitions (includes transportation)	19,899.36	
Received from all Other Sources	95,881.32	
Goals 2000 Funds Received	<u>40,971.00</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$4,508,705.94
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year		4,690,500.48
Less School Board Orders Paid		<u>4,580,917.38</u>
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 1997		\$ 109,583.10

Cynthia Tomilson
District Treasurer

SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

1996-97

Allenstown	\$10,859
Chichester	6,656
Deerfield	12,331
Epsom	12,051
Pembroke	<u>28,166</u>
	\$70,063

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

1996-97

Allenstown	\$ 8,850
Chichester	5,424
Deerfield	10,049
Epsom	9,821
Pembroke	<u>22,953</u>
	\$57,097

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S SALARY

1996-97

Allenstown	\$ 7,730
Chichester	4,738
Deerfield	8,777
Epsom	8,577
Pembroke	<u>20,047</u>
	\$49,869

STATISTICAL REPORT

YEAR	REGISTERED	AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE
1993-94	478	459.0
1994-95	505	466.3
1995-96	489	443.7
1996-97	509	462.8

CLASS BREAKDOWN

1997-98

Grade 1	63
Grade 2	58
Grade 3	68
Grade 4	56
Grade 5	67
Grade 6	75
Grade 7	50
Grade 8	53

DEERFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Class of 1997

David J. G. Albridge
Melissa R. Andres
Jonathan A. Barry
Lauren M. Barry
Rebecca J. Bauer
Holly Anne Bowler
Carolina N. Bradley
Megan L. Buchanan
Molly A. Cameron
Carrienne Lynne Chartier
Danielle Merrill Clark
Tanya M. Croteau
Matt D. D'Alessio
Cecelia Marie Duchano
Jennifer Lynn Elliott
Corey Nathan Emery
Jennifer Nancy Goodwin
Paul Haarman
Shannon Marie Hinton
Katy Scharn Hogan
Jacinda Amber Hurd
Micah Jean
Dawn C. Jodoin
Michael E. Kashian
Lillian Hannah Kayden
Adam Robert Knee
Jennifer Knight
Justin Kutylowski

Andrew E. W. Leavitt
Kathleen Beth Lenehan
Eric Douglas Mandigo
Erin Lynn Mahoney
Aaron Alfred Marquis
Daniel Mason
Eben Lowell Mathews
Sherrie Marie Merritt
Matthew S. Moran
Ryan K. Nolan
John Paul O'Hearn, Jr.
Heather Elizabeth O'Neal
Tiffany Ann Philbrick
Jason S. Piper
Shaunna Lee Riley
Jessica J. Rousselle
Laura Elizabeth Shaughnessy
Elizabeth Stone
Amy R. Thibeault
Michael J. Thibodeau
Timothy S. Tucker
Lindsay Elizabeth Wade
Gregory E. Watts
Molly Rix Whatmough
Derek Wilson
Megan Wilson
Sarah Wilson
Courtney Withan

SCHOOL NURSE REPORT

The DCS Health Office continues to be a busy place. Some of the services I provided in the 1996-1997 school year included:

- Annual health screening for vision, hearing, height, weight and blood pressure on every student and scoliosis screening on fifth through eighth grade students.
- Compiling and maintaining health records and reports, including the monitoring and implementing of state immunization laws.
- Administering first aid and emergency care, providing nursing care and assessment, administering medications, referring students and staff as necessary and providing follow up care and interpretation of orders by medical care providers.
- Conducting health related classroom presentations including Basic Aid Training (BAT) for all fourth grade students, CPR and Standard First Aid to all eighth grade students as well as classes on puberty, sexuality and AIDS.
- Participating in conferences with staff and parents.
- Vaccinating 16 sixth grade students with Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) vaccine.
- Helping the Deerfield Wellness Team with the seventh annual Red Cross blood drive. (With the help of the staff, students and community members we were able to collect 54 pints of blood.

Goals I am working on include:

- Teaching Infant/Child/Adult CPR to staff members. (Certifying 4 in 96-97 plus re-certifying 8 staff members from 95-96)
- Teaching Standard First Aid and this year certifying 4 staff members in Community First Aid and Safety, bringing the total number of teachers certified to 12.
- Organized a "phone tree" for DCS in the 96-97 school year. (I would like to thank Jan Lenehan for her work and organization of the phone tree for 97-98)
- Promoting health and wellness through one on one counseling in the health office as well as classroom presentations.

The list of volunteers who help me in the health office grows every year. I am grateful to have parents and community members who are willing to give their time and talents. I would like to thank Mary Ann Johnson for her continuing help with medical consultations and scoliosis screenings, Jo-Ann O'Connell for her help with scoliosis and annual health screenings, Mark Tibbetts for his help with the fire unit in the BAT program, Diana Stevens, Lynda Truncellito, Lai Ming Benoit, Nancy Shillaber, Holly Haas, Cindy Anderson, Pam Lomontague, Jan Lenehan and Jan Woods for their help with yearly screenings and the BAT program in 96-97.

Thank you to everyone who has helped. Your support enables me to devote more time to individual students and their health needs as well as teaching programs that I hope will help students throughout their lives.

Louise Matteson, RN., School Nurse

1996-1997

Interventions

Total visits to the Health Office	2472
First Aid Visits	574
Illness Visits	1898
Medications Administered	2663
Immunization Clinic (MMR)	16

Conferences

Parent contacts	528
Staff conferences	37

Classroom Presentations

93



DEERFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL
1997-98

TEACHER'S NAME	SUBJECT	1997-98	YEARS EXPERIENCE
Sweet, Peter	Principal	58,365.00	25
Boisvert, Deborah	Co-Asst. Principal	250.00	11
Yergeau, Paul	Co-Asst. Principal	250.00	21
Arcari, James	Elementary	39,280.00	20
Arzigian, Diane	Middle School	39,701.00	22
Benton, Mary	Reading Spec.	39,701.00	26
Boisvert, Deborah	Elementary	32,347.00	11
Bresnahan, Lorraine	Elementary	39,280.00	21
Campelia, Deborah	Phys. Education	19,640.00	19
Carlson, Anna	Music	34,377.00	16
Donna-Selva, Alice	Middle School	26,202.00	8
Duhaime, Doreen	Elementary	25,188.00	8
Eaves, Brenda	Elementary	35,980.00	17
Ferguson, Matthew	Elementary	30,405.00	10
Ginn, Mark	Middle School	24,364.00	3
Hanson, Cynthia	Elementary	23,840.00	4
Kelly, Enid	Elementary	28,440.00	8
King, Judith	Middle School	35,980.00	21
Knee, Maria	Elementary	39,701.00	19
Leavitt, Karen	Elementary	36,925.00	20
Matthews, Kathleen	Elementary	40,199.00	24
McCann, Debora	Phys. Education	19,640.00	17
Miller, Jane	Elementary	39,280.00	22
Nelson, Sherri	Elementary	28,173.00	9
Nicols, Patricia	Elementary	24,877.00	22
Ryan, Ann	Elementary	36,925.00	28
Shute, Nancy	Elementary	35,980.00	15
Tatulis, Edith	Middle School	31,933.00	12
Turnquist, Bruce	Elementary	39,280.00	16
Voveris, Laura	Art	24,872.00	4
Yergeau, Paul	Middle School	40,199.00	21
Adams, Susan	Special Ed.	28,081.00	7
Amazeen, Paula	Occu. Ther.	30,205.00	13
Lister, Jocelyn	Speech Ther.	38,780.00	18
Marquis, Robert	Dir. Pupil Services	52,440.00	21
Peters, Jennifer	Speech Ther.	24,364.00	3
Quinn, Michael	Special Ed.	38,780.00	18
Young, Patricia	Special Ed.	23,840.00	4
Viger, Amanda	Guidance Couns.	26,369.00	4
Matteson, Claire	Nurse	32,164.00	18

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

Great things are happening at the Deerfield Community School. The walls reverberate from well-received musical programs. The all-purpose room is the scene of nail-biting athletic events and of gym classes which challenge and build confidence. Creative student art beautifies the walls. A deafening silence in the library is broken by an excited child who has just located important information for a report. The entire school is transformed into a science lab for the Science Fair as children outline how their hypotheses were proven by scientific experimentation. Classroom teachers, specialists and aides are continuously assessing and addressing the needs of individual students. One child is receiving a more challenging book, a classmate is being motivated by a book which will encourage success.

It would be nice to be able to devote an entire report to life at Deerfield Community School, but the New Hampshire Minimum Standards require us to tell you about with our goals, objectives and results.

In June we met to outline what we wanted to accomplish this year. The objective of supporting public kindergarten got a strong boost with legislative action which provided increased funding. Two of our members felt strongly that we should take advantage of the state funds, three of the members felt the kindergarten could not be cost justified in view of known future expenses. However, we agreed a kindergarten initiative should be on the warrant for action by the taxpayers. Our objective of developing a technology program is well underway. Our support of the self-study program is evident with the progress being made by that project which is right on schedule. The sound deadening panels which have been installed in the all-purpose room are proving to be effective. Removal of classroom carpeting and installation of tile, which was done within the operating budget, has greatly lessened long-standing upper respiratory complaints. We also have implemented an animal policy which balances the educational significance of animals in the school with the associated health concerns. We have been less successful with other objectives; a feasibility study for the introduction a formal foreign language program, formal assessment of the Special Education programs and several other objectives.

Perhaps our greatest frustration is our continuing inability to provide long-range high school plans for our graduates. The high school cooperative committee is working diligently with the Nottingham School District. Space constraints are making it necessary for many of the high schools with which we have contracts to limit or eliminate tuition students. The high school committee is preparing to have discussions with several area high school regarding extended contracts.

In January Mr. Sweet resigned to accept an offer to become the principal in North Hampton. His eighteen years of commitment to the children of Deerfield will have a lasting impact on Deerfield Community School. As we extend our heartiest thanks and appreciation to Mr. Sweet, we face the uncertainties of change with a confidence that the depth of his legacy will meet the test of time and that the scope of his leadership has embraced a staff which will allow continued focus on children and their individual needs.

Respectfully submitted,
Rodney P. Swanson, Chair
Deerfield School Board

Deerfield Community School



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Peter J. Sweet, *Principal*

February 20, 1998

Dear Citizens of Deerfield,

I am finding it very difficult to write this report. After almost nineteen years of having the privilege of serving as the Principal for Deerfield, I am deeply saddened about leaving this position. As a first time, twenty-nine year old Principal, I could never have imagined that I would be a part of such a wonderful, rewarding educational journey.

I am forever grateful to each of you. Deerfield should be extremely proud of its excellent school. I truly hope that you never take the teachers and staff for granted. These are very special people who each day make a positive impact upon each and every student. I can only hope you recognize these unique resources.

Thank you again. Many of our relationships will last a lifetime.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Sweet

Accredited By:



NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION
OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES, INC.

A Snapshot of State Testing Results

How much has your district improved?

Here is the "average difference" or improvement in New Hampshire public school districts' third-grade assessment scores between 1994 and 1997. They are part of public policy analyst Doreen Stern-Gordon's prize-winning study proposal to explore reasons why some districts surge ahead while others lag. Caution: Low numbers mean little improvement, but some higher-scoring districts may show average change because they started with better results.

Small districts		Medium districts		Large districts	
Milton	0.5	Newfound Area	2.0	Sanborn Regional	-1.0
Strafford	3.5	Franklin	2.0	Claremont	6.5
Campton	3.5	Weare	3.5	Rochester	11.5
Nottingham	5.5	Barrington	4.0	Dover	13.5
Winchester	5.5	Allenstown	4.0	Manchester	14.0
Bartlett	6.0	Inter-Lakes	6.5	Concord	14.0
Wakefield	7.0	Mascenic Reg.	7.5	Goffstown	14.0
Pittsfield	8.0	Berlin	8.5	Kearsarge Reg.	15.5
Northumberland	8.0	Littleton	10.5	Monadnock Reg.	15.5
Barnstead	9.5	Hampton	11.5	Fall Mtn. Reg.	15.5
North Hampton	11.5	Pembroke	11.5	Londonderry	16.5
Northwood	12.5	Hillsboro-Deering	11.5	Laconia	16.5
Haverhill Coop.	13.5	Somersworth	12.0	Raymond	17.0
Chesterfield	14.5	Epping	12.5	Exeter	17.5
Hanover	15.5	White Mtn. Reg.	13.0	Gov. Wentworth	17.5
Epsom	17.0	Farmington	14.0	Windham	18.0
Gorham	17.5	Jaffrey-Rindge	14.5	Timberlane Reg.	18.0
Plymouth	18.5	Shaker Reg.	14.5	Portsmouth	18.5
Rye	18.5	Hollis	15.5	Hudson	19.0
Moultonborough	18.5	Seabrook	16.0	Nashua	20.0
Hinsdale	19.0	Lebanon	16.0	Milford	20.0
Candia	23.0	Hampstead	17.0	Derry	21.5
Sunapee	26.0	Stratham	17.0	Salem	22.0
Henniker	27.0	Newmarket	18.0	Amherst	25.5
Auburn	29.5	Gilford	19.0	Keene	25.5
Chester	30.0	Bow	23.0	Oyster River	27.0
Brookline	30.5	Pelham	23.0	Contocook Valley	27.5
Freemont	31.5	Winnisquam Reg.	26.5	Merrimack Valley	29.5
New Boston	31.5	Conway	27.0	Merrimack	30.0
Alton	35.0	Hopkinton	35.0	Bedford	31.5
Wilton	40.5	Litchfield	35.5		
Deerfield	43.0	Newport	42.5		
		Hooksett	52.5		

SOURCE: Doreen Stern-Gordon

Globe staff chart

Deerfield Community School Technology Report February 20, 1998

1997-1998 Initiatives

- By authorization of a School District warrant the district purchased and put into place 6 computers and a printer in a mobile mini-lab to support the use of software in the math curriculum. Ethernet cards and a hub were also purchased so that the mini-lab could be used as part of the network that will be in place by the end of the year. As was the intent of the warrant, first priority in use of the cluster goes to mathematics in grades entry - 5th.
- At the request of the Deerfield School Technology Committee, the Deerfield School Board, and the Deerfield Community Technology Committee a technology plan was written. The initial draft was circulated and revised with feedback from the staff, SAU Technology Coordinator, both technology committees and school board members, and submitted to the state. Additional revisions were made in response to comments from the state and the plan was approved.

Approval from the state allows us to apply for state administered federally funded grants, FCC E-Rate discounts for networking equipment, Wings (a free two year internet access provided by Bell Atlantic and Cabletron) and free NHPTV Technology Training.

- Grants were written and submitted to the state Literacy Technology Challenge project and to Wal-Mart. Applications were made for FCC E-Rate, Wings and NHPTV Technology Training. We did not receive funding from the state, but did receive \$250 from Wal-Mart. Donations were received from Jefferson Pilot (formerly Chubb America Service Corporation), Bolster Cleaning and Maintenance Corporation, Barnes Management and Mr. Mike's, as well as, discounted materials from Yankee Electronic.
- NetDay '98 - A group of citizens joined together to raise the money and provided the labor to wire the building for a network. Once complete, this network will allow teachers and classes to communicate with each other, the office, to share resources, such as software, printers, scanners and other devices, and to communicate beyond the walls of the school. The estimated cost of this project would have been over \$12,000 if commercially installed.

Over \$4,700 were raised by a community penny drive, Room Sponsors, Reel Sponsors, community contributions, and business contributions. The Deerfield Education Association and two memorial funds have also contributed.

- Discussions have been opened with the Philbrick-James Library as to how the school and this volunteer network could be of help to them.

All of this work could not have been done with out the help of volunteers in a wide variety of capacities. Our thanks go out to

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James Parlier	Julie Kukla	Bob Ashforth & Kris Shores
Helen Finan	Bill Buchanan	Ellen & Daniel O'Donnell
HenryAudesse	Victor Motz	Gale & Leo Preston
Gay Brearly	Joe Sears	Glenn & Darlean Roberts
Paul Crutchley	Don Mason	Phil & Joan Bilodeau
Eric Bergland	Debbie Boisvert	Bob & Mary Spindel
Kevin Barry	Susan Seitz	Al, Judy & Scott Daigle
Ken Mullet	Pam LaMontagne	Elizabeth & Kurt Marcusson
Scott Hayes	George & Marty	The Deerfield Education
Mark Johnson	Humphrey	Association
Jill Heath	Mary & Bob Spindel	
Mary Rubega	Carol, Ryan & Bob Berger	The Staff of Deerfield
Marie Bolster	Dave & Tomi Buzzell	Community School

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT
DECODING SPECIAL EDUCATION

Special education has been a topic of much attention in recent months among the media and governmental agencies. It has become a highly charged and sometimes emotional issue when school budgets are developed and considered by budget committees and taxpayers. The dollar amount is significant and frustration is evident as people are told "It's the law - we must fund these expenses." However, there is much more to special education than solely expenditures. It is important to closely monitor the costs of special education to seek savings whenever possible and to recognize why friction between regular and special education has developed, but also to understand its structure and some of the ways it benefits individuals and the community.

Special education became an integral part of the public school system when federal laws were passed about twenty years ago stating that all children were entitled to a free public education. Prior to that children with severe disabilities were generally kept at home or sent to institutions. Children with less severe problems may have been enrolled in public school but schools were not required to specifically adapt either programs or facilities to accommodate them. Under special education laws adopted at both federal and state levels, all children from ages 3 to 21 are now entitled to be appropriately educated at public expense in the least restrictive environment possible. Public schools are obliged to provide programs to meet children's various needs either locally or at an out-of-district placement. Any disability which interferes with a child's full participation in public education may fall under the umbrella of special education law. Included are physical, developmental, and emotional as well as cognitive (learning) disabilities. Nationally, about 14% of students are identified as educationally disabled. In Deerfield, this percentage is currently 16%.

Irreconcilable Differences, a recent article in the Journal of Law and Education by Bruce Meredith and Julie Underwood, both attorneys specializing in education law, outlines some key elements which separate special and regular education:

<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION</u>	<u>REGULAR EDUCATION</u>
1. Focus on individual goals and achievement. Programs and expected results are student specific.	1. Focus on group instruction. A standard curriculum and school-wide results are stressed.
2. Individual parents or student advocates have significant involvement in deciding the nature and extent of a child's educational program.	2. The community and its taxpayers decide what level of programming will be offered to the students attending a specific school.
3. The cost of the program is secondary to the needs of the student and the desired results. Cost cannot legally be a determining factor.	3. An expenditure level is determined and programming is structured to exist within the parameters established.
4. Accountability and specific services are mandated by federal/state law. Schools are obligated to comply under threat of court sanctions.	4. Accountability is local. There are few mandated standards or services and limited federal/state oversight.
5. Special needs standards encompass socio-economic and environmental factors. The necessity for differing rules and expectations often results.	5. Differing academic and behavioral standards appear unfair and inconsistent to the regular population. Classroom dynamics and atmosphere may be adversely affected.

Children can be referred for special education consideration by a family member, physician, the courts, school staff or anyone who has reason to believe an "educational disability" may exist. A team composed of school staff, parents or guardians, doctors, child advocates and other specialists is then assembled to decide what steps are appropriate. Various evaluations and assessments - educational, medical or psychological - may be required. If the child is found to have an educational disability, a specific plan called an Individual Educational Plan (I.E.P.) is developed by the team to meet the needs of the child. The school district is then obligated by law to follow this plan. Parents or other parties can appeal team decisions they do not agree with. Appeals may be directed either to the New Hampshire Department of Education to be settled through mediation or a formal "due process" procedure or to the courts. Current law allows non-school parties to collect attorney's fees from the district if they prevail. However, schools which prevail cannot seek similar compensation. Many schools spend a considerable amount of money resolving such cases, adding to the overall cost of special education services. Court-mandated services are usually unbudgeted and often expensive.

While we have had disagreements regarding placements or services for Deerfield children from time to time, for the most part we have been successful in working to offer or develop satisfactory and appropriate programs. Deerfield's special education costs are considerable, accounting for about 18% of the overall voted budget, but they are usually much more reasonable and controllable when students are educated in-district and enrolled in the regular classroom with supplementary support. This model frequently benefits all children as the additional support in a classroom allows everyone to receive more attention. Many strategies initially used in special education instruction represent good teaching for all students and are ultimately utilized within the general classroom setting.

One of the most important positive things to remember about special education is that it benefits Deerfield children - your neighbor, your niece, your own child or grandchild. A special need is a part of the child but it is not the whole child. The boy with the reading problem may be a talented woodworker or artist; the girl with a physical handicap may be gifted mathematically. Given the opportunity to receive an education these children have the chance to enhance their strengths as well as remediate their weaknesses. Their futures should not and, by law, cannot be limited by their disabilities. Among education institutions, public schools alone are obligated by law to meet the educational needs of every child. Special education, while often an imperfect and frustrating mandate, is a key component in meeting this responsibility and reaching our ultimate goal of helping students to become contributing community members.

Respectfully submitted,
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL
STRUCTURE BASED ON AN AUDIT OF GENERAL PURPOSE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

The School Board
Deerfield School District
Deerfield, New Hampshire 03275

I have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Deerfield School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 1997, and have issued my report thereon dated December 18, 1997. I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The attached Appendix is an integral part of this report..

In planning and performing my audit, I obtained understanding of the Deerfield School District's internal control and assessed control risk in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements. I also tested the Deerfield School District's compliance with laws, regulations, and other provisions of contracts and grants that could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements.

I identified no material weakness in internal control and no instances of non-compliance that required to be reported herein under Government Auditing Standards. I noted certain control weaknesses and immaterial instances of non-compliance that I included in the attached Appendix. However, my consideration of the Deerfield School District's internal control and my testing of its compliance with laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grants were not designed to and did not provide sufficient evidence to express an opinion on such matters and would not necessarily disclose all matters that might be material weaknesses. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on Deerfield School District's internal control or on its compliance with laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grants.

This report is intended for the information of the Audit Committee, management, and federal awarding agencies, pass through entities, and regulatory and legislative bodies.

I extend my thanks to the officials and employees of the Deerfield School District for their assistance during the course of my audit.

Brent W. Washburn
December 18, 1997

Appendix on Internal Controls

This is an Appendix to the December 18, 1997 Deerfield School District report on internal controls and compliance based on an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards. The following are items that came to my attention during the audit regarding the design and operations of internal controls and compliance with laws, regulations, and other provisions of contracts and grants:

1. Inventory of Fixed Assets

Criteria: Inventory of fixed assets represents a significant control tool in monitoring the School District assets and is essential to prepare reliable financial statements.

Condition: The School District does not have a schedule of assets controlled by the School District. Schedules of assets purchased by federal grants has been maintained.

Cause: The normal practice of governmental units in New Hampshire has been to expense the fixed asset as purchase, and not to maintain any detail schedule of assets in use.

Recommendation: The District cause an inventory of these assets as soon as practical. The existence of fixed asset records will not only aid district officials in their control of these assets, but should be an invaluable tool in long range planning. General accepted accounting principles require fixed asset reporting as part of the general purpose financial statements and the audit opinion is being qualified due to the omission of this schedule.

Management Response: The implementation of a fixed asset system was investigated and found to be very expensive (approximately \$40 per 1,000 sq. Ft. of floor space). We will continue to study the situation with the aim of finding a less expensive scheme.

2. Student Activities

Criteria: The activities in the student activity funds should be controlled in a manner sufficient to document the source of funds, appropriate the fund, approved for expenditure, etc.

Condition: The student activity funds are controlled at the discretion of the principal. There are no guidelines or procedures as to accounting for the funds or what transactions are appropriate to be included in the student activity funds.

Cause: The student activity funds have grown over the years in magnitude and complexity. The school districts have many other area of concerns then student activity funds have not received a lot of attention.

Recommendation: Policies and procedures be established for the student activity funds. Including a periodical review of the fund balance. The funds were generated by the students and should be used on behalf of the students rather than a reserve fund.

Management Response: We agree completely with this recommendation and we will have the policy and procedures completed before June 30, 1998.

3. District Assessment

Criteria: The collection of the district assessment is a major source of revenue for the school district and is controlled by State law.

Condition: At the school district meeting a deficit appropriation of \$28,409 was voted. The full district assessment was not collected from the Town.

Cause: The school district did not request the deficit appropriation from the Town.

Recommendation: The full district assessment be collected, and any surplus be returned to the Town.

Management Response: This appropriation was received in the prior year.

4. Unsecured Cash

Criteria: The internal control procedures are designed to safeguard the assets of the School District.

Condition: The bank balance as per the bank statements at times was over the amount insured by federal bank deposit insurance. At one point during the year the balance reached \$708,895.

Cause: The need for manageable request from the town for the money appropriated results in large deposits.

Recommendation: The cash flow be analyzed to insure that the cash balance is maintained at its lowest possible amount. The School Board should negotiate an arrangement with the banking institution, thereby the amount above the insurance would be collateralized with bank assets. The vendor and payroll activities be separated into two different banks.

Management Response: The Deerfield School District is looking into joining PDIP (Public Deposit Insurance Pool) and if they do join all the cash will be secured.

BIRTHS 1997

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER	PLACE OF BIRTH
Jan 10	Nathaniel Charles Baker	David Lewis Baker	Sandra Jean Nobles	Manchester
Jan 22	Leigha Renee Charpentier	Rene Roland Charpentier	Suzanne Marie Courtemanche	Manchester
Feb 7	Justin Richard Dye	Richard Joseph Dye	Brenda Anne Vittiglio	Manchester
Feb 16	Brandon Joseph Mckenzie	Gregg Joseph Mckenzie	Paula Jean Leon	Manchester
Mar 10	Robert Thomas Carey	Thomas Albani Carey	Robin Ann Noyes	Manchester
Mar 20	Tyler Richard Heon	Richard Lionel Heon	Darlene Marie Marston	Exeter
Apr 1	Thomas Jay O'Brien	Edward Thomas O'Brien	Melissa Jane Boyden	Concord
Apr 17	Laura Margaret Kane	John Patrick Kane	Anne M. Hamblet	Concord
Apr 18	Myles Joshua Hogan	Stephen John Hogan	Debra Newella Provost	Exeter
Apr 25	Alex James Gosselin	John Edmund Gosselin	Judith Lynn Sullivan	Manchester
May 30	Thomas Eli Bouchard III	Thomas Eli Bouchard, II	Kathleen Marie Rock	Exeter
Jun 7	Jamie Alan Nelson	Krist Emery Nelson	Wendy Anne Dauphinais	Concord
Jun 10	Connor Joseph Kukla	Thomas Joseph Kukla	Julie Deann Shattuck	Manchester
Jun 16	Katie Anne Lafond	Alan Stephen Lafond	Patricia Ann Donnell	Manchester
Jun 19	Megan Valerie Gaboury	Linwood Thomas Gaboury	Stephanie Lynn Moody	Manchester
June 22	Frazer James Robertson	Robert Andrew Robertson	Melissa Orestis	Manchester
Jul 3	Mikaela Katherine Callahan	William Christopher Callahan	Patricia Ann Pomeroy	Manchester
Jul 9	Chase Elizabeth Pozerycki	John Douglas Pozerycki	Anne Michelle Runk	Exeter
Jul 11	Sarah Beth Guillemette	Bruce Normand Guillemette	Janice Lori Provencher	Manchester
Jul 11	Myles Steven Padfield	Steven Thomas Padfield	Kelley Ann Pratte	Manchester
Jul 13	Alyssa Lynn Pepin	Jeffrey Scott Pepin	Mary Jean Rogers	Manchester
Aug 16	Cameron David Kenyon	David Robert Kenyon	Marianna Louise Spear	Lebanon
Sep 11	Elizabeth Patricia Fiske	Robert Roy Fiske	Debbie Sue Lowe	Manchester
Sep 23	Hope Melanie Webber	Kevin Arnold Webber	Jeanette Lee Blaisdell	Exeter
Sep 29	Brooke Faith Laskowsky	Russell David Laskowsky	Suzanne Elaine Davis	Manchester
Oct 3	Megan Elizabeth Marquis	Arthur Lovie Marquis, Jr.	Jennifer Joyce Stevens	Concord
Oct 5	Ryan David Oswald	Todd David Oswald	Holly Ann Sanborn	Derry
Oct 8	Jack Holden Reid	David Douglas Reid	Nancy Lynn Lornatoski	Manchester
Oct 15	Alexandria Dehaven Henderson	Mark Richard Henderson	Kathleen Harrison Cole	Manchester
Oct 16	Jordan Winslow Vaillancourt	Jean Joseph Vaillancourt, Sr.	Paula Dorothy Whitten	Derry
Oct 27	Allyson Eileen McCarron	Kenneth Leslie McCarron	Charlene Ruth Johnson	Exeter
Nov 1	Brandon Christopher Bachand	Christopher Paul Bachand	Tomi Marie Robison	Manchester
Nov 1	Cody Steven Bachand	Christopher Paul Bachand	Tomi Marie Robison	Manchester
Dec 4	Justin Warren Therrien	Jon David Therrien	Maryellen Leary	Exeter
Dec 22	Christopher Riley Cummings	John Lew Cummings	Betsy Jaquith	Manchester
Dec 30	Jack Parker Hicks	Stephen Bradford Hicks	Tracy Anne Blossom	Concord
Dec 31	Matthew Steven Donovan	Paul Joseph Donovan	Barbara Jean Fortier	Manchester

I hereby certify that all the above returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Cynthia E. Heon Town Clerk/Tax Collector

MARRIAGES 1997

DATE	GROOM'S NAME	PLACE OF RESIDENCE	BRIDE'S NAME	PLACE OF RESIDENCE
Jan 1	Steven Frank Hurd	Deerfield	Ellen Jean Nutter	Deerfield
Jan 25	Warren Farnham Kimball	South Berwick Me	Edith Naomi Twombly	Deerfield
Mar 7	Mark David Swett	Concord	Heidi Marie Dudley	Deerfield
Apr 18	Robert John Galgano	Candia	Victoria Lynn Veselak	Deerfield
Apr 19	Christopher James Nelson	Deerfield	Sarah Elizabeth Hall	Deerfield
Apr 25	Michael Sean Walls	Deerfield	Linda May Bard	Deerfield
May 10	Patrick David Palmer	Deerfield	Hawli Ann Tillotson	Deerfield
May 17	Christopher Storm Pavo	Deerfield	Toni Marie Perry	Deerfield
June 7	Scott Adam Bauer	Deerfield	Stephanie Ann Foisy	Concord
June 21	Christopher Gary Dunstan	Thornton	Alicia Marie Hill	Deerfield
June 21	Gregory Thomas Jellison	Salem	Jessica Lee McGarry	Deerfield
June 22	Mark Eagan	Deerfield	Diana Marie David	Deerfield
June 29	Richard Gerard Fontaine Jr.	Deerfield	Susan Elaine Wilson	Deerfield
July 19	Mark Webster Hall	Deerfield	Catherine Mary Russo	Deerfield
July 26	Frank Vernon Twombly	Deerfield	Kimberly Ann Clark	Deerfield
July 27	Michael Leonard Dee	Deerfield	Suzanne Marie Forster	Deerfield
Aug 2	Mark Anthony Tibbetts	Deerfield	Donna Lee Ekdahl	Deerfield
Aug 9	Robert William Kendall	Deerfield	Amanda Jean Blanchard	Wilton
Aug 23	Thomas Lemuel Whitney Jr	Allenstown	Lynn Marie Simoneau	Deerfield
Sep 5	Walter Charles Hooker	Deerfield	Robertta Severina Monteverdi	Deerfield
Sep 6	Craig William Harmon	Deerfield	Cheryl Lydia Bruce	Deerfield
Oct 25	Shawn Douglas Daigle	South Lawrence Ma	Carrie Suzanne Blight	Deerfield
Nov 20	Paul Gardner Long Jr	Dover	Pamela Beth Kayden	Deerfield
Dec 14	Kenneth Warren Clifford	Deerfield	Mary-Ellen Zahin	Deerfield
Dec 31	Larry Gordon Westover	Epsom	Juanita L. Clinton	Deerfield

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Cynthia E. Heon

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

DEATHS 1997

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	PLACE OF DEATH	NAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
Jan 18	Dorothy Ruitter	Manchester	George Mitchell	Nellie Mitchell
Jan 22	Shirley E. Higgins	Manchester	Willie Fife	Charlotte Coddling
Jan 25	William Michael Hennessey	Exeter	Michael Joseph Hennessey	Annie Gannon
Jan 30	William C. Owen	Manchester	Lawrence Owen	Christine Corey
Mar 3	Willard R. Whiting	Concord	Ralph R. Whiting	Marie Snieder
Mar 29	Jennie M. Seel	Exeter	James Clay	Elizabeth White
Apr 3	Victor L. Carozza	Deerfield	Julius Carozza	Elmea Pinkham
Apr 15	Alyce N. Guinan	Deerfield	Benjamin T. Nelson	Mariah McConaughey
May 11	Sonya Martin Sears	Manchester	Herbert Martin	Zina Durovich
May 13	Ruth Josephine Houghton	Deerfield	James Barnaby Tilton	Josie Ayer
Aug 9	Edward A. Littlefield	Brentwood	Herbert Littlefield	Lottie Thayer
Aug 10	William Arthur Young	Deerfield	William A. Young	Addie Hicks
Sep 18	Thomas J. Linskey	Manchester	Philip Linskey	Mary E. Lewis
Sep 19	Bennie Frederick Catino	Deerfield	Frederick Andrew Catino	Anna Cammarata
Sep 24	Charlotte Frances Darling	Manchester	Francis Hart	Helen Riley
Oct 16	Debra Ann Daniels	Deerfield	Donald N. Delnicki	Denise I. Melendy
Oct 19	Joseph D. Connelly Jr.	Manchester	Joseph D. Connelly	Caroline Milton
Nov 18	Lillian G. Lundell	Manchester	Hugh B. Howes	Bessie M. Young
Dec 14	Elsie Marion Mahn	Deerfield	John C. Aiken	Annie F. Buchan

BROUGHT FOR BURIAL

1996		
Dec 11	Folger Allen Shores	Deerfield
1997		
Jan 14	Lucy Muller	Manchester
Jan 18	Dorothy Marie Nelson	Concord
Jan 26	Roberta Louise Carlman	Hamilton, MA
Jan 30	William C. Owen	Manchester
Feb 24	George F. Kelley III	Manchester
Jul 19	Richard A. Johnston	Northwood
Aug 5	Margaret Marion Lewis	Lancaster
Oct 12	Doris Adelia Batchelder	Manchester
Oct 17	Randolph William Dudley	Sanford, ME

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