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of the

Town Officers

of

FRANCESTOWN, N.H.

for the year ending December 31, 1997

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FRANCESTOWN TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Paul H. Lawrence Term Expires 1998

SELECTMEN

John W. Jenkins Term Expires 1998

Scott S. Carbee Term Expires 1999

O. Alan Thulander, Chairman Term Expires 2000

TOWN TREASURER

Randall S. Wheeler Term Expires 1999

TOWN CLERK

Elaine T. McClary Term Expires 1999

TAX COLLECTOR

Elaine T. McClary Term Expires 1999

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Constance C. Varnum Term Expires 1998

Diane Sweet Term Expires 1999

Mary Frances Carey Term Expires 1999

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Louis Wiederhold Term Expires 1998

Herbert A. Fincher Term Expires 1999

Frederick W. Wittemore Term Expires 2000

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATOR

Barbara J. Carbee Term Expires 1998

SUPERVISOR OF CHECK LIST

Helen Johnston Term Expires 1998

Bernice E. Miller, Chairman Term Expires 2000

Carol Ireland Term Expires 2002

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Stuart F. Clark, Jr. Term Expires 1998

O. Alan Thulander Term Expires 1999

Gordon R. Sherman Term Expires 2000

FIREWARDS

Donald C. Abbott Term Expires 1998

Brian Delahanty Term Expires 1998

David Kullgren Term Expires 1998

Richard F. Leavitt Term Expires 1998

Alvin L. VanCleave Term Expires 1998

PLANNING BOARD

Lisa J. Goodwin	Term Expires 1998
O. Alan Thulander, Ex-officio	Term Expires 1998
Peter M. Zahn	Term Expires 1998
Kenneth Campbell	Term Expires 1999
Mary Frances Carey	Term Expires 1999
Abigail Arnold, Chairman	Term Expires 2000
Sandra L. Ellis	Term Expires 2000

Alternates Appointed by Planning Board

Ben Watson	Term Expires 1998
Sarah Pyle	Term Expires 1999

CONVAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

Gary W. Gagnon, Moderator	Term Expires 1998
Denise Glover, School Board Member	Term Expires 1999

APPOINTMENTS By Selectmen:

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Charles F. Onasch	Term Expires 1998
Herbert A. Fincher	Term Expires 1999
Richard S. Mikula	Term Expires 1999
Richard Kickez	Term Expires 2000
Guy A. Swenson Jr., Chairman	Term Expires 2000
Alternates	
Ann Soper	Term Expires 1998
Charles Pyle	Term Expires 1999
Joszeff Nemeth	Term Expires 2000

WASTE DISPOSAL COMMISSION

Gary L. Collins, Chairman	Term Expires 1998
Jeffrey R. Gorton	Term Expires 1999
Marianne McDaniel	Term Expires 2000

BUDGET & ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Charles F. Onasch	Term Expires 1998
Harold A. Varnum	Term Expires 1998
David A. Jonas, Chairman	Term Expires 1999
Michael J. Ricci	Term Expires 2000
Nicholas F. Wilder	Term Expires 2000

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Jeffrey R. Gorton, Chairman	Term Expires 1998
Hannah Proctor	Term Expires 1998

Dodie S. Finlayson	Term Expires 1999
Peter P. Kostecki	Term Expires 1999
Robert C. Lindgren	Term Expires 1999
Matthew Roy	Term Expires 1999
Christopher K. Danforth	Term Expires 2000
Alternates	
Taisto T. Holm	Term Expires 1998
Richard Roberts	Term Expires 2000

BOARD OF HIGHWAY SAFETY

Richard C. Cilley	Term Expires 1998
Paul V. Ellis, Chairman	Term Expires 1998
Richard Kiczek	Term Expires 1998
Andy Rimol	Term Expires 1998
Richard K. Wheeler	Term Expires 1998

RECREATION COMMISSION

Patricia Schell	Term Expires 1998
Scott Jenkins	Term Expires 1999
Larry Laber	Term Expires 1999
Paul H. Lawrence	Term Expires 1999
Kris N. Stewart	Term Expires 2000
Alternates	
Demetria McKaig	Term Expires 1999
James C. Nealand	Term Expires 2000
Lisa J. Goodwin	Term Expires 2000

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Veda O'Neill	Term Expires 1998
Mary Noordsy	Term Expires 1998
Barbara A. Radtke	Term Expires 1998
Frank Hanchett	Term Expires 1999
Abigail Arnold	Term Expires 2000
O. Alan Thulander	Term Expires 2000
Alternates	
Nicholas F. Wilder	Term Expires 1998

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Lori J. Ricci

DEPUTY TOWN TREASURER

Kathi L. Kendall

DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR

Janet Kiczek

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Janet Kiczek

ROAD AGENT
Clayton F. Foote Jr.

BUILDING & SITE INSPECTOR
Joseph Ludwig

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
Donald C. Abbott

HEALTH OFFICER
Louis Wiederhold, MD

POLICE OFFICERS
Peter M. Flood, Chief
Philip J. Woodbury, Lieutenant
Robert F. Camelio, Sergeant
Thomas J. Thibeault, Sergeant
Richard A. Belanger, Officer
Steven H. Lape, Officer
Kevin P. Tucker, Officer
Aaron Eder-Linell, Officer

DIRECTOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
O. Alan Thulander

HISTORIAN
Kris Holmes

BALLOT CLERKS
Barbara J. Carbee, Dolores Sanchioni, Joan VanCleave, Shirley Jones,
Karen Anne St.Cyr, Theo A. Wheeler, Mary T. Tempone, Sarah H. Pyle

STATE REPRESENTATIVES
Susan J. Clay
O. Alan Thulander

STATE SENATOR
Amy Patenaude

TOWN WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Francestown, in said County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Francestown on Tuesday, the tenth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the subjects hereinafter set forth. The voting on Articles 1 and 2 will be by official ballot, and the polls shall be open for balloting on said date at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon and shall not close before 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

Article 1.

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
(By Official Ballot)

Pursuant to RSA 39:2a and the vote of the Annual Town Meeting in 1979, you are hereby notified the second session of the annual meeting of the Town of Francestown will be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, the Fourteenth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, at which time the town will act on the following subjects.

Article 2.

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment 1 dealing with the definition of "Building" as proposed by the Planning Board for the Francestown Zoning Ordinance?
(By Official Ballot)

This amendment would delete the words, indicated here by italics, from the current definition as follows: "Building - Any combination of materials, whether portable, movable or fixed, *having a roof and enclosed within walls, built to form a structure* for the shelter of persons, animals or property." The intent of the proposed amendment is to make structures without walls, such as pole barns, subject to setback requirements.

The Planning Board voted unanimously in favor of this proposal.

(By Official Ballot)

Article 3.

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

Article 4.

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the report (page 67) of the Building Study Committee relative to the use of the "Red

School" on Main Street and the trial use of the current Town Hall annex or take any other action relating thereto;

Article 5. (By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote (or amend the appropriate article) to reserve one of the bottom-floor rooms of the Red School Building on a two-year trial basis to provide Francestown residents with a community gathering place, to be used by private and municipal organizations or individuals for community activities or meetings; schedule to be kept in Selectmen's office similar to the Town Hall schedule, or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 6.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$177,500.00) to reconstruct and pave the remaining portion of Mountain Road; the project to be completed as recommended and described in the report of the Road Improvement Sub-Committee; such sum to be raised and appropriated by the withdrawal of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund - Town Road Improvements and the balance of Eighty-Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$87,500.00) by taxation, or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and a majority of the Budget & Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 7.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$43,000.00) to repair the 1984 Chevrolet Pumper/Tanker, such sum to be raised and appropriated by the acceptance of a gift of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) from the Mt. Crotchet Firefighters' Association, the remaining balance of Twenty-Three Thousand, Three Hundred Dollars (\$23,000.00) to be raised and appropriated by the withdrawal from the Capital Reserve Fund - Future Replacement of Fire Trucks, or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget & Advisory Committee recommend this article.

Article 8.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-One Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$121,500.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Accounts, to be allocated as follows:

Future Replacement of Fire Trucks	\$40,000.00
Future Replacement of Fire Dept. Radios	500.00
Future Replacement or Purchase of Hwy. Equip.	25,000.00
Future Replacement of Police Cruiser	6,000.00
Future Reappraisal of Real Estate	5,000.00
Future Purchase or Improvement of Recreation Lands	5,000.00
Future Town Building Improvements/Acquisition	10,000.00
Future Town Road Improvements	10,000.00
Future Town Highway Garage	20,000.00

or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget & Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 9.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to replace the George Holmes Bixby Library's non-functioning septic system, such sum to be raised and appropriated by the withdrawal of Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund - Town Building Improvements; and the balance of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) by taxation, or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and a majority of the Budget & Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 10.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand (\$17,000.00) to replace the existing fire escape attached to the George Holmes Bixby Library to meet the fire safety codes specified by the State Fire Marshall, such amount to be raised and appropriated by the withdrawal of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund - Town Building Improvements, and the balance of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) by taxation, or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget & Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 11.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer Three Hundred Ninety Dollars and Thirty Eight Cents (\$390.38) of unexpended conservation commission prior appropriations carried forward and vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Nine Dollars and Sixty-Two Cents (\$9,609.62). The total not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), to be placed in the Conservation Fund authorized by RSA 36-A:5, or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and a majority of the Budget & Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 12.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000.00) for the purchase of a used brush chipper; such sum to be raised and appropriated from the Capital Reserve Fund - Replacement of Road Equipment, or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget & Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 13.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum up to six thousand dollars (\$6000.00) for the purchase of a

surplus Ten wheeled diesel Dump truck should it become available; such sum to be raised and appropriated by the withdrawal from the Capital Reserve Fund - "Replacement of Road Equipment" or take any other action relating thereto;

A majority of the Selectmen and the Budget & Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 14.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand, One Hundred Dollars (\$7,100.00) to convert the mechanically wound tower clock in the Meeting House to an electrically wound system, or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget & Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 15.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand, One Hundred Dollars (\$6,100.00) to replace the Town Hall guard rails with a granite post and rail fence or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and a majority of the Budget & Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 16.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-One Thousand, Nine Hundred Dollars (\$21,900.00) to replace the chain link fence with a granite post and rail fence, such sum to be raised and appropriated by the withdrawal of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund - Improvement of Cemetery, the remaining balance of Eleven Thousand, Nine Hundred Dollars (11,900.00) to be raised by taxation, or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget & Advisory Committee do not recommend this article.

Article 17.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$11,970.00) to purchase and install a fuel management system and associated dispensing equipment to be used by all town vehicles, or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and a majority of the Budget & Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 18.

To see if the Town will vote to adopt an administrative enforcement procedure for the parking violations ordinance enacted by the Board of Selectmen September 22, 1997, or take any other action relating thereto;

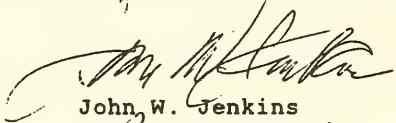
Article 19.

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund named - F.I.H.S. Recreation Field Improvements, such account to be funded by Town appropriations, charitable gifts or grants from local, state, and federal sources; or take any other action relating thereto;

Article 20.

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting;

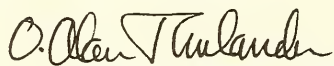
Given under our hands and seal this ninth day of February, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred ninety-eight.



John W. Jenkins



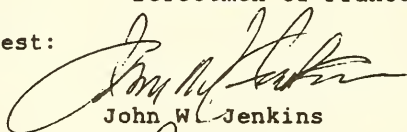
Scott S. Carbee



O. Alan Thulander, Chairman

Selectmen of Francestown

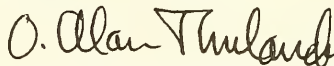
A true copy of Warrant-Attest:



John W. Jenkins



Scott S. Carbee



O. Alan Thulander, Chairman

Selectmen of Francestown

**BUDGET OF THE TOWN
OF FRANCESTOWN**

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the ensuing
year January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998.

February 9, 1998

John W. Jenkins
Scott S. Carbee
O. Alan Thulander, Chairman

Selectmen
of
Francestown

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 31:4)	1997 Approp	1997 Expended	1998 Request
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Executive	\$28,566	\$27,413	\$29,930
Election/Town Clerk	26,518	25,487	25,366
Financial Administration	19,275	16,921	18,825
Revaluation Updates/Tax Map	5,845	2,109	5,756
Legal Expenses	15,000	4,437	10,000
Medical Expenses	23,035	21,041	16,764
FICA/Medicare	22,468	20,555	21,978
Unemployment Insurance	1,250	573	800
Workman's Compensation	6,007	7,142	4,319
Retirement Highway	0	0	2,000
Planning & Zoning	10,800	5,355	10,697
Planning Board Review	5,000	0	2,500
General Bldg Maintenance	16,580	22,714	16,725
Cemeteries	7,475	6,561	9,575
Insurance	35,846	33,576	37,146
Regional Association Dues	713	667	691
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police Department	49,175	42,641	50,800
Ambulance	13,069	13,069	11,310
Fire Department	24,300	23,175	26,100
Building Inspector	800	1,021	1,000
Emergency Management	500	0	500
HIGHWAY, STREET, BRIDGES			
Town Maintenance	189,884	160,537	186,521
General Expenses Highway	69,925	73,106	68,025
Resealing & Patching	51,000	53,987	57,900
Graveling	23,392	27,349	20,000
Bridges	14,000	15,629	10,000
Street Lighting	4,200	4,066	4,200
SANITATION			
Solid Waste Disposal	77,289	77,450	77,835
Landfill Well Test	4,075	2,738	3,493

HEALTH			
Health Departments	2,512	2,424	2,424
WELFARE			
General Assistance	5,000	4,189	5,000
CULTURE AND RECREATION			
Recreation	24,790	16,072	22,900
Library	40,993	40,678	45,314
CONSERVATION			
Conservation Commission	900	510	900
DEBT SERVICE			
Principal-Long Term Notes	25,000	25,000	20,000
Interest-Long Term Notes	3,173	3,173	1,410
Interest on TAN	2,500	0	2,500
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$850,855</u>	<u>\$781,365</u>	<u>\$831,204</u>

WARRANT ARTICLES 1997

Art 7 - Mountain Road	60,000	62,835
Art 8 - Dodge Hill Road	10,000	13,591
Art 9 - Capital Reserves	76,500	76,500
Art 10 - Bixby Mill Pond Dam	85,000	87,722
Art 11 - 5-Ton Truck	2,500	0
Art 12 - Conservation Fund	10,000	10,000
Art 13 - Purch/Elementary Sch	130,000	0
Art 14 - Awards Pgrm	3,900	0
Art 15 - Repair Bell Tower	9,160	9,160
Art 16 - Project Lift	100	100
Art 17 - 225 th Anniv/Town	1	1

WARRANT ARTICLES 1998

Art 6 - Complete Mountain Road		177,500
Art 7 - Repair 1984 Chevrolet Pumper/Tanker		43,000
Art 8 - Capital Reserves		121,500
Art 9 - G.H. Bixby Library's Septic Sys		15,000
Art 10 - G.H. Bixby Library's Fire Escape		17,000
Art 11 - Conservation Fund		9,610
Art 12 - Purchase Used Brush Chipper		13,000
Art 13 - 10-Wheel Diesel Dump Truck		6,000
Art 14 - Convert Tower Clock to Electric Wound		7,100
Art 15 - Replace Town Hall Guard Rails		6,100
Art 16 - Replace Chain Link Fence/Cemetery 3		21,900
Art 17 - Install Fuel Management System		11,970

TOTAL WARRANT ARTICLES	<u>\$387,161</u>	<u>\$259,908</u>	<u>\$449,680</u>
TOTAL BUDGET & WARRANT ART	\$1,238,016	\$1,041,273	\$1,280,884
LESS SOURCES OF REVENUE	<u>356,251</u>	<u>662,863</u>	<u>510,804</u>
NET TOTALS	\$881,765	\$378,410	\$770,080

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated 1997 Revenue	Actual 1997 Revenue	Estimated 1998 Revenue
TAXES			
Land Use Change Tax	2,700	14,676	5,000
Yield Taxes	10,000	25,104	15,000
Interest & Penalties Taxes	10,000	36,660	25,000
Inventory Penalties	1,500	4,016	1,000
 LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	130,000	157,514	135,000
Building Permits	700	271	500
Licenses, Permits & Fees	5,000	8,352	8,000
 FROM STATE			
Shared Revenue	43,000	44,100	44,000
Highway Block Grant	64,750	67,861	66,304
 CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Income from Departments	8,000	8,569	8,000
 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
Sale of Municipal Property	50,000	50,120	0
Interest on Investment	2,500	23,894	0
Crotched Mt. Firefighters	0	0	20,000
FEMA	0	115,925	25,000
 INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFER FROM			
Capital Reserve Fund	28,101	25,801	158,000
 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Items From Surplus	0	80,000	0
TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS	\$356,251	\$662,863	\$510,804

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Much has been accomplished in 1997 which will benefit our town for years to come. The Selectmen have reached a tentative agreement to purchase the "Red School" for \$115,000.00, with closing to take place sometime in 1998. A hard working town building committee, ably led by David Jonas (see separate report) has recommended that the "Red School" be used exclusively for municipal government purposes. The Selectmen support this finding. The saga of Crotched Mountain Ski area continues with the hope that aspiring owners will be able to follow through and begin operations in the coming year. We have worked very diligently to accomplish this end but have found the interested parties to be slow to act.

As many of you are aware, the Selectmen appointed an Interim road study committee to review all aspects of our highway department. We express our thanks to Chair Paul Eills and his committee (see separate report) for their superb efforts.

The Bixby Mill Pond Dam project is nearly finished, but the early onset of winter delayed the completion of this important public safety resource until late spring. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has granted \$100,619.00 in hazard mitigation funds to assist this project, estimated to cost in total \$125,000.00.

An additional FEMA grant of \$20,546.00 has been awarded the town for work on Back Mountain Road.

We want to sadly note the passing of John L. "Jack" Arnold and acknowledge the many years of service and wise counsel he generously gave the citizens of Frankestown.

Lastly we wish to thank all of you who have unselfishly given of your time and energies to make our town such a wonderful place to live. Keep it up!

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Jenkins

Scott S. Carbee

O. Alan Thulander, Chairman

Board of Selectmen

TAX YEAR 1997
SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. RSA 21-J:34.

John W. Jenkins	Selectmen of Frankestown
Scott S. Carbee	Date: August 23, 1997
O. Alan Thulander, Chairman	

VALUE OF LAND ONLY	
Current Use (13,286.54 acres)	\$ 1,489,211
Residential (4,022.77 acres)	25,877,500
Commercial/Industrial (565.53 acres)	1,476,000
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Total of Taxable Land (17,874.84 acres)	\$28,842,711
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (1,157,800)	

VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY	
Residential	\$58,077,700
Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31	55,300
Commercial/Industrial	2,094,500
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Total of Taxable Buildings	\$60,227,500
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (1,602,300)	

PUBLIC WATER UTILITY	\$20,000
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PUBLIC UTILITIES - ELECTRIC	\$1,277,900
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VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS	<hr/> \$90,368,111
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BLIND EXEMPTION (RSA 72:37)	
One @ \$15,000	\$15,000

ELDERLY EXEMPTION (RSA 72:39a)
Optional Adjustment Elderly Exemption
Year Adopted 1991

Number of Individuals Granted	2@ 40,000 = \$ 80,000
an Elderly Exemption 1997	2@ 60,000 = \$120,000
	2@ 80,000 = \$160,000
	1@ 56,700 = <u>\$ 56,700</u>

Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions	\$416,700
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NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE IS COMPUTED	\$89,936,411
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CURRENT USE REPORT

	Applicants Granted in Prior Years Number of Acres	New Applicants Granted in 1997 Number of Acres	Total Number Acres
FARM LAND	764.40	35.5	799.91
FOREST LAND	11,385.36	29.7	11,415.06
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND	11.00	3.10	14.10
WET LAND	1,057.73	0	1,057.47
Number of Acres Exempted under Current Use			13,286.54
Total Number of Acres Taken Out of Current Use-1997			4.52
Total Number of Acres Exempted under Conservation Restriction Assessment			0
Total Number of Acres Receiving the 20% Recreational Adjustment			3,051.95
Total Number of Owners granted Current Use Assessment			272
Total Number of Owners Granted Conservation Restriction Assessment			0

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION
TAXES ASSESSED FOR THE TAX YEAR 1997
OF THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. RSA 21-J:34

March 15, 1997

O. Alan Thulander, Chairman
John W. Jenkins
Scott S. Carbee

Selectmen of Francestown

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$28,566
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	26,518
Financial Administration	19,275
Revaluation of Property	5,845
Legal Expenses	15,000
Personnel Administration	52,760
Planning & Zoning & Planning Review	15,800
General Government Buildings	16,580
Cemeteries	7,475
Insurance	35,846
Regional Associations	713

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department	49,175
Ambulance	13,069
Fire Department	24,300
Building Inspector	800
Emergency Management	500

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

Highways & Streets	334,201
Bridges	14,000
Street Lighting	4,200

SANITATION

Solid Waste Disposal	77,289
Landfill Well Test	4,075

HEALTH

Health Department	2,512
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WELFARE

General Assistance	5,000
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CULTURE AND RECREATION

Recreation	24,790
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Library	40,993
CONSERVATION	
Conservation Commission	\$900
DEBT SERVICE	
Principal Long-Term Notes	25,000
Interest Expense Long-Term Notes	3,173
Interest Expense T/A Notes	2,500
CAPITAL OUTLAY	
Land and Improvement	10,000
Mach. Veh. & Equip	2,500
Buildings	139,160
Improvements other than buildings	145,000
TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS	
Conservation Fund	10,000
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	
Warrant Articles 9,14,16,17 Capital Reserve	<u>80,501</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,238,016

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SOURCE OF REVENUE

TAXES	
Yield Taxes	10,000
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	10,000
Inventory Penalties	1,500
Land Use Change Tax	2,700
LICENSES AND PERMITS	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	130,000
Building Permits	700
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	5,000
FROM STATE	
Shared Revenue	43,000
Highway Block Grant	64,750
CHARGES FOR SERVICE	
Income From Departments	8,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	
Sale of Municipal Property	50,000
Interest on Investments	2,500
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve	28,101

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	
Fund Balance voted from Surplus	0
Fund Balance Used to Reduce Taxes	<u>0</u>

TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	\$356,251
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TAX RATE COMPUTATION

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN	TAX RATE
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---Town Portion---

Appropriation	1,238,016	
Less: Revenues	<611,888>	
Less: Shared Revenues	<8,823>	
Add: Overlay	79,189	
War Service Credits	<u>4,350</u>	
Net Town Appropriation	\$700,844	
Municipal Tax Rate		\$7.80

---School Portion---

Due to Regional School District	1,823,325	
Less: Shared Revenues	<u><22,058></u>	
Net School Appropriation	\$1,801,267	
School Tax Rate		\$20.02

---County Portion---

Due to County	184,579	
Less: Shared Revenues	<u><2,540></u>	
Net County Tax Appropriation	\$182,039	
County Tax Rate		<u>\$2.02</u>

COMBINED TAX RATE	\$29.84
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---COMMITMENT ANALYSIS---

Total Property Taxes Assessed	2,684,150
Less: War Service Credits	<u><4,350></u>
Total Property Tax Commitment	2,679,800

---PROOF OF RATE---

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
89,951,411	29.84	2,684,150

---1998 BOND REQUIREMENT---

Treasurer:	73,000
Tax Collector:	70,000
Town Clerk:	17,000
Trustees of Trust Funds:	55,000

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

Title of Appropriation	Approp	Receipts	Totals	Expended	Unexpended	Overdrafts	Carryover
Executive	26,666		26,666	27,413	1,163	0	
Election/ Town Clerk	26,518		26,518	25,487	1,031	0	
Financial Administration	19,275		19,275	16,821	2,354	0	
Revaluation Updates	5,845		5,845	2,109	3,736	0	
Legal Expenses	15,000		15,000	4,437	10,563	0	
Medical Insurance	23,035		23,035	21,041	1,994	0	
FICA/Medicare	22,468		22,468	20,555	1,913	0	
Workman's Compensation	6,007		6,007	7,142	0	1,135	
Unemployment Insurance	1,250		1,250	573	677	0	
Planning & Zoning	10,800		10,800	5,355	5,445	0	
Planning Review	5,000		5,000	0	5,000	0	
General Government Bldg	16,580		16,580	22,715	0	6,135	
Cemeteries	7,475		7,475	6,561	914	0	
Insurance	35,846		35,846	33,576	2,270	0	
Regional Association Dues	713		713	667	46	0	
Police Department	49,176		49,176	42,641	6,534	0	
Ambulance	13,089		13,089	13,089	0	0	
Fire Department	24,300		24,300	23,175	1,125	0	
Building Inspector	800		800	1,021	0	221	
Emergency Management	500		500	0	500	0	
Town Maintenance	189,884		189,884	160,537	29,347	0	
General Expenses Highway	69,825		69,825	73,106	0	3,181	
Resealing & Patching	51,000		51,000	63,987	0	2,987	
Graveling	23,382		23,382	27,349	0	3,967	
Bridges	14,000		14,000	15,629	0	1,629	
Street Lighting	4,200		4,200	4,066	134	0	
Solid Waste Disposal	77,289		77,289	77,450	0	161	
Landfill Well Test	4,075		4,075	2,738	1,337	0	
Health Department	2,512		2,512	2,424	88	0	
General Assistance	5,000		5,000	4,189	811	0	
Recreation	24,790		24,790	16,072	8,718	0	
Library	40,993		40,993	40,678	315	0	
Conservation Commission	900		900	510	390	0	
Principal Long-Term Notes	25,000		25,000	25,000	0	0	
Interest Long-Term Notes	3,173		3,173	3,173	0	0	
Interest Expense T/A Notes	2,500		2,500	0	2,500	0	
Art 7 - Mountain Road	60,000		60,000	62,836	0	2,836	
Art 9 - Dodge Hill Road	10,000		10,000	13,591	0	3,591	
Art 9 - Capital Reserves	76,500		76,500	76,500	0	0	
Art 10 - Bixby Mill Pond Dam	85,000		85,000	87,722	0	2,722	
Art 11 - 5-Ten Dump Truck	2,500		2,500	0	2,500	0	
Art 12 - Conservation Fund	10,000		10,000	10,000	0	0	
Art 13 - Red School House	130,000		130,000	0	0	0	130,000
Art 14 - Service Awards Program	3,900		3,900	0	3,900	0	
Art 15 - Bell Tower Repairs	9,180		9,180	9,180	0	0	
Art 16 - Project LIR	100		100	100	0	0	
Art 17 - 225th Anniversary/Town	1		1	0	1	0	
Totals	\$1,238,016	\$0	\$1,238,016	\$1,041,274	\$95,298	\$28,554	\$130,000
						MINUS OVERDRAFT	
						\$28,554	
						NET UNEXPENDED BALANCE OF APPROPRIATIONS	
						\$66,742	

Balance Sheet
December 31, 1997

Assets

Cash	\$813,102
Investments	16,546
Taxes receivable, net	272,858
Tax liens receivable, net	109,411
Due from other governments	14,017
Prepaid expenditures	10,799
Due from other funds	4,360
Total assets	<u>\$1,241,093</u>

Liabilities and Fund Balance

Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$1,232
Due to Conval School District	726,119
Due to other funds	36,023
Deposits	10,116
Total liabilities	<u>773,490</u>

Fund Balance:	
Reserved for conservation	1,210
Unreserved:	
Designated for Red Schoolhouse	130,000
Designated for Bixby Mill Pond Dam	22,879
Undesignated	313,514
Total fund balance	<u>467,603</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$1,241,093</u>

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Statement of Long Term Indebtedness
Showing Annual Maturities of Principal and Interest

NEW HAMPSHIRE MUNICIPAL BOND BANK
1988 SERIES A BONDS - NON-GUARANTEED ISSUE

Road Grader & Fire Truck Pumper

Amount of Issue	\$245,500.00
Date of Issue	July 8, 1988
Principal Payable Dates	July 15
Interest Payable Dates	January 15 and July 15

MATURITIES - FISCAL YEAR ENDING

	Principal	Interest	Total
January 15, 1989		8,938.21	
July 15, 1989	25,500.00	8,603.63	43,041.84
January 15, 1990		7,717.50	
July 15, 1990	25,000.00	7,717.50	40,435.00
January 15, 1991		6,848.75	
July 15, 1991	25,000.00	6,848.75	38,697.50
January 15, 1992		5,980.00	
July 15, 1992	25,000.00	5,980.00	36,960.00
January 15, 1993		5,111.25	
July 15, 1993	25,000.00	5,111.25	35,222.50
January 15, 1994		4,230.00	
July 15, 1994	25,000.00	4,230.00	33,460.00
January 15, 1995		3,348.75	
July 15, 1995	25,000.00	3,348.75	31,697.50
January 15, 1996		2,467.50	
July 15, 1996	25,000.00	2,467.50	29,935.00
January 15, 1997		1,586.25	
July 15, 1997	25,000.00	1,586.25	28,172.50
January 15, 1998		705.00	
July 15, 1998	20,000.00	705.00	21,410.00
	245,500.00	93,531.84	339,031.84
TOTALS			

NIC = 7.0310%

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY
(AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1997)

LOCATION	ACRES	VALUE
MAP 5 LOT 68 - Land	11.80	\$54,900
Transfer Station Buildings		2,300
MAP 12 LOT 5 - Land	6.43	35,100
Fire Station		165,500
Fire Department - Equipment		525,000
Highway Garage		14,300
Highway Department - Equipment		275,000
MAP 13 LOT 20 - Land	1.00	32,400
Library		168,400
Furniture & Equipment		106,500
MAP 13 LOT 29 - Land	.40	24,500
Town Hall Annex		97,100
Furniture & Equipment		35,000
Police Department Equipment		46,000
MAP 13 LOT 41 - Land	1.00	32,400
Town Hall, Carriage Sheds		264,700
Furniture & Equipment		6,500
MAP 1 LOT 2-4 - Greenfield Road	5.00	26,300
MAP 1 LOT 13 - Town Forest	61.00	63,200
MAP 2 LOT 20 - Town Forest	52.00	33,200
MAP 3 LOT 28 - Cemetery Number 3	16.00	26,000
MAP 4 LOT 5 - Town Forest	445.24	199,000
MAP 4 LOT 6 - Town Forest	134.00	97,100
MAP 5 LOT 52 - Main Street	1.00	7,400
MAP 5 LOT 67 - Town Forest	6.00	4,500
MAP 6 LOT 25-1 - Town Forest	27.91	78,900
MAP 7 LOT 2 - Town Forest	1.00	24,300
MAP 8 LOT 71 - Old County Road North	2.00	2,900
MAP 8 LOT 78-1 - Old County Road North	1.00	27,000
MAP 12 LOT 8 - W/S 2nd NH Turnpike S.	.25	18,000
MAP 12 LOT 16 - Cemetery Number 2	1.25	27,400
MAP 13 LOT 26 - Cemetery Number 1	1.00	45,600
MAP 14 LOT 19 - Bixby Mill Pond Dam	2.60	50,000
TOTAL	ACRES AND VALUES	777.88 \$2,616,400

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January 23, 1998

To the Board of Selectmen
Francestown, New Hampshire

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Francestown, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 1997, and have issued our report thereon dated January 23, 1998.

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 general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The management of the Town of Francestown, New Hampshire is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of general purpose financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

In planning and performing our audit of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Francestown, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 1997, we obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a 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 and irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to

the general purpose 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. We noted no matters involving the control structure and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

This report is intended for the information of management and the Board of Selectmen. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

Vadon, Cahay & Co., PC

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENSES
FISCAL YEAR 1997**

EXECUTIVE

Appropriation \$28,566.00

Payroll*	\$21,786.60
Postage	397.74
Computer-Supplies/Repairs	745.00
Copier-Supplies/Repairs	867.59
Office Supplies	423.74
Professional Development	0.00
Publications	477.93
Advertising	102.20
Town Reports	1,400.00
Telephone	1,045.79
Travel Reimbursement	21.50
Miscellaneous	<u>145.08</u>
Total	\$27,413.17

ELECTION/REGISTRATION/TWN CLK

Appropriation \$26,518.00

Payroll*	\$20,362.00
Postage	12.48
Computer/Supplies	776.50
Copier-Supplies/Repairs	418.30
Printing	46.10
Office Supplies	183.67
Professional Development	413.29
Publications	378.00
Travel Reimbursement	142.62
Advertising	58.40
Telephone	719.18
Election Equipment	1,845.89
Miscellaneous	<u>130.51</u>
Total	\$25,486.94

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation \$19,275.00

Payroll*	\$7,362.00
Postage	1,597.50
Computer/Supplies/Repairs	969.00
Copier/Supplies/Repairs	410.94
Printing	0.00
Office Supplies	295.61
Professional Development	346.29
Office Equipment	0.00
Travel Reimbursement	0.00
Recording Fees	1,048.40
Bank Fee Charges	62.33
Professional Audit	<u>4,829.00</u>
Total	\$16,921.07

REVALUATION UPDATES

Appropriation \$5,845.00

Payroll*	\$111.37
Postage	198.99
Computer Supplies	0.00
Printing	428.00
Appraisal Updates	1,370.24
Tax Map Updates	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$2,108.60

LEGAL EXPENSES

Appropriation \$15,000.00

Legal/Defense/Claims	\$4,287.82
Legal/Tory Pines	<u>149.50</u>
Total	\$4,437.32

PERSONAL ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation \$52,760.00

Medical Insurance	\$21,040.92
FICA	20,555.00
Unemployment Insurance	572.90
Workmen's Compensation	<u>7,142.46</u>
Total	\$49,311.28

PLANNING & ZONING

Appropriation \$10,800.00

Payroll*	\$690.37
Postage	171.82
Computer/Supplies/Repairs	22.99
Copier/Supplies/Repairs	377.48
Printing	515.23
Office Supplies	99.96
Professional Development	15.00
Publications	300.00
Travel Reimbursement	0.00
Advertising	270.33
Recording Fees	114.32
Professional Plan	0.00
Completeness Review	0.00
Reimburse Telephone	0.00
Regional Dues	1,351.00
Miscellaneous	1,400.37
Master Plan	<u>26.45</u>
Total	\$5,355.32

PLANNING REVIEW & EXPENSES

Appropriation \$5,000.00

Total \$0.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BLDG MAINTENANCE
Appropriation \$16,580.00

Payroll*	\$1,023.75
Electricity	2,858.00
Telephone	453.79
Heating Fuel	2,547.23
Water	248.00
Buildings Repairs/Service	13,831.31
Bottled Water	232.75
Buildings Alarm Service	985.00
Buildings Furnishings	214.00
Town Clock	81.50
Supplies	<u>239.30</u>
Total	\$22,714.63

CEMETERIES
Appropriation \$7,475.00

Payroll*	\$5,426.00
Supplies	165.43
Electricity	124.77
Equipment Rental	0.00
Equipment Repairs/Supplies	731.33
Cemetery Repairs #2	113.00
Miscellaneous	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$6,560.53

INSURANCE
Appropriation \$35,846.00

Property & Liability Total \$33,576.00

REGIONAL ASSOCIATION DUES
Appropriation \$713.00

NHMA	\$667.08
Town Officers' Associations	0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$667.08

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Appropriation \$49,175.00

Payroll*	\$30,460.40
Postage	50.30
Copier/Supplies/Repairs	313.30
Office Supplies	385.45

Professional Development	130.00
Publications	368.13
Office Equipment	74.48
Advertising	0.00
Telephone	1,043.34
Weapon	0.00
Ammunition	210.00
Animal Care	75.00
Professional Prosecutor	0.00
Dispatch Service	1,884.00
Medical Supplies	0.00
Uniforms	1,514.00
Radio Repairs	545.75
Gasoline	1,396.56
Repairs Cruiser	820.87
Radio Equipment	1,619.00
Miscellaneous	94.70
Special Duty Pay	<u>1,656.00</u>
Total	\$42,641.28

AMBULANCE

Appropriation \$13,069.00

Contacted Services	\$9,134.00
Ambulance Purch/Lease	<u>3,935.00</u>
Total	\$13,069.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation \$24,300.00

Administrative Expenses	\$750.00
Electricity	1,603.19
Telephone	795.55
Heating Fuels	984.24
Building Repairs/Service	360.11
Propane	86.39
Professional Development	1,120.00
Dispatch Service	2,970.45
Fire Equipment	5,191.27
Association Dues	304.00
Medical Supplies & Equipment	576.55
Protective Clothing	2,262.90
Forest Fires	32.19
Radio Repairs	3,354.16
Fuel/Gasoline/Diesel	534.65
Repairs Fire Apparatus	2,075.10
Dry Hydrant Repair/Installation	0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>174.43</u>
Total	\$23,175.18

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Appropriation \$800.00

Payroll*	\$1,021.50
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Office Supplies		<u>0.00</u>
	Total	\$1,021.50

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
 Appropriation \$500.00

Radio Repairs		\$ 0.00
Miscellaneous		<u>0.00</u>
	Total	\$ 0.00

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS
 Appropriation \$189,884.00

Payroll		\$115,720.02
Professional Development		295.00
Road Salt/Salt Additive		14,817.77
Sand-Winter		6,141.78
Culvert/Grates/Maintenance		4,605.51
Mowing		2,290.00
Blasting		0.00
Equipment Rental		12,345.00
Calcium Chloride-Summer		2,525.63
Road Fabric		1,416.00
Seeds/Hay		353.95
Tree Cutting		0.00
Miscellaneous		<u>25.98</u>
	Total	\$160,536.64

GENERAL EXPENSE HWY
 Appropriation \$69,925.00

Office Supplies		520.93
Advertising		29.20
Electricity		2,780.45
Telephone		1,012.50
Heating Fuel		1,298.74
Water		175.75
Maintenance & Repairs Bldg		135.70
Dues		20.00
Supplies		3,665.85
Medical/Physical		101.00
Drug/Alcohol Testing		370.00
Protective Clothing		330.17
Gasoline/Additives		6,059.65
Diesel/Additives		6,912.19
Repairs Heavy Truck		1,161.20
Truck Parts		8,076.41
Repairs Heavy Equipment		4,918.94
Parts-Heavy Equipment		3,233.10
Tires		1,999.72
Oil/Lubricants/Anti-Freeze		2,032.81
Welding		1,212.18
Tools		3,339.20

Equipment Purchases	0.00
Street Signs	17.00
Traffic Signs	2,245.18
MV/Reg/Insp	646.91
Miscellaneous	106.25
Cutting Edges	3,016.64
Chains	2,408.66
Small Equipment/Repairs	1,262.72
FEMA	<u>14,017.25</u>
Total	\$73,106.30
RESEAL/PATCH	
Appropriation \$51,000.00	
Sand	1,440.00
Shimming	<u>52,546.80</u>
Total	\$53,986.80
GRAVEL	
Appropriation \$23,392.00	
Bennington Site	3,191.25
Gravel/Processing	<u>24,158.12</u>
Total	\$27,349.37
BRIDGES	
Appropriation \$14,000.00	
Maintenance/Repairs	<u>\$15,629.01</u>
Total	\$15,629.01
STREET LIGHTING	
Appropriation \$4,200.00	
Utility Charge	<u>4,065.57</u>
Total	\$4,065.57
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	
Appropriation \$77,289.00	
Payroll*	\$24,607.52
Printing	0.00
Professional Development	122.45
Publications	0.00
Travel Reimbursement	20.25
Electricity	511.48
Telephone	506.99
Building Repairs	5,794.06
Propane	484.20
Supplies	449.78
Compactor Rental	3,720.00
Toilet Rental	805.00
Equipment Rental	0.00
Hauling/Disposal (Compactor)	25,906.77
Disposal Tires	949.00

Container Rental/Bulky (C&D)	250.00
Haul/Disposal - Bulky	6,543.56
Haul/Glass	500.00
Hauling/Newsprint	550.00
Hauling/Plastic	1,170.00
Hauling/Aluminum	300.00
Hshld. Hazardous Waste Collection	2,473.49
Miscellaneous	<u>1,785.14</u>
Total	\$77,449.69

LANDFILL WELL TEST
 Appropriation \$4,075.00

Payment to Town of Bennington	<u>2,738.21</u>
Total	\$2,738.21

HEALTH SERVICES
 Appropriation \$2,512.00

Family Services	\$1,212.00
Home Health Care	<u>1,212.00</u>
Total	\$2,424.00

WELFARE GENERAL ASSISTANCE
 Appropriation \$5,000.00

Payroll*	\$1,000.00
Publications	0.00
Welfare Eligibility Payments	<u>3,188.55</u>
Total	\$4,188.55

RECREATION
 Appropriation \$24,790.00

Payroll*	\$12,698.52
Postage	111.70
Electricity	145.45
Telephone	221.93
Supplies/Beach	197.18
Toilet Rental	700.00
Maintenance Rec Equipment	315.07
Field Maintenance	59.82
Little League/Baseball	1,179.48
Equipment	195.87
Swimming Program	107.50
Halloween	121.49
Piano Repairs	0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>18.00</u>
Total	\$16,072.01

LIBRARY
 Appropriation \$40,993.00

Payroll*	\$24,763.64
Postage	224.02
Office Supplies	768.21

Professional Development	181.20
Publications	1,194.32
Travel Reimbursement	96.24
Library Books	6,994.63
Electricity	900.13
Telephone	604.97
Heating Fuel	1,331.64
Water	228.65
Building Repairs	1,908.47
Equipment/Repairs	906.35
Miscellaneous	94.65
Summer Reading Program	<u>480.97</u>
Total	\$40,678.09

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Appropriation \$900.00

Postage	\$87.94
Copier Supplies	30.83
Printing	0.00
Office Supplies	166.90
Professional Development	65.00
Advertising	0.00
Professional Service/Legal	0.00
Reimbursement Phone	0.00
Association Dues	150.00
Field Equipment	0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>8.95</u>
Total	\$509.62

DEBT SERVICE
Appropriation \$30,673.00

Prin-Long Term Notes	\$25,000.00
Interest-Long Term Notes	3,172.50
Interest on TAN	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$28,172.50

WARRANT ARTICLES 1997

ARTICLE 7 Reconstruct/Pave Portion Mountain Road
Appropriation \$60,000.00

Francestown Sand & Gravel	\$2,483.75
A. Chuck Houghton, Jr.	70.00
C.A. Willard	4,574.00
Jaf Industires, Inc.	2,877.41
C & L Landscaping	875.00

Dubois Tree Service	250.00
G.W. Construction, Inc.	6,570.00
Seven Falcon, Inc.	34.08
All States Asphalt, Inc.	30,431.40
John H. Burroughs Trucking, Inc.	7,150.00
Miller Plumbing & Heating	969.00
Del R. Gilbert & Son Block Co.	107.40
Neenah Foundry Company	264.00
Clarence Paige	795.00
Phoenix Precast Products	180.00
NH Bituminous Company, Inc.	1,944.00
Yankee Pools, Inc.	800.00
Sullivan Brothers, Inc.	<u>2,460.00</u>
Total	\$62,835.04

ARTICLE 8 Pave Portion Dodge Hill Road
Appropriation \$10,000.00

NH Bituminous Company, Inc.	\$13,231.20
Francestown Sand & Gravel, Inc.	<u>360.00</u>
Total	\$13,591.20

ARTICLE 9 Capital Reserves
Appropriation \$76,500.00

Trustees of Trust Funds	<u>76,500.00</u>
Total	\$76,500.00

ARTICLE 10 Bixby Mill Pond Dam Completion
Appropriation \$76,610.00
Carry -over \$3,094.93

Manchester Redimix Concrete, Inc.	\$26,692.00
Independent Pipe & Supply Corp.	1,520.54
Gauthier Brothers	57,080.00
Peter Dimmit & Sons	1,014.00
Miller Plumbing & Heating	7,297.72
Antrim Lumber	896.73
Capitol Fire Protection Co.	594.58
Seven Falcon, Inc.	205.26
Bixby Restorations	513.85
Francestown Sand & Gravel, Inc.	3,977.50
Jaffrey Fire Protection Co., Inc.	436.00
Achille of Peterborough, Inc.	<u>201.93</u>
Total	\$100,430.11

ARTICLE 12 Conservation Fund
Appropriation \$10,000.00

Town of Francestown	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
Total	\$10,000.00

ARTICLE 15 Bell Tower Repairs
 Appropriation \$9,160.00

Al Fauteux		<u>\$9,160.00</u>
	Total	\$9,160.00

ARTICLE 16 Project Lift
 Appropriation \$100.00

Project Lift		<u>\$100.00</u>
	Total	\$100.00

*Payroll

Donald C. Abbott	\$1,000.00
Richard A. Belanger	6,341.00
Robert F. Camelio	525.00
Clyde S. Campbell	135.00
Barbara J. Carbee	1,052.50
Scott S. Carbee	3,047.67
James F. Champagne	1,479.00
Scott A. Champagne	913.75
George C. Cilley	11,143.26
Jonathan D. DeWitt	336.00
Aaron M. Eder-Linell	1,912.00
Peter M. Flood	7,700.00
Clayton Foote, Jr.	28,092.22
Richard A. Foote, Sr.	5,610.50
Dennis Gilman	143.00
Joan E. Hanchett	14,584.95
Frank Hanchett	788.40
Sirkka T. Holm	1,244.65
Nancy L. Houlihan	6,873.39
Denise E. Hunsaker	1,165.00
Carol W. Ireland	245.00
Charles A. Jarvis	1,377.00
Lorie A. Jenkins	3,650.00
John W. Jenkins	1,400.00
Scott M. Jenkins	84.00
Helen Johnston	265.00
Shirley L. Jones	135.00
Edward E. Jones	42.50
Kathi L. Kendall	500.00
Peter C. Ketchum	1,560.00
Hobart D. Kiblin	10,887.25
Janet Kiczek	2,842.17
Steven H. Lape	1,160.25
Duncan F. Lawrence	255.13
Paul H. Lawrence	165.00
Joseph C. Ludwig	1,021.50
Carol F. Lunan	116.00
Edward MacKenzie	276.50
James A. Mason	12,064.22
Elaine T. McClary	24,317.99
Demetria A. McKaig	690.37

Bernice E. Miller	265.00
Richard O. Miller	608.00
George W. Morgan	13,042.05
Pamela A. Nation	240.00
Sarah J. O'Donnell	230.00
Gary W. Paige	27,489.50
Clayton O. Philbrick III	27,272.75
Daniel T. Pietrovito	351.51
James A. Pietrovito, Jr.	1,576.25
Kenton Pleger	1,050.04
Lori J. Ricci	15,749.89
Richard D. Roberts	350.00
Dolores J. Sanchioni	135.00
Nathan H. Sanderson IV	1,097.00
Patricia L. Schell	84.00
Joshua B. Sipe	1,501.00
Joel E. Sipe	2,176.13
Jarrett K. Sloan	337.25
Michael J. Stone	603.50
Karen A. St.Cyr	112.50
Mike Tacy	705.50
Mary T. Tempone	60.00
Thomas J. Thibeault	4,557.40
O. Alan Thulander	1,700.00
Kevin P. Tucker	5,203.75
Richard W. VanNostrand	385.00
Harold A. Varnum	82.50
Randall S. Wheeler	1,000.00
Philip J. Woodbury III	<u>3,582.00</u>
Total	\$268,689.69

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997**

Balance in Treasury, January 1, 1997		\$729,331.43
Tax Collector:		\$2,760,206.95
Town Clerk:		\$166,298.32
Federal Grants & Reimbursements		\$1,605.29
State of New Hampshire:		
Shared Revenue Block Grant	\$44,099.72	
Highway Block Grant	67,860.72	
Other State Grants & Reimbursement	<u>116,157.08</u>	
		\$228,117.52
Unclassified:		
Building Permits	\$905.50	
Business Permit	25.00	
Septic Approvals	165.00	
Pistol Permits	60.00	
Planning Board Fees	828.95	
Cemetery Lot Sales/Care	1,175.00	
Reimburse Police Expense	3,071.70	
Reimburse Highway Expenses	170.65	
Waste Disposal Fees	1,970.80	
Recycling Sales	1,491.69	
Exercise Programs	704.00	
Summer Programs	3,278.00	
Sale of Town Owned Property	120.00	
Interest on Investments	19,853.48	
Short Term Rental-Town Hall	200.00	
Insurance Dividends & Refunds	508.37	
Community Theatre Donation	4,000.00	
Contributions & Donations	1,430.00	
Trustee of Trust Funds	23,538.00	
Fines & Forfeits	295.00	
Commission on Pay Phone	47.76	
Miscellaneous Revenues	6,483.00	
Current Use Registrations	86.24	
Sales-Printed Materials/Copies	320.22	
Interfund Transfers	20,500.00	
Reimbursement of Expenses	<u>15,649.35</u>	
		<u>\$106,877.71</u>
Total		\$3,992,437.22
LESS: Selectmen's Orders Paid		\$3,167,161.34
Balance in Treasury December 31, 1997		\$825,275.88

TOWN CLERK REPORT - 1997

Automobile Permits	1,820	\$157,842.00
** Dog Licenses	382 Tags	2,317.50
Marriage Licenses	14	532.00
Copies of Vital Statistics	69	288.00
Filing Fees	3	3.00
Rebates to Town Clerk		5,315.82
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Total		\$166,298.32

**** A reminder that all dogs should be licensed by April 30th of each year, if dog is over 3 months old. There is a \$25.00 forfeit if your dog is not licensed by June 1st, RSA 466:13. Important please be sure to bring current rabies certificate with you when licensing your dog. Licenses available at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday 8:00 AM to noon, and Monday and Thursday evenings 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine T. McCLARY, Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

LEVIES OF	1997	1996
DEBIT		
UNCOLLECTED TAXES:		
Property Taxes		\$221,542.15
Yield Taxes		1,718.96
TAXES COMMITTED		
-1997:		
Property Taxes	\$2,683,969.00	
Land Use Change	14,676.00	
Yield Taxes	25,103.45	
OVERPAYMENT:		
Property Taxes	8,015.98	
Interest Collected on		
Delinquent Property Tax	4,296.89	13,919.39
Delinquent Yield Tax	7.50	329.04
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$2,736,068.82</u>	<u>\$237,509.54</u>
LEVIES OF		
CREDIT		
REMITTED TO TREASURER.		
DURING FISCAL YEAR:		
Property Taxes	\$2,362,042.70	\$221,542.15
Land Use Change	12,095.00	
Yield Taxes	21,609.71	1,718.96
Interest	4,304.39	14,248.43
Abatements Made:		
Property Taxes	55,143.40	
Overpayments	8,015.98	
UNCOLLECTED TAXES		
-END OF YEAR:		
Property Taxes	266,782.90	
Land Use Change Tax	2,581.00	
Yield Taxes	3,493.74	
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$2,736,068.82</u>	<u>\$237,509.54</u>

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
TAX LIENS
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

	1996	PRIOR LEVIES
Debit		
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year		\$108,410.05
Liens Executed During Fiscal Yr.	\$104,038.23	
Interest & Costs Collected after lien execution:	2,375.22	15,732.15
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$106,413.45</u>	<u>\$124,142.20</u>
Credit		
REMITTANCE TO TREASURER:		
Redemptions	\$ 33,222.92	\$63,299.34
Interest & Costs (After Lien Execution)	2,375.22	15,732.15
Unredeemed Liens Bal. End of Year	70,815.31	45,110.71
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$106,413.45</u>	<u>\$124,142.20</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine T. McCLARY, Tax Collector

UNCOLLECTED PROPERTY TAXES
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1997

1997 PROPERTY TAX

ABBOTT, NELLIE N.	2,274.00	
ABBOTT, ROBERT N.	4,324.00	
AMES, ROBERT C. & NATION, PAMELA	1,974.57	**
BARONAS, PAUL & PATRICIA	985.00	
BARREGO, PETER J., IRREVOCABLE TRUST	1,879.46	
BARRIOS, TOMMY E. & JOHN & SYLVIA	2,322.00	**
BELL, CHRISTINE R.	1,101.00	
BERRY, STEPHEN H. & PAMELA M.	2,415.00	
BODNAR, DAVID T. & BAMBI L.	3,104.00	
BUCKLEY, MICHAEL D. & NANCE S.	3,626.00	
CAMPBELL, KENNETH	1,870.00	
CARAPETYAN, HARRIETT	2,220.00	
CARBEE, SCOTT & BARBARA	32.00	
CASKIE (ET-AL), BARBARA	1.75	
CHAPMAN, J. RUSSELL	26.00	
CONNOR, RICHARD A. & EILEEN G.	3,831.00	**
COPE, GREGORY T. & COMFORT, HALSEY	3,018.03	
CORCORAN, JOHN M.	448.00	
COTTON, DUDLEY NEALE	1,268.00	
CROWLEY, DENNIS D. & ALETA J.	460.00	
CURRIER REVOCABLE TRUST	1,582.00	
DERR MONICA R.	788.60	**
de TARNOWSKI, MICHAEL	2,066.00	*
DOYLE, FRANCIS A.	9.10	
EAST ROAD REALTY TRUST	7,802.00	
EGGERT, CHARLES N.	5,251.00	*
ELECHKO, JOSEPH R. & JOHNYNE SUPULSKI-ELECHKO	3,309.00	
EaSTAR VENTURES, LLC	25,141.00	
FARHM, EDWIN O. & RITA J.	1,518.91	
FASANO, MICHAEL & MICHELE	1,281.00	
FINLAYSON, DODIE SPERRY	3,542.00	
FOOTE JR., CLAYTON F.	2,480.27	
FOOTE, RICHARD A. & MARLA L.	2,226.00	
FORTUNE, WILLIAM	291.00	
FRITZ, WILLIAM G. & DONNA P.	2,842.00	
GILL, CHARLES G.	1,279.95	
HALSEY, HES & NOAH	2,479.71	
HANSEN, WILLIAM F. & PEGGY R.	6,931.00	
HARDWICK, BETSY L.	883.00	**
HARDWICK, CARL H. JR. & VALORIE MAE	3,523.00	
HATCH, ROBYN	3,253.00	
HESS, CAROL L. & KATZ, GEOFFREY	938.00	
HOLDING, MARK R. & JESSIE	1,823.20	
HOLMES & KENNEDY PTR	7.94	
HOPKINS, NATALIE	1,949.00	
HOWE, JAMES & JUNE	2,830.00	
HUGHES, KENNETH G. & JANICE M.	1,934.00	
INTERNATIONAL SHOE MACHINE CORP.	757.00	
JACKSON, DANA	739.00	
JOCH, ALAN & FREED, ANNE	854.58	
JOHNSON, FONDA & YOUNGER, LAURA	287.00	

JOHNSON, WAYNE A. & JOSETTE A.	2,823.00
JONES, CHAMPLIN W. & RUBY M.	1,306.28
JOY, FRANKLIN III & SARAH L.	1,850.00
JOY, THOMAS W.	1,268.00
KAMPE, EVA	1,317.00
KIBLIN, HOBART D. & HEATHER	2,304.00
KIBLIN, WARREN	2,819.00
KNIGHT, PAUL B.	819.00
LEAVITT, BRIAN S. & DEBORAH W.	3,065.00
LUDWIG, ANTHONY J. & LUDWIG, JOSEPH & SHIRLEY	1,085.00
MACDONALD, RALPH E.	2,575.00
MACDONALD, THOMSON & HOWELL, PRISCILLA	301.00
MAYBEE, HARRY THOMAS	892.00
MCCOY, LAWRENCE & MARY	25.00 *
MCDONNELL, THOMAS & ELIZABETH	1,442.34
MCKAIG, KEVIN B. & DEMETRIA	1,600.16
MCNEIL, WILLIAM F. & PATRICIA A.	16.18 *
MILLER, REED C. JR. & JUDITH	1,831.87
MILLER, RICHARD & BERNICE	3,432.00
MOELLER RETAILING ENTERPRISES	8,372.00
MONKTON, CHRISTINE M.	3,432.00
MULLEN, ROBERT J.	912.73
NEAL, GARY L. & SUSAN R.	1,859.00
NEMETH, JOZSEF & NANCY	2,492.00 **
NOLET, CHRISTOPHER J.	3.00
O'DONNELL, KENNETH R. & JANICE	2,315.00
PERKINS III, SPENCER W.	2,551.57
PITCHARD, CLEON & NELIA M.	1,842.00
POOR FARM TRUST	1,042.00
QUILTY, JANET M.	3,233.00
RAV REALTY TRUST	1,839.00
REYNOLDS, ROBERT J.	359.25
ROBERGE, GIANA S.	1,026.00
ROBERTS, RICHARD D. & LORI J.	2,176.00
RODIER, DENNIS P. & EILEEN L.	4,934.00
ROKES, BARBARA J.	1,183.00 *
ROLPH, CHARLES G. & JILL R.	2,026.00
SANDERSON III TRUST, NATHAN	3,344.00
SANDERSON IV, NATHAN & CATHERINE	4,847.00
SHELL, DAVID P. & PATRICIA B.	2,752.00
SCHNAKENBERG, GARY R. & HANCOCK, DEBORAH L.	1,373.42
SCHULTZ, DOUGLAS C.	5,859.00
SLAMIN, GARY J. & SUE E.	1,984.00
SMITH, GRACE R.	2,287.00
SMITH, HUGH O.	3,789.00
STEWART, DAVID M.	3,116.00
STEWART, KRIS N.	9,925.65
TAYLOR, TIMOTHY B.	5,959.00
THOMSON, ROGER J.	2,362.00
TOLMAN, MATTHEW	123.00
TOPPING, HEIDI E.	1,966.00
UTTER, NANCY E. & CRAIG	512.81 **
VON ROSENVINGE, JAMES T. & MAUREEN	5,031.00
WALTERS, JEFFREY R.	294.00
WHARTON, JAMES B. & VIVIAN R.	514.77
WHIPPLE, GEORGE C. & JACQUELINE	1,860.00 *

WRIGHT, JUDITH C.	6,382.00 **
YOUNG, JOHN H. & RITA H.	<u>2,868.00</u>
TOTAL UNCOLLECTED 1997 PROPERTY TAX	\$266,782.90

UNCOLLECTED 1997 CURRENT USE TAX

HARDWICK, BETSY L.	2,581.00
TOTAL UNCOLLECTED 97 CURRENT USE TAX	<u>\$2,581.00</u>

UNCOLLECTED 1997 YIELD TAX

CROTCHED MOUNTAIN FOUNDATION	1,844.84
DERR, MONICA R.	<u>1,848.90</u>
TOTAL UNCOLLECTED 97 YIELD TAX	\$3,493.74

- * PAID IN FULL AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1997
- ** PARTIAL PAYMENT AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1997

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine T. McClary, Tax Collector

**UNREDEEMED TAXES
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1997**

1995 - PROPERTY TAX	
BARONAS, PAUL & PATRICIA	1,243.02
EaSTAR VENTURES, LLC	22,529.03
JOY FRANKLIN III & SARAH L.	2,094.55
JOY, THOMAS W.	1,580.75
KAMPE, EVA	1,383.90
KIBLIN, WARREN	2,870.38
PITCHARD, CLEON & NELIA	2,947.28
SANDERSON IV, NATHAN & CATHERINE	917.91
SCHULTZ, DOUGLAS C.	5,473.70
SLAMIN, GARY J. & SUE	311.05
SMITH, HUGH O.	3,745.34
TOTAL 1995 PROPERTY TAX DUE	\$45,110.71

1996 - PROPERTY TAX	
BARONAS, PAUL & PATRICIA	1,090.40
BARRIOS, TOMMY E. & JOHN & SYLVIA	1,379.80
BERRY, STEPHEN H. & PAMELA	1,107.24
CORCORAN, JOHN M.	524.39
EaSTAR VENTURES, LLC	23,985.19
JOHNSON, FONDA & YOUNGER, LAURA	319.09
JOHNSON, WAYNE A. & JOSETTE	1,247.05
JOY, FRANKLIN III & SARAH	2,034.20
JOY, THOMAS W.	1,409.22
KAMPE, EVA	1,448.17
KIBLIN, HOBART D. & HEATHER	1,916.31
KIBLIN, WARREN	2,844.90
MACDONALD, RALPH E.	2,795.57
PITCHARD, CLEON & NELIA	2,024.89
QUILTY, JANET M.	3,483.22
SANDERSON IV, NATHAN & CATHERINE	5,218.10
SCHULTZ, DOUGLAS C.	6,230.28
SLAMIN, GARY J.	2,152.44
SMITH, HUGH O.	4,077.05
TOLMAN, MATTHEW	105.88
VON ROSENVINGE, JAMES & MAUREEN	5,421.52
TOTAL 1996 PROPERTY TAX DUE	\$70,815.31

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Respectfully submitted,
 Elaine T. McClary, Tax Collector

1997 Fire Department Report

Officers:

Chief	Donald C. Abbott
1 st Deputy	Brian Delahanty
2 nd Deputy	Rich Pierson
Captains	Frank Jones
	Gary Paige
	Randy Wheeler
	David Ballou
	Larry Kullgren
	David Kullgren
Forest Fire Warden	Dick Leavitt
Standing Committee	Dick Leavitt
	Rich Pierson
	Chuck Kendall
Clerk	Mark Pitman
Treasurer	Paul St. Cyr
Historian	Al Thulander
Fire Training Officers	David Kullgren
	Frank Jones
Rescue Training Officer	Brian Delahanty
Dive Training Officer	David Ballou

Break down of 1997 calls:

Sunday Radio Check	46
Meetings	12
Drills	7
Work Details	7
Fire (Appliance)	0
Fire (Chimney)	3
Fire (Forest/Brush)	7
Fire (Structure)	0
Fire (Vehicle)	3
Rescue (Medical)	31
Rescue (Accident)	12
Rescue (Water)	1
PSNH (Wires Down)	6
Alarm Activations	5
Mutual Aid	9
Other	5

The Francestown Volunteer Fire Department responded to a total of 82 calls during 1997.

This is in addition to Sunday morning radio checks, monthly meetings, and training drills. Two of our members have recently become EMT-1's and three members are currently taking the Career Fire Fighting course. Over the past year one new member joined the department. Anyone interested in joining the department can come down any Sunday morning and talk with us.

Remember you need a written permit to have an outside fire when snow is not present. You can get a permit from Forest Fire Warden Dick Leavitt or myself.

The fire department thanks you for your continued support.

Have a safe year.

Respectfully submitted
Donald C. Abbott
Fire Chief

FRANCESTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. AUXILIARY 1997 TOWN REPORT

Officers:

President – Linda Abbott
Vice President – Karen St. Cyr
Secretary – Dariel Peterson
Treasurer – Theo Wheeler

This year our activities included –

selling refreshments at Town Meeting,

preparing and serving a corned beef dinner for the Hillsborough Forest Fire Wardens at the March meeting, held at the Francestown fire station,

sponsoring the Senior Girl Scout Troop and the Daisy Troop,

sponsoring the Fire Prevention Poster/Essay Contest (held in conjunction with the Fire Department's visit to the school and Pre-school during Fire Prevention Week).

Respectfully Submitted

Linda L. Abbott
President

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

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

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The 1997 fire season was a safe period for wildland firefighters with no major injuries reported. The drought conditions experienced during the early summer months was a significant factor resulting in the total number of fires reported during the season.

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

1997 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1997)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

Belknap	58
Carroll	96
Cheshire	63
Coos	29
Grafton	51
Hillsborough	145
Merrimack	148
Rockingham	54
Stafford	63
Sullivan	19

TOTAL FIRES 726
TOTAL ACRES 177.17



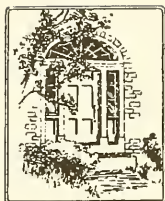
Forest Ranger

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

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



Forest Fire Warden



GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY
 Francestown, New Hampshire 03043

ANNUAL REPORT 1997

Library Hours		
Tuesday		1 - 5 p.m.
Wednesday	10 - 12	1 - 5 p.m.
Thursday		1 - 7 p.m.
Friday	10 - 12	1 - 5 p.m.
Saturday	9 - 1	

Pre-School Storytime 10:30 a.m. September - June on Wednesdays

CIRCULATION OF MATERIALS		Total 16,372
Fiction & Non Fiction		14,096
Magazines		1,944
Audio Tapes		332
		Total 16,37
Inter Library Loans		47
New Library Patrons		97
		68 Adult
		29 Students
Books Added to Library Holdings	Total Owned 14,324	
Adult 333 14 Gifts	Children's 353	
Discards	Adult Fiction 315	Non Fiction 64 Children's 98

EXHIBITS

JANUARY	Woodcarvings	Ed Farhm
FEBRUARY	Paint On Fabric	Craft Classes
APRIL	Art Work	Carol Russell
MAY	House Models & Pipe Boxes Book Sale & Plant Exchange	Bart Hanlon
JUNE	Masks by 2nd Grade from FES Oakhill Grange Display Garden Walkabout	Chris Bell
JULY	Workshops Bookmarks Calligraphy Summer Reading Program Art	Chris Bell Pam Nation Ames Nancy Houlihan Pat Swan
AUGUST	Reading Program Party	Nancy Houlihan
SEPTEMBER	Laborday Francestown Artisans Display Student Reading Program Book Reports Library Annual Fall Coffee (40 Attended)	

ANNUAL LIBRARY REPORT 1997 (Continued)

NOVEMBER	Dorling Kindersly Book Sale	Nancy Houlihan
DECEMBER	Storytime Christmas Party Two day Christmas Ornament Workshop	Nancy Houlihan

The Summer Reading Program "TAKE US TO YOUR READERS" enrolled one hundred and fifty participants. One hundred and thirteen completed the program with one thousand, seven hundred and thirty books read. A large number of book reports were written and displayed. During August a party was held, and students received gift certificates for a book of their choice from the Toadstool. We thank the Francestown Academy for supporting part of this program. Needless to say, a lot of planning goes into getting this event off and running. Nancy does a remarkable job of record keeping and having an attractive board for each reader to keep a record of the books read. We are happy that the number of entries keep increasing each year, but it is evident Nancy will need more help in the future. Our summer resident Jean Macdonald volunteered this year and we are very grateful to her.

Our June Garden Walkabout was a huge success. About thirty-seven townspeople joined us and we all had a great time touring seven gardens. I would like to thank the following Francestown gardeners for their generosity in allowing us to tramp around, ask questions, admire and have a really enjoyable time. We met at the library and started with Mary Jane Marsden's garden. Then over to Jim Bolle's followed by Don and Kay Severence. Al and Martha Coutts-Eisenberg was further out so we drove there, had refreshments and continued on to Bill and Carol Russell's. Bart & Nancy Hanlon and Sara Cox's were the last visited. We finished up about one o'clock and all agreed we should repeat this next year with different gardeners participating.

During November the library decided to serve coffee/tea on Friday mornings until twelve o'clock. This has been very successful with a good attendance. Occasionally we have programs and everyone is welcome.

I would like to thank the Trustees for their support throughout the year. Nancy, Sirkka and Frank are great to work with and you, the patrons are terrific readers. Its a real challenge to keep good reading material on the shelves. I certainly enjoy it.

Respectfully Submitted

JOAN E. HANCHETT
LIBRARIAN

THE GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY
LIBRARY TRUSTEE REPORT 1997

As our community grows in numbers and diversity so our library grows in its commitment to our community. Not only have our circulation numbers increased but our library has continued to enjoy hosting more community events this year including: art exhibits, workshops, coffees, and Frankestown Academy and Old Meeting House meetings.

All the library patrons have appreciated the tireless efforts of Betsy Wiederhold, Denise Buzzell and others who have donated their time to care for our front foundation and walk way gardens; truly a beautiful feast for our eyes.

Each year we continue to respect the integrity of our lovely old building; several new storm windows were installed this year and many lighting fixtures were repaired.

Major repairs are scheduled for the fire escape and the septic system in 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Varnum
Diane Sweet
MaryFrances Carey

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT 1997

The open space plan was the dominant topic for the FCC this year. We have inventoried and overlaid for every important feature we could think of. We discussed the idea of open space its value and how to maintain it. We now have a draft of an open space plan which after public hearings we hope to incorporate into the Frankestown master plan. We have also adopted procedures for the evaluation of potential projects which could qualify for conservation fund assets. There will be an overview of open space plan in our winter newsletter.

We co-sponsored, along with the transfer station, the first household hazardous waste day held at our transfer station. More households participated than had when the day was held jointly with New Boston. The volume and variety of waste also increased. The collection went smoothly and we appreciate the interest of the town in this effort.

Town forests are regularly visited and monitored for potential problems. Trail maintenance and clearing are ongoing activities.

Wetlands permits continue to demand time. All minimum impact projects are reviewed on site by the commission and a report is filed with the state. We also assist landowners in evaluating potential projects.

This summer, in association with the Piscataquog Watershed Association, members conducted a baseline survey of the Piscataquog River. The objective is to establish a baseline inventory of the flora, fauna, physical characteristics and general health of the river.

Every year we purchase tree seedings from the state tree nursery and distribute them at the Frankestown Elementary School to all the students. Of all the things we do it is easily the most fun and rewarding.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Gorton
Chris Danforth
Dodie Finlayson
Taisto Holm
Peter Kostecki
Bob Lindgren
Hannah Proctor
Matt Roy

1997 SCHEDULE OF CONSERVATION LANDS

TOWN FORESTS: (718.51 acres)

- | | | |
|----|--|-------------|
| 1) | Crotched Mountain Town Forest
(King, Merrill, and Schultz purchases and Merrill donation - south side of Crotched Mountain) | 630.0 acres |
| 2) | Driscoll Hill Town Forest
(Bowman Tract - off Driscoll Hill Road) | 53.6 acres |
| 3) | Lord Town Forest
(Ferson Road) | 27.91 acres |
| 4) | Piscataquog River Town Forest
(Behind/beside transfer station) | 6.0 acres |
| 5) | Fire Tower Town Forest
(Former state fire tower site - Crotched Mountain summit) | 1.0 acre |

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS HELD BY TOWN: (238.39 acres)

- | | | |
|----|---|-------------|
| 6) | Pleasant Pond/Piscataquog River
(Off Pleasant Pond Road, donated by Ellen M. Hill) | 144.9 acres |
| 7) | Piscataquog River
(Poor Farm and Todd Roads, donated by Harry & Connie Varnum) | 45.6 acres |
| 8) | Piscataquog River
(South New Boston Road donated, by Karen Dunscombe) | 22.63 acres |
| 9) | Whiting Brook
(Off Route 136, donated by Anthony Davis) | 25.26 acres |

ROAD AGENTS REPORT 1997

1997 was a good year for major road repairs. One half mile of Crotchet Mt. Road was totally reconstructed. Three quarters of a mile on Dodge Hill Road was tarred. Major ditch cleaning occurred in whole or part on Perley Road, Oak Hill Road, and Bible Hill extension. Some brush cutting maintenance was performed as part of these operations.

A major FEMA project took place on Mountain Road starting by the Inn, and continuing out to McNeil's. There was tree removal, and ledge removal, and fill hauled to improve flood drainage. Extra FEMA money is expected to help pay for more preventative maintenance on Back Mountain Road. Approximately 2000 yards of crushed gravel has already been spread. More drainage work remains to be done at a later date.

The winter from January 1997 through the end of the year was more ice than snow. About 4000 yards of sand and 400 tons of salt was used on road treatment. Regular road maintenance such as scraping, sealing, graveling, etc. was done on schedule. Part-time help caught us up on equipment maintenance in the months of November and December.

I would like to say a special thanks to George Morgan for his many years of service to the highway department. He will be missed. It is yet to be decided if there will be a replacement on the crew.

Many changes have been made from recommendations by the Highway Department Advisory Committee. Most of these are additional record keeping for future reference. Hopefully a computer is in the works for the future.

Training sessions were attended by myself and crew members throughout the year.

The department will be asking for a used wood chipper that meets more of the safety requirements for OSHA.

1997 list of roads graveled is as follows:

Bible Hill Extension	Garrish *
Poor Farm Road *	Birdsall Road *
Muzzey Road *	Second NH Turnpike North *
Champagne Road	Wilson Hill *
Juniper Hill	Mountain/Back Mountain Road *

* Denotes a section of the road

Proposed roads for 1998 graveling are as follows:

Russell Station	Dodge Hill
King Hill	Todd Road
County Road North	Candlewood Hill

Respectfully submitted,
Clayton Foote, Jr., Road Agent

P.S. A usual thank you for everyone's support to my men and department.

HIGHWAY ADVISORY MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

On June 6, 1996, the Francestown Advisory Road Maintenance Committee held its first meeting. This committee was formed by the Francestown Selectmen and currently consists of one (1) selectman, the town road agent and four (4) town residents. The committee is strictly voluntary and has no allocated operating budget. The committee normally meets twice a month.

The purpose of this committee is to review current highway department procedures, policies, and practices. This review incorporates a study of equipment needs, equipment purchases and maintenance practices; the purchase of raw and processed materials; a review of manpower requirements, including wages and benefit package. The committee will review contracting practices and cost analysis of utilizing outside contractors for repair or rebuilding our roads and culvert/bridge systems versus utilizing town employees. The committee study will also include the size, location and cost of future buildings that will be required by the highway department. Organize a road inventory system to allow the selectmen for future work to be accomplished. This would include culvert conditions and locations, bridge conditions, the need for gravel on the gravel roads for hard surfaced roads the need for patching, shimming or resealing.

The committee recognized an immediate need to incorporate a computerized data system for closer accountability. This system would be utilized to trace equipment cost, which includes the purchase, repair and maintenance cost of vehicles and equipment during both winter and summer use. The computer system would compare road repair cost, including graveling, grading, brushing, culvert or bridge maintenance, plus the cost of paved road maintenance. This system would also track and breakdown the total man hours, and equipment hours. Also, a breakdown of material types and total used per job site. Other job cost (subcontractors) materials, equipment, and labor cost not listed in this report could be included in the job cost to get a true cost.

In order to accomplish this task, new forms had to be created. The scope of these forms ranges from vehicle conditions reports to road condition and projection reports. Changes would have to be made in the line item accounting system to correspond with the new forms placed into service.

The committee spent the first several months in compiling information. The committee began by meeting with the town road agent and being apprised of current procedures and practices as to the use and distribution of personnel, equipment and materials. This information was used for comparison purposes when the committee visited several other highway departments that were similar size with nearly as possible the same amount of roads.

By November 1996, the committee had made several recommendations to the selectmen. This included the new forms and recommendations for changing and

adding new account line items, all of which were put into effect to start January 1997.

The January 1997 meeting was set up with the selectmen. This was originally set to discuss and plan the 1997 agenda. During the course of the meeting, the selectmen brought into the discussion the feasibility of creating a future public works department. It was the selectmen's wish that the committee start over from "ground zero" and design a new organization that would include all town services. This would include, but not limited to a new organizational chart, employee handbook, job descriptions, qualifications, pay grade system, insurance and retirement packages, earned vacations/sick leave time and number of employees required. This project includes the formulation and incorporation of standard operating procedures to be utilized in insuring a smooth transition, when and if the necessity of public works department becomes a reality.

The committee further recommends that the present number of employees remain at the current level of three (3) full time employees which includes a working Road Agent for the highway department until the conclusion of this committee's study.

This committee is currently compiling an information report for the selectmen's consideration and should be available before the 1998 town meeting.

I would like to seize the opportunity to thank the committee for their dedicated efforts and donation of time that made all that has been accomplished possible

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Ellis, Chairman
Clayton Foote, Jr.
Scott Carbee
Richard Kiczek
Andy Rimol
Harry Varnum

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 1997

The Town applied for and has now received hazard mitigation grants totaling \$101,000.00 and \$21,000.00 to help fund the Bixby Mill Pond Dam and Back Mountain Road drainage projects from the New Hampshire Emergency Management Administration. Our town will be a participant in a state-wide simulated disaster this April. All branches of town government and certain town organizations will be involved in this training exercise.

Should anyone have questions relating to natural disasters, emergency services, etc., please contact me.

Respectfully Submitted
O. Alan Thulander
Director, Emergency Management

CEMETERY COMMISSION 1997

Restoration work continued in the Turnpike cemetery with much more to be accomplished. The commission planted disease resistant elms in appropriate locations in all cemeteries.

Because of the problems experienced in general clean-up and lawn maintenance this past year, we ask your support of a trial contract with a commercial maintenance company for 1998.

Stuart Clark, Jr.
O. Alan Thulander, Chairman
Gordon Sherman

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION 1997

Though formal action by Town Meeting on a historic district ordinance remains in abeyance, the members of the commission stand ready to advise any property owner in Town as to resource materials available for restoration/preservation of our architectural and historical heritage. Please contact any member of the commission for information.

O. Alan Thulander, Chairman
Veda O'Neill
Mary Noordsy
Barbara Rattke
Frank Hanchett
Abigail Arnold
Nicholas Wilder

POLICE DEPARTMENT - 1997

Calls for service were down slightly in 1997. The domestics were down and accidents were up. The following is a list of the calls for the year.

Accidents	45	Juvenile Problems	18
Abandon Vehicles	4	Fire & Medical	28
Alarms	25	Missing Persons	6
Assist Motorist/Citizens	25	911 Hang-Up Calls	25
Arrests	20	Unsecured Bldgs.	6
Attempted Suicide	2	Wires/Trees Down	16
Assist Other Depts	49	Motor Vehicle Complaints	32
Bad Checks	9	Recovered Stolen/Lost Property	8
Burglaries	12	Suspicious Activities	40
Thefts	11	Animal Complaints	31
Disturbance Calls/Domestics	22	Annoying Phone Calls	9
Criminal Mischief	19	Civil Matters	18
Criminal Trespass	2	Miscellaneous	186
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE 668			

A school Halloween safety program was conducted in October. This spring a Police Officer Friendly and 911 classes will be held at the new Frankestown school. Some consideration will be given this year to a Bike Rodeo program, anyone interested may contact Sgt. Thibeault.

The Police Department is interested in speaking to any and all town residents who may have any type of alarm installed in their residence or business. The reason for this, is that we are making a book with all updated information such as, type of alarm, the name of the alarm company and phone number, a contact person who may have a key if there is a problem, description of the premise and exact location. Please contact Cpl. Richard Belanger at 547-6850 to obtain a form which you can fill out. This will help us better serve you if you have a problem. Several items were donated to the Department this year. A total of \$2,200.00 worth of baseball cards were given to us by David Burroughs. These were given out to the school kids at the Halloween program. A computer was given to the department by Governor's Trading House to replace our old one (also donated) which expired. All of the departments records are on computer. This makes retrieval much faster.

The 1998 budget is up a little over last year due to an increase in dispatch costs. We have little or no control over these costs. We have also put in a \$.25 per hour raise for the Officers. They have not had an increase in two years. The Chief's salary will stay the same.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter M. Flood, Chief

1997 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT

Breakdown of calls for 1997

Stray cats – 5

Stray dogs – 8

Missing cats – 3

Missing dogs – 3

Dig bites – 5

Miscellaneous (calls concerning animal's welfare, wild animal sightings – 12

Nuisance calls (concerning barking, chasing, roaming dogs) – 15

The rabies clinic we held in April was a success – look for notices for another clinic to be held in April of '98.

State law requires all dogs be licensed by May 1st each year. Remember – it costs you an additional \$ 1.00 a month after June 1 to license your dog. Proof of rabies vaccination (a rabies certificate) is required to license your dog – make sure you have the certificate with you when you go to the Town Annex to license you dog.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald C. Abbott
Animal Control Officer

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - 1997

The New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated and the Frankestown Zoning Ordinance give the Board of Adjustment the power to do the following: (1) Hear appeals from administrative decisions relating to the enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance, (2) make "Special Exceptions" from the terms of the Ordinance, (3) authorize "Variances" from the terms of the Ordinance and (4) grant "Equitable Waivers" from compliance with the dimensional requirements of the Ordinance. In each case the power of the Board is strictly limited by the terms of the Statutes and the Ordinance and persons wishing to bring a matter before the Board should examine the Ordinance before filing an application. Copies of the Ordinance and forms for applications and information on filing fees are available at the Town Offices.

The 1997 Board consisted of Guy A. Swenson, Jr., Chairman, Herbert A. Fincher, Vice-Chairman, Richard S. Mikula, Richard Kiczek and Charles Onasch. Alternates were Ann Soper, Charles M. Pyle, Jr. and Jozsef Nemeth. Ann Soper served as Clerk and Demetria McCaig served as the recording secretary..

During 1997 the Board denied one application for a variance and one application for a special exception. Two requests for equitable waivers were granted. One appeal from an administrative decision was decided in favor of the applicant.

Regular meetings of the Board of Adjustment are scheduled for the second thursday of each month. All meetings are open to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy A. Swenson, Jr.
Chairman

FRANCESTOWN PLANNING BOARD - 1997

The Board approved one three lot subdivision at the intersection of Dennison Pond Road and New Boston Road for the Pettee Trust. The net result was to increase the number of lots in town by two.

Although the Board worked on several proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance, only one is being presented to voters. Warrant Article #2 proposes to amend the definition of "building" to include structures such as unenclosed pole barns. The intent of the amendment is to make such structures subject to setback requirements.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of this ballot article which will be voted on Tuesday, March 10th. If you have any questions about the proposal please give one of our members, listed in the front of the town report, a call.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Arnold
Chairman

**FRANCESTOWN'S SIX YEAR (1998-2003)
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

The Town's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which was updated in January of 1998, serves three basic functions:

1. First and foremost, the CIP is a valuable planning tool which should help the Town to anticipate, prioritize, coordinate and manage its capital expenditures.
2. The CIP will provide part of the basis for developing an impact fee system which will require a developer, under certain circumstances, to offset some of the increased cost to the Town necessitated by his project.
3. The CIP will be essential for the development of any growth management ordinances, if, in the future, the Town should determine growth management to be necessary.

The Planning Board is recommending a spending plan, net of reserves and other offset revenues, of \$279,200 compared to a recommended plan of \$240,000 in 1997. The increase is due to unanticipated problems which cannot be deferred: the Library has problems with plumbing/septic as well as with the fire escape which, if not remedied, could necessitate the closing of the facility; and fuel pumps at the highway garage are defective.

The main difference between the CIP and the actual warrants is that the CIP recommends that any spending on granite fences for either the cemetery or the town hall be deferred unless they can be paid for by reserves or fund surplus.

Specifics of the 1998 CIP as recommended by the Planning Board are listed in Column 2 of Exhibit 1 on the next page. Also included in Exhibit 1 are the warrants as actually proposed by the departments. Footnotes indicate whether the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend approval of a particular warrant article.

The CIP is prepared - and this summary is provided - to assist you in your decision making at Town Meeting. If you would like a copy of the complete plan or have any questions about the plan and how it is prepared, please contact the Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted,

The Planning Board
The Board of Selectmen
The Budget Committee

January 27, 1998

EXHIBIT I
COMPARISON OF 1997 CIP WITH THE 1997 WARRANT ARTICLES

(1) Expense Item	(2) CIP	(3) Warrant Proposal	(4) Note	(5) Est. Tax Impact
Capital Reserve Items				
Highway Equipment	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	2	\$.27
Fire Equipment	40,000	40,000	2	.44
Fire Radios	500	500	2	.01
Conservation Fund	10,000	10,000	2	.11
Recreation Fund	5,000	5,000	2	.06
Road Improvements	10,000	10,000	2	.11
Police Vehicles	6,000	6,000	2	.07
Hwy. Garage	20,000	20,000	2	.22
Town Bldg. Improv.	10,000	10,000	2	.11
Reappraisal	5,000	5,000	2	.06
Equip/Projects/Non-Capital Warrants				
Pumper/Tanker Repairs	43,000	43,000	2	-
Fuel Mgmt. System	16,170	16,170	2	.18
Brush Chipper	13,000	13,000	2	-
Mountain Road	177,500	177,500	2	.96
Library Plumbing/Septic	15,000	15,000	2	.08
Library Fire Escape	17,000	17,000	2	.18
OMH Clock	7,100	7,100	2	.08
Cemetery Fence	10,000	21,900	2	.13
Town Hall Fence	-	6,100	2	.07
Total 1998 CIP	\$434,170			
Total 1998 Warrants		\$452,170		\$ 3.05
Total 1997 Warrants				\$ 1.88

Note 1: Estimated Tax Impact per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation is based on actual warrant proposal.

Note 2: In Column 4, a #2 notation indicates that approval of the warrant article is recommended by a majority of the Board of Selectmen and of the Budget Committee. A #3 notation indicates that approval is recommended by the Selectmen only. A #4 notation indicates that approval is recommended by the Budget Committee only. #5 indicates the Selectmen and Budget Committee express no opinion.

Note 3: Selectmen were discussing last minute changes to the warrants which may not be reflected in the above table.

**FRANCESTOWN PLANNING BOARD
SUB-COMMITTEE
REPORT OF ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

The Road Improvement Program Sub-Committee was established in May of 1989 by the Planning Board to help develop a long term road improvement program for inclusion in the Capital Improvement Program.

PURPOSE:

1. To recommend an appropriate sum of money to be spent each year to improve the roads of Francestown.
2. To recommend a 6 year plan of roads to be improved, listing roads and work to be done on each.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. To continue the policy that the full cost of all road improvement projects be raised by warrant article stating location and scope of each project.
2. To continue funding the capital reserve established for future road improvements by appropriating \$10,000 in 1998, plus an additional sum equal to the amount of the proposed capital improvement warrant in the event the warrant article is not supported by voters.
3. Starting in 1998, to have the majority of the work on all CIP reconstruction projects be performed by qualified outside contractors, rather than by the Highway Department. The Board of Selectmen and the Road Agent are in agreement with this recommendation since a large part of the reconstruction work requires the use and rental of equipment not owned by the town. Also, it is preferable to have the department personnel concentrate on regular road maintenance.
4. To accelerate the completion of the Mountain Road project by completing both Phase 2 and Phase 3 in 1998. In 1997 the reconstruction of Mountain Road was started as a 3 year project. The first year, Phase I, has been completed. The committee feels that it is more practical to withdraw \$90,000 from reserves in order to finish the project this year. (It should also be noted that, at this time, the town receives approximately \$60,000 per year from the state in the form of a highway block grant. These funds, in effect, substantially offset the tax impact of the road improvement program.)

RECOMMENDED PLAN (Subject to annual review and update):

The 1998 - 2003 Capital Improvements Program for roads continues to be based heavily upon the results of the 1994 Master Plan Questionnaire. Prioritization of projects beginning in 1999 has been delayed in the hope that additional traffic data will be available this year. (Numbers in the left hand column indicate the year in which the work is to be done.)

1998 Complete reconstruction of Mountain Road (approximately 2800 feet) Work (items a-d to be performed by outside contractors¹; items e-g by the Highway Dept.) consists of:

- a) tree cutting and stone walls: Since this is not a scenic road, there will be no public hearing to review the project. There are not plans to disturb stone walls. Trees will be marked at least 2 weeks prior to cutting.
- b) drainage improvements: Install estimated 2200 LF underdrain, including stone and fabric; replace and or install an estimate 500 LF of new culverts; install head walls plus 7 catch basins, as well as necessary ditching
- c) excavation: Reground pavement to be save and used with granular surfaces; unsuitable material to be removed to an average depth of 18" and disposed of off-site
- d) gravel surface: total of 12" of gravel plus 6" of crushed gravel to be placed over road construction fabric entire length of project
- e) guard rail: install approx. 250 LF
- f) pavement: 3' of pug mill/cold mix, with calcium treatment and sealing coat entire length of project
- g) finish work: clean up, seed and mulch all disturbed areas

\$177,500

1999	Continue reconstruction of other paved roads	\$75,000
2000	Continue reconstruction of other paved roads	\$75,000
2001	Continue reconstruction of other paved roads	\$75,000
2002	Continue reconstruction of other paved roads	\$75,000
2003	Continue reconstruction of other paved roads	\$75,000

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Arnold
Scott Carbee

Clayton Foote
Clifton Foote

Jeff Gorton
David Jonas

Scott Sanderson
Harry Varnum

¹ All material, e.g. gravel, culverts, underdrain, fabrics, catch basins, to be supplied by the town unless otherwise noted.

January 30, 1998

To The Francess town Selectmen

Gentlemen;

The Selectmen's "Red School" and Town Hall Study Committee experienced an active year touring town buildings and participating in meetings, public hearings, and structural planning. We heard requests, suggestions, and comments from interested citizens, town officers and town employees. Taking everything into consideration, we conclude that it is in Francess town's best interests to adapt the former Francess town Elementary School (The Schoolhouse) for use as our town office building. Our assessment of the present and near term needs for town offices and meeting space (see attached plans) brings us to the realization that little space remains for other uses to be located in The Schoolhouse. If alternate uses were allowed, they would be short term, at best, require additional expenditures for renovation, and possibly lead to issues involving conflicting uses, personal safety, building security, access, and noise. We note that all of the surrounding towns confine their town office buildings exclusively to government use.

We are including two architect generated floor plans to compliment our recommendation that the modifications of the interior of The Schoolhouse be done in two phases. Initial improvements are restricted to that necessary for occupancy in accordance with mandated federal and state laws and codes as well as simple improvements essential for the basic function of town officials, employees and committees. Implementing the first phase would allow town offices to be relocated quickly while keeping costs to a minimum. The downstairs would be modified to accommodate public meetings and additional office space. The second phase proposes options for further partitioning of the present first floor classrooms to create individual offices, corridors and storage space. We feel that once the building is in use, the occupants will be in a better position to fine tune a layout that best suit their needs.

Concerning site improvements, the committee recognizes the inevitable need for a new septic system and leach field. We suggest that the grade behind The Schoolhouse be raised in order to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for access to the down stairs meeting area. We recommend that we furnish adequate parking behind The Schoolhouse for those working in or visiting the building as well as providing additional space to relieve the pressure for parking on Main Street. We suggest that the parking area in front of The Schoolhouse be grassed over but that provisions be made for handicapped parking along the driveway leading to the back of the building.

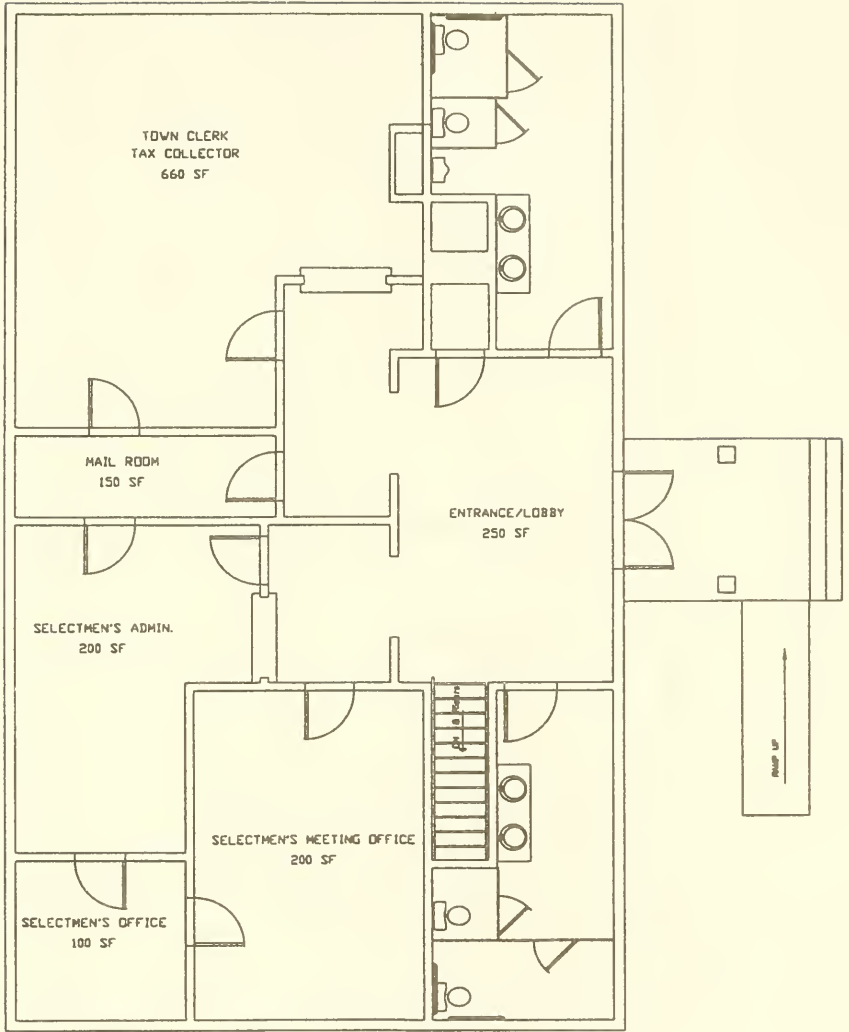
The committee is advised that the Conval School District is no longer interested in retaining ownership of the two temporary classrooms adjacent to The Schoolhouse. Our assessment of these structures is that they are reasonably well built, in good condition and should have a long useful life. We suggest that the town accept an offer that would allow us to own the buildings, provided they can be acquired without additional expense. We recommend that the temporary classroom seen from the front of The Schoolhouse be relocated to another site, as yet to be determined or alternatively sold. The remaining structure could be hidden from the street by a natural hedge.

As a result of interest expressed by residents attending our meetings and recognizing that moving from our present Town Hall Annex would make space available for other uses, the committee recommends that, on a trial basis, provisions be made for the creation of a community center in the vacated space. We suggest that the effort needed to develop the facility and organize its operation come from those residents interested in the success of the project. We recommend that during the initial trial period, no town funds be allocated for building modifications to the Annex. After approximately one year, the selectmen should make an assessment as to the viability of a community center and make a recommendation to the town meeting regarding future use of the structure.

Concerning our Town Hall, interest was initially expressed by groups in town for using the building for an assortment of purposes. After further consideration, the requests for use were withdrawn. This year, the committee will devote some of its attention to developing guidelines for the equitable, safe and cost efficient use of the space. At this point, given the uses currently taking place in The Town Hall, the committee sees little need to invest in improvements to the first and second floors. We suggest that consideration be given to adapting the basement to provide an area for the safe storage of town files and town owned equipment (e.g. Recreation Department gear). We also recommend that the town investigate the cost versus the return for supplementing the insulation in the structure.

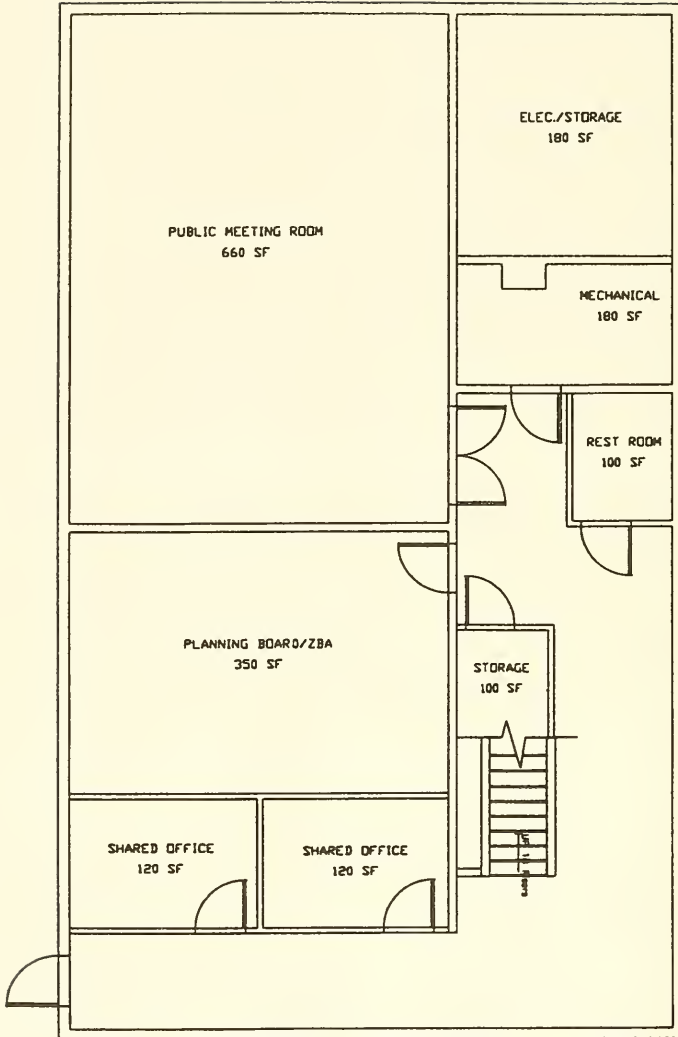
Respectfully submitted;

Scott Carbee
David Jonas (chairman)
Joseph Ludwig
MaryJane Marsden
Demetria McKalg
Michael Petrovick (architect)



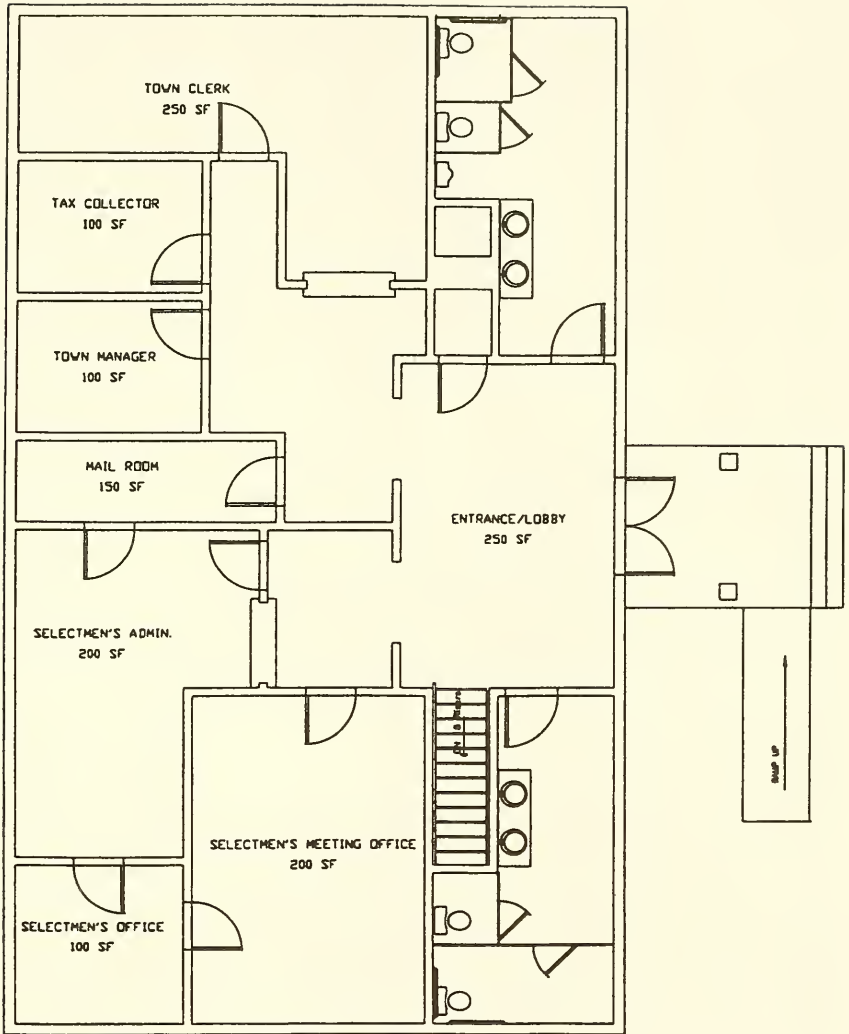
MAIN LEVEL PLAN -- PHASE I

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"



LOWER LEVEL PLAN - PHASE I

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"



MAIN LEVEL PLAN — PHASE II

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN, NH
MARCH 12, 1996

Meeting opened by Moderator at 8:00 o'clock AM and polls were declared opened.

Moderator read Warrant Article 1, 2, 3, and 4 and announced that the second session would be at the Town Hall, March 16, 1996 at 10 o'clock AM.

Elaine McClary moved that the polls be closed at 7 o'clock PM and that the absentee ballots be cast at 3 o'clock PM. Seconded and carried.

Total votes Town Officers Ballot	
Regular Ballots	Absentee Ballots
463	33

Total number of names on Checklist
930

Article 1.

	VOTES
OFFICE	
Selectman for Three Years (Vote for One)	
Scott S. Carbee	262
Bert B. McClary, Jr.	174
Gary J. Slamin	45
Write-ins - Donald Abbott 2, Alvin VanCleave 1, Donald Hardwick 1, Paul St.Cyr 1.	
Moderator for Two Years (Vote for One)	
Paul H. Lawrence	438
Write-ins - Phil Ireland 3, David Jonas 1, Gary Paige 1.	
Town Clerk for Three Years (Vote for One)	
Elaine T. McClary	464
Write-ins - Judy Miller 1, Lisa Podsadowski 1, Joan VanCleave 1.	
Tax Collector for Three Years (Vote for One)	
Elaine T. McClary	463
Write-ins - Judy Miller 1, Joan VanCleave 1.	
Town Treasurer for Three Years (Vote for One)	
Randall S. Wheeler	442
Write-ins - David Connard 1, Gary Paige 1, Eileen Whitfield 1, Guy Swenson 1.	
Planning Board for Three Years (Vote for Two)	
Mary Frances Carey	412
Kenneth Campbell - Write-in	122
Write ins - Stuart Clark 1, Richard Pierson 2, Elaine McClary 1, Walter Kiblin 1, Abigail Arnold 1, Cathy Eby 1, Laurence Dalley 1, Barbara J. Carbee 2, Luis Gallop 1, Scott Carbee 3, Sara Cox 1, James Mason 1, Louis Wiederhold 1, Scott Sanderson 1, Walter Kiblin 1, Wayne McLeod 1, Carl Hardwick, Sr. 1, Phil Ireland 1.	

Planning Board for One Year (Vote for One)	
Sandra Ellis	389
Write-ins - George Cilley 2, Scott Carbee 1, Kris Stewart 1, Gary Paige 1, Elizabeth Tolman 1, Clayton Foote 1, Walter Kiblin 2, Ken Campbell 3, Dean Lizotte 1, Frank Jones, Jr. 1.	
Library Trustee for Three Years (Vote for One)	
Diane R. Sweet	450
Trustee of Trust Funds for Three Years (Vote for One)	
Herbert A. Fincher	430
Write-in - Gary Paige 1.	
Public Assistance Administrator for One Year (Vote for One)	
Barbara J. Carbee	413
Write-ins - Lori Jenkins 1, Paul Lawrence 1, Kris Stewart 2, Katherine Deickler 1, Cher Barker 1, Stewart Clark 1, Walter Kiblin 1, Mary Lindstrom 1, Hobart Kiblin 1.	
Supervisor of the Checklist for Six Years (Vote for One)	
Carol Ireland	364
Benjamin A. Watson	79
Supervisor of the Checklist for Two Years (Vote for One)	
Helen D. Johnston	419
Write-ins - Carol Ireland 1.	
Cemetery Commissioner for Three Years (Vote for One)	
Alan Thulander - Write-in	10
Write-ins - Judy Wright 2, Sue Kelly 1, Linda Kelly 1, Bert McClary 4, Barbara J. Carbee 1, Richard Leavitt 5, Stuart Clark, Jr. 9, Gary Slamin 1, Frank Jones 1, Patrick Hooper 1, John Hardwick 1, Donald Abbott 1, Kris Stewart 1, Richard Roberts 1, Colin Wilder 1, Rob Ames 3, Gary Slamin 1, Ann Stewart 1, Denise Hunsaker 1, Lucy Paige 3, Robert Hunsaker 1, Gary Paige 1, David Jonas 1, Ed Jones 1, Richard Cilley 1, Hobart Kiblin 1.	
Firewards for One Year (Vote for Five)	
Donald C. Abbott	444
David A. Ballou	417
Brian Delahanty	420
Richard F. Leavitt	418
Alvin L. VanCleave	421
Write-ins - Richard Miller 1, Steven Miller 1; John Paige 1, Larry Kullgren 2, Gary Paige 4, David Kullgren 2, Gary Slamin 1, Richard Pierson 1, Farres 1.	
CONVAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS	
Moderator for One Year (Vote for One)	
Gary W. Gagnon	410
Write-in - Susan Clay 1.	
School Board Member for Three Years (Vote for One)	
Denice L. Glover	334
C. Scott Keith	144
Write-ins - Alan Thulander 1.	

Meeting was recessed at 9:24 PM until 10:00 AM Saturday March 16, 1996.

Pursuant to RSA 39:2a and the vote of the Annual Town Meeting in 1979, you are hereby notified the second session of the annual meeting of the Town of Francestown will be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, the sixteenth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, at which time the town will act on the following subjects.

Resolution by the Town Moderator, Paul Lawrence, Be it resolved that the citizens of Francestown hereby extend their gratitude and thanks to Jane R. Lawrence for her wise and astute service to the Town of Francestown as School Board member for 6 years and further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Jane R. Lawrence by the Town Clerk.
Town Moderator Paul Lawrence asked for approval from audience, approval granted.

Resolution by the Town Moderator, Paul Lawrence, Be it resolved the citizens of Francestown would like to extend their thanks to Nancy Rice for her dedicated service to the Town of Francestown as Recreation Commission member for 14 years and a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Nancy Rice by the Town Clerk.
Town Moderator Paul Lawrence asked for approval from audience, approval granted.

Article 2.

Motion made by David Jonas to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and to make appropriations for the same. Total amount of operating budget \$846,500.
Seconded by Clayton Foote.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the ensuing year January 1, 1996 to December 31, 1996.

February 5, 1996

Bert B. McClary, Jr.	Selectmen
O. Alan Thulander	of
John W. Jenkins	Francestown

Purpose of Appropriation
(RSA 31:4)

General Government	
Executive	29,175
Election/Town Clerk	26,060
Financial Administration	20,775
Revaluation Updates/Tax Map	5,950
Legal Expenses	25,000
Medical Expenses	19,944
FICA/Medicare	20,000
Unemployment Insurance	1,250
Workman's Compensation	3,000
Planning & Zoning	10,800
Planning Board Review	5,000
General Bldg Maintenance	16,937
Cemeteries	6,525
Insurance	33,000
Regional Associates Dues	654

Public Safety

Police Department	48,025
Ambulance	12,300
Fire Department	26,000
Building Inspector	800
Emergency Management	500
Highway, Street, Bridges	
Town Maintenance	161,750
General Expenses Highway	66,650
Resealing & Patching	55,000
Graveling	40,000
Bridges	19,000
Street Lighting	4,200
Sanitation	
Solid Waste Disposal	79,851
Landfill Well Test	4,575
Health	
Health Departments	2,712
Welfare	
General Assistance	5,000
Culture and Recreation	
Recreation	20,799
Library	39,333
Conservation	
Conservation Commission	1,000
Debt Service	
Principal-Long Term Notes	25,000
Interest-Long Term Notes	4,935
Interest on TAN	5,000
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$846,500

Motion made by David Connard to amend Financial Administration from \$20,775. to \$17,000.

Seconded by Colin Wilder.

A hand vote was taken - results yes 41, no 49, Amendment not carried.

Motion made by Alan Thulander amendments to line items under General Government, to amend the amount of Legal Expenses to increase that amount by \$15,000., from \$25,000. to \$40,000., also to amend the FICA/Medicare amount by \$3,000., from \$20,000. to \$23,000.

Seconded by Clayton Foote.

Motion to amend carried.

Motion made by Alan Thulander to amend line item of Town Maintenance under Highway, Street, Bridges, to increase by \$6,000. from \$161,750. to \$167,750.

Seconded by Clayton Foote.

Motion to amend carried.

Motion made by Nancy Rice to amend line item Recreation under Culture and Recreation to increase by \$3,500 from \$20,799. to \$24,299. for a part time paid Recreation Director for 1996.

Seconded by Scott Carbee.
Motion to amend carried.

Total Operating Budget increased from \$846,500. to \$874,000.
Article 2 as amended carried.

Amended Total Operating Budget 1996 \$874,000., as follows:

General Government	
Executive	29,175
Election/Town Clerk	26,060
Financial Administration	20,775
Revaluation Updates/Tax Map	5,950
Legal Expenses	40,000
Medical Expenses	19,944
FICA/Medicare	23,000
Unemployment Insurance	1,250
Workman's Compensation	3,000
Planning & Zoning	10,800
Planning Board Review	5,000
General Bldg Maintenance	16,937
Cemeteries	6,525
Insurance	33,000
Regional Associates Dues	654
Public Safety	
Police Department	48,025
Ambulance	12,300
Fire Department	26,000
Building Inspector	800
Emergency Management	500
Highway, Street, Bridges	
Town Maintenance	167,750
General Expenses Highway	66,650
Resealing & Patching	55,000
Graveling	40,000
Bridges	19,000
Street Lighting	4,200
Sanitation	
Solid Waste Disposal	79,851
Landfill Well Test	4,575
Health	
Health Departments	2,712
Welfare	
General Assistance	5,000
Culture and Recreation	
Recreation	24,299
Library	39,333
Conservation	
Conservation Commission	1,000
Debt Service	
Principal-Long Term Notes	25,000

Interest-Long Term Notes
Interest on TAN

4,935
5,000

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET As amended

\$874,000

Article 3.

Motion made by Clayton Foote to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$59,600.00) to reconstruct and pave the remaining portion of Todd Road - the project to be completed as recommended and described in the report of the Road Improvement Sub-Committee, or take any other action relating thereto;
Seconded by Scott Carbee.

Motion to move the question by Clayton Foote.

Seconded by Gordon Sherman. Motion to move the question carried.

Taken by a hand vote Yes 38, No 69.

Article 3 not carried.

Article 4.

Motion made by David Connard to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Six Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$96,500.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Accounts, to be allocated as follows:

Future Replacement of Fire Trucks	\$35,000.00
Future Replacement of Fire Dept. Radios	500.00
Future Replacement or Purchase of Hwy. Equip.	20,000.00
Future Replacement of Police Cruiser	6,000.00
Future Reappraisal of Real Estate	5,000.00
Future Purchase or Improvement of Recreation Lands	10,000.00

Future Town Building Improvements/Acquisition	10,000.00
Future Town Road Improvements	10,000.00

or take any other action relating thereto;

Seconded by Susan Connard.

Motion to amend made by David Connard to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand dollars (\$75,000.) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Accounts, to be allocated as directed by the selectmen.

Moderator allowed the amendment to be clarified to read; to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand dollars (\$75,000.) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Accounts, to be allocated as follows:

Future Replacement of Fire Trucks	\$27,000.
Future Replacement of Fire Dept. Radios	600.
Future Replacement or Purchase of Hwy. Equip.	15,000.
Future Replacement of Police Cruiser	4,500.
Future Reappraisal of Real Estate	3,900.
Future Purchase or Improvement of Recreation Lands	8,000.
Future Town Building Improvements/Acquisition	8,000.
Future Town Road Improvements	8,000.

Motion by Herbert Bromberg to move the question. Seconded by David Ballou.

Motion to move the question carried.

Motion to amend not carried.

Motion made by Harold Varnum to amend Article 4, Future Town Road Improvements to increase by \$60,000. to read \$70,000.

Seconded by David Jonas.
Motion to amend carried.

Motion made by Louis Wiederhold to move the question. Seconded by Clayton Foote.
Motion to move the questions carried.

Article 4 amended as follows:

Motion made by Louis Wiederhold to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Six Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$156,500.) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Accounts, to be allocated as follows:

Future Replacement of Fire Trucks	\$35,000.00
Future Replacement of Fire Dept. Radios	500.00
Future Replacement or Purchase of Hwy. Equip.	20,000.00
Future Replacement of Police Cruiser	6,000.00
Future Reappraisal of Real Estate	5,000.00
Future Purchase or Improvement of Recreation Lands	10,000.00
Future Town Building Improvements/Acquisition	10,000.00
Future Town Road Improvements	70,000.00
Seconded by Clayton Foote.	

Article 4 as amended carried.

Motion made by Abigail Arnold to restrict reconsideration of Article 4. Seconded by Clayton Foote.

Motion not to allow reconsideration of Article 4 carried.

Motion made by Harold Varnum to advance Article 9 after Article 4. Seconded by Kenneth Campbell.
Motion to advance Article 9 carried.

Article 9.

Motion made by Clayton Foote to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000.00) to repair the Bixby Mill Dam and dredge the pond area behind it as required; and authorize the withdrawal of Twenty-One Thousand, Nine Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars and Ninety-One Cents (\$21,963.91) plus accrued interest from the Capital Reserve Fund (Bixby Mill Pond Dam), the remaining balance to be raised by Taxation as non-lapsing funds for this purpose, or take any other action relating thereto; and if the foregoing is approved, vote to close the subject capital reserve account, or take any other action relating thereto;
Seconded by Louis Wiederhold.

Motion by Mary Lindstrom to move the question. Seconded by Clayton Foote.
Motion to move the question carried.

Article 9 Carried.

Motion made by Randall Wheeler to restrict reconsideration of Article 9. Seconded by David Jonas.
Motion to restrict reconsideration carried.

Article 5.

Motion made by Clayton Foote to see if the Town will vote to authorize the

Selectmen to sell the 1992 Police cruiser, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$24,950.00); for the purpose of acquiring a new Police cruiser such sum to be raised by the withdrawal of Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$12,900.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Replacement of Police Cruiser" the balance remaining to be raised by taxation, or take any other action relating thereto;

Seconded by Peter Flood.

Motion by Clayton Foote to move the question. Seconded by Gary Paige.

Motion to move the question carried.

Article 5 carried.

Article 6.

Motion made by Jeff Gorton to see if the Town will vote to transfer Seven Hundred Seventeen Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$717.20) of unexpended Conservation Commission prior appropriations carried forward, and vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Two Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$9282.80). The total not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the Conservation Fund authorized by RSA 36-A:5, or take any other action relating thereto;

Seconded by Scott Carbee.

Motion by Clayton Foote to move the question. Seconded by Jeff Gorton.

Motion to move the question carried.

Article 6 carried.

Article 7.

Motion by Clayton Foote to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-One Dollars (\$1,861.00) to retire the outstanding debt of the 1995 Underhill Field improvement project; such sum to be raised by the withdrawal of required amount from the Capital Reserve Fund "Recreation Lands" or take any other action related thereto;

Seconded by Richard Cilley.

Motion to move the question by Clayton Foote. Seconded by Katherine Gadwah.

Motion to move the question carried.

Article 7 carried.

Article 8.

Motion by Clayton Foote to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for the purchase of three (3) roll-off containers for the Transfer Station. Uses of the containers are: One (1) 50 yard container for construction debris; One (1) 50 yard container for three colors of glass; and One (1) 50 yard container for storage and shipment of old newsprint, or take any other action related thereto;

Seconded by Richard Cilley.

Motion by Clayton Foote to move the question. Seconded by David Jonas.

Motion to move the question carried.

Article 8 carried.

Article 10.

Motion by Clayton Foote to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to establish a capital reserve fund named "New Highway Department Building", or take any other action relating thereto;

Seconded by Hobart Kiblin.

Motion to move the question by Clayton Foote. Seconded by Sue Jonas.

Motion to move the question carried.

Article 10 carried.

Article 11.

Motion by Clayton Foote to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000.00) for the purchase of a government surplus dump truck up to Ten Thousand Dollars (10,000.00) should one become available and a government surplus pick-up truck up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) should one become available, such sum to be raised and appropriated by the withdrawal from the Capital Reserve Fund "Replacement of Road Equipment" or take any other action relating thereto; Seconded by Mary Lindstrom.

Motion by Clayton Foote to move the question. Seconded by Peter Flood.

Motion to move the question carried.

Article 11 carried.

Article 12. (By Petition)

Motion by Clayton Foote to see if the Town will vote to urge our representatives to the General Court of New Hampshire and the United States Congress to pass laws reforming electoral campaign financing, thus returning the political process to the will of the people and encourage the participation of candidates with great ability and limited means. Measures to accomplish this may include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Sharp limitations on all forms of contributions to candidates, including soft money contributions (contributions to political parties);
2. Maximum spending limits per election linked to geographic and demographic makeup of each state and district, such as \$1.00 per voter;
3. Sharp limitations on all forms of spending to influence elections, including independent expenditures;
4. Sharp limitations on contributions to and spending by political action committees; and
5. Remedies, such as free broadcast time, postal subsidies, and democratic (public) financing, to balance inequities between credible candidates, incumbent and challenger, rich and poor, or take any other action relating thereto;

Seconded by Mary Lindstrom.

Motion by Clayton Foote to move the question. Seconded by Sue Jonas.

Motion to move the question carried.

Article 12 carried.

Article 13.

Motion made and seconded to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting;

Alan Thulander recognizes Abigail Arnold, the members of the Planning Board and all volunteers for the tremendous job putting together the Master Plan.

Resolution by Alan Thulander - Be it resolved that the citizens of Frankestown hereby extend their thanks to Bert McClary, Jr. for his unstinting service to the Town of Frankestown as Selectman for nine years and as a planning board member for three years and further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. McClary by the Town Clerk. Moved & Seconded. Moved by unanimous vote.

Sirka Holm speaks - I have been a Ballot Clerk for several years now and one of the most wonderful persons which whom I have had the pleasure of working with in all of them is Betty Behrsing, and she is dropping off the board and I think we should give her a rising hand. All rose and gave her a round of applause.

The Moderator speaks, one other person I was personally pleased to see here

was Harry Varnum.

Motion to adjourn and seconded. Motion carried.

A True Copy of Record-Attest:

Elaine T. McClary
Elaine T. McClary
Town Clerk, Francestown, NH

WASTE DISPOSAL COMMISSION'S REPORT 1997

The Transfer Station experienced an unusually busy year with a focus on the following work activities: The hauling and disposal contract was renewed with Waste Management, Inc. this fall for the disposal of non-recyclable waste. Numerous building projects were completed, which are contributing to the daily operational efficiency at the Transfer Station. And in addition, an evaluation of the recyclable waste stream was conducted to identify alternatives and determine the most cost effective, acceptable options for the town.

The contract for the hauling and disposal of the large containers for construction debris and non-recyclable material was put out to bid in October. The committee researched a number of potential alternatives for disposing the non-recyclable waste, all of which balance cost with the town's desire to dispose of material in an environmentally sound manner. The specifications were published in local papers requesting interested parties to respond with a bid. Waste Management, Inc. responded with the most attractive proposal. A three year renewal contract was awarded to the Peterborough facility. The expected cost savings, continuing level of service and current acceptable handling procedures were all determining factors in the selection of this vendor.

There were three major building projects budgeted and completed this year. A concrete slab was poured for the construction debris container to rest upon. This has created a stable foundation for the container, eliminating erosion around the box and facilitating the removal during the winter months, when freezing conditions caused significant difficulties in removal for hauling. The storage shed received a badly needed face lift. A new metal roof replaced the leaking panels, providing a dry area for display and recycling of donated material for recycling. Donated shelving has improved the organization and visibility of goods to share. In addition, new clapboards have been installed on the front of the shed, with painting and trim work to follow this spring. The most significant project was the construction of a new area for the recycled metals. A concrete block bunker shoring up the bank has allowed the metal container to be flush with ground level at the container top. Now individuals can deposit their material directly into the box. This is a significant improvement over the collection of metal which accumulated in piles waiting for the front end loader to lift all the heavy items into the box. The new location is more convenient for residents and for the attendants to monitor.

The value of the recyclable items, such as plastic, glass and aluminum continues to fluctuate depending on the market demand. The committee reviews the available options for disposal and the related costs, making the trade-offs between cost and environmental factors. These items represent 30-40% of the waste stream. Depending on the market, recycling can result in lower costs, but if demand is down, there will be an associated cost with recycling in an environmentally sound manner.

The Hazardous Waste Day held in September was a big success. Seventy households attended, bringing a substantial volume of toxic waste to be safely disposed of by Laidlaw, the disposal vendor. This was the first year at the Frankestown Transfer Station. In 1995 and 1996, Frankestown residents participated in conjunction with New Boston, at the New Boston site. There has been an increase each year in the number of households attending and the volumes collected. This event will be sponsored by the town as long as residents support the effort and it is cost effective.

The committee would like to thank the personnel at the Transfer Station for their continuing efforts to make the operation friendly, neat and efficient.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Collins, Chairman
Jeff Gorton
Marianne McDaniel

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN - 1997

The population of Francestown was 1237.

There were 956 registered voters: 380 Republican, 197 Democratic, and 379 Independent.

There were 35 building permits issued: 9 residential, 8 additions, 6 garages, 5 porches, 5 barns, 1 deck and 1 shed.

Winter made a dramatic exit with the "April Fools Day Blizzard" of March 31-April 1 breaking the record for the highest snowfall in 24 hours for this area- 22 inches.

New owners, a Manhattan based company, took over Tory Pines Resort in May.

The Francestown Red School ended its final year in June with 119 students. In August, students began school in a new facility on the Francestown Turnpike with an enrollment of 110 students.

The town purchased the Red School building and its future use will be decided at the 1998 Town Meeting.

Negotiations continued throughout the year between selectmen and the New Icelandic Ski Co. in hopes that an agreement could be reached regarding the back taxes issue and that the NI Ski Co. would purchase and reopen Crotched Mountain Ski Area.

After a very wet spring, the summer proved extremely dry leading to high fire risk and a shortage of hay for livestock owners. Fall rains helped to bring the water table up again.

The Francestown Improvement and Historical Society sponsored the 80th Labor Day Festivities. The theme of the parade was "Just Imagine". Other activities of the weekend included : the juried arts and crafts sale, the 3rd annual Mud Volleyball Tournament, open house at the Historical Rooms, and the 1st annual running of the Francestown Five road race.

The Old Meeting House had 118 annual members and 155 lifetime members. Improvements to the OMH included: roof repair and installation of a new copper roof in the belfry area, and painting of the steeple, spire, and clock faces. Projects in progress include restoring the windows to their original appearance. Many events were held at the OMH including: concerts by: singer/songwriter Lisa McCormick in October, the Manchester Choral Society performed "A Christmas Tapestry" in December, and a presentation by Candy Wharton's Meeting House Minstrels. Also held were: a garden Seminar "Verdant Visions" in April, a Victorian High Tea in May, an art exhibit by Robin Oliver featuring paintings of New England and Provence, Labor Day Vespers, belfry tours and lunch at the OMH on Labor Day. OMH also hosted the Moveable Feast in August which had an international theme.

Rev Keta Jones served as minister of the Community Church. A matching fund project started in March proved very successful in bringing in much needed funds which will be used for repair and refurbishing of the church building. Improvements made included: re-shingling a section of roof, installing oak flooring in the back of the sanctuary and installing storm windows in the vestry. Other church activities included: One Great Hour of Sharing in April, the Fun Fair in June, Vacation Bible School in August, and in October, the 8th annual Fall Festival, the Neighbors in Need annual offering to help those in need in the US and the 20th annual CROP WALK with proceeds helping the hungry locally (20% remains in the Monadnock Region) and around the world.

The Oak Hill Grange #32 had 38 members including 2 new affiliate members and 7 gold sheaf members. Dot Hardwick served as Grange Master. The annual citizen's award was presented to Cheryl Barker for her involvement in so many organizations which benefit the town.

The Francestown Community Pre-School had an enrollment of 18 students and served families from Francestown, Hancock, and Greenfield.

The Community Theater put on Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple" (female version) in April.

Many of the town's young people were involved in Scouting . There were 3 Senior Girl Scouts, 2 Cadettes, a Junior troop, 22 Brownies and 1 Daisy. There were 4 Boy Scouts, 31 Cub Scouts, and 7 Tigers.

The Francestown Food Co-op was in its 23rd consecutive year meeting twice a month at the Town Hall.

To the best of my knowledge, residents who served in the armed forces were: US Army-Pvt Shannon Miller, USAF-Sgt Richard Kiczek, National Guard-Capt Tim Ainsworth, Air National Guard-Lt Col Sylvia Johnson and Tech Sgt Sandy Collins.

Francestown felt the loss of several residents in 1997:

January 24, 1997- Charles J Wasserloos Sr, born in Germany, he immigrated to the US in 1924 entering through Ellis Island. He was a US Army Veteran of WWII, worked at RCA in NJ for 25 years and was a tool and die maker for GTE SYLVANIA.

March 1, 1997-Alice Sizemore, born in Brooklyn, NY, she was employed for several years at Paiges Restaurant in Goffstown and was a former member of the Sunset Club in Manchester.

April 30, 1997-Lina de Tarnowski, held a masters degree in the arts from the University of Maryland and graduated Summa Cum Laude. She worked for the National Geographic Society specializing in Egyptian history and cartography; traveled extensively through Europe, South America and Africa; and was interested in art, literature, wildlife and environmental issues. She served as a board member for the Francestown library for many years.

July 19, 1997-Adolph V Cronstrom, a resident of Francestown for the past 11 years was a test technician at Raytheon Co.

August 20, 1997-Charles G Gill, an ecclesiastical jewelry silversmith for over 40 years, founded a firm in Boston, was a US Army Air Corps Veteran of WWII, and a member of the Gemology Institute of America.

October 6, 1997-John Lenz Arnold, held degrees from Bowdoin College, Harvard Business School, and Northeastern Law School. He joined Estabrook & Company in 1937 and retired as a managing partner in 1968, was a member of the NY Stock Exchange, chief financial officer and a trustee for Lasell Junior College for 25 years, was involved in community affairs in Frankestown and served as Selectman for 2 terms.

October 15, 1997-Rosemary H Turnbull, attended Grinnell College, Simmons College, Ryder University and Drexell University. She worked for 25 years as a school library director, 17 of those years at Conval HS where she began a library interns program for credit and computerized the library. She belonged to Delta Gamma International (an honor society for librarians), NH Alliance for the Mentally Ill (serving as state secretary), and was a PEO member.

All will be greatly missed by the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Holmes, Historian

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Francaestown on December 31, 1987

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	%	PRINCIPAL			INCOME DURING YEAR			Total Trust Fund End of Year		
					Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Gain (Loss) or Securities (Withdrawals)	Balance End Year	Expanded During Year	Amount		Percent	
													Balance Beginning Year
CEMETERY FUNDS:													
	CEMETERY CARE	BANK DEPOSITS			\$32,440.00	\$525.00	\$33,065.00	\$2,575.09	\$4,000.00	\$2,630.44	\$4,000.00	\$1,205.52	\$34,270.52
LIBRARY AND EDUCATION FUNDS:													
	LIBRARY & EDUCATION FUNDS	LIB & ED			\$5,153.00		\$5,153.00	\$6,600.32	\$62.32	\$242.32		\$6,845.39	\$11,983.19
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS													
1955	REPLACEMENT OF FIRE TRUCKS	CAPITAL RESERVE						321.82		2,186.77		2,488.58	6,1815.21
1960	REPLACEMENT OF ROAD EQUIPMENT	CAPITAL RESERVE			80,445.00	20,000.00	75,455.00	6,657.79		3,587.51		8,392.30	83,847.30
1953	IMPROVEMENT OF CEMETERY	CAPITAL RESERVE			6,804.00	5,000.00	6,874.00	8,774.00		834.84		9,508.91	16,313.01
1969	FIRE DEPARTMENT RADIOS	CAPITAL RESERVE			5,200.00	6,000.00	4,484.42	534.23		246.84		781.17	5,265.58
1975	POLICE CHURCH BUILDING	CAPITAL RESERVE			5,500.00		11,000.00	1,786.64		381.48		2,168.13	13,467.13
1975	REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	CAPITAL RESERVE			28,002.25	6,000.00	5,500.00	6,058.34		1,95.85		4,882.00	35,887.22
1985	FUTURE DUMPILL CLOSING	CAPITAL RESERVE			28,000.00		31,000.00	2,253.02		123.13		2,376.17	35,887.22
1989	REGREATION LANDS	CAPITAL RESERVE			20,000.00	10,000.00	30,000.00	2,417.40		1,675.38		4,092.76	37,331.76
1984	TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS	CAPITAL RESERVE			40,000.00	5,000.00	40,000.00	970.81		1,148.05		2,118.86	42,448.86
1984	TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS	CAPITAL RESERVE			5,000.00	10,000.00	90,000.00	970.81		4,425.03		5,395.84	95,844.70
1986	HIGHWAY BUILDINGS	CAPITAL RESERVE			\$280,319.29	\$76,600.00	\$357,119.29	\$35,051.80		\$17,234.85		\$52,286.75	\$409,405.04
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS					10.00								

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Again, there does not appear to be any need to increase assistance funding, as for several years the annual budgets have never been fully exhausted. Unexpended funds go back into the general fund and are not carried over, according to state law. There was some concern that with changes in the State Welfare regulations, increased financial responsibility would fall on the Town. No impact was felt however, probably due to the high level of region-wide employment and relatively comfortable economy. The high demand for area rentals and unemployment being at an all-time low are factors that have alleviated much of the financial instability that seems to accompany requests for (housing, utility, fuel, food) assistance.

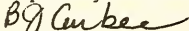
Assistance is readily available but those in need must apply. If anyone you know is in need of help, please encourage them to call. This office cannot solicit clients on hearsay or speculation. Folks with young families usually do make the call, if felt necessary. The major concern is the elderly, faced with fixed incomes and higher annual taxes, might forgo proper nutrition and housing warmth for other financial obligations. There are several services that are available and most programs do not involve the Town. These programs are in place to supplement your living conditions and have been funded through taxes, when you or your spouse was employed. If you want to check out available services, please contact the following organizations and ask about their eligibility requirements and programs that may serve you. SOCIAL SECURITY: 1-800-772-213; FUEL ASSISTANCE: 1-800-322-1073; HOME HEALTH CARE: 1-800-541-4145; NH Div. of ELDERLY & ADULT SERVICES: 1-800-351-1888; FOOD STAMPS: 1-800-852-3383. If one needs additional information or assistance in making application to these programs, I will gladly assist.

Again, if you would like to make donations to others in town, please contact me in advance. Although in dire emergencies used furniture, appliances and clothing are sometimes needed, most times this office can't place these items. For large items it is suggested that notices be posted or donated to local churches, Goodwill Industries, etc. If you would like to participate in holiday giving, please pre-plan and call me at least a month before the holiday. We don't want to discourage donations but planning for Thanksgiving and Christmas starts in September...

As no Francestown families were known to need assistance during Thanksgiving time, we didn't take food baskets from St. Patrick's Church in Bennington this year, although the annual offer was made. All the major expenses of Christmas were funded again by a generous \$200. donation of the Mason's Pacific Lodge. Food gift certificates and holiday plants for the elderly or ill and supplemental goodies from dozens of Francestown children made Christmas very special with 84 Francestown children participating. The highlight of the weekend before Christmas is always the visits with the seniors accompanied by the Senior Girl Scouts (some now Adult), bearing gifts and singing carols. Perhaps, for 1998, some Junior Girl Scouts can make 'house calls' as so much time is spent chatting and catching up, we can't get to everyone we want to.... (see the list of children participating, posted around town)

Anyone needing assistance should call me directly (588-2519) to apply for services. Note that all matters are confidential and are not part of the public record. Please call if you have any questions about eligibility requirements for various assistance programs.

Respectfully submitted,


BJ Carbee

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

DATE & PLACE OF MARRIAGE		NAME & SURNAME OF BRIDE & GROOM	RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE	NAME & RESIDENCE OF PERSON BY WHOM MARRIED	
01/20/97	AUBURN	RONALD EDWARD MINARD TINA MARIE IANNOTTI	FRANCESTOWN FRANCESTOWN	BERNARDINE P. DONELSON AUBURN, NH	JP
03/20/97	FRANCESTOWN	ROBERT WILLIAM PIKEN ZELEN DELAND WESLEY	YONKERS, NEW YORK YONKERS, NEW YORK	JOHN B. PERRY III FRANCESTOWN, NH	JP
03/30/97	FRANCESTOWN	DENNIS LOOMIS WELLS JODI LYNN PHILBRICK	HILLSBOROUGH FRANCESTOWN	PAUL H. LAWRENCE FRANCESTOWN	JP
08/07/97	FRANCESTOWN	ROGER ALAN CHIPMAN SUZY ANNE BOYD	WOBURN, MA WOBURN, MA	LYNDA TONKING TOLTON FITZWILLIAM, NH	REVEREND
08/08/97	KEENE	WILLIAM W. GLOVER JENNY LYNN ALDRICH	FRANCESTOWN PETERBOROUGH	MITCHELL GREENWALD KEENE, NH	JP
08/20/97	FRANCESTOWN	KEITH ANDREW ROUTLEY KIMBERLY KAYE RADTKE	SEATTLE, WA SEATTLE, WA	KETA C. JONES FRANCESTOWN	PASTOR
07/05/97	FRANCESTOWN	DAVID SCOTT BRESSLER MICHELLE ANN KUNDEL	BOSTON, MA BOSTON, MA	KETA C. JONES FRANCESTOWN	PASTOR
08/02/97	FRANCESTOWN	SAMUEL BRADFORD DAVOL LESLIE COLLINS TAYLOR	WASHINGTON DC WASHINGTON, DC	CARL SCOVEL BOSTON, MA	CLERGYMAN
08/08/97	FRANCESTOWN	TODD ERIC BURDETTE LOUISE FERRIDAY de ROETT	SANTA MONICA, CA SANTA MONICA, CA	DAVID USHER PETERBOROUGH	REVEREND DOCTOR
08/23/97	MILFORD, NH	DAVID EDWARD SULLIVAN JO-ANN FOOTE	FRANCESTOWN FRANCESTOWN	O. ALAN THULANDER FRANCESTOWN	JP
08/14/97	FRANCESTOWN	PAUL ANDREW KARPAWICH KIRSTEN WILSON	W. REDDING, CT W. REDDING, CT	FAY L. GEMMEL KEENE, NH	ORDAINED CLERGY
08/20/97	FRANCESTOWN	WILLIAM BRUCE FLEMING NAOMI HELEN MILTON	ARLINGTON, VA ARLINGTON, VA	KETA C. JONES FRANCESTOWN	PASTOR
08/27/97	FRANCESTOWN	BARRY WOLFELD MADELINE ANN BROMBERG	NEEDHAM, MA NEEDHAM, MA	JONATHAN EICHOHN KINGSTON, NY	RABBI
11/02/97	FRANCESTOWN	MARTIN FREDERICK HANSEN ANNE HOOD MANSON	LONDON, ENGLAND LONDON, ENGLAND	WM. G. HANSEN GRASS LAKE, MI	MINISTER

I hereby certify the above is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Elaine T. McClary, Town Clerk

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCETOWN FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	CHILD'S NAME	NAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN SURNAME OF MOTHER
01/12/97	DERRY, NH	HANNAH JEAN HENDERSON	THEODORE CRAIG HENDERSON	ELIZABETH JEAN CROWL
02/22/97	PETERBOROUGH, NH	SHAUNA LEIGH WILLIAMSON	RUSSELL SCOTT WILLIAMSON	ANDREA MARIE MACDONALD
03/19/97	NASHUA, NH	JOHN EVERETT STONE	MICHAEL JAMES STONE	JOAN MARIE FITZPATRICK
04/08/97	PETERBOROUGH, NH	ELI MARSH ROKES	ROBERT CARL ROKES	TRACY ANN FREDERICKS
05/30/97	PETERBOROUGH, NH	KELSA HASKELL DANFORTH	CHRISTOPHER KELLOGG DANFORTH	LOUISE MARCH HERDMAN
08/08/97	MANCHESTER, NH	MEGAN ANN STANLEY	MARK ALAN STANLEY	HOLLY BETH WALLRAPP
08/20/97	MANCHESTER, NH	MARYELISABETH ALEXANDRA MACKAY	JOHN D. MACKAY	SORRELL Z. LEWIS
08/28/97	PETERBOROUGH, NH	BENJAMIN TAYLOR TRUMBLE	DAVID JOSEPH TRUMBLE	LINDA SUE TAYLOR
10/13/97	PETERBOROUGH, NH	SAMANTHA MARY HANLON	DAVID BRUCE HANLON	CATHERINE JOYCE LIVINGSTON
10/17/97	MANCHESTER, NH	STEELE ALEXANDER TAMOK	ALEXANDER RAY TAMOK	KIM MARIE ADAMS
11/17/97	PETERBOROUGH, NH	ROMONA FRANCES GADWAH	GLENDON EARLE GADWAH JR.	EMILY JANE TURCOTTE
11/23/97	PETERBOROUGH, NH	JOSHUA MATTHEW HOCHMAN	MARK HOCHMAN	DEBORAH FRAN RODGERS

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DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	NAME OF DECEASED	NAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
01/24/97	FRANCESTOWN, NH	CHARLES JOSEPH WASSERLOOS, SR.	KARL WASSERLOOS	ELISE ALEFELD
04/30/97	FRANCESTOWN, NH	LINA G. DETARNOWSKI	HAROLD GRANT	DOROTHY SILVIS
07/18/97	PETERBOROUGH, NH	ADOLPH VINCENT CRONSTROM	ADOLPH V. CRONSTROM	MARIE (UNKNOWN)
08/20/97	PETERBOROUGH, NH	CHARLES GABRIEL GILL	PATRICK J. GILL	MARY E. McDONOUGH
10/08/97	FRANCESTOWN, NH	JOHN LENZ ARNOLD	FRED ARNOLD	ANNA ARABELLA LENZ
10/15/97	FRANCESTOWN, NH	ROSEMARY HOWELL TURNBULL	DONALD HIBBARD	KATHERINE LEWIS

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