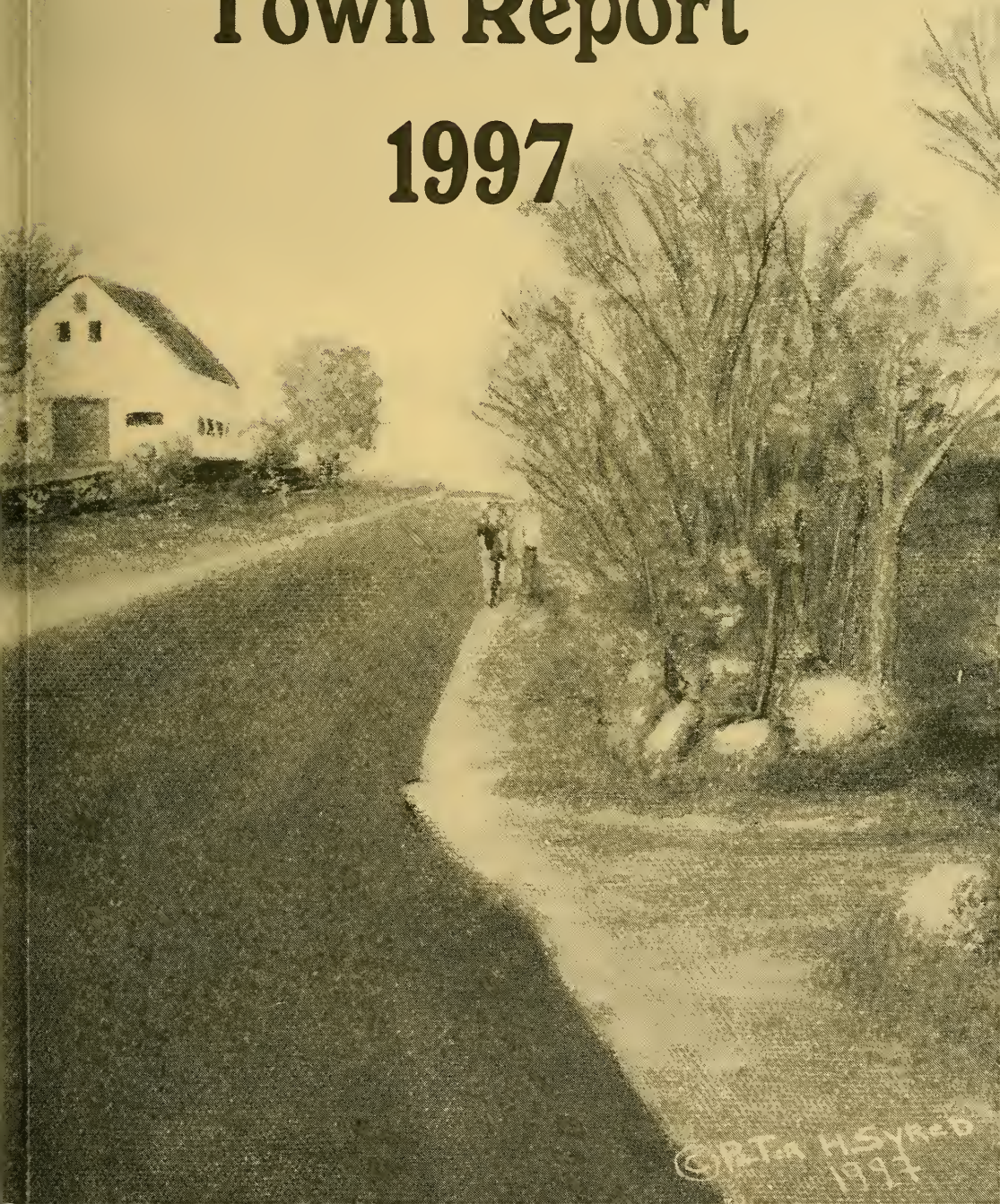


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ANNUAL REPORTS

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1997**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SCHOOL
TREASURER**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 1997**

**TOGETHER WITH THE VITAL STATISTICS OF THE
TOWN OF**

**EAST KINGSTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

1997

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*THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL TOWN REPORT
IS DEDICATED TO*



*CHARLES W. MONAHAN
June 28, 1913 – February 22, 1997*

Charlie was born to James and Betsy (Sanborn) Monahan on June 28, 1913. He grew up in the big tan colonial, east of Carmen's Fried Chicken. He attended school in East Kingston, graduated high school in Exeter and attended college at the University of New Hampshire. Although Charlie desired to be a veterinarian, he worked on his father's dairy farm until his father's death. Then he sold the dairy farm and went into the vegetable farming business. He later moved to the white farmhouse on the corner of South Road and Main Street.

During Charlie's lifelong residency in the town of East Kingston, he served as a selectmen from 1940 through 1955. He also served on the school board for many years. Charlie always took a keen interest in his community and the town prospered greatly from it. Those who knew him will remember Charlie as a good ol' New England farmer, a quiet, honest and dedicated man to his family and friends. The town was very fortunate to have someone of his stature to represent it.

We are thankful that the legend of the Charlie Monahan Farm will continue to be operated by his family. It just wouldn't be the same without this historical spot or those fresh strawberries!

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TOWN OFFICERS

Elected Officers:

Board of Selectmen (RSA 41:8 to 8-E)

1998	Andrew L.T. Berridge	394-0224
1999	James Roby Day, Jr.	642-7956
2000	Donald C. Andolina	642-7158

Cemetery Committee

1998	Donald C. Andolina	642-7158
1999	Henry F. Lewandowski, Jr.	642-8406
2000	Vytautas Kasinskas	772-8855
1998	Eugene V. Madej – Appointed Sexton	642-8457

Highway Agent (RSA 231:62 to 62-B)

1998	Robert L. Rossi	642-5246
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Moderator (RSA 40:1)

1998	Robert B. Donovan	642-8386
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Supervisors of the Checklist (RSA 41:46-a)

1998	Patricia A. Mazur	642-8033
2000	Virginia E. Conti	642-8872
2002	Sarah B. Lazor	642-5955

Town Clerk/Tax Collector (RSA 41:45-A)

1998	Barbara A. Clark	642-8794
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Treasurer (RSA 41:26 to 26B)

1998	Linda Eaton	772-5675
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Trustees of the Public Library (RSA 202-A:6)

1998	Conrad V. Moses	642-4697
1999	Shirley A. Hammershoy	642-5597
1999	Carol A. Davis	642-5227
2000	Joan W. Kasinskas	772-8855
2000	Beverly A. Fillio	642-4423

Trustees of the Trust Fund

1999	Charles A. Walker	642-4447
1999	Amanda J. Lashoones	642-8943
2000	Darlene M. Hughes	642-3595

NOTE: Elected Officers serve to Town Meeting of year noted.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Animal Control Officer

Dec. 1998 Robert A. Marston, DVM 778-0570

Board of Adjustment (RSA 673:5)

642-8406

Mar. 1998 David A. Ciardelli
 Dec. 1999 Edward Cardone
 Dec. 1999 Charles F. Marden, Alternate
 Dec. 1999 Peter A. Riley, Alternate
 Mar. 1999 John V. Daly, Chairman
 Dec. 2000 David C. Boudreau, Jr.
 Dec. 2000 Norman J. Freeman, Sr.
 *Catherine Belcher, Secretary

Building Inspector

642-8406

Dec. 1998 Glenn P. Clark 642-8727
 Dec. 1998 Peter A. Veroneau 642-5354

Conservation Commission (RSA 36-A:3)

642-8406

Mar. 1998 Lawrence K. Smith, Chairman
 Mar. 1998 James L. Nupp
 Mar. 1998 Gail C. Andersen
 Mar. 1998 John L. Fillio, Alternate
 Mar. 1999 Dennis G. Quintal
 Mar. 1999 Vytutas Kasinskas
 Mar. 2000 Richard S. Urwick
 Mar. 2000 Stanley C. Drew

Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector

642-8794

Dec. 1998 Sharon P. Day

Deputy Treasurer

642-8406

Mar. 1998 Donald H. Clark

Emergency Management

Dec. 1998 Amanda J. Lashoones, Coordinator 642-5246
 Dec. 1998 Austin R. Carter, Sr., Deputy Coordinator 642-8254

Fire Department

Emergency

911

Business

642-3141

Dec. 1998 Alan J. Mazur, Fire Chief & Fire Engineer 642-8663
 Dec. 1998 Richard A. Smith, Sr., Asst. Fire Chief & Fire Engineer
 Dec. 1998 A. Robert Carter, Jr., Dep. Fire Chief & Fire Engineer

Fire Warden (Town – State appointed)

1998 Richard A. Smith, Sr. (1 year term) 642-5544

Police Department**Emergency
Business**911
642-5427

Dec.	1997	Ronald E. Farrell (Resigned 1997)
Dec.	1998	James R. Lussier (Resigned 1997)
Dec.	1998	Raymond A. Marquis, Jr. (Hired 11/4/97)
Dec.	1998	Raymond E. Fluet (Hired 12/12/97)
Dec.	1998	Mark A. Cook
Dec.	1998	Jeffrey L. LeDuc
Dec.	1998	Wayne M. Young
Dec.	1998	Richard R. Simpson (Full-time)
Dec.	1998	Henry F. Lewandowski, Jr., Police Chief

Recreation Committee

Dec.	1998	Michael C. Moore, Chairman	642-3463
Dec.	1998	Robert M. Miller	
Dec.	1998	Daniel J. Owens	
Dec.	1998	Frederick J. Gosselin	
Dec.	1998	Jeff A. Rolfs	
Dec.	1998	Michael E. Duclos	
Dec.	1998	Robert A. Staves	
Dec.	1998	Wesley S. Nickerson, Jr.	
Dec.	1998	D. James Clark	

Recycling Committee

Mar.	1998	Kimberley Casey, Chairman	772-8506
		*Daniel M. Blaisdell, Recycling Caretaker	

Rockingham Planning Commission

778-0885

Aug.	1999	Lawrence K. Smith	642-5538
Apr.	2001	James Roby Day, Jr.	642-7956

Town Office Custodian

642-8406

*Eugene V. Madej

Seacoast MPO Advisory Committee

642-8406

Dec.	1998	Eugene V. Madej
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Welfare Agent

642-8406

Dec.	1998	Donald H. Clark
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Town Office Staff:

*Deborah G. Gallant, Administrative Assistant

*Donald H. Clark, Selectmen's Special Assistant

*Catherine E. Belcher, Secretary/Clerk, Newsletter Editor

Contracted Auditors

Plodzick & Sanderson Professional Association

*Note: Town employees, not appointed.



Governor

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Patricia M. O’Keefe, PO Box 145, Seabrook, NH 03874 474-7561

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Representative

John E. Sununu, 44 Buttonwood Rd, Bedford, NH 03110 647-6600

Governor’s Executive Council

Ruth L. Griffin, 479 Richards Ave, Portsmouth, NH 03801 436-5272

County Commissioner

Tom Battles, 119 North Rd, Brentwood, NH 03833 679-2256



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The State of the Town

An assessment of 1997 in East Kingston, from the Board of Selectmen's perspective, would show the year to have been one dominated by planning activities and transition.

OUR PHYSICAL PLANT: Town assets attended to in 1997 included Stumpfield Road, which was graded and paved to the Kensington border. Budgeting constraints kept our Highway Agent from repairing Giles and Sanborn Roads, but in view of proposed natural gas pipeline projects that will cross these roads, their repair might have proven premature.

Brown's Academy, our town offices building, was built in 1904 and shows its age if you look closely. It is structurally sound, however, and reconstruction of the front porch in Fall 1997 preserved its historic appearance, as well as arresting wood rot and deterioration. Repair to the roof eaves was intentionally delayed out of consideration for weather and budget constraints. This work will likely proceed in 1998.

TRANSITIONS: Early in the year, East Kingston was awarded a federal COPS grant. The program is designed to enable towns, which could not otherwise afford it, to hire a full-time police officer for three years, with the federal government paying up to 75% of salary and benefits. Reid Simpson was chosen for the position from amongst a number of highly qualified candidates. He is East Kingston's first full-time police officer since 1738, and as Selectman Don Andolina aptly observed, "259 years is a long time to wait for this momentous occasion."

The Fire Department saw a transition in its leadership when Alan Mazur was selected to be the new Fire Chief. He brings many years of experience and an excellent grasp of management principles to the task. The department finished the year within its budget, and Chief Mazur has formulated plans to replace aging equipment in ways that will minimize the impact on our wallets. The Fire Association is working closely with the department to replace the old forestry vehicle at little cost to the Town, and the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen are examining sensible ways to fund a replacement for our 1955 Mack fire truck.

PLANNING: Serious planning activity was undertaken by the Planning Board and the Future Land Use & Acquisition Committee (FLUAC). The FLUAC, formed at Town Meeting 1997, has worked diligently through the year, and they have made excellent, and logical, recommendations to the Selectmen. Their most time-sensitive recommendation concerns the purchase of the Kennerly estate property. Few things are inevitable, but increased growth is almost a certainty. Whereas our municipal complex that includes the Town Hall, EOC, Police Station, Fire House, and recycling center, just meets our current needs, we know that in some future time, we must expand. There is currently no other suitable land that even remotely begins to satisfy our present and future needs as well as the Kennerly parcel does. There is no anticipated use of the existing buildings by the Town if we do purchase this property, and it is our intent to subdivide the property, selling the house and barn to recoup as much of the purchase price as possible.

The Planning Board has made a Herculean effort to update our Master Plan, and has completed over 80% of the work, including the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). A current, up-to-date CIP is essential to legitimize other growth management tools such as our Growth Control ordinance, and the Selectmen have used the CIP in our budgetary planning for 1998.

THE BUDGET: Execution of our 1997 budget has been relatively simple, and reflects superb financial management by our department heads. Revenues for 1997, apart from property taxes, were 32.5% higher than anticipated due in part to significant charges against land taken out of Current Use and increased motor vehicle permit fees. We underspent the budget by over 7%, even with the \$37,640 we voted as separate warrant articles. Of course, we cannot plan for such unanticipated revenue in 1998, but we have adjusted expectations of business at the Town Clerk's window, and have chosen not to anticipate any Current Use change penalties, expecting landowners will keep their lands in Current Use.

EXTERNAL FORCES: Activity external to our Town, over which we have had little or no control, but which impacted us directly include two major natural gas pipeline projects and our Unified Cooperative School District (the Coop). We saw the Portland Natural Gas Transmission System/Maritimes Northeast pipeline proposal obtain Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approval for a 30" line to run adjacent to the existing Granite State line. A rival Texas firm, North Atlantic/DeepTech, is seeking FERC approval for a 42" pipeline to enter from seaward and tee into the PNGTS/MNE line in East Kingston. Both projects have potential land use impacts that landowners are being forced to deal with individually. Our Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen continue to follow these developments closely. It is not lost on us that no one is likely to benefit from having all that natural gas passing through our Town, but there will be tax revenue from valuation of the hardware itself.

We elected to form the Coop in 1996, and by next year, we shall have a very clear picture of the true costs in joining with our neighbors in this manner to educate our children. Operating costs must be identified for the new school, as well as costs to renovate the present junior and senior high schools. Our control over these issues is inherently minimal in view of our relative size compared to the entire Coop voting population. In light of recent developments regarding property tax support of education, we await the promised "reforms" from Concord with bated breath.

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS: We were sorry to learn that Linda Eaton, long-time Treasurer for East Kingston, has had to decline serving another term in her public office. She has epitomized the selflessly dedicated volunteer in public service whose greatest concern was always the community's best interests. In true form, Linda sought her own replacement for the office, and we would be wise to take her recommendations. Our hats are off to you, Linda, for all that you have done. East Kingston is greatly in your debt.

We suffered a loss of a very different kind when Mr. Charlie Monahan died. He served as selectman from 1940 to 1955, as well as school board member for many years. He had the foresight and wherewithal to build his property holdings into an agricultural going concern, and today his legacy is the sight of cultivated rows of raspberry bushes, rhubarb,

and strawberries at Monahan's Corner. We hope to see his family's fresh produce stand at the corner for many years. Mr. Monahan is sorely missed.

People in the news from East Kingston also included Mr. Don Clark, Selectmen's Assistant and Selectman Emeritus, who won the prestigious New Hampshire Municipal Association's Volunteer of the Year award. Nominations were accepted from every town in the state, and those of us who know him would have been very surprised indeed had he not won. Congratulations and many thanks for your superior work, Don.

The Chairman of the Board would like to thank everyone in our Town government for their hard work and support over the last year. He feels this year has been most productive, and he has enjoyed serving the Town as Chairman. The entire Board is happy to acknowledge the many volunteers' efforts to keep East Kingston the attractive and comfortable New England town that it is.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew L.T. Berridge, Chairman
James Roby Day
Donald C. Andolina



*Don Clark, Selectmen's Assistant at ease in the Selectmen's Office.
Don truly deserves the New Hampshire Municipal Association Volunteer
Award as he goes above and beyond the call of duty on a daily basis.*

REVENUES REPORT FOR 1997 & PROPOSED 1998

REVENUES	1997 BUDGET	1997 ACTUAL	1998 PROPOSED
3120 – TAXES			
LAND USE CHANGE TAXES	1,000.00	24,656.00	0
YIELD TAXES	500.00	1,085.00	500.00
TAXES INTEREST/PENALTIES	20,000.00	19,200.00	18,000.00
3210 – LICENSES/PERMIT/FEES			
BUSINESS LICENSES/PERMITS	1,800.00	2,025.00	1,800.00
MOTOR VEHICLE PERMIT FEES	175,000.00	201,453.00	185,000.00
BUILDING PERMITS	7,500.00	4,455.00	6,000.00
OTHER LICENSES/PERMITS	5,000.00	10,540.00	6,000.00
3311 – FEDERAL GOVT.			
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		10,526.00	30,000.00
3351 – STATE			
SHARED REVENUE	34,000.00	34,176.00	34,000.00
HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT	25,600.00	26,890.00	26,900.00
FOREST LAND	100.00	50.00	50.00
RAILROAD/ROOM/ MEALS TAX	12,600.00	20,159.00	25,000.00
3401 – SERVICE CHARGES			
INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS	13,000.00	13,629.00	13,000.00
3501 – MISC. REVENUES			
INVESTMENT INTEREST	20,000.00	27,915.00	20,000.00
OTHER	7,600.00	24,255.00	7,750.00
SALE MUNICIPAL PROPERTY	0	8,015.00	2,500.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$323,700.00	\$429,029.00	\$376,500.00

APPROVED 1997 & PROPOSED 1998 BUDGET REPORT

APPROPRIATIONS	1997 BUDGET	1997 ACTUAL	1998 PROPOSED
4130 – EXECUTIVE	53,600.00	49,715.70	56,780.00
BOARD OF SELECTMEN	4,950.00	4,950.00	4,950.00
TOWN OFFICE COSTS	46,350.00	42,005.01	48,630.00
MODERATOR/TOWN MEETING	2,000.00	2,460.69	2,900.00
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND	300.00	300.00	300.00
4140 – ELEC.,REGISTN, VITALS	13,705.00	13,424.80	16,039.00
TOWN CLERK OFFICE	13,705.00	13,424.80	13,924.00
NON-TOWN ELECTION COSTS	0		2,115.00
4150 – FINANCIAL ADMIN.	39,475.00	32,691.84	34,469.00
ACCOUNTING	21,850.00	15,657.84	17,355.00
AUDITING	5,000.00	4,400.00	4,400.00
TAX COLLECTOR OFFICE	10,725.00	10,477.05	10,814.00
TREASURER OFFICE	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
INFORMATION SYSTEMS	500.00	756.95	500.00
4152 – PROPERTY REVAL.	12,500.00	11,648.30	11,923.00
REVALUATION EXPENSES	12,500.00	11,648.30	11,923.00
4153 – LEGAL EXPENSES	20,000.00	13,710.44	15,000.00
TOWN COUNSEL EXPENSE	20,000.00	13,710.44	15,000.00
4155 – PERSONNEL ADMIN.	18,200.00	17,864.50	26,559.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	18,200.00	17,864.50	26,559.00
4191 – PLANNING & ZONING	7,200.00	7,115.00	7,600.00
PLANNING BOARD	7,100.00	7,015.00	7,500.00
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT	100.00	100.00	100.00
4194 – GOVERNMENT BLDS.	40,550.00	32,780.88	40,500.00
TOWN OFFICE	17,400.00	12,686.15	18,100.00
TOWN HALL	6,500.00	5,133.01	5,654.00
POLICE STATION/EOC	4,200.00	5,094.15	5,046.00
LIBRARY	5,650.00	4,924.12	6,000.00
FIRE STATION	2,800.00	1,572.02	2,000.00
OTHER PUBLIC FACILITIES	4,000.00	3,371.43	3,700.00
4195 – CEMETERIES	13,500.00	13,524.80	15,500.00
CEMETERY COMMITTEE	2,200.00	2,463.00	2,500.00
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE	11,300.00	11,061.80	13,000.00
4196 – INSURANCE	23,300.00	24,919.77	27,900.00
WORKERS' COMP/PROPERTY	23,300.00	24,919.77	27,900.00
4197 – REGIONAL PLANNING	1,255.00	1,253.00	1,290.00
REGIONAL PLANNING	1,255.00	1,253.00	1,290.00

APPROPRIATIONS	1997 BUDGET	1997 ACTUAL	1998 PROPOSED
4199 – OTHER GOVERNMENT	12,000.00	10,499.43	6,000.00
REFUNDS	12,000.00	10,499.43	6,000.00
4210 – POLICE	62,000.00	72,200.58	86,370.00
ADMINSTRATION	51,750.00	63,679.44	76,969.00
WORKSHOIPS & TRAINING	2,250.00	135.00	2,000.00
SUPPORT SERVICES	8,000.00	8,013.39	7,401.00
SPECIAL DETAILS		372.75	
4215 – AMBULANCE	14,900.00	15,758.69	16,820.00
ADMINISTRATION	700.00	647.75	800.00
SUPPORT SERVICES	14,200.00	15,110.94	16,020.00
4220 – FIRE	45,300.00	38,310.42	43,400.00
ADMINISTRATION	28,000.00	21,762.11	25,300.00
WORKSHOPS & TRAINING	5,100.00	712.91	5,100.00
SUPPORT SERVICES	12,200.00	15,835.40	13,000.00
4240 – BUILDING INSPECTION	8,000.00	5,530.00	6,500.00
BUILDING INSPECTOR	8,000.00	5,530.00	6,500.00
4290- EMERGENCY MGMT.	13,620.00	2,748.00	14,250.00
ADMINISTRATION	12,800.00	2,748.00	11,450.00
SUPPORT SERVICES	820.00	0	2,800.00
4312 – HIGHWAYS & STREETS	123,000.00	124,448.39	133,000.00
Paving & RECONSTRUCTION	60,000.00	50,189.50	60,000.00
CLEANING & MAINTENANCE	23,000.00	15,599.36	23,000.00
SNOW & ICE CONTROL	40,000.00	58,659.53	50,000.00
4316 – STREET LIGHTING	1,200.00	1,104.69	1,200.00
LIGHTING	1,200.00	1,104.69	1,200.00
4323 – SOLID WASTE COLLECT	86,500.00	84,289.11	89,000.00
SOLID WASTE	86,000.00	84,289.11	85,500.00
HAZARDOUS WASTE	500.00	0	3,500.00
4414 – PEST CONTROL	1,000.00	210.00	1,000.00
ANIMAL CONTROL	1,000.00	210.00	1,000.00
4415 – AGENCIES/ HOSPITALS	350.00	350.00	350.00
HEALTH OFFICER	350.00	350.00	350.00
4442 – DIRECT ASSISTANCE	1,000.00	305.50	1,000.00
ADMINISTRATION	1,000.00	305.50	1,000.00
4444 – INTERGOVERN. PYMT.	8,546.00	8,545.70	
WARRANT PAYMENTS	8,546.00	8,545.70	
4445 – VENDOR PYMTS.	2,500.00	0	2,000.00
VENDOR SERVICES	2,500.00	0	2,000.00

APPROPRIATIONS	1997 BUDGET	1997 ACTUAL	1998 PROPOSED
4520 – PARKS & RECREATION	4,000.00	3,677.87	4,000.00
RECREATION COMMITTEE	4,000.00	3,677.87	4,000.00
4550 – LIBRARY	23,670.00	23,663.88	35,800.00
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	23,670.00	23,663.88	35,800.00
4583 – PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	1,600.00	1,492.64	1,600.00
PATRIOTIC FUNCTIONS	1,600.00	1,492.64	1,600.00
4619 – CONSERVATION	400.00	400.00	600.00
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	400.00	400.00	600.00
4723 – TAN INTEREST	15,000.00	11,629.34	15,000.00
TAN PYMTS.	15,000.00	11,629.34	15,000.00
4902 - MACH./VEHICLE/EQUIP.	21,750.00	20,869.50	13,750.00
BUDGET PYMTS.	21,750.00	20,869.50	13,750.00
4915 – CAPITAL RESERVE	21,094.00	21,094.00	
WARRANT PYMTS.	21,094.00	21,094.00	
TOTALS	\$710,715.00	\$665,682.00	\$725,200.00



HEALTH INSPECTOR

This has been a quiet year as far as activity with the exception of a few routine inspections and a few phone calls requesting clarification of health regulations.

I have attended several State sponsored workshops and I have been active with the Seacoast Health Officer's Group; which has proven to be a valuable resource and network.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew L.T. Berridge

WELFARE REPORT

The Town has been very fortunate in this year (1997) to have only one active family unit needing assistance. Other families have moved out of town or no longer need help. Rockingham Community Action and the Portsmouth Welfare Office have helped East Kingston residents as well as Meals on Wheels and Area Home Makers.

The food pantry is well stocked and the Boy Scouts are planning a food drive in the spring. During Thanksgiving and Christmas, we had individuals donate food and clothing and Christmas gifts. Thank you to all who generously donated, especially during the holidays.

Residents of East Kingston who are in need of assistance must fill out a public assistance application at the Selectmen's Office. Applicants are then required to meet with the Selectmen, who will then determine if assistance is warranted. All cases are confidential.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Welfare Agent at the Selectmen's Office during the normal business hours of Monday through Friday, 8AM to 2PM or by calling 642-8406.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald H. Clark, Welfare Agent



BUILDING INSPECTOR

In the year 1997, there were a total of seventy-five (75) building permits issued in the Town of East Kingston. The breakdown of the permits are as follows:

<i>New house permits</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Pool permits</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Pole barns</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Alterations/home improvements</i>	<i>51</i>
<i>Occupancy permits</i>	<i>6</i>

Eighteen (18) perc tests were performed. The total revenues received from building permits for the 1997 year were \$4,455.40. I also attended Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment meetings throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn P. Clark

TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE ON HAND – January 1, 1997

\$975,564.03

RECEIPTS

TOWN CLERK

Motor Vehicle Registration	197,948.00
Motor Vehicle Stickers	3,191.50
Motor Vehicle Titles	313.00
Dog Licenses	2,569.50
Business Filing Fees	80.62
Business UCC Filing	783.14
Bad Check Fees	175.00
Marriage Licenses	495.00
Statistic Certificates	234.00
Dog Licenses Late Fees	208.00

TOTAL TOWN CLERK RECEIPTS

205,997.76

TAX COLLECTOR

Property Tax Last Year Pre Lien	163,080.64
Property Tax Interest Pre Lien	2,918.94
Overpayment Tax Last Year	91.73
Property Tax Interest Two Year Past	4,552.22
Property Tax Two Year Past	20,459.77
Yield Tax This Year	634.41
Property Tax Interest Three Year Past	3,133.01
Bad Check Fees	25.00
Property Tax This Year	2,395,704.38
Land Use Tax This Year	24,656.20
Property Tax Three Year Past	11,090.47
Land Use Interest This Year	755.74
Yield Tax Last Year	450.70
Lien Interest & Penalty – Interest	4,584.91
Lien Interest & Penalty – Fees	505.00
Property Tax Last Year Post Lien	37,151.14
Property Tax Last Year Post Lien – Interest	2,157.90
Overpayment Tax Three Years Past	125.19
Overpayment Tax This Year	5,586.51
Property Tax Interest This Year	592.66

TOTAL TAX COLLECTOR'S RECEIPTS

2,678,256.52

SELECTMEN'S RECEIPTS

Building Permits – New & Improvements	4,455.40
State Highway Grant	26,889.71
Rent of Town Property	564.00
Insurance Premium Return – WC	2,277.11
Photocopies	445.47
Town Checklist	75.00
Fine & Forfeitures – Court Fines	1,260.00
Refunds – General Misc.	3,777.85
Engineering - KV Partnership	1,693.58
Special Fees – Perc Tests	945.00
State Forest Reimbursement	49.64
Cable Franchise Fee	4,129.46
Town Sales – Ordinances	250.00
Other Misc. Revenues	2,464.31
Accounts Receivable	8,864.79
Special Permits - Impact Fees	3,000.00
Special Permits – Driveway	120.00
Recording Fees	160.00
Application Fees – ZBA Hearing	961.00
Special Permits – Pistol Permits	90.00
Capital Reserve Fund	7,102.02
Application Fee – Subdivision	1,343.50
Town Misc. Sales	3,192.25
Home Occupation Permits	1,186.00
Postage	6.12
Town Misc. Sales – Town Report Covers	2.00
Fine & Forfeitures – Parking Fines	20.00
Home Occupation Review	357.50
Roads – Maintenance	51.92
Other State Revenue	1,507.00
Application Fees – Septic	120.00
Other State Revenue Railroad	1,413.95
TC- Other Services Purchased	46.50
State – Shared Revenue	34,176.13
Cops Grant	10,525.79
Office – Workshops & Training	30.00
Town Sales – Deeded Property	8,014.66
Insurance Premiums	4,123.63
Application Fees – Site Plan Review	184.50
Other State Revenue – Room & Meals Tax	17,238.47
Cemetery Committee Payment	9,500.00

TOTAL SELECTMEN'S RECEIPTS

162,614.26

TREASURER

Balance on Hand January 1, 1997	975,564.03	
Tax Anticipation Notes - Citizen Bank	800,000.00	
Total Receipts During Fiscal Year	3,074,783.81	
TOTAL TREASURER RECEIPTS		4,850,347.84
LESS PAYMENTS		
Payments During Fiscal Year	2,850,320.91	
Payment TAN Notes – Citizen Bank	800,000.00	
LESS TOTAL PAYMENTS		3,650,320.91
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1997		\$1,200,026.93



Linda M. Eaton

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Linda Eaton, Treasurer, for her outstanding commitment to the Town of East Kingston for the past twenty years. Linda began serving the community as Auditor in 1978 through 1983. From 1983 until present, Linda has efficiently and graciously served as Town Treasurer. Linda has decided not to run for re-election in March 1998 to fulfill other commitments. With this, we'd like to say "Thank you Linda, your dedication and commitment to the Town of East Kingston is greatly appreciated". We wish her the very best.

TOWN CLERK

As I write this summary of the office of the town clerk for 1997, I ask myself where has the last three years gone. Reflecting, I realize the office has undergone some positive change with an increase in public office hours from 12 to 16, as well as my deputy, Sharon Day, and myself becoming municipal agents in 1996. In 1996, we started dispensing decals and processing the state portion of the registration. In 1997, we started doing plate transfers and in November of this year we became authorized to dispense license plates (auto, motorcycle, and trailer). I hope you all have found this to be convenient.

I have truly enjoyed my term in office and if I had to pick the one aspect of my job that I enjoy the most it would be working with the public. I hope to be able to serve you for many more years to come. Please note that if you cannot seem to come in during our regular office hours, please leave a message on our answering machine and I can set up a mutually convenient time to work on whatever transaction you might have.

On another note....town clerk revenue is up almost \$30,000 from last year with registrations contributing to approximately \$27,000 of the increase and the additional decal fees added over \$3,000 in additional revenue as well.

Statistically speaking, marriages almost doubled from 1996. We had 16 recorded births and eight recorded deaths. Congratulations, once again, to all of you with new additions to your families and my thoughts have been with those of you who have lost loved ones. I have missed seeing Charlie Monahan's face down at the farm where I go and pick fresh strawberries every June. I also remember Mr. Scliris, who managed and owned Carmen's Fried Chicken, for many years. He was always friendly, never forgetting to give the kids a lollipop. Their memories will live on.

In 1997, I attended the NH City and Town Clerk's Seacoast Regional Workshop in June. I also served on the NH Town Clerk/Tax Collector Joint Conference Committee which held their conference in September at the Red Jacket.

Thanks for another great year.

Barbara A. Clark

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

1997 MARRIAGES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GROOM'S NAME</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>BRIDE'S NAME</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
03/14/97	<i>Michael Jay Provencher</i>	East Kingston, NH	<i>Lenore Claudia Gundal</i>	East Kingston, NH
03/15/97	<i>Craig Adam Poirier</i>	Newburyport, MA	<i>Donna Lea Ewald</i>	East Kingston, NH
06/07/97	<i>Brian Joseph McCarthy</i>	East Kingston, NH	<i>Traci Harding Wood</i>	East Kingston, NH
06/21/97	<i>Eric R. Gladu</i>	East Kingston, NH	<i>Suzanne M. Molloy</i>	East Kingston, NH
07/05/97	<i>Richard Louis Lathrop, Jr.</i>	Kittery Point, ME	<i>Kathleen Ann McCarthy</i>	Kittery Point, ME
08/07/97	<i>Richard Dudley Bigelow</i>	East Kingston, NH	<i>Kathleen Welch</i>	East Kingston, NH
08/16/97	<i>Dale Harvey Kemp</i>	East Kingston, NH	<i>Helen Eagleson Foster</i>	East Kingston, NH
08/16/97	<i>Curtis Andrew Walton</i>	East Kingston, NH	<i>Melissa Lee Davis</i>	East Kingston, NH
09/27/97	<i>William Joseph Perry</i>	East Kingston, NH	<i>Julie Driscoll</i>	East Kingston, NH
10/04/97	<i>Paul Salvatore Pensiero</i>	Tewksbury, MA	<i>Linda Lord</i>	Tewksbury, MA
10/05/97	<i>Whitney Ross Brann</i>	East Kingston, NH	<i>Tracy Pimentel</i>	East Kingston, NH

1997 BIRTHS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHILD'S NAME</u>	<u>FATHER'S NAME</u>	<u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME</u>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH</u>
03/08/97	<i>Liam Henry Newman</i>	Mark Alan Newman	Tamara Ellen Lovlien	Exeter, NH
03/10/97	<i>Josephine Carla Bodwell</i>	Daniel Joseph Bodwell	Elma Jaralbio Salbedea	Exeter, NH
04/01/97	<i>Meg Elizabeth Weiland</i>	Steven Dewey Weiland	Renee Claudia Paquette	Exeter, NH
04/16/97	<i>Madison Rose Lord</i>	Andrew Charles Lord	Nancy Joy Lynch	Exeter, NH
04/16/97	<i>Erica Linette Perez</i>	Daniel Perez	Helga Maria Hernandez	Exeter, NH
04/28/97	<i>Tabitha Barr</i>	Glenn Allen Barr	Dorianne Sands	Exeter, NH
05/17/97	<i>John Michael Jacques</i>	Michael Alan Jacques	Pauline Reinette Dube	Exeter, NH
06/29/97	<i>Kristina Jayne Keith</i>	David Scott Keith	Jennifer Jane Stanton	Exeter, NH
07/07/97	<i>Troy Daniel Dunn</i>	Danny Arthur Dunn	Suzanne Jewett	Exeter, NH
08/16/97	<i>Madison Eve Ferreri</i>	Kevin Michael Ferreri	Christina Marie Lynch	Exeter, NH
10/03/97	<i>Meaghan Kristine Gorman</i>	James William Gorman, Jr.	Kristine Elizabeth Holmes	Exeter, NH
10/10/97	<i>Rebecca Lynn Urwick</i>	Richard Scott Urwick	Julie Ann Cashins	Exeter, NH
10/14/97	<i>Madelaine Harper Roth</i>	Jeffrey David Roth	Bonnie Michele Galinski	Exeter, NH
10/27/97	<i>Isabel Marie Dimou</i>	Petros Dimou	Victoria Ann Daskalakis	Portsmouth, NH
11/09/97	<i>Benjamin Leighton Conti</i>	Andrew David Conti	Rebecca Lynn Taylor	Exeter, NH
12/10/97	<i>Grace Kathryn Young</i>	David Wayne Young	Julie Rae Wentworth	Dover, NH
*12/19/96	<i>Julianne Marie Fitzpatrick</i>	Charles L. Fitzpatrick	Jennifer Ann Blonda	Derry, NH
*12/23/96	<i>Andrew Thomas Cicale</i>	Thomas Cicale	Lisa Deveau	Lowell, MA

*above two births were omitted from the 1996 town report as the informational birth certificates were filed after the town report went to print.

1997 DEATHS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>FATHER'S NAME</u>	<u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME</u>
01/12/97	<i>Enrico Joseph Marcoaldi</i>	Boston, MA	Frank Marcoaldi	Virginia Tentoni
02/12/97	<i>Grace M. Marcoaldi</i>	Boston, MA	Henry J. Marcoaldi	Amelia D. Trombetta
02/22/97	<i>Charles W. Monahan</i>	East Kingston, NH	James Monahan	Betsy Sanborn
04/18/97	<i>John Constantinos Scliris</i>	NH	Constantinos Scliris	Laura Welch
05/28/97	<i>Charles Joseph Smith, Sr.</i>	Chelsea, MA	Frank H. Smith	Nellie Curivan
05/30/97	<i>Shirley Whitman Madej</i>	Boston, MA	Roger B. Whitman	Elizabeth Cushing
06/09/97	<i>Betty Rachel Limanni</i>	Waterbury, CT	Harry Schyette	Rose (last nm. unknown)
12/20/97	<i>Robert Walker Fraser</i>	Newburyport, MA	Robert B. Fraser	Arline Walker

REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997

MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS

January	\$ 12,923.00
February	16,476.00
March	15,536.00
April	21,586.00
May	16,975.00
June	16,441.00
July	15,056.00
August	20,287.00
September	14,831.00
October	15,262.00
November	18,028.00
December	14,547.00

TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE REVENUE **\$197,948.00**

OTHER REVENUES

Dog Licenses Issued	\$ 2,569.50
Dog Penalties	208.00
Titles	313.00
UCC's	783.14
Vital Statistics Certificates	234.00
Marriage Licenses	495.00
Bad Check Fees	175.00
Municipal Agent Fees(decal fees)	3,191.50
Business Filing Fees	80.62

TOTAL OTHER REVENUES **\$ 8,049.76**

REMITTANCE TO THE TREASURER **\$ 205,977.76**

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara A. Clark
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Uncollected taxes at 1997's year end were as follows: 1995 outstanding taxes - \$23,737.34; 1996 outstanding taxes - \$35,479.02; and 1997 outstanding taxes - \$182,668.53.

In June of 1997, tax liens were placed on 29 properties with outstanding taxes for the 1996 tax period.

For those of you with outstanding taxes, please consider calling our office to set up a payment arrangement so that you can avoid the lien/deeding process.

In July of 1997, two properties were deeded to the Town of East Kingston as per RSA 80:76, "*The Collector, after 2 years from the execution of the real estate tax lien shall execute to the lienholder (Town of East Kingston) a deed of the land subject to the real estate tax lien and not redeemed.*"

In April of 1997, I attended the NH Tax Collector's Association 1997 Spring Workshop.

In July of 1997, I completed my third year of certification of the NHTCA/NHCTCA Joint Certification Program which was held at the University of NH for a week. "This certification program includes courses which are specifically tailored to meet the needs of Tax Collectors and Town Clerks while retaining the general education courses common to both professions."

In August, I attended the Rockingham County Tax Collector's Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Clark
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997

DEBITS

Levies of...	1997	1996	1995	1994
Uncollected Taxes 1/1/97				
Property Taxes		\$163,102.64		
Yield Taxes		450.00		
Taxes Committed to Collector				
Property Taxes	\$2,584,344.00			
Land Use Change Tax	24,656.20			
Yield Taxes	634.41			
Overpayments				
Property Taxes	5,586.51	91.73		125.19
Bad Check Fee		25.00		
Interest Collected on				
Delinquent Taxes	1,326.67	8,008.85		
TOTAL DEBITS	\$2,616,547.79	\$171,678.92	\$0.00	\$125.19

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer				
Property Taxes	\$2,393,081.47	\$93,437.89		
Land Use Change Tax	24,656.20			
Yield Taxes	634.41	450.70		
Interest on Taxes	1,326.67	8,008.85		
Conversion to Lien		69,642.75		
Overpayments	5,586.51	91.73		\$125.19
Bad Check Fee		25.00		
Abatements Made				
Property Taxes	8,594.00	22.00		
Uncollected Taxes 12/31/97				
Property Taxes	182,688.53			
TOTAL CREDITS	\$2,616,547.79	\$171,678.92	\$0.00	\$125.19

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Year Ending December 31, 1997

DEBITS

Tax Lien Levies of...	1996	1995	1994	Prior
Unredeemed Taxes 1/1/97		\$46,379.89	\$13,290.93	\$12,431.60
Liens Executed				
During Fiscal Year	\$74,732.66			
Interest & Costs Collected				
After Lien Execution	2,157.90	4,552.22	3,133.01	
TOTAL DEBITS	\$76,890.56	\$50,932.11	\$16,423.94	\$12,431.60

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer				
Redemptions	\$37,151.14	\$20,459.77	\$11,090.47	
Interest & Costs Collected				
After Lien Execution	2,157.90	4,552.55	3,133.01	
Liens Deeded to Municipality	2,102.50	2,182.78	2,200.46	
Unredeemed Taxes as of				
12/31/97	35,479.02	23,737.34		\$12,431.60
TOTAL CREDITS	\$76,890.56	\$450,932.11	\$16,423.94	\$12,431.60

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Clark
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

As of December 31, 1998

MBL#	PROPERTY	ITEMS	VALUE
09-06-04	Town Offices	Land and Buildings	\$274,500
09-07-03	Town Hall/Police/EOC	Land and Buildings	213,600
09-05-01	Public Library	Land and Buildings	77,100
09-08-13	Foss Wasson Field	5.2 acres	39,000
06-01-36	Recreation Land	5 acres	38,200
07-03-60	Conservation Land	31 acres	10,600
09-08-23	Parsonage Land	11.3 acres	29,000
09-08-21	Hillside Cemetery	5.4 acres	53,000
09-08-02	Oakhill Cemetery	.87 acres	31,200
14-04-03	Unjon Cemetery	5 acres	40,500
16-02-12	Giles Road Bridge		72,000
02-04-05	B&M RR Land	3.5 acres	31,100
02-06-13	B&M RR Land	1.3 acres	26,600
14-04-06	Elementary School	Land and Buildings	959,200
14-04-07	Cole House	Land and Buildings	62,300
07-03-14	Corbett Land	10 acres	800
11-03-05	Berry Land	2.6 acres	9,200
02-07-05	Janvrin	1.5 acres	23,900
11-02-04	Welch Land	11.8 acres	28,000
02-04-04	Christ Church Land	9.1 acres	90,500
03-01-06	Frascone Land	.03 acres	500
07-03-64	Levi Bartlett Land	1 acre	400
11-02-12	Clement Lane Land	4.3 acres	26,100
10-05-07	Kennard Land	1.7 acres	22,400
10-05-08	Kennard Land	2.5	25,800
03-02-06	Daniel West Land	2.8 acres	4,200
02-01-20	McGaffigan Land	.17 acres	4,700

**INVENTORY OF VALUATION
(MS-1)**

LAND	Taxable 5,897 acres	\$25,566,512
	Non Taxable 250 acres	1,241,300
BUILDINGS	Residential	53,056,000
	Manufactured Housing	1,671,200
	Commercial	1,456,700
PUBLIC UTILITIES	Gas	388,300
	Electric	2,111,400
	NE Telephone	45,700
	TOTAL VALUATIONS BEFORE EXEMPTIONS	\$84,411,854
EXEMPTIONS	Blind (4)	60,000
	Elderly (4)	70,000
	Permanently Disabled	2,178
	TOTAL EXEMPTIONS	\$132,178
WAR SERVICE CREDITS	Veterans (86)	8,600
	NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED	\$84,279,676

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

\$2,584,014 (Property Taxes to be raised), ÷ **\$84,279,676** = **.03066**

TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

COUNTY	1.51
TOWN	5.36
SCHOOL	23.79
TOTAL	\$30.66

EAST KINGSTON NEWSLETTER

It wasn't until I accepted a position in the Town Offices that I realized just how busy and exciting East Kingston was. With that in mind, I wondered how many other residents were as uninformed about what was going on in town. So when the opportunity came along for me to carry on the publishing of the East Kingston Newsletter, I thought I'd give it a try. I hope you are enjoying it.

In 1998, we welcome the historical recollections of Herb Woodworth. I'm sure you will find his writings informative and entertaining.

Copies of the East Kingston Newsletter are available at the Town Offices, the Library, Maplevale Turkey Farm, Joe's Diner, Jewett's General Store, the Post Office, and it is distributed to the East Kingston Elementary School students.

Thank you to all who regularly meet the publishing deadline of the 24th of each month. Your cooperation is extremely helpful and appreciated. Thank you to all of "my kids" for happily, and sometimes unhappily, stapling 400 copies with me... Ashanna, Bethany, Betsy, Phoebe, Jaime, Devin, Tyler and Craig. And thank you Debbie, my second set of eyes.

Submissions to the Newsletter can be mailed or dropped off at the Town Offices or to my home. They may be called in at 642-8406 or 642-3338, or emailed to: mbelcher@nh.ultranet.com.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Belcher, Editor

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

January 1, 1997 – December 31, 1997

CIRCULATION	
Adult Fiction	1810
Adult Non-fiction	1182
Magazines	1032
Children's Fiction	5080
Children's Non-fiction	911
Other (videos, cassette/books, audio books)	684
TOTAL CIRCULATION	10699
BOOKS ADDED TO THE COLLECTION	
Bought with town funds	706
Donations	319
TOTAL ADDED TO THE COLLECTION	1025
Discards	118
<i>TOTAL BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY</i>	<i>10276</i>
New Library Cards issued in 1997	76
INTERLIBRARY LOAN	
Books borrowed	489
Books loaned	110
Internet Searches	45
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS	
Summer Reading Program Sign-ups	55
Number of children attending Story Time	724
PROGRAMS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE STATE LIBRARY	
Interlibrary Loan	
Article Express	

The year 1997 was a very busy year for the Library. As the information above shows, we had quite an increase in our statistics. More people are using the Library, and we are trying to keep up with their needs. In doing so, we have purchased the software that will enable us to automate the library. When up and running, the Winnebago System will allow patrons to consult an online catalog to access the material we have in the library. This will also make "check in" and "check out", overdue lists, and reserves, easier and less time consuming. We are doing the retroactive conversion ourselves to save costs, so it is at least a year long project. We look forward to completing it.

Story hours have become quite popular. Often it is a challenge in the space available. Our stories are followed by a related craft, that the children greatly enjoy. The theme of our Summer Reading Program was TAKE US TO YOUR READERS. We had a record number of sign-ups. Once again on Wednesday evenings, children came to report on the books they read and make a spacey craft. Maplevale donated free pints of "pick you own" blueberries for those children completing the program.

We started a Book discussion group this year and it has been very enjoyable. Each month 5-10 of us get together and discuss a book we have all read. We choose the books we will read, trying to keep in mind all different reading tastes. We attain multiple copies of the books through the interlibrary loan system, so everyone can have their own copy.

Once again, the Friends of the Library have contributed greatly. In addition to their annual decorating of the library, they provided many new large print books for a new outreach program they are starting. They also provided gift certificates from "Memories" for the summer reading program. They also donated books to the library in honor of each new birth in town. It is wonderful to have a Friends group and to be able to have the extras that they provide. We are always grateful.

The Library is also fortunate to have so many volunteers. They help in many different ways, from the mundane tasks of checking in books and shelving them, to cutting our paper shapes for our story time craft projects. They also water plants, clean the fish bowl, help process books, and much more. Their help is invaluable and gratefully appreciated. These volunteers are Jay Benjamin, Betsy Weingart, Abby Weingart, Kristin Aronson, Rachel Garcia, Danielle Martyn, Laura Cummings, Mike Perreault and Joe Cacciatore, Jr.

The year 1997 brought in many donations including magazines, books, subscriptions, craft material, etc. Thanks to all of you who have donated. Your donations help out tremendously and make the library a better place.

One of the nicest things that happened to the library this year is the hiring of our new Assistant Librarian, Terri Perkins. Terry brings with her a wealth of talent and kindness. She is a valued asset to our library and we feel very fortunate to have her.

We are looking forward to another busy year in 1998. We hope you will visit the library in the coming months.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Waldron, Librarian



LIBRARY TRUSTEES

The year 1997 has provided to be an interesting and challenging year for the Library Trustees. The addition of two new Trustees to the board has resulted in the infusion of many new ideas that will benefit the Library and its programs. Our challenges in 1997 have been to meet the tremendous increase in the use of the Library and its many services.

This past year saw a 132% increase in attendance at our Story Hours and a 55% increase in circulation. Because of these dramatic increases, the Trustees have increased the Library hours by 21%.

Our Library continues to work in conjunction with our elementary school and its programs. Many students rely on accessing information, via our library internet connection, for school reports and projects. This year's program has provided more availability of large print books for our senior citizens and a growing number of patrons use our collections of books on tape.

The Trustees would like to thank the Friends of the Library for their continued support of time and materials. The Friends have adopted a book delivery service for "shut-ins" and their generous scholarship program supports the continued education of our high school graduates.

The Trustees want to thank your staff, Tracy Waldron and Terry Perkins for a year of invaluable guidance, dedicated work, patience, and professionalism. They make our job so much easier and ever so pleasant.

As you will notice, the 1998 Library budget reflects the increase in services needed to meet the demands of our "information age". This year's warrant includes a request from the Trustees for additional monies for the Library Capital Reserve Fund.

We would like to thank all who have supported our efforts to move forward and meet the needs of our changing community and hope your support will continue.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Davis, Chairman
Shirley Hammershoy
Conrad Moses
Beverly Fillio
Joan Kasinskas

LIBRARY TRUSTEES FINANCIAL REPORT

Year ending December 31, 1997

INCOME		
Daily Operation Savings Account	\$5,042.51	
Checking Account	775.15	
Opening Balance January 1997		\$5,817.66
Received from Town	23,798.62	
Conscience Box	184.23	
Copier	173.11	
Book Sales	77.00	
Interest earned on Deposit	103.92	
Donations/Memorial Funds received for Books	240.74	
Old Home Day Sale	40.99	
Transferred from Trust Funds	4,500.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		29,131.06
EXPENSES		
Librarians' Salaries	15,849.00	
Adult Programs	216.07	
Advertising	357.60	
Books	4,951.25	
Children's Programs	462.86	
Donations/Memorial Funds for Books Spent	102.77	
Education	1,378.00	
Equipment	193.81	
Membership Dues	115.00	
Postage	117.40	
Subscriptions	537.28	
Supplies	1,011.04	
Telephone	832.12	
Trust Fund Disburse	4,235.87	
TOTAL EXPENSES		30,360.07
Daily operation Savings Acct: December 31, 1997	2,731.84	
Checking Acct: December 31, 1997	1,844.36	
TOTAL BALANCE ON HAND		\$4,576.20

1. Expenditures excess town receipts came from donations, conscience box, and copier fees.
2. Trust Funds: Purchase of copier, air conditioners, and computerized catalog.
3. Donations/Memorial Funds: Purchase special books.

Respectfully submitted,
Conrad Moses, Treasurer

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board found 1997 to be a very interesting year. The Board held twelve monthly meetings and ten work sessions, as much business was conducted.

The Planning Board received six subdivision applications in 1997. Five of those were approved or approved with conditions. One application was withdrawn by the applicant. A total of seven new lots were created in East Kingston as a result of these approvals.

The Board received two lot line adjustment applications. Both were considered "minor" and were approved. No new lots were created from these approvals.

Three home occupation applications were submitted to the Board. Two were recommended for approval to the Selectmen, one was not recommended.

The Planning Board recommended the town adopt/amend the following which was done at the 1997 March Town Meeting:

1. Adopt a Wetlands ordinance;
2. Adopt an Interim Growth Control Ordinance;
3. Amend Article X (Home Occupation) of the Zoning Ordinance; and
4. Adopt a Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance.

The Planning Board in accordance with RSA 675:6 amended the following Subdivision Regulations:

1. VI.I.J – *Additional soils mapping will be required if the proposed leach field is less than 100 ft from the boundary line to demonstrate that the wetlands setbacks are met.*
2. XII.C.8 – *Lots fronting on Town Roads require driveway permits from the Building Inspector.*
3. IV – *Driveways shall be set back at least 10 ft from abutting property lines.*
4. XII.B – *The board shall render a decision on the application within 90 days of receipt of the completed application by the board or its designee. If the planning board finds the application is incomplete, written notification will be provided to the owner within the 90-day period.*
5. VIII – *Update February 28, 1975 to 04-02-86.*
6. Adopted a new subdivision proposal checklist.

Amendments made to the Site Plan Review regulations include that all changes and expansions of use, including the change of tenants, require written notification to the

planning board, who will determine whether a full site plan review is warranted. Additional amendments to this regulation are currently on the Board's agenda.

The Planning Board adopted a Capital Improvements Program (CIP) beginning 1998 through 2003. The CIP is a comprehensive schedule of all major Town improvements to be executed within the next six years. When adopted and fully utilized, the CIP serves to ensure that facilities are improved in accordance with the needs and within the financial capabilities of the Town. The scheduling of capital expenses in a rational planning and budgeting process is an important management tool for use in allocating tax dollars.

As stated previously, the schedule of capital projects which results from the CIP process is the culmination of the document. Table 10 on the following page is the Planning Board's recommended program of municipal capital improvements projects over the next six years.

The projects requested the Department Heads were prioritized and scheduled by the Planning Board within the parameters of available funding for each given year. Based on the Town's projected finances (i.e., "Revenues Available to Fund New Capital Projects"), the Board considered shifting projects to later program years, scaling them down, altering their funding mechanisms, or deferring them.

The capital portion of the tax rate is the percentage of the municipal share of the tax rate that is dedicated to capital improvements. It should be noted that, over the past six years, the capital portion of the tax rate averaged 20%, while it is projected to average 33% over the next six years in Table 10.

For the six-year capital schedule to have an actual effect on municipal expenditures, a direct connection must be made between long-term community planning and the annual budgeting process. RSA 674:8 states that:

Whenever the planning board has prepared a capital improvements program...it shall submit its recommendations for the current year to the mayor and the budget committee...for consideration as part of the annual budget.

Table 10 (next page) is the transmittal form to the Selectmen. It lists the capital projects recommended for funding in the current year.

The Planning Board wishes to thank all the people who attended our meetings and public hearings in 1997 and hope you will continue to support us in 1998.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard A. Smith, Sr., Chairman

**TABLE 10
SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL PROJECTS AND COSTS**

<i>Project/Equipment By Department</i>	<i>Tax Impact</i>	<i>Year 1 1998</i>	<i>Year 2 1999</i>	<i>Year 3 2000</i>	<i>Year 4 2001</i>	<i>Year 5 2002</i>	<i>Year 6 2003</i>	<i>Six-Year Total/ Avg</i>
FIRE & RESCUE								
Replace Ambulance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Hose	\$10,000		\$5,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,000		\$10,000
Install 6 Dry Hydrants	\$15,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$15,000
Upgrade Base Radio	\$10,000		\$10,000					\$10,000
Replace Engine 3 (CRF)	\$250,000	\$40,000	\$60,000	\$80,000	\$70,000			\$250,000
TOTAL	\$285,000	\$42,500	\$77,500	\$84,500	\$74,500	\$3,500	\$2,500	\$285,000
ROAD AGENT								
Recon Giles, E. Sanborn	\$60,000	\$60,000						\$60,000
Cont' recon Giles, pave George	\$60,000		\$60,000					\$60,000
Finish Giles & Joslin	\$75,000			\$75,000				\$75,000
Overlay pvmt South, repave Terrace	\$35,000				\$35,000			\$35,000
Begin recon W. Sanborn	\$60,000				\$60,000			\$60,000
Continue recon Sanborn	\$75,000					\$75,000		\$75,000
Overlay Stumpfield/Eaton	\$60,000						\$60,000	\$60,000
TOTAL	\$425,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$75,000	\$95,000	\$75,000	\$60,000	\$425,000
FLUAC								
Purchase Property for Town Center (Bond)	\$265,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$150,000

<i>Project/Equipment By Department</i>	<i>Tax Impact</i>	<i>Year 1 1998</i>	<i>Year 2 1999</i>	<i>Year 3 2000</i>	<i>Year 4 2001</i>	<i>Year 5 2002</i>	<i>Year 6 2003</i>	<i>Six-Year Total/ Avg</i>
MUNICIPAL CAPITAL EXPENSES	\$975,000	\$127,500	\$162,500	\$184,500	\$194,500	\$103,500	\$87,500	\$860,000
Elementary School Addition (Bond)	\$282,925	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$180,000
TOTAL	\$1,257,925	\$157,500	\$192,500	\$214,500	\$224,500	\$133,500	\$117,500	\$1,040,000
Revenue Available to Fund New Capital		\$157,499	\$194,721	\$232,296	\$289,004	\$337,527	\$391,636	\$267,114
Forecast Valuation		\$88,404,114	\$91,445,371	\$94,484,629	\$97,523,886	\$100,563,144	\$103,602,401	\$96,004,258
Tax Rate for Cap. Projects		\$1.78	\$2.11	\$2.27	\$2.30	\$1.33	\$1.13	\$1.82
TOTAL TAX RATE		\$30.63	\$31.54	\$32.46	\$33.37	\$34.28	\$35.19	\$32.91
Municipal Tax Rate		\$5.21	\$5.36	\$5.52	\$5.67	\$5.83	\$5.98	
Capital Portion of Tax Rate		34.2%	39.3%	41.1%	40.6%	22.8%	19.0%	32.8%

NOTE: Municipal Tax Rate was calculated at 17% of the total rate (the average over the last six years).

ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION

ASSISTANCE SUMMARY FOR 1997

During 1997, the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) provided the Town of East Kingston with a wide variety of assistance. The RPC Circuit Rider attended twelve monthly meetings and nine work sessions of the Planning Board.

Assisted in the completion of the Community Services and Facilities, Natural Resources, and the History chapters of the Master Plan. At the Planning Board's request, reformatted the RPC Model Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance, which was adopted at 1997 March Town Meeting.

Assisted in amending several zoning, subdivision, and site plan review regulations. Prepared an application on behalf of the planning board for an RPC TBG matching grant for the preparation of the Future Land Use, Goals, and Introductory chapters of the Master Plan.

Prepared a growth control ordinance for the 1998 warrant article in conjunction with Town Counsel. Created a lot merger form.

Reviewed the Land use policies of the Town and the FEMA studies in anticipation of a planned Community Assistance Visit (CAV). Conducted CAV with representatives of the Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission, and Building Department.

Assisted in the preparation of the 1998-2003 Capital Improvements Program. The work effort associated with this preparation included hours of statistical review, several meetings with SAU#16, generating draft tables of non-property tax revenues, projected operating expenditures, and projected funds available to fund new capital projects. Completed and prepared the final draft for adoption at a public hearing.

In addition to assistance provided directly to East Kingston, the Town benefited from *regional planning activities and services* carried out by the Commission on behalf of its member communities. During 1997 these included:

LAND USE PLANNING

- Provided National Flood Insurance Program assistance to three communities in the region. Assistance involved the review of local floodplain regulations to ensure they were in compliance with the NFIP requirements and residents would continue to be eligible to purchase flood insurance under the program.
- Continued to assist the Exeter River Watershed Association and Rockingham Land Trust in the continued efforts to protect the Exeter River, which is now part of the Rivers Management and Protection Program. Provided administrative support to the River Advisory Committee.

- Maintained the Developments of Regional Impact Committee to carry our RPC's responsibilities under RSA 36:54-58 and met four times to review regional development proposals.
- Organized and administered the fourth year of matching local planning grant program for non-coastal communities using grant funds received from the Office of State Planning. Five projects were selected for funding under this program.
- Continued development of in-house Geographic Information System (GIS) for use in local and regional planning Updated Regional GIS maps of land use and zoning.
- Prepared and distributed our annual zoning and building code amendment calendar informing town officials of the required timing of events associated with proposed zoning ordinance and building code amendments.
- Continued to maintain and update our library of model ordinances, subdivision and site plan review regulations, other local land use regulations as well as our general reference library for planning which is available to all member communities.
- Initiated and maintained contact with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and Energy Facility Site Evaluation Committee (EFSEC) for the purposes of providing input on the current applications to develop gas pipeline facilities through the RPC region. Staff attended FERC hearings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, and provided extensive written comments on region-wide concerns. Organized meeting of local officials with pipeline company representatives to attempt to resolve specific alignment issues.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

- Assisted in the organization and hosted the 22nd Annual Fall Municipal Law Lecture Series for town officials.
- Organized and sponsored the 13th Annual Natural Resource Lecture Series in conjunction with the Rockingham County Cooperative Extension Service and Conservation District.
- Organized and sponsored the 9th Annual Planning Board Training Series in conjunction with the Rockingham County Cooperative Extension Service and Conservation District.
- Organized and held the 12th Annual Legislators Forum, where local officials and legislators were invited to discuss current bills before the Legislature.
- Prepared and distributed five issues of the "Rockingham Planning News".
- Supplied one copy of the 1997 New Hampshire Planning and Land Use Regulation book and video entitled on Community Growth Management to each Planning Board.

- Organized and co-sponsored special regional meetings and/or workshops.
- Helped fund and worked with the NH Office of State Planning to develop training videos.
- Maintained the RPC's role as State Census Data Center.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

- During 1997, the RPC, as staff to the Seacoast and Salem-Plaistow-Windham Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO's), continued to carry out the federally mandated metropolitan planning process. Key accomplishments during the year were completion of the Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIPS) for 1999-2001.
- Working with NHDOT, consultants, and other regional planning agencies, continued to provide information for the development of the Statewide Traffic Model and the Statewide Model and Corridor Transit Plan.
- Developed and conducted public meetings on updated transportation project selection process and evaluation criteria to be used in the development of both MPO's FY 1999-2001 TIPS.
- Provided traffic count data to public and private sector uses.
- Continued to assist communities with the development and implementation of various Congestion Management/Air Quality (CMAQ) and Enhancement Program projects.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Provided assistance to the Rockingham Economic Development Corporation (REDC); agreed to cooperatively develop, update and expand "Regional Facts" publication.
- Continued to maintain the agency's status as a State Data Center Affiliate.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Provided administrative, organizational and planning assistance to the Southeast Regional Solid Waste District (149-M).
- Assisted the communities of Exeter, Stratham and Newfields organize and obtain funding for a cooperative household hazardous waste collection.
- Participated in the Granite State Residuals Task Force and developed Model Biosolids Ordinance for communities.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

The East Kingston Historical Committee enjoyed participating in 1997's Old Home Day with attendants at our booth dressed in 1800 period costumes. The town's folk found the photo album of the old homes in town very interesting, especially if one found their own home among the photos.

We acquired many papers of historical value from the estate of Arlene St. Laurent. Mrs. St. Laurent, in her lifetime, researched and obtained information pertaining to the former families and events of East Kingston.

Mrs. Herbert Woodworth of South Road is a valuable asset to our committee in tracing and identifying old photos. We certainly appreciate Mr. Woodworth's help in answering questions about East Kingston's past as he knew it.

Again, we cordially invite interested people to join our committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet W. Damsell, Chairperson



ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment held six hearings during 1997. Five were on Applications for Variances and one was on an Application for an Equitable Waiver from Dimensional Requirements, a new procedure under New Hampshire law. The Equitable Waiver Application and four of the variance requests were granted. One variance applied for was granted with conditions. On variance request was denied.

The Board of Adjustment has a regularly scheduled meeting on an as-needed basis on the fourth Thursday of each month. The Board also meets on an as-requested basis. Applicants must submit an application at the Selectmen's Office. Minutes of all sessions conducted by the Board are maintained at the Selectmen's Office.

Current members of the Board include John V. Daly, Chairman, David Ciardelli, David (Chuck) Boudreau, Edward Cardone, Norman Freeman, Peter Riley (alternate), and Charles Marden (alternate). Questions concerning the Board, its functions and opportunities to serve on it may be addressed to any Board member or Cathy Belcher, the Board Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
John V. Daly, Chairman

FUTURE LAND USE AND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE

At Town Meeting 1997, the Moderator established the Future Land Use & Acquisition Committee (FLUAC), and invited representatives from the various Town boards and bodies, and all interested residents, to accept appointment. The committee was charged to examine the Town's future land and space needs, and recommend to the legislative body how these needs might be satisfied. Thirteen residents expressed their interest and were duly appointed.

The FLUAC has met almost every month since May 1997, firstly, to gather information about Town lands and structures, secondly, to ascertain what needs Town department heads could identify by way of future, predictable requirements, and thirdly, to explore means by which the Town might shape its own future around those requirements.

Using the Master Plan and citizen surveys taken over the course of the last 15 years, the FLUAC focused on community goals in its efforts to understand the Town's desired future state. Residents have unequivocally indicated they want East Kingston to remain primarily agricultural/residential, and with that in mind, the FLUAC looked at ways to manage growth and is pursuing the:

- A. encouragement of *particular growth patterns*. One of the Town's historic commercial centers was the intersection of Haverhill Road and Main Street together with the nearby railroad station. The FLUAC suggests refocusing Town growth toward a town center by an enlarged commercial zone at the intersection. Such a change to our existing ordinance will allow for growth to occur naturally, as landowners choose to use their properties. A segment of the voters voiced their strong objections to the proposed commercial zone at a public hearing on 15 January 1998. The Planning Board voted not to support the proposal, and it was withdrawn by the FLUAC.
- B. encouragement of landowners with undeveloped parcels to consider taking advantage of New Hampshire's *Current Use* statute. It reduces taxes paid by the landowner, and preserves open space. The benefit to the Town is clear: fewer municipal services are required, and any development is precluded.
- C. encouragement of landowners to consider *conservation easements* as a way to reduce the tax burden and restrict development. Such easements can be established with various land conservation groups, or the Town itself, and can be tailored to the landowner's particular desires for future use of the land.
- D. *Sale of present Town lands* to abutters or interested parties where the land can fill no current or future municipal need. A number of Town parcels were taken by tax deed, or given to the Town, and are either inaccessible or too wet, or designated for a specific future use.
- E. *Purchase of properties* which lend themselves to fulfilling future needs. The Kennerly estate property is just such a parcel. If the Town acquires its 11+

acres, a number of future needs can be met which, otherwise, would require land elsewhere in town, distant from our municipal center. Besides the obvious disadvantages of scattered development, the Town would have to invest in all new structures, rather than expand our existing facilities.

Enquiries were made with outside agencies, in particular, the Rockingham Economic Development Corporation, to discover what is available to aid in town planning. East Kingston's needs and plans do not, presently, lend themselves to existing funding programs, be they state, federal, or non-profit, and as a consequence, we must rely on our own resources and imaginations, and employ established resources effectively (e.g. Rockingham Planning Commission).

The FLUAC sees itself as a complimentary body to the Planning Board, the Board of Selectmen, the Conservation Commission, and others. It has no authority, per se, but is in an excellent position to take the long view in municipal planning matters, making recommendations to the bodies which can take action. This it has already done. An appropriate question for Town Meeting 1998 will be whether the Town would like to see the FLUAC established as a standing committee, to continue acting as a "think-tank go-between" for the other municipal bodies.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew L.T. Berridge, Richard Cook, James Roby Day, Jr., Eric and Shirley Hammershoy, Gary Hinz, Edward Johnson, Vytautas Kasinskas, James Nupp, Nancy Reiss, Robert L. Rossi, Lawrence K. Smith and Richard A. Smith, Jr.



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DREDGE AND FILL APPLICATIONS: This year the Commission processed a total of five dredge and fill applications for work in wetlands. Two were for driveways, one for maintenance on the Granite State Natural Gas Pipeline, one for a woods road, and one for an agricultural pond. We also submitted comments on NH Wetlands Bureau proposed rule changes related to the permitting process, and on proposed administrative rules governing the operations of the Wetlands Council established in 1996.

TOWN LANDS: The Commission continues to monitor the three town-owned woodlots, to determine when any future management activities will occur.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE: The Commission continues to participate in the updating of the Town's Master Plan.

CONSERVATION CAMP: This year the Commission sponsored a student at the Barry Conservation Camp, operated by the NH Fish & Game and UNH Cooperative Extension under the auspices of the NH 4H Camps. The camp is located on the grounds of the Berlin Fish Hatchery in northern New Hampshire, and was attended by Tyler Johnson of

Depot Road, East Kingston. Tyler thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and his report was published in the town newsletter.

WETLANDS EVALUATION: We continue to work on the project involving the evaluation of the major wetlands in town, to determine their relative values and functions.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY: The Commission continues to participate in the NH Department of Transportation's Adopt-A-Highway program. We are responsible for cleaning up litter along Route 108, from the junction of 108/107 to the Newton town line. This occurs four times a year from Spring to Fall, and at other times as conditions may warrant.

NATURAL GAS PIPELINE: The Commission continues to monitor the process of the proposed natural gas pipeline to be constructed by the Portland Natural Gas Transmission, Inc. and Maritimes & Northeast, LLC. The width of the proposed construction right-of-way has been reduced from 75 to 50 feet on that portion of the pipeline that crosses the Powwow River, Green Brook, and the associated wetlands in that area. Also, construction will be limited to the period of August 1st to June 1st to minimize impacts to fisheries and other resource values in this specific area.

FLUAC: Three members of the Commission sit on the Future Land Use and Acquisition Commission established at the 1997 Town Meeting. The purpose of this committee is to determine how best to deal with future land needs of the town, and how to maintain the rural character of the town.

EXETER RIVER WATERSHED PROJECT: A new endeavor of the Commission this year is our involvement in the Exeter River Watershed Project. This project is a collaborative effort between residents, local government, and regional and state organizations to improve the protection of wildlife habitat and water quality using local regulatory and non regulatory approaches. The project will identify key natural areas for conservation and will support the development of a long-term management and protection plan for the Exeter River Watershed.

The entire north half of the Town of East Kingston is in the watershed of the Exeter River, and any activities occurring in this area can have direct effect on the quality of water and other natural resources of the area, and are therefore, a concern when planning land uses in the watershed.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT: The Commission has agreed to allow Keith Falman of East Kingston to clear nature trails on the Railroad Lot and the Welch Lot for his community service project requirement for advancement to the rank of Eagle Scout. This work will probably be done in the Spring of 1998, and these trails will provide for public enjoyment of the various resources present on these two parcels of land.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- Provided informational displays at Town Meeting and Old Home Day.

- Submitted a proposal to the Board of Selectmen dealing with the need for new aerial photography and base map of the town, for inclusion in the Capital Improvements Program.
- Prepare a warrant article dealing with the transfer of the Land Use Change Tax to the Conservation Fund.
- Discussed with the Board of Selectmen and Chief of Police placement of a gate on the Railroad Lot to prevent vehicle traffic from going all the way to the shore of Powwow Road.
- Coordinated with the NH Department of Environmental Services in sampling of the Great Brook drainage to determine possible sources of non-point pollution that may be a problem in that area.
- Attended meetings/seminars/field trips sponsored by the NH Association of Conservation Commission, Rockingham Planning Commission, UNH Cooperative Extension, NH Audubon Society, Society for the Protection of NH Forests, and the NH Timberland Owners Association.

Members of the Commission are always available to answer any questions residents may have regarding natural resources issues; and if we don't know the answer, we can get it.

Respectfully submitted,
Lawrence K. Smith, Chairman



CONSERVATION FUND
 Year Ending December 31, 1997

Balance	January 1, 1997	\$374.72
Receipts	Balance from 1997 General Fund	10.62
	Miscellaneous Donations	19.00
	Interest on Account	3.13
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	32.75
Expenditures	Barry Conservation Camp (Tuition for Tyler Johnson)	230.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	230.00
BALANCE	December 31, 1997	<u>\$177.47</u>

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Dog complaints investigated	20
Lost dogs reported	17
Lost cats reported	11
Dogs impounded	4
Returned to owner	3
Placed	1
Dogs reported found	8
Cats reported found	2
Dead cats buried	2
Loose horse caught	1
Loose cows caught	2
Dog bites reported	2
Dogs chasing deer	2
Dogs hit by car	1
Cat complaint investigated	1
Lost pygmy goats	1
Found pygmy goats	1
Cats under rabies quarantine	1
Coyotes killing cats	1
Blue heron blocking traffic	1
Sick raccoon	1
Sick fox	2
Found pigeon	1

Rabies remains a problem in our area and all pet owners need to keep rabies vaccinations current! We've also found a high incident of feline leukemia in strays from East Kingston and Kensington, so cat owners who let their cats outside should strongly consider having the cats vaccinated against FELV. While this disease doesn't affect humans, it's fatal to cats.



ROAD AGENT

The 1996-1997 snow months were somewhat kind to our budget. The April storm was not only a surprise, but the most expensive as well. However, because of the year's average snow amount, we were able to live within the appropriated Winter budget. As a result of this, Stumpfield Road was reconstructed and paved in its entirety.

Routine road maintenance was preformed as well. The cleaning of culverts, filling of potholes, and the replacing of street signs as needed. Some tree and brush maintenance was also done, which is becoming a costly item to the town.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert L. Rossi

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The year 1997 was a somewhat a quiet year for Emergency Management. The refurbishing of the police bay was completed. This will enable us to use this as a conference room when the time arrives.

There were no drills or graded exercises held this year, and fortunately no natural disasters. The required meetings and paperwork took place.

The year 1998, on the other hand, will be busy for all involved. This is the year for the required "graded exercise". This is scheduled to take place in the month of June. During April and May, we will have a drill.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Lashoones, Coordinator



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the East Kingston Library wish to thank the townspeople for their continued support of our fundraising efforts. Through your generosity we have been able to accomplish some very worthwhile goals.

We once again held our annual "Candidates Night" in March as an opportunity for people to meet their fellow citizens running for public office. Our Soup Luncheon fund raiser to benefit our Scholarship Fund was very well received. We are proud to report that we were able to once again award a scholarship, this year for \$350.00, to a graduating East Kingston senior. This year's recipient was Rebecca Castonguay. Our special thanks to Jim Moser for his informative talk and beautiful displays of floral creations!

This year's Scholarship Fund raiser will be the raffling of a quilt made and donated by our own Sarabel Lazor. We are indeed fortunate to have her talents and appreciate her generosity. Tickets are available from any "Friend" and at the library.

We continue to dedicate books to newborns in the town and donate them to the library. We have initiated a new program in town called "Homebound Books". This service will be available to residents who through illness, injury or immobility are unable to get to the library for their reading material. We have purchased some new large print books to enhance the library's collection and would welcome the opportunity to be of service.

Our other yearly activities include setting up a ring toss game to encourage young readers at Old Home Day, replacing and painting worn flower boxes at the Library and planting flowers in them in the Spring and decorating with wreaths and bows in the Winter. Our other contributions include a top for the flag pole, an audio poetry tape by New Hampshire poet Donald Hall, books for helping the college selection process, and a book called "Make it Last," which is not only helpful, but fun to read.

The Friends is a small group of dedicated residents who would love to increase their number. Please join us for a meeting (noted in the Town Newsletter). We'd love to see you.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Daly, President

The 1997 Board Members are:
Virginia Daly, President 772-9548
Kathleen Barker, Secretary 642-7032
Sharon Day, Treasurer 642-7956



SAFETY COMMITTEE

Workers' Compensation statutes require that Safety Committees be formed from the extensive changes made during 1993 and 1994 to provide safe environments in the workplace.

The Town of East Kingston Safety Committee was established in 1995 and safety components were set. The Committee must meet four times a year, keep Minutes of the Meetings, and inspect all of the town owned buildings.

The NH Department of Labor monitors the filing of the Safety Summary report, which was originally required to be filed annually. This year it was changed to a bi-annual filing.

Workers' Compensation offers all of their services to the town at no cost to help with any safety issues in the workplace.

The committee's role is advisory and a clearinghouse for safety issues to be discussed with all the Departments. At each meeting the following agenda items are discussed and reviewed: safety issues and concerns, safety procedures and precautions, correspondence, inspection of town owned buildings and to generate if necessary any recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.

In 1997, two minor worker's comp claims were filed.

The Fire Station found that an exhaust system was needed to prevent a smoke condition from the vehicles within. The system has been ordered and will be completely installed by the beginning of 1998.

At the town offices building, the fire alarm system was tied into the panic alarm system. If the fire alarm should go off, the fire station would be notified immediately through the Rockingham County Dispatch.

The committee consists of a representative from each department. The Police Department is represented by Police Chief Lewandowski, Fire Chief Mazur and Deputy Fire Chief Carter represent the Fire Department; Conrad Moses, Library Trustee of the Library and Deborah Gallant, Administrative Assistant of the Town Offices.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah G. Gallant, Administrative Assistant



FIRE ASSOCIATION

I would like to thank all those who helped and supported us in our activities so as to complete our project goals.

Some of our activities were the annual calendar, tent rentals, Kingston's Chicken BBQ, Old Home Day food sale, raffle and to distribute the annual town report.

Some of our project goals were to support the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of our town. We maintained our firehouse, overhauled the heating system to make it more efficient, up-graded the electric system to our pavilion, as well as cut and trimmed brush around the property, installed a cold soda machine in the fire house, and gave the fire department two pumps for flood conditions.

Our future goals are to build an updated forestry pumper truck, install exhaust fans to remove truck fumes in the firehouse, and plan and hold events for our 50th anniversary.

All those who wish to help or join our association may contact me at 642-8254.

Respectfully submitted,
Austin R. Carter, Sr., President

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1997 has been a very active year for the Fire Department. We have had many changes take place and I would like to say thank you to all the members of the Fire Department for their hard work and support. There were many extra hours when the officers and members of the department volunteered their time in maintaining the equipment and going above and beyond the call of duty. Without their support, the transition would not have gone as smoothly as it did.

I would also like to thank Jim Davis, who resigned this year, for all his hard work and dedication to the Fire Department over the years. Jim gave many hours to this town to ensure its safety and we appreciate all that he did. We wish him well.

The department is happy to welcome back Rob Carter, who accepted the position as Deputy Fire Chief, Skip Merriam, Diana Mazur and Austin Carter. Amanda Taylor has come on as the newest addition to the department and Lt. Andy Conti is in the process of taking an EMT class.

Over the past year we have had 110 calls. The following is a breakdown of those calls:

Medical Calls	59
Fire Calls	19
Auto Accidents	07
Public Assists	01
CO2 Detector Activation	01
Fire Alarm Activation	11
Mutual Aid	12

The department purchased a new stair chair this year. Things are moving forward on the upgrading of our rescue unit and we are currently working with the Fire Association on the replacement of our forestry unit.

I would like to thank the residents of East Kingston for their support throughout the year. As always, we welcome anyone who has an interest in joining us, no experience is needed, we provide the training! As a reminder, if you have an emergency dial 911. For business or non-emergencies call 642-3141.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan J. Mazur, Fire Chief



TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To avoid 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 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 Fire Rangers who work for the NH Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau, and State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fires and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2,400 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 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		CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED	
Belknap	58	Smoking	54
Carroll	96	Debris Burning	261
Cheshire	63	Campfire	99
Coos	29	Power Line	33
Grafton	51	Railroad	3
Hillsborough	145	Equipment Use	23
Merrimack	148	Lightning	14
Rockingham	54	Children	60
Strafford	63	Incendiary	33
Sullivan	19	Miscellaneous	130
		Fireworks	16
TOTAL FIRES	726		
TOTAL ACRES	117		

Respectfully submitted,
Richard A. Smith, Sr., Forest Fire Warden

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Again 1997 brought about some personnel changes within the department. With much regret the department lost the services of Sgt. Ronald Farrell, through his resignation, after thirteen years of faithful service with the department.

We currently have added two new officers to our staff. Raymond Marquis, an East Kingston resident for many years, who will be certified and working in March 1998, and Raymond Fluet, a Brentwood resident. Officer Fluet is a certified Police Officer currently working for the town as well as a Marine Patrol Officer for the State of New Hampshire and a Bailiff within the District Court System of NH.

The town has made a first and major change to the Police Department. As of June 30th, 1997, the Police Department's first full time officer started work. Office Reid Simpson was selected from three well qualified, in house officers by a panel of area Chiefs. Officer Simpson's weekday afternoon/evening shift is providing the town with much needed coverage, that before, was at best intermittent, due to scheduling problems with our other officers who have full time jobs.

Officer Simpson's position is being funded by a federal grant under the COPS Universal Hiring Program, which is paying 75% of his salary for the next three years. The Police Department was awarded \$68,882.89 for this grant with the only stipulation being that the town make a legitimate effort to continue the position after the grant expires. I would strongly urge the townspeople to support this position when the grant expires. The town is growing and more problems are being experienced because of it. I believe the time has arrived where we have to realize that trying to depend on a part time police department for full time coverage is a thing of the past. I would welcome anyone's input about continuing Officer Simpson's position, good or bad, as I intend to support it and I will work to see it continues beyond the end of the grant.

As reported in last year's police report, the negligent homicide trial, with Stephen Balukas the defendant in Officer Mel Keddy's death, ended in mistrial. The County Attorney immediately made plans for a re-trial of the case and then consulted with the family and the involved law enforcement personnel.

The first of several meetings with all the involved parties discussed the possibility of entering into a negotiated plea with the defense, as the outcome of the first trial reflected that the jury was split .50-50 as to whether the State had proved its case beyond a reasonable doubt. The County Attorney's office polled the jury and they all agreed that the defendant was impaired when the accident occurred, but half of the jury felt that there were other circumstances that they had doubts about and the other half agreed with the States case.

Given the circumstances, the County Attorney was more than willing to go forward and retry the case, but they felt the outcome might be the same. It was agreed among all parties to try and bring things to a closure as soon as possible. The results of the April 16, 1997 plea was the best that could be obtained without putting all parties through

many more months of dealing with the anguish of another trial, especially considering the slow pace of the system.

The following Mittimus' outline the plea that was arrived at between both counsels. All parties were hoping for the defendant to serve some actual jail time, but!

OFFENSE #1: NEGLIGENT HOMICIDE – PLEA – NOLO CONTENDENCE

SENTENCE: At the recommendation of the State, the defendant is sentenced to the NHSP for not more than 7 years, nor less than 3 ½ years. All of the sentence is deferred for a period of 1 year, with the sentence then being suspended for an additional 2 years. Thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the deferred period, the defendant may petition the court to show cause why the deferred commitment should not be imposed. Failure to petition within the prescribed time will result in imposition of the deferred commitment without further hearing. The defendant shall reimburse the State counsel fees in a manner determined by OCC. The defendant has waived sentence review in writing or on the record. That the defendant shall follow the specific conditions as set forth in the attached addendum.

ADDENDUM TO SENTENCE

That the following shall be specified conditions of the defendant's deferred and suspended sentence imposed in indictment 96-S-0251: (1) The defendant shall be of good behavior (no felony or misdemeanor convictions nor any major motor vehicle violations as defined under the New Hampshire Motor Vehicle Code: (2) The defendant shall make regular attendance at Alcoholic Anonymous for one (1) year, commencing forthwith, with minimum attendance of one (1) meeting per week with documentation being provided to the Rockingham County Attorney's Office every two (2) months, beginning June 15, 1997, verifying the defendants (waiver of confidentiality to the extent necessary to verify attendance slips); and the defendant shall not operate a motor vehicle until his license and/or driving privileges have been reinstated by the Director of the NH Department of Motor Vehicles.

OFFENSE #2: DRIVING WITHOUT GIVING PROOF – PLEA – GUILTY

SENTENCE: At the recommendation of the State: The defendant is sentenced to the Rockingham County House of Correction for a period of 12 months. All of the sentence is suspended during good behavior and compliance with all terms and conditions of this order. Any suspended sentence may be imposed after hearing at the request of the State brought within 3 years. The sentence is concurrent with 96-S-251.

OFFENSE #3: DRIVING AFTER REVOCATION/SUSPENSION – PLEA – GUILTY

SENTENCE: At the recommendation of the State: the Defendant is fined \$150.00 plus PA to be paid by 06/01/97.

Respectfully submitted,
H.F. Lewandowski, Jr., Chief

POLICE ACTIVITIES

	1996	1997
ARRESTS	13	51
MOTOR VEHICLE SUMMONS ISSUED	186	229
MOTOR VEHICLE WARNINGS ISSUED	641	971
DWI ARRESTS	1	13
ASSISST TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS	179	148
MOTORIST ASSISTS	75	34
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS REPORTABLE	17	15
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS NON REPORTABLE	10	7
FATALITIES	0	1
BURGLARIES	4	2
THEFTS	10	7
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE CALLS	1054	1148
COMPLAINTS – DOMESTIC	14	18
JUVENILE PETITION	5	7
STOLEN VEHICLES	1	0
ASSAULTS	3	1
SEXUAL ASSAULTS	0	1
VANDALISM	14	12
ARSON	0	0
TOTAL MAN HOURS	3879	4788
TOTAL PATROL MILEAGE	38598	40701

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Although not an active committee in the sense of monthly meetings, the recycling Committee has had continued success in the area of town participation in our voluntary recycling program. Tonnage is up in this regard, and if we can continue to increase the amounts recycled, it could work toward our ultimate goal of curbside recycling.

The East Kingston School is now officially recycling their paper waste, with the help of 10 large drums purchased by our committee for that project. Parent and teacher volunteers transport the material to our recycling site. Thank you to Janice Huss for her inspiration on this.

We have a new committee member in the person of Elizabeth Hein. This doubles the size of the committee!!! Quadrupling or even septupling the committee would be great; so think about joining the "fun" committee in town.

As a reminder to all who have not participated in recycling, this is an important civic duty. Reducing our waste stream benefits all. It keeps our garbage removal contract lower, it helps the earth conserve resources, and if you are not moved by those more altruistic motives, it **saves you money**.

A list of recycling DO'S and DON'TS:

DO RECYCLE

Newspapers, magazines
Paperboard, cereal board
Envelopes without windows
Phonebooks
Any paper without a waxy coating
Steel cans and lids
Aluminum can, pie tins, foil
#1 (PETE) plastic
#2 (HDPE) plastic

DON'T RECYCLE

Hazardous waste
Dump garbage
Tainted (greasy stains) pizza boxes
Envelopes with windows
Polystyrene
Foamy meat or vegetable trays
Foamy egg trays
The peanut butter jar that is half full!
Don't leave items outside bins

You can also recycle corrugated cardboard (it has three layers of material, and comes in various thicknesses).

Please feel free to call the committee members to address specific questions on the do's and don'ts if this doesn't cover something.

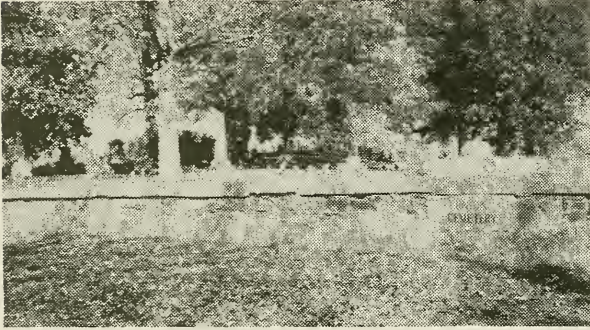
..... See I told you we were the fun committee!!! Somebody help me down off my soapbox, and thanks for recycling.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Casey, Chairperson

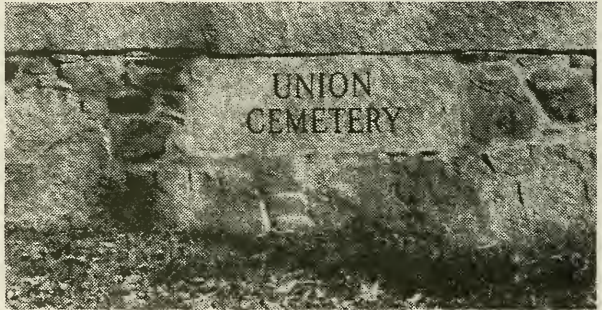
TRUSTEES OF THE CEMETERIES

Nineteen hundred and ninety-seven brought with it a new Trustee and the appointment of a cemetery sexton. Vito Kasinskas was elected a Trustee and Gene Madej who did not run for reelection as Cemetery Trustee, became cemetery sexton. A considerable number of improvements were completed this year. At Hillside, flowering trees were planted along the main roadway and paving repairs were made to the lane that parallels Haverhill Road. In early spring the trustees discovered that the water pump was not functioning; repairs were made and the pump was restored to service within a short time.

At the Union cemetery a 75-foot stone wall was completed along the new section in the southeast corner of the cemetery. The new wall was matched perfectly to the existing wall. To complete the project and through the generosity of Jeff and Deb Gallant, the words "Union Cemetery" were cut into the cornerstone of the new wall.



The new wall at Union Cemetery, South Road.



"Union Cemetery" inscription.

Other improvements at Union included the planting of flowering trees along the perimeter of the cemetery and the erection of a granite bench in a well-shaded area within sight of the flagpole.

At the Oakhill Cemetery (old cemetery on main street) an old oak tree densely inhabited by carpenter ants, lost a giant limb which fell to the ground narrowly missing some nearby monuments. The limb was removed and other dead limbs were trimmed.

This year as in the past several years, the school children participated in a Memorial Day ceremony at the Union Cemetery. During the exercise, our young citizens proudly placed flags at veterans graves, recited poems and sang patriotic songs. All are invited to participate in the ceremony planned for 1998; watch for the date in the town newsletter.

Projects planned for 1998 include the following:

Dig a water well - Union.

Continue tree planting - Hillside and Union.

Continue road repairs - Hillside.

Tree trimming as necessary.

The Trustees wish to point out to the townspeople that although the cemetery budget for 1997 was \$13,500, the trustees paid back \$9,500 making the real cost for running the three cemeteries \$4,000 which included lawn mowing, general maintenance and improvements. The amount of money returned to the town is based on income received from the trust funds.

Once again, we take this occasion to encourage those owning undeeded grave lots to apply for proper deeds as we wish to avoid any disputes that may occur as a result of the sale of undocumented lots. Deeds are issued upon presentation of some proof of purchase or ownership and payment of the administrative fee of ten dollars. All deeds are recorded at the Town Clerk's Office. Also if you own a lot that you do not plan to use, the Trustees will buy it back at the original selling price.

In closing, we extend our appreciation to all who have helped us make 1997 a successful year, and we take this opportunity to announce that persons having business with the Trustees should call the Town Offices for an appointment. The Trustees plan to meet on the third Wednesday of each month during 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald C. Andolina, Chairman

Vytautas Kasinskas, Bookkeeper

Henry F. Lewandowski, Secretary

The Town of East Kingston
Cemetery Rules and Regulations



The rules and regulations as set forth here-in apply to all Cemeteries and are intended to preserve and protect the beauty and character of our cemeteries and to ensure proper care and maintenance consistent with the respect due to the deceased.

Section I - General Provisions:

1. The Trustees, Sexton and their employees shall have the right at all times to enter upon any lot or other parts of the cemetery to perform their duties, and they shall have right to remove, or cause to be removed, any tree, shrub or device which they may consider detrimental, dangerous, inconvenient to the proper functioning of the cemetery, or in violation of any rule of the cemetery.
2. The Sexton is authorized to make any emergency rule for the proper conducting of the cemetery that the exigencies of the occasion may require, but such rules shall be subject to approval of the Trustees.
3. Automobiles are permitted on roadways only and then as a privilege, not as a legal right.
4. Heavy trucking is excludued from the cemetery, except by written permission of the Sexton.
5. Damages caused by motor vehicles operated within the cemetery will be charged to the owner of said vehicles.
6. The Sexton having care of the cemetery is authorized to remove all persons who violate cemetery rules and is directed to cause the violators to be prosecuted.
7. The cemetery is closed to all persons from sunset to dawn and no person or persons shall enter the cemetery except the Trustees, Sexton or their employees.
8. No cement may be poured after October 31st.
9. All cemeteries are closed between December 15th and April 15th, during which time no burials will be permitted. Exceptions may be granted in writing by the Trustees at their sole discretion provided that the cemetery grounds are: not frozen and /or not covered by snow.

Section II - Purchase of Lots:

1. Persons desirous of purchasing a burial lot shall apply to the Trustees of the Cemeteries, who shall provide necessary information as to size, location, cost etc.
2. No lot shall be sold to anyone other than a legal resident of East Kingston, and then with perpetual care only.
3. Reservations for burial lots may be made only upon payment of a deposit equal to fifty percent of the then current cost as determined by the Trustees, and no deed shall be issued until final payment is made.
4. All deeds to lots sold shall be recorded with the Town Clerk, by the Trustees of the Cemeteries.
5. Burial Lots shall be sold under one name only, and each lot shall have corner posts as specified by the Trustees.
6. Burial lots and locations are assigned by the Sexton as directed by the Trustees.
7. Assignment or transfer of deeds by whatever means, is prohibited except that deeds may be assigned or transferred to the Trustees of the Cemeteries with full refund of the moneys paid.

8. In the event a deed is lost or the owner is unknown, it shall be the duty of anyone claiming the lot to provide proper affidavits (as determined by the Trustees) to satisfy the claim.
9. Any failure to comply with the conditions of sale shall result in the forfeiture of all moneys paid thereon, and said lot or lots shall be immediately returned to the possession of the cemetery.

Section III - Interments:

1. No burial may be made in a lot until paid in full and the deed is issued and properly recorded with the Town Clerk.
2. It shall be the duty of the Sexton to determine which grave in the lot is to be used and to require advanced payment of the cost of the grave opening and other administrative fees as may be assessed by the Trustees.
3. Burials shall be made in a suitable vault in accordance with the specifications of the Trustees of the Cemeteries.
4. In the event the Sexton is shown the wrong grave location, it shall be the duty of said funeral director or other person ordering the burial to pay the costs of removal and re-burial.
5. No grave shall be opened for interment or for removal except by permission of Sexton, and the cost of such opening shall be paid for in advance.
6. Any failure to comply with the provisions of this section and with the order of the Trustees, may cause the body or bodies that have been interred thereon to be removed to such portion of the cemetery as may be selected by them. All associated costs of such removal shall be assessed to the person or persons responsible for the non-compliance.

Section IV - Monuments and Stones:

1. All Monuments and Markers before being placed, must be approved in writing by the Trustees. This provision includes but is not limited to Type, Size and Placement. (See Section X Monuments and Markers)
2. Monuments and markers are not allowed until the lot is paid for in full and then only as specified in (1) above.
3. No monument, headstone, curbing or other structure will be allowed to be erected unless it rests on a foundation built of solid masonry, with good cement or mortar and from 2 to 6 feet deep and finished 2 inches below grade as the Sexton shall direct.
4. No curbing around lots, corner posts, platforms, urns, steps or buttresses will be allowed, except by written approval of the Trustees.
5. No tablet or other device of wood, fences or hedges are permitted.
6. Monuments and Headstones may only be set between May 1st and November 15th.

Section V - Care and Maintenance of lots:

1. No person except the Sexton or his designee, shall be allowed to perform any work on any lot or parcel of ground within the Cemetery, without a written permit from the Sexton.
2. No hedges, trees, flowers or shrubs may be planted without the written approval of the Sexton.
3. Flowers, wreaths, flags, etc., left on the graves of lots will be removed as soon as possible after they fade. The Trustees are not responsible for anything left on lots.
4. Glass containers are not permitted on graves but other flower containers may be placed upon graves except that they may not be embedded into the ground.
5. Plastic or artificial shrubbery, flowers or wreaths are not permitted.

TRUSTEES OF THE CEMETERY FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance January 1, 1997 *\$11,637.64*

Receipts:

Lot purchases – down payments	\$ 650.00
Burial Fees (13)	2,555.00
Deeding fees – pre-existing lots	10.00
Donation:	
Andolina family – cobblestone at flagpole	200.00
Monuments & Markers	375.00
Bank Interest	119.26
Trustees of the Trust Funds	6,500.00
Ferullo taxes – 1997	2,463.00

Total Receipts *\$12,872.26*

Opening Balance + Receipts *\$24,509.90*

Payments:

Trustees of the Trust Funds	\$ 650.00
Stephen Foy Monuments	160.00
Churchill's – Flowering trees	2,100.00
Town of East Kingston	9,500.00
Bank Service charges	.17
Burial fee reimbursements	230.00
Flags – flag poles	134.00
Monument repairs	605.00
Pump repairs – Hillside	327.50

Total Payments *\$13,706.67*

Ending Balance December 31, 1997 *\$10,803.23*

GARDEN CLUB

The Mission Statement of the Garden Club is to promote the art and science of gardening by education members of the community at large, cooperating in the beautification of public grounds in East Kingston, and have fun as a group participating in activities, events and crafts.

In May we held our first perennial sale. The sale was made possible by each member collecting divisions of plants from their personal gardens. Turnout was phenomenal, as we were sold out early in the day! The proceeds of this fund raiser went to our first community project.

Garden Club members were educated by area professionals in: landscape design, including an evaluation of two members properties chosen through lottery; and a member of the Kingston Nursery spoke about shrubs and trees relating to our zone. We are excited to report that we put that new knowledge to work in the completion of our first community project: the design and execution of a perennial flower bed surrounding the historic Mill Stone, adjacent to the Public Library. We hope it provides pleasure to townspeople for years to come!

Fund raisers also included the sale of our very own Cookbook filled with treasured recipes from, not only Garden Club members, but also residents of East Kingston. Thank you to all who supported our efforts and purchased a cookbook. We still have a few left!

Our participation in Old Home Day was a wonderful community event. We sold herb oils (made by infusing carefully selected herbs from member's gardens in olive oil). We raffled off a basket filled with home and garden items donated by members. We sold more copies of our cookbook and we engaged the children in bubble blowing.

In October we shared our fall spirit in the creation of an autumn display at the entrance of the Elementary School. The potted mums were later planted at locations around town.

Members crafted many things this year including cranberry wreaths, garden angels, pumpkin centerpieces, and grapevine trees.

Our Christmas party was held at "The Tap" restaurant complete with a Yankee swap. It was a casual evening out for all members.

In closing, we would like to thank those who devoted their time as 1997 Officers and to the many who helped make this year a successful one.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Buda, Public Relations Officer

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND 1997 REPORT
PRINCIPAL BALANCES

DATE OF CREATION	NAME	HOW INVESTED	PURPOSE	BEGINNING BALANCE	ADDITIONS	GAINS FROM SALES	LOSSES FROM SALES	YEAR END BALANCES
Various	All	Common	Cemetery	\$93,778.62	\$3,083.00	\$12.67	\$0.00	\$96,874.29
Various	All	Common	School	\$22,020.07	\$0.00	\$2.97	\$0.00	\$22,023.04
TOTAL COMMON TRUST FUNDS				\$115,798.69	\$3,083.00	\$15.64	\$0.00	\$118,897.33
NEW FUNDS CREATED								
1997	Union Cemetery			\$0.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
1997	Hillside Cemetery			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL NEW FUNDS				\$0.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
CAPITAL RESERVES								
DATE OF CREATION	NAME	BEGINNING BALANCE	ADDITIONS	EXPENDED	YEAR-END BALANCES			
1980	Police Department	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	\$0.00			
1988	Library	\$6,875.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,875.04			
1993	Building Preservation	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00			
1993	School Tuition Reserve	\$93,832.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$93,832.00			
1993	Revaluation Fund - 2	\$16,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00			
1994	Rescue Vehicle	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00			
1994	Elementary School	\$14,000.00	\$0.00	\$13,000.00	\$1,000.00			
1997	Library Capital Reserve Fund	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00			

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND 1997 REPORT
INCOME BALANCES

<i>NAME OF FUND</i>	<i>BEGINNING BALANCE</i>	<i>CURRENT INCOME</i>	<i>EXPENDED</i>	<i>TRUST MGMT. FEES</i>	<i>YEAR-END BALANCES</i>
Common - Cemetery	\$4,139.81	\$7,993.21	\$6,500.00	\$607.50	\$5,025.52
Common - School	\$1,899.69	\$1,874.95	\$1,868.40	\$142.50	\$1,763.74
TOTAL	\$6,039.50	\$9,868.16	\$8,368.40	\$750.00	\$6,789.26
<i>CAPITAL RESERVES</i>	<i>BEGINNING BALANCE</i>	<i>CURRENT INCOME</i>	<i>EXPENDED</i>	<i>TRUST MGMT. FEES</i>	<i>YEAR-END BALANCES</i>
Police Department	\$463.63	\$138.39	\$602.02	\$0.00	\$0.00
Library	\$4,455.25	\$556.60	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$511.85
Building Preservation	\$2,015.25	\$772.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,787.75
School Tuition Reserve	\$9,455.04	\$5,692.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,147.89
Revaluation Fund - 2	\$1,757.24	\$1,121.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,878.76
Rescue Vehicle	\$1,199.01	\$795.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,994.76
Library Capital Reserve Fund	\$0.00	\$177.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$177.41

**TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 1997 REPORT
COMMON TRUST INCOME AND EXPENSES**

INCOME BALANCE – JANUARY 1, 1997

\$6,039.50
 \$8,634.24
\$1,233.92

Interest on Savings and Government Obligations
 Common Stock Dividends

TOTAL INCOME

\$15,907.66

Citizens Bank Fees

\$750.00

East Kingston School District

\$1,868.40

East Kingston Cemetery Trustees

\$6,500.00

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$9,118.40

INCOME BALANCE

\$6,789.26

RECREATION

The year 1997 was an exciting year for the East Kingston Recreation Department. Over 100 of our children played in our Baseball and Softball programs and for the first time ever, we established in-door soccer and recreation basketball programs. Over 40 kids participated in the in-door soccer on four teams and over 70 kids participated in the instructional focused recreational basketball program on Friday nights.

This past holiday season, the Recreation Department in conjunction with the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Garden Club expanded upon the annual Santa's Visit. This year included not only the visit from Santa but also a tree lighting ceremony, hay rides and refreshments.

For 1998, we have many new programs and events planned. They include:

- In-door golf lessons for youth and adults
- Expanded girls softball program to include a U-14 team
- Additional baseball teams
- Ski Trip
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Re-establishment of the Halloween Party and Fishing Derby
- Formal basketball league with referees, team shirts, use of scoreboard, etc...

As the new Chairman of the Department, I would like to express my thanks to many people who have helped us get these new programs off and running and to all the town resident's for their generosity in supporting Recreation Department activities. A special thanks is extended to Dick Poeleart for his hard work over the years as East Kingston's Recreation Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael C. Moore, Chairman



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen
Town of East Kingston
East Kingston, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of East Kingston as of and for the year ended December 31, 1997 as listed in the table of contents. 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall 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 East Kingston 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 East Kingston, as of December 31, 1997, 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 of Town of East Kingston taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed as schedules 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 East Kingston. 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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen
Town of East Kingston
East Kingston, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of East Kingston for the year ended December 31, 1997, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

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

Also, the following conditions were noted that we do not consider to be material weaknesses:

GENERAL FIXED ASSET ACCOUNTING (Repeat Comment)

The Town does not maintain a record of its general fixed assets as required by generally accepted accounting principles.

This has not changed from last year. In order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles, a detailed record of fixed assets should be maintained. Consideration should be given to valuing the inventory of the existing assets and setting policies for capitalization and elimination of items from the records.

PURCHASE ORDERS (Repeat Comment)

It was noted during our audit that the Town does not have a written purchasing policy describing when and how purchase orders are to be used. Our testing showed no consistent use of purchase orders. We recommend that the Town establish a formal purchase order policy.

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

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

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**REPORT OF TOWN MEETING
MARCH 11, 1997
EAST KINGSTON, NH**

The annual Town Election was called to order at 8:05 AM by the Moderator, Robert B. Donovan. Polls closed by Moderator at 7:00 PM. Town meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM with approximately 94 people attending.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Town Ballot

Selectman; 3 yr. term:	Donald C. Andolina	187
Road Agent; 1 yr. term:	Robert L. Rossi	218
Trustee of Trust Funds; 3 yr. term:	Darlene Hughes	187
Trustee of Trust Funds; 2 yr. term:	Charles A. Walker	215
Trustee of Public Library; 3 yr. term (2):	Beverly Amelia Fillio	166
	Joan W. Kasinskas	182
Trustee of Public Library; 2 yr. term:	Shirley Hammershoy	186
Cemetery Committee Member; 3 yr. term:	Vytautas Kasinskas	196

School Ballot

School Board Member; 3 yr. term:	Kevin J. Fitzgibbon	167
School District Treasurer; 1 yr. term:	write in: Mary Russell	9
School District Clerk; 1 yr. term:	Catherine J. George	210
School District Moderator; 1 yr. term:	write in: Robert Donovan	46
School District Auditors; 1 yr. term (2):	write in: Estelle Decatur	5
	write in: Mary Kelley	3

Exeter Region Cooperative School District Ballot

School Board Member (Exeter); 3 yr. term:	Roy Morrisette	186
School Board Member (Newfields); 3 yr. term:	Raymond Trueman	167
School Board Member (Stratham); 3 yr. term:	David Barr	171
School District Moderator; 1 yr. term:	Charles Tucker	188

1. Shall we adopt the provision of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Exeter Regional Cooperative School District?

YES 177* NO 53

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

Amend Article X. Section 10.4. to clarify the language as follows [note: the meaning and intent will not be changed]:

10.3.8 Home occupation use of the dwelling unit must not utilize more than 25% of the gross floor area (including basement and accessory structures) of the dwelling.

10.3.9 Not more than two non-residents (of the premises) may be employed at the premises. For the purposes of this section, the Planning Board shall determine whether sales of other personnel, who conduct the majority of their business away from the property, shall be included in the count of those employed at the premises.

10.4 Exceptions: If a property is located on a State Road (NH Routes 107, 107A, 108), or is greater than eight acres in size, or there are no dwellings within 300 feet of the building in which the home occupation is to be located, then no more than four non-residents (of the premises) may be employed, and the home occupation use of the dwelling shall not utilize more than 50% of the gross floor area (including basement and accessory structures).

YES 164* NO 54

3. *Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of East Kingston Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amend Article X. Section 10.6 Permit Required by adding the following exemption for "no-impact" businesses at the end:

Businesses whose owners can demonstrate that they do not create any traffic, visual, or other impacts on the neighborhood (above and beyond those impacts resulting from the residential use of the property) may be exempted by the Selectmen from these permitting procedures.

Exemption from the permitting procedures does not relieve anyone from compliance with the provisions of this and all other sections of the zoning ordinance.

YES 164* NO 51

4. *Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of East Kingston Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amend Article IV.I. by replacing the word "etc." with "natural disaster". New section will read as follows:

"Temporary manufactured Housing: in the event of an emergency (fire, flood, earthquake, natural disaster) when a dwelling cannot be safely occupied..."

5. *Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of East Kingston Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amend Article III-A. Controlled Growth by replacing with an Interim Growth Control Ordinance as follows:

ARTICLE III-A -- INTERIM GROWTH CONTROL

A. Authority

This Interim Growth Control Ordinance is enacted in accordance with RSA 674:23.

B. Purpose

1. To manage growth to ensure its compatibility with the 1988 and 1995-7 Master Plan for the Town of East Kingston.
2. To provide the Town of East Kingston adequate time to revise its Master Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and Capital Improvements Plan and to prepare a Growth Management Ordinance (ref. RSA 674:22) so that the Town can adequately manage its growth.
3. To ensure that the East Kingston Elementary School will have sufficient capacity and quality to accommodate new development.

C. Findings Of Fact

1. The average annual percent increase in housing units in East Kingston from 1990-1993 was 4.7%; East Kingston and abutting towns, 1.1%; Rockingham County, 1.6%; New Hampshire, 1.2% (1990 US Census, 1993 OSP "Current Estimates and Trends in NH's Housing Supply").
2. East Kingston's share of housing units in the six-town region (East Kingston and abutting towns) increased from 4.5% in 1970 and 1980 to 4.9% in 1990 and 5.5% in 1993 (1996 East Kingston Master Plan).
3. The total housing stock in East Kingston increased 15% from 1990-1993; East Kingston and abutting towns, 3.3%; Rockingham County, 4.9%; New Hampshire, 3.6% (1990 US Census, 1993 OSP "Current Estimates and Trends in NH's Housing Supply").

4. 32% of the 647 homes in East Kingston (as of 12/31/96) were built since the 1990 US Census (490) (1996 East Kingston Master Plan).
5. East Kingston's average annual percent increase in population from 1990-1993 was 2.5%; East Kingston and abutting towns, 0.3%; Rockingham County, 0.3%; New Hampshire, 0.5% (1996 East Kingston Master Plan).
6. Capacity of the East Kingston Elementary School is 175 students. 1996-97 enrollment is 169. Projected 1997-98 enrollment is 180; 1998-99, 189; 1999-2000, 197; 2000-01, 200 (East Kingston School Board Census, 1996).

D. Allocation Of Permits

1. The rate of growth in housing units shall not exceed 2.0% of the total units in East Kingston as of the date of the newspaper publishing of the first legal notice of a public hearing on this ordinance (published 12/20/96. There were 647 housing units in town. 2% of 647 is 13 available permits).
2. Building permits for new dwellings will be issued on the basis of those complete applications first received by the Building Inspector until the available number of permits has been issued.
3. In order to ensure equitable distribution of available permits, (1) no individual, their relatives, persons associated in business with such individuals, or entities owned or controlled by such individual, their relatives or persons associated in business with such individual; and (2) no business entity or any other entity owned or affiliated with such business entity, in whole, or in part, may apply for or receive more than 20% of the available permits (20% of 13 is 3 permits available for individuals).
4. For any given year during this interim ordinance or successor growth ordinance, in the event that fewer than the allocated permits are issued, notwithstanding the percentage limitations above, the unused permits may be distributed, initially one each, to applicants who submit complete applications until all unused permits have been exhausted.
5. Applications will only be accepted for permits available under this interim ordinance and for permits available for the ensuing year should another growth control ordinance be adopted. Applications received after the available building permits have been distributed will be placed first on the list for the ensuing year.

E. Expiration

This interim ordinance shall remain in effect for a period of one year from the date of enactment. If, in the Planning Board's judgment, the unusual circumstances requiring the enactment of this ordinance change or no longer apply, and its repeal or amendment is justified, the Planning Board shall, after the appropriate public hearings, make recommendations to the Local Legislative Body.

YES 181* NO 32

6. *Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of East Kingston Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amend Article VIII. Wetlands Conservation District [new language appears in bold] and amend IV.D.6 General Provisions and amend IV.D.7.B(2) Receiving Layer.

Article VIII -- WETLANDS CONSERVATION DISTRICT

A. Purpose:

In the interest of public health, convenience, safety and welfare, the regulation of wetland areas is intended to guide the use of areas of land, defined as wetlands in Part B of this article, for the following purposes:

1. To maintain the quality and level of the groundwater table and water recharge areas for existing or potential water supplies.
2. To prevent the destruction of natural wetlands which provide flood protection, recharge and augmentation of stream flow during dry periods.
3. To prevent unnecessary or excessive expenses to the Town to provide and maintain essential service and utilities which could arise because of unwise use of wetlands.
4. To control the development of structures and land use on or adjacent to naturally occurring wetlands which would contribute to pollution of surface and ground water by sewage and toxic waste.
5. To encourage uses that can appropriately and safely be located in wetland areas.

6. To preserve wetlands for other ecological reasons such as those cited in RSA 482-A:1. (Amended 3/91)
7. To encourage environmental diversity by protecting and maintaining existing wetland systems and the vegetation and wildlife supported by such systems.

B. Definition and Delineation:

1. The Wetlands Conservation District of East Kingston is hereby defined to be those areas of the Town that meet the following conditions:
 - a. Wetlands - Those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas.
 - b. Wetland soil - A soil that has characteristics developed in a reducing atmosphere, which exists when periods of prolonged soil saturation result in anaerobic conditions. Hydric soils that are sufficiently wet to support hydrophytic vegetation are wetland soils.
 - c. Wetland vegetation - The sum total of macrophytic plant life that occurs in areas where the frequency and duration of inundation or soil saturation produce permanently or periodically saturated soils of sufficient duration to exert a controlling influence on the plant species present. As used herein, hydrophytic vegetation occurring in areas that also have hydric soils and wetland hydrology may be properly referred to as wetland vegetation.
 - d. Wetland hydrology - The sum total of wetness characteristics in areas that are inundated or have saturated soils for a sufficient duration to support hydrophytic vegetation.
 - e. Hydric soil - A soil that is saturated, flooded or ponded long enough during the growing season to develop anaerobic conditions that favor the growth and regeneration of hydrophytic vegetation (US Department of Agriculture-Soil Conservation Service 1985). Hydric soils that occur in areas having positive indicators of hydrophytic vegetation.

and wetland hydrology are wetland soils. Hydric soils shall be classified as either Hydric "A", very poorly drained; or Hydric "B" ; poorly drained. By definition, the district is non-contiguous.

2. Wetlands shall be delineated on the basis of hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and wetlands hydrology in accordance with the techniques outlined in the Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual, Technical Report Y-87-1, (January 1987). The hydric soils component of delineations produced above shall be determined in accordance with the manual, Field Indicators for Identifying Hydric Soils in New England (May 1, 1995), published by the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission.
3. Soils maps produced by the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) are contained in the "Soil Survey for Rockingham County, NH, October 1994" and show location of all soil types in the Town. All referenced reports are on file with the East Kingston Conservation Commission. Site specific delineations shall be accomplished on a case by case basis by a certified soil scientist.
4. In all cases where the Wetlands Conservation District is superimposed over another zoning district in the Town of East Kingston, that district whose regulations are more restrictive shall apply.

C. Permitted Uses:

1. For poorly drained soil areas: (Hydric "B" soils)
 - a. Any use that does not involve the erection of a structure or that does not alter the surface configuration of the land by the addition of fill or by dredging except as a common treatment associated with a permitted use including road crossings in drainage ways. (Amended 3/91)
 - b. Agriculture, including grazing, hay production, truck gardening, and silage production provided that such use is shown not to cause significant increases in surface or ground water pollution by heavy metals, pesticides, or toxic chemicals and that such use will not cause or contribute to soil erosion.

- c. Forestry and tree farming to include construction of access roads.
 - d. Water impoundments and the construction of well water supplies.
 - e. Drainage ways to include streams, creeks, or other paths or normal runoff water and common agricultural land drainage provided such use is otherwise permitted in the Use District which this District overlays.
 - f. Wildlife habitat development and management.
 - g. Parks and such recreation uses as are consistent with the purpose and intentions of Article VIII, A.
 - h. Conservation areas and nature trails.
 - i. Open space as permitted by subdivision regulations and other sections of this Ordinance.
2. For very poorly drained soil areas, (Hydric "A" soils), marshes, lakes, ponds, and perennial streams:
- a. Such uses as specified under Article VIII, Cla through Clj for poorly drained soils shall be permitted except that no alteration of the surface configuration of the land by filling or dredging and no use which results in the erection of a structure will be allowed without a special exception per Article VIII.G. (Amended 3/91)

D. Special Provisions:

- 1. Poorly drained soils may be used to fulfill all but 3/4 of an acre - (32,670 sq. ft.) of any building lot required by the zoning ordinance provided that the non-wetland area is sufficient in size and configuration to adequately accommodate all required utilities.
- 2. No very poorly drained soils or bodies of water may be used to satisfy minimum lot sizes.

E. Procedure for Review:

- 1. Building Permits For Individual Lots:

Upon receiving a request for a building permit, the Building Inspector will check the location of the proposed construction relative to the Wetlands Conservation District. If any part of the proposed building site falls within the Wetlands Conservation District, the building permit application must be reviewed by the Conservation Commission before the building permit is issued by the Building Inspector. An Appeal procedure is presented herein for those cases where the owner questions the validity of the boundaries of a wetland area, see Article VIII.F.

2. Subdivision Requests:

Any person who desires to subdivide land within the Wetlands Conservation District shall submit to the Planning Board, in addition to all other requirements stipulated in the Subdivision Regulations, five (5) copies (copies are given to the Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission, Building Inspector, and two retained by the Planning Board) of a drainage report and calculations prepared by a Registered Professional Engineer describing the extent of impact on the wetlands. The topographic map should include soil typing according to Article VIII.B.2 and 3 of this Ordinance. The Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission may each submit a written report to the Planning Board for consideration.

3. Limitations on Development:

Permanent facilities (septic systems, buildings, roads, driveways, etc.) shall be located no closer than one hundred (100) feet from Hydric "A" soils, or seventy-five (75) feet from Hydric "B" soils, with the exception of driveway or road crossings necessary to access buildable land.

F. Appeal Procedure:

In the event that an area is alleged to be incorrectly designated as wetlands, any person may present adequate evidence of such to the Planning Board. Adequate evidence shall include a written report of an on-site soils investigation and analysis conducted by a certified soils scientist (a certified soils scientist is a person qualified in soil classification who is approved by the NH Board of Natural Scientists (RSA 310-A:81)). The Planning Board upon receipt of supplementary information is charged with making a decision as to whether the limits of the Wetlands Conservation District should be modified to accommodate the supplement information.

G. Special Exceptions:

Special exceptions may be granted by the Board of Adjustment for the following uses in areas of very poorly drained soils (Amended 3/91) within the Wetlands Conservation District if it can be shown that such proposed use will not conflict with the purpose and intent of Article VIII, A. Proper evidence to this effect shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Adjustment and may be accomplished by the findings of a review of the Rockingham County Conservation District of the environmental effects of such proposed use upon the wetlands in question:

1. Streets, roads, and other access ways and utility right-of-way easements including power lines and pipe lines if such location is essential to the productive use of land not so zoned, and so constructed as to minimize any detrimental impact of such use upon the Wetlands Conservation District.
2. The construction of wharves, footbridges, catwalks, fences, water impoundments and beaches after review by the Planning Board for adherence to normal construction practices.

AND

Amend Article IV.D.6. General Provisions by replacing the words "standing or running water" to "surface water".

AND

Amend . Article IV.D.7.B(2). Receiving Layer by increasing the wetlands setbacks from 75' and 50' to 100' and 75'. New section will read as follows:

- 2) Shall be a minimum of 100 feet from Hydric "A" soils, 75 feet from Hydric "B" soils, 75 feet from existing or proposed private wells, and 125 feet from existing or proposed community wells."

YES 151* NO 43

7. *Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of East Kingston Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Adopt the following Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance as Article XV and renumber subsequent articles:

Article XV - TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES

- A. Authority

This ordinance is adopted by the Town of East Kingston on March 11, 1997 in accordance with the authority as granted in New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated 674:16 and 674:21 and procedurally under the guidance of 675:1, II.

B. Purpose and Goals

This Ordinance is enacted in order to establish general guidelines for the siting of telecommunications towers and antennas and to enhance and fulfill the following goals:

1. Preserve the authority of East Kingston to regulate and to provide for reasonable opportunity for the siting of telecommunications facilities, by enhancing the ability of providers of telecommunications services to provide such services to the community quickly, effectively, and efficiently.
2. Reduce adverse impacts such facilities may create, including, but not limited to; impacts on aesthetics, environmentally sensitive areas, historically significant locations, flight corridors, health and safety by injurious accidents to person and property, and prosperity through protection of property values.
3. Provide for co-location and minimal impact siting options through an assessment of technology, current locational options, future available locations, innovative siting techniques, and siting possibilities beyond the political jurisdiction of the Town.
4. Permit the construction of new towers only where all other reasonable opportunities have been exhausted, and to encourage the users of towers and antennas to configure them in a way that minimizes the adverse visual impact of the towers and antennas.
5. Require cooperation and co-location, to the highest extent possible, between competitors in order to reduce cumulative negative impacts upon East Kingston.
6. Provide constant maintenance and safety inspections for any and all facilities.
7. Provide for the removal of abandoned facilities that are no longer inspected for safety concerns and Code compliance. Provide a mechanism for East Kingston to remove these abandoned towers to protect the citizens from imminent harm and danger.

8. Provide for the removal or upgrade of facilities that are technologically outdated.

C. Definitions

1. "Alternative tower structure". Innovative siting techniques that shall mean man-made trees, clock towers, bell steeples, light poles, and similar alternative-design mounting structures that camouflage or conceal the presence of antennas or towers.
2. "Antenna" shall mean any exterior apparatus designed for telephonic, radio, television, personal communications service (PCS), pager network, or any other communications through the sending and/or receiving of electromagnetic waves of any bandwidth.
3. "FAA". An acronym that shall mean the Federal Aviation Administration.
4. "FCC". An acronym that shall mean the Federal Communications Commission.
5. "Height". Shall mean, when referring to a tower or other structure, the distance measured from ground level to the highest point on the tower or other structure, even if said highest point is an antenna.
6. "Planning Board or Board". Shall mean the Town of East Kingston Planning Board and the regulator of this ordinance.
7. "Preexisting towers and antennas". Shall mean any tower or antenna lawfully constructed or permitted prior to the adoption of this ordinance. Shall also mean any tower or antenna lawfully constructed in accordance with this ordinance that predates an application currently before the Board.
8. "Telecommunications Facilities". Shall mean any structure, antenna, tower, or other device which provides commercial mobile wireless services, unlicensed wireless services, cellular phone services, specialized mobile radio communications (SMR), and personal communications service (PCS), and common carrier wireless exchange access services.
9. "Tower". Shall mean any structure that is designed and constructed primarily for the purpose of supporting one or more antennas, including self-supporting lattice towers, guy towers, or monopole towers. The term includes radio and television

transmission towers, microwave towers, common-carrier towers, cellular telephone towers, alternative tower structures, and the like.

D. Siting Standards

1. General. The uses listed in this section are deemed to be permitted uses that may require further review under this ordinance in accordance with Section G. Conditional Use Permits. However, all such uses must comply with other applicable ordinances and regulations of East Kingston (including Site Plan Review). The following tables represent the siting standards for the listed uses as delineated by the districts in which they are located in East Kingston.

a. Principal or Secondary Use. Subject to this Ordinance, an applicant who successfully obtains permission to site under this ordinance a second and permitted use may construct telecommunications facilities in addition to the existing permitted use. Antennas and towers may be considered either principal or secondary uses. A different existing use or an existing structure on the same lot shall not preclude the installation of an antenna or tower on such lot. For purposes of determining whether the installation of a tower or antenna complies with district development regulations, including but not limited to set-back requirements, lot-coverage requirements, and other such requirements, the dimensions of the entire lot shall control, even though the antennas or towers may be located on leased parcels within such lots. Towers that are constructed, and antennas that are installed, in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance, shall not be deemed to constitute the expansion of a nonconforming use or structure. Nor shall such facilities be deemed to be an "accessory use".

2. Use Districts

	New Tower Construction ¹	Co-location on Preexisting Tower ²	Co-location on Existing Structure ³
Light Industrial District	P	P	P
Commercial District	PCU	P	PCU
Residential District	X	P	PCU

P = Permitted Use without Conditional Use Permit

PCU = Permitted Use with Conditional Use Permit

X = Prohibited

¹An antenna may be located on a tower, newly constructed, under this Ordinance.

²An antenna may be located on a preexisting tower, constructed prior to the adoption of this ordinance.

³An antenna may be located on other existing structures with certain limitations (See §D.3 below).

3. Height Requirements. These requirements and limitations shall preempt all other height limitations as required by the East Kingston Zoning Ordinance and shall apply only to telecommunications facilities. These height requirements may be waived through the Conditional Use Permit process only if the intent of the Ordinance is preserved (e.g. where a 200' tower would not increase adverse impacts but provide a greater opportunity for co-location) in accordance with § H Waivers.

	New Tower Construction	Co-location on Preexisting Tower	Co-location on Existing Structure
Light Industrial District	180'	Current Height + 15%	Current Height + 30'
Commercial District	180'	Current Height	Current Height + 30'
Residential District	N/A	N/A	N/A

E. Applicability

1. Public Property. Antennas or towers located on property owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the Town may be exempt from the requirements of this ordinance, except that uses are only permitted in the zones and areas as delineated in § IV, B. This partial exemption shall be available if a license or lease authorizing such antenna or tower has been approved by the governing body and the governing body elects subject to state law and local ordinance, to seek the partial exemption from this Ordinance.
2. Amateur Radio; Receive-Only Antennas. This ordinance shall not govern any tower, or the installation of any antenna that is under 70 feet in height and is owned and operated by a federally-licensed amateur radio station operator or is used exclusively for receive

only antennas. This application adopts the provisions and limitations as referenced in RSA 674:16, IV.

3. Essential Services & Public Utilities. Telecommunications facilities shall not be considered infrastructure, essential services, or public utilities, as defined or used elsewhere in the Town's ordinances and regulations. Siting for telecommunication facilities is a use of land, and is addressed by this Article.

F. Construction Performance Requirements

1. Aesthetic and Lighting. The guidelines in this subsection (1), shall govern the location of all towers, and the installation of all antennas. However, the Planning Board may waive these requirements, in accordance with § H Waivers, only if it determines that the goals of this ordinance are served thereby.
 - a. Towers shall either maintain a galvanized steel finisher, subject to any applicable standards of the FAA, or be painted a neutral color, so as to reduce visual obtrusiveness.
 - b. At a tower site, the design of the buildings and related structures shall, to the maximum extent possible, use materials, colors, textures, screening, and landscaping that will blend the tower facilities with the natural setting and built environment. These buildings and facilities shall also be subject to all other Site Plan Review Regulation requirements.
 - c. If an antenna is installed on a structure other than a tower, the antenna and supporting electrical and mechanical equipment must be of neutral color that is identical to, or closely compatible with, the color of the supporting structure so as to make the antenna and related equipment as visually unobtrusive as possible.
 - d. Towers shall not be artificially lighted, unless required by the FAA or other applicable authority. If lighting is required, the governing authority may review the available lighting alternatives and approve the design that would cause the least disturbance to the surrounding views.
 - e. Towers shall not contain any permanent or temporary signs, writing, symbols, or any graphic representation of any kind.

2. Federal Requirements. All towers must meet or exceed current standards and regulations of the FAA, FCC, and any other agency of the federal government with the authority to regulate towers and antennas. If such standards and regulations are changed, then the owners of the towers and antennas governed by this ordinance shall bring such towers and antennas into compliance with such revised standards and regulations within six (6) months of the effective date of such standards and regulations, unless a more stringent compliance schedule is mandated by the controlling federal agency. Failure to bring towers and antennas into compliance with such revised standards and regulations shall constitute grounds for the removal, in accordance with § J, of the tower or antenna, as abandoned, at the owners expense through the execution of the posted security.
3. Building Codes-Safety Standards. To ensure the structural integrity of towers and antennas, the owner of a tower shall ensure that it is maintained in compliance with standards contained in applicable local building codes and the applicable standards for towers that are published by the Electronic Industries Association, as amended from time to time. If, upon inspection, the Town concludes that a tower fails to comply with such codes and standards and constitutes a danger to persons or property, then upon notice being provided to the owner of the tower, the owner shall have 30 days to bring such tower into compliance with such standards. If the owner fails to bring such tower into compliance within 30 days, such action shall constitute an abandonment and grounds for the removal, in accordance with § J, of the tower or antenna, as abandoned, at the owners expense through execution of the posted security.
4. Additional Requirements for Telecommunications Facilities. These requirements shall supersede any and all other applicable standards found elsewhere in Town Ordinances or Regulations that are less strict.
 - a. Setbacks and Separation.
 - 1) Towers must be set back a distance equal to 125% of the height of the tower from all lot lines.
 - 2) Tower, guys, and accessory facilities must satisfy the minimum zoning district setback requirements.

- 3) Towers over 90 feet in height shall not be located within one-quarter mile of any existing tower that is over 90 feet in height.
- b. Security Fencing. Towers shall be enclosed by security fencing not less than six feet in height and shall also be equipped with an appropriate anti-climbing device.
- c. Landscaping.
 - 1) Towers shall be landscaped with a buffer of plant materials that effectively screens the view of the tower compound from adjacent residential property. The standard buffer shall consist of a landscaped strip at least 10 feet wide outside the perimeter of the compound. Natural vegetation is preferred.
 - 2) In locations where the visual impact of the tower would be minimal, the landscaping requirement may be reduced or waived entirely.
 - 3) Existing mature tree growth and natural land forms on the site shall be preserved to the maximum extent possible. In some cases, such as towers sited on large wooded lots, natural growth around the property may be deemed a sufficient buffer.

G. CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS

1. General. All applications under this ordinance shall apply to the Planning Board for Site Plan Review, in accordance with the requirements as provided for in the Town's Site Plan Review Regulations. In addition, applications under this ordinance shall also be required to submit the information provided for in this Section.
2. Issuance of Conditional Use Permits. In granting the Conditional Use Permit, the Planning Board may impose conditions to the extent the Board concludes such conditions are necessary to minimize any adverse effect of the proposed tower on adjoining properties, and preserve the intent of this Ordinance.
 - a. Procedure on application. The Planning Board shall act upon the application in accordance with the procedural

requirements of the Site Plan Review Regulations and RSA 676:4.

- b. Decisions. Possible decisions rendered by the Planning Board, include Approval, Approval with Conditions, or Denial. All decisions shall be rendered in writing, and a Denial shall be in writing and based upon substantial evidence contained in the written record.
- c. Factors Considered in Granting Decisions.
 - 1) Height of proposed tower or other structure.
 - 2) Proximity of tower to residential development or zones.
 - 3) Nature of uses on adjacent and nearby properties.
 - 4) Surrounding topography.
 - 5) Surrounding tree coverage and foliage.
 - 6) Design of the tower, with particular reference to design characteristics that have the effect of reducing or eliminating visual obtrusiveness.
 - 7) Proposed ingress and egress to the site.
 - 8) Availability of suitable existing towers and other structures as discussed in G.3.c.
 - 9) Visual impacts on viewsheds, ridgelines, and other impacts by means of tower location, tree and foliage clearing and placement of incidental structures.
 - 10) Availability of alternative tower structures and alternative siting locations.
3. Information Required. Each applicant requesting a Conditional Use Permit under this ordinance shall submit a scaled plan in accordance with the Site Plan Review Regulations and further information including; a scaled elevation view, topography, radio frequency coverage, tower height requirements, setbacks, drives, parking, fencing, landscaping, adjacent uses (up to 200' away), and any other information deemed necessary by the Planning Board to

assess compliance with this ordinance. Furthermore, the applicant shall submit the following prior to any approval by the Board:

- a. The applicant shall submit written proof that the proposed use/facility complies with the FCC regulations on radio frequency (RF) exposure guidelines.
- b. The applicant shall submit written proof that an evaluation has taken place, as well as the results of such evaluation, satisfying the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) further referenced in applicable FCC rules. If an Environmental Assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required under the FCC rules and NEPA, submission of the EA or EIS to the Board prior to the beginning of the federal 30 day comment period, and the Town process, shall become part of the application requirements.
- c. Each applicant for an antenna and or tower shall provide to the Planning Board an inventory of its existing towers that are within the jurisdiction of the Town and those within two miles of the border thereof, including specific information about the location, height, design of each tower, as well as economic and technological feasibility for co-location on the inventoried towers. The Planning Board may share such information with other applicants applying for approvals or conditional use permits under this ordinance or other organizations seeking to locate antennas within the jurisdiction of the governing authority, provided, however that the Planning Board is not, by sharing such information, in any way representing or warranting that such sites are available or suitable.

If the applicant is proposing to build a new tower, the applicant shall submit written evidence demonstrating that no existing structure can accommodate the applicant's proposed antenna. This evidence can consist of:

- 1) Substantial Evidence that no existing towers or structures are located within the geographic area required to meet the applicant's engineering requirements, provided that a description of the geographic area required is also submitted.

- 2) Substantial Evidence that existing towers are not of sufficient height to meet the applicant's engineering requirements, and why.
 - 3) Substantial Evidence that the existing towers or structures do not have sufficient structural strength to support applicant's proposed antenna and related equipment.
 - 4) Substantial Evidence that applicant's proposed antenna would cause electromagnetic interference with the antenna on the existing towers or structures, or the antenna on the existing towers or structures would cause interference with the applicant's proposed antenna.
 - 5) Substantial Evidence that the fees, costs, or contractual provisions required by the owner in order to share the existing tower or structure are unreasonable. Costs exceeding new tower development are presumed to be unreasonable.
 - 6) Substantial Evidence that the applicant can demonstrate other limiting factors that render existing towers and structures unsuitable.
- d. The applicant proposing to build a new tower, shall submit an agreement with the Town that allows for the maximum allowance of co-location upon the new structure. Such statement shall become a Condition to any Approval. This statement shall, at a minimum, require the applicant to supply available co-location for reasonable fees and costs to other telecommunications providers. Failure to provide such an agreement is evidence of the applicant's unwillingness to cooperate with the orderly and well-planned development of East Kingston, and grounds for a Denial.
- e. The applicant shall submit the engineering information detailing the size and coverage required for the facility location. The Planning Board may have this information reviewed by a consultant for verification of any claims made by the applicant regarding technological limitations and feasibility for alternative locations. Cost for this review shall be borne by the applicant in accordance with 676:4(g).

H. Waivers

1. General. Where the Board finds that extraordinary hardships, practical difficulties, or unnecessary and unreasonable expense would result from strict compliance with the foregoing regulations or the purposes of these regulations may be served to a greater extent by an alternative proposal, it may approve waivers to these regulations. The purpose of granting waivers under provisions of these regulations shall be to insure that an applicant is not unduly burdened as opposed to merely inconvenienced by said regulations. The Board shall not approve any waiver(s) unless a majority of those present and voting shall find that *all* of the following apply:
 - a. The granting of the waiver will not be detrimental to the public safety, health or welfare or injurious to other property and will promote the public interest.
 - b. The waiver will not, in any manner, vary the provisions of the East Kingston Zoning Ordinance, Master Plan, or Official Maps.
 - c. Such waiver(s) will substantially secure the objectives, standards and requirements of these regulations.
 - d. A particular and identifiable hardship exists or a specific circumstance warrants the granting of a waiver. Factors to be considered in determining the existence of a hardship shall include, but not be limited to:
 - 1) Topography and other Site features
 - 2) Availability of alternative site locations
 - 3) Geographic location of property
 - 4) Size/magnitude of project being evaluated and availability of co-location.
2. Conditions. In approving waivers, the Board may impose such conditions as it deems appropriate to substantially secure the objectives of the standards or requirements of these regulations.
3. Procedures. A petition for any such waiver shall be submitted in writing by the applicant with the application for Board review. The petition shall state fully the grounds for the waiver and all of

the facts relied upon by the applicant. Failure to submit petition in writing shall require an automatic denial.

I. Bonding, Security And Insurance

Recognizing the extremely hazardous situation presented by abandoned and unmonitored towers, the Planning Board shall set the form and amount of security that represents the cost for removal and disposal of abandoned towers in the event that the tower is abandoned and the tower owner is incapable and unwilling to remove the tower in accordance with § J. Bonding and surety shall be consistent with the provision in the Subdivision Regulations. Furthermore, the Planning Board shall require the submission of proof of adequate insurance covering accident or damage.

J. Removal Of Abandoned Antennas And Towers

Any antenna or tower that is not operated for a continuous period of 12 months shall be considered abandoned and hazardous to the public health and safety, unless the owner of said tower provides proof of quarterly inspections. The owner shall remove the abandoned structure within 90 days of receipt of a declaration of abandonment from the Town notifying the owner of such abandonment. A declaration of abandonment shall only be issued following a public hearing, noticed per Town regulations, with notice to abutters and the last known owner/operator of the tower. If the abandoned tower is not removed within 90 days the Town may execute the security and have the tower removed. If there are two or more users of a single tower, this provision shall not become effective until all users cease using the tower. The Town requires the applicant and/or owner provide annual proof of operation (including but not limited to safety inspections, insurance binders).

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The Moderator, Robert B. Donovan announced that the business meeting was called to order and referred people to page 21 in the insert.

8. *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred seventy-three thousand seventy-five dollars \$ 673,075.00 less estimated revenues to defray Town charges for the ensuing year.*

Motion made by: Raymond Donald

Seconded: Linda Eaton

Discussion: None

Voted: Passed

9. *To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts of personal property which may be offered to the town for any public purpose, pursuant to RSA 31:95-e. The Selectmen must hold a public hearing before accepting such gift, and the acceptance shall not bind the Town to raise, appropriate, or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair, or replacement of any such personal property.*
 Motion made by: Andrew Berridge
 Seconded: Roby Day
 Discussion: None
 Voted: Passed
10. *To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen 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.*
 Motion made by: Roby Day
 Seconded: Andrew Berridge
 Discussion: None
 Voted: Passed
11. *To see if the Town will vote to adopt RSA 202-A:4-d (effective 1/1/97) with the following provisions: (a) To authorize the Library Trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the Library for any public purpose, and such authorization shall remain in affect until rescinded by a vote of Town Meeting; (b) Prior to the acceptance of any gift valued at over \$5,000.00, the Public Library Trustees shall hold a public hearing on the proposed acceptances; (c) No acceptance of any personal property under the authority of this section 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.*
 Motion made by: Raymond Donald
 Seconded: Roby Day
 Discussion: None
 Voted: Passed
12. *To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Unified Elderly Exemption Law (effective 7/23/96) to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the town of East Kingston, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, ten thousand dollars (\$10,000); for a person 75 years up to 80 years, fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000); for a person 80 years or older, twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000). To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for a least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than Thirteen thousand four hundred dollars (\$13,400) or, if married, a combined net income of less than twenty thousand four hundred dollars (\$20,400); and own assets*

not in excess of thirty five thousand dollars (\$35,000) excluding the value of the person's residence.

Motion made by: Andrew Berridge

Seconded: Raymond Donald

Discussion: Vytautas Kasinskas asked the Selectmen how this would impact us and he wanted to know how many residents qualify for these exemptions. Donald Clark responded by stating that six people in town qualify for these exemptions (2 of which are blind).

Voted: Passed

13. *To see if the Town will vote to accept the remainder of Pheasant Run as a Town-owned road, which includes the loop and Partridge Lane as recommended by the Town Engineer.*

Motion made by: Roby Day

Seconded: Raymond Donald

Discussion: None

Voted: Passed

14. *To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Salary Review Committee and approve the following recommendation:*

Supervisor of the Checklist \$75 per election (1) (2)

Moderator \$75 per election (1)

Election Officers: \$ 5 per hour per election (1)

Selectmen

Inspectors of Elections

Town Clerk

Bookkeeper of the Trust Funds \$ 300 per year - no fees

*Treasurer \$1,000 per year salary - no fees
\$ 400 per year expenses (3)*

*First Selectman \$1,400 per year salary - no fees
\$ 450 per year expenses (3)*

*Second & Third Selectmen \$1,100 per year salary - no fees
\$ 450 per year expenses (3)*

*Town Clerk/Tax Collector \$15,000 per year salary - no fees
no routine expenses (3) (4)*

(1) Election pay includes any associated meeting until adjournment thereof.

(2) Supervisors of the Checklist shall be paid \$5 per hour for hours outside of election meeting hours such as hours for registration and checklist verification etc.

(3) Expenses are for routine expenses such as mileage and phone calls. Other special expenses for which the position may be compensated shall be preapproved by the Board of Selectmen.

(4) Salary is based on the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's participation in a minimum of 16 public office hours per week with two weeks paid vacation per year.

The following provisions shall also apply:

A. All salaries shall be retroactive to January 1, 1997.

B. All fees collected by any elected Town Official shall be retained by the Town.

C. Auditors shall not be elected so long as the Selectmen hire Auditors associated with a firm registered with the State of NH to audit the books of the town annually.

D. A Salary Review Committee shall be appointed by the Moderator in 2000 to bring salary recommendations to the 2001 Annual Meeting of the Town.

Motion made by: Raymond Donald

Seconded: Roby Day

Discussion: Donald Clark introduced the 1996 members of the Salary Review Committee as William Diproffio, Curtis Jacques, Joan Kasinskas, Ralph West, Jr., and Donald Clark, Chairman. Donald Clark went on to inform residents that motor vehicle revenues increased over \$21,000 from last year and that there would be an anticipated additional \$3,000 in revenues for 1997 from decals.

Carol Davis asked for a general idea of the overall increases.

Donald Clark proceeded with a break-down of increases with TC/TC up \$4,500. The Selectmen's salaries remained the same. Election Workers will be paid a \$5 hourly rate instead of a flat \$50 per election. Supervisors of the Checklist will now be paid \$5 per hour for additional time spent outside of the election meeting hours. Donald Clark reiterated that the increases in revenues are substantially more than the increases in salaries. He noted also that on D, page 23 of the insert, that a committee will need to be appointed in four years rather than five.

Voted: Passed

15. *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund.*

Motion made by: Andrew Berridge

Seconded: Roby Day

Discussion: None

Voted: Passed

16. *To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Police Department Automobile Capital Reserve Fund created in 1980, and to withdraw its balance of six thousand nine hundred sixty-three dollars and sixty three cents (\$6,963.63) with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, and deposit it into the Town's General Fund.*

Motion made by: Roby Day

Seconded: Raymond Donald

Discussion: Howard George asked why you would want to take \$6,963.63 out of reserve and put it in a general fund. Raymond Donald explained why the monies were going from a reserve into the general fund as they were going to lease the next cruiser.

Kevin Fitzgibbon asked how things were done in the past. Raymond Donald replied by stating that in the past a capital reserve fund was established where monies were put into it and then after enough money was in the fund, it would be taken out and a

vehicle would then be purchased.

Voted: Passed.

17. *To see if the Town will vote to enter into a three year lease/purchase agreement with the Ford Motor Company and to raise and appropriate seven thousand ninety-four dollars and eleven cents (\$7,094.11) for the first year installment for a 1997 Ford Sedan to be used by the Police Department.*

Motion made by: Raymond Donald

Seconded: Roby Day

Discussion: Mary O'Sullivan asked if the new vehicle was a replacement vehicle or an additional vehicle. Henry Lewandowski, Police Chief, responded by saying that it was a replacement vehicle for the 1992 cruiser which has 118,000 miles on it and repairs are expensive.

Dennis Jacques wanted to know what the cost of the vehicle would be without a lease.

Chief Lewandowski responded by saying it was close to \$19,000.00. Raymond Donald stated that they didn't have the exact numbers. "It appears that the cost of maintaining the 1992 vehicle for the additional three years would be more than what the \$1,000.00 or so that it would cost for the interest rate for going ahead and leasing it."

Glen Barr asked if there were mileage restrictions with this lease vehicle Raymond Donald said there was no difference with how many miles are put on the cruiser. "At the end of three years, the vehicle is ours for \$1.00."

Dennis Jacques asked if the radio from the old cruiser was going to go into the new one. Chief Lewandowski responded by saying that they would use the old radio but that there might be some minimal additional costs.

Howard George asked if the Ford Co. was going to maintain this leased cruiser. Raymond Donald responded by saying that the Ford Co. would not take care of the maintenance but that they do not care how many miles you put on it. Howard George responded by saying, "I thought you said to maintain it would be cheaper." Raymond Donald replied "It's a lot cheaper to maintain a car with 0 miles on it than a car with 118,000 miles on it and much more than that after three years. This isn't a common lease where you have mileage constrictions and you have a balloon payment when you turn it back over. Our balloon payment is \$1 and they don't care how many miles are on it."

Voted: Passed

18. *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund of eleven thousand one hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$11,199) making a total of sixteen thousand one hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$16,199) in the fund.*

Motion made by: Andrew Berridge

Seconded: Martha Carter

Discussion: Vytautas Kasinskas asked if the town contracted with a rescue ambulance corporation to provide service. He wanted to know if it still was in effect.

Roby Day responded by saying, "yes, we do and it's costing us \$12,000 a year."

Vytautas Kasinskas asked if this rescue service used their own ambulances.

Roby Day stated, "The difference is the AMR folks respond whenever you need them and our own capabilities are limited to if there are people available to do it. You are guaranteed a response. We pay \$12,000 a year to have that guarantee. Our own rescue vehicle will afford us the opportunity to respond and not incur the charges that we would assume if the contracted ambulance was used."

Carol Davis asked the Selectmen for an explanation on last year's town report notes. "In 1996, one of the appropriations they were going to make was a \$5,000 annual contribution towards the rescue vehicle and it never showed up in the capital reserve fund. Why doesn't this contribution appear in the capital reserve fund?"

Andrew Berridge replied “I can’t speak for the letter that we put out last year because I don’t have it in front of me, but what I do know is that in order for there to be money in the fund there has to be a vote by the people in the town. There wasn’t a vote of \$5,000 at this meeting last year so as a result if there was no vote, there is no money. There was some deliberating last year before town meeting as to whether or not the Selectmen would or would not support putting money in the capital reserve fund and if my memory serves me correctly we chose not to do it at that time because of the political turmoil between the two departments being fire and rescue. We thought that would be inappropriate to bring that to the floor. As a result, it was not on the ballot last year.”

Voted: Passed

19. *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000), to be used for year four of five years of the lease/purchase of fourteen (14) self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA's). At the end of the fifth year, the SCBA's will remain the property of the Town.*

Motion made by: Roby Day

Seconded: Forrest Decatur

Discussion: None

Voted: Passed

20. *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred thirty dollars (\$930) to support the Rockingham County Community Action Program, Inc. a private non-profit, anti-poverty agency.*

Motion made by: Raymond Donald

Seconded: Holly Hammershoy

Discussion: None

Voted: Passed

21. *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand two hundred seventy-three dollars and seventy cents (\$2,273.70) to support the Rockingham Visiting Nurse Association to provide continued health care services to the residents of the Town.*

Motion made by: Raymond Donald

Seconded: Roby Day

Discussion: Holly Hammershoy wanted to know if the money was going to be used for charitable donations or if it was going to offset costs that the VNA had acquired. Raymond Donald responded by saying, “This article as well as some of the others have been determined to be this town’s fair share contributions. They sent us a letter that based on the number of people and hours we have supplied to your town that this is what we figure your fair share to be. Before the Selectmen decide to recommend approval of one of these items, we find someone who knows first hand, that is actually using the service, so that we can validate it. We don’t have names. We do verify the use of the activity before we recommend approval.

Marilyn Berridge thought that in prior years, before the VNA was bought out by Exeter Health Resources, that the VNA provided their services at no charge. She said, "since that has happened that now they have recommended donations for the things that they did. I think also that there is a big difference between this and the other nonprofit groups. All the other agencies have very limited funds and Exeter Health Resources is a nonprofit organization, but I don't think that there is anyone who could say they have limited funds."

Dennis Jacques asked if this article didn't pass if the services would no longer be provided by the organization. Raymond Donald responded by saying no. He said, "I don't believe that if we don't contribute to this that we are going to see immediate results of not having any help in town. If you take a look at our budget and see what the town of E. Kingston normally budgets purely for welfare, and the few numbers of dollars that are in there, it looks like if you add all these warrant articles together that support welfare contributions to various agencies, we still have a very small load that we, the town, supports for the welfare activity. I fully expect not to lose anything if we don't support this one or any of these tonight. You can say no tonight but eventually you will feel it and you will lose, and we will have to take care of it directly out of our own budget. We will have to do that severely higher than what these articles are for. If we didn't think so, I don't think this board would have recommended approval of it."

A VNA representative, Karen McMann (Director of Finance) spoke and said that they would not stop services tomorrow but that they would feel it. "If Epping and all the other towns decided to stop funding home care and hospice services and some of the other human services, your town would feel it." Ms. McMann went on to state that the VNA is a subsidiary of Exeter Health Resources and that they do not get any funding from them at all. They are a free standing organization, nonprofit organization and their funding hasn't changed except that people are funding them to a lesser degree.

Voted: Passed

22. *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) to Seacoast Mental Health Center, Inc.*

Motion made by: Andrew Berridge

Seconded: Raymond Donald

Discussion: Holly Hammershoy asked if this was a non profit or for profit organization.

Raymond Donald believed that it was non profit. Andrew Berridge said they do accept patients without their ability to pay.

Voted: Passed

23. *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred fifty dollars (\$850) to Seacoast Hospice.*

Motion made by: Raymond Donald

Seconded: William Brace

Discussion: None
Voted: Passed

24. *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand one hundred dollars (\$2,100) to Seacoast Big Brothers/Big Sisters.*

Motion made by: Raymond Donald
Seconded: Holly Hammershoy
Discussion: None
Voted: Passed

25. *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for the benefit of helping to defray the operating costs and expenses of the New Outlook Teen Center program.*

Motion made by: Andrew Berridge
Seconded: Roby Day
Discussion: Kevin Fitzgibbon asked where the teen center was located and if E. Kingston students had access to it. Andrew Berridge responded by saying that the center was located on Court Street in what was the Court Street Nursing Home facility where Exeter Health Care use to be before they moved.

Donald Andolina asked for someone to explain what services the town would derive from this. Raymond Donald stated that he believed the center was supported entirely by the Town of Exeter and that the Town of Exeter realized that the sending towns were using the facility; therefore, they should help support this center. Mr. Donald said approximately 17 E. Kingston students were using the facility on a rather frequent basis. "It gives them a place to go to do sports, homework, etc."

Voted: Passed

26. *On petition of Kelly Torosian and 23 other registered voters of the Town of East Kingston to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) to Area Homemaker Home Health Aide Service, Inc.*

Motion made by: Martha Carter
Seconded: Robert Carter
Discussion: None
Voted: Passed

27. *On petition of Francis Clark and 28 other registered voters of the Town of East Kingston to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred forty-two dollars (\$342) to Rockingham Nutrition & Meals on Wheels Program.*

Motion made by: Marilyn Berridge
Seconded: Martha Carter
Discussion: None
Voted: Passed

28. *On petition of Patricia Keans and 24 other registered voters of the Town of East Kingston to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred fifty-dollars (\$750) to the Richie McFarland Children's Center.*

Motion made by: Stuart Aronson

Seconded: Forrest Decatur

Discussion: Dennis Jacques asked what they do. Patricia Keans spoke saying the Richie McFarland Children's Center was an organization that was based in Stratham. They service children between the ages of birth to 4 who have learning disabilities or development problems. "About 30% of our funds come from the towns and they provide in-home services. We are asking for \$750, \$250 per child, as E. Kingston currently has three children serviced."

Voted: Passed

29. *On petition of Beverly Fillio and 26 registered voters of the Town of East Kingston to see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA Chapter 35, as amended for the purpose of building an expansion of the East Kingston Public Library and to receive further appropriations for said purpose.*

Motion made by: Carol Davis

Seconded: Gail Donald

Discussion: None

Voted: Passed

30. *On petition of Conrad Moses and 26 registered voters of the Town of East Kingston to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) toward the expansion of the East Kingston Public Library.*

Motion made by: Conrad Moses

Seconded: Louis Hoelzl

Discussion: Carol Davis said this article was not approved as stated by the Board of Selectmen. She didn't think they were against the article. When she submitted it, she phrased it incorrectly and she asked that it be amended to read "On petition of Conrad Moses and 26 registered voters of the Town of East Kingston to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the library capital reserve building fund."

Robert Donovan, Moderator, said "according to what we have up here you have put on the floor a motion to amend the main motion and you want to substitute after the words "\$5,000 to be added to the library capital reserve fund?" "Is that correct?" Carol Davis replied, "building fund." Robert Donovan stated that "you have a problem because what we just established is only a capital reserve fund." Carol Davis agreed.

Seconded: Andrew Berridge

Discussion: Dennis Jacques asked if the Selectmen support it the way it is now worded.

Raymond Donald spoke on behalf of himself saying that the wording was a concern. He said there was additional information learned since the town report's publication and that there is a trust fund currently existing that has in excess of \$11,000 in it that the Trustees of the Library can spend at their discretion by only voting amongst themselves. He said it was not a capital reserve fund. It was a trust fund. Mr. Donald went on to say that he knew there was a need for additional space for the library. He said he didn't know if the town wants to do anything to that historical building. "We've never had discussion among the town citizens that I am aware of. I personally would support utilizing some of that trust fund money to do an engineering/architectural study to find out whether or not it is feasible, whether or not we have enough space, whether or not the building would maintain its historical appearance, but no I do not support putting money in a capital reserve fund at this time until it is determined that we want to do something."

Andrew Berridge agreed with a lot of what Mr. Donald had to say. "You'll never have anymore parking space. I do see that there is a future need for increasing the size of the library space." He would like to see that the library trustees not do any thing until they bring it before the town. "I think putting money away in a capital reserve fund is also a prudent way of putting something aside for a future need we know we are going to have." Mr. Berridge supported a library capital reserve fund.

Roby Day stated "we have a fine, historical asset here that we are all concerned about losing if we start screwing around with it, but at the same time we are moving into the 21st century and our needs are expanding and our community is growing." "I think it is appropriate that either here this year or at next year's town meeting we seriously address looking at our options and that might necessitate finding a committee to look at those kinds of things."

Dennis Jacques asked if the money that is put into this fund would go to the expansion of the existing library. A reply was given that it would not specifically go to the existing library but into a capital fund.

Joan Kasinkas asked Roby Day to verify if he agreed on putting the \$5,000 in the fund. Mr. Day agreed by saying, "It's money in the bank earning interest."

The Moderator stated that we were now voting or whether or not to accept the amendment to add the phrase "to be added to the library capital reserve fund."

Voted: Passed

The Moderator referred to the main motion of appropriating \$5,000 to be put in the library capital reserve fund.

Discussion: None

Voted: Passed

Mr. Donald requested after the vote that we redo the count of that vote based on

a show of hands. The vote passed.

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

Kevin O'Halloran talked about how he brings his children to the Exeter Library and that it costs \$50 a year for a membership. He wanted to know if there was any way to have a fund so everyone in our town could go to the Exeter Library and not have to pay the \$50 a year.

Carol Davis addressed Mr. O'Halloran saying that if there was something that he wanted from the Exeter Library that the E. Kingston Librarian, Tracy Waldron, could probably get it in a day or so. Mrs. Davis said, "Our library has grown tremendously. It is not as spacious or well-appointed as Exeter's is but that is one of the hopes with this new addition. We could build a children's room and meeting room. Most elementary children can't go to Exeter to the library. We have to work on what's ours and not send our money out of town." Mrs. Davis very much opposed public town support to an out of town library. Mr. O'Halloran said that we would never get to the level of Exeter's library.

Gail Donald supported the E. Kingston Library.

Donald Clark said that there was one correction in the town report. He thanked Deborah Gallant and Cathy Belcher for putting the report together. On page 8, the phone number for James Davis should be 642-5227. Martha Carter questioned if Andrew Berridge's number was incorrect. Mr. Berridge said his new telephone number is 394-0224.

Andrew Berridge made a motion to ask the Moderator to appoint a future land use and acquisition committee to comprise of representatives from the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board, the Conservation Board, the Recreation Board, the Road Agent, Fire Department, School Department, and any residents of the town that are interested. The purpose of this committee is to make recommendations at next year's town meeting of the future land and space needs and methods of acquiring the same.

Seconded: Marilyn Berridge

Discussion: Andrew Berridge discussed further that we have a very good master plan in the works thanks to the Planning Board. "We know that we will need more recreational space. We know we have to increase the size of the school. We know probably in 20 years we will have to increase the size of the public safety complex. We've discussed tonight increasing the size of the library, but we are questioning whether there is enough room on that site to do it. The laws in the state about storing sand and salt for road agent purposes and highway maintenance will require us before long to build some form of facility or shed to store the same things. We have done very little in the way of future planning."

Voted: Passed

Andrew Berridge asked if Gail Donald would come up to the front and asked

Raymond Donald to stand up as well. "Both Ray and Gail have put a lot of time and effort over the years in serving the people of E. Kingston, Ray predominantly as Selectman and Gail in various other groups. Mr. Berridge thanked Gail on behalf of the town for filling in as a Supervisor of the Checklist. Mr. Donald was presented a plaque for his many years of service on the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Donald thanked his wife for her support and encouragement.

The Moderator motioned that the meeting should be adjourned.

Motion made by: Raymond Donald

Seconded: Holly Hammershoy

Meeting adjourned at 8:25p.m.

Barbara A. Clark

Town Clerk/Tax Collector



OLD HOME DAY

The East Kingston Fire Association returned to their role of organizers for this year's Old Home Day. On behalf of the Association and the Town, we would like to thank all who assisted with time, money, supplies, or any other donations. All the groups in town joined in and helped to make it a memorable day.

In particular, we would like to thank R.L. Rossi, Inc. and Alscot Fire Apparatus for their contributions. Also, we were grateful for involvement and contributions made by our town organizations such as the East Kingston Community United Methodist Church Ladies Guild, the PTO, the Friends of the Library, the 4-H, Wingold Grange, the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, the After-school Enrichment Program, the East Kingston Garden Club, the Fire Department, the Conservation Commission, the Historical Society, the East Kingston Elementary School, the Library Trustees, the Future Land Use and Acquisition Committee, the Emergency Operations Center, the Rockingham County Department of Corrections, Smokey the Bear, and Steve and Jackie Roy as "Autumn Sol". If anyone has been left out of this list, we apologize but assure them that their contributions were welcome and appreciated.

Be sure to mark your calendars for September 19, 1998 and plan to join us for another day of fun.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew and Marilyn Berridge,

on behalf of the Old Home Day Committee of the East Kingston Fire Association.

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EAST KINGSTON

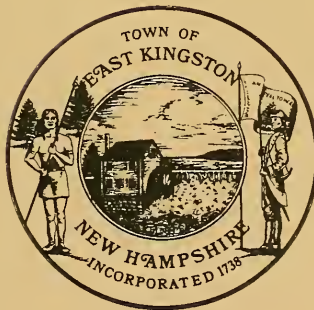
TOWN WARRANT

AND

TOWN BUDGET

FOR THE YEAR

1998



The State of New Hampshire

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of East Kingston in the [L.S.] County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at East Kingston Elementary School (located at Andrews Lane) in said Town, East Kingston, on Tuesday, the Tenth Day of March, next at 8:00 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

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

Andrew W. Bunch
James R. Day
Donald C. Anderson

Selectmen
of
East Kingston



A true copy of Warrant -- Attest:

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1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
(TO BE VOTED ON BY BALLOT)
2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of East Kingston Zoning Ordinance as follows:
(TO BE VOTED ON BY BALLOT)

Replace the existing Article 111-A with a new growth control ordinance (see below) (Approved for ballot 12/18/97)

ARTICLE III-A -- GROWTH CONTROL

A. Authority

This Growth Control Ordinance is enacted in accordance with RSA 674:22.

B. Purpose

1. To manage growth to ensure its compatibility with the 1988 and 1995-7 Master Plan and the 1997 Capital Improvements Program for the Town of East Kingston.
2. To ensure that the East Kingston Elementary School and other Town services will have sufficient capacity and quality to accommodate new development.

C. Findings Of Fact

1. The average annual percent increase in housing units in East Kingston from 1990-1995 was 4.5%; East Kingston and abutting towns, 1.6%; Rockingham County, 1.2%; New Hampshire, 0.9% (1990 U.S. Census, 1996 OSP "Current Estimates and Trends in NH's Housing Supply").
2. East Kingston's share of housing units in the six-town region (East Kingston and abutting towns) increased from 4.5% in 1970 and 1980 to 4.9% in 1990 and 6.1% in 1995 (1996 East Kingston Master Plan and 1996 OSP "Current Estimates and Trends in NH's Housing Supply").
3. The total housing stock in East Kingston increased 30% from 1990-1995; East Kingston and abutting towns, 10%; Rockingham County, 7%; New Hampshire, 5% (1990 U.S. Census, 1996 OSP "Current Estimates and Trends in NH's Housing Supply").
4. 32% of the 650 homes in East Kingston (as of 10/97) were built since the 1990 U.S. Census (494) (1990 U.S. Census and East Kingston Selectmen's Office).
5. East Kingston's average annual percent increase in population from 1990-1996 was 3.0%; East Kingston and abutting towns, 1.2%;

Rockingham County, 0.9%; New Hampshire, 0.8% (1996 Population Estimates of New Hampshire Cities and Towns, NHOSP, 1997).

6. East Kingston's total increase in population from 1990-1996 was 19.2%; East Kingston and abutting towns, 7.6%; Rockingham County, 5.3%; New Hampshire, 4.8% (1996 Population Estimates of New Hampshire Cities and Towns, NHOSP, 1997).
7. Capacity of the 6-classroom East Kingston Elementary School is 175 students (using 7 rooms and maximum class size of 25). 1997-98 enrollment is 174. As of September, 1997, there are nine classes. Because the sixth grade will be moving to the new COOP middle school, total enrollments at the Elementary School are projected to decline. However, because of projected grade sizes, total number of classrooms needed is projected at 9 in 1998-99, 10 in 1999-2000, and 10 in 2000-01 (East Kingston School Board, East Kingston Capital Improvements Program, 1997). The East Kingston School Board had originally planned to construct a \$822,000 six-classroom addition for use in September, 1999. However, due to the existing and projected space shortage, the proposal will be presented to voters in March, 1998 for occupancy in September, 1998.
8. Since 1994, the Town's Road Improvement budget has increased 33% from \$45,000 to \$60,000 (ref. 1998 CIP).
9. The Town's operating budget has increased 7.4% over the last six years (ref. 1998 CIP).
10. The tax rate has increased by an average of 4.1% annually over the last six years (ref. 1998 CIP).
11. While the capital project portion of the municipal tax rate averaged 20% over the last six years, it is projected to average 33% over the next six years (ref. 1998 CIP).

Allocation Of Permits

1. This Article applies to building permits for new dwellings. Building permits for non-dwelling construction or for expansion, alteration or replacement of existing dwellings will not be affected by this Article.
2. Calendar year for building permits will be from January 1 through December 31.
3. The rate of growth in housing units in any given year shall not exceed 2.0% of the total units in Town as of December 31st of the previous year. The Building Inspector shall issue permits for new dwelling units totaling no more than 2.0% of the total units existing in Town at the end of the previous calendar year.

4. One building permit shall be required for each dwelling unit (e.g., one permit for a single family home, two permits for a duplex, etc.)
5. For calculating the number of permits available for the first year (January - December, 1998), total units in Town on the date of the newspaper publishing of the first legal notice of a public hearing on this ordinance will be used. (published 12/18/97; there were 660 housing units in town. 2% of 660 is 13 available permits). In calculating 2.0% of the total units in Town, all numbers shall be rounded to the nearest whole number.
6. Building permits for new dwellings will be issued on the basis of those complete applications first received by the Building Inspector until the available number of permits has been issued.
7. In order to be complete, building permit applications must be for lots approved by the East Kingston Planning Board and registered in the Rockingham County Register of Deeds. Lots must meet all applicable state and local regulations. Applications must include: 1) a copy of the deed of the land on which the new dwelling will be located; 2) Subdivision Approval number and Septic Design approval from NHWSPCD; 3) a set of plans for the new dwelling; 4) a driveway permit (from NHDOT on a State Highway, from the Town on a Town road); and 5) for manufactured housing, the notarized bill of sale, as registered in the Rockingham Register of Deeds.
8. In order to ensure equitable distribution of available permits, (1) no individual, their relatives, persons associated in business with such individuals, or entities owned or controlled by such individual, their relatives or persons associated in business with such individual; and (2) no business entity or any other entity owned or affiliated with such business entity, in whole, or in part, may apply for or receive more than 20% of the available permits in any given year (20% of 13 is 3 permits available for individuals).
9. In the event that fewer than the allocated permits are issued, notwithstanding the percentage limitations above, the unused permits may be distributed, initially one each, to applicants who submit complete applications until all unused permits have been exhausted.
10. Building permits which are void as a result of the required construction not being completed within the required time frame (ref. Article IX.A) shall be returned to the Building Inspector and added to the available permits for the present year. "Work Started" in Article I.A. shall mean footings and foundation must be poured. When permits are voided under this provision, fees paid for the permits shall not be refundable.
11. Applications will only be accepted for permits available in the current year and for the ensuing year. Applications received after the available

building permits have been distributed will be placed first on the list for the ensuing year.

E. Sunset Clause

This article expires at Town Meeting 2001.

The Planning Board shall hold an annual review to determine if the population and growth data, in conjunction with the CIP, justifies the continued application of the ordinance. After the review, the Board shall make recommendations to the local legislative body in accordance with RSA 675:3.

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of East Kingston Zoning Ordinance as follows:
(TO BE VOTED ON BY BALLOT)

Amend Article IV. D.6 (to correspond with the 1997 amendment to IV.7.B. Receiving Layer.2) by changing the "100" TO "75" and "125" as follows:

6. Septic system leach field boundaries shall be located more than 20 feet from any property boundary, 100 feet from any surface water (Amended 3/97), 75 feet from existing or proposed private wells, 125 feet from existing or proposed community wells.
(Approved for ballot 12/18/97)
4. To see if the Town will **raise and appropriate** the sum of two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$275,000.00) for the purpose of **purchasing the land and buildings, situated at 1 Main Street, East Kingston, New Hampshire (Map Block Lot #09-07-01)** and the costs and expenses reasonably related thereto; such sum to be raised by the **issuance of serial bonds** or notes not to exceed two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$275,000.00) under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NHRSA 33:1 et seq., as amended) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof and to take such other actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of East Kingston **and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to subdivide up to three (3) acres including the buildings and sell up to the three (3) acre portion to defray the cost of purchasing the property**, upon terms and conditions determined by the Board of Selectmen.
(TO BE VOTED ON BY BALLOT)
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred twenty-five thousand two hundred dollars \$725,200.00 less estimated revenues **to defray Town charges** for the ensuing year.
(MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)
The Selectmen recommend approval of this article. (3-0 Board vote).

6. To see if the Town will vote to **authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts of personal property which may be offered to the town for any public purpose**, pursuant to RSA 31:95-e. The Selectmen must hold a public hearing before accepting such gift, and the acceptance shall not bind the Town to raise, appropriate, or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair, or replacement of any such personal property.
(MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)
The Selectmen recommend approval of this article. (3-0 Board vote).
7. To see if the Town will vote to **authorize the Board of Selectmen 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.
(MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)
The Selectmen recommend approval of this article. (3-0 Board vote).
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (**\$4,000.00**) to be added to the **Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund**.
(MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)
The Selectmen recommend approval of this article. (3-0 Board vote).
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate six thousand eight hundred twenty dollars (**\$6,820.00**) for the **second year installment** for the three year **lease/purchase agreement** with the Ford Motor Company approved at 1997 Town Meeting for the **1997 Ford Sedan** to be used by the Police Department.
(MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)
The Selectmen recommend approval of this article. (3-0 Board vote).
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars (**\$8,000.00**), to be used for year five of five years of the lease/purchase of fourteen (14) **self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA's)**. At the end of the fifth year, the SCBA's will remain the property of the Town.
(MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)
The Selectmen recommend approval of this article. (3-0 Board vote).
11. To see if the Town of East Kingston will vote to authorize the **withdrawal** of the balance from the **Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund**, established in 1993, in the amount of **sixteen thousand one hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$16,199.00)** plus accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, for the purpose of **purchasing a rescue vehicle** to replace the existing rescue vehicle.
(MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)
The Selectmen recommend approval of this article. (3-0 Board vote).
12. To see if the Town of East Kingston will vote to **appropriate** four thousand dollars (**\$4,000.00**) for the East Kingston Fire Department to **renovate the 1986 Chevy Forestry vehicle** and to **authorize the sale of the 1974 Ford Forestry vehicle** with the proceeds to be used to offset this appropriation.
(MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)
The Selectmen recommend approval of this article. (3-0 Board vote).

13. To see if the Town will vote to **transfer** fifty percent (50%) of the revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (the land use tax) to the **Conservation General Fund** in accordance with RSA 36-A:5,III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25.II.
(MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)
The Selectmen recommend approval of this article. (3-0 Board vote).
14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred eighty-two dollars (\$782.00) to support the **Rockingham County Community Action Program, Inc.** a private non-profit, anti-poverty agency.
(MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)
The Selectmen recommend approval of this article. (3-0 Board vote).
15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand two hundred seventy-four dollars (\$2,274.00) to support the **Rockingham Visiting Nurse Association** to provide continued health care services to the residents of the Town.
(MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)
The Selectmen recommend approval of this article. (2-0 Board vote Mr. Berridge abstained).
16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to **Seacoast Mental Health Center, Inc.**
(MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)
The Selectmen recommend approval of this article. (3-0 Board vote).
17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred fifty dollars (\$850.00) to **Seacoast Hospice.**
(MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)
The Selectmen recommend approval of this article. (2-0 Board vote Mr. Berridge abstained).
18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) to **Area Homemaker Home Health Aide Service, Inc.**
(MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)
The Selectmen recommend approval of this article. (3-0 Board vote).
19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred forty-two dollars (\$342.00) to **Rockingham Nutrition & Meals on Wheels Program.**
(MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)
The Selectmen recommend approval of this article. (3-0 Board vote).
20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$275.00) to the **Richie McFarland Children's Center.**
(MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)
The Selectmen recommend approval of this article. (3-0 Board vote).

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to the New Outlook Teen Center.
(MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)
The Selectmen recommend approval of this article. (3-0 Board vote).

22. On the petition of Joann E. Brandt and 24 other registered voters of the Town of East Kingston, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand two hundred forty dollars (\$3,240.00) for the purpose of defraying the cost of services provided to the Town of East Kingston and its residents by Seacoast Big Brothers Big Sisters of New Hampshire.
(MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED) The Selectmen DO NOT recommend approval of this article. (3-0 Board vote).

23. On the petition of Joan Kasinskas and 42 other registered voters of the Town of East Kingston, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Library Capital Reserve Fund established at 1997 Town Meeting.
(MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)
The Selectmen recommend approval of this article. (3-0 Board vote).

24. On the petition of Richard Hugo and 62 other registered voters of the Town of East Kingston, to see if the Town will vote to require the Town to make form PA-28, "Inventory of Taxable Property", required by RSA 74, available in the Town Office for residents to pick up any time after January 2nd of the current year.
(MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED) The Selectmen DO NOT recommend approval of this article. (3-0 Board vote).

25. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.
(MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Given under our hands and seal, this 2nd day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-eight.

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

Andrew L. T. Berridge Andrew L.T. Berridge, Chairman

James R. Day, Jr. James Roby Day, Jr.

Donald C. Andolina Donald C. Andolina
SELECTMEN OF EAST KINGSTON

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
61 So.Spring St., P.O.Box 1122
Concord, NH 03302-1122
(603) 271-3397

MS-6



BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF EAST KINGSTON N.H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998 or for Fiscal Year From

to _____

IMPORTANT: Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address above.

Date 2/2/98

Andrew L.T. Berridge
Andrew L.T. Berridge

James Roby Day, Jr.
James Roby Day, Jr.

Donald C. Andolina
Donald C. Andolina

SELECTMEN (PLEASE SIGN IN INK)

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

(Revised 1997)

Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr Art#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENDING FISCAL YR. (RECOMMENDED)	APPROP. ENDING FISCAL YR. (NOT RECOMMENDED)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive		53,600	49,715	56,780	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		13,705	13,424	16,039	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		39,475	32,692	34,469	
4152	Revaluation of Property		12,500	11,648	11,923	
4153	Legal Expense		20,000	13,710	15,000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		18,200	17,864	26,559	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		7,200	7,115	7,600	
4194	General Government Buildings		40,550	32,780	40,500	
4195	Cemeteries		13,500	13,525	15,500	
4196	Insurance		23,300	24,919	27,900	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		1,255	1,253	1,290	
4199	Other General Government		12,000	10,499	6,000	
PUBLIC SAFETY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police		62,000	72,200	86,370	
4215-4219	Ambulance		14,900	15,759	16,820	
4220-4229	Fire		45,300	38,310	43,400	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		8,000	5,530	6,500	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		13,620	2,748	14,250	
4299	Other Public Safety (Including Communication)					
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations					
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration					
4311-4312	Admin., Highways & Streets		123,000	124,448	133,000	
4313	Bridges					
4316	Street Lighting		1,200	1,104	1,200	
4319	Other					
SANITATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321-4323	Admin. & Solid Waste Collection		86,500	84,289	89,000	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal					
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up					

Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr Art#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By OBA	Actual Expeditores Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YR. (RECOMMENDED)	APPROP. ENSUING FISCAL YR. (NOT RECOMMENDED)
4326-4329	Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other					
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331-4332	Admin. and Water Services					
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation & Other					
ELECTRIC			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation					
4353	Purchase Costs					
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance					
4359	Other Electric Costs					
HEALTH			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411-4414	Admin. and Pest Control		1,000	210	1,000	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other		350	350	350	
WELFARE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assistance		1,000	306	1,000	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		8,546	8,546	0	
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		2,500	0	2,000	
CULTURE & RECREATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		4,000	3,678	4,000	
4550-4559	Library		23,670	23,664	35,800	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		1,600	1,493	1,600	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation					
CONSERVATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Administration & Purchases of Natural Resources					
4619	Other Conservation		400	400	600	
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING					
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
DEBT SERVICE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4723	Interest on TANS		15,000	11,629	15,000	

Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr Art#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DEA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENDING FISCAL YR. (RECOMMENDED)	APPROP. ENDING FISCAL YR. (NOT RECOMMENDED)
4790-4799	Other Debt Service					
CAPITAL OUTLAY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land					
4902	Mechinery, Vehicles & Equipment		21,750	20,870	13,750	
4903	Buildings					
4909	Improvements Other Than Buildings					
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund					
4913	To Capital Projects Fund					
4914	To Enterprise Fund					
	Sewer-					
	Water-					
	Electric-					
	Airport-					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		21,094	21,094		
4916	To Expendable Trust Funds (except Health Maintenance Trust Fund)					
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Fund					
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds					
4919	To Agency Funds					
SUBTOTAL 1			710,715	665,682	725,200	

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount
4444	14	782.00	4444	20	275.00
	15	2,274.00		21	500.00
	16	500.00		22	3,240.00
	17	850.00			
	18	300.00			
	19	342.00			

4444 TOTAL = \$9,063.00

****SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriating to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

Acct#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr Art#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (RECOMMENDED)	APPROP. ENSUING FISCAL YR. (NOT RECOMMENDED)
	Cap. Res. Revaluation	08	4,000	4,000	4,000	
	Cap. Res. Library	23	5,000	5,000	5,000	
	Police Dept. Cruiser	09	7,094	7,094	6,820	
	Fire Dept. SCBA'S	10	8,000	7,479	8,000	
	Purchase Bond Issue Property	04	0	0	275,000	
SUBTOTAL 2 Recommended			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	298,820	XXXXXXXXXXXX

****INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". An example of an individual warrant article might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

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SUBTOTAL 3 Recommended			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXXXX

Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Na.C.T. Art. #	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE Basing Year
TAXES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		1,000	24,656	
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Yield Taxes		500	1,085	500
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		20,000	19,200	18,000
	Inventory Penalties				
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		1,800	2,025	1,800
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		175,000	201,453	185,000
3230	Building Permits		7,500	4,455	6,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		5,000	10,540	6,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT			10,526	30,000
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		34,000	34,176	34,000
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution				
3353	Highway Block Grant		25,600	26,890	26,900
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		100	50	50
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		12,600	20,159	25,000
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		13,000	13,629	13,000
3409	Other Charges				
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		0	8,015	2,500
3502	Interest on Investments		20,000	27,915	20,000
3503-3509	Other		7,600	24,255	7,750



CITIZENS AND VOTERS OF EAST KINGSTON

The Board of Selectmen look forward to Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 1998, at 7:00 P.M. Mark your calendar, and plan to attend at the East Kingston Elementary School. Last year we chose consciously NOT to opt for the so-called "SB2" form of town government, and if the experience of some of our neighboring towns is any indication, it was a wise decision. We shall conduct business in the historic New England fashion, debating and voting at one Town Meeting on matters in the warrant that were not addressed in the ballot box.

The Board would like to offer our thoughts and recommendations on the warrant articles. Articles 1 through 3 are for the election of Town officials and Planning Board ordinance change recommendations. They will be voted on in the ballot box, and **the polls will be open from 8:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M.** The remaining articles, 4 through 25, will be addressed on the floor of Town Meeting.

THE TAX BILL BIG PICTURE

Our tax rate for 1997 was calculated by the Department of Revenue Administration to be \$30.66 per \$1000 assessed value. The entire increase of 11% over 1996's rate is directly attributable to education expenses incurred by the Exeter Region Cooperative School District (Co-op) and our own elementary school. The Town and County dollar amounts of the tax rate were held to 1996's levels.

There is little question that our tax burden will increase in the next few years. We are faced with operating costs yet to be identified for the new Co-op school, plus renovation costs for the present junior and senior high schools, as well as expansion of our own elementary school. None of these spending issues can simply be ignored, nor can we just opt out from any of them. We voted to form a Co-op last year, and so long as our elementary school population grows, we must accommodate it.

The New Hampshire Supreme Court's decision in the Claremont suit complicates the education picture even more. There are a number of proposals being offered by our legislature and the governor, but any State plan is likely to result in the effect of a redistribution of wealth. It is axiomatic that when someone else manages your money (e.g. Concord), there is a cost attached. Taxation is inherently the most economical when done at the local level.

THE 1998 PROPOSED TOWN BUDGET

EXPENSES

Our department heads did a superb job of managing their 1997 budgets, and their diligence in looking to future needs made the formulation of this year's budget a relatively painless task. The proposed budget reflects an increase of 6.3% over 1997, and the change is due in great part to easily identified factors.

Significant line item increases are seen for employee benefits, police administration, highways and streets, and the East Kingston Library. The cost of government employee health benefits jumped dramatically statewide, forcing New Hampshire providers to increase their rates. We elected to stay with the Municipal Association's plan, given the financial uncertainty in health care. The \$25,000 increase in police administration is directly attributable to our single full-time officer, but much of the cost will be recouped as revenue from the federal COPS Grant program. Our experience with winter storms make increasing the snow and ice removal line item by \$10,000 unavoidable. The library's budget is increased by over 51% to cover costs of services and materials. Our library trustees indicated a sharp increase in demand for services of every kind, and used discretionary funds outside the budget to cover 1997 expenses.

REVENUES

At first glance, it appears we expect a 16% increase in revenues during 1998. Remove the \$30,000 expected from the federal COPS Grant, and the increase is still 7%. That estimate is likely to be conservative, in view of the Town Clerk's dramatically increased motor vehicle permit fees and the selectmen's decision not to anticipate any change in Current Use tax penalties.

East Kingston's property valuation for 1997 increased by only 1.4%, after several years of increases close to the consumer price index (inflation). Any increases in education and county expenses this year must directly impact the tax rate without the cushioning effect of increased property valuation. Do we want an increase in valuation? Maybe not. It could be the result of costly inflation, or growth due to new residential construction.

THE WARRANT ARTICLE BIG PICTURE

Our warrant includes items which are not a part of the annual budgeting process to define our municipal finances, but which we choose to support and fund for a number of reasons. We spend money on these questions for altruistic reasons, as well as out of self-interest, recognizing the Town receives some specific benefit, and they are proposed and discussed on the floor at Town Meeting.

Since 1994, the sum of our commitments to charitable organizations has amounted to less than 2% of our budget, and the proportion has actually decreased in the last three years. The cost in 1997 amounted to approximately ten cents per \$1000 of assessed value (\$.10 on the tax rate), and if we vote affirmatively to all the articles in 1998, there will be virtually no change in that proportion.

Ballot Box Articles

Article 1 – Election of Town officers

Article 2 – The Planning Board recommends adopting a new Growth Control Ordinance. The existing ordinance was considered an interim measure, providing the Town one year in which to update and adopt its Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). The Planning Board having done that, the CIP is now an integral part of our Master Plan and demonstrates that the Town is looking to the future and anticipated capital needs. The Town can now justify a longer-term growth control ordinance that reflects our planning to accommodate growth in ways we as a community find acceptable.

Article 3 – The Planning Board recommends this housekeeping change to the Zoning Ordinance General Provisions article to ensure consistency with regard to setbacks from hydric soils and wells.

Town Meeting Articles – The Board of Selectmen RECOMMEND APPROVAL of Articles 4 through 21, 23, and 25.

Article 4 – The Board of Selectmen have accepted the Future Land Use & Acquisition Committee recommendation that the Town offer to purchase the Kennerly estate property. The committee’s analysis clearly indicated the value of the property to the Town for dealing with the future expansion of existing Fire, Police, and Emergency Operations services. There is no other Town land or assets which come even close to fulfilling our needs as well as the Kennerly property, and the Kennerly family has been very considerate of the Town in their asking price.

The Town intends to subdivide the house and barn with up to 3 acres in order to offer it for sale. The proceeds of the sale would go to defray the cost of purchase, and estimates from local realtors indicate the Town would recoup a substantial part of the purchase price. The Town proposes to bond part, or all, of the \$275,000 needed so as to minimize the tax rate impact. Short-term financing in conjunction with sale of the house and barn could allow us to bond the remainder, limiting the tax impact and keeping the bonded amount small.

Article 5 – The Town budget represents a 6.3 % increase over last year’s budget, and an estimated 7% increase in revenues.

Article 6 & 7 – We must vote on these items every year to allow the Selectmen to accept gifts on behalf of the Town.

Article 8 – Revaluation is required by the State periodically. If not planned for, it can be costly.

Article 9 – The new police cruiser will be paid for with this installment, plus one more in 1999, fulfilling our lease/purchase agreement with Ford Motor Company.

Article 10 – This is our last payment for the fourteen (14) sets of self-contained breathing apparatus. The Town will now own the equipment.

Article 11 – In approving this article, we enable the Fire Department to purchase a replacement rescue vehicle. At this writing, the Fire Chief has a vehicle identified that will substantially increase the department’s ability to respond reliably to emergencies.

Article 12 – This article is a straightforward way to ensure that money obtained from the sale of the old forestry vehicle is “recycled” properly to support Fire Department equipment.

Article 13 – New Hampshire encourages land conservation of open space through its Current Use statute and provisions. Landowners taking land out of Current Use must pay a penalty, and state-wide, those penalties are often credited to local conservation commissions, in their entirety, or in part. Ideally, we would hope never to see land come out of Current Use, but when it does, it makes a great deal of sense to apply the penalty toward minimizing the adverse impact to our conservation efforts. **Please read the Conservation Commission’s information sheet included with the Town Report.**

Articles 14 – 21 – East Kingston continues to benefit from the services of these enterprises.

Article 22 – **THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DO NOT RECOMMEND APPROVAL.** The Seacoast Big Brothers Big Sisters of New Hampshire has not been able to justify its request for a 55% increase in funding from \$2100 to \$3240. There is no documentation of increased services to our Town.

Article 23 - The East Kingston Library remains one of our historic gems.

Article 24 – THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DO NOT RECOMMEND APPROVAL. The petition's reasoning and proposal are fundamentally flawed. Firstly, the State Department of Revenue Administration provides the form in question, and cannot, and will not, guarantee to the towns that they will be made available by January 2nd. Secondly, the timeframes and restrictions for the submission of the form are set by statute, not the Town, and are driven by the need to establish a consistent picture of property configuration. In this manner, equitable taxation is ensured. The Town cannot assure its citizens it can, or will, comply with such direction from the voters.

Article 25 – Allows us to conduct other business.

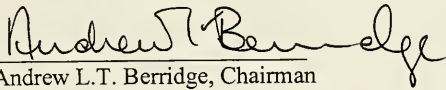
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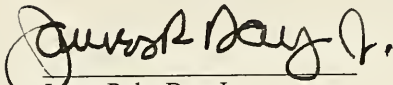
If we vote the budget and all the monied articles, next year's Town portion of the tax rate could be about \$5.48, or a 2.2% increase over the Town's portion of 1997's tax rate of \$5.36. Depending on how the Kennerly property is financed, it could be lower, particularly if the house and barn are sold within the tax year.

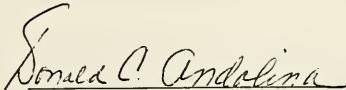
SEE YOU AT TOWN MEETING!

Sincerely,

The Board of Selectmen


Andrew L.T. Berridge, Chairman


James Roby Day, Jr.


Donald C. Andolina

ARTICLE 13: USING LAND USE CHANGE TAX FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES

Questions and Answers Prepared by the East Kingston Conservation Commission

Q. What is Current Use?

A. Current Use is a state-wide program established in 1972 which allows undeveloped land to be taxed based upon its current use value, rather than its fair market value. This results in substantial reductions in property taxes for farm and woodland owners, enabling them to keep their land undeveloped. East Kingston has nearly 3450 acres enrolled in current use, about 50% of the town.

Q. What is the land use change tax?

A. The land use change tax is a penalty paid by the current use landowner when he or she develops a piece of land enrolled in current use. The penalty is equal to 10% of the fair market value of the land at the time the change in use takes place.

Q. What will this warrant article do?

A. This warrant article proposes to dedicate 50% of the land use change tax revenues into the East Kingston Conservation Fund, originally established in 1988.

Q. How much revenue is this like to generate for conservation purposes?

A. While exact amount of revenues is impossible to predict, because no one can predict when a piece of property may be coming out of current use, the following figures give an historical look at revenues in East Kingston for the past six years:

1992	\$14,714	1993	\$4,478	1994	\$8,380
1995	2,606	1996	0	1997	\$24,656

This amounts to a total of \$54,784; or an average of \$9130.66 per year.

Q. Have other NH communities adopted similar measures?

A. Yes; 69 other NH towns and cities have adopted a similar warrant article. As of 1997, they are the towns shown in the chart to the right.

Use Change Tax Allocations to Conservation Funds						
Alton	50%	\$10,000 cap	Franconia	50%	Newfields	5%
Ambherst	75%		Gilmanston	100%	New Hampton	25%
Atkinson	10%			over \$2,000	New Ipswich	50%, \$10,000 cap
Barnstead	100%		Gosheo	50%	Newmarket	50%
Bedford	30%		Grantham	50%	Newton	25%
Boscawen	50%	\$10,000 cap	Hanover	10%	North Hampton	100%
Bow	100%			budgeted	Northwood	10%
Bradford	50%		Hollis	40%	Peterborough	50%, \$10,000 cap
Brookline	20%		Hooksett	50%	Piermont	10%
Casterbury	100%		Hopkinton	35%	Plainfield	50% over \$20,000
Center Harbor	25%		Kensington	25%	Portsmouth	100%
Charlestown	50%	over \$10,000	Lee	50%	Randolph	50%
		\$5,000 cap	Litchfield	10%	Raymond	25%
Chesterfield	50%	\$10,000 cap	Londonderry	100%	Rumney	50%
Claremont	100%	\$5,000 cap	Lyme	50%	Rye	50%, \$2,000 cap
Concord	25%		Lyndeborough	10%	Salem	50%, \$100,000 cap
Cornish	25%		Madbury	50%	Sandown	25%
Dalton	5%		Madison	10%	Sharon	100%, \$5,000 cap
Danville	100%		Mariborough	10%	South Hampton	50%
Deering	50%		Meredith	10%	Sullivan	30%
Derry	100%		Merrimaack	25%	Sutton	25%
Dunbarton	50%		Nashua	100%	Swanzey	50%, \$10,000 cap
Durham	50%		New Boston	10%	Temple	10%
Fitzwilliam	25%		Newbury	50%	Walpole	25%

Q. How would East Kingston use these funds?

A. These funds may be used for any purpose for which the Conservation Commission exists, as outlined in RSA 36-A. Examples of possible uses include, but are not limited to, surveys of Town-owned land, resource inventories, summer Conservation Camp scholarships, assisting landowners with surveys or appraisals for conservation easements being donated to the Town, local match for land or easement acquisition programs, outright acquisition of land or easements for open space/conservation related uses, administrative costs related to management activities on Town-owned land, or other conservation related activities (signs for nature trails, educational displays, etc.).

Q. Why does this approach to funding make sense for East Kingston?

A. The concept of funding conservation through land use change tax revenues makes sense because, for every acre of East Kingston's farm and woodland that is developed, the town is dedicating a small amount of money toward the conservation of remaining open space. As East Kingston becomes more developed, this funding mechanism will become more important. It will help to ensure that East Kingston's rural agricultural heritage is preserved for future generations.

The East Kingston Conservation Fund, established by a vote at the 1988 Town Meeting, has been used for some of the uses previously described, and has enabled the Conservation Commission to do those things without having to ask for a direct appropriation from the voters, thereby lessening the impact on the tax rate.

More information on the history of this proposal, and how the process works, can be found in the news article appearing on this page.

SUPPORT CONSERVATION IN EAST KINGSTON - PLEASE VOTE YES ON ARTICLE 13!!!

Article to fund conservation activities

By Becky Hanna
Contributing Writer

EAST KINGSTON — Selectmen agreed Monday night to a proposed warrant article calling for the transfer of a portion of the town's land use change tax to the conservation fund.

Larry Smith, chairman of the Conservation Commission, originally requested 100 percent of the amount, or a yearly cap of \$10,000, a proposal supported by Chairman Andrew Berridge and Selectman Roby Day. Selectman Don Andolina said he could support up to 50 percent of the amount, with no annual limit.

"I have no problem with 50 percent with no cap," Andolina said during the meeting Monday night. "It starts funding the Conservation Commission, yet it doesn't take revenue away from the town."

Smith and the board agreed to a 50-50 arrangement, with half being deposited into the conservation fund, and the remaining half going to the town's coffer ... and no yearly cap.

According to RSA 79-A:7, land which has been classified as open space is subject to a land use change tax when it is changed to a use that doesn't qualify for open space assessment. Land use is considered changed when actual construction begins on the site causing physical changes; when topsoil, gravel or minerals are excavated or dug from the site; when topsoil is removed in the process of harvesting a sod farm crop, and when gravel and other materials are removed for construction and maintenance of roads. When any of these conditions occur, the land use change tax becomes payable.

The tax rate charged is 10 percent of the land's fair market value. A land use change tax, state law since 1974, is paid by the property owner in addition to the annual real estate tax imposed on the property.

Another name for the land use

change tax is the current use penalty tax.

Any revenue collected from the land use change tax usually goes into the town's general fund. The additional money can help offset the annual tax rate, as Andolina noted Monday night. The amount collected varies from year to year, depending on how much land has been taken out of current use.

While selectmen in 1997 budgeted \$1,000 in revenue from the land use change tax, the taxes received totaled \$24,656.20. On Monday, selectmen voted not to budget any revenue from the land use change tax for 1998 since the board doesn't anticipate any land being taken out of current use.

About nine years ago, a warrant article similar to the one Smith is proposing was presented to the town. At the time, voters did not approve it.

"After discussions with two selectmen over the past few months, we decided to try it again," Smith said. A conservation fund, separate from the Conservation Commission's general operating budget, was established in 1988, which Smith said originally was funded from proceeds of a timber harvest on town-owned land. Each year, the balance of the commission's annual operating budget automatically goes into the conservation fund.

"This is one source of funding that we don't currently have," said Smith, of revenue from the land use change tax. "Sixty-nine towns in the state currently do this at varying levels."

The uses of the conservation fund include, but aren't limited to, surveys of town-owned land; summer conservation camp scholarships; assisting land-owners with surveys or appraisals of conservation easements donated to the town; administrative costs related to management activities on town land, and such conservation-related activities as signs for nature trails and educational displays.

Fire Wardens (Deputies – State appointed) 3 year term

2001	Alan J. Mazur	642-8663
2001	Adam J. Mazur	642-8033
2001	A. Robert Carter, Jr.	642-8254
2001	Andrew D. Conti	642-7887

Future Land Use & Acquisition Committee (Moderator appointed) 1 yr

Mar.	1998	Andrew L.T. Berridge, Chairman
Mar.	1998	James Roby Day, Jr.
Mar.	1998	Gary D. Hinz
Mar.	1998	Edward C. Johnson, Jr.
Mar.	1998	Richard A. Smith, Jr.
Mar.	1998	Eric D. Hammershoy
Mar.	1998	James L. Nupp
Mar.	1998	Nancy J. Reiss
Mar.	1998	Robert L. Rossi
Mar.	1998	Richard A. Cook
Mar.	1998	Vytautas Kasinskas
Mar.	1998	Lawrence K. Smith
Mar.	1998	Shirley A. Hammershoy

Health Officer (RSA 128:1) (State appointed) 3 year term

2000	Andrew L.T. Berridge	394-0224
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Historical Committee

Dec.	1998	Janet W. Damsell	642-5405
Dec.	1998	Donald H. Clark	
Dec.	1998	Susan St. Martin	
Dec.	1998	Joseph O'Sullivan	
Honorary		William A. Wright	

Library

	Tracy J. Waldron, Librarian	642-8333
	Terri J. Perkins, Asst. Librarian	

Planning Board (RSA 673:5)

642-8406

Mar.	1998	James Roby Day, Jr., Ex-officio
Mar.	1998	Richard A. Smith, Sr., Chairman
Mar.	1998	Robert A. Marston, DVM
Mar.	1999	Catherine J. George
Mar.	1999	Edward C. Johnson, Jr.
Mar.	1999	Beverly A. Fillio, Alternate
Mar.	1999	Robert L. Nigrello, Alternate
		* Catherine Belcher, Secretary

**ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF
EAST KINGSTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
1997-1998**

EAST KINGSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

SCHOOL BOARD

Richard Poelaert
642-3406
1998

Robert Caron
642-5668
1999

Kevin Fitzgibbon
642-7225
2000

TREASURER

Mary E. Russell
642-3074
1998

MODERATOR

Robert Donovan
642-8386
1998

CLERK

Catherine J. George
642-3561
1998

AUDITORS

Mrs. Richard Kelly 642-5566 1998	Estelle Decatur 642-5401 .1998
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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Dr. Arthur Hanson
772-4040

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Barbara L. Lobdell
772-4040

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
AND HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER**

Paul A. Flynn
772-4040

**SAU #16 CALENDAR
1998-1999**

SEPTEMBER - 19

<u>31</u>	<u>1</u>	2	3	<u>4</u>
<u>7</u>	8	9	10	<u>11</u>
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

* 31-1 Teacher Inservice

* 4th No school

* 7th - Labor Day - No school

OCTOBER - 21

			1	2
5	6	7	8	<u>9</u>
12	13	14	15	<u>16</u>
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

* 9th Teacher Convention - No school

NOVEMBER - 18

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9	10	<u>11</u>	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>
30				

* 11th Veteran's Day - No school

* 25th 4 hour day

* 26th & 27th Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER - 17

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7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	

* 23rd - 4 hour day

* 24th - 31st Christmas Vacation - No school

JANUARY - 18

				<u>1</u>
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	<u>15</u>
<u>18</u>	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

* 1st New Years Day - No school

* 15th Teacher Inservice - No school

* 18th Civil Rights Day - No school

FEBRUARY - 15

1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>

* Winter recess 22nd - 26th - No school

MARCH - 22

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22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

* 19th SAU Inservice Day - No school

APRIL - 17

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* 26th - 30th Spring Recess - No school

MAY - 20

3	4	5	6	7
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17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
<u>31</u>				

* 31st Memorial Day - No school

JUNE - 13

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14	15	16	<u>17</u>	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

* 7th SST Cert. Ceremony

* 11th EHS Commencement

* 17th Last day for Students

180 Student days

Saturdays, an extension of the school year in June, or April vacation may be used to make up cancellation days. If the April vacation is to be affected, the decision will be made by March 1, 1999.

SAU 16 Report of Administration

Arthur L. Hanson, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Barbara L. Lobdell
Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Paul A. Flynn
Assistant Superintendent of Schools

A major change has occurred in the governance of SAU 16 schools as the Exeter Region Cooperative School District assumed operating responsibility for grades 6-12 on July 1, 1997. The transition has gone very well thanks to the efforts of the Cooperative Board, Building Committee for the new middle-school, administrators and staff. Last year's predictions of the minimal impact on the tax rates to each of the communities with the new Cooperative School District proved to be accurate.

The voters of the Exeter School District will be presented with a bond initiative to refurbish the Lincoln Street Elementary School in order to address air quality, safety concerns and the learning environment. Also, various study committees are meeting to make recommendations for the most efficient utilization of the Junior and Senior High School buildings.

The new middle-level facility being constructed on Guinea Road in Stratham is scheduled to open in the fall of 1998. The construction remains on schedule and the beauty of the setting and the impressiveness of the building find much favor with the people who have had the opportunity to visit the construction site. The middle-level students of SAU 16 will have a facility that will undoubtedly enhance their learning as they enter the 21st century.

There is a sense of collaboration with the individual school districts and the agreement to hire a curriculum coordinator SAU wide beginning with the 1998-1999 school year is an important step in this direction. It is paramount that all students in the SAU have a "common" curriculum and a variety of assessment measures to ensure that national, state and local standards are not only being taught, but learned.

Brentwood welcomed Nick Hardy as principal of the Swasey School in August. Nick brings extensive administrative experience to Swasey and the SAU. Also in Brentwood, acting on the Governor's monetary incentives, the citizens voted to eliminate tuition-based kindergarten in October and now fully fund this important program. Kensington, Newfields, and East Kingston are in the process of studying building additions to their facilities in order to address space concerns.

The SAU continues to make efforts to prepare our students technologically as they enter the 21st Century. This is an immense endeavor and one that generates lots of dialogue and conversation. I think most people agree, however, that students must be prepared with the various technologies on completion of their public education as they either enter the world of work or post-secondary education. Further agreement exists regarding the importance of providing for technology's authentic expression in the curriculum. Although some individual schools in the SAU have adequate access to technology, as a whole, the SAU technology opportunities are inadequate for students, staff and for -use by the various communities. In my opinion, this has to be a priority in the years to come.

The funding of quality education is an emotional issue; indeed it is an expensive proposition. However, there is arguably no mission that is more important to a democracy than an educated citizenry. The SAU Schools need community involvement and support in order to meet the challenges of the next century.

SUPERINTENDENT'S PRORATED SALARY
1996-1997

BRENIWOOD	\$5,432.00
EAST KINGSTON	\$3,776.00
EXETER	\$45,736.00
KENSINGTON	\$4,224.00
NEWFIELDS	\$3,304.00
STRATHAM	\$17,528.00
	\$80,000.00

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S PRORATED SALARY
1996-1997

BRENIWOOD	\$3,938.20
EAST KINGSTON	\$2,737.60
EXETER	\$33,158.60
KENSINGTON	\$3,062.40
NEWFIELDS	\$2,395.40
STRATHAM	\$12,707.80
	\$58,000.00

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S PRORATED SALARY
1996-1997

BRENIWOOD	\$2,003.05
EAST KINGSTON	\$1,392.40
EXETER	\$16,865.15
KENSINGTON	\$1,557.60
NEWFIELDS	\$1,218.35
STRATHAM	\$6,463.45
	\$29,500.00

I certify that on the 7th day of February, 1998, I posted a copy of the within warrant, attested by the School Board of said District, at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at the East Kingston Post Office, being a public place in said district.

Catherine J. Genge
School District Clerk
East Kingston, NH School Board

Rockingham, s.s.,

Personally appeared the said Catherine George and made oath that the above certificate by her signed is true.

Before me,

Kathleen A. Barker

KATHLEEN A. BARKER, Notary Public
My Commission Expires September 16, 1998

Justice of the Peace

SCHOOL WARRANT

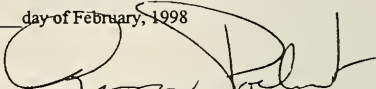
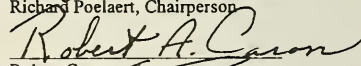
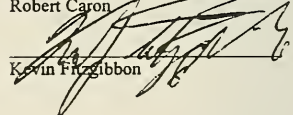
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To The Inhabitants of the School District of East Kingston, in the county of Rockingham and the state, qualified to vote in District affairs:

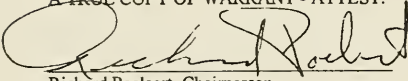
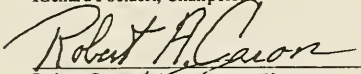
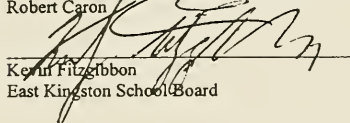
You are hereby notified to meet at the East Kingston Elementary School in said District on SATURDAY, THE SEVENTH DAY OF MARCH, 1998 AT 1:00 PM to act upon the following subjects:

1. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY SIX DOLLARS (\$1,183,886.00) for the support of the schools, for the payment of the salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the District. (The School Board recommends this article.)
2. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund established in 1997 for the purpose of building expansion. (The School Board recommends this article.)
3. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate a supplemental appropriation of TEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN DOLLARS (\$10,957.84) to cover additional special education costs and other related costs due to increased enrollments for the current year. This amount will be funded from unanticipated Foundation Aid. (The School Board recommends this article.)
4. Shall the School district accept the provisions of RSA 198:20-b providing that any school district at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing the School Board to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the School district, money from a State, Federal, Local or Private source which becomes available during the fiscal year?
5. To hear reports of agents, auditors, and committees or officers heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To transact any other business that may come before this meeting.

Given under our hands this 7th day of February, 1998


Richard Poelaert, Chairperson

Robert Caron

Kevin Fitzgibbon

A TRUE COPY OF WARRANT - ATTEST:


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Kevin Fitzgibbon
East Kingston School Board

SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT

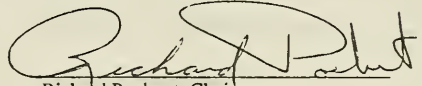
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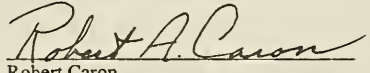
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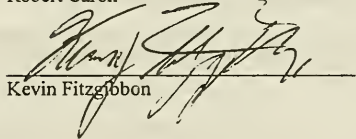
You are hereby notified to meet at the East Kingston Elementary School in said EAST KINGSTON on Tuesday, March 10, 1998, to choose the following School District Officers, by ballot, the polls to open at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and to close not earlier than seven of the clock in the evening.

1. To choose a School Board Member for the ensuing three years.
2. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a School District Clerk for the ensuing year.
4. To choose a School District Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To choose Two Auditors for the ensuing year.

Given under our hands at said East Kingston on this 7th day of February, 1998.

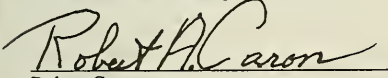

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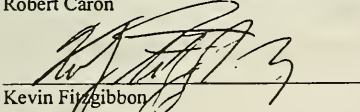

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East Kingston, NH

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
61 So. Spring St., P.O. Box 1122
Concord, NH 03302-1122
(603) 271-3397

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SCHOOL BUDGET FORM

OF EAST KINGSTON N.H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Fiscal Year From

JULY 1, 1998 to JUNE 30, 1999

IMPORTANT: Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list ALL APPROPRIATIONS in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the school district clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address above.

Certified That Budget Was Posted With Warrant on (Date) [Signature] 2/7/98

[Signature]

[Signature]
Robert A. Carson

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: PLEASE SIGN ABOVE IN INK

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE SCHOOL WARRANT

(Rev. 1997)

Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr Art. #	Expenditures for Year 7/1/96 to 6/30/97	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	APPROPRIATIONS ENDING FISCAL YEAR (RECOMMENDED)	APPROPRIATIONS ENDING FISCAL YEAR (NOT RECOMMENDED)
INSTRUCTION (1000-1999)			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
1100-1199	Regular Programs		987822.34	342294.00	383192.00	
1200-1299	Special Programs		203769.67	148589.00	163910.00	
1300-1399	Vocational Programs					
1400-1499	Other Programs		1599.77	2400.00	2400.00	
1600-1699	Adult/Continuing Ed					
SUPPORT SERVICES (2000-2999)			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Pupil Services			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2110-2119	Attendance & Social Work			20.00	20.00	
2120-2129	Guidance		13826.41	15033.00	19256.00	
2130-2139	Health		11433.40	19025.00	25368.00	
2140-2149	Psychological					
2150-2159	Speech Pathology & Audiology					
2190-2199	Other Pupil Serv.					
Instructional Staff Services			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2210-2219	Improvement of Instruction		13157.95	40585.00	37300.00	
2220-2229	Educational Media		25146.10	61088.00	36703.00	
2290-2299	Other Instr.Staff					
General Administration			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2310	School Board		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2310 870	Contingency					
2310-2319	All Other Objects		3950.00	3875.00	4000.00	
Office of Superintendent			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2320 351	SAU Mgmt.Services		21284.00	18039.00	17690.00	
2320-2329	All Other Objects					
2330-2339	Special Area Admin.Services		281.00	175.00	155.00	
2390-2399	Other Gen.Adm.Serv.		3258.38	6001.00	6001.00	
2400-2499	School Admin.Serv.		79371.71	79193.00	83168.00	
Business Services			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2520-2529	Fiscal		7318.00	10119.00	9397.00	

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2540-2549	Operation & Maint. of Plant		133328.59	69180.00	69945.00	
2550-2559	Pupil Transport.		98403.39	44241.00	49942.00	
2570-2579	Procurement					
2590-2599	Other Business Serv					
2600-2699	Managerial Services					
2900-2999	Other Support Serv.		109480.52	123073.00	156014.00	
3000-3999	COMMUNITY SERVICES					
4000-4999	FACILITIES ACQUISITIONS & CONSTRUCTION		14200.00	1.00	1.00	
OTHER OUTLAYS (5000-5999)			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5100 830	Debt Serv. - Princ.		55000.00	55000.00	55000.00	
5100 840	Debt Serv. - Int.		48780.00	43010.00	39270.00	
Fund Transfers			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5220	To Special Revenue					
5230	To Capital Projects					
5240	To Food Service		2.00	4500.00	25154.00	
5250-5254	To Capital Reserve					
5255	To Health Maint. Trust					
5256-5259	To Other Trusts					
	Supplemental					
	Deficit					
SUBTOTAL 1			1,831,413.23	1,085,441.00	1,183,886.00	

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr.Art#	Amount	Acct.#	Warr.Art.#	Amount

****SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriating to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Expenditures for Year 7/1/ to 6/30/	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	APPROPRIATION ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (RECOMMENDED)	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (NOT RECOMMENDED)
	CAPITAL RESERVE FUND					
	BUILDING EXPANSION #2				100,000.00	
SUBTOTAL 2 Recommended			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	100,000.00	XXXXXXXXXX

****INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". Examples of individual warrant articles might be: 1) Negotiated cost items for labor agreements; 2) contingency appropriations; 3) supplemental appropriations for the current year for which funding is already available; or 4) deficit appropriations for the current year which must be funded through taxation.

Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,VI)	Warr. Art.#	Expenditures for Year 7/1/ to 6/30/	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	APPROPRIATION ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (RECOMMENDED)	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (NOT RECOMMENDED)
	UNANTICIPATED FOUNDATION AID	#3			10,957.74	
SUBTOTAL 3 Recommended			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	10,957.74	XXXXXXXXXX

Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE OR CREDIT	Warr. Art. #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenue Current Year	Estimated Revenue Ending Fiscal Year
REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3110	Foundation Aid			17359.00	
3210	School Building Aid		16,500.00	16500.00	16500.00
3220-3223	Area Vocational School				
3230	Driver Education				
3240	Catastrophic Aid		9,272.38	226.00	
3250	Adult Education				
	Child Nutrition			4500.00	25,154.00
	Kindergarten Aid				
	Other State Aid (Specify)				
REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4410	IASA, Title I & II				
4430	Vocational Education				
4450	Adult Education				
4460	Child Nutrition Programs				
4470	Handicapped Programs				
	Federal Forest Land				
	Other Federal Sources (identify)				
LOCAL REVENUE OTHER THAN TAXES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5100	Sale of Bonds or Notes				
5230	Transfer from Capital Projects Fund		4,662.94		
5250	Transfer from Capital Reserve Fund				
5255	Transfer from Expendable Trust Fund				
1300-1360	Tuition		343.00		
1400-1443	Transportation Fees				
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments		1,864.95	1,500.00	1,500.00
1600	Food Service				
1700-1799	Pupil Activities				

Acct. #	Source of Revenue or Credit	Warr. Art. #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenue Current Year	Estimated Revenue Ending Fiscal Year
1800	Community Services Activities				
1900-1999	Other Local Sources (Identify)				
	TRUST FUNDS		1,868.40	1,800.00	1,800.00
	EXETER REGION Co-Op Buy Out			7,495.00	7,495.00
	THIS SECTION FOR CALCULATION OF RAN's (REIMBURSEMENT ANTICIPATION NOTES) PER RSA 198:20-D FOR CATASTROPHIC AID BORROWING RAN, Revenue This FY _____ less RAN, Revenue Last FY _____ = NET RAN				
	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)	#3			10,957.74
	Appropriations Voted From Fund Balance				
	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		93,565.00	46,200.64	5,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS			128,076.67	95,580.64	68,406.74

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended (from page 2)	1,183,886.00
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 3)	100,000.00
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 3)	10,957.74
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	1,294,843.74
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	68,406.74
Estimated Amount of Taxes To Be Raised For School District Assessment	1,226,437.00

**ANNUAL MEETING
EAST KINGSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Annual Meeting of the East Kingston School District was called to order by Moderator Robert Donovan at 1:05 PM on Saturday, March 8, 1997, at the East Kingston Elementary School, Andrews Lane, East Kingston.

Election of School District Officers will be by ballot on Tuesday, March 11, 1997, along with Town Elections.

ARTICLE I *To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE MILLION EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND FORTY DOLLARS (\$1,085,440.00) for the support of the schools, for the payment of the salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the District. (The School Board recommends this article.)*

Motion by Stewart Aronson; seconded by Robert Caron.

Andrew Berridge asked whether the 6th Grade teacher's salary was included in the budget. It is not.

David Young expressed concern regarding the 5th Grade class size. The Board will consider splitting the 5th Grade if it becomes necessary. Grade 3 has two classes planned.

VOTED: YES

ARTICLE II *To see if the School District will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of future building expansion. (The School Board recommends this article.)*

Motion by Robert Caron: seconded by Stewart Aronson.

It was explained that this article is just to establish the fund:

VOTED: YES

ARTICLE III *To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of building expansion. (The School Board recommends this article.)*

Motion by Richard Poelaert; seconded by Robert Caron.

The Board felt it was better to establish the Fund and put money in it each year. We would then be able to pay cash for our portion of the building addition cost. This will save on bond interest charges. An eight-room addition is planned. However, nothing can be spent without another School District Meeting.

VOTED: YES

A Warrant Article was deleted but the numbers were not corrected, so the next Article up for discussion is not Article IV; it is Article V.

ARTICLE V *Shall the School District accept the provisions of RSA 198:20-B providing that any School District at an Annual Meeting adopt an article authorizing the School Board to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the School District, money from State, Federal, Local or Private source which becomes available during the fiscal year.*

Motion by Stewart Aronson; seconded by Robert Caron.

VOTED: YES

ARTICLE VI To hear reports of agents, auditors, and committees or officers heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto.

There being no business under this Article, it was voted to pass over.

ARTICLE VII To transact any other business that may come before this meeting.

Stewart Aronson expressed his thanks to William Clancy, who is retiring as Superintendent, for all the help he has given: as did Richard Poelaert and Robert Caron. The District showed agreement with applause.

Richard Poelaert expressed his thanks to Stewart Aronson for his years on the Board. He has done a great job under sometimes adverse conditions. Mr. Aronson is not running again for the East Kingston School Board. He is now on the Co-op School Board. Robert Caron also thanked Stewart for his work on the Board. The District concurred with applause.

There was confusion over SB2 and its effect on East Kingston. SAU #16 Assistant Superintendent Barbara Lobdell was recognized. She explained the ballot voting would only be for the Co-op School District and would not take effect until a year from now. The Co-op School District Meeting will be held Saturday, March 15, 1997 at 9:00 AM at the Talbot Gym, Exeter.

Stewart Aronson stated his three years on the Board have been a "blast". He has had a great relationship with the other two members. Stewart also thanked Tommi Levesque for all her assistance to the Board. The District responded with applause.

Motion to adjourn by Stewart Aronson, seconded by Robert Caron and so voted at 1:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine J. George
School District Clerk

EAST KINGSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

It is with great pleasure that I submit the annual report to the citizens of East Kingston for the 1997-1998 school year. The annual report is always an opportunity for me to share with you the wonderful events that take place at the school, the changes, and the issues that confront us.

One of the goals for the year is to increase our technology program by upgrading the hardware, purchase new software, and network the building. All of the students have one class a week with the technology coordinator to learn keyboarding, word processing, spreadsheets, and data bases. In addition, they have learned how to access research information in the Internet and use the various software packages available. We purchased several new computers this year to upgrade the computer lab. By springtime we should be networked within the school building. The staff has attended and will attend throughout the year, workshops on technology to improve their skills and knowledge. We continuously strive to make the students and ourselves computer literate.

We are proud of our kitchen facility and hope the community as well as the school will put it to good use. Our satellite program with Exeter went very well and helped us to decide that we are capable of running our own program for the rest of the year. We expect this to be a self sustaining program incurring no extra cost to the town. We will evaluate the program in June and consider what is best for town. Even if we are not successful with this, the school will have a fully equipped kitchen to be used as an emergency shelter for the town of East Kingston.

At the present, the school is being used every night of the week with programs for youth and adults. The Recreation Committee has become very active this year in establishing programs for the young and the adults. The enrichment program after school planned by Janice Miller and Rachel Owens, two volunteer parents, also give the students something different to experience. The school is a perfect place for the community center and giving the taxpayers an investment for their money. With so much involvement of caring and dedicated community people, the town of East Kingston should remain a peaceful, small, safe town to raise children.

I cannot write a report without mentioning the professional staff that works with your students daily. The staff continuously strives to present innovative and exciting programs to the students. This year East Kingston, Brentwood, Kensington, and Newfields consolidated grant monies to allow the schools to have joint workshops and hire facilitators in order to have more communication and consistency within the district. Our early release days allow the schools the opportunity to be together to exchange information and enhance the curricula.

We added a part time fifth grade teacher, Heather Ciance, to our staff this year at the beginning of the school year. When the position became full time because of an increase in enrollment, Mrs. Ciance had already been offered a full time reading specialist position in another district and Judith Hayes was hired to replace her. We were sorry to lose Mrs. Ciance but were lucky to recruit such an excellent teacher as Ms. Hayes. Tracey Janelle

replaced Sue Kaplan as the occupational therapist and Sue Davis was hired as a support staff for the fifth grade.

Our word for the year is flexibility. Space has to be shared because every available space in the school is being used to provide services to the students. The school counselor, the psychologist, and the contracted counselor use one side of the stage. Art, music, and the occupational therapist share the other side of the stage. The library is used as a fifth grade classroom as well as a library. The conference room serves also as the staff lounge. At times it is difficult to schedule assemblies in the multi-purpose room or meetings in the conference room, but we manage. I am thankful to the staff for always being willing to do what is necessary to provide quality education to the students.

For the second year in a row, the East Kingston Elementary School has received the Blue Ribbon Award for having an excellent volunteer program. Without the dedication of the community and its many volunteers, the East Kingston Elementary School could not become a School of Excellence. It is with pride and honor when I say I am the principal of the East Kingston Elementary School. Thank you for allowing me to be in that position and for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne E. Goodman, Principal

STAFF

Principal	Mrs. Anne Goodman
Multiage	Mrs. Maureen Brown
Grade 1	Mrs. Liliane Conlan
Grade 2	Mrs. Sarah Oppenheimer
Grade 3	Mrs. Nancy Burns
Grade 3	Mrs. Lynne Walker
Grade 4	Mrs. Anne Atkins
Grade 5	Mr. James McMahon
Grade 5	Ms. Judith Hayes
Grade 6	Ms. Angela Twiss
Special Education Teacher/Coordinator	Mrs. Evelyn Lord
Music	Mrs. Nancy Leavitt
Art	Mrs. Barbara Feldman
Physical Education	Mr. Christopher Roy
School Nurse	Mrs. Tara Prescott
Speech Therapist	Ms. Jane Castle
Occupational Therapist	Mrs. Tracy Janelle
Physical Therapist	Mrs. Sheila Briggs
Physical Therapist	Ms. Melissa Mullaney
School Psychologist	Mrs. Terri Karnan
Administrative Assistant	Mrs. Florence Whicher
Custodian	Mr. John Walor
Part time Custodian	Ms. Karen Falcone
Special Education/Instructional Aides	Multiage Mrs. Janice Huss
	Grade 1 Mrs. Helen Burnham
	Grade 2 Mrs. Gail Nickerson
	Gr. 3 Mrs. Janice Kuegel
	Gr. 4 Mrs. Christine Silverman
	Gr. 5 Mrs. Sue Davis
	Gr. 6 Mr. Tom Witmer
	Gr. 6 Mrs. Linda MacNeill
Library Aide	Mrs. Helen Burnham
Resource Secretary	Mrs. Kathleen Barker
Counselor/Home School Coordinator	Mrs. Betsy Schulthess
Technology Coordinator/Spec. Ed. Teacher	Mr. Peter Fennell

TABLE I
EAST KINGSTON PUPILS
TOTAL ENROLLMENT JANUARY 1, 1998

	K	1	1-2	2	3	4	5	Total
E. Kingston 1-5	--	30	--	29	35	22	30	146
1997 1-5 Comparisons	--	20	24	25	22	28	23	142

TABLE II
PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR ENTIRE YEAR 1996-97

Matthew Abbot
Emily Caron
Ryan Caron
Kelsey Clark
Janelle Duvall
Erin Fitzgibbon
Jacob Mayotte
Rachel Staves
Sarah Weingart

TABLE III
EAST KINGSTON SCHOOLS GRADE 1 TO 6
STATISTICS FOR TEN YEARS ENDING JUNE 1997

	Weeks in Year	Number of Boys	Number of Girls	Total Pupils	Average Attendance	Average Absence	Average Membership	Percent of Attendance
1987-88	38	50	43	93	90.4	2.9	93.3	96.7
1988-89	38	52	42	94	90.0	2.9	93.0	97.7
1989-90	38	53	47	100	97.9	3.1	101.0	97
1990-91	38	57	50	107	103.6	3.7	107.3	97
1991-92	38	62	58	120	195.34	6.84	202.18	96
1992-93	38	76	75	151	136	5.1	141.1	96.4
1993-94	38	78	91	169	144	4	148	97
1994-95	38	74	77	151	153.5	4.7	158.2	97
1995-96	38	67	92	159	151.1	4.9	156.0	96.8
1996-97	38	70	96	166	162.0	6.0	168.0	96.7

Account #	Description	1995-96 Expended	1996-97 Adopted	1996-97 Expended	1997-98 Adopted	1998-99 Proposed
1100110	TEACHERS' SALARIES	278,949	281,035	\$300,569.39	302,867	358,059
1100112	SUBSTITUTES' SALARIES	5,084	5,528	\$4,766.07	5,960	6,345
1100330	504 CONTRACTED SERVICES	2,389	100	\$896.75	100	100
1100370	CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	4,000	0	\$0.00	5,000	2,970
1199564	TUITION - JHS	207,701	221,400	\$219,704.85	1	0
1100565	TUITION - HS	402,846	507,000	\$427,042.84	1	0
1100610	TEACHING SUPPLIES	7,593	8,182	\$7,892.09	8,182	6,757
1100630	TEXTBOOKS	0	3,997	\$12,245.29	8,189	5,697
1100640	PERIODICALS	5,859	720	\$638.00	725	850
1100741	ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT	852	1,943	\$7,286.16	2,234	1,995
1100742	REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT	2,406	0	\$0.00	1,200	1
1100751	FURNITURE	8,972	2,000	\$6,780.90	7,835	418
TOTAL 1100	TOTAL REGULAR EDUCATION	926,651	1,031,905	\$987,822.34	342,294	383,192
1200113	SPED. SALARIES	38,505	39,588	\$38,388.00	68,536	62,154
1200118	SPED AIDES	49,312	65,936	\$66,909.36	36,252	36,238
1200270	SPED COURSE REIMBURSEMENT					1,000
1200290	SPED WORKSHOPS					400
1200330	SPED CONTRACTED SERVICES	80,891	126,461	\$72,876.98	14,481	11,692
1200331	SPED CONTRACTED SERVICES			\$0.00	7,314	5,884
1200370	SPED CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT					540
1200561	SPED TUITION - PUBLIC - NH	2,080	7,500	\$11,210.00	17,565	40,506
1200568	SPED TUITION - PRIVATE OUT NH	24,325	5,050	\$11,442.76	1	1
1200569	SPED TUITION - PRIVATE NH	0	22,160	\$1,483.52	2,460	2,375
1200580	SPED TRAVEL	21	1,000	\$184.17	1,000	1,000
1200610	SPED SUPPLIES	1,057	810	\$722.72	529	1,377
1200630	SPED TEXTBOOKS	219	445	\$440.85	250	530
1200741	SPED EQUIPMENT	59	120	\$111.31	200	129
1200751	SPED FURNITURE	0	0	\$0.00	1	84
TOTAL 1200	TOTAL SPED	196,469	269,070	\$203,769.67	148,589	163,910
1400610	STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNT					
1410110	SALARIED COACHING POSITION	2,020	1,840	\$1,599.77	2,400	2,075
TOTAL 1400	TOTAL STUDENT ACTIVITIES	2,020	1,840	\$1,599.77	2,400	2,400

Account #	Description	1995-96 Expended	1996-97 Adopted	1996-97 Expended	1997-98 Adopted	1998-99 Proposed
2110111	ATTENDANCE SALARIES	0	20	\$0.00	20	20
TOTAL 2110	TOTAL ATTENDANCE SALARIES	0	20	\$0.00	20	20
2120116	GUIDANCE SALARIES	6,560	8,640	\$13,200.00	14,133	17,905
2120330	GUIDANCE - CONTRACTED SERVICES	195	400	\$164.69	400	1,350
2120610	GUIDANCE SUPPLIES	347	500	\$461.72	500	1
TOTAL 2120	TOTAL GUIDANCE	7,102	9,540	\$13,826.41	15,033	19,256
2130120	HEALTH SALARIES	5150	11,472	\$11,084.40	17,468	24,590
2130330	HEALTH CONTRACTED SERVICES	0	100	\$0.00	100	100
2130440	HEALTH MAINTENANCE	63	70	\$0.00	180	125
2130610	HEALTH SUPPLIES	299	180	\$180.00	402	288
2130630	HEALTH TEXTBOOKS	0	0	\$0.00	105	155
2130741	HEALTH EQUIPMENT	0	169	\$169.00	770	110
TOTAL 2130	TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	5,512	11,991	\$11,433.40	19,025	25,368
2210118	AIDES SALARIES	15,194	10,693	\$8,425.48	32,485	32,100
2210270	COURSE REIMBURSEMENT	3,568	3,000	\$2,330.49	3,000	2,000
2210290	CONFERENCES	4,435	2,350	\$2,401.98	5,100	3,200
TOTAL 2210	TOTAL IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION	23,197	16,043	\$13,157.95	40,585	37,300
2222117	MEDIA SALARIES	3,625	15,281	\$13,703.39	21,618	21,388
2222330	MEDIA CONTRACTED SERVICES	200	235	\$469.00	265	265
2222440	MEDIA MAINTENANCE	71	500	\$0.00	1,000	1,000
2222610	MEDIA COMPUTER SUPPLIES	176	456	\$1,659.08	4,850	3,000
2222630	MEDIA TEXTBOOKS	1,336	1,500	\$1,476.62	2,505	2,700
2222640	MEDIA PERIODICALS	217	237	\$235.97	350	350
2222741	MEDIA/COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	2,565	7,667	\$7,602.04	25,300	5,500
2222742	MEDIA REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT	0	0	\$0.00	1,200	1,500
2222751	MEDIA FURNITURE	0	0	\$0.00	4,000	1,000
TOTAL 2222	TOTAL MEDIA SERVICES	8,190	25,876	\$25,146.10	61,088	36,703

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2540119	CUSTODIAL SALARIES	18,343	18,361	\$22,800.07	18,912	19,261
2540122	ASST. CUSTODIAL SALARIES	0	0	\$0.00	6,240	7,960
2540411	HEATING FUEL	9,752	9,465	\$10,580.72	10,000	11,500
2540412	FUEL OIL	0	0	\$0.00	0	0
2540413	ELECTRICITY	10,875	15,600	\$12,432.32	11,000	12,650
2540414	ELECTRIC HEAT	0	0	\$0.00	0	0
2540440	CONTRACTED MAINTENANCE	39,048	5,424	\$59,325.30	8,000	8,000
2540521	SMP INSURANCE	4,288	4,084	\$4,367.00	4,084	5,076
2540522	LIABILITY INSURANCE	0	0	\$0.00	0	0
2540523	TREASURER'S BOND	100	100	\$160.00	160	160
2540524	INSURANCE - NURSE	139	1	\$0.00	1	1
2540525	SURETY BOND	60	235	\$0.00	235	235
2540610	SUPPLIES	6,498	3,200	\$6,408.18	5,000	5,000
2540741	ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT	3,175	1,300	\$14,773.00	300	100
2540742	REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT	0	0	\$0.00	3,748	1
TOTAL 2540	TOTAL OPERATION OF PLANT	92,278	57,770	\$130,846.59	67,680	69,944
2543431	MOWING	0	1,500	\$2,482.00	1,500	1
TOTAL 2543	UPKEEP OF GROUNDS	0	1,500	\$2,482.00	1,500	1
2552510	PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	102,503	91,887	\$91,930.58	39,441	39,441
TOTAL 2552	TOTAL PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	102,503	91,887	\$91,930.58	39,441	39,441
2553511	SPED TRANSPORTATION	8,841	11,387	\$6,472.81	2,800	10,500
TOTAL 2553	TOTAL SPED TRANSPORTATION	8,841	11,387	\$6,472.81	2,800	10,500
25554510	FIELD TRIPS	0	0	\$0.00	2,000	1
TOTAL 2554	TOTAL FIELD TRIPS	0	0	\$0.00	2,000	1

Account #	Description	1995-96 Expended	1996-97 Adopted	1996-97 Expended	1997-98 Adopted	1998-99 Proposed
2900211	HEALTH INSURANCE	46,668	50,879	\$47,714.77	52,024	76,455
2900212	DENTAL INSURANCE	2,066	2,240	\$2,259.84	2,543	3,114
2900213	LIFE INSURANCE	971	890	\$1,017.38	1,021	1,318
2900214	WORKERS COMPENSATION	4,526	4,990	\$5,430.49	6,000	5,690
2900222	TEACHER RETIREMENT	8,557	11,064	\$8,336.96	11,538	15,384
2900230	F.I.C.A.	36,871	39,700	\$40,879.64	45,832	49,493
2900231	DISABILITY INSURANCE	2,866	3,457	\$3,439.44	3,352	4,128
2900260	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	302	934	\$402.00	763	432
TOTAL 2900	TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	102,817	114,154	\$109,480.52	123,073	156,014
4600730	SITE IMPROVEMENT	1,710	12,001	\$14,200.00	1	1
TOTAL 4600	TOTAL SITE IMPROVEMENT	1710	12,001	\$14,200.00	1	1
5100830	DEBT SERVICE - PRINCIPAL	55,000	55,000	\$55,000.00	55,000	55,000
5100841	DEBT SERVICE - INTEREST	50,476	46,750	\$46,750.00	43,010	39,270
5100842	DEBT SERVICE - AREA INT.	3,274	2,184	\$2,030.00	0	0
TOTAL 5100	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	108,750	103,934	\$103,780.00	98,010	94,270
1456998	TOTAL	1,698,839	1,873,030	\$1,831,411.23	1,080,941	1,158,732
	NOTE: As of 1998-1999 Food Service is being appropriated at its estimated gross amount. This amount will be offset by an equal amount of estimated revenue.					
2560570	FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT	2	4,500	\$2.00	4,500	25,154
TOTAL 2560	TOTAL FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT	2	4500	\$2.00	4,500	25,154
1456998	GRAND TOTAL	1,698,841	1,877,530	\$1,831,413.23	1,085,441	1,183,886

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 EAST KINGSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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<u>Account #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1100110	358,059	TEACHERS' SALARIES	8 Full Time classroom teachers (Includes an additional classroom teacher) (art .40, music .40, PE .70) Reading specialist .50 Salaries include longevity Salaries include Sargent Camp stipend
1100112	6,345	SUBSTITUTE SALARIES	Based on \$55.00 per day. This rate allows for a total of 10 days per year for 10 full time teachers: five sick days, three personal days, and two professional days; two sick days and one personal or professional day for three part time teachers. Includes sub. sec. (\$350)
1100330	100	504 CONTRACTED SERVICES	Contracted services that may be necessary to meet the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1974
1100370	2,970	CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	Staff development and presenters Eleven staff x \$15/hr x 18 hrs = \$2,970
1100564	0	TUITION - JR HIGH SCHOOL	students @
1100565	0	TUITION - HIGH SCHOOL	students @
1100610	6,757	TEACHING SUPPLIES	Teaching supplies incl. consumable materials, Staff, Misc. notebooks, etc., SES, New Classroom, Shipping, Fees

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<u>Account #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1100630	5,697	TEXTBOOKS	Staff - \$1,947, Science Materials - \$3,000 So. St. Materials -\$250, Replacement of Text - \$250, New classroom - \$250
1100640	850	PERIODICALS	Weekly magazines for grades 2-6 % increase
1100741	1,995	ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT	Staff - \$1,254, PE - \$491 New classroom - \$250
1100742	1	REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT	
1100751	418	FURNITURE	Furniture requested by staff
1200113	62,154	SPECIAL ED TEACHER/COORDINATOR	Special Ed. Coordinator's Salary Elem Speech/Elem. OT, SPED Tea. - 40
1200118	36,238	SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDES	Cler aide 2.25 hrs @8.33/hrx180 days - \$3,374 aide @8.56/hr x 6.5 hrsx180 days -\$10,016 aide @8.56/hr x 6.5 hrsx180 days - \$10,016 aide @ 7.89/hr x 6.5hrsx180 days - \$9,232 Summer tutors - \$240 x 15 students
1200270	1,000	SPECIAL ED. COURSE REIMBURSEMENT	Per contract
1200290	400	SPECIAL ED. WORKSHOPS	Two staff
1200330	11,692	SPECIAL ED. CONTRACTED SERVICES	Vision - \$5,902 Outside Counseling 1-5 - \$1,615 Summer PT - \$200 Summer Counseling - \$320 Orientation - \$3,655

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1200331	5,884	SPECIAL ED. CONTRACTED SERVICES SALARIED	Elem. P.T. - \$2,300 School Psychologist - \$2,304 Summer OT - \$480 Summer Speech - \$800
1200370	540	SPED CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	Public Law 94-142 mandates that schools provide a free and appropriate education to all students ages 3-22 who are determined to be educationally handicapped by a team of teachers and specialists at the local school
1200561	40,506	SPECIAL EDUCATION TUITION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN NH	Two staff x \$15/hr x 18 hrs. Sum. Preschool - \$11,550 Preschool - \$28,956
1200568	1	SPED TUITION - PRIVATE OUTSIDE NH	
1200569	2,375	SPECIAL EDUCATION TUITION - PRIVATE SCHOOLS - NH	Summer Preschool - \$300 Preschool - \$1,875 Elem. Summer Camp - \$200
1200580	1,000	SPED TRAVEL	Reimb. for Staff Travel to/from SPED meetings Parent travel reimbursement
1200610	1,377	SPECIAL ED. INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES	Tests, consumable books and other supplies for special education staff implementing IEP's

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1200630	530	SPECIAL EDUCATION TEXTBOOKS	Textbooks required to fulfill IEP's
1200741	129	SPECIAL EDUCATION EQUIPMENT	Equipment required to fulfill IEP's
1200751	84	SPECIAL EDUCATION FURNITURE	Mats
1400610	2,075	STUDENT ACTIVITIES FUND	DARE Officer Basketball Coach Referees STAR Program, Awards Assembly Field Trips
1410110	325	SALARIED COACHING POSITION	Soccer Coach
2110111	20	ATTENDANCE SALARIES	Truant officer
2120116	17,905	GUIDANCE SALARIES	Salary - 60%
2120330	1,350	GUIDANCE - CONTRACTED SERVICES	NOVA scoring \$15 x 90
2120610	1	GUIDANCE SUPPLIES	Gates and CAT Test Materials
2130120	24,590	HEALTH SALARIES	80% time
2130330	100	HEALTH CONTRACTED SERVICES	Physical exams - Sargent Camp
2130440	125	HEALTH MAINTENANCE	Calibration of audiometer
2130610	288	HEALTH SUPPLIES	First aid supplies such as bandaides,
2130630	155	HEALTH TEXTBOOKS	Manuals required

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2130741	110	HEALTH EQUIPMENT	Blood pressure equip.
2210118	32,100	AIDE'S SALARY	Clerical aide - @8.33 x 2.25 hrsx180days (Office/duty support) = 3,358 1 at 8.33 x 6.5x180 = 9,747 1 at 7.89 x 6.5x180 = 9,232 1 at 8.33 x 6.5x180 = 9,747
2210270	2,000	COURSE REIMBURSEMENT	Per Contract
2210290	3,200	CONFERENCES	Six aides, 9 full time staff, 6 part time staff Principal - State Conference
2222117	21,388	MEDIA SALARIES	Librarian - \$8.52/hr x 14 hrs/wk x 36 Media Tech person (60% - 5 days/wk) = \$16,191
2222330	265	MEDIA CONTRACTED SERVICES	Kids NET Hello Internet
2222440	1,000	MEDIA MAINTENANCE	Repair/maintenance of equipment such as computers, audio-visual equipment and piano
2222610	3,000	MEDIA SUPPLIES	Library supplies such as book jackets, tape
		COMPUTER SUPPLIES	Cartridges, diskettes, & ribbons, software licensing
2222630	2,700	MEDIA TEXTBOOKS	Hardcover Books
2222640	350	MEDIA PERIODICALS	Educational periodicals

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2222741	5,500	MEDIA EQUIPMENT	Film strip projector
		COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	Computers Network hardware (cables, hubs, cards) Network software Laser printer for network 25" color TV for use with PC to TV converter
2222742	1,500	MEDIA REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT	Replacement of damaged/obsolete equipment for rotation and upgrading
2222751	1,000	MEDIA FURNITURE	Shelves and carts
2310351	17,690	SAU 16 EXPENSE	East Kingston's share of the SAU budget.
2310353	155	SLC EXPENSE	\$1 per student
2310372	3,000	LEGAL EXPENSE	For legal services which may be required by the Board
2310373	1	AUDIT EXPENSE	
2310380	3,000	SCHOOL BOARD EXPENSE	Membership in the NH School Boards Association. Included is money for advertising to fill personnel vacancies that may occur, supplies for the Sch. Bd. Secretary, and checks - (criminal check & misc. board expense)

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<u>Account #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Comments</u>
2300111	4,000	DISTRICT OFFICERS SALARIES	
2410114	52,789	PRINCIPAL SALARY	School Board Chair - \$1,200 School Board Members @ \$2,000 School District Clerk - \$50 School District Moderator - \$50 Auditors (2) - \$150 School District Treasurer - \$500 Supervisor of the Checklist \$50
2410115	18,468	SECRETARIAL SALARY	209 days including summer hours
2410121	350	HEAD TEACHER SALARY	
2410440	2,460	REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE	Maintenance contract and repair cost for laminating - \$260, typewriters - \$200 copy machine - \$2,000
2410531	4,600	TELEPHONE	Includes dedicated line - \$700
2410580	200	TRAVEL	Staff travel to post office, SAU office and other school business travel
2410610	3,400	SUPPLIES	Supplies for operating office
2410741	100	EQUIPMENT	Telephone
2410751	1	FURNITURE	
2410810	800	DUES AND MEMBERSHIPS	Membership in National and State Association of School Principals and local and national ASCD

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2520111	9,397	FISCAL SERVICES	
2540119	19,261	CUSTODIAL SALARY	% Increase, 40 hours per week, 52 weeks
2540122	7,960	ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS	Night time custodian - 15 hrs/wk, \$8.41/hr x 52 wks, % inc-6,560 Groundskeeper - 1,400
2540411	11,500	HEATING FUEL	15% increase
2540412	0	FUEL OIL	
2540413	12,650	ELECTRICITY	15% increase
2540414	0	ELECTRIC HEAT	
2540440	8,000	CONTRACTED MAINTENANCE	Maintenance of septic system, fire extinguishers, painting and general maintenance of plant
2540521	5,076	SMP INSURANCE	Special multi-peril insurance on the building and contents, and commercial liability coverage
2540522	0	LIABILITY INSURANCE	
2540523	160	TREASURER'S BOND	Surety bond for the School District Treasurer.
2540524	1	INSURANCE-NURSE	

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2540525	235	SURETY BOND	Surety bond for the Principal and School Secretary, both of whom handle money in the office
2540610	5,000	SUPPLIES	Custodial supplies necessary for upkeep of building and grounds.
2540741	100	ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT	Tools
2540742	1	REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT	
2543431	1	UPKEEP OF GROUNDS	
2552510	39,441	PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	Elementary buses
2553511	10,500	SPED TRANSPORTATION	Sped. transportation for pre-school \$8,500 Sped. trans. - \$2,000
2554510	1	FIELD TRIPS	
2900211	76,455	HEALTH INSURANCE	
2900212	3,114	DENTAL INSURANCE	
2900213	1,318	LIFE INSURANCE	
2900214	5,690	WORKERS COMPENSATION	
2900222	15,384	TEACHER RETIREMENT	
2900230	49,493	F.I.C.A.	

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2900231	4,128	DISABILITY INSURANCE
2900260	432	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION
4600730	1	SITE IMPROVEMENT
5100830	55,000	DEBT SERVICE - PRINCIPAL
5100841	39,270	DEBT SERVICE - INTEREST
5100842	0	DEBT SERVICE - AREA INTEREST
2560570	4,500	FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT

THE EXETER REGION
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ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year Ending June 30, 1997

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

To the Voters of the Exeter Region Cooperative School District:

The first Deliberative Session of the Exeter Region Cooperative School District will be held on Thursday, February 5, 1998, in the Talbot Gymnasium at Exeter High School beginning at 7:00 PM. Last year voters approved a warrant article allowing official ballot voting on all issues before the Cooperative School District, pursuant to RSA 40:13. Ballot voting does away with the traditional Annual Meeting and provides instead for a Deliberative Session. During the Deliberative Session the Board will present all properly filed warrant articles to the voters in attendance. At that time the body can vote to support the warrant articles as written or by a simple majority can amend the Articles. However, unlike the Annual Meeting these votes are not final. Once the body has decided on the warrant articles they are then placed on a ballot to be voted on at the polls election day, March 10, 1998.

The Cooperative School Board will be presenting three warrant articles of their own and one warrant article by citizen petition. The first article is the proposed school board budget in the amount of \$21,941,011 for the 1998-99 school year. The ballot law provides that if the proposed budget does not receive a majority of votes cast at the polls the Board will either bring forward another budget or the District will operate under the Default Budget. The Default Budget is the same budget as the previous year with additions for contractual obligations. This year's Default Budget is in the amount of \$21,166,011.

The increase in the proposed budget over the Default budget is primarily due to the addition of twelve new staff members. There are four major components that account for the staff increase being recommended by the School Board. First, as most of you may recall some of the classes at the current Junior High School have been overcrowded due to a lack of classroom space. We are hoping to address some of those concerns with an increase in staff. Second, the Board would like to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to change our current four days per week Science Program for 7th and 8th graders to a five days per week program. Third, as a result of an extensive community study of middle level education, the incoming sixth grade students will be placed in teams at the new facility. The Board is planning on grouping these students into teams of 100 and providing five teachers for each team. Finally, based on the NESDEC projections we anticipate an increase of 86 more students in grades 6-12 next year over this year's student population. The rest of the increase is due to a marked growth in our Special Education budget as well as some necessary supplies and equipment.

The second warrant article asks the District to establish a capital reserve fund for the purposes of meeting current and future capital needs. The Board is seeking an amount of \$150,000 this year for the purpose of beginning the architectural and engineering studies that will need to be done before we can begin working on the High School campus. Aside from the immediate need of the High School, the Board supports the concept of

planning for future capital projects by setting an amount of money aside each year to prevent large expenditures in any one year.

The third warrant article is the Board's request of the District that we begin the expensive but necessary process of bringing technology into the schools in a meaningful way. This request is the first in a three-year plan that was prepared by our Technology Coordinator and supported by the Superintendent. This is a major new initiative that will require not only subsequent warrant articles over the next few years but ongoing maintenance in our operational budget. The Board wants the District to fully understand the financial commitment that is required if we are to prepare our students for a technology driven future.

There is one other warrant article that was brought by citizen petition to see if the District will create a planning committee to consider withdrawal from SAU 16.

This has been the first year that the Cooperative has been responsible for operating the secondary school system. Of necessity our main focus has been on the timely completion of the new middle school and the smooth transition next year of the 6th grade from the elementary schools. The Board and the Administration have spent a great deal of time on those two issues. In addition, we welcomed our new Superintendent, Arthur Hanson, on board as of July 1, 1997, and feel we have established an excellent working relationship with the entire administrative team.

Over the next year the Cooperative School Board will be busy with several major issues. Our first priority is the completion of the new Middle School and the move from the current Junior High. We must also carefully review the future needs of the High School facilities as we prepare for our accreditation review by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges in the year 2000. Additionally, the Board will be focusing on unresolved labor issues. Certainly there will be other matters to deal with but these three will be the most pressing.

As you look at the rest of this Annual Report you will notice we have added a few items. Specifically we have given you an overview on how our High School compared with other schools in the state for the 1996 tenth grade statewide assessment. We would like to use this as a benchmark for future reports and while it does not tell us everything we need to know about our school system it is an important piece of information.

It is the goal of this Cooperative School Board to be as open and communicative as possible with the voters of the District. We welcome any suggestions you might have about how we can do better. Thank you for all of your support during this past year.

Linda Henderson, Chair
Exeter Region Cooperative School Board

EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Exeter Region Cooperative School District, County of Rockingham, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote upon District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet as follows:

FIRST SESSION: At the Talbot Gymnasium, Exeter High School, Linden Street in Exeter New Hampshire on Thursday, **February 5, 1998**, at 7:00 p.m. for explanation, discussion, debate, and possible amendment of the following warrant articles:

1. Shall the District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth in the budget posted with the warrant, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$21,941,011? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$21,166,011, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the District or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (The School Board recommends 21,941,011, as set forth on said budget.)

2. Shall the District establish a capital reserve fund under RSA 35:1 for the purpose of construction, reconstruction, or acquisition of school building and/or school ground site improvements, including associated engineering and architectural fees, and to raise and appropriate the sum of ~~\$150,000~~ \$10,000 [*Amended at the FIRST SESSION*] plus the District's unencumbered surplus funds remaining in hand at the end of the 1997-1998 fiscal year to be placed in this fund? This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 1, the operating budget article. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

3. Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$480,400 for acquisition of computer equipment, cabling, and related goods and services for the District schools? This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 1, the operating budget article. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

4. On petition of Robert A. Moreau and others, shall the District create a planning committee according to the provisions of RSA 194-C:2 to consider withdrawal from School Administrative Unit 16?

5. To hear reports of agents, auditors, and committees or officers heretofore chosen.

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

SECOND SESSION: At the polling places designated below on Tuesday, March 10, 1998, to choose the following School District Officers: School District Board Member (Brentwood), School District Board Member (Exeter), School District Board Member (Kensington), and School District Moderator; and vote on the articles listed as 1, 2, 3, and 4, as those articles may be amended at the First Session; by ballot, the polls to be open at the polling places at the hours designated below:

VOTER IN TOWN OF:	POLLING PLACE:	POLLING HOURS:
BRENTWOOD	BRENTWOOD FIRE HALL	10:00 AM TO 7:00 PM
EAST KINGSTON	EAST KINGSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	8:00 AM TO 7:00 PM
EXETER	EXETER TOWN HALL	8:00 AM TO 8:00 PM
KENSINGTON	KENSINGTON TOWN HALL	8:00 AM TO 7:30 PM
NEWFIELDS	NEWFIELDS TOWN HALL	11:00 AM TO 7:00 PM
STRATHAM	STRATHAM MUNICIPAL CENTER	8:00 AM TO 8:00 PM

EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD

ARTICLE I – PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

Program	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Inc/Dec	Inc/Dec
	1996-1997	1996-1997	1997-1998	1998-1999	Default	Percent
Art	213,545	223,491	230,024	252,984	22,960	10.0%
Music	227,399	227,286	231,025	264,135	33,110	14.3%
Physical Education	271,355	272,316	278,975	341,588	62,613	22.4%
Basic Classroom	24,750	22,436	363,750	78,148	-285,602	-78.5%
Reading	147,403	190,296	176,250	256,517	80,267	45.5%
Mathematics	853,071	839,802	865,435	1,027,078	161,643	18.7%
Business Ed	99,870	116,951	81,983	104,640	22,657	27.6%
Science	931,569	979,197	945,533	1,227,044	281,511	29.8%
English	872,922	915,169	930,245	1,120,615	190,370	20.5%
ESL	10,308	17,343	8,800	12,800	4,000	45.5%
Social Studies	856,014	898,970	886,375	961,692	75,317	8.5%
Foreign Lang	513,597	536,514	524,725	577,641	52,916	10.1%
Health	86,116	89,217	94,575	108,770	14,195	15.0%
Home Economics	164,342	157,633	164,962	197,487	32,525	19.7%
Tech Ed	172,098	164,727	165,600	226,998	61,398	37.1%
Computer	181,707	225,119	257,431	345,372	87,941	34.2%
Subs/Sab/Tutors	152,500	162,673	292,659	141,000	-151,659	-51.8%
Alternative Program	0	0	0	5,000	5,000	0.0%
Regular Ed	5,778,566	6,039,140	6,498,347	7,249,509	751,162	11.6%
Special Education	1,453,109	1,373,986	1,639,800	2,070,929	431,129	26.3%
SST	669,821	679,110	688,489	714,427	25,938	3.8%
Athletic/Extracurr	399,136	398,795	409,189	426,915	17,726	4.3%
Adult Ed	43,986	83,970	43,986	44,983	997	2.3%
Guidance	530,154	568,994	559,493	639,093	79,600	14.2%
Nurse Services	96,584	119,493	123,108	189,149	66,041	53.6%
Library	171,765	174,985	187,008	241,793	54,785	29.3%
School Board	46,883	41,626	176,656	79,000	-97,656	-55.3%
SAU #16 Admin	171,290	167,427	237,999	280,696	42,697	17.9%
School Admin	749,223	752,945	778,079	812,169	34,090	4.4%
Fiscal Services	179,268	180,262	176,188	183,223	7,035	4.0%
Plant Operations	1,075,667	1,103,685	1,099,943	1,485,547	385,604	35.1%
Transportation	170,690	193,457	497,473	565,902	68,429	13.8%
Benefits	2,045,438	1,975,256	2,299,778	2,761,130	461,352	20.1%
Insurance	97,884	28,108	80,834	80,834	0	0.0%
General Fund Total	13,679,464	13,881,239	15,496,370	17,825,299	2,328,929	15.0%
Debt Service	477,500	477,500	3,016,938	2,547,998	-468,940	-15.5%
Cap Res Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Capital Projects	113,540	113,540	90,000	0	-90,000	-100.0%
Federal/State Grants	1,007,700	451,797	1,007,714	1,007,714	0	0.0%
Food Service Fund	560,000	458,714	560,000	560,000	0	0.0%
TOTAL - All Funds	15,838,204	15,382,790	20,171,022	21,941,011	1,769,989	8.8%

ARTICLE I - DEFAULT OPERATING BUDGET

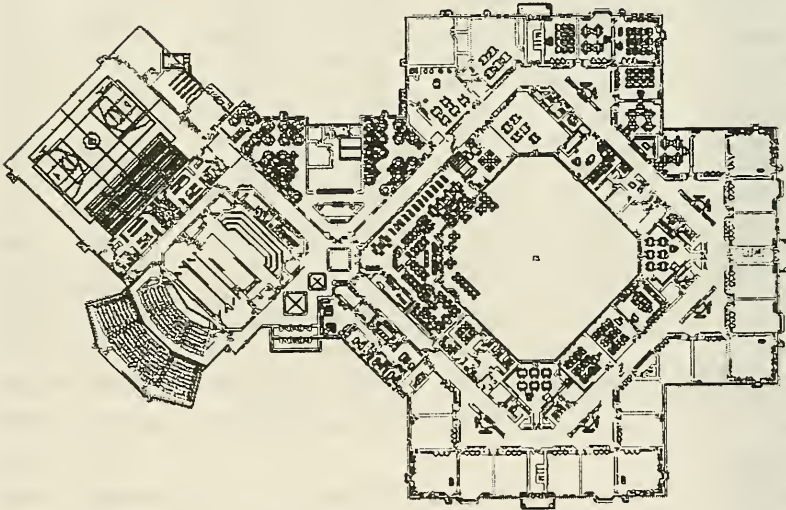
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Basic Classroom	24,750	22,436	363,750	413,553	49,803	13.7%
Reading	147,403	190,296	176,250	182,279	6,029	3.4%
Mathematics	853,071	839,802	865,435	894,080	28,645	3.3%
Business Ed	99,870	116,951	81,983	84,690	2,707	3.3%
Science	931,569	979,197	945,533	976,065	30,532	3.2%
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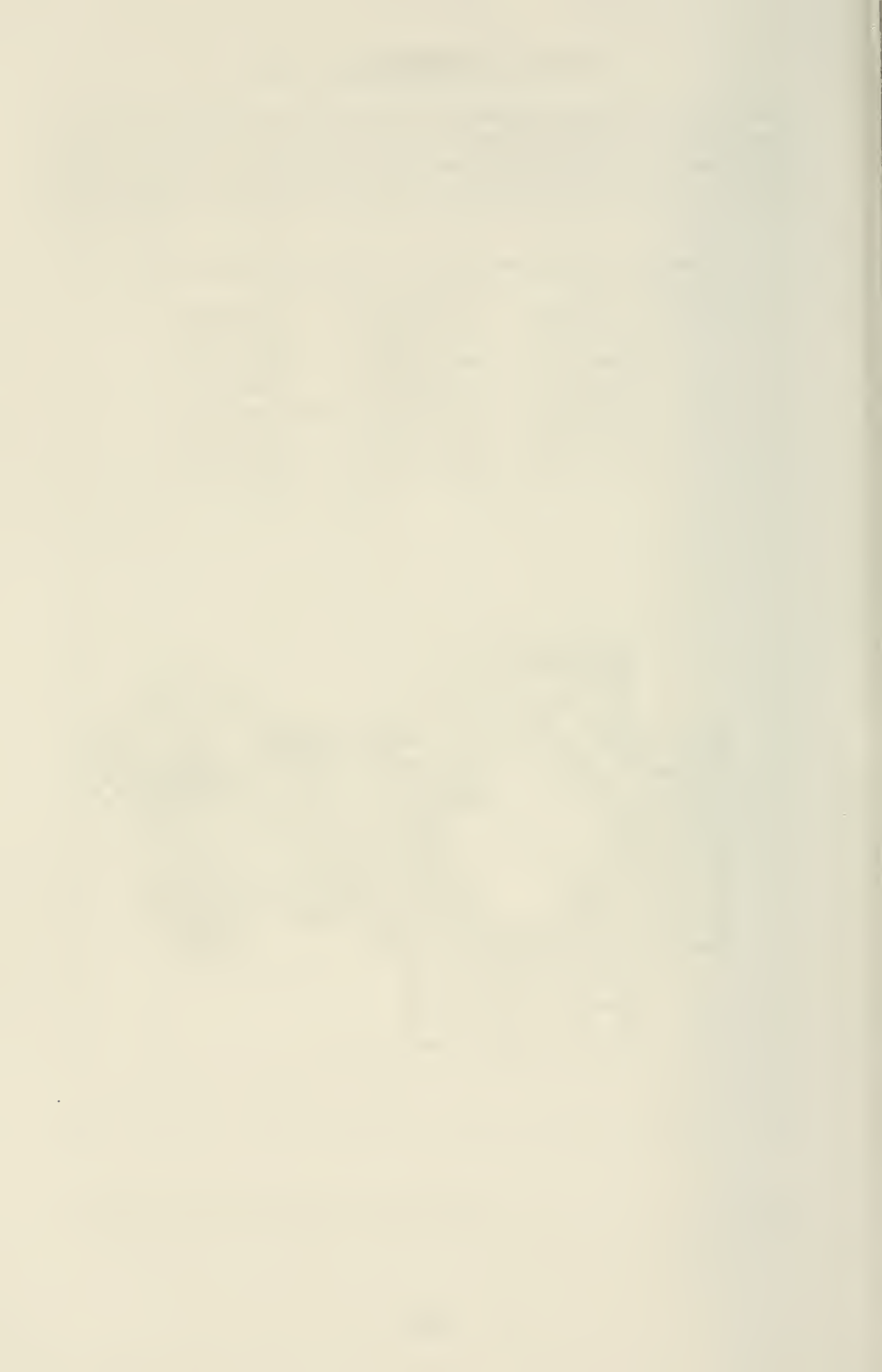
The Cooperative School Board would like to express its deep appreciation to the following individuals who make up the Middle School Building Committee. This group has worked tirelessly over the past few years to ensure the success of this substantial project. We are all grateful for their time, their expertise and their commitment to the Cooperative School District.

Chair of the Middle School Building Committee: Lucy Cushman

David Barr	Sue Bendroth	Ken Berry
Donna Carter	Lucy Cushman	Chris Davies
Mike Dawley	Anthony Guba	David Lapointe
Peter Lund	Dick McGraw	Roy Morrisette
Katherine Norton	Walter Pierce	Ray Randlett
Nat Rowell	Gordan Snyder	Bill Thompson
Ray Trueman	Mike Waleryszak	Dick Wendell



NOTES:



TOWN OF EAST KINGSTON

EMERGENCY CALLS

*All Fire, Police, Ambulance Emergency Calls
DIAL 911*

Remember to stay calm!

BUSINESS CALLS

<i>Fire</i>	<i>642-3141</i>	
<i>Police</i>	<i>642-5427</i>	
<i>Emergency Management (Transportation)</i>	<i>642-8406 433-1419</i>	
<i>State Police</i>	<i>679-3333</i>	
<i>Fire/Burn Permits</i>	<i>642-5544</i>	<i>Richard A. Smith, Sr., Fire Warden</i>
<i>Public Library</i>	<i>642-8333</i>	<i>Monday 9AM-7PM, Wednesday 1PM-7PM Thursday 3PM-7PM Friday 9AM-1PM Saturday 9AM-1PM</i>
<i>Recycling Center</i>	<i>642-8406</i>	<i>Self serve 24 hours a day, Saturday 9AM-12PM for assistance</i>
<i>Rubbish Pick-UP</i>	<i>642-8406</i>	<i>Every Monday 7AM curbside No pick-up on President's Day, Memorial Day & Labor Day</i>
<i>Town Cemetery</i>	<i>642-8406</i>	
<i>Town Clerk/Tax Collector</i>	<i>642-8794</i>	<i>Monday 6-8PM, Tuesday - Thursday 9AM-12PM, Friday 9AM-2PM</i>
<i>Town Hall Rental</i>	<i>642-8406</i>	<i>Resident Rental Charges - \$25.00</i>
<i>Selectmen's Office</i>	<i>642-8406</i>	<i>Monday - Friday, 8AM - 2 PM Non-residents - \$50.00</i>

